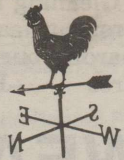


All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



Dixie Johnson, a senior at Wayland Baptist University, was included on the Dean's List for the fall semester. She maintained at least a 3.5 grade point average while taking a full load of course work at the university.

Anita Bass follows her heart, not traditional rules, and the seemingly simple stories that she related to Jan Cook Chapman for a book titled "A Big Big Life" reveal an energizing determination and, at times, defiance.

She is a spiritual 85-pound Lubbock presence who has not allowed a 1988 diagnosis of Parkinson's Disease to alter her philosophies or direction in life. While she may appear small in stature, Mrs. Bass remains outspoken to the point of not only offering life lessons, but accepting the fact that some simply won't want to accept them.

"A Big Big Life" is a small book in terms of heft, a whopping 90 pages in its figurative stocking feet--but its stories are so inspirational and eye-opening that many readers no doubt will consume it more than once and then buy extra copies for friends.

Mrs. Bass will autograph copies of her book from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. March 13 at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 6707 Slide Road in Lubbock.

She is a West Texas woman who grew up in tenant farm homes in Briscoe County and found the personal courage to stand toe-to-toe and defy her dad, doctors, racists and a figurative congregation that felt, or perhaps still feels, that there is no room for women in the ranks of ministers or deacons.

It's doubtful that anyone could pigeonhole Mrs. Bass as a feminist; she's a strong believer in the family unit, supporting her late husband, Roy, through even difficult times as Lubbock's mayor and rearing three sons, and treating more than a few others like family, as well.

She may have grown up "15 miles out of Silverton" but her heart and mind were open to discovery.

Sunday's Amarillo Globe-News had a full-page advertisement on the City Slickers Old West Trivia Contest. The winner will win a Longhorn Roundup Weekend on a real cattle drive the weekend of May 21-23 at the High Card Ranch near Clarendon. Contestants will play all during March. Find two answers per day to the questions to enter. Deadline for entries is April 9.

Question #60 in the contest is: Walt Arnold of Silverton was the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association world champion in what event in 1969?

Can you remember which event it was?



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1999



Shows Grand Champion Steer at San Antonio. Sixteen-year-old Kenda Wood leads "Spike" out of the arena floor at the Joe Freeman Coliseum. The 1,260-pound black crossbred steer was named grand champion at the 50th San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo. The steer was sold for a record \$108,000 at an auction Saturday.

Randy Mullin Is New Pastor At Local First Baptist Church

First Baptist Church wants to introduce the new pastor, Randy Mullin, his wife, Valerie, and their children, Lindsey, age nine, and Adam, age seven. They began their ministry in Silverton this week.

Rev. Mullin, 34, began his ministry experience with the David Stockwell Evangelistic Association of Houston in 1984-85 as music feature and road manager. He has served as interim minister of Youth and Music at Heights Baptist Church, Liberty; as Minister of Youth and Music at Trinity Heights, Carrollton, First Baptist, Clarendon and Southside Baptist, Monahans. He comes to Silverton from Potosi Baptist Church near Abilene where he has been Associate Pastor of Youth and Worship. Rev. Mullin was licensed to the gospel ministry in 1983 by Community Baptist Church in Crosby and ordained in 1992 by the Southside Baptist Church in Monahans. He was graduated from Willie J. Hargrave Senior High School in Huffman, Texas, and received the bachelor of arts degree in theology and religious education from Dallas Baptist University.

Rev. Mullin's philosophy of

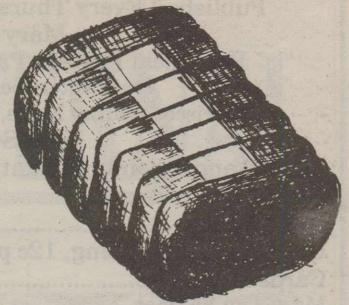
contact. That good news is found in the Bible, which I believe is the inspired Word of God and is without error. By obeying His Word we are led to walk in truth and in victory. I also believe that a church's prayer life is important as the time of His coming approaches. The church's effectiveness will never rise above the



New Parsonage Family--(clockwise, beginning upper left) Valerie Mullin, Rev. Randy Mullin, Adam Mullin and Lindsey Mullin.

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A New Little Coach!

Bradley and Julie Brunson of Haskell are parents of "a new little coach," born February 14 in Abilene. Dylan Graham weighed eight pounds and ten ounces, and measured 20 1/2 inches in length on arrival.

Both Bradley and Julie Brunson are coaches in Haskell High School, and Mrs. Brunson's girls won the bi-district playoff before losing this year.

Grandparents are Perry and Marsha Brunson, Jack and Ruby Graham, all of Silverton.

Great-grandparents include Ray and Nelda Teeple and James and Ruth Brunson.

BCAA Meeting

There will be a regular meeting of Briscoe County Activities Association tonight (Thursday, February 25) at 7:30 p.m. at the Showbarn in Silverton.

Orders Being Taken For Trees

Caprock Soil and Water Conservation District is once again taking orders for windbreak trees.

All varieties of evergreens are See **WINDBREAK TREES**
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level of its prayer life. Jesus commanded the church to be a house of prayer. It is there that we do battle against our enemy. I have been called of God to devote the rest of my life to pastoral service. I believe the work of the pastor is to equip God's people to fulfill the Great Commission; to serve the church with compassion, love and gentleness; and to preach the uncompromising Word of God to all who will hear."

