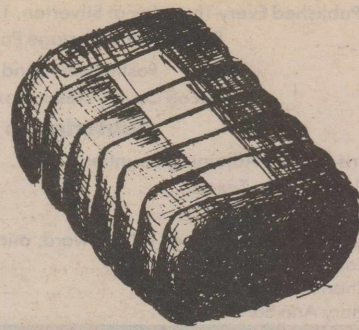
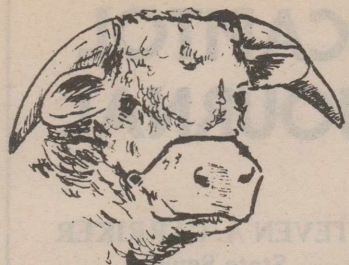


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## County Stock Show is Saturday

The Briscoe County Livestock Show will be held at the showbarn in Silverton Friday, January 22, and Saturday, January 23.

All livestock must be weighed and in place between 12:00 and 6:00 p.m.

### Weatherization Is Now Available

Panhandle Community Services is now taking weatherization applications in Briscoe County. There is no cost to those eligible for this program. The weatherization makes homes more heat efficient and comfortable, and helps reduce utility bills. You do not have to own your home to participate in the program.

If you are interested, please contact Robbie Hill at the Briscoe County Courthouse on the first and third Thursday mornings of each month, or call 874-2573 in Clarendon to make an appointment. You will need to bring proof of income and proof of ownership, or your landlord will need to come with you to show his agreement to having the work done on the house.

## Mail Fraud Alert Has Been Issued

The Postal Inspection Service is warning consumers today not to fall prey to a nationwide mail order scam that is encouraging the underpayment of first-class postage. Promoters of the mail order scam are selling an information package at a cost ranging from \$5 to \$100 that describes how to mail first-class letters for 2c, rather than the current rate of 29c. The scheme is designed to bilk the postal customer out of their money using inaccurate and out-of-date information, says Inspection-In-Charge D. C. Strader.

The information packages cite Title 39, United States Code, Section 4253, as a legal basis for the 2c first-class rate. Inspector Strader advises that this section was eliminated in August 1970 under the Postal Reorganization Act. The current first-class rate is 29c for the first ounce or fraction of an ounce.

Unfortunately, some letters bearing only a 2c stamp have been delivered without collection of the deficient postage, and that has given credence to the claims made by the promoters of this fraudulent scheme. This is because

Friday.

The show begins with sheep at 8:30 a.m. Saturday. This will be followed, in order, by the steer, beef heifer, dairy heifer, prospect swine and market swine shows.

There will be a Pee Wee Showmanship event scheduled to begin at 4:00 p.m.

A brisket dinner will be served beginning at 5:00 p.m., and awards will be presented at 6:00 p.m. A premium sale will begin at 6:00 p.m.

A cleanup of the showbarn is scheduled Monday at 5:00 p.m.

The show is sponsored by the Briscoe County Livestock Show Board, and the

### Silverton PTA Meets Tonight

Silverton PTA will meet tonight (Thursday, January 21) at 7:00 p.m. in the school auditorium.

First and third grades will present a program followed by a business meeting.

Everyone is urged to attend whether or not you are a member of PTA.

general superintendent is Perry Brunson with Bennie Reagan as his assistant. Announcers are Jimmy Davidson and Aaron Younger. Show secretaries are Nancy Wood, Bena Hester and Wilda Fuston.

Judge is Dennis Poole, Borden County Agent, and showmanship will be judged by Robert Herrington, Dickens County Agent.

The Seventh Annual Don Burson Memorial Herdsman Award, sponsored by the Burson family, will be presented to the 4-H or FFA member who excels above all in the areas of feeding, fitting, showmanship and personal effort throughout the entire feeding program.

Superintendent of the sheep show is Bryan Burson, with Warren Lee Merrell as his assistant.

Max Weaver is superintendent of the prospect swine and market swine shows, and his assistants are Ken Wood, Don House, Butch Hughes and Stan Fogerson.

Superintendent of the steer and beef heifer shows is Bennie Reagan. He will be assisted by Billy Farley and Matt Kast.

Larry Don Price is superintendent of

## Blood Drive Needs Chairman

Lou Younger, who has served for many years as chairman of Silverton's blood drives, has announced her intention to retire from this volunteer position and is seeking someone to take charge of the life-saving events. If you would be interested in donating some time to this worthwhile effort, please contact her.

Mrs. Younger has expressed appreciation to the 29 residents who donated blood in the most recent drive. She says a big thank you to all who waited so long to donate. It takes longer to give blood than it once did because of the extra screening of donors that is now being done.

She also expressed appreciation to Bessie Bradford and Shirley Reynolds for making cookies for the donors.

## Time to Recertify

It is time to recertify to receive surplus government commodities.

If you are eligible, you need to go by the office of Briscoe County Judge Jimmy Burson to recertify.

the dairy heifer show, and Rick Hester is his assistant.

Youth supervisors are Scott Strawn, Briscoe County Extension Agent; Ronnie Miller, Silverton Vo-Ag instructor; Ricky McKay and Darren Martinez, Valley Vo-Ag instructors.



Sleet, freezing rain and some snow, in combination with fog, brought a glaze to Silverton streets and sidewalks Tuesday, coating trees and power lines with an increasingly heavy coat of ice. This caused fear that tree limbs and power lines would become heavy enough to break. Sunshine broke through the clouds Saturday, and this was the only day in a week that the temperature warmed to much above freezing. Silverton residents are hoping for a warming trend to take away some of the severity of the winter which descended before Thanksgiving.


