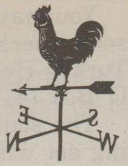


## All Around The Town

BY MARY ANN SARCHET



Well, I surely was disappointed when our Owl flag disappeared on the Friday night of homecoming. We bought it so we could "show our colors" and support the teams; not it's gone and the company that made the flags has gone out of business. I guess I'll have to go back to using my old homemade flag.

The route book, *The Ozark Trails Route Book*, was published in 1919 and cost fifty cents. It contained just over one hundred pages, a fold-out map of all routes (including "roads we are promoting") as well as eighteen other maps of individual routes or parts of routes. Presumably most of the routes were marked by this time, for there were no instructions as to how to travel from place to place. Instead, there were descriptions of the "live towns that are taking a public spirited interest in promoting this route," with mileage between them and many photographs, mostly of tourist attractions. There were few actual advertisements in the 1919 *Route Book*, although apparently the live towns sent the OTA the descriptions and photographs (many of them apparently picture postcards) and may have paid to have them published.

The 1918 log book had a nearly blank back cover, allowing a business distributing the books to print or rubber-stamp its own name there. A 1916 "Log Book" is mentioned in a local history of New Mexico, and credited to the Ozark Hotel in San Jon. This was probably actually the 1918 OTA log book--the directions given as an example are identical--that had been stamped on the back by the Ozark Hotel (no doubt so named for the Ozark Trail). The cover illustration on the 1919 *Route Book* left no room for any names of businesses.

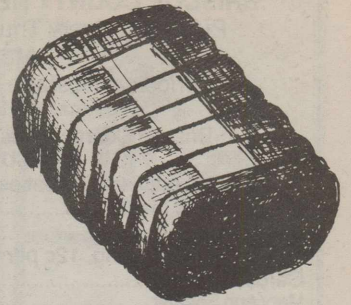
There is no indication that the OTA membership objected to "Coin" Harvey's rule in the early years of the organization. In fact, for several years prior to 1920 Harvey had tried to step down from the presidency, only to be re-elected each year by acclamation. He was the driving force of the OTA, and worked at it. Even before formal organization, he was out with a mule team and helpers, marking routes around Monte Ne. Before each convention, he customarily visited the convention city, as well as other towns on the OTA routes, to encourage attendance. He himself attended every convention until 1922, usually traveling by automobile and stopping for speeches at towns along the way. Between conventions, Harvey frequently visited towns along designated or proposed routes to give speeches and to work up enthusiasm for the Association.

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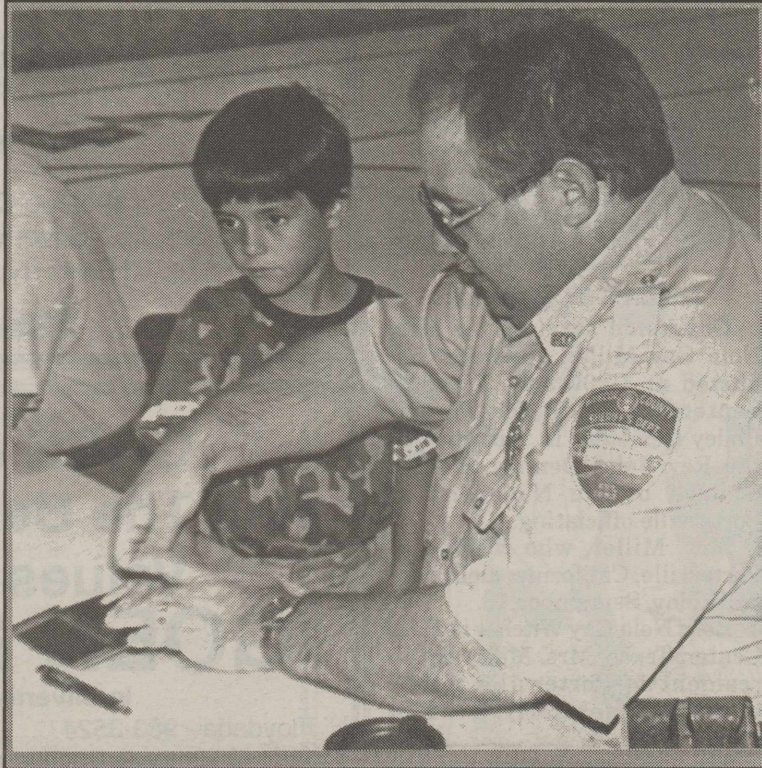
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Briscoe County Deputy Brett Wright is shown fingerprinting Nicklas Garcia at school last week. The children were photographed and fingerprinted, and the parents keep these records. If the child is kidnapped or disappears, these records can be given to law officers to help in the child's return. Pre-school children will be photographed and fingerprinted at the Sheriff's Office October 28 for all those who desire to have this done.  
Briscoe County News Photo

## Halloween Carnival Planned Here October 31

A Halloween Carnival is planned at the Showbarn in Silvertown on Saturday night, October 31.

The event is being sponsored by the Silvertown Little League, and it is hoped that a large number of individuals and groups will want to have booths at the Carnival. A small booth rental fee is charged, and the more booths there are, the more fun the Carnival will be for everyone.

For more information, call Melissa Estes.

## Juniors To Serve Mexican Dinner

The Silvertown High School Junior Class will be serving a Mexican Food Dinner from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Sunday, October 11, in the school cafeteria.

The price will be \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students.

Win Owls!

## Pep Rally Is Friday Morning

Pep Rally will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday in the PE Gym. This will be a combined pep rally for the junior high, junior varsity and varsity teams.

If you enjoy supporting the local athletes, you are welcome to attend the rally.

## Assembly of God Having Services Sunday Afternoons

The Lighthouse Assembly of God invites everyone to come to their service every Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

The Tulia Assembly of God pastor is preaching.

## Saint's Roost Jamboree Oct. 10

Saint's Roost Jamboree will start at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, October 10, in the Fine Arts Auditorium on the Clarendon College campus.

If you enjoy good country and gospel music, you are invited to attend. Admission is free.

## Family Members Are Killed In Highway Collision in Nevada

Ed and Ann Norris were lucky to survive a highway crash on U. S. Highway 95, 90 miles northwest of Las Vegas, Nevada.

The following account was taken from the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* newspaper.

Jamie Jean Ericason was a 21-year-old Northern Nevada prostitute who left behind a map marked with a route to the Chicken Ranch in Pahrump and a dairy that depicted a tormented life.

Because of the dairy, the Nevada Highway Patrol is trying to determine if Ericason was so depressed that she decided to take her life Wednesday, September 30, and endanger the lives of those she struck head on while driving on U. S. Highway 95.

"We're looking into leads from the diary," said Scott Flabi, Highway Patrol spokesman. "There were some writings we found that don't paint a pretty picture; they just tell of a very unhappy woman."

Ericason drove her vehicle into a van driven by James Phipps, 64, of Gilbert, Arizona. He died at the collision site, and two of his five passengers were killed. Family members identified one of the dead as Geraldine Phipps, James Phipps' wife.

The other victim was identified by the Highway Patrol as Bettie Phipps Craig, 63, of Sunray, Texas. She was the wife of Wood Craig, a passenger listed Thursday in critical condition at University Medical Center. Two more passengers, Ed and Ann Norris of Silvertown, Texas, were listed in fair condition.

All six were returning home after spending a few days at Lake Tahoe where they gathered for a Phipps family reunion.

The two-vehicle collision occurred about 4:30 p.m. about 10 miles south of Beatty in Nye County. Ericason was driving north on a two-lane stretch of 95, and the van was heading south. The only witness, who was far behind Ericason, told investigators that Ericason suddenly pulled into the southbound lane and hit the van. Ericason left no skid marks on the road to show that she braked, Flabi said.

Investigators doubt that Ericason was trying to pass another vehicle, Flabi said, because no one stopped to help.

"If she was passing someone,

the person being passed would likely stick around," he said.

Investigators were leaning toward suicide, but Flabi said they had not discounted the possibility that Ericason fell asleep or accidentally crossed the center line.

The 21-year-old was employed recently at a Storey County brothel near Sparks called the Old Bridge Ranch. A receptionist at Old Bridge said Thursday that Ericason had worked there about a week and that few there knew her well.

The condition of Ed and Ann was not known here, but at this writing it is thought that Ed had been staying at a motel while Ann was continuing to receive treatment.

## News Office Closed Today

The office of the Briscoe County News will be closed today (Thursday, October 8) due to a doctor appointment in Amarillo.

