

All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



Santa will be at First State Bank Wednesday, December 15, from 10:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon to visit with all children under school age.

Santa will spent all morning and most of Thursday, December 16, with all the school kids from Pre-K through fifth grade who come to visit the bank.

There is an Angel Tree in the basement of the Courthouse.

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- and much more.

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The children and youth of the Silverton First United Methodist Church will present "Stranger in the Straw," a Christmas Musical, on Sunday night, December 19, at 6:00 p.m. Thirty-two children and youth will tell you about the wonderful event that happened in the stable.

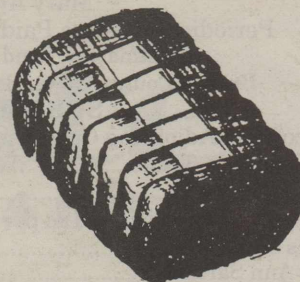
The pastor, Rev. Jay Stinson, said, "Please join us for this heart-warming musical and meet the little 'stranger in the straw'."

Refreshments will be served afterward in the fellowship hall.

Briscoe County Activities Association wil sponsor a Christmas Lighting Contest. Judging will be on Thursday, December 23, beginning at 8:00 p.m. This includes Silverton and the surrounding

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L. B. Garvin, Jr.

Garvin Seeking Re-election as Commissioner

Commissioner L. B. Garvin has authorized the Briscoe County News to announce that he will be seeking re-election to his office when the primaries are held in the spring.

In making his announcement, Commissioner Garvin said, "I am announcing that I am a candidate for re-election for Commissioner of Precinct Three. If elected, I will continue to do the very best that I can for the people of this precinct. I feel that the experience that I have accumulated through the years will help me do a good job. L. B. Garvin, jr." 50-1tc

area and Lake Mackenzie.

Prizes awarded will be \$75.00 for first place; \$50.00 for second place, and \$25.00 for third place.

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Hosting the luncheon will be members of the Silverton Church of Christ.

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Grimland is Candidate For Re-election

Terry Grimland has authorized the Briscoe County News to announce that he is a candidate for re-election as Briscoe County Commissioner, Precinct 1.

In making his announcement, he made the following statement: "I have enjoyed serving as Commissioner of Precinct 1 the past three years. Your vote and support will be appreciated."

Grimland is a life-long resident of Briscoe County and served on the Silverton-Independent School District board of trustees for nine years. He is self-employed in the welding business. 50-1tc

Fire Ants Cost Texans Millions

The red imported fire ant is digging deep into the wallets of Texans.

According to a Texas Fire Ant Management Plan study, damage and management of the imported pest in 1998 in Texas cost more than \$580 million in 1998.

Households in Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio were stung the worst: total annual expenses to that setor were \$526 million. Golf courses shelled out \$29 million for control; schools, \$25 million, and cities (for landscapes, roadways, athletic fields and swimming complexes), \$600,000.

Deputy director of the Extension Service and associate vice chancellor for agriculture for The Texas A&M University System Chester P. Fehlis says fire ants are a major burden to Texans in both rural and urban areas. He says Texans have been battling these pests for a number of years with little success, but a concerted effort is underway statewide to deal with fire ants more effectively.

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Post Office To Hold Open House

The postmaster and staff of the Silverton Post Office cordially invites everyone to their holiday open house Wednesday, December 22, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. The post office will have refreshments available throughout the day and will take the opportunity to personally thank the community for their patronage this past year.

Hoot Barker, Silverton postmaster, wants to remind all the "little ones" to get their wish lists mailed off to Santa Claus at the North Pole. There is a special box placed in the box lobby to accommodate these letters.

Also, a reminder to the Silverton community: The post office will close for the Christmas holiday at noon on December 24. Please get your holiday mailings off early.

Mr. Barker says that all holiday cards to be mailed should be brought to the retail window in order to separate and hand cancel. This extra step will allow mail processing units to already have the mail cancelled and separated for sortation during the

Caprock SWCD Taking Orders For Windbreak Trees

Caprock Soil and Water Conservation District is once again taking orders for windbreak trees and also larger trees are available.

All varieties of evergreens and hardwoods are available.

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

Minimum orders are required on windbreak seedlings, but there is no required minimum on the larger trees available. Order early for the best selection available.

Windbreaks properly located and containing the right tree species will provide wind and snow protection for farm homesteads as well as livestock. Living windbreaks also provide nesting places for small insect-eating birds as well as food and cover for numerous High Plains game birds. Windbreaks for shelter or

Cogdell Horse Wins NCHA

A horse owned by rancher Billy Cogdell won the prestigious NCHA Futurity Open division in Fort Worth on Sunday.

Shania Cee, ridden by Shannon Hall, marked a 225.5 in the 20-horse finals. A total of 533 horses had started the competition two weeks earlier.

Another Cogdell horse, Po Peppys April, ridden by Tobe Crow, marked a 214 to finish fourth in the Limited Open finals on Friday.

Cogdell's son, Billy Rank, rode Martina to a 12th-place finish in the Futurity Non-Pro division with a 212.5 on Friday.



wildlife habitat are permitted under CRP contracts.

Advanced planning is very important for the successful establishment or renovation of windbreaks. The installation of a drip irrigation system for windbreak establishment is highly recommended.

Technical assistance is available from the Natural Resources Conservation Service in planning and designing your windbreak, drip irrigation systems and windbreak management. Drip irrigation systems and information on installation are available through the Caprock Soil and Water Conservation District.

The NRCS office has a complete list of tree varieties. For any additional information, call 823-2431, Ext. 101.

Programs and services of the SWCD and NRCS are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard for race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, marital status, or handicap.

Deadline for orders will be the last week in February, but order now for the best selection. You are not required to pay for the trees when you order them.

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OTHEL JONES

Graveside services for Othel Jones, 96, of Hereford, were conducted at 11:00 a.m. Saturday in the Silverton Cemetery with Tom Bailey officiating.

