

**All Around
The Town**



By Mary Ann Sarchet

There have been a few funny moments during this football season filled with heartbreaks for our team. One of these brings a smile to my face every time I recall it.

When Samnorwood came here to play, they brought along their Eagle mascot. During the half-time, after I'm sure the mascots had visited on the sideline and hatched a plan, the Owl and the Eagle walked out onto the field together. . . peacefully at first, then in a bit of a shoving match and finally in a full-blown "fight" with both mascots on the ground.

But then, something happened that hadn't been factored into this scenario. The little boys who play football in the endzone caught sight of the two mascots fighting, and they ran to the aid of the Owl. They jumped on the Eagle and began hitting it.

The skit was over pretty quick, and the Eagle had to run away from the defenders of the Owl.

Wish I had a video of it!

I promise you there was nothing funny about the game at Cotton Center last Friday night! It had to be miserable for the players and everyone involved due to the pelting of mudballs that continued much of the game.

It was another of those the Owls have played this year that could have easily gone either way.

Friday night, several Owls will play their last game for Silverton High School. (Every year it breaks my heart when this time comes, because I don't ever want to see them go.) This will be the last game of their high school career for Nathan Francis, Paul Segura, Daniel Reagan and Ryan Minyard. Wish we could hold their talent for another year, but our coaches will have to "make do" with the talent they have remaining and that which will come up from junior high next fall.

Right now, it's been fun, guys—we're looking forward to seeing some of you in post-season all-star games!

Booster Club will meet Tuesday, November 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the PE Gym basement.

All Owl Boosters are invited to attend.

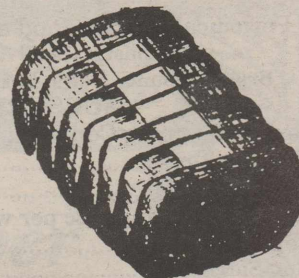
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Area Growers Meet To Discuss Boll Weevils

Growers from four counties gathered in Tulia last week to discuss the formation of a boll weevil eradication zone for the Northern High Plains.

According to Weldon Melton, chairman of the steering committee for the proposed zone, more than 60 producers, along with ginners from Hale, Swisher, Floyd and Briscoe counties, attended.

Representatives from each county chose producers to serve on the steering committee. Those include James Alan Patton and Max Weaver of Briscoe County; Jim Finley, David Patterson and Dan Smith of Floyd County; Melton, Steve Olsen, Mike Price and John Starnes of Hale County; and Barry Evans and Johnnie Reed of Swisher County.

Although Randall and Armstrong counties are a part of the zone, they did not send representatives, Melton said, adding that their exclusion was the result of confusion.

Initially, it was believed the counties were in another zone, he said. When it was discovered that they were not, it was agreed that they would be included in future meetings.

"We'll need to add at least one grower from each of these two counties to the steering committee," he said.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the formation of an eradication zone that would include the six counties.

A 31-county High Plains zone was dissolved three years ago in the wake of controversy surrounding the program. **See AREA GROWERS--Continued on Page Two**

Veterans Invited To a Special Nov. 11 Program

Tulia Junior High School is hosting its annual Veterans' Day program on November 11.

All area veterans are invited to attend.

Due to renovations on the Dallas Street Gym, this year the program will be held in the high school auditorium.

Veterans are asked to meet in the high school band hall between 1:30 and 1:45 p.m. The program will begin at 2:00 p.m.

Community members also are welcome to attend. A reception, hosted by the high school Student Council, will be held in the high school library following the program.

C. M. Graham received the first patent for false teeth in 1822.

Caprock Jamboree To Go Onstage Again Saturday

Caprock Jamboree is all set to go onstage again Saturday night, with a hamburger supper set to begin at 6:00 p.m. following by the Jamboree at 7:00 p.m. at the Showbarn in Silverton.

Confirmed entertainers planning to appear on the program are Jeff McReight, Long Girlz, Burgundy Rose, Lynn Alexander and The Country Sounds.

The Quitaque Emergency Medical Service will be serving the mesquite-grilled hamburgers.

The program of family entertainment is free, and everyone is invited to come and have a good time.

Musical Show Planned in Floydada Nov. 20

Kids Korner Learning Center and Nursery in Floydada is bringing the very popular "Always . . . Patsy Cline" musical production to Floydada November 20.

Proceeds from the event will help the Learning Center pay off its debt on their new building at the First Christian Church.

The play is a project of the Amarillo Little Theatre (ALT). **See MUSICAL SHOW--Continued on Page Two**

Christmas Arts & Crafts Jubilee Set Here Nov. 20

The annual Christmas Arts & Crafts Jubilee will be held Saturday, November 20, from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Briscoe County Showbarn in Silverton.

Exhibitors signed up for **See Christmas Arts & Crafts--Continued on Page Two**

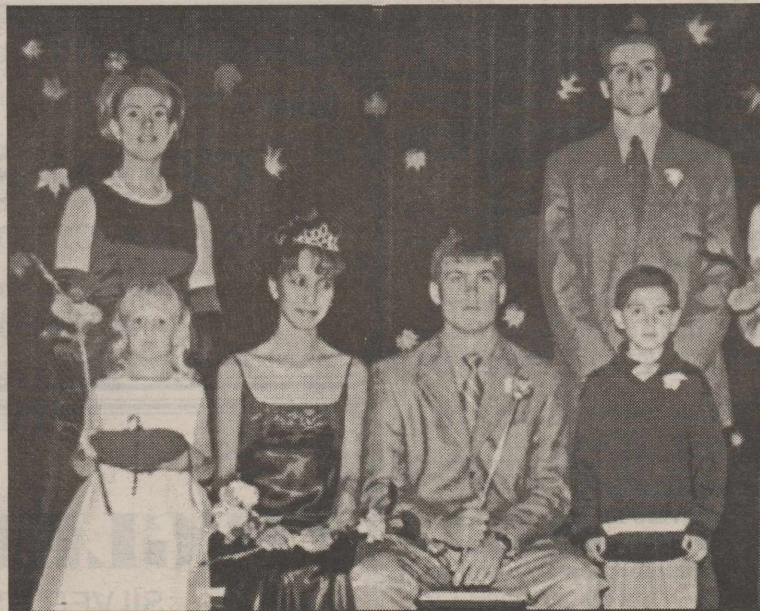
Fall Festival Royalty Elected

The Fourth Grade candidates, Davin Fabela and Lindsey Mullin, were presented as Fall Festival Prince and Princess, and the Senior candidates, Charlie Bomar and Vanessa Reyna, were crowned as the King and Queen in a formal ceremony Saturday night in the school auditorium.

The coronation ceremony is sponsored by the Silverton chapter of Future Homemakers of America.

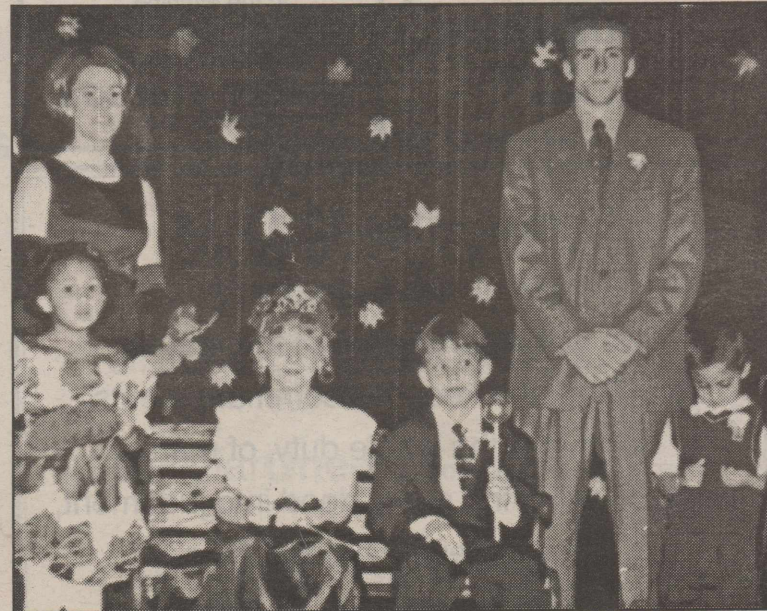
Sara Kirchoffner was master of ceremonies, and Brooke Garvin provided numbers at the piano. Daniel Reagan was usher, and the King, Queen, Prince and Princess were crowned by Nathan Francis and Lisa Comer.

