

# Briscoe County News

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## Good Luck Owls-



**THE OWLS**—Silvertown High School's varsity Owls (kneeling, left to right) Wayne Henderson (22), Ryan Smith (44), Kendal Minyard (12), Robbie McWaters (20), Denny Hill (10), Kirk Couch (11); (standing) Coach Kevin Cleveland, Neal Edwards (24), Ricky Clardy (14), Jon Pigg (50), Frank Lowrey (34) and Bradley Brunson (40). Not pictured is Jamie Frizzell (42).  
Photo by R Photography

## Owls To Play For Bi-District Crown

Silvertown's Owls will play a bi-district basketball game Tuesday night, February 23, at 6:30 p.m. at Hutcherson Gym on the campus of Wayland Baptist University in Plainview. Their opponent will be the Nazareth Swifts, who have won their district this season.

Friday night, the Owls have a warmup game with Patton Springs at Matador beginning at 7:00 p.m. This will sharpen both teams for bi-district play.

### GIRLS PLAYOFF

"We didn't play very well," said Coach Gary Childs of the Owlettes' playoff game with Valley last Friday night at Matador. "We jumped ahead 8-0 starting off, but we weren't quite the team we needed to be and Valley played a very fine game."

Coach Childs went on to say that his team finished with a 12-11 winning record, one tournament championship, one third-place finish and a tie for second place in the district.

"Thanks to all the mothers who decorated the dressing room and provided favors for the players," he said. "This meant a lot to all of us."

Three Owlettes will be graduating this spring: Kim Burson, Stacie Chappell and Gina Myers.

"We will have a good nucleus to build on. We have a lot of pride and should be tough next year," Coach Childs said.

DeLyn Patton led the scoring with 17 points in the playoff

game with Valley, and Kim Burson netted 12 points. The Owlettes led at the end of the first period, but trailed at the end of the other periods: 8-7, 24-27, 30-41 and 37-56.

## School Board Has Regular Feb. Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Silvertown School Board was held last Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Minutes of last month's board meeting and a special board meeting at which Darrah McCammon was hired as an additional kindergarten teacher were read and approved by the board.

After attending to regular business, a resolution was adopted to levy taxes on personal property. The board discussed co-oping with Valley ISD and Motley County ISD to inspect and plan for asbestos treatment and abatement in the school. The principal's contract and the business manager's contract were renewed and a school calendar was adopted for 1988-89.

Other discussion included

some renovation needed on the front lawn of the school and the "Effective Schools" program pending for future years. The board briefly discussed possibilities of offering continuing education courses through Clarendon College during the 1988-89 school year. The board agreed to discuss the "Continuing Education" program as an agenda item at the next regular board meeting after the school administration has had time to make proper arrangements with Clarendon College. Tex Selvidge, Dean of Students at the college, is scheduled to visit with the superintendent, principal and teachers who may be involved in the near future.

Texas Public Schools Week is March 7-11, 1988.

## EMT Class To Begin Here February 23

A new EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) Class will begin here at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 23, at the City Hall. Anthony Kingery will be instructor for the class, and he will be assisted by Roland Asebedo.

Men and women are needed to finish the EMT Class and earn state certification with plans to work in the Silvertown Volunteer Ambulance Service. Those who are actively working in the ambulance service at this time are a dedicated few, and to guarantee the continuation of the service more workers are needed.

No money is paid to any of the volunteers for any of their service, but the expense of their food, while they are out of town on ambulance runs at mealtime, is reimbursed by the service.

## Absentee Voting Now Underway

Absentee voting for both the Democratic and Republican party primaries opened Wednesday, February 17, and continues through March 4 at the office of County and District Clerk Bess McWilliams.

Individuals must be registered at least 30 days in advance of voting.

The primaries will be held on Super Tuesday, March 8.

Volunteers will spend part of the 140 hours in classroom work and part in work in cardiac care, intensive care and the emergency room at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Volunteers need to be high school graduates or those with GED certificates or those who are seniors in high school and will be graduating this spring, and need to be at least 18 years of age upon completion of the EMT Class.

If you haven't yet put your name on the list for the class, you need to do so now by contacting Diamond Williams or Anthony Kingery, or be at the City Hall at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday.

## Vinson Smith Retires as DA Investigator

Vinson Smith, an investigator in the district attorney's office for 11 years and one month, retired last week.

Smith served as sheriff of Briscoe County for twelve years prior to joining the district attorney's office.

According to the last census, there are 110 million men and 116 million women in the United States.



Among those who were present Sunday afternoon to extend birthday best wishes to Miss Anna Lee Anderson were (seated, left) Mrs. Annie Hodges, a teacher of Miss Anna Lee (seated, right); Faye Rampley (standing, left), a former pupil of Miss Anna Lee, and Pat Fitzgerald (standing, right), a former pupil of Mrs. Rampley. These represented four generations of teachers in the Silvertown Schools.

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**OBITUARIES**

**JESSE BRYANT BROOKS**

Jesse Bryant Brooks, 93, died Friday, February 12, at Sierra Health Care Center in Truth or Consequences, New Mexico.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. at the Austin Street Church of Christ in Truth or Consequences, with Earnest McIlroy officiating. Burial was in Hot Springs Cemetery there. French Mortuary in Truth or Consequences was in charge of arrangements.

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Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**

Evening.....7:00 p.m.

**District 13 VFW Meeting February 20-21 In Tulia**

For the first time in 26 years, Tulia will host the District 13 VFW meeting. The Tulia Post would like to see a big turn-out and extends a warm welcome to district members to join in the two-day event.

District 13 is composed of 15 area towns including Dimmitt, Tulia, Lockney, Silverton, Hereford, Childress, Paducah, Littlefield, Canyon, Matador, Floydada, Wellington, Muleshoe, Plainview and Memphis.

**PROGRAM**

Registration begins at 10:00

David P. Brooks and Caleb Sewell Brooks.

A retired cattle rancher, he had run cattle in Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma. He was a past president of Old Time Fiddlers Association and was active in senior citizens activities.

He is survived by his wife, Angollette; two sons, Troy Brooks of Portales, New Mexico and Jake Brooks of San Simon, Arizona; a daughter, Jodi Phillips of Truth or Consequences; 15 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

**Survey Shows Drop In Seat-Belt Use**

Seat-belt use in Texas has dropped sharply, according to a survey just completed for the highway department.

The rate of compliance with the state's 1985 "buckle up" statute reached a peak of 66.1 percent in 1986. But a survey of 14 cities conducted by the Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) last month shows that seat-belt use has fallen to 55.7 percent.

While this compliance rate is higher than the average for states with seat-belt laws, the new figure is down four percentage points from the rate reported in June 1987.

"Even though belt-law states typically experience a post-law decline, we're very concerned that Texans aren't buckling up," said Gary Trietsch, safety and traffic operations engineer with the highway department.

The TTI survey, conducted twice a year, used 14 cities to determine average compliance in 1986. Basing comparisons on those cities only, the current rate falls to 55.7 percent. But in the January 1988 survey four more cities were added—Abilene, Laredo, Midland and Wichita Falls. With these cities included in the statewide average, the compliance rate drops to 54.1 percent.

Trietsch said, "If usage continues to decrease, traffic fatalities and serious injuries could be expected to increase. It's particularly alarming since buckling up is the law, and several of the major law enforcement agencies have vowed to increase their citations for non-compliance."

While many of the cities surveyed did experience declines in seat-belt use of five to ten percentage points, some cities showed increases. Corpus Chris-

t's rate increased by more than ten percentage points, making it the Texas city with the highest observed use at 77.3 percent. Laredo's is the lowest at 32.4 percent.

**SUNDAY**

Registration continues from 8:00 until 9:30 a.m. Sunday. The fee will be \$7.50 for singles and \$15 for couples. Following registration there will be a joint meeting of the VFW and Auxiliary. The welcome address will be given by Judge Jay Johnson, Mayor T. A. Hayhurst and Chamber of Commerce manager Bill Daniels. Featured speaker will be Glen M. Gardner, jr. The VFW meeting will be at the Post home beginning at 10:30 a.m. Ladies Auxiliary will also meet at the Post home at 10:30 a.m. Luncheon will be served at 12:00 noon.

