

All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



Last week I flew to Dallas and spent a few days with Dolores and Burr Carruth at Irving. Dolores, whose maiden name is Hutto and will be remembered as an outstanding basketball player at Tulia, and I have been friends since I was six years old. She and I and a couple of her friends who live in Dallas went to the Big XII Tournament at Reunion Arena.

It is quite pretty in the Metroplex, with redbud and ornamental pear trees blooming everywhere. There also were tulips, pansies and other flowers blooming in yards there.

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A few days ago Charlie and I drove down 256 and back through Turkey and Quitaque. We saw lots and lots of deer grazing on wheat pastures and quite a few deer grazing on the highway right-of-way. On the wheat field at the Luther Ranch there was a flock of wild turkeys grazing on the wheat, along with a large herd of deer.

Jimmy Burson told us recently that he had seen three aoudad sheep grazing on a pasture east of Silverton. We haven't seen them in awhile, but I'm glad there are still some here.

Jerry Patton told us about seeing deer in Swisher County on the curve that used to be lined with large elm trees.

Be careful when you are driving: you might see the deer in places you don't expect to see them.

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We also saw a deer and two hogs dead along the road which we presume had been hit by cars.

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Is there anyone here who would like to make two T-shirt quilts (for pay) for someone?

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I had a note from Annette Vaughan in which she said that her Uncle Joe Adams passed away recently at age 84. "He knew Cecil Vaughan and family. Uncle Joe was the head of the Northern District, secretary-treasurer for many years. I thought maybe Cecil's family may still take the paper. If anyone knew him, they



THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2004

Reception To Be Held for Agents

Briscoe County Extension Service soon will be losing both agents.

Brandon McGinty has accepted a position with the Gray County Extension Service effective April 1, 2004, and Cory Edwards accepted a position with the Potter County Extension Service effective April 12, 2004.

In honor of the two agents, the Briscoe County Adult Leaders will hold a reception for them on Wednesday, March 31, 2004, from 4:00 until 5:00 p.m. in the basement of the Briscoe County Courthouse.

Everyone is invited to attend.

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Church Singing To Be Held Mar. 20

The Gospel Lighthouse Singing Saturday night, March 20, will feature the Plainview Cowboy Church Band.

Everyone is welcome to attend the singing which will be held at the Gospel Lighthouse Church at Sixth and Broadway in Silverton.

Burn Ban Lifted

County Judge Wayne Nance has announced the lifting of the burn ban, effective March 21, 2004.

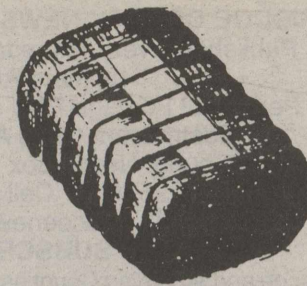
Councilmen Have Terms Expiring

Three Silverton City Councilmen have terms expiring this year. They are Dwain Henderson, Flute Hutsell and Charles Sarchet.

Those who have signed up as candidates and will be listed on the ballot are Kyle Fuston, Charles Sarchet, Dwain Henderson, Delane Smith and F. E. Hutsell.

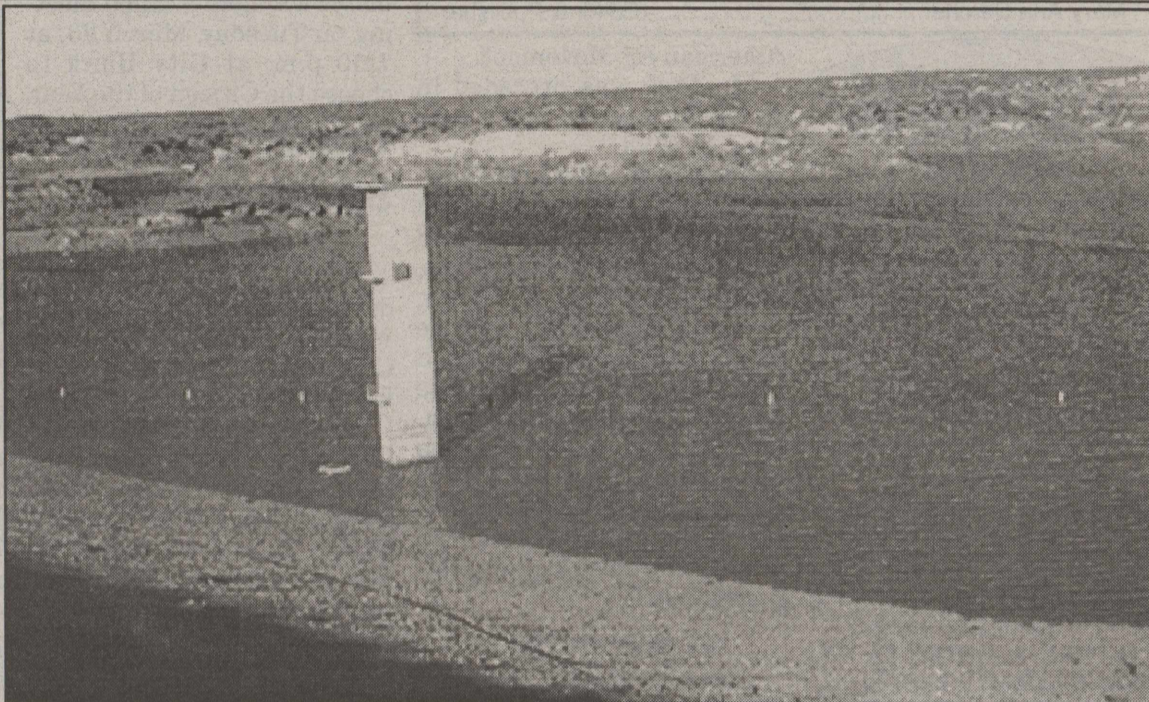
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In spite of all the rainfall in the area so far this year, there has been only a very small rise in Lake Mackenzie which is the lowest it has been since the original 50-foot rise when it was new. It is expected that skiing will be curtailed soon, due to the low level of the water and the hazards that have surfaced since the water level went down. There are now beaches on all sides of the lake.