Although Rev. Mullin was reared in the Houston area, he has ties to this area. His parents are Dean and Jean (Barbee) Mullin who grew up in Turkey and Quitaque. Recently they have retired and moved to the Barbee home place at Quitaque. Rev. Mullin's grandparents, H. E. and Lillian Mullin, live in Turkey. His interests include softball, basketball, golf, hunting and board games.

Rev. Mullin's first Sunday to preach at First Baptist as pastor will be February 28. An invitation is extended to everyone to attend the services or to come by the church or parsonage to meet and welcome the Mullins to the community.

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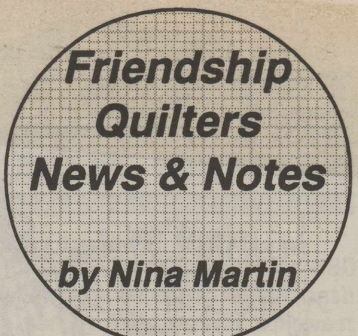
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Editor's Note: Nina mailed us her column for last week's paper and it didn't arrive until Wednesday. It probably was delayed by the holiday. Here it is.

Sybil King, Nadyne Childress, Marie Rogers, Laverne Stephens, Lallie Patton, Joy Stodghill, Wanda Strange, Ann Norris, Juanita Howard and Nina Martin quilted Thursday. Lallie's "Fisher Boys" was finished.

Sybil and Neil King, Theda and John Baughan of Plainview went to Oklahoma City last weekend to attend the Bull Riding.

Juanita Howard's son, James Welch, has been to visit her.

Juanita Stephens' sisters, Minnie Edwards of Abilene and Inez Woodfin of Monahans have been visiting this week.

Kay Bell of New Mexico and Max Burson visited Lallie Patton last Sunday.

Vivian Tiffin had the misfortune to fall. She was taken to Amarillo.

Elton Cantwell has been to San Antonio to a telephone meeting. He spent Thursday night with his daughter, Mary Chris, and her family in Richardson.

And here is this week's Quilting News:

I spent a very nice weekend in Oklahoma City with Ninette and Joe Zorger. James Zorger came over to visit.

Juanita Stephens hosted the "42" Club Wednesday, present were Ruby Brannon, Pauline Chitty, Elsie Cornett, Eudean Crow, Lallie Patton, Anna Belle Tipton and Nina Martin.

The Friendship Quilters enjoyed Zobie Self's visit. She brought a very interesting Grandmother's Flower Garden quilt. The little hexagons were quilted with millions of stitches.

Present Thursday were Ann Norris, Juanita Howard, Wanda Strange, Joy Stodghill, Marie Rogers, Bobbye Bean, Nadyne Childress, Sybil King, Laverne Stephens, Mary Burson and Nina Martin. Mary Tom brought her quilt top to be put into the frames. The Double Wedding Ring was pieced by Lana Burson's grandmother.

The quilters hosted the Senior Citizens luncheon on Friday. About 50 people attended. Everyone enjoyed Robin Boedeker's Fifth Grade music class's program.

Faye Self and Carolyn Reed took blood pressure and blood sugar readings.

Betty Olive reported she had sent nine get-well cards. Pauline Chitty read the January minutes. Shirley Reynolds gave a financial report.

Carrie Dickerson went to Midland during the ice storm. She spent five days at her daughter's home.

Gleaning from the funny papers: Our fears are like dragons guarding our most precious treasures --Ranier Maria Rilke.

WEATHER

FEBRUARY 24-HOUR READINGS

DAY	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP
1	44	29	
2	57	28	
3	48	24	
4	56	28	
5	56	28	
6	67	41	.02
7	57	49	
8	66	32	
9	70	37	
10	66	32	
11	76	31	
12	38	15	
13	52	14	
14	60	19	
15	65	21	
16	69	29	
17	52	29	
18	62	28	
19	55	26	
20	60	24	
21	53	20	
22	50	27	
23	64	19	
Total Feb. Precip.			.02
Normal Feb. Precip.			.60
Total Precip. Rec'd.			
Year to Date			2.29
Normal Precip. For Year to Date			1.25

Obituary

GIRLIE MALLOW WILLARD

Memorial services for Girlie Mallow Willard, 77, were conducted Saturday at 3:00 p.m. in Abbey Chapel at Resthaven Funeral Home in Lubbock. Richard Lamb, chaplain at Lutheran Home of West Texas, officiated at the service.

Mrs. Willard had resided at the Lutheran Home for five days prior to her death.

Her body was donated to Texas Tech Health Sciences Center, as was the body of her late husband.

She was born July 12, 1921 in Crosby County. She lived in the Silverton area until she was about 15, at which time she moved with her parents, Carl and Kate Mal-

low, to Plainview. She had five sisters and seven brothers, one of whom was Albert Mallow, and all preceded her in death.

She married Lee Willard March 4, 1939, and they lived most of their married life in Lubbock. They were bootmakers. He preceded her in 1997. A daughter, Charlene, died in a car-train collision in 1955.

Mrs. Willard was a member of the Baptist Church.

Her survivors include a number of nieces and nephews.

The family requested that memorials be made to the American Cancer Society.

