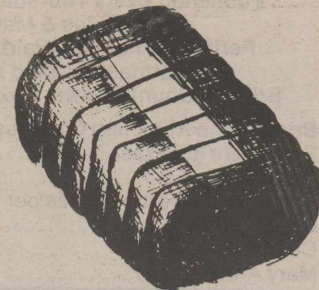




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It's official! Silverton has a new slogan, and it was submitted by Mary Lane Younger. It is: "Silverton—Live the Dream".

An honorable mention was given for Tom Burson's suggestion: "Home of Tom Burson."

There were about 100 entries in the contest which was conducted by the Silverton Chamber of Commerce. Some were submitted by interested former residents.

The field was narrowed to 32 semi-finalists, and from these eight finalists were chosen.

I would like to take a moment to comment on the new school yearbook that was distributed recently. I really enjoyed looking through its pages and I think it probably is one of the best annuals we have had. Most of the pictures used were of good quality and the work done by the publisher was, in my opinion, outstanding.

The annual staff which prepared this book was made up of four boys and three girls, which is a little unusual since many of the staffs in past years have been mostly girls. The yearbook sponsor is a man and this was his first year with the Silverton annual staff.

Some of the things I really like are the quotations from students and answers to questions that the younger children gave. I like the way the sports were done. It seems to me that just about every event was included, and there have been years in the past when everything wasn't included.

Shannon Weaver and Kara Kingery were co-editors of the book. Shannon and Kara, as far as I am concerned, your book deserves a blue ribbon. It puts a lot of pressure on this year's annual staff.

The SHS cheerleaders have recently sold ads for the athletic schedule poster, it has been prepared and is being printed now. You'll be seeing them around town soon. The cheerleaders will use the proceeds of the poster to support their activities.

Some pocket schedules for football and basketball have been prepared and will be printed later this week. They will be available at various places around town. Pick up some for your family.

Good Luck Owls! September 4-H Events

by Calley Payne
Briscoe County Extension Agent

September 17--Food and Nutrition Project Meeting, 3:30 p.m., Silverton School.

Silverton Receives More Grant Money

City of Silverton has been notified of the awarding of \$250,000 grant money in the Texas Community Development Program.

"We needed this money to be able to drill municipal water wells which we hope to tie into the water lines along with the wells we drilled last year," said City Administrator Jerry Patton. "We can locate water, but we can't find it in substantial amounts. We have to tie several small wells together to make an adequate source."

Karen Babcock, a local government program specialist with the Panhandle Regional

Planning Commission, said 34 towns in the Texas Panhandle submitted grant applications; seven were rewarded.

"That's usually par for the course," Babcock said. "We get an allocation for the area, and our allocation is usually right around \$1.7 million."

The Panhandle funds are sufficient to award grants to about eight regional cities. "If you keep applying and are persistent, you get some extra points as far as scoring goes," she added.

The money will be used for various water and sewer programs in each of the towns, Babcock said. "In this part of the

country, those are the priority needs of the people, so usually it's the water and sewer projects that get funded," she said. "For the first time this year, they've included some fire equipment facilities in the grant lists. We had some apply this year, but none of them got it."

Cities with fewer than 50,000 people and counties with fewer than 200,000 are eligible for the grants.

Receiving grant money this year were Adrian, Borger, Canadian, Floydada, Higgins, Silverton, Skellytown, Lockney, Quanah and Paducah.

Driver Safety Course To Be Offered Soon

A Driver Safety Course will be held in Clarendon on Saturday, September 21, 1996. The course will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in room 103 of the Administration Building. Cost of the course is \$25.

Upon completion of this course, participants will be eligible for a 10 percent discount on their liability insurance for three years and dismissal of a traffic violation. All dismissals of traffic violations must be approved by the appropriate Justice of the Peace.

This course is offered by Clarendon College and USA Training Company, Inc. For more information, please contact Clarendon College at 806-874-3571.

Commissioner Candidate Withdraws From Race

Rance Young told the *Briscoe County News* Monday that he has withdrawn from the race for Briscoe County Commissioner of Precinct 3. He was nominated for the office by the Republican Primary last spring.

In making this announcement, Young made the following statement:

"I just want to inform you of a decision I made recently regarding my candidacy for Commissioner of Precinct 3, Briscoe County. When I first agreed to run for this position, I felt that being a member of the school board and possibly being a

commissioner would be compatible to one another, but as time passed and circumstances arose, it became evident to me that conflicts between the two positions could possibly arise. So, in the best interest of both the school board and the Commissioners Court, I have withdrawn as a candidate for Commissioner.

"I regret any inconvenience this may have caused for any of you. I hope you know how much I appreciate your kind words of encouragement and your support of me and my family. I will proudly continue to serve you on the school board and will do all I can to insure that God's love and grace is spread throughout our county, community and school."

Silverton PTA To Meet September 17

Silverton PTA will be meeting in the school cafeteria on September 17 at 7:00 p.m. to hold a membership planning meeting. The membership has declined in the past several years, and it is the PTA's goal to increase membership this 1996-97 school year.