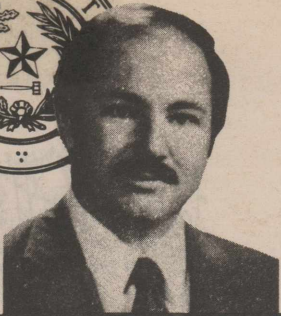
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### Special SSI Rules Set Up For Blind Workers

by Mary Jane Shanes  
Social Security Office Manager  
Plainview, Texas

If a person can answer "yes" to the following questions, I've got some information he or she will be interested in.

Does he or she get Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits because of a visual impairment?

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Does he or she want to work... or try going back to work?

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People getting SSI are familiar with the fact that the amount of their benefit is based on their income. Generally, if their other income increases, their SSI payment will decrease. Any money over \$65 per month they earn from a job usually will reduce their SSI benefit. However, because of several special rules I mentioned above, we can deduct some of their work-related expenses before we decide how much of their income we must use to offset their SSI payment.

Here are some examples of the expenses we can deduct:


- ★ dog guides (including the cost of food and upkeep);
- ★ transportation to and from work;
- ★ licenses, fees or taxes;
- ★ attendant care services;
- ★ meals eaten during work hours;
- ★ medical equipment or supplies; and
- ★ other work-related equipment or services.

For example, if a person earns \$800 per month, but pays \$250 per month in Federal, State and Social Security taxes, and pays another \$100 per month for work transportation, we can deduct those \$350 in expenses from his or her \$800 income which means only \$450 will be counted when we figure the amount of the SSI payment.

These special rules are part of a larger group of incentives that are designed to encourage people with disabilities to return to work. For more information, contact the Plainview Social Security office or call the toll-free number: 1-800-772-1213.

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This new session of the Texas Legislature is already living up to expectations that things will be different this time around.

I've been appointed chairman of a committee to be comprised of the entire Senate that will consider issues relating to redistricting, ethics and elections. This is the first time the Committee of the Whole has been constituted as a standing committee. The Committee of the Whole includes all 31 senators and the lieutenant governor.

Among the highest profile issues to be handled by this committee are Judicial Redistricting and Ethics Reform. The law requires reapportionment of the state's district courts during this session of the Legislature. Also, it may be necessary to divide some metropolitan counties into single member districts to comply with federal court decisions. Ethics reforms passed last session need to be refined and clarified.

In other committee assignments, I will continue to serve on State Affairs, one of the Senate's most powerful committees, as well as the committee on Natural Resources. The Natural Resources committee oversees water, agriculture and other environmental issues. I'll join the Senate's newest committee, International Relations, Trade and Technology, which has been created in response to Texas' expanded role under the Free Trade Agreement and the impact on the state's economy by the rapidly changing world of technology. Intergovernmental Relations, which works with counties, municipalities and special districts rounds out my committee appointments.

As for the House of Representatives, the lower chamber has decided to delay committee appointments until overcoming last fall's roadblock on Public School Finance.

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**WEDNESDAY**

Evening ..... 8:00 p.m.



# Looking Back

through the files of the  
Briscoe County News

January 27, 1983—Beneficial moisture received along with eight inches of snow . . . Riley Harris spent last week undergoing tests at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota . . . Ross Estes underwent surgery again at an Amarillo hospital last week, but is home and doing very well following the latest trip to the hospital . . . Shellie Cornett underwent an emergency appendectomy at Central Plains Hospital in Plainview . . . Edwin Dickerson has been a patient at Central

Plains Hospital in Plainview . . . Prayer and Share Sisters meet in the home of Mrs. Barry Francis . . .

January 25, 1973—Funeral services were conducted Monday for Louis W. Francis, 82, a Briscoe County resident since 1892 . . . Jimmy Vanstory is new Briscoe County Extension Agent . . . A. T. Brooks buried here Wednesday . . . Crockett Grabbe posted a 4.0 grade point average and was listed on the President's Honor Roll at The University of Texas in Austin. Grabbe is doing graduate work in plasma physics . . . Janet Lee McWilliams became the bride of Roy Charles Henderson in the home of her parents Saturday evening . . . Mrs. Jackie Stewart and Orville Turner, jr. united in marriage in New Mexico . . .

January 24, 1963—Services will be today for C. M. Chappell . . . Memphis First State Bank announces that Willie Amel Smithee has been elected to the board of directors . . . Mmes. J. C. Rhoderick, Lily Wafford, A. L. McMurtry, Birtie McDonald, W. E. Schott, sr., W. E. Schott, jr. and Roy Allard attended the funeral of Mrs. Rosa Lee Rumph in Quitaque Tuesday afternoon . . . Garner Garrison showed the first-place Hereford steer in the lightweight division of the Briscoe County Livestock Show. The steer was named reserve champion of the show. Max Garrison showed the grand champion steer, a heavy Angus, at the County Livestock Show . . . Ronny Vaughan exhibited the grand champion of the swine show held here last week, and his brother, Danny Vaughan,

showed the reserve champion barrow . . .

January 22, 1953—Fred Logan is new manager of Willson & Nichols Lumber Company . . . Bennie L. Stidham in training at Oakland Air Base in California . . . Mr. and Mrs. Leland Norris are parents of the first baby born at the Quitaque hospital in 1953. The baby was a boy, weighing eight pounds and named George Weston . . . Mrs. J. E. Minyard, Ruth Ann and Margaret were business visitors in Plainview Tuesday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Jarnagin and Sheila were dinner guests of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Rampley and sons, on Sunday . . . Mrs. Glynn H. Bunch has accepted the position of sixth grade teacher in the local school . . .