Happy Birthday-

February 25--Waynelle Couch, Joe Castillo, jr., Leah Whitfill, Kyle Couch, Langdon Reagan, Pascal Garrison, Bob Myers

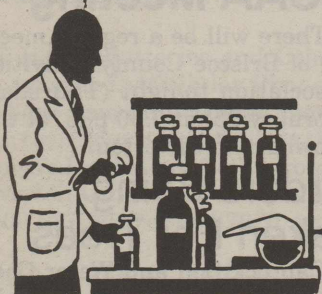
February 27--Charlie Bomar, D'anna Russell, Joshua James Bomar, Kelsie Estes

February 28--Lydia Couch, Lisa Schott, Jimmy Stone, Roy Reed

March 1--Lois Walker, Anthony Minyard, Mary Garcia, Stacy Minyard

March 2--Mark Patton, Ryan Minyard

March 3--Ty Lee Gregg, Thomas Rex Wadley, Mary Grantham, Connie Simpson, Rena Taitano, Danny Edwards



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Monday, Mar. 1--Corndog, Blackeyed Peas, Macaroni & Cheese, Spinach, Cornbread, Milk, Apple Crisp

Tuesday, Mar. 2--Beef & Cheese Taco, Hot Sauce, Salad, Ranch-style Beans, Crackers, Milk, Peanut Butter Cups

Wednesday, Mar. 3--Lasagna, Salad, Corn, Garlic Bread, Milk, Brownie

Thursday, Mar. 4--Chicken Strips, Gravy, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Hot Rolls, Milk, Honey & Butter, Fruit

Friday, Mar. 5--Hamburger with Cheese, Salad, Potatoes, Milk, Cookie, Fruit

Silverton School Activities

Thursday, Feb. 25--TAAS Exit Reading; Boys Quarterfinals

Saturday, Feb. 27--Girls Regional Tournament

March 1-5--Public Schools Week

March 4--School Board Meeting, 7:00

March 5--Personality Pictures, 8:00; Register for ACT to be given 4-10-99

Psalm 106, 1-3

Praise the Lord.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord or fully declare his praise?

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LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
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February 23, 1989--Soil Conservation Service Poster Contest award winners were honored at a banquet here Thursday night. Winners were Marshall McCammon, first place; Jay Arnold, second place, and Shawn Stephens, third place... Fayree and Melanie Watkins prepared a birthday dinner for their mother and grandmother, Ollie McMinn, in celebration of her eighty-second birthday... Miss Self's seventh and eighth grade Read-A-Thon winners were Ashleigh Wyatt, Matt Francis, Lance Smith and Stoney Hubbard... Mrs. Jennings' sixth grade Read-A-Thon winners were Rosie Segura, Hilda Garcia and Jo Ann Ramirez... Mrs. Miller's fifth grade Read-A-Thon winners were Patrick O'Neal and Kristi Smith... Read-A-Thon winners in Mrs. Garvin's class were Brandi Breedlove, David Gamble and Molly Reyes...

February 22, 1979--Services today for Bruce Eddleman, 71... District junior high champs received their trophy last week. Coached by Steve Oates, they are Craig Patton, Tad Cornett, Eric Patton, Kerry Baird, Clifford Clardy, Danny Denton, Mitchell Martin, Shane Reagan, Bob Arnold, Kyle Couch and Rank Cogdell... Silverton to host Triangle Track Meet for junior high students from Valley, Happy and Silverton... Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hutsell are patients at Nichols Hospital in Plainview... Mrs. Dwain Henderson was in Tulia Monday to take her mother, Mrs. H. M. Cowell, for medical treatment... Colleen Hutsell has become a new member of Zeta Tau Alpha international fraternity for women at West Texas State University... Cub Scouts visit Discovery Center...

February 20, 1969--Memorial service held for J. V. Self, 57... Mrs. Bessie Offield, 73, buried at Turkey... District 7-B girls cage tournament opens here today... Runt Vardell has been critically ill in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo... Mrs. Violet Myers, 58, buried Wednesday... Those who attended the meeting of Silverton Riding Club Monday night were Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Tipton and Shane, Sharon and Pat Jarrett, Mr. and Mrs. Louie Kitchens, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Brooks, Roy and Joyce, Jim Brooks, Donna Gidden, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kitchens, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Edwards and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Edwards... The chapel of First Baptist Church in Lubbock was the scene of the marriage of Miss Rhenda Gafford and Jimmie D. Burson Friday, February 7... Valentine party held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Nance for members and husbands of the Helping Hand Club... Four generations observe birthday of Mrs. Dora Johnston, 90... Mr. and Mrs. Willis

Denham of Skellytown spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wood Hardcastle...