Please come and bring your ideas, and together PTA can be made more successful.

Dues are \$2.50 and may be paid Tuesday night at the first meeting.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,
Can Something Please Be Done?

Person or persons on 11th Street between Main and Pulitzer have barking dogs.

Myself and others would like a good night's sleep. We are awakened all hours of the night by continuous yelping and barking.

Thank you,
Brenda Springer
and others



School Nurse Lana Burson was pictured weighing Superintendent Frank Kirchoffner on the scale that has been donated to the school by the Briscoe County Clinic and High Plains/St. Anthony's Health Care. This, an otoscope, ophthalmoscope and supplies have been given for use in the school nurse's office.

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Fall Revival Begins Sunday

First Baptist Church has announced that Fall Revival services will begin Sunday, September 15, and will continue through Wednesday, September 18.



Knox Talbert

Sunday services will begin with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and continue with the worship service at 10:30 a.m. A pot luck lunch will be served at 12:00 noon, and the evening worship will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Monday through Wednesday services will be held at 7:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall with a continental breakfast served. Services will be held nightly at 7:00, with Tuesday being Children's Night and Wednesday being Youth Night.

Knox Talbert will be the speaker. He has been a pastor for almost 20 years. He also has served as the director of youth evangelism in the Baptist General Convention of Texas. Currently he is the pastor of Willow Bend

Baptist Church in Plano where he and his wife, Pam, who is a school teacher, and their daughters, Brooke and Brittany, live. Talbert was graduated from Gardner Webb College in Boiling Springs, North Carolina and received his masters of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

J. J. and Dawna McAfee will be leading the worship music. They have been in the music ministry for several years and are currently the worship leaders at Lingleville Baptist Church where they served with Jess Little, pastor of First Baptist Church in Silverton, while he was pastor there. They live in Desdemona, and have three children, Marlee, Jaycee and Shelton. J. J. also sells real estate and Dawna is a full-time mom and wife.

Pastor Little extends a cordial welcome to you to attend any or all of these services.

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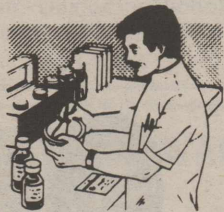
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BRISCOE COUNTY NEWS

LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

September 11, 1986-- School enrollment down again this year. Total enrollment is 233, with 59 students in high school... Neal Edwards and Jamie Frizzell receive honorable mention as backs of the week. Edwards had 22 tackles, 126 yards rushing on 20 carries and two touchdowns. Frizzell had 14 tackles from his outside linebacker slot, in addition to some good kick returns... Progressive Homemakers have meeting in the home of Gail Wyatt... Nice fish being taken at Lake Mackenzie...

September 2, 1976-- Mr. and Mrs. Larry Comer, who have lived since their marriage in Lima, Peru, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Comer and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Lee, other relatives and friends in this area. Larry has been employed for some time by Parker Drilling Company in South America... R. C. Hutsell continues to receive treatment at Nichols Hospital in Plainview... Rainfall totals near two inches... Pivot system irrigation to be discussed at meeting of Young Farmers... Barrett-Lahoud vows exchanged in double-ring service in Fort Worth... Mrs. Buck Wesley was in Lubbock Friday to see her doctor. He removed the large brace and she got a neck brace...

September 8, 1966-- Mrs. Joe H. Smith buried here... Lynn Welch delivers first load of milo... Funeral services conducted for William Bovee Hughes, 85... Brent Bean celebrates seventh birthday... Mrs. E. E. Tomlin fell at her home here Saturday afternoon and was taken to Swisher Memorial Hospital for treatment of a sprained and bruised knee... Dee Garvin has been a patient in Northwest Texas Hospital since early last week... Kathy Hughes visited Tina Weaver and other friends here Wednesday of last week... Briscoe Co-Op Gin ready for grain...

Service Elevator leases additional storage facilities... Walter Bean, Silverton's Star Young Farmer last year, will be entered in Area I competition Saturday at Tulia... Homer Gilkeyson and two Boy Scouts of Dallas spent a long weekend as guests of Mrs. L. K. Gilkeyson... Richard Jarnagin has won an award for being friendliest, most helpful salesperson in Tulia businesses... Mrs. Rusty Arnold, Mrs. Wayne Roberts, Judy Yancey and Ian Lanham were in Tulia Saturday... Eugene Long and J. T. Gilkeyson visited Henry Long at Nichols Manor in Lockney Friday... Mr. and Mrs. Glen Grosdidier are parents of a daughter, Rhonda Sue... Mr. and Mrs. Verlin Towe, Jay and Greg returned home last week after a visit in Downey, California with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Markes and family... Sarah Jane Cline left Wednesday of last week for Clarendon, where she is librarian

at Clarendon College...

September 13, 1956-- Several bales of new-crop cotton have been ginned locally... Pvt. James H. Butcher, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Butcher, has completed eight weeks of advanced individual training in the operation of the Army's NIKE surface-to-air guided missile at Fort Bliss, Texas... Jord Hollingsworth, who received injuries on his head while working on an elevator at South Plains about two weeks ago, has been a patient in the Lockney Hospital several days and later in the Plainview hospital where he was under the care of a specialist...

