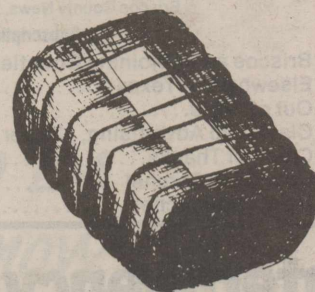




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I just can't believe that our beautiful Marsha of the dimples, smiles and laughing eyes isn't with us anymore. I got to know her, her mother and other relatives better when we all were consigning crafts to Nana's Neighborhood. Sometimes I needed her to sew things for my ceramics, and several of us worked together to produce the items we had for sale.

The things I have that were handmade by Marsha now are very special to me, and I will take special care of because she had become so very special to me. I'm glad that her girls have lots of her handmade things to keep and use in their future homes.

★
 Ed Norris will have some of his wood carvings and jewelry on display at The Plum Thicket Saturday. He is a very talented woodcarver, making many wildlife items that are true to scale. You won't want to miss visiting with him and seeing his things.

★
 Mac Thornberry's Town Hall Meeting that was supposed to have been held here Monday night was cancelled due to congress being at work on the budget and not getting the day off, as earlier had been planned.

★
 We wish for you and your family a very happy Thanksgiving holiday. The gathering of families is a lot more important than the dinner that is served, so be sure to enjoy it to the fullest. And don't forget to give thanks for your blessings and the privilege of living in a land of the free. Probably if the pretty weather continues to hold, the farm families will eat on the run while continuing to work toward completion of the harvest.

JTPA Has Funds For Training

The Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) has funds available to help residents of Briscoe and Swisher counties receive college training in selected occupational areas. Qualified applicants can receive up to two years of financial assistance to train for employment in demand occupations at one of the Panhandle area colleges.

Current students, as well as those planning to start school in January, are encouraged to meet with a JTPA representative to see if they may be eligible for assistance.

For more information, contact Jana Stephens at the Texas Employment Commission in Tulia by calling 995-2421.

JTPA programs in the Panhandle of Texas are made available by the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission as administrator for the Panhandle Job Training Partnership.

Windmill Donated to Museum in Lubbock

A star windmill, which was located on the Roy S. Brown place, has been donated to the Museum of the American Windmill in Lubbock. Jerry Miller donated his time to take the windmill down, and it was transported to Lubbock where it will be rebuilt.

In October 1993, the Board of Regents of Texas Tech University set aside four acres of campus land for the windmill museum and its surrounding outdoor exhibits. An interpretative center will house the rarest of the Project's collection. The outdoor exhibits will be dynamic in nature

with windmills turning and many pumping water.

The windmill museum is conceived to become the most comprehensive collection of historic windmills in the world. It will be one of the best documented sources of windmill history, both public and private and the windmills will be presented in a distinctive and interesting format. It will be a site long remembered and is a way of honoring those early settlers who struggled with difficult conditions tempered with water given by windmills.

The Project's collection

contains one of the first windmills made in the 1860's, one of the first all-metal mills and many other examples of windmills seldom seen. Numerous windmills have been given by families from across the country who want to honor their early family and business heritage.

Between 1854, the year Daniel Halladay, a New England machanicist, obtained the first American windmill patent, and 1920, over 700 companies manufactured some type of windmill. Prior to 1920, tens of thousands of windmills were sold and erected across the Great Plains.

Windmills left from this period are ones that survived the great scrap metal drives of both world wars. Because of their rarity and consequent lack of access, information on these early windmills is generally limited to pictures.

The story of its development and the affect the windmill had on early pioneers is seldom told. It was the windmill, more than any other invention, that helped settle the West. The windmill gave railroads access to underground water, permitted ranchers to fence and selectively breed cattle and farmers to live on land where there were no rivers, streams or lakes. This history can best be told with a dynamic and permanent windmill museum.

The National Windmill Project also is soliciting donations to help protect this legacy. The Project address is P. O. Box 4666, Tech Station, Lubbock, Texas 79409, and may be reached by telephone at 806-795-3438 or 806-790-4587.

Some Offices Are Closing Two Days

Briscoe County Clinic, the City of Silverton, Briscoe County, Briscoe County Farm Bureau and Briscoe County News have announced plans to be closed Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving.

Most other Silverton businesses will be closed on Thursday.



This star windmill was donated by Roy S. Brown to the Museum of the American Windmill in Lubbock. Jerry Miller donated his time to take down the windmill and it was transported by Coy F. Harris, project engineer, to be rebuilt at the Project location.
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Lady Owls in Queens Classic This Week

Silverton's Lady Owls will play their first-round game in the Queens Classic at Plainview at 6:00 p.m. today (Thursday, November 23). They are matched with Canyon.

Winner of this game plays in Game 14 Friday at 6:00 p.m. Loser of the first-round game plays in Game 10 at 10:30 a.m. Friday.

The high school teams in the tournament are Plainview, Slaton, Levelland, Tulia, Canyon, Silverton, Monterey and Canyon-Randall.

Teams in the college division are Wayland Baptist University, Schreiner College, Southwestern Oklahoma State, University of Mobile, Auburn University - Montgomery, Martin Methodist, Oklahoma Christian and Berry College.

No UPS Pickup Thurs. or Friday

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, there will be no UPS pickups here Thursday and Friday, November 23-24.

Win Owls, Lady Owls!



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Interagency Project Targets Immunization

State officials have announced an unprecedented interagency project between the Texas Department of Health (TDH) and the Texas Department of Human Services (DHS) targeting children's immunizations. Today's announcement by TDH Commissioner David R. Smith, M. D., and DHS Commissioner Burton F. Raiford detailed programs designed to assure full immunization for children receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) benefits. Parents who do not immunize their children face financial sanctions as a result of a new law.

The goal of the partnership is to assure that by December 1996, at least 90 percent of AFDC children under the age of six are current on their immunizations. Strategies include developing an

automated system to track immunizations; providing written and videotaped educational materials for AFDC parents; improving access to immunizations through on-site services in some AFDC offices and a referral system for other sites; and providing immunization training to DHS staff.

These new measures are in response to a 1994 TDH statewide household survey, which indicated that only 46 percent of children between three and twenty-four months old receiving AFDC benefits were current on their immunizations. This is nine percent lower than the statewide average immunization rate for all children this age.

Implemented October 1, DHS estimates that this program will benefit an estimated 210,000 children under the age of six the first year. "The quality and depth of cooperation between management and front-line staff of both agencies are unparalleled," said TDH Commissioner Smith. "And as parents learn more about immunizations from their caseworkers, they are supportive



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of this project because they want to do the right thing for their children. With cooperation like this, I have every confidence we will reach our immunization goals."

