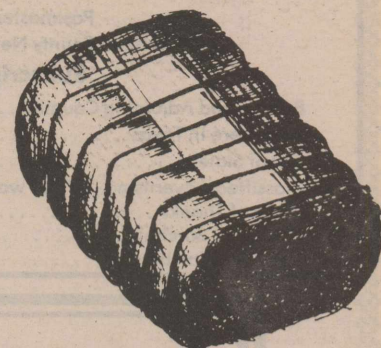
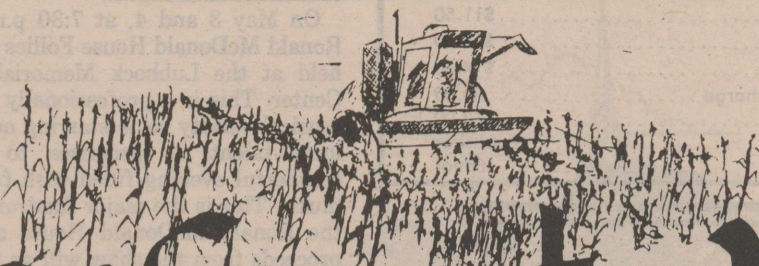


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David L. Schott



Jamie L. Frizzell

**All Around  
The Town**

BY MARY ANN SARCHET

There will be a big welcome home party and reception for two of Silverton's Middle East war heroes, David Schott and Jamie Frizzell, Sunday afternoon between 3:00 and 4:00 at the Briscoe County Showbarn.

David and his wife, Kim, have been here since last weekend, and Jamie is due home about midweek.

Clubs will be serving light refreshments. Everyone is invited!

Robert McWaters is to fly back to his home base in Germany this week, and he and Donna are planning to be in Silverton during the period of June 15 to July 15, I understand.

## Senior Citizens to Have Luncheon, Business Meeting

Silverton Senior Citizens will have their monthly luncheon and business meeting Friday, April 19.

Ladies from the Baptist Church will be hostesses for the luncheon.

## Welcome Home Reception Is Planned Sunday

A welcome home party and reception honoring David Schott and Jamie Frizzell will be held Sunday afternoon from 3:00 until 5:00 at the Showbarn.

Clubs will be providing light refreshments.

Everyone is urged to attend to welcome home these service veterans from the Middle East War.

## Club Has Project To Raise Money For Swim Pool

The Progressive Homemakers met Monday night, April 8, in the Pioneer Room at First State Bank.

Refreshments were served by hostesses JonEtta Ziegler, Melissa Estes and Beverly Minyard to Bena Hester, Anita Ramsey, Dorothy Martin, Donna Estes, Norma Garcia and guests, Mary McMurtry and Dana Martin.

A "You Make It, I'll Buy It" auction was conducted by Dana Martin to sell crafts and baked goods to the members. All proceeds were donated to Silverton Pool to help defray the cost of major repairs needed there.

## Kindergarten Day Will Be Held Friday, Apr. 26

Registration day for next year's kindergarten class will be Friday, April 26, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

The children will need to bring 75¢ for their lunch, and parents must bring immunization records, birth certificates and Social Security numbers in order for their children to enroll for school next year.

This year's kindergarten students will not attend school on that day.

## Booster Club Meeting Two Nights a Week

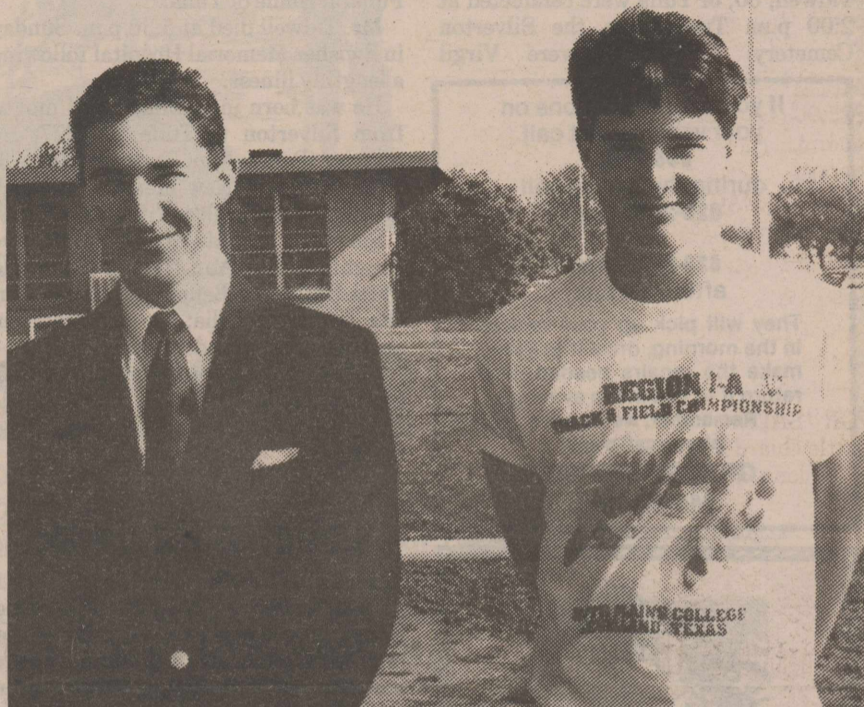
Silverton's Booster Club is meeting at the Perry Brunson home each Tuesday and Thursday from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. to make decorations for the annual athletic banquet.

Everyone interested is invited.

## Jamboree Needs Some Old Pole Lamps

Caprock Jamboree needs three or four old pole lamps for use at the show barn.

Call John Francis if you have a pole lamp to donate.



**REGIONAL QUALIFIERS**—John Cavitt and Stephen Cavitt will advance to Regional UIL competition soon. John will be competing in Calculator Applications, and Stephen will be entered in Extemporaneous Speaking.

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## Bike-A-Thon Riders to Fight Childhood Cancer

Silverton School boys and girls are being called on today to join the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Wheels For Life Bike-A-Thon slated for Monday, May 13.

Volunteer workers and riders are needed for this Bike-A-Thon to raise funds for the world-famous research center in its battle against childhood cancer and other catastrophic childhood diseases. "We're looking for riders and helpers who will contribute their time and talent to help children live. We really need lots of riders, since they are the ones who can make this Bike-A-Thon successful," said Patsy Towe, sponsor of the Silverton Chapter of Future Homemakers of America, sponsor of the Bike-A-Thon.

In the Wheels For Life Bike-A-Thon, riders ask sponsors to make a donation based on each mile completed. All riders turning in money will receive a certificate. Those who raise \$30.00 will get a certificate and a special St. Jude T-shirt. When \$75.00 is raised, the rider receives a barrel tote bag as well as the certificate and T-shirt.

"The real prize, though, is the pride everyone can take in giving children a chance to live a normal life," Mrs. Towe said.

St. Jude Hospital was founded by Danny Thomas, and operates primarily from public support.

Contact Mrs. Towe for details on riding or sponsoring a rider.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is fulfilling the promise and dream of

## Love Fund Started For Carl Tidwell Family

A fund has been started for the family of Carl Tidwell to help defray his hospital and funeral expenses.

If you would like to donate to this fund, you may do so at First State Bank or Tiffin's Dept. Store.

## Future Homemakers To Conduct Crusade

Members of the Silverton High School chapter of Future Homemakers of America will conduct the cancer crusade neighborhood drive on Thursday, April 25.

They will be coming to your home to bring you educational material concerning cancer, and will be seeking your donation to the American Cancer Society.

African Americans have an almost one third greater chance of having high blood pressure as compared to whites.

its founder, Danny Thomas, by making a significant contribution to alleviating childhood diseases which blight the lives of youngsters, their families, and society as a whole.

St. Jude Hospital is open to children meeting the medical requirements without regard to their race, religion or financial status. Once a patient is accepted, treatment is provided without regard to ability to pay.



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**OBITUARIES**

**CARL L. TIDWELL**

Graveside services for Carl L. Tidwell, 60, of Tulia were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday in the Silverton Cemetery. Officiating were Virgil

If you need work done on your vehicle, just call 995-3565 during the day, or call 823-2039 (Joe) or 823-2498 (Dale) after 7:00 p.m.

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Burial was under direction of Wallace Funeral Home of Tulia.

Mr. Tidwell died at 5:30 p.m. Sunday in Swisher Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

He was born in Ballinger and moved from Silverton to Tulia in 1977. He married Patsy Ann Baird on June 3, 1950 in Clovis, New Mexico. He was a member of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Survivors include his wife, Pat; two daughters, Lee Ann Holt of Tulia and Patti Bufkin of Benjamin; his mother, Ola Ziegler of Tulia; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Norman Jones, Clifton Stodghill, L. B. Garvin, Vic Arnold, Denny Haynes and Fred Strange.

