

All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



We had a note from Elaine LaBaume about her dad, Ashel McDaniel.

Daddy is now in the Floydada Rehab & Care Center in Room 105. His phone # is 983-2350. Visitors, calls and cards would be a great help. He's been away from home since October 27th.

We understand that O. C. Rampley, who is at High Plains Hospital in Amarillo, and Reba Tipton, who is in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock, are doing better. Reba was moved into a room, but then had to have surgery again.

We have a new group of "bionic" parts that have been distributed among our friends. LaRue Garvin and Carlye Fleming have new hips, and Leo Comer has a new knee.

Revival To Begin At Lighthouse Assembly of God

Lighthouse Assembly of God will host a community revival with Rev. J. F. and Doretta Beebe. Services will begin January 23 at 7:00 p.m. with Joe Roy Roberts and the Soul Seekers from Lubbock.

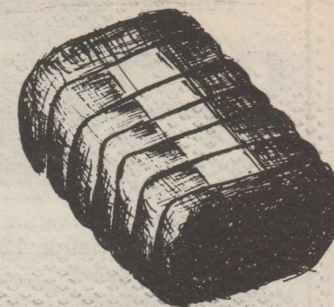
The Soul Seekers are a blessing with their ministry of music. Come and be blessed in preparation for the revival which begins January 24 at 10:30 a.m. Come worship with the Soul Seekers and Lighthouse Assembly on Saturday night.

Although the Rev. J. F. Beebe is the pastor's brother, it is felt that he is the right evangelist for the church at this time. God has promised to restore Lighthouse Assembly and make it a blessing for the entire community and county. Along with this promise God has made, it is felt that Rev. Beebe and his wife, Doretta, are the spiritual instruments that God has chosen to restore the church to the place it is supposed to be in God's Kingdom.

Sunday night, January 24, at 7:00 p.m. the choir from New Fellowship Baptist Church in Silverton will be ministering in song. Monday night, a quartet from First Assembly in Plainview will be here. Tuesday night, the choir from First Assembly of God in Floydada will be singing. Wednesday night, the Beebes will be featured. Thursday night, the choir from First Assembly in Tulia will be here. Friday night, the Living Proof band from Idalou will be ministering in song and Saturday night The Country Sounds from here in Silverton will be playing and singing. Rev. Beebe will be ministering each night with anointed singing and preaching. Services will begin each night at 7:00 p.m. A nursery will be provided. Pastor David Beebe invites everyone to come



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Briscoe County Stock Show Set To Go Thursday, Friday, Saturday at Quitaque

The annual Briscoe County Stock Show is set to begin with the weigh-in of steers, sheep and heifers between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. today at the Vance Price Arena at Valley High School in Quitaque. The beef heifer show is to begin at 7:00 p.m., followed by the steer show.

Swine weigh-in is to be accomplished between 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m. Friday.

The sheep show is to begin at 8:00 a.m. Saturday. The swine show is scheduled at 8:30 a.m. followed by Pee Wee Showmanship.

A brisket supper will be served

for the buyers beginning at 5:00 p.m., and the awards and auction will begin at 6:30 p.m.

During the awards ceremony, the thirteenth annual Don Burson Memorial Herdsman award will be presented by the Burson family to the one who is judged to have done the best job

Basketball Games Are To Be Played Here Tonight

Silverton High School's varsity basketball games with Lakeview are to be played tonight (Thursday) rather than on Friday, as scheduled.

Tip-off in the girls' game will be at 6:30 p.m.

TxDOT's Small Business Meetings Set

Business opportunities with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will be the topic of the quarterly regional meeting on January 26, from 3:00 until 5:00 p.m. at TxDOT's Childress District assembly room.

Purpose of this meeting is to provide current information on business opportunities and TxDOT contracting procedures in the areas of construction, design, purchasing and maintenance, as well as to enhance communication, identify the needs and concerns of small businesses, Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) and Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs) conducting business with TxDOT.

This meeting also will serve as a resource to generate new ideas for better methods of doing business with TxDOT and to recruit new DBE/HUBs and small businesses. There also will be a presentation on using the Internet to access procurement opportunities.

For more information regarding this meeting, contact Vicky McBride, Childress District Director of Administration at (940) 937-7193.

expecting a blessing from God, and you will not be disappointed. Call 823-2045 if you need a ride.

of preparing and showing his/her animals, excelling in showmanship and personal effort throughout the entire feeding period.

Pee Wee Showmanship awards are sponsored by the Briscoe County Livestock Show Board.

All exhibitors must be bonafide members of FFA Chapters or 4-H Clubs in Briscoe County and enrolled in school at Silverton or Valley or a private or home school within the Silverton or Valley School District.

All exhibitors are limited to sell two animals in the Premium Auction.

College Classes To Be Offered Via Television

Clarendon College is taking advantage of cutting edge technology by offering the college's first fully interactive television undergraduate course.

Clarendon College will be offering Human Anatomy and Physiology II for the upcoming spring semester in Clarendon and off-campus sites in Childress and McLean.

"This is the wave of the future," said David Lowrie, division of sciences chair. "We are on the cutting edge of technology for the Panhandle."

Lowrie and Larry Wiginton, a physics and chemistry instructor, will be team-teaching the course which will be offered on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 until 9:00 p.m. at Clarendon Junior High and the two satellite locations.

The course will offer students in off-campus locations a fully interactive experience complete with audio and video capabilities. Site coordinators will be on hand to assist with lectures and labs.

Lowrie encourages interested students to register early due to limited seating.

General registration for the spring 1999 semester at Clarendon College was Friday, January 15, at the Clarendon campus and Monday, January 18, at the Childress location.

For more information about the course or registration times and locations, please contact Clarendon College at 806-874-3571.



Leland Wood

Three Cowboys To Be Honored

Three area cowboys will be honored today (January 21) at the State Capitol in Austin by the Texas Senate and House of Representatives.

Rodey Wilson of Hereford, Leland Wood of Silverton and Rowdy Thomas of Amarillo are part of the Texas High School Rodeo Team that won the National Championship.

Other team members are Jace Crabb and Garrison Nippert of Mangum, Oklahoma and Neal Daniel of Vernon.

The team became eligible for the Nationals after finishing in the top four of their events at the State Finals.

The Texas team won the National title in July in Gillette, Wyoming, with 4636 points, some 200 points ahead of second place Utah. Wilson scored 90 points for the team with his seventh-place finish in the first go-round of calf roping. Wood earned five points in the saddle bronc riding. Thomas also competed in the saddle bronc riding.

Overall Wilson finished 67th in the nation out of 167 entries in calf roping.

Fire Department Meets Tonight

Members of Silverton Volunteer Fire Department will meet at City Hall at 7:00 p.m. tonight (Thursday).

Members are reminded go by to get their firemen's ball and give-away tickets at the City Hall.

The annual firemen's ball will be held Saturday night, February 13, at the showbarn in Silverton.

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Obituaries

LORENE VOYLES

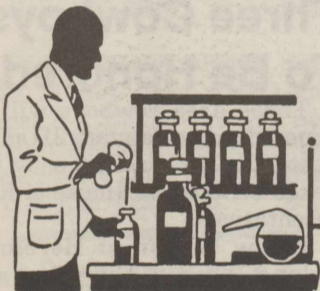
Funeral services for Corman Lorene Voyles, 92, were conducted at 1:00 p.m. Monday at the First Baptist Church in Silverton with her nephew, Rev. Melvin Rowell of Sour Lake officiating.

