

All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



The office of the Briscoe County News will be closed Thursday and Friday this week while Charlie and I spend a little time playing with our grandchildren. Molly is flying in to Amarillo Thursday, and Jordan, Brandon and Melody will be joining her here Friday. The kids are looking forward to seeing their friends and being here for the celebration.

Cip and Norma Garcia have completed a 160-hour Correctional Officer course offered through Amarillo College. The class was held in Plainview. Both are now awaiting placement into the Texas Department of Criminal Justice System. Also attending the class were Cory Chandler and Carolyn Scoggins from Quitaque.

The SHS Class of 1989 will be having a reunion beginning at 7:00 p.m. Friday at the home of Wayne and Tina Nance.

Parents, teachers and friends of the class are invited to come by for a visit.

Plan now to have a good time in Silverton during the County Birthday Celebration!

Booster Club To Have Hamburger Supper Thursday

The annual Silverton Booster Club Hamburger Supper will be held at the football field beginning at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, August 19.

Coaches and players will be introduced.

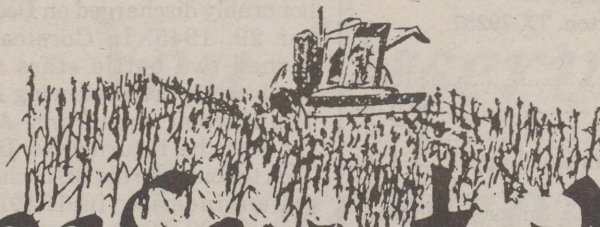
Everyone is invited to take part in this event.

Tourism Task Force to Meet

The Briscoe County Tourism Task Force will meet Thursday, August 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Pioneer Room at First State Bank in Silverton.

The speaker will be Vicki Sybert, Wildlife Information Specialist from Lubbock. She will be discussing plans to improve "Tourism in Briscoe County in the year 2000" and how Caprock Canyons State Park & wildlife can be of help in promoting tourism in Briscoe County.

An effort needs to begin now to put together the "Briscoe County Calendar of Events" for the year of 2000. Task Force members should bring any "activity dates" (monthly meetings, etc.) already set for 2000 for this calendar. Anyone who knows of activities needing to be listed on the "Activity Calendar" should let the Extension Service office know now by calling 806-823-2131 before the end of September 1999.



Briscoe County News

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 1999

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Briscoe County's 107th Birthday To Be Celebrated Here This Weekend With Rodeo, Parade, Barbecue

The time most Silverton residents look forward to is here once again! It's time for the celebration of Briscoe County's 107th birthday.

Friday and Saturday nights the rodeo, sponsored by Briscoe County Activities Association, kicks off at Wood Memorial Arena. Stock is to be furnished by McCloy Rodeo Company of Morse, and the events begin at 8:00 p.m.

Events include bareback bronc riding, saddle bronc riding, bull riding, calf roping, women's breakaway roping, team roping, ladies barrel racing, steer wrestling. There will be a kids calf scramble and cowboy poker each night.

A merchants ribbon roping also will be held Friday and Saturday

nights.

Rodeo admission is \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 6-12. Dances, with music by The Country Nites, will be held from 9:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday nights at the County Showbarn in Silverton. The dances are sponsored by BCAA and the Silverton Volunteer Fire Department, and proceeds are used to sponsor community activities and purchase equipment and supplies needed by the fire department.

Arts and crafts booths, food and game booths will be found all day Saturday on the Courthouse yard. Chairs will be placed in the shelter and musical entertainment by the Country Sounds will be featured beginning at 2:00

p.m.

A parade through downtown Silverton will begin at 3:30 p.m. followed by the serving of a barbecue meal in the street between the City Hall and Courthouse at 5:30 p.m.

A number of drawings will be held at the Saturday night performance of the rodeo. To be given away are a pair of hand-made boots, spurs, gun, quilt and afghan. Cow Pattie Bingo will be played in downtown Silverton early Saturday morning.

Area Resident Injured At Mackenzie Lake

Bobby Lamb of Tulia was injured in an accident at Lake Mackenzie about 11:30 p.m. Saturday, August 7, and continued to be a patient in the intensive care unit at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock early this week after undergoing surgery Sunday morning. He was transported to the hospital by Aero Care.

Lamb and his son-in-law, Steve Reese, and Toby Cunningham were in a boat night fishing near the beach area at the time of the accident, according to Park Superintendent Emmett Tomlin. A boat driven by Paul Mojica, in which Mojica's wife, Maria, was a passenger, ran into the boat and a tree. According to Tomlin, the Mojicas said they didn't see the other boat. Charges in the accident are pending, Tomlin said.

The collision threw Lamb into the lake. Cunningham jumped into the lake, retrieved the unconscious man and placed him in the boat of another fisherman who was nearby and immediately came to the scene.

Lamb's subclavian artery was torn and extensive bleeding occurred. He was continuing to receive blood transfusions at the hospital early this week. He received a punctured lung, broken ribs and his esophagus was damaged, Tomlin said.

Lamb was conscious when the Silverton EMS and Silverton Volunteer Fire Department arrived on the scene. Sheriff Bill Boling received the call for help from the beach area, was the first law enforcement officer to arrive on the



Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Hill

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Hill Are Pioneers For Day

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Hill have been chosen as the Pioneer Couple For a Day by the Silverton Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill will be honored Saturday during the Briscoe County Birthday Celebration.

Larence Bailey Hill was born April 28, 1914 to R. M. and Millie Hill of the Haylake community east of Silverton. He was the youngest of 12 children. He was graduated from Silverton High School in 1933, and went on to attend McMurry College in Abilene where he met his bride.

Erma LaNelle Hamilton was born August 1, 1920 to Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Hamilton of Abilene. She was graduated from Abilene High School in 1938, then enrolled as a student at McMurry College where she met her future husband.

Bailey and LaNelle were married June 4, 1939 at the First Methodist Church parsonage by her stepfather. They then moved to Silverton to make their home east of town.

Two children were born to this union, a daughter, Sylvia Hill, and a son, Ralph Hill. Ralph and his wife, Janice, have one son, Denny Hill, who lives at Tulia.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill are charter members of the Lighthouse Assembly of God in Silverton. They were named Father and Mother of their church.

scene and immediately began his investigation.

The Mojicas said they had come to the lake with friends, and were on their way to the beach area to meet them at the time of the accident, according to report from Tomlin.

Meteorites Being Found in Area

According to Mike Long, you may have a very valuable rock on your land or in your possession. These are meteorites, and they are found all over the surface of the Earth.

Statistically, there should be six meteorites per square mile. Many meteorites have been found in the Southern Plains, and this is due to the fact that the surface has been geologically stable for a long period of time.

There are many different types of meteorites. The very rare meteorites sell for a great deal of money. The more common ones sell for a modest amount of money. The least amount offered for common meteorites is \$150.00 per pound. The very rare meteorites could bring up to hundreds of thousands of dollars per pound.

A common meteorite will be dark in color. It will be heavy and may have small depressions on the dark surface. Most common meteorites are magnetic. Common meteorites should be able to turn a compass needle from north when the compass is placed next to it. A small kitchen magnet should stick to it.

An earth-generated natural rock may be confused with a meteorite. This is an iron-containing rock called hematite. This rock will be heavy but is not magnetic. It will also have a sandy texture unlike the smoother texture of a meteorite.

Hematite can be found in the canyons. The hematite rock was

transported to the High Plains by the Indians who used it for tools and dyes.

If you think you might have a meteorite, Long says he will be glad to look at it for you.

He adds that a good place to look for them is along fence rows. Early farmers moved them to this location after they plowed them up. Old rock piles is another good place to search.

Cheerleaders To Give Away Owl Stadium Blanket

Silverton High School Cheerleaders and Mascot will be giving away a stadium blanket with the Silverton Owls emblem on it at the homecoming football game on September 10.