Burial arrangements were by Parkside Chapel Funeral Home in Hereford.

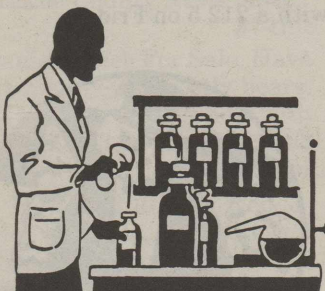
Mrs. Jones died Thursday, December 9, 1999 in Hereford Regional Medical Center.

She was born May 21, 1903 in Silverton. She was a homemaker and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

On November 25, 1923, she married Ernest Jones in Tulia. He died in 1971.

Survivors include a son, Cliff Jones of Hereford; two granddaughters and four great-grandchildren.

The family suggested memori-



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RONALD HUTCHESON

Ronald Persons Hutcheson of Richmond, Texas went to be with his Lord Jesus Christ December 13, 1999. Born February 20, 1952 in Amarillo, he was reared in Quitaque and married his high school sweetheart, Jackie Cheatham. He served in the United States Air Force and was graduated from Eastern New Mexico University. He recently retired from Conoco after more than 20 years of service.

Ron and Jackie served the Lord Jesus at Sugar Creek Baptist Church.

Memorial services were to be held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 15, at Sugar Creek Baptist Church in Sugar Land with services officiated by Dr. Fenton Morehead.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Friday, December 17, at the First Baptist Church in Quitaque an burial will be in Resthaven Cemetery at Quitaque.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; two daughters, Roni LiAnn and husband Phillip also be to The Crown of Texas Hospice, 100 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, TX 79109; or to the Panhandle Chapter of Alzheimer's Association, 2200 W. Seventh, Amarillo, TX 79109.

If you need work done on your vehicle, just call **995-3565** during the day or call **823-2498 (Dale)** after 7:00 p.m.

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South Plains Weather Warmer, Much Drier

Weather across the Texas South Plains during the month of November 1999 was significantly warmer and much drier than normal.

Temperatures averaged 5.9 degrees above normal and ranged from 4.1 degrees above normal at Lamesa to 8.0 degrees above normal at Matador.

Silverton's temperatures averaged 53.5 degrees, which was almost a degree above the South Plains average.

Maximum temperatures averaged 8.8 degrees above normal and ranged from 6.6 degrees above normal at Snyder to 11.0 degrees above normal at Abernathy. The highest temperature during the month was 86 degrees at Spur on the 18th.

Silverton's maximum temperatures averaged 71.2 degrees, which was 1.1 degree below the South Plains average.

Minimum temperatures averaged 3.0 degrees above normal and ranged from 0.2 degrees above normal at Tulia to 6.1 degrees above normal at Matador. The lowest temperature reported during the month was 16 degrees at Muleshoe on the 15th.

Silverton's minimum temperatures averaged 35.8 degrees, which was more than a degree below the South Plains average.

Precipitation averaged 0.76 inches below normal and ranged from 1.03 inches below normal at Paducah to 0.75 inches below normal at Lubbock.

This has been the driest November since 1960 in Lubbock and the second driest since records began in 1914. There was no precipitation recorded from any reporting station on the South Plains during the month of November.

In architecture, a portico is a structure consisting of a roof supported by columns, usually attached to a building.

The average person takes between 12 and 18 breaths a minute.

Richards of Houston, and Paula and husband Gerald Aguirre of Houston; his mother, Lela Mae of Round Rock; his brother, Ray and wife Donna of Round Rock; a sister, Marilyn and husband Kenneth Vines of Dumas.

Ron had requested that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to: Overcomers, P. O. Box 16914, Sugar Land, Texas 77496-6914. Overcomers minister to individuals and families facing extreme adversity in their lives. This ministry came to mean a great deal to Ron during his final few months of life.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Davis-Greenlawn Funerl Home, 3900 B. F. Terry Blvd., Rosenberg, Texas 77471, and Myers-Long Funeral Directors of Quitaque.

Friendship Quilters News Notes
by Nina Martin

Bobbye Bean, Sybil King, Ann Norris, Juanita Howard, Joy Stodghill, Wanda Strange and Laverne Stephens quilted last Thursday. They finished Joy's Dresden Plate and began work on Ann's Jack-in-the-Box.

The Senior Citizens held their monthly birthday party Tuesday night. There were four game tables. Elsie Cornett was one of the honorees. All the Senior Citizens appreciate everyone who ate hamburgers on Friday.

Ounce for ounce the strongest bone in the body is the thigh bone and it's hollow.

When we warm up our voice by singing the syllables, "do, re, mi, fa, so, la, ti, do," we are employing the musical system known as solfreggio.

In music, the term strepitoso means loud, noisy and boisterous.

Twenty people attended the Senior Citizens Christmas Party on Saturday night. After exchanging gifts (some unwillingly) games were played.

John and Maebelle Francis, Donnie and John Bowman, Elton Cantwell and Nina Martin went to eat at the El Camino after church Sunday night.

John and Maebelle entertained at the Lockney Care Center Christmas Party Sunday afternoon.

Dana and Dorothy Martin attended church at Canyon Sunday morning. Their grandson played Baby Jesus in a Christmas play. Dana reports that Mayson played the part to perfection.

Dick and Joan Roehr entertained twenty-five family members on Thanksgiving Day.

Mary Ann Scarborough took her mother, Mary Martin, to Midland for Mary's doctor's appointment. While there they went to see granddaughter, Lindsey Williams, perform in a Christmas play. Mary Ann and Mary came back to Silverton last Friday.

Tidbit: When it comes to good excuses, the world is certainly full of great inventors.