## Area Residents Report Letters

The manager of the Plainview Social Security office says she has received a number of complaints from area residents about letters they have received showing a "Social Security Administration" letterhead and the Agency's seal, promising additional Social Security benefits, and asking for a "filing fee" of \$9.00. Ms. Shanes says the letters are fraudulent and that people should never pay a fee for Social Security services.

Ms. Shanes said the return address given in the letters is a private mail drop in Phoenix, Arizona and that agents with the Social Security Administration's Office of the Inspector General have initiated an investigation. She urged people who have received such letters to call or visit the Social Security office at 806-293-9599, 201 West 4th Street, Plainview, TX 79072, so that the scope and pattern of the mailing can be determined, and she said, "Of course, don't send them any money."

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**Re-election of Pete Laney is Endorsed**

The Texas Farm Bureau Friends of Agriculture Fund (AGFUND), Inc. has endorsed the re-election of James E. (Pete) Laney (D-Hale Center) as state representative from District 85 in the November general election.

"As a farmer, Pete Laney understands the problems and opportunities facing Texas agriculture," said Texas Farm Bureau and AGFUND President Bob Stallman. "As Speaker of the Texas House, he makes sure those problems and concerns are heard in the legislature."

Laney was first elected as speaker by the members of the House in 1993 during his eleventh term as state representative of House District 85.

As presiding officer of the House, Speaker Laney's continu-

ing goal has been to conduct the Legislature's business in a way that encourages public participation and earns the trust of all Texans.

**Christmas Arts & Crafts Jubilee Planned Nov. 14**

The Christmas Arts & Crafts Jubilee will be held Saturday, November 14, from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Briscoe County Showbarn in Silverton.

Booth spaces will be 8x10 feet for \$20.00. Tables are limited; they will be given on a first-come, first-served basis. All kinds of arts and crafts are welcome.

For more information or to reserve a booth, you may call Brenda Patton at 806-823-2446 after 5:30 p.m. 40-2tnc

**TxDOT To Hold Public Meeting**

The Texas Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, November 10, 1998 at 6:30 p.m. at the Shamrock Community Center located at 911 South Main Street in Shamrock, Texas. This facility center is handicap accessible.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) for Donley, Briscoe, Collingsworth and Wheeler counties of the Childress District.

The TIP is a three-year plan developed by TxDOT. It includes a priority list of projects that will be carried out within the three-year period, and a financial plan that demonstrates how the TIP can be implemented, indicates resources from private (if any) and public sources that are reasonably expected to be made available to carry out the plan, and recommends any innovative

techniques to finance needed projects and programs.

Verbal and written comments relative to the proposed projects may be presented at the meeting or submitted to Darwin Lankford, P. E., Advanced Planning Engineer, TxDOT, P. O. Box 900, Childress, TX 79201 (940-937-7186) at any time on or before November 10, 1998.

This meeting will be conducted in English. Any request for language interpreters or other special needs should be made at least two days before the public meeting by contacting Barbara Seal, Public Information Officer at 940-937-7145. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

**Obituary**

**NOLA GAY MILLER**

Graveside services for Mrs. Nola Gay Miller, 70, were conducted at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 22, at the Tipton-Pixley Cemetery in Tipton, with the Rev. John Denney of First Church of the Nazarene in Porterville officiating.

Mrs. Miller, who resided in Porterville, California, died there on Friday, September 16.

Born Nola Gay Witcher in Hale Center, Texas, Mrs. Miller was a resident of Porterville for 17 years, and formerly lived in Pixley.

She was a member of the California State Employees Association and the Tule Gem and Mineral Society of Tulare County. She worked for the Tulare County Health Department for 15 years as a health aide prior to retiring.

She was a former Silverton resident who attended school here and was graduated with the Class of 1945 from Silverton High School.

Survivors include a son, John Miller of Salinas; three daughters, Patricia Childress of Pixley, Barbara Hicks of South Lake Tahoe and Judy Miller of Visalia; a brother, Charles Witcher of Porterville; three sisters, Rachel Armstrong of Wichita Falls, Texas, Estelle South of Silverton, Texas and Georgia Edsell of Porterville; 12 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Miller was preceded in death in 1981 by her husband, John F. Miller, and also was preceded by one brother.

**POLITICAL CALENDAR**

Contested Races That Will Appear on the General Election Ballot FOR STATE SENATOR: Bowie-Greg Underwood

FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, Briscoe County Precinct 1: Lynn Frizzell Edwin Norris

(This listing includes the candidates who have made their announcements in the Briscoe County News.)

**Ray Price To Present Concert At Turkey Oct. 17**

Ray Price and the Cherokee Cowboys will be presented in concert Saturday, October 17, 1998, with two performances at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. in the old Turkey High School Gymnasium in Turkey.

Tickets for the 2:00 p.m. performance will be \$15.00 each, and for the 7:00 p.m. performance the ticket price will be \$20.00.

You may call 806-423-1273 or send check or money order to: Turkey Heritage Foundation, P. O. Box 74, Turkey, TX 79261.

The sound system and opening act will be provided by the South Plains Playboys of South Plains College in Levelland.

Proceeds of the concerts will benefit the renovation of the Gem Theatre in Turkey.

No alcohol or smoking will be permitted inside the building.

A brisket supper will be served between 4:00 and 7:00 p.m.

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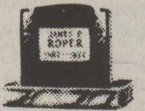
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# LOOKING BACK

through the files of the  
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**October 13, 1988-**Briscoe County landowners petition for annexation into water conservation district . . . Texas students must pass math, English tests in order to receive a diploma . . . 4-H Achievement Banquet is Saturday . . . Alison Grimland has been selected as a cheerleader at Clarendon College for the Bulldog and Lady Bulldog basketball teams . . . Friends and relatives of Inez Smith are welcoming her home after she had minor surgery in Dallas and spent 18 days in the hospital there . . . Owls win first district game 40-0 at Miami . . . Junior High Owls take 34-6 victory from Miami . . . Brian West was the leading rusher for the Junior Varsity Owls in the game with Miami here last Thursday . . . Kelli LaBaume, Miss Mackenzie 1988, will crown her successor during the fifteenth annual pageant which is scheduled to be held Saturday night in the Silverton School auditorium . . . Ambulance service has class on lavage . . . Class of 1963 has 25-year reunion with eleven members present . . .

**October 12, 1978-**James Henderson delivered the first bale of cotton of the 1978 season to Harris Gin Sunday . . . Mark Brown, 144-pound quarterback-defensive back, has been selected by the Owl fans as Player of the Week . . . Owls defeat Hart, 12-0 . . . Melinda Sutton and James Jarrett were winners of Gold Star Awards, the highest 4-H honors conferred on the county level, at the Briscoe County 4-H Achievement Banquet Monday . . . Mrs. Carlye Hill and Doug Forbes were awarded the coveted Silver Spur Awards, the highest presented to 4-H adult leaders on the county level . . . The recent spell of cool, wet weather created some problems for cotton producers on the Texas High Plains . . . Briscoe County Judge M. G. Moreland completed a three-day special seminar September 26-28 for local officials in Texas Civil Preparedness at Disaster Emergency Services in Austin . . .

**October 17, 1978-**Kangaroos beat Owls for seventh straight season . . . Applications being taken for cable TV service . . . Diana Strange and Janet Montague are contestants in the "Miss Cotton" contest to be held during the annual Hi-Plains Cotton Festival in Plainview . . . Fifteen indictments were handed down by the Briscoe County Grand Jury last week . . . Mrs. Bill Long, Diane Long and a friend, Jane, all of Tulia, and Mrs. M. L. Welch have been in Stephenville to visit Darrell Long . . . Miss Roy Dale Garrison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Garrison, recently placed among the top ten in the State 4-H Dress Revue held at the State Fair of Texas in Dallas . . . Junior High cheerleaders are Laura Arnold,

LaNell Stephens, Susie Parker, Louise Croft and Ramona Martin . . . The second grade selected Rebecca Reid and Kirk Durham as candidates for Halloween Princess and Prince . . . The FBLA met in the school auditorium and elected Troy Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sarchet and Kenneth Sharp as honorary members for the year . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ray Teeple, Venita and Monty and Johnny McGavock went to Fort Worth Saturday, and attended the Dallas Cowboys football game in Dallas Sunday afternoon . . .