**Letter to the Editor**

Dear Editor:

The Lubbock Ronald McDonald House is a home-away-from-home for families of seriously ill children who are hospitalized or receiving treatment in the Lubbock hospitals. In an effort to reduce stress, keep the family intact, and enhance the lives of the families in residence, the House maintains a caring, home-like atmosphere. The Ronald McDonald House allows families to re-establish some sort of normal routine and also provides them with the opportunity to share their concerns with others in the same situation who can truly understand their needs.

Since the opening of this facility in 1988, numerous West Texas and New Mexico families have benefited from the presence of the Ronald McDonald House in our area. Several families from your community have enjoyed the loving, pleasant atmosphere of the House while their children were ill.

The \$10.00 per night donation that each family is asked to pay does not begin to cover the on-going expenses of the House. This amount accounts for

only 31% of the income for operations. Donations from individuals, businesses, and civic groups in Lubbock and surrounding communities are relied upon to keep the Ronald McDonald House open and able to serve the families of ill children.

On May 3 and 4, at 7:30 p.m., the Ronald McDonald House Follies will be held at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. This is a professionally staged musical variety revue starring our own local talent. It promises to be a wonderful evening filled with fun and music. This is the major fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald House and all proceeds from the show will go toward the operating expenses of the House.

If you or someone you know has benefited from the Ronald McDonald House, please consider a donation of time or money to help keep this valuable resource in our area. Many of those who benefit most from the House are those families who live the greatest distance from the medical center. Someone you know and love may someday need the shelter and comfort which Ronald McDonald House provides. Thank you for your caring support of "The House That Love Built."

Mail ticket requests to Molly Hall, 4502 15th Street, Lubbock, TX 79416.

Donations may be sent to Ronald McDonald House Follies, 1212 Indiana, Lubbock, TX 79415.

Sincerely,  
 Linda Robins, MD  
 Board of Directors  
 Ronald McDonald House

**Cactus Cove Marina Fishing Report**

Cactus Cove Marina on Lake Mackenzie reports that crappie are still being caught in all the creeks in about six foot deep water using minnows, worms, jigs and Rat-L-Traps.

Last Saturday, ten crappie were caught in Tule Creek by Jonathan Espinosa of Tulia. The string weight of the fish was 5 lbs. 14 ozs, and they were caught using a chrome mini Rat-L-Trap.

Sunday, a 4 lb. black bass was caught on spinner bait in Tule Creek by Elbert Dosquv of Plainview.

Temperature of the lake at a four-foot depth is 57°, and water depth at the dam is 100.2 feet.

**Silverton School Lunchroom Menu**

April 22 - 25

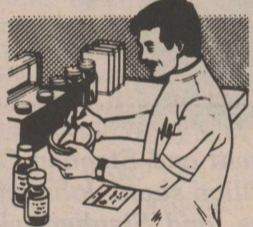
Monday—Fajitas, Salad, Sopapillas, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday—Meat and Cheese Taco, Salad, Beans, Hot Sauce, Chips, Chocolate Cup, Milk

Wednesday—Spaghetti, Corn, Cheese Straws, Fruit, Milk

Thursday—Chicken and Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Honey and Syrup, Milk

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# Looking Back

through the files of the  
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**April 2, 1981**—Dani Whitfill and Eber Gill were named to the All-Star Cast at the conclusion of the UIL One-Act Play Contest in Clarendon Tuesday. Silverton's entry, "Goodbye to the Clown," was directed by Mrs. Mary Ann Rauch. The other members of the cast were Cynthia Edwards, Annette

Kingery, Jan Reynolds and Scott Bowman. Members of the crew were Casey Bean, Roland Asebedo, Stacey Robertson and Melinda Sutton . . . Leon Martin is continuing to receive treatment at the VA Hospital in Amarillo . . . Wildcat oil well to be drilled soon on the G. Mayfield Ranch .

**April 8, 1971**—John T. Francis, Doug Forbes and L. D. Griffin elected to terms on the school board of trustees . .

Mayor H. B. Simpson, Councilmen Carl D. Bomar and David Tipton re-elected here . . . Seven Silverton High School boys qualify for regional track meet. The track team also earned third place in the district meet. The regional qualifiers are Marvin Self, who won the shot and discus; John Minyard, who won the high jump; Fines Ivory who

won the long jump; David Kellum, who ran second in the 880; David Holt, who placed second in the 100, and Thomas Self, who finished second in the 330-yard intermediate hurdles . . . Services conducted for Mrs. Johnnie V. Merrell, 73 . . . Gail Mayfield, a sophomore at West Texas State University, has recently been through rush and pledged Phi Gamma Nu business sorority. She was elected secretary-treasurer of the pledge class . . . Bud Couch entered High Plains Baptist Hospital Tuesday and expected to undergo surgery on his back today . . .

**March 30, 1961**—John Howard Burson brought honors to the local 4-H Club by scoring the highest number of points in the Livestock Judging Contest held in Sweetwater last Saturday . . . Six Silverton residents were injured

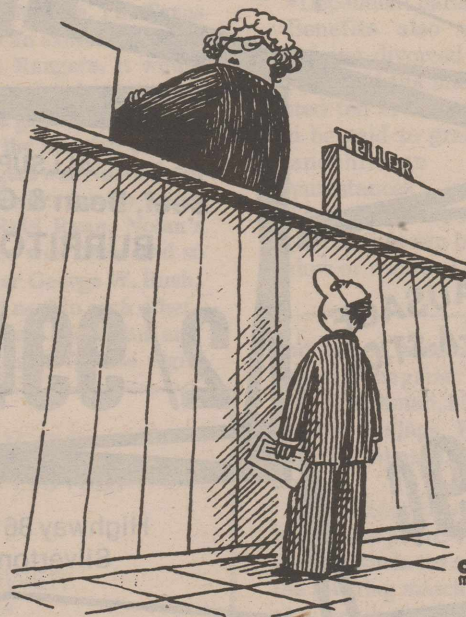
when the automobile in which they were riding was involved in an accident with another automobile near Idalou. Most seriously injured was Lester Grabbe, who was treated at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock and retained for treatment. Also kept overnight at Methodist Hospital was Jim Smith. Receiving treatment at the hospital before returning home were Jimmy Myers, Dick Reid and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mayfield. Mr. and Mrs. Mayfield and the FFA Livestock Judging Team were enroute to Abilene to participate in a contest. The judging team recently won first place in a competition held in Amarillo . . . Rebuilding of rodeo pens to begin soon . . . Stanley Fogerson's Angus calf was judged third best animal in the lightweight division of the Lubbock Fat Stock Show last week . . . Mr. and Mrs. John Rogers and Mrs. Bill Sauls attended the OES School at Lubbock Saturday . . . Miss Joy Morrison, bride-elect of Robert Caraway, was honored at a miscellaneous shower Wednesday in the home of Mrs. Wayne McCutchen . . .

**April 5, 1951**—Mr. and Mrs. Abner A. Dunagan to celebrate golden wedding anniversary . . . V. L. Stewart announces this week that he has sold the City Tailor Shop to his brother-in-law, Kenneth Sharp, who has managed the shop since Stewart had to make a change on account of his health about a year ago . . . Elected to Silverton City Council Tuesday were Perry Whittemore, C. O. Allard and Hugh Nance . . . Funeral services held Wednesday for O. O. Toler, 48 . . . Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Self and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Sweek were called to Mineral Wells because of the death of their grandmother, Mrs. Annie Rogers . . . Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wallace and family left Tuesday for Strathmore, California, where they will make their home . . . Mr. and Mrs. Loyd May and son, Van, and Mrs. J. H. May visited Mr and Mrs. Edwin May at Gunter, Texas last week and also visited points in Arkansas . . . Little Roland Flowers was sick the past week . . . Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Brown and Mrs. Milton Dudley were business visitors in Plainview Tuesday . . .

**May 9, 1946**—Cooperation of the public was asked this week by the Texas Highway Department concerning the dumping of junk along the highway right-of-way . . . During the tidal wave in the Hawaiian Islands, Lyndon E. Stephens, aviation machinist mate, second class, USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stephens, aided in rescue work . . . Dust is plentiful, but no rains came . . . O. C. Rampley has been elected one of the three Senior Class representatives to the Student Senate, campus governing body at West Texas State College . . . Roy Coffee and Dee McWilliams went to Dallas last Friday on a merchandising trip for Coffee Brothers Dry Goods . . . J. B. Mercer was re-elected president of the Silverton Volunteer Fire Department at a business meeting Tuesday night. Other officers are Earl Brock, secretary; Judd Donnell, treasurer; Wayne Crawford, fire chief; Len Perkins, first assistant, and Joe Clemmer, second assistant . . . The dandelion is doomed. The horticulture department of Texas Technological College of Lubbock has experimented extensively on the campus with a new compound: 2-4-D, known commercially as Weedone . . .