February 19, 1959--Toni Rhode and Bobby Crass tie in contest on soil conservation... Charles W. Mayfield makes honor roll at West Texas State... Wilbur Fate Breedlove, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Breedlove, has enrolled in the University of Corpus Christi for the spring semester... The Silverton FFA Livestock Judging team composed of Jerry Brannon, Dick Mayfield, Jim Smith and Dave Schott placed fifth at the El Paso Livestock Judging contest... Ed Vaughan underwent major surgery in the Plainview hospital Thursday of last week... Jack D. Baldwin returned to duty on the USS Hancock... Those taking the postmaster's examination were Charles Cowart, appointed acting postmaster following the death of Clay Fowler; Jean Grundy, Grady Martin, Conrad Alexander, Dee McWilliams, Joe Lynn Allard, Billy Don Stevenson and Fred Strange... Brubs Bomar injured in pickup accident last Thursday... Mrs. Odell Johnston, Sammie and David visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Thomas, Sunday afternoon... Mr. and Mrs. Irving McJimsey and George spent Sunday in Canyon with Mr. and Mrs. Bud Schofield and Jana... Mrs. Rex Holt and son, Kent Stephen, returned home from the Lockney hospital on Saturday... Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Ray Tiffin have purchased the house recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. John Earl Simpson and Celia on Braidfoot Street...

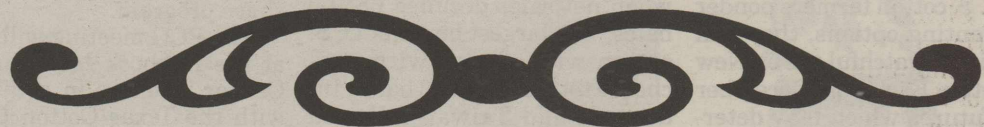
February 24, 1949--Miss Joy Riethmayer and Clifton Stodghill auditioned at Amarillo Tuesday night, at the talent hunt sponsored by "T" Texas Tyler. Joy was one of the twelve contestants selected out of sixty-five or more... Mrs. George Long employed by utilities company... C. L. Cowart honored on eighty-third birthday... The home of Mr. and Mrs. Pascal Garrison was the scene of a buffet dinner and shower honoring Mr. and Mrs. Rayburn Burgess... Nuptial vows were solemnized Saturday evening by Sybil Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Barrett of Quitaque, and Cecil Seaney, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Seaney... Mrs. L. K. Gilkeyson and a number of friends honored Mrs. Earl Brock, who is moving to Dimmitt, with a covered dish luncheon at the Gilkeyson home... Fat Stock Show to be held here Saturday... Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Olive had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Bristow and baby of Petersburg, Mr. and Mrs. Drew Holcomb and daughter, Rebecca, of Turkey... Pfc. Jack D. Paige is in training at Keesler Field, Mississippi... Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Bingham are par-

ents of a son... Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Anderson are the parents of a son, Thomas Henry Anderson, jr... John and Fred Arnold who are attending WTSC in Canyon spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Arnold... Mrs. Edwin Dickerson, the former Miss Carrie Dell Watters, was honored at a tea and shower Friday in the home of Mrs. Pearl Simpson... Double-ring nuptials read uniting Allena Francis Johnson and P. H. (Nuke) May... Mr. and Mrs. Lee D. Bomar took Patsy to the Plainview hospital Tuesday for medical treatment...

February 16, 1939--Mrs. Scott Smithee was honored with

a surprise shower given at the Francis School Tuesday night... Mrs. W. T. McDaniel was Miss Nancy Priscilla Cross, born near Warm Springs, Arkansas on July 4, 1861. She came to Texas at an early age with her widowed mother, a sister and five brothers, who were pioneers to the west. Her father passed away on the journey and was buried in Arkansas. Miss Cross was married to W. T. McDaniel in February 1888. To this union two boys were born, Cross and Ashel McDaniel. The family moved to Briscoe County in 1897 and Ashel passed away at the age of 16. Mrs. W. T. McDaniel has been a

member of the Church of Christ for about 35 years... Clay Fowler and Clifford Allard were in Lockney Sunday afternoon... Mr. and Mrs. Frank Havran attended a dinner in Lockney Tuesday night. It was given by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Simpson in honor of the Havran's wedding anniversary... Coleman Garrison purchased a new Farmall F-20 and lister-planter and power lift from Marvin Tull at the Tull Implement Co. here this week... W. E. Schott left the first of the week for Knox County, where he will start construction on the new Federal Dam...

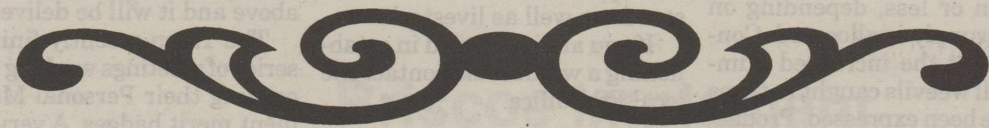


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For the Week Ended February 18

Rolling positions from the nearby contract to later months was the main emphasis of cotton speculators and traders on both sides of the market this week, causing the market to close lower or mixed three out of four trading days. U. S. producers, meanwhile, are making final decisions about planting, and current cotton crop prices are not enticing.

As U. S. cotton farmers ponder their planting options, they will be keeping a watchful eye on New York Cotton Exchange December cotton futures which may determine whether 1999-00 acreage will rise or fall. So far, with price below 60 cents per pound, cotton is becoming less attractive to some producers who fear that their production costs could be higher than crop revenues.

Some cotton analyses and market observers believe new-crop cotton plantings will be close to the National Cotton Council's (NCC) figure of 13.5 million due to current cotton prices. The new consensus is a turnaround from opinions in January, when most in the industry expected cotton plantings to jump to approximately 14.0 million acres, well above USDA's 1998-99 figure of 13.42 million.

