

# Ranchers Asked to Assist State Health Department

Jim Johnson of Lubbock, Texas Department of Health official, told the Briscoe County News Monday that he is enlisting the help of ranchers who may have noticed an unexplained die-off of prairie dogs in Briscoe County.

"Ranchers should report prairie dog mortality or reduction in numbers without control procedures," Johnson said. "The State Health Department would like to know. You may contact your County Agricultural Agent or



Hammers will be pounding and everything will be in more a mess than usual at the Briscoe County News soon. Old World Printing will be moving in with us soon, and there may be another business accompanying it.

Two separate business will be operated at 508 South Main Street, and some alterations in the building will be necessary to accommodate the equipment that is being located here.

Old World is operated by Ken and Jonann Sarchet, and will be specializing in affordable color process printing. Many of Old World's customers live across the area, rather than in Lubbock, and quite a few of them live across the nation. Because of this, it doesn't matter where the shop is located, and Ken and Jonann feel that Silverton is a good place to rear their three children.

One of Ken's priorities when he arrives here will be to create a color brochure for Briscoe County. He is going to make some of the pictures himself and will likely be soliciting the best color slides from the county's photographers to add to this presentation.

Old World will have an incoming WATS line and may offer Fax service to the people of this area.

Jonann opened her day care center for children last week, and is very pleased with her business. The children seem to be having a lot of fun, and it is a joy to see them laughing and involvany other county official if you have noticed this."

It has been noted that prairie dogs are absent from their town in the northern part of Briscoe County and at Caprock Canyons State Park, and this has officials concerned as to what may have caused this since no rodent control has been done there.

Bubonic plague is suspected, but others things can cause this, he emphasized. "The concern is that it could be bubonic plague. We will be coming to Briscoe County this week to sample fleas in the burrows and send them in to confirm the problem. Rodents can get other diseases or may have moved because of inadequate food supply."

Mr. Johnson is hoping ranchers will have reported anything they have noticed regarding prairie dog towns before their study is complete. They would like to have a list of locations to investigate while they are here.

The State Health Department this week is checking the prairie dog towns and sending samples to the laboratory. If this comes back positive, an educational program on precautions to take will be conducted and signs will be posted to warn people of the danger.

There was evidence of a plague die-off in Dallam County earlier this year, and a history of plague activity exists all over West Texas, Mr. Johnson said.

# **Set For Friday Night**

The fifth annual PTA Little Wrangler Rodeo and Fun Night is all set to go Friday, May 12, at 7:00 p.m. at Wood Memorial Arena. All little wranglers are signed up and ready for a night of fun activities.

Listed on the program of activities will be Stick Horse Race, Wagon Race, Goat Dressing, Goat Milking, Goat Scramble, Bale Rolling, Greased Pig Race, Cowchip Relay, Barrel Racing, Flag Racing, Sheep Riding and for the adults, there will be a Cowchip Throwing Contest. This last event will be free and open to any member of

ed in their activities.

participating in the activities associated with school. Brandon was being bused to school in East Lubbock this year and both he and Jordan were spending quite a lot of their school day on buses. I just can't understand why our government believes all these kids have nothing better to do than ride around cities on buses every day! How can they be physically fit when they get on a bus at 7:15 a.m., ride to their home school, transfer to another bus and ride to another school, have classes, get on a bus and ride to their home school, change buses and ride home?

the audience who would like to test his or her skills!

Because this is PTA's only money-making project, your support in attendance and participation is appreciated. The proceeds See LITTLE WRANGLER— Continued On Page Six

## Turnout Good In City, School Elections

The turnout of voters for the City and School elections Saturday was pretty good in spite of the Media Day activities that were underway here. Most of those taking part in the barbecue, program, etc. took time out

## County-Wide Meeting Called Here Tuesday

A county-wide meeting has been called by Judge Jimmy Ross for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 16, in the Pioneer Room at First State Bank in Silverton.

Everyone is encouraged to attend. Media Day activities will be reviewed, and plans made for tourism.

Anyone who is interested in serving chuckwagon or country meals, operating a dude ranch, having visitors to a working ranch, or opening a historical home for tours is encouraged to contact Judge Ross.

Everyone is urged to be present at the meeting.

Mrs. Jerry (Jealeta) Baird underwent gall bladder surgery in an Amarillo hospital this week. from their activities to cast their ballots.