Featured speaker, Glen Gardner, is State Adjutant-Quartermaster for the Department of Texas, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. He is a Vietnam veteran.

**Alexander Twins Are Regional Wrestling Champs**

Ever since Creighton beat Karlen by 30 seconds on the day they were born, there has been a little sibling rivalry between Lubbock Monterey's Alexander twins.

"I was the biggest," Karlen said, not to be outdone, "but they grabbed him first."

However, one place they try to avoid going head to head is on the wrestling mat.

"We haven't wrestled each other in a tournament since we were in the ninth grade," Karlen said. "The times we did wrestle each other, one of us always walked away with an injury."

The two 17-year-olds square off from time to time during a workout since their weight divisions are fairly close, but neither benefits much from the confrontation.

"Everything I know, he knows," Creighton said. "If he doesn't know something or I don't know something, we'll learn it. It's like fighting your shadow."

Since they don't wrestle each other, they take their aggression out on others. Creighton, the Plainsmen's 170-pounder, has compiled a 23-1 record thus far this season, while Karlen, a 158-pounder, is 19-1.

The Alexanders were two of Monterey's brightest hopes to capture individual championships at the Region I high school wrestling tournament recently, and they didn't let their school or themselves down. Each qualified for state competition by winning his weight division.

"They're real good," Monterey wrestling coach Paul Belk said of the duo. "They're real dedicated to the sport. They go out of town and travel and try to get more competition elsewhere."

"They're both intelligent and they want to be good at it. That's what makes them as good as they are. They're just dedicated."

The twins, sons of Mrs. Karla Alexander and James Ross Alexander, both of Lubbock, (former teachers in the Silverton Schools) are outstanding in the classrooms as well as on the wrestling mats. They are honor roll students who post 4.00 GPAs.

They are grandsons of Mr. and Mrs. Lem Weaver of Silverton.



Of all his immortal works of art, Michelangelo painted only one easel picture. It is of the Holy Family, now in the Uffizi Gallery in Florence.



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# Looking Back

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**February 16, 1978**—Owls repeat as District Champs . . . Repairs about finished on utility lines downed by ice storm . . . Snow continues in the area . . . Mike Graham shows grand champion barrow at Fort Worth Junior Livestock Show . . . Junior High District playoffs to be held here . . . Judge rules in favor of railroad abandonment . . . Funeral services conducted for Herbert Clifton (Shine) Stephens . . . Silverton FFA Chapter starts spring citrus sale . . . Owl loss to Valley throws Junior High District into tie . . . Mr. and Mrs. Max Weaver are parents of a daughter . . . Both the High School and Junior High Owlettes finished their seasons with victories over Happy . . .

**February 15, 1968**—Girls can earn district title playoff by beating Claude Friday night . . . Briscoe County blanketed with snow this week . . . Tom Christian is candidate for State Representative . . . HemisFair Bonus Books on sale here . . . Danny and Ronny Vaughan had the champion Duroc and Poland China gilts and Larry Comer had the champion Yorkshire and also the second-place gilt at the El Paso Stock Show last week. Danny also placed eighth with a Hampshire barrow and fourth with a Poland barrow . . . Mrs. L. B. Garvin, jr. underwent an appendectomy at the Lockney Hospital last week . . . Mrs. Billy Ray Ford underwent major surgery at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo Saturday . . . Mrs. R. N. McDaniel was in Plainview Thursday to visit her father, John Fore, who is a resident of the Heritage Home . . . Briscoe County to buy new grader for Precinct 2 . . . Roy Wood showed the champion Yorkshire in the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth . . .

**February 13, 1958**—Mrs. Flora Dickerson honored on eighty-sixth birthday . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hill have recently purchased the Silverton Variety Store from Mr. and Mrs. Keyth Tiffin . . . T. J. Hodges honored on eightieth birthday . . . Winners in the "Save the Soil and Save Texas" essay contest were Marjorie Autry, first; Marsha Monroe, second; Leah Kellum, third, Silverton High School; John Criss Reagan, first; Melvin Carter, second; Grady Lee Jacobs, third, Quitaque High School . . . Tom Whiteley ill in Big Spring hospital . . . Briscoe County blanketed with snow and ice . . . Silverton Schools dismissed because of a gas leak in the building . . . Jerry Bingham is reported to be improving. His chest injuries seem to have cleared up and the broken hip bones are mending now. His father, J. F. Bingham, and Stevie are at home this week but Mrs. Bingham is staying with Jerry at the Plainview hospital . . . Mr. and Mrs. Fulton Gregg were weekend guests of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Boling and Jimmy, in Lubbock . . . Judd Donnell of Las Vegas, New Mexico, who is working in Tulia this winter, and

Mrs. Agnes Bingham were Sunday dinner guests of their mother, Mrs. Cora Donnell . . . Mr. and Mrs. A. L. McMurtry returned home early last week after having spent several days in Marlin . . .

**February 12, 1948**—Temperatures zoom to zero in county's second cold wave . . . R. M. Hill, long-time resident of Silverton and Briscoe County, is reported seriously ill following a heart attack and a stroke early this week . . . Opal Hill has been on the sick list this week . . . Keyth Tiffin returned home Sunday from Kansas City where he had been a business visitor for several days . . . Archie Castleberry critically ill in Amarillo . . .

Lessie Mae Taylor is bride of Howard Wayne Autry . . . Mary Watkins is bride of Joe Deavenport . . . Presbyterian ladies enjoy meeting in Pat Pavlicek home . . . LTD Club has meeting with Jessie Mae Watson . . . Ann Brown, Junis Mercer, Faith Smithee and Vaughnell Rowell were dinner guests of Gay Lynn and Wayma Rae Callaway Sunday . . .

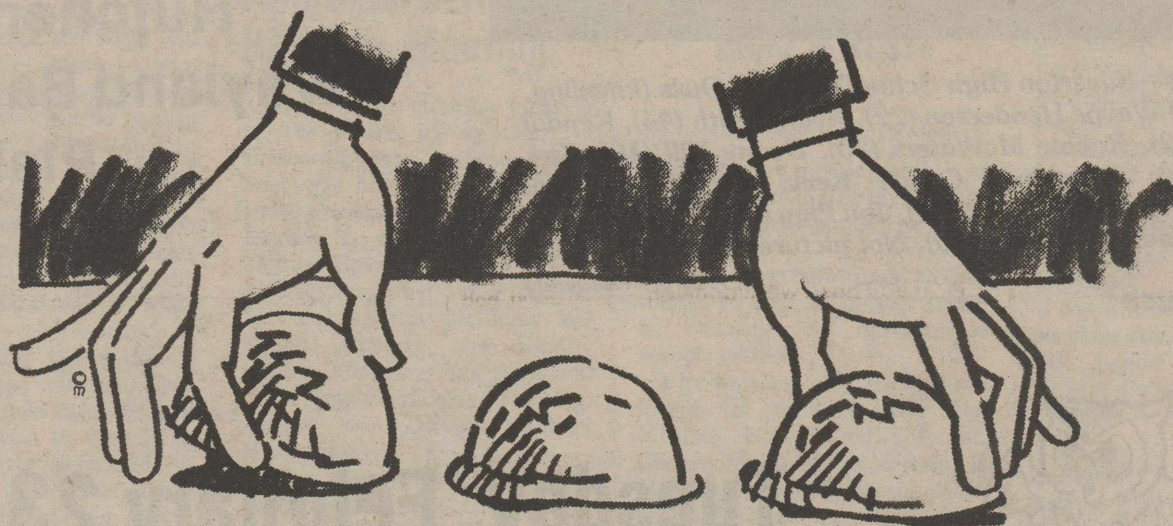
**February 17, 1938**—Near 1400 voters registered here . . . Roy Bomar purchases Burson Food Store . . . Grady Wimberly out for County Commissioner . . . Briscoe County is getting rain . . . Late reports Thursday from Dean Allard were that he is much improved and will probably

be brought home from Tulia Hospital today. He has been suffering from blood poisoning and blood transfusions were necessary . . . Worth Alexander returned Monday for a few days visit with relatives and friends . . . Editor Roy Hahn wrote: "If I didn't get my toy balloon punctured every week by someone, I'd call it a dismal failure. But just when I have had it punctured though, someone comes along and blows it up for me" . . . Albert and Arlis White, Roberta McMurtry, Vinson Smith and Geraldine Montague attended the show at Plainview last Sunday afternoon . . . Mrs. Jeff Burson and son, Todd Edd of Plainview, were visiting friends

and relatives here last weekend . . . Bill Watters is cleaning up D. O. Bomar's ranch, carrying off the undesired stuff . . . Jim Brooks is talking of coming out for mayor of Haylake . . .

