

All Around
The Town

BY MARY ANN SARCHET



I hope everyone who enjoys basketball has been savoring the excitement of the playoffs as much as I have. Our Lady Owls "brought home the bacon" last week when they repeated for the second year in a row as the bi-district champions!

It was such a big night for the girls. They put everything on the line, went out and earned the victory.

The Owls have been playing a series of warm-up games with some of the best teams in this part of Texas. It has been tough to take getting beaten in the close games we've played, but it should make better players of the guys.

Since some of our (male) adults have been having a little trouble with the cheers and chants and staying on the beat, John Wyatt is planning to offer a remedial class in cheering. You will have to be a remedial student to be accepted into the "duck call" class!

We need to send a bouquet of red roses to Molly Brooks for all the work she has done cheering for the Owls and Lady Owls this season.

During the regular part of the season, she had lots of help from the other cheerleaders, all of whom play for the Lady Owls.

Since the playoffs have started, Molly has found herself all alone leading the cheers. She has been traveling with both the Owls and Lady Owls, and has really given up a lot of her free time to do this.

The junior high cheerleaders have been assisting her, very capably I might add, at the girls' games.

Thanks, Molly! You're doing a great job!

Candidate Sign-up Underway Locally

The period for signing up citizens to have their names placed in nomination on the ballot for the Silverton ISD or City or Silverton election to be held May 3 is underway.

School trustees whose terms expire this year are Perry Brunson and Jack Graham.

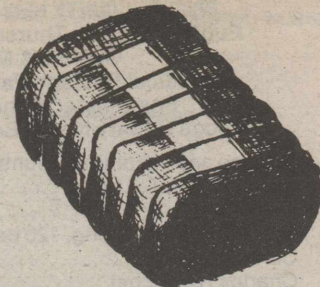
The term of Mayor John Bowman and Councilmen W. D. Rowell and Lane Garvin expire this year, and candidates are being sought for the Silverton General Election.

If you are interested in running for one of these local offices, you may sign up for the school board election at the school office or for the city election at the city hall. A candidate must state that he is willing to serve if elected before his name is placed on the ballot.

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Silverton's Lady Owls raise their bi-district trophy high after winning and receiving it at the conclusion of their game with Samnorwood in the Clarendon College Gym last week.

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Leland Wood Shows Breed Champion Steer at San Antonio

Rebel L. Royall, CEA-Ag
County Extension Agent

In the midst of the middleweight Limousin class, Judge Dan Hoge of Blackhawk East College in Illinois stopped and asked for a microphone. He proceeded to tell the crowd how this class of steers best fit the mold of the breed and the progress that market cattle had made since the beginning of slick shearing at Texas major shows four years ago. He then proceeded to place the class.

When the dust cleared and the class was placed, Leland Wood's 1241-pound steer was placed second; however, when a class has been placed, the stock show then proceeds to re-weigh the steers and check entries. The steer that was placed ahead of Wood was disqualified because of a breach of the rules, and Wood was placed first in the class.

Because of his first placing, Wood was allowed to compete for Breed Champion, which his steer won easily. In describing the steer, Judge Hoge explained that he was extremely long bodied and stylish and contained the adequate amount of muscling to be at the top of the breed.

Wood's steer then qualified for the Grand Champion Drive of the San Antonio Livestock Show. Although he did not win Grand Champion or Reserve Champion, the opportunity to do so was a thrilling experience.

Other steer exhibitors from Briscoe County 4-H were Donny Burson, Kenda Wood and Monty Wood.

In the Swine barn, Julie Weaver's Poland China placed eighth in the middleweight Poland China/Spot class. This qualified her to sell in the premium auction. Coty Braddock's Hampshire made it through the rigorous sift, but failed to make the auction.

Other swine exhibitors from Briscoe County 4-H were Trey Ziegler, Teal Bennett, Tate Bennett, Joe Warner, Leland Wood and Kenda Wood.

Swine exhibitors left for the Houston Livestock Show Swine Sift in Brenham on Wednesday, February 19, while steers will leave on Monday, February 24, 1997.

Win Owls, Lady Owls!

Boling To Be Honored at Retirement Reception

Mayor John Bowman and the City Council of the City of Silverton request the honor of your presence at a reception honoring the retirement of City Marshal B. J. (Bill) Boling from 3:00 until 5:00 in the afternoon on Thursday, February 27, 1997, at the City Hall.

Boling was employed by the City of Silverton on July 27, 1980 and will be retiring February 28, 1997.

Youth Basketball To Have Bake Sale

Silverton's Youth Basketball Association will be having a bake sale at Nance's Food Store on Saturday, February 22, starting at 9:00 a.m.

They will be raising money for T-shirts for the 13 teams of third, fourth, fifth and sixth graders playing this year.

They will appreciate your support.

Girl Scouts to Be Organized Here Feb. 24

An organizational meeting for all those interested in starting a Girl Scout program in Silverton will be held Monday, February 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the school library.

There was a preliminary meeting Tuesday, February 11. A few girls signed up at that time. More parent participation is needed in order to start a Girl Scout Troop here.

The Girl Scout program is for girls Grades K through 12.

You are invited to attend this meeting and see how your daughter--and the community--can benefit from the Girl Scout program.

School-Wide Program Today

Silverton ISD will present a school-wide program on Thursday, February 20, at 7:00 p.m. in the school library.

WEATHER

FEBRUARY 24-HOUR READINGS

DAY	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP.
1	74	35	
2	76	38	
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4	70	31	
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16	62	28	
17	66	31	
18	67	36	

Total Feb. Precip.	.55
Normal Feb. Precip.	.60
Total Precip. Rec.	
Year to Date	1.05
Normal Precip.	
Year to Date	1.25



Molly Brooks isn't the only cheerleader Silverton has, but she has single-handedly led cheers for the Lady Owls this season. She is the only one of the cheerleaders that isn't playing for the Lady Owls. At the bi-district game in Clarendon, she was joined by the Junior High Cheerleaders, Courtney Parham and Kelsie Dutton, in cheering the team to victory. Briscoe County News Photo

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JoDee Robison was chosen by the Silverton Volunteer Fire Department members to receive the Fireman of the Year award for 1996. He received the award at the Firemen's Valentine Ball held last week.