Rev. Darryl Smith, pastor of First Baptist Church in Post, led a brief worship service at 3:00 p.m. Sunday at the Hudman Funeral Home Chapel.

Burial was in the Silverton Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home of Post.

Mrs. Voyles died Friday, January 15, at Golden Plains Care Center in Post.

She was born January 15, 1907 in San Saba County, and was the



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eldest daughter of the seven children of Asa and Mollie Rowell. She married Aulton Theodore Voyles on January 16, 1924, at Benjamin. They traveled here by covered wagon and lived in Briscoe County on the Long John Burson Ranch for a year, then moved to the Rowell family in 1926 and stayed a year before returning to Knox County. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Rowell, moved to Briscoe County in 1926. Mr. Voyles preceded her in death on January 1, 1957. She also was preceded in death by daughters, Alta Pearl, on January 17, 1933, and Charlsie Maxine Alvord on January 24, 1946, and two grandsons, Gary Voyles on January 17, 1957, and Jimmy Van Loon on December 28, 1957.

She moved to Post in 1987 from Silverton, where she had lived since 1972. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Post. She was retired from Furr's Cafeterias, having worked at the Town and Country location in Lubbock for a number of years. She had moved to Lubbock from Knox County in 1942, and had lived and worked in Tahoka and Big Spring.

Survivors include her son, Rex D. Boyles of Hobbs, New Mexico; three daughters, Lillian Faye

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Mann of Dublin, Joyce Reber of Houston and Pat Burnett of Post; 14 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren; two brothers, Lowell Rowell of Sour Lake and Aubrey Rowell of Silverton; a sister, Laverne Mercer of Silverton.

Grandsons served as pallbearers.

The family suggested memorials be to Garza County Meals on Wheels or Family Hospice of Lubbock in lieu of flowers.

VAN BLANE FOLLEY

Graveside services for Van Blane Folley, 34, of Lubbock were scheduled at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 20, 1999 in the Silverton Cemetery. Burial was to be in the Silverton Cemetery, with arrangements made by Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mr. Folley died Sunday, January 17, in Lubbock.

He was born October 2, 1964 in Memphis, Texas, and married Tina Chaney in Plainview. He was a member of the Grace Assembly and the Trinity Church in Lubbock. He was a carpenter.

Survivors include his wife, Tina Folley of Lubbock; a son, Mark Roper of Lubbock; his mother, Patricia Vines of Silverton; two brothers, Kyle Dunn and Roy Roper, jr. and his wife, Brenda, of Lubbock; and a sister, Sabrina Roper of Silverton.

Letter to the Editor

Mrs. Voyles was an avid reader of your newspaper, and if it happened to arrive a day later than expected, she was sure to make a mention of it. Although the past few years her eyesight failed her, and she rarely would admit the need of a magnifying glass, when the *Briscoe County News* arrived, she didn't bother with whoever saw her, she picked up that seeing aid and read every scrap of news your printed.

Your newspaper, along with the weekly telephone calls from her sister, Laverne Mercer, and brother, Aubrey Rowell, whetted her appetite for Silverton news, and it was a weekly highlight for her.

Please transfer the remainder of her subscription to her son, Rex D. Voyles, who also has a high interest in Silverton happenings.

Thank you very much.

Wesley W. Burnett

(a son-in-law who was blessed with the best mother-in-law in the world)

Record Updates

If you have or anticipate any changes in your farming operation in the 1999 fiscal year, be sure to notify the county FSA office.

Unreported changes could make you ineligible for program benefits.

Silverton School Activities

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Jan. 21-22-23--Briscoe County Stock Show, Vance Price Arena, Quitaque

Thursday, Jan. 21--Lakeview, here, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 22--School Holiday Monday, Jan. 25--Junior High at Motley County, 4:00

Tuesday, Jan. 26--Motley County, here, 4:00

Friday, Jan. 29--Guthrie, there, 6:30

Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, Jan. 25--Burrito, Hot Sauce, Corn, Ranch-style Beans, Crackers, Sweet Rolls, Milk

Tuesday, Jan. 26--Meat & Vegetable Soup, Toasted Cheese Sandwiches, Crackers, Fruit, Milk

Wednesday, Jan. 27--Pizza, Salad, Baked Beans, Brownie, Milk

Thursday, Jan. 28--Steak, Gravy, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Hot Rolls, Milk

Friday, Jan. 29--Chili Dogs, French Fries, Milk

Happy Birthday-

January 21--Judy Barbo, Lois Ziegler, Fred Sweet

January 22--Dianna Hill, Rick Hutsell

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

January 24--DeLana Jarnagin, Jimmy Castillo, Christine Casillas

January 25--Cameron Burk, Mary Lou Campbell, Earl Payne, Tracy Stark, Davin Fabela

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

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

Happy Anniversary-

January 23--Mr. and Mrs. Leo Fleming

January 24--Mr. and Mrs. Ted Daugherty

Silverton School Honor Roll

Third Six Weeks

Second Grade--Tyler Garvin, Cade Holt, Shawn Johnson, Charla Rhoderick, Nichole Schott, Blake Strange

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

Fourth Grade--Dusty Burson, Ami Dunn, Ory Johnson, Drew Reed, Clay Strange

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

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

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

Ninth Grade--Amanda Estes, Andrew Francis, Amy Maciel, Matt Strange

Tenth Grade--Taylor Griffin, Idalia Hernandez, Julie Weaver, Tyler Young

Eleventh Grade--Heather Bowling, Lisa Comer, Nathan Francis, Sara Kirchoffner

Twelfth Grade--Josh Breedlove, Lindsey Jennings, Matt Martin, Misty Wilkinson

First Semester

Second Grade--Tyler Garvin, Cade Holt, Shawn Johnson, Butler Otis, Charla Rhoderick, Nichole Schott, Blake Strange, Kenneth Walls

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Thank You

On behalf of my brothers and sister, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the overwhelming show of support for Carolyn and us after the sudden death of our father, J. W. (Joe) Luckenbach.

The volume of people as well as the genuine feelings that were expressed about dad was constant and sincere. This outpouring is still coming in as we begin our healing process. I want to thank you all for accepting dad into your community and accepting him as one of you.

My father is watching us and appreciated this support as much as we did.

Thanks again and we will not forget.

Myron Luckenbach

LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

January 19, 1989-Tracy Tomlin has been invited to participate in the first Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation (HOBY) alumni trip to the Soviet Union June 25-July 11, 1989 . . . Derrel and Dixie Johnson are parents of a son, Robert Ory . . . Miss Kimberly Burson became the bride of Dustin George in a formal ceremony New Year's Eve at the First Baptist Church in Silverton . . . Junior High Owls are still undefeated . . . Owls, Owlettes split their district games . . . The old Burleson house, built in about 1904 or 1905 in the Francis community, burned Monday afternoon . . . Mr. and Mrs. Lee Helvy McMurtry of Muleshoe visited over the weekend with Frances Crass, Bertha Mae Allard and Jettie Hardcastle . . .

January 18, 1979-Total precipitation during 1978 in Silverton measured 25.77 inches . . . Services conducted for Mrs. Minniebell Snowden Montague, 83 . . . Charlie Parker has been undergoing tests at St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo . . . Coleman Garrison remains a patient at St. Anthony's Hospital where he underwent surgery last week . . . Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fleming to celebrate golden wedding anniversary January 21 in the Pioneer Room at First State Bank . . . Mrs. Rick Hester, the former Miss Bena Patrick, was guest of honor at a miscellaneous shower here Saturday morning . . . Junior High teams win two games at Nazareth . . .