The girls will have a booth on the courthouse lawn Saturday, and will be accepting \$1.00 donations in exchange for a chance to win the stadium blanket. They will have the blanket on display.

Appreciation

Mackenzie Lake Personnel would like to thank the Silverton EMS, Silverton Volunteer Fire Department and Briscoe County Law Enforcement Agency for their quick and professional response to the unfortunate rash of accidents we have had the last month. It's comforting to know we have this group of individuals to depend on.

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Obituaries

JERRY DON BRANNON

Services for Jerry Don Brannon, 58, were conducted at 3:00 p.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church in Quitaque, with the Rev. Jess Little and the Rev. Lance Cypert, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Resthaven Cemetery at Quitaque by Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mr. Brannon died Wednesday, August 4, after a lengthy bout with cancer.

He was born July 7, 1941. He was graduated from Silverton High School and attended Tarleton State University. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Quitaque.

He married Peggy Walker in 1964 at Stephenville. He was preceded in death by a son, Gary Wayne Brannon, in 1990.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Amy Stewart of Floydada; his parents, Seymour and Ruby Brannon of Silverton; two brothers, Joe Brannon and Wade Brannon, both of Silverton; and a grandson.

Pallbearers were Eldon Martin, Jim Saul, Dale Smith, Charlie Bomar, Wil T. Bomar, Butch McBee, Ken Crump and Charles Hamner. Honorary pallbearers were nephews.

The family suggested memorials be to the Gary Wayne Brannon Memorial Scholarship Fund at the First National Bank in Quitaque or to a favorite charity.

JOHN HENRY CROW

John Henry Crow, 76, of Houston passed away Friday, August 6, 1999 after a brief illness.

Funeral services were conducted at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, August 10, in the Chapel of The Settegast-Kopf Co.

Graveside services were to be held at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 11, at Restland Memorial Park in Dallas.

He was born November 14, 1922 in Alvarado, Texas to Carl S. and Avis Maddox Crow. In

January 1941 he enrolled at Texas Technological College.

He entered military service on November 10, 1942 rising to the rank of Sergeant before being honorably discharged on December 29, 1945. In Corsica He earned two battle stars as a bomb truck driver serving P-47 Thunderbolt squadrons. After the war, he returned to Texas Tech to complete his BS in chemical engineering in 1949. On January 29, 1949, he married a teacher at Texas Tech, Billie M. Cohea of Amarillo.

In May of 1949, the couple relocated to Dallas where he began his long engineering career with Graff Engineering, becoming a specialist in gas processing and sulfur recovery. He went on to become a part owner of Grass Engineering with Lucius Hannon, jr.

In 1972, John Henry and Billie Crow relocated to Houston where he joined Trentham Corporation serving as chief process engineer. He will be remembered by his associates as a first class engineer and by his friends and relatives as an unusually friendly, caring and generous person.

Preceded in death by his parents, a brother, James O'Neal Crow, and his wife, he is survived by two sons, Donald E. Crow and Carl A. Crow; daughter-in-law, Brenda Werner; and three grandchildren, Alden S. Crow, Erin S. Crow and Devin E. Crow.

The family requested that friends honor John Henry Crow by sending memorial contributions to National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 2211 Norfolk, Suite 825, Houston, Texas 77098.

Bus Trip Being Planned Here Now

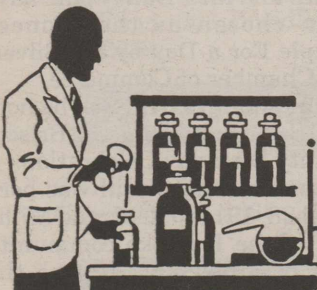
A group in Silverton is getting together a bus trip to Branson, Missouri September 20-24. The price of the trip will include ten shows, meals and lodging. In addition the bus will take those on the trip right to the front door of the places on the tour.

If you are interested in this trip, you need to contact Eudean Crow, 823-2353, or Mary Martin, 823-2213 just as soon as you can.

WEATHER

24-HOUR AUGUST READINGS
 6:00 A.M. Each Day

Date	High	Low	Precip.
1	101	68	
2	91	69	.17
3	82	67	.34
4	88	67	.35
5	85	65	
6	83	66	
7	92	68	
8	97	68	
9	93	66	.70
10	92	67	
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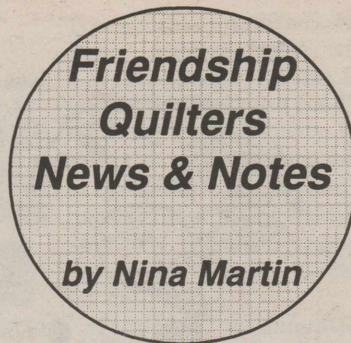
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Matthew 5: 16

In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

Rock Creek Church of Christ



Last Lord's Day was such a wonderful day. I started out with a still quiet time on the patio drinking my coffee and reading the Plainview paper. Next I took the water hose and washed the grapevine and ate grapes for breakfast. I had the radio on to gospel music. After church services Dana and Dorothy and my brother, Elton Cantwell, ate lunch with me (lots of squash dishes and blackeyed peas).

After evening church services, some of the Class of '45 met at El Camino in Tulia. Naomi Neese and her sister, Polly, is visiting their mother, Rosalie Chitty. Merlene Stephens and I called the '45 Class members that live around here.

Attending were Roma Lee and

Bill Swindle; Oneta and Sydney Rogers, Plainview; Merlene and Doyle Stephens, Bud and Norma Jo Vaughan, Mary Martin, Violet Thomas, Naomi Neese and myself from Silverton. We planned what to do for next year's homecoming.

Squash recipe from Maebelle Francis: Slice squash very thin. Let stand until goo rises. Pat dry. Coat slices with flour. Deep fry until half done. Spread out on trays to freeze. Put in big bag. To use take out what you need and deep fry. I think okra could be done this same way.

The quilters this week were Sybil King, Mary Burson, Wanda Strange, Marie Rogers, Ann Norris, Joy Stodghill, Juanita Howard, Ruby McWaters and Nina Martin. The quilters will be selling homemade ice cream Saturday. Also it is the last day to buy quilt tickets.

We enjoyed Merlene Stephens coming by to visit. She brought a UFO she's working on. It's an embroidered baby quilt.

Eudean Crow hosted the "42" Club recently. Rosalie Chitty,

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LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

August 10, 1989--Carrie Ann Grabbe and Tonya Lee Baird are Rodeo Queen candidates during County's 97th birthday celebration . . . Tricycle races set for preschoolers . . . Candidates for Junior Rodeo Queen are Vanessa Martin, Carrie Baird and Molly Bomar . . . There will be a reception Saturday in the home of Mary Miller in honor of her 70th birthday . . . Aaron and Kelsy Wederski are proud to announce the arrival of their baby sister, Wendy Lynn . . . Funeral services conducted for Walter Brannon . . . Mike and Valrie Graham are parents of a son, Niklas Evan . . . Descendants of the T. L. Strange family met at Lake Stamford the last week in July for a week of fun, fishing and more . . .

August 9, 1979--Gerald Beasley is new minister of Silverton Church of Christ . . . Lee Ann McMurtry fell short of winning the barrel racing saddle by 1/100 of a second at the State 4-H Horse Show held in Odessa. She did place second and brought home a belt buckle. She also went into the finals with the record fastest run in pole bending but had a bit of hard luck in the final run. She qualified for the Southern Regional 4-H Finals in Jackson, Mississippi, but was unable to travel to Jackson for the competition. Zane Reagan also participated in the State 4-H Horse Show. He participated in the western pleasure futurity and yearling halter futurity. He also sold his yearling in the first State 4-H Horse Futurity Sale . . . Melissa Greenhaw, Vicki McJimsey, Stacy Robertson, Dena Green and Sally Northcutt are candidates for Rodeo Queen . . . The daughters of the late U. D. Brown family met here last week for a reunion . . . A Norris reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Parker July 28-29 . . . George and Agnes Seaney honored as "Pioneers of the Day" . . . Mrs. Amelia Johnson of Quitaque and Ronald Kitchens were married June 27 in Silverton, and left immediately for a trip to Canada. They were met there by Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Schott, jr., and the two couples continued their sightseeing trip together . . .

