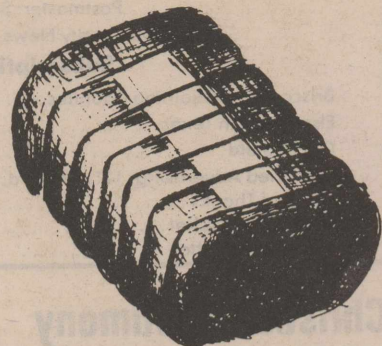




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New County History Books Have Arrived

Copies of *Footprints in Time in Briscoe County, Volume II*, were delivered to the courthouse Monday morning, December 9, 1991, and many people who heard "by the grapevine" that they had arrived picked up their copies.

Briscoe County Historical Committee members, Glenda Francis, Dean Burson and Faye Rampley, worked all day out of the small room across the hall from the County Clerk's Office.

They addressed and mailed all copies to customers who had prepaid the \$4.00 postage fee with their pre-publication orders. It is hoped they will be delivered by the Postal Service in plenty of time for Christmas.

Extra copies are available for sale on a first-come, first-served basis. As announced several months ago, the after-publication price is \$75.00 plus \$5.44 tax.

The committee plans to have the room open through 5:00 p.m. Thursday (today) of this week for additional sales and delivery of the book.

If you are unable to get to the courthouse, please call a friend or relative and ask them to sign the list and pick up your copy for you.

Everyone involved in the project has worked very hard, including Taylor Publishing Company plant workers, to get the books completed in time for Christmas.

Please express your gratitude to Leon Lavy for driving his pickup and trailer to Dallas over the weekend to pick up the heavy load. (He blew out a tire, but came safely to a stop.)

The following Quitaque and Silverton businesses made the beautiful \$1,600 colored end sheets possible and also deserve expressions of appreciation: First National Bank, Paymaster Gin, Valley Farm Store, Schooler-Gordon Funeral Home, First State Bank, Silverton Oil Company, Silverton Auto Parts and Tulia Wheat Growers.

Orders for additional books may be mailed to Briscoe County History Book, Box 299, Silverton, Texas 79257. Cost per book is \$75.00 plus \$5.44 tax and \$4.00 postage if you want it mailed.

Christmas Lighting To Be Judged Here

Briscoe County Activities Association is sponsoring a Christmas lighting contest, which will be judged by out-of-town judges the week of December 16, 1991.

Please be sure to turn on your decorations each evening during that week.



Mrs. O. C. (Faye) Rampley, a member of the committee who prepared and published "Footprints in Time in Briscoe County, Volume II," presented the first copy of the new book to Judge Jimmy Burson in an informal ceremony in his office Monday morning.

Briscoe County News Photo

Caprock Genealogical Society Meets Monday

Caprock Genealogical Society will meet Monday, December 16, at 7:00 p.m. at the First State Bank in Silverton.

The program will be "Christmas at Williamsburg, Va.," a slide presentation by Sharon Sutton Pigg.

Club Accepting Cash, Toys For Children

Progressive Extension Homemakers are accepting cash donations and/or toys in good condition. Santa will be on the firetruck delivering toys on Christmas Eve to the less fortunate children of the community.

Toys may be left at the City Hall. Monetary donations can be made by contacting Bena Hester or JonEtta Ziegler.

Santa also will be delivering toys on the firetruck that same night to other children as well, so make your reservations early to have Santa bring

Longest Tailfeather Jackpot Created Here

Briscoe County 4-H will be sponsoring a Longest Tailfeather Jackpot in conjunction with pheasant season, December 14-29.

To enter the jackpot, all pheasant hunters must bring \$10 and a pheasant tailfeather to be measured to the Briscoe County Extension office anytime during pheasant season.

Thirty percent of the total entry fees will go to the person bringing the longest feather. Twenty percent of the entry fees will go to the second place feather. The remainder of the entry fees will go to support Briscoe County 4-H Club activities.

The results of the contest will be announced after pheasant season.

For more information call the Briscoe County Extension Office at 806-823-2131.

your children and grandchildren their toys, too! You may contact Bena Hester, 823-2093, or JonEtta Ziegler, 823-2242, to make your reservation.

It's Santa Letter Time Again, Kids

Boys and girls are invited to write letters to Santa for publication in the Christmas edition of the Briscoe County News. By special arrangement with the North Pole, all of the letters sent or brought to the News Office, Box 130, Silverton, Texas 79257, will be forwarded to Santa Claus in plenty of time before Christmas.

Do it now, kids. Mail or bring your letters to the Briscoe County News or mail them directly to Santa at the North Pole.

December 13 is Deadline For the Greeting Page

December 13 is the deadline for getting your name on the Christmas Greeting Page. If you aren't contacted and want to be sure your name is on the special page, please contact Marsha Brunson.

Proceeds from the project will be used to purchase additional Christmas decorations for Silverton.

Caprock Jamboree Ends Year With Another Super Show

Once again the Caprock Jamboree managed to have a super show to close out the year! Thanks goes once again to those who shared their time and talent: LaRue, Brooke and Kurby Garvin, Connie Smith, Ruth Proctor, Steve Self, Buddy Cross, Steve Ulrey, Cliff and Joy Stodghill, Bennie Brown, Jimmy Burson, Jerry Miller, Virginia Hardin, Larry Kelley and Dana Martin.

Thanks also to those who donated gifts for the door prizes: Lucy McDaniel for the afghan; Tiffin's Dept Store, gift certificate; Shirley and Dorothy Pitts, wooden towel holder; Nance's Food Store, gift certificate; Ziegler-Miller Pump; Shirley Henderson, hair care kit; Kermit Electronics, phone and several items that were auctioned; LeRoy Stone, clock that was auctioned; Pat Tidwell, handmade craft item; Hutsell Jewelry, gift certificates. Thanks to those who supported the 4-H by eating supper with them.

Sometimes people forget to thank those who attend and give their donations, but if it weren't for YOU, there wouldn't be a show, as there would be no way to pay the building rent, for sound equipment, and the many hidden expenses of the show.

The Rex Tiffins and Spud Tiffins are appreciated for help with the tickets and those who helped clean up afterward.

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Christian Testimony By State Trooper Is Magazine Article Topic

The following article was taken from the pages of *Texas Trooper* magazine. It concerns the Christian witness of Trooper Richard Waters, who was stationed in Briscoe County until a few months before his death.

And there they preached the gospel. Acts 14:7

As a state trooper, Richard Waters did his job on the highways around

Amarillo for over two years under tough conditions. Richard had terminal cancer. As editor of *Texas Trooper* magazine, I flew 500 miles to meet Richard. At 6'5" and in full uniform, he was an imposing law officer. But more imposing was his smiling, powerful testimony for Christ. He implored me to print it all so that hundreds of his fellow troopers might know the Christ he knew.