January 16, 1959-Roy Dale Wood, Bill Strange, Brent Bean earn Grand Championships of the County Stock Show . . . Jon J. LaBaume, work unit conservationist for the Soil Conservation Service in Floydada, recently received a certificate of merit and cash award for commendable performance in providing technical assistance to the Salt Fork Soil and Water Conservation District . . . Merle D. McMurtry will be guest speaker when the Briscoe County Historical Survey Committee meets Thursday . . . Tim Gamble, who is with the Job Corps at San Marcos, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gamble, during the Christmas holidays . . . Johnny Jowell recently spent the holidays with his mother, Mrs. J. E. Jowell. He reported to Fort Benning, Georgia, January 10 to begin NCO training . . . Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Kindrick announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Sherry Ruth, to Mr. J. B. Wagoner . . .

January 15, 1959-Annual Coon Hunt to be held at Quitaque Saturday . . . Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Gatewood announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Joy Ann, to Jackie Baldwin, of the U. S. Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Baldwin . . . Virgil Henson and

Cletus Grady transferred to the local Soil Conservation Service work unit, assisting the Caprock Soil Conservation District . . . Fred Brannon served on Federal Grand Jury in Amarillo last week and is there again this week . . . Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Johnson and daughters of Quitaque were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rhoderick Saturday afternoon . . . The Haylake Club met in the home of Tone Brooks January 8. Attending were Maude McJimsey, Mary Autry, Tone Brooks, Mary Lee Watters, Blanche Newman, Mary Rampley, June Anderson, Dean Crow and Dean Burson, and two visitors, Winnie Smith and Grace Hutsell . . . Mr. and Mrs. Leo Fleming are parents of a son, James Wesley . . . Mr. and Mrs. Joe O'Neal, Eldon and Klela have recently enjoyed a vacation trip to Corpus Christi . . . Mrs. Lee Deavenport and Mrs. Beth Joiner were in Tulia Monday afternoon . . . Mrs. J. H. May, Mrs. Loyd May and sons were in Tulia Friday afternoon . . . Henry Myers, 90, who has been an invalid for a long time, was a patient in the Lockney Hospital last week . . . Mr. and Mrs. Roy Allard visited Mrs. Lena Northcutt and Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Northcutt Sunday afternoon . . . H. P. Howard, who underwent major surgery recently, was in Plainview for a checkup early last week . . .

January 20, 1949-Bruce Womack builds wide doors on his workshop . . . Miss Louise Stroud has been added to the staff at the Briscoe County Hospital and Clinic . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bundy Campbell are parents of a daughter, Olivia Anna . . . Mrs. C. May Cohea announces the engagement of her daughter, Billie, to John H. Crow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Crow of Silverton . . . Mr. and Mrs. Durward Brown and family spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. H. Roy Brown . . . Mrs. Florence Fogerson and Mrs. R. E. Brookshier were guests of Mrs. Pearl Simpson Sunday . . . Miss Dorothy McMurtry and Mrs. L. D. Griffin were in Amarillo on business Saturday . . . Riley Ziegler, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ziegler, was taken to Lubbock General Hospital Sunday critically ill with symptoms of meningitis . . . A three-inch snow fell Monday night . . . Among those who attended the Floyd County Workers Meeting in Floydada Tuesday were Rev. G. A. Elrod, Mmes. Alvin Jackson, G. R. Dowdy, Jewell Lyon, Grady Wimberly and Ray C. Bomar . . . Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Garrison and daughters were dinner guests of the Don Garrisons Sunday . . .

January 12, 1939-Warm January rain brings 1.65 inches . . . Paced by hustling sharpshooting Elliott Lee, the Silverton All-Stars mowed down the Turkey boys here Tuesday night by a

score of 47-29. Hitting the basket from all angles, the local boys experienced little or no difficulty in defeating the scrapping team from Turkey. Aulton Durham, who played only three quarters, hit the hoop for 14 points to crowd Lee, who scored 16 points, for scoring honors. Rucker Hawkins turned in a stellar game for the Silverton team. He was the man who seemed to be playing all over the court at once. Coker of Turkey was high-point man for the visitors with 13 points. . . Lem Weaver scored 20 points to set the pace in the second game as the Silverton boys gained revenge for a 32-31 defeat at the hands of the Floydada boys last Friday. The

score was 40-15 . . . Elsie Morris has the chickenpox at the home of her sister, Mrs. Dave Ziegler . . . Roberta McMurtry was quite ill last week . . . The Freshman girls met Thursday and organized the Fishy Wishy Club which meets at 3:15 except on Tuesdays. The following officers were selected: Wyona Lee, president; Evelyn Coffee, vice-president; Freda Wimberly, secretary-treasurer. The motto selected is "You can't catch us with worms." The colors are the colors of the rainbow . . . Jim Clemmer was transacting business in Quitaque Wednesday . . .

March 28, 1929-Six schools of the county entered in inter-

scholastic league events are Beverly, Gasoline, Haylake, Silverton, Kent and Quitaque . . . Rainfall gauged three and one-eighth inches. Beginning with sleet having hailstone proportions Tuesday afternoon, changing to intermittent rain showers and then merging into a constant downpour, lasting in all close to 24 hours . . . Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Garrison and family are being welcomed to the North Ward community, moving there from Silverton. They are now located on the Simpson farm on this route . . . Work on new high school building gets underway . . . W. L. Jewett honored with birthday party . . .

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Women's Health In Panhandle Among Issues

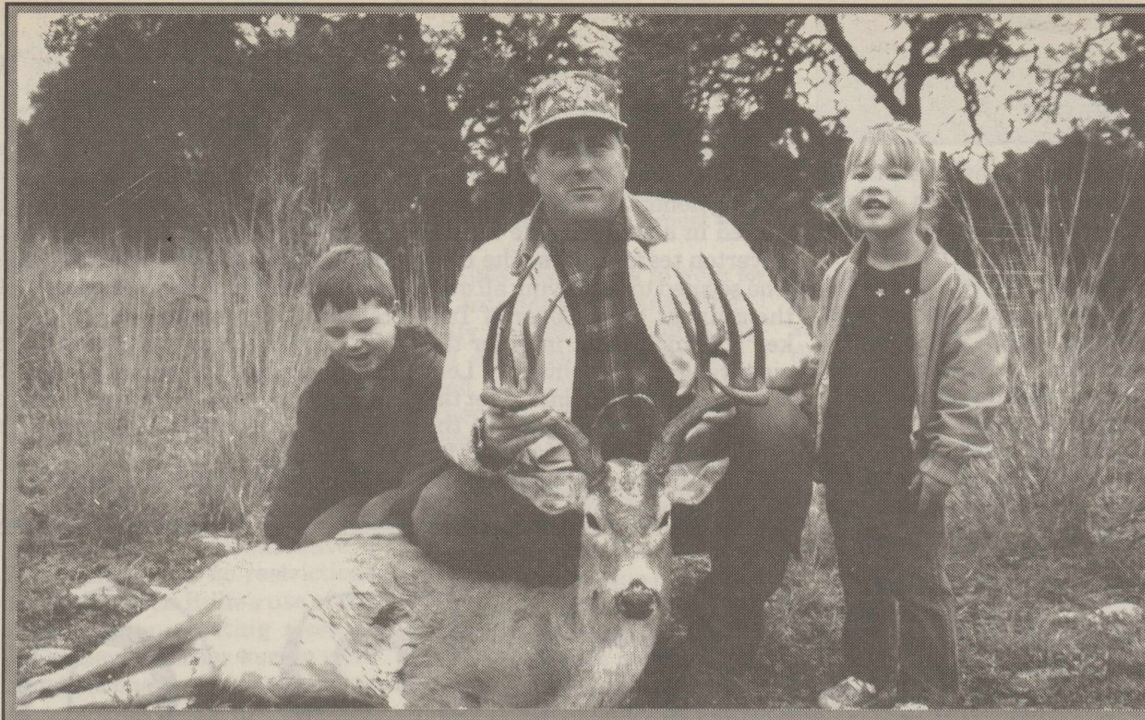
Heart disease, breast cancer and osteoporosis are among the women's health issues to be covered in "For Her Health," a special hour-long program on KACV public television. The program, which airs from 9:00 until 10:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 26, includes the latest information on risk factors, symptoms and treatment currently available for many of the illnesses and conditions of greatest concern to most women today.