Crown and scepter bearers for the Prince and Princess were Jeremy Hall and McKayla Cartwright, and for the King and Queen were Brett Pendergrass and Reba Garvin.



Fall Festival Queen and King, Vanessa Reyna and Charlie Bomar, were presented at the Coronation ceremony Saturday night in the school auditorium. They are flanked by Lisa Comer and Reba Garvin (left) and Nathan Francis and Brett Pendergrass (right).

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Princess and Prince of the Fall Festival, Lindsey Mullin and Davin Fabela, were presented by Lisa Comer and Nathan Francis at the Fall Festival Coronation Saturday night. They are flanked by McKayla Cartwright (left) and Jeremy Hall (right).

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Obituaries

RUBY LEE EDDLEMAN

Funeral services for Ruby Lee Eddleman, 79, were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Thursday at the Silvertown Church of Christ with J. D. Nance and Hal Rogers officiating.

Burial was in the Silvertown Cemetery by Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Eddleman died Tuesday, October 26, 1999 at Prairie House Living Center in Plainview.

She was born March 21, 1920 in Silvertown, a daughter of Elbert and Avie (Holt) Dickerson. She was a life-long resident of Silvertown, a graduate of Silvertown High School, and homemaker. She married Bryant

Eddleman in Childress October 24, 1937. She was a member of the Rock Creek Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Sharon Marshall of Austin and Jealeta Baird of Silvertown; a sister, Betty McPherson of Silvertown; four grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, Edwin Dickerson.

Pallbearers were Clinton Dale Dickerson, Richard Eddleman, Joe Alvin Young, Murry Wayne Morrison, Joe Morrison, Mark Eddleman, Charles Eddleman, Bobby McPherson, Randall Eddleman, Layne Cushenberry and Bobo Morrison.

The family suggested memorials be to the Silvertown Cemetery Association, Silvertown Volunteer Fire Department or the Silvertown EMS.

DOROTHY BILBAY

Graveside services for Dorothy Rae Bilbay, 70, will be at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, November 4, in the Silvertown Cemetery.

Burial arrangements have been made by Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Bilbay died Monday, November 1, 1999 at her home in Silvertown.

She was born September 14, 1929 in Denison. She moved to



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Arts & Crafts--

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booths will have a large variety of items for sale, including candles, leather work, clothes, wood crafts, clocks, vests, lamps, frames, Christmas signs and arrangements, and yard art.

Norma Garcia will have her Mexican food for sale in the concession stand, and Tamales, Burritos, Funnel Cakes, Fudge and other baked goods will be available from other vendors.

Everyone is urged to plan now to come spend the day at the showbarn and get all your Christmas shopping done early. No admission will be charged at the door.

For more information, please contact Brenda Patton, 823-2446; Madeline Stone, 823-2204, or Beverly Minyard, 823-2108. Limited booth space is still available.

Valley Onion Research Is Funded for 2000

The South Texas Onion Committee recently funded several research projects to be carried out by the Texas A&M Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Weslaco.

The committee raises funds for promotion and research by assessing growers a fee of a few cents on each bag of onions. The onions are produced on about 9,000 acres in South Texas, and this creates an annual economic impact of \$50 million for the area.

Plant pathologist Marvin Miller says growers in the Valley did an outstanding job of producing a good onion crop in 1999; however, prices were too low to make much of a profit.

Miller will conduct one of four onion research projects. He will study the different fungi that play a role in seedling diseases. He says stand establishment is a major problem in onion production and that it can result in losses of 20-50 percent. Since onion seedlings are slow-growing, they are vulnerable to many diseases. Miller will sample leaves and roots from declining seedlings. Fungi that grow out will be identified.

In other studies, onion seeds will be treated with experimental fungicides to screen them for efficacy. Other studies will investigate insect problems and evaluate various weed control treatments.

This information was provided by Briscoe County Extension Agent Lena Duesterhaus, FCS.

The Latin name for Saturday--Dies Saturni--honors the Roman god of the harvest, Saturn.

A flesh colored nose on a dog is called a dudley nose.

Silvertown in 1994.

Survivors include a son, R. C. Cooper of Silvertown; three daughters, Jimmie Cooper of Denison, Darlene Flowers of Silver City, North Carolina, and Debra Salmon of Silvertown; a brother, Cecil Rice of Blue, Oklahoma; a sister, Helen Roland of Denison; and four grandchildren.

Musical Show--

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ALT recently celebrated 70 years of bringing the finest in live entertainment to the Texas Panhandle and beyond. It is one of the oldest, continuously running community theaters in America.

Because the 1997 tour of "Always . . . Patsy Cline" has been such a phenomenal success provisions were made to continue this production as an entity unto itself, still a part of ALT and the ALT Touring Project, but in addition to the regular tour.

"APC" has continued to thrive nearly two years after its debut and to date, has been over 50 performances. "APC" has traveled far beyond ALT's normal tour boundaries, reaching down into the Permian Basin and South Texas.

"Always . . . Patsy Cline" centers around the relationship of Louise Segar and Patsy Cline from 1957, when Patsy was just beginning her rise to fame, until her death in 1963. Though they met only briefly, they became instant friends and corresponded regularly with letters and telephone calls throughout this period.

During the play, Louise recounts her love of Patsy's music and how it touched the lives of so many people, including her own.

Louise's poignant story is complimented by the performance of 17 songs, including "Crazy," "Honky Tonk Merry Go-Round," "I Fall to Pieces," "Come On In," "Faded Love," "Sweet Dreams" and "She's Got You."

Tammy Hysmith of Fritch recreates the look and sound of Patsy Cline. Amarillo actress

Area Growers--

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Matt Brockman, commissioner of Agriculture's Special Assistant for Producer Relations, was present to clarify rules and regulations concerning the development and conduct of a referendum for the zone.

Melton explained that the steering committee has contacted the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation to set up a meeting to discuss a budget for the proposed zone.

"Everything still is in the infancy. The steering committee probably will meet again before we meet with the foundation to discuss further plans and to bring in committee members from Randall and Armstrong," he continued.

"If we have a successful program, it has to be producer driven and have their support. It needs to be a grassroots program," he said.

In the meantime, Melton is encouraged by what he saw at the meeting.

"At the end, we took a straw vote of how many producers supported the program and it was unanimous in support of the program," he concluded.

Cindi Bulla, portrays Louise.

The play will be held in the Floydada High School Auditorium. Tickets are \$17.50 for adults and \$12.50 for students. Tickets will be sold at the Cablevision office in Lockney, First National Bank in Floydada, or order them by phone from Floydada Ford-Mercury and pay by credit card or mail check. Call 983-3761, ask for Debbie or Jennifer.

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Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

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for this is the whole duty, of man.

For God will bring every deed into judgment,

including every hidden thing,

whether it is good or evil.

Rock Creek Church of Christ

LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

November 2, 1989--The first bale of cotton harvested in the Silverton area was brought in Wednesday by Rex Holt to Johnson's Gin . . . Services conducted for C. A. Tipton, 75 . . . Owls soar to big victory over Higgins, 18-6 . . . Bradley Brunson, middle linebacker for the Owls, was one among many of his team's defensive stars in their win over Higgins, and was named Six-Man Player of the Week by the Amarillo Daily News . . . Jeff and L'Anna Jones of Lubbock are parents of a son, Jeffrey Nicholas . . . Fall Festival King and Queen are Bradley Brunson and Julie Graham . . . Prince and Princess are Trey Wyatt and Kenzie Burson . . . Ewing Vaughan returned home last week after having been in Lubbock for three weeks while undergoing surgery and medical treatment . . .

