

All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



Silverton firemen were able to save the home of Coach and Mrs. Rick Dykes Sunday about 11:00 p.m., but not before the house received some smoke and water damage. It is located at 1001 Commerce, and is the former Paul Ledbetter home.

The fire started in the wiring as the couple were decorating for Christmas. He had attempted to extinguish the fire before the firemen arrived, and was lucky not to have suffered from smoke inhalation.

It took the firemen a little while to get to the fire because of the house's solid sheathing in the walls.

It was fortunate that the couple was at home at the time of the fire. It could have been a total loss if it had continued until someone outside had noticed it.

Wayne and Tina Nance took the couple home with them to spend the night.

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Flute and Junis Hutsell and their daughter, Colleen Sternberger, were in California last week for Flute and Junis to go through a clinic when Junis fell and broke her arm. She underwent major surgery on her arm on Tuesday.

Masonic Lodge

Silverton Masonic Lodge will meet at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 12.

Christmas Party

First Baptist Church is hosting a Christmas party for children in Pre-K through Third Grades on Sunday, December 10. The children are invited to come to the City park (weather permitting, otherwise the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall) at 2:00 p.m. for refreshments and to play games.

Each child will receive a Christmas stocking filled with goodies.

The party will conclude at 3:30 p.m. Parents are invited to come and enjoy this time with the children.

A Walk to Bethlehem

If you would like to take "A Walk to Bethlehem" and visit the annual living nativity along the way, you are asked to meet in the Pioneer Room at First State Bank Saturday, December 16, from 6:00 until 9:00 p.m. Here you will wait to be taken on the Walk. (A new tour begins every ten minutes.) As you wait, you may sip coffee or hot chocolate while being serenaded by minstrels playing Christmas music on historic instruments.

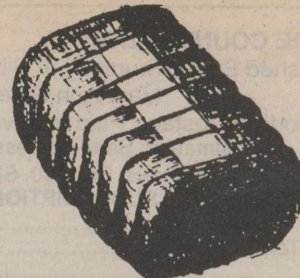
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Silverton All-District players are pictured with their coach (back row, left to right) Coach Dewaine Lee, Red Ivory, Chase Comer, Matt Strange; (middle row) Adrian Ramirez, Andrew Francis; (front row) Issac Garcia, Clint Ivory and Isaiah Ivory.

All-District Honors Awarded to Owls

Several Owls were named to the All-District teams in voting conducted recently.

Andrew Francis was selected as spreadback and Isaiah Ivory as split end on the first team offense. Named to the first team defense were Issac Garcia, defensive lineman, Adrian Ramirez, linebacker and Red Ivory, safety and punter.

Red Ivory, split end, Adrian Ramirez, center, and Issac Garcia, kicker, were chosen for the second team defense. Second-team defense players were Clint Ivory, defensive lineman, and Andrew Francis, linebacker.

The All-Stars are 1. Grant Weinheimer, Groom; 2. Justin Davis, Valley; 1st. Alt. Dewayne Gray, Groom; 2nd Alt. Reece Hartman, Happy; 3rd. Alt. Isaiah Ivory; 4th Alt. Paul Wright, Samnorwood; 5th Alt. Adrian Ramirez; 6th Alt. Ryan Wellman, Valley.

Honorable mentions went to Chase Comer, center, Clint Ivory, kicker, and Matt Strange, defensive end.

The offensive Most Valuable Player is Grant Weinheimer, and

Flu Shots May Be Given Here Dec. 11

It is tentatively planned to give flu shots at the City Hall in Silverton from 10:00 until 11:30 a.m. Monday, December 11.

the defensive Most Valuable Player is Dewayne Gray, both seniors from Groom.

Valley players making the first team offense are Justin Davis, runningback, Wes Henson, center, and Vance Chandler, kicker. Those on the first defensive team are Justin Lucero, defensive lineman, and Ryan Wellman, linebacker.

Included from Valley on the second team offense are Derick Cruse, quarterback, and Vance Farley, end. On the second team defense are Cole Calvert, defensive lineman; Damian Regalado, safety, and Vance Chandler, punter.

Firemen Taking Orders For Christmas Briskets

Silverton Volunteer Firemen are taking orders for briskets for Christmas.