**October 16, 1958-**Medical care started at local hospital on Tuesday afternoon . . . Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Brooks are parents of a son, Roy Lyn, born October 6 at the Tulia hospital . . . Mike Mercer, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Mercer, was in fair condition at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo with a fractured right leg suffered in football practice Monday afternoon . . . The local gin reported a total of 1119 bales of cotton ginned up to early Wednesday morning . . . Mr. and Mrs. Rex Vaughan and children and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Long, Roy Len and Diane spent Sunday in Clovis, New Mexico with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Henson and family . . . Lt. and Mrs. Carol D. Davis and Alex of Fort Benning, Georgia arrived here Saturday evening for a visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Dudley and Connie . . . Mrs. H. L. O. Riddell, Mrs. Jim Brooks and Nancy Jane spent Sunday in Borger with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brooks . . . The Turks from Turkey gobbled a 60-0 score from the Silverton Owls here in Owl Stadium Friday night. The hapless Owls were unable to take wing as the favored visitors waged a ground and aerial battle that brought them scores in every quarter . . . Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. Grover Thomas were in Huntsville over the weekend to attend the prison rodeo . . .

**October 14, 1948-**Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Vardell visited their son, Willard, who is in the hospital at Amherst, where he recently underwent an appendectomy . . . John T. Haynes announced this week that plans had been worked out where construction will start soon on a swimming pool at Camp Mammy Haynes, Boy Scouts ground northeast of Silverton . . . Cleat Miller, who underwent an operation in the Plainview hospital Tuesday, is said to be improving satisfactorily . . . Joe Anderson has tonsillectomy at Plainview hospital . . . Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Davis honored their daughter, Mrs. Pauline Jarnagin, Sunday with a birthday dinner. Those enjoying the day were Edwin Davis and children, Mrs. Ola Mills, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Rampley and sons, Mr.

and Mrs. James Davis and daughter . . . Wilton Whitehead attended the Tri-State Fair in Amarillo Saturday . . . J. R. Burson of Plainview and Mrs. Milton Bell of Los Angeles, California visited Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Haynes Sunday . . . Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Smithee visited their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Green and children, Sunday at Turkey . . .

**October 6, 1938-**A game in which the officials, spectators and rule book played stellar roles, was won by Dimmitt here Friday, after two hours and a half of argument and bickering. Silverton played a listless, uninteresting game, far below their standard, the entire first half; it was this listless playing that gave Dimmitt a safety and which placed Dimmitt on the long end of the score after completing a 30-yard pass for a touchdown in the final 20 seconds of the game . . . Excitement ran high here for a short time Tuesday night when the fire alarm was turned on from the Silverton Gin. Cotton had caught on fire in the gin and was creating a terrible smoke. No damage was done, as it was discovered by workmen, and was extinguished even before the fire trucks arrived . . . The Silverton Dry Goods Store, which has been located in the corner building on South Main Street, is moving Monday of next week to the build-

ing just vacated by the H. Roy Brown Hardware . . . Sophomore class officers are Billie Jack Lawson, president; Lola Fern Foust, vice-president; Glynell Hutsell, secretary-treasurer; Marinez Cowart, reporter; Bobby Allred, parliamentarian . . . Earshell Garrison, manager of the Farmers Produce Company here for the past five years, resigned this week and this is his last week in business here . . . Dorothy Roy McMurtry, Jean Northcutt and Claynell Fowler attended the Lubbock Fair Friday night . . . Mr. and Mrs. W. F. May, Eunice and Barbara attended the fair at Lubbock last week . . .

**May 1, 1925-**Frank Lowrey moved Chick Northcutt's cattle to the Silverton country last Friday . . . Death of Mrs. W. S. Gregg is mourned . . . Good rains put season in ground; planting started . . .

## Happy Birthday-

October 8--Conner Stafford, Jerry Baird, Joe Ramirez, Robbie Cartrite, Judy Segura, Clay Mercer, Sandra Rampley  
October 10--Danny Dunn, Pauline Jarnagin, Ashleigh Wyatt Rodriguez  
October 11--Taylor Brook Hill, Jimmie Sue Estes, Norma Birdwell, Jess Brannon, Patrick Drew  
October 12--Annette Grady  
October 13--Bryan Ramsey, Jeanne McLeland, Rick Ramirez, Mary Myers, Baylea Simpson  
October 14 -- Shirley Henderson, Laura Long, Roland DeLeon, Katherine Myers

## Happy Anniversary-

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## Friendship Quilters News

by Nina Martin

Okay, okay, Betty McPherson, get off your knees; I'm starting my little news column again. This time, I want to include news that folks would like in the paper. My telephone number is 847-2261. I do have an answering machine and can call back to get details.

The Branson tour group arrived home Saturday night, September 26. I want to thank Eudean Crow and Mary Martin for taking their time to coordinate the trip with the Amarillo Wonderland Tours. Everyone had a very good time.

My brother, Elton Cantwell, and I attended the Cantwell Cousins Reunion at Cisco, Texas the weekend of the 22nd. Vivone and Fred Arnold hosted the reunion this year along with Vivone's brothers and sisters.

The Friendship Quilters met Thursday. Present were Sybil King, Juanita Howard, Wanda Strange, Nelda Jasper, Nadyne Childress, Ruby McWaters, Joy Stodghill, Bobbye Bean, Laverne Stephens, Mary Burson, Marie Rogers and myself. We were all saddened by the news of Ann and Ed Norris' accident. We wish to extend our sorrow on the loss of their family members.

Violet Thomas and I really enjoyed the Jamboree Saturday night.

I visited with Doris Peugh, and am so glad she is doing well.

I have received word that my grandson, Bobby Martin (Stan's son), got hurt Friday night. He received a concussion, broken jaw and loosened teeth. He plays for the Grandview Zebras. He will be okay, but playing will be out for awhile.

All the news is about me this time, but hopefully others will call me.

## Mrs. Perkins Receives Job Promotion

Jerry Sue Perkins, R. N., who works at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth, has been promoted from E. R. Charge Nurse to Resource Management Coordinator for the E. R.

Mrs. Perkins has worked for Tarrant County Hospital District

## CARD OF THANKS

Hey Owl Fans!

We just wanted to let you know how much we appreciate all the extra effort that the Booster Club and the Townspeople put into the Homecoming Festivities this year. When Cargill called and were willing to deliver two truckloads of wooden pallets if we could have a forklift there to unload them, it was David Reagan to the rescue. Thanks, David, for making all the arrangements. A special thanks to the Highway Dept. for piling up the wood. Silverton Fire Dept., what would a Bonfire be without you? Just a pile of wood. We depend on you every year to start the fire and sit around waiting to put it out. Thank you so much for giving your time every year so we can all enjoy this exciting event. The Booster Club did so much to get the spirit up. The locker tags for the students, the car streamers and field decorations were great, and how about the "OWLS" painted on the streets all around our school! Thanks to Gary and Cathey Weaks and everyone that was involved on that project. Sheila Reagan, thanks to you for painting the Pep Squad Beau megaphone. It was great.

We are expecting a great season for the Silverton Owls. We must all continue to show our spirit and support and back this team all the way to STATE!! STATE in '98 does have a nice ring to it. Everyone remember to "Pack the Pep Rally" Friday at 2:30 p.m. in Owl Gym.

Thanks to everyone for your help.

SHS Cheerleaders

for 11 years. She is married to Floyd Perkins, district manager for Regal Plastic Supply of Texas. She has two children and five grandchildren. Her hobbies include golf and grandchildren, the grandchildren being #1.

She is the daughter of R. E. and Maggie Sweek of Silverton.



Michelle Bumgardner

## Student to Present Her Senior Recital

Michelle Bumgardner will be showcased in her vocal recital, which she will use to represent many different stylistic periods and genres, at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, October 11, in Wayland's Harral Memorial Auditorium. This will be followed by a reception in Harral's Studio Theatre.

The culmination of eight semesters of study by this Wayland Baptist University student will be in this senior recital.

Ms. Bumgardner, daughter of Gene and Tisa Whitfill of Plainview, is a senior music education major with a minor in theatre. She is a former student in the Silverton Schools.

Her recital program includes "Je dis que rien ne m'épouvante" from Carmen by Georges Bizet, "And So, Goodbye" by Ernest Charles, "Love in the Dictionary" by Celius Dougherty, "Nacht and Traume" by Franz Schubert, "Allerseelen" by Richard Strauss, "Immer leiser wird" by Johannes Brahms, "Apres un Reve" by Gabriel Faure, "Crucifixus" by Charles Gounod, and "Flow my tears, Shall I Sue?" and "Weep You No More, Sad Fountains" by John Dowland.

She currently serves as president and student conductor of Wayland's International Choir and is the second vice president of Alpha Psi Omega, a national theatre honor fraternity.