**April 2, 1936**—Silverton will be host to the schools of the county Friday and Saturday when the Briscoe County Interscholastic League meets here for the annual scholastic contests and the outdoor track and field meet . . . The Mayfield and McDaniel farms 12 miles west of Silverton are the scenes of a very interesting work being carried on

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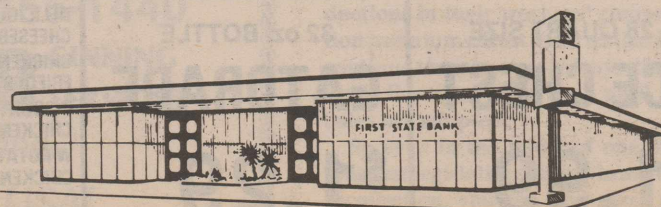
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# Little Dribbler Season Ends on a High Note

On Tuesday night of last week, David and Dianne Johnston's Navy team came from behind and earned a 12-11 victory over Barry Francis' Green team. Jared Holt led the winners with six points, while Jamie Casillas and Jeremy Holt added three points each.

Bert Garza led the offense for the Green team with seven points. Lorn Estes and Jordan Sarchet sank two points each.

The Purple team, coached by Dwight Ramsey, Gordon and Saundie Wade, led all the way and defeated Ken and Nancy Wood's Red team 8-4. Scoring for the Purple were David Donahoo, four; Dara Ramsey and Matt Martin, two points each.

Michael Casadias and Jay Arnold scored two points each for the Red.

Ken and Nancy Wood's Black team jumped out to a big early lead to crush Barry Francis' Red team 27-12.

Anthony Gamble led the Black with 10 points. Lacy Brunson got seven, Leland Wood rang up six, and Hector Martinez added two points.

Brandon Sarchet scored 10 for the Red, and Jared Francis added a pair of points.

Twila Baldwin's Gray team took a big come-from-behind 26-17 victory over Larry Comer's Blue team.

Arnold Garza had the hot hand, leading all scorers with 16 points for the Gray. Kenzie Burson put eight points on the board and Zach Baldwin rounded out the scoring with two points.

Lupe Vargas led the Blue with a big 10 points, while Trey Wyatt got six and Jonathan Ivory tossed in a point from the line.

On Friday night, the Francis Green team defeated the Ramsey-Wade Purple team 9-8 in the season finale.

Nathan Francis led the Green with eight points and Jordan Sarchet tossed in a point from the line.

David Donahoo led the Purple with four points, and Dara Ramsey and Matt Martin added two points each.

The Johnston-coached Navy team rolled to a big 16-7 victory over the Wood's Red team. Jared Holt led the Navy with a big 10 point effort. Jeremy Holt added four points and Misty Wilkinson tossed in two points.

For the Red, Paul Donahoo caged four points and Michael Casadias lighted the board with three points.

Baldwin's Gray team smashed Francis' Red 32-6, with Arnold Garza lighting the board with a big 20-point effort. Zach Baldwin and Kenzie Burson tallied four points each, and Terri Rodgers and Trey Ziegler made two points each for the Gray.

For the Red, Brandon Sarchet scored four points and Jared Francis added two.

The last game between the Wood's Black and Comer's Blue ended in an 18-18 tie.

Hector Martinez led the Black with five points, closely followed by Anthony Gamble with four. Leland Wood rang up three, and Juan Angel Garcia, Lacy Brunson and Kim Blazier scored two points each.

Lupe Vargas and Jonathan Ivory scored six points each for the Blue. Chris Justice added five, Trey Wyatt added a point from the line.

Trophies were awarded to the teams at the conclusion of their games.

In the third and fourth grade division, the Purple and Navy tied for first with records of 5-4. The Green finished second at 4-4-1, and the Red trailed at 3-5-1.

In the fifth and sixth grade division, the Gray finished first at 6-3. The Blue came in second with a record of 5-3-1.

Black finished at 4-4-1, and Red trailed at 2-7.

### INDIVIDUAL HONORS

Leading scorer for the Purple team was David Donahoo, who got 44 points during the season. Also scoring for the Purple in the nine games were Matt Martin, 18; Dara Ramsey, nine; Eddie Martinez, eight; Lindsey Jennings, six, and Charlie Bomar, one point.

Jared Holt led the Navy with 57 points. His brother, Jeremy Holt, added 38, including one three pointer. Also scoring were Jamie Casillas, five; David

Gamble, three; Misty Wilkinson, two.

Nathan Francis led the Green with 47 points. Jordan Sarchet got 21 and Bert Garza added 20 points. Lorn Estes scored eight and Destiny Ivory added two points. Nathan scored two three pointers, both in the same game.

Red team scoring was led by Jay Arnold, with 34. Also scoring were Paul Donahoo, 18; Michael Casadias, 17; Amanda Harris, four, and Donny Burson, two.


In the fifth and sixth grade division, Arnold Garza led the Gray team and all other scorers with a big 96 points. Zach Baldwin got 46. Also scoring were Terri Rodgers, seven; Kenzie Burson, seven; Billy Edwards, three.

Trey Wyatt led the Blue team with a three pointer and a total of 55 points. Lupe Vargas got 49 and Jonathan Ivory

scored 29. Also scoring were Chris Justice, 15; Marshall McCammon, four; Miles Comer, three; Amanda Cruz, two. Every member of the Blue team scored during the season.

Anthony Gamble led the Black team with 48 points. Lacy Brunson got 25; Leland Wood, 20; Hector Martinez, 18; Juan Angel Garcia, 12. Also scoring were Andy Bullock, four; Wynter Smith, two; Kim Blazier, two. Every member of the Black team scored during the season.

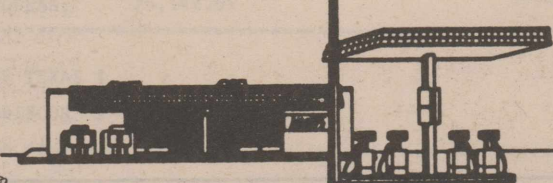
Brandon Sarchet led the Red team with 53 points. Jared Francis contributed 28 and Trey Ziegler got 13. Sarchet and Ziegler got one three pointer each. Also scoring were Melissa Barraza, four; Molly Brooks, two; Shauna Kingery, one.



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# Annual Meeting of Members Held in Tulia on April 5

The annual meeting of the members of Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. was held Friday evening, April 5, in the Tulia High School Auditorium. President Emery Goodin called the meeting to order and the invocation was given by Patrick Six of Kress. Members of the board of directors were introduced by Vice-President Earl Reynolds. Guests present were recognized by Reynolds.

Service awards to employees were presented by Danny Johnson, manager. Paul Swanson, plant superintendent, was cited for 20 years of service. Tony Perez, installer-repairman for the Elkins, Goodnight and Vigo Park exchanges, also was recognized for having completed 20 years with the Cooperative.

The president, Emery Goodin, as well as the auditor, Wade Wilson of Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert and Moss, stated that the Cooperative is in very sound financial condition. Capital credits checks totaling approximately \$858,000 have just been mailed to the members. This refund is for the 1985 margins, and brings the total refunds since 1980 to \$5,440,000. The president stressed that the Cooperative will continue to operate in an efficient manner to protect the Cooperative's investment and will continue to strive to offer the members the best service possible.

With the completion early in 1991 of the digital switch arrangement for the Cleta, Umbarger, Goodnight and Gurley exchanges, all custom services

are available in all exchanges for MPRT members. These features include touch-tone, call forwarding, call waiting, three-way calling and home intercom.

Mr. Goodin concluded with a discussion of the meetings the board members have been having with the Public Utilities Commission and the new regulations that face the Cooperative.

In the manager's report, Johnson announced to the membership that the entire \$2.6 million has been paid for the digital service. In addition to this expenditure, the 1985 capital credit refund of approximately \$858,000 was made as scheduled.

The partnership that includes the Cooperative anticipates that cellular telephone service will be available about May 1 for Swisher County and the surrounding area.

An item of major concern that was discussed by the auditor, president and manager is the changing status of the Cooperative's tax exemption. Congress, aware of the valuable service telephone cooperatives provide in rural areas, in 1916 granted cooperatives a tax exemption. Recently, the IRS has changed its interpretation of the rules and has decided that the rural telephone cooperatives should pay taxes. This is a very great concern to the Cooperative, and the members were asked to contact their representatives in Washington, D. C. to protest.