An important aspect of the new program is that, as of October 1, immunizations will be an eligibility requirement for AFDC benefits. DHS caseworkers will review the immunization status of children in the program. Parents have six months to get a child needed immunizations before sanctions are assessed against AFDC benefits. For this reason, TDH and DHS are working together to make free or low-cost immunizations available to everyone. Non-compliant parents will be fined \$25 per month for each child until progress is shown.

Since immunization rates in the past were not adequate for reducing the risk of disease for children, concerned DHS board members voted in 1994 to require immunizations for AFDC benefits. "We talked to AFDC program staff in other states who are mandating immunizations for AFDC eligibility," said Commissioner Raiford. "Those states report a significant increase in immunization rates. This is a proven strategy that gets results."

The 74th Texas Legislature passed a bill that requires parents receiving AFDC benefits to show proof that their children under the age of six either are fully immunized, are currently getting the series of shots, or are legally exempt from this requirement. The new mandate is a provision of House Bill 1863, sponsored by Rep. Harvey Hilderbran (R-Kerrville) and Sen. Judith Zaffirini (D-Laredo). "Immunizations are a basic need that all Texas children must have fulfilled," said Rep. Hilderbran. "We owe it to them--and to ourselves--to make sure they have every chance to lead healthy and productive lives."

Likewise, Sen. Zaffirini emphasized the importance of viewing the interagency project

in perspective. "These are necessary 'catch-up' strategies to make sure the immunization rate of targeted groups of children will rise rapidly to national goal levels," she said. "I am optimistic, however, that changes now being made in the Medicaid system toward managed health care will improve access to primary and preventive care for families on AFDC. Children who regularly receive primary health care not only routinely get immunized on time, but also receive a host of other health-care services necessary for their optimal physical and mental development."

For more information, contact Dr. Diane Simpson, Texas Department of Health, at 512-458-7729.

OBITUARIES

MARSHA GREEN

Memorial services for Marsha Green, 35, were conducted at 10:00 a.m. Friday, November 17, at the First Baptist Church in Silvertown with a former pastor, Rev. Bryan Donahoo, officiating.

Burial followed at 11:00 a.m. in the Silvertown Cemetery, with arrangements made by Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Green died in a Lubbock hospital Wednesday, November 15, after having been taken there by ambulance on Monday. She

had been in declining health for more than a year.

She was born in Lockney and was a daughter of Elzy and Leona Yancey. She was a homemaker, an excellent seamstress and a crafter. She was a graduate of Silvertown High School and was a member of First Baptist Church.

She married Steve Green in 1978 in Silvertown.

She was preceded in death by her father and a sister, Carolyn.

Survivors include her husband; twin daughters, Kylie and Karlie Green, both of the home; her mother, Leona Yancey of Silvertown; and three sisters, Dorothy Martin and Brenda Jasper, both of Silvertown, and Linda Masey of Slaton.

Pallbearers were Bryan Burson, Jim Estes, Rick Minyard, Joe Maciel, Emilio Cruz and Darrell Reynolds.

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November 21, 1985--4-H Gold Star Award winners are Clay Schott and Todd Reagan... New Senior Citizen officers are Bailey Hill, president; Billie McDaniel, vice president; Pauline Chitty, secretary... Mary Dee Minyard has been a patient for several days at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock... Owls destroy Texline 49-0 in last regular-season game... Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mercer had most of their family home last weekend... Briscoe County land diversion payments total \$940,000... County Attorney J. W. Lyon was taken to High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo Monday morning by the Silverton Ambulance Service... M. G. Reynolds was honored on his 75th birthday with a surprise dinner in the home of his son and daughter-in-law, Duane and Shirley Reynolds... Eastern Star School of Instruction to be held in Floydada... Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Culwell honored on 25th wedding anniversary... Rosie Dickerson was taken to Methodist Hospital in Lubbock Tuesday night of last week by the Silverton Ambulance Service...

November 20, 1975--Funeral services for Mrs. Gladys (Burson) Arnold, 65, will be conducted at 2:30 p.m. today at the First Baptist Church... Mrs. Mary Lane Montague has been a patient at Central Plains Hospital in Plainview... Tommy Lacy, a junior gridder, was presented as Pep Squad Beau in the last Pep Rally of the season last Friday morning... Bi-monthly tests being made on Lake Mackenzie water... Mrs. Clyde Hutsell entered Central Plains Hospital in Plainview Tuesday of last week... Mrs. Milt Jasper and Buddy Jasper visited Dawn Jasper last Thursday... Juniors to present class play Saturday night... Johnnie Lanham has been a patient in a hospital at Plano for several days...

November 25, 1965--Mr. and Mrs. Boone McCracken were hosts for a birthday dinner November 14 in Quitaque. The occasion was to honor their daughter, Mrs. Alvie Francis, on her birthday. Others present were Alvie Francis, Barry, Becky and Katie, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart McCracken, Jo Beth and Ronnie, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Carter, Mary Ellen McCracken, Mrs. C. J. Wells and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Carter... Willie Amel Smithee and his mother, Mrs. Will Smithee, were in Floydada one day last week... Mrs. C. T. Loudermilk spent a recent weekend in Kress with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bingham and Judy... Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Hill and Sylvia hosted a Thanksgiving dinner Sunday. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hill, Walter and Freddie, Mrs. Jessie Hill, A. B. Childress and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Long... Ben Whitfill,

Gene Whitfill, Rusty Whitfill and Perry Whittemore flew to Fayetteville, Arkansas and attended the Tech-Arkansas football game Saturday... Mr. and Mrs. O'Neal Watson of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Turner were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. S. R. Turner... Mrs. Grady Martin was in Lubbock for a checkup Friday...

December 1, 1955--Second annual "Safe Driving Day" being observed... Miss Joni Douglas, Charles Wayne Mayfield married in double-ring ceremony in Clovis, New Mexico November 23...

Rev. Travis McMinn, associational missionary of Lincoln Baptist Association of New Mexico, filled the pulpit at both services Sunday at the First Baptist Church... Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Sedgwick honored on 55th wedding anniversary... Roy Morris and Shorty West returned Friday from a ten-day deer hunt on the Gollihor Ranch in the Big Bend Country near Marathon... Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wayne Brooks and Mark Wayne spent the holidays here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brooks and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mayfield... Mr. and Mrs. Fleming spent the Thanksgiving holidays with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Cantwell and baby... Rev. and Mrs. Porter Arnold have been visitors in the home of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mack Walker and sons, for several days. They anticipate moving to Silverton in the near future... Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kelly are parents of a daughter... Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Tunnell and Frances were his mother, Mrs. Mary Tunnell, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Smithee and children...