While attending Wayland, Ms. Bumgardner also has been a member of Music Educators National Conference, the Alpha Chi national honors fraternity, Wayland's Student Government Association cabinet, served as secretary of the Council of Student Organizations, and as a student member of Texas Music Educators Association. She has won both the junior and senior divisions at the National Association of Teachers of Singing district competitions.

Following her graduation from Wayland in May of 2000, she plans to begin graduate studies in pursuit of a master's of fine arts in acting.



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THE OWLS--(back row, left to right) Coach Wayne Henderson, Jay Hicks, Matt Strange, Daniel Reagan, Nathan Francis, Jay Arnold, Jared Holt, Matt Martin, Charlie Bomar, Coach Larry Mantle; (third row) Jimmy Castillo, Paul Segura, Issac Garcia, Jeremy Holt, Donny Burson, Isaiah Ivory, Mickey Juarez, Junior Gonzales; (kneeling) Adrian Ramirez, Clay McMurtrey, Virgil Gossett, Andrew Francis, Clint Ivory, Nicholas Vargas, David Gamble, Max Whitworth, Lorn Estes; (sitting) Bert Garza, Vince Cruz, Tyler Young, John Rogers, Daniel Rogers, Danny Dunn, Daniel Castillo, Ryan Minyard. Not pictured: Gary Whitworth, Coach Bryan Barnes.

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# Owls Ruin Samnorwood Homecoming With Victory

Silverton's Owls drove to Samnorwood Friday night and held off the stubborn Eagles long enough to dampen the spirits of their homecoming crowd.

Jared Holt kicked off to open the game, and Clint Ivory and Andrew Francis held the runback at the Samnorwood 21. The Owls gave away a first down on a face-mask penalty, after which the defense, led by Jeremy Holt, Jay Hicks and Andrew Francis, turned back the efforts of the Eagles and got the ball on downs.

It was very humid at Samnorwood because of the large rains that had fallen there, and the grass was wet, bringing about quite a few fumbles in the contest. The Owls lost the ball via the fumble with 6:30 remaining in the first quarter, and the



Adrian Ramirez was pictured making a tackle on one of the Samnorwood Eagles Friday night, as Jay Arnold comes up to help out.

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Eagles lost no time in scoring. Their PAT kick was blocked, and with 4:54 still on the first-quarter clock, the Eagles held a 6-0 lead.

Samnorwood kicked off, and the Owls controlled the short kick. Nathan Francis passed complete, the ball was fumbled and Samnorwood recovered on the Eagle 21. The defense tightened, led by Jeremy Holt, Adrian Ramirez, Andrew Francis and Jay Hicks, and forced a fourth-down punt which carried to the Silverton 20.

Jared Holt picked up a couple of yards, after which Nathan Francis passed complete to Jeremy Holt for a first down on the Samnorwood 19. Jeremy scored with 1:47 remaining in the first quarter. The PAT kick was blocked, and the score was tied at 6-6.

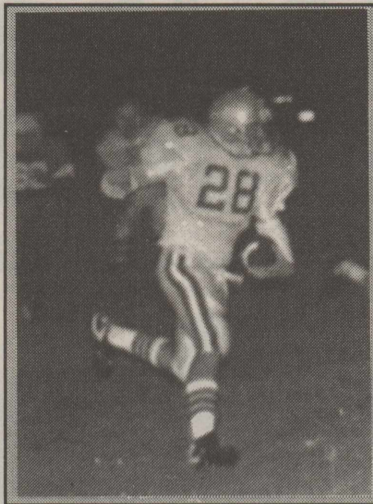
There was a touchback when Jared Holt kicked off, and once again the Owl defense held and brought about a fourth-down punt.

As the second quarter got underway, Jared Holt ran for a first down on the Samnorwood 34, and Jeremy Holt carried for a few yards before the ball went over on downs with 7:54 still remaining in the first half.

Samnorwood also was having offensive problems, and the ball went back to the Owls with 5:57 left in the quarter. Nathan Francis passed short to Daniel Reagan, after which Jeremy Holt ran a couple of times. Jay Arnold picked up some yardage on fourth down, but the ball went over on the four-yard line.

The Eagles moved the ball to their 19, stopped by Donny Burson, and on fourth down punted away. The Owls also were unable to move the ball before halftime.

Samnorwood kicked off to open the second half, and found the



Jared Holt picked up crucial yardage for the Owls as they defeated the Samnorwood Eagles Friday night.

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Owls again unable to move the ball. The Eagles got first down on a penalty against the Owls, but lost the ball on a fumble on the next play.

With 8:47 remaining in the third quarter, Jeremy Holt ran for a first down, after which Jared Holt picked up seven yards. Jeremy ran for a first down with 5:20 remaining in the quarter and carried a touchdown the next play. This was whistled by the referees, and the ball returned to the original line of scrimmage.

Jeremy carried the ball into the endzone again with 2:21 remaining to be played in the third quarter, got the PAT on an end around play, and saw his team move ahead 13-6.

After Jared Holt kicked off again, the Eagles passed for a first down then scored with 1:18 remaining in the third period. Their PAT kick was blocked, and the Eagles narrowed the score to 13-12.

When the Eagles kicked off short, it was controlled by Andrew Francis. Nathan Francis passed complete to Jeremy Holt for a touchdown with 32 seconds remaining in the third quarter. Jeremy kicked the PAT, but the Owls got an illegal procedure penalty, and so the score remained 19-12.

Jared kicked off and David Gamble stopped the runback. The Eagles made a first down as the fourth quarter began, but saw the ball go over on downs with 7:13 still to be played. The Eagle defense held, and the Owls punted on fourth down. On Samnorwood's first play, Clint Ivory broke up a pass, and Samnorwood lost the ball on a fumble, recovered by Lorn Estes, on the next play.

Jared Holt scored with 6:04 remaining in the game, there was no PAT, and the Owls moved into a 25-12 lead.

Jared kicked off and Samnorwood took possession where it went out of bounds. The

# Owls Teams To Play Big Triple-Header Here Friday

Silverton's football teams will play a big triple-header Friday with Three Way. This is the way the two schools "beat" the travel distance between them.

The Junior High Owls will lead off the action at 4:00 p.m.

This game will be followed by the Junior Varsity Owls at 5:30 p.m.

Kickoff for the Varsity game will be at 7:30 p.m.

The concession stand will be open with lots of good things to eat, and everyone is invited to come and enjoy a meal or snacks while they watch the games.

Last week the Junior Varsity Owls hosted the Varsity boys from Fort Elliott in a game which was abbreviated by the weather. With 7:09 remaining to be played in the fourth quarter and lightning approaching the area, the officials called a halt to the game with the Eagles leading 38-14.

Actually, the Owls did about as well against the Varsity team as most Junior Varsity teams would have done. Fort Elliott kicked off and Jimmy Castillo brought the ball out to the Silverton 19. Issac Garcia ran for three yards before Isaiah Ivory passed complete to Jimmy Castillo. This left the Owls quite a bit short, and Max Whitworth punted on fourth down. Daniel Castillo stopped the runback.

Fort Elliott passed for a first down on the Silverton four, then scored on the next play. There was no PAT, and with 5:19 still to be played in the first quarter, the visitors moved into a 6-0 lead.

Starting with a touchback, the Owls picked up a few yards on

Eagles made a first down and charged to the 10-yard line before Donny Burson intercepted a pass.

The Owls got a first down on a face-mask penalty against the Eagles, before Nathan Francis passed to Jeremy Holt for another touchdown with 3:30 left in the game. The PAT was blocked, and the Owls held the long end of the 31-12 score.

The Eagles started near midfield, and a pass interference call against the Owls moved the chain for first-down yardage. The Eagles passed for a touchdown with 2:05 remaining in the game, passed the PAT, and narrowed the score to 31-19.

The Owls lost the ball on a fumble, after which the Eagles came passing back to score with 30 seconds remaining to be played. There was no PAT, and the final 31-25 score jelled.

Samnorwood kicked off, and the Owls killed the clock.

The Owls will host Three Way Friday with kickoff scheduled at 7:30 p.m. The Owls will need all the support fans can give them to remain in the winning column this week. This will be the first district game of the season. Be there!

runs by Jimmy Castillo, and on third down, Max Whitworth picked up a Silverton fumble and advanced it for a first down. Ivory passed complete to Garcia for a first down, but the Owls saw the ball go over on downs as the second quarter began.

Fort Elliott passed complete for a first down and passed for a touchdown two plays later. There was no PAT, and with 6:51 remaining before halftime, Fort Elliott held a 12-0 lead.