"For some conditions symptoms can be very different for women than for men. Many of us aren't aware of what women's symptoms are . . . and we need to be," says program host James Hunt. "Women who know what to look for are much more likely to seek and receive proper treatment than those who don't. And to get the correct diagnosis and treatment earlier--that's important."

Hunt will be joined during the program by a panel of physicians. The panel also will be available to answer viewer questions.

Viewers are encouraged to phone in their questions during the program, or e-mail them in advance to www.jdhunt@actx.edu.

"For Her Health" is made possible through a grant from Northwest Texas Healthcare System. A repeat broadcast is scheduled to air Sunday, January 31, at 5:00 p.m.



Kent Carpenter (center) and his children, Ryder Carpenter (left) and Kandy Kate Carpenter (right), were pictured with the 14-point buck he killed New Year's Day on the family ranch in Edwards County.

Kent Carpenter Killed Winning 14-Point Buck Deer On New Year's Day In Edwards County

Kent Carpenter won the men's category and the overall West Texas Big Buck Contest with a 14-point buck he killed New Year's Day on the family ranch in Edwards County. He shot the deer on the foggy morning from about 75 yards away with a .280-caliber Remington rifle. The whitetail deer scored 159 4/8 points on the Boone and Crockett gross scoring system. Carpenter received a shoulder mount from Frontier Taxidermy and a Remington 700 model 30:06-cal-

iber rifle from Blair's Western Wear for winning the contest.

Rickie Long of Ballinger was the second Overall Winner in the West Texas Big Buck Contest with a 12-point buck he killed near Arden which scored 155 7/8 points on the Boone and Crockett scoring scale.

In the Outdoorsman's category, it was Christmas Eve when Raymond Taylor, jr. heard a vehicle moving along a neighboring ranch's fence line.

"I was sitting under a tree,

watching the pasture, when I turned to look toward the sound of the approaching vehicle," said Taylor.

What he saw, long before the vehicle appeared over the horizon, were two large whitetail bucks running far ahead of the noise.

A 13-point buck jumped the fence onto the land near Vancourt where Taylor was hunting. The other buck ran farther up and crossed as well. A 75-yard shot from his .270-caliber rifle put the

big 13-pointer down.

The buck gross scored 145 7/8 points, the antlers were 19 3/8 inches tall and the magnificent buck won Taylor first place in the most points category.

Thirteen-year-old Brandon Stewart of Lubbock won the youth category and was the fourth-place overall winner with a 10-point buck he took in Taylor County that scored 145 7/8 points. He won a complete deer feeder from Tractor Supply Company for his deer entry.

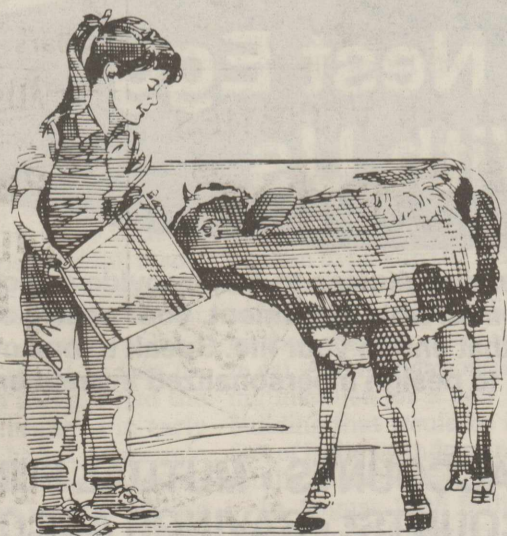
Sherry Kovacs from Westlake, Ohio won the women's division with a nine-point buck that scored 124 7/8 points. She shot the deer with a .270-caliber rifle from 100 yards while hunting with Rocky Woodford on the XQZ ranch southwest of San Angelo.

Marissa Schubert from Sonora could have taken first place in the women's division, but she won second. Marissa harvested a beautiful 11-point buck that scored 124 3/8 points and was only one inch short of taking the whole category. But, as the story goes, her husband shot at the buck the week before, knocking one tine from the beautiful rack. Otherwise, she would have won first. There were only two entries in the women's division.

The top three places in each category of the West Texas Big Buck Contest receive plaques for their magnificent deer. All entries were scored on the Boone and Crockett gross scoring system of judging the size of deer antlers.

Of course, there were many other quality deer that were harvested during the season that were not entered in the contests. Taxidermists, those that have been visited, will be busy for months mounting the scores of antlers they have received during this past season.

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9	37	8	
10	42	8	
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12	68	27	
13	65	26	
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Normal Jan. Precip.			.65
Total Precip. Rec'd.			
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Normal Precip. For			
Year to Date			65

TELCOT[®] Report

A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF COTTON MARKETING NEWS

For the Week Ended January 14

The cotton market fluctuated this week as it was flooded by fundamental news, bearish as well as bullish. USDA released both its long awaited U. S. cotton production report and the January supply/demand report in addition to the department's weekly export sales figures. The market also was clouded by concern over troubling financial conditions in Brazil.

This week, in its cotton production report, USDA pegged the 1998-99 U. S. cotton crop at 13.8 million bales, up from December's 13.4 million. Increases were seen mainly in Georgia and North Carolina, but Texas also registered a rise in production with a new estimate of 3.5 million bales versus 3.3 million the previous month. The report provided no surprises for analysts who had anticipated a larger crop due to expected crop increases in Texas and the South-

east.

After the release of somewhat anti-climatic production data, the market held high expectations for USDA's 1998-99 world and U. S. supply/demand report; however, the report was termed neutral-to-friendly by analysts who pointed to only a few surprises in the new information. Analysts looked at U. S. data with interest, noting that domestic consumption at 10.5 million bales was cut by only 100,000 while exports were left unchanged at 4.3 million. Expectations had been for large cuts in those areas.

U. S. imports declined by 50,000 bales to 350,000 for the season, reflecting a slightly higher supply of cotton in the country. Most importantly, USDA raised ending stocks from 2.8 million bales to 3.2 million, a relief to those market watchers who had feared a larger increase

in the U. S. carryover figure.

World supply/demand estimates were in line with most expectations. USDA raised the world crop from 84.2 million to 85.1 million bales, lowered consumption from 85.8 million to 85.6 million and raised ending stocks from 39.3 million bales to 40.6 million. The rise in the world crop was partly due to better-than-expected U. S. cotton production and a larger crop in China.