November 22, 1945--Flomot Superintendent praises Silverton sportsmanship... Miss Wyona Beth Lee and Richard N. Thompson were married November 9 in the home of Rev. W. E. McConnell, officiating Methodist minister in Clovis, New Mexico... Miss Charline Garrison became the bride of Cpl. Elroy Thomas November 18 at Lubbock... Miss Alma Ruth Thompson became the bride of Gusto Durward Schmidt in an informal ceremony in Big Spring November 10... Michael and Sue Reid entertained with a birthday party November 18. Games were played and punch and cake were served. Attending were Clayton Dale, June and Carol Elkins, Patricia Jackson, Tommilene, David and Cleatrice Miller, Sharon Gilkeyson, Betty and Janette Brown, Patsy Brannon, Mike Wood, Susan and Joe Anderson, Marcalyn Lee and the hostesses, Michael and Sue Reid... Owls lose to Flomot 16-28... Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Sweek are parents of a daughter born at the Tulia hospital Sunday... Friends of T. L. Anderson will be happy to know that his condition has improved sufficiently for him to be brought home Friday... Mrs. Paul Reid and Miss Nelma Joyce Chappell spent Saturday shopping in Plainview... Mr. and Mrs. Carver Monroe and children

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spent Sunday in Lockney. Mrs. Johnny Emmitt, sister of Mrs. Monroe, came back with them to spend a few days... Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Stodghill were in Tulia and Lubbock Friday... Mrs. C. M. Hardin accompanied them home... **October 2, 1925--** Briscoe County takes cash prize at Amarillo Tri-State Exposition... R. N. Sheid happened to a very serious accident Tuesday near the noon hour while working at the

Farmer's Gin. He had been doing some work on one of the gin stands and was lying on the floor beneath the saws of a stand and raised his head up, accidentally, when the saws had to notify his mind not to raise any further, but by that time several of them had already sawed on his scalp and two had went through to the brain... John Blair dies suddenly at Plainview... Jeff W. Gunter, proprietor of the City Drug Store,

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states that he has accepted the sole agency in Silverton for the Hoffman line of candies... H. R. Brown and Jim Bomar made a deal this week whereby they became the owners of the South Side Grocery... Ralph Gunter, 15, died at the Sanitarium at Wellington following an operation for appendicitis... Top prices assured for cotton; ginning See **LOOKING BACK** — Continued on Page Five



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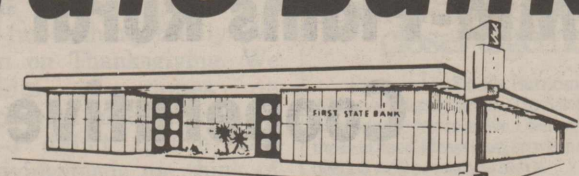
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Linda Kernell was purchaser of the Christmas tree in the Silent Auction which benefitted Hospice of the Plains. The tree was purchased by Mary John Harris, First State Bank, Rhoderick Irrigation and The Plum Thicket, and was decorated by Mayfield Cattle Company, Amy's, Briscoe Implement, Shear Delight, Briscoe County News, The Malt Shop, Brown-McMurtry Implement, Caprock Floral and Johnson's Gin. Proceeds benefit the hospice. Ms. Kernell (left) was pictured with Brandy Barnett of the Hospice.

Briscoe County News Photo

Wilkinson Family Has Early Holiday

Mary Alice Wilkinson had all her children, all but three grandchildren and all her great-grandchildren here for a big Thanksgiving dinner Saturday.

Attending were Gwan Lane Wilkinson and Tiffany, Dusty and Stephanie Wilkinson, Jeff Wilkinson, Jeffery and Matthew, all of Hedley; Durwood and Peggy Wilkinson, San Angelo; Judy and Steve Miller, Terry and Michelle Miller, Tonnette Perkins, Zakkary, Jonathan and Whitney, Sheila Brooks, Misty Wilkinson and Trey Wyatt, all of Silverton; Grady and Peggy Wilkinson, Grady, jr., Stinnett; Lee Ann Wilkinson, Alma Mae Wilkinson, Maschil and Juanita Cole, all of Amarillo; Kenneth and Nadine Wilkinson, Fritch; Ruth Wilkinson, Shamrock.

Scott Perkins came by for a visit in the afternoon.

New Arrival

The Perkins Bunch of San Marcos, Texas is proud to announce the arrival of a new little girl, who has been named Tori Rhea. She weighed seven pounds and twelve ounces, and was 20½ inches long at her birth on October 9, 1995.

Tori was welcomed home by her brother, Justin, and sisters, Nikki, Amber and Tarren.

Her parents are Tommy and Rhonda Perkins.

Grandparents are Thomas and Rose Mary Perkins of Silverton, Barbara Henderson of Oklahoma and Don Strotzman of Brossard, Louisiana.

Happy Birthday To . . .

November 23--Cayson George, Debbie Davis, Cody Whitfill, Neal Edwards, C. L. McWilliams, Mackinsey Louise Strange

November 24--Andrew Scott Brooks

November 25--Brandon Kitchens, Dana Martin, Erma Polley, Carrie Ann McJimsey, Billy Cogdell, Fred Strange, Paul Ledbetter, Dustin Hale

November 26--Kay May, Louie Kitchens, Cynthia Finck, Paula Garvin, Pauline Chitty, Floyd Butler Otis IV

November 27--Jill Culwell, John Daniels, Thomas Perkins, jr., Michael Long, Blaze Cogdell

November 28--McKenzie Taylor Perkins, Octavio Trevino, Rosa Linda Segura, Eric Minyard, Stan Couch, Rita Davis, Fairy McWilliams

November 29--Hand Baird, George Reed

Happy Anniversary To . . .

November 23--Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wayne Mayfield

November 26--Mr. and Mrs. David Kellum, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Ramsey

November 27--Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brannon, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Jasper

November 28--Mr. and Mrs. George Long

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Olive visited with Betty Olive Friday afternoon.

Benefits Not Affected By Investment Income

by Mary Jane Shanes
Social Security Manager
Plainview, Texas

We recently had this question from a caller, "I'm getting ready to retire and I'll be drawing my money out of my 401(k) plan at my job. Will that money reduce the amount of my monthly Social Security benefit check since I'll be over the annual earnings limit?"

She was pleased to learn that money received from an IRA (individual retirement account), a 401(k), and most other retirement income doesn't count under the earnings test and will not affect the amount of her Social Security benefits. Only wages, salaries, bonuses, tips, fees and other amounts received for services rendered during the year are counted under the earnings test. Investment income, such as interest, dividends, capital gains, and rent on property, also have no effect on a person's Social Security benefits.