"Tell them that I can truly do all things through Christ who strengthens me," he said. We had dinner together. He turned his head, took a pain pill, and turned back to me smiling. "Tell them also," he said, "that Philippians 1:21, which says, 'For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain' is really true for me."

Five days later, before I had even begun to write his story, I learned that Richard had died. Both his mother and his wife told me that he was thrilled that his testimony for Christ would be magnified hundreds of times in a magazine article. I also learned that he witnessed for Christ boldly and steadily during his terminal months, relying on the power of Christ daily.

Senior Citizens To Have Luncheon

Silverton Senior Citizens will have their Christmas luncheon and business meeting Friday, December 13.

The ladies of the United Methodist Church will be hostesses for the luncheon.

Rock Creek Quilting Club Meets Tuesday

Rock Creek Quilting Club will meet Tuesday, December 17, at the home of Sybil Martin.

Plan now to come early and stay late. Lunch will be furnished.

Everyone is invited to come and quilt with this group.

Commodities To Be Given December 12

Commodities will be given Thursday, December 12, at 9:00 a.m. at the Showbarn in Silverton.

If anyone wants someone else to pick up your commodities, this has to be arranged in advance at the County Judge's office. 49-2tnc

Comings And Goings

George and LaVerne Long attended funeral services for Mrs. E. R. (Martha) Sperry, sr. at Pueblo, Colorado on November 21, 1991.

Mrs. Sperry had been a Pueblo resident for fifty years and was an active member of the First Nazarene Church.

Memorial services were held at the Adrian Comer Garden Chapel with internment in Imperial Memorial Gardens.

Among her survivors are her husband, of the family home; three sons and their families, including Meal, Nancy and Tyler Sperry of Arlington, Texas.

Visitors in the home of Nina Martin and Earl Cantwell the weekend of the Silverton-Valley game were Stan, Roma, Wayne, Ky and Bobby Martin of Grandview and Celia, Marshall and Brenna Syme of Waxahachie.

Rock Creek Quilting Club Met December 3

Rock Creek Quilting Club met in the home of Nina Martin December 3. Sybil Martin, Ruby McWaters, Jessie Bomar, Christine King, Margy Turner and Margaret Frizzell came in the morning.

Nina had beans and cornbread for lunch.

Alpha Francis and Ruth West came after lunch.

The quilt was a regular-size top that was pieced in the twenties by Nina's son-in-law's Grandmother Zorger. It is called Grape Vineyard. It is purple and green on a linen background.

What Does Hotel Have In Common With Elvis' Home at Graceland?

What do Graceland in Memphis, Tennessee, and Hotel Turkey in Turkey, Texas have in common?

Both places were entered into the National Register of Historic Places by the U. S. Department of Interior in October 1991.

It seems fitting that the King of Rock 'n Roll and the King of Western Swing would share this notoriety.

Graceland is the famous mansion home of Elvis Presley and Hotel Turkey is located in Bob Wills' hometown of Turkey, Texas, and hosted early dances for Bob Wills and his fiddle in the late

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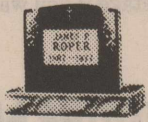

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through the files of the

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November 26, 1981—Cynthia Edwards won third place in extemporaneous public speaking at the FFA District meeting . . . Doyle Stephens in intensive care unit at Dallas . . . Junior FFA Quiz Team, Vicki McJimsey, Amy Perkins, DeAnn Strange and Dani Whitfill, won third place at the District meeting . . . Billy Cogdell underwent three by-passes during open heart surgery last Friday at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock . . .

December 3, 1981 - "Uncle Zeb"

Wood, 75, buried at Claude Wednesday . . . Services today for Mrs. Jennie Fisher, 92 . . . Friends harvest cotton for Doyle Stephens . . . Owls defeat Hart to extend string to three . . . Warner Bill Settle is back in school at West Texas State University after receiving a broken leg when a horse fell on him . . . Beasley-Vogyl vows exchanged Friday . . . Dr. Crockett L. Grabbe of The University of Iowa was involved in an automobile accident west of McLean last Friday. Apparently a front tire blew out on a steep grade and his car overturned . . .

December 9, 1971—The cottonfields have been white in Briscoe County during the past week—both with cotton needing to be gathered and with the seven-inch snowfall which blanketed the area Wednesday night.

An additional two inches of snow fell Sunday morning . . . Buck Wesley returned home Saturday after having been a patient at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo for several weeks .

December 14, 1971—Cogdell Estate gives \$90,000 to Silverton Clinic, Ambulance Associations . . . Bob Rauch and Cletus Grady recently were presented with Certificates of Merit by the Soil Conservation Service . . . Cathy Jones selected as Miss Clarendon College . . .

December 7, 1961—Mrs. G. H. Thomas was given a surprise birthday covered-dish luncheon on Sunday . . . Raye Garrison to represent Briscoe County in District Make-It-Yourself-With-Wool contest . . . A Bovina woman was taken to Swisher County Hospital in Tulia Saturday night after being

injured while making a call from a pay station in Silverton. She had gone into the telephone booth to make her call shortly after 8:00 p.m., and a few minutes later a late-model automobile failed to negotiate a turn and plowed through the booth . . . Services this afternoon for Gary D. Sorter, 13 months old . . . Wayne Nance: "There was an apple tree That from my house I could see. The man who owned the tree Told me the apples were free. So now, I am sick, you see" . . .

December 6, 1951—Lions Club Community Auction Sale is Saturday . . . Doyle Tiffin, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Tiffin, suffered serious injuries to his right hand and arm Saturday morning when a 12 gauge automatic shotgun discharged accidentally . . . Jim Hardin volunteered into the U. S. Navy Monday, November 26, and has been sent to San Diego, California . . . Mickey Cornett, who is attending school at The University of Texas, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Onar Cornett . . . Those on the second grade honor roll are Mona Kay Mayfield, Jerry Miller, Mary Jane Jacobs, Anita Stout, Ann Wingo . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bob McDaniel are parents of a son, Jon David . . .

December 12, 1946—80 pupils on school honor roll . . . Ardell Joiner is perhaps the first Briscoe County boy to homestead in Alaska. He is near Wasilla and just across the mountains from the famous gold mines. He will receive the deed to the land in April . . . Willie Amel Smithee has purchased the Texaco Wholesale agency from George Jones, according to an announcement made recently . . . Mollie Nann Ziegler is bride of Clarence F. Nance . . . A group of friends and relatives carried well-filled baskets of food to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edd Vaughan Saturday to honor Mr. Vaughan on his 66th birthday . . .