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Corpus Christi, Texas.

He was born August 9, 1918 in Coleman, Oklahoma, the son of Virgil Lewis and Lora Ethel Dillard.

Mr. Dillard grew up in Silverton, Texas, where he attended school. The family later moved to Pearsall, Texas when Mr. Dillard was a teenager. As a young man he worked in the oilfields in Texas, Illinois and Oklahoma. While in Oklahoma, he met his future wife, Edna Ruth Buchanan, whom he married on June 7, 1941 in Durant, Oklahoma.

On February 10, 1942, Mr. Dillard joined the U. S. Army, serving as a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division in North Africa and Italy. He was transferred back to the United States and spent 18 months in Ashford General Hospital in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia recuperating from injuries received in action. Mr. Dillard was awarded the Purple Heart medal among other awards of recognition for his military service.

He spent a number of years working in the oilfields of South Texas prior to going to work for Halliburton Cement Company (later known as Centex Cement) in Corpus Christi. He was a member of the Baptist church. Mr. Dillard was a very family-oriented individual, devoted not only to his loving wife, but all members of his family.

He and his wife, Ruth, were married for 56 years and had two daughters, Elizabeth Ann and Linda Kay.

Funeral services were held at 12:30 Thursday, February 13, 1997 at Franklin's Funeral Home in Floresville with Rev. Chuck Jennings officiating. A special musical selection, "It is Well With My Soul," was sung by Mr. Dillard's great-nephew, Jeffrey Elkins of Waco, Texas.

Interment followed at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio, Texas with military honors.

Serving as pallbearers were his grandsons, Keith Alan Howard, Kenneth Wayne Howard, Kurt Russell Howard, Brian Lewis Banner and Joel Lynch, and family friend, Jimmy Fietsam.

Survivors include his wife, Edna Ruth; daughters and sons-in-law, Elizabeth Ann and Leroy (Buddy) Howard, jr., of Floresville and Linda Kay and Charles Banner, jr. of Hurst, Texas; a sister, Mrs. Pansy Deviney of Corpus Christi; grandsons and wives, Keith and Michelle Howard and Kurt and Allison Howard, all of San Antonio, Brian and Terri Banner of Hurst and Kenneth Howard of Dallas, Texas; granddaughter and husband, Sherrie and Joel Lynch of Shreveport, Louisiana and Kimberly Banner of Hurst, Texas. Also surviving are great-grandchildren, Brittany Howard of Austin and Alana Howard of San Antonio. Surviving nieces are Carolyn Elkins of New Orleans, Louisiana and Gay Cunningham of Houston, Texas,

and surviving nephew is Capper Ross Dillard of Warrenton, Texas.

Preceding Mr. Dillard in death were his parents; and brother, Ralph Lloyd Dillard on June 3, 1996.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Disabled American Veterans.

Arrangements were under the direction of Franklin's Funeral Home, Floresville, Texas.

HORACE MORRISON

Horace (Moe) Morrison, 66, a retired insurance agent of Hurst, died Friday, February 7, 1997 in DeKalb, Texas.

Mr. Morrison was born October 31, 1930 at Quitaque. He served in the U. S. Air Force for 20 years. He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 4695 in Hurst.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 11, at Lucas Funeral Home. Burial was in Bluebonnet Hill Memorial Park at Colleyville.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Yvonne Morrison.

Survivors include a daughter, Kathie and her husband, Larry Sprinkle, of Hurst; his mother, Molly Riddle of Honey Grove; a brother, Roy Morrison of Smyer; two sisters, Fairy McWilliams of Silverton and Joy Caraway of Honey Grove; two grandchildren, Scott Sprinkle of Fort Riley, Kansas and Jeannette Sprinkle of Hurst; and numerous nieces and nephews.

MOIRA MYRL WHELOCK

Services for Moira Myrl Brewer Wheelock were conducted at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 5, at First Baptist Church of Canyon with Dr. Charles Price, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Memory Gardens Cemetery by Holley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Wheelock died Tuesday, February 4, 1997.

She was born in Kirkland and moved with her family to Olton when she was 10. She graduated with honors from Olton High School and from Wayland College, also with honors. She earned a bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University and a master's degree from West Texas State University.

She taught school for 30 years, at Hart Camp, Silverton and

Happy, and spent 25 years teaching at Canyon. She is listed in Who's Who in the South and Southwest and Who's Who in American Education.

In addition to being a member of educational organizations and serving as president of Canyon Classroom Teachers, she was a lifetime member of the National Education Association, the Texas Classroom Teachers Association, and the Texas Retired Teachers Association.

She retired from teaching and received a real estate salesman's license and a broker's license. She and her husband, the late R. D. Wheelock, started a rental business.

She was a member of First Baptist Church and was the church pianist for eight years. She also had played piano for Sunday School departments and other community affairs most of her life.

She was a member of the Eta Phi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International and held several offices including president. She was a member of the Canyon Sue Hite Club and also had held offices including president. She was the organist for the Order of the Eastern Star and was an active member of the Canyon Senior Citizens.

Survivors include two children, John Robert Wheelock of Garland and Mary Ann Reynolds of Houston; a brother, Col. William C. Brewer; three grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren.

Notice For Lighthouse Electric Cooperative Irrigators

The winter irrigation rate is still in effect. Winter irrigation rates started in October 1996, and will end March 24, 1997. All usage through March 24 will be under the lower winter rate. You can take advantage of cheaper rates and save on your power costs for irrigating wheat and pre-watering. You do not need to call our office to take advantage of this--we will be reading all irrigation meters beginning on March 24. Questions or comments? Give us a call at 983-2814 or (800) 657-7192.