Mary Dee and Annette Minyard and Zelda Dudley spent last weekend in Snyder, visiting with Dennis and Margaret Tomlin and Buddy and Connie Comer. Mrs. Dudley attended the last basketball game of the season. Both Christi Comer and Dedra Tomlin are seniors and played in their last regular season game last week.

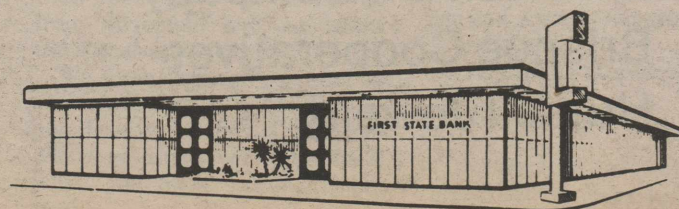
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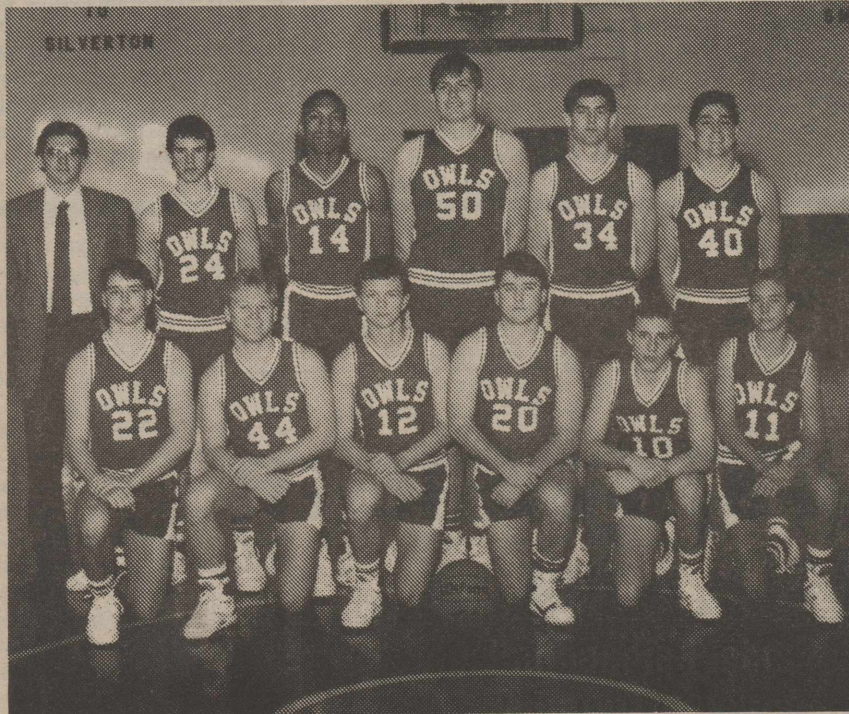
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# Good Luck at Bi-District, Owls! We Are Behind You 100%!



THE OWLS—Silvertown High School's varsity Owls (kneeling, left to right) Wayne Henderson (22), Ryan Smith (44), Kendal Minyard (12), Robbie McWaters (20), Denny Hill (10), Kirk Couch (11); (standing) Coach Kevin Cleveland, Neal Edwards (24), Ricky Clardy (14), Jon Pigg (50), Frank Lowrey (34) and Bradley Brunson (40). Not pictured is Jamie Frizzell (42).  
*Photo by R Photography*

## Owls vs. Nazareth 6:30 p.m.

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## Tuesday, February 23



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## Group To Sponsor Sat. Game Nights

Briscoe County Activities Association has announced plans to sponsor a game night, open to the public, on the last Saturday night of each month. The next one will be Saturday, February 27, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the County Show Barn.

Refreshments will be furnished by the sponsoring organization.

Charge will be \$5.00 per family, and entire families are invited to take part in the game nights.

If you have a particular game you enjoy, bring it. Tables will be set up for whatever games those attending wish to play.

## Junior Class To Sponsor Volleyball Tourny March 10-11

The Junior Class of Silverton High School will be sponsoring a volleyball tournament March 10-11-12.

Brackets included in the tournament are men's, women's and mixed.

Please contact Keeley Burson or Patsy Towe at 823-2476.

## FHA Volleyball Tournament Is March 24-26

The Silverton High School chapter of Future Homemakers of America will sponsor a volleyball tournament March 24-25-26.

There will be men's, women's and mixed divisions.

Please call Kim Burson or Patsy Towe at 823-2476.

## Monday Becoming Busy Day For Firefighters

Monday has become a busy day for Silverton firefighters.

Monday, February 1, and continuing into Tuesday, February 2, firefighters from the Silverton Fire Department were involved with the mobile home fire eight miles south of Silverton in which eight persons died.

On Monday, February 8, area firefighters united in an effort to stop an intense grass fire 17 miles north of Turkey on the Harwood Ranch. The first call was issued about 3:00 p.m., followed by a call for more help about 5:00 p.m. Fire units from Turkey, Quitaque, Silverton and Memphis responded to bring the blaze under control after more than four hours. An early esti-

mate was that 1,000 acres had burned; however, there were no injuries or loss of livestock reported. One Silverton fireman reported seeing a deer fleeing from the flames which leaped about as tall as a man's head.

Monday of this week, firemen were called to extinguish a burr pile that was burning in the middle of a county road and about to spread into the Graham pasture west of Silverton. Firemen spent about two hours bringing this situation under control.

## Birthday Reception To Honor Fish Wilson

A birthday reception honoring Maynard (Fish) Wilson will be held Sunday, February 21, 1988 from 2:30 until 4:00 p.m. in the Community Room at First National Bank in Quitaque.

Mr. Wilson was born in Arkansas to the late Ruth and Otis Wilson. As a young boy he came to Briscoe County with his family to settle at Gasoline.

During his lifetime, he has worked on various ranches, farmed the family land and was a brand inspector for the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. He presently resides in Quitaque's Valley View addition.

Rather than gifts, a memory book is being prepared. Bring your sheet of memories and/or pictures for the memory book and join the celebration. Your presence is needed at this reception to make the day a happy one for Mr. Wilson.

### NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF ALVIS JACK LOUDERMILK, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Alvis Jack Loudermilk, Deceased, were issued on January 18, 1988 in Cause No. 1203, pending in the County Court of Briscoe County, Texas, to: Johnny Speer.

The residence of such Executor is Floyd County, Texas. The post office address is: Johnny Speer, 806 Mesquite, Floydada, Texas 79235.

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 16th day of February, 1988.

/s/ Tom West

State Bar No. 21201000  
Attorney for the Estate

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## Mail Arrival Pick-up Schedule Given

Listed below is the current schedule of when Silverton's mail arrives, and when it leaves each day.

All mail arrives here at 7:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday, and all mail leaves here at 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

On Saturdays and holidays the mail leaves here at 2:00 p.m.

The mail is picked up in the outside mail box at 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you mail anything for **Out of Town** after 4:30 p.m., you should put it in the outside mail box.

Also on holidays and Saturdays after 9:00 a.m., you should put your **Out of Town** mail in the mail box outside.

The mail truck does not run on these holidays: July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's.

"Please save this schedule, and

if it changes I will let you know," said Postmaster Fred A. Strange.

Holly Nance underwent surgery in Houston last Friday. For those who would like to send cards, her address is Methodist Medical Center, 6262 Fannin, Houston, Texas 77030.

Mary Miller and Betty Olive visited residents of the Lockney Care Center last Friday.

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# Spring Fling Promises Fun For All Saturday Afternoon

Spring Fling in Silverton will begin at 2:00 p.m. Saturday in the Pioneer Room at First State Bank. There will be door prizes, and refreshments will be served.