The earnings test limits the amount a person can early while receiving Social Security benefits and thus assures that benefits go to workers who are actually retired from the workforce. Benefits are reduced when earnings exceed certain exempted amounts. In 1995, the benefits for a person who is age 65-69 are reduced \$1 for every \$3 he or she earns over \$11,280. If the person is under age 65, the reduction is \$1 for every \$2 of earnings over \$8,160. The amount of money a person can earn before benefits are reduced is increased each year with increases in average wages. After reaching age 70, a person's benefits are not reduced regardless of how much the person earns.



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Jim Walter Homes Opens New Office

Growth is one of the leading indicators that a company is doing things right and in this respect the new location for Jim Walter Homes in Lubbock shines brightly.

Jim Walter Homes opened its new office in response to inquiries and the widespread interest in homebuilding shown by so many people in Lubbock and surrounding communities such as Tahoka, Post and Levelland. "I saw a need in the community for our way of building," remarked Robert Michael, president of Jim Walter Homes, Inc., "and that's why we're here."

Jim Walter Homes builds homes from scratch, board-by-board on your property that you complete yourself. This makes good sense because you can save money by finishing your own home.

It was Jim Walter who pioneered the idea of buying a home and "finishing it yourself." It all started in 1946 during the

economic growth of the post-World War II era when the demand for housing jumped sharply. Walter formulated the concept of shell homes having completely finished exteriors and unfinished interiors with stud wall farming. He sold 27 homes on the first day of business and more than 300,000 have been built since that time.

Today, Jim Walter Homes builds homes that are up to 90% complete and is the industry leader of on-your-lot homes. Building in 23 states, Jim Walter Homes serves thousands of communities across America.

Social Security's Role In Financial Planning

by Mary Jane Shanes
Social Security Manager
Plainview, Texas

When you're young, planning your financial future may be the farthest thing from your mind. If you're single, you might be thinking about saving for a new car, a special vacation, or tuition to further your education. If

you're married, you might be buying a home, raising children, and perhaps considering how you're going to pay for their college education. Saving for retirement? No, not yet. There's plenty of time ahead to take care of that, you say.

You may not want to hear this, but it's time to start thinking about how much money you'll need when you retire and where they money will come from. Part of the money will, of course, be your Social Security retirement benefits, which replaces about 42 percent of the earnings of a person with average earnings. But Social Security is not, and never was, intended to be the sole source of a person's retirement income. You'll also need to have additional income from savings or investments that you'll make over the years.

And what happens to your family if you become disabled or die before retirement. Most of us think we'll always be healthy, right up to the time we retire. But the fact is, about 42 percent of men and 28 percent of women will be disabled or die before reaching retirement age. This is another reason you should be thinking about your financial future.

You need to know what Social Security benefits you and your family may be eligible for now and in the future. This information is easy to get, and it can help you decide how much you'll need to save or invest. Just visit any Social Security office or call our toll-free number 1-800-772-1213 anytime and ask for an SSA Form 7004 (Request for Earnings and Benefit Estimate

Statement). Within four to six weeks after you complete and return the form, you'll receive a Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement. The request form is also available over Internet. The address is <http://1/2www.ssa.gov>.

Your Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement will provide an estimate of the benefits you (and dependent family members) may be eligible to receive now and later on. The estimates are based on your date of birth and your earnings reported for work in jobs covered under Social Security.

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season is open and several bales already ginned . . . J. W. Custer took one load of new maize to Lockney Wednesday . . . John Guest is building a farm house on his place . . . John Vaughn is threshing his wheat which was cut and stacked this season . . . The football game which was scheduled to be played between the Silverton High School and the Clarendon team last Friday was called off because of the bad weather . . .

The Written and Spoken Word Directly from God

How does God describe the way the Holy Ghost moved men?

2 Timothy 3

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

"All scripture" includes all the holy writings, not just the Old Testament, not just the prophecies. The phrase "given by inspiration of God" is literally a single adjective meaning "God-breathed." This is a very picturesque word to describe the way that the scriptures were delivered.

Ezekiel 2

7 And thou shalt speak my words unto them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear: for they are most rebellious.

26 And I will make thy tongue cleave to the roof of thy mouth that thou shalt be dumb, and shalt not be to them a reprover; for they are a rebellious house.

27 But when I speak with thee, I will open thy mouth, and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; He that heareth, let him hear; and he that forbeareth, let him forbear; for they are a rebellious house.

Here it is clear that God is doing the talking and that He is using Ezekiel's mouth to do it. He is opening Ezekiel's mouth, and He is making Ezekiel's tongue cleave to the roof of his mouth. By the expression, "speak my words," it is clear that they are God's very words that Ezekial is speaking to the house of Israel.

Jeremiah 26

2 Thus saith the Lord; Stand in the court of the Lord's house, and speak unto all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in the Lord's house, all the words that I command thee to speak unto them; diminish not a word;

God tells Jeremiah to speak all the words that He commanded. Three things indicate that He is talking about specific words: 1) the word "all", 2) the plural "words" instead of singular and 3) the command to "diminish not a word." In the writing of His messages, He required the same thing.

Jeremiah 36

2 Take thee a roll of a book, and write therein all the words that I have spoken unto thee against Israel, and against Judah and against all the nations, from the day I spake unto thee, from the days of Josiah, even unto this day.

3 It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I purpose to do unto them; that they may return every man from his evil way; that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin.

4 Then Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah: and Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the Lord, which he had spoken unto him, upon a roll of a book.

17 And they asked Baruch, saying, Tell us now, How didst thou write all these words at his mouth?

18 Then Baruch answered them, He pronounced all these words unto me with his mouth, and I wrote them with ink in the book.

Again, the Lord commands the writing of "all the words" He had spoken to Jeremiah. Baruch faithfully wrote all the words on the roll.

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Owls, Lady Owls Open Season With Big Wins

Both the Owls and Lady Owls traveled to Kress for the games which opened their season on Tuesday evening of last week. The Lady Owls played the Kress girls, as scheduled, and the Owls played the Anton Bulldogs since the Kress boys are in the football playoffs. The junior varsity

games weren't played. The Lady Owls opened with a big victory over the Kangaroos. They jumped out to a 14-7 first-quarter lead and extended it to 34-13 before halftime. They led 47-20 at the end of three periods and finished with a 65-33 advantage.

Molly Bomar led the offense by scoring 14 points. Dedra Johnston threw 13 points into the baskets, including four three pointers. Michelle Warren also scored in double figures with 10 points to her credit. Also scoring were Lacy Brunson, nine; Kenzie Burson, eight; Misty Wilkinson, four; Molly Brooks, Shauna Kingery and Shannon Weaver, two points each. Also starting for the Lady Owls was Lori Brannon.

The Owls stayed in the hunt with the Bulldogs throughout the game, trailing 16-18 at the end of the first frame and continuing to trail by the same two points at the midway stop, 24-26. By the end of three quarters, the Owls had moved into the lead to stay, with a 42-36 edge. They finished the game with a 56-50 score after having led by 10 points during the fourth stanza.