November 1, 1979--Owls lose second district game to Swifts . . . Mrs. Peggy Cole, 53, buried Friday . . . Hail damages area crops once again . . . Lynda Fogerson selected from the thousands of nominations submitted as one of the Outstanding Young Women of America . . . The Slip Joint will have its grand opening November 6 in the former location of the Brown & Son Cafe at the intersection of the Lockney and Quitaque highways southwest of Silverton . . . Michael Greenhaw returned to school Monday after having undergone knee surgery in Lubbock . . .

November 13, 1969--Owls, plagued by ills, lose 46-18, to McLean Tigers . . . Dick Bomar, 75, a life-long resident of Briscoe County, buried here Friday . . . Sunday is Day of Prayer for Servicemen in Vietnam . . . Dr. M. O. Walls, 49, buried Wednesday . . . Lester O. (P. John) Monk receives state ASCS award . . . Pat Jarrett is new Rainbow Worthy Advisor . . . Mrs. Vaughter Self delivered the first bale of 1969-crop cotton to Silverton Gin, Inc. Tuesday afternoon . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Thompson celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Sunday . . .

November 5, 1959--Thomas Self and Lynette Martin are Halloween King and Queen . . . Bufaloes overpower Owls 38-20 . . . Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Mercer have recently moved into their new farm home southwest of town . . . Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ledbetter and Ronald and Mr. and Mrs. Irving McJimsey and George visited Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Ledbetter, sr. in Amarillo Saturday . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Montague and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. McWilliams enjoyed a weekend vacation in El Paso . . . Mrs. J. E. Vaughan is spending this week with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Denzil Vaughan . . . Mr. and Mrs. Leland Norris have recently moved to Quitaque . . . Mr.

and Mrs. Kenneth Bean and daughters of South Plains were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Teeple and children Sunday evening . . .

November 3, 1949--Silverton beat Turkey 7-6 in the second half; however, Turkey had already tallied 12 points to take the game 18-7 to remain undefeated . . . Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hardin entertained friends with "42" in their home Wednesday night . . . Percy Reid was at the News office Tuesday and had with him a turnip he grew that weighed 3 3/4 pounds . . . A housewarming honoring Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Banks and family was held in the parsonage of the Church of Christ Tuesday night . . . The beautiful new home of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Burson is nearing completion in the north part of town . . . Mr. and Mrs. Rex Holt and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Stephens and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ewing Edwards and children, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Stephens and daughter had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stephens Sunday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mack Walker spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Hartman . . . Mrs. Pearl Simpson and Mrs. R. H. Stodghill were co-hostesses for a luncheon Tuesday honoring Mrs. R. C. Hutsell on her birthday . . . Halloween party held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Allard . . . Hostesses for a number of friends of Mrs. W. A. London for a housewarming were Mrs. Clay Fowler and Mrs. Mae Bomar . . . Mr. and Mrs. Charles Francis and Mr. and Mrs. Hollie Francis attended the ballgame at Turkey Friday night . . .

October 5, 1939--Silverton boys smear Canyon team 26-0 . . . Sunday morning fire takes four lives. Herbert Street and Capt. E. Wilson die in flames; Mrs. Street and Mimi die at hospital . . . Silverton's worst fire tragedy struck early Sunday morning in the Herbert Street residence and a family of four was entirely wiped out . . . What might have been a serious fire was narrowly averted Saturday afternoon at the M. C. Tull home when Mrs. Tull stepped into the bedroom to find the curtains in flames . . . Editor Roy Hahn wrote: "I overheard Tom Bomar and Dewey Beavers discussing the 'good old days'. Tom said that he always drank out of a horse trough that stood on the corner of the square. Said that in those days a kid never thought of going into a drug store and asking for a drink of water" . . . Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Garrison are parents of a daughter, Lavona Kay . . . Mr. and Mrs. Pete Chitty and children spent Saturday night in the Dewey Beavers home . . . William Long and O. C. Rampley were dinner guests in the George Seaney home Sunday . . . Mrs. Printz Brown spent Monday in the

Albert Mallow home . . .

October 10, 1929--Owls take Kress into camp, 12-0. Carr and McClendon ran up a couple of touchdowns early in the game last Friday with Kress to add another football victory to Silverton High School's record . . . Educational Day was the big day of the fair with many thousand visitors on hand, and the school children commemorated the event with a happy, joyful parade. Francis took first place with 675 points, in the class of two or more teachers. It had in the parade 100 percent enrollment. Prof. W. W. Martin had charge of this division. Holt, with 550 points, won first in the

smaller schools. L. O. Hollar was conductor for the one-teacher schools. Other winners were: One-teacher: Wallace, second. More than one teacher schools: Rock Creek, second, and Lakeview, third . . . Briscoe County's third annual fair was a surprise exposition in high quality and variety . . . The storm and lightning of last Saturday did considerable damage at Francis. Two of the Rowell boys were struck by lightning and knocked down in the yard of W. N. Dunn, and a pig was also struck. A horse was killed in G. G. Joiner's pasture. The wind tore down a carshed and chicken house for John Sanders . . .

Horace Lightsey has just finished drilling in 300 acres of wheat on the C. H. Lightsey farm 10 miles northwest of town . . .

Happy Anniversary-

November 7--Mr. and Mrs. Jack McFall

November 8--Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sheely

The term flagstone comes from the Norse word flagga, which means to flake. True flagstone is a hard stone that is flaked into flat pieces for paving.

In music, a quarter note is also called a "crotchet".

Congratulations to the Winners of the Halloween Costume Contest!

AGES 0 - 1

1. Sheridan Reagan
2. Mesa McJimsey
3. McKena McJimsey

AGES 4 - 5

1. Abby Tipton
2. Ashleigh Smith
3. Brittney Deckard

AGES 9 - 11

1. Destiny Wilson
2. Shandy Forbes
3. Dusty Burson

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1. Fluffy Walls
2. Amanda Perkins
3. Kristy Wadlow

AGES 2 - 3

1. Savannah Kast
2. Koree Smith
3. Gaven Smith

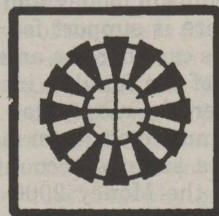
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1. Kaitlin Kinsey
2. Emily Long
3. Marchell Curry

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1. Sage Brannon
2. Josh Allen
3. Andrew Francis

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Silverton High School Class of 1959--(back row, left to right) Susan Anderson Koslowski, John Carrol Mercer, Kay Williams Wall, Peggy Grundy Baird, Mike Baird, Paula Reid McWilliams, Dean Butcher, Peggy Davis Fleming, J. E. Patton, Jerry Reynolds, John Schott; (front, left to right) Peggy Hollingsworth Rowell, Diane Fogerson Mayfield, Thelma Eddleman Waters, Elaine Stephens Forbes, Gloria Heckman Wetrosky, Dyrle Maples, Jerry Bingham, Mary Jane West Patton and Calvin Shelton.

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Class of 1959 Has Reunion at Schott Ranch

They say that when three or more get together that that is considered a crowd. When the Class of '59 gathered at the Schott Ranch over the weekend for their 40-year reunion, the crowd that gathered there is beyond description.

What a time, what a bunch! Tales, lies and tell-tale stories of the past, using facts mixed with a little imagination, filled the air from time of arrival to time of departure. Above the call of the coyotes in the crisp night air, the ever-moving mouth of Jerry Reynolds produced stories and laughter to be heard throughout the canyon.

After ten years of being closed, the old Schott Cap Road is now passable due to the efforts of John Schott over the past year in removing rock and debris that had caused it to be unpassable over the years. The reunion group was treated to a tour of the ranch over this re-worked road via a tractor-pulled open wagon. What a trip and what a view! The experience was not only breath-taking but also was educational and once again, filled with laughter and wild stories.

Steaks by Calvin Shelton and breakfast with Doug Forbes around the open fire provided a cuisine that cannot be duplicated anywhere.