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Luke 2:10-11

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

Rock Creek Church of Christ

LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

December 14, 1989-Kristy Fogerson has been awarded a \$1,000 educational scholarship from the Wayne Feed Division of Continental Grain Company for her work in the 4-H program . . . Jimmy Burson is seeking election as County Judge . . . Connie Smith asking election as County Justice of the Peace . . . Funeral services conducted for Weta Maurine Hill, 79 . . . Services conducted for Jimmy S. Stockton, 31 . . . Brian and Traci Bounds are parents of a daughter, Bailey Jordan . . .

December 20, 1979--Bob Reid, 94, buried here Friday . . . Amy Lee Birdwell is one of some 250 Texas Christian University students who expect to complete degree requirements at the close of the fall semester on December 21. Ms. Birdwell is expected to receive the bachelor of science degree in geneology . . . Junior High Owlettes win Estelline Tournament . . . Mrs. Anthony Kingery underwent surgery for the removal of four wisdom teeth in Amarillo last Thursday . . . Dear Santa, I want a gun and a bike. I love you, Santa. Jim Cogdell . . . Dear Santa, I live in Silverton. I try to be nice and friendly. I want to be everybody's friend. I want a criss cross race track and a life-like baby doll. And if you can, get me a Spelling Bee. Love, Tracy Tomlin . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a gas station with an elevator. I'd like a surprise too. Thank you. Love, Casey Frizzell . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a doll for Christmas. Love, Tonya Clardy . . . Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a bicycle, Stretch Spiderman and John Deere tractor. Merry Christmas. Love, Trent Smith . . . Dear Santa, I want a record player. I want a Barbie doll. I want a dog. I want a cat. Genie Michelle Lavy . . .

December 25, 1969--Staff Sergeant Johnny Jowell, son of Mrs. Miriam Jowell, has received the Army Commendation Medal for heroism in the Republic of Vietnam on September 26, 1969 . . . Garner Garrison, a Tarleton State College student, is a candidate for graduation at winter commencement exercises. He is slated to receive the bachelor of science degree with a major in agricultural education . . . Ware Fogerson has been elected to serve the Silverton Merchants' Association as president during 1970 . . . Hail suppression study complete . . . A housewarming was given for Mr. and Mrs. E. H. McGavock and sons Sunday . . . Dana Martin underwent a tonsillectomy at the Lockney hospital Friday morning . . .

December 10, 1959--In a nativity scene from a Christmas Pageant given November 30 by Zeta Lambda ESA Sorority were Shepherds, Harvey McJimsey, Dolan Rackley and Jack Strange;

Joseph, Edwin May; Mary, Wileta Edwards; the angel, Eunice Yates; the Wise Men, Raymond McJimsey, Ronald Ledbetter and Gerald Arnold . . . Funeral services conducted for Mrs. W. W. Martin, 67 . . . Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lynn Allard are parents of a daughter, Jo Ann . . . Don Brown, Wayne McMurtry, Doodle Zachry and George Long enjoyed a hunting trip to Llano early this week . . . Mr. and Mrs. Elton Cantwell are parents of a daughter, Brenda Kay . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Dale Kitchens are parents of a daughter, Julie Ronette . . . Waynelle Couch of Amarillo spent the weekend here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne McCutchen, Joy Ann and Richard . . . Wade Steele underwent surgery in Plainview on Thursday of last week . . .

December 8, 1949--Donald Rhea and Flunoy Hutsell were placed on the all-regional all-star team. Rhea was elected by unanimous choice and drew a lot of praise throughout the Panhandle for his standout performance through the season . . . Abilene Christian College Wildcat Sweetheart Joye Davenport presented at football game Saturday . . . Arnold Brown, Dee McWilliams and Conrad Alexander left Tuesday morning to attend the annual convention of the Grand Lodge of Texas at Waco . . . Mr. and Mrs. Watson Douglas transacted business in Amarillo Saturday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Stephens and sons of Turkey were guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Stephens, Sunday . . . Songs were sung by Donna Mayfield, Anne Brown and Carroll Welch, accompanied by Joy Reithmeyer, at the Junior Football Banquet. Mrs. Redin, Mr. Banks, Mr. Brown and Carlyle Satterfield made very interesting speeches. Freddie Hamilton was toastmaster . . . Lowell Callaway, Scott Smithee and Fred Mercer attended the football game in Amarillo Friday afternoon . . .

November 16, 1939--Disaster struck at the Gid Mayfield home ten miles northwest of Silverton early Tuesday morning when fire completely destroyed the residence. The Mayfield home was one of the old landmarks of the county and was built in the early days . . . A snarling, man-eating Panther Team arrived in Silverton last Friday afternoon and left three hour later, very quiet, very peaceable, and completely cured of all man-eating tactics, as the result of a 21 to 0 defeat at the hands of the Silverton Owls . . . A wedding which came as somewhat of a surprise to friends, occurred Saturday night when Miss Wilma Joyce Smithee and Mr. Edwin Davis were united in marriage by Earl Cantwell of the Rock Creek Community. Mrs. Davis is the attractive daughter of Mr. Scott Smithee and is a vi-

vacious member of Silverton's younger set. She graduated from Silverton High with the Class of 1939. Mr. Davis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Durwood Davis of the Lakeview Community. He has operated a welding shop here for over a year and has a large group of customers and friends . . . Mr. and Mrs. Buck Baird returned to their home in Albuquerque, New Mexico Tuesday. W. C. Baird returned with them for an indefinite visit . . . Tom Brooks, who is attending WTSC at Canyon, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brooks . . .