R. E. Brookshier is attending the State Democratic Convention in Fort Worth... Silverton Owls win first game of season from Dimmitt team... Grundy's Grocery to have open house and fifth anniversary sale... Construction work on a new home for the Harvest-Queen Elevator is making progress this week. The house is located at Braidfoot and Second Street and will be occupied by Tuck Turner and family... Red Gilkeyson was brought to his home Monday evening from the Lockney hospital where he had been a patient for some time... Jamie Allison, Betty Fitzgerald, Bob Baird, Harold Edwards, Glen Watters, Stevie Jarnagin, Sid Marshall, Norvell Breedlove and Buzz Bailey are attending Clarendon Junior College... Gene Minter, Keith Whitfield and W. D. Rowell have gone to Texas A&M to attend school... Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wayne Mayfield are the parents of a son, Zane Douglas... Van Martin of Flomot visited his son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Farris Martin and children, last week... Mrs. J. H. May has been ill and under a doctor's care for some time...

October 3, 1946-- Owls beat Kress 27-7; play Flomot here tomorrow... Local merchants vote for Chamber of Commerce... Mrs. D. T. Johnson, Mrs. Carl Vaughan and children, Mr. and Mrs. John Vaughan were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Vaughan... Mr. and Mrs. H. Roy Brown, Mr. and Mrs. George Seaney and son, Cecil, Mr. and Mrs. Pascal Garrison and daughter, Carolyn, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Brown... Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bingham and Benny Ray were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Loudermilk at Rock Creek... Little Larry Webb McWilliams arrived at the Tulia Hospital Thursday, September 26, at 3:10 o'clock. The little fellow will make his home with Mr. and Mrs. Dee McWilliams and son, Jerry... Garner Guest went to Lubbock Tuesday for a physical checkup... Jaunice Donnell was honored with a birthday party Monday afternoon. Those present were Patricia Patton, Lawanda Reid, Wilma Shipman, Beckie Cowart, Peggy Davis, Patsy Ruth Johnson, Lou Bell McMurtry, Waynelle and Joy Ann McCutchen, J. E. and Jerry Patton, Charles Edwin Cowart

and Dwin Davis... Miss Carrie Dell Watters of Plainview spent the weekend at home... Mrs. Frank Hunt and children and Mrs. C. L. McWilliams spent Friday in Tulia with Mrs. Wayne Gerdes... John Henry Crow of Lubbock spent the weekend with home folks...

September 9, 1936-- Curtis King wrecked his car at the Rock Creek bridge Friday evening. Slick roads were the cause of the

accident... Daphne Ferne Blackwell is unable to be about this week because of an infected foot... Mrs. Dick Cowart entertained in honor of Mrs. W. E. Schott, jr., on Wednesday, September 2... Loney Stout has returned home from the hospital at Plainview... Mr. and Mrs. Bob Farnsworth are visiting this week with Mrs. T. A. Northcutt... Bill Bingham was out on a big horse trade Tuesday, but didn't do any

trading... Leon Martin is putting out wheat at Hereford this week. He reports a three-inch rain there delayed planting until the last of this week... Conrad Henderson returned last week from a visit with relatives near House, New Mexico... Mrs. R. N. McDaniel spent Monday with Mrs. R. L. Johnson... Those visiting int he Mart Hyatt home See LOOKING BACK—
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Such individuals are our heaviest-taxed citizens. If a married 65-year-old couple with as little as \$22,500 in total annual income earns one more dollar in wages, as much as 83-cents of that dollar can go to taxes. No other Americans pay an 83 percent tax rate on wages or salary. The earnings test does not apply to recipients who are 70 or older, or who are disabled.

This tax law is even more unfair than it sounds on its face, because it punishes those who rely on wage income. Only those earning wages or salaries face the limit. There is no penalty for those who receive income from investments.

And because the tax law punishes productive work, our national income and productivity is smaller than it might otherwise be. Current income limits impose an irrational disincentive to work.

The earnings test has been a part of the Social Security system since its beginning. But last month Congress passed legislation that will allow Social Security recipients ages 65 through 69 to earn up to \$30,000 a year by the year 2002 without penalty.

This allowance will be phased in beginning this year. The exempt amount in 1996 would be \$14,500; in 1997, \$17,500; in 1998, \$20,000; in 1999, \$22,500; in 2000, \$25,000; in 2001, \$27,500, reaching \$30,000 the next year.

Two-thirds of those who would benefit from the repeal of the current law have an earned income of less than \$40,000.

No American should be discouraged or penalized for working — in particular the elderly, whose income quite often is reduced significantly by retirement. With today's high cost of living, especially the cost of health care, many seniors must supplement their incomes.

Seniors have a wealth of expertise gained through their 30-40 years of productivity in the workplace. The companies who hire them appreciate their strong work ethic, punctuality and flexibility. Their contributions in the workforce have the potential to spur billions of dollars in our annual output of goods and services.