Attending were Mike and Jana Baird, Carlsbad, New Mexico; Diane and Jack Mayfield, Colorado Springs, Colorado; John and Ellen Mercer, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Don McIntyre, Friend, Nebraska; Dean and Betty Butcher, Canadian, Texas; Bill and Peggy Baird, Port Lavaca, Texas; Kay and Derril Wall, Vernon; Dyrle and Virginia Maples, Amarillo; Gloria Wetrosky, San Angelo; Paula McWilliams, Snyder; Jerry and Louise Reynolds, Jerry and Margie Bingham, Amarillo; Thelma and Loyd Watters, Pampa; Susan and Len Koslowski, Lubbock; Herb and Donna Stephens, Hale Center; Mary Jane and J. E. Patton, Peggy Fleming, Carolyn and Calvin Shelton, Elaine and Doug

Forbes, Peggy and W. D. Rowell, John and LaQuetta Schott, all of Silverton.

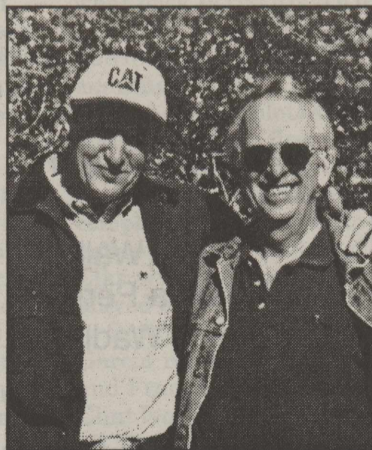
Traveling the furthest distances to attend were Peggy and Bill Baird of Port Lavaca, Jerry and Louise Reynolds of Highlands and Don McIntyre of Friend, Nebraska.

Guests included Lallie Patton, Josephine Anderson, Ruby Brannon, Rena Schott, Bess McWilliams, LaVerne Mercer, Jackie Wingo Mercer and Marcalete Reid Dana.

Thanks to John and LaQuetta Schott for their hospitality. Oh, by the way, don't forget the spoon!



Class mothers attending the 40-year reunion were (back, left to right) Bess McWilliams, Rena Schott, Ruby Brannon; (front) LaVerne Mercer, Josephine Anderson, Lallie Patton. Briscoe County News Photo



Late-comers to the 40-year reunion were Herb Stephens (left) and Don McIntyre.

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Money 2000

Spending habits hinge on family values. Want to be \$2,000 better off by the end of the year 2000?

When it comes to money, every family is different in the way they choose to spend it. That's because families differ in what they value, and those values impact the manner in which the

money is used. These values are expressed in an endless number of ways.

For some, it will be the car they drive, the activities they enjoy, the clothes they wear. For others it is saving for a child's education, a major appliance, or retirement.

Within families, there are also differences of opinion about how money should be used. Because of this, it is essential that these be discussed so all family members can share in the decision about the use of money.

All families are faced with limited amounts of money, and only when there is support for common goals can there be an effective use of the family's income. 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 County Extension Agent Lena Duesterhaus, FCS.

When the United States celebrates Columbus Day--the second Monday in October--Canada is celebrating Thanksgiving.

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New Site Helps Increase Profitability

Improper site preparation is causing many forest landowners to throw their replanting money away. Texas Agricultural Extension Service forestry specialist Eric Taylor says new site preparation methods can triple seeding survival rate, and cut years off the time between planting and harvest.

Texas landowners are expected to plant hundreds of thousands of pine seedlings this winter even though the seedlings are in short supply. Droughts have caused the shortage and have also caused large seedling losses in areas reforested in the last three years.

Taylor says proper site preparation could make reforestation much more successful. Using the latest techniques in land clearing, soil cultivation and weed and grass control commonly increases seedling survival rate from 30 to 90 percent. Taylor says proper site preparation more than pays for itself in accelerated productivity.

The newest tool used in site preparation is the three-in-one plow; a tractor-mounted setup that deep rips the subsoil, disks and forms raised beds behind. Taylor says it's more cost effective than old methods where separate machines did the individual operations. He adds that a 100 to 150 dollars per acre it's still a cost that most landowners can justify. Landowners who want to learn more about site preparation can contact their local county Extension agent.

Valley Melon Research Plans Detailed for 2000

Members of the South Texas Melon Committee are reviewing several research proposals for 2000. The South Texas Melon Committee is a federal marketing order that regulates and promotes melon production in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. Texas Agricultural Extension Service project leader Marvin Miller presented the proposals.

Proposals include efforts to control diseases, insects and weeds. It also includes a breeding program designed to develop melon varieties with disease resistance.

The South Texas Melon Committee assesses fees on grower production to fund its regulatory, promotional and research efforts. Miller's work will include screening fungicides for their ability to control gummy stem blight and powdery mildew. A new melon virus causes yellowing of vine leaves. Miller says all indications point to a virus called cucurbit yellow stunning disorder. He says the virus has been widespread throughout melon fields in Mexico. Symptoms include yellowing of main leaves in mature plants and a speckling effect

on young leaves.

Miller expects the virus to be less severe in next year's larger spring crop than in the current fall crop.

Practice Safety Habits When Eating Convenience Foods

Americans love convenience food. But just because a food doesn't require much preparation doesn't mean it is safe to eat.

Salad mixes and cut veggies are available in produce sections across the country. The bags say the contents are prewashed and "ready to eat." However, Food and Nutrition Assistant Michelle Ledoux says consumers should continue to wash fruits and vegetables.

Hot dogs and ready-to-eat meats are other much-loved convenience foods. Ledoux says most people think they can be eaten right out of the bag; however, they carry potentially deadly microbes.

Ledoux says refrigeration only halts germ growth. She says hot dogs and lunch meats should be served steaming hot. Ledoux also says consumers should read product labels carefully. She says E. coli has been found in unpasteurized juices.

People with weakened immune systems are at risk for becoming seriously ill from eating unpasteurized milk or cheese.

Insure Against Falls In The Home

Falls are the number one cause of injury-related deaths in people over the age of 65. Extension gerontologist Judy Warren says many of these deaths could be prevented if people just took out a little "insurance."

To get this kind of insurance people must take steps to clear their homes of danger zones. Warren things of things like grab bars, walking with a partner and reducing clutter as insurance. She says daily situations present the most danger. The most risky situation is going from bed to the bathroom during the night.