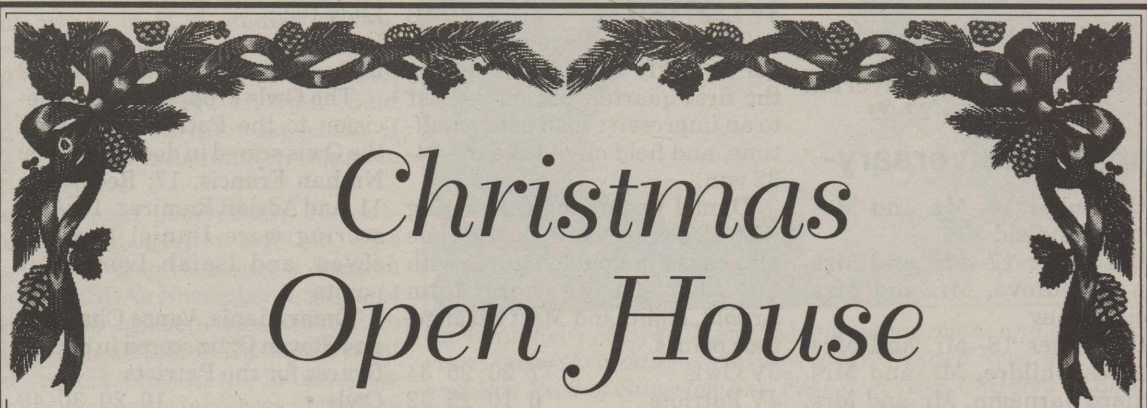
November 28, 1929--A change in the management of King's Coffee Shop is announced

by Mr. and Mrs. A. Morris, who took over the operation of the cafe Tuesday morning from Mrs. Ruth King who has been in the restaurant business in Silverton for about three years . . . The last game of the football season for the Silverton Owls was played at Matador Thursday morning, the opening whistle being blown at 10:30. The battle was set for the morning in order for the boys to return home in a rested condition to participate in a banquet Thanksgiving night . . . Miss Evelyn Kolb weds Roy Seay . . . Quite the prettiest social affair at Haylake this season was the shower given last Thursday by Mrs. Walter Watters for the re-

cent bride, Mrs. Wade Welch . . . Mrs. C. O. Allard has dinner for many visitors . . . Meeker home is again Thanksgiving rendezvous in long-standing custom . . . Mmes. H. L. O. Riddell, Emmett Brooks and Mart Self were Thanksgiving visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hutsell in Lockney . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Strange announce the arrival of a fine 8 1/2 pound boy, born Monday the 25th . . .

Rococo was an 18th century European art style that employed refined, elegant, highly decorative forms.

An ornament of ribs, cars, etc., in panels or screens is called tracery.



Christmas Open House

at First State Bank

Wednesday & Thursday, Dec. 22-23

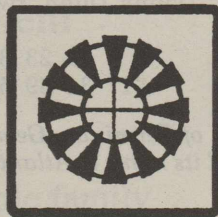
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Silverton School Lunch Menu

The Silverton School will be closed for the holidays from Monday, December 20, until Monday, January 3, 2000.

Silverton School Activities

Thursday, Dec. 16--Employee Christmas Supper; Semester Tests (even)

Friday, Dec. 17--Lady Owls and Owls at Claude, 4:00 p.m.; Semester Tests (odd)

Tuesday, Dec. 20--Christmas Holiday begins and continues until January 3, 2000.

Wednesday, Dec. 22--Gym Closed December 22-26.

Monday, Dec. 27--Silverton Hoot-Out, December 27-29

Happy Anniversary-

December 16--Mr. and Mrs. Dayne Mayfield

December 17--Mr. and Mrs. Van Breedlove, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Seaney

December 18--Mr. and Mrs. Charles Childre, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jarnagin, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Garrison

December 19--Mr. and Mrs. Greg Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Don Francis

December 21--Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McWaters, Mr. and Mrs. David Warren

December 22--Mr. and Mrs. Terry West

Happy Birthday-

December 16--Joe Castillo, Virgal Minyard, Stanley Gamble

December 17--Guinn Fitzgerald, Ruth Ann Scrivner, Daniel Castillo, Clint Ivory, Carol Davis, Haylie Elizabeth Couch, Debbie Myers

December 18--Curtis Blake Reed, Bobby Joe Edwards, jr., Dorthye Fulbright

December 19--Kassidy Martin, John McCutchen, Helen Strickland, Karen Kay Martin, Teresa Sutton, Harvey McJimsey

December 21--Thurman May, Ester Ramirez, Nathan Perry, Billie Perry

December 22--Carl Bomar, Donnie Perkins, Sonya Bitner

The first alphabet was developed by the Phoenicians around 1350 B. C.



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Owls, Lady Owls Sweep Three Of Four Games from Patriots

Silverton's roundball teams swept three of a four-game series from the Valley Patriots here December 7.

The Junior Varsity Lady Owls opened with a big victory after leading at the end of each period of play.

Three of the girls scored in double figures to lead the team's offense: Kurby Garvin, 15; Kassie Strange and Jenny Young, 10 points each. Also scoring were Tarran Forbes, nine, and Amy Maciel, two.

The JV Lady Owls played the Patriots on fairly even terms during the first quarter, but moved out to an impressive lead before half-time, and held on to take the 34-32 win.

Daniel Rogers led the scoring with 12 points, while Dustin Hale also caged in double figures with 10. Also scoring were John Arnold, eight, and Matt Strange, four points.

JV Lady Owls	14	25	38	46
JV Lady Pats	4	19	21	28

Dustin rang up one three-

pointer in the game.

The game between the varsity Lady Owls and Lady Patriots was close all the way, and ended with the Lady Owls taking a one-point, 33-32 decision.

Chelsey Cherry led the offense by scoring 12 points. Adding to the score were Taylor Griffin, nine; Sara Kirchoffner, five; Lisa Comer, three; Dara Johnston and Bryn Mayfield, two points each. Sara hit one shot from downtown.

Kim Woods and Jamie Taylor scored in double figures for the Lady Pats.

Lady Owls	12	14	27	33
Lady Patriots	8	14	19	32

The Owls dropped a 61-49 decision to the Patriots. Three of the Owls scored in double figures: Nathan Francis, 17; Red Ivory, 11, and Adrian Ramirez, 10. Also scoring were Daniel Reagan, seven, and Isaiah Ivory, four points.