There were 176 votes cast in the Silverton Independent School District election where incumbents Cathey Weaks, Carolyn Lowrey and Jack Graham were challenged by Jimmy Burson and Gerald Smith. Mrs. Weaks lost her seat on the board to Burson, while the other incumbents remained on the board of trustees.

Votes received were Mrs. Weaks, 84; Mrs. Lowrey, 115; Smith, 74; Graham, 110; Burson, 117; Danny Francis, 2.

Only the incumbents were listed on the City's ballot, with A. R. Martin unopposed in his bid for re-election as Mayor of Silverton. He received 90 votes, and write-in candidates receiving votes were Clettus Jacobs, 1, and Calvin Shelton, 1.

Voters were to choose two councilmen, and incumbents Lynn Frizzell and John Bowman were returned to their seats. Frizzell polled 99 votes while Bowman garnered 86. Write-in votes were cast for Charles Sarchet, 4; Alan Grimland, 1; Don Brown, 1; David Tipton, 6; Mike Juarez, 1; Virgal Minyard, 2.

City voters numbered 105.



The crowd that attended the Media Day barbecue and musical concert at Caprock Canyons State Park Saturday enjoyed the activities under the mesquite trees. This was a good example what the cooperative efforts of county residents can accomplish: a good time for all.

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## **OBITUARIES**

### **EDWIN CRASS**

Funeral services for Edwin Crass, 80, of Plainview were conducted at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Garland Street Church of Christ with Bill Keele, minister, officiating.

Graveside services were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Friday in the



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Mr. Crass died at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

He was born in Saledo October 23, 1908, and came to Briscoe County with his parents, Thomas Jasper and Minnie Bell Riggs Crass in 1908 when he was only six weeks old. They settled in the southwest part of the county. His mother died when he was only 31/2 years old and he went to live with neighbors, W. E. and Anna Burleson. He was reared by them and continued to live in their home until after he was married.

Mr. Crass attended schools at Francis, Rock Creek, Tulia, Can-

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yon and Silverton. After he was graduated in 1926 from Silverton High School, he engaged in farming and ranching with Mr. Burleson. Mrs. Burleson died in 1929, and he and Mr. Burleson continued to make their home on the Burleson ranch 16 miles southwest of Silverton.

On February 8, 1933, he and Miss Lorene Estella Strange were married at the courthouse in Silverton by Judge Tipps. They lived with Mr. Burleson for about two years following their marriage.

Mr. Crass was a pioneer in irrigation farming, drilling the first irrigation well in Briscoe County on his farm in December of 1935. He was a member of the board of Caprock Soil & Water Conservation District for several years. He maintained an active interest in farming and ranching into his retirement years.

In 1971, he retired from farming, and he and his wife moved to Plainview to make their home.

They were long-time members of the Rock Creek Church of Christ where he served as a deacon before moving to Plainview. He became a member of the Garland Street Church of Christ in Plainview.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Bob Crass of Amarillo; two daughters, Mrs. Jack (Teresa) Sutton of Silverton and Jean Rhea-Smith of Dallas: a brother. Clinton W. Crass of Palestine; a sister, Miriam Jowell of Plainview; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

### R. E. BROOKSHIER

Funeral services for Robert Emmett Brookshier, 102, who resided in Silverton for many years until moving with his son and daughter-in-law, Daniel and Mary Thompson, to Olympia, Washington a few years ago, were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, May 4, at the Silverton Church of Christ. Officiating was the minister, Ted Kingery.

Burial was in the Silverton Cemetery, with arrangements made by Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors.

Mr. Brookshier died April 25 at the residence of his son in Olympia.

He was born in Lock Springs, Missouri March 14, 1887, and came to Silverton about 75 years ago from St. Joseph, Missouri. He was a recruiting officer during World War I and was a retired farmer and businessman. He had been active in business, civic, school and other affairs in Silverton for many years.

He married Stella Mae Doak December 10, 1913 in Silverton. She died in December 1983.

Survivors include his son; 11 grandchildren and 25 greatgrandchildren.

Pallbearers were Leo Comer, J. R. Steele, O. C. Rampley, Rick Minyard, Perry Brunson and Oner Cornett.

### **ROLAND C. MONTAGUE**

Funeral services for Roland Clyde Montague, 39, of Silverton were conducted Thursday at 10:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church here. Rev. Steve Ulrey, pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Quitaque, officiated.

Burial was in the Silverton Cemetery, with arrangements made by Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors.

Mr. Montague died Tuesday night, May 2, in a residential house fire that appeared to have been accidentally set, according to Briscoe County Sheriff Dick Roehr. He was pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace James Edwards, who ruled the death to be accidental.