November 19, 1936—The Troy Burson Food Store, south of the Palace Theatre, has been enlarged and remodeled in order to give more room and better display of merchandise. Hugh Lusk is working on the carpenter end of the job . . . Man Melton and Tick Puckett were busy Tuesday remodeling the front of Kirk's Cafe. The recessed door has been removed and the front will be modernized . . . Ben O. King is driving a new 1937 Chevrolet Sport Sedan. Doug Northcutt has a new 1937 pickup. Fred Biffle is driving a new town sedan. All were purchased at the T & B Chevrolet Company here . . . Turkeys from Briscoe County rank highest . . . Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Olga Tunnell and Mr. Earl Hedgecote . . .

November 26, 1936—Miss Frances Buchanan weds Joe B. Maynor . . . Mrs. Jessie Hill and her brothers and sisters will have a family reunion at the home of their parents Thanksgiving Day . . . The new station being erected by the Farmers Fuel Association on Highway 86 is progressing nicely. Two new electric pumps have been installed . . .

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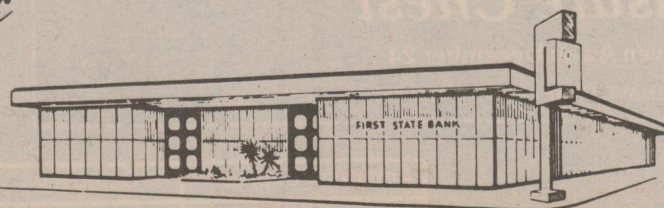
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Leon Lavy, who drove to Dallas over the weekend to pick up the new Briscoe County history books, was pictured Monday as he handed a box of the books to County Extension Agent Scott Strawn to carry into the courthouse. Also assisting with unloading the books were Deputy Sheriff Jerry Beck, Justice of the Peace Lynn Frizzell and Judge Jimmy Burson. The committee immediately began distributing the books to those who had paid for them and selling some copies to those who desired them but had not ordered earlier. Briscoe County News Photo

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People® —influenza is a serious but preventable disease.

With flu season arriving in late fall and persisting throughout the winter months, the American Lung Association of Texas recommends that high risk individuals consult their physician or local health department about getting immunized preferably between October 15 and November 15. This allows sufficient time for antibodies in the body to build up before the peak of the winter flu season.

"Anyone can get the flu" said Gary Harris, M. D., chairman of the American Lung Association of Texas. "This is especially true during an epidemic year when the disease is widespread throughout the community."

At greatest risk from severe effects of the flu are the following groups: adults and children with chronic disorders of the heart and lungs, including children with asthma; residents of nursing homes or other chronic-care facilities; and otherwise healthy people who are 65 or older. Physicians, nurses, and other personnel who have contact with high-risk patients, and providers of home care to high-risk persons such as visiting nurses, as well as all household members, including children also need to be vaccinated because they can transmit influenza to high-risk persons.

Other groups who should consider immunizations are: the general population—anyone who wishes to reduce the chance of acquiring influenza infection; persons infected with HIV, and foreign travelers.

To be protected, the American Lung Association of Texas and the Texas Department of Health recommend that high-risk individuals get their flu shot now. "Influenza kills each year, despite the fact that it is a preventable disease," said Harris.

"With the availability of effective vaccines, the number of deaths caused by the flu can be substantially decreased." Vaccinations may be obtained by calling your physician or local health department.

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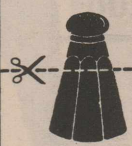
So long as we love, we serve. So long as we are loved by others I would almost say we are indispensable, and no man is useless while he has a friend . . . The men who succeed best in life have always been cheerful and hopeful men, who went about their business with a smile on their faces, and took the changes and chances of this mortal life like men, facing rough and smooth alike as it came . . . To look fearlessly upon life; to accept the laws of nature, not with meek resignation but as her sons, who dare to search and question; to have peace and confidence in our souls — these are the beliefs that make for happiness . . . Nothing is easier than fault-finding. No self-denial, no brains, no character are required to set up in the grumbling business . . . The law should be loved a little because it is felt to be just; feared a little because it is severe; hated a little because it is to a certain degree out of sympathy with the prevalent temper of the day; and respected because it is felt to be a necessity . . . If you despise one that is ugly, by the same token you cannot know that which is beautiful . . . If we have committed the Golden Rule to memory, let us now commit it to our lives.

And this I hate — not men nor flag nor race, but only war with its wild grinning face. God strike it till its eyes be blind as night, and all its members tremble with affright. Oh, let it hear in its death agony, the wail of mothers for their best-loved ones, and on its head descend the venomous curses of its sons who followed her, deluded, where its guns had dyed the daisies red.

There is a chord in every heart that has a sigh in it if touched aright . . . It is a glorious privilege to live, to know, to act, to listen, to behold, to love. To look

Benefits of Mammography
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up at the blue summer sky; to see the sun sink slowly beyond the line of the horizon; to watch the worlds come twinkling into view, first one by one, and the myriads that no man can count, and lo the universe is white with them; and you and I are here.

To be seventy years young is sometimes far more cheerful than to be forty years old . . . And you know what? I had rather be sick than idle . . . The victory of success is half won when one gains the habit of work . . . Climb the

mountains and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their freshness into you, and the storms their energy, while cares will drop away from you like the leaves of Autumn.



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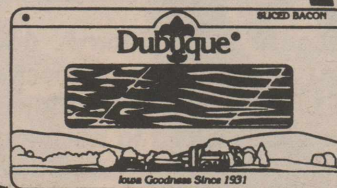
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Lowery-George Vows Exchanged



Mrs. Jeffrey Bryan George

Miss Nancy Shavonne Lowrey exchanged double-ring wedding vows with Jeffrey Bryan George at five o'clock Saturday evening, December 7, at the First Baptist Church in Silverton.

The ceremony was performed by the pastor, Rev. Bryan Donahoo, before the jewel-toned stained-glass baptistry window.

Greenery and ivory candles were placed at the base of the window. Cathedral and spiral candelabra holding ivory candles and intertwined with greenery, burgundy mums and lupte were tied with bows of ivory satin and jeweltone lace. Baskets of purple jew with ivory daises completed the decorations at the church altar. Ivory satin and jeweltone lace bows marked the family pews.

Parents of the couple are Gordon and Carolyn Lowrey of Silverton and Ronnie and Lynda George of Tulia. Grandparents of the bride are Pascal and Donaleta Garrison and Jewel Lowrey of Silverton. Grandparents of the groom were the late Bill and Faye George of Turkey and the late Buster and Thelma Rothwell of Amarillo.

Escorted and given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal ivory satin dress sewn by her mother. The shaped bodice, fashioned with scoop neckline and basque waistline was covered with lace accented by hand-sewn crystal beads. Lace-appliqued bows were placed on the shoulders. The point, below elbow sleeves, flared floor-length skirt and attached cathedral-length train also were appliqued with lace accented with crystal beads. The back waist featured a tucked bow.