August 21, 1969--Penny Arnold is 1969 Rodeo Queen . . . Football workouts began Monday morning under the direction of Coach Tom Wright, Head Coach Bill Stovall and Coach Bill Wood . . . Joe Daniel Anderson, son of Mrs. Josephine Anderson, will be among more than 1,200 students who are candidates for degrees to be conferred by the University of Houston in summer commencement exercises. Anderson is to receive the J. D. degree in law . . . Lisa Younger wins Bicycle Decoration contest . . . Silverton Volunteer Firemen were winners of the Wild Cow Milking Contest during the rodeo. Members of the

winning team were Bud Couch, captain; David Tipton, Weldon Tipton, Jerry Patton and Billy Ray Ford, alternate . . .

August 13, 1959--Owls to start football practice Monday . . . Mrs. Bailey Hill and Sylvia attended the Assembly of God Camp meeting in Lubbock several days last week. Ralph K. Hill attended the meeting from Saturday through Monday . . . The annual Montague family reunion was held in Thompson Park in Amarillo Saturday and Sunday. Among those attending were Mrs. Dan Montague, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cantwell, Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Fitzgerald, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Teeple and children, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. James Henderson and Freda, Mr. and Mrs. Vinson Smith, Jim and Monte, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Montague and children and Mr. and Mrs. Norvell Breedlove and family . . . Mr. and Mrs. Norland Dudley and daughters were weekend guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Dudley and Connie . . . Mrs. Florene Durham and Gordon were in Tulia Wednesday . . . Old West revival at Burson Ranch gathering . . . Diane Davis, Chyrel Cowart, Sandi Rhode, Patricia Cagle, Darrell Long, Freddie Stafford, Greg Towe and Wayne Nance are attending Methodist Camp at Ceta Glen this week . . . Miss Luree Burson has returned from a visit with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Allen at Costa Mesa, California . . .

August 11, 1949--Cotton support price set at \$29.14 for Briscoe County . . . Silverton received 1.83 inches of rain during the early part of the week . . . Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Carter recently bought the lease on the Silverton Cafe and during the past several days have been busy painting and cleaning up the premises in preparation for opening . . . Those leaving for 4-H Club Encampment Monday were George Whitehead, Freddie Hamilton, Carroll Welch, G. W. Chappell, David Hartman, Don Cornett and Jay Turner . . . Mrs. Edwin Crass entertained Saturday afternoon with a birthday party for her son, Bobby, on his seventh birthday . . . Mrs. Annie Stevenson, Gloria June Stevenson and Joy Ann Gatewood were business visitors in Floydada Wednesday . . . The Rock Creek Club met with Mrs. Eula Shelton July 26 . . . Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Hewitt were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Henderson Monday night . . .

July 20, 1939--Miss Rosalie Montgomery has resigned her position as English and Spanish teacher in the Silverton Schools and has accepted a similar position in the Lamesa Schools . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jack Blocker returned to Silverton from Weslaco

the first of the week, and Mrs. Blocker has been employed at the King Beauty as beauty operator . . . Light showers here the first of the week . . . Silverton streets, which have been under construction for the past two weeks, are now open for traffic. They have been rolled and are now ready for the application of the oil and asphalt . . . Funeral services were conducted Monday at Lockney for Orville Shearer, 18, who drowned Sunday afternoon at Claude Crossing northwest of Silverton . . . Editor Roy Hahn wrote: "Lightning almost struck twice in the same place Sunday night at Jimmy Cantwell's place. It struck one side of his house, and in less

than an hour struck the other side . . . Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mercer and daughter and Ruth Mercer and Alvie Boyce left Monday morning for Del Norte, Colorado for an extended vacation trip . . . Ruth McGavock of Amarillo spent Monday here with her parents. Her sister, Hazel Dee, who has been visiting in Amarillo, returned home with her . . . Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bomar and children plan to leave Thursday morning on a vacation trip to Colorado and New Mexico . . .

August 1, 1929--The new \$80,000 school unit will be ready for public reception between August 1 and 10 . . . Stucco is leading in new residences; Dick

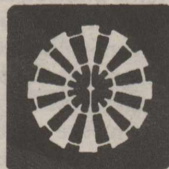
Cowart, W. A. Holt and Jeff Davis among new home builders in Silverton . . . Rapping the modernist and taking a full swing on the church hospital, Rev. R. P. Davis conducted the union revival at the Baptist Church here Sunday night . . . E. L. Lewis opens Good Eats Bakery . . . The Studebaker sedan of M. K. Summers of the Super Service Station was completely destroyed by fire in an accident Monday afternoon on the highway east of Wellington . . . Fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed the home and furnishings of A. R. Northcutt here early Saturday morning . . . London Bridge Club meets with Mrs. D. O. Bomar . . .

Come on to Town for the Celebration of Briscoe County's 107th Birthday!

And don't forget to stop by the Bank
For a Visit While You're Here!

Here are some things you won't want to miss:

- The Rodeos and Dances
Friday and Saturday Nights
- Booths on the Square Saturday
- Music in the Shelter Saturday
- Parade, 3:30 p.m.
- Barbecue, 5:30 p.m.



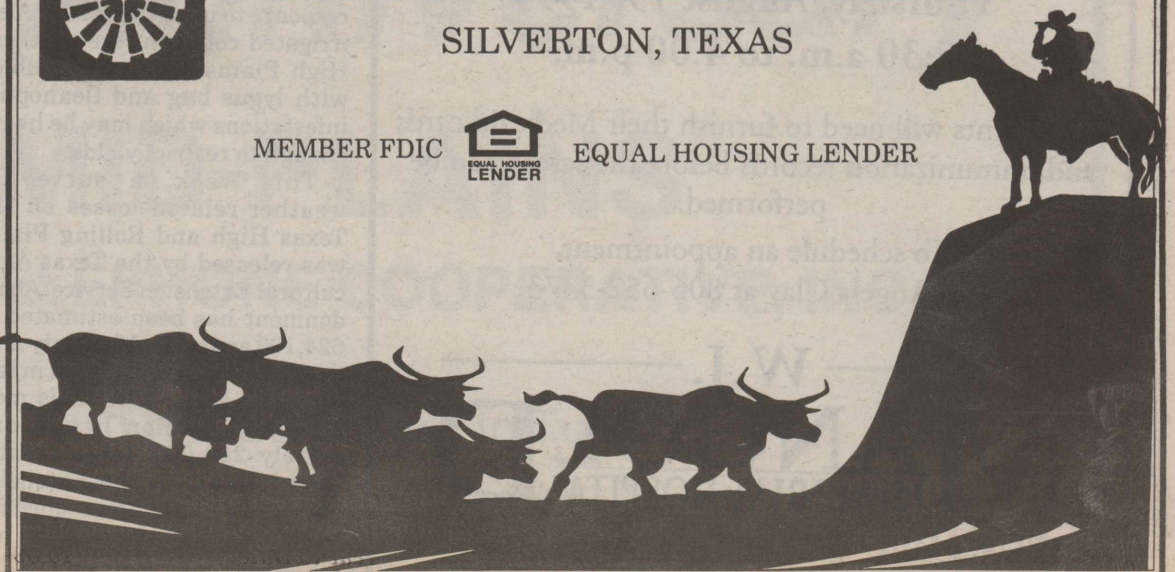
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Silverton School Lunch Menu

Thursday, August 12--Chili Dog, Tater Tots, Fruit, Pudding, Milk

Friday, August 13--Hamburger with Cheese, Salad, Onion Rings, Rice Krispie Treat

Monday, August 16--Corndog, Macaroni & Cheese, Broccoli, Cornbread, Apple Crisp, Milk

