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## Couple Now Have Apartment in Houston

Fern and Charlie Parker send their thanks to all for your prayers, cards and love.

They are now in an apartment near where she is receiving treatment, undergoing tests and possibly will undergo surgery.

Their address is 7219 Cecil Street, Apartment 36, Houston, Texas 77030-5019.

## Certified Nurse Aide Class To Be Taught Soon

RNR, Rural Nurse Resource, Inc., a nonprofit organization that provides health and safety education, will sponsor two Certified Nurse Aide Classes.

These classes will train individuals to care for patients in the Nursing Home, Hospice, Home Health, and private care setting.

The evening course will begin on Monday, September 29, 1997. The day course begins on Monday, October 6, 1997.

To receive an application packet or for more information, call RNR's office at (806) 983-8096.

## Library News

Thanks to all who donate books to the library. Books are placed on shelves or put in book sales.

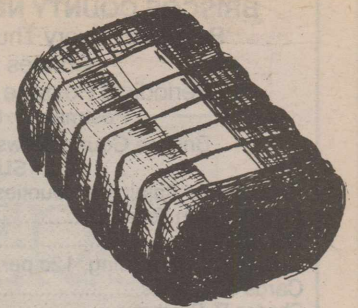
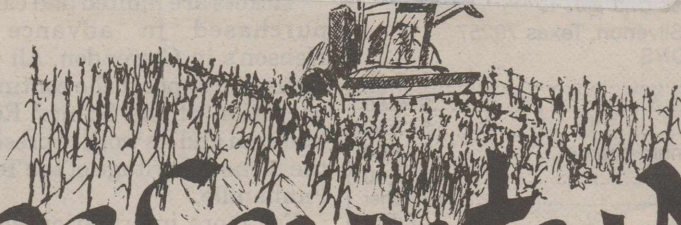
Come in and check out the many new books. There are best sellers such as "The Partner" by John Grisham and "Daring to Dream," by Nora Roberts; Hyman's "Trash or Treasure;" and a new section, "Texana"--books about Texas and by Texas authors, many from the Panhandle. Included are "Players, Jewels of the Plains" by Jim Steiert; "Hummingbirds of North America" by Dan True; "The Rockhound's Guide to Texas" by Melinda Crow.

Library hours are Tuesday mornings, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., and Tuesday and Friday afternoons, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

## WEATHER

### SEPTEMBER 24-HOUR READINGS

DAY	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP.
1	90	62	
2	92	61	
3	93	60	
4	76	66	
5	80	64	
6	87	64	
7	91	62	
8	92	62	
9	95	62	
10	82	62	
11	80	57	
12	86	55	
13	88	66	
14	93	63	2.10
15	86	65	.75
16	90	68	
Total Sept. Precip.			2.85
Normal Sept. Precip.			2.49
Total Precip. Rec'd.			
Year to Date			26.53
Normal Precip. For Year to Date			18.08



# Briscoe County News

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1997

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Jack Cherry escorted the 1997 Football Queen, Michelle Warren, and presented her with a congratulatory kiss after she received a bouquet of flowers and the traditional football helmet crown.

Briscoe County News Photo

## Precision Agriculture Field Day To Be Held Monday, October 13

by Pammy Millican  
 County Extension Agent

Introduction of Precision Agriculture Concepts and Potential Benefits to the Agricultural Community of the Texas High Plains demonstrations and exhibits will be held at Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Halfway Monday, October 13.

The event gets underway at 12:00 noon with lunch sponsored by the High Plains Research Foundation.

Special presentations will be made by James E. (Pete) Laney, Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, and David Swinford, Member of the Texas House of Representatives.

Demonstrations and exhibits will follow at 1:00 p.m.

The event is sponsored by Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Centers in Lubbock and Amarillo, High Plains Research Foundation, High Plains Underground Water Conservation District #1, West Texas Agricultural Chemicals Institute, Texas Tech University, Potash-Phosphate Institute, West Texas A&M University and USDA-ARS.

CIAPSE (Center for Improv-

ing Agricultural Production in Semiarid Environments) is a group of experienced scientists from diverse backgrounds combining their expertise to develop and deliver to producers integrated farming systems that insure the survival, profitability, and vitality of semiarid agriculture while improving the environment and quality of life for all citizens.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin, the Texas A&M University System, U. S. Department of Agriculture and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

## Magician To Present Program

Ray Collins, gospel magic evangelist, appeared at the Silvertown School Wednesday morning, and had another performance at First Baptist Church at 7:00 p.m. that same day (September 17).

Everyone was invited to attend.

## New Beginning For County Family, Community Education Clubs

by Calley Payne  
 County Extension Agent

FCE Clubs (formerly Extension Homemakers and Home Demonstration Clubs) have gradually fizzled out in Briscoe County. Many things show how these clubs were important to this community and also lots of fun during their active years.

The Briscoe County office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service would like to offer a New Beginning for FCE. The kick-off will be the New Beginnings Luncheon on Tuesday, September 23, at 12:00 noon in the Pioneer Room at First State Bank in Silvertown.

Anyone interested in begin-

ning an FCE club or just wanting to learn about FCE should attend.

Alby Peters, Potter County Extension Agent for Family & Consumer Science, will be presenting a special program that day.

Please RSVP by calling the Extension Office at 823-2131.

## Junior Girl Scouts Have Their First Meeting Today

The Junior Girl Scouts will have their first meeting today (Thursday, September 18) from 4:00 until 5:00 p.m. at the Scout Hut. This will be an organizational meeting.

If parents can come, it would be appreciated.

If you would like more information, call 823-2395 after 4:00 p.m.

## Athletic Schedules Are Now Available

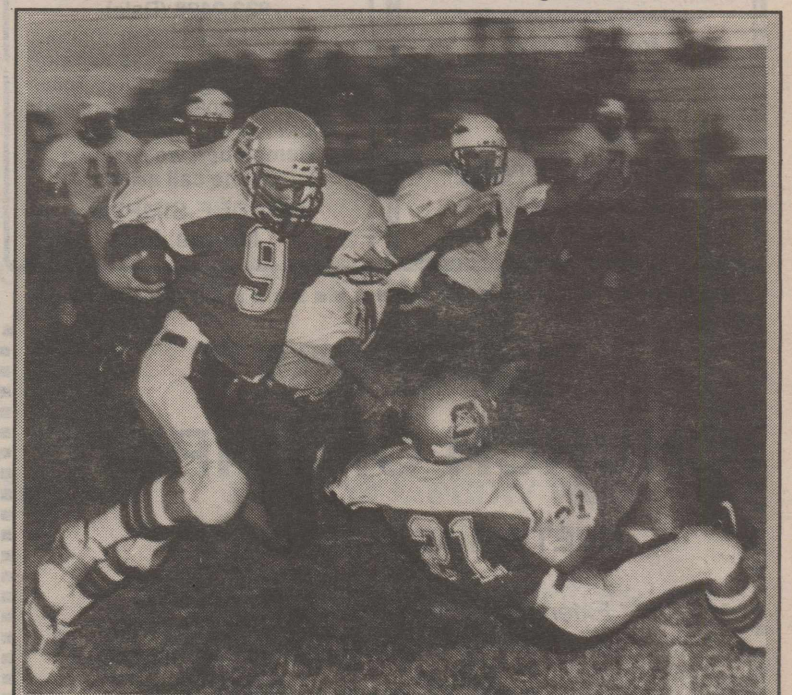
There are some Silvertown High and Junior High pocket athletic schedule cards available at Briscoe County News, Malt Shop, and at the Silvertown School.

They include the football and basketball games.

## FFA Chapter Elects Officers

The Silvertown FFA Chapter elected new officers September 10, 1997. They are Matt Martin, president; Molly Brooks, vice president; Michelle Warren, secretary; Sara Kirchoffner, reporter; Jay Arnold, sentinel.

This year FFA members will be selling sausage from Golden Valley. If you would like to purchase an item, please contact any FFA member.