January 28, 1943—Feed stack fire gives fireboys 14-hour fight . . . King's Beauty Salon is open again with Mrs. Anna Johnson secured to manage the place . . . A dinner was given in the V. W. Baldwin home Sunday in honor of J. W. Rowell who left Monday for Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he will enter military training . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tennison took their baby to Lubbock last week. He had bronchial pneumonia . . . Blanche Thompson spent the time between semesters visiting her sister, Alma Ruth, and her friends, the Priddy girls . . . Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Rowell and family have moved to Whiteley Switch . . .

January 23, 1930—O. R. Tipps again in race for County Judge . . . Installation of new telephone system is at last underway . . . Bar names Kenneth Bain as special judge . . . J. K. Gant injured in truck collision . . . County has unusual period of zero and frigid weather . . . Friends yield respect to Mrs. Robert Sedgwick on her 90th birthday . . . Marriage licenses issued recently were to Dee Garvin and Miss Ruby Hughes; Odis Honea and Miss Polly Scarbrough; Juriel Hamilton and Miss Opal Woods . . . Alvin Redin made a business trip to Plainview Monday . . . L. O. Tucker opens Silverton Star Cafe . . . Albert Heckman and Lloyd Bullock transacted business in Clarendon Monday . . . Burl Penn and Tom Scarbrough spent Thursday night with Dee Reid . . . Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Chappell and little daughter, Naomi Joyce, were callers in the Cross McDaniel home Sunday afternoon . . .

April 8, 1926—Silverton had three entrants in the Amarillo Music Festival contests this week. Miss Margaret Campbell entered the piano contests for those 19 years and older and Marguerite Morgan entered the piano contests in the 16-year-old class although she is only 14. Eloise Morgan entered the violin contest. All are pupils of Mrs. W. M. Gourley who accompanied them to Amarillo . . . M. M. Lemons is driving a new Ford Sedan . . . Mr. and Mrs. G. Tunnell of Quitaque were Silverton visitors Tuesday . . . L. G. (Bill) Stout will operate the Silverton Mill on the shares for a while at least . . . Elizabeth Schott who came home on account of having whooping cough has recovered and gone back to Lubbock to finish the spring term of school . . . Jim Brooks put up a new windmill Saturday . . . The Haylake School Trustee election went off nice Saturday. W. M. Watters was elected for the next year . . . Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Brooks entertained with a dance Saturday night and everybody reports a good time . . . Marguerite Morgan and Josephine Daniels made splendid showing at Amarillo Music Festival . . . The big Fairbanks-Morse engine which will supply the power for the new light plant is being installed by Texas Utilities Company . . .

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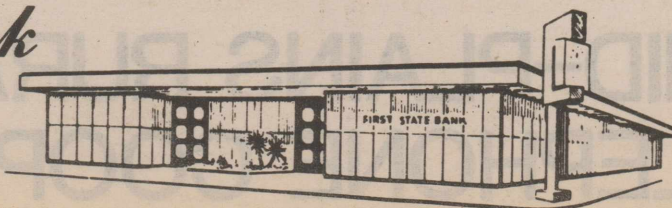
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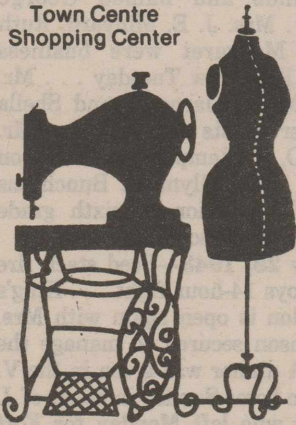


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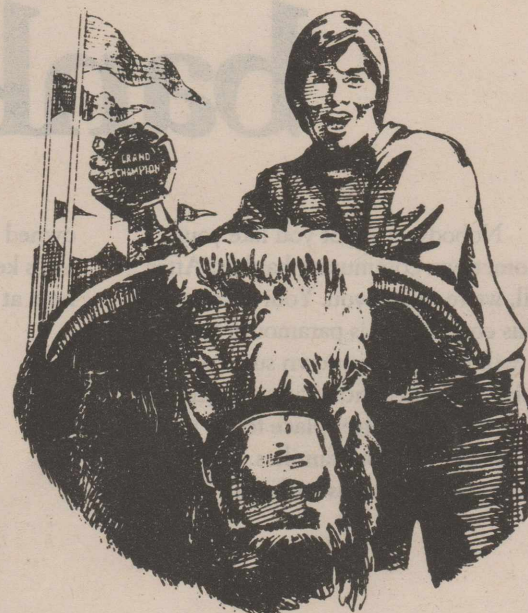
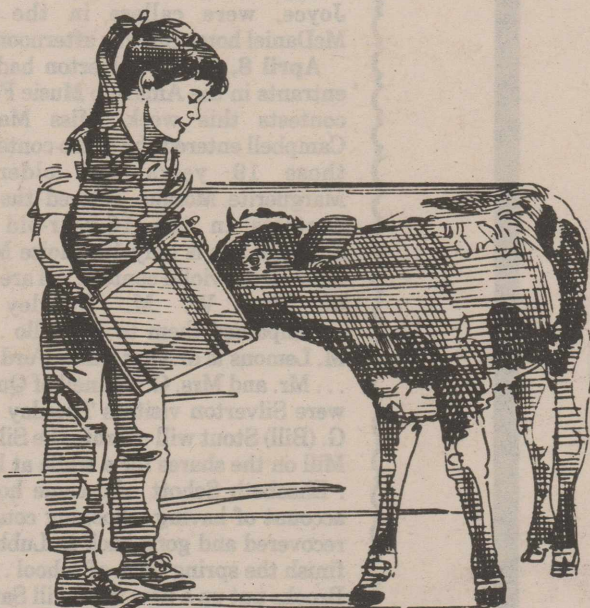
Lee has 30½ years of service with SPS.