Fashions from Tiffin's Dept. Store for men, women and children will be modeled, along with jewelry from Hutsell's Jewelry.

On display will be unique gift items from Mary John's Flowers & Gifts, Country Cut-Ups and Hutsell Jewelry.

Tiffin's will show a line of apparel for the entire family, young and matronly alike. Children will model fun clothes, just the thing to keep cool under the hot Texas summer sun, not just trendy items, but serviceable



Mrs. Rex (Mary) Tiffin and Mrs. Flute (Junis) Hutsell were pictured at Hutsell Jewelry as they selected jewelry to be modeled at the Spring Fling Saturday afternoon.

Briscoe County News Photo

wear to delight mom!

Tiffin's has queen-sized fashions for the discerning larger woman and subtle subdued styles suited to the taste of the mature woman. They also carry men's clothes.

Hutsell Jewelry will present items from their selection of fine jewelry, as well as the latest in fashion jewelry.

Jackie Mercer will narrate the

show, and the models' hairstyles will be by Amy Otis.

Surprises are awaiting those who attend. Everyone is invited and a pleasant interlude is promised.



Mrs. Buck (Virginia) Hardin is pictured wearing a navy blue and white polyester dress with pleated ruffle hemline. She added navy hat, purse and shoes. She will be modeling this ensemble from Tiffin's Dept. Store at the Spring Fling Saturday afternoon.

Briscoe County News Photo

## LINES FROM Y N D A

Lynda Fogerson  
Briscoe County Extension Agent

### PLUGGING SPENDING LEAKS

Saving dimes can add up to dollars when you "don't have a dime to spare."

Last week we looked at food habits that cause spending 'leaks'. This week we will review buying skills which can help stretch your dollars.

The first step is to reduce impulse buying. About 70 percent of all our purchases are based on impulse. We must recognize the many temptations in advertising, displays, packaging, and other methods of enticing consumers to make a purchase.

Millions of dollars is spent in creating appeals to attract consumers to products they may not need, especially if they are on a limited budget. Advertising should be used for information, not influence.

Use sales and coupons wisely to purchase only items which are actually a bargain, really needed, and of good quality.

Use individual skills of family members to do-it-yourself rather than paying for these services. Carpentry, plumbing, sewing, and baking are some beneficial skills for saving dollars.

With the rising cost of health care, preventative health measures are extremely cost-effective. Good nutrition, weight control, health and dental check-ups, eliminating smoking and other changes in life habits can reduce health care costs. My philosophy is that good (nutritious) food is much cheaper than medical bills. So far it has worked well for our family.

Recognize and control the costs you pay for the privilege of credit. Interest, late charges, and overdraft and returned check charges can add up to big dollars.

Plan in advance for gifts. You know ahead of time when peak gift-giving times will be—Christmas, family birthdays, graduations, weddings and special holidays. Buy on sale or use skills to make gifts to save money. Save money throughout the year to make Christmas purchases rather than paying interest after the holidays for these gifts.

Recognize that our personal and family values influence our spending. A necessity to one person is a luxury to another. Change is difficult, but by choosing alternatives that you can live with, you can stretch your income even when you "don't have a dime to spare."

For more financial information or personal assistance with a spending plan contact me at 823-2131, or come by the Extension Office in the courthouse basement. Our help and information is provided at no cost.

### Family Birthdays Observed

The home of Bronc and Amy Otis was the scene of a Valentine supper Sunday night. The occasion was to honor family members with February birthdays.

Balloons, giant hearts, Valentines, candies and birthday cakes decorated the dining room. Those with February birthdays are Dee Whittington, Brad West, Patti Whittington, Glenn Smith and James Dunn. Terry and Brian West celebrated belated January birthdays.

A covered-dish Italian supper was served to the honorees and their families. The group also enjoyed a pool tournament and several games of Win, Lose or Draw.

Family group pictures were taken for Glenn's album.

Attending were Glenn and Winnie Smith, Donnie and Sandy Perkins, James, Becky and Danny Dunn, Bronc and Amy Otis, Terry, Ann, Brad and Brian West, Lynn, Connie, Jeff and Kristi Smith, Tobe Riddell, all of Silverton; Dee, Patti, Magan and Matthew Whittington, Quitaque.



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# Your Beef Recipe Could Win You \$500 Cash or More

Entries for the Texas Beef Cookoff are now being sought by Texas CattleWomen. Deadline for entries is April 1, 1988, and entries are to be sent to Mrs. Albert Miller, Chairman, State Beef Cook-Off, Box 67, Valentine,

Texas 79854. Your beef recipe could win you \$500 cash, or more.

To enter, send a typed copy of your best beef recipe using any cut of beef. Include your name, address, phone number, and a brief statement about the origin

of your recipe.

Recipes must contain a minimum of one pound of beef and not more than five pounds of beef. Meat used must be exclusively beef and preparation and cooking time cannot exceed four hours. The recipe must be specific, with no use of brand names. It must state the number of servings and the approximate preparation time.

All entries become the property of the American National CattleWomen, Inc. Beef dishes will be judged according to taste, ease of preparation and practicality, originality and appearance.

Contestants must be 18 years old or older, with non-professional food status. Anyone who has owned one or more head of beef or dairy cattle (or who lives in a household where any person has owned cattle in the past year) is ineligible. CattleWomen and employees of the Meat Board or State Beef Councils are ineligible.

Five finalists will be selected from among the entries. These winners will receive an expenses-paid trip to the Texas Beef Cook-Off on April 18-19, 1988 in Austin. All five finalists will receive an award. First place award is \$500 cash and an expenses-paid trip to the national finals in Jackson, Mississippi, in September 1988. Second place award is a \$300 beef gift certificate. Third place winner receives a \$100 beef gift certi-



Trey Tippens and Christi Comer were named Mr. and Miss SHS in coronation ceremonies February 12 at Snyder High School. The two were chosen by the 850-member student body in a schoolwide vote earlier in the week. Christi is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Comer of Snyder and is the granddaughter of Zelda Dudley and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Comer, all of Silverton.

# Retired Teacher Honored With Birthday Open House

Miss Anna Lee Anderson, affectionately known as "Miss Anna Lee," who began her teaching career in 1920 and taught 45 years in the Silverton Schools before her retirement in 1967, was honored by friends and former students Sunday afternoon on the occasion of her ninetieth birthday. Hostesses were Jessie Bomar and Josephine Anderson, and they were assisted by Len and Susan (Anderson) Koslowski of Lubbock.

Also assisting with the birthday open house, which was held in the Pioneer Room at First State Bank in Silverton, were Doug and Elaine Forbes, Pat Fitzgerald, Pauline Turner, Faye Rampley and Wilma Gill.

Guests were greeted at the door by O. C. Rampley, and Rena Schott and J. L. Self alternated at the registration desk.

Punch, coffee, finger sandwiches, assorted cookies and nuts were served by Carol Koslowski

and Cathy Koslowski of Lubbock, great-nieces of the honoree, from a table covered with a white lace cloth. The centerpiece was an arrangement of red carnations and greenery surrounding a heart-shaped lace-trimmed pillow.

A highlight of the afternoon was the presence of Mrs. Annie Hodges of Tulia, a former teacher of Miss Anna Lee. Mrs. Hodges observed her 100th birthday last August.

Another special guest was Lula Bellinger of Dalhart, a former neighbor and close friend of Miss Anna Lee.

Unable to attend was Lalla Brown, another former pupil of Mrs. Hodges.

Other relatives attending from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. Gene Craig, Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Earl Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Campbell and daughters, Tony and Candace, Hereford.

cate. The two runners-up each receive a \$50 beef gift certificate.

The state winner will compete in the national contest for a first prize of \$5,000 and up to a possible \$10,000 more. Finalists should plan on being present for the full three days.



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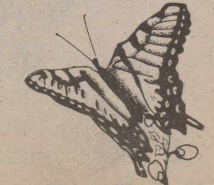
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# School Calendar Approved For 1988-89

The school calendar for 1988-89 has recently been approved for the Silverton Independent School District. It reflects the following teacher in-service and workdays, holidays and the end of school grading periods.