Omar Alanis, Vance Chandler and Steven Ortiz scored in double figures for the Patriots.

Owls	10	20	30	49
Patriots	9	31	43	61

Silverton's Junior Varsity Teams Played in Tulia JV Tournament

Both the Tulia High School Gym and the newly remodeled Dallas Street Gym were used in playing off the Tulia Junior Varsity Basketball Tournament last weekend.

Silverton's JV Lady Owls made their first appearance in a 48-24 decision to Springlake-Earth. The game was fairly close until half-time, but in the second half the S-E girls turned on the go power and ran away from the Lady Owls.

Kurby Garvin led the offense by scoring 13 points. Adding to the score were Kassie Strange, five; Tarran Forbes, four, and M. Schneider, two points.

JV Lady Owls	8	14	16	24
Springlake-Earth	11	19	30	48

The JV Lady Owls found themselves in a tie with Hart at the end of the third quarter, but turned their effort up a notch and claimed the 39-28 victory.

Kurby Garvin led the scoring with 14 points, while Tarran Forbes rang up 11 points. Also scoring were Jenny Young, nine,

and Kassie strange, three.

JV Lady Owls	8	15	19	39
Hart	4	11	19	28

Friena defeated the JV Lady Owls 46-25 in the consolation finals.

Scoring for the Lady Owls were Amy Maciel, seven; Kurby Garvin and Tarran Forbes, six points each; Kassie Strange and Jenny Young, two points each.

JV Lady Owls	7	11	16	25
Friena	6	24	28	46

The JV Owls played two games in the Tulia Tournament and were eliminated.

Their first game was with Springlake-Earth, and the Owls got off to a very slow start. Scoring for the Owls were Clay McMurtrey, eight; Daniel Rogers, seven; Chase Comer, five; John Rogers, four; Danny Dunn, two points.

JV Owls	2	14	18	26
Springlake-Earth	15	22	42	54

Hart also proved to be too much for the Owls to handle.

Scoring for the Owls were Daniel Rogers, nine; John Rogers, eight; Clay McMurtrey, six; Adrian Cruz, four; Dustin Hale and John Arnold, three points each; Danny Dunn, two points.

JV Owls	9	19	23	37
Hart	17	34	39	53

The town of Terminus, Georgia, changed its name to Atlanta in 1845.

The right lung of a human generally takes in more air than the left lung.

Sports fans know him as Jim Thorpe, but his Native American name was *Who-Tho-Hutch*.

Varsity Teams Played in 'Mean Green' Tournament at New Deal Last Week

The Lady Owls opened Silverton's appearance in the Mean Green Classic at New Deal last weekend, and dropped their first match 34-27 to Plains. The game was a very close one all the way.

Scoring for the Lady Owls were Taylor Griffin, eight; Sara Kirchoffner, seven; Lisa Comer, four; Dara Johnston, Chelsey Cherry, Bryn Mayfield and Amanda Estes, two points each. Sara and Taylor hit one shot each from long range.

Lady Owls	5	13	22	27
Plains	3	10	23	34

The Lady Owls earned a 33-31 victory over Valley, after coming back from a 9-6 deficit at the end of the first quarter. It was a close game all the way.

Scoring for the Lady Owls were Sara Kirchoffner and Lisa Comer, eight points each; Taylor Griffin, six; Bryn Mayfield and Amanda Estes, four points each; Chelsey Cherry, three points.

Lady Owls	6	18	32	33
Lady Patriots	9	13	19	31

The Lady Owls dropped their consolation game 41-35 to Trinity.

Sara Kirchoffner hit 16 points, including one three pointer, in the game. Also scoring were Lisa Comer and Chelsey Cherry, eight points each; Taylor Griffin, three points.

Lady Owls	11	16	23	35
Trinity	9	22	31	41

The Owls dropped a close 51-45 match to Trinity in the opening round of their tournament, after having kept the score close all the way.

Nathan Francis burned the baskets with a big 25-point effort. Also scoring in double figures was Isaiah Ivory, with 12 points to his credit. Adding to the score were Red Ivory, Max Whitworth and Matt Strange, two points each; Adrian Ramirez and Daniel Reagan, one point each. Isaiah and Nathan each hit one shot from downtown.

Owls	11	20	34	45
Trinity	10	23	35	51

The Owls dropped their second game to Plains, 55-38. Nathan Francis once again had the hot hands and rang up 15 points to lead the team offense. Also scoring were Adrian Ramirez, nine; Red Ivory, eight; Isaiah Ivory, Issac Garcia and Matt Strange, two points each.

Adrian hit two shots from outside the three-point circle.

Owls	9	19	29	38
Plains	12	23	39	55

The Owls also lost their third game 54-47 to Coach Kyle Bean's New Deal boys.

Nathan Francis was the only one who caged in double figures, getting 21 big points in this outing. He and Isaiah got one three pointer each, and Red hit two from outside the big circle, which totaled 11 with the other points he made. Also scoring were Daniel Reagan, eight; Isaiah

Ivory, three; Issac Garcia and Matt Strange, two points each.

Owls	10	26	37	47
New Deal	19	33	42	54

The teams were going to Lazbuddie Tuesday night, play at Claude Friday night, and this will conclude their games until the Hoot-Out which will be played December 27-28-29.

Angel Tree is in Courthouse Basement

An Angel Tree has been prepared and placed in the basement of the Briscoe County Courthouse.

The "angels" on the tree are needy children of the community.

If you are interested in helping, you are asked to select an "angel" and try to fulfill some of his/her wishes at Christmas. Distribution of these gifts will be coming up soon, so you need to take care of this right away.

The "angel" project is being carried out in many towns across the Texas Panhandle and South Plains. In Lubbock, Texas Tech students are being encouraged to fulfill the wishes of an "angel" before going home for their own Christmas celebration.

