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"AS I SEE IT"

McCarty

hours of hard work... the readers of The Review, our 50th Anniversary of the old home town you enjoy it. Certainly not entirely pleased to realize that it probably has made numerous mistakes, a deal of the work in the wee hours of the night (some of you know, if you think too clearly) and question that we have seriously thought of 50 years' history in a limited time and I hope that you will find this edition with- out criticism.

indebted to Jack... good friend and publisher of The Review. His valuable aid in helping a large part of the work without him we attempted to publish a paper.

also to the many... who purchased this edition possible directly responsible for the Review a success 50 years here. And I truly appreciate loyal subscribers and who have been so kind to share their tenure as paper.

you should want... this edition, we will check them up at our news stands at the cafes here.

Council Seats New Officers and Elects for the Year

meeting of the City... at the City Hall here of this week, the three men, C. F. "Pat" McCarty and C. H. Dawson, were organized for the new

was named mayor... secretary-treasurer; was renamed Sanitation; McNeil, Water Dawson, Gas Com Purvis, Street Com-

set the regular meet-... the new year on the 7 o'clock

MILLIONTH COPY OF HOME TOWN PAPER SOMEWHERE IN MAIL TODAY

the paper you're now... today is the three of the Cross Plains publication has been monthly since April 1, 1909. Circulation of the Review has been maintained by various methods, including postage reduction, and various other means. The Review has a circulation of 3,000,000 copies.

the past 28 years—has... the greatest difficulties were presented in the present two-story building which was being erected. The structure which was moved away from the site and tar-paulins cemented during inclement

Glenn Adams used to... at him as he stood on platform and fed the Review prior to con- verted into a residence. The Review is now located in the northeast part of the town and is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Harris.

most unusual fires to... was experienced in the town in 1909. The ink



MR. AND MRS. "CROSS PLAINS" . . . Pictured above, Mr. and Mrs. F. Bond. This picture was taken on his 80th birthday, six years ago when the community honored him with a public appreciation party at the high school gymnasium.

B. C. CHRISMAN, VETERAN EDUCATOR TO PUBLISH HISTORY OF CALLAHAN COUNTY

Years of research are now complete and only finishing touches are to be added to the manuscript by B. C. Chrisman, who has compiled a History of Callahan County, which will one day be released in book form. The history, which reads like a novel, records the highlights of this area from the county's creation in 1858 to the present time. It is factual and completely documented. The author is, by virtue of years of service, a dean of West Texas educators. Members of the West Texas Historical Society regard him as one of the best living authorities on the old military posts, connecting roads and Indian legend. "I haven't exactly decided on a title for the book," Mr. Chrisman recently said, "The History of Callahan County" sounds a bit dry and too academic; I'd welcome suggestions from my friends."

Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Hill of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Walker and baby of Abilene visited during the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Drew I. Hill and Verna Mae Ramsey.



Cancer Drive Nets \$690

Mrs. Peyton Smith, Cross Plains Chairman for the 1959 Cancer Crusade, conducted here Friday of last week, announced Monday of this week that a total of \$690.45 was turned in by volunteer Crusaders. This makes the one-day house-to-house crusade a big success again this year. In speaking of this year's financial drive, Mrs. Smith, "I want to express my sincere appreciation to the ladies of this community who volunteered to serve as crusaders in making the local drive, as it was the unselfish work of these workers that made our drive the big success that it was. Also, I want to especially thank Jack and Lois McCarty for their fine support of the program in the columns of The Review. And last but not least, I want to express my thanks to the fine citizens of this community who opened their hearts and purses to give so generously."

Cross Plains was given a quota of \$300.00 and Mrs. Smith stated that this amount will be forwarded to the county organization and the balance will be placed in an account in the bank here to help needy local cancer victims.

OUR APOLOGY We want to apologize to members of a clarinet quartet from the local Buffalo Band who participated in the TIL meet held at McMurry College recently for not listing their names as having placed first. The quartet, composed of Ann Koenig, James Payne, Joe Atwood and Gwynn Holbrook, is to be commended for a job well done, and we are proud to announce their accomplishment.

Freeze Here Monday Does Little Damage to Crops

Cross Plains residents awoke to find a cold winter morning Monday of this week with light frost and a thin skin of ice on water standing in small containers. A low of 23 degrees was recorded here, however, local gardeners and fruit growers state that late freeze did very little damage. Tender garden plants that suffered from the freeze are being replanted and the fruit crop is believed to be in good condition.

S. F. Bond, local weather observer, stated that moisture received here during the past week measured .55. The fall Wednesday of last week totalled .55 with the balance being recorded during latter part of the week. Although the moisture was light in this area, it was most welcome and will give gardens and crops renewed life.

Cross Cut Baptist Pastor Is Injured In Auto Accident

The Rev. A. T. Iseng, 31, pastor of the Cross Cut Baptist Church and a student at Howard Payne College in Brownwood, suffered cuts and shock Saturday when the small foreign car in which he was riding with three other Howard Payne students overturned a mile north of Brownwood on Highway 279, after one of the doors came open and wind suction caused the car to go out of control. Karl Dwayne Hutcherson, 30, a freshman student from Hereford, was listed Monday of this week as in critical condition. He suffered a fractured neck and injuries to the vertebra column. The other two occupants of the car, Kenneth John Patterson of Munday and Al Goodwin of Brownwood, suffered cuts and bruises. All were admitted to Medical Arts Hospital in Brownwood following the accident.