August 24-25-26-29 will be teacher in-service days. August 30-31 will be teacher workdays.

The first six weeks will run from September 1 until October 7.

October 10 has been set aside as Fall Break.

The second six weeks period will begin October 11 and end November 18.

The third six weeks will run from November 21 through Janu-

ary 13.

November 24-25 have been set aside as Thanksgiving holidays. December 22-23, 26-30 have been designated as Christmas holidays.

January 14, 1989 is a teacher workday.

The fourth six weeks begins January 16 and runs through February 24.

The fifth six weeks runs from February 27 through April 14.

March 1-3 has been designated as Spring Break.

March 24, 27 is the Easter Break.

March 27 has been set aside as the second snow day.

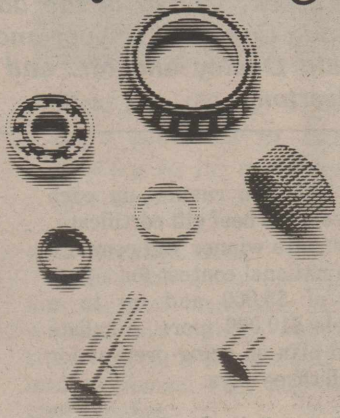
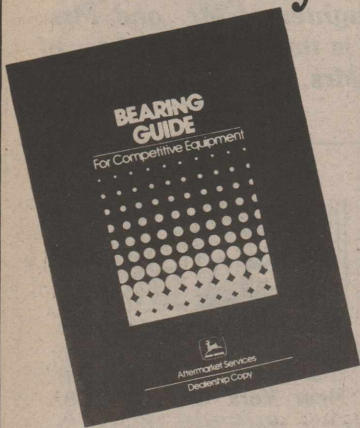
The sixth six weeks will include the period from April 17



**JUNIOR VARSITY OWLS**—(left to right) Coach Kevin Cleveland, Rhett Montague, Stephen Cavitt, Teddy Hubbard, Will Rowell, Emmy Garcia, Bryan Ramsey and Joey Leal.

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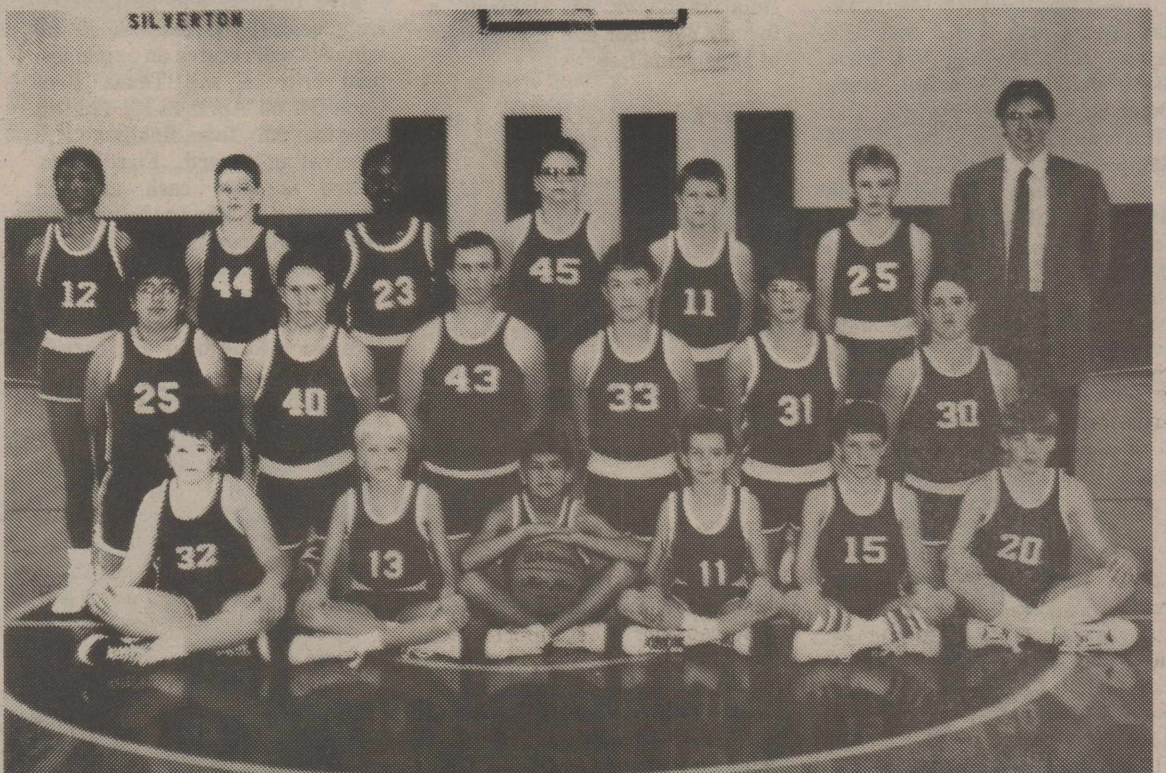
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Photo by R Photography

through May 26.  
May 5, 8 has been designated as May Break.  
May 8 is the first snow day.  
May 27 will be a teacher workday and the date of the high school commencement program.

### Silverton Post Office Adjusts Retail Hours

The Silverton Post Office adjusted retail hours beginning February 13, according to Postmaster Fred A. Strange. Operating hours are being reduced to help meet the Postal Services' reduction in operating expenses as required by Congress' Deficit Reduction Act. This Act requires the Postal Service to trim \$1.245 billion from its operating budget. Nationwide, post offices have been ordered to reduce retail hours by 10 to 12 percent. Rather than closing one afternoon a week as many areas are doing, we have chosen this daily reduction as the least disruptive to service, said Postmaster Strange. The Silverton Post Office will close from 12:30 until 1:30 p.m. for lunch.

The new hours will be: Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to

12:30 p.m., and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. The Post Office is closed on Saturdays.

"We will continue to meet all your postal needs," the Postmaster said.

### SILVERTON SCHOOL LUNCHROOM MENU

February 22 - 26

- Monday—Soft Burritos, Salad, Cornbread, Fruit, Milk
- Tuesday—Corn Dog, French Fries, Vegetarian Beans, Fruit Cobbler, Milk
- Wednesday—Vegetable Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Crackers, Cookie, Milk
- Thursday—Fried Chicken and Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Honey and Butter, Milk
- Friday — Cheeseburgers or Hamburgers, French Fries, Salad, Cookie and Fruit, Milk

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- ?? Main functions of Commissioners' Court (Continued from last week)
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- ?? 7. To administer such services as libraries, county hospitals, welfare programs, parks and playgrounds.
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## Panhandle-Plains County Treasurers Meet In Silverton

submitted by Janice S. Hill

The Panhandle-Plains County Treasurer's Association held its quarterly meeting January 22 in the Pioneer Room at First State Bank in Silverton. Briscoe County Treasurer Janice Hill and Armstrong County Treasurer Bernice Stephenson were hostesses for the meeting.

Twenty-one County Treasurers and three guests attended. Counties represented were Armstrong, Briscoe, Deaf Smith, Donley, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hutchinson, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher, Wheeler, Potter, Cottle, Dawson, Dickens and Floyd.

Complimentary gift packets were given to all attending containing mementos of Briscoe County. Items inside the packets were donated by First State Bank, Briscoe County News, Briscoe County Extension Service, Hutsell Insurance, Hutsell Jewelry and Lake Mackenzie.

Four door prizes, furnished by Janice Hill and Bernice Stephenson, were given away.

Appreciation was expressed by everyone for the gift packets as well as the use of the bank building and the refreshments.

A business meeting was conducted by the president, Vesta Mae Nunley, Deaf Smith County Treasurer. The minutes from the previous meeting were read by the secretary-treasurer, Kathy Sargent, Hutchinson County Treasurer.

After the business meeting, Judy Monk, Armstrong County Treasurer and second vice-president of the County Treasurers Association of Texas, gave a report on information brought back from Austin regarding the possibility of some elected offices being abolished in the next Legislative session.