The Owls were three-and-out on the next series, and Fort Elliott scored with 4:02 remaining in the second quarter. They made good on their PAT, and moved ahead 19-0.

Fort Elliott's kick was controlled by Garcia on the Silverton 20. Garcia carried a couple of times and Ivory passed to Max Whitworth for a first down. Jimmy Castillo scored with 1:09 remaining on the clock. Ivory passed complete for the PAT, and the Owls had narrowed the score to 19-7.

Fort Elliott scored on their first play after taking the ensuing kickoff, passed complete for the PAT, and moved ahead 26-7.

Ivory passed complete to Jimmy Castillo before an Owl aerial was picked off by Fort Elliott. The first half ended before they could advance the ball.

When the Owls kicked off to open the second half, Fort Elliott returned it for a touchdown. There was no PAT, and the Fort led 32-7.

Paul Segura controlled the Fort Elliott kickoff on the Silverton 21. Jimmy Castillo ran for a first down, and then received a pass from Ivory to score with 4:53 remaining in the third quarter. Jimmy also carried the PAT into the endzone, to narrow the score to 32-14.

Meanwhile fog was thickening and coming across the field in waves and it was becoming more difficult to identify the players. The Owls kicked off and held the runback near midfield, stopped there by Tyler Young.

Defense by Jimmy Castillo, Max Whitworth, Segura, Garcia and Vince Cruz kept Fort Elliott out of the endzone until only 1:21 was remaining on the third-quarter clock. There was no PAT, and Fort Elliott moved ahead 38-14.

The weather continued to worsen as Fort Elliott kicked off and Garcia took it to the Silverton 25. Jimmy Castillo ran for a first down just before the fourth quarter began. It was raining, foggy and thunder and lightning were approaching the stadium when the officials stopped the game.

This week the Junior Varsity team will be playing in the second game of the triple header with Three Way. They need a crowd on hand to cheer them back on the road to victory. Be there!



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## Samnorwood Eagles Edge Junior High Owls Here

Samnorwood edged the Junior High Owls 33-19 when they came to call Thursday afternoon of last week.

Martin Hernandez opened the game by kicking off for the Owls, and the runback was stopped at the Samnorwood 27 by Dustin Hale, Caleb Francis and John Arnold.

Shortly after the game began, the two quarterbacks for the Owls, Red Ivory and Monty Wood, ran together and both were on the ground a few minutes, causing quite a bit of concern among the families and friends of the two. But then both bounced up and ran to their appointed positions, and all proceeded as normal.

The Eagles charged through a couple of first downs before scoring with five seconds remaining in the first quarter. They carried the PAT into the endzone, and held an early 7-0 lead.

After getting the ensuing kick-off, the Owls opened the second quarter with several runs by Red Ivory, who carried the ball into the endzone with 3:27 still showing on the second-quarter clock. Hernandez carried the PAT, and the Owls knotted the score at 7-7.

Shortly after the Owls kicked off again, Samnorwood fumbled and Arnold grabbed it for the Owls near midfield. Ivory carried for a first down, then moved to the Samnorwood three with 22 seconds remaining in the first half. Ivory carried the touchdown around right end. There was no PAT, and the Owls moved into the lead 13-7.

Following halftime, Samnorwood kicked off and Wood controlled the ball at the Silver-ton 27. Wood passed complete to Ivory for a first down, after which a Silver-ton pass was intercepted.

The Eagles scored with 4:03

remaining in the third quarter. There was no PAT, and the score was knotted at 13-13.

When Samnorwood kicked off, Hernandez picked it up and ran all the way for a touchdown for the Owls. There was no PAT, and with 3:48 remaining in the quarter, the Owls moved into a 19-13 lead.

Defensive leaders on Samnorwood's next offensive series were Ivory, Arnold, Wood and Ty Reed. The Eagles scored with 32 seconds remaining in the third quarter. There was no PAT, and once again the score was knotted, this time at 19-19.

As the fourth quarter opened, the Owls were struggling. On fourth down, Ivory saved a touchdown with a shoestring tackle on the 10-yard line. The Eagles scored on their second try, carried the PAT, and moved ahead 26-19.

The Owls charged back, only to see one of their aeri-als picked off by the Eagles and carried for a touchdown. The PAT was good, and Samnorwood moved ahead 33-19.

Samnorwood kicked off and Wood controlled the short kick near midfield. Ivory ran for seven yards after which Samnorwood received a face-mask penalty. Wood passed complete to Hernandez to move the ball to near midfield, but with 1:04 remaining in the game, the ball went over on downs to the Eagles.

Samnorwood ran a play, stopped by Hernandez, then lost the ball via the fumble route.

Ivory carried to the Samnorwood 22, after which he completed a pass to Hernandez for a first down. Ivory ran to near the goal as time expired in the game.

This week the Junior High Owls will open the triple header

## Silverton School Honor Roll

### First Six Weeks

Second Grade--Cade Holt, Charla Dale Rhoderick, Janna Nichole Schott, Blake Strange, Shawn Johnson

Third Grade--Shane Estes, Shandy Forbes, Cooper Cogdell

Fourth Grade--Ami Dunn, Drew Reed, Ory Johnson, Zakkary Perkins, Clay Strange, Kambra Lashay Ponder

Fifth Grade--Hanna James, Ethan Long, Jesse Reynolds, Thor Patton, Gid Mayfield, Tanner Young

Seventh Grade--Lori Griffin, Tyler Reed, Caleb Francis, Daryl-Ann Reynolds

Eighth Grade--John Arnold, Kassie Strange, Lauren Vanhorn, Jenny Young, Bryn Mayfield

Freshmen--Matt Strange, Amanda Estes, Amy Maciel, Andrew Francis

Sophomores--Julie Weaver, Idalia Hernandez, Tyler Young, Taylor Griffin

Juniors--Sara Kirchoffner, Nathan Francis, Lisa Comer

Seniors--Amanda Kernell, Jay Arnold, Lindsey Weaks, Lindsey Jennings, Dara Ramsey, Matt Martin, Josh Breedlove, Misty Wilkinson

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with Three Way at 4:00 p.m. This is earlier than their usual game time, and fans should make note of this. The concession stand will be open; plan now to attend and enjoy a meal or snack while you watch your favorite team in action.

## Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, Oct. 12--Fish Platter, Blackeyed Peas, Baked Potato Wedges, Cherry-o-Cream Dessert, Milk

Tuesday, Oct. 13--Lasagna, Salad, Corn, Garlic Bread, Brownie, Milk

Wednesday, Oct. 14--Pot Pie, Salad, Crackers, Apple Crisp, Milk

Thursday, Oct. 15--Steak, Gravy, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Hot Roll, Honey, Butter, Milk

Friday, Oct. 16--Chili Dog, Tater Tots, Fruit, Jello, Milk

## Silverton School Activities

Thursday, Oct. 8--Board Meeting, 8:00; Herff-Jones rep. picks up ring orders

Friday, Oct. 9--Three Way, here: Junior High, 4:00; Junior Varsity, 5:30; Varsity, 7:30; Baptist after-game party

Saturday, Oct. 10--Cross Country-WTAMU; Tech Game, FHA

Sunday, Oct. 11--Junior Class Mexican Food Dinner

Tuesday, Oct. 13--Coffee Memorial Blood Drive, high school students only

Thursday, Oct. 15--Amherst, here, Junior High, 5:00; Junior Varsity, 6:30; FFA, Lubbock Farm Show

Friday, Oct. 16--Amherst, there, 7:30; PLAN test (Sophomores)

Saturday, Oct. 17--Cross Country, Olton

## Miss South Plains Pageant To Be Held November 13

The Miss South Plains Pageant scheduled to be held Saturday, November 13, in Matador is being sponsored by the Motley County Drama Department.

Area girls age 4-12th grade are invited to participate. Divisions will be: Little Tot, age 4 - kindergarten; Little Miss, 1st - 5th grades; Junior Miss, 6th - 8th grades; Miss, 9th - 12th grades.

Queens will be crowned in each division. Each candidate will come onto stage with an escort of her choice and be judged on appearance, personality and poise during a brief interview. There will be a panel of out-of-town judges.

Entry fee of \$10.00 may be mailed to:

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Please make checks payable to Motley County ISD Theater Arts. Upon receipt of fee an entry form will be mailed to you. Deadline for entry is Friday, October 13. A minimum of 8-10 girls will be required for each division. Please feel free to call 806-347-2676, Carrol Hays or Kelli Jackson, with any questions.