Come and join Lee and family as they celebrate this joyous occasion. If you are unable to attend, your thoughts and prayers will be appreciated.



Dr. and Mrs. Bob L. Stafford of Amarillo announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Gwendolyn Rea, to Freddie Neal Edwards, jr. of Amarillo, formerly of Silverton. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Edwards of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Rice of Floydada. Vows will be exchanged at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Amarillo on May 29, 1993. The bride-elect attended South Plains College in Levelland and Amarillo College. She is employed by Ham, Irwin and Cox in Amarillo. Her fiance attended South Plains College in Levelland and is currently enrolled at Texas State Technical College studying toward a degree in aviation maintenance. He is employed by Prairie Sunrise Sales in Canyon.

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# Owls, Owlettes Take Pair of Victories Here

Friday night of last week the varsity teams took a pair of big wins from San Jacinto Christian Academy of Amarillo.

The Owlettes earned a 65-16 victory behind the scoring of Aimee Francis, 15, and Brandi Brunson, 11. Also scoring were Christa Tucker and Dedra Johnston, nine points each; Holly Nance, eight; Kami Martin, six; Leslee Weaks, three; Lori Brannon and Shannon Weaver, two points each.

Owlettes	29	40	52	65
San Jacinto	4	8	14	16

The Owls rolled to a 98-62 victory over San Jacinto with five players scoring in double figures. Points were put up by Frank Ramirez, jr., 22; Lance Holt, 21; Casey Frizzell, 18; Matt Francis, 15; Michael Hill, eight points.

On Tuesday night, January 5, the varsity teams played at Hedley. The red Owls won their game over the green Owls by a 61-43 margin.

Casey Frizzell led all scorers with 24 points, and Frank Ramirez, jr., was close behind with 21 points. Adding to the score were Matt Francis, Michael Hill and Braden Towe, four points each, and Jeremiah Brooks, two points.

Owls	25	38	50	61
Hedley	10	18	27	43

The Owlettes jumped out to a lead in the first quarter and held the lead until the fourth period. The green Owlettes managed a one-point lead at the buzzer.

Aimee Francis led the scoring with 21 points. Other scoring was by Kami Martin, nine; Molly Bomar, eight; Lori Brannon, four; Christa Tucker, Holly Nance, Dedra Johnston and Leslee Weaks, two points each.

Owlettes	10	19	37	52
Hedley	4	17	30	53

Tuesday night of last week, the teams traveled to Matador for four games, all of which the Silverton teams lost.

The JV Owlettes led off the action with a 19-38 decision. Vanessa Martin led the scoring with nine points. Also scoring were Brandi Breedlove, five; Kristi Smith, three; Jo Ann Ramirez, two.

Owlette JV	6	16	16	19
Motley County	2	13	32	38

The Owl JV followed with a 31-62 loss. Trent Smith led the offense with 10 points. Adding to the score were Dewayne Juarez, seven; Phil Patino, six; Russ Baird and Zeb Holt, four points each.

Owl JV	10	16	25	31
Motley County	21	37	49	62

The Owlettes suffered a 38-62 loss. Scoring was by Kami Martin, eight; Dedra Johnston and Leslee Weaks, seven points each; Brandi Brunson, six; Christa Tucker, five; Aimee Francis, three; Molly Bomar, two points.

Owlettes	4	12	18	38
Motley County	12	31	55	62

The Owls trailed at the end of each quarter and dropped their match 74-92. Frank Ramirez, jr. led the scoring with a big 33 points. Also scoring in double figures were Casey Frizzell, 16, and Lance Holt, 14. Adding to the score were Matt Francis, six, and Michael Hill, five points.

Owls	19	36	52	74
Motley County	25	55	75	92

The high school teams were scheduled to go to Whitharrel for four games Tuesday night (weather permitting) and have an open date Friday before opening the district campaign next Tuesday with Lakeview here. Game time is 6:30 p.m. Be there!

### JUNIOR VARSITY TOURNAMENT

The Junior Varsity Owls and Owlettes played in a tournament at Valley last weekend and each team lost two games.

Both teams played Valley and Motley

County.

Against Motley, the Owlettes dropped an 11-54 decision. Jo Ann Ramirez led the scoring with four points. Also scoring were Kristi Smith, three; Christina Stephens and Kara Kingery, two points each.

Owlette JV	0	2	8	11
Motley County	20	34	46	54

The Owls dropped a 43-55 decision to the Matadors. Phil Patino led the offense with 17 points and Russ Baird also scored in double figures with 10. Adding to the score were Stoney Hubbard and Robert Leal, six points each; Dewayne Juarez and Trent Smith, two points each.

Owl JV	16	21	33	43
Motley County	9	23	37	55

The Owlettes lost their game to Valley 32-63. Scoring was by Christina Stephens, eight; Jo Ann Ramirez and Rosie Segura, six points each; Kristi Smith, Vanessa Martin and Brandi Breedlove, four points each.

Owlette JV	4	15	21	32
Valley	14	26	41	63

The Owls dropped their game to Valley, 43-56. Phil Patino led the scoring with 19 points. Adding to the score were Trent Smith, eight; Russ Baird, six; Robert Leal and Stoney Hubbard, four points each; Jeremiah Brooks, two points.