Her illusion veiling with ruffled edges, pearl sprigs, crystal beads and lace appliques were attached to a hat chosen from among her late great-

grandmother Seaney's hat collection. The bride's bouquet contained Forever Yours roses, dew drops, baby's breath, blue Baby Doll roses, purple daisies and ivory ribbon tied with love knots.

To carry out bridal tradition, she wore the "old" hat, her "new" dress, "borrowed" pearls from her mother accented by a "borrowed" diamond drop from the groom's mother and a "blue" garter made for her mother's wedding. She also placed pennies, minted in the years of birth of herself and the groom, in her shoes.

Serving her sister as matron of honor was Angie Smith of Flomot. Her tea-length dress of hunter green moire taffeta was fashioned with a low V-back with crossed straps and a basque waistline accented by a rose and a draped bow. She carried an ivory lace bouquet with green daisies and green and purple jew.

Bridesmaids were Lee Ann Durham of Lubbock and Devonna Smith of Wichita Falls, cousin of the bride. Their dresses were royal blue and deep purple made in the same style as that of the matron of honor. They carried ivory lace bouquets with blue rosebuds with green and purple jew, and purple tulips with green and purple jew.

Flower girl was Lacey Durham, niece of the groom, of Kress. Her burgundy dress was designed like those of the other attendants. She wore a wrist corsage of burgundy roses and baby's breath and dropped petals saved from roses given to the bride by the groom during their years of dating. The potpourri basket carried by the flower girl was decorated by the groom's mother with dried roses and a burgundy bow flecked with gold.

Dakota Smith of Flomot, nephew of the bride, and Weston Durham of Kress, nephew of the groom, were double ring bearers. They carried ivory satin pillows featuring cross-stitched designs and lace and satin ruffles.

Serving as best man was Jerry Keeter of Tulia. Groomsmen were Steve George, cousin of the groom, of Dallas

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BRISCOE COUNTY NEWS

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and John David Wilks of Austin.

Seating the guests were Frank Lowrey of Amarillo, brother of the bride; Benny Durham of Kress, brother-in-law of the groom; Joe Kirk Smith of Flomot, brother-in-law of the bride, and Walt Garrison of Bryan, cousin of the bride.

DeLynn Fitzgerald of Lubbock presided at the guest registry. The table was graced by a plume pen given to the bride by the groom's aunt, Sue George, and a potpourri basket of dried rose petals decorated by the groom's mother and given by the bride to her mother.

LaRue Garvin, organist, played traditional wedding selections. Kim Mayfield, pianist, accompanied Shanna Strange as she sang "Love of a Lifetime" and "Everything I Do, I Do For You."

The bride's mother chose a jewel-tone paisley challis street-length dress with shawl collar, wrap bodice and full skirt. The groom's mother wore a silk emerald green street-length dress covered with Belguim lace. Corsages of ivory roses and green daisies accented their dresses. The bride presented the mothers with long-stemmed red roses as she approached and departed the altar.

RECEPTION

For the reception immediately following the ceremony in the Fellowship Hall, the bride's table was laid with an ivory Irish linen and crochet cloth over hunter green damask. The bride's bouquet was used to accent the table which held the spiral five-tier ivory wedding cake touched with silk flowers in the bride's chosen colors. The miniature bride and groom atop the cake was used in the bride's parents' reception as well as that of her sister. Strawberry slush punch, glazed pecans and mint flowers were served from crystal appointments. An engraved gold-framed picture of the bride and groom and ivory napkins featuring the couple's monogram, names and wedding date completed the table setting. Serving at the bride's table were Amy Brown, cousin of the bride, Kathy Brown and DeLynn Fitzgerald, all of Lubbock.

The groom's table, covered with a burgundy cloth and tapestry overlay, was accented by an arrangement of poinsettias and pomegranates in an ivory vase. An assortment of vegetables, cheese dips and crackers was served with spiced butter rum coffee from a silver service. Serving at

the groom's table were Monica Musser of Dallas, and Stacy and Carissa Rothwell of Plainview, all cousins of the groom.

Others assisting with the reception were Roy Reed, Virginia Hardin and Dona Smith, cousins of the bride's mother; Kay Garrison, aunt of the bride; Michelle Durham, sister of the groom; Sue George, aunt of the groom; Theta Holt and Glenda Couch.

The bride is a 1986 graduate of Silverton High School. After attending Texas Tech and Amarillo College, she worked as an orthodontic assistant for Orthodontics of Amarillo. The groom is a 1985 graduate of Tulia High School and attended Texas Tech. He is presently engaged in farming near Kress. Following their wedding trip, the couple will be at home on a farm near Claytonville.

PRENUPTIAL COURTESIES

Prenuptial parties included miscellaneous showers in Amarillo, Silverton and Tulia and a lingerie shower in Amarillo. The groom's aunt, Sue George, hosted a Bridesmaid's Luncheon at her home in Plainview on Saturday, November 30.

REHEARSAL DINNER

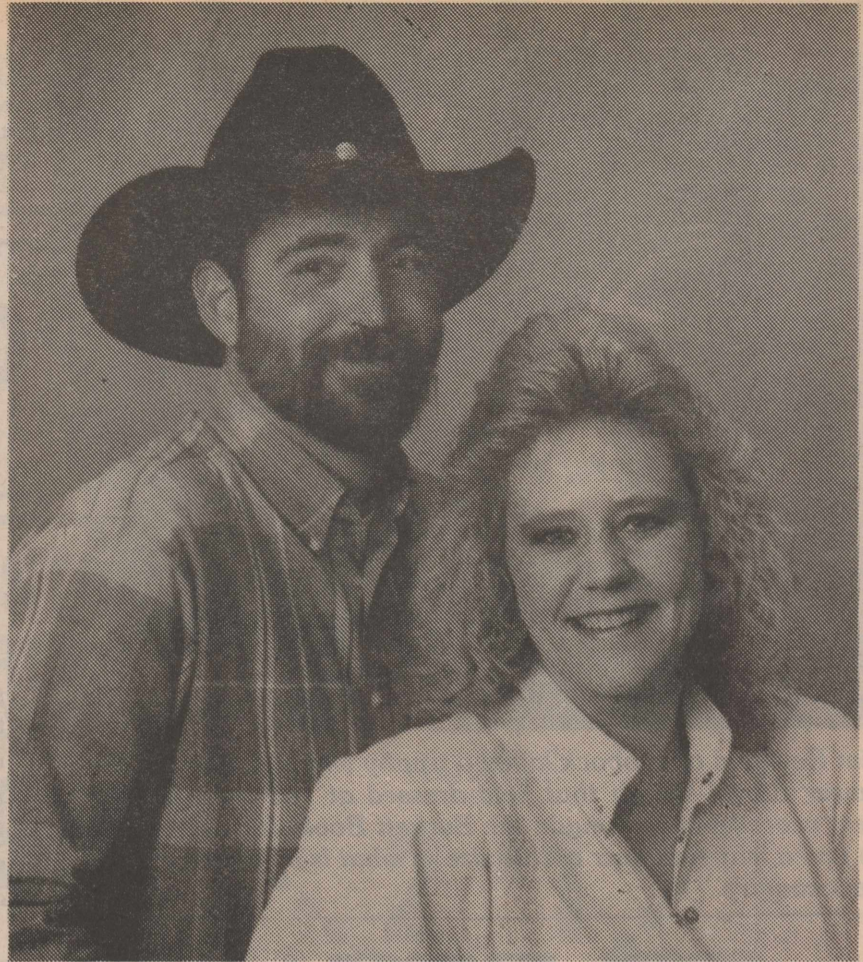
A rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents at the Swisher Memorial Building in Tulia on Friday evening following the rehearsal.