For some areas of the United States, cotton remains the major crop, and even a price below 60 cents-per-pound may not prevent increased plantings. In the major cotton producing area of West Texas, most farmers are expected to stick with cotton, a crop that grows well in the region's dry climate.

The new season now is underway as mostly clear skies have prevailed in the cotton producing areas of the United States, and many growers across the Cotton Belt have been preparing their land for planting.

Cotton planting in the Texas Lower Rio Grande Valley continued this week. Reports from the Valley have indicated that irrigation supplies remain limited this year. Many producers have been informed by their irrigation districts that available water most likely will be the equivalent of one irrigation or less, depending on how the supply is allocated. Concerns about the increased number of boll weevils caught in traps also have been expressed. Producers who already have planted cotton have witnessed a large pest population looking for food and egg laying hosts.

On the High Plains, reports from southern districts show that the mild winter there allowed boll weevils to survive at an alarming 40 percent rate. Farmers in several Texas/Oklahoma and Memphis Territory districts currently are awaiting results from boll

weevil referendum votes for the possible establishment of eradication programs.

Meanwhile U. S. export sales were booming last week as cotton prices fell to a level attractive to buyers. USDA's export sales report for the week ended February 11 showed net sales of 82,000 bales, a significant increase from the previous week when net sales declined 68,100 bales. The largest buyer of U. S. cotton was Mexico with purchases totaling 60,700 bales. Indonesia and Taiwan followed with receipts totaling 8,500 and 3,700 respectively.

A holiday at the New York Cotton Exchange on Monday coupled with cotton prices which were unattractive to producers contributed to a slow week on the spot cotton scene. Sales on the TELCOT electronic marketing system in the five trading days ended February 18 totaled 5,244 bales, a 2,135 bale decrease from the previous week's activity. Average daily prices received by producers utilizing TELCOT ranged from 39.49 to 44.41 cents per pound, compared to a range of 40.90 to 47.35 cents per pound the week before.

Orders Being Taken Now For Windbreak Trees

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\$2.50, hardwoods are \$1.50.

A limited number of wildlife seedling packets for quail, pheasant, deer and turkey also are available for farmstead plantings. Each wildlife packet contains 100 trees and is available for \$75.00 per packet.

Minimum orders are required on windbreak seedlings, but the Natural Resource Conservation Service will work to try to get what you need. Order early, because many of the more popular varieties sell out fast.

Windbreaks properly located and containing the right tree species will provide wind and snow protection for farm home-steads as well as livestock.

If you are interested in establishing a windbreak, contact the local FSA office.

Presents Proof Of Good Grades

The Malt Shop has a practice of giving a free burger to students who bring their report card showing that they made the honor roll. Aubrey Rowell brought his 1918 first grade report card with him to the Malt Shop the other day to prove that he made all A's that year.

Speakers Confirmed For 3rd PCG Annual Meeting

The 42nd annual meeting of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. (PCG) will be host to three speakers when the organization's membership meets April 9 in Lubbock.

PCG's third speaker will be Texas State Senator Robert L. Duncan of Lubbock. He will join U. S. Congressman Charles Stenholm (D-Tx) and Memphis, TN cotton merchant William B. Dunavant, jr. on the agenda of the organization's April 9 gathering.

Duncan will be reporting on the status of a number of State legislative initiatives, including efforts to secure State funding for a boll weevil eradication cost-share program.

The PCG meeting will be held at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Theater in conjunction with the Texas Cotton Ginners' Trade Show and Convention in Lubbock April 8-9.

All producers are invited to attend the meeting to hear these outstanding speakers.

Boy Scouts Are Collecting For Flag Service

Silverton Boy Scout Troop 262 is in the process of collecting for flag service for 1999. Flag service covers seven holidays throughout the year with the first having been President's Day on February 15. For \$25.00 a United States flag is placed in your yard or in front of your business on all major holidays and during the Briscoe County Celebration and parade in August. If you are interested in this service and have not been contacted by a Scout, please call Beverly Minyard at 823-2426 or Rick Minyard at 823-2108 evenings, and someone will come to your home or business to collect and choose a location for the flag.

The annual popcorn sales and flag service are Troop 262's only fundraising projects each year, and the money raised is used to send kids to Summer Camp, help with supplies needed for programs and projects, buy camping gear for their camping projects, and upkeep on the Scout Hut.

Some extra popcorn was ordered and is available for sale, including microwave, regular and caramel. If you would like to purchase popcorn, call Rick or Beverly at the numbers listed above and it will be delivered.

The Troop recently finished a series of meetings working on and earning their Personal Management merit badges. A very informative program was given by Morris Wilcox, President of First State Bank, discussing the importance of money management. Each of the Scouts present gained a great deal from these programs, which were led by Cindy Comer, Adult Leader. The boys who attended and earned the merit badge were treated to a fun day in Lubbock playing Laser Tag followed by pizza and games.



'Huggingest' Class is First Grade

Superintendent Frank Kirchoffner says that Shana Strange's First Grade Class is the "huggingest" class in the Silverton School.

Members of the class, pictured with their teacher and Mr. K., are Skyler Beesinger, Brooks Brock, Blaze Cogdell, Marshall Curry,

Logan Fabela, Emily Garcia, Wendy Garcia, CoDee Grabbe, Emily Long, Rene Martinez, Johnathan Perkins, Alex Ramirez, Chase Stidham and Molly Stinson.