Briscoe County News Photo

Antique Tractor Show To Be Held In Plainview Soon

The Texas Plains Two-Cylinder Club will host its 12th annual antique tractor show at the Ollie Liner Center in Plainview March 27-28.

Antique tractors of various makes will be on display Saturday from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Antique engines and equipment also will be on display. There will be a daily parade of tractors at 2:30 p.m., a children's pedal tractor pull, and various other activities.

Three Trustees Have Expiring Terms

School Trustees whose terms will be expiring in May are Zane Mayfield, Rance Young and Bill Strange.

Those who have signed up for places on the ballot are Zane Mayfield, Bill Strange, James Alan Patton, Vicky Tiffin, Norma Jones and Barbara Deckard.

Briscoe County Hot Check Writers Need to Clear them

If you have outstanding hot checks in the County Attorney's office, now is the time to pay and clear those checks. County Attorney Bill Smith says, "Time is up for everyone who has received a notice concerning hot checks. A week after this article runs, my office will be seeking warrants for the arrest of every individual with outstanding hot checks."

This crackdown is the result of the numerous individuals passing hot checks. "In the past, my office has been lenient on hot check writers. While I have a collection rate near 100%, I have noticed a trend of more checks from the same individuals as well as a

Admission is free but donations will be accepted. Concessions will be provided by the Hale County Farm and Ranch Museum.

For more information, contact Paul Sarchet, 744-4457.

slower time for pay off on the bad checks," Smith stated.

"Hot checks are just another form of theft. Our small businesses cannot afford to finance goods and services for people. If you don't have the money, don't buy the products, it's as simple as that," Smith commented. "I understand slipping up and passing a bad check. What I can't understand is ignoring the numerous letters that the person receives from their bank, the recipient of the bad check, as well as my office. If it takes a warrant to get this matter cleared, I will also seek a theft conviction which will include a fine up to \$2,000.00 as well as court costs." Smith continued, "I didn't want to have to take this drastic of a measure, but I believe it will take this kind of a crackdown to get the attention of those people who insist on passing hot check after hot check and ignoring their responsibility to pay."

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Obituary

JACK PIGG

Services for Jack Pigg, 76, who died Friday, March 12, 2004, were conducted at 3:00 p.m. Sunday at Fairmont Missionary Baptist Church near Quitaque with Arnie Smith and Gary Sullivan officiating. Burial was in Grey Mule Cemetery by Seigler Funeral Home of Matador.

Mr. Pigg was born July 25, 1927 in Quitaque. He was a life-long resident of Briscoe and Floyd counties, and was a retired trucker and farmer.

He was married to the former Johnnie Baker December 19, 1947. He was a veteran of the Army, a member of Fairmont Missionary Baptist Church and was active in the

American Ag Movement.

Mr. Pigg was preceded in death by a son, Roye Dale Pigg, in 1998.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Clayton Pigg and wife, Donna, Glyn De Pigg and wife, Jennifer, all of Quitaque, and Clinton Pigg and wife, Joanie, of Turkey; three daughters, Jackie Sperry and husband, Terry, and Leslie Jasper and husband, Stephen, all of Quitaque, and Janinne Brooks and husband, Bill, of Silverton; a daughter-in-law, Mary Pigg of Quitaque; 22 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

EDWIN PRUITT

Edwin Pruitt, 81, died Sunday, March 14, 2004.

Services were conducted at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday at Wallace Funeral Home Chapel in Tulia

Chamber Calls Meeting to Elect Citizen

by Lataine Dillard

Deadline for nominating people for Citizen of the Year is Friday, March 19. See ballot on Page Four of this issue of the Briscoe County News.

Silverton Chamber of Commerce will hold a called meeting on Tuesday, March 23, at 7:00 p.m. at City Bank to choose the Citizen of the Year.

Chase Comer to Speak at FBC

by Lataine Dillard

"There is only one thing I did not get to do in Africa that I wanted to do," said Chase Comer. "I really wanted to eat Lake Fly Patties!"

Chase, son of Cindy and Larry Comer, will speak at the 10:30 a.m. service at First Baptist Church on Sunday, March 21. He will tell of his Mission Adventure when he went to Africa.

Bits & Pieces of News

by Lataine Dillard

Congratulations to Dakota Smith, grandson of Gordon and Carolyn Lowrey. His Shallowater basketball team beat Argyle to become the Texas State Champions. Shallowater's girls also won the State Basketball Championship in Austin the week before.

Bailey Hill wants me to tell you that the report of his death was grossly exaggerated. Bailey is in the Tulia

with the Rev. Rusty Gray, pastor of Tulia Christian Fellowship Church, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Pruitt married Mary Ruth Pyle May 27, 1947, in Plainview.

He was preceded in death by his wife Dec. 10, 1987, in Tulia.

Survivors include two daughters, Linda Minyard of Savoy and Cheryl Durling of Mustang, Oklahoma; a son, Ronnie Pruitt of Garden City, Kansas; a brother, Don Pruitt of Plainview; a sister, Sybil Gay of Tulia; 12 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Linda Minyard is married to Fred Minyard and both are former Silverton residents.