The briskets will be cooked December 22.

Call Jerry Patton at the City Hall, 823-2125, to order your brisket.

Those considered to be in a high-risk category should seek to be immunized as soon as possible. This would include anyone over the age of 65 and anyone with a chronic medical condition.

The longest sand castle ever built measured 5.2 miles long.

Christmas Lighting

Briscoe County Activities Association will sponsor a Christmas lighting/decoration contest, and homes will be judged on Thursday, December 21.

Please be sure to have your lights turned on December 21.

As a special treat for area children, Santa Claus will make a special appearance in order to get last-minute Christmas wishes before heading back to the North Pole.

The Silverton Postmaster says, "We always enjoy the Christmas open house festivities and getting the opportunity to greet the public." Hoot continued by saying that "this is a special time of the year for us and it's always nice to be able to take time out from our busy schedule at the post office to visit with and thank everyone for their business."

Hoot also reminds the children about the special Santa mailbox in the post office box lobby and to get their "Santa" letters off early to the North Pole. Address the letters to Santa Claus, North Pole 00001 and don't forget the postage. The Sanya mail box will remain in the box lobby until Friday, December 22, in order to get last-minute letters off to the North Pole before Christmas Eve.

For anyone mailing Christmas cards, please bring them to the retail window. The staff will be able to hand cancel them and prepare them a little differently. This also will speed up the processing for out-of-town cards being processed at the Childress and Amarillo Postal Facilities.

Christmas Open House At Silverton Post Office Dec. 19

Silverton Postmaster Hoot Barker and his staff cordially invites everyone to an open house celebration on Tuesday, December 19, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. the staff will provide lots of eats, drinks and holiday music while taking the opportunity to express appreciation to everyone for their continued patronage this past year. There also will be drawings for door prizes provided by Karol's Kountry Korner in Quitaque and Magic Memories Gift Shop in Silverton.



Thomas Lee Perkins received a plaque and a Kenneth Wyatt print in commemoration of his 22 years of service to the City of Silverton on the occasion of his retirement last Friday. Pictured with him are (left) Mayor John Bowman and (right) City Secretary Jerry Patton.

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The family of Lottie Clemmer thanks each of you for your efforts to comfort her and her family during her last illness and after her expiration. For almost a month, her prospects for recovery were bright. Then suddenly everything turned gloomy but her attitude. She was content and bright-minded through it all. She was a Christian 73 years. For all the prayers, cards, phone calls, personal visits and food, we thank you. We are grateful to all who helped with the family meal and her funeral.

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TUESDAY
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TUESDAYS:**
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Library Opens.....6:30 p.m.
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Children want to please their parents, and usually they will respond to a parent's approval by trying to do their best. As children become adults, their need and desire for approval by their parents remains with them. The Bible tells us that a parent's responsibility is to train their children in the way that they should go, and when they are old they will not stray from that path. Not only should we want to please our natural parents, but more importantly, we should be concerned with pleasing

our Heavenly Father. I am sure that God the Father, who is well pleased with His Son Jesus, is pleased with all of His children who try to do His will. "For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother, and sister, and mother" (Matthew 12:50). Just knowing that our Father in heaven wants us to be His children, and that Jesus wants to be our brother, should be inspiration for us to try to live our lives according to God's will.



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Obituary

DOLETA BOYCE

Funeral services for Dorothy Doleta Seay Boyce, 94, were conducted at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, December 2, 2000 at the First Baptist Church in Silverton. Elder F. W. Scott of the Primitive Baptist Church in Tulia officiated, assisted by Rev. Randy Mullin, pastor of First Baptist Church in Silverton.

Interment was in the Silverton Cemetery, with arrangements made by Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Boyce passed away November 29 at Plainview, where she had resided the past several months. She was the last survivor in a family of 12 children.

Born July 17, 1906 at Coryell, Texas, she was the daughter of Riley and Loretta Seay. Her parents brought her to the Texas Plains in 1908 when they moved to Briscoe County. She attended the Francis and Rock Creek schools.