Tuesday, August 17--Ham & Cheese on Bun, Salad, Dirty Potatoes, Brownie, Milk

Wednesday, August 18--Mexican Casserole, Hot Sauce, Salad, Refried Beans, Cherry Dessert, Milk

Thursday, August 19--Steak Fingers, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Honey, Butter, Milk

Friday, August 20--Hamburger with Cheese, Salad, French Fries, Cookie, Milk

Happy Anniversary-

August 12--Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Burson

August 13--Mr. and Mrs. Michael Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rauch

August 14--Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Stephens

August 15--Mr. and Mrs. Toby Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bean,

Silverton School Activities

Thursday, August 12--First Day of School

Friday and Saturday, August 13-14--Briscoe County Celebration

Friday, August 15--Bottom Line Farming, 6:00 - 10:00

Tuesday, August 17--Bottom Line Farming, 6:00 - 10:00

Friday, August 20--Scrimmage: Three Way, Lazbuddie, Groom, 5:00 p.m. here; Bottom Line Farming, 6:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Happy Birthday-

August 12--Johnny Gillenwater, DeVonna Boyd, Stephanie Davis, Mickey Smith, Bill Smith

August 13--Donny Burson, Mary Brown, Tammie Mae Edwards

August 14--Jeff Tiffin, Jo Ann Reyes, Sylvia Hill, Brian Paul Nistler

August 15--Lucy McDaniel, Zac McWilliams, Juannah Jennings, Julie Couch, Melannie Rose, Abbie Nicole Tipton, Nicole White, Lee Smith, Delane Smith

August 16--Kendra Rhoderick, Randi Parker

August 17--Linda Davis, Shirley Reynolds, Dax Gregg, Laverne Stephens, Jack McFall

August 18--Edwin May, Lanis McWilliams, Jennifer Conder, Brennen Cole George

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Carthel

August 17--Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Rhoderick, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Roehr

August 18--Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lowrey

Charm is a way of getting the answer yes without asking a clear question.

--Albert Camus

TELCOT[®] Report

A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF COTTON MARKETING NEWS

For the Week Ended August 5

A lack of fresh fundamental news sent the cotton market in search of a clear direction this week. Both weather concerns and a healthy export sales report were mildly supportive to the market but were not enough to drive it strongly to the up-side.

Due to the absence of new crop information, many industry observers anxiously are awaiting the new crop data contained in USDA's August supply/demand report to be released on August 12. Expectations are for the U. S. crop estimate to be raised from the current 18.7 million bales to the 19.2 million bale level.

Crop prospects have declined since the dryness in the U. S. Delta and Southeast started causing concerns about plant stress. Analysts noted this week that a private forecaster estimated production at 18.9 million bales. The figure may have factored in dry conditions which will lead to a smaller increase in production. A few weeks ago, when dryness was not a concern, some analysts placed the crop as high as 19.6 million bales.

Many perceptions still remain that the overall U. S. cotton crop is in good condition. Additionally, weather concerns in Texas have eased this week as moisture was received on parched crops on the High and Rolling Plains, and dry conditions were welcomed in southern Texas where heavy rains were hindering the cotton harvest.

Weather concerns for Texas producers have not completely been alleviated. Although scattered rainfall was received on the Texas High and Rolling Plains this week, some areas still are in need of rain to help with fruit retention and plant development. Also, due to the time gaps between the earliest and latest planting dates, cotton plants in both regions are in various stages of maturity. Fields planted late in the planting season have begun to flower, while some older cotton has begun to bloom out the top in response to moisture stress. Also, irrigated cotton in the northern High Plains has been troubled with lygus bug and fleahopper infestations which may be heavy enough to restrict yields.

This week, a survey of weather-related losses on the Texas High and Rolling Plains was released by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Abandonment has been estimated at 624,100 acres in a 16-county area due to heavy rain and hail in late May and early June. This most recent projection is approximately 200,000 acres greater than forecast by the Extension Service in June. Some question remains, however, whether plantings are 200,000 acres

greater than the official estimate of 4.68 million acres in both areas.

In other matters, discussion continued over the \$7.4 billion farm aid package which was attached to a Senate-approved \$68 billion agriculture spending bill. Some are concerned that disagreements will arise over the aid package. Speculation has begun that Congress will not be able to put together final agriculture spending legislation by October 1 when fiscal year 2000 begins. A continuing resolution to fund USDA operations may have to be issued, and observers can monitor another round of arguments over money matters this fall just as they did last year.

Meanwhile, USDA's weekly U. S. export sales report sparked some talk among observers but had little effect on the market. The department's export sales data showed net old-crop sales of

just 2,600 bales for the week ended July 29, a significant decrease from the previous week's 13,100 bales. With purchases totaling 3,400 bales, Thailand was the largest buyer of U. S. cotton, according to USDA. Taiwan and Hong Kong followed closely behind with acquisitions of 600 and 400 bales, respectively.

In the same reporting week, net new-crop export sales surged to 78,300 bales, up from 25,400 bales the prior week. Featured buyers of 1999-00 crop U. S. cotton included Brazil, Indonesia and Hong Kong.

Trading on the TELCOT electronic marketing system was moderate in the five trading days ended July 29, as sales totaled 12,850 bales. The week's turnover was an increase from the prior week when only 7,688 bales were sold. Average daily prices received by producers utilizing the electronic marketing system ranged from 35.64 to 42.58 cents per pound versus a range of 39.10 to 39.72 the previous week.

We are all born charming, fresh and spontaneous and must be civilized before we are fit to participate in society.

--Miss Manners
(Judith Martin)

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GAS RATE CHANGE

On August 4, 1999, Energas Company filed Statements of Intent to change its gas rates with each incorporated city listed below. The proposed changes will take effect no sooner than 35 days after filing. Each city may suspend the proposed effective date for an additional 90 days.

The Company proposes to increase rates to General Service (residential and commercial), Small Industrial Service, Large Gas Air Conditioning and/or Electric Generating Gas Service, and the Air Conditioning Rate Rider. The company may implement a different rate design than proposed provided the increased revenue does not exceed that specified herein.

The proposed changes are expected to increase the company's annual revenues by approximately 8.8 percent or \$9.8 million. The proposed changes to the rates are unrelated to gas cost which the company will continue to charge only cost paid to its supplier. The proposed changes could affect approximately 200,000 gas consumers in the following communities:

Abernathy	Lamesa*	Quitaque
Amherst	Levelland*	Ralls
Anton	Littlefield*	Ransom Canyon
Big Spring*	Lockney	Ropesville
Bovina	Lorenzo	Seagraves
Brownfield*	Los Ybanez	Seminole
Buffalo Springs Lake	Lubbock*	Shallowater
Canyon*	Meadow	Silverton
Coahoma	Midland*	Slaton*
Crosbyton	Muleshoe	Smyer
Dimmitt	Nazareth	Springlake
Earth	New Deal	Stanton
Edmonson	New Home	Sudan
Floydada	Odessa*	Tahoka
Forsan	O'Donnell	Timbercreek Canyon
Friona	Olton	Tulia
Hale Center	Opdyke West	Turkey
Happy	Palisades	Vega
Hart	Pampa*	Wellman
Hereford*	Panhandle	Wilson
Idalou	Petersburg	Wolfforth
Kress	Plainview*	
Lake Tanglewood	Post	

*The level of revenue increases in these communities constitutes a "major change" as defined by state law.

Copies of the filing are available at the Energas Office at 5110-80th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79424.

W. J. Mangold Memorial Hospital

will provide

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at the

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Thursday, August 19, 1999

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McJimsey Twins Honored at Shower Saturday

Mesa and McKena McJimsey, twin daughters of Carrie Ann and Doug McJimsey, were honored at a baby shower Saturday, August 7, in the Pioneer Room at First State Bank.

The hostesses gifted the twins with two wooden high chairs.

An array of muffins, fruit and punch were served by Shana Strange and Colleen Reed, and guests were greeted by Shirley Reynolds.