Trey Wyatt led the scoring with 20 points and Jack Cherry rang up 16. Also scoring for the Owls were Jon Ivory and Arnold Garza, six points each; Cy Comer, five; Jared Holt, two. Also seeing action for the Owls were Brandon Sarchet, Chris Justice, Jay Arnold, Jared Francis, Will Hester and Hector Martinez.

The four teams of Owls and Lady Owls will host the teams from Lazbuddie in a series scheduled to begin at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday of next week. This weekend the Lady Owls are playing in the Queens Classic at Plainview.



Michelle Warren canned another basket for the Lady Owls in their game with the Kress Kangaroos last week.

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Lacy Brunson rings up another two points for the Lady Owls as teammates Molly Bomar and Lori Brannon make ready to rebound if the shot doesn't go down. They played the Kress Kangaroos in their first game of the season.

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Silverton's Teams Split Four Games With Valley

Silverton's teams drove to Valley Friday for a four-game series, and each school won two games, Valley taking the boys matches and Silverton winning the girls contests.

The Junior Varsity Lady Owls led off the action by taking a 33-17 victory. The girls started slowly and led by only 2-0 at the

end of the first period. At halftime, they led by the same two points, 8-6, but had moved ahead 18-12 by the end of the third.

Misty Wilkinson led the offense by scoring 14 points and Dara Ramsey was right behind her with 13 to her credit. Also scoring were Lindsey Weaks, Destiny

Go Owls, Lady Owls!



20th ANNIVERSARY Plainview Queens Classic

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6:00 pm Canyon vs Silverton
9:30 pm Plainview vs Slaton

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8:30 am Berry College (GA) vs Oklahoma Christian
12:00 noon Auburn Univ.-Montgomery (AL) vs Martin Methodist (TN)
4:00 pm SW Oklahoma State vs University of Mobile (AL)
7:30 pm Wayland Baptist vs Schreiner College (TX)

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Jack Cherry went up for a basket last week as the Owls whipped the Anton Bulldogs in their season opener at Kress.

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Mrs. Nance's Class Writes About Thanksgiving

Monday Tina Nance's Third Grade Students were completing their themes on what Thanksgiving means to them. Here are some of their ideas.

Bradley Keyser: I love Thanksgiving. I like the foods. I like cornucopias. I like to eat the fruits. I run and play on Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving makes me think of my family.

Max Comer: I really like Thanksgiving. It reminds me of getting together with my family, things I'm thankful for, and the good food God gave us.

At Thanksgiving when we get Ivory and Kimmie Blazier, two points each.

The Junior Varsity Owls trailed badly in their game, having been on the short end of the 14-19 halftime score. They had dropped into a 22-33 deficit by the end of three periods, but managed to finish the regulation time in a 35-35 tie. They scored seven points in overtime, but the Patriots put up nine to take the 44-42 victory.

Hector Martinez led the scoring with 15 points, three of which came in the overtime. Jay Arnold also scored in double figures with 10, two of which were OT points. Jeremy Holt added five, two of which were in the overtime. Will Hester, Donny Burson and Chris Justice scored four points each. Junior Castillo was the other player on the team.

The Lady Owl Varsity really started out hot in their game and finished hotter. They led 13-4 at the end of the first frame and extended it to 26-12 before the midway stop. They held a 46-22 advantage at the end of the third period and finished ahead 58-35.

Lacy Brunson had the hot hand, burning the baskets with 22 big points. Dedra Johnston ripped the cords with 11 points, including three three pointers. Also scoring were Michelle Warren, nine; Lori Brannon, seven; Kenzie Burson, five; Molly Bomar and Shauna Kingery, two points. Shannon Weaver starts for the Lady Owls.

When the Owl Varsity took the court, they quickly fell behind and finished the first quarter behind 10-21. They trailed 20-38 at halftime, and 33-45 at the end of three periods. They rallied to tie the score in the fourth period, but were unable to put the game away from the hard-charging Patriots.

Jack Cherry led the scoring with 14 points, including one three pointer. Brandon Sarchet scored 13, including three three pointers. Also scoring 13 points were Jared Holt and Trey Wyatt. Arnold Garza added five points. Also on the roster for the Varsity Owls are Jon Ivory, Jared Francis and Cy Comer.

The Owls will be idle this weekend while the Lady Owls are in the Plainview Queens Classic, and the teams will go to Happy on Tuesday of next week.

together we have fun playing games and seeing Camellia, Sam and Matt. I adore going to Aunt Camellia's. After we have fun, we eat.

Our family prays every time before we eat all the food. I design my way to the front of the line so the things that tasted good are still there so I don't have to get the bad stuff. Our family eats marvelous food like ham, cornbread, mashpotatoes, and turkey and dressing. Everytime before we eat I listen to the blessing and I listen to the things we're thankful for like the pilgrims and the world and friends.

This is what Thanksgiving makes me think of.

Krista Hale: When I think of Thanksgiving I think of family, pilgrims and watching TV.

On Thanksgiving we go to Granny's. My cousins, my aunts and a lot of people come to Granny's. I like the food. We eat pumpkin pie, cherry pie and lots of pies. I like all of them.

The pilgrims would be here and could be celebrating today but they died. We always pray like the pilgrims. We invite friends to Granny's.

On Thanksgiving we watch football. We like for the Cowboys to win. My brother likes to get with my dad. My cousin B. J. likes to ride my bike. We skate. All the little kids like to play hockey.

These are some of the things that Thanksgiving means to me.

Beau Brock: I really like Thanksgiving. It reminds me of three things: food, family and autumn.

On Thanksgiving we have good food. I like pie with cream on it. We go hunting for turkeys. I like the ham better than the turkey. Grandma makes a good salad. She puts corn in the soup. We eat a lot of food. Grandma makes French fries out of potatoes.