She married George Harold Boyce in Silverton November 6, 1921. They made their home on their farm in Briscoe County until 1938 when they moved to the San Luis Valley in Colorado where they lived for 33 years, rearing their six children and raising pota-

toes, alfalfa and sheep. They returned to Silverton in 1972 to make their home. Mr. Boyce preceded her in death March 9, 1979. She continued to live in her own home until the age of 92. In May 1999 she became a resident of IHS in Plainview.

She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church in Tulia. She loved music and looked forward to attending the Association meetings at Cone. She also was preceded in death by a daughter, Lilly Leona Boyce in 1931.

Survivors include three sons, Alvie Boyce of Crestone, Colorado, Harvey Carroll Boyce of Lubbock and Harold Wayne Boyce of El Paso; two daughters, Lottie Garrison of Silverton and Joy Bornschein of Anchorage, Alaska; 16 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren, 20 great-great-grandchildren and three great-great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Bob Boyce, Gary Boyce, Scott Garvin, David Holt, Dan Boyce, Mickey Smith, Wayne Reed and Brad Ziegler.

Memorials may be made to your favorite charity.

Dogs are assets to candidates, and the feeling seems to be engendered that if a dog loves the candidate, he can't be all that bad.

--Dick Gregory

Officials To Discuss Participation In Regional Water Supply Project

Area mayors, city managers, public utility managers, and other interested citizens will discuss participation in a proposed regional water supply distribution pipeline project during a December 7 meeting at 10:00 a.m. at the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District Office, 2930 Avenue Q in Lubbock. This is an open meeting, and the public is invited to attend.

"A few months ago, area city leaders were contacted to see if they wanted to include a water supply distribution pipeline project as one of the management strategies outlined in the initially-prepared Llano Estacado Regional Water Management Plan. Of the 46 towns and cities contacted, 42 expressed interest in our proposal," said Planning Group Chairman A. Wayne Wyatt.

Under the proposed project, ground water rights would be purchased in either Hartley or Roberts County. A pipeline would be constructed to transport the ground water to Vega and then south to Hereford, Friona and Muleshoe. The pipeline would turn east and run parallel to the existing City of Lubbock pipeline from the Bailey County well fields. This

existing pipeline is at capacity during peak periods.

Water transported in the new pipeline could be used to meet the City of Lubbock's future water needs, as well as supply water to the towns and cities along the route. In addition, lateral pipelines could be extended from the main feeder line to serve other towns and cities in the region. Water from the new distribution line could also be made available to feedlots, dairies and other industries along the route.

"Several things have occurred since the proposal was first included in the draft plan," said Wyatt. "The City of Amarillo has offered its 113,900 acres of water rights for sale in Dallam and Hartley Counties. Roberts County landowners have also offered to sell water rights in their county. Either source would meet the needs of our pipeline project," said Wyatt.

The Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Area consists of Bailey, Briscoe, Castro, Cochran, Crosby, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Floyd, Gaines, Garza, Hale, Hockley, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Parmer, Swisher, Terry and Yoakum counties.

Rainfall Report For Year 2000

	2000	Yearly Average
January	.16	.65
February	.00	.60
March	2.52	.93
April	2.39	1.49
May	.80	3.11
June	9.10	3.78
July	.46	2.39
August	.00	2.64
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November	1.45	.71
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Totals	19.93	21.22

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For more information on any of these meetings, please contact me at the Briscoe County Extension office, 806-823-2131.

12-7-00--Fall Producers Meeting at Claude, 5 CEU's

12-13-00--Hemphill County Meeting at Canadian (\$5 fee), 3 CEU's

12-14-00--Cotton Producers Meeting at Dumas, 2.5 CEU's

12-18-00--Donley County Meeting at Clarendon, 3 CEU's

1-5-01--U.A.P. Crop Production Meeting at Hereford, 5 CEU's

1-8-01--Pioneer Corn Production Meeting at Dalhart

1-9-01--Pioneer Corn Production Meeting at Dumas

1-11-01--Pioneer Corn Production Meeting at Spearman

1-11-01--Pioneer Corn Production Meeting at Panhandle

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LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