WEATHER

Readings Taken at 6:00 a.m. Daily in March

	High	Low	Precip.
1	50	33	
2	56	32	
3	44	29	.16
4	49	37	.32
5	46	39	1.02
6	57	32	.07
7	68	33	
8	57	34	
9	69	33	
10	64	41	
11	74	41	
12	54	38	
13	54	38	.48
14	60	42	
15	60	42	
16	68	37	
March Precip.			2.05
Normal Mar. Precip.			.93
Total Precip. in 2004			6.57
Normal Precip. to Date			2.18
Soil Temperature			50°

hospital and is doing as well as can be expected. I had gotten the request to pray for the Hill family "because Bailey had passed on." We got the item killed for the Briscoe County News, but it was printed in the Valley Tribune. I apologize.

Bud and Glenda Couch have returned from visiting their son, D. G. and his family, Cara, Stephen, Casey and Haley, in South Texas. Bud helped D. G. put together a storage building.

Happy Birthday--

March 18--Haleigh Renee McGavock, Ky Williams, Mary Jo Brannon

March 20--Missy Forbes

March 21--Kathy Perkins, Dick Cogdell, Letisia Stidham

March 22--Forrest Otis, Josephine Cerbantes, Amy Aguilar

March 23--Venita Howell, Kayla Rose McCoy

March 24--Chris Harrison

Happy Anniversary--

March 20--Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gragson

Hunter Education

Course Planned

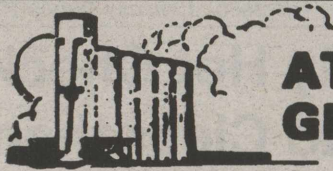
A Hunter Education Course is planned March 26-27 in Tulia.

Every hunter born after September 2, 1971 must successfully complete a Hunter Education Training Course.

Minimum age for certification is 12 years of age. Cost of the course is \$10.00.

The Tulia course will run from 5:30 until 8:30 p.m. on Friday, Mar. 26, at the Texas Cooperative Extension Meeting Hall at 310 West Broadway in Tulia. It continues Saturday, Mar. 27, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Students must attend both days of class and pass written exam to receive certification.



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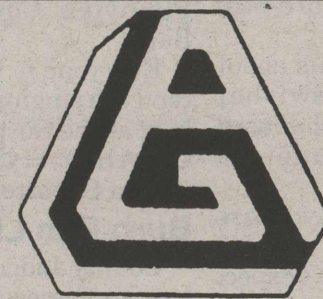
Rom. 1:24-27

Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature.

Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the women, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.

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through the files of the
Briscoe County News

February 10, 1994-- Silvertown unchanged in UIL realignment . . . Playing for the Lady Owls are Holly Nance, Brandi Brunson, Kimmie Blazier, Molly Bomar, Leslee Weeks, Carrie Baird, Kara Kingery, Jo Ann Ramirez, Shannon Weaver, Dedra Johnston, Christa Tucker, Kami Martin and Lori Brannon. Vanessa Martin is manager and the team is coached by Roger Whipkey . . . Members of the Owls are Stoney Hubbard, Zeb Holt, Kevin Womack, Brandon Sarchet, Zane Henderson, Braden Towe, Matt Francis, Jon Ivory, Coty Braddock, Anthony Gamble, Cy Comer and Arnold Garza. They are coached by Donnie Dutton . . . Kristy Fogerson has been named as a "Distinguished Student" at Texas A&M University . . . Leland Wood was a winner in the calf scramble at the Fort Worth Exposition and Fat Stock Show . . .

February 9, 1984-- Locals split with Hedley, lose to Valley, with Owlettes just one win away from a playoff for the district championship . . . Water treatment plant to be dedicated March 10, with Congressman Jack Hightower as the principal speaker . . . Funeral services conducted for Clarice Douglas . . . Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Miller are parents of a daughter, Nikki Nichole, born January 31 in Lubbock . . .

February 14, 1974-- Mopping up 5,000 pounds of syrup spilled at the scene of a truck turnover east of Silvertown had highway department employees buffaloed for a short time last weekend. The question, "How do you dispose of all that sticky stuff?" was answered by crews who spent several hours hauling sand and gravel to the scene . . . Roy Mack Walker returned home Saturday after spending several days in Swisher Memorial Hospital in Tulia . . . Roma Jean Clayton to marry William Stanley Martin . . . Mell Clardy was surprised with a birthday dinner in honor of her 72nd birthday. Attending were five children, 27 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and 37 guests . . .

February 6, 1964-- Eleven-inch snow brings needed mois-

ture to area . . . City Shoe Shop moving this month to new location at the home of Perry and Estelle Thomas . . . Captain Carol D. Davis is now serving in Korea . . . A pink and blue shower was given for Mrs. Jerry Frizzell Friday . . . Dave Schott entered WTSU for the spring semester . . . Student Council officers are Max Garrison, president; Ruth Ann Minyard, vice president; Sandi Rhode, secretary, and Martha Mills, treasurer . . . Fads hold spotlight in Silvertown School: High School girls have taken up knitting, and are making everything from househoses to sweaters. The elephant joke craze is just about over, but now jokes that don't make sense have taken over. Backcombing has about gone out of style and feathering is what some of the girls are doing to their hair. Some girls don't tease it at all any more. Mohair sweaters, shifts, long-sleeved blouses, ski boots, stretch pants and fur-collared coats are all the rage with the girls of SHS. The boys are being seen in bulky sweaters, loafers and the old favorite, western clothes. Steadies probably have sweaters or

shirts to match . . .

February 4, 1954-- Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mercer returned home Monday night after a two-week vacation trip to New Orleans, Florida and Georgia . . . Mr. and Mrs. Clay Fowler returned home Friday from Chattanooga, Tennessee after having visited in the home of their daughter and family, Major and Mrs. J. R. Clanahan, Kay and Pat . . . Messrs. Clyde Tunnell, Richard and Larry Tunnell and W. A. Smith were in Lubbock Friday . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ewing were recent visitors with her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Fulton Gregg . . . Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Montague, John and Carol Ann were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Brunnier in Lockney . . . Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Yancy are parents of a daughter, Dorothy June . . .