Happy Anniversary to . . .

- December 16—Mr. and Mrs. Dayne Mayfield
- December 17—Mr. and Mrs. Van Breedlove, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Seaney
- December 18—Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jarnagin

Happy Birthday to . . .

- December 12—Earl Cantwell, Tom Burson, Dora Storie
- December 13—Debbie McGavock, Jason Turner, Mary Melendez, Lupe Aguilar
- December 14—Mark Burk, Zoe Steele, Gabriel Patino, J. L. West
- December 15—Heather Kitchens, Scott Davis, Aaron Younger, Gloria Wood
- December 16—Jim Ellis, Joe Castillo, Virgal Minyard, Stanley Gamble
- December 17—Guinn Fitzgerald, Ruth Ann Scrivner, Daniel Castillo, Clint Ivory, Carol Davis, Haylie Elizabeth Couch
- December 18—Bobby Joe Edwards, jr., Dorothee Fulbright



Bob Arnold and ViAnn Norstedt were married Tuesday, November 26, 1991, in Amarillo. Arnold is the son of Walter Arnold of Silverton and Gail Arnold of Canyon, and is the grandson of LaVerne Mercer of Silverton. He was graduated from Silverton High School in 1983 and is currently employed by Lone Star Feed Yard in Happy. The new Mrs. Arnold is the daughter of Esther and Frank Norstedt of Clarkston, Washington, and is the granddaughter of Vera Norstedt of Williston, North Dakota. She was graduated from Clarkston High School in 1981 and is currently employed at The Meadows Apartments in Amarillo.

Friendship Quilters

by Nina Martin

It was good to meet again after the holidays. Virginia had a comforter for us to tie. We put it in and finished in one day.

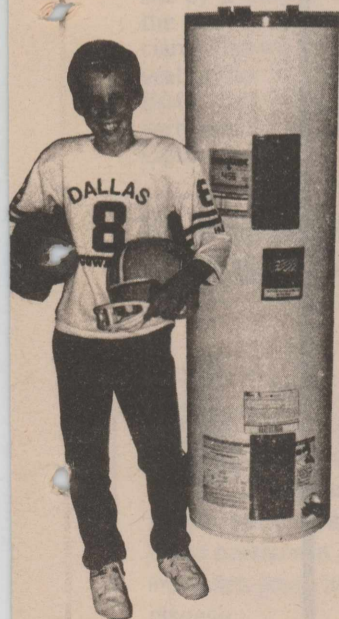
Jessie was the lucky winner for the December friendship blocks.

Everyone had exciting things to tell

about the holidays. Virginia and the Garrisons had a reunion in Georgia with her sister, Jerry. Wanda and Fred went to Angel Fire with some of their family. Sybil couldn't attend because she went with Betty Ruth to Lubbock.

Joy, Nelda and Ruby were present. Laverne has been tied up working at the church, but we're looking forward to her being with us again. Nelda is to put in her quilt next Thursday. It will be a king-size print.

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— Tulia —



Jim Reynaud of Lubbock killed a trophy whitetail deer on the Lower Barrel Ranch that field dressed at 162 pounds. The deer scored 144 and made the Burkett Book. It was unusual to find a whitetail deer of this size in what is considered mule deer country.

TELCOT[®] Report

A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF COTTON MARKETING NEWS

For The Week Ending December 5

The much-delayed 1991 harvest of West Texas/Oklahoma cotton finally is in full swing, and it was reflected in the season's highest weekly volume of trading last week on TELCOT. Continued strong demand for the cheaper, lower quality grades also contributed to the sales total.

Producers sold more than 46,500 bales on the electronic marketing system in the five trading days ended December 5. Average prices received on TELCOT during the period were fairly steady, ranging from 48.74 cents per pound to 49.05, and the average gross premiums over the Adjusted World Price (AWP) were well in

excess of 1200 points.

This demand may have been a preview of U.S. cotton export commitments that surged during the week ended November 28, increasing a net 135,000 bales, according to USDA. This sudden about-face followed a recent downtrend in export commitments, and may have resulted from the U.S. secretary of agriculture's exercising his discretionary authority to further lower the adjusted world price on November 21 and make U.S. cotton more price competitive on world markets. In comparison, during the two most recent previous weeks, exports increased a net 70,400 and 57,900 bales respectively.

But the high premiums being paid for West Texas/Oklahoma cotton may be nearing an end. The recent harvest progress is pushing greater quantities of lower grade cotton into marketing channels, and this may begin to pressure prices in the near term, according to trade sources. Adding to the overall bearish tone of the world cotton market are fears that foreign exports may continue to undercut U.S. cotton prices.

Speakers at USDA's Annual Agricultural Outlook Conference last week said the 1990 Farm Bill provisions designed to make U.S. cotton competitive may be forcing foreign countries to undercut U.S. prices, although there is no firm evidence to substantiate the allegation. The competitive provisions of the farm bill have helped the U.S. to maintain a 28 to 29 percent share of world cotton markets, even though world production and markets are highly competitive.

USDA officials said the Soviet Union, Pakistan, Paraguay, Mexico and other countries may be reacting to lower U.S. prices by dropping their cotton prices even more. They said the cheapest U.S. cotton prices early last week were still

about three cents per pound higher than foreign growths. However, they added there is no evidence foreign countries are undercutting prices, and foreign prices may be falling more quickly than U.S. prices for other reasons.

On the other hand, there is some support for the contention that some foreign prices may be artificially lowered below U.S. levels. Projections for Pakistani production of 8.25 million bales this year comfortably surpasses 1990's 7.5 million. Reports indicate Pakistan's exporters have petitioned their government to provide relief from the export tax and that the government realizes policy changes are necessary to dispose of the cotton surplus. A decision is expected by mid-December that may ultimately lower the price of Pakistani cotton.

For the second consecutive week, USDA left the AWP unchanged at 44.07 cents per pound. The department used its authority to reduce the average world price, used to calculate the AWP, by 1.64 cents per pound. USDA said it could have reduced the price by up to 2.76 cents, but decided not to do so based on a number of factors, including the U.S. share of world exports and the current level of cotton export sales and shipments. The producer option payment, or POP, also remains unchanged at 670 points.