If you ever need a hug, stop by Mrs. Strange's room and you're sure to get at least one!

Cotton  News
from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

With Texas cotton producers still feeling the effects of a tough 1998 crop, prospects for improvement in 1999 are fading fast.

According to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. (PCG) the dark cloud of excessive world cotton supplies and rock bottom cotton prices will make 1999 a watershed year for Texas cotton and all of agriculture.

With the 1998 crop in the past, the need for improved risk management options for agriculture has never been more clear. Fortunately efforts are underway on a variety of fronts.

Efforts to rethink the direction and focus of crop insurance, revitalize the Step 2 portion of the 3-Step Cotton Competitiveness Provisions and strengthen the ability of U. S. cotton to compete in the highly competitive export markets around the world are underway.

Illustrating the severity of the problem in Texas is a recent survey by the Federal Reserve Bank in Dallas of rural agricultural lenders. The survey revealed that half of the bankers responding reported declines in loan repayments and increases in loan renewals and extensions going into 1999. The survey also reported a decline in both dryland and irrigated farm land values.

In 1999 Texas farmers, like those in other regions, are facing increasing production costs and declining values for the crops

they plant, declining values for their land and other assets, and tougher standards for securing operating loans.

Federal disaster assistance programs enacted to soften the effects of 1998 will prove beneficial, but do little to positively alter the underlying issues.

PCG is working closely with legislators at both the State and National levels to strengthen the safety net for cotton producers and the whole of agriculture in the U. S.

Producers looking for an opportunity to hear the latest production prospects for cotton, corn, peanuts and other crops are invited to attend the 1999 Southwest Crops Production Conference and Expo March 11 in Lubbock.

The Conference is free to those attending and will be held at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Banquet Hall.

Those planning to attend are being asked to pre-register by calling either Plains Cotton Growers at 806-792-4904 or by sending in the registration card included in recent editions of the Southwest Farm Press.

Education credits for private pesticide applicators and for Texas Certified Crop Advisors will be available as well.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BI-DISTRICT CHAMPIONS!



Lady Owls--(standing, left to right) Misty Wilkinson, Sara Kirchoffner, Lindsey Weaks, Dara Ramsey, Chelsey Cherry, Sharyl McMurtrey, Julie Weaver, Dara Johnston, Amanda Estes, Coach Brian Barnes; (kneeling) Rachel Vangraefschepe, manager, Taylor Griffin, Lisa Comer, Brooke Garvin, Kendra Rhoderick, manager. Photo by R Photography

The Lady Owls worked hard this year, and earned all the good things that have come their way. We're proud of them!

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Lady Owls Win the Bi-District Championship From New Home

The Lady Owls invaded the neutral court at Olton as the home team Tuesday night of last week and conquered the New Home Lady Leopards with an outstanding scoring performance. Dara Ramsey's 17 points, along with Lindsey Weaks' 15 led the Lady Owls to the 71-49 victory.

Silverton improved to 22-8, while the Lady Leopards finished their season at 19-9. This set the stage for the Lady Owls to play Whitharral in the area round of the playoffs, and the girls elected to go back to Olton.

The Lady Owls jumped out to a 22-8 lead in the first quarter, and from then on it was downhill for New Home.

The Lady Owls finished the game with 26 field goals while holding New Home to 13. The Lady Owls closed out the first half with a 42-23 lead.

Along with Ramsey's 17 and Weaks' 15, the Lady Owls saw double-figure scoring from Misty Wilkinson, 11, and Lisa Comer, 10. Adding to the score were Sara Kirchoffner and Taylor Griffin, eight points each, and Chelsey Cherry, two points.

Three-point goals were scored by Dara Ramsey, three; Sara Kirchoffner, two, and Misty Wilkinson, one.

According to a New Home spokesman, the Lady Leopards went into the Olton gym with hopes of stopping the 3-point shots that the Lady Owls are known for, but Silverton managed to sink six 3-pointers over the Lady Leopards' defense before the game was over. It was a struggle from the beginning for the Lady Leopards with a fumbled tip-off and shots that refused to go into the basket.

The Lady Leopards had a tight defense, but the Lady Owls passed the ball around and made the majority of their shots to win the game. New Home played hard the entire night, and their coach was proud of his girls' performance.

Lady Owls	20	42	56	71
Lady Leopards	9	23	34	49

Postal Service Announces Rural Carrier Exams

The Rural Carrier Associate examination for the Childress, TX Area Eligibility Register (AER) will be open to the general public for application beginning Monday, March 15, 1999 through Friday, March 19, 1999. Offices included in the Childress AER are Childress, Chillicothe, Clarendon, Crowell, Lakeview, Memphis, Paducah, Quanah, Quitaque, Roaring Springs and Silverton. Rural Carrier Associates are part-time, non-career positions only, who relieve the regular rural carrier on his/her day off and for vacation or illness. Salary begins at \$11.70 per hour. RCAs must provide and main-

Lady Owls End Playoff Entry With Whitharral

For many of the Lady Owls, there's always next year, but for those who are seniors, Misty Wilkinson, Lindsey Weaks and Dara Ramsey, this was their last effort to attain entry into the regional tournament as they went down in defeat to Whitharral at Olton Friday night.