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September 13--Ryan Grady, Winnie Smith, Bud Couch, Roy Younger

September 14--Bonnie May, Brenda Gill, Brandon Bitner, Doug Turner, Anna Augusta Younger

September 15--Kaylee Self, Cody Craig Patton

September 16--Charla Rhoderick, Faye Whitfill, Arnold Garza, Gary Kyle Brannon Stewart

September 17--Bud Vaughan, Bill Brooks, Jared Wood Holt, Judy Gill, Melinda Stockton, Polly Jarrett

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

Happy Anniversary To . . .

September 12--Mr. and Mrs. Berle Fisch

September 13--Mr. and Mrs. Fred Minyard, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Wills

September 16--Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Rampley, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Patton, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Todd

In Flanders Field

by John McCrae

In Flanders Field the poppies blow
Between the crosses row on row,
That mark our place; And in the sky
The larks still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead, Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, And now we lie,
In Flanders Field.
Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours and hold it high.
If you break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though
poppies grow
In Flanders Field.

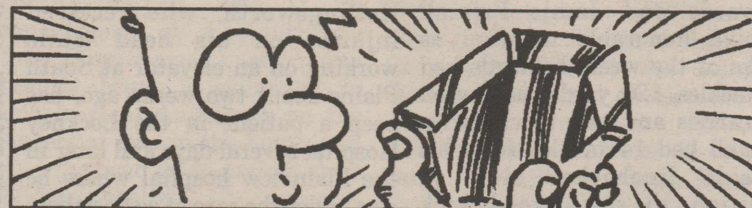
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24-HOUR SEPTEMBER READINGS

DATE	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP.
1	78	60	
2	78	62	
3	85	63	
4	85	62	
5	85	59	
6	83	59	
7	83	61	.08
8	79	59	.43
9	84	59	
10	85	57	
Total Precip. in Sept.			.51
Normal Precip. in Sept.			2.49
Total Precip. Received			
Year to Date			16.95
Normal Precip.			
Year to Date			18.08



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Football Concession Stand Workers

It's time once again for football season. Below is a schedule of Concession Stand Workers. There will be three games between other schools on Payne Field, one on a Friday and two on Saturdays. Varsity games will begin at 7:30, Junior High at 5:00 and Junior Varsity at 6:30. If you are scheduled to work on the first shift of any game, PLEASE be there at least 30 to 45 minutes early if at all possible. If you are scheduled to work on the last shift PLEASE begin cleaning up at the start of the fourth quarter.

If you cannot work your assigned time, it is up to you to find your replacement. PLEASE DON'T LEAVE US SHORT HANDED!

<p>SEPT. 19 Thurs. 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>McLEAN Doug & Lisa Cherry Tom Justice, Kathy Kingery Ken & Nancy Wood Bill & Janinne Brooks</p>
<p>SEPT. 20 Fri. 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>LAZBUDDIE VS. SAMNORWOOD David & Connie Warren David & Sheila Reagan Becky Dunn, Cynthia Younger</p>
<p>SEPT. 27 Fri. 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>GUTHRIE Harlan & Linda Vernon Lane & Paula Garvin Rance & Nancy Young Claude McMurtrey</p>
<p>SEPT. 28 Sat. 2:00 p.m.</p>	<p>THREE WAY VS. GROOM Dewey & Jimmie Sue Estes Ken Sarchet & Cindy Talbot</p>
<p>OCT. 3 Thurs. 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>LAZBUDDIE John & Gail Wyatt Barbara Edwards, Brian Weaver Jared & Trisha Davis Max Weaver, Juannah Jennings</p>
<p>OCT. 10 Thurs. 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>COTTON CENTER Rick & Beverly Minyard Obelia Bullock, Debbie Holt Johnny & Karen Tiffin Brad & JonEtta Ziegler</p>
<p>OCT. 18 Fri. 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>LAZBUDDIE David & Dianna Johnston Emilio & Nora Cruz Rosa Vargas, Sheila Brooks</p>
<p>OCT. 24 Thurs. 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>WHITHARRAL Gary & Ramona Martin Lydia Segura Mrs. Santos Garcia, Jr. Gary & Vonaceil Chandler L. B. & Mary Ivory</p>
<p>Nov. 1 Fri. 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>AMHERST Dwight & Anita Ramsey Mikel & Liz Griffin Mary Ramirez, Janice Kirchoffner</p>
<p>NOV. 8 Fri. 5:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>THREE WAY Rick & Bena Hester Denise Parham Larry & Cindy Comer Eddie & Charlotte Rhoderick Tim & Sherry Mattheus</p>

Screening for Breast Cancer is Sept. 20

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Briscoe County Clinic, 701 East Commerce, Silverton, on September 20, 1996.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram, and performing a breast self-exam each month.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening that includes a mammogram and instruction in self-examination by a registered nurse. The total cost is \$70.00. A minimum of fifteen women need to register in order for the mobile mammography clinic to come to area towns. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call 359-4673 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information.

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LOOKING BACK—

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Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hyatt, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hyatt and family, Mr. and Mrs. Den Rogers and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hyatt and Gerald...