Owl JV	5	19	38	43
Valley	7	18	43	56

## Silverton School Activities

Monday, January 25—Junior High at Valley, 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 26—Varsity teams

host Lakeview, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 28, and Saturday, January 30—Hedley Junior High Tournament

Friday, January 29—High School teams at Patton Springs, 4:00 p.m.

## Silverton School Lunchroom Menu

Monday, January 25—Fish, Tartar Sauce, Blackeyed Peas, Augratin Potatoes, Cornbread, Brownie, Milk

Tuesday, January 26—Enchiladas, Hot Sauce, Salad, Pinto Beans, Chips, Fruit, Milk

Wednesday, January 27—Pot Pie, Salad, Crackers, Fruit, Milk

Thursday, January 28—Fried Chicken, Gravy, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Hot Roll, Syrup, Butter, Milk

Friday, January 29—Hamburger with Cheese, Salad, French Fries, Cookie, Milk

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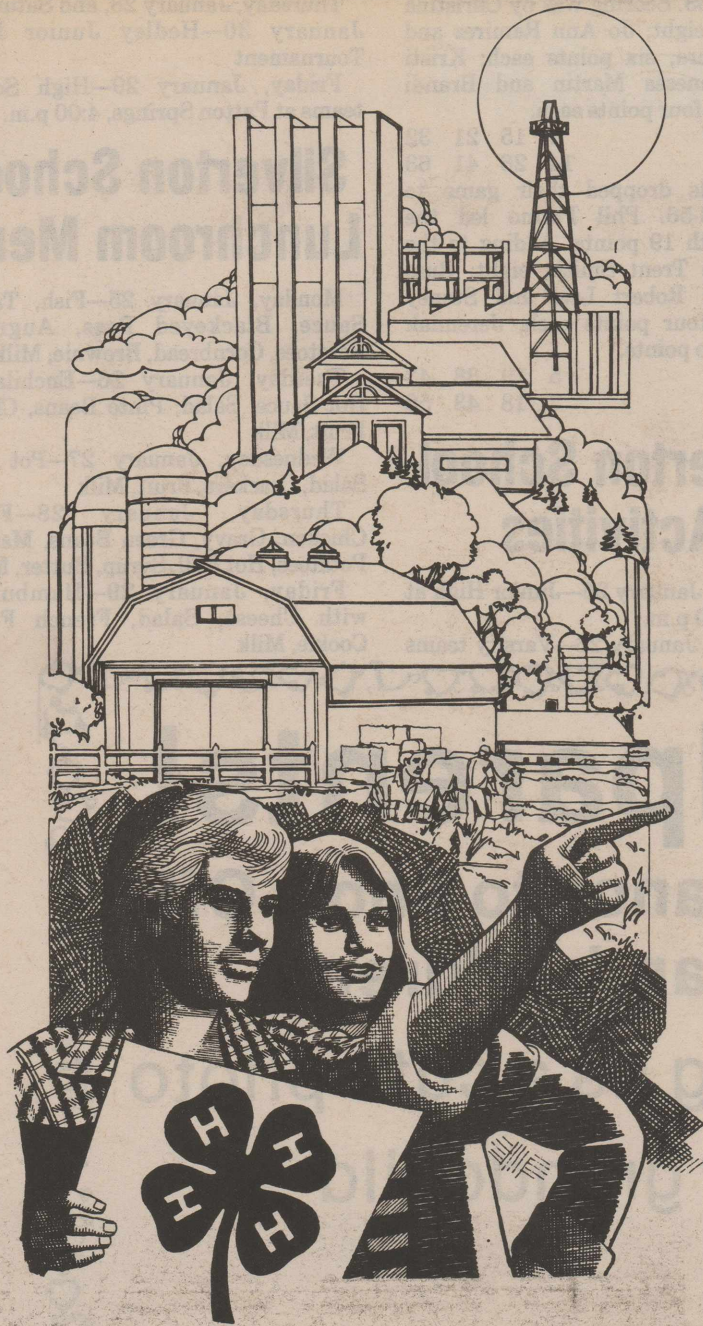
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Scott Strawn - Briscoe County Extension Agent  
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# SENIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Friday, January 22

12 noon - 6:00 p.m. . . . . All livestock must be weighed and in place. All superintendents are in charge of weigh-in.

### Saturday, January 23

- 8:30 a.m . . . . . Sheep Show
  - Immediately following Sheep . . . . . Steer Show
  - Immediately following Steers . . . . . Beef Heifer Show
  - Immediately following Beef Heifers . . . . . Dairy Heifer Show
  - Immediately following Dairy Heifers . . . . . Prospect Swine Show
  - Immediately following Prospect Swine . . . . . Market Swine Show
  - 4:00 p.m . . . . . Pee Wee Showmanship
  - 5:00 p.m . . . . . Brisket Dinner
  - 6:00 p.m. . . . . Awards Presentations
  - 6:00 p.m . . . . . Premium Sale
- Monday, January 25**
- 5:00 p.m. . . . . Showbarn Cleanup

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# Laney Elected as House Speaker

State Rep. James E. (Pete) Laney, D-Hale Center, was elected unanimously as the 68th Speaker of the Texas House

of Representatives. Laney, 49, pledged to pass a school finance plan in the House within the

next 30 days—"a plan with bipartisan support that will meet the requirements of the courts and the needs of our educational system."

He said taxes should not be raised and lawmakers must agree on a budget that

stays within current revenues.

The new speaker pledged to earn the trust, respect and support of Texans for the work done by the Texas House of Representatives.