February 11, 1954-- Mrs. Jay (Jonsey) Jones has leased Marie's Cafe from Mrs. Marie Bishop, while Marie takes a much-needed rest . . . Air Corps weather recorder found seven miles southwest of Silvertown Sunday . . . Lynn Welch suffered a near-critical injury Sunday afternoon while working on a well-drilling rig. A weight struck him a glancing blow on the head cutting a gash which required several stitches to close . . . Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Arnold and Gene

Arnold have come here to be with their mother, Mrs. A. D. Arnold, who is ill and a patient at the local hospital . . . Local folks who attended the hardware convention held in Amarillo Monday and Tuesday included Mrs. Florence Fogerson, Messrs. and Meses. Ware Fogerson and children, Glen Lindsey, J. E. Minyard, J. W. Brannon, jr. and Buster and George Seaney . . . A Jackpot Cutting Horse Contest was held Saturday, and the winners were 1. Snooks Baird; 2. Gene Morris; 3. Johnnie Burson; 4. Al Wilson. Johnnie Burson, Doyle Saul, E. A. Birdwell and Snooks Baird furnished the yearlings for the show . . . Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Turner celebrate 55th anniversary . . . Meses. Harve Riddell and Jim Brooks visited Mrs. H. A. Morris Sunday afternoon . . . Messrs. and Meses. Pascal Garrison and children and Jack Harris and family attended the Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth over the weekend . . .

January 20, 1944-- L. A. McJimsey asks for County Commissioner's office . . . Plans nearly complete for local President's Birthday celebrations . . . Mrs. Ruth Watley is now teaching the sixth grade. She replaces Mrs. Wilkins of Tulia . . . Mr. and Mrs. Allen Kellum are parents of a son born January 14 . . .

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Kitchens have bought the Lowrey place in the Haylake community and they moved to their new home Thursday . . . Mary Cowart will start work in the Sheriff's office the middle of the week. She replaces Lola Fern Foust, who is attending school . . . Esdell Hutsell was in Floydada Saturday for dental work . . .

January 27, 1944-- Bryan Strange announces for County Commissioner . . . A few who have entertained this week with parties in connection with the Infantile Paralysis drive are Mrs. Bernice Welch, with a "42" party; Mrs. O. T. Bundy at Bridge; Mrs. W. Coffee, jr., with Bridge; Mrs. H. S. Sanders with a "Mixed Games" party . . . Mr. and Mrs. Gatewood Lusk moved the first of the week to the north apartment in the Mrs. Jewett house. Miss Leota Rampy has moved to the south apartment . . . Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Brown were in Tulia Monday and Arnold had some dental work done . . . Norris Offield received a broken nose last week while working with a sledge hammer . . . Miss Polly Steele is visiting in Lubbock this week with the Jeff Steeles and the Earl Bells . . . Mr. and Mrs. Joe McWaters and baby spent Saturday night in the H. L. McWaters home . . . Mrs. U. D. Brown spent Tuesday in the Bradford home . . .

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Chase Comer is Guest Speaker

The Silverton United Methodist Women had their weekly meeting Tuesday, Mar. 9.

They had as a guest speaker Chase Comer, who has just returned from Kenya, South Africa, where he has been doing missionary work.

Chase had lots of great stories and pictures about the Kenyan people. He also showed the group several wood carvings of animals, handmade arrows, coins, baskets made by hand from banana leaves, and a pair of sandals made from automobile tires.

Chase is working at several jobs to earn money to complete his training for missionary trips to Mexico and other places.

The UMW presented him with a check to help with his missionary work.

All are very proud of Chase and the work he is doing to help people know the Lord.

Bits & Pieces of News by Lataine Dillard

I got a neat call from Vinita Hrnrcir at the Quitaque Quail Lodge, the bed and breakfast she and her husband operate between here and Quitaque. She is a very nice person! She read about the "gas iron" last week and told me it really was white gas that went into the irons. The first cooling unit she remembers is one where a window opened from the kitchen. There was an enclosed shelf box that you kept covered with wet cloths. In the winter you did not need the water, but in the summer you got water from the cistern and

Application Deadline Nears For Scholarships

The Clarendon College Financial Aid Office is now accepting applications for academic scholarships for the 2004-05 academic year.

Scholarships are available to incoming freshmen or returning sophomores who are full-time degree-seeking students at Clarendon College.

Completed applications along with the most recent academic transcript are due in the Financial Aid Office by April 1.

Applications are available on-line at www.clarendoncollege.edu or from the Financial Aid Office on the Clarendon College and Pampa Center campuses. For more information, please contact the Financial Aid Office at 806-874-3571.

Misfortunes always come in by the door that has been left open for them.

Czech proverb

Don't let yourself forget what it's like to be sixteen.