Andy Bullock was blocking while Trey Ziegler picked up yardage for the Owls against the Miami Warriors Friday night. Ziegler also scored a touchdown. Earlier in the day, Ziegler was presented as the 1997 Pep Squad Beau.

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## Annual Chuckwagon Cookoff To Be Held in Clarendon Soon

The Saints' Roost Museum in Clarendon will hold its third annual Col. Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff on Saturday, September 27, 1997.

Authentic chuckwagons will compete for more than \$2,600 in prize money with each entry being judged on the authenticity of the wagon, chuckbox and equipment as well as camp furnishings and layout. Chuckwagon food also will be judged in the categories of meat, bread, beans and dessert.

Gates open to the public Saturday morning, September 27, at 10:00 a.m. with a concession lunch. A trade show on the museum grounds will feature Western trappings, jewelry and art. Channing artist Don Ray's work will be showcased. Ray's ranch upbringing inspires his beautiful

Western landscapes, historical paintings, and bronze sculptures. Historical author Norman Dysart will be on hand during the trade show. Dysart will sign copies of his book, *Like Whispers In The Wind*, which features the adventures of Bat Masterson in Old Mobeetie.

The museum, which is housed in the old Adair Hospital, will be open all day, and tours will be given by the Clarendon Junior Historians in period dress.

The Chuckwagon supper will start at 5:45 p.m., and those wishing to attend are urged to get there early. Following the meal, an awards presentation will be held at 7:30.

A pair of James Owens' boots will be given away Saturday night, and a Hay Bale Auction, with hay donated by Dan Sawyer, also will be held.

Entertainment for the evening will feature the western music of Duke Davis and the cowboy po-

etry of Tater Paschal.

This year's Trail Boss is James F. Hayes & Co.--Agriculture Real Estate Services--of Clarendon.

Tickets are limited and can be purchased in advance at Henson's in Clarendon. All proceeds will support the continued operation of the Saints' Roost Museum and its work to preserve the pioneer heritage of the Texas Panhandle.

For more information about the Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff, please call 806-874-3723.

## Junior 4-H Club Enjoys Bread-Making Activity

The Junior 4-H Club met September 2, 1997. Tanner Young, our president, called the meeting to order. We then said the pledge.

We baked bread in a bread machine from a box. Then we made bread from scratch and baked it in the oven.

We learned about officer duties. We talked about service projects and 4-H Club promotion activities.

After eating home-made bread and cleaning up, the meeting was adjourned.

Dusty Burson, reporter

## Boric Acid As Pest Control

Pammy Millican  
 Briscoe County  
 Extension Agent-Ag

There's a simple solution to killing insects and it may already be on a shelf in your home.

Boric acid has been used for hundreds of years as a medication and a cleansing agent and many people have discovered its pesticide application.

Extension urban entomologist Dr. Roger Gold says it works especially well on cockroaches because they are fastidious creatures. If they walk through boric acid, they will ingest it as they clean their feet. It's not a fast-acting poison. Gold says it can take four to seven days for the toxicity to build up enough to be lethal.

He says some people mix boric acid with sugar, honey or cookie dough to make it more attractive to the pests. But it may also make it appealing to children and animals, so it could become a poisonous recipe.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The following salaries of Briscoe County Elected Officials are proposed to be raised for fiscal year 1997-98.

OFFICE	CURRENT SALARY	AMOUNT OF RAISE
County Judge	\$17,750.00	\$ 532.50
County & District Clerk	17,750.00	893.00
County Sheriff	18,100.00	543.00
County Attorney	12,000.00	3,000.00
Justice of Peace, Precinct 1	10,200.00	306.00
Justice of Peace, Precinct 2	9,600.00	288.00
County Treasurer	14,350.00	431.00
Tax Assessor/Collector	15,600.00	468.00
Commissioner, Precinct 1	9,480.00	284.00
Commissioner, Precinct 2	9,480.00	284.00
Commissioner, Precinct 3	9,480.00	284.00
Commissioner, Precinct 4	9,480.00	284.00



## LOOKING BACK

through the files of the  
Briscoe County News

**September 17, 1987**--More crop damage results from storm . . . School enrollment up some this year, numbering 247 as compared with last year when the beginning figure was 233. There are 60 students in high school, 131 in elementary school and 56 in junior high . . . Silverton students rank higher than region and state averages in TEAMS tests administered here last spring . . . Big men who did a little rapping with the Owls at a Pep Rally last week were Perry Brunson, Wayne Nance, Lynn Frizzell and Stan Fogerson . . . Owls blow past Lefors Pirates 48-9 and end game in third quarter . . . Owls receiving honorable mention for their performance in the game were Jamie Frizzell, Neal Edwards, Robbie McWaters and Clay Schott . . . Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Couch are parents of a son, Casey Brian . . . Rex and Mary Tiffin have returned from touring the New England states . . .

**September 15, 1977**--Carol Stodghill is Worthy Advisor of Rainbow Assembly here . . . There will be a hearing to discuss the abandonment of the railroad spur from Sterley to Silverton in Plainview September 29-30 . . . Owls travel to Claude Friday night . . . W. J. (Jeff) McMurtry, 77, long-time Archer County rancher, buried last week . . . First bale of cotton ginned at Quitaque . . . Senior Class officers are Mark Reeves, president; Arlene Lavy, vice president; Debbie Storie, secretary; Mignone Rauch, treasurer; Jackie Vaughn, parliamentarian; Donna Grabbe, reporter; Linda Vaughn and Jace Francis, Student Council representatives . . . Elected to serve as officers of the Junior Class were Earl Jarrett, president; Mitchell Simpson, vice president; Kim Cornett, secretary; Dave Francis, treasurer; Twila Wood and Thomas Perkins, parliamentarians; Twila Wood and Kirk Durham, Student Council representatives . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brooks are parents of a son, Jeremiah . . . Mrs. David Tipton underwent an emergency appendectomy in Plainview Sunday morning . . . Sophomore officers are Greg Hill, president; Mike Cornett, vice president; Marilyn Hardin, secretary; Melissa Greenhaw, treasurer; Zane Reagan, parliamentarian; Connie Rowell, reporter; Traci Mayfield and Greg Hill, Student Council representatives . . .

**September 7, 1967**--Willson-Nichols Lumber Company, established here in 1925 by the late T. M. Nichols and operated continuously by the Nichols family for forty years, has been sold this week, according to a joint announcement by Jim Tom Nichols and Ware Fogerson. Mr. and Mrs. Fogerson purchased the lumber company and are in business at

Coaching the Owls this year are Gary Childs, Jack Shely and Kevin Cleveland . . .

**September 27, 1977**--Officers of the Silverton Senior Citizens are Wade Steele, president; Sybil Teeple, vice president; Bill Hill, secretary-treasurer . . . Fourth annual Miss Mackenzie Pageant to be held Saturday . . . Mignone Rauch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rauch, is a semi-finalist on the basis of her high performance on the 1976 Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test, National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test . . . Dick Roehr plans to enter St. Anthony's Hospital on Monday and expects to undergo heart surgery next week . . . Donna Stodghill Majors is a student at Texas Tech University. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Stodghill . . . Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gallington to be honored on fortieth wedding anniversary . . . Denise Kellum, wife of David Kellum, is attending West Texas State University this fall . . . Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fleming returned Sunday from a visit with relatives at Byers. They attended the Clay County Reunion while there . . .