November 22, 1990-- Silverton's Owls defeated the Smyer Bobcats 56-6 in a very well-played game Friday and will advance to the second round of playoffs to meet the McLean Tigers . . . Senior Owls Wayne Henderson, Bradley Brunson, Kirk Couch and Rob Weaks and Coach Clyde Parham admired their bi-district trophy and recalled how Henderson had come back to play after breaking his leg in a pre-season scrimmage and Weaks is out with a broken collarbone . . . Senior 4-H'ers who will represent Briscoe County at the District Food Show are Christa Tucker, nutritious snacks and desserts; Cecilia Castillo, fruit and vegetable; Josh Brooks, bread and cereal, and Ashleigh Wyatt, main dish . . . Junior I 4-H Food Show participants who will be competing on the District level are Jeremiah Brooks, nutritious snacks and desserts; Molly Brooks, bread and cereal; Marshall McCammon, fruit and vegetable, and Brandon Sarchet, main dish . . . Junior II 4-H Food Show winners are Wynter Smith, nutritious snacks and desserts; Lacy Brunson, main dish; Laura McCammon, fruit and vegetable; Trey Wyatt, bread and cereal group . . . Fleming Well Service's bowling team won first place in a tournament held in Amarillo. Members of the team are Peggy Fleming, Louise Chandler, Pat McCain, Waynelle Couch and Mary Brown . . .

November 20, 1980-- Voting on Mackenzie bond issue is Saturday . . . Gold Star 4-H Awards were presented at the annual banquet to Shelly Harris and Cam Forbes . . . Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Whitehead buy Ramsey furniture in Tulia . . . A six-inch blanket of snow covered Silverton Saturday night and Sunday, leaving behind an estimated .52 of an inch of moisture . . . Owlettes are undefeated after first two games with Happy . . . The parents of Melissa Kaye Greenhaw and Timothy Wayne Dea announce their approaching marriage January 10, 1961 . . . Ronnie Hester recently had a country-western record released . . . Sam B. Brown, Doctor of Musical Arts candidate in vocal performance at The University of Colorado will sing the role of the Evangelist in "The Saint John Passion" . . .

November 12, 1970-- Silverton Owls in tie with Clarendon for District title . . . Owlettes, Queen Bees to play game for charity . . . Louise Croft installed as Worthy Advisor of Silverton Rainbow Assembly . . . Junior High football win dedicated to Mrs. Erma Joy Luhman . . . Roger Cantwell was honored with a birthday party at his home. A halloween theme was used. . . Mr.

and Mrs. W. J. Hyatt have been recent visitors in Levelland with their sons and families, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hyatt and children and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hyatt and children . . .

November 17, 1960--Funeral services held for little Randy Teeple, four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Teeple . . . In pre-game ceremonies Friday night, Miss Brenda Cornett was crowned 1960 Football Queen. her escort was Co-Captain Joe Anderson. The other candidates were Sharon Weaver, Sue Lanham and Becky Mallow . . . Silverton Scouts attending the Fall Camporee at Haynes Boy Scout Camp were Ralph and Tim Gamble, Frankie Stidham, Raymond Lee Steele, Howard Tomlin and Allen Thomas . . . Dr. and Mrs. Robert N. Muckleroy will be honored with a community-wide housewarming Sunday afternoon . . . Joyce Thornton to marry Wendall Patterson . . .

November 23, 1950--T. G. Olive, who has been in ill health for sometime, suffered a stroke at his home Monday and was moved to the local hospital . . . Kress Kangaroos wallop Silverton 25-13; Turkey humbles Quitaque 33-0 . . . Miss Bonnie Del Chappell of Brownfield spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Chappell . . . J. Bryan of Shamrock visited J. C. Fowler over the weekend. Bryan was a buddy of J. C. in the Army in World War II . . . Mr. and Mrs. Wade Welch visited the Bell Ranch near Turkey Sunday . . . Mrs. C. O. Allard and Mrs. G. A. Elrod made a business trip to Amarillo Tuesday . . .