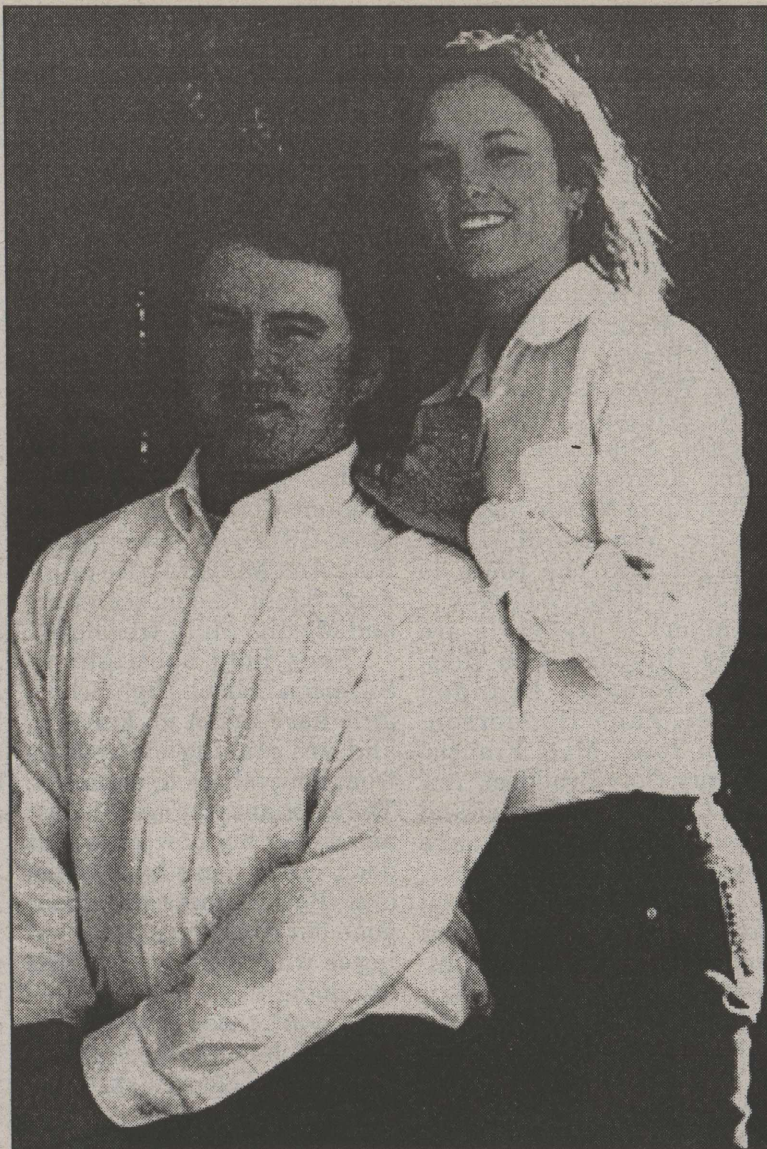
Anonymous

No one keeps a secret so well as a child.

Victor Hugo

kept the cloth wet to cool the milk and other food. She said their family got their first refrigerator in 1947 when they lived at Flomot (or Folly).

Teresa Sutton was laughing when she read what I wrote about butchering pigs and cows. She said she knew I wasn't a farm girl when I said "kill a cow to eat." "You only kill the 'beef' cattle that are not old. A cow is old and the only place she gets to go when her milk days are over is the glue factory!"



Jared Francis and Chantell Di'an Lewellen

Couple Planning May 15 Wedding

Jody and Detrica Lewellen of Friona announce the engagement of their daughter, Chantell Di'an, to Jared Francis, son of Barry and Michelle Francis of Silverton.

Miss Lewellen is the granddaughter of Joe and Ibbey Lewellen and John and Beulah Miller of Friona and Bill and Chris Jones of Grady, New Mexico. She is a graduate of Friona High School and attends West Texas A&M University.

Francis is the grandson of Alvie and Glenda Francis of

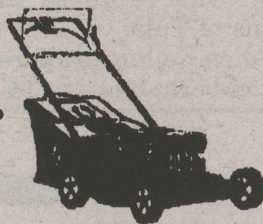
Silverton and John and Barbara McDonough of Plainview. A graduate of Silverton High School, he received a bachelor's degree in plant and soil science from WTAMU. He is engaged in farming near Silverton.

The couple will be married May 15 at the Sixth Street Church of Christ in Friona.

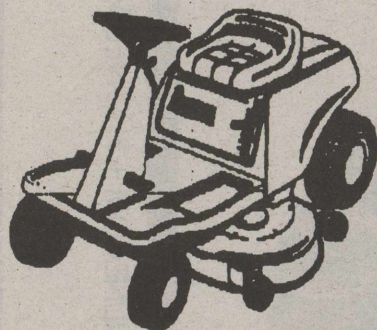
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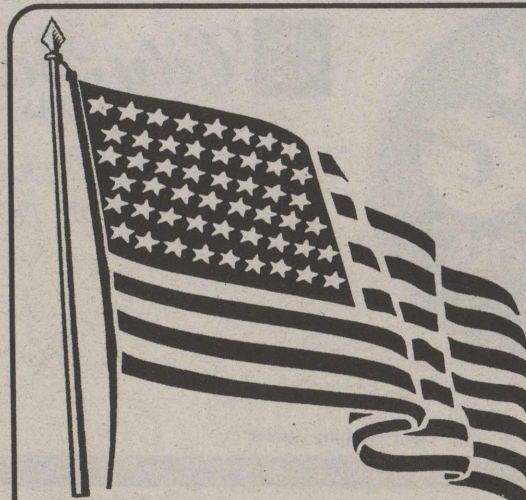
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Grown and Sewn Offers Outlets For U. S.-Made Cotton Products

by Ron Smith, Southeast Farm Press

I think I've mentioned before that my dad spent most of his working life employed by various cotton mills that provided the backbone for the economy in upstate South Carolina throughout most of the 20th century.

For most of my growing-up years, dad's employment was steady, with only occasional lay-offs as demand for textile products waxed and waned. The work was hot, dirty and demanding in pre-OSHA days. But the textile industry paid most of the bills for most of the families living in what was then known as "the Textile Center of the World."

When I got old enough to

earn money and could buy my dad gifts for Fathers Day, birthdays and Christmas, I often looked for shirts and sweaters, made of cotton, of course, and made in the USA.

He often complained about the cheap clothing products that flooded the markets, mostly in the discount stores at the time, that displaced American-made goods. He could point out the flaws in the weaves of various items and show where hems would likely come loose or where the fiber was not spun or woven up to U. S. standards.

He also pointed out that the floods of cheap goods from China and other foreign coun-

tries often resulted in the slow-downs and lay-offs that put folks out of work, sometimes for weeks at a time.