Hostesses for the shower were LaQuetta Schott, Ramona Martin, Carlye Fleming, Shirley Reynolds, Ruby Graham, Tonya Baird, Katy Bomar, Charlotte Rhoderick, Christy West, Pat Arnold, Maria Justice, Tina Nance, Dixie Johnson, Shana Strange, Lisa Schott, June Ashley, Dorothy Johnson and Colleen Reed.

Quilting News--

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Lallie Patton, Ruby Brannon, Mary Martin, Pauline Chitty, Elsie Cornett and Nina Martin. The decision was made not to play for awhile because of the busy times for everyone.

Lori House and her family met Lesa Johnson for a three-day tour of Amicacola Falls. The daughters of John and Maebelle Francis toured one of the Civil War Battlefields and Museum and, as a bonus, saw President Jimmy Carter ride by on his bicycle. He waved to the group.

John and Maebelle recently toured the Barbed Wire Museum in McLean and the Route 66 Museum. This was well worth the trip over. On a scale from 1-10, they rated it a 10.

They also toured the American Quarter Horse Museum in Amarillo, but rated it only about a 4.

Once again Rock Creek has missed the rain; so I'll still have to drag water hoses. Have a nice day, and remember I love you.

Energas Requests Rate Adjustment

Energas Company today filed a notice with 67 cities requesting \$9.8 million in additional revenues from its West Texas customers. This is the first request for a rate adjustment by Energas in more than three years. Energas has invested more than \$64 million in the West Texas division since 1996 to insure the safety and reliability of the gas delivery system, enhance customer service and to expand its system for new residential and industrial customer growth.

If the request is approved, the average customer will see an increase of about 8.8 percent or \$3.64, in their monthly gas bill. When annualized over the past three years, the current request reflects a 2.8 percent increase per customer, per year. "Our rates will continue to be among the lowest in the state and indeed among the lowest in the nation," said Earl Fischer, president of Energas.

In addition to paying for the

system's improvements and expansion, Energas also proposes to restructure its gas rates by separating the gas commodity cost from the utility's cost of service. Fischer said the proposal before the cities will enable Energas customers to more clearly distinguish between the cost of gas, which is currently a pass-through from suppliers, and the cost of service. The proposal to restructure gas rates will also have the effect of smoothing fluctuations in customer gas bills, which often occur in months when weather is colder and demand for gas heating is higher.

In addition to the expansion and improvements of the local gas distribution system, Energas expanded its West Texas presence in 1998 by locating its national customer support center in Amarillo. The center has brought 160 new jobs to the West Texas economy. The center provides a customer support call service 24 hours a day, seven days a week for 12 states.

"We're proud of our ability to provide low-cost, high-quality service to our customers, and the investments we've made in our system will insure that our customers continue to receive excellent service," Fischer said.

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM/ SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM

The Silverton School serves meals each school day. Children may buy lunch for \$1.00 and breakfast for 35c. Children may also get meals free or at a reduced price.

If you now get food stamps or AFDC/TANF for your children, your children can get free meals. If your household income is the same or less than the amounts on the Income Chart below, your children can get free meals or reduced-price meals. A foster child may get free or reduced-price meals regardless of your income. The reduced price is 40c for lunch and 30c for breakfast.

TO GET FREE OR REDUCED-PRICE MEALS FOR YOUR CHILDREN, YOU MUST COMPLETE AN APPLICATION AND RETURN IT TO THE SCHOOL. WE CANNOT APPROVE AN APPLICATION THAT IS NOT COMPLETE.

HOW TO APPLY

If you now get food stamps or AFDC/TANF for the children you are applying for, the application must have the children's names, a food stamp or AFDC/TANF case number for each child, and the signature of an adult household member. If you are applying for a foster child the application must have the child's name, "personal use" income, and an adult signature. If you do not list a food stamp or AFDC/TANF case number for all children you are applying for, then the application must have the children's names, the names of all household members, the amount of income each person got last month and where it came from, the signature of an adult household member, and that adult's social security number or the word "none" if the adult does not have a social security number.

Verification: Your eligibility may be checked at any time during the school year. School officials may ask you to send papers showing that your children should get free or reduced-price meals.

Fair Hearing: You may talk to school officials if you do not agree with the school's decision on your application or the results of verification. You may also ask for a fair hearing. You may do this by calling or writing:

Superintendent Frank Kirchoffner, Phone 806-823-2476
P. O. Box 608, Silverton, Texas 79257

Reporting Changes: If your children get free or reduced-price meals because of your income, you must tell the school if your household size decreases or your income increases by more than \$50 per month or \$600 per year. If your children get meals because you get food stamps or AFDC/TANF, you must tell the school when you are not getting AFDC/TANF or food stamps for them. You may then fill out another application giving income information.

Confidentiality: School officials use the information on the application only to decide if your children should get free or reduced-price meals. Free and reduced-price eligibility information may be subject to release to other federal, state and local education, health, or other means-tested programs. Some programs already identified are the National Assessment of Educational Progress and officials collecting data for Title I allocation and evaluation purposes.

Reapplication: You may apply for meals anytime during the school year. If you are not eligible now but have a change in status, like a decrease in household income, an increase in household size, become unemployed or get food stamps or AFDC/TANF for your children, you may then complete an application.

Handicapped: Meal substitutions at no additional cost for children who meet the definition of "handicapped" will be served, provided a physician has submitted a statement attesting to this fact and prescribing a substitute.

IN THE OPERATION OF THE CHILD FEEDING PROGRAMS, NO CHILD WILL BE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST BECAUSE OF RACE, SEX, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, AGE OR HANDICAP. IF YOU BELIEVE YOU HAVE BEEN DISCRIMINATED AGAINST, WRITE IMMEDIATELY TO THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20250.

INCOME CHART

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1	14,893	1,242	287
2	20,073	1,673	387
3	25,253	2,105	486
4	30,433	2,537	586
5	35,613	2,968	685
6	40,793	3,400	785
7	45,973	3,832	885
8	51,153	4,263	984
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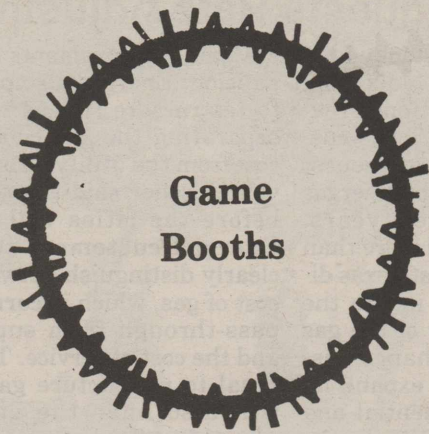
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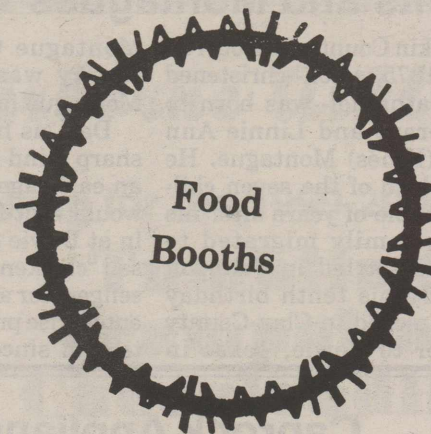


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Briscoe County News
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BRYANT-MONTAGUE FAMILY--Pictured are (from left) Dan Montague, Joe, Roy and Merle Montague, Lorena Bryant Montague holding Nelda Montague, Lavelle Montague, Earl and Inetha Montague Cantwell, Abbie Slaughter, Florene Montague, Martha Cox, Frederick Montague and Joe Bryant.

Bryants and Montagues Were Early-Day Settlers Here

In Dunkin County, Missouri on July 19, 1875, a son--christened Daniel Nathaniel--was born to Daniel Grant and Linnie Ann Lucinda (Hines) Montague. He was the third of the seven children. A couple of years after his birth the family migrated to Texas and settled in Johnson County. By his tenth birthday they had moved to Clay County then later to Bowie, Texas in

Montague County where the county was named after the Montague family.