The main issue for all treasurers across the state is the possible abolishment of County

Treasurer's offices that lawmakers are looking at. County Treasurers across the state will be uniting their efforts to help educate the public and lawmakers of the importance of county treasurers and their duties in county government. It is hoped that by educating the taxpayer that the citizens and lawmakers in Austin will see the advantages of an elected official for the taxpayer. Questionnaires were given out for each treasurer to fill out regarding the duties of the office. These questionnaires will help to compile data that will be sent to Austin to show how many duties are performed by each County Treasurer. It is hoped that lawmakers in Austin will consider the information furnished and stop the possibility of the issue of abolishing any elected office before it ever reaches the ballots again. It is believed that the forefathers who set up the local governments had a good system and it was a good way for the state to be fairly represented. It seems now the move is toward letting Austin decide all the issues and sometimes the smaller communities are ignored.

After a lengthy discussion regarding the issues presented above, the meeting was adjourned. Everyone attending then gathered at the Pizza Box for lunch. A few drove to Quitaque to tour Caprock Canyons State Park after lunch, and they said they were amazed at the beauty of the area at the park and through the canyons on Highway 207.

A special thank-you goes to Jack Strange for the use of the building and the refreshments. Appreciation is also expressed to Ada Clay for her assistance in gathering items for the gift packets and to all the businesses that gave items for the packets. Some of the businesses weren't contacted about this before the meeting, but they will have an opportunity to be included at some future time.

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## Appraisal District Has Feb. Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the board of directors of Briscoe County Appraisal District was held February 8, and those present were Directors Joe Mercer, L. B. Garvin, jr., and Jimmy Ross; Rita and Kevin Moseley, certified public accountants representing McMillan, McMillan, Moseley and Riddle; County Attorney Tom West and Chief Appraiser Carlye Fleming. Absent was Director Robert McPherson.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Garvin, and minutes of the January 14 meeting were read by Director Ross in the absence of Secretary McPherson. Director Mercer stated that the paragraph referring to who must sign checks needs some clarification. Motion carried to amend the statement to read "any two of the above named persons must sign each check."

The 1987 audit was reported by Ms. Moseley, who said the records are in very good order and the appraisal district is operating within its budget.

Mrs. Fleming presented the monthly financial report, and said that 1987 tax roll collections through the month of January included: Briscoe County, 88.1%; Silverton ISD, 90%; City of Silverton, 78.5%; City of Quitaque, 10.0%; Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority, 79.9%.

There was discussion about the appraisal district's general liability insurance policy, and it was suggested that there would be an annual update on the policy. Motion carried to have Attorney Tom West meet with Verlin Towe to examine the policy.

Motion carried to pay the Towe Agency for the general liability insurance policy and to ask Verlin Towe to review the policy with board members at the next meeting.

Election of a board member to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ray Teeple was

discussed, and the list of those who have been nominated by the taxing entities are John Bowman, Jimmy Burson and Elgin Conner.

Motion carried that the appraisal district contract with Perdue, Brandon and Fielder, attorneys at law, for delinquent tax collection.

Following examination of the current month's bills, motion carried to pay all bills presented.

## Stocker Cattle Seminar Planned

A Stocker Cattle Seminar will begin at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 23, in the Clarendon College Cafeteria. The evening begins with a sponsored meal, followed by "Health Programs for Newly-Arrived Cattle and Correct Procedures for Processing Stocker Cattle," by Dr. Charles Deyhle, Clarendon veterinarian.

Dr. John McNeill, area Extension livestock specialist, will discuss "Summer Stocker Cattle Management Programs."

Anyone interested in attending should call Ronald Gooch at the Donley County Extension Service, 874-2141, to make a reservation for the meal so they will know for how many to plan.

## Boy Scout News

by Scoutmaster Mark Eddleman

This week's meeting will be at the Scout Hut Saturday, February 20, at 1:00 p.m. Bring your handbooks.

I want to take time to say thanks to Jeff, Stan and Lance for wearing your uniforms to school last week.

I guess some of you think we forgot to put out your flag Monday. No, we didn't forget. George Washington's birthday is Monday, February 22; the other was a fake, so we will put out flags February 22. If you haven't paid for your flag but have requested one, you need to pay before Monday or you won't get your flag. \$10.00 isn't much for the flag service. We need money for new camping gear now, not next year. If you have paid for your flag, thank you very much.

Thank you, James Edwards, for helping with first-aid and Lois Hill for our drinking cups.

We will take our first camping trip of the year next weekend, February 27. All our camping trips between now and April 9-11 will be very important to attend, because we will be training for the Camporee then. There will be 300 or more Scouts there, and of course, we want Silverton to be the best troop there.

Happy birthday, Lance and Stan.

Dear Editor,

Jo and I continue to enjoy reading the Briscoe News. Joshua is almost five months old and is doing fine. Mrs. Jarrett (Polly) is pretty settled in her "new" home (the one she moved from Silverton) and we spent Christmas at her home.

We were very sorry to hear of the tragic deaths in the Palacio and Davila families. Could you please get this check to the bank when you make a run. Thank you!

Love,  
Robert, Jo and Joshua Bidwell

## Child Care Providers Conference Is March 26

A Child Care Providers Conference for those who provide child care in their homes is set for Saturday, March 26, at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center in Lubbock.

This educational program is sponsored by the Extension Home Economists in the 20-county South Plains District to help persons who operate child care facilities or keep children in their home to sharpen their skills and gather new ideas to help in their tasks.

Educational sessions from which participants may choose during the morning sessions are: "Cooking for Kids," "Hyperactive/Hard to Handle Children," "Resources Available," "Scheduling a Child's Day," "Child Safety," "Communication/Conflict Management," and "Record Keeping."

Participants will attend their choice of one of the three noon sessions: "Attracting and Keeping Your Customers," "Questions and Answers for Day Care Licensing," and "The Balancing Act: Keeping Kids in Your Home."

The afternoon sessions include: "Looking Great/Feeling Terrific," and "Arts and Crafts for Children." The program will conclude at 3:30 p.m. Registration is \$7.50 (including lunch) by March 10, or \$20.00 if received after that date. The registration fee is due to the Hale County Extension Office, Box 680, Plainview, Texas 79073 no later than March 10.

For a brochure describing the sessions and a registration form, call Lynda Fogerson at the Briscoe County Extension Office at 823-2131.

## Junior Girl Scouts Have Father-Daughter Box Supper

The Junior Girl Scout Troop #165 met in the Scout Hut for the Father-Daughter Box Supper on February 15. The blessing was given by Ted Kingery.

After the meal, we discussed the Brisket Sale, how the dads were in charge of helping to cook and the moms were in charge of helping to wrap the meat.

The centerpieces were auctioned with Ted Kingery as auctioneer, after which everyone enjoyed playing the game of Win, Lose or Draw.

Those attending were Charlie and LaToya Baker, Ted and Kara Kingery, Dale and Christi McWaters, Sonya Ramirez, Hand, Vici, Carrie and Russ Baird, Fred, Lois, Staci, Richie and Will Hill.

When the cookies come in, Mrs. Baird will let each of you know. The next meeting will be the Cookie Sale Booth at Nance's Food Store on February 27. Mrs. Hill will give the schedule later.

The troop is nominating George Long for the Outstanding Volunteer Award at the Caprock Girl Scout Council Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet April 18 in Lubbock.

Christina Stephens, reporter

Berniece Wood has been a patient at St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock. She was taken there by ambulance Thursday morning of last week.

## January Weather Is Drier, Colder Than Normal

The weather across the Texas South Plains during the month of January 1988 turned out to be both drier and colder than normal.

Temperatures averaged 3.1 degrees below normal and ranged from 1.8 degrees below normal at the Muleshoe Wildlife Refuge to 5.8 degrees below normal at Plainview.

Maximum temperatures averaged 4.8 degrees below normal and ranged from 2.9 degrees below normal at the Muleshoe Wildlife Refuge to 8.5 degrees below normal at Plainview. The highest temperature reported during the month was 72 degrees at Muleshoe on the 29th, Seminole on the 30th, Levelland and Paducah on the 31st.

Minimum temperatures averaged 1.4 degrees below normal and ranged from 0.5 degree above normal at Post to four degrees below normal at Friona. The lowest temperature recorded during the month was one degree above zero at Friona on the morning of the 7th.