September 5, 1926-- Following is a list of teachers who will be in the classroom when school starts here September 6: J. W. Reid, supt.; W. C. Todd, principal; Miss Frances Wilson, Spanish and history; W. M. Gourley, vocational agriculture; Miss Roberta Campbell, Ward teacher; Miss Moena Lane, 7th grade; Miss Sadie Summers, 6th grade; Miss Pearl Davis, 5th grade; Miss Fryar, 4th grade; Miss Fay Christopher, 3rd grade; Miss Anna Lee Anderson, 2nd grade; Miss Rush, 1st grade... Mrs. Lona Lawrence and daughters are now in charge of the Midway Cafe which has been run for some time by Mr. and Mrs. Newman... A. P. Dickenson buys 15-30 International tractor... W. F. Autry motored to Amarillo yesterday... Gasoline News: Miss Buel Tiffin, Pete Hollis, Hazel Pate, Mr. Olen Simpson and Alton Mott took supper with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Chandler Sunday night... Misses Zola Tracy and Ruby Broxson spent Saturday night with Bessie Netherland... Mr. and Mrs. Wes Tracy have a new Ford car...

REQUEST FOR BIDS ON TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Sealed proposals for 236.418 km of seal coat at various locations on US 83, US 287, FM 338, SH 86, SH 70, SH 256, FM 94, FM 453, FM 2103, FM 1906 and FM 657 covered by CPM 31-4-34, CPM 43-1-51, CPM 230-3-17, CPM 303-2-12, CPM 303-3-34, CPM 310-1-32, CPM 311-2-25, CPM 311-2-26, CPM 311-4-11, CPM 449-1-12, CPM 541-1-18, CPM 704-1-14, CPM 704-3-10, CPM 704-4-10, CPM 844-2-7, CPM 2037-1-10, CPM 2147-1-7, CPM 2319-1-16 and CPM 31-4-35 in Collingsworth, Childress, Briscoe, Donley, Hall, Cottle and Wheeler Counties, will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas, until 1:00 p.m., October 3, 1996, and then publicly opened and read.

Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office of Daniel E. Brown, Area Engineer, Wellington, Texas, and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction and Maintenance Division, 200 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704-1205. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.

The Texas Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders that it will insure that bidders will not be discriminated against on the ground of race, color, sex or national origin, in having full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and in consideration for an award.

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Jeremy Holt was pictured running for the touchdown that ended the game with Lefors under the 45-point rule here last Friday night.
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Two Owls Receive Honorable Mention

Two of the Silvertown Owls received honorable mention when the Six-Man Player of the Week was named by the *Amarillo Daily News*.

They are defensive end Jack Cherry and linebacker Arnold Garza, who led the Owl defensive unit that allowed just three first downs and 135 total yards in their 46-0 win over Lefors last Friday night.

Player of the Week is Justin St. Clair of Lazbuddie.

Silvertown School Activities

Thursday, Sept. 12--Board meeting, 8:00 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 13--Miami, there, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 19--McLean JH, JV, here, 5:00 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 20--McLean, there, 7:30 p.m.; Lazbuddie vs. Samnorwood, here, 7:30 p.m.

Silvertown School Lunch Menu

Monday, Sept. 16--Fish Platter, Au Gratin Potatoes, Blackeyed Peas, Cornbread, Sweet Roll, Milk

Tuesday, Sept. 17--Chicken Noodle Soup, Veg. Sticks, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, Fruit Cup, Milk

Wednesday, Sept. 18--Chalupa, Hot Sauce, Salad, Corn, Sopapillas, Honey, Butter, Milk

Thursday, Sept. 19--Steak, Gravy, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Hot Roll, Honey, Butter, Milk

Friday, Sept. 20--Chili Dog, Potatoes, Fruit Jello, Milk

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Sept. 13--Owls vs. Miami, there, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 19--Jh, JV Owls vs. McLean, here, 5:00 and 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 20--Owls vs. McLean, there, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 20-21--Blue Grass Festival, courthouse lawn, Silvertown. Starts Friday afternoon and continues all day Saturday. Arts and crafts booths, food and drinks available.

Sept. 20-22--Ride the Rock (advanced), Caprock Canyons State Park Trailway. Expert biking instructors guide you across numerous bridges and trestles. Tent camping along the trail. Food and snacks provided.

Sept. 21--Tunnel Bat Flights

Sept. 26--JH, JV Owls vs. Whitharral, there, 5:00 and 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 27--Owls vs. Guthrie, here, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 27-29--Orienteering (map and compass reading), Caprock Canyons State Park. A Texas Prks and Wildlife Department specialist presents educational programs each night on how to take readings from the compass, how to follow coordinates to and from a location, and how to use azimuths. Learn how to circumnavigate an obstacle.

Sept. 28--Cowboy Campfire Evening, Caprock Canyons State Park. This is one of several cowboy entertainment events that will take place. Jimmy Burson will be the cowboy musician. Please contact park headquarters for more information.