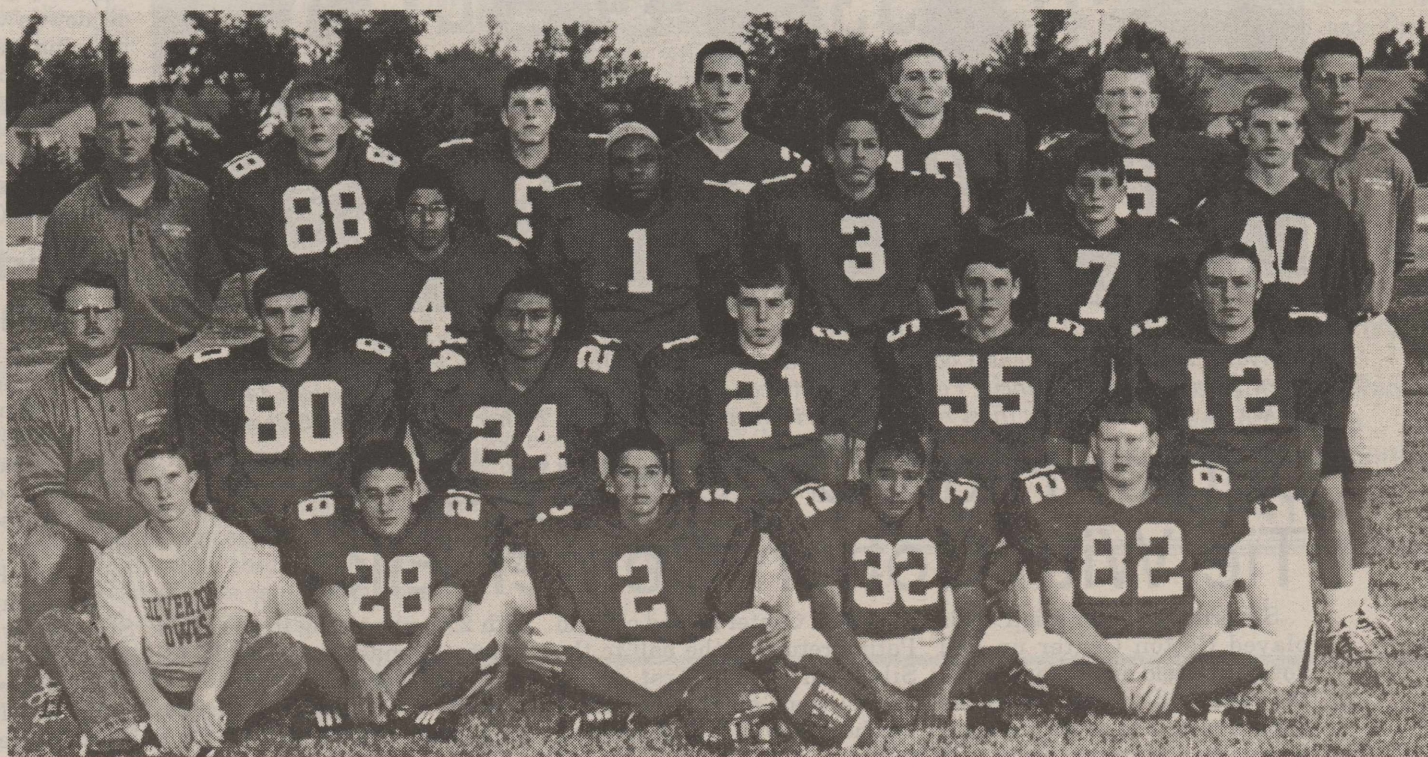
Warren recommends that people use night lights. Medications also contribute to falls. Side effects such as dizziness and fatigue can increase risks.

The living room can present a hazard to older people. First, the seats are often too low. Warren suggests adding a platform beneath furniture. Next, make sure there are no cords to trip on. Use double-sided tape to adhere throw rugs to the floor. Make sure that carpets and walls are different colors. This makes it easier to distinguish level changes. Bath tubs need to have mats and grab bars. She cautions that shower curtains are not grab bars.

Using assistive devices and making the environment safer actually reduces the risk of falling.



Good Luck to the Silverton Owls



Silverton Owls vs. Whitharral

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| 1 | 79 | 39 | |
| 2 | 87 | 40 | |
| 3 | 63 | 38 | |
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| 28 | 78 | 46 | |
| 29 | 72 | 46 | |
| 30 | 83 | 43 | .05 |
| 31 | 64 | 41 | |

Total October Precip. .42
 Normal Oct. Precip. 1.75
 Total Precipitation Rec'd Year to Date 18.47
 Normal Precipitation Year to Date 19.83

Silverton School Activities

Thursday, Nov. 4--JH Owls vs. Whitharral, there, 5:00 p.m.
 Friday, Nov. 5--Owls vs. Whitharral, here, 7:30 p.m.
 Saturday, Nov. 6--District FFA Leadership Contests, Clarendon; SAT Test, here; Regional Cross Country, Lubbock
 Tuesday, Nov. 9--Lady Owls to Scrimmage Kress, there
 Thursday, Nov. 11--Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
 Saturday, Nov. 13--Basketball scrimmage at Ralls

Pep Rally

This week's Pep Rally will begin at 10:00 a.m. Friday in the PE Gym.
 Everyone is invited to attend.
To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace. Geo. Washington



Junior High Owls--(back row, left to right) Cody Rhoderick, manager; Ty Reed, Beau Brock, Eric Minyard, Brandon Stephens, Coach Pendergrass; (third row) Tanner Young, manager, Trace Mattheus, Zack Burson, Caleb Francis, Payton Estes; (second row) Max Comer, Chance Rhoderick; 44 Clifton Baker, 21 Marcos Patino; (first row) Humberto Vasquez and Logan Fisher. Photo by R Photography

Junior High Owls Play to 31-31 Tie With Cotton Center Elks

Silverton's Junior High Owls played Cotton Center up and down the field and up and down the field and up and down the field, and had to settle for a 31-31 tie when the game ended.

The Owls kicked off to open the game, and Cotton Center returned the ball to their 28. Tough defense was provided by Logan Fisher, Clifton Baker, Marcos Patino and other Owls, but in spite of this the Elks moved for a first down on the Silverton three. It took them four plays to get into the endzone. There was no PAT, and with 20 seconds remaining in the first quarter, Cotton Center held a slim 6-0 lead.

The Elks kicked off and Max Comer returned the ball to the Owl 31. Baker carried for eight yards before the second quarter began. Patino ran for a first down on the Cotton Center 25, and Baker picked up nine yards more. Patino got another first down on the Elk nine, after which the Owls lost a fumble on the Cotton Center three with 4:14 remaining in the quarter.

The Elks got only a yard on their first play due to defense by Comer, but went around left end for a first down, stopped by Fisher and Patino, on their second play. They scored on a pass on fourth down with 2:21 remaining before halftime. There was no PAT, and the Elks held a 12-0 lead.

Cotton Center kicked off, and Patino returned the ball to the Silverton 30. On first down, Patino went all the way for a touchdown with 1:58 remaining in the second quarter. A pass from Caleb Francis to Ty Reed was complete, and narrowed the Elk lead to 12-7.

The Owls kicked off, and Cotton Center downed the ball at their 15. The Elks picked up a first down before Baker caused a fumbled and recovered the ball for the Owls with 1:27 still showing on the clock. Baker carried a touchdown on the next play. With 1:20 remaining before halftime, the Owls moved ahead 13-12. The PAT pass was intercepted by the Elks.

Humberto Vasquez kicked off and Brandon Stephens tackled the Elk return at the 21. Defense by Vasquez, Beau Brock and Payton Estes held, and the ball came back to the Owls with 29 seconds remaining to be played.

The Owls fumbled and Cotton Center recovered on first down, and the Elks scored as time ran out in the first half. Baker stopped the PAT for the Owls, but the Elks regained the lead 18-13.

When Cotton Center kicked off to open the second half, Comer returned the ball to the 37, after which Patino took the ball all the way for another touchdown with 5:38 remaining in the third quarter. This play covered 43 yards. There was no PAT, but it gave the lead back to the Owls, 19-18.

Vasquez kicked off and Reed brought down the return on the Cotton Center 12. Defense led by Baker and Comer held, and forced a fourth-down punt by the Elks.

Baker ran for a first down on the Cotton Center five, and Patino carried the touchdown

with 2:46 remaining in the third quarter, to make the score 25-18, in favor of the Owls.

When the Owls kicked off, Cotton Center ran all the way for a touchdown, knotting the score at 25-25.

When Cotton Center kicked off, Baker returned the ball to midfield, and Patino carried for a first down on the 19. Baker scored with 2:04 remaining in the third quarter, but the Owls fumbled the PAT attempt, and the Owls led 31-25.

When the Owls kicked off, Zack Burson held the runback at the 30. Brock and Fisher were providing tough defense as the fourth quarter began, and after an incomplete pass the ball went back to the Owls. Unfortunately, an Owl pass was intercepted by the Elks on first down, and Cotton Center was back in the driver's seat.

In spite of defense by Patino, Baker, Fisher and Brock, the Elks

moved into the end zone with 1:32 remaining in the game. There was no PAT, and the score knotted at 31-31.

Cotton Center kicked the ball into the endzone for a touchback, and the Owls moved the ball to midfield on the legs of Patino. Baker ran for eight yards and Patino added another first down on the Cotton Center 16 with 58 seconds remaining. Baker and Patino alternated in carrying the ball until it went back to the Elks on downs with four seconds remaining on the clock.

The game ended with no further scoring.