Precipitation averaged three tenths of an inch below normal and ranged from 0.01 of an inch below normal at Lockettville to 0.70 of an inch below normal at Jayton where only a trace was reported. Most of the precipitation occurred during the period from the fifth through the tenth and it was almost entirely ice and snow. Snow totals averaged 1.8

inches with the heavier totals in Eastern counties—especially off the Caprock.

Silverton's average maximum temperature for the month was 44.8 degrees and the average minimum was 20.5 degrees, for an average temperature of 32.7 degrees.

There was .30 of an inch of moisture recorded in Silverton during January, this being from three inches of snow.

Mr. and Mrs. Berton Hughes drove to Roscoe Thursday, February 4, to visit their children and grandchildren, Rev. and Mrs. Randy Hughes, Amy and Matt, and to help Matt celebrate his thirteenth birthday on Saturday. Matt plays the tenor sax, and had won district in the Junior High division of a band contest in Abilene and was to go to Abilene on Saturday to take part in a band concert. Due to bad weather and icy highways, the concert had to be cancelled. Amy plays the trombone and has won district for two years. Mr. and Mrs. Berton Hughes returned home on Wednesday, February 10.

Mrs. Bryant (Ruby) Eddleman returned home Monday after having been in the hospital recuperating from knee replacement surgery.

## Sales Tax Rebates Up Across State

State Comptroller Bob Bullock recently sent checks totaling \$129.4 million in local sales tax to 1,037 cities that levy the one-percent city sales tax.

Bullock said this month's allocations increased by 3.4 percent over last year's February checks, a growth of \$4.3 million statewide.

"The growth in December's holiday sales is yet another indication that the state's recession has finally ended," Bullock said. "This increase in consumer spending is a statewide vote of confidence in our economy."

The widened tax base, authorized by the Texas Legislature last year, also contributed to the increase in allocations, Bullock said.

February's checks represent taxes collected by monthly filers in December and reported to the Comptroller's Office by January 20. This month's allocation also includes yearly and fourth quarter filers.

The largest allocation this month, \$22.1 million, went to Houston, an increase of 10.47 percent. Dallas received the second-largest check, \$14.7 million, an increase of 1.4 percent. San Antonio's check totaled \$7.9 million, a decrease of two percent.

Silverton's payment this period was \$2,814.47, down a bit from the \$2,968.38 received for the same period the previous year. This brought Silverton's 1988 payments to \$3,549.77, up 0.47 percent from the \$3,533.17 that had been received at this time a year ago.

Quitague's net payment this period was \$2,391.64, a little higher than the \$2,364.89 received for the same period last year. Their 1988 payments to date total \$2,391.64, up 1.13 percent over the \$2,364.89 that had been received at the same time last year.

Other area cities, the amount of their current sales tax rebate check, and the percentage of increase or decrease includes:

Claude, \$5,593.64, up 21.87 percent; Dimmitt, \$21,986.85, down 0.98 percent; Hart, \$2,772.04, down 24.30 percent; Nazareth, \$1,563.51, down 10.12 percent; Childress, \$42,682.08, down 1.27 percent; Paducah, \$8,111.82, down 0.89 percent; Crosbyton, \$8,460.62, up 25.55 percent; Lorenzo, \$3,071.16, up 27.68 percent; Ralls, \$7,683.39, up 18.52 percent; Texline, \$2,088.84, up 22.58 percent; Dickens, \$3,707.59, up 69.38 percent; Spur, \$6,825.63, up 4.91 percent; Clarendon, \$11,645.91, down 0.98 percent; Hedley, \$1,060.74, down 21.47 percent; Howardwick, \$1,096.14, down 20.63 percent; Floydada, \$13,841.41, up 8.60 percent; Lockney, \$7,576.23, down 1.13 percent; Lefors, \$1,982.23, up 1.96 percent; Pampa, \$184,011.36, up 4.15 percent; Plainview, \$181,745.37, up 10.02 percent; Estelline, \$1,675.04, down 1.93 percent; Lakeview, \$379.75, up 45.58 percent; Memphis, \$20,384.17, up 30.09 percent; Turkey, \$2,438.47, up 23.50 percent; Jayton, \$1,334.28, up 13.07 percent; Higgins, \$2,247.64, down 2.83 percent; Idalou, \$6,879.08, down 16.23 per-

cent; Lubbock, \$1,910,599.89, up 10.23 percent; Matador, \$4,284.73, up 8.19 percent; Roaring Springs, \$1,695.65, down 2.57 percent; Amarillo, \$1,714,985.35, up 4.29 percent; Canyon, \$46,487.19, down 6.27 percent; Happy, \$1,457.09, down 16.36 percent; Kress, \$1,379.96, up 32.43 percent; Tulia, \$21,255.78, up 14.01 percent; Wheeler, \$6,328.55, up 0.17 percent.

## Mixed Drink Sales Tax Share Remitted By State

State Comptroller Bob Bullock recently sent checks totaling \$10.4 million to the 219 counties and 437 cities that tax mixed drink sales as their share of the state's 12 percent mixed drink tax collected during the fourth quarter of 1987.

Bullock said the state collected \$43 million in mixed drink taxes for the fourth quarter, compared to \$44.6 million collected during the same period in 1986.

Texas cities and counties each receive a 12.5 percent share of the tax collected on mixed drinks sold within their boundaries under the law that legalized the sale of mixed drinks in the state.

Of the total \$43 million in state collections, counties received \$5.3 million, down from the \$5.5 million received during the fourth quarter in 1986. Cities received \$5.05 million, down slightly from the \$5.1 million rebated to cities last year for fourth quarter collections. The state's general revenue fund received the balance.

Briscoe County's total tax revenue was \$4,518.55 and its 12.5% tax remittance was \$564.82. Quitague had a tax revenue of \$1,149.96 and remittance of \$143.75. Silverton's tax revenue was \$3,368.59 and its remittance was \$421.07.

Bullock said \$32.6 million was deposited in the state's general revenue fund from fourth quarter collections, compared to \$33.9 million collected in fourth quarter 1986.

The mixed drink tax is collected by the Alcoholic Beverage Commission and city and county rebates are sent by Bullock's office.

Leslie and Ernestine Meier spent the weekend in Lubbock with their daughter and her family, Jerry and Vicki Bean, and watched their granddaughter, Kristi Bean, play in a YWCA basketball game Saturday afternoon.

Buck Wesley enjoyed having several members of his family visit him over the weekend. Eddie and Bobbie Wesley, Ladonna Garcia and baby of Brownfield came Saturday. Those who joined them for Sunday dinner were Elvira Weeks, Tulia; Mr. and Mrs. Bud Mouser, Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Minyard and family, Silverton; Mr. and Mrs. Willie Wesley, Mrs. Virginia Mason and boys, Tulia; Mrs. Debbie Burns and family, Matador. Gary Weeks joined the group in the afternoon.

### NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF NICKIE NAN LOUDERMILK, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Nickie Nan Loudermilk, Deceased, were issued on January 18, 1988 in Cause No. 1204, pending in the County Court of Briscoe County, Texas, to: Johnny Speer.

The residence of such Executor is Floyd County, Texas. The post office address is: Johnny Speer, 806 Mesquite, Floydada, Texas 79235.

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 16th day of February, 1988.

/s/Tom West

State Bar No. 21201000  
Attorney for the Estate

7-1tc

### POLITICAL

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Subject to the action of the Republican Primary

FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 84th DISTRICT OF TEXAS:

**TOM CHRISTIAN**  
Armstrong County  
**GARY T. IVEY**  
Crosby County

### POLITICAL

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Subject to Action of the Democratic Primary

FOR CONGRESS, 13th DISTRICT OF TEXAS:

**JOHN R. [Randy] HOLLUMS**  
Floyd County

FOR STATE SENATOR, 31st DISTRICT OF TEXAS:

**NANCY SAMPLE GARMS**  
Potter County

FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 84th DISTRICT OF TEXAS:

**WARREN CHISUM**  
Gray County

FOR JUDGE, BRISCOE COUNTY, TEXAS:

**JIMMY ROSS**

FOR COMMISSIONER, BRISCOE COUNTY PRECINCT 1:

**ALTON [Tobe] RIDDELL**  
**EDDIE RHODERICK**  
**AARON YOUNGER**

FOR COMMISSIONER, BRISCOE COUNTY PRECINCT 3:

**JOHN T. FRANCIS**  
**LARRY COMER**  
**L. B. GARVIN, JR.**

FOR SHERIFF, BRISCOE COUNTY, TEXAS:

**RICHARD C. [Dick] ROEHR**  
Re-election

FOR TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR, BRISCOE COUNTY, TEXAS:

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Discouraging words from at least one high level USDA official notwithstanding, there's no sign of a let-up in the cotton industry's push for a stronger cotton acreage reduction program in 1988, according to Donald A. Johnson, Executive Vice President of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., Lubbock.