February 7, 1946--W. K. Grimland announced this week as a candidate for Briscoe County Treasurer . . . Sgt. Gerald Arnold, a construction leader with the Engineers, is on his way to the States. He wrote his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Arnold several days ago from Japan, that he was ready to leave and not to write him any more there . . . Harley Redin entered school the first of the week at North Texas State College. He plans to attend for the last semester and "brush up" on some courses. He is a graduate of NTSC, having majored in business administration there before going into the service . . . Miss Josie Lee Barnett becomes bride of J. W. Smith, jr., at Lubbock Sunday . . . Grandmother Vaughan observes her 94th birthday as friends and relatives from wide area attend dinner in her home . . . Edd Davis, who was recently discharged after a year and a half in the U. S. Navy, has resumed his former occupation as well driller. He served his time in the South Pacific as ship fitter third

class . . . Mr. and Mrs. Odell Walls of Turkey visited her parents here Sunday . . . Wayne McMurtry was brought home Sunday from the Plainview hospital. His condition is satisfactory . . .

January 16, 1930--Visitors in the J. H. McClendon home Sunday were E. C. Fowler and family of Silverton, Alvin McCutchen, A. T. Brooks and Mr. and Mrs. T. C. McCutchen and son . . . A. M. Allred has purchased a Chevrolet Coach . . . Lois Edwin Joiner spent Friday night of last week with Harley Redin . . . Mildred and Hazel Chappell spent Sunday with Catherine and Esther Cline . . .

Happy Birthday-

December 7--Jamie Frizzell, Dee McWilliams, Michael Rampley, Joshua Wade Bounds
December 8--Brandy Nicole Gamble, Norby Garcia
December 9--Danielle Netro
December 10--Fay Perkins, Manual Aguilar, Tim Mattheus, Brenda Harris
December 11--Dock Wallace, Ruby McDaniel spent Tuesday night with Jewel McCain . . . Mrs. J. C. Joiner spent Monday night with her mother, Mrs. W. W. Reid

Kori Land
December 12--Tom Burson, Dora Storie, Lupe Hernandez, Jonathan Perkins
December 13--Debbie McGavock, Jason Turner, Mary Melendez

Happy Anniversary-

December 7--Mr. and Mrs. Jeff George, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Reynolds
December 8--Mr. and Mrs. Guinn Fitzgerald
December 11--Mr. and Mrs. Roger Cantwell

The Silverton United Methodist Church
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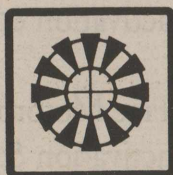
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Junior Varsity Owls in Tulia Tournament

Silverton's Junior Varsity Owls are playing in a JV Tournament at Tulia today, with their first appearance being at 5:20 p.m. with Friona in the high school gym.

Winner of this game will play the winner of the Hart-Tulia JV game at 8:00 p.m. Friday in the high school gym. Loser will play the loser of this game at 5:20 p.m. Friday in the junior high gym.

The other teams in the tournament are Nazareth, Springlake-Earth, Boys Ranch and Tulia 9th.

Claude Sweeps Series of Games From Silverton

Claude's Mustangs swept a four-game series from the Silverton teams Tuesday night of last week.

The junior varsity Lady Owls opened the action with a 37-31 loss. Lori Griffin led the offense by scoring 12 points. Also scoring were Kurby Garvin, seven; Kassie Strange, five; Kelcy Simpson, four; Kami Wilson, two points.

JV Lady Owls	7	12	20	31
Claude	8	19	29	37

The junior varsity Owls played to a 41-20 loss. Nathan Baker led the scoring with 11 points. Also adding to the score were Payton Estes, five; Caleb Francis, four points.

JV Owls	2	9	13	20
Claude	15	19	31	41

Chelsey Cherry led the varsity Lady Owls by scoring 10 points. Also scoring were Amanda Estes, nine; Taylor Griffin, seven; Bryn Mayfield, four; Julie Weaver, four, and Brooke Garvin, one point.

Owls, Lady Owls in Mean Green Classic at New Deal Today

Silverton's Owls and Lady Owls are playing in the Mean Green Classic at New Deal today.

The Lady Owls are matched with Smyer at 9:00 a.m. today, while the Owls are scheduled to play Dumas at noon.

Winner of the Silverton-Smyer game will play the winner of the Floydada-New Deal JV game at 10:30 a.m. Friday. Losers of these games play at 9:00 a.m. Friday.