The Junior High Owls travel to Whitharral for their last game of the season today, with kickoff at 5:00 p.m.

Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, Nov. 8--Pizza, Salad, Corn, Garlic Bread, Milk, Chocolate Pudding

Tuesday, Nov. 9--Chalupa, Hot Sauce, Salad, Chips, Milk, Fruit

Wednesday, Nov. 10--Corn Dog, Cheese Stix, Onion Rings, Blackeyed Peas, Corn, Bread, Milk, Rice Krispie Treat

Thursday, Nov. 11--Chicken Strips, Gravy, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Hot Rolls, Milk, Honey & Butter

Friday, Nov. 12--Hamburger with Cheese, Salad, French Fries, Milk, Cookie

Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.

-- Thomas Edison

Fate chooses our relatives; we choose our friends.

--Jacques Delille

Fifth Quarter

Friday evening, immediately following the Silverton-Whitharral game, First Baptist Church will host a fellowship for high school students. All 9-12 graders are encouraged to come and enjoy a "Frito Pie" with your friends and year about an upcoming event you will NOT want to miss!

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Lady Owls Have Scrimmages Coming Up at Kress and Ralls

The Lady Owls will have an intrasquad scrimmage today, and will be going to Kress November 9 and Ralls November 13 for scrimmages.

Both the Owls and Lady Owls will open their basketball seasons with Lazbuddie here Tuesday, November 16, with tipoff in the junior varsity girls game coming at 4:00 p.m.

1999-2000 HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

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| Nov. 16--Lazbuddie, H, | 4:00 |
| Nov. 19--Borden Co., at Lorenzo, (girls), | 4:00 |
| Nov. 19--Lorenzo, T, (boys), | 4:00 |
| Nov. 23--Hedley, T, (bGB), | 5:00 |
| Nov. 27--Open | |
| Nov. 30--Claude, H, | 4:00 |
| Dec. 2-3-4--New Home Tourn. | |
| Dec. 2-3-4--Clarendon JV Tourn. | |
| Dec. 7--Valley, H, | 4:00 |
| Dec. 9-10-11--New Deal Tourn. | |
| Dec. 9-10-11--Tulia JV Tourn. | |
| Dec. 14--Lazbuddie, T | 4:00 |
| Dec. 17--Claude, T | 4:00 |
| Dec. 20--Idalou, T | 2:00 |
| Dec. 22-26--Gym Closed | |
| Dec. 27-28-29--Silverton Hoot-Out | |
| Jan. 1--Dawson, H (GB) | 5:00 |
| Jan. 4--Hedley, H, (bGB) | 5:00 |
| Jan. 7--*Motley Co., H, | 4:00 |
| Jan. 11--*Guthrie, T, (GB) | 6:30 |
| Jan. 14--*Patton Springs, H, (bGB) | 5:00 |
| Jan. 18--McLean, T, | 4:00 |
| Jan. 22--Aspermont, at Jayton, | 2:00 |
| Jan. 25--*Motley Co., T, | 4:00 |
| Jan. 28--*Guthrie, H, (GB) | 6:30 |
| Feb. 1--*Patton Springs, T, (bGB) | 5:00 |
| Feb. 4--McLean, H | 4:00 |
| Feb. 8--Open | |

There will be four games when the starting time is 4:00 p.m.
*Denotes district games

JUNIOR HIGH SCHEDULE

The junior high games begin on at Claude on Monday, November 15.

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| Nov. 15--Claude, T, (7bg8b), | 4:00 |
| Nov. 22--Groom, T, | 4:00 |
| Nov. 29--Happy, H, | 5:00 |
| Dec. 6--Claude, H (7bg8b) | 4:00 |
| Dec. 13--Kress, Here | |
| Jan. 3--Hedley, H | 5:30 |
| Jan. 10--Valley, T (7bg8b) | 5:00 |
| Jan. 17--Groom, H | 5:00 |
| Jan. 22--Kress Tourn. | |
| Jan. 24--Lazbuddie, T | 5:30 |
| Jan. 31--Hedley, T | 6:00 |
| Feb. 4--Hedley Tourn. | |

Former Track Athletes Sought

Silverton ISD is currently searching for high school boys and girls track and field records.

If you know of anyone holding records in any event for Silverton, please contact Coach Wayne Henderson at 806-823-2476.

Proof of the records will be needed. This can be certificates, old newspaper clippings, etc.

FFA Selling Fruit, Gift Baskets, Turkeys, Hams

Members of Silverton chapter of Future Farmers of America are currently selling fruit and gift packages, and would like to take your orders until November 9.

They have oranges, apples, grapefruit, turkeys, hams, cheese wheels, and gift packs that would make good Christmas gifts, including assorted nut baskets, variety fruit packs with red and green apples, oranges and pears, country fruit baskets and mixed fruit packs.

Medicare Buy-In Helps Working Individuals with Disabilities

by Mary Jane Shanes
Social Security Manager
Plainview, Texas

One of the biggest obstacles that I discuss with individuals with disabilities who want or have returned to work is loss of their Medicare coverage. Now a federal program may help you if you are a Social Security disability beneficiary who successfully returned to work and are no longer entitled to free Medicare Hospital Insurance Part A.

If you are under age 65, you may be eligible for this program which helps pay your Medicare

required to bring the two viewpoints together.

There is hope however, that the Senate will go ahead and at least pass some type of bill so that the issues can be taken up by a conference committee and the additional money earmarked for crop insurance can be utilized and made part of the baseline funding for the program.

Part A monthly premium. To be eligible you must:

- continue to have a disabling impairment;
- sign up for Premium Hospital Insurance (Part A);
- have limited income;
- have resources worth less than \$4,000 for an individual and \$6,000 for a couple, not counting the home where you live, usually one car and certain insurance; and
- are not already eligible for Medicaid.

To find out more about this program called QDWIs (for "qualified disabled and working individuals"), contact your county, local or state social services or medical assistance office.

Social Security actively helps disability beneficiaries return to work in a number of ways. For more information about returning to work call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, and ask for the publication, *Working While Disabled--How We Can Help* (SSA Pub. No. 05-10095). You may also visit our website at www.ssa.gov.

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Cotton  **News**
from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

House Ag Committee Chairman Larry Combest gained House approval of his earlier promise to deliver a crop insurance reform package in 1999. The Combest Bill proposes many important changes to the current system including the addition of some \$6 billion and additional funds allocated for crop insurance in the last budget agreement.

The Combest plan would allocate the bulk of the additional funds to making permanent the 30 percent additional premium subsidy introduced as part of the 1998 Crop Loss Assistance Program.

The remainder of the funds would be used to implement a host of changes to the program including APH adjustments; re-rating and eliminating the dis-

parity between cotton rates and the rates paid by other commodities; elimination of the "Black Dirt" policy for preventing planting claims and providing producers the flexibility to eliminate unwanted policy options in order to further reduce insurance costs; implementation of discounts for technology improvements and good experience; reduction in the fees paid to companies and agents for delivering and underwriting of CAT program; provisions to protect producers against price and income loss as well as beefed up compliance processes and inclusion of Farm Service Agency in monitoring program implementation.

Senate Agriculture Committee Richard Lugar (R-IN) is proposing a very different reform package and much work will be re-



Junior High Cheerleaders--(left to right) Kelsie Estes, Krista Hale, Crystal Walls, Danielle Ramirez and Daryl-Ann Reynolds.

Photo by R Photography

Working Women Expand Social Security Protection

by Mary Jane Shanes
Social Security Manager
Plainview, Texas

Although a woman is still more likely than a man to receive Social Security benefits as a spouse, the fact is that most women today receive benefits on their own work records. About 72 percent of women between ages 25 and 65 are currently participating in the workforce.

Women who chose a career outside the home earn Social Security protection for themselves and expand the protection available to their families. If either parent retires, dies or becomes disabled, minor children, spouses and even dependent parents and grandchildren under certain circumstances, may qualify for Social Security benefits.