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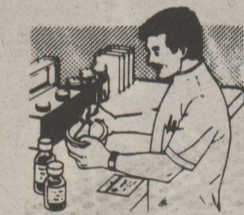
ARTHUR C. DILLARD

Arthur C. Dillard of Floresville, Texas passed away on Sunday, February 9, 1997 at the age of 78 years and six months. Prior to his retirement and moving to Floresville in 1982, he had been a resident of

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Looking Back

through the files of the
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February 19, 1987--John Deere dealership recognized for outstanding service to customers . . . Ashleigh Wyatt wins two trips for her grandmother, Mrs. Zelma Lee Mayfield . . . Rev. Earl Blair is much improved and in good spirits at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock, where he has been moved into a private room. He has undergone six surgeries--five of which are regarded as major--in recent weeks . . . Corey Robertson and Suzann Settle chosen as Mr. and Miss SHS. Suzann Settle is Outstanding Student; Corey Robertson and Kim Burson were selected as Most Likely To Succeed . . . Entering the bi-district playoff for the second year in a row are Bob Loy's Silvertown Owls: Kendal Minyard, Bryan Ramsey, Joey Leal, Teddy Hubbard, Ricky Clardy, Frank Lowrey, Jamie Frizzell, Joe Ramirez, Clay Mercer, Mitch Clardy, Neal Edwards, Mark Auston, Denny Hill and Ryan Smith . . . John and Debbie Welch are parents of a daughter, Meredith Leigh . . . FBLA members winning honors at their conference included Keeley Burson, first in public speaking; Gina Myers, first in Miss FBLA; Sloan Grabbe, second in business math; Tara Nance, second in public speaking; Clay Schott, second in Mr. FBLA contest; Jeannita Stephens, second in job interview; Kim Burson, third in Miss FBLA; DeLyn Patton, third in clerk typist I; Santos Segura, third in public speaking; Suzann Settle, third in accounting I; Juannah Woods, third in job interview; Neal Edwards, fourth in clerk typist I; Robbie McWaters, fifth in job interview . . .

February 24, 1977--Owls looking to bi-district game with Spade in Plainview. Team members are Brent Brannon, Gary Turner, Tommy Lacy, Jackie Vaughn, Chief Davidson, David Strange, Jace Francis, Brent Bean and Darrell Reynolds . . . Mrs. Mary Daniel buried Wednesday . . . Tracy Gill and Kim Hutsell qualify for state piano competition . . . The varsity Owlettes are at the State Girls Basketball Tournament in Austin today, where they went to see Nazareth play Mayfair at 8:30 this morning . . . DPS Troopers Jackie Gunnels and Dyrle Maples were injured when their patrol car was involved in an accident and overturned while in a high-speed chase on a country road near Dimmitt Saturday night . . . Rev. Larry Wilson is to enter St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo today for tests . . . Miss Kimberly Kay Hutsell to marry Zane Douglas Mayfield . . . Mrs. Keyth Tiffin has returned home after having been a patient in an Amarillo hospital for several days . . .

February 23, 1967--Joni

Faye Self elected as Lions Club Queen . . . Mr. and Mrs. John Schott are parents of a son, David Lee, born February 22 in Tulia . . . Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jarnagin are parents of a daughter, DeLisa Lynnette . . . Cody, young son of Mr. and Mrs. John Howard Burson, was a patient with bronchitis in the Plainview Hospital last week . . . Mrs. J. H. Burson is spending several days in Amarillo with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Davis . . . Larry McWilliams, Ronnie Drewry, Greg Towe, Dwight and Wayne Rampley, students at Southwestern Oklahoma State at Weatherford, spent the weekend here . . . Among those from Silvertown who were in Plainview Saturday to see the Wayland Homecoming Parade and the presentation of "She Loves Me" at Wayland College were Mrs. C. O. Allard, Mrs. Gilbert Elms, Mrs. Berton Hughes, Gary Crow, Gary Whitfill, Mike Long and Randy Hughes. Dan Shaeffer, Wayland student, who is music and youth director for First Baptist Church in Silvertown, had a part in "She Loves Me" . . . Messrs. and Meses. Dean Allard, James Stevenson and Wood Hardcastle spent Sunday in Amarillo with Mrs. Iris Graham and Mrs. Goldie Sutherland . . . Taylor triplets gaining nicely, according to proud Silvertown grandparent, W. E. Autry . . . Mrs. Loyd May was in Amarillo early last week to visit her mother, Mrs. H. J. Bailey, and other relatives . . . Mrs. H. L. O. Riddell entered the Lockney Hospital for treatment Friday. Mrs. R. C. Hutsell, Mrs. M. B. Self, R. L. O. Riddell and other relatives and friends have visited her at the hospital . . . Glenn Watters of Amarillo has been a recent visitor with Bill Watters. Glenn has recently visited in Australia . . .

February 28, 1957--Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Mercer were visitors today at the Clearmont Citrus Tower enroute to South Bay and Key West, Florida . . . Mrs. W. O. Cobb, mother of Mrs. Raymond Grewe, fell at her home in Quitaque last Friday, breaking her back . . . Santos Garcia, jr., young son of Mr. and Mrs. Santos Garcia, sr., who was badly injured several months ago when a car ran over him on the highway, has recently been brought home from Methodist Hospital in Lubbock . . . Gordon Lowrey, Ted Hancock, Wayne Stephens and Larry Wallace are members of the local FFA Poultry Team which will enter the judging contest at Lubbock Saturday . . . Mrs. W. H. Graham, jr., Ronnie and Hal spent Thursday night, Friday and Saturday here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Dudley, and Connie . . . Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Arnold and children and Mrs. Carroll Welch left Thursday of last week for Colorado Springs. The Arnolds are visiting her sister and family, Rev. and Mrs. T. P. Cobb. Mrs. Welch is visiting her husband, Pvt. Welch, who is stationed at Fort Carson . . . Jimmy Marshall had the misfortune of having in-