The cotton market reacted negatively to the recent devaluation of Brazil's currency. Analysts noted that the devaluation does not appear to be as severe as the plunge in Asian currencies which brought about a serious financial crisis in that region; however, the usual worries already are beginning to circulate—that a devalued currency means lower buying power for Brazil and possibly fewer exports of U. S. commodities to the country. Industry observers certainly will be monitoring the situation as it unfolds in the coming weeks.

Meanwhile, USDA's export sales report showed cotton sales of 31,000 bales for the week ended January 7. The department's export sales number was a considerable improvement from the pre-

vious week's report. Bullish analysts were pleased with the new figure, noting that the sales occurred after the slow holiday period.

Asian countries were among the best buyers of U. S. cotton. South Korea bought 24,300 bales of U. S. cotton, securing itself as the largest buyer of the week. Japan and Indonesia followed with purchases of 3,900 bales and 1,900 bales respectively. Additionally, U. S. exports are nearing USDA's 4.3 million bale sales target for the 1998-99 season. Export shipments already have reached two-thirds of the department's total.

In other news, spot cotton sales of Texas/Oklahoma cotton still are robust as trading on the TELCOT electronic marketing system reached 50,060 bales in the five trading days ended January 14. The sales marked a 12,025 bale increase from the previous week's activity. Average daily prices received by producers utilizing TELCOT ranged from 45.87 to 48.02 cents per pound.

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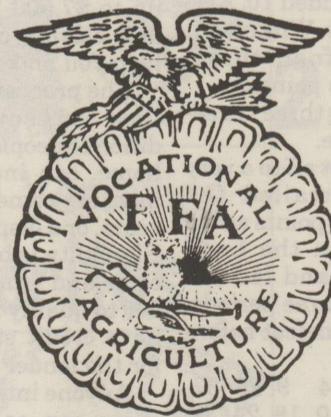
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Teams Win Pair of District Games at Patton Springs

Silverton's varsity teams drove to Patton Springs Friday night and won a pair of games from the Rangers.

The Lady Owls opened the action with a big 72-26 victory over the Lady Rangers.

Four of the Lady Owls scored in double figures: Sara Kirchoffner and Lindsey Weaks, 15 points each; Taylor Griffin, 11, and Dara Ramsey, 10 points. Also scoring were Misty Wilkinson and Dara Johnston, five points each; Amanda Estes and Chelsey Cherry, four points each; Lisa Comer, two points.

Three-point goals were scored by Dara Ramsey, two; Taylor Griffin, two; Sara Kirchoffner, one.

The Lady Owls jumped out to a big first-quarter lead, and were never headed.

Lady Owls	16	33	55	72
Patton Springs	6	15	19	26

Four of the Owls also scored in double figures as they ran away with their game: Nathan Francis, 19; Jared Holt, 18; Andrew Francis, 14; Jay Hicks, 10 points.

Also scoring were Jay Arnold, eight; Jimmy Castillo and Jeremy Holt, four points each; Paul Segura, three; Adrian Ramirez, two points.

Jared Holt hit two three-point goals.

Owls	23	45	73	82
Patton Springs	2	19	27	42

On Tuesday night of last week, the Owls and Lady Owls entertained the varsity teams from Guthrie, and both suffered defeats with buzzer beaters.

Lindsey Weaks led the offense for the Lady Owls with 16 points, and Dara Ramsey added 10. Also scoring were Misty Wilkinson, six; Sara Kirchoffner, three; Chelsey Cherry, two points.

Dara Ramsey hit three three-pointers in the game.

The Lady Owls got off to a very slow start, and trailed the Guthrie girls by nine points at the midway stop. Then the Lady Owls came to life and led the score at the end of three periods, but fell into a 39-37 defeat before the final buzzer.

Lady Owls	4	9	26	37
Guthrie	10	18	24	39

The Owls kept pace with the Jaguars during most of the game, but failed to outscore them in the all-important fourth quarter.

Jay Arnold and Nathan Francis tied for scoring honors with 10 points each. Also adding to the score were Jeremy Holt, nine; Jared Holt, eight; Adrian Ramirez, five points.

Three pointers were scored by Jeremy Holt, one; Jay Arnold, two.

Owls	10	18	35	42
Guthrie	10	14	31	43

The teams hosted four non-conference games with McLean Tuesday night, and have a pair of district games with Lakeview here **tonight** (Thursday) with tipoff at 6:30 p.m.

Junior High Teams Defeat Valley Here

Silverton's Junior High Lady Owls jumped out to a big first-quarter lead over the Valley Lady Patriots here Monday night of last week, and raced to a big 36-23 victory over their neighbors to the east.

Lauren Van Horn led the offense by scoring 15 points. Also scoring were Jenny Young, nine; Bryn Mayfield, six; Lori Griffin, Crystal Walls and Kelcy Simpson, two points each.

JH Lady Owls	17	19	26	36
Valley	0	2	9	23

Monty Wood and John Arnold led the offense for the Owls by scoring 10 points each. Also scoring were Adrian Cruz, six, and Dustin Hale, four points.

JH Owls	8	16	22	30
Valley	2	8	14	21

The Junior High teams hosted the boys and girls from Groom Monday night, and next week will travel to Motley County for four games.

Down Payment Assistance Funds Are Received

The most common hurdle for first-time home ownership is having the money saved for the down payment and closing costs. If you're in that position, Panhandle Community Services may be able to help. If you meet income guidelines, they can offer up to \$7,500 in down payment and closing cost assistance to help you make that loan.

The program is to assist first-time homebuyers, which in addition to people buying their first home, can include people who have not owned a home in three years, or a displaced homemaker. Eligibility is based on family income and family size, but in order to qualify an applicant must have credit standing sufficient for the lender to make the loan.

Anyone interested in this program can call the local Panhandle Community Services office to get the exact income guidelines for their particular family. If the applicant falls within the range they would make application for a home loan with a local bank or mortgage company indicating they plan to apply for these funds, which the lender would take into consideration when processing the application.

When the credit is approved for the loan, the application for assistance would be processed. If an applicant needs help finding a lending source, the PCS office staff will be happy to help.

This assistance may be used on new housing, existing housing, a condo or manufactured home. If you would like more information, call your local PCS

Cotton News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

Members of the Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. (PCG) Board of Directors met Wednesday, January 13, to discuss a number of pressing issues.

Among the topics discussed were crop insurance reform, cotton competitiveness (primarily concerning the need to revive the Step 2 program) and the implementation of the federal disaster assistance program.

Top priorities for the PCG Board in 1999 include working to encourage the investment of additional state and federal money into the Texas boll weevil eradication effort, improving the federal crop insurance program to better protect growers and gaining additional money to revitalize the Step 2 portion of cotton's competitiveness provisions.

Arguments that Step 2 did not really provide a direct benefit to producers were shattered following the depletion of Step 2 funds and the reaction of the cotton market. PCG Board members agreed that in 1998 Step 2 easily meant an additional 6-7 cents per pound was received by growers up until program funds were depleted in mid-December.

PCG officials are hopeful that all the organization's goals can be met given the high level of awareness that currently exists in Congress and the Texas legislature of problems plaguing agriculture.

Good evidence of this awareness is the recently passed federal disaster program and the reported plans of area lawmakers to seek boll weevil eradication funds during this session of the Texas Legislature.