I'd have willingly swallowed a bit of castor oil before I'd have bought him a shirt that was made anywhere other than the United States. It would have seemed disloyal to do otherwise. And finding Made in the USA label proved fairly easy--for a while. But by the early 80s, finding American made cotton clothing became problematic. Mills began to close. Employment became less certain.

Still, I wouldn't willingly buy my dad a cotton shirt made in Taiwan. I'd look in some of the best department stores available in the area and about seven times out of ten struck out. Often, I ended up buying dad a Case pocket-

knife, something he liked almost as much as I do.

If I had had access then to a website link recently made available by Beltwide Cotton Genetics, I could have found all manner of cotton clothing "Made in the USA."

Rick Rice, director of sales and marketing for BCG, told me about the site at this year's Beltwide Cotton Conferences. On their official website, www.Beltwidecottongenetics.com you can find a heading "Grown and Sewn," and from there to companies that specialize in cotton products made in America.

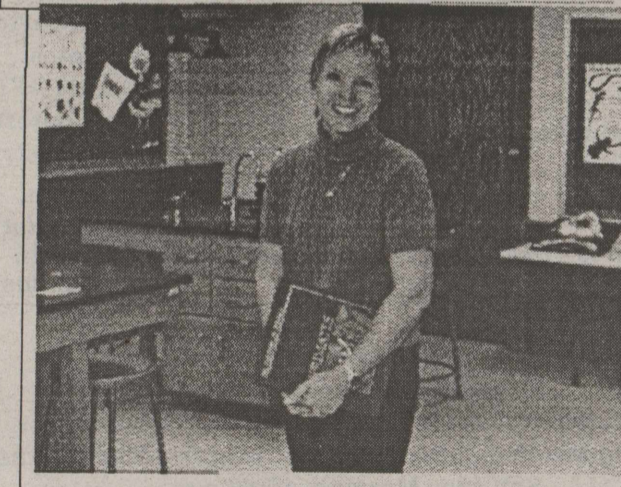
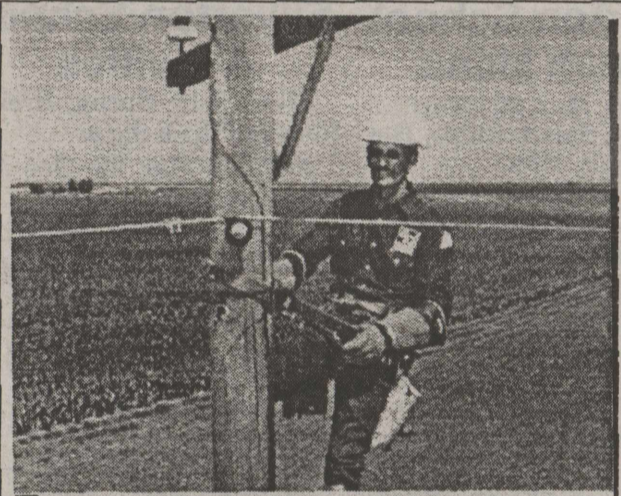
It's not a profit center for Beltwide Cotton Genetics, "just a service to the cotton industry," says Rice.

The BCG Grown and Sewn site explains the dilemma: "In the past 10 years USA textile

mill use has declined from around 66 percent of USA cotton production to . . . less than 40 percent in 2003. When we buy cotton goods from China, India, Pakistan or other far or middle-eastern countries, we're providing an outlet for foreign cotton at the expense of our own.

"The trouble is that . . . buying US Grown and Sewn is not always easy to do." In fact, it's even harder now than it was when I was ransacking the racks looking for a 100 percent, Made in USA cotton shirt for my dad back in the late 1980s. We've lost a bunch more mills since then and foreign textiles have taken over a significant chunk of the U. S. cotton market.

The Grown and Sewn site See "Grown and Sewn"-- Continued on Page Seven



The Power of Cooperative Membership

64th Annual Membership Meeting of Swisher Electric Cooperative

THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 2004

Ezra Jones School
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Registration: 6:30 p.m.

Buffet supper: 6:30 p.m.

Business Meeting: 7:15 p.m.

Director elections

Attendance gifts

Door prizes

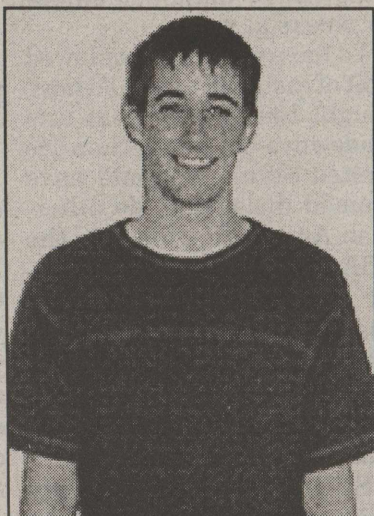
Silverton School's February Students of the Month

Each month during the school year a boy and a girl will be selected as outstanding students of the month. A boy and girl will be selected from high school, junior high and elementary school. Nominations will be based on character, leadership, attitude, sportsmanship and scholarship. From the list of nominees the teachers will select the Silverton students who best meet these qualifications.



Haylee Simpson

Haylee Simpson, daughter of Connie and Mitchell Simpson, is in the ninth grade at Silverton High School. She enjoys playing basketball and hanging out with her friends.



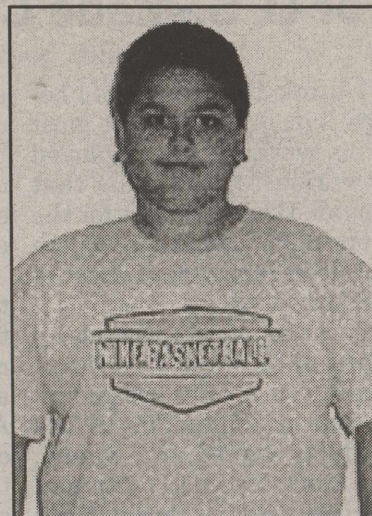
Yance Forbes

A tenth grade student in Silverton High School, Yance Forbes is the son of Cam and Missy Forbes. He enjoys hanging out with friends, playing football and playing his guitar.