On Thanksgiving I play with my family. I have an uncle named

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Nov. 7	OPEN (Scrim)		
Nov. 10	OPEN (Scrim)		
Nov. 14	KRESS	T	4:00
Nov. 17	VALLEY	T	4:00
Nov. 21	LAZBUDDIE	H	4:00
Nov. 23-25	QUEENS' CLASSIC, Plainview		TBA
Nov. 28	HAPPY	T	4:00
Nov. 30-Dec. 2	MIAMI TOURNAMENT		TBA
Dec. 5	MOTLEY COUNTY	H	4:00
Dec. 7-9	VALLEY TOURNAMENT (Boys)		TBA
Dec. 12	KRESS	H	4:00
Dec. 15	McLEAN	H	4:00
Dec. 19	HAPPY	H	4:00
Dec. 28	PATTON SPRINGS	T	2:00
Dec. 29	OPEN		
Jan. 2	VALLEY	H	4:00
Jan. 4-6	HOOT-OUT		TBA
Jan. 9	MOTLEY COUNTY	T	4:00
Jan. 11-13	LAZBUDDIE JV TOURNAMENT		TBA
Jan. 12	McLEAN	T	6:30
Jan. 16	PATTON SPRINGS	H	4:00
Jan. 19	COTTON CENTER	T	4:00
Jan. 23	HEDLEY*	H	5:00
Jan. 26	LAKEVIEW*	H	6:30
Jan. 30	SAMNORWOOD*	T	5:00
Feb. 2	HEDLEY*	T	5:00
Feb. 6	LAKEVIEW*	T	6:30
Feb. 9	SAMNORWOOD*	H	5:00



JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Nov. 13	MOTLEY COUNTY	T	4:00
Nov. 20	LAZBUDDIE	T	4:00
Nov. 27	GROOM	T	4:00
Dec. 4	LAZBUDDIE	H	4:00
Dec. 11	VALLEY	H	4:00
Dec. 18	LAKEVIEW	H	5:00
Jan. 8	HEDLEY	T	4:00
Jan. 11, 13	LOCKNEY TOURNAMENT		TBA
Jan. 15	GROOM	H	4:00
Jan. 20	KRESS TOURNAMENT		TBA
Jan. 22	LAKEVIEW	T	5:00
Jan. 29	VALLEY	T	4:00

GAME TIMES: 7th Girls, 4:00 p.m.
8th Girls, 6:00 p.m.

7th Boys, 5:00 p.m.
8th Boys, 7:00 p.m.

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Junior Varsity Boys, 5:00 p.m. Varsity Boys, 7:30 p.m.

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Silvertown School Cafeteria workers set two new school records on Thursday, November 16, when they served 366 meals and a combined total of 154 pounds of turkey to students, their relatives and friends who came to enjoy the Thanksgiving dinner. The workers are (left to right) Lydia Segura, Jo Ann McFall, Rose Mary Perkins, Faye Maciel, Dora Bullock and Betty Hall.

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Mrs. Nance's Class —

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Shane. He lives in Dallas. We go to Grandma's house to eat. Mom and Dad play a game with me and my brother, and my cousins play tag.

On Thanksgiving it is autumn. We play games inside and outside. Me and my brother and Talor play football. Sometimes it snows and rains.

These are the things that I associate with Thanksgiving. What do you think of?

Chris Garcia: Thanksgiving makes me think of many things. I reminds me of my family, pilgrims and good food. My family prays every time before we eat. My cousins, little Greg and I get our guns and shoot birds in the wing and we keep them.

Thanksgiving also makes me think of the pilgrims. I think they were courageous. They were people who sailed to Plymouth, Massachusetts in 1620.

It also reminds me of food like turkey and dressing and especially deviled eggs. They are good.

These are things Thanksgiving makes me think of. What does it make you think of?

Whitney Bain: What does Thanksgiving make you think of? Thanksgiving makes me think of pilgrims, turkey and pumpkin pie. When it is Thanksgiving we have turkey and it is always good. We always have it at Granny's and Grandad's and when I go to my Daddy's we have it at Granny B's house. It is scrumptious. My dads go hunt for them.

Pilgrims landed in America and had the very first Thanksgiving. Pilgrims are very good. The men and boys worked hard in the snow and the men were very good at working on the houses. They got to live in them when they got off the boat.

We eat turkey and pumpkin pie. Granny always makes us pumpkin pie. My favorite pie is pumpkin pie. We had a feast last night and had pumpkin pie at Granny's church. She works there and is the preacher's secretary.

This is what Thanksgiving makes me think of. What does it make you think of?

Lauren Crabb: I am thankful for the food we have at Thanksgiving. My favorite is the turkey. It is scrumptious and I like the fruits that are in the cornucopia.

I am thankful for the pilgrims that sailed on a ship called the Mayflower. I am thankful for my grandparents and my aunts and uncles.

Susan Netro: Thanksgiving reminds me of my aunt's house, praying and what I'm thankful for.

Thanksgiving makes me think of my aunt's house because she makes all the food for our family. She makes the best pumpkin pies. She lives in Quitaque.

Thanksgiving makes me think of playing hide-and-seek because we can hide. I like playing catch because we can catch the ball. I also like to play Chase Me, and the best part is to run.

Thanksgiving makes me think of what I'm thankful for because I get to see my family. I get to eat pumpkin pie and the turkey. I get to see my cousins.

This is what Thanksgiving makes me think of. What does Thanksgiving make you think of?

J. P. Myers: Thanksgiving reminds me of good food, the things I'm thankful for, and Grandma's house.

Thanksgiving reminds me of good food. We have turkey and dressing and corn on the cob. My aunts and uncles come. I like the food so much I ate three pieces of turkey once. My grandma makes the food.

Thanksgiving makes me think of the things I'm thankful for. I am thankful for my family, my house, clothes, and my food. I am thankful for everything I have.

Thanksgiving reminds me of Grandma's house. We feed our calf sweet feed and hay. Grandma is such a good cook. She can cook you anything you want her to cook.

This is what Thanksgiving reminds me of. What does Thanksgiving remind you of?

Kelsie Estes: Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. It reminds me of turkeys, family and pilgrims.

Turkeys are very good to eat. They remind me of Thanksgiving. Some people hunt wild turkeys for Thanksgiving. We always eat turkey on Thanksgiving. We eat a colossal turkey. It is always scrumptious.

Families are very special to me. They cook the turkey. Families love everyone. Families are nice to everyone. God makes the family. My family prays before we eat.

Pilgrims were very good travelers. They rode on the Mayflower. The pilgrims went to Holland. The pilgrims were really courageous. They were really terrified of Squanto until they knew he was their friend.

These are things Thanksgiving makes me think of.

Brittany Perkins: What does Thanksgiving make you think of? It makes me think of food, being thankful and getting together with family.

We always have turkeys and dressing, pumpkin pie, cornucopias, corn, ham and peach cobbler. Don't tell my Uncle Joe but he eats too fast. My Uncle J. R. and my cousins Tres and Korre and their Mom Traci just look at him.

I am very thankful for many things like Mom, Dad, J. R., Tres, Traci, Korre and Grandma. J. R.

is thankful for more things than me. Like, he did not go to war in Bosnia, and that he has a family. He has a phone to call Grandma, and he might come in two years.

Every year my family goes to my Uncle Joe's and my Aunt Missy's house. I ride with Grandma and Mom and Dad. Then when everyone is there we get everything ready. Then before we eat we pray.

This is what we do for Thanksgiving. What do you do for Thanksgiving?

Janet Gonzales: These are the things that I associate with Thanksgiving. It reminds me of love, good foods and friends.