The position of the National Telephone Cooperative Association is: "We strongly believe that the

congressional intent to provide tax exemption for telephone cooperatives should be maintained. The recently issued Technical Advice Memorandum would clearly contravene the intent of Congress in establishing this exemption in 1916 and further clarifying it in 1978. Billing and collections of toll calls is without question an integral part of the exempt function of providing telephone service.

"It is the role of Congress to write laws regarding which organizations

## Victor Harman Retires From Telephone Board of Directories

A highlight of the annual meeting of Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. on April 5, was the presentation of an award to Victor Harman, the last remaining charter board member. Mr. Harman retired earlier this year. He was presented a plaque for his 41 years of dedicated service to the Cooperative. Mrs. Harman was presented a bouquet of red roses as a token of her support of the Cooperative and the many absences of her husband while he was attending to the business of the Cooperative.

In 1936, Congress passed the Rural Electrification Act and President Franklin Delano Roosevelt passed it into law. In 1949, Congress gave the REA the authority to make loans for Telephone Cooperatives and President Harry S. Truman signed that into law. Mr. M. I. (Cotton) McGehee was instrumental in gathering his neighbors in the interest of a telephone cooperative in this area. After discussing the matter with telephone companies serving the surrounding area, it was determined that a telephone cooperative was the only way to get telephone service to the rural areas because the existing companies were not interested in constructing so many miles of line for so few customers.

After many meetings in 1949, a general meeting was called of all rural residents of Swisher, Randall and Briscoe counties. This meeting was on January 23, 1950, and was attended by approximately 500 people. Mr. McGehee was master of ceremonies and with the assistance of O. K. Woodall, manager of Swisher Electric Cooperative, explained the purpose of the meeting. The representatives from General Telephone and Bell Telephone both said that it was not feasible to build the lines to reach the rural people; then the engineering firm that was building electric lines in the same areas contradicted them.

The cooperative was formed and elected the following officers: M. I. McGehee, president; Victor Harman, vice-president; W. O. Hudson, secretary-treasurer. Other directors elected were Clayton Devin, Henry Hamblin, Bayard Sadler, Roy Stockett, Bruce Fields, Clyde Bradford, Newt Redmon and Arthur Arnold.

The directors were to canvass the area and sign up and collect \$5 membership fees from everyone who wanted telephone service when it was available. Mr. Arnold took Briscoe County, and Swisher and Randall Counties were divided between the other ten directors. REA required that there be one subscriber for each one and one-half miles of line. After two weeks, a meeting was held, and the numbers

should be tax exempt. The role of the Internal Revenue Service is simply to interpret and enforce the law."

As a result of the election, the three incumbent board members were returned to office. The three elected are J. L. Whitmire of Elkins, David Jones of Redmon, and Richard D. Friemel of Umbarger.

The meeting began with a delicious light buffet meal prepared by Dorothy Boyett and her staff and ended with the drawing for the last of an array of door prizes. The grand prizes were cash prizes of \$41.00 in each exchange. The \$41.00 signified the 41 years that the Cooperative has been in existence. Winners were Ashel McDaniel of Bean, W. B. Harris of Cleta, Raul Delgadillo of Elkins, Fred Britten of Goodnight, Melton McGehee of Gurley, Opal Whitmire of Kress, John Dunn of Redmon, Ed Grabber of Umbarger and John Culwell of Vigo Park.

were way short. The Umbarger area had become interested in the Cooperative, and John Vorwald was appointed the twelfth board member to work that area. After two more weeks, they were still short, but REA decided to grant the loan in the belief that more subscribers would be forthcoming when the project actually began.

Burrell Evans, the attorney, said there had to be a charter, but there had to be a name before there could be a charter. In the meetings discussing possible names, it was pointed out that south of this area there was South Plains Telephone Cooperative with headquarters in Lubbock, and while there were no telephone cooperatives north of this area, there was a Hi-Plains Drilling Company in Amarillo. The board decided that "Mid-Plains" would be appropriate for this association. "Cooperative" is not only a name, it is an idea; people working together to accomplish a goal beneficial to all. So, "Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc." became the name.

REA then approved an original loan of \$610,000 to build the rural telephone system. There was a need for more subscribers, so after several months of negotiations, the Kress exchange was purchased.

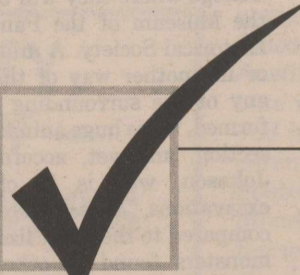
O. K. Woodall had been serving as manager of the telephone project along with his job as manager of Swisher Electric. In 1953 he appointed R. W. Shackelford as coordinator. The telephone cooperative was separated from the electric cooperative in 1954 and Mr. Shackelford was hired as the manager. He served continuously until his retirement in 1986.

In 1956, the residents across the canyon in Armstrong County became interested in the Cooperative. The County Agent, Foster Whaley, called a meeting in Claude with the Mid-Plains directors. Several farmers signed up, paid their dues and elected Frank Bagwell as the director from that area. In June of 1956, MPRT purchased the Goodnight telephone system. That completed the eight original exchanges of Goodnight, Cleta, Umbarger, Gurley, Redmon, Kress, Bean and Elkins. Elkins later was divided to form the Vigo Park exchange.

Mr. Harman thanked the members for their interest and support of the Cooperative, and for allowing him to serve as a director for the first 41 years.

A large crowd was present at the annual meeting for the retirement recognition. Among those present were several of the retired charter board members, many charter members, more

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# Toy Whitten, Rank Cogdell United In Spring Wedding

Toya Lea Whitten and Billy Rank Cogdell exchanged wedding vows in a seven o'clock in the evening ceremony on Saturday, April 6, 1991. Vows were exchanged at the First Methodist Church with Rev. Bryan Donahoo, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Silverton, performing the ceremony.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Whitten of Tulia. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Estle Haught, also of Tulia. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Cogdell of Silverton, and is the grandson of Mrs. Jim Barnes of Tulia.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white satin gown encrusted with pearls and lace. The neckline was crowned with a portrait collar across the shoulder tips. Patterns of pearls and a tuxedo rose bow highlighted the full-length queen's court cathedral train. Her pearl dotted fingertip veil fell from a band of pearls accented with a pouf of illusion. Strings of pearls and silk leaves flowed down the sides of the veil. She carried a cascade of imported Casa Blanca lilies, Dendrobium orchids and bridal white orchids.

The bride's "something old" was a silk handkerchief that belonged to her Great-grandmother Hancock. "Something new" was her wedding gown given to her by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Haught. "Something blue" was her blue garter given to her by Katie Wolf.

Kippi Cogdell attended the bride as matron of honor. Laura Foreman was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Patricia Phillips of Houston, Tina Wheeler of Seymour, and Mary Catherine Heinrich of Slaton. The flower girl was Cherry Whitten, cousin of the bride, from Snook.

The bride's attendants wore two-piece purple silk suits. Their jackets were draped with white portrait collars that crossed into V-cut in front. Their waistlines crossed and were cinched with pearls. The waistlines featured peplums atop slim sheath ballroom-length skirts. They wore poufs of white tulle surrounding pearl clusters in their hair. They carried presentation bouquets of Calla lilies and French tulle.

The flower girl wore a purple silk dress designed with a white portrait collar that draped her shoulders. The full-length dress had a tuxedo mini train and rosebud bow, matching that of the bride's. She carried a white basket filled with potpourri made from rose petals saved from roses given to the bride by the groom.

Dick Cogdell, brother of the groom, was best man. Groomsman were Jim Cogdell, brother of the groom; Cody Oldfield and Doug Oldfield, cousins of the groom, and Mark Moon. The ringbearer was Buster Whitten, cousin of the bride, from Snook.

Ushers were Tad Whitten, brother of the bride; Kent Carpenter, brother-in-law of the groom, and Shannon Hall.

Penny Carpenter, sister of the groom, registered guests on a round mirror table centered with a spring bouquet.

Mrs. Peggy Bush, organist, played the traditional "Bridal Chorus" and "Wedding March." Mrs. Selenda Cumby accompanied Mrs. Carolyn Prater and Floyd Jackson on the piano. Mrs. Cumby played "Friends" as the bride's classmates, Samantha Bryant, Robbin Carlile, Madritel James, Renee Morris, Stephanie Mote and Jodi Womack, were being escorted. "Nadia's Theme", a childhood favorite of the bride, was played while the mothers were being escorted. Mrs. Prater and Mr. Jackson



Mrs. Billy Rank Cogdell

sang "He Had It Planned Long Ago" before the ceremony; preceding the wedding vows, "The Wedding Prayer"; "Household of Faith" during the lighting of the unity candle, and "To Me" following the wedding vows.