Activity in the effort gained momentum February 9 when the seven-segment National Cotton Council (NCC) endorsed the move. Since that action PCG has renewed its long-standing call for a paid diversion program, five

NCC officials have met in Washington with Under Secretary of Agriculture Peter Myers, and any number of other organizations across the Belt have voiced support.

PCG correspondence, Johnson says, has gone to USDA, House Agriculture Committee Chairman Kika de la Garza, Senators Phil Gramm and Lloyd Bentsen, and Congressmen Larry Combest, Beau Boulter and Charles Stenholm. Letters point to a prospective 1987 crop exceeding the most recent USDA estimate of 14.7 million bales, a slow-down

in cotton consumption, an expected U. S. carryover of over 5.1 million bales and relentlessly falling prices.

USDA was required by law to announce terms of the acreage reduction program (ARP) by November 1 of last year. At that time the 1987 crop was estimated at 13.6 million bales, both domestic consumption and exports were on the increase, the U. S. carryover looked to be only 3.8 million bales, and prices were strong and rising.

Under those circumstances it was not surprising that USDA announced an ARP of only 12.5 percent, and only a few mild objections were heard from the industry.

But because of the drastic change in the numbers, Johnson states, the need for a tighter rein on 1988 planted acreage is clear. Otherwise, he continues, the stage is set for excessive stocks at the end of this year and

possibly next, continued weakness in prices and a corresponding increase in the government's exposure to higher deficiency payments and storage costs.

Since USDA no longer has the option to increase the ARP percentage, the industry is united behind a five percent paid diversion program. Some at the NCC meeting wanted a 10 percent diversion, but it's generally agreed that a proposal at that level would not have gotten the support of all seven segments.

The results of a USDA study showing the most likely effects of a five percent diversion, at a suggested payment of 35 cents per pound, were revealed at the Washington meeting with Under Secretary Myers. It projects a 1988 reduction in the range of 500,000 acres, a 600,000 bale or greater cut in production, 1988 government savings of up to \$200 million and possibly additional savings in 1989.

A final decision on the issue is likely to come soon, Johnson thinks, "very possibly during the week of February 15."

## Land Board Conducting Bid Sale

The Texas Veterans Land Board is conducting a special high-bid sale of State land that people in this area should know about.

Located in 108 Texas counties, the tracts range in size from 10 to 64 acres. Counties in this area with tracts in the sale include Swisher (one tract), Floyd, Potter and Randall.

A total of 193 tracts have been set aside strictly for bids from veterans. The remaining 164 tracts are open to bids from both veterans and the general public.

A special low-interest rate of 8.75% is available to Texas veterans wishing to bid on any of the 357 tracts in the sale.

The Texas Veterans Land Board will finance the **entire loan amount of all winning bids** less a 5% downpayment. The interest rate to the public will be 10.25%. All loans will carry a 30-year assumable fixed-rate loan.

A public reading of the bids will be held February 23, 1988 at 1:00 p.m. in Austin. Details of the sale and a brochure describing each tract and its location can be obtained by calling toll-free, 1-800-252-VETS, at the Texas Veterans Land Board.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

February 18—Judy Hughes, Bill Boling, Amy Minyard, Billie Ann Sprague, Molly Riddle, Craig Patton

February 19—Carlye Fleming, Cathey Weaks, David Kellum, Amy Jasper

February 20—DeLisa Jarnagin, Iwana Monroe

February 21—Melissa Garcia

February 22—David Schott, Donald Perkins

February 23—Molly Ann Sarchet, Karen Hill, Ollie McMinn

February 24—Amy Shie, H. A. Cagle, James Dunn, Lance Holt

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO...

February 18—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ramirez

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Commissioners Court of Briscoe County will be accepting Sealed Bids until March 14, 1988 for the purchase of one new Motor Grader for Precinct #4.

### BID SPECIFICATIONS

#### Briscoe County Precinct #4

One (1) New Tandem Powered Motor Grader meeting the following minimum specifications: Diesel Engine with 135 net horsepower minimum.

Articulating Main Frame. ROPS Enclosed Cab, with heater and air conditioner.

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Bids to be taken for guarantee maintenance and replacement for five (5) years or 7,500 hours.

Total Cost Bids will be accepted.

Forms will be available in the County Judge's Office. The bids will be publicly opened and read before the Commissioners' Court of said County March 14, 1988 at 10:00 a.m.

Trade-In: One (1) Used Caterpillar #120 Motor Grader.

The Commissioners' Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Address bids to the office of County Judge.

Jimmy M. Ross

Box 525

Silverton, Texas 79257

Posted this the 9th day of February, 1988.

/s/Jimmy M. Ross

Briscoe County Judge  
Briscoe County, Texas

I, the undersigned, County Clerk, do hereby certify that the above Notice, is a true and correct copy of said Notice, and that I posted a true and correct copy of said Notice on the bulletin board at the Courthouse door of Briscoe County, Texas, at a place readily accessible to the general public at all times on the 9th day of February, 1988. 6-2tc

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Commissioners' Court of Briscoe County, Texas will accept sealed bids until March 14, 1988 for one used loader with minimum capacity of a two (2) yard used diesel loader, with four or six cylinder motor, cab optional

The Court reserves the right to refuse any and all bids.

Bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. March 14, 1988, at a regular session of the Commissioners' Court.

/s/Jimmy M. Ross

Briscoe County Judge  
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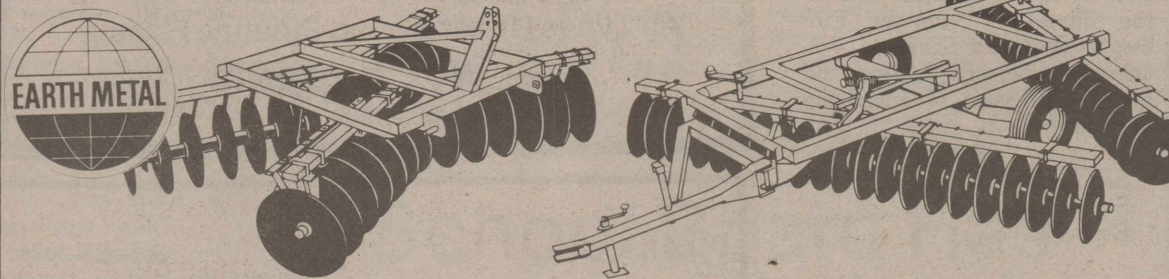
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Julie Graham

Please accept our heartfelt thanks for the food, clothes, toys, donations and every other thing that was done to help us following the fire. We appreciate very much all that was done by the First Baptist Church, Our Lady of Loreto Catholic Church, the Silvertown Volunteer Fire Department and Silvertown Volunteer Ambulance Service, and every expression of friendship and concern.

Francisco Palacio  
Samuel Davila, jr.  
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Browning for your words of comfort; the ladies of the First Baptist Church for the delicious lunch; the group who sang the lovely songs; to each of the pallbearers for taking time out of their busy schedules to help; and to all who brought food, gave a smile, handshake, hug and words of comfort. It was greatly appreciated.

Viola and Charles Wilson  
Edith and Harold Nichols

We want to express our deepest gratitude and thanks for the flowers, visits, food, sympathy and to everyone who helped in any way at the death of our loved one. Special thanks to Ted Kingery for assisting with the services.

The family of Sibyle Lott and  
The McWilliams families

I want to thank all our friends and family for the flowers, cards, gifts, and visits while I was in the hospital and since I've been home. Every act of kindness was greatly appreciated!

Donald Fleming

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