"It is a sad fact that many people have lost faith in government at all levels and for many reasons," Laney said. "We ourselves are the only ones who can change that—by the way we conduct ourselves and by the quality of legislation we pass."

Laney said he will set standards for himself and for the Speaker's Office that go beyond what is required by law.

"I am requiring my top staff members to pledge not to represent anyone before the legislature for a period of time after their employment ends. And I make that same pledge for myself," Laney said.

He endorsed numerous changes in House rules recommended by the House Select Committee on Rules to increase efficiency and accountability in the legislative process.

Laney also recommended additional reforms: requiring the Calendars Committee to conduct its business publicly; requiring every bill referred to Calendars to be acted upon within a certain time period; and establishing a 12-hour layout requirement for bill substitutes to give members time to read major revisions to bills before voting on them.

Laney said he will give House members several days to study the changes before he schedules a debate and vote on them.

Laney also will appoint an ethics advisor to help him and the House understand and follow state ethics law and produce an ethics manual as a reference for legislators and their staff members.

"I believe if all of us work hard enough and long enough, solutions can be found," Laney said.

## Carriker Chosen To Chair Senate Committees

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock has appointed Senator Steve Carriker of Roby, who represents Briscoe County, to chair the Texas Senate Committee of the Whole on Redistricting, Ethics and Elections during the Legislature's 1993-94 session.

Carriker also was appointed by Bullock to vice-chair the Natural Resources Subcommittee on Agriculture and as a member of the committees on Intergovernmental Relations, State Affairs and the new Committee on International Relations, Trade and Technology.

"There is not a more important job in the Texas Senate than chairing the Senate Committee of the Whole on Redistricting, Ethics and Elections," Bullock said, "and Steve Carriker is uniquely qualified to carry those responsibilities."

Bullock said that in all of his committee appointments he "put the most qualified person in the position where they can accomplish the most for Texas."

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## PHS Junior Wins Position in the All-State Choir

Michelle Whitfill, a junior in Plainview High School and a former resident of Silverton, auditioned in the district, region and area levels to earn a place in the Texas All-State Choir.

Miss Whitfill, daughter of Gene and Tisa Whitfill and granddaughter of Ben and Pat Whitfill of Silverton, is a private student of Jennie Lynn Hodges and sings at school under the direction of Walter Wright, Plainview High School choir director.

Miss Whitfill will perform before the 8,000 members of the Texas Music Education Association convention February 13 in San Antonio. This will be the first time for her to perform as a member of a TMEA All-State group. Additionally, the women's A Capella Choir of Plainview High School has been invited to perform for the group, and Wright said, "We are doubly honored this year."

Miss Whitfill, in addition to performing with the choir, is a member of the National Honor Society, band, Future Teachers of America, Symphony Debutantes, and is active in the First United Methodist Church. She enjoys reading and photography.

## Directors Have Regular Meeting

Directors of the Silverton Chamber of Commerce held regular meetings at the City Hall on December 8 and January 12.

The six committees designated are Economics Development, Silverton Promotion, Membership, Education, Finance and Public Relations. Members will have the opportunity to serve on a committee as they are organized.

A membership breakfast is planned for February 4 from 6:00 until 8:00 a.m. All interested individuals are invited to meet at the Briscoe County Showbarn.

The revised by-laws separating the office of secretary-treasurer were approved. Elaine Forbes has been elected to serve as treasurer and Beverly Bowman will continue to serve as secretary.

Wayne Nance attended a tourism workshop in Canyon recently. Gerald Smith attended a community development workshop at Pampa. The Chamber was well represented at the North Rolling Plains Resource Conservation and Development Council held at the Quitaque Quail Lodge December 9. The RC&D is coordinated by John Crowell, formerly of Silverton.

### Happy Birthday to . . .

January 21—Judy Barbo, Lois Ziegler, Fred Sweet

January 22—Dianna Hill, Rick Hutsell

January 23—Carrie Baird, Michael Williams, Carl Hall, Ken Wood, Jack Davis

January 24—DeLana Jarnagin, Jimmy Castillo

January 25—Ben Whitfill, Cameron Burk, Mary Lou Campbell, Earl Payne, Tracy Stark

January 26—Dusty Martin, Lyndon Couch, Catherine Reyna, Rudy Ramirez

January 27—Edwina Davis, Andrew Boyd, Dorothy Martin, Derinda Patton

### Happy Anniversary to . . .

January 23—Mr. and Mrs. Leo Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. Carver Monroe

January 24—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sweet

## Junior High Teams Split Pair of Games

Silverton's Junior High Owls and Owlettes found a "window" in the bad weather conditions that have caused cancellation of several of their games earlier this season, and traveled to Patton Springs for a pair of games with the Rangers Monday. The Owls won their game, while the Owlettes dropped theirs by a small margin.

The Owlettes were led in scoring by Lacy Brunson, who dropped in six points. Kenzie Burson caged five, Molly Brooks tossed in four, and Shauna Kingery, Amanda Cruz and Wynter Smith scored two points each.

JH Owlettes 0 6 14 23  
Patton Springs 10 16 22 30

Trey Wyatt led the scoring for the Owls with 12 points, and Leland Wood caged in double figures, getting 10. Arnold Garza was right behind them with eight. Andy Bullock and Anthony Gamble rang up four points each, and Coty Braddock and Jon Ivory added two points each to the score.

All of the players for the Owls and Owlettes saw action during the games.

JH Owls 11 22 36 42  
Patton Springs 8 20 23 36

Next outing for the teams is scheduled Monday, when they are to go to Valley for 5:00 p.m. tipoff. They will be playing in the Hedley Tournament the following weekend.