Volunteer firefighters and ambulance service personnel were dispatched to Montague's farm home located 12 miles southwest of Silverton at about 9:00 p.m. It took firefighters several minutes to cool the fire enough for four of the firemen to enter the house wearing air packs. Montague's body was discovered in the home. The blaze began in a living room couch, Sheriff Roehr said.

Montague lived alone and no one else was in the home when the fire began and no other injuries were reported. The blaze was investigated by the State Fire Marshal's office Wednesday.

Montague was born in Plainview September 18, 1949 and was graduated from Silverton High School with the Class of 1968. He was a farmer.

Survivors include his parents. Roy and LaNelle Montague; a son, Rhett Montague, who is a senior in Silverton High School; three sisters, Carron Montague of Kansas City, Kansas, Janet Schrandt of Hereford and Paula Fisher of Oklahoma City, Okla-

Pallbearers were Terry Bomar, Terry Grimland, Gene Smith, Jim Davis, Roy Len Long **THURSDAY, MAY 11, 1989** 

and Trent Brown.

### **VERA DOROTHY WOODS**

Funeral services for Vera Dorothy Woods, 71, of Quitaque were conducted at 11:00 a.m. Friday at the First United Methodist Church in Quitaque, with the Rev. Steve Ulrey, pastor, and Elgin Conner, minister of the Quitaque Church of Christ, officiating.

Burial was in Rest Haven Cemetery, with arrangements by Schooler-Gordon Funeral Direc-

Mrs. Woods died Wednesday night at Lockney Care Center following a lengthly illness.

She was born in Brown County December 15, 1917, and had lived in Quitaque since 1947. She married Carl Woods January 25, 1945, in Brownwood. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of the Nazarene.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Carl Woods of Quitaque and Wesly Woods of Plainview, both of whom are former Silverton residents; a daughter, Ina Gail Rowell of Pampa; three brothers, George O'Neal and Fred O'Neal, both of Brownwood, and Johnny O'Neal of Waco; two sisters, Gennie Givens of Dallas and Bessie Bea Pond of Midland; and six grandchildren, including Juannah and Melissa Woods of Silverton.

Pallbearers were Leroy Hamilton, Butch Hamilton, Bart Owens, Elmo Edmonds, Buster Chadwick and Todd Washington.

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## Large Crowd Enjoys Media Day Activities

A crowd of area visitors enjoyed the Media Day activities in Briscoe County, and a lot of county residents took part in providing the narration, entertainment and food.

County Judge Jimmy Ross said Monday that he would like to express his appreciation to all those who took part in Saturday's activities. "We had complete cooperation from people from all parts of the county. The visitors were impressed with the unity of our people, our scenery, our cowboy heritage and our willingness to move ahead with our tourism plans."

The judge added that he is calling a meeting for Tuesday, May 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the Pioneer Room at First State Bank in Silverton to hear reports from the committees and to move forward with plans that have been advanced.

"We are already geared up to move forward," he said. "Now is the time to go ahead and push for our projects."

He said that anyone interested in putting on chuckwagon or country meals, working ranch demonstrations, operate a dude ranch or offer tours of historic homes, etc. is asked to call and discuss their ideas with him.

"This was a very successful event," he said, "and this is the time to go ahead. It is our people who will make the difference."

Wayne Nance was master of ceremonies on the drive to Lake Mackenzie.

Zobie Self, dressed in the garb of an early-day school marm, sketched the history of the Silverton/Lake Mackenzie area.

There is a legend that on moonlit nights a ghost herd of riderless horses with flaming eyes and flashing hooves gallop along the rim of the Tule Canyon. These are the restless souls of the horses slaughtered over a century ago by U. S. soldiers under the command of Col. Ranald Slidell Mackenzie.

In 1874, Comanche, Kiowa and Cheyenne, dissatisfied with their loss of lands, the depletion of the buffalo herds and wanting freedom from confinement, left the reservations in present-day Oklahoma. In an attempt to regain what was lost, they engaged in a series of raids that brought the U. S. government in to stop them. The Red River War was launched.

This was a five-pronged attack and Mackenzie, the commander of the 4th Cavalry, the toughest and most experienced of the units, was to close the lower jaw. Mackenzie's orders directed him to punish the hostiles for their actions by taking such measures, in his judgment, "that will soonest accomplish the purpose."