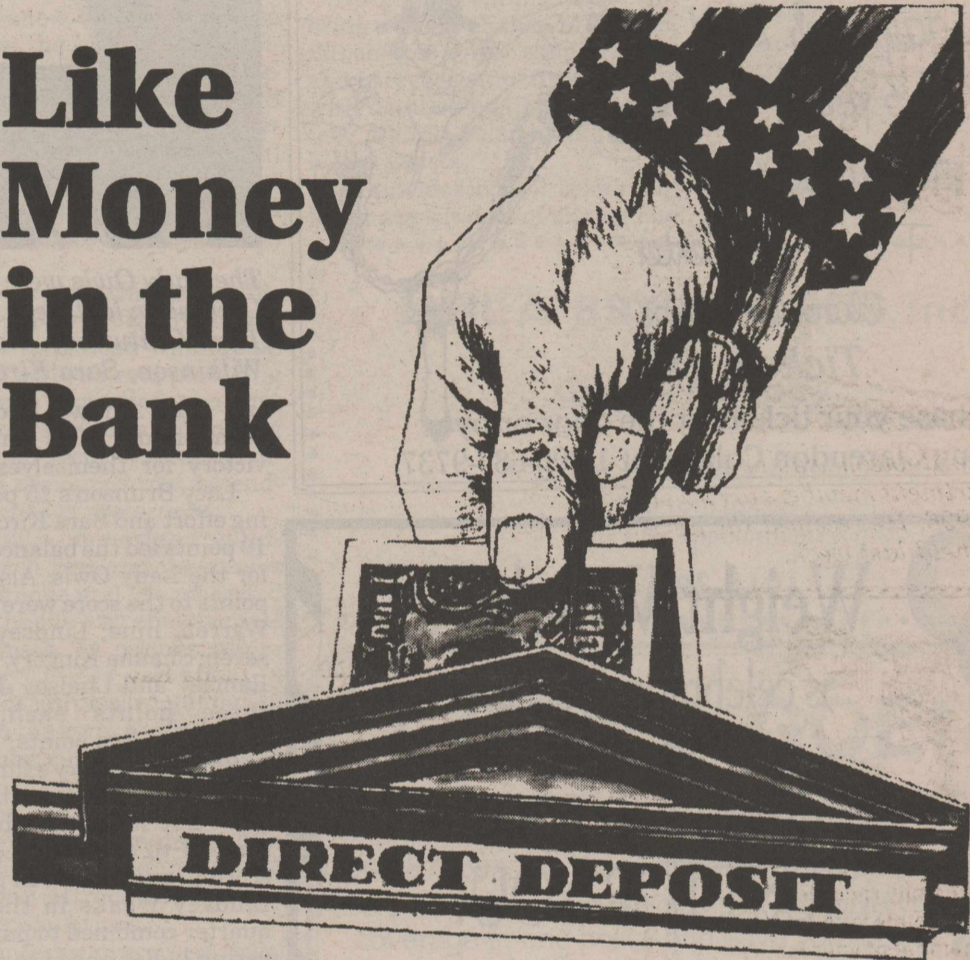
jured his right ankle while playing in the bi-district basketball game at Floydada Monday evening . . . Shafe Weaver met his sister, Mrs. Gerald Perry, of Montana, in Amarillo last Wednesday night . . . Mrs. J. R. Steele and Kim, age five, left by train Saturday afternoon for Dallas where Kim expected to undergo surgery at St. Paul's Hospital early this week . . . Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lightsey spent the

weekend in Amarillo with his sister, Mrs. Grace Irion. Weldon Irion, nephew of Mr. Lightsey, who is with the U. S. Navy, sailed from Hawaii for Sidney, Australia on the 7th . . .

February 20, 1947--Mr. and Mrs. Pascal Garrison are parents of a son, Max Dee . . . Mr. and Mrs. Harold Marler are parents of a daughter, Thelma Kay . . . Services conducted for Robert Earl Bell . . . Vern Kindrick,

nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Kindrick, received a broken leg when he fell from a horse he was riding Saturday . . . Two inches of snow fell here Wednesday . . . Billy Don Stevenson was a weekend guest of Keith Wood . . . Willie Wade and Jonette Reynolds and Mrs. Nancy E. Sumner are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bingham . . . Mrs. See **LOOKING BACK**
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Lady Owls Win Bi-District Championship

Silverton's Lady Owls rolled to a 55-35 victory over the Samnorwood Lady Eagles in a bi-district game played at Clarendon College on Thursday night of last week. It took the Lady Owls a little longer to put the Lady Eagles away than most had expected, but Silverton fans need to real-



The Lady Owls were jubilant at the conclusion of their bi-district victory over Samnorwood at Clarendon last week. They are (left to right) Kimmie Blazier, Shauna Kingery, Lindsey Weaks, Terri Chitwood, Kenzie Burson, Dara Ramsey, Michelle Warren, Lacy Brunson, Misty Wilkinson, Sara Kirchoffner and Lindsey Jennings. *Briscoe County News Photo*

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ize just how badly the Samnorwood girls wanted the victory for themselves.

Lacy Brunson's 15 point scoring effort and Sara Kirchoffner's 10 points led the balanced attack for the Lady Owls. Also adding points to the score were Michelle Warren, nine; Lindsey Weaks, seven; Shauna Kingery, six; Dara Ramsey and Lindsey Jennings, three points each; Misty Wilkinson, two points.

Shauna Kingery's three jumpers from just inside the three-point line in the fourth quarter seemed to spur the Lady Owl scoring, and the seven points by Lindsey Weaks in the fourth quarter combined to put the Silverton ladies ahead to stay.

Lindsey Jennings came off the bench cold and hit a three-pointer just seconds before the game ended. It and one scored by Sara Kirchoffner in the second quarter were the only counters from downtown.

The Lady Owls led 13-11 at the end of the first quarter, but had fallen into a 22-22 deadlock before halftime. They moved ahead 34-26 before the three-quarter stop, and went on to take the 20-point victory.

All of the girls saw action in the game, including the two seniors, Kimmie Blazier and Terri Chitwood, and junior Kenzie Burson.

In other action last week, the Hedley Lady Owls defeated Miami to put themselves into the area round as well.



A flower arrangement should usually be about one and a half times the height or width of the container.

Owls To Enter Bi-District Action Friday at Clarendon

Silverton's Big Red Fighting Owls will take their play to the bi-district level at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the Clarendon College Gym when they host the Eagles from Miami. This will be a tough test for the Owls who haven't been scoring as well as their fans would like them to be of late.