Plumosa fern, Springeri fern, Areca palms and lace fern decorated the church altar and choir loft. The arrangements were adorned with candlelight entwined in the greenery. The bride's aisle was laced with greenery, baby's breath and candlelight.

#### RECEPTION

A reception honoring the bride and groom was held in the Fellowship Hall of the church following the ceremony.

A square of tables centered the room and was framed with white garden lattice screen decorated with greenery. The bride's four pedestal Italian Cream cake was decorated with fresh purple Aemonise, pink tea roses and purple and white Freesia. Greenery entwined the cake and table. Serving at the bride's table were Stephanie Mote and Jodi Womack.

The groom's table was centered by a German chocolate cowboy hat cake. The table was decorated with an antique tree saddle, wagon wheel hub, and first-grade pictures of the bride and groom.

Samantha Bryant and Madritel James served at the groom's table.

The beverage table was decorated with greenery and a spring bouquet. Robbin Carlile and Renee Morris served punch and coffee from a silver service. The foods table was decorated with fresh fruit, vegetables and purple kale.

Members of the house party were Teresa Kiker, Judine Wilks, Peggi Russell, Emma Hernandez, Carlie Cosby, Valerie Cosby, Lael Milner, Michele Bice and Nicole Wilterding.

After a wedding trip to Grand Canyon and Las Vegas, the couple will reside at Tule Ranch.

#### REHEARSAL DINNER

The groom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner at the Tulia Country Club.

#### BRIDESMAID LUNCHEON

A bridesmaid luncheon was given by Mrs. Johnnie Delle Cogdell at the Plainview Country Club.

#### OTHER COURTESIES

Other courtesies included a miscellaneous shower in the home of Mrs. L. S. Foreman and a shower hosted by friends at the First State Bank in Silverton.

## Miss Grabbe Is Shower Honoree

A miscellaneous bridal shower was held in the Pioneer Room at First State Bank Saturday, March 30, in honor of Donna Grabbe, bride-elect of Rick Fudge.

Guests were greeted by Della Boling, and presented to the honoree, her mother, Mrs. Joe Grabbe, and the mother of the prospective bridegroom, Mrs. Richard Fudge of Tulia.

Registering guests at a table covered with a white lace cloth and featuring the bride's book and a picture of the couple was Christy McWaters, niece of the bride-elect.

Arlene Curry and Beverly Minyard served punch, coffee and miscellaneous refreshments from a crystal service. The white lace-covered table was decorated with an arrangement of pink, mauve and white fresh flowers, a gift to the couple.

A set of Corning and Visions cookware was the gift to the couple from the hostesses, Mary Tiffin, Norma Vaughan, Lanita Cantwell, Vaughnell Brannon, Thada Fowler, Pat Lavy, Mary Ann Rauch, Junis Hutsell, Arlene Curry, Della Boling and Beverly Minyard.

#### LOOKING BACK —

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by WPA workers. A rich deposit of fossil bones has been found there, one of the richest beds ever discovered. Sloth, camels, elephants, armadillos, giant hogs, giant wolves and other carnivorous animals evidently lived here a million years ago, during the Pleistocene Age and bones in a good state of preservation are being unearthed by this force of men. The discoveries are being taken to Canyon College where they will be displayed in the Museum of the Panhandle Plains Historical Society. A million years ago, or in another way of thinking, before any of the surrounding canyons were formed, these huge animals roamed this section, and yet, according to C. S. Johnson, who is in charge of the excavations, these were "just kids" compared to the giant lizards and other monsters found in other places, and which inhabited the earth a hundred million years ago . . . Jim Bomar and Luther Gilkeyson were transacting business in Fort Worth the first of the week . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Morriss of Amarillo were guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Blocker, over the weekend . . . Dee Reid is reported as improving in the Tulia hospital. He was taken there last Wednesday with a case of pneumonia . . .

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## Miss Totzke, Fiance Honored at Shower

A miscellaneous couples shower honoring Corinna Totzke and her fiance, Casey Bean, was held at the First State Bank in Silverton on Sunday afternoon, April 14.

Guests were greeted by Wilma Gill, the engaged couple, and Bobbye Bean, mother of the prospective bridegroom.

The serving table was covered with a blue cloth overlaid with white lace. The centerpiece was a blue ceramic vase, edged with gold, holding a lovely silk arrangement in various shades of blue. Complimenting this were blue and mauve napkins. Punch and cookies were served by Vicki Perry and Melinda Sutton.

The couple's wedding book was displayed on the registration table where ceramic bunnies, nesting in a lace and satin lined basket of wash cloths in colors the honorees had chosen, decorated the table and was a gift for the couple.

Miss Totzke's corsage was an arrangement of blue and mauve silk roses.

The centerpieces and corsage were prepared by Mary Jane Patton.

A good crowd attended, and everyone enjoyed getting to visit with the couple. They received many lovely and useful gifts.

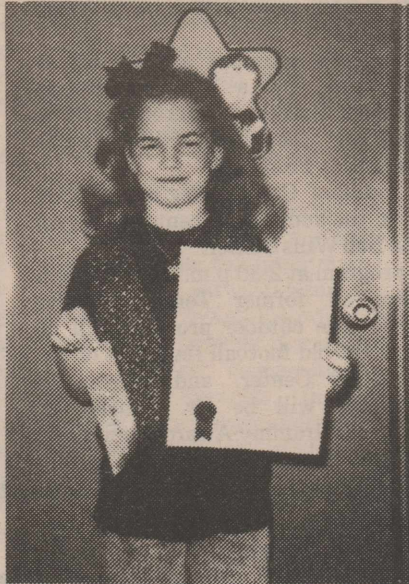
The hostesses gift to the couple was a toaster-oven, a kitchen-counter knife set, and an electric wok.

Special guest was Susie Autry, grandmother of the prospective bridegroom.

Out-of-town guests included Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bean, Mr. and Mrs. Carman Rhode, Lubbock; Kyle Bean, New Deal; Brent Bean and family, Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond

McJimsey, Lamesa; Mrs. Bill Verden and Paula, Earth; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bean, Mrs. Phillip Smitherman, Floydada; Mr. and Mrs. Dub Mercer, Lockney; LaRee Walker, Marlene and Cheryl, Midland; Cynthia Finck and Hillary, Tulia; Angie and Dakota Smith, Flomot.

Hostesses were Wilma Gill, Mary Jane Patton, Barbara Cawley, Waynelle Couch, LaQuetta Schott, Reba Tipton, Carlye Fleming, LaRue Garvin, Patricia McJimsey, Vicki Perry, Shirley Reynolds, Donna Estes, Jimmie Sue Estes, Teresa Sutton, Melinda Sutton, Mike Settle, Madeline Stone and Glenda Francis.



Laura McCammon took first-place honors in the photography division of the District 8 PTA Reflections competition. Her entry was forwarded to state competition in Austin. She is pictured with her blue ribbon and certificate. Laura and her family attended an awards ceremony and dinner in Amarillo, hosted by District 8 PTA, last Monday to receive recognition for her winning entry.

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## PTA Update

Six PTA members attended the annual District 8 Spring Conference held in Amarillo April 9. Silverton PTA brought home the traveling silver punch bowl and a certificate for most members in attendance.

Laura McCammon won a first-place ribbon at the district level with her Reflections entry. Laura attended an awards banquet to accept her ribbon and certificate. PTA is very proud of its entries in the Reflections Project.

Little Wrangler Rodeo time is fast approaching. Date has been set for Friday, May 17.

Watch for more details!

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## Local Spelling Bee Elimination is Held

The annual Amarillo Globe-News Spelling Bee was held March 18 in the Silverton School Auditorium. The bee director was Debbie Holt, and serving as judges were Mary Ann Rauch and Shirley Reynolds.

Competition was open to students in fourth through eighth grades. The Junior Bee and Senior Bee were combined into one with 22 students participating for the championship.

Participants were Junior Castillo, Misty Wilkinson, Lindsey Jennings, Jeremy Holt and Jared Holt, from the fourth grade. Fifth grade participants were Kenzie Burson, Trey Ziegler, Michael Reagan and Miles Comer. These students did a fine job of representing the elementary division in the contest.

From the junior high level in the sixth grade were Kim Blazier, Creselda Vargas, Marshall McCammon, Brandon Sarchet and Zach Baldwin. From the seventh grade, competitors were Molly Bomar, Maria Castillo, Patricia Patino and Kristi Smith.