Producers should mark their calendars now and plan to attend the 1999 Southwest Crops Production Conference and Expo on March 11 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

The one-day event is being sponsored by Southwest Farm Press, Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at Texas Tech University, the USDA Agricultural Research Service, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

Attendees will be able to earn continuing education units (CEU's) for private pesticide applicator licenses.

Growers in the Southern High Plains/Caprock (SHP/C) Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, bolstered by the overwhelming support for boll weevil eradication by growers in the Western High Plains, are gearing up to try and shape their own weevil-free future.

SHP/C growers will vote February 5-26 on a proposal to bring office at (806) 874-2573 Clarendon, or toll free 1-800-676-4727, extension 250 or 257.

boll weevil eradication to to another one million acres of cotton. A series of educational meetings have been scheduled to provide cotton growers and landlords in the SHP/C zone an opportunity to learn first-hand about the program being proposed.

All growers and landlords are invited and encouraged to attend the meetings to get the information they need to make an informed decision.

Silverton Library News

by Polly Cagle

In the New Handbook of Texas--a six-volume encyclopedia and biographical dictionary--you will be able to find the history of Texas from A to Z. There are articles on agriculture, art, business, education, folk-lore, health, medicine, religion and sports. There are detailed histories of all 254 counties and major cities.

The New Handbook tells the story of the people who made Texas history. More than 7,000 biographical entries give information about the famous and the infamous, the legendary and the overlooked.

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The final day to graze your CRP is February 28, 1999. All livestock should be removed from the acreage by this date.

Allen is New Member

The Briscoe County FSA office welcomes new county committee member Mark Allen to its ranks.

Allen was elected by Community B voters in December. He will be taking the place of Bruce Price who gave many years of tireless service to the COC and serving the producers in Briscoe County.

The other members of the County Committee are Zenobia Self, John T. Burson and Joe Potter, CED.



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Longtime Sealy Coach Plans To Hang Up His Whistle Soon

Sealy Junior High School Coach Troy Chitty is planning to retire at the end of the school year, after 12 years there.

However, his retirement is not etched in stone.

"This is my plan right now," he said. "My wife, Vicky, just graduated from college and she is going into the teaching profession. If she gets a job, then I will retire. Of course, if she doesn't, someone has got to make a salary. But, if my wife signs a contract, I will retire."

He said he will not "sit at home" after retirement. He enjoys fishing and will try to find a job to work two days a week "for my spending money."

"I want to spend some time at the coast wading in the bay or maybe buy me a little boat. I love to travel and my goal is to get to go to Alaska. I want to spend a couple of weeks there. If there is enough money, my wife and I will buy a small trailer and drive up the Alaskan highway. The other thing I'd like to do is see the Holy Land."

Chitty, who grew up in Silverton and was graduated from West Texas State University at Canyon in 1962, has devoted much of his 21-year coaching career to the younger athletes and has no regrets on his choice.

"I've coached on all levels," he said. "I started out my coaching career in 1962 at a little town called Idalou, outside of Lubbock. There were only three on the staff and the first year we were going to a meeting in Slaton. Coming back, we ran into the back of a truck parked on the highway and it killed those two coaches in the front (of the vehicle). I was in the back seat and that saved me. So, my coaching career started out on a real bad foot. I coached there for four years under another new head coach. We hired a line coach named Jim Kane and I later went with him when there was a job open at Sudan. That's when I started with the varsity. I was there for two years and that was the first time Sudan had ever won a district championship. We won the district championship and went to the quarter-finals. A team from Seagraves beat us that year. The year after that, we went to the quarter-finals again and got beat out by a team from Sonora."

Chitty said he and his first

wife had two boys and he couldn't "make a living" coaching at Sudan.

"I decided to go into sales and started working for McKisson-Robbins, a company in Amarillo. After about 16 months there, I spent 16 years with them in El Paso. They sold the company and I wanted to get back into coaching because it was my first love. Selling was not my first love, teaching was. I had gotten a divorce and raised one of my two boys in El Paso. He now lives in Odem, Texas."

Chitty's first job after his return to coaching in 1985 was in Central Texas.

"I had gone to coaching school and got a job with Coach Hudson, who was the coach at Lampasas." Chitty was there for one year and his seventh-grade team went undefeated.

After that year in Lampasas, Chitty's opportunity to go to Sealy materialized.

"I always wanted to live close to the coast and this job came open here. I found out about this job and wrote to Coach (T. J.) Mills. He asked me to come down and interview with him. I told him all I wanted to do was build his program in junior high and help him any way I could to create an outstanding program at Sealy. Coach Mills had been here two or three years and I did come up and help coach the junior varsity for one year, then I went back to the junior high."

Chitty said he loves working with the younger athletes and a coach has a big responsibility to them both on and off the football field.

"My number one goal in life is to teach these kids that there is a God, there is Christ. Before we go out on the field we always have prayer. I think you need to develop this in a kid because some of that is missing at home. I always want these boys to feel they can come to me and talk anytime they want to about any subject and I will treat them as a father would a son. I think you've got to have this closeness in junior high."

"I think you've got to have real strong fundamentals. I think that's where discipline starts and I think you've got to be a person who can work with those kids. Those boys are very erratic: one day, they're on top of the world and the next day they're not. They've got so many body

changes, so many different types of mood changes, a person has got to understand those kids. I think you've got to have strong discipline and I think you've got to work at what the head coach wants. You've got to formulate his ideas in those kids. You've got to work his offense, his defense and get them believing they can win. We've been real fortunate here in that the teams that won the state championship, I helped start. They started with me in junior high."

And Chitty's teams have continued to win over the years. This year the seventh-grade A team Tigers won the District 25-3A championship with an undefeated season. The team won seven, lost none and had one tie late in the season.

The coach teaches P. E. in addition to his football and seventh-grade track coaching duties and this year he took on a new coaching role.

"Now for the first time in my life, I'm coaching girls as a team. I've got the seventh-grade B team girls basketball. I enjoy them. One of my goals as a husband and a parent would have been to have a daughter of my own and I've got lots of daughters of my own right now," he said with a chuckle.

Chitty said if his retirement does become a reality, the thing he will miss most is "working with the kids. Gosh! If you coach and teach and don't miss the kids, you've been in the wrong profession all your life."

"Kids have changed a lot, though, since I started. Seems like kids used to have a lot more feeling and tenderness. I think we're missing that tenderness in kids. I think parents don't have as much time and we're having so many single-parent kids raised today. It seems like when I started, the kids would sit down and just visit and talk. It doesn't seem like kids will do that with me like we used to. We've got so many problems in our society today like drugs and AIDS. I feel like the more that I as a coach can tell them about those things that affect them, the better off these young athletes will be when they do face those situations. Seventh-grade is such an important year, in my book. It's the first time in school that you have them as a team, it's the first time they've ever had someone tell them to pick up their stuff. When I tell them to pick it up, it's got to be done. It's a lot more than just coaching. You've got to talk to these students and tell them why you're doing things."

"I've got a saying, 'How do you spell team? Is there a T in team? There's not an I in team. It's spelled T-E-A-M.' I don't want any I's on my team. We win as a team and we lose as a team. I don't blame any individual, I want us to work as one and we work as a family. Each person, every individual, on that team is important to me. That's the way it's got to be."

Mills, the Sealy athletic director and head football coach, said Chitty's contributions will be

missed.