Several Owls have demonstrated the ability to score in double figures this season, including Jack Cherry, Trey Wyatt, Jared Holt and Brandon Sarchet, but the games where four or five players got doubles have been few and far between. They are going to have to return to hitting better from inside and outside if they are to continue in the playoffs.

It is hoped that the weather will be nice and a large crowd of fans will follow the Owls to Clarendon for this important game.

The Owls have lost a couple of warm-up games, the first a 54-60 decision to Lockney. Jack Cherry led the Owls with a 24-point effort and Trey Wyatt added 11 points. Also scoring were Brandon Sarchet, eight; Jared Holt, seven; Arnold Garza, two points.

The Owls trailed 8-17 at the end of the first quarter, and were behind 18-30 at the midway point. They trailed 38-46 at the end of three quarters.

Wyatt rang up two three pointers.

Friday night the Owls drove to White Deer to play the undefeated Higgins Coyotes. Even though the Owls trailed 11-15 at the end of the first quarter, they had moved into contention 18-22 by halftime. The tall Coyotes led 40-32 at the end of three quarters and went on to win the games.

The Higgins boys are very good free-throw shooters and have a player who just doesn't miss his shots from downtown.

Trey Wyatt led the scoring for the Owls with 15 points, while Jack Cherry also scored in double figures with 12. Adding to the score were Jared Holt, eight; Brandon Sarchet, seven; Arnold Garza, six; Jay Arnold, one point.

The Owls drove to Idalou for a warm-up game with Klondike in which they jumped into an early lead which they retained until the final seconds of the game when their opponent inbounded the ball and hit a three-point shot to snatch the victory away.

The Owls led 10-8 at the end of the first quarter, and had extended the lead to 33-21 before halftime. They led 48-36 at the three-quarter stop, but saw their lead dissolve in the fourth quarter. Late in the quarter, with the Owls two points ahead, Klondike hit the three-point shot to take the 58-57 victory.

Once again, the Owls weren't up to par in hitting the baskets. Jack Cherry led the offense with 22 points, but he was the only one scoring in double figures.

Adding to the score were Brandon Sarchet, eight; Trey Wyatt, seven; Arnold Garza and Jay Arnold, six points each; Jared Holt, four; Jeremy Holt and Jon Ivory, two points each.

Sarchet hit Silverton's only shot from downtown.

Friday night's game at Clarendon College will be a double header with Hedley and Samnorwood. That game begins at 6:00, followed by the Owls vs. Miami at 7:30 p.m.

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Free Washington Trips For Local Contest Winners

An all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D. C. next June will be awarded to two young people from this area by Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, according to Bill Harbin, manager of the cooperative.

Harbin said winners of an essay contest would be awarded the trip which is set for June 5-17, 1997. Area high school aged youths in the system's service area, including the school districts of Crosbyton, Motley County, Petersburg, Plainview, Lockney, Floydada, Valley, Lakeview and Memphis are eligible to enter the contest.

Contest entrants will be required to submit an essay on the subject, "What Services Other Than Electric Power Could Lighthouse Provide, and Why?" Resource materials that may be helpful to contestants are available from the cooperative's office, according to Larry Ogden, who is in charge of the contest.

Essays will be judged on knowledge of subject, originality, composition, neatness and grammar.

Deadline for entering will be March 10, 1997. On basis of the essays, six finalists will be selected to orally present their essays to a team of three judges at the final contest on March 17, 1997.

This is the 33rd year that

Looking Back

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L. H. McMurtry and J. F. Cowsar were business visitors in Silverton Saturday . . . J. T. Gilkeyson has started the foundation for his new home east of the school building . . . Mr. and Mrs. Marion Perkins are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Frances, to Edward Edwards, son of Mrs. M. M. Edwards . . . Mrs. Barney Stephens entertained with a party Tuesday night honoring Mrs. C. L. Whitehead on her birthday . . . Miss Joy Deavenport entertained a number of friends with a dinner Sunday evening at her home south of town. Those present were LaNelle Copeland, Mary Tom Bomar, Beth Joiner, LaRue Gilkeyson, Juanita Edwards and the hostess . . . Mrs. James Patton entertained with a party honoring her son, Jerry, on his fifth birthday. Those present were James Brown, Jeanette Brown, Susan and Joe Anderson, Joy and Waynelle McCutchen, Paula and LaWanda Reid, Charles and Rebecca Cowart, Peggy, Dwin and Lela Gean Davis, Glenda Ray and Mary Beth McWilliams, Myrna Bingham, Frankie Hunt, Jerry Dee and Larry McWilliams, Janice Donnell, Robert Hughes, Tom and Harry Thompson, Tommie Copeland, Dyrle and Reba Jo Maples, J. E. Patton and the honoree . . .

Lighthouse Electric Cooperative has sponsored area youth on the Government-in-Action Youth Tour. Winners last year were Will Warren and Angie Dean of Floydada.

As participants in the Youth Tour, local winners will join other winners from across the state to travel by chartered bus to Washington where they will spend six days visiting places of historical interest, members of Congress, and getting a first-hand view of their government in action.

For further information, contact Lighthouse Electric Cooperative at 983-2814 or 800-657-7192.

Silverton School Activities

Wednesday, February 19-Friday, February 28--Houston Stock Show

Friday, February 21--PK-5 Dental Health Program, 9:45

Tuesday, February 25--TAAS Writing--4, 8, Exit

Wednesday, February 26--TAAS Math Exit

Thursday, February 27--TAAS Reading Exit

Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, February 24--Pig-in-a-Blanket, Ranch Beans, Pickle Spears, Fruit Cup, Milk

Tuesday, February 25--Chili Corn Chip Pie, Corn, Salad, Cornbread, Fruit Cobbler, Milk

Wednesday, February 26--Ham & Cheese Roll-ups, Pickle, Carrot, Celery, Fruit, Jelo, Milk

Thursday, February 27--Chicken Strips, Gravy, Broccoli & Cheese, Mashed Potatoes, Hot Roll, Milk

Friday, February 27--Hamburger with Cheese, French Fries, Salad, Cookie, Milk

BREAKFAST

Monday--Biscuit, Sausage, Gravy, Juice, Milk

Tuesday--Buttered Toast, Jelly, Juice, Milk

Wednesday--Sweet Roll, Juice, Milk

Thursday--Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk

Friday--Ham & Cheese Biscuit, Juice, Milk

McMurtry University Announces Dean's List

McMurtry University has announced its Dean's List recipients for the 1996 fall semester. To be selected for the Dean's List, a student must take 12 or more credit hours and have a 3.5 or better grade point average.