**September 14, 1967**--Owls hand Hart 8-0 loss in season opener . . . Norvell G. Breedlove, manager of the Swisher County ASCS office, has received the Texas Award for Distinguished Service to ASCS . . . Mayor Jimmie House called the Briscoe County News just after noon Wednesday to report that permanent water rights had been granted to the Mackenzie Water Authority, with no opposition to the application for water rights presented at the hearing . . . C. H. Murphy, jr., who will be preaching his first sermon as pastor of the First Baptist Church here Sunday, is a native of Motley County . . . Mr. and Mrs. George Seaney called on Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Hartman and Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Henderson in the Lone Star community Sunday afternoon . . . Miss Connie Villemez and Joe Bob Watson pledged their wedding vows in a formal church ceremony September 2 . . . Miss Tina Irene Weaver became the bride of Loyd Wayne Nance in a double-ring ceremony performed September 1 at the First Methodist Church here with a former pastor of the church, Rev. Carl Nunn of Clarendon, officiating . . . Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McJimsey, Sherri and Mrs. John Crum were recent visitors and supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Covey Nash in Houston . . . Mrs. R. E. Sweek and Rhonda have been ill this week . . . Mrs. Bill Durham was in Plainview Monday afternoon to see a doctor, and visited Mrs. Don Cornett at the hospital in Tulia as she returned home . . .

**September 26, 1957**--Owls

defeated by Kress, 12-7 . . . Barbara Ann Furlow becomes bride of Norman Jasper . . . New Gulf Service Station being built in Silverton . . . Miss Elaine Stephens is FFA Sweetheart for 1957-58 . . . C. L. Wilson brings home another golf trophy . . . Conrad Alexander elected president of Ex-Students . . . Funeral services held for Joe Ned Vardell . . . Mrs. Watson Douglas, Mrs. Charles Wayne Mayfield and Mrs. Rusty Arnold are in El Paso attending a flower show . . . Mrs. George Weast has encephalitis . . . Lenton Lanham and Jack Harris received a premium of \$315 for the first bale of cotton ginned this season . . . Silverton Co-op receives first load of new crop milo from H. D. Luther of the Flying L Ranch . . . Silverton FFA will enter two grass judging teams in the State Fair contest October 5. Senior team members are Carson Grabbe, Doug Forbes, Ronald Ledbetter and Ronald Vaughan. Junior team members are Charles Cowart, Joe Anderson, David Tipton and Eldon O'Neal . . . Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Garvin are parents of a daughter, Danna . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ray Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Strange and Debra Kay were in Abernathy Sunday to visit E. G. Thompson . . . Dr. and Mrs. L. W. McClendon and Max attended homecoming here Saturday afternoon and evening . . .

**September 18, 1947**--Clinic plans continue; committee at work . . . Locak gin to be opened sometime next week . . . When Mrs. Roberta Griffin resigned her position with the First State Bank early this week, considerable changing resulted. Mrs. Eunice Elkins, a former employee of Nance Food Store, has accepted the position vacated by Mrs. Griffin. The place left vacant at Nance Food Store has been filled by Mrs. John D. Baird, who until a few months ago was employed at the City Food Market . . . \$475 starts drive of new club to light gridiron . . . Johnnie Lanham was a Quitaque visitor Saturday . . . Paul Ledbetter and Bud McMinn visited with Mr. McMinn's father, W. L. McMinn, in the Lockney Clinic Sunday . . . Donations to the cemetery association have been received from Mrs. Biffle Fort, Mrs. O. T. Bundy, Mrs. E. J. Vaughn, Miss Bonnie Smith, W. A. Rowell, Mrs. Ruth Cline, Louis Francis, Wilson McDonald . . . Rock Creek Club meets with Mrs. Hobart Newberry . . . Gerald Smith is making a trial pasture planting of mixed grasses this week . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Francis, Dale and Wilma Lee visited Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Franks in Amarillo Sunday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Joe Johnson and children and Mr. and Mrs. Wade Steele and Earl Cantwell visited over the week-

end in Colbert, Oklahoma with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Johnson . . . Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Fisch and Mr. and Mrs. Berle Fisch and Kay were dinner guests in the Bood Myers home Sunday . . .

## Happy Birthday-

September 18--Ruby Hester, L. B. Ivory, Wil T Bomar, Anthony Gamble

September 19--David Reagan, Earlene Barbour, Walter Hill, Bailey Loyd, Kenzie Whittington, Lynda Fogerson, R. C. Guest

September 20--Doc Simpson, Connie Smith, Guy Breedlove, Billy Don Stevenson

September 21--Rodger Kennedy, Danna Coleman, Eric Patton, Donald Fleming, Kerry Copeland

September 22--Shavonne George, Wayne Nance, Dianne Bridges, Becky Dunn

September 23--William Cole Schott, Emmie Garcia, Russell Simpson, Grover Thomas, Bryn Mayfield, Krislyn Perkins, Vance Chandler

## Happy Anniversary-

September 21--Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Oldham

September 24--Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Brannon, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Estes, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Hoyt



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## Cleaning & Storing Wedding Gowns, Textile Heirlooms

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Keepsakes from special occasions provide a sense of continuity and richness to our lives. Rites of passage, in particular, are often characterized by special clothing or textile items.

Wedding gowns or christening gowns, for example, may be worn by subsequent generations or members of the same generation. Proper care and storage of textile heirlooms can prolong their longevity in family traditions.

No special treatments or storage procedures guarantee against textile deterioration or damage. A few simple precautions can help limit deterioration and maintain the textile for future use. Whether the expected storage period is long or short term, consider the following recommendations. (Note: Examples refer to wedding or christening gowns; however, recommendations generally apply to other clothing and textile items.)

•Cleaning--after wearing for an event, the garment should be

cleaned within several days or weeks at the most. The longer soil and stains remain, the more difficult they are to remove.

Many individuals quickly examine a garment and seeing no obvious stains, believe no soiling has occurred; therefore, cleaning is unnecessary.

Over time, colorless soil and stains can age and discolor, as well as damage fabric. Soil and grit cause abrasion and deteriorate textiles. Food stains can discolor fabrics and attract insects. Sugar stains, as might be found in soda or alcoholic beverages, dry clear but over time turn brown and are difficult to remove. Perspiration stains and body oils in fabric can oxidize, turn yellow, and cause permanent damage and deterioration.

•Drycleaning--most wedding gowns and some christening gowns require dry cleaning, especially garments made from silk, acetate, rayon or wool. Drycleaning removes oil-based stains including greasy foods, body oils, make-up and general soil that might collect at the hem

of wedding gowns.

Drycleaning solvents alone do not remove water and sugar-based stains. Be certain to tell dry cleaners about these stains, both type and location, so they can be pre-treated with appropriate solvents.

Tell the drycleaner that you want a fresh or filtered solvent. Soil from dirty solvent can redeposit on garments, especially light-colored fabrics.

Some drycleaners offer special treatments to kill fungi or bacteria. These treatments are not only unnecessary and more expensive, but may not be safe for humans wearing the garments in the future. Standard drycleaning solvents generally kill fungi and most bacteria without harm to humans.

Occasionally, wedding gowns include recommendations to send the garment away for special cleaning. Before doing so, check with your local drycleaner. The procedure may be both expensive and unnecessary. Some drycleaners offer processing that does not involve tumbling the garment. This would be a consideration for historic garments. Always work with a reputable drycleaner to discuss the possible options.

•Wet cleaning--some newer garments can be hand or machine washed satisfactorily at home. Christening gowns or country-style wedding gowns in cotton, linen or synthetic blend fabrics can often be laundered. Check the care label on garments and ask the salesperson at time of purchase.

If garments are hand-sewn, fabrics should be pre-washed before cutting out the garment pieces. Laundering can remove water-soluble, sugar and oil-based stains.

Some pre-treatment may be necessary for specific types of stains. Be certain to rinse fabrics thoroughly and do not starch if the item will be stored. Chlorine bleach should be avoided. It can damage fabrics and, if not thoroughly rinsed out, can cause continued deterioration over time. If bleaching is necessary, oxygen type bleaches are recommended, followed by thorough rinsing.

When handling older garments to use for a wedding or a christening, or to clean after use, do so with special care. Take them to a reputable drycleaner who has experience with historic textile fabrics.

Antique cotton or linen fabrics, such as christening gowns and some wedding gowns, can sometimes be hand-laundered at home. This can be done using special cleaning products for delicate fabrics and washing the garment(s) flat in the bathroom tub. Delicate garments should be supported by a fiberglass screen underneath. Use it to lift the wet fabric from the tub. Fiberglass screens are available from hardware stores. Wash the screen first in soap and water to remove oils, then bind edges with muslin fabric. Excessive heat and pressure can damage older textiles.