Rounding out the list of students were Rosie Segura, Holly Nance, Rusty Miller and Dewayne Juarez from the eighth grade.

The competition was somewhat keener this year and lasted for more rounds than in the past. Upon the elimination of 20 spellers, two were left standing. Molly Bomar and Marshall McCammon battled it out for several more rounds to determine who would be the champion and the runner-up.

Marshall was able to spell a missed word and the next word on the list to capture the title. Molly then became the runner-up in this stiff competition.

This is Marshall's third year in a row to be named the winner of the Bee. He advances to district competition which was scheduled for the West Texas State University campus.

## Library Tea's Planned For April 19

You are invited to attend the annual silver tea sponsored by March of Time Study Club in the library in the basement of the Briscoe County Courthouse. This will be Friday, April 19, from 3:00 until 5:00 in the afternoon.

This is in observance of National Library Week.

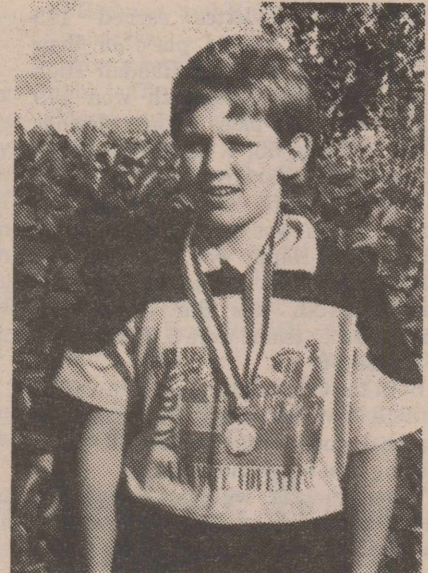
Memorials are accepted any time for the purchase of new books for the library.

### Happy Birthday to . . .

- April 18—Venita Chappell, O. E. May, Mary Ivory
- April 19—Linda Minyard, Jeanetta Bradford
- April 20—James Jarrett, Clinton Dickerson, Tanner Wood
- April 21—Lynn Smith, Julia Couch
- April 22—Kymberli May, Zane Henderson, Kristi Bean, Rex Fuston
- April 23—Pete Chitty
- April 24—Andrew Francis, Doree Brodeen, Kimmie Blazier, Mitchell Simpson, Valda Ferguson

### Happy Anniversary to . . .

- April 18—Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Sternberger
- April 19—Mr. and Mrs. Donald Fleming



Marshall McCammon, 12, a sixth grader in the Silverton Schools, was the third-place finisher Saturday in the Amarillo Globe-News Regional Spelling Bee held on the campus of West Texas State University in Canyon. This was his third year to enter the regional spelling bee. He won a \$200 savings bond, a bee medallion, a copy of the Random House Dictionary and a new watch.

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## News From the Hughes

Mr. and Mrs. Berton Hughes, who now make their home in Memphis, left on Thursday, March 28, and drove to Waco to the home of their son and family, Dr. and Mrs. Randy Hughes, Amy and Matt. They spent Easter Sunday there, and on Tuesday, April 2, Randy took them to the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport to emplane for Fort Lauderdale, Florida to visit their son, Robert, who moved there in October of last year. While there they visited the Atlantic Ocean, and Fort Lauderdale beach. They visited the largest Factory Outlet Mall in the U. S. and also the largest "Swap Shop," Plantation and Broward Mall and the Galleria. They took a two-hour cruise "Down the River" of the Historical New River in Fort Lauderdale. They saw the huge cruise ships as they were docked for passengers to go aboard.

They drove through Hollywood, Coco Beach to Miami, and visited the beach there and other interesting places. After spending a week with Robert, they flew back to DFW, where her brother, R. L. Renfro, met them. They enjoyed a visit with Renfro and his wife, Eloise, and their son, Mark, that afternoon until Randy came to get them. They drove back to Waco on Tuesday, April 9. On Thursday, April 11, they left Waco and drove to Vernon for a visit with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Gillespie, and a niece, Patti, and her daughter, Natalie, for awhile.

They saw lots of bluebonnets in the Waco area and other flowers.

After enjoying two weeks with their sons and family, they returned to Memphis on Thursday night, April 11.

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# Owlettes Place Second In District Track Meet

Silverton's Owlettes earned 119 points to win second place in their District Track Meet at Randall High School Saturday. Nazareth won 179 points and first place. Other placings were 3. Happy, 85; 4. Lazbuddie, 80; 5. Texline, 19; 6. Hartley, 2.

Meanwhile the Owls scored 121 points which was good for a fourth-place finish. Happy won first with 140 points, Lazbuddie was second with 134 and Nazareth was third with 125 points. Other teams were 5. Texline, 20; 6. Hartley, 6.

Both the Owls and Owlettes qualified quite a few individuals and teams for regional competition, since all those placing first or second advance.

The thinclads will be entering a Regional Qualifiers' Meet at Levelland on April 20, and the Regional Meet will be held in Levelland April 26-27.

Girls placing at district included: Shot Put—1. Julie Graham, 32-11½; 4. Monica Arnold

Discus—4. Aimee Francis; 5. Monica Arnold; 6. Kayla Ramsey

High Jump—2. Julie Graham, 5-2 (personal best); 4. Kami Martin

Long Jump—2. Kami Martin, 14-9 (personal best); 5. Aimee Francis

400 Relay—2. Kami Martin, Christa Tucker, Monica Arnold, Aimee Francis, 56.97

100 Hurdles—1. Julie Graham, 16.49 (personal best); 2. Kami Martin, 17.62 (personal best)

100—2. Christa Tucker, 13.50

300 Hurdles—1. Julie Graham, 52.11; 4. Aimee Francis

200—2. Kami Martin, 28.53 (personal best)

1600 Relay—3. Julie Graham,

Christa Tucker, Monica Arnold, Aimee Francis, 4:49.31

Boys individual placings included: High Jump—3. Kirk Couch, 5-8

Pole Vault—6. Kirk Couch

Discus—2. Brian West, 134-11½

Triple Jump—2. Lyndell Ivory, 38-2½ (personal best); 4. Lance Holt; 5. Casey Frizzell

400 Relay—1. Lyndell Ivory, Bradley Brunson, Brian Martin, Stephen Cavitt, 46.35

110 Hurdles—1. Bradley Brunson, 15.49 (personal best); 5. Casey Frizzell

100—1. Stephen Cavitt, 11.04 (personal best); 5. Brian Martin

800—4. Lance Holt

300 Hurdles—2. Bradley Brunson, 44.34; 3. Casey Frizzell, 44.99

200—1. Stephen Cavitt, 23.45 (personal best)

1600 Relay—3. Casey Frizzell, Frank Ramirez, jr., Lyndell Ivory, Lance Holt, 3:58.89 (team's best time)

Long Jump—6. Lyndell Ivory

**JUNIOR HIGH**

Discus—3. Zeb Holt

200—1. Michael Hill; 6. Jeremiah Brooks

400—4. Zeb Holt

Pole Vault—3. Jeremiah Brooks

Shot—5. Zeb Holt

1600 Relay—3. Jeremiah Brooks, Zeb Holt, Cy Comer, Michael Hill

100 Hurdles—5. Molly Bomar

Discus—1. Leslee Weaks; 4. Shannon Weaver

Shot—1. Leslee Weaks; 6. Shannon Weaver

High Jump—3. Brandi Brunson; 5. Molly Bomar

200—6. Lori Brannon

400 Relay—6. Lori Brannon, Leslee Weaks, Vanessa Martin, Holly Nance

800 Relay—5. Brandi Brunson, Molly Bomar, Dedra Johnston, Leslee Weaks

## Bob Wills Day Coming Up April 27 in Turkey

The twentieth annual Bob Wills Day is set for Saturday, April 27, in Turkey, and will feature the eleventh annual reunion of former Texas Playboys.

Activities actually get underway in Turkey on Friday night, April 26, when ten to fourteen former Texas Playboys will be featured in a dance at the Bob Wills Center from 9:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight.

Saturday's activities are led off at 10:30 a.m. by a parade through downtown Turkey. A barbecue will be served at the Bob Wills Center beginning at 11:00 a.m.

A Fiddlers' Contest begins at 12:00 p.m. in the auditorium center and gym of the Bob Wills Center.

A program at 2:30 p.m. Saturday will feature all former Texas Playboys present. The outdoor program will be held at the old football field east of the Bob Wills Center, and master of ceremonies will be Dr. Charles R. Townsend, Grammy Award winner and author of "San Antonio Rose: The Life

and Music of Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys."

All during the day, there will be a concession stand selling Bob Wills Day souvenirs, the Bob Wills Museum will be open, and an arts and crafts show will be featured at the community center.