One of the students listed is Ashleigh Wyatt of Silverton, a junior elementary education major with reading specialization. She is the daughter of John and Gail Wyatt.

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The varsity Lady Owls and their coach, Joe Crabb, are proud of the Bi-District Championship trophy they won by defeating the Samnorwood Lady Eagles last week at Clarendon College. Pictured clockwise beginning with Coach Crabb are Sara Kirchoffner, Misty Wilkinson, Lindsey Weeks, Terri Chitwood, Lacy Brunson, Shauna Kingery, Kenzie Burson, Dara Ramsey and Michelle Warren.

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The varsity Owls will be entering the State Playoffs in a game with Miami at 8:00 p.m. Friday at Clarendon College. Members of the team, pictured with Coach Donnie Dutton (left), are Jeremy Holt, Brandon Sarchet, Arnold Garza, Jared Holt, Trey Wyatt, Jack Cherry, Jay Arnold, Leland Wood and Will Hester.

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Jarrett Pigg Receives Don Burson Memorial Herdsman Award

The prestigious Don Burson Memorial Herdsman Award was presented January 25 to Jarrett Pigg in a ceremony prior to the Briscoe County Junior Livestock Show Premium Sale by John, Tom and Bryan Burson, sons of the late Don Burson.

The award is given each year to an outstanding member of the Valley FFA, Briscoe County 4-H or Silverton FFA. The candidates are voted upon by the show superintendents.

This year's award winner is the son of Clinton and Joan Pigg. He has been a member and officer of Valley FFA, and has been showing animals at the Briscoe County Stock Show for the past

ten years. Jarrett's projects have included swine, steers, beef heifers, dairy heifers and poultry.

He has successfully exhibited livestock at the Houston Livestock Show and at the Fort Worth Livestock Show, making the sale at both shows several times. One of the highlights of his show career was in 1991 when he received the Reserve Breed Champion Polled Hereford award at the Fort Worth Stock Show.

Jarrett has been involved in many organizations and activities while being a student at Valley Schools. He has been involved in football, basketball and track, has served as a Student Council member and officer. He has been



Bryan, Tom and John Burson presented the Don Burson Memorial Herdsman Award to Jarrett Pigg (second from left) at the Briscoe County Stock Show. The award is given to the most outstanding exhibitor in memory of the late Don Burson who was a staunch supporter of the county livestock shows for many years.

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a member of the Valley High School National Honor Society. He served as president of the Valley 4-H Club for three years and has been a member of Briscoe County 4-H for the past 10 years.

Jarrett plans to attend South Plains College next fall and to pursue a degree in Agriculture.

Happy Birthday To

February 20--Anne McJimsey, Korey Kennedy, Iwana Monroe, Kaitlin Daye McWaters

February 21--Melissa Ortiz, Tyra Younger, Mary Martin

February 22--Donald Perkins, David Schott

February 23--Karen Hill, Kenda Wood, Molly Sarchet

February 24--Kassi Jasper,

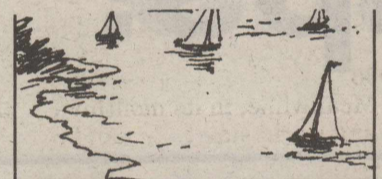
Lance Holt, Shanique Hutsell, James Dunn, Lance Stidham

February 23--Waynelle Couch, Joe Castillo, jr., Leah Whitfill, Kyle Couch, Langdon Reagan, Pascal Garrison, Bob Myers

Happy Anniversary To

February 20--Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Smith

February 25--Mr. and Mrs. Joe Davis



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For the Week Ending February 13, 1997

Neither a slightly bullish acreage estimate from the National Cotton Council (NCC) nor a supportive USDA cotton supply/demand report inspired traders this week. In fact, the market closed lower four out of five days as trading conditions are somewhat dull.

The long-awaited results of NCC's 1997 planting intentions survey were met with little interest as the numbers were in line with the forecasts of most in the industry. The council estimated U. S. cotton growers intend to plant 13.63 million acres in 1997. The figure is down slightly from 14.66 million acres planted to cotton in 1996. Most private firms estimated 1997 U. S. cotton acreage anywhere from 13.30 to 14.10 million bales.

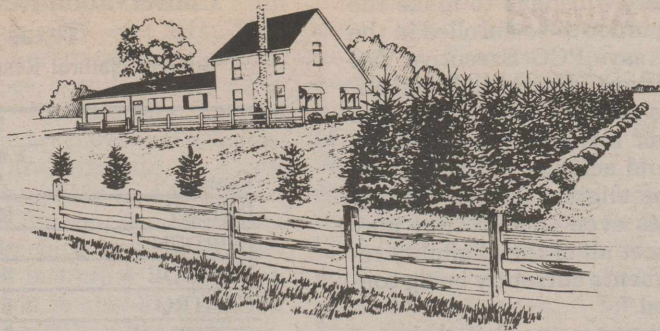
NCC's sharpest reduction came in the Mid-South where acreage is projected to fall 10.5 percent. However, cotton acreage in the Southwest also is expected to decline next season. In fact, NCC expects Texas and Oklahoma producers to plant 5.41 million acres to cotton in 1997, down from 5.99 million acres in 1996.

Meanwhile, in its monthly U. S. and world supply/demand report, USDA cut its forecast for 1996-97 U. S. cotton imports by 50,000 bales, to a total of 400,000 bales and raised its forecast for 1996-97 U. S. cotton exports to 6.5 million bales, up 200,000 from last month's estimate. U. S. cotton export sales have increased, USDA said, as more competitive U. S. prices have encouraged overseas buyers, particularly China.