It reminds me of my family. It really makes me think of my father and mother. I'm thankful for my brothers and my sister. I'm really thankful for the family that God gave me.

It reminds me of good food. The good food we eat is pumpkin and apple pie. It also reminds me of

turkey and banana splits. One time we brought a plump turkey. It was scrumptious.

Sometimes we invite some friends to come. We invite my cousin Christy and my Aunt Crisilda. Crisilda brings her family to come over. Sometimes we give a gargantuan. In the box was a big puppy dog.

I really didn't know that Thanksgiving could remind me of lots of things. **Josh Manning:** I like Thanksgiving. It reminds me of food, family and friends.

Thanksgiving makes me think of many things. One thing it makes me think of is food. We have a lot of food each Thanksgiving, but my favorite is pumpkin pie. Another favorite of mine is carrots. Carrots are almost the only thing in the fruit and vegetable group I like. Two other things I like are cake and cookies.

Thanksgiving also reminds me of my family. My family has many members. Two members are my Uncle Brad and my Cousin Chris. Chris and Uncle Brad should come to our house this Thanksgiving, but we might go to their house. I really like my family.

Thanksgiving also reminds me of my friends. I have seventeen friends. My very best friend is Max Comer. Two other friends are Beau Brock and J. P. Myers. Bradley is also one of my friends. Bradley is new in the class. I have good friends.

Thanksgiving makes me think of many things.

Zack Burson: I really like Thanksgiving. It makes me think of things I'm thankful for, turkey and pilgrims.

I am thankful for God. I am thankful that He made the world. I am glad He made my Mom, Dad, True, Dusty, Grandma and my food.

Every Thanksgiving we have a big, plump turkey. It is always very good. One time I ate five pieces of turkey. I don't really like the dressing. I just like the turkey.

The pilgrims made up Thanksgiving. The reason they made up Thanksgiving was to thank God for sending the Indians to them and having a nice chief. Also they were thankful for the food they had. I really like Thanksgiving.

Danielle Ramirez: Thanksgiving reminds me of things I'm thankful for, food and my family.

I am thankful for the food we eat and for money so we could buy stuff. I am glad God gave us people and friends. I am thankful for the teachers who teach us.

My family comes to Mama's house. We eat turkey, dressing and pumpkin pie. We eat lots of good food.

I have fun with my family. We have fun on Thanksgiving. We play lots of games on Thanksgiving. I have fun with my family. I didn't realize that Thanksgiving made me think of so many things.

Chance Rhoderick: I will be telling you about good food,

pilgrims and my family.

Pilgrims remind me of the first Thanksgiving. Pilgrims made a huge feast. The pilgrims came across the ocean in 1620. Over half of the pilgrims died in the first winter.

Thanksgiving food is very good. We have hot rolls. The hot rolls are very marvelous. We have plumcake. The plumcake is splendid. We might go hunting for turkey. We have pumpkin pie. Kendra pigs out on the pumpkin pie. If you don't watch her, she would eat the whole pie.

My family goes to different places for Thanksgiving. We don't know yet where we are going this year because Kimmie is playing in the Queens Classic. We might go to Uncle Bruce's house. My family always gets together. We like to play and visit. I am thankful for my family and like to see my cousins.

Silvertown School Lunch Menu

Monday, Nov. 27--Ham & Cheese on a Bun, Ranch Beans, Salad, Fruit and Pudding, Milk

Tuesday, Nov. 28--Baked Fish, Blackeyed Peas, Macaroni & Cheese, Cornbread, Fruit, Milk

Wednesday, Nov. 29--Lasagna, Salad, Corn, Crackers, Brownie, Milk

Thursday, Nov. 30--Baked Chicken, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Honey, Butter, Milk

BREAKFAST

Monday--Blueberry Muffin, Juice, Milk

Tuesday--Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk

Wednesday--Sweet Roll, Juice, Milk

Thursday--Egg Burrito, Juice, Milk

Silvertown School Activities

Monday, Nov. 27--Laser Show, 2:00; Junior High at Groom, 4:00

Tuesday, Nov. 28--Cub Scouts, Cafeteria, 3:00; Happy, there, 4:00

Wednesday, Nov. 29--H.S. G/T Art Seminar, Amarillo



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Work on compromise farm legislation between the House and Senate is mostly complete, according to information received by Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. (PCG).

While the final Bill will not contain all of the trappings of previous legislation, it does maintain several important provisions sought by the cotton industry.

"This legislation is still a long way from being signed into law," said PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnston. "This compromise is part of the Budget Reconciliation Act that the President has said he will veto. We expect that when the budget differences between the President and congressional leaders are resolved that the agriculture portion of the Bill will be included essentially unchanged from the current proposal."

Johnson added that several of the provisions agreed to were key to the success of the cotton programs enacted in 1985 and 1990. These provisions are maintained, although modified, in the current proposal.

Under the conference agreement, major commodity programs will be replaced by an "Agricultural Market Transition Program." Producers of wheat, feed grains, upland cotton and rice will be eligible for this program. Producers who participated in the wheat, feed grains, upland cotton and rice programs in any one of the past five years can enter into a seven-year "production flexibility contract" effective between 1996 and 2002.

The deadline for entering into one of these contracts is April 15, 1996 and payments will be made on September 30 of each year beginning in 1996. An option is included that will allow a producer to receive up to one-half of their payment by December 15 on the previous year (except in 1996 when the advance will be paid within 60 days of the date the production flexibility contract is signed).

Payments will be made on 85 percent of a farm's contract acreage. Producers may plant any program crop, oilseed, industrial or experimental crop, mung beans, lentils or dry peas on this paid acreage. Planting of fruits and vegetable will be prohibited on paid acreage, as will haying and grazing during the five principal growing months.

The remaining 15 percent, unpaid acreage, will be unrestricted and producers may plant ANY crop. There will also be no restrictions on haying and grazing on the unpaid acreage.

The following is a run-down of some of the currently agreed-to

provisions.

NONRECOURSE MARKETING LOAN

The marketing loan program was retained with a cap on the Upland cotton loan rate at 51.92 cents per pound. A minimum loan rate was set at 50 cents per pound. The current agreement eliminates the 8-month cotton loan extension. The cotton marketing loan will continue to provide for redemption at lower of loan plus accrued storage and interest or the adjusted world price. The 3-step competitiveness provisions are unchanged except for a cap on expenditures during the 7-year period of \$701 million.

CCC INTEREST RATES

Rates for Commodity Credit Corporation loans are increased by 100 basis points.

PAYMENT LIMITATIONS

The conference agreement reduces the current payment limitation from \$50,000 to \$40,000 and limits marketing loan gains and loan deficiency payments to \$75,000 per person. Current provisions defining "persons" and the 3-entity rule are maintained. Contract payments will be calculated as follows: contract acreage X .85 X program payment yield X payment rate.