Dan, as he was called, had a sharp mind for business even at an early age. As a young boy he would wait for the train to come in at Bowie and climb aboard to sell "chicken 'n bread" to the passengers for a dime. This business enterprise proved quite profitable to him since his family raised

their own chickens and ground their own flour for the bread. And his mother, approving his business venture, would do most of the cooking for him.

In 1892, Daniel Grant sold his property in Montague County and began the long trek to the area where he would spend the rest of his life.

From Dan's diary we read: "I landed on the Plains the 10th of May 1892 in Briscoe County, Texas with \$31.75, one horse, and half interest in 13 head of cattle branded -M-." This brand was retained and used by Dan the rest of his life. After his death his son Joe took over the brand.

Dan was 17 years old when he moved to Briscoe County. He resided with his parents and broth-

ers and sisters in a half-dugout about eleven miles southeast of Silverton on land homesteaded by his father.

In Thorps Springs, Texas on August 12, 1888, Joe Bryant and Sally Belle (Waller) Bryant were blessed with their first child, a girl, Lorena Bessie, who was later to become the bride of Dan Montague.

In 1891 when Lorena was about two years old her family migrated to the plains in a covered wagon. It took them thirty days to travel from Thorps

Springs to Briscoe County.

Daniel Nathaniel Montague and Lorena Bessie Bryant exchanged vows in Silverton on January 13, 1907.

Nine children were born to this union, Inetha, Frederick, Nathan, Florene, Lavelle, Merle J., Joe, Roy and Nelda.

Dan and Lorena spent their remaining years at the old "Skeen Place" two miles south of Silverton. He died September 3, 1950 and she passed away on April 20, 1961. They are both buried in the Silverton Cemetery.

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Junior High Cheerleaders To Have Booth

Silverton's Junior High Cheerleaders will be selling cookies, brownies and drinks for 50c and balloons for \$1.00 at the Briscoe County Birthday Celebration Saturday on the courthouse lawn.

Coffee Memorial Leading Advances In Blood Products

Coffee Memorial Blood Center is one of the first blood centers in the nation to provide 100% leukoreduced blood products adding yet another layer of safety to the blood supply. Leukocyte reduction is a process in which the white blood cells or leukocytes are removed by filtration from donated blood. Pall Corporation, a company specializing in filtration technology, manufactures these highly technical filters.

Dr. Mary Townsend, medical director and vice-president at Coffee Memorial Blood Center, said, "White blood cells (leukocytes) in a blood transfusion generally serve no purpose and can carry viruses, suppress patients' immune system and release toxic substances. Studies have shown that leukocyte-reduced blood reduces disease transmissions, virtually eliminates febrile transfusion reactions and protects surgical patients from post operative infections."

Coffee Memorial Blood Center has been providing leukocyte-reduced blood products for seven years to patients with compromised immune systems from premature birth and from diseases such as cancer, leukemia and HIV. The Blood Center began converting to 100% leukocyte-reduced blood products June 1, following a recommendation from the Food and Drug administration, the blood banking industry's governing body, and requests from area hospitals.

Dr. James Hamous, chair of the transfusion committee at Northwest Texas Healthcare System and a physician on staff at Baptist St. Anthony's Health System said, "Using leukocyte-reduced blood products decreases post-transfusion infections thereby decreasing patients' hospital stay. The increased cost of \$35 per unit saves the patients, hospital and insurance companies money in the long run with fewer complications. The benefits clearly outweigh any initial price increase."

Filtering does not remove dangerous viruses such as the hepatitis C virus (HCV) or human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). Coffee Memorial Blood Center will continue to perform very sensitive screening tests on every blood donation for these and other viruses.

For more information, contact Dr. Mary Townsend or John Guthrie at the Blood Center at 358-4563.

Agriculture Closer To Needed Assistance

The High Plains cotton industry, and agriculture in general, is facing one of its toughest economic situations in many years because of weak demand and abundant supplies of many agricultural commodities.

Nobody understands the severity of the situation better than

House Agriculture Committee Chairman Larry Combest who has promised a wide ranging effort to address many of these critical issues.

Combest has noted on several occasions that important items such as restoring funding for cotton's Step 2 competitiveness program, creation of a supplemental economic assistance package for producers and develop-

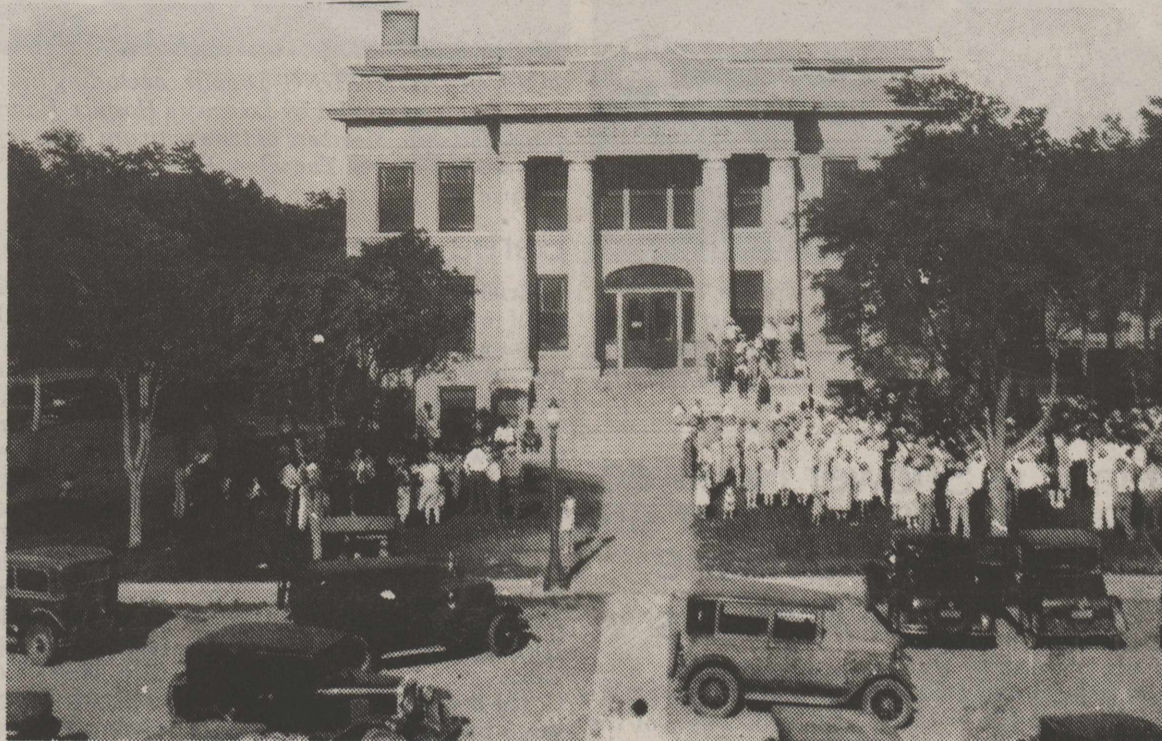
ment of some form of additional disaster relief to address specific problems such as drought or flooding are in the pipeline and top priorities.

On the reform front, Combest and the House Agriculture Committee completed work on "The Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 1999" that will initiate much needed reforms in the Federal Crop Insurance program. The fi-

nal Bill is expected to be taken up following the August Congressional break.

Complimenting the House's activities was the approval of the Senate's FY2000 Agriculture Appropriations Bill. In addition to setting out money for USDA programs, the Bill was amended to provide an additional \$7.74 billion in economic assistance to farmers.

A Warm Welcome To BRISCOE COUNTY



Early-day picnics and celebrations were held at the Briscoe County courthouse in days gone by, just as they are today.