Emily Garcia

Emily Garcia, daughter of Norma and Jason Jones, is in the sixth grade in Silverton Junior High School. He favorite pastime is playing basketball.



Thomas Watson

Basketball, football and track are favorite activities of Thomas Watson, son of Stephanie and Ron Watson. He is in the seventh grade in Silverton Junior High.

March Events At State Park

March events at Caprock Canyons State Park include:

March 20: Fern Cave Hike, 9:00 a.m.

Explore the North Prong Trail leading up to Fern Cave. This moderately difficult hike is approximately seven miles in length. Hikers should be in good condition. Water, snacks and variable clothing are a necessity. Regular park fees apply.

March 20: History of Caprock Canyons State Park and Trailway, 7:00 p.m.

Join the park interpreter for a canyon sunset at the amphitheater followed by a slide show that will guide you through the history of CCSP&T. Warm clothing and blankets would be advisable. Regular park fees apply.

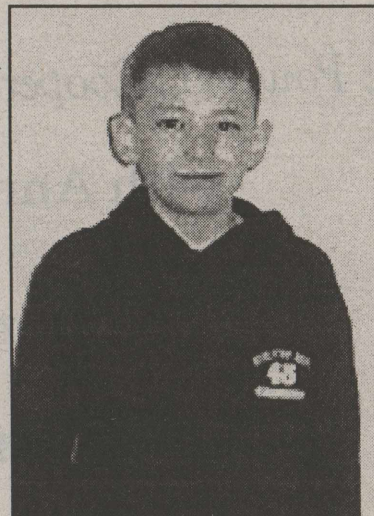
March 27: SteelSports CCSP&T Adventure Race

Steel Sports.net.LLC is sponsoring a two-day adventure challenge in conjunction with CCSP&T and Mackenzie Reservoir. Events include a



Kodie Saul

Kodie Saul, daughter of Susy Saul, is in the third grade in Silverton Elementary School. She enjoys basketball, skating, and riding her grandparent's horse.



Derrick Smith

Derrick Smith, a third grade student in Silverton Elementary School, is the son of Sonya and Jeff Smith. He likes playing football and basketball.

70-mile mountain bike excursion, five miles of paddling, 40 miles of hiking and orienteering and special tests of skills. Lots of prizes and awards will be included. Contact SteelSports for information and reservations at 866-447-1426 (toll free), 903-871-8466 (local) or via e-mail info@SteelSports.net.

A rainy day is a perfect time for a walk in the woods.

Rachel Carson

The bird of paradise alights only upon the hand that does not grasp.

John Berry

Honest men fear neither the light nor the dark.

Thomas Fuller

Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, Mar. 22--Mexican Casserole, Salad, Chips, Hot Sauce, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, Mar. 23--Ham Slice, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Brownie, Milk

Wednesday, Mar. 24--Spaghetti, Salad, Bread, Fruit, Milk

Thursday, Mar. 25--Steak Fingers, Gravy, Potatoes, Corn, Hot Roll, Honey, Butter, Milk

Friday, Mar. 26--Hamburger, Cheese, Salad, Fries, Cookie, Milk

Liberty is the result of free individual action, energy and independence.

Samuel Smile

A leader is a dealer in hope.
Napoleon Bonaparte

Silverton School Activities

Mar. 15-19--Spring Break; Houston Stock Show

Monday, Mar. 22--One Act Play-Zone @ Clarendon

Tuesday, Mar. 23--High School Academic UIL Meet @ Happy

Wednesday, Mar. 24--RPTE Test; Order Cheerleading Uniforms

Thursday, Mar. 25--Junior High Track Meet @ Jayton

Friday, Mar. 26--High School Track Meet @ Jayton; FFA WT Judging Contest

Saturday, Mar. 27--FFA Clarendon Judging Contests

Tuesday, Mar. 30--District One Act Play

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Official Notice of Nominating Committee Meeting

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In accordance with Article IV, Section 4.06 of the Bylaws of Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Inc., the Board of Directors has appointed a Committee on Nominations to prepare a list of nominations for Directors to be elected at the annual membership meeting of the Cooperative on April 22, 2004. Three (3) Directors, one each from District 6, District 7, and District 9, will be elected in 2004. Although Directors are nominated from the District which they represent, all members in attendance at the annual meeting vote on all candidates who may be properly nominated.

SECTION 4.02 QUALIFICATIONS

No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of the Cooperative who is a close relative of an incumbent director or an employee of the Cooperative, or is not a member in good standing of the Cooperative and receiving service within the District he/she represents; PROVIDED, that the operating or chief executive of any member which is not a natural person, such as a corporation, church, etc., or his/her designee, shall be eligible to become a director, from the Directorate District in which such member is located, if he/she or such designee (1) is in substantial permanent occupancy, direction or use of the premises served by the Cooperative, and (2) is a permanent and year-round resident within or in close proximity to an area served by the Cooperative; BUT PROVIDED FURTHER, that no more than one (1) such person may serve on the Board of Directors at the same time. No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of, or to hold any other position of trust in, the Cooperative who does not have the legal capacity to enter into a binding contract or is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise, or a business selling electric energy or supplies to the Cooperative, or a business primarily engaged in selling electrical or plumbing appliances, fixtures or supplies to, among others, the members of the Cooperative. No person shall take or hold office as a Director who is the incumbent of or candidate for an elective public office in connection with which a salary is paid.