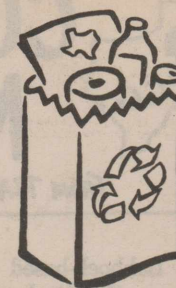


## News Notes

Items of Interest About SHS Ex-Students  
Contributed by Former Students

**Class of 1972**—Brit and Virginia Parker, Randi and Jeri have returned to the States after living a number of years in Norway. They are making their home in Bartlesville, Oklahoma at the present time.

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FUND	BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIVED	DISBURSED	END BALANCE
GENERAL	184,744.77	187,469.46	76,929.52	295,284.71
C.H. & J	56,503.43	23,137.42	10,216.78	69,424.07
JURY	13,756.99	9,254.96	3,609.79	19,402.16
PRECT. # 1	13,421.95	18,434.78	13,867.87	17,988.86
PRECT. # 2	5,508.77	20,578.42	12,203.35	13,883.84
PRECT. # 3	8,475.70	19,675.49	12,513.89	15,637.30
PRECT. # 4	19,665.62	14,585.81	7,098.44	27,152.99
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	302,077.23	293,136.34	136,439.64	458,773.93

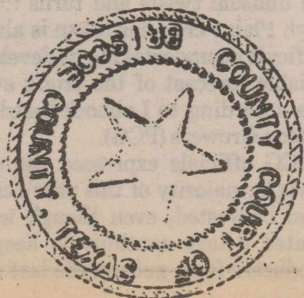
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Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared  
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being by me duly sworn, upon oath, says that the within and foregoing report  
is true and correct.

*Janice S. Hill*  
Janice S. Hill, Briscoe County Treasurer

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 7th day of January, 1993.

*Bess McWilliams*  
Bess McWilliams, Briscoe County Clerk







Members of Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers (PCG) board of directors met January 6 to discuss a number of important issues that will likely be addressed in 1993. The 50-man PCG board also went on record in their support of two area producers being considered for positions on the soon-to-be-appointed State ASCS Committee.

PCG board members agreed to support Ray Joe Riley of Hart and J. D. Smith of Sudan for positions on the State Committee. In other business the board was presented with a number of reports, including a wrap-up of the 1992 Boll Weevil Diapause Control Program.

PCG Boll Weevil Steering Committee Chairman Steve Verett reported that the 1992 program was very successful and that a total of 453,040 acres were treated during the program. Verett noted that the use of a satellite-based Global Positioning System (GPS) in place of manual flaggers was a tremendous success and helped provide unprecedented accuracy to the control phase of the program.

PCG directors were given an update on collection under the Cotton Research and Promotion Program by Keith Streety, a cotton board member and producer from Levelland. One thing that was of particular interest was the amount of money being collected on imported cotton products, a change that both growers and importers approved in 1991. Streety noted that to date assessments on imported cotton products were averaging about one million dollars per month.

Board members also were reminded that it is time to begin setting up PCG director elections in each of the 25 counties PCG serves. In 1993 Producer Directors will be elected to positions on the PCG board in 23 of the 25 counties, the exceptions being Hale and Swisher counties where business directors will be elected.

"Participating in the election of directors to the PCG board is an important way for PCG producer members to stay involved in the ongoing activities of Plains Cotton Growers," notes PCG President Wayne Huffaker, a Lynn County cotton producer.

Producers play an active role in PCG activities by staying in touch with the PCG directors from their county and letting them know of issues as they develop, or contacting the PCG office in Lubbock. Cotton producers across the High Plains benefit from the work PCG does, adds Huffaker.

**CONSERVATION COMPLIANCE PROVISIONS TOPIC OF JANUARY 15 MEETING**

Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers has learned that cotton producers and interested agribusinessmen from across the High Plains have been invited to attend a meeting in Lamesa January 15, to discuss Conservation Compliance and associated topics. The meeting will be held at the Forrest Park Community Center in Lamesa and is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m.

State and county personnel from both the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) and the Agricultural Stabilization and

Conservation Service (ASCS) will be on hand to answer questions about Conservation Compliance and provide some new information concerning the implementation of new rules, including mandatory spot-checks, beginning in 1993. Pat Henson, SCS Assistant State Conservationist from Temple, and Donnie Bowman, Director of the State ASCS Office in College Station, are scheduled to attend and make presentations.

USDA personnel from over 20 High Plains counties have been invited to attend the meeting. They include ASCS County Executive Directors and County Committee members, as well as District and County Conservationists and District Conservation Boards. The goal of the meeting is to provide producers and USDA personnel with the best information available on these topics.

Production estimates for the High Plains have not been an easy thing to develop for the 1992 crop according to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers (PCG).

Best estimates from area crop watchers now place the size of the High Plains crop between 1.35 and 1.37 million bales, nearly 150,000 bales below the December USDA estimate for crop reporting districts 1-N and 1-S. Harvested acreage is expected to be near the USDA estimate of 1.39 million for the area.

"The 1992 crop will definitely go down in the books as one of the strangest on record," notes PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnson. "The fact that we lost over one and one-half million acres of cotton is noteworthy by itself, adding in the fact that 1992 will be one of the highest quality crops ever produced from a predominantly late crop which makes it that much more noteworthy."

Total crop losses for the area were approximately 52 percent of expected plantings and averaged as much as 60 percent when accounting for the fact that only 2.7-2.8 million acres had actually been planted when the heavy rainfall and seedling disease problems that followed swept through the area.