## Ladies Combine Business With Lots of Visiting

On Saturday, September 6, Lou Younger and Zobie Self went to the Lubbock International Airport to pick up their sister, Deal McGowen from Alamo. Deal, a Silverton High graduate in 1946, had journeyed to the Panhandle on business and pleasure.

Before leaving Lubbock, the three went to visit another sister, Delma Dean Masey (Silverton High graduate in 1943) who now resides in Lubbock.

In Silverton, Deal visited friends and relatives including an aunt and uncle, Maggie and R. E. Sweek, whom she had not seen in several years. She also visited her brother, J. L. Self, and was fortunate to be able to speak with another brother, Bill Self, who divides his time between Silverton and Abilene.

On Wednesday, Zobie and Deal traveled to Amarillo with a stopover to examine the Panhandle Plains Museum. In Amarillo, the two were met by Steve McGowen, Deal's son who lives in Greeley, Colorado. He not only bought a marvelous steak supper, but provided lodging at the Holiday Inn for the night.

The last afternoon and night of the stay by Deal was spent in Lubbock. Deal and Zobie joined their sister in celebrating the birthday of Delma's husband, Punk. He would observe his 73rd birthday on Saturday. A supper

of fried chicken with all the trimmings plus a red devil cake decorated with large turquoise and deep blue tea roses completed the meal which was enjoyed by children and grandchildren of the honoree as well as the three sisters.

Deal flew out of Lubbock Saturday morning to return to her husband, Mac, and the most important member of her family, the dog Amigo.

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### NATIONAL GUARD FITS THE BILL

"A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." — Amendment II to the U.S. Constitution ratified on December 15, 1791

The fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 radically changed America's defense needs. This brought about a reexamination of our national spending priorities. As we try to balance the budget, we must make better use of scarce resources and seek greater value for every dollar spent. Accordingly, Congress has supported the Defense Department's efforts to reduce its size prudently and address changed security threats.

The Defense Department's force structure now is roughly 30 percent smaller than it was in the 1980s. Its budget has also declined to about 60 percent (in real terms) of its peak in 1985. We have reduced our military forces to the lowest levels since just before the outbreak of World War II.

One of the little-noticed implications of this changed defense landscape is the increased reliance we now put on the National Guard.

Our eight National Guard divisions are an integral part of America's defense readiness. A recent study of Texas' 49th Armored Division by the Institute for Defense Analysis concluded that it could mobilize, train and be ready for deployment in little more than 90 days.

This is the kind of essential support that makes it possible to downsize our active-duty force without compromising readiness or national security.

Dollar for dollar, the National Guard is one of the best defense investments we can make. In fighting for full funding for the National Guard in next year's defense bill, I pointed out to my Senate colleagues that the Army National Guard trains its recruits at only 20 percent of the cost of training a regular Army soldier. That's a savings no one can afford to ignore.

The administration's requested defense budget for next year would have severely cut funding for the National Guard. But in July, the Senate voted to restore critical funding for the National Guard (as well as reserve programs).

Historically, with the exception of the period of the Cold War, the United States has not maintained a large, standing defense force. We have relied instead on the National Guard and reserve programs.

It would be shortsighted to gut our reserve capabilities at the same time we are dramatically downsizing the active force.



## ISSUE UPDATE

with  
Mac Thornberry

Mac

### Marriage Penalty is Example of How the Tax Code Works Against Us

Last year, the IRS penalized more than 21 million couples an average of \$1,400 dollars each -- not because they were late paying their taxes, and not because they never filed a return.

The IRS penalized them simply because they were married. Under current law, many married couples who file jointly are pushed into higher tax brackets when both the husband and wife work.

For instance, a single teacher making \$24,000 dollars a year is currently taxed in the 15 percent bracket. If she married another teacher who was making the same amount, however, their joint income of \$48,000 dollars would push them into the 28 percent tax bracket, costing them an additional \$600 dollars each year.

The marriage penalty is

just another way that the current tax code works against us, instead of for us. It's also another reason the entire tax code needs to be reformed.

I signed onto a bill this past week that would eliminate the marriage penalty altogether by letting couples choose their tax filing status. Under this legislation, a couple could choose to file either separately or together, whichever way provided them with the greatest tax relief.

This bill's been endorsed by such groups as the Christian Coalition, National Taxpayers Union, and Americans for Tax Reform.

It's also got the support of those who are affected most by this unfair law -- the millions of couples across America who are being penalized simply for being married.

For more information on this or any other issue before Congress, please write  
Mac Thornberry at 412 Cannon Building, Washington, DC 20515.



## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

First I wish to say I sure enjoy the Briscoe County News as it helps me to keep up with the local news and some National News.

I read the article in this week's paper about Lottie (Vaughan) Owens and her accident. Also it had her address and phone number. After fifty-nine years I knew how to contact her. I called her and had an enjoyable visit with her; she and my older sister were good friends.

I also read the article on the need for donations to finish the stock show building. I am enclosing one hundred dollars for the Silverton Stock Show Building Fund.

After I finished high school I worked for John (Long John) Burson. I enjoyed working for him. He and his family were real good to me.

I am a Founding Member of The Working Ranch Cowboys Association, and enjoy the benefits. If a cowboy is injured in a rodeo his medical bills are paid. This Association has a Nation Wide Membership.

I keep up with The Silverton Owls Football Team. When in high school I came out for football. I was too light to play on the main team, but I had two important positions on the team, End & Guard. I sat on the end of the bench and guarded the water bucket.

In closing I wish to say thanks for all the good news coverage.

Sincerely,  
Henry H. Norrid  
111 N. Belleview  
Amarillo, Texas 79106  
806-372-8811

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Alva C. Jasper, Deceased, were issued on June 25, 1997, in Cause No. 1378, pending in the County Court of Briscoe County, Texas, to: Nelda Jasper and Micki Jasper, co-executors.

The residence of the Independent Co-Executors is Route 1, Box 60, Briscoe County, Texas; the post office address is:

c/o William P. Smith  
Attorney at Law  
P. O. Box 59

Quitaque, Texas 79255-0000

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 10th day of September, 1997.

William P. Smith  
Attorney at Law  
P. O. Box 59

Quitaque, Texas 79255  
Telephone: (806) 455-1166

By: /s/ William P. Smith

Attorney for the Estate

State Bar No.: 00792843 38-1c

I don't get my paper for two weeks some times. This is Thursday and I have not received my paper yet. I usually get it on a Monday when it is supposed to get here.

Thanks,  
Ruby Northcutt

### Senior Citizens To Have Meeting, Luncheon Friday

Silverton Senior Citizens will have their monthly luncheon and business meeting at the Center Friday at noon.

Ladies from the Rock Creek Church of Christ will be hostesses for the luncheon.

### Silverton PTA To Meet Tuesday

Everyone is encouraged to attend the first Silverton PTA meeting of the new school year in the school cafeteria at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 23.

### Silverton School Activities

Thursday, Sept. 18--Owl JH at McLean, 5:00

Samnorwood vs. Lazbuddie, here, 7:30; JH, 5:00

Friday, Sept. 19--McLean, here, 7:30; Methodist After-game party; End of six weeks

Thursday, Sept. 25--Whitharral JH & JV here, 5:00 & 6:30

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Doyle Ray Tiffin, Deceased, were issued on July 23, 1997, in Cause No. 1384, pending in the County Court of Briscoe County, Texas, to: Betty Nan Tiffin.