The unfavorable weather in Texas since November 1 could force USDA to lower its estimate of 1991-92 U.S. cotton production. The next USDA crop report is scheduled for release on December 11. Last month, USDA forecast U.S. production at 18.2 million bales, a 17.5 percent increase from last year and the second largest crop on record. However, increases in the Southeast's crop may offset losses in Texas.

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Owls Open Cage Season With Big Win At Guthrie

Silverton's Owls got a late start on their roundball season due to having been in the state football playoffs. Their first game was played at Guthrie on December 4, with the Owls coming out on the long end of the 51-44 score.

Frank Ramirez, jr. led the offense with 14 points, including two three pointers. Also scoring in double figures were Brian Martin, 12, and Brian West, 10. Adding to the score were Langdon Reagan, nine, and Casey Frizzell, six.

Owls	9	27	35	51
Guthrie	12	27	34	44

The Owls played in a tournament at Smyer last weekend, suffering a 63-44 loss to Dawson, defeating Wilson, 60-53, and then losing 85-52 to O'Donnell in the consolation finals.

West led the offense against Dawson with 18 points. Ramirez caged 14 points, Reagan rang up eight points, and Frizzell and Matt Francis added a pair of points each.

Owls	10	20	27	44
Dawson	18	36	52	53

West led the scoring with 17 points against Wilson, and Ramirez added 14. Other scoring was by Frizzell, 10; Francis, eight; Reagan, five (one three pointer); Martin, four; Josh Brooks, two points.

Owls	16	31	44	60
Wilson	16	30	39	53

In the final game, there was balanced scoring with the offense led by Ramirez, 11, and Martin, 10. Also scoring were Reagan, nine; Frizzell and West, eight points each; Francis, four, and Brooks, two points. Reagan and Martin scored three pointers.

Owls	13	28	39	52
O'Donnell	15	36	63	85

OWLETTES

The Owlettes scrimmaged Memphis on November 16, and played Claude November 19.

In their game with Lakeview, the locals took a 47-25 decision, led by Aimee Francis, who tossed 19 points into the baskets, and Monica Arnold, who put 12 points on the board. The Owlettes jumped into an early lead which they never relinquished.

Other scoring was by Kami Martin, seven; Christine Casillas, five; Christy West, two; Kayla Ramsey and Holly Nance, one point each. Others playing are Cecilia Castillo, Rosie Segura, Leslee Weaks, Jo Ann Ramirez and Brandi Brunson.

Owlettes	15	25	36	47
Lakeview	4	10	19	25

The girls had a game with Kress on November 26, which they lost by a 47-34 margin, in spite of a 13-point scoring effort by Aimee Francis and Monica Arnold. The Owlettes trailed throughout the game.

Adding to the score were Kami Martin, four; Christine Casillas and Christa Tucker, two points each.

Owlettes	7	22	26	34
Kress	10	24	35	47

The Owlettes played Guthrie on December 3, suffering an 84-46 defeat.

Aimee Francis led the scoring with a big 21-point effort. Also scoring were Monica Arnold and Christa Tucker, eight points each; Kami Martin, six; Brandi Brunson, two, and Kayla Ramsey, one point.

Owlettes	6	19	32	46
Guthrie	21	44	68	84

In the Smyer Tournament last weekend, the Owlettes suffered a disappointing 64-62 overtime loss to Dawson. Aimee Francis led her team with a 29-point effort, and seven other players also scored. Kami Martin rang up 10 points; Monica Arnold, eight;

Christine Casillas, six; Christa Tucker and Leslee Weaks, four points each; Holly Nance and Kayla Ramsey, two points each.

Owlettes	14	24	41	58	62
Dawson	16	28	41	58	64

The Owlettes won their second-round game, taking a 62-54 victory over Wilson. Aimee Francis had the hot hand, burning the nets with 39 points. Christine Casillas added nine, Monica Arnold got six, Christa Tucker was credited with four, and Brandi Brunson and Leslee Weaks scored two points each.

Owlettes	8	26	39	62
Wilson	5	24	37	54

In the final game, the Owlettes lost a close one to Meadow, 59-50.

Aimee Francis once again led the scoring, this time with 22 points. Adding to the score were Monica Arnold, 11; Kami Martin, eight; Christa Tucker, three; Brandi Brunson and Leslee Weaks, two points each; Holly Nance and Kayla Ramsey, one point each.

Owlettes	8	22	37	50
Meadow	10	28	47	59

Illness had devastated the teams, who were to play Valley Tuesday night. Coach Bob Libby said Tuesday afternoon that he had 11 players able to see action, and was scheduled for a JV and a varsity game. The varsity teams are scheduled for participation in the Valley Tournament next week.

Junior High Owlettes Win Second Place

Silverton's Junior High Owlettes won two games and lost one to win second place in the Bushland Booster Club Tournament last weekend.

The girls dropped their first game, 35-11, to Bushland, before going on to defeat Trinity, 25-7, and San Jacinto Christian School, 22-14.

Dedra Johnston led the offense by scoring six points in the first game. Others scoring were Lori Brannon and Kim Blazier, two points each, and Molly Bomar, one point.

Owlettes	2	5	9	11
Bushland	13	21	21	35

In the second round, Dedra once again led the scoring against Trinity with 13 points to her credit. Molly added six, Vanessa Martin tossed in four and Christina Stephens added two points.

Owlettes	9	12	18	25
Trinity	0	2	2	7

The Owlettes finished their final game against San Jacinto with a flourish. Lori's last-second shot fell into the basket for three points just ahead of the buzzer.

Also scoring in the game were Dedra, nine; Molly, six, and Christina, four.

Owlettes	7	9	15	22
San Jacinto	1	9	14	14

The Owls lost all three of their games in the tournament, the first to Bushland by a 33-11 score.

Arnold Garza led the offense for the Owls with four points. Jeremiah Brooks popped the net with a three pointer, and Cy Comer and Brandon Sarchet scored two points each.

Owls	0	2	5	11
Bushland	17	26	33	33

In the second round, the Owls lost a 36-24 decision to Trinity, with Brooks leading the offense with 14 big points. Adding to the score were Comer, five; Zach Baldwin, four, and Garza, one point.

The Owls played a close game with San Jacinto in the final match on Saturday, dropping the 40-35 decision.

There was balanced scoring, with Comer leading the way with nine points. Garza was right behind him with eight. Brooks and Baldwin caged six points each, Sarchet hit four and

Zeb Holt added two points.

Owls	6	10	26	35
San Jacinto	10	19	27	40

The Junior High teams cancelled their games Monday, due to illness on the teams. Their next outings will be next Monday when the Valley teams come here to play. Tipoff in the girls' game is at 5:00 p.m.