Mackenzie's southern column of about 600 men was organized at Fort Concho near present-day San Angelo. On September 1, 1874, a supply base was established on the Freshwater Fork of the Brazos at the Crosby-Dickens county line.

After several days of scouting, Mackenzie marched on September 20. He climbed the Caprock to the staked plain. Rains and mud forced him to abandon his supply wagons. On September 25, he led his men into camp at Tule Canyon, a southern branch of the Palo Duro. Knowing that action was imminent, Mackenzie had the men walk part of the way in order to save the horses.

At sundown on the 25th, scouts reported sighting Indians. The troopers slept with their boots on and in reach of their weapons that night. The following morning, Indians were all around. Mackenzie knew they

would attack and their objective would be the horses. He was right. September 26, 10:30 p.m., approximately 150 Indians charged the camp. Later they retreated and fired volleys at the camp until 2:00 a.m. During the battle the abandoned wagons entered camp. Mule skinners were cursing the mules mightily as the animals pulled the wagons through the mushy sod. But in the canyons, sound is distorted, and they were not aware a fight was going on and conversely the Indians were not aware of the wagons for they were not molested. Mackenzie had his supplies as a result of an atmospheric quirk.

At daybreak 300 Indians mat-

erialized on a nearby ridge and began firing on the camp. Company E mounted a charge which dispersed the hostiles. Three men in this unit were later awarded the Medal of Honor for their gallant action.

The Tule Canyon fight was over, but Mackenzie was not finished. Leaving one company, the rest of the calvarymen broke camp at 3:00 p.m. and rode southwest away from the Indian village. The Indians no doubt thought the pursuit had ended. After dark, Mackenzie turned northwest toward the Palo Duro. At 2:00 a.m. the troops rested while scouts went ahead to search out the camp. For four miles the land was level as far as

the eye could see—then the canyon opened before them. The winter camp of the Indians was about 900 feet below on the Prairie Dog Town Fork of the Red River. The scouts reported that grazing horses appeared no larger than chickens.

The Indians, secure in the belief Mackenzie had given up, had posted no sentries on the plains above the canyon. The village was asleep when Mackenzie reached the rim on September 28, 1874. After riding along the brink of the canyon apparently unnoticed for about a mile, a trail was found. A zig-zag descent was made in single file with See MEDIA DAY—

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Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Redin on their wedding day May 11, 1918

## Mr. and Mrs. Redin To be Honored

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Redin, who now reside in Plainview, will celebrate seventy-one years of marriage at a reception to be held from two until four o'clock on the afternoon of Sunday, May 14, in the Pioneer Room at First State Bank in Silverton. The family and friends of the Redins are hesting this celebration, and everyone is invited to attend to extend best wishes to this couple who resided in Silverton for many years. It has been requested that there be no gifts.

When Alvin Redin was 18 years old, he moved to Briscoe County with his parents, Wiley Edd and Lou Redin, in December of 1914 and settled ten miles southwest of Silverton. He came

in a covered wagon with three horses and the trip from Washita County, Oklahoma took seven days. A railroad car was chartered to move the family's livestock, household furniture and other necessities.

Winnie Joiner moved with her parents, C. F. and Obera Joiner, from Throckmorton County, Texas to eight miles southwest of Silverton in December 1915. They lived in their covered wagon a few days after their arrival while cleaning up the house in which they were to live. Young Winnie was graduated from Silverton High School as salutatorian of her class on May 10, 1918, and married Alvin Redin right after graduation.

He was drafted into the Army three months later, and trained at Fort Sam Houston and at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Their son, Harley J. Redin, was born August 29, 1919, and a year later Mrs. Redin began teaching at the Francis community school, which was one mile from her home. She attended college in the summers and received her bachelors degree in 1936, and earned a masters degree in 1950. After teaching a few years at Francis and one year at the Rock Creek community school, she began teaching in Silverton.

He was closely associated with Silverton baseball teams in the 1930's and helped sponsor the Wayland Queen Bees for many years during the 1950's and 1960's. A few years after their marriage, Mr. Redin went into the gas and oil business. They built a little house in 1930 (repaired and enlarged it in 1940, 1950 and 1960) and lived there until they moved to Plainview in 1975. Mrs. Redin retired from teaching in 1970, and Mr. Redin sold his oil business in 1972.

Mr. and Mrs. Redin helped educate several young people who needed help. They kept some students in their home for a few weeks at a time. In 1944, Patricia Ann Jackson, whose father was in the Army and whose mother had passed away, came to stay with them until the Red Cross could make other arrangements. Pat stayed with them from the age of eight until she married in 1958.