Sept. 28--Tunnel Bat Flights

Oct. 3--Owl JH, JV vs. Lazbuddie, here, 5:00 and 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 4--Owls vs. Samnorwood, there, 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 5--Caprock Jamboree, Showbarn, Silvertown

Oct. 19--Fall Foliage Tour, Quitaque/Caprock Canyons State Park/Trailway. The changing of the leaves in fall is a spectacular sight. There are many events and attractions in connection with the tour in Quitaque.

Oct. 19-20--Texas Caprock Art Show, Showbarn, Silvertown. A juried art show and sale. Dinner theatre.

Fresh Herb Potato Salad

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| 2 | 16-ounce cans whole potatoes, rinsed, drained and patted dry | 1 | tablespoon snipped fresh dill or ½ teaspoon dried dill weed |
| 1 | cup sliced fresh carrots | 1 | tablespoon snipped fresh basil or ½ teaspoon dried basil |
| 1 | cup sliced celery | 2 | teaspoons white wine vinegar |
| 1 | cup frozen no-salt-added tiny or regular peas | 2 | teaspoons Dijon mustard |
| 2 | tablespoons chopped shallots or green onions | ½ | teaspoon black pepper |
| ½ | cup fat-free, cholesterol-free mayonnaise | | |

Cut potatoes into bite-size pieces. Place in a large bowl. Add carrots, celery, peas and shallots. Set aside.

In a small bowl, stir together remaining ingredients. Pour over potato mixture; stir until well combined. Cover and chill for 2 to 24 hours. Stir before serving.

Serves 6; 1 cup per serving. Preparation time: 15 to 20 minutes. Chilling time: 2 to 24 hours.

Nutrient Analysis per Serving

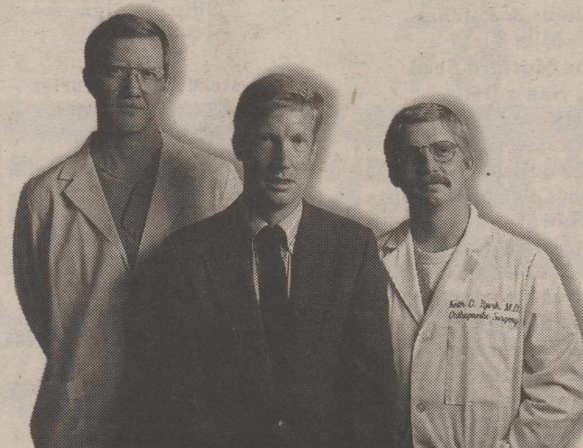
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Upland Cotton Premium and Discount table, contact PCG at 806-792-4904.

The 1996 Texas-Farmer Stockman Show will provide several excellent opportunities to obtain Continuing Education Units during the show's three-day run October 8-10. Two programs will be provided each day during the show.

COTTON MAPPING SYSTEM

This one-hour seminar held daily at the American Bank of Commerce Building, located on Third Street in the exhibit field, from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. will explain and provide hands-on training for the cotton plant mapping system. This program was developed through the National Cotton Council, and adapted for the Texas High Plains by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The cotton plant mapping system allows a producer to monitor plant vigor, estimate yield potential, and make more timely management decisions. These techniques assist in timing of irrigation, fertility applications, plant growth regulators, and harvest aid chemicals.

TEX-A-SYST PROGRAM

The Tex-A-Syst Rural Well Water Assessment program developed from the national Farm-A-Syst program, will be a one-hour seminar held daily from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. at the Wildlife Tent. The goal of this program, presented by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, is to provide rural residents with a self-assessment program to insure a non-contaminated ground water supply. Problems can be avoided by improving well head management and conditions, pesticide/fertilizer storage and handling, petroleum product storage, household wastewater treatment and other effective control practices.

Anniversary To Highlight Principles

by Mary Jane Shanes
Social Security Manager
Plainview, Texas

Social Security celebrates its 61st birthday August 14, 1996 as one of the most popular and successful social programs in the history of the country. Some nine out of 10 workers have retirement, disability, and survivors protection under the program. One out of six persons is currently receiving benefits.

Now is a good time to explore why Social Security is successful. What makes it work? There are several basic principles that underlie the program and account for the way it works.

Social Security is a statutory right--A person becomes eligible for benefits based on meeting the conditions set in the law--there is no test of need. Entitlement to benefits is based on your earnings on which you pay Social Security taxes. Social Security Commissioner Shirley S. Chater

says that a needs test would violate the basic principle of the program. She states that part of the appeal of Social Security is that it is not a welfare program.

Social Security is work-related--The right to Social Security and indeed, the amount of the benefits, are directly related to the individual's work and level of earnings in jobs covered by Social Security. Social Security taxes are also based on the level of one's earnings under Social Security. This work-related nature of Social Security helps to avoid any implication that the benefits are a form of government assistance or public charity.

Social Security is compulsory--The question of whether coverage should be compulsory has been considered many times by Congress and various advisory groups. The decision has always been that the program should be universal to every extent possible. It is true that, under a voluntary system, some workers who choose not to be covered might be able to provide adequately for themselves and their families through private arrangements. But private arrangements may be far more risky since they depend on so many variables over which an individual has little control.