Acreage figures provided by the State ASCS office in College Station indicate approximately 1.475 million cotton acres were certified as standing and slightly under 1.672 million acres reported failed in PCG's 25-county area. The report also indicates that total planted acres were expected to be over 3.1 million.

PCG calculations indicate that a crop of 1.37 million bales would produce average yields of 473 pounds per acre from 1.39 million harvested acres or 445 pounds per acre from 1.475 million acres. Each scenario is well below the 524 pound average yield estimated by USDA to achieve their 1.51 million bale estimate.

In Briscoe County, the intended plantings covered 37,018.3 acres. The acres reported failed totaled 25,828.3, and the acres reported standing totaled 11,169.3.

In neighboring Swisher County, this breakdown reflected 60,203.6 intended plantings acres; 52,582.2 acres reported failed; 6,609.1 acres reported standing.

In Floyd County, to the south, this included: 174,098.6 acres intended; 139,044.4 acres reported failed; 34,956.2 acres reported standing.

Finding a single culprit to blame for the unusual twists and turns the 1992 High Plains crop has taken is almost as difficult an undertaking as developing a reliable forecast of the crop's eventual size according to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers (PCG).

PCG officials expressed the opinion that the majority of this year's crop has been harvested, even though weather-related delays continue to keep some producers from getting the last of their

crop to the gin. "The 1992 crop is close to being completed," says PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnson. "One thing we do know is that this year's crop will be significantly better than many had forecast following the unprecedented damage inflicted on this area early in the season."

The recently-released January crop estimate from USDA lowered the expectations for the High Plains from 1.51 to 1.42 million bales. The 90,000 bale decrease bring the USDA figure in line with the 1.37 million bales projected by PCG in December.

**DEFICIENCY PAYMENT SHOWED SLIGHT INCREASE**

Calculations tracking the 1992 Upland Cotton Deficiency Payment showed a slight increase in the calculated payment rate following the release of November marketing figures by the USDA.

According to calculations performed by Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers the calculated payment rate for 1992 crop deficiency payments is now 21.36 cents per pound. The maximum payment allowed under the 1990 Farm Bill is 20.55 cents per pound, or the difference between the 52.35 cent government loan rate and the 72.9 cent Target Price.

November marketings totaled only 1.8 million bales. This was 700,000 bales below the 2.5 million bales marketed during the same month in 1991. Cumulative marketings through November totaled 10.8 million bales.

Cotton marketings, which had been running on a pace to eclipse total 1991 marketings, have fallen back in the past three months. New crop marketings seem to be moving along slightly behind usual. This is illustrated by the fact that the normal jump in new crop marketings, which in recent years has come in August, did not occur until September in 1992. This delay in turn has brought total marketings down to 1991 levels.

The average price received by farmers for the month of November was 51 cents per pound.

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**JANUARY 24-HOUR READINGS**

DAY	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP.
1	28	19	.98
2	33	26	.15
3	49	33	
4	54	26	
5	43	25	
6	42	29	
7	40	30	
8	67	28	.03
9	35	28	.17
10	34	9	
11	22	10	.04
12	44	22	
13	41	17	
14	32	16	
15	42	20	
16	37	20	
17	59	23	
18	34	23	.03
19	30	23	
Total Precip. for January			1.40
Normal Precip. for January			.65
Total Precip. Year to Date			1.40
Normal Precip. Year to Date			.65

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 Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY:**  
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 Bryan Donahoo, Pastor  
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 Bible Study/S.S. .... 9:30 a.m.  
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 Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.  
**SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAYS:**  
 Baptist Women ..... 9:30 a.m.  
**WEDNESDAY:**  
 Bible Study/Prayer ..... 7:00 p.m.  
 Acteens, G.A.s, Mission  
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**SECOND SATURDAYS:**  
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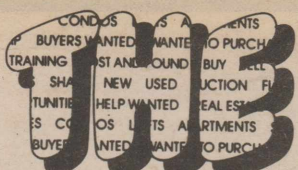
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Weather across the Texas South Plains during the month of December 1992 turned out to be wetter and cooler than normal.

Temperatures averaged 0.7 degree below normal and ranged from 2.7 degrees above normal at Snyder to 3.7 degrees below normal at Dimmitt. Silvertown's average temperature for the month was 36.2, which was 3.5 degrees below the South Plains average.

Maximum temperatures averaged 2.4 degrees below normal and ranged from 2.8 degrees above normal at Snyder to 6.5 degrees below normal at Dimmitt. The highest temperature of the month was 77 degrees at Seminole on the 30th. Silvertown's maximum temperatures averaged 48.5 degrees, which was 3.7 degrees below the South Plains average. Highest temperature of the month was 73 which was recorded on December 30.

Minimum temperatures averaged 0.8 degree above normal and ranged from

2.7 degrees above normal at Abernathy to 1.4 degrees below normal at Friona. The lowest temperature of the month was five degrees at Dimmitt on the 7th. Silvertown's minimum temperatures averaged 23.9 degrees, 3.3 degrees below the South Plains average. Lowest temperature recorded during the month was seven degrees on the 15th.

Precipitation averaged 0.07 inch above normal and ranged from 0.71 inch above the long-term average at Lubbock to 0.42 inch below the long-term average at Jayton. Silvertown measured 0.82 inch of precipitation, mostly the melt from eight inches of snow. Most of the South Plains moisture fell as rain and snow with some freezing rain at the end of the month. Snow totals ranged from 8.0 inches at several stations to nothing at Jayton and Snyder.

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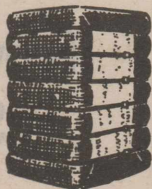
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