Mr. Redin has been a director of the First State Bank in Silverton for more than 40 years, and continues to visit friends here on a regular basis, though not every day as was his custom when the couple first moved to Plainview.

Clifton and Joy Stodghill were recent visitors with their daughter and family, Mary, Bryan, Matthew and Nicholas Garner, at Longview. Joy stayed two weeks with her grandsons while Mary and Bryan were on vacation in Europe, where they visited England, Belgium, Luxembourg, West Germany, Switzerland and France.



Coaster enthusiasts get ready! Construction on the Viper, AstroWorld's new steel loop coaster, nears completion. Workers continue to lay the 1,968 feet of track that will make up the ride. The Viper, which features a 360-degree loop, corkscrew turns and a 60-foot long tunnel, is scheduled to open this month. AstroWorld, currently open weekends in Houston, is a member of the Six Flags family.

## Club Has Luncheon At Hotel Turkey

March of Time Study Club went to Turkey, Texas to have their President's Luncheon. This was in honor of Jessie Mae Watson, president of the club for the past two years. Luncheon was enjoyed at historic Hotel Turkey which was founded in 1927, and still retains the '20's atmosphere. The owner of the hotel took the members on a guided tour of the building, and explained how some of the restoration work was done.

Those enjoying the occasion were Anna Lee Anderson, Iris Burson, Luree Burson, Amelia Kitchens, Jewell Lyon, Jackie Mercer, Pauline Turner and the honoree, Jessie Mae Watson.

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Friday — Hamburgers with Cheese, French Fries, Salad, Cookie, Milk

## FARMERS' MARKET TO BE ORGANIZED

An organizational meeting for a Farmers' Market in Tulia will be held Tuesday, May 16, at 8:00 p.m. in the Swisher County Extension Service Annex Meeting Room at 310 West Broadway, Tulia.



## Cholesterol Screening to be **Held at Quitaque**

A second county-wide cholesterol screening, sponsored by the Extension Home Economics Committee, is set for Wednesday, May 17, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the First National Bank meeting room in Quitaque. All who missed the first screening or would like to be retested are encouraged to participate.

The Red Cross from Lubbock will again do the testing, which is a finger prick test NOT requiring fasting. The cost is \$6.00 and results are available in minutes.

A wellness slide presentation, computerized health risk appraisal, and cholesterol publications are part of the free services available at the screening.

This is a health education program of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service which is emphasizing health and wellness practices in Briscoe County throughout the year.

For further information, contact Chairman Linda Stark at 455-1447 or County Extension Agent Lynda Fogerson at 823-

Educational programs of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap or national origin.

Edwin and Claudine May were in Amarillo Saturday to visit with their son, Thurman May of Houston, who was working there for the weekend.

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## **Next Blood Drive** Will be May 16

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## Bowhunters to Have Meet Here May 27-28

The second annual N.H.A.A. 3-D Bowhunter Championships, sponsored by Tule Creek Archery Club, will be held Saturday and Sunday, May 27-28, at Lake Mackenzie.

field points weighing at least 100 grains. No range finders are permitted.

prizes for the bowhunters, including beef, deer and pheasant hunts and handmade knives, etc. James Dunn of Silverton will be giving some of his handmade knives.

Among those here who are bow-hunting enthusiasts are Fred and Neal Edwards, Hand Baird, Brad Ziegler, Jeff Tiffin, Jerry Baird and Tommy Davis.

For more information about the championships, you may contact Mike Culwell, 633-4472; Jim Johnson, 995-4085; Bob Compton, 995-4086, or Hand Baird, 847-2644.

## No "Looking Back" In Paper This Week

the paper this week, mostly due to the length of the Media Day story and the inclusion of historical material that makes interesting reading for most.

'Looking Back" will return when the long story has been published.

### MAINES BROTHERS TO **PLAY FOR 4-H DANCE**

The public is invited to a dance featuring the Maines Brothers Band of Lubbock on Saturday, May 13, from 9:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight at the County Show Barn in Silverton. Admission is \$5.00 per person.

The event is sponsored by Briscoe County 4-H as a fund-raiser to help with expenses for 4-H members attending Texas 4-H Roundup at College Station in

The dance is open to all ages, not just 4-H families.

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### **BOY SCOUT NEWS**

Next week's meeting will be at the Scout Hut from 4:00 until 5:00 p.m. All Scouts need to try to come. We will plan our next camping trip. Refreshments will be served.