Winner of the Silverton-Dumas game will play the winner of the Lorenzo-Floydada game at 3:00 p.m. Friday. Losers of these games play at noon Friday.

The other teams in the girls bracket are Anton, Muleshoe, Am. Trinity Christian, Lorenzo, New Deal and Plains. In the boys bracket, the teams are Am. Trinity Christian, Smyer, Anton and New Deal.

Lady Owls	6	9	18	33
Claude	7	25	37	46

The Owls managed to keep their score close until halftime, and at that point fell into a 10-point deficit. Red Ivory and Isaiah Ivory tied for scoring honors with 19 points each. Andrew Francis also scored in double figures, getting 14. Others adding to the score were Adrian Ramirez, eight; Dustin Hale, one point.

Owls	17	32	44	61
Claude	18	34	54	70

Silverton's junior varsity teams played a pair of games with Happy Friday night, with the Lady Owls taking a 27-23 win and the Owls dropping their match, 35-22.

Lori Griffin led the offense with 12 points. Others scoring were Kurby Garvin, seven; Kassie Strange, six, and Daryl-Ann

Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, Dec. 11--Pizza, Salad, Corn, Garlic Bread, Milk, Chocolate Pudding

Tuesday, Dec. 12--Chili Con Carne, Cheese, Veg. Stix, Cornbread, Milk, Fruit

Wednesday, Dec. 13--Spaghetti, Meat Sauce, Salad, Corn, Bread, Milk, Brownie

Thursday, Dec. 14--Assorted Sandwiches, Salad, French Fries, Milk, Fruit

Friday, Dec. 15--Turkey, Dressing, Gravy, Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Bread, Milk, Fruit Salad

Silverton School Activities

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Dec. 7-8-9--New Deal Tourney

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Dec. 7-8-9--JV Owls in Tulia JV Tourney

Thursday, Dec. 7--Christmas Program, 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 11--Faculty Supper, 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 12--Lazbuddie, here, 4:00

Wednesday, Dec. 13--PK-5th grades go to bank to see Santa

Thursday, Dec. 14--Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, Claude, here, 4:00

Saturday, Dec. 16--JV Lady Owls in Spade Tournament

Elsie Cornett is Surprised With Birthday Party

A surprise birthday party was held for Elsie Cornett on Sunday, December 3, 2000 at the home of Jerry and Brenda Patton.

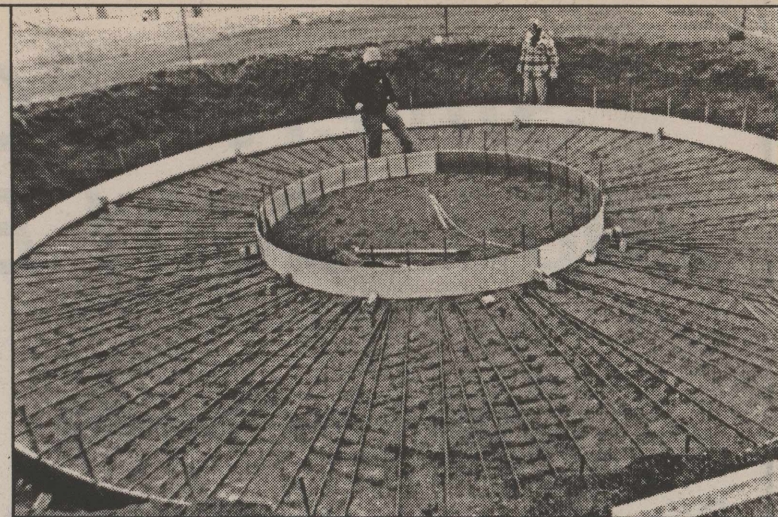
Those attending were Don Cornett, Mike, Jackie, Brice and Brook Cornett, Tad, Cindy, Tyler and Mackenzie Cornett, Dimmitt; Bobby, Kim, Taber, Jade and Blythe McPherson, Wellington; Jeff, Shellie and Landon Powell, Lubbock; Pat Cornett, Dr. John Todd Cornett, Cami, Ellie, Brock, and Grant Cornett, Amarillo; Craig, Kelli, Cole and Cody Patton, Lockney; Kelly, DeLyn and Nicholas Sanders, Flower Mound; Jo Nell Hatcher, Plainview; Lallie Patton, Silverton.