Social Security is a contributory program--The main source of Social Security income is taxes that employees, employers and the self-employed pay. This method of financing Social Security--a payroll tax on workers and their employers--remains the primary method of financing the program. The Social Security program has won widespread public acceptance and support largely because it is directly supported by the people who benefit from it.

Social Security benefits are weighted--Social Security is a social insurance program intended to benefit society as a whole by providing a basic level of income for all workers and their families when earnings are lost due to retirement, death, or disability. In order to accomplish its social insurance objectives, the method of figuring benefits is weighted to pay a proportionally higher benefit to workers with low average lifetime earnings. Benefits are also paid to a worker's dependents and survivors. In this way, the program attempts to achieve social adequacy--to insure that individuals receive a level of benefits that reflects their lesser ability to prepare for the risks associated with disability and old age--as well as individual equity--that a person receives a reasonable return on his/her investment in Social Security. Social Security replaces about 60 percent of preretirement earnings for low wage earners, 42 percent for average wage earners, and 26 percent for high earners.

These are the principles that guide the growth and development of the Social Security program. They are the

reasons for its widespread public support. I believe that any changes in the program must recognize and respect these principles if the program is to continue its success.

Social Security Cites Future Value of Plan

Will future beneficiaries get a fair return on their contributions in terms of the benefits they receive from Social Security? Shirley S. Chater, Commissioner of Social Security, answered this question in a speech before a Senate Subcommittee recently.

Unfortunately, she said, many critics of Social Security view it only as a savings plan for retirement and as a return on investment. Some believe that if they were allowed to invest their Social Security taxes in private investments, such as stocks and bonds, they would receive a higher rate of return--in their view, a fairer return--than Social Security currently provides. This view misrepresents the real value of the Social Security program by excluding those features that have contributed the most to society as a whole.

Social Security is successful and popular because it strikes a balance between the two complementary goals of individual equity and social adequacy, the Commissioner said. It meets its equity goal by providing benefit protection related to an individual's contributions and its social adequacy goals by allowing many citizens to enjoy a reasonable standard of living. Social Security allows almost 42 percent of the elderly--10 million people--to live out of poverty. Some 30 percent of Social Security benefits go to young families of disabled or deceased workers that have not been able to sufficiently protect themselves against the unexpected loss of a worker's earnings.

"Because Social Security satisfies goals so vital to our national prosperity, we disadvantage ourselves if we measure its worth simply by comparing contributions paid and benefits received," Commissioner Chater stated.

She noted that any analysis of the Social Security program shows that, in the past, benefits tended to be generous relative to contributions. As the program has matured, the return on contributions has decreased, but remains generous.

For example, take a person with average wages who retires at age 65 in 1996, who paid \$21,518 in the employee's share of Social Security contributions. When interest on those contributions is factored in, the resulting value is \$73,703. This worker will receive a monthly benefit of \$890. He or she will recover all contributions, with interest, in 8 1/3 years, and can be expected to live nearly 10 years beyond the break-even point.

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Silvertown Owls 1996 Varsity Football

- Sept. 6-- Silvertown 46, Lefors 0
 - Sept. 13--Miami, there 7:30
 - Sept. 20--McLean, there 7:30
 - Sept. 20--Lazbuddie vs. Samnorwood, here 7:30
 - Sept. 28--Three Way vs. Groom, here 2:00
 - Sept. 27--Guthrie**, here 7:30
 - Oct. 4--Samnorwood, there 7:30
 - Oct. 11--Cotton Center*, there 7:30
 - Oct. 18--Lazbuddie*, here 7:30
 - Oct. 25--Whitharral*, there 7:30
 - Nov. 1--Amherst*, here 7:30
 - Nov. 8--Three Way*, here 7:30
- *District Game
**Homecoming

Silvertown Owls vs. Miami Chiefs At Miami, 7:30

1996 Silvertown Owls Junior Varsity, Junior High

- Sept. 19--McLean here
 - Sept. 26--Whitharral there
 - Oct. 3--Lazbuddie here
 - Oct. 10--Cotton Center here
 - Oct. 17--Lazbuddie there
 - Oct. 24--Whitharral here
 - Oct. 31--Amherst there
 - Nov.--Three Way (JH only) here
- JH Games Begin at 5:00
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USDA Makes Funding Available to The Rural Communities

"Emergency loans and grants are easier to obtain than ever before for rural communities," said Sherie Hinton, acting state director for USDA Rural Development. "A new regulation change has great timing because of the current drought situation across the state of Texas."

Originally, emergency aid through the Rural Utilities Service (RUS), an agency that falls under the Rural Development (formerly Farmers Home Administration) mission area, was only available after a Presidential Declaration was made. There no longer has to be a

Presidentially-declared disaster for a community to qualify for these supplemental funds. Funds for this program are limited, and will be allocated by the RUS National Office reserves on a project-by-project basis.

RUS offers loans and grants for water and wastewater systems that have suffered an emergency disaster within the last two years which resulted in a significant decline in quantity or quality of water. Funds can be used to alleviate the problems created by the emergency.