The residence of the Independent Executrix is P. O. Box 160, Silverton, Briscoe County, Texas; the post office address is:

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### Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, Sept. 22--Beef & Vegetable Soup, Toasted Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, Fruit Cobbler, Milk

Tuesday, Sept. 23--Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Salad, Corn, Bread, Fruit, Milk

Wednesday, Sept. 24--Submarine Sandwich, French Fries, Salad, Fruit, Jello, Milk

Thursday, Sept. 25--Steak, Gravy, Au Gratin Potatoes, Hot Roll, Honey, Butter, Milk

Friday, September 26--Hamburger, Cheese, Tater Tots, Salad, Cookie, Milk

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## Owls Drop Game To Good Team By Narrowest Margin Before Large Homecoming Crowd

The Owls played a good game against the Miami Warriors before a large homecoming crowd here Friday night, but saw a victory slip away from their grasp. The Owls gave up a couple of scores too easily, made too many errors which resulted in penalties and lacked a few inches being able to punch across a touchdown as time expired in the first half.

Jared Holt kicked off into the endzone to open the game, and Miami started on their own 20. They received a motion penalty on their first play, but then picked up a couple of first downs enroute to their first score which came with 6:57 still to be played in the period. They kicked their PAT, and held an 8-0 lead.

Miami executed the short kick-off properly, recovered the ball, and were back on offense again before the Owl offense ever touched the ball. On fourth down, the Warriors fumbled and Will Hester recovered for the red and white.

The Owls were unable to move the ball on their first possession and punted away on fourth down. Miami returned the ball to the 15 where the carrier was stopped by David Gamble.

Defense by Gamble, Trey Wyatt, Leland Wood and other Owls brought about a three and out series for the Warriors, who punted on fourth down.

Jack Cherry passed complete to Jay Arnold for a first down, and Jeremy Holt ran for another. Jeremy ran for another seven or eight yards before a face-mask penalty nullified a play. Cherry came back with a pass to Arnold which was good for a touchdown with 25 seconds remaining to be played in the first quarter. Jeremy drop-kicked the PAT, and the score was knotted at 8-8.

Once again Jared Holt kicked off into the endzone, and Miami brought it all the way for a touchdown on their first play from the



Jared Francis and Trey Wyatt combined talents to stop the Miami Warrior ballcarrier in the homecoming game here Friday night.

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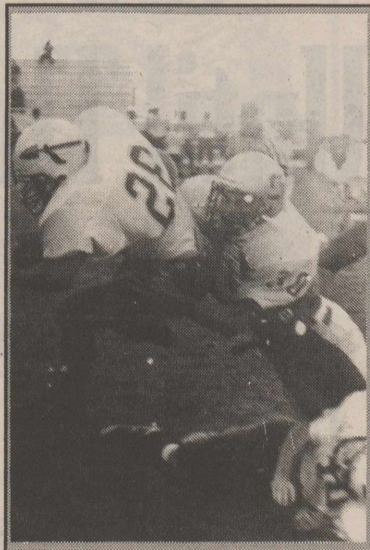
20. The Owls blocked the PAT kick, and with nine seconds remaining to be played in the opening quarter, the Warriors moved ahead 14-8.

Miami kicked off, and Trey Ziegler took the ball to the Miami 20 as the first quarter ended. Ziegler picked up four yards before taking a handoff from Cherry and going over for another touchdown. Since the Owls would have been kicking into the wind, Jeremy Holt this time took the handoff from Cherry and ran the PAT into the endzone to give the Owls a 14-15 lead with 9:33 remaining in the second quarter.

Jared Holt kicked off once again, and this time Wyatt recovered the ball for the Owls. Jeremy Holt carried the ball for a first down on the Miami 10, after which he scored with 8:02 still showing on the first half clock. There was no PAT, and the Owls moved ahead 14-21.

Jared kicked off once again, and the Owls held the runback at the Miami 35. Wyatt intercepted the Warriors on their first play, and the Owls were back in business until receiving a major penalty which set them back half the distance to the goal. Cherry completed a pass to Jeremy Holt for a first down near midfield, after which the Owls got another penalty. Once again Cherry passed to Jeremy for a first down. After a handoff to Ziegler, which netted four yards, Cherry handed off to Jeremy Holt who carried for a first down on the Miami two. Jeremy carried the score with 3:31 remaining before halftime, there was no PAT, and the Owls moved into a 14-27 lead.

When Jared kicked off again, the Warriors brought it out to their own 30, made a first down on the Silverton 28, where Wyatt prevented a touchdown with his tackle, and made another first down on the Silverton 12, stopped



Will Hester makes a tackle for the Owls as the Miami Warriors attempt to go for another touchdown.

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by Wood. Miami fumbled, recovered and lost a couple of yards before scoring with 1:12 remaining to be played in the second period. They narrowed the score to 22-27.

The Warriors kicked off, and Andy Bullock took the short kick to midfield. Cherry passed complete to Arnold for a gain of five yards after which Jeremy Holt ran for another first down on about the Miami 20. Cherry passed complete to Ziegler for a 10-yard gain, after which Jeremy caught a pass to move the ball to just inches outside the goal as time expired in the first half.

Miami kicked off to open the second half, and Ziegler returned the short kick to near midfield. Cherry completed a pass to Jeremy Holt for an eight-yard gain before the ball went over on downs to the Warriors near midfield.

Miami picked up a first down, stopped by Ziegler, before Wood performed a quarterback sack. The Owls gave them five yards



Leland Wood is an outstanding defensive player for the Owls and shows in this photo that his technique is to get down low.

Briscoe County News Photo

on a penalty, and the Warriors scored with 5:04 to be played in the third period. They fumbled their PAT attempt, but regained the 28-27 lead.

Miami kicked off and the Owls controlled the short kick once again. Jeremy rushed for a first down near the 20, and Cherry completed a pass to Ziegler who completed the first down on a run the next down. Jeremy Holt carried into the endzone with 3:14 still to be played in the quarter. The PAT kick was blocked, and the Owls held the long end of the 28-33 score.

The Owls kicked off and held the return at the 20. Miami made a first down before defense by Wyatt brought about a fumble which the Warriors grabbed. They carried a touchdown on the next play, there was no PAT, and the Warriors regained the long end of the 34-33 score.

Miami kicked off and Cherry recovered the onside. After completing a pass to the Miami 30, Cherry was sacked for a 10-yard loss, then was sacked again as the fourth quarter began. Cherry completed a pass to Jared Holt after which he punted away and Miami returned the ball all the way for a touchdown with 9:12 remaining in the fourth quarter. There was no PAT, and the Warriors led the game 40-33.

Jeremy Holt took the short kickoff all the way for a touchdown for the Owls, there was no PAT, and with 8:52 still on the clock, the Owls trailed 40-39.

The Owls kicked off again, and Jeremy tackled the returner on the Miami 25. The Warriors completed a pass, stopped by Wood, and made another first down on a pass completion to the Silverton 23. The Owls received a major penalty, giving the Warriors another first down, and they scored on the next play. With 5:53 remaining in the game, the score came up 46-39 in favor of the Warriors.

Miami kicked off and Wyatt took the short kick at midfield. The Owls were unable to move the ball, and it went over to the Warriors on the Silverton 32.

Miami also was unable to move the ball, and the Owls got it back on their own 23. This series was cut short by an interception after Cherry had thrown complete to Arnold again.

With 2:20 remaining to be played, the Warriors went back on offense, and scored with 1:31 seconds on the clock. There was no PAT, and the Warriors moved into a 52-39 lead.

Miami kicked off short again, and Ziegler took it back to the Miami 30, but the Owls got another penalty which moved them back to their 25. Cherry completed another pass to Arnold for a first down and passed complete to Jared Francis. Cherry hit Wyatt with a touchdown pass with 25 seconds remaining to be played. There was no PAT, and the Owls held the short end of the 52-45 score.

The Owls made 15 first downs in the game as compared with 12 for Miami. The Warriors completed seven of ten passes with one intercepted for a gain of 128 yards. Cherry completed 17 of 27 with one interception for a gain of 194 yards. The Owls rushed for 141 yards while Miami rushed for 293 yards--which seems to have been the difference in the game.

The Owls also got six penalties for a total of 55 yards while the Warriors had three penalties for 12.5 yards stepped off against them.

The Owls will be at home again this week to host the McLean Tigers who will be coming here for the first time in a long time without Coach Jerry Miller, who moved to Dell City this year.