Winter Driving Safety Tips

Lena Duesterhaus, FCS County Extension Agent

Winter weather travel hazards in Texas can vary from none at all to light patches of ice to full-blown blizzards. Traveling long distance in Texas requires both drivers and passengers to be knowledgeable and prepared.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) indicates that transportation crashes are the leading cause of death during winter storms. Getting a vehicle ready for a winter trip is critical. Have a mechanic check the antifreeze levels, ignition system, battery, thermostat, lights, exhaust system, heater, brakes and defroster. Take a look at wipers and windshield washer fluid, as well as the oil level (maybe change to a winter grade of oil). Make sure the tires are in good shape, with plenty of tread.

Plan long trips carefully, especially if wintery weather threatens. Check road condition with the Texas Department of Transportation by calling 800-452-9292, or through the internet at: www.dot.state.tx.us/hcr/main.htm.

If there is a threat of winter weather, take along a car safety kit, including a flashlight with extra batteries, a first aid kit, an extra blanket or two, an ice scraper, plastic bags, matches, rain gear, a small shovel and booster cables. Also take along some extra food and water, and let someone know your travel plans.

WEATHER

24-HOUR DECEMBER READINGS
6:00 a.m. Each Day

Date	High	Low	Precip.
1	62	29	
2	68	44	
3	66	30	
4	65	26	.06
5	35	19	.50
6	44	19	
7	52	23	
8	64	28	
9	64	29	.18
10	43	23	.12
11	50	23	
12	51	30	
13	50	20	
14	58	20	
Total December Precip.			.86
Total Snow			9"
Normal Dec. Precip.			.68
Total Precipitation Rec'd Year to Date			19.33
Normal Precipitation Year to Date			21.22

Hail, lightning, thunder, sleet and snow were received at the Silverton weather station on December 9.

Some experts equate the intellectual development of the African gray parrot to that of a three-to-five-year-old child.

TELCOT[®] Report

A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF COTTON MARKETING NEWS

For the Week Ended December 10, 1999

USDA's long-awaited December supply/demand report was considered neutral but friendly for cotton futures. USDA raised U. S. 1999-2000 production, as expected, but the agency also increased exports significantly and lowered ending stocks slightly. A tiny increase in world production and a dip in world carryout were considered supportive.

Expected U. S. production jumped from 16.53 million bales in November to 16.88 million in the December report. The major rise in production occurred mostly in Texas, where the state's crop forecast leapt from 4.8 million to 5.1 million bales. Estimate increases also were seen in some U. S. Delta states, with only the Mississippi estimate dipping slightly. The Southeastern states suffered some declines with smaller crops in Georgia and South Carolina due to adverse weather conditions.

The department's U. S. export and ending stocks figures captured the attention of most in the industry, as some analysts were

surprised by a one-time 500,000 bale increase in U. S. exports. Analysts knew USDA would raise exports amid strong sales and improved shipments, but most had anticipated a modest increase, believing USDA would slowly add to the forecast as the season progressed.

A boost in anticipated export sales resulted in a slight decrease in U. S. ending stocks, which dipped to 4.5 million bales from 4.6 million in November. Analysts believe carryout could fall even further, especially if domestic consumption begins to improve.

World projections also attracted market attention. The world crop rose only a fraction as USDA's November estimate of 87.35 million was boosted to 87.38 million in the most recent report. Most in the industry expected large increases in the global crop and were mildly surprised by the minimal change.

Cotton consumption around the world rose to 87.89 million bales from 87.82 million pro-



Carl and Fern Minyard announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Missy, to Mr. Wendell Reed, son of George and Roy Reed of Silverton and Faye and Glen Childers of Lubbock. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mildred and Bud Mouser of Plainview, and her fiancé is the grandson of Ike and Thelma Smith of Amarillo and Lottie Garrison of Silverton. A January 14, 2000 wedding is planned.

jected last month. That, combined with the modest addition to world production, led to slightly lower ending stock, a friendly development for the cotton market amid expectations for a rise in stocks.

In other news, USDA's weekly export sales report was considered positive to the market, but was not enough to boost prices. For the third consecutive week, shipments of 1999-2000 crop cotton established a new marketing year high of 134,000 bales in the week ended December 2. Additionally, net export sales of 191,000 bales for the same time period were considered higher than the previous week's sales of 104,900 bales. With purchases totaling 75,800 bales, Mexico was the largest buyer of U. S. cotton.

Brazil and South Korea completed the list of featured buyers with acquisitions of 40,300 and 12,800 bales, respectively.

Spot cotton sales rose again this week as sales on TELCOT totaled 56,350 bales in the five trading days ended December 10. The figure is a considerable improvement from the previous week's sales of 46,930 bales. Average daily prices received by producers utilizing the electronic marketing system ranged from 36.28 to 37.15 cents per pound compared to a range of 36.77 to 39.60 the prior week.

The original design of the Empire State Building called for the top of the tower to be used as a mooring place for dirigibles.