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In honour of the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Stark, their children and grandchildren request the pleasure of your company at a reception on Saturday, August 21, 1999, from 2:00 until 5:00 p.m. at the Quitaque Community Center. No gifts please.

Miss Jennings is Shower Honoree

A bridal shower honoring Lindsey Jennings, bride-elect of Jase Irwin, was held Saturday, August 7, in the home of Jane Self. Guests were greeted at the door by Miss Self and presented to the honoree and her mother, Juannah Jennings, and to the groom's mother, Janie Irwin of Amarillo.

Delicious refreshments of mini-cinnamon rolls, muffins, bacon-wrapped water chestnuts, assorted fresh fruits, coffee and punch were served by Taylor Griffin and Lindsey Weaks. The bride's chosen colors of white and buttercream yellow were used in the table decorations. The table was covered with a white Battenburg lace cloth over yellow. The centerpiece consisted of a gold candelabra holding five white candles and a butter cream satin frame accented with rosebuds and pearls. White tulle, yellow satin rosebuds, and pearls were entwined around the centerpiece and serving trays of gold. The candelabra and frame were gifts for the bride and groom.

Lovely gifts were displayed throughout the home for viewing by the guests. The hostesses presented the couple with an outdoor grill.

Special guests from out of town were Mary Jane Irwin of Amarillo, sister of the groom, and Nancy and Cassidy Montague, aunt and cousin of the bride, of Tulia.

Hostesses for the occasion were Jane Self, Gail Wyatt, Jimmie Sue Estes, Frances Gamble, Dorothy Martin, Liz Griffin, Pat Fitzgerald, Patsy Towe, Cathey Weaks, Marsha Brunson, Donna Francis, Mary Lane Younger and Sandi Tomlin.

Few Briscoe 4-H Afghans Still on Sale

There are still a few of the Briscoe County Afghans on sale. This is a money-raising project of the Briscoe County 4-H Clubs. If you are interested in seeing or purchasing an afghan, please go by the Briscoe County Extension Office in the basement of the courthouse.

The afghans are made in the USA by Riddle & Cockrell, Inc. and are Jacquard Woven, 100% cotton in hunter green, cranberry red and cream color. They are approximately 50"x65" and are a nice size for a throw or to wrap up in.

The afghan features sites, both past and present, from around Briscoe County, including the Briscoe County Courthouse, the old Jailhouse, scenes from Caprock Canyons State Park and other historical landmarks. These afghans would be great "Memory of Briscoe County" pieces to own or give as a gift to someone who now lives here, or has lived in Briscoe County at one time.

These Briscoe County afghans may be purchased for \$50.00 each or can be mailed direct to whoever you designate for an additional \$5.00. To order by mail, contact the Briscoe County Extension Service, P. O. Box 730, Silverton, TX 79257. Checks are to be made payable to the Briscoe County 4-H. For information, call 806-823-2131.



STILL GOING STRONG--Despite concluding the eight-week program in December, the initial bereavement group sponsored by Lockney's Hospice Hands of West Texas continues to meet monthly for food and fellowship. Members of the group are (from left) Henry Ford, jr., Nina Teuton, Joyce Owens, Joyce Campbell, Kathleen Thornton, Donnie Meriwether Bowman and John Bowman. Not pictured is Helen Guthrie.

Bereavement Group Finds Strength in Getting Together

Grief and loneliness manifests itself in strange ways.

For some, like Henry Ford, jr., the worst comes on lonely week-ends. For others, like Kathleen Thornton, the hardest time is sitting down to a meal alone.

Struggling with the profound weakness that follows the death of a spouse, eight Floyd, Briscoe and Motley County residents have found strength through a bereavement group sponsored by Lockney's Hospice Hands of West Texas.

The bereavement group, facilitated by Laurie Hall, met each Thursday for eight consecutive weeks. The experience resulted in new friendships, new sources of strength and encouragement, and, for two members, a new spouse.

Joyce Owens, the group's youngest member and daughter-in-law of fellow member Helen Guthrie, was instrumental in starting the group.

"I was so lost after my husband died so suddenly," said Mrs. Owens. "I heard a support group might help and I knew nothing about them. I was hoping this group would help me get through the pain and help me find a way to get on with my life. I thought being with others who were going through the same thing would help."

"Not even your family can help," echoed Nina Teuton. "You don't need someone to feel sorry for you . . . you need someone to understand."

With ages ranging from 79 to 44, and all having lost spouses in the past year, the group embarked on an eight-week journey, which officially concluded in December, but has continued on a regular basis since.

"The goal of a bereavement group is not to get them over their grief, but to help them work through it," explained Mrs. Hall, who will start a new group in September. "The members almost have to find a new identity, because they are not entirely the

same person as before.

"When people who have experienced such a loss can come together and learn that what they are feeling is normal, and interact with others having similar feelings, it is very beneficial."

The weekly meetings, which included a meal and were rotated among the homes of group members, addressed a particular stage or issue of grief.

"We focused on developing relationships and support," said Mrs. Hall. "For instance, each member was required to call or visit at least one other group member each week. After a few weeks, they were making these contacts because they wanted to, not because they were made to."

For some participants, finding the courage to attend the initial meeting was difficult. "I didn't make the first meeting, and several members of the group encouraged me to attend," recalled Donnie Meriwether Bowman.

"I really wasn't too excited about it, but I thought, oh, well, I'll just go ahead and go. I had had feedback (from persons participating in other bereavement groups) that it would be sad, and everyone would be crying, and there was some of that. But overall it has been a wonderful experience."

Wonderful enough, in fact, that she met her future husband, fellow group member John Bowman. "Getting married was the absolute farthest thing from my mind when I began attending the bereavement group, but John and I made a lifelong commitment on May 29," said Mrs. Bowman.

Other members, like Mrs. Thornton, were less hesitant to participate. "I expected to have a good counselor, which I had, and someone who really cared about my hurting," she explained. "Being married 60 years and suddenly you are alone . . . I would come home excited about something and have nobody to

share it with.

"I have found communication with other people, who would never have been together otherwise and are in the same situation, as well as fellowship, love, and someone who cares about me."

The group remains as close today as when they ended the program and not only shares meals, games and sentiments on a monthly basis but also travels to special events across West Texas. In October, they will attend the Ray Price concert in Turkey.

Their advice to those considering attending a bereavement group is as strong as the bonds they have formed in the past year.

"Join a group like ours," said Mrs. Owens. "We all started out crying and sad, but now we can laugh again. Grief is tough, but with the help of friends you can make it. It helps to talk with someone who has been there or is there. They understand what you are going through."

"I would encourage persons who have lost their loved one to participate," said Mr. Bowman. "Getting together is the key. All these people now seem part of my family."

Mr. Ford put it most succinctly: "Participate. It can't do anything except be good for you."

For additional information or to enroll in the next bereavement group, contact Hospice Hands of West Texas at 652-3000 or Mrs. Hall at 652-1127.

Haley Dominates County Roping

Kent Haley dominated the Briscoe County Roping last Saturday afternoon. He teamed with Walter Arnold for the fastest go.

He teamed with Monty Wood for first in average and with Jim Forbes for second in average.

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 Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.
 Evening Worship.....7:00 p.m.

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Hal Rogers, Minister

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 Morning Worship.....10:00 a.m.
 Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
 WEDNESDAY:
 Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Randy G. Mullin, Pastor

SUNDAY:
 Library Opens.....9:15 a.m.
 Bible Study/S.S.....9:30 a.m.
 Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.
 Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
 SECOND & FOURTH
 TUESDAYS:
 Baptist Women.....9:30 a.m.
 WEDNESDAY:
 Library Opens.....6:30 p.m.
 Bible Study/Prayer.....7:00 p.m.

SILVERTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Jay Stinson, Pastor

SUNDAY:
 Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service.....10:55 a.m.
 Choir Practice.....5:00 p.m.
 Evening Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.
 TUESDAY:
 Unit. Meth. Women.....9:30 a.m.
 WEDNESDAY:
 In-home Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.
 FRIDAY:
 Unit. Meth. Men.....6:30 a.m.