The Owls will be working hard to get back their winning ways in this game. It is sure to be a good game. Don't miss it!

## Jeremy Holt Honored For Performance

Jeremy Holt received honorable mention as Player of the Week from the sportswriters of the Amarillo Daily News this week.

Holt rushed for 123 yards and three touchdowns. He also had 83 yards receiving and an 80-yard kickoff return for a fourth touchdown.

In addition, Holt drop-kicked a point after touchdown, and carried another PAT into the endzone.

## Michelle Warren Is Football Queen

Michelle Warren was presented as the 1997 Football Queen in halftime activities held at the homecoming football game here Friday night.

The senior candidate, she was escorted by senior player Jack Cherry and was crowned with the traditional football helmet crown.

The members of her court were Taylor Griffin, freshman; Dara Johnston, sophomore, and Dara Ramsey, junior.



Jeremy Holt had an outstanding game against Miami here Friday night, and he was rewarded for his efforts with an honorable mention when the Player of the Week was chosen by the Amarillo Daily News sportswriters. Jeremy scored four ways in the game.

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# WISHING THE BEST TO THE SILVERTON OWLS!



The Silvertown Owls--(back row, left to right) Coach Larry Mantle, Jay Hicks, Jared Holt, Jack Cherry, Jay Arnold, Nathan Francis, Will Hester, Max Whitworth, Coach Donnie Dutton; (third row) Jeremy Holt, Chris Justice, Charlie Bomar, Jared Francis, Trey Ziegler, Trey Wyatt, Andy Bullock, Kiefer Dutton; (kneeling) Leland Wood, Gary Whitworth, Clint Ivory, David Gamble, Donny Burson, Adrian Ramirez, Vince Cruz; (sitting) Ryan Minyard, Paul Segura, Tyler Young, Bert Garza. Nicholas Vargas and Jimmy Castillo, managers. Plainview Daily Herald Photo

Junior High  
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Jack Cherry and Molly Brooks, Mr. and Miss Flame, lighted the fire which has burned during all homecoming games since 1986. The couple were chosen by the popular vote of their peers. *Briscoe County News Photo*

## Junior Varsity Owls Open Season With Victory Over Miami Warriors

The Junior Varsity Owls traveled to Miami Saturday morning for a game with the Warriors, and really provided an exciting game for their fans. After kicking off to open the game, the Owls allowed a touch-down but no PAT by the Warriors.

the kickoff, but the Warriors were able to recover their own fumble. The fourth quarter began with the score standing at 26-19 in favor of the Owls. Clint Ivory sacked the Miami quarterback and forced the Warriors to punt.

Later in the game, Amos Lopez recovered a fumble on the Owl 28. Ivory got his helmet knocked off and received a couple of facial lacerations, but wasn't otherwise injured. Paul Segura scored, there was no PAT, and the game ended with the Owls in control of the 33-19 match.

The JV Owls have no game this week, and will be looking to play Whitharral in their next outing.

The Owls scored on a play by Adrian Ramirez, and scored the PAT to set the tone of the game. On one of the Warriors' PAT attempts, Ryan Minyard intercepted an errant pass. The first half ended with the Owls holding a narrow 20-19 lead. Silvertown received the kick which opened the second half, and the teams traded a couple of possessions before Nathan Francis passed complete to Vince Cruz for a first down on the Miami 20. The Owls scored on a pass from Francis to Max Whitworth, but were unable to convert their PAT.

## Junior High Owls Get 'Stood Up'

The Owls created a fumble on

Their date for the "party" didn't show up last Thursday afternoon, and the Junior High Owls were very disappointed not to be playing a game with Cotton Center as had been scheduled. They are scheduled to go to McLean for a game with the Junior High Tiger Cubs this afternoon at 5:00, and will be hoping to get into some action at that time.

## Two Light Spirit Flame Friday

Jack Cherry and Molly Brooks were named as the 1997 Mr. and Miss Flame at the homecoming bonfire on Thursday evening of last week. In pre-game activities Friday night, they lighted the flame which has burned during every homecoming game since 1986 at the south end of the football field. Trey Ziegler is Pep Squad Beau. Trey Ziegler was presented in the Pep Rally Friday afternoon as the 1997 Pep Squad Beau. Others nominated for this honor were Will Hester, Jeremy Holt and Jack Cherry.

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# Cotton News

From Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

Producers and landowners waiting for word on when the next Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) sign-up would begin don't have to wait any longer according to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. (PCG).

Sign-up for the 16th CRP will begin October 14 and run through November 14, 1997. Unfortunately at press time the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) had not finalized all of the new rules for the 16th sign-up. Final rules and training for County NRCS and Farm Service Agency (FSA) personnel is expected to occur in the next two weeks.

Anyone interested in putting together an offer for the 16th CRP sign-up can contact local FSA or NRCS offices for additional information. Several of the rules governing the next sign-up are known.

Eligible land will be cropland that was planted or considered to be planted to an agricultural commodity in two of the most recent five years and must be physically and legally capable of being planted to an agricultural commodity. Marginal pasture land is also eligible if it is in the last year of a Water Bank Program contract or will be devoted to a riparian buffer planted to trees.

Eligible cropland must also meet at least one of the following criteria: be considered Highly Erodible land (HEL) according to Conservation Compliance provisions;

be considered a cropped wetland; is subject to scour erosion; is located in a national or state CRP conservation priority area; or, is associated with a non-cropped wetland.

Rental rates will continue to be based upon county average dryland cash or cash rent equivalents adjusted for site specific soil productivity factors.

The Environmental Benefits Index (EBI) will again be used to compare and rank CRP offers. Rankings will be based on potential environmental benefits derived from enrolling the acreage in the CRP, taking into consideration the cost to the taxpayer. New contracts will be for a period of not less than 10 years. No existing contracts will be extended.

Land that was offered during the last CRP sign-up, but was not accepted, can be rebid. The likelihood of acceptance of an offer could be increased by offering less than the maximum payment rate or by enhancing the environmental benefits of the offer.

Some provisions have been revised for the 16th sign-up; they are: modification of the wildlife cover benefits factor to recognize the improved wildlife benefits of certain covers planted specifically to provide for their habitat needs; the air quality factor was changed to more accurately reflect wind speed, moisture conditions, particle size, organic material, volcanic and organic soil and proximity to designated agricultural areas that contribute

to non-attainment of air quality standards of effect Class 1 pristine air quality areas such as national parks; and a sub-factor was added to the cost factor to further encourage the CRP's cost competitiveness.

The effective date for contract offers accepted during the 16th CRP sign-up will be October 1, 1998. Contracts accepted for acreage scheduled to come out of the CRP on September 30, 1997 could be effective the month after the new contract is approved.

High Plains cotton producers will have another chance to clean out the barn of old unused and unwanted insecticides and herbicides free of charge and no questions asked.

The Agricultural Waste Pesticide Collection Program is sponsored by the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission, the Texas Department of

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Jettie Hardcastle, Deceased, were issued on September 8, 1997, in Cause No. 1387, pending in the County

Agriculture and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The High Plains collection program will be held October 24, 1997, from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The collection point will be the Ollie Liner Center in Plainview, located on Interstate 27 Business across from the Hale County Airport.

Additional collection programs in Texas will be held in Wall (Tom Green County) on October 17 and in Baird (Callahan County) on October 21.

For more information about how to participate in the collection program, contact the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Court of Briscoe County, Texas, to: Billy Don Stevenson.

The residence of the Independent Executor is 66 Thayer Avenue, East Bridgewater, Plymouth County, Massachusetts; the post office address is:

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DATED the 10th day of September, 1997.

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## Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Silverton ISD Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in 1997 by 5.6 percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property.

The public hearing will be held on September 25, 1997 at 12:00 noon.