Additionally, USDA revised China's 1996-97 cotton import forecast to 1.9 million bales, up from the department's January estimate of 1.7 million. The upward revision leads some in the industry to believe the country will purchase additional cotton from the U. S. However, one analyst said Brazil "will be the hot ticket," in helping to raise U. S. exports to 6.5 million bales. Substantial demand has pushed weekly sales up to the 200,000-bale level recently, supporting continued perceptions that the U. S. will be a major supplier of cotton to the world.

USDA's supply/demand report put U. S. 1996-97 ending stocks at 4.45 million bales, down from 4.70 million in January. According to a trader who looked for USDA to be more aggressive on the demand side, U. S. ending stocks and exports may not have reflected the true picture and were slightly disappointing.

"The trend is right, but it's moving a bit too slow for some people," said the analyst. He said going into the report, some had expected ending stocks as low as



Windbreaks Establish Living Boundaries For Residences

On a farm or ranch, homestead windbreaks determine where the production land ends and the homestead or "yard" begins. In Briscoe County such windbreaks establish more than a living boundary; they also provide protection for the residence.

Homestead windbreaks, when planted 100 feet from the home, block the hot dry winds of summer and the cold gusts of winter

4.0 million bales.

Only minor changes were made to USDA's world supply/demand figures. World production was dropped to 86.21 million bales from 86.37 million in the previous report. World ending stocks also were slightly lower at 36.75 million bales, down from January's figure of 36.82 million. Several analysts were surprised world production was not cut further given concern over crops in Australia and Argentina.

USDA kept its estimate for Australian cotton production at 2.60 million bales, while Argentina saw a slight reduction at 1.90 million bales, down from 1.95 million in January. India's production remained steady at 12.30 million bales.

In export news, USDA reported export sales of 1996-97 U. S. cotton increased a net 178,800 bales for the week ended February 6, down seven percent from the previous week's total of 192,500 and a 21 percent decrease from the four-week average. The majority of the week's sales were to China at 54,400 bales, although Mexico followed closely behind with 52,100 bales. Brazil ranked third highest in purchases of U. S. cotton at 22,400 bales.

Analysts said export sales for the week ended February 6 were supportive, though they noted that most Asian markets were closed for the Lunar New Year celebration. The holiday has slowed business and kept mills closed.

On the spot cotton scene, sales have tapered off some as the 1996-97 season comes to a close, and less cotton is available over TELCOT. Spot cotton sales on TELCOT for the five trading days ended February 13 totaled 21,906 bales, down considerably from the previous week's figure of 45,593 bales. Average daily prices received by producers on the electronic marketing system ranged from 61.72 to 63.89 cents per pound.

which in some regions may also involve snow. Such protection increases the heating and cooling efficiency of the residence, according to Robert Fewin, TFS area forester, Lubbock. Multiple row breaks also add natural beauty, privacy and value to a homestead, and act as a sound barrier to highway or farm road traffic.

To insure maximum performance, Fewin recommends a four-row farmstead windbreak: an outside shrub row, providing low density protection; two interior evergreen rows, supplying year-round security; and an inside tall deciduous row, extending the zone of protection.

Within a homestead windbreak each row and its species play a unique and yet concerted role in the life and effectiveness of the break. In regions where snow drifting is a concern, a north side shrub row planted 40 feet from the main windbreak, be it of nanking cherry or aromatic sumac, will prevent snow accumulation. And for landowners desiring wildlife, the shrubs produce fruit, cover and browse which will attract and sustain wildlife populations.

The interior evergreen rows, the backbone of windbreaks, create year-round surveillance and foliage for up to seventy-five years or more. The deciduous tree row which produces a tall barrier quicker than the evergreens, provides earlier protection and also extends the maximum zone of protection on the leaside.

Regions characteristic of heavy snow fall benefit from homestead windbreaks, also referred to as living snow fences. These living fences prevent snow build-up against the house and along the entry-way or drive-way leading up to the home or headquarters.

To create a farmstead windbreak in the spring of 1997, seedlings produced by the TFS West Texas Nursery can be ordered today through Caprock Soil and Water Conservation District. The District will be taking orders for trees from now through March 10th. Evergreen trees are available for \$2.50 each, and deciduous trees are available for \$1.50 each. For more information, contact the SWCD at 806-823-2320.

The Chamber Needs You!

Senior Citizens to Have Business Meeting, Luncheon Here Friday

Silverton Senior Citizens will have their monthly business meeting and luncheon at noon Friday, February 21, at the Center.

Members of the Church of Christ will host the luncheon.

Fashion Update For Summer

Calley Payne, CEA-FCS
Briscoe County Extension Agent

Spring and summer 1997 will bring a lively change to fashion. Silhouettes will be simple tunics, shirtdresses and fitted skirts with detailed emphasis on military styling, color blocking and belted waists.

A kaleidoscope of colors will bring a great deal of mixing and

matching in unexpected combinations. Color highlights will be bright colors, pastels and soft neutrals. Citrus colors such as orange, lime and yellow also will splash the scene.

In fabrics, nylon and polyester will be popular and mixed with natural fibers to add luster, retain shape and invent novelty wovens and knits. Fabrics will be lighter with a dry, springy and crisp hand. Stretch fabrics continue to add comfort and structure to wovens and knits.

Bold prints in geometrics, flashy florals, fruit and other exotic prints will update the simple silhouettes. A thrilling mix of flowers and geometrics will create optically-daring prints. Primitive and exotic animal prints will make for lively designs.

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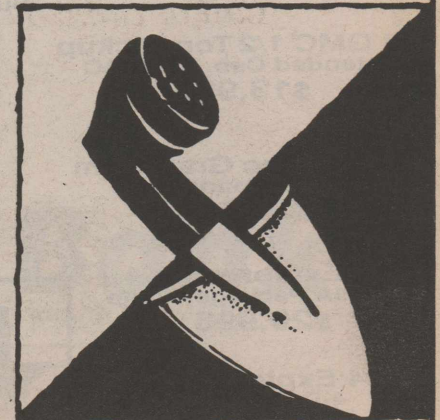
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Confusion and uncertainty are the prevailing attitudes when it comes to the reauthorization of the Conservation Reserve Program and provisions governing the bidding and acceptance of land during the 15th CRP sign-up.