Basketball Concession Stand Workers 1991-92

DATE	TIME	WORKERS
Dec. 9	5:00	Danny, Donna, Matt, Aimee Francis
Dec. 10	4:00	Paula and Molly Bomar, Gary, Ramona, Vanessa Martin
	6:30	David, Diane, Dedra Johnston; Russell, Twila, Zach Baldwin
Dec. 16	5:00	Perry, Marsha, Brandi Brunson; Christine Casillas
Jan. 7	4:00	Larry, Cindy, Cy Comer; Max, Sheryl, Shannon Weaver
	6:30	Ken, Jonann, Brandon Sarchet; Wade, Mary, Lori Brannon
Jan. 13	5:00	Dana, Dorothy, Kami and Brian Martin; Robert Leal
Jan. 17	6:30	Dwain, Shirley, Zane Henderson; Vici, Russ, Carrie Baird
Jan. 24	4:00	Jean Mayfield, Teri Rodgers; Stoney Hubbard; Lee, Eldon, Patrick O'Neal
	6:30	Jerry, Sandra, Trent Smith; Wayne, Tina, Holly Nance
Jan. 27	5:00	Van, Sue, Brandi Breedlove; Dee, Pat, Monica Arnold
Jan. 31	4:00	Christy, Brian, Ann West; Pam Nease
	6:30	Patsy, Braden Towe; Gary, Cathey, Leslee Weaks
Feb. 7	4:00	Langdon Reagan; Josh, Jeremiah Brooks, Garner, Dorcas, Christa Garrison
	6:30	John, Gail Wyatt; Rosie Segura; JoAnn Ramirez; Cecilia Castillo
Feb. 13	5:00	Lynn, Casey Frizzell; Jr. Ramirez; Gail, Ashleigh Wyatt
Feb. 14	5:00	Dwight, Anita, Kayla Ramsey; Kathy, Kara Kingery; Sonya Ramirez
	7:00	Wayne, Betty, Christina Stephens; Lance, Zeb Holt

**If you are unable to work on the assigned date and time, YOU are responsible for finding someone to take your place. If you are unable to find someone, please call Clyde Parham at 823-2476 on the day of the game.

Silverton School Lunchroom Menu

December 16 - 20

Monday—Lasagna, Salad, Cheesestraws, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday—Pig in a Blanket, French Fries, Peas, Brownie, Milk

Wednesday—Burritos, Salad, Corn, Cornbread, Krispie Treat, Milk

Thursday—Turkey and Dressing, Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Bread, Pumpkin Pie, Milk

Friday—Submarine Sandwich, French Fries, Fruit, Milk

Care Suggested in Decorating For Safe Holiday Season

Decorating is half the fun of the holidays. But those festive items that brighten your home and office can darken your holiday cheer if they aren't handled safely.

If you're using a fresh-cut Christmas tree, Texas Safety Association reminds you to keep it fresh by adding water every day. Over 600 fires are started by Christmas trees each year. Keep your tree away from fireplaces and space heaters and use electric lights, not candles. Use care in picking the tree, too. If the tips of the branches won't bend without breaking, the tree already is too dry.

Artificial trees should be labeled flame-retardant. Never put electric lights on a metal tree.

Inspect strands of lights for fraying, bare wires, loose connections, and broken sockets. Make sure that they carry the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) symbol, and that outdoor lights are labeled for outdoor use. Unplug lights when you leave the house or go to bed.

Tinsel, garlands and evergreen wreaths shouldn't be hung too close to heat sources. Be especially careful with candles. Keep them out of a child's reach, and always extinguish them when leaving the room.

Holly berries and mistletoe are poisonous. Poinsettias are not, but eating the leaves can lead to an upset stomach. Man-made decorations may contain toxic materials, too. Teach children that decorations are for fun, not food. Avoid hanging breakable ornaments near the bottom of the tree, where children and pets can reach them.

If you use a fireplace for holiday warmth, keep a screen in front of it to keep flying sparks off carpets and furniture. And don't burn gift wrappings—they may contain dyes that will give off toxic fumes. Put the wraps in the trash can instead, or recycle them next year!

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Fall Weather Cooler, Wetter Than Normal

Weather across the Texas South Plains during the fall season months of September, October and November 1991 turned out to be cooler and wetter than normal.

Temperatures averaged 3.3 degrees below normal and ranged from 1.8

degrees below normal at Lubbock and the Muleshoe Wildlife Refuge to 4.3 degrees below normal at Littlefield. Silverton's temperatures averaged 55.7 degrees, just one degree below the South Plains average for the period.

Maximum temperatures averaged 4.9

degrees below normal and ranged from 3.0 degrees below normal at Lubbock to 6.3 degrees below normal at Spur. The highest temperature reported during the season was 94 and that occurred at Dimmitt, Lamesa, Levelland, Littlefield and Lockettville on September 4 and at Paducah on October 12.

Silverton's maximum temperatures averaged 68.1 degrees, a little over a degree less than the South Plains average.

Minimum temperatures averaged 1.6 degrees below normal and ranged from exactly normal at Morton to 3.2 degrees below normal at Littlefield. The lowest temperature of the season was three degrees below zero at Tulia on November 3.

Silverton's minimum temperatures averaged 43.2 degrees, a degree below the South Plains average.

Several early season cold spells created untimely stress on area crops. First there was a cool spell during the third week of September with minimum temperatures dropping into the 40s across the whole area and even some upper 30s in northwestern counties. During the last five days of October an Arctic outbreak ending any hopes of a long growing season with minimums into the teens at many places on the last day of the month. That cold was reinforced on December 2nd and 3rd when some minimums

even dropped below zero in northern counties and lows in single figures were widespread. Silverton's lowest temperature was one degree above zero.

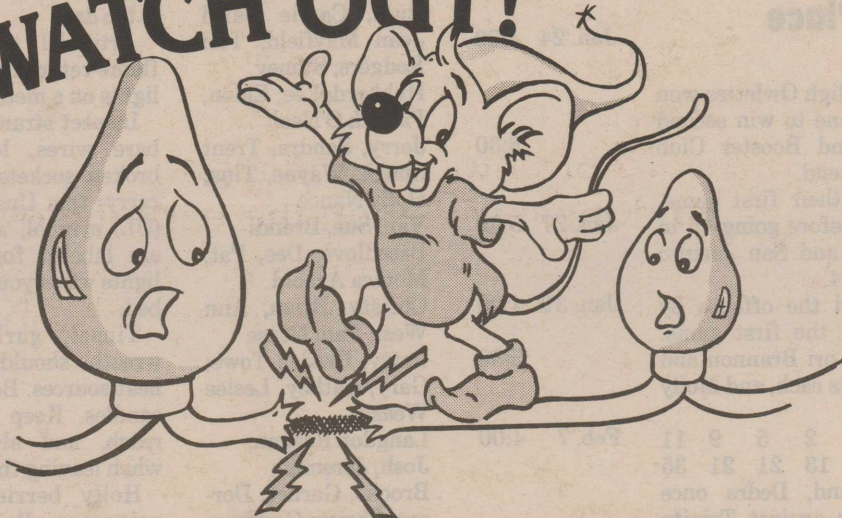
Precipitation averaged 2.80 inches above normal for the season and ranged from 6.26 inches above normal at Spur to 1.08 inches above normal at Hereford. The cool spell during the third week of September was accompanied by widespread and heavy rainfall that even resulted in flooding over much of the central part of the South Plains. After a respite of nearly five weeks the Arctic outbreak in the latter part of October and early part of November added some snow to the precipitation totals. Most snow amounts were light, with Olton recording six inches in two different episodes for the most.