If you alternate between a career and homemaking, you need to be aware that you can maintain your full Social Security protection with a little attention. Any Social Security credits you earn remain on your record, and after 10 years of work in which you have earned the maximum of four credits each year, you are fully insured for retirement, disability and survivors benefits. But for disability benefits, you also need to have recent work. For example, if you're over 30, you need the maximum amount of credits for five out of the last ten years (20 credits). Younger workers need less, as little as six credits for a year and a half of work under age 24.

If you qualify for benefits both as a spouse as well as a worker, you get the higher of the two. That is, you get your own benefit plus the difference between the two.

The important thing is that you recognize the need to stay on top of your Social Security protection. For more information, call Social Security at its toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213. Ask for the booklet *Social Security: What Every Woman Should Know*.

The Homemaker's Family Plan

If you are among the 28 percent of today's women who chose to be a homemaker over a career outside the home, you should know that Social Security plays an important role in your life and that of your family. It's a role you need to keep in mind as you go about maintaining a comfortable home for your family.

If you choose to be a homemaker, you are covered under Social Security through your husband's work if the marriage lasts 10 years. When the family income is reduced because of his retirement, death or disability, you and your children may qualify for Social Security benefits.

If your husband retires, you may receive retirement benefits as early as age 62. For example, if you take a widow's benefit at the earliest possible age--age 60--it is reduced to 71.5 percent of the worker's benefit. But if you take it at age 65, you get 100 percent of the deceased worker's benefit.

If you remarry, you should check with Social Security to see if you can get a higher benefit on your new husband's account.

Also as a widow, if you become disabled between age 50-60, you may qualify for disability benefits. The disability must take place within seven years of your husband's death, or seven years of the last month you received benefits as a mother.

Regardless of whether the marriage lasts 10 years, your children may be eligible for benefits at the retirement, death or disability of your husband. The benefits last until they reach age 18, or 19 if they are still in high school.

Vehicle Theft Not Just Big City Problem Happy Birthday-

If you think car and truck theft is something that only happens in big cities, think again. During "Watch Your Car" month, officials at the Texas Department of Transportation in Austin want all Texans to know that even the smallest communities aren't immune from vehicle theft.

"Every five seconds in Texas a car or truck is stolen," said Susan Sampson, Automobile Theft Prevention Authority's (ATPA) Director of Public Education. "Thieves aren't picky--they steal any kind of vehicle, old or new, any time and any place." That's because there are many reasons people are tempted to take a car: from teenagers looking for joy rides to criminals who sell the parts or the entire vehicle.

And with cars and trucks cost-

ing more these days and loaded with expensive gadgets, vehicle theft gets costlier every year. Officials estimate auto theft costs Texans more than \$675 million each year. Then there's the personal toll.

"Many people don't realize just how important a car is," said Sampson. "Having it stolen is like losing a piece of your life. It's inconvenient and a hassle to replace." And the cost of replacement may be more than you bargained for. The growing trend toward purchasing a new vehicle with low monthly payment and a final, large balloon loan payment due at a later date exposes the owner of a stolen vehicle to the possibility of owing far more on the car than the insurance will pay.

Nov. 4--Adrian Ramirez, Mike McGinn, Scott Hutsell, Whitney George

Nov. 5--Mary Jane Patton, Dale Smith, Shane Estes, Dennis Matthew Grabbe, Brandon McGinn

Nov. 6--Pete Juarez, Peggy Brannon, Shannon Cantwell, John McCammon

Nov. 7--Bena Hester, Casey Bean, Landon Johnson, Margaret Smith

Nov. 8--David Holt, Doug McJimsey, Nikki Gamble, Nicholas Garcia

Nov. 9--Rick Hester, Jealeta Baird, Brady Stark, Thomas Baker

Nov. 10--Richard McCutchen, Shandy Forbes, Gary Chandler

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A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF COTTON MARKETING NEWS

For the Week Ended October 28

New York cotton futures climbed higher after learning that September's domestic cotton use figure was not as grave as most analysts had predicted. In fact, the U. S. Census Bureau reported seasonally adjusted annualized cotton consumption in September dropped to 9.84 million bales, just slightly lower than a downwardly revised 9.9 million bales in August.

Although the consumption figure was above preliminary industry estimates, it still left domestic U. S. consumption below the 10.2 million bales forecast by USDA. In addition, September's report market the fourteenth consecutive month in which the annualized mill use rate is less than the same month one year ago.

"The good news is that the data was not as bad as expected," one analyst said. "The bad news is that the evidence continues to expand the story of the deterioration of our domestic industry; something that will not turn around on a dime," he added.

In other news, USDA's export sales report gained the attention of the market this week as net commitments of upland cotton exceeded 200,000 bales for the first time since November 19, 1998. USDA reported net U. S. export sales for the week ended October 21 totaled 219,400 bales, a significant increase from the previous week's sales of 141,200 bales. Mexico was the largest buyer of U. S. cotton with purchases totaling 96,000 bales. Turkey and Taiwan followed with acquisitions of 26,000 and 23,800 bales, respectively.

Since Step 2 payments will probably begin shortly, making higher-priced U. S. cotton more competitive, many in the cotton industry believe export sales and shipments will continue to increase. In the short term, however, market observers are concerned about delays in implementing the program.

USDA officials indicated they had not yet decided whether recently appropriated Step 2 subsidy funds would be effective to the beginning of the new fiscal year on October 1, or would become effective only as of October 22, when this year's farm legislation was signed into law. Analysts and traders noted widespread anxiety over the Step 2 issue, since many had assumed that the status of the program was a "done deal" based on word from key trade groups.

Spot cotton sales also were higher as 22,553 bales were sold on TELCOT in the week ended October 28 versus sales of 18,951 bales the previous week. Average daily prices received by producers utilizing the electronic marketing system ranged from 38.27 to 42.75 cents per pound compared to a range of 39.24 to 40.68 the previous week.

Meanwhile, the U. S. cotton harvest is in full swing. The National Agricultural Statistics Service's latest report, dated October 24, indicated that 55 percent of the crop had been harvested compared with 60 percent a year ago and the five-year average of 52 percent.

The harvest is progressing closer to home as 40 percent of the cotton in Texas had been harvested as of October 24, while 60 percent had been harvested in Oklahoma. Fair weather continues in much of Oklahoma and on the Texas High and Rolling Plains allowing cotton stripping operations to proceed virtually uninterrupted.

Lake Mackenzie News by Tom Davey, Manager

Indian summer at the lake is the best place to be. Cool crisp mornings, and warm afternoons make camping along with fishing a treat.

Crappie are biting--this I know because my two grandsons and a



Johnnie and Mama Dean Burson at the chuckwagon

Still Cookin' After 60 Years

This is really two stories in one, but Jimmy Burson, who owns the chuckwagon with his dad, Johnnie Burson, wanted his parents' 60th wedding anniversary, which they celebrated on October 27, to be a highlight of the event.

The Bursons "warmed up" for the Ruidoso competition by entering the Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff in Clarendon September 25. They were awarded second place overall in the chuckwagon cooking contest.

The "World's Richest Chuckwagon Cookoff" was held in Ruidoso, New Mexico, during the Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium October 9.

Of course, Jimmy Burson appeared on the program, both as a master of ceremonies and as an

entertainer. friend of theirs went through five dozen minnows in one day. They fish just like the pros on TV--catch a fish, look at it, then throw it back in the lake.

The marina is open only on the weekends now, but you can still purchase bait during the week. The marina operators plan on staying open until cold weather gets here or when the lake traffic stops.

Water demands from the lake have declined since we are having some cooler weather. The fall moisture has helped water demands and the native grasses are still green at the lake. The present level of the lake is 82 feet.

The entire second grade class from Tulia came to the lake Tuesday. They toured the water plant and looked at the fossils on display since they are studying about dinosaurs. The phytosaur skull was of interest. After lunch we took a nature hike to look at some of the plants growing at the lake. We had a close encounter with a two-foot diamondback rattlesnake.

The gate house was moved to

Turkey Class Has Reunion

The 1959 graduating class of Turkey High School held its 40-year reunion Saturday, October 23, 1999 at Hotel Turkey.