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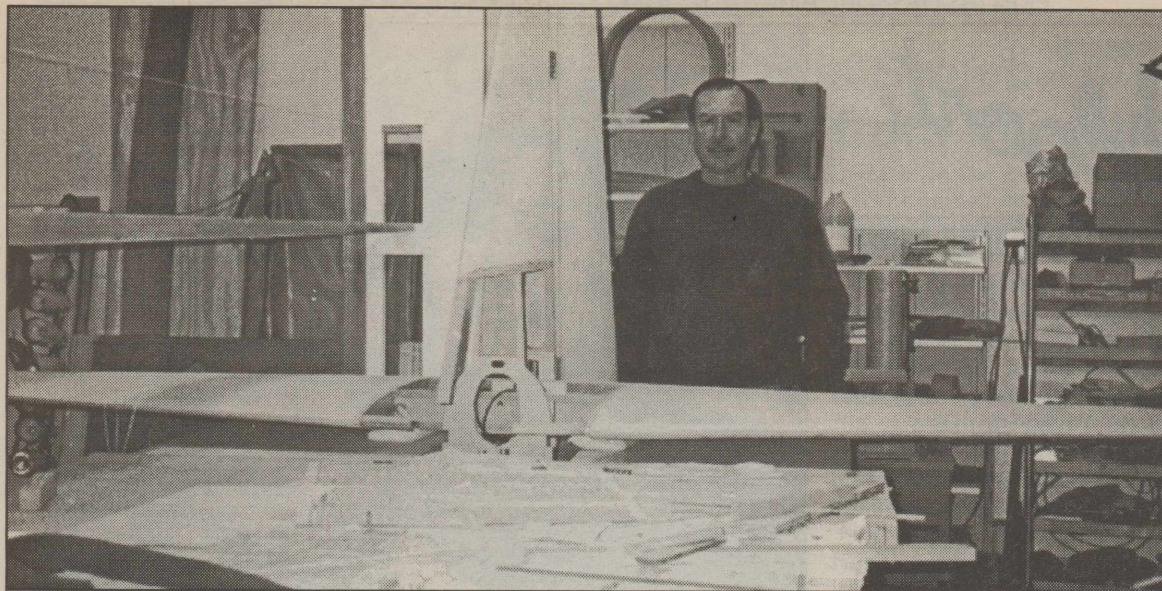
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Wayne Rampley stands by the tail section of a two-seat, single engine Falco plane he is building.

Muskogee Pharmacist Building Small Plane

Wayne Rampley's fascination with planes and flying began during his first plane ride at age 12 with his uncle at the controls. As a teen, he built many model airplanes from kits. As an adult he is building a Falco two-seat, single engine plane from scratch. Three rolls of plans and a thick instruction book lay open on a workbench in the large workshop in his backyard that houses the creation.

"There it is," he said as he opened the building door to the clean and organized workspace.

Rampley has been working on the plane, 40-year-old Italian design, for seven years.

"I'm out here fairly regularly. It just takes a lot of time," he says. He shows a wing rib, one of many in the construction, that has numerous small pieces of different-sized wood parts.

"It's a lot of detail work," said Rampley, a pharmacist by day at Economy Pharmacy on north York Street.

Rampley's wife, Pam, a secretary at Tony Goetz Elementary School, said her husband is blessed with patience.

"He's one of those people who can sit and work a jigsaw puzzle or things like that for hours and days. I have to get with it and finish it in a day or two," she said.

"It does take a lot of patience," he said.

Sometimes Rampley's three-year-old grandson, Braden Lanier, helps. Pam Rampley recalls moments when her husband and grandson sit in the kitchen floor bending wood for certain parts of the plane.

"This was my first experience at bending wood," he said.

Rampley showed a piece of the tail section that had been soaked in water for several days, heated with a steamer and then curved to fashion the smooth, rounded piece. The thicker wood of the plane is spruce and the plywood used for curving is birch.

Rings of different sizes, the skeletons of the fuselage, hang on hooks at the west end of Rampley's workshop. The wing spars, landing gears with wheels and part of the fuselage skeleton is supported by a harness Rampley built. A heavy piece of

the wing lays on another table on the north side of the large workshop.

Rampley's not sure when his plane will be finished.

"I don't have a deadline," he said.

But he doesn't have to wait for it to enjoy his hobby of flying.

He owns a plane that he houses at Tenkiller Airpark near Cookson. One of his days off each week is usually spent flying. He earned his pilot's license in 1968.

Sometimes he flies to the popular Oshkosh (Wisconsin) Fly-In.

"Now that is a kick," he said with a smile.

Rampley flips through a color-page book to find the photo of what his finished plane will look like. He plans to cover his wood with a thin, thin coating of fiberglass just as a wood protector.

"I like the wood, but I kinda like this red, too. You don't see many red planes," he said as he pointed to a sleek, fire-engine red colored two-seated plane with a larger-than-usual glass roof.

"You can see so much more with one like that," he said.

Rampley is the son of Faye Rampley of Silvertown and the late O. C. Rampley. He and his wife, the former Pam Thompson, are graduates of Silvertown High School.

Born July 8, 1948 in El Paso, he is a 1971 graduate of Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

His family consists of his wife and a son, Mike, who lives in Massachusetts; daughters, Rene Lanier of Muskogee and Mandy Arterberry, a student at Northeastern State University, and one grandson.

His hobbies are flying, travel and learning Spanish.



Linguists say there are no exact expressions in Japanese equivalent to our "yes" and "no."

Caution Urged For The Y2K Motorists

Motorists are being urged to use extra caution as they travel after the first of the year, especially at intersections.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) does not expect Y2K problems with traffic signals, but says motorists should always be careful when entering an intersection.

"We have been working since early 1998 upgrading and testing equipment on the nearly 6,800 traffic signals on the state highway system," said Carlos Lopez, director of traffic operations for TxDOT. "If power is available, our traffic signals should handle the January 1 date change without a problem. If the power goes out, motorists will need to use caution and watch out for other drivers."

Motorists should take extra care at an intersection with a traffic signal that is not working and they should be prepared to give other drivers the right of way if necessary, according to TxDOT. "Right of way is something to be given, not taken," said Lopez. "Courtesy is the key to safe driving."

Crashes can be prevented if motorists play it safe, according to TxDOT officials. Driving at a speed appropriate for the conditions, using seat belts properly and never drinking and driving are some of the safe driving practices they say motorists should always follow.

"Holiday periods, like New Year's Day, are often a time to celebrate, but they should never be an excuse to get behind the wheel of a car after you have been drinking," said Lopez.

According to the Texas Department of Public Safety, nearly 30 percent of all traffic fatalities in Texas last year were alcohol related.

In addition to checking and upgrading signal lights on state highways, TxDOT also has been serving as a resource on traffic issues for cities and counties across the state. All the signal components and electronic controllers have been upgraded.