"The kids that Coach Chitty has worked with, especially when he starts them in the seventh grade, those kids tend to be our more productive children by the time they graduate from high school. The foundation he has given those kids is invaluable," Mills said. "It carries over, probably all the way through life. He teaches them the right things."

"As far as football, he's taught them the fundamentals. You can't do anything right without a good base, and he's always given them a good base and taught them the right things like how to tackle and how to block and all the right things you've got to have to be a good football player. But more than that and probably more important, he's taught them the right things about life. He spends

a lot of time talking to them about doing right and teaching them about manners and representing themselves, their family and their school in the best possible light, and just a lot of things like that. Those type of things that Coach Chitty teaches, sometimes young coaches don't think are important. I wish all my young coaches would coach just like him.

"He's going to be a tough person to replace. His maturity, the things he's been through, he gives a stability down there. Troy's a junior high guy who wants to be there and that's going to be hard to replace."

"It will be a loss to our program to see him go. I wish he wouldn't, but I understand."

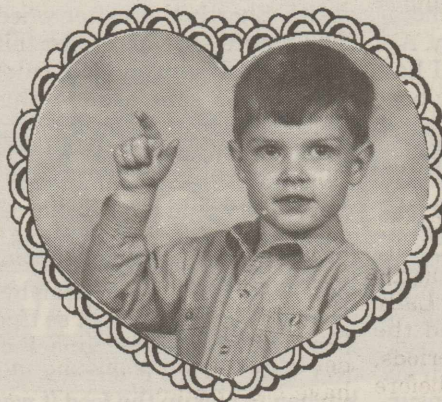
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Experiences in the Life of John Henry Crow

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In the mid-1980s Billie and I had made application for an apartment in a to-be constructed Senior Retirement Center sponsored by the Memorial Hospital Senior Services. They came to our house twice to go over Billie's medical records and were well

aware that she was confined to a wheel chair when out of bed. In September 1989 we were told we could move into our first floor apartment of the newly completed University Place located behind Southwest Memorial Hospital. Our apartment was constructed to accommodate a wheel chair and no restrictions were placed on Billie's use of the dining room, meeting room or lobby. Several other women were in wheel chairs and their activities were not restricted. One lady whose arms and legs were paralyzed had multiple sclerosis. Her husband fed her in the dining room until he died suddenly with liver cancer. Then her nurse took over the feeding duties. She was forced to move after a few weeks that her lawyer arranged to give her time to find a place where she would be accepted. At that time Billie's care person could assist her to stand up and she could transfer with help from wheel chair to bed, car or commode and vice versa. We ate our daily meal in the dining room in the evening except a Sunday midday meal and sat at any empty table with Billie using her wheel chair. We normally sat with new-found friends. One day in a resident meeting one lady stood up and said her friends would not eat in the dining room because of wheel chairs. Shortly thereafter wheel chairs were assigned to certain tables and a proposed rules change was sent around that would bar wheel chairs from the meeting room and the lobby. And I was told by the management that Billie would have to move if something happened to me. After she came home from the hospital in July 1992 she had all her meals in our room. It got so that food was often either under or over cooked and if she got the kitchen to pick up the food it was usually thirty minutes to an hour before they brought it back and by then she was out of the mood to eat. And foundations were being installed for a new nursing building that would be in a few feet of Billie's window and would totally block her outdoor view.

In August 1995 Billie and I moved from University Place to the Braesridge Apartments which are about 3 1/2 miles south of University Place. Here we provided our own food and had more room than we had previously. Billie was bedfast most of the time since we have lived at the new address because her back brace was too uncomfortable even when they made a new one. At the end of August 1997 the nurse was exercising her right leg and pushed the leg toward her body too hard and fractured

the hip. The hip never healed because of severe bone porosity and lack of foot pressure. We had several nursing care givers for Billie and a registered nurse came weekly to change the catheter. The quality of home health supplies got worse and worse and the allowance for rejects almost vanished.

In 1994 I went back to work for Gulf Interstate Engineering. I mainly did estimates of equipment weights and cost and I looked for ways to better their methods of calculating pipeline hydraulics. I estimated the man-hours required for several projects, but they don't bid fixed prices so estimates serve very little real purpose. Work is actually billed at cost plus a markup. This type of billing tends to lower employee efficiency in my opinion. I worked next for Key Engineering, Inc. through the last part of 1994 and most of 1995. I helped finish a Syrian Oil Production facility mainly reviewing engineering, material and writing Operating Manuals. I also estimated costs for several bids for them. And I helped design, write manuals and buy materials for a Joule-Thompson Cryogenic Plant which we packaged for installation in Equatorial Guinea, Africa. I worked for Jim Underwood and Ignacio Albiol (now deceased). During the last half of 1996 and first half of 1997 I worked at home most of the time checking the adequacy of relief valves installed at Shell Oil Company's Houston Central Plant. I worked for Shell Western E&P, Inc. under the direction of John Baumann who works almost exclusively for Shell on a self employed basis. I have done some engineering cost estimate work for Glen Clark (Reema International Corp.) on a proprietary process for converting methane to liquid motor fuel. And I also have done engineering work for Ron Pasadyn, Pasadyn Inc.; Jim Hogan, Val Verde Corporation and Otto Bruns, Dins, International. I have not done complete engineering jobs for either of these companies but I have done enough work for them to know my capabilities and concern for engineering work.

Starting in 1996 I began having sharp pains occasionally in my belly where I have hernias on either side of the scar where my aorta was replaced. I went to a doctor a couple of times when it was hurting. He wasn't sure what was causing the hurt. It didn't hurt every day and never lasted more than a couple of hours. But on November 18, 1997 the pain started about 2:30 p.m. and grew worse and worse until I called a taxi about 10:00 p.m. and went to the emergency room at Southwest Memorial Hospital where they checked my blood pressure at 262. They almost immediately started x-rays followed by a cat scan and insertion of a tube through my nose into my stomach. I vomited a tremendous amount before they got the tube in place. And I was given pain medicine that made me hallucinate about going to work and losing my cars in the

parking garage. Dr. Matzelle, my general surgeon, came to my room the next day. After going to look at the cat scan data, he came back with an irrigation tube filled with distilled water and he injected the water into the tube extending through my nose and I could feel something in the lower right side of my stomach move and it felt like a bunch of gas shot across my stomach. I stayed in the hospital several days because my feet and legs hurt terribly. The doctor told me later that the nerve ending in my legs and feet got inflamed for some unknown reason. After I came home, a friend took me to an outpatient clinic for five consecutive days and I had a 750 ml IV of gamma globulin each day. In about two weeks my legs quit hurting so bad. My legs and feet hurt about like they did before I went to the hospital in November.

In March 1997 I went to pick up some medicine and some food on a Friday evening. While I was walking around the store my right foot began to hurt. When I got home, I took my shoe and sock off and my foot was red on top but I saw no other marks. By Monday morning my foot was very red and hurt a great deal so I went to the doctor's office. My regular doctor couldn't see me so I saw a lady doctor. She had an x-ray made and she saw no fractures so she sent me home and told me to call the next day if it wasn't better. I called the next day and she never called me back. By 10:00 p.m. my foot hurt so bad that I called 911 and they took me to Southwest Memorial Emergency Room and the admitting doctor said it was a good thing that I came when I did and he admitted me to the hospital and I was told I had cellulitis. They gave me antibiotics and it got better in a few days. Since that time I have met several people who had cellulitis in different forms and some were quite sick. I was told that it is a streptococcus infection. Medicare would not pay for the amulance, however.