To be eligible for assistance, the applicant must be a public body or a non-profit corporation serving rural areas and towns of up to 10,000 residents. Qualified applicants should submit a preapplication with a letter giving extensive details

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explaining the nature and date of the disaster, the need for emergency assistance due to a significant decline in quality or quantity of water, and how the proposed improvements will correct the problem. A comprehensive cost estimate should also be included.

If you have questions about this program, please contact the Rural Utilities Service Staff located at 101 South Main, Suite 102, Temple, Texas 76501, or call 817-774-1306.

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Lead-Based Paints Are Hazards in Home

Lead poisoning is the number-one environmental health hazard for young children; and lead-based paint in older homes is the leading culprit. The U. S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development mission area recently began a campaign to educate rural Americans on the dangers of lead in the home, and what they can do to protect their children's health.

"Lead poisoning damages the brains of young children," said Sherie Hinton, acting state director of rural development. "But it's preventable if caught early through an easy test available at any health clinic, and that's why we want to spread the word."

One out of every 11 children in the United States has lead-levels in the blood that exceed safe standards. Children are particularly at risk since their growing bodies absorb more lead, and their brains and nervous systems are more sensitive to the dangers of lead.

Children in some rural areas face increased risks, according to studies. A study conducted in North Carolina found that "children living in rural counties are at increased risk of having elevated blood lead compared with children living in urban counties." Two other studies of children in rural areas supported this conclusion.

Nationwide, nearly 64 million homes contain some lead-based paint—use of the paint was banned in 1978. Proper maintenance of lead-based paint in the homes helps insure safety. Hazards arise when paint is chipped, cracked, peeling, or chalked. Renovations of homes with lead-based paint can be particularly risky. Danger increases when families renovate their homes because paint dust kicks up and can be ingested.

While dangerous conditions can exist when the paint is deteriorated or crumbles to dust, families can combat most lead hazards through simple procedures:

- Clean floors, window frames, window sills, and other surfaces weekly;
- Clean up paint chips immediately;
- If you rent, notify your landlord of peeling or chipping paint;
- Wash children's hands often, especially before they eat and sleep;
- Keep children's play areas clean;
- Keep children from chewing on window sills or other painted surfaces;
- Make sure children eat nutritious, low-fat meals with high iron and calcium content. Children with good diets absorb less lead.

"We all want our kids to have the best in life, and lead

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poisoning robs them of it," said Maureen Kennedy, administrator of the rural housing service, an agency that falls under the rural development mission area. "It's detectable and preventable. We just have to eliminate it."

Pamphlets on lead hazards produced by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) are being distributed to rural development (formerly Farmers Home Administration) offices in the state. Contact your local Rural Development office for copies of the pamphlets. Additional pamphlets are available in English and Spanish from the national Lead Information Center (NLIC) at 800-424-LEAD (5323).

USDA's Rural Development mission area is the federal government's primary focus for rural development. Rural Development works to enhance the ability of rural communities to develop, to grow and to improve their quality of life by targeting financial and technical resources in areas with the greatest need.

South Plains Was Wetter Than Normal During August 1996

Weather across the Texas South Plains during the month of August 1996 was considerably wetter than normal with near normal temperatures.

Temperatures averaged one degree below normal and ranged from 3.3 degrees below normal at Matador to -0.8 degrees above normal at Muleshoe Wildlife Refuge. Silverton's temperatures averaged 75.2, about 1½ degrees below the South Plains average.

Maximum temperatures averaged 3.1 degrees below normal and ranged from 5.6 degrees below normal at Matador to 0.7 degree below normal at Dimmitt. The highest temperature reported during the month was 105 degrees at Paducah on the 2nd.

Silverton's maximum temperatures averaged 85.7 degrees, a couple of degrees below the South Plains average.

Minimum temperatures averaged 1.1 degree above normal and ranged from one degree below normal at Matador to 2.7 degrees above normal at Muleshoe Wildlife Refuge. The lowest temperature reported during the month was 53 degrees at Dimmitt on the 12th.

Silverton's minimum temperatures averaged 64.7 degrees, slightly below the South Plains average.

Precipitation averaged 2.12 inches above normal and ranged from 0.35 inch below normal at Lockettville to 6.34 inches above normal at Tahoka. Silverton received 4.61 inches of precipitation during August, which was slightly above the South Plains average and quite a bit above normal for this reporting station.

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WEDNESDAY:
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GOD'S LOVE HAS PAINTED THE BRILLIANT COLORS OF AUTUMN

The heat of summer's on the wane
And cooler breezes fill the air.
Though sunny days will still remain,
We soon will see the branches bare.
But first, the beauty to behold,
Of this, the climax of the year;
With leaves that turn to red and gold
Before they fade and disappear.
For whether maple, elm or oak,
Or other kinds, they turn to brown;
And soon, the pungent smell of smoke
Will prove they all came drifting down.
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The love that God displays, indeed,
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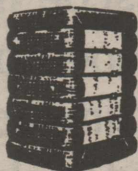
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