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The state competition will be brought to the area courtesy of the American Junior Bull Riders Association and Floydada Ford Mercury.

There are seven riding divisions--starting with five year olds and younger doing the "Mutton Bustin'" on top of sheep.

Six years and younger will get a chance to straddle a calf and 7-8 year old children can ride Pee

Wee Steers.

Ages 9-10 will compete in Junior Steers Division, and 11-12 will compete with Senior Steers.

Bull Riding will start with 13-15 year olds in the Junior Bull Riding division and 16-19 years will compete in the Senior Bulls Division.

All riders will be required to stay aboard for eight seconds, with the exception of the Mutton Bustin' and Calf Riding events, which are judged on six-second rides.

Sheep and calf riders making the six-second signal receive a

score, while the others were judged according to "ground time" (the amount of time they rode before falling off).

All riders are required to wear a mouthpiece and protective vest. The use of a helmet is optional for riders but is strongly recommended for the youngest divisions. AJBRA Region III has helmets for loan for young ones, and vests can be borrowed.

The top ten contestants from each event will qualify for the regional finals, to be held on November 7th, in Floydada.

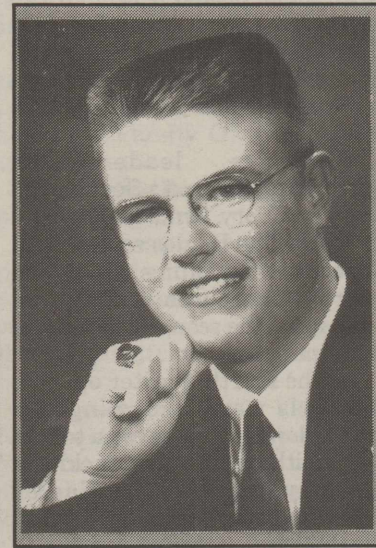
Regional finalists will then qualify for the AJBRA Texas State Finals.

The competition emphasizes building riding skills, safety

regulations, and good sportsmanship.

Saturday, October 10, competition begins at 7:00 p.m., followed by another round on October 24, at 7:00 p.m.

Anyone desiring more information on Bull Bash '98 should call 806-823-2139.



Michael Reagan

## Mesa Scholarship Recipients Named

Sixty-three West Texas A&M University students will receive Mesa Scholarships for Academic Excellence for the 1998-99 school year.

Established from funds provided by Mesa Limited Partnership, the scholarships were first awarded in 1987 and are given to reward and recognize freshman and continuing undergraduate students who portray high academic standards.

"This scholarship is given to students who have proven themselves as students and leaders," Lila Vars, director of admissions, said.

All entering freshmen selected as scholarship recipients must acquire a composite score of 23 or higher on the ACT or a combined verbal and math score of 950 or higher on the SAT and a top-quarter class ranking. A minimum grade point average of 3.40 on all college work attempted is required of continuing students.

Each applicant must also submit two letters of recommendation and a formal application.

Michael Reagan, a freshman computer information systems major, is one of those to whom a scholarship has been awarded. He is the son of David and Sheila Reagan of Silverton.

## Youthlink New Gateway To Social Security

Mary Jane Shanes  
Social Security Manager  
Plainview, Texas

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## Pete Laney Elected President of National Speakers Conference

Speaker Pete Laney formally accepted the gavel as the new President of the NSC on August 29, 1998, at the seventh annual meeting of the National Speakers Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah. Laney's term will run through the next NSC annual meeting scheduled for San Antonio October 20-24, 1999.

"This annual meeting has grown to be one of the most important gatherings of state legislative leaders in the nation with over half of all the State House presiding officers and their chiefs of staff attending," commented Stephen G. Lakis, President of the State Legislative Leaders Foundation, which manages the NSC. Lakis further noted that Speaker Laney was elected by unanimous acclamation of all the House Speakers. "Pete is nationally recognized by his peers as one of the finest leaders in the country and I think I reflect the feelings of all the Speakers of the House when I say how proud we are to have him as our new president."

Said Speaker Laney following his election, "I am honored to be chosen by my fellow Speakers from across the country to serve as President of this outstanding organization. All of us in Texas are very excited about the prospect of hosting next year's annual meeting. It will be a unique opportunity to show off our fair state to many of the most important political and business leaders in the country."

The National Speakers Conference is part of the State Legislative Leaders Foundation, a nonprofit, nonpartisan, research and educational organization for state legislative leaders. Founded in 1972, the State Legislative Leaders Foundation has earned a national reputation for excellence in its service to the country's key state policy makers.

youngster and their parent and teachers. It's called "Youthlink" and it is designed to answer all their questions about one of the most important government programs in their lives.

Youthlink includes a page called "Kids Stuff" for youngsters in kindergarten through age seven; a section for teens called "Hot Questions for Cool Teens"; a section for parents, called "What Every Parent Should Know About Social Security;" and a section for teachers that includes lesson plans, factsheets and other materials they can use to teach Social Security in the classroom.

Moreover, Youthlink provides a gateway to *Social Security Online*. The website links to Social Security history pages, field offices, and publications, making it easy to access information on any aspect of the Social Security program. Anyone who has to research Social Security will find it invaluable.

# Pete Laney

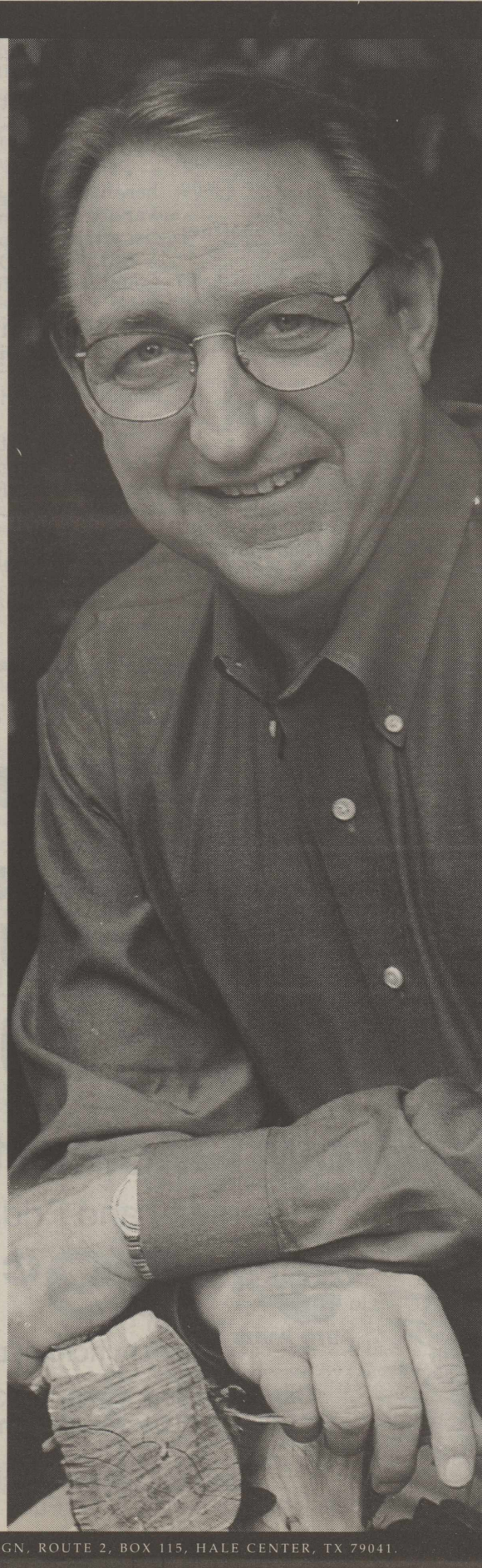
## A Voice For Agriculture In Texas

As a fourth-generation farmer who was raised on a family farm outside Hale Center, Pete Laney understands how important agriculture is to the economy of our area and for our communities.

And as Speaker of the House of Representatives, Pete Laney is in an influential position to make sure our interests and needs are heard when decisions are made in Austin.

*Progressive Farmer* magazine named Pete Laney "Man of the Year" and said, "if ever Texas farmers and ranchers had a friend in high places, it's Pete Laney."

And that's why we need to keep Pete Laney as our State Representative.





### Suspense File a Safety Net for Errant Wages

by Mary Jane Shanes  
Social Security Manager  
Plainview, Texas

In an ideal world, all earnings would be correctly reported to the Social Security Administration (SSA) so that they can be credited to the person who performed the work. Regrettably, reporting errors do occur and a small percentage of earnings cannot be allocated to the correct earnings record.