Coach Brian Barnes has a good nucleus with which to build another good team next year, but the three seniors will be dearly missed by their coach, teammates and fans.

The Lady Owls started slowly in their area playoff game, but gained some and went into the fourth quarter with a two-point, 22-20 deficit. The Whitharral ladies outscored the Lady Owls in the fourth period to take the victory.

Sara Kirchoffner led the scoring for the Lady Owls with eight points. Also scoring were Taylor Griffin, Dara Ramsey and Chelsey Cherry, four points each; Misty Wilkinson, two points, and Lisa Comer, one point.

Lady Owls	8	16	20	29
Whitharral	13	18	22	37

Thornberry To Be Quitaque Chamber Banquet Speaker

U. S. Representative Mac Thornberry will be the speaker for the Quitaque Chamber of Commerce Banquet on March 1. The banquet will start at 7:00 p.m. in the Quitaque Community Center. Menu for the evening will be steak and baked potatoes.

Thornberry who represents the 13th District of Texas in the U. S. House of Representatives was re-elected to a third term in November 1998. He serves in Washington on the Armed Services Committee, the Budget Committee and the Committee on Resources.

Thornberry married the former Sally Adams, a native of Corpus Christi and a former aide to William Bennett in the Department of Education, in 1986. They have two children, Will, nine, and Mary Kemp, seven.

Thornberry feels that he knows what is important to Texans because he is one of them.

tain at their own expense a vehicle suitable for the delivery of mail. Applicants must have a valid state drivers license and a safe driving record.

Interested persons may apply at one of the above offices during the open announcement. Applicants will be required to take a written examination at a later date.

No applications will be accepted before or after these dates.

4-H'ers Exhibit Stock in Show At San Antonio

Pammy Millican

County Extension Agent

Kenda Wood was exhibitor of the Grand Champion AOB Steer, raised by Byron Brock, at the San Antonio Livestock Show last week.

This was the fiftieth anniversary of the San Antonio Show, and Foy Woodard Poe, who presented the grand champion buckle to Kenda, was the exhibitor of the first grand champion shown which sold for \$8,500.00.

Kenda will be expected to return to the San Antonio Show on its 100th anniversary to present the belt buckle to that year's grand champion.

Monty Wood showed a sixth place Hampshire Hog raised by Wayne Stephens, and also placed 13th with his AOB Steer.

Other Briscoe County 4-H'ers attending the San Antonio Livestock Show and exhibiting their animals were Thor Patton, Tory Patton, Ty Reed and Drew Reed.

USDA Grants Sign-up Extension For Crop Insurance

USDA has announced an extension to March 15th of the sign-up date for fall-planted crops. This will provide an expanded safety umbrella for growers of winter wheat, oats, barley, peaches, nursery and citrus crops, says Briscoe County Extension Agent Pammy Millican.

Producers have been given a unique opportunity to purchase crop insurance or re-evaluate their existing insurance plans.

The original sign-up period was set to end on January 8th.

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman announced an estimated 30% reduction in policy premiums for farmers. The plan allows producers to change their coverage from basic insurance based on actual produced yields to the new, though higher-priced crop revenue coverage insurance or to insure fall-planted crops already at risk.

Money 2000 Tip

Want to be \$2,000 better off by the end of the year 2000? Prescription drug prices can vary among pharmacies. Check around for the best deal. Also, if you're taking a drug for a long time, consider mail-order pharmacies. Most have toll-free numbers.

During the evening of the Chamber banquet an award for volunteer of the year will be given to a well-deserving individual from Quitaque. Door prizes will be presented during the evening.

Tickets may be purchased from any Chamber of Commerce member or at the door the evening of March 1. Tickets are \$10 per person.

Texans Have Opportunity to Walk Across State This Year

Provided by Pammy Millican
Briscoe County Extension Agent

Thousands of Texans will have a chance to lose weight and lower their risk of developing serious health problems like diabetes, osteoporosis and heart disease as they "walk across Texas" in 1999.

The Walk Across Texas program is designed to encourage people to develop the healthy habit of walking. Twenty-eight East Texas counties piloted the program last year.

"More than 6,000 Texans walked over 355,000 miles," reported Dr. Carol Rice, a community health education specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the School of Rural Public Health at Texas A&M.

The program relies on friendly competition and team support to keep things moving. A group of eight makes up a team. With the help of their County Extension Agent, the teams pick a goal "destination" to walk towards, like El Paso, and then compete to see who can walk the miles the fastest. The teams are encouraged to walk several times a week and record their individual and collective mileage.

The program was purposefully designed with a great deal of flexibility. Team members may walk together or separately, around their neighborhood, at the gym or on a treadmill--whatever fits their individual schedules. Team mileage is totaled each week, and the team's progress toward the destination is tracked on a Texas map.

In Houston County, for example, Extension Agent Willie Mae Phillips reported that, by the sixth week of her program, three of her 38 teams had made the 820 miles to El Paso, their goal destination.

"One team member lost over 30 pounds. He said he sleeps better and his clothes look nice on him and he feels good," Phillips said.

What Rice hopes is that participating on a Walk Across Texas team will lead people to make walking a regular habit--even after the contest ends.

According to the Aerobic and Fitness Association of America, it's a great habit to keep. Whether indoors or outdoors, on equipment or a path, walking is the most convenient way to get in shape. Walking is low-impact, non-jarring, does not require practice or experience and can provide a social outlet or solitary relaxing time, the association writes.