We want to thank Roger Younger for the donation, the B.C.A.A. for re-chartering the Scout Troop this year. All Scouts and boys wanting to join need to pay their eight dollars; that also includes insurance.

Camping at Camp Haynes in the past two weeks were Troop 246 from Levelland; Troop 406 from Lubbock, and Troop 523 from Lubbock.

We want to welcome Stoney Hubbard to our Scout Troop. We also want to wish all their sweet Moms a Happy Mother's Day. Remember, Mom, your son loves

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Place of Sale: West Door of Briscoe County Courthouse, Silverton, Tx.

Date of Sale: Tuesday, June 6, 1989 at 11:00 o'clock a.m.

Terms: The real estate will be sold for cash to highest bidder. Sold subject to all taxes due thereon. Title will be conveyed by Substitute Trustee's Deed. For information, contact Reba Hewlett, Small Business Administration, 1611 - 10th Street. Suite 200, Lubbock, Texas 79401. Phone (806) 743-7462.

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## **Little Wrangler Rodeo**

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of the rodeo are used to finance projects of Silverton PTA, and a gift is given to the school each year.

Some of the projects currently being financed by proceeds of the rodeo include Teacher Appreciation Week and luncheon, Science Fair, Career Day, Parent Volunteer Program. PTA Reflections project and a Community Talent Survey are two more of the group's projects. A lot of worthwhile things are being done with the support of the community and school.

There will be no late entries the night of the rodeo this year. This seemed to cause a lot of confusion and delays, so no entries will be accepted after the May 10 deadline.

Ribbons will be awarded for first, second and third places, and for participation in all

events. Four belt buckles will be awarded for Best All-Around Cowboy and Cowgirl in the junior and senior events.

The grand entry will be conducted by the Briscoe County 4-H Horse Club. Posters will be up and programs handed out with the order of events so parents and kids will know when their event is coming up.

It is hoped that everyone will be making plans now to attend the rodeo, have a hamburger for supper from the concession stand, sit back and enjoy the

## Work Schedule Given For Little Wrangler Rodeo

Concession workers for the fifth annual PTA Little Wrangler



Briscoe County Commissioners signed a proclamation Monday which honors the Extension Service for 75 years of service to the people of Texas. Those present to witness the signing of the proclamation were (standing, left to right) County & District Clerk Bess McWilliams and County Extension Agents Curtis Preston and Lynda Fogerson. Members of the court are (seated, from left) Commissioner Bryant Eddleman, Judge Jimmy Ross, Commissioner Aaron Younger and Commissioner Jack Chandler. Absent was Commissioner L. B. Garvin, who was in the hospital.

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Marsha Brunson, Nora Cruz 7:15 - 7:45—Betty Stephens, Martha Cavitt, Erma Reyna

7:45 - 8:15—Vici Baird, Lynda Fogerson, Sheila Reagan 8:15 - 8:45—Jo Ann McFall,

8:15 - 8:45—Jo Ann McFall Rhenda Burson

8:45 - 9:15—Janinne Brooks, Sheryl Weaver

Each of the following is to bring one dozen brownies or Rice Krispie bars to the concession stand by 7:00 p.m.:

Deb Burson
Raye Smith
Gail Wyatt
Darrah McCammon
Michelle Francis
Kathy Kingery

Diana Johnston
Beverly Minyard
Jan Browning
Cindy Comer

The concession stand will be serving hamburgers. Plan now to have supper with the PTA—the members appreciate your support.

## **Emergency Services Busy Last Week**

The emergency services have been very busy in the past few weeks, mostly as the result of fires which took the firemen out every day during the last week in April and several days last week, as well.

On Wednesday of last week, one Silverton ambulance unit was dispatched to Plainview when a request for another unit was received to make a trip to Lockney. Most residents don't realize that when both of Silverton's ambulance units are out of the county, a unit from Quitaque comes to stand by until one of the Silverton units returns. Last Wednesday, David Brunson brought a Quitaque unit here and remained here until one of the Silverton ambulances returned.

Silverton ambulance service personnel have done this for the residents of Quitaque a number of times. It is called "mutual aid," but in reality it is an example of people taking care of their own.