If wage reports do not reflect a worker's name and Social Security number as they are shown in SSA's records, the earnings may be placed in a "suspense" file. Of the more than 220 million wage items that SSA processes yearly,

about 4% fail to pass name and Social Security number validation. Before placing earnings in suspense, Social Security tries to match the reported earnings to the correct wage earner through an extensive search of computer records. We may also contact employers or workers to resolve discrepancies. These efforts have reduced the actual suspense rate to 1.5%.

After items are placed in the suspense file, SSA continues to seek resolution of the problem. Some of the common reporting errors include misspelled names or the use of nicknames, or transposed numerals in the Social Security number or possibly the wrong number. In reviewing the suspense file, we've learned that over 46% of the entries result from reporting errors in three

industries: agriculture-16.8%, services--16.3% and bars and restaurants--13.2%. We've also found that five states account for about 60% of the wage items that are placed in suspense.

SSA has produced a variety of public information materials designed to educate employers and workers alike about the need for accurate reporting and how to avoid errors. Workers are reminded to:

- Check your W-2 statements carefully to verify that their Social Security number, name, address and wage information is correct.

- Protect your Social Security number and card from misuse. Report name changes to SSA promptly.

- Make sure that employers have their correct name and So-

cial Security number.  
• Check the amount of earnings posted to their Social Security record every three years.

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### Celebrity Find

The names of 14 comedians are hidden throughout the scrambled puzzle below. See how many you can find and circle. The words go horizontally and vertically, backward and forward.

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### TIME LINE 1781

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•SPANISH FORCES TAKE WEST FLORIDA FROM THE BRITISH.

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### Leader Scramble

Unscramble the letters below, and learn about some important world leaders.

- Through nonviolent disobedience, this man helped force Great Britain to grant independence to India. **AHAMTAM DIAHGN**
- In addition to leading Great Britain through World War II, he won a Nobel Prize for literature. **RSI NSQWNTI HLHCILRCU**
- This U.S. president authorized the use of the atomic bomb against Japan during World War II. **RYHRA UNMTAR**

1. Mahatma Gandhi 2. Sir Winston Churchill 3. Harry Truman

Answers

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### new word

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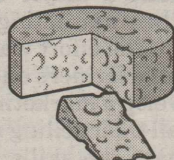
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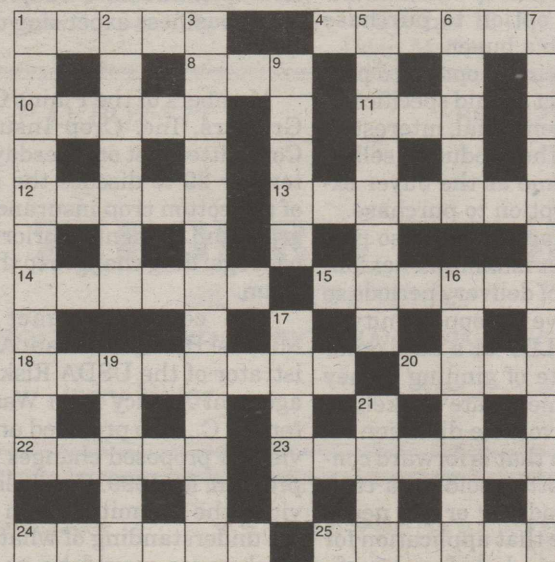
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### CLUES ACROSS

- Music term
- Groove
- Possessed
- Sacred text
- Doctor of Education, abbrev.
- Muse of lyric and love poetry
- Nastiest
- Driving
- Harass
- Busybody
- Indian music
- Indian term of respect
- Hung jury result
- Manuscript evaluator
- Not ours

### CLUES DOWN

- Wager
- Pilfer
- Legendary piece of furniture
- League
- Tag
- Reverse the outcome
- Flower
- Bantu
- Reequip
- Brazilian seaport
- American state

### SOLUTIONS ACROSS

- Tacet
- Rabbit
- Had
- Bible
- Edd
- Erato
- Snidest
- Teeing
- Hassle
- Kibitzer
- Raga
- Sahib
- Retrial
- Reader
- Theirs

### SOLUTIONS DOWN

- Table stakes
- Cabbage
- The Round Table
- American
- Badge
- Turn the tables
- Daisy
- Swahili
- Rearm
- Bahia
- Utah

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# Cotton News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP) have been triggered and cotton producers need to remember that in order to qualify they must retain beneficial interest at the time of application.

A producer retains beneficial interest in the commodity if all of the following remain with the producer: control of the commodity; risk of loss; and, title to the commodity.

Producers requesting LDP's are cautioned that they need to make sure they do not inadvertently relinquish their beneficial interest in the crop when entering into an option to purchase contract with a buyer.

Language in an option to purchase contract should specifically state that beneficial interest is retained by the producer (seller) until such time as the buyer exercises the option to purchase.

The contract should also provide the seller maximum flexibility in terms of delivery periods so that they have the opportunity to request the LDP at a date other than the date of ginning if they feel the payment rate is likely to move in a favorable direction.

For cotton that is forward contracted or cotton sold on a cash basis the producer or gin needs to make sure that application for the LDP is made before beneficial interest is lost.

Gins are a key component in this process since they are usually the agent involved when an LDP is requested on the date cotton is ginned.

For more information about LDPs and the steps necessary to retain beneficial interest in the cotton for LDP purposes producers can contact their local Farm Service Agency office.

A final vote on the 1999 Agriculture Appropriations Bill has been scheduled for October 2 in both the House and Senate.

The Bill was approved by the House-Senate Conference Committee and includes \$4.0 billion in disaster relief money.

Disaster provisions include \$1.65 billion for supplemental

Agriculture Market Transition Act payments (AMTA) payments, \$1.5 billion for 1998 crop losses, \$675 million for producers who have suffered multiple-year crop losses and \$175 million in livestock feed assistance.

The Ag Appropriations Bill also includes several provisions that will prove beneficial to producers. Tax relief is provided in the form of permanent income averaging for farm income, an increase in the net percent deductibility of health insurance premiums for the self-employed, and an immediate \$25,000 per small business expensing deduction.

Members of the Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. Crop Insurance Committee met on Tuesday, September 29 to discuss the status of the cotton crop insurance program and to identify priority areas regarding changes to the program.

The committee met with Michael Hand, Assistant Administrator of the USDA Risk Management Agency from Washington, D. C., who provided an overview of proposed changes in the program for 1999. Hand also provided the committee with a better understanding of what types of changes would be possible through administrative action and what changes would require changes to the basic provisions that govern the program.

During the meeting the PCG committee agreed to submit comments on the proposed 1999 FCIC rule changes to the effect that coverage for prevented planting and quality adjustment be made optional.

The committee agreed that a better situation would be for a producer to have the ability to make an individual decision about whether they would utilize these types of coverages. Additional comments will be formulated over the next week.

Copies of the Federal Register notice containing these rules can be obtained from Plains Cotton Growers or the National Cotton

## Snakes Slither Out of Drought's Grip

Pammy Millican  
Briscoe County Extension Agent

They strike the human emotion of fear like a match and conjure feelings of danger wherever they are seen. And some Texans may think that the drought has reduced their numbers. Think again.

Texas Agricultural Extension Service experts say snake populations are very resilient to drought conditions, and some snakes may actually be among the few to benefit from the hot and dry weather.

Because large snakes can survive without a meal for five to six months, hot and dry weather does not affect them as severely as other Texas wildlife. Extension herpetologist Neil Wilkins said some of the Texas snake populations may have actually grown as a result of the drought.

Snakes are very long-lived animals, but some of the smaller species need more food more often, he said. Because this year we had a boom in grasshopper numbers, some of the smaller snakes that eat grasshoppers and other snakes boomed in population. As you see an increase in one species, though, you also see a decrease in other species. That's why it's possible to have a population increase in drought times.

Wilkins said there is no way to monitor snakes' exact numbers in a long-term scenario, but experts do know that the numbers fluctuate.

We do know that snake populations bust and boom quite regularly, he said. But they really are the least affected by the drought of any other resident wildlife.

Of all Texas wildlife, the aquatic amphibians are the hardest hit. Because of water shortages and dried-up creek beds and ponds, salamander numbers have decreased dramatically. Wilkins said the water shortages also have affected water moccasins.

Water moccasins are at the top of the food chain because nohign else eats them, and since there hasn't been much water in ponds, lakes and rivers, their popula-

Council. The comment period ends October 13, 1998.