"We had so much success last year. People reported that, in addition to losing weight, their stress levels lowered, and it even provided some Texans with more family time because family members walked together on teams," Rice said.

If you would like to join a Walk Across Texas team or would like

more information, please call your County Extension Agent.

How To Protect Social Security Investments

by Mary Jane Shanes
Social Security Manager
Plainview, Texas

Because Social Security is automatically deducted from your paycheck, you may not realize that there are other steps you should take to assure that the money will be there for you when you retire, or if you become disabled and to your family if you should die.

When you work, your employer deducts the Social security taxes from your paycheck, adds a matching amount, and sends the taxes to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and a report to the Social Security Administration. By the end of January, you should receive a W-2 form stating the amount of wages the employer paid you during the year which you can use to file your own income tax return. If you do not receive the statement, you should contact the employer.

When you receive your W-2 form, check it for the correct name and Social security number. Compare the number and name shown on the W-2 with the information on your Social Security card. Report any discrepancies to your employer and Social Security office right away. Uncredited earnings could adversely affect your future eligibility for benefits, as well as your benefit amount.

You should protect your Social Security number, the key to your Social Security record. The nine digit number identifies your earnings record and permits Social Security to credit your earnings correctly. If you lose the card, you should contact us for a duplicate so that you will be able to show your Social Security card to your employer when you start a job.

You should be sure to keep your Social Security record up-to-date. If you change the name you use for work or other official business, be sure to apply for a corrected Social Security card. And once you make the change, be sure to use the name consistently for work, banking and filing income tax returns.

Finally, Social Security suggests that you check the earnings credited to your earnings record at least once every three years. You can keep track of your record easily by calling and requesting a *Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement*. If there is an error in your earnings, you should contact Social Security as soon as possible.

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Prayer Service.....8:00 p.m.

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

GOD'S LOVE IS ETERNAL



*Make Your Bed
In The Morning*

Making your bed as soon as you get up is a good way to start the day. This simple task can be the beginning of a well-organized day, and it seems that once the bed is made, the whole bedroom seems to be more in order.

Although we may be pressed for time to put things in order, if we leave our home neat in the morning, it seems that returning is always more enjoyable.

God wants us to develop good habits, and taking pride in our appearance and belongings reflects our attitude and personality.

Making your bed in the morning may not be as important as some other good habits such as eating healthy, doing regular exercise, or praying on a daily basis; however, being neat and tidy is a good quality to possess.

In the Bible, St. Peter apparently thought it was important for us to make our bed when we get up, since he told the paralyzed man to rise and make his bed after he was healed.

And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed."

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Thank all you wonderful people who answered my call for help when I broke my ankle. We are so blessed to have the trained people working with our ambulance crew. I appreciate each of you: Bena, Lynn, Anthony, JoDee, and my family

All you wonderful people who have prayed for my recovery, visited, sent cards, flowers, brought food and called, I appreciate so very much. It is great to live among you. Bless you.
Lottie Garrison

Defensive Driving Classes To Begin

Clarendon College is now eligible to offer defensive driving with the next course scheduled March 1-2.

The course will begin at 7:30 p.m. and end at 10:30 p.m. in Room 102 of the administration building on the Clarendon Campus. Eddie Hankins is the instructor and coordinator of the course.

The schedule for other course dates and locations follows:

- March 29-30--Pampa
- April 5-6--Clarendon
- April 26-27--Pampa
- May 3-4--Clarendon
- May 24-25--Pampa
- June 7-8--Clarendon
- June 28-29--Pampa

The course is contracted by USA Training School, USAC-1374. More information about the course please contact Eddie Hankins at (806) 874-5074 or Clarendon College at (806) 874-3571.

Houston Stock Show Receives Tall Award

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo received the first Agricultural Leader of the Year Award last month. The award is sponsored by Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership, a leadership training organization. It will be awarded every two years.

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo aims to benefit youth

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and support education. TALL coordinator Jim Mazurkiewicz says the TALL program would not be possible without the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Livestock show general manager Dan Gattis agrees. He says the livestock show is a big supporter of education and TALL has lived up to its expectations. TALL is part of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Texas A&M University System.

Senior Citizens To Have Birthday Party Tuesday

Silvertown Senior Citizens will have their monthly birthday party at the Center Tuesday, March 2.

Those whose birthdays occur in March will be honored.

The party will be hosted by those who had their birthdays celebrated in February.

Saturday Night Live To Be at Local Church

Saturday Night Live will begin at 7:00 p.m. February 27th at the Lighthouse Community Church in Silvertown.

The Cornerstone Band will be "Taking Back the Kingdom."

According to the pastor, Rev. David Beebe, everyone is invited

Silvertown Library News

by Polly Cagle

Charles and Mary Ann Sarchet have given the library a bound volume of 1998 Briscoe County News papers. The library now has bound volumes of newspapers from 1960 through 1998.

Library hours are 8:30 - 11:30 Tuesday mornings, and 2:00 - 5:00 Tuesday and Friday mornings

to take part in this special activity which will provide an evening of music, fellowship and inspiration for all who would like to attend.

Everyone is invited regardless of church affiliation or whether they are affiliated with a particular church.

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