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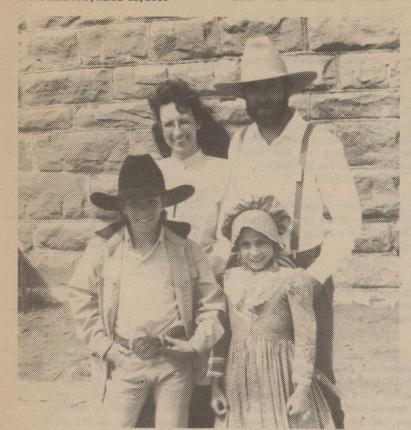
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The Bill Brooks family (clockwise, beginning upper left)—Janinne, Bill, Molly and Jeremiah—resembled a true pioneer family at Saturday's Media Day activities on the courthouse lawn.

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## Media Day-

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the troopers leading their horses. Dawn was breaking when Mackenzie gave the orders to attack the village.

The surprised Indians were slow to respond. Some hid behind boulders while others attempted to save the horses and mules by driving them up the canyon. Mackenzie pursued and forced the Indians to abandon the animals in order to escape. Brave ones remained to fight and some lost their lives.

The Indians' frightened horses were rounded up and were being driven back toward the village when the Indians counterattacked. Mackenzie had a decision to make. He could not fight effectively as well as maintain control of the horse herd. He chose to keep the horses and ordered a retreat. At this time, the bugler was shot in the stomach. Everyone expected him to die, but he survived. According to the company surgeons, this "miracle" was the result of his not having anything to eat for the last thirty

The soldiers were eventually forced into forming a skirmish line to hold the horses and repel the Indians. One soldier was reported to have despaired, "How are we going to get out of here?" Mackenzie replied in a calm even tone, "I brought you in. I will take you out."

It was noon before the soldiers were able to reach the deserted Indian camp. Mackenzie ordered that everything was to be burned. During the destruction, a last desperate attempt to thwart the soldiers was made by the Indians but to no avail.

The horses were taken from the canyons and a living corral formed around them. Mackenzie then marched the twenty miles back to his camp on the Tule arriving about 1:00 a.m. on the 29th. The horses were encircled by the wagons and heavily guarded.

The troophers had been in the saddle thirty-five hours and had covered seventy miles. Two to

three hours had been spent in battle. Breakfast was the first meal in forty-eight hours. No soldier had been killed and only one wounded. Mackenzie reported four Indians dead, but others say the toll was higher. The Indians admitted that fifteen died in the Tule Canyon and about fifty or sixty died in Palo Duro.

Bitter experience had taught Mackenzie not to attempt to take the horses to the base campover fifty miles away. J. J. Reynolds, a career officer much like himself, had been court-martialed for allowing Indians to recapture their horses. He was castigated for not having destroyed them. Reynolds' defense was that he lacked ammunition necessary for the task. His excuse was refuted by other commanders who when faced with the same dilemma had either severed the throats of the animals or had run them over cliffs or a combination of both. Mackenzie had ammunition and in his judgment the animals were best destroyed.

Some horses were awarded to the scouts in payment for their services in finding the winter camp. A few were used as replacements for wornout cavalry horses. Mules were added to the wagon stock. The rest were to die. According to certain reports, 2000 horses were destroyed. Other reports contend only 1000. Probably the number is somewhere between the two extremes.

Lt. Henry Lawton supervised. The horses were roped and brought to a spot where firing squads shot them. It took nearly a day for the deed to be completed. The camp had to be moved to try to avoid the stink.

The destruction of the horses cut the "legs" from the Plains Indians. At the time, 1874, the significance of the event was not as apparent as history would later reveal. The dream of the Indians of again being the Lord of the Plains died with the horses on the Tule.

When the tour reached Lake Mackenzie, the visitors were



Col. Mackenzie's "men" entertained the Media Day visitors to Briscoe County Saturday at Lake Mackenzie. Pictured are Tina Nance, Mary Lane Younger, Patsy Towe, Rhenda Burson, Martha Cavitt, Jane Self and Darrah McCammon.

Briscoe County News Photo



Bryan Burson rode in wearing "bad guy black" to aid two other outlaws (Bill Brooks and John T. Burson) during the big jail break here Saturday. Tom Burson narrated the episode, Janinne Brooks was the woman the outlaws took hostage, and note Dee Whittington, the jail guard, under the cot.

Briscoe County News Photo

entertained by a group Macken-zie's cavalry "men" (Patsy Towe, Mary Lane Younger, Tina Nance, Darrah McCammon, Jane Self, Martha Cavitt, Rhenda Burson, Tammy Brannon, Jealeta Baird, Tara Nance) after which the bus drove to a spot overlooking the lake where Mackenzie Authority Manager John Earl Simpson gave a history of the lake which was constructed to furnish municipal water for the cities of Silverton, Floydada, Lockney and Tulia. Recreational opportunities are many at the lake where visitors and residents alike enjoy fishing, water skiing, camping, boats, rock-hounding, taking pictures, etc.