In addition, Bob Wills movies and TV specials featuring Bob Wills will be shown upstairs in the arts and crafts building at the Bob Wills Center.

A dance beginning at 7:00 p.m. featuring Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys will conclude the day. Breakfast will be served beginning at 11:00 p.m. in the cafeteria of the community center.

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### VICTOR HARMAN — Continued From Page Five

who have signed up since the early days, and other friends. The retired charter board members present, in addition to Mr. and Mrs. Harman, were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hamblin, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stockett, Mr. and Mrs. Bayard Sadler, and Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Hudson. Also present were the retired manager and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Shackelford. At least two retired employees attended, Bud Richardson, retired wire chief, and retired plant superintendent Leon Barham and his wife, U. Z.

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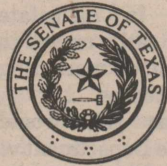
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## Senator Teel Bivins Reports



AUSTIN - It seems that the only news coming out of Austin during this legislative session has been bad. The courts and the Legislature have been endlessly wrangling over public school finance with precious little attention being paid to students and the quality of their education. With demands for State services continually outpacing available State revenues, the budget outlook appears bleak. The official 1990 census figures confirm that representation in the Legislature from rural parts of the State will continue to diminish. The Texas Department of Commerce seems to be coming apart at the seams with corruption and mismanagement. Court battles ranging everywhere you turn from Mental Health/Mental Retardation to higher education to workers' compensation insurance and litigation between counties and the State over who pays for housing prisoners in county jails. It hasn't been the cheeriest session.

But I figure a fellow has always got to look on the bright side. There have been some small, bright personal moments for me as well as progress in at least one area of public policy.

The first person you see upon entering my Austin office or, more likely than not, the first person you talk to

when you call Austin, is Kelly Gilbert. Eager and hardworking, this young girl has had a rough past eight months. Like hundreds of thousands of other servicemen, Kelly's husband, Shane, was overseas participating in Operation Desert Storm. On March 19, Shane came home unharmed. When I learned he would be arriving that evening, I went to Kelly and, with a straight face, told her that I would need her to work late that night. She ruined my prank by looking back with an equally straight face, filled with sorrowful eyes and said, "Yes, sir." Obviously I didn't make her work late, and as you might expect, she has been a new person since Shane's return.

Then a few weeks ago, I attended a very special baseball game. The Texas Longhorns played an exhibition game against the Texas Rangers. It would have been worth going to in any event, but what made the game extra special was the fact that the starting pitcher for the Texas Rangers was Nolan Ryan and the starting pitcher for the Texas Longhorns was Reid Ryan, Nolan's son. The Governor was there and so was Rangers' owner George W. Bush, Jr. In fact, they sat next to each other. The Governor, an avid sports fan, and Bush put politics aside for the night

## Social Security In Briscoe County

by Mary Jane Shanes

### SURVIVORS SHOULD APPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Surviving dependents of a deceased worker should apply for Social Security benefits as soon as possible following the worker's death.

Prompt application will allow benefits to start at the earliest time. In addition, some benefits cannot be paid for more than a month before the month of application.

Social Security benefits can be paid to these survivors:

- Unmarried children under 18, or 18-19 if a full-time elementary or secondary school student.
- Unmarried children 18 or over who were disabled before 22 and remain disabled.
- A widow or widower of any age (including a surviving divorced spouse) caring for a child of the worker under 16 or disabled who gets benefits.
- Widow or widower 60 or older.
- Disabled widow or widower 50-60.
- Dependent parent 62 or older.

Benefits also can be paid to a surviving divorced spouse at 60 (50 if disabled) if the marriage to the worker lasted ten or more years. Benefits also can be paid to grandchildren or great-grandchildren under certain circumstances.

There is a one-time lump sum payment that can be made to an eligible widow or widower or, if none, to a child

and talked baseball throughout the course of the game. The younger Ryan, only a freshman, handled himself well for two innings. His dad, obviously enjoying himself, pitched six full innings.

The Rangers won, but that really wasn't the point. The excitement and enthusiasm in the sold-out stadium for the pitching match-up that will probably never be duplicated was unforgettable.

Finally, in the area of public policy, there is at least one bright spot. I am happy to report that the State Board of Insurance is making progress on adopting rules with regard to deductibles for workers' compensation policies. This amendment to the workers' compensation legislation that I carried in the last special session, provides for the creation of three different types of deductibles plus a negotiated deductible between the policyholder and the insurance company. A review of other states indicated that very few, if any of them, had enacted deductibles into their workers' compensation laws. Those that had, typically allowed very small deductibles. I made it a point to attend the first State Board of Insurance staff meeting where rules for this section of the bill were to be considered. I made it abundantly clear that my legislative intent was for Texas to have a wide array of deductible options that would result in significant premium reductions. The initial staff proposal will do just that.

These optional deductibles by law must be available to policyholders before January 1, 1992. I feel strongly that they will afford small business people immediate and substantial reductions in their workers' compensation premiums. Rest assured that I will continue to make a pest of myself at the State Board of Insurance until final rules are adopted.

So even in the midst of one of the toughest legislative sessions in anyone's recollection, you can find some positive developments. You just have to look for them.

getting benefits.

Before any benefits can be paid, the worker must have had credit for a certain amount of work covered by Social Security. In 1990, the amount ranges from 1½ to 9¾ years depending on the worker's age at death.

More information about survivor's benefits can be obtained by calling Social Security's toll-free telephone number, 1-800-2345-SSA (1-800-234-5772) between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on weekdays.

## A Voice From the Country



Earl Cantwell

### Gems & Allegorys

"The Greatest." The big lion stepped up to the zebra and said in his most regal voice, "Zebra, who is the greatest in all the jungle?" "Y-y-you are, oh mighty lion," stammered the zebra. Pleased with this response, the lion walked on until he saw a giraffe. "Giraffe," he thundered, "who is greatest in all the jungle?" Bowing his long neck, the giraffe humbly replied, "It is you, oh mighty lion." Drawing himself up to his highest height, he asked once again in his most imperial tones, "Elephant, who is the greatest in all the jungle?" No sooner had the words left his mouth than the elephant reached down with his mighty trunk, lifted the lion high and with a mighty heave sent him crashing into a tree. Battered and shaken, the lion staggered off. "Boy," he muttered, "I never saw anyone so upset just because he didn't know the answer."

Everywhere we turn in our culture we face the question, "Who's the greatest?" As the lion painfully discovered, however, those who ask the question long enough end up hurt. And so it is. As we look around, a common pattern emerges: "The Greatest" wield their power and seem to dominate life in every arena. The rest suffer. Against this norm, the words and life of Jesus are quite simply revolutionary. He was well acquainted with the question, "Who's the Greatest?" Starting with his disciples, it was a constant concern of the people he met. Jesus' response is startling. The greatest, he said, use their power to serve the least. The movement of true greatness, he observed, the one who is most powerful of all, is the servant of all. Never one for empty words, he then knelt, took up a towel—and then a cross. The result: we all became winners.

Bad questions have a way of producing bad answers. Christians who follow their Lord should stop asking, "Who's the greatest?" and start asking "whom and where can I serve?" If they did, winners would fill the American jungle, and battered lions might become a thing of the past.

A great man is great until he finds out; then he is a danger and a nuisance. Go as far as you can see, and when you get there you can see farther, continue this. Soon you will reach your goal.

Forbidden fruit can get you in a bad jam . . . In order to realize the worth of an anchor, we must feel the stress of the storm . . . Religion and morality are indispensable supports of political prosperity . . . Righteousness exalteth a nation.

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### Ambulance Service Hosts Special Supper

Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service hosted a hamburger supper for new Emergency Medical Technicians joining the service. New members are Dale McWaters, Cip Garcia, James Dunn, Connie Smith, Steve Green, Dianne Ward and Becky Francis. Pat McWaters and John Cavitt's test results are pending.

Welcoming the new technicians were James Edwards, Diamond Williams, Janice Hill, Rick Minyard, Bill and Della Boling, Norma Garcia, Betty Stephens, Fay Perkins, Emmett Tomlin and Tom Burson.

A business meeting followed the supper. It was decided to meet twice a month, on the first and third Tuesdays.

The next business meeting will be Tuesday, May 7, and a skills meeting will be on Tuesday, May 21.

### Junior Class to Sponsor Volleyball Tournament Soon

The Junior Class of Silverton High School is sponsoring a volleyball tournament April 18-19-20.

The members and their sponsor, Patsy Towe, are hoping you will plan to attend the games to give the group your support.

Homemade items will be in the concession stand. They are looking forward to seeing you there and serving you with something good to eat.