According to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, 77 percent of the land currently enrolled in the CRP will have to be resubmitted in order to continue

in the Program. Contracts on over 1.5 million acres will expire at the end of September 1997.

According to information recently released by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) there will be no rolling over of current contracts and all bids received nation-wide during the 15th CRP sign-up will be evaluated and ranked.

"There will be no regional or local preferences shown and each

contract will have to make the cut in order to be enrolled in the CRP," says PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnson. "Some priority areas within the state of Texas have been identified and acreage in these areas will be eligible for the bidding process even though they may not meet all of the eligibility requirements currently being considered."

Johnson notes that the most confusing aspect of the upcoming CRP sign-up is that all the rules governing the process have not been finalized at this time. The sign-up period for producers to submit their bids will begin March 3 and end March 28.

More detailed information should be available at local Farm Service Agency (FSA) and Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) offices by March 3.

Using an average rental payment of \$39 per acre, the CRP provides over \$75 million dollars of income to producers and landowners each year. It has already been determined that rental payments will be reduced during the next contract period.

"It is important to remember that the acreage being targeted during the next CRP sign-up is the land that does not need to be

Conservation Reserve Program Acreage Texas High Plains

Source: Natural Resource Conservation Service

County	Total Enrolled Acres	Acres Expiring 1997	Percent of Total
BAILEY	100,587	100,534	99.9%
BORDEN	8,735	5,661	64.8%
BRISCOE	46,413	46,388	99.9%
CASTRO	51,293	38,711	75.5%
COCHRAN	83,981	83,822	99.8%
CROSBY	37,074	22,974	62.0%
DAWSON	110,377	62,395	56.5%
DEAF SMITH	156,898	121,811	77.6%
DICKENS	44,004	43,434	98.7%
FLOYD	97,950	69,157	70.6%
GAINES	166,388	159,126	95.6%
GARZA	25,050	16,669	66.5%
HALE	107,118	81,231	75.8%
HOCKLEY	109,730	63,835	58.2%
HOWARD	44,913	16,401	36.5%
LAMB	134,901	106,804	79.2%
LUBBOCK	52,620	26,290	50.0%
LYNN	62,982	35,734	56.7%
MARTIN	78,260	48,457	61.9%
MIDLAND	16,278	6,742	41.4%
MOTLEY	32,600	28,655	87.9%
PARMER	57,322	43,297	75.5%
SWISHER	114,719	104,465	91.1%
TERRY	122,117	91,777	75.2%
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put back in production," explains Johnson. "Our main concern is that the rules governing selection of land to be enrolled adequately evaluate the tremendous benefits to air and water quality and wildlife habitat that would result on the Texas High Plains.

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A friend of mine was working for a large company and was involved in an error of underestimating the cost of a design on a special project. Needless to say, this was an expensive error since the design was behind schedule and more

costly than originally anticipated. He was asked by his manager to explain what had happened. Although my friend's career was probably on the line, he did not try to pass the blame to someone else or offer any excuses. He told his manager that he had made the best estimate on the schedule and cost of the design based upon the information which he had at the time; however, he realized now that it was a mistake. His manager was impressed with his integrity and honest answer, and agreed that at the time it did look like a good decision. Although no reprimand was given, he advised him to be more careful next time. The dictionary describes integrity as strength and firmness of character. Integrity is something that is developed over the years and cannot be purchased at any price. It is a gift from God.

He who walks in integrity walks securely, but he who perverts his ways will be found out.

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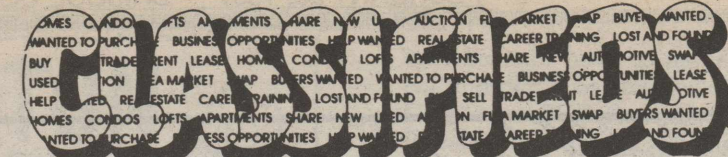
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To Barry Long and Shirley Henderson: Thank you for returning the beauty to Ruby Lee which made it easier for us to say "goodbye" to the beautiful lady that she was.

To Ted Kingery and J. D. Nance: Thank you for making Ruby Lee's service so personal and from your hearts. Your thoughts and prayers were very comforting to us.

To the Lockney Hospital staff: Thank you for the way we were treated the last hours Ruby Lee was with us. You did your very best to comfort her and the family as we were preparing to face the days ahead.

To the many relatives and friends: We express our sincere thanks and appreciation for all the acts of kindness through cards, calls, food, visits, memorials and prayers during this time.

Sincerely,
Louie, Joe and Carolyn
Kitchens and family

Thank you to the people of Silverton. If we have missed anyone with our thank-you cards, we are sorry. Thank you for your visits, cards, telephone calls, letters, food, flowers, prayers and donations. Thank you to Bro. Jess, Duane Reynolds, Myers-Long Funeral Directors for their kindness and the Class of '77 for their love offering. Thank you to all the other people who helped make our burden easier. We will miss Gary, but we have so many happy memories.

Juanell and Billy Turner

Thanks to the Methodist Church for the flowers, memorials, music, the pastor and to the ladies who served a delicious lunch. It was appreciated by all of us.

The Chester Strickland family

We would like to thank you for every act of kindness and comfort shown us during the loss of our son, brother and uncle.

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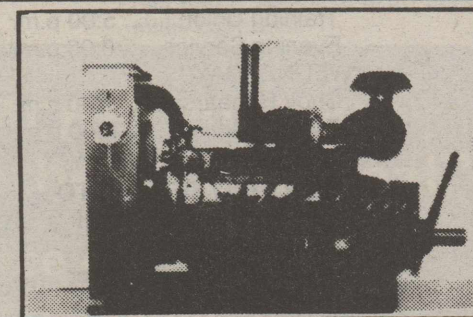
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