FOR the proposal: Perry Brunson, Zane Mayfield, Tom Burson, Rance Young, Penny Carpenter

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: Mikel Griffin, Dewey Estes

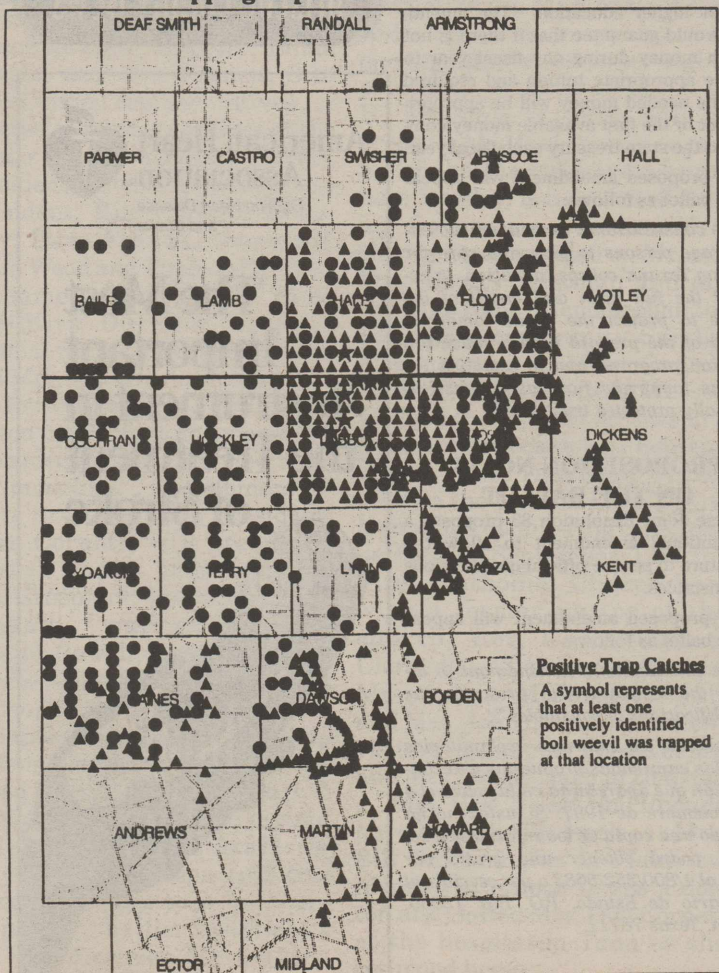
The statement above shows the percentage increase the proposed tax rate represents over the effective tax rate that the unit published on August 28, 1997. The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average home value	\$40,000	\$40,000
General exemptions available (amount available on the average home, not including senior citizen's or disabled persons exemptions)	\$ 5,000	\$15,000
Average taxable value	\$35,000	\$25,000
Tax rate	.985/\$100	.985/\$100
Tax	\$344.75	\$246.25 proposed

Under this proposal taxes on the average home would decrease by \$98.50 or 28.6 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would remain the same or 100 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

### Boll Weevil Trapping Report 1997

Week 38 (09/08/97 thru 09/12/97)



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Data collected by AgriPartners Program of Texas Ag Extension Service, Independent Crop Consultants, individual cotton producers, and PCG Boll Weevil Control Program.  
Map prepared by Plains Cotton Growers Boll Weevil Control Office



## Patience Needed In Ranch Markets

by Pammy Millican  
County Extension Agent

Last year's advise to ranchers was liquidate, liquidate, liquidate.

This year, Texas is well ahead of the nation in liquidating its cattle. But Extension livestock marketing economist Dr. Ernest Davis warns ranchers not to get too bullish.

Davis says cattle prices could reach record highs if ranchers will just be patient. He expects prices to top 100 dollars per hundredweight by the year 2001 if

liquidation continues nationwide.

If the national liquidation ends too quickly, Davis predicts prices will drop more over the next three years and recovery will not start until after the year 2000.

## Tender Beef Brings Ranchers More Money

by Pammy Millican  
County Extension Agent

A new study at Texas A&M reveals people will pay top dollar if they're guaranteed a tender cut of beef.

In the first part of the study, Texas A&M animal science assis-

tant lecturer Shanna Boleman had consumers test three categories of steak. The most tender was in a red package. The whit package had steaks that were somewhat tender and the blue-packaged steaks were tough.

Boleman found that participants were able to distinguish the three degrees of tenderness. In the final phase of the study, the consumers were asked if they would pay 50 cent a pound more for steaks if they were guaranteed tender.

Boleman says the answer was a resounding "yes". Boleman says this should be the economic incentive cattle producers need to raise more tender beef.

## High Tech Redneck

by Pammy Millican  
County Extension Agent

Everything is high tech now days . . . even ranching. Extension livestock specialist Dr. Joe Paschal is amazed by the latest advances in cattle producing. There's a new procedure that allows ranchers to determine if their heifers will be good producers.

It involves giving a young female a hormone shot. It tricks the brain into thinking it's mature. If the response isn't what the rancher wants, he can cull the heifer from the herd and find

a more promising female.

A second procedure is checking a bull's fertility with infrared thermography. The scrotum is scanned and should show the temperature getting cooler the farther away it is from the body. Warm temperatures kill sperm cells.

Paschal says other techniques aimed at increasing the odds of conception include a heat watch system to determine ovulation, ultrasound to determine pregnancy at an earlier stage, and a sexed semen procedure.

## DNA Testing In Horses

by Pammy Millican  
County Extension Agent

D-N-A: Thanks to high profile criminal cases, those three letters are now a part of most people's vocabulary. It's a standard in criminal investigations and has an endless list of medical applications. It's also becoming common place in the horse industry.

Jerry Wyndham sits on the executive committee of the American Quarter Horse Association. He says D-N-A testing is important to maintain the integrity of the breed. He says at the AQHA world championship horse show and sale, the owners of foals and yearlings must be able to verify their horse's parentage. He says it's also a requirement with race horses and in cases where the horse's parentage is in question.

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### PROPOSITION NO. 1 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 36 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow a person to hold the position of municipal judge in more than one municipality.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to allow a person who holds the office of municipal court judge to hold at the same time more than one civil office for which the person receives compensation."

### PROPOSITION NO. 2 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 43 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to limit the maximum annual increase in homestead appraisals for each year since the most recent tax appraisal. The amendment would also permit the legislature to allow the governing body of a school district to elect to apply the law providing for the transfer of the age-65-and-older school property tax freeze to the person's new homestead, if the move to the new residence homestead occurred before the law took effect.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to authorize the Legislature to limit increases in the appraised value of residence homesteads for ad valorem taxation and to permit a school district to calculate the school property tax freeze applicable to the residence homestead of an elderly person or the surviving spouse of an elderly person in accordance with the law authorizing the transfer of the school property tax freeze to a different homestead regardless of whether that law was in effect at the time the person established the person's homestead."

### PROPOSITION NO. 3 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 45 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to authorize counties, cities, towns, and other local taxing entities to grant exemptions or other forms of ad valorem tax relief on property on which approved water conservation initiatives have been implemented.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to permit a taxing unit to grant an exemption or other relief from ad valorem taxes on property on which a water conservation initiative has been implemented."

### PROPOSITION NO. 4 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 104 proposes an

amendment to update the Texas Constitution by deleting duplicate numbering in its provisions and removing certain of its obsolete portions.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment eliminating duplicate numbering in and certain obsolete provisions of the Texas Constitution."

### PROPOSITION NO. 5 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 19 proposes an amendment to allow the Supreme Court of Texas to hold sessions at any location in this state. Currently, the court is limited to holding sessions only at Austin, the seat of state government.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the supreme court to sit to transact business at any location in this state."

### PROPOSITION NO. 6 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 39 proposes a constitutional amendment to repeal the current provision which provides that the board of the Texas Growth Fund may not invest money in a business unless the business has disclosed to the board whether it has any direct financial investment in or with South Africa or Namibia.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment allowing the Texas growth fund to continue to invest in businesses without requiring those businesses to disclose investments in South Africa or Namibia."