### Bull Riding To Be Held in Plainview

The Plainview Rodeo Association will have a bull riding on Saturday, April 20. Performance time for the one-night event is 7:00 p.m. at the Bar None Rodeo Arena on South FM 400. Maverick Rodeo Company of Tulia will furnish the stock.

Approximately 60 bull riders will compete for prize money and belt buckles. In addition to bull riding, clowns will provide bullfighting and entertainment.

There will be a dance to follow featuring the Panhandle Drifters from 9:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. on the slab north of the arena.



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### Perry Says Intrastate Trucking Bill Would Help Cattle Industry

Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry has voiced his support for House Bill 2553, saying the intrastate trucking measure would help make the Texas cattle industry and other livestock industries more competitive.

Texas is America's top cattle and calf producer, with livestock sales accounting for nearly 50 percent of the state's entire agricultural income. However, Texas ranks second

nationally in the number of cattle slaughtered and fourth in the production of red meat. "We can and should be number one in both instances," Perry said.

"H.B. 2553 would address this challenge," Perry said, "by making the Texas cattle industry and other livestock industries more competitive through a reduction in intrastate transportation costs for cattle moved to and from feedlots, livestock marketing facilities and slaughter houses."

"Legislation such as this would bolster our efforts at the Department of Agriculture to increase in-state

commodity processing," he said.

Among Perry's chief priorities as commissioner is to enhance Texas' agricultural business climate to allow family farms and ranches to be profitable. Texas currently is the nation's second largest agricultural producer overall, behind California. Perry's goal is to help Texas attain the number one spot.

Perry's comments on H. B. 2553, which is being sponsored by State Rep. Hugo Berlanga, were submitted as written testimony before the House Committee on Agriculture and Livestock.

### Commodities To Be Given Away Here on April 25

Commodities will be given to those who are eligible and signed up to receive them beginning at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, April 25, at the Briscoe County Showbarn in Silverton.

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For Quarter Ending MARCH 31 1991

FUND	BEGINNING BALANCES	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	ENDING BALANCES
GENERAL	114,386.46	122,088.83	155,493.69	80,981.60
COURTHOUSE & JAIL	47,537.41	17,417.94	6,430.72	58,524.63
JURY	4,001.34	3,016.42	2,170.91	4,846.85
PRECINCT # 1	22,219.99	12,710.40	11,678.62	23,251.77
PRECINCT # 2	30,501.02	14,192.89	23,081.42	21,612.49
PRECINCT # 3	25,691.28	13,609.69	26,289.67	13,011.30
PRECINCT # 4	20,700.22	10,053.20	8,637.47	22,115.95

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT:

General Fund C.D.'s	295,909.40	66,695.27	-0-	362,604.67
Precinct # 1 C.D.'s	5,000.00	5,000.00	-0-	10,000.00
Precinct # 2 C.D.'s	6,000.00	-0-	-0-	6,000.00
Precinct # 3 C.D.'s	20,000.00	10,000.00	-0-	30,000.00
Precinct # 4 C.D.'s	5,000.00	-0-	-0-	5,000.00

TOTAL AVAILABLE CASH: 596,947.12      274,784.64      233,782.50      637,949.26

INDEBTEDNESS OF COUNTY:

	BEGINNING BALANCE	PAYMENTS	ENDING BALANCE
Precinct # 1	16,508.06	-0-	16,508.06
Precinct # 2	17,742.42	17,746.42	-0-
Precinct # 3	21,000.00	-0-	21,000.00
Precinct # 4	19,887.61	2,113.00	17,774.61

TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS: 75,142.09      19,859.42      55,282.67

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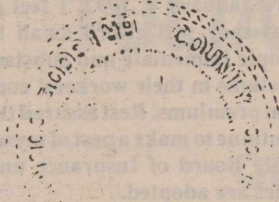
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Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Janice S. Hill, County Treasurer of Briscoe County, who being by me duly sworn, upon oath, says that the within and foregoing report is true and correct.

*Janice S. Hill*  
Briscoe County Treasurer

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 4th day of MARCH 1991.

*Ben M. Williams*  
Briscoe County Clerk





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Royce Combs, Pastor

SUNDAY:  
Sunday School . . . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship . . . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship . . . . . 5:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Bible Study . . . . . 7:00 p.m.

**SILVERTON  
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Ted Kingery, Minister

SUNDAY:  
Sunday School . . . . . 9:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship . . . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship . . . . . 6:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Bible Study . . . . . 7:30 p.m.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Bryan Donahoo, Pastor

SUNDAY:  
Library Opens . . . . . 9:15 a.m.  
Bible Study/S.S. . . . . 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship . . . . . 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship . . . . . 6:00 p.m.  
SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAYS:  
Baptist Women . . . . . 9:30 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Bible Study/Prayer . . . . . 7:00 p.m.  
Acteens, G.A.s, Mission  
Friends, R.A.s . . . . . 7:00 p.m.  
SECOND SATURDAYS:  
Baptist Men . . . . . 7:00 a.m.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH**  
Lee Roark, Pastor

SUNDAY:  
Sunday School . . . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service . . . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service . . . . . 6:00 p.m.  
TUESDAY:  
United Meth. Women . . . . 9:30 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Choir Practice . . . . . 6:00 p.m.

**NEW FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST  
MISSION**

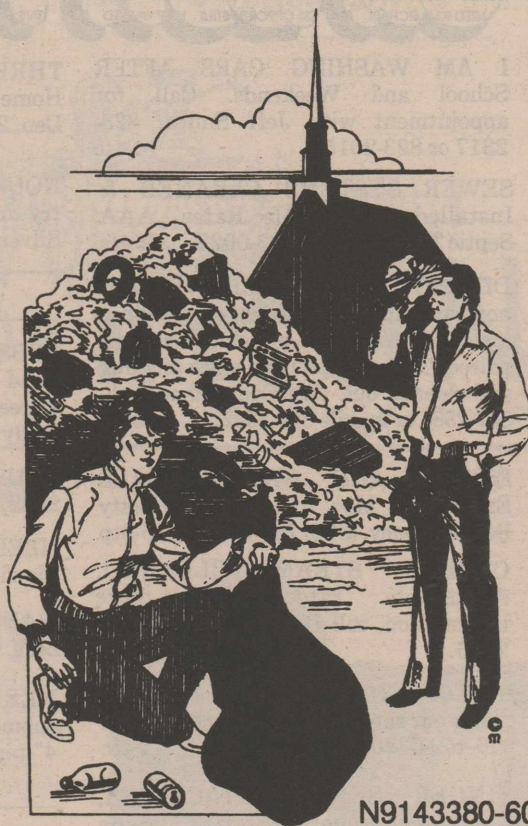
SUNDAY:  
Sunday School . . . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service . . . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Training Union . . . . . 5:00 p.m.  
Evening Service . . . . . 6:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Choir Rehearsal . . . . . 7:00 p.m.  
Prayer Service . . . . . 8:00 p.m.

**OUR LADY OF LORETO  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

SUNDAY:  
Mass . . . . . 12:30 p.m.  
TUESDAY:  
Escuela . . . . . 8:00 p.m.  
Bible Study . . . . . 9:30 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Elementary Doctrina  
Class . . . . . 4:30 - 5:45 p.m.  
THURSDAY:  
Mass or Communion . . . . . 8:00 p.m.  
Ultreya . . . . . After Mass

**ROCK CREEK  
CHURCH OF CHRIST**

SUNDAY:  
Worship Service . . . . . 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship . . . . . 6:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Worship Service . . . . . 7:00 p.m.



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We have been told of the need for preserving our environment, and the urgency of this is often verified by our own personal observation. Few of us are in a position to judge the state of the ozone layer or the so-called global warming. However, particularly in rural areas, we have seen our city or county landfills, and have watched them grow into virtual mountains of trash, garbage, newspapers, discarded furniture, and so on. No one has yet figured a way to solve this problem, but we can do our part in slowing it down, by saving, reusing and recycling; not to mention giving usable items to the poor. Let us pray at our House of Worship for the wisdom to do this, and whatever else we can do to preserve this beautiful world the Lord created for us.

*When man destroys  
the life and beauty  
of nature, there  
is the outrage.*  
— George M. Trevelyan

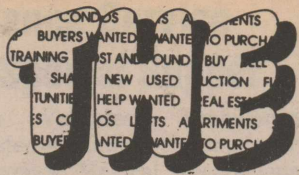
*"Wasting and  
destruction are  
in their paths."*  
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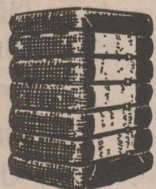
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