NEW FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST MISSION

SUNDAY:
 Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
 Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.
 Training Union.....5:00 p.m.
 Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.
 WEDNESDAY:
 Choir Rehearsal.....7:00 p.m.
 Prayer Service.....8:00 p.m.

OUR LADY OF LORETO CATHOLIC CHURCH

Father Ed Graff, Pastor

SUNDAY:
 Mass.....9:00 a.m.
 WEDNESDAY:
 Doctrina Class.....4:30-5:30 p.m.
 Junior & Senior
 High.....4:30-5:30 p.m.

ROCK CREEK CHURCH OF CHRIST

SUNDAY:
 Worship Service.....10:30 a.m.
 Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
 WEDNESDAY:
 Worship Service.....7:30 p.m.



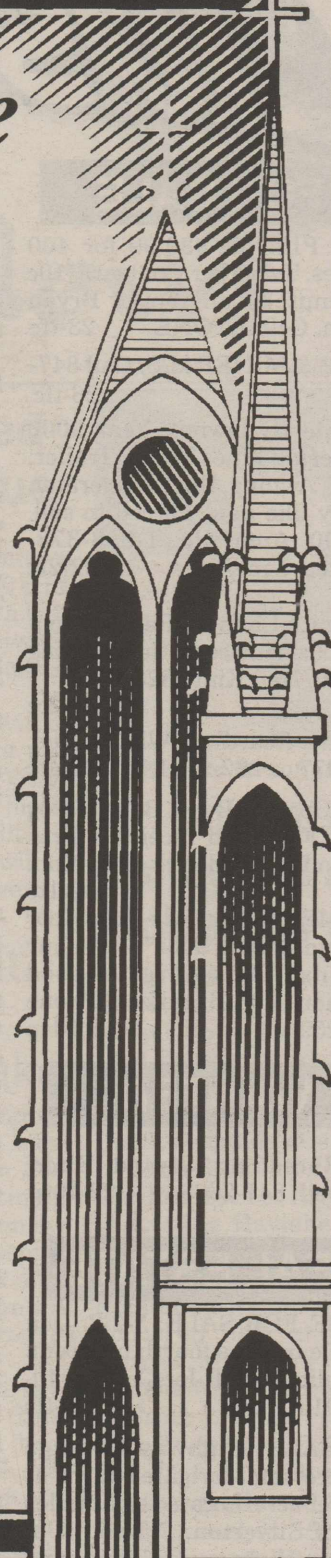
You Deserve A Vacation

Everyone deserves a break from their daily work or studies, and every so often a little vacation may be in order. Of course, we all know that we have to take care of ourselves by healthy eating and exercising, but sometimes we may neglect to take time off for a well-deserved break.

God is in favor of us taking a little leave from our normal schedule; that is why He deemed that the seventh day of the week should be a day of rest. He doesn't want us laboring all of the time, and He knows that some rest is required for us to stay physically, mentally, and spiritually healthy.

Although we may not be able to get away for two weeks, or afford a vacation at some luxury resort, perhaps just visiting some friends for a few days may be all that we need to revitalize ourselves. In fact, sometimes it may be better if we can take several short vacations each year, rather than use up two or three weeks all at once. The Lord wants us to take care of ourselves and we all have to recognize when we need a rest from our daily routine.

For whoever receives that rest which God promised will rest from his own work, just as God rested from His.
 Good News Bible Hebrews 4:10



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If you are interested in submitting a bid for any of these areas, send your bid to Frank Kirchoffner, Superintendent, Silverton ISD, Box 608, Silverton, Texas 79257.

Be sure your bid is in by 5:00 p.m. August 10, 1999. Write "BID ENCLOSED" on the outside of your envelope.

Bids will be opened at the regularly-scheduled board meeting August 11, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. 31-2tc

WANTED

The Briscoe County FSA Office in Silverton is accepting applications for a temporary program technician. Requirements for this position include typing skills, limited knowledge of computer applications, proficient organizational skills, and the ability to work with the public. Farm experience is valuable and preferable but not mandatory. Applications for Employment (Form FSA-675) may be picked up at this or any FSA Office. Applications may be mailed to the Briscoe County FSA Office, Attention Joe Potter, CED, P. O. Box 667, Silverton, Texas 79257-0667 or delivered to the Briscoe County FSA Office at 410 Lone Star Street in Silverton, Texas. Applications must be received in this office by 4:30 p.m. Friday, August 20, 1999. USDA is an equal opportunity employer and provider. Candidates will be considered without discrimination because of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital or familial status, or other nonmerit factors. 31-2tc

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Garage Sale: Saturday, August 14, 9:30 a.m. - ? 600 Saye St. (Norma Garcia). No early sales. 32-1tc

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Lost and Found

Lost: Black 400 lb. Steer Calf from Mary Martin home. No ear tag. If found, call Mary, 823-2213, or Ramona, 847-2260. 32-1tc

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Sealed proposals for 289.071 mi of sealcoat on US 287, FM 164, SH 86, SH 70, IH 40, FM 146, SH 207, FM 48, FM 267, SH 256, FM 91, FM 268, FM 104, FM 1439, FM 599, FM 2009, FM 924, FM 3300, FM 2162, FM 2006, FM 2229, FM 1642, FM 2278, FM 2344, FM 2362, FM 2474, FM 1081, FM 2467, FM 3031, FM 2697 and FM 3517 covered by CPM 43-2-60, CPM 43-2-61, CPM 43-16-12, CPM 105-1-28, CPM 105-2-18, CPM 106-2-27, CPM 275-12-63, CPM 303-2-14, CPM 357-6-14, CPM 357-6-15, CPM 489-1-17, CPM 538-1-23, CPM 541-2-24, CPM 702-2-26, CPM 704-2-18, CPM 711-2-35, CPM 797-8-8, CPM 970-3-17, CPM 971-2-16, CPM 971-3-7, CPM 1162-3-5, CPM 1345-3-4, CPM 1883-2-7, CPM 1916-1-8, CPM 1917-1-11, CPM 2031-1-4, CPM 2036-1-6, CPM 2036-3-5, CPM 2143-1-6, CPM 2153-1-4, CPM 2252-1-8, CPM 2316-1-4, CPM 2329-1-7, CPM 2364-1-5, CPM 2545-2-7, CPM 2632-1-6, CPM 3581-1-3, CPM 43-2-62 and CPM 2036-2-8 in Hardeman, Childress, Hall, Dickens, Wheeler, Briscoe, Knox, Cottle, Collingsworth, Motley and Donley Counties, will be received at the Texas Department of

Transportation, 200 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, until 1:00 p.m. September 3, 1999, and then publicly opened and read. It is the bidder's responsibility to insure 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.

Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office of Gary Mizer, Area Engineer, Munday, Texas, and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction Division, 200 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704-1205. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.

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Rural Nurse Resource is now registering for Certified Nurse Aid classes. Call RNR for information, 806-983-8091. 32-2tc

CARDS OF THANKS

To the Class of '79:

Words can't express our humble thanks for you dedicating your 20th Reunion "Memory Book" to Dave. Knowing that he is still part of your memories is a comfort to us. We know he would consider it an honor with much humility.

May God bless each of you, John and Maebelle

Thank you to everyone who helped with our production of "Steel Magnolias." Without all the help, it wouldn't have been possible. Also, thank you to everyone who supported us by attending the show. We hope you enjoyed it and will look forward to future performances.

Thanks again, Junior Panhandle Players Association

To everyone who called, send gifts, visited and prayed for Emily after her surgery. She really felt "special" knowing how many of you cared for her. We appreciate your thoughtfulness, too!

Cip and Norma

I would like to thank the Booster Club for all of the support that you have given me. Thank you so much for the support you gave me during the All-Star game. I couldn't have done it without you.

Thanks again, Lindsey Weeks

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