### PROPOSITION NO. 7 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 17 proposes a constitutional amendment to create the Texas Water Development Fund II as a fund separate and distinct from the Texas Water Development Fund. The amendment would authorize the Texas Water Development Board to administer the fund and issue general obligation bonds for purposes of the fund under guidelines set forth in the amendment.

The amendment would also allow the Board to use loan repayments coming into the fund after the end of the fiscal year to make bond debt service payments, and would provide certain conditions for the flow of funds for repayment of Texas agricultural water conservation bonds.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment relating to the authorization to the Texas Water Development Board to transfer existing bond authorizations for water

supply, water quality, flood control, or state participation from one category of use to another category to maximize the use of existing funds and relating to more efficient operation of the bond programs."

### PROPOSITION NO. 8 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 31 proposes a constitutional amendment which would authorize home equity lending, in which a loan could be secured by a lien against the borrower's homestead. The amendment would also establish several provisions providing for consumer protection in the home equity lending process.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The amendment to the Texas Constitution expanding the types of liens for home equity loans that a lender, with the homeowner's consent, may place against a homestead."

### PROPOSITION NO. 9 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 96 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the legislature to authorize a property tax of five cents for each \$100 valuation in rural fire prevention districts which are located in Harris County. The constitution currently authorizes a property tax of three cents for each \$100 valuation in rural fire prevention districts regardless of what county they are in.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to authorize an ad valorem tax rate in rural fire prevention districts located in Harris County of five cents on each \$100 of taxable value of property."

### PROPOSITION NO. 10 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 33 proposes a constitutional amendment to permanently dedicate monies from the Texas Crime Victims' Compensation Fund (and its auxiliary fund) so that they are used only for assisting victims of crime and not for any other purpose. If an episode of mass violence occurred, however, money from the funds could be used to assist victims of the mass violence if all other sources of authorized emergency assistance were depleted first.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment designating the purposes for which money in the compensation to victims of crime fund and the compensation to victims of crime auxiliary fund may be used."

### PROPOSITION NO. 11 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 59 proposes a constitutional amendment to prohibit the Legislature from authorizing additional state debt payable from the general revenue fund if the resulting annual debt service (the amount needed each year to make payments) would exceed five percent of the annual general revenue avail-

able over the last three fiscal years, excluding revenues constitutionally dedicated for purposes other than payment of state debt.

The term "additional state debt" does not include bonds that, although backed by the full faith and credit of the state, are reasonably expected to be paid from revenue sources other than the general revenue fund.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment limiting the amount of state debt payable from the general revenue fund."

### PROPOSITION NO. 12 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 55 proposes a constitutional amendment to provide that if the Texas Supreme Court does not act on a motion for a rehearing within 180 days of the motion's filing, the motion is denied.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to establish a deadline for supreme court action on a motion for rehearing."

### PROPOSITION NO. 13 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 8 proposes a constitutional amendment to establish the Texas Tomorrow trust fund dedicated exclusively to the prepayment of tuition and fees for higher education. The amendment would guarantee that if there is not enough money during any fiscal year to pay the appropriate tuition and required fees, the needed money will be appropriated out of the first available money coming into the state treasury each fiscal year.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to encourage persons to plan and save for young Texans' college education, to extend the full faith and credit of the state to protect the Texas tomorrow fund of the prepaid higher education tuition program, and to establish the Texas tomorrow fund as a constitutionally protected trust fund."

### PROPOSITION NO. 14 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 83 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to set the official qualifications for constables.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to prescribe the qualifications of constables."

Estos son los informes explicatorios sobre las enmiendas propuestas a la constitución que aparecerán en la boleta el 4 de noviembre de 1997. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podrá obtener una gratis por llama al 1/800/252/8683 o por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, Texas 78711.

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 Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
 Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
 WEDNESDAY:  
 Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

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Ted Kingery, Minister

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

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

Jess Craig Little, Pastor

SUNDAY:  
 Library Opens.....9:15 a.m.  
 Bible Study/S.S.....10:00 a.m.  
 Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
 Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
 SECOND & FOURTH  
 TUESDAYS:  
 Baptist Women.....9:30 a.m.  
 WEDNESDAY:  
 Library Opens.....6:30 p.m.  
 Bible Study/Prayer.....7:00 p.m.

**SILVERTON UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**

Jay Stinson, Pastor

SUNDAY:  
 Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
 Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.  
 Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.  
 SECOND SUNDAY:  
 Praise & Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
 TUESDAY:  
 Unit. Meth. Women.....9:30 a.m.  
 WEDNESDAY:  
 Choir Practice.....5:00 p.m.  
 In-home Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

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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  
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SUNDAY:  
 Mass.....9:00 a.m.  
 WEDNESDAY:  
 Doctrina Class.....4:30-5:30 p.m.  
 Junior & Senior  
 High.....4:30-5:30 p.m.

**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.

# RESPECT FOR OTHERS

Is respect for others becoming a trend of the past? Have we lost some respect for our parents, husbands, wives, family and friends? Today it seems that respect for professional people, such as school teachers, police officers, doctors, lawyers, clergymen, etc., is not what it used to be. Respect for life in general has steadily declined, and each year the increase in crime is evidence of a lack of respect for the law. Even dressing respectfully has changed, and it seems that whatever attire we are comfortable with can be worn for almost any occasion.

Respect used to be obtained merely by a person's position in life; however, today, one has to learn and earn respect. Like all morals and values, respect should begin in the home. Treating family members, friends, and co-workers in a proper way is good, and in regards to being respectful, we usually get what we give. Respect for God and country used to be a universal motto that we all were proud of. No matter how society and trends change, God wants us to be respectful of others.



*The more things a man is ashamed of,  
the more respectable he is.*

*Bernard Shaw (Man and Superman, 1)*

*Respect everyone, love your fellow  
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*1 Peter 2:17*

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**SERVICES**

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**NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the Briscoe County Commissioners Court will sell by sealed bid a tract of land in Briscoe County being out of the N1/2 of the SE1/4 of Section 54, Blk 3, Cert #2/889. T&P Ry. Co., Original Grantee, Abst. #963 containing 5.45 acres, more or less and formerly known as the Midway Drive-in Theater on October 13, 1997 at their regular meeting in the County Courthouse, Briscoe County Courthouse, Silverton, Texas. Address bids to Commissioners Court, c/o Briscoe County Judge, Box 153, Silverton, TX 79257. Bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m. October 13, 1997. Successful bidder will have until 5:00 p.m. October 13 to furnish entire balance of bid. A complete legal description is available through the office of the County Judge, Briscoe County.

The Commissioners Court of Briscoe County reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Jimmy Burson  
County Judge 36-3tc

**LOST & FOUND**

**LOST:** Two keys with black leather tag attached were lost Wednesday, September 10, about 4:30 p.m. If you find them, please drop them in the "Local" mail slot in the Post Office. 38-2tnc

**LOST:** 3/4 Siamese Male Cat. Grey and white with blue eyes and blue flea collar. Goes by name of Tiny. Declawed front and back paws. If found or seen, PLEASE call Sabrina at 823-2307. Thank you. 38-1tp

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PRIVATE CLUB REGISTRATION AND BEVERAGE CARTAGE PERMIT:** **Judy's Club: Judy Kelso, president; James Edwards, secretary-treasurer; located at 515 Commerce Street, Silverton, Texas, Private Club.** 37-2tp

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Application has been made with the T. A. B. C. for a private club by Emerano Garcia dba Rock Creek Club to be located at Hwy. 86 S/W corner Int. Hwy. 378, Silverton, Briscoe, Texas. Officers are James Ortiz, president; Emerano Garcia, vice-president; Melissa Ortiz, secretary. 37-2tp

**CARD OF THANKS**

Thanks for all the messages of condolence I've received since the death of my daughter, Kathy. It's great to live in such a caring community.  
Doris Peugh and family

To our friends, neighbors and loved ones,  
Thank you for all your expressions of love since my stroke. Thank you for all your calls, visits, flowers and gifts since I've been home. May God bless each of you is my prayer.  
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