SECTION 4.05 DIRECTORATE DISTRICTS

The territory served by the Cooperative shall be divided into nine (9) Directorate Districts. Each District shall be represented by one director and the Districts are described upon the map on the territory served by the Cooperative attached to the Bylaws and made a part hereof.

SECTION 4.06 NOMINATIONS

It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to appoint, not less than thirty (30) days nor more than one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the date of the meeting of the members at which directors are to be elected, a Committee on Nominations, consisting of not less than five (5) nor more than eleven (11) members. The Committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least twenty (20) days prior to the meeting a list of nominations for directors to be elected, listing separately the nominee(s) for each Directorate District from or with respect to which director must, pursuant to this Article, be elected at the meeting. The Committee may include as many nominees for any director to be elected from or with respect to a Directorate District as it deems desirable. Any fifteen (15) or more members of the Cooperative, acting together, may make additional nominations in writing over their signatures, listing their nominee(s) in like manner, not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting, and the Secretary shall post such nominations at the same place where the list of nominations made by the Committee is posted. The Secretary shall mail to the members with the notice of the meeting, or separately, but at least ten (10) days

**"Grown and Sewn"--
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features companies such as Grey Bear Union Line, Fresh Produce, Coosa County Clothing and Jo Ann Jo Ann, Inc., that specialize in cotton products made in the United States. A quick look shows that prices on some items might be a bit higher than comparable items from foreign manufacturers, but not all that much and the extra cost at least goes to keep the U. S. cotton industry going.

No one should be naive enough to believe that one website link will restore the U. S. cotton industry to its heyday. It's a lot easier to close a plant down than to open a new one. But for those of us who would pay a few dollars more to support the U. S. cotton industry, it's good to know that there's a place we can check to make the search a lot easier than pulling hundreds of hangers off hundreds of racks looking for that good old "100 percent cotton, Made in the USA" label.

Beltwide Cotton Genetics deserves a hearty pat on the back of their 100 percent American Made cotton shirts for making this service available.

Everything existing in the universe is the fruit of chance and necessity.

Democritus

If you wait for luck to help you, you'll often have an empty stomach.

Ignas Bernstein

prior to the date of the meeting, a statement of the names and addresses of all nominee(s) for each Directorate District from or with respect to which a director must be elected, showing clearly those nominated by the Committee and those nominated by petition, if any. The chairman at such meeting, after all nominations so made have been duly announced, shall call for additional nominations from the floor and shall ascertain and announce, after any nominations made from the floor, the particular Directorate District from or with respect to which any additional candidates have been nominated.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2004

District 6

Edward Weil
RR 2 Box 24
Hale Center, Texas 79041

Jim Byrd
RR 1 Box 36
Petersburg, Texas 79250

District 7

Jeffrey V. Johnson
P. O. Box 28
Floydada, Texas 79235

Keith Thomas
903 West Mississippi
Floydada, Texas 79235

District 9

Milton Beasley
RR 2 Box 124
Memphis, Texas 79245

Eddie Braidfoot
RR 2 Box 143
Memphis, Texas 79245
12-1tc

Annual Meeting Set For March 25

"The Power of Cooperative Membership" sets the theme for the 64th Annual Membership Meeting of Swisher Electric Cooperative Thursday, March 25, 2004 in the Ezra Jones School Cafeteria in Tulia. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. with a catered meal by Jeff's Restaurant in Kress. The business meeting will follow, commencing at 7:15 p.m.

On tap for the business meeting is the manager's and auditors' report, topped by the election of two directors. Directors seeking re-election are Ross O'Daniel and Jimmie Reed who are opposed by Gaylord Cogburn and Bryan Bishop. A six-member nominating committee met in January to choose the four candidates.

The cooperative's annual report to members points out some of the differences between electric cooperatives and other electric suppliers that help cooperatives rank so high in customer satisfaction surveys. One of these is that the power of the cooperative truly rests in the members' hands. Another distinguishing difference co-ops have is the local ownership and control, with local management and employees familiar with the area and the membership. The report also noted a study down that validated the course set by utilities such as Swisher Electric who stuck to their core utility netting during the turbulent days of deregulation as compared to those who ven-

Co-op Sponsors Youth Tour For 40th Year

Again in 2004, for the 40th consecutive year, Lighthouse Electric Cooperative will sponsor two area high school students on the Government-in-Action Youth Tour to Washington, D. C. This year's tour is scheduled June 10-18, and for the first time in the history of the tour, participants will fly to Washington instead of going by bus.

As participants in the Youth Tour, local winners will join winners from across the state to travel to Washington where they will spend seven days touring places of historical interest, visiting members of Congress, and getting a first-hand view of their government in action.

Any high school age boy or girl who resides in the general service area of Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, which includes the school districts of Plainview, Petersburg, Floydada, Lockney, Valley, Memphis, Crosbyton and Motley County, other than immediate family members of Lighthouse employees or directors, will be eligible for the trip.

Silverton School students are eligible to enter the contest that will be held by Swisher Electric Cooperative.

The two winners will be selected from participants in the Co-op's Youth Tour contest to be held March 29. Contestants will be required to submit an essay, which must be an original composition, by the contestant.

From the essays submitted, finalists will be chosen to present their essays orally to a panel of independent judges. From these finalists two winners and two alternates will be chosen.

For further information on the contest, contact the Member Services Department of Lighthouse at 806-983-2814 or 800-657-7192.

tured off into un-regulated areas. Those that stayed their course came out ahead, while those who went adrift lost money, some losing everything.

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The City of Silverton/Silverton Volunteer Fire Department will hold a public hearing on March 29th, 2004, at 6:00 p.m. at the Silverton City Hall, 409 Broadway Street, in regards to a grant application submitted to Community Facilities Grant Program USDA.

Topics to be discussed will include the purchase of the Briscoe Implement building for the Silverton Fire Department.

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