If heavy rain and then cold and snow wasn't enough, remnants of a tropical storm moved over the area during the middle of November, causing another round of precipitation. This time it was rain and even a few thunderstorms. With all of these weather delays, it was already the first of December before much of the area cotton harvest was able to get into full swing.

Silverton's fall moisture measured 6.82 inches, a little over 2 1/2 inches less than the South Plains average. Harvesting in this part of the South Plains area has continued in high gear, with many farmers stripping until the wee small hours of the mornings, and it looks at this time as if the harvesting will be winding down after this week.

PUBLIC HEARING
Silverton School
Academic Excellence Indicator System
1990-1991 Report
7:00 p.m.
December 12, 1991
Silverton High School
Board Room

WATCH OUT, SPARKY! WATCH OUT!



LEARN WHAT CHRISTMAS SAFETY'S ABOUT!

A CHRISTMAS SAFETY CHECK

- Before hanging strings of lights, spread them on the floor and check for frayed or bare wires, cracked insulation, loose connections, and damaged plugs or light sockets.
- Check extension cords for wear or damage and don't run them across walking areas.
- Test lights before putting them on the tree. Unplug them before making repairs or replacing bulbs.
- Overloading circuits with too many lights can cause fire. Follow manufacturer's instructions about the number of lights allowed on one circuit.
- Never string lights on a metallic tree.
- Choose a fresh, green tree, trim its base and keep it in plenty of water. If the needles are brown and break off easily, it could be a fire risk.
- If you buy an artificial tree, make sure it has been tested for flammability by Underwriters Laboratories (UL).
- Always turn off lights before leaving home or going to bed. You'll save money and be safer, too.
- Do not use inside lights on the outside. All outside lighting equipment, including lights, cords and plugs, should be waterproof and made for outdoor use. Also, hang sockets downward and don't leave a socket empty.
- When hanging lights on the rooftop or in tall trees outdoors, stay clear of electrical lines.

Call Your SPS office for other safety tips.

Wishing You A Safe, Happy Holiday



Christmas Promotes Festive Holiday Spirit

There is probably no other holiday that gets people in a more festive spirit than Christmas. With all the gift shopping, holiday music and the excitement of having the family together, it's no wonder this is a favorite holiday among Americans.

But, for some Texas families, this will be a special holiday, one to be remembered forever. Not because it was such a good time, but because they have lost a friend or loved one in a traffic accident.

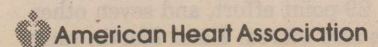
Major V. J. Cawthon, Regional Commander of the Texas Department of Public Safety, stated, "Last year 27 people lost their lives on Texas streets and highways during the Christmas holidays." This year with the holiday period falling during the middle of the week, most Texans will have three days off during the holiday. So, the potential is going to be less than last year, but we have to be just as careful as ever.

"Historically, speed and the drinking driver have been responsible for most of these holiday fatalities," Major Cawthon added. Each year approximately 20,000 people die in this nation because of speeding, and that many or more will be directly or indirectly related to alcohol. Once again, extra Department of Public Safety Troopers will be on the roads watching specifically for these and other traffic violations to keep the roads a safer place for you and your family.

Please don't become one of this year's highway death statistics. Slow down, don't drink and drive, and make sure everyone is buckled up.

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Volunteer.



FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Wesley Clark, 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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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 7:30 p.m.



GOD'S LOVE APPEARS IN THE SPARKLING WHITE OF WINTER

When autumn colors fade away
And skies aren't overcast with gray,
The brightest stars are on display
To brighten up the night;
And meanwhile, on the earth below,
The ground and trees are all aglow,
They're blanketed with ice and snow,
To everyone's delight
The icicles adorn the trees
And all the world would seem to freeze;
However, everyone agrees
It is an awesome sight.
Each lesson of our faith implies
A blessing we should recognize:
The love of God before our eyes,
With winter's sparkling white.

— Gloria Nowak

*Oh! the snow, the
beautiful snow,
Filling the sky and
the earth below.
— John W. Watson*

*"...he saith to
the snow, be thou
on the earth."
— Job 37:6*

ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE THIS SUNDAY

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FRUIT CAKES FROM COLLIN Street Bakery for sale for your Thanksgiving and Christmas enjoyment, by the March of Time Study Club. Profits from the sale of cakes is used to support the Briscoe County Library. We appreciate your support. Call 823-2033 or 823-2009. 44-tfnc

READY FOR CHRISTMAS? We have musical trees, art, doll cradle, and a few other decorator items for sale. Call 847-2668, or come by and see Elton or Lanita. 49-2tc

WATKINS PRODUCTS FOR SALE in Silvertown. Briscoe County News, 508 South Main Street, or call 823-2333. 41-tfnc

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SALE: ALL STUFFED TOYS AND Dolls, 1/2 price through Christmas. Mary John's. 50-1tc

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CARDS OF THANKS

The Congregation of The Silvertown United Methodist Church wishes to take this opportunity to express heartfelt and sincere thanks to the community for its support during the restoration of our church after the devastating fire, your gifts, your participation in the observance of the centennial, and the dedication of its historical marker.
Again, thank you and may God richly bless you.

Social Security In Briscoe County

by Mary Jane Shanes

Currently, almost 40 million people are receiving Social Security benefits. Another 4.4 million people will file claims for benefits this year.

Although almost everyone eventually goes through the process of applying for Social Security, the prospect can be frightening. The events in people's lives that lead up to applying for Social Security—retiring, stopping work because of disability, or the death of a family member—often make people feel anxious and uncertain.

For that reason, we try to make the application process as simple, brief, and informative as possible.

For most people, the claims process will begin with gathering information. A series of free Social Security publications, *Retirement, Disability, Survivors, SSI, Medicare*, are written especially for people who want information about these programs before they apply for benefits.

Most claims are for retirement or survivors benefits, and the process is really very simple. The entire Social Security application can be taken over the telephone. The completed application is then mailed to the person to be signed and returned. A birth certificate and possibly other documents will be needed to complete

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