CROP INSURANCE

The conference agreement eliminates the mandatory purchase of catastrophic coverage and phases out dual delivery of insurance.

CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP)

The CRP is capped at the current level of 36.4 million acres. An "early-out" provision will allow contract holders to terminate their CRP contracts by providing 60-days notification in writing to the Secretary.

TELCOT Report

A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF COTTON MARKETING NEWS

For The Week Ending Nov. 17

USDA's Weekly Export Sales Report provided this week's greatest surprise as it announced a larger-than-expected sale of U. S. cotton to China, boosting U. S. export sales for the week to a 1995-96 marketing year high, according to USDA, despite destination changes totaling 131,000 bales.

USDA announced export sales of 1995-1996 U. S. cotton increased a net 514,300 bales in the week ended November 9, up considerably from the previous week's figure of 61,800 bales. Featured buyers were China, South Korea and Japan.

Sales to China for the week ended November 9 were 569,200

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bales, including about 438,000 bales in new sales and about 131,000 bales in destination changes. To date, USDA shows U. S. cotton sales to China for the 1995-1996 marketing year to equal a little more than one million bales, although shipments so far have totaled only 172,100 bales.

A range of earlier trade estimates put China's probable 1995-1996 imports from the U. S. at 800,000 to 1.2 million bales. Although China imported approximately 2.2 million bales of U. S. cotton in 1994-1995, several traders said it was unlikely China would be back in the market for further large purchases from the U. S. until the new year due to increased competition from Pakistan and India, depressed yarn market demand, and ideas the Chinese crop may be larger than current estimates.

"India and Pakistan cotton is much cheaper, and there is no reason for China to buy from the U. S. while U. S. cotton prices are not competitive in the world market," a trader said.

Currently, U. S. cotton is not among the five cheapest growths quoted in the Liverpool "A" Index. In fact, U. S. cotton prices are 10 cents more than Central Asian and Pakistani growths. Unfortunately, should such a large price difference persist, it is highly possible for some U. S. export sales to be canceled and replaced with cheaper cotton. However, one analyst does not expect to see cancellations on a large scale due to the delivery period that is involved. Considering that world cotton stocks are still tight at this time and most U. S. sales are for early shipment, most export sales will not be canceled because the U. S. can be depended upon to deliver in a timely manner.

Meanwhile, members of a House/Senate Conference Committee have completed an agreement on the agricultural provisions of the Balanced Budget Bill necessary to achieve \$13 billion in agricultural spending cuts over the next five years. However, the Farm Bill is much closer to the "Freedom to Farm Act" than most in the cotton industry would prefer.

In order to be eligible for the proposed new program, a producer must have been enrolled in the program at least one of the last five years. Also, one-hundred percent of production is expected to be loan eligible, if applicable, and producers will be permitted to participate in three entities, with payments limited to \$40,000 per entity and marketing loan gains limited to \$75,000 per entity.

If the new legislation is approved, eligibility will be decoupled and fixed payments set at 12.4 percent of funds for direct payment for the duration of the new law. Additionally, the marketing loan program will be retained. The new Farm Bill would place a ceiling of 51.92 cents-per-pound on the basic loan rate. Loan duration will be

limited to 10 months with no extension, and a storage payment will be required if the Adjusted World Price (AWP) rises above the base loan rate.

More important, all three price competitiveness steps will be retained, however, an overall spending cap would be imposed on Step 2 marketing certificates. In the past, these certificates were effective in making U. S. cotton price-competitive in the world market, thus allowing U. S. producers to reclaim market share from unfair competition.

Social Security as Social Insurance

by Mary Jane Shanes
Social Security Manager
Plainview, Texas

Why Social Security?

It's one of the basic questions about the Social Security program, but it seldom gets asked--or answered.

In order to understand the nation's Social Security program, people must first understand what Social Security was intended to do--and why it is different from private insurance or investment plans.

Most people know that Social Security partially replaces lost earnings if a worker retires, dies or becomes disabled. The program includes payments to the family members of retired and disabled workers, and the survivors of deceased workers.

But how many people know the philosophy behind the way actual Social Security payments are determined? Is it simply a matter of the worker who pays the most in getting the most out? Or is it a matter of making sure that everybody who pays in gets at least enough to help them get by?

Since its beginning, Social Security has been expected to meet both "social adequacy" and "individual equity" goals for American workers. Individual equity means that the contributor gets benefits directly related to the amount of his or her contributions. Social adequacy means that program benefits provide a certain standard of living for all contributors.

Our Social Security system is a little of both. On the one hand, there is a clear link between a worker's contributions to the system and to what he or she will receive in benefit payments. Lower wage earners receive less, higher wage earners receive more.

For example, a low-wage earner may receive a monthly Social Security retirement benefit of about \$520 per month; a high wage earner may receive a monthly benefit of about \$1,200 a month.

On the other hand, Social Security is designed to help provide a minimum "floor of protection" for all workers. Partly because of its "social adequacy" goal, the Social Security benefit formula is weighted in favor of workers with low average

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earnings who have less opportunity to save during their working years. Their benefits represent a greater percentage of their average earnings than benefits of higher-salaried workers.

For example, Social Security retirement benefits replace about 60 percent of a low wage earner's pre-retirement income, about 42 percent for an average wage earner, and 26 percent for a high wage-earner.

Of course, all wage earners are supposed to plan for their retirement and to supplement their Social Security benefits with pension, savings and investment income. That is what Social Security has called a "three-legged stool" approach to assuring a comfortable retirement. It is a philosophy Social Security has advocated for 60 years to assure a stable and diversified source of income in retirement sufficient to meet your personal needs and lifestyle.

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*You Have Much More To Be
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*Now whatever your lot on your journey through life,
Be it illness or sadness or trouble or strife,
Let's consider the bright side and be of good cheer;
For despite all your burdens, at least you are here.
When you wake in the morning to face a new day,
Just remember your blessings and go on your way;
Then rejoice in the manner you're earning your bread,
And return to the roof that is over your head.
So reviewing your assets, they must be compared
To the number of tragedies you have been spared,
That upon this Thanksgiving should not be ignored;
Then for all of your blessings, give thanks to the Lord.*
-- Gloria Nowak

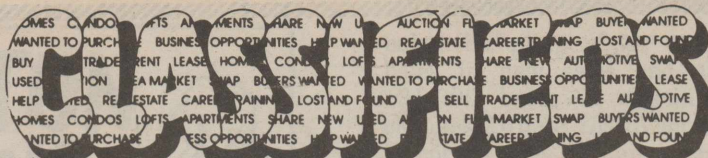
*O Lord! That lends me life,
Lend me a heart replete with
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