Sylvia Fogerson and Diane Mayfield came for a visit in the evening.

Reynolds, two points.				
JV Lady Owls	7	13	20	27
Happy	6	11	12	23

Nathan Baker and Chase Comer led the balanced scoring for the JV Owls with six points each, while Caleb Francis and Colt Smith caged four points each, and Ty Reed rang up two points against Happy here Friday night.

JV Owls	6	12	17	22
Happy	13	19	26	35



Pictured is the foundation for Silverton's new water tower which is to be constructed by Caldwell Tanks, Inc. of Louisville, Kentucky. The old tower is 50,000 gallons and the new one will hold 75,000 gallons. It is being built with a \$250,000 grant and \$90,000 from City funds. The new tower will have the appearance of a golf ball on a tee.

Briscoe County News Photo

Change in Operations Successful for Land Bank

Panhandle-Plains Federal Land Bank Association, FLCA announced that the move to direct lender status has proven successful based on end of year projections. The change to a Federal Land Credit Association (FLCA) was approved by the board in late 1999 and by an overwhelming vote of the stockholders in April of 2000.

Panhandle-Plains Federal land Bank remains a part of the Farm Credit Bank of Texas; however, it now functions as a stand alone entity as opposed to being an agent for the Farm Credit Bank. According to CEO Robert Williams, jr., "All Land Bank Associations in Texas will be direct lenders by January 1, 2001. But, there will be some variation in structure and services provided by each Association." Williams further explained, "Panhandle-Plains Federal Land Bank has chosen to remain focused on long-term mortgage lending. We believe that we can best add value to membership in the association by continuing to specialize in agricultural real estate loans."

The good report was echoed by Chairman of the Board Jerry Oswalt. "Thanks to another good year for the association, Panhandle-Plains Federal Land Bank

will be returning a significant payment to its stockholders. We have a four-year history of rewarding our customers in cash for their business, and we are pleased to report that the rewards will continue in 2000." Oswalt explained that the board approved a stock retirement and an interest rate reduction for new loans and existing loans as they re-price. The stock retirement, paid in cash, is to take place in January.

Positive news has been limited this year due to drought conditions, low prices, and increased production costs. Interest rates have increased during the past year as well. Both Williams and Oswalt emphasized the Panhandle-Plains Federal Land Bank will remain a reliable source of low-cost, long-term credit.

Panhandle-Plains Federal land Bank directors are Chairman Oswalt of Abernathy; Ronnie Hopper, Petersburg; Daniel Krienke, Perryton; Dean Burger, Pampa; Rusty Henson, Quitaque; Ervin Davis, Happy; Larry Fairchild, Adrian; Wayne Garrett, Gruver; Dennis Babcock, Groom and Steve Brown, Floydada. Offices are in Amarillo, Pampa, Perryton, and Plainview.

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Silverton Owls & Lady Owls 2000 - 2001 Basketball Schedule

High School Schedule

Dec. 7-9	New Deal Tourn.	Away
Dec. 12	Lazbuddie	Home
Dec. 15	Claude	Home
Dec. 19	Groom	Away
Dec. 28-30	Hoot-Out Tourn.	Home
Jan 2.	Kress	Away
Jan. 5	Paducah	Away
Jan. 12	Paducah	Home
Jan. 19	Valley	Away
Jan. 23	Nazareth	Home
Jan 26	Happy	Home
Jan. 30	Valley	Home
Feb. 2	Nazareth	Away
Feb. 6	Happy	Away

Junior High Schedule

Jan. 8	Happy	Away
Jan. 15	Nazareth	Home
Jan. 22	Valley	Home
Jan. 29	Nazareth	Away
Feb. 5	Happy	There



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Owls, Lady Owls Finish Hwy. 211 Tournament With Victories

Both the Owls and Lady Owls played some good games in the Highway 211 Tournament at Wilson and New Home last weekend, each losing a one-point heart-breaker in overtime and each winning a couple of games.

The teams opened with Three Way, and each team took a rather comfortable lead early in the game. The second round saw each team finish regulation play in a tie with Grady and lose by one in overtime.