Social Security Ready For the New Millenium

by Mary Jane Shanes
Social Security Manager
Plainview, Texas

Because so many people depend on Social Security, we feel a special responsibility to be ready for the new millennium and the Y2K computer problem. Our benefit payments systems are Y2K ready and have been for a full year ahead of the new millennium. We will be able to do all of our tasks on January 1, 2000, which include paying monthly benefit to 50 million people, tracking the earnings of 145 million workers, and processing six million new benefit applications next year.

The Social Security Administration (SSA) has no reason to expect a disruption to the delivery of benefit payments in January 2000. However, we have developed contingency plans to handle any unexpected or unforeseen disruption that may be beyond our control.

Social Security's payment delivery schedule with appropriate contingency plans are as follow:

- Since January 1, 2000, is a holiday, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments will be delivered December 30, 1999. Therefore, there should not be any Y2K problems with the January SSI payments.

- Social Security payments for January will be made on Monday, January 3, 2000.

- The post office will receive checks a day earlier than normally scheduled to ensure timely delivery on January 3.

- In the case of direct deposit, SSA expects benefit payment delivery to financial institutions to be conducted in a "business as usual" manner. However, if problems occur with direct deposit payments, SSA will work with the Treasury Department and the Federal Reserve to resolve problems at a troubled financial institution and make payments available.

- SSA offices will provide emergency payments to beneficiaries in cases of dire need as called for by existing procedures.

So, if you are a Social Security beneficiary, be assured that you will receive your payment on time. You can just relax and enjoy the new millennium.

Money 2000

Want to be \$2,000 better off by the end of the year 2000? The whole idea behind saving is to use today's money for tomorrow. When goods are purchased on credit, just the opposite occurs. Tomorrow's money is used today.

If you're in the habit of charging and can't seem to get in the habit of saving, a savings strategy that can work for you is the "debt to credit switch."

Once an installment account is paid in full, continue making the payments, but add them to a savings account instead. Remember, the money you save will continue to earn you money if it's in a savings account. To enroll in the Money 2000 Plus program, contact your County Extension Agent, Lena Dueterhaus or Brandon McGinty, 823-2131, in the basement of the Briscoe County Courthouse.



In painting, the term *trompe l'oeil* refers to fine, detailed rendering of objects to convey the illusion that the painted forms are real and three-dimensional. The term literally translates as "fool the eye."

The first dog to ever receive star billing in a movie was a German Shepherd that went by the stage name of Strongheart. The movie, made in 1921, was *The Silent Call*.

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SUNDAY:
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Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Worship Service.....7:30 p.m.



Celebrate

the miracle of His birth

Complaining About Winter

As winter approaches, those of us who live in the north can expect colder weather, snow shoveling, and higher heating bills. However, in winter, we don't have to cut grass, rake leaves, or endure the high humidity that comes with hot weather.

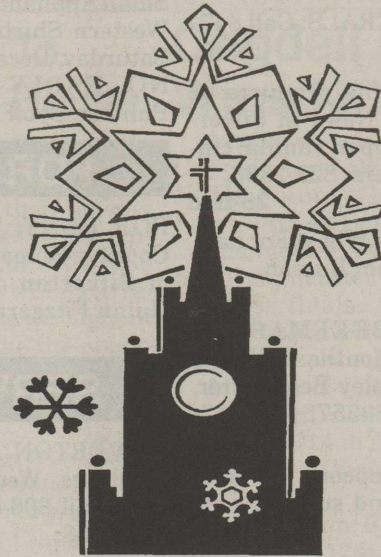
God has created the four seasons, each with its own unique and marvelous con-

ditions; still, it seems that more people grumble and complain about winter than any other season.

Acceptance of what we cannot change is part of being a Christian, and helps make our lives more enjoyable. Looking forward to the Christmas season and the new year, along with the first snowfall, and spending time with loved ones, will help us to enjoy the winter season more. The Lord doesn't want us to grumble and complain, and He, being our keeper, knows what is best for us.

And when the people complained, it displeased the Lord...

K.J.V. Numbers 11:1



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Thanks for remembering us on Thanksgiving. Thank you for your gifts, calls and visits and thank you most of all for your prayers. I can use my arm now and so get around a little better. We are so thankful that we live in a caring neighborhood with Christian people, nice schools and great churches. So we say, God bless you all.

Irene Loyd

We would like to thank everyone for the visits, food, flowers and cards at the loss of our Mom and Granny Minnie. It is truly a blessing to be part of such a loving community.

Love, Bronc, Amy, Butler and Forrest Farris and Filaree Otis

Thanks to all the wonderful people who prayed for me. I made it through a difficult time with your prayers. Also all the people who called Midland to cheer me. And thanks for all the calls and food since I have been home. Especially to my wonderful neighbor for the "full meal deal" for all of us.

Mary Martin

The philosophers have only interpreted the world in various ways. The point, however, is to change it.

Karl Marx

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF CALLIE LIGE ("JACK") SUTTON, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Independent Administration upon the Estate of Callie Lige ("Jack") Sutton, Deceased, were issued to me, the undersigned, on the 8th day of December, 1999, in the proceeding indicated below my signature hereto, which is still pending, and that I now hold such Letters. All persons having claims against said Estate, which is being administered in Briscoe County, Texas, are hereby required to present the same to me at the address below given, before suit upon same are barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such Estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law. The address of Teresa Sutton is Rt. 1, Box 72, Silverton, Texas 79257.

DATED this 8th day of December, 1999.

/s/Teresa Sutton
Independent Administrator of the Estate of Callie Lige ("Jack") Sutton, Deceased, Cause No. 1420 in the County Court of Briscoe County, Texas 50-1tc

ary 4, 2000, and then publicly opened and read. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that the sealed proposal arrives at the above location and is in the hands of the letting official, by the specified deadline regardless of the method chosen by the bidder for delivery.

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