The Texas Agricultural Council has scheduled an event of express agriculture's appreciation to Congressman Mac Thornberry for his efforts in Washington.

The event will take place October 14, 1998 at 10:00 a.m. in the speaker's tent at the Texas Farmer-Stockman Show in Lubbock. The speaker's tent is located in the Info-Plaza on the southwest corner of the exhibit field.

A number of commodity organizations, including Plains Cotton Growers, will participate in the program. Everyone connected to agriculture is encouraged to attend and show their support for Congressman Thornberry's hard work and dedication to ag issues.

tions are very concentrated, he said. And moccasins are much more territorial than other snakes.

However, since water moccasins are among the group of larger snakes that can survive for months without a meal, their numbers have not been severely impacted, Wilkins explained.

When you look at the big picture, this drought didn't hit at a critical time for snakes. They are most noticeably affected during floods, and not droughts, he said. Because the water picks them up and moves them out of their natural habitat, there are many more snake-people interactions and they become more of a nuisance.

Wilkins said snakes are still hiding during the hot daytime hours, but are emerging during the cooler nights.

Our poisonous snakes like the copperhead and rattler tend to stay where it is cool, he said.

Most people assume that since they have not seen large numbers of rattlesnakes, populations must be plummeting. Wilkins says those assumptions are dead wrong.

Just because you don't see lots of rattler activity, it doesn't mean there aren't as many as usual, he warned. The numbers aren't reduced, but their activity rate is.

## Master Marketer Program Returns To Panhandle

Pammy Millican  
County Extension Agent

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service is looking for a few good agricultural marketers who want to sharpen their skills and help their neighbors do the same, said Dr. Steve Amosson, farm management economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Extension's Master Marketer Training Program will be returning to the Panhandle after a three-year absence. It was premiered here in 1996, before going statewide. Since then, producers have been trained in Vernon, Wharton, Lubbock and Waco.

"Improved marketing techniques is one of the few areas left where producers can make great strides in upgrading their bottom line," says Amosson, program coordinator. "The Master Marketer Program provides the information necessary for producers to take a major step to improve their marketing practices."

The effort was designed to enable farmers and ranchers to develop a marketing plan, evaluate all their selling alternatives, and gain the skills necessary to execute their objectives for profit. A recently completed survey of the program's 1996 graduates also underscores its value, the

economist explained.

"Ninety percent of the respondents indicated an average increase in net receipts of more than \$30,000 annually as a direct result of what they had learned," he said.

"Our goal is to train 60 area producers at a higher level than any previous program. We'll be laying the groundwork for at least one marketing club in every county in the High Plains area," he added.

Graduates are expected to share their newly acquired skills and knowledge with other producers, as part of the marketing club effort.

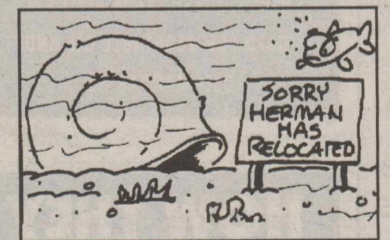
"This interaction, coupled with the investment in training by the Extension Service and the other supporters of the program, effectively spreads agricultural marketing expertise to a much larger group," he said. Each enrollee must agree to share what he or she has learned by assisting the county agent in starting and leading a marketing club.

"This year's program is geared toward wheat, feed grains and cattle marketing," he added. The trainings will be offered in a series of four 2-day, 1-night sessions, and taught by outstanding speakers from across the country. Topics will be approached from a real world standpoint using numerous case study examples and simulated problems.

The first two-day session will be held January 6-7, 1999, with the other three being held every two weeks (January 20-21, February 3-4 and February 17-18) at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center in Amarillo.

Registration will be limited to 60 individuals, with a fee of \$250 per person to help offset a small portion of the total cost, according to Amosson. "The program is being underwritten by the Texas Wheat Producers Board, Texas Corn Board, Texas Farm Bureau and the Extension Service," he said.

To apply, contact your County Extension Agent, or Amosson and James Sartwell III, risk management economist at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center at 806-359-5401.



The hermit crab's home is an empty sea snail shell. When the crab grows to big for the shell, it hunts for a larger one.



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Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

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SUNDAY:  
Library Opens.....9:15 a.m.  
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TUESDAYS:  
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Bible Study/Prayer.....7:00 p.m.

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Evening Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.  
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Unit. Meth. Women.....9:30 a.m.  
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Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.  
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Choir Rehearsal.....7:00 p.m.  
Prayer Service.....8:00 p.m.

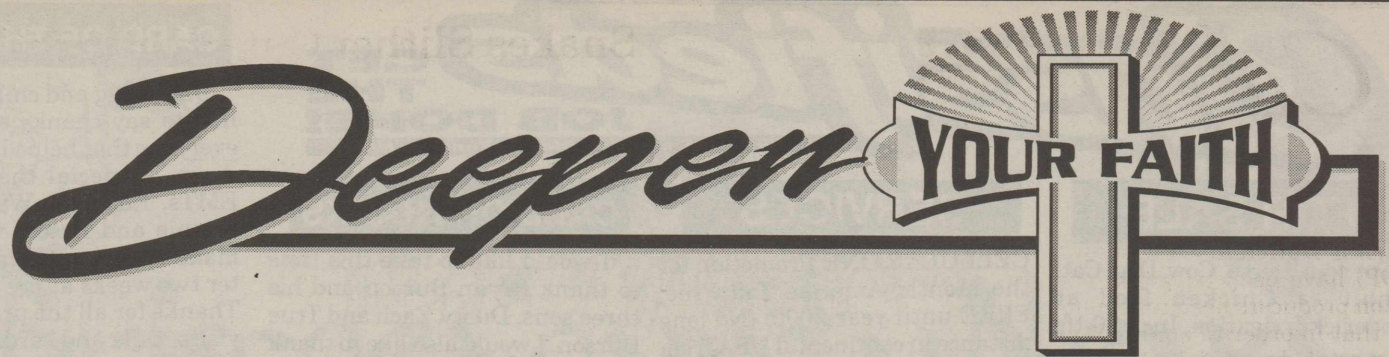
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When we ask God to help us in whatever job we have to do, if we do our part, God will always do His.

We have only to ask and we will receive. God wants to be involved in every aspect of our lives, and we should call upon the name of the Lord, and let Him help us.

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I would like to take this time to thank Bryan Burson and his three sons, Dusty, Zach and True Burson. I would also like to thank John and Bryan Schott, Harlan Vernon, Russell Baird, Lee Smith and Emmett Tomlin. These people gave several hours of their own time to help with the cattle truck that overturned this past Saturday morning. Without these people, I really don't know how we would have ever got this cleaned up. It's people like this that make Briscoe County such a fine place to live.

Sincerely,  
Max Whitworth

The family of John H. Turner wish to thank all the good friends and family in Silverton and the Rock Creek Community.

Words cannot express how much we appreciate all of you. Thank you so much for all the kind words and support that we felt during this very difficult time in our lives. Thank you so much for the many cards, food, visits, phone calls and prayers.

Margie Turner  
Donald Ray and Lola Mae Turner

Sammy and Rita Turner  
John David Turner  
Guinn and Rhonda Turner  
Doug and Karen Turner  
The grandchildren

and great-grandchildren  
We would like to thank you for your remembrance of our family at the loss of our sister, Jessie Burson Davis. We especially appreciated the flowers, calls, cards, prayers and memorials to various organizations.

Thanks a million!  
May God bless you.  
Johnnie and Dean Burson  
Luree Burson

## CARD OF THANKS

Jane Pigg and children would like to say thanks to each and everyone that helped while I was down. A special thanks to the EMTs, Ed, Ann, Wanda, Fred, Donnie and Pascal who helped make it easier to stay down after two weeks at my daughter's. Thanks for all the prayers, food, visits, calls and cards.

We love you all and may God bless all of you.

Jane

God knows who you are. We don't know why you did, but we thank you.

God bless you,  
Dick and Joan Roehr

I would like to say thank you to everyone who helped me through my personal crisis.

In Christian love and prayer,  
Sylvia, Crystal and Kenneth Walls

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all the parents who made the Homecoming Dance possible. The food was great.

To Jay and Michelle Stinson, a special thanks for your Disco Jay performance.

Silverton Student Council

We are overwhelmed by the many acts of kindness shown at the passing of our loved one.

We are so appreciative for the beautiful floral offering, memorials, visits, food, phone calls and sympathy cards inscribed with words of comfort and wisdom.

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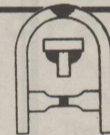
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