The Owls defeated Southland after coming from behind a small first-half deficit and the Lady Owls beat Hermleigh after building a large early lead and bringing it home with a flourish.

In the first-round game, the Lady Owls took a 46-18 decision over Three Way, lead by the shooting of Taylor Griffin who put 16 points on the board. Also scoring were Amanda Estes, eight; Jenny Young, Tarran Forbes and Chelsey Cherry, six points each; Brooke Garvin, three, and Bryn Mayfield, two points. Taylor hit a couple of shots from downtown in the game.

Lady Owls	13	22	37	46
Three Way	7	9	12	18

Isaiah Ivory led the offense with 13 points, with his brother, Red Ivory, right on his heels with 12 points. Adding to the score were Issac Garcia, nine; Dustin Hale, seven; Andrew Francis and Adrian Ramirez, six points each.

Three-point shots were canned by Isaiah, two; Red, Dustin and Issac.

Owls	15	28	41	57
Three Way	8	15	29	42

The Lady Owls led most of the way in their game with Grady, but were tied before the end of regula-

tion play. In the overtime period, the Lady Owls had balanced scoring from Jenny, Taylor, Julie and Bryn, but were edged out by a point by their opponent.

Bryn Mayfield led the scoring with 10 points. Also scoring were Amanda Estes, seven; Jenny Young, Taylor Griffin and Chelsey Cherry, six points each; Tarran Forbes, four; Julie Weaver, three points.

Lady Owls	9	14	24	35	44
Grady	3	9	18	35	45

The Owls jumped out to a big 16-6 first-quarter lead and continued to build, but Grady just kept chipping away at the lead until they managed a tie before the buzzer.

Three-pointers were scored by Isaiah and Adrian in the overtime period, along with a basket by Issac, but Grady outscored them by a point to take the victory.

Isaiah Ivory led the offense with 18 points. Also scoring in double figures were Adrian Rameriz, 15, and Red Ivory, 10. Adding to the score were Andrew Francis, seven; Matt Strange and Issac Garcia, two points each.

Owls	16	26	35	45	53
Grady	6	22	33	45	54

Jenny Young had the hot hands and burned the baskets with 25 points. Also scoring in double figures were Chelsey Cherry, 17, and Taylor Griffin, 15. Adding to the score were Tarran Forbes, six; Julie Weaver, five; Brooke Garvin, Amanda Estes and Bryn Mayfield, four points each.

Lady Owls	20	47	66	80
Hermleigh	14	23	27	33

The Owls fell behind in the early going of their game with Southland, but had recovered and

taken charge of the game by half-time. Isaiah Ivory led the scoring with 23 points, wife Red Ivory had 17 and Andrew Francis got 16. Also scoring were Issac Garcia, five; Dustin Hale, four; Adrian Ramirez, two, and Tyler Young, one point.

Owls	9	28	47	68
Southland	15	29	32	50

Both of the varsity teams will be playing in a tournament at New Deal this weekend.

8th Grade Teams Split Games With Happy Monday

Silverton's Eighth Grade Owls and Lady Owls split a pair of games with Happy Monday night, and will not have another game until after the holidays.

The Lady Owls fell behind early in their game and dropped a 24-12 decision. Scoring was by Krista Hale, six; Danielle Ramirez, four, and Kelsie Estes, two points.

8th Lady Owls	4	4	6	12
Happy 8th	6	10	20	24

The Owls played to a 38-19 victory over the 8th Grade Cowboys.

Beau Brock led the scoring with 13 points. Gid Mayfield and Bert Vasquez also scored in double figures, getting 10 points each. Jacob Francis caged four and Chance Rhoderick hit a point from the line.

8th Owls	11	21	30	38
Happy 8th	6	11	19	19

Everybody talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it. Attributed to Mark Twain

Christmas Tree Brings Holiday to Texas House

The Texas House is dressed up for the holidays. Nelda Laney, wife of House Speaker Pete Laney, and more than 30 volunteers decorated a 21.5-foot Eastern Red Cedar tree in the House Chamber December 1.

The tree is from Camp Swift, a Texas National Guard post in Bastrop County.

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