I haven't worked much this year but I fed Billie her breakfast on March 4, 1998 and went to work. When I got home that afternoon, the RN that changed the catheter the day before was with her as was her nursing care lady. They had called 911 because Billie's one kidney had quit about 10:30 a.m. and no amount of irrigation had gotten it to work. They took Billie to Southwest Memorial Emergency Room. I stayed quite a while and I came home, but early the next morning her neurologist told me that she was near death and asked me to bring a paper that the three of us had signed previously so that he could admit her to hospice so she could die without pain. He thought she might die that day but she lasted until about 2:00 a.m. on March 8, 1998. The whole family had been there until after midnight and I sent them home for some rest. A few moments before Billie died

it appeared that she asked for water so I got permission to dip a swab in water and touch it to her tongue. I repeated the same one more time and she seemed to smack her lips and turned her head a little bit to the left and was gone. I called the nurse and she came and then got a doctor who confirmed that she was dead. Billie and I had made all of the burial arrangements together that we could make. The undertaker did a beautiful restoration and most of our Houston friends got to see her on Monday night or on Tuesday morning before the funeral service. On Wednesday morning, March 11, she was shown to our Dallas friends and relatives before a graveside service. She is buried in Dallas at Restland Cemetery, Ascension Garden, Lot 414 Block B, Space C. The marker is supposed to be in place and I have arranged for flowers to be placed at her grave eight times each year for the next quarter century. Of course the flowers will be shared with me eventually.

As I look back at the experiences of my life, I see many contributions by those I have been fortunate enough to have met along the way. My parents introduced me to the world and taught me determination, love, reverence and respect. Other parents showed their concern, also. My public school teachers taught me to have intellectual curiosity and tried to steer my specific needs more intensely but not solely. The Army tried very hard to teach me discipline. My family and career have given me permission to be less than perfect yet urged me to keep reaching for new realms with purpose. My wife and children gave me love that made me feel happy and appreciated. My life has been rewarding because all of my mentors and associates have been willing to share responsibilities, authorities and rewards. Thanks be to those who provided me with opportunities that I dared not dream of when I started up the road that gave me opportunities for experience and success. I feel as though I have been a success in my chosen field. And although my resume covers many accomplishments, it is not likely to impress employers. But my friends still in industry have been generous with job offers.

I plan to continue working some for as long as I can. But I would also like to renew acquaintances with friends and relatives. I would like to formalize some of our genealogy before it escapes me. My wife's Mother was quite a poet and I would like to gather as many of those poems and couplets as we have and put them on discs for my pleasure as well as for future generations. I hope I can continue to smell the flowers for a long time and maybe I will see you down the road somewhere when you least expect to see me.

**LIGHTHOUSE
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David Beebe, Pastor

SUNDAY:

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

**SILVERTON
CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Hal Rogers, Minister

SUNDAY:

Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.
Morning Worship.....10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

SUNDAY:

Library Opens.....9:15 a.m.
Bible Study/S.S.....10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

SECOND & FOURTH

TUESDAYS:

Baptist Women.....9:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY:

Library Opens.....6:30 p.m.
Bible Study/Prayer.....7:00 p.m.

**SILVERTON UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

Jay Stinson, Pastor

SUNDAY:

Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Worship Service.....10:55 a.m.
Choir Practice.....5:00 p.m.
Evening Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.

TUESDAY:

Unit. Meth. Women.....9:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY:

In-home Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY:

Unit. Meth. Men.....6:30 a.m.

**NEW FELLOWSHIP
BAPTIST MISSION**

SUNDAY:

Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.
Training Union.....5:00 p.m.
Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:

Choir Rehearsal.....7:00 p.m.
Prayer Service.....8:00 p.m.

**OUR LADY OF LORETO
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Father Ed 'Graff, Pastor

SUNDAY:

Mass.....9:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY:

Doctrina Class.....4:30-5:30 p.m.
Junior & Senior
High.....4:30-5:30 p.m.

**ROCK CREEK
CHURCH OF CHRIST**

SUNDAY:

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

WEDNESDAY:

Worship Service.....7:30 p.m.

BLESSINGS *for the* NEW YEAR

Accepting the Unchangeable

It is important for us to accept and be aware of the many things in our lives that we cannot change. Accepting something does not necessarily mean we have to approve of it; however, acceptance may be good for our own peace of mind. If it is going to rain, there is nothing we can do about it; however, it is up to us to decide whether rain is a pleasant or an unpleasant thing.

Although we do not have control over whether we are born wealthy or beautiful, that does not preclude us from trying to gain wealth, or to improve our appearance.

The difficulty is in understanding exactly what we can control. The "Serenity Prayer" alludes to this difficulty: "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference." As we grow into adulthood, we learn that many things which may, at first, seem impossible to us, are possible with God.



I have the strength to face all conditions by the power that Christ gives me.

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Philippians 4:1

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HOUSE FOR SALE: 3-2-2. Den could be used as fourth bedroom. 106 Pulitzer. Call Joe Crabb, 940-769-2016. 35-tfc

For Sale or Rent: House in Silverton. 823-2369 or 647-5327. 2-tfc

NOTICE

MACKENZIE Municipal Water Authority is now accepting applications for someone to lease Cactus Cove Marina at Lake Mackenzie. For details, contact main office at Lake Mackenzie at (806) 633-4326 or (806) 633-4318 or write Route 1, Box 14, Silverton, TX 79257. 1-2tc

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF HENRY GRIFF BOYLES DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Henry Griff Boyles, Deceased, were issued on the 12th day of January, 1999, in Cause No. 1406, pending in the County Court of Briscoe County, Texas, to:

Jana Beth Boyles

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law to such Independent Executor in care of the attorney of said Independent Executor:

Brent Hamilton

LaFont, Tunnell, Formby, LaFont & Hamilton, L. L. P.
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Dated the 12th day of January, 1999.

Jana Beth Boyles

Independent Executor of the Estate of Henry Griff Boyles, Deceased 3-1tc

Anyone interested in the former Silverton Riding Club trophies at the Senior Citizens building, call 847-2582 or 823-2222. 3-2tnc

WANTED

House Cleaning Wanted: Call Tammy at 823-2237. 3-2tc

Would Like To Buy a good used Jon Boat. Call 847-2617. 3-1tc

Friendship Quilters News & Notes

by Nina Martin

The quilters have finished Bobbye Bean's "Autumn Leaves" quilt. Present were Mary Burson, Bobbye Bean, Juanita Howard, Joy Stodghill, Wanda Strange, Lallie Patton and Nina Martin.

We wish to thank Harlen Vernon for welding a chair; to Jerry Patton for floor tile; to Lawanda Baird for donating a mirror; and to Leon Lavy for the furniture for the Senior Citizens building.

The Senior Citizens luncheon was held Friday. The Rock Creek Church of Christ was the host. Forty-five members were present. Betty Olive is back on the job after having a pacemaker

CARD OF THANKS

Reba and I wish to thank all the wonderful people for their prayers, cards and calls since our stay in the hospital, and since we have been at home.

We continue to ask for your prayers for Reba, as she remains in the hospital at this time. God bless all of you.

Anna Belle Tipton

No School Here On Friday

Students will not have to go to school Friday, January 22, due to many of them having to groom animals for the County Stock Show.

Friday, January 29, previously had been shown to be a school holiday, but students will attend class as usual that day.

This is due to the date of the stock show having been changed.

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