Twenty-one graduates of the original 26 attended. They were Sherrod Arnold, Amarillo; David Blume and Joyce, Amarillo; Jerry Chandler and Ann, Forney; Jackie Christian and Bonita, Amarillo; W. L. (Bud) Couch and Glenda, Silverton; Ann (Elson) Pierce, McLean; Rickey and Sandy (Wilson) Fuston, Turkey; Connie Gafford and Iva Nell, Arlington; Dale Garner and Marge, Amarillo; Donald Gray, Turkey; Bobby Hanna and Lou, Vernon; Gary Johnson and Suzie, Turkey; Freddie Jones and Carolyn, Vernon; Delores (Lacy) Price, Turkey; Kenneth (B. K.) Lane and Jo, Haskell; Jo Ann (McGee) McFall, Silverton; Dwayne Proctor, Lubbock; Betty (Smith) Williams and Harvey, Clarendon; Glenda (Wynn) Peggy and Alton, Lubbock; Gary Young, South Lake.

The group gathered for a sandwich lunch and visiting, a tour of the Gem Theatre, a group photo session, a catered fajita feast and closed with a "circle of fellowship," at which time there was a sharing of memories--remember when.

Several parents dropped by during the day. Special classmates who joined in the fun were Nadine (Brice) Stidham, Tulia; Morris Degan and Lou, Quanah; Bobby Stephens and Donna, Hale Center.

A great time was enjoyed by all!

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When the winners were announced, the Bursons found they had won third among 39 entries, and this was accompanied by a \$1,000.00 prize.

Aaron Younger is one of the cooks on the Burson chuckwagon, and was there taking part in the contest. Among others from this area who visited the chuckwagon during the event were LaVerne and Loyd Stephens, Sybil and Neil King, Gail and Gay McPherson, and others. Jimmy said that a good many from here were in attendance at the Cowboy Symposium.

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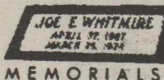
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Leading the cheers for the Owls this season are Taylor Griffin, Jenny Young, Lisa Comer, Dee Dee White, Dara Johnston, Sara Kirchoffner and Brooke Garvin. The girls stay very busy, making good grades and taking part in activities of their own, in addition to their cheerleading and creating pep rallies with flair.
Photo by R Photography

Owls Drop Close District Match to Cotton Center

Silverton's Owls dropped a close 26-21 game to Cotton Center last Friday night in one of the nastiest games played in recent years. Strong winds blew a "dirty thirties" type storm into Cotton Center shortly before game time, and then as the wind changed to the north for a frontal passage, the dust turned to mud balls.

The high wind blew from north to south and that is the way the Cotton Center football field lies. This made long snaps from center, kicks, punts and passes almost an impossibility.

The Owls kicked off, and Clint Ivory and Nicholas Vargas held the return. The Elks were able to make only a few yards, and the ball went over on downs to the Owls with 8:01 still to be played in the first quarter.

The Owls fumbled and recovered on first down, then lost the handle on another fumble the next play. So the Elks got the ball back on about the 16 with 7:32 still on the clock.

This time the defense held again, and actually the Owl defense looked as good as it has all season. The ball came back to Silverton on downs. This time the boys just bowed their backs and went into the wind with a Nathan Francis to Issac Garcia pass completion for a first down on the Cotton Center four. Garcia carried the ball into the endzone for a touchdown with 4:33 still to be played in the first period, but the PAT kick was blocked, giving the Owls a slim 6-0 lead.

Cotton Center came back with a score of their own with 3:47 still on the clock. They passed complete for the PAT, and moved into the lead, 7-6.

The Owls threw four incomplete passes on their next series, and the ball went back to the Elks. This time the Elks drove downfield and scored four plays later on a pass completion. They passed again for the PAT, and

moved into a 14-6 lead.

Cotton Center tried an inside kick that didn't go far enough, and the Owls took over possession near midfield. Clint Ivory carried for seven yards, and Francis hit him with a pass completion, but on fourth down the ball went back to Cotton Center.

As the second quarter opened, Cotton Center was finding it tough going as well, and their fourth-down punt went out of bounds.

The Owls came back with runs by Garcia and Francis, and a pass from Francis to Isaiah Ivory for a first down. Francis completed another pass to Clint Ivory for a 12-yard gain, after which the passing game failed and the ball went back to the Elks.

Cotton Center made one first down before punting into the endzone.

Francis completed a pass to Isaiah Ivory for a first down, then picked up eight yards on another Nathan-to-Isaiah aerial. Francis completed another pass to Garcia before the ball went back to the Elks with 2:51 remaining to be played in the first half.

Cotton Center fumbled and Garcia recovered on first down, and Francis completed a pass to Clint Ivory for a first down on the 17. Francis hit Paul Segura with a pass that carried to the two-yard line, and Clint Ivory scored with 1:56 remaining on the second-quarter clock. Garcia lunged into the endzone at the last second for the PAT, and this narrowed the score to 14-13.

Cotton Center made a first down, stopped by Francis, and Daniel Reagan sacked the quarterback with 1:16 remaining in the first half. The Owls were unable to move the ball and killed the clock.

Cotton Center kicked off to open the third period, and the Owls were held on the 15. They

were unable to move the ball, and it went back to the Elks who scored on their first play. Garcia blocked the PAT kick, and the Owls trailed 20-13.

When Cotton Center kicked off, Garcia got a short runback, but the Owl quarterback got sacked for a big loss. Francis passed complete to Garcia before the referee flagged Cotton Center for pass interference, and gave the Owls a first down.

Francis ran for a first down with 5:07 remaining in the third quarter, and a face-mask violation gave the ball back to the Elks on the 12.

Cotton Center made a first down, before having to punt away, and Garcia returned the ball for the Owls. As the fourth quarter started, an Owl pass was intercepted by the Elks.

The defense held once again, with Francis saving a touchdown with 9:12 remaining in the game. They made a first down before Garcia recovered an Elk fumble.

The Owls were unable to move the ball and punted short. Cotton Center was unable to move the ball, and after the Owls got it back Francis completed a pass to Isaiah Ivory before the Owls were flagged for an illegal block. Francis passed to Adrian Ramirez for a touchdown with 2:45 remaining in the game.

Garcia kicked the PT, and gave the Owls a 21-20 lead in the game.

The Owls kicked off and Cotton Center got a short runback. On first down, Garcia saved a touchdown on the three. The Elks went in for a score with 54 seconds remaining in the game. There was no PAT, and the Elks moved into a 26-21 lead, which held up, because the Owls were unable to move the ball when they got it back.

Francis completed 12 of 35 passes and got one intercepted in the game for 221 total yards gained. Cotton Center completed 5 of 9 for a gain of 61 yards and rushed for another 165 yards.

The Owls will be hosting Whitharral in the last game of the season at Payne Field Friday night. You can show your appreciation to the team for its accomplishments by attending and cheering for them in this last game. The Owls won't be going to the playoffs this year, but will begin basketball practice next week under the leadership of Coach Pendergrass. They will be looking to earn another district trophy in roundball.



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As children grow older, they should accept additional responsibilities. Family meetings to read the Bible and discuss ways to help the family function better, can improve home life. Working together as a family is not always easy, but God honors and blesses those who work to make the family strong.

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The family of Ruby Lee Eddleman gratefully acknowledges your kind expressions of sympathy during our time of sorrow.

The prayers, calls, flowers, food and memorials were deeply appreciated.

Our thanks to J. D., Hal, Jimmy, Blake Kitchens, the ladies of the Silverton Church of Christ and the Rock Creek Church of Christ choir for your help with the service and lunch.

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I would like to thank everyone who helped, had a booth and participated in the Halloween Carnival!

Thanks,
Tonya Baird

We'd like to thank everyone for their support, phone calls, prayers, the food and everything that was done for our family at the loss of our loved one, Anita Martinez.

We appreciate everything that has been done for us and the gifts that have been given to the baby.

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