The Coronado Expedition was one of the reservoir's first visitors. Maldanado, one of Coronado's captains, and his company were out buffalo hunting and met a group of Tejas Indians whom they accompanied to their camp. The Tejas camp was apparently situated in a part of the Tule Canyon, which is now encompassed by the reservoir.

Coronado arrived in the canyon soon after with the remainder of the army. Among the more valuable results of the encounters between the Spaniards and the Tejas camping in the Tule Canyon at that time are the various descriptions given of the people and how they lived. Coronado commented, "They tattoo their bodies and faces, and are large people of very fine appearance. They, too, eat raw meat like the Querechos, live like them, and like them, follow the cattle."

Later the area is reported to have become dominated by various Apache tribes, probably derived at least in part from the Tejas, Querechos and other earlier tribes of the vicinity.

By 1700, the Comanches, who had quickly adopted the horse, began to move into the South Plains from the northwest. Several decades of hostilities between the Comanches and Apaches resulted in the defeat of the latter.

There are two boat ramps with

floating boat docks at Lake Mackenzie, as well as 38 recreational vehicle hookups with electricity, treated water and outdoor cookers; two dump stations; restrooms, some with showers; playground area for children; large group picnic shelter which may be reserved for family and business meetings; 25 picnic tables, most with water and all with outdoor cookers; nature trail.

The lake is stocked with fish by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and fish include several species of catfish, crappie, black, largemouth and smallmouth bass, stripers, walleye, and perch. Mule deer may be seen on the lake property, as well as aoudad sheep, racoons, badgers, bobcats, opossums, porcupines, wild turkeys, quail, doves and pheasants. Ducks and geese are prevalent in the winter, along with bald eagles. Hunting and firearms are forbidden on lake property.

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We wish to thank the Silverton Fire Department for their prompt response to the call and to the person who called in the fire at Roland's house. Their dedication shown by their working into the night to extinguish the fire, then staying on to comfort our family in our hour of sorrow was greatly appreciated.

We also want to thank the Silverton Ambulance Service for standing by to assist in any way.

The Roy Montague family

Thanks again for all the love you have shown me since I was in the hospital and have been home. I thank God each day that I live in a town where there are such caring people. I want to thank the churches for their special prayers on my behalf.

For all the cards, visits and food, also to my kin and friends for all the help they have given me. God bless each of you.

Jerry Smith

Words cannot express our gratitude for the love and assistance extended to us during our tragedy. We were overwhelmed by your generosity. The delicious food brought to the church and to our home, the phone calls, memorials, flowers and every expression of kindness will always be remembered. We are truly blessed to have such wonderful people in our community. May God bless every one of

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Special thanks to Debbie and John Welch, Phyllis and Ed Clark for the bed and breakfast they provided for Sybil. A special thanks, too, to those who fulfilled their obligations on the food preparation for the Media Day.

Arch and Sybil

A big thanks to the Fire Dept. for putting out our grass fire last Thursday. We really appreciate you guys.

The Reeds

A word of gratitude and thanks to Mrs. Pat Whitfill for her care and concern. God bless

Mrs. Ramona Hunt

Thank you for the flowers, memorials, food, cards, letters, visits, phone calls and prayers during Gary's illness and death. A special thanks to John McCammon and his family for staying with us in Galveston the last few days of Gary's illness and to Steve Miller for taking care of our livestock while we were

Virgil and Eudean Ed and Phyllis

May we say thank you to all of you for all the things you did to make our fiftieth anniversary so very special.

Freeman and Jackie Tate

Please accept this as a personal expression of our appreciation for the cards, flowers, visits, phone calls and other expressions of interest and concern during our recent surgery. We certainly appreciate the love and

fellowship in this community. Duane and Barbara Knowlton

Friends.

Thank you for helping me through Tuesday night. The food, cards and visits were great and the friendship was a gift I will appreciate forever.

Love you all,

Rhett

Thanks to our many friends for everything you have done for us while Raymond was in the hospital for surgery. Thanks to those who came for the surgery and for the visits during the stay in the hospital, for all the nice cards and most of all, for the prayers that were sent up in our behalf. Thanks for the food since we have been home. Thanks to Jane Pigg for the transportation.

Ravenel and Raymond Grewe

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