Bake Sale To Benefit Pony League Set for Saturday

Announcement was made here Tuesday of this week that a bake sale will be held Saturday morning in front of Citizens State Bank by those interested in the Pony League baseball program to be held this summer and all proceeds derived from the sale will go to finance the program. Ladies are asked to have their cakes, pies and other goodies at the location by 9 o'clock. The Pony League program is for boys of this and neighboring communities between the ages of 13 and 15 and all residents are asked to help get the organization underway, by supporting the sale.

Mr. and Mrs. Boots Harlow and family were here from Abilene Sunday afternoon visiting in the Carmen Wright home.

Mrs. Ila McAdams and son, Joe, of Austin were here over the week end visiting Mr. and Mrs. Chess Barr and attended the funeral of Ben Woolen at Burkett Saturday afternoon.

Crossing of Military Roads on Edge of the Plains Gave This City Name 'Cross Plains'

Sidney M. Hutchins, Ann Koenig Named School Honor Grads

Ferrell Newton, high school principal here, announced this week that Sidney McClure Hutchins will be valedictorian of the '59 graduating class of the local high school, with a grade average of 95.52, and Ann Koenig won salutatorian honors with an average of 94.10. Sidney is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McClure and Ann is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Koenig.

Other high-ranking graduates included: Danny McCarty 93.00, Helen Grider 91.96, Barbara Merrill 91.15, Shirley Turner 91.10, Larry McAnally 89.30.

Commencement week will start Sunday, May 17, with baccalaureate services and commencement will be held Friday night, May 22, according to an announcement made this week by Paul Whitton, Superintendent of Schools here.

New Trustees Seated And School Board Officers Are Elected

Meeting in regular session at the high school building Monday night of this week, members of the Board of the Cross Plains Independent School District canvassed the returns of the school trustee election held here April 4, and declared D. L. Sessions, Hadden Payne and Forrest Walker elected as trustees for three-year terms. Sessions and Payne were candidates for re-election and Walker was named to replace Junior Ford in a write-in vote.

During the business session the board was reorganized and all officers were re-elected for the new school year. Re-elected as officials of the board were: Sterling Odom, president; Hadden Payne, vice-president; Secretary, Claude Mayes; Assistant Sec'y, Chester Glover.

Mrs. Dwayne Wilson and Deana and Mrs. Neal Dillard were Brownwood visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pruet and Mike were visiting in Dallas during the week end with her brother, Royl Pinnell and family. The Pruets spent Sunday in Fort Worth where Mrs. Pruet attended a florist designing school.

The story of Cross Plains is very similar to that of many other frontier communities which came into existence in the 1870's. The Civil War had passed and adventurous men and women were heeding the Westward urge. The lure of cheap and virgin land sparked a movement which resulted in the settlement of this section of Texas. First business enterprise to open here is said to have been a black-

Work Day Saturday On Little League Park

H. McDonald, President of the Little League Baseball organization here, announced this week that a "work day" has been set for Saturday afternoon, April 18, at the Little League Park, located in the Edgewood Addition, and he urges all players, parents and interested citizens to report for duty with garden tools to put the field in first-class condition for the season which will open here May 4.

He stated that the task of putting the field in shape can be done easily in one afternoon if everyone interested in the program will turn out and help.

President McDonald stated that plans are being made for the program for the opening of the season. A parade of players, sponsors, managers and parents will be staged on Main Street and a speaker will be secured to talk at ceremonies at the park before the first games of the season get underway.

The league will boast five teams this season. McDonald stated that 75 boys have signed up to play in the Little League and 34 of these boys are new. Try-outs for the new players will be held at 4 p. m. Friday of this week and the newcomers will be sold at auction at a meeting of managers to be held at the Nite & Day Cafe Saturday night.

McDonald also pointed out that the organization is sponsoring the one-day stand of the Cole Circus here Tuesday, April 28, and he pointed out that the league will get 25 per cent of the money collected on advance sales of tickets as compared to 10 per cent on those sold at the gate. He urges citizens to buy their tickets in advance at the Citizens State Bank or the City Pharmacy.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Joe Atwood was released from the Rising Star Hospital Sunday, where she had been a patient since Thursday while undergoing medical treatment. Mrs. R. D. Hitt has been a patient in the Gorman hospital the past week while undergoing medical treatment.

smith shop, operated by a "smithy" named Wright. It was located near what is now the Mike Johnson place in the western edge of town, however, as other shops and stores opened they chose sites further south, near the vicinity of where Fonia Worthy's business is now situated. Various religious congregations began to meet in improvised quarters and in brush arbors during the Summer seasons. Thus it was, Cross Plains had its beginning.

The late Mont James, who lived here continuously from 1873 until his death, recounted to The Review a number of years ago that for a while this community was designated Sleicher—pronounced Slacker—the same as Sleicher County, of which Eldorado is the county seat. A jurist named Sleicher had charge of the sale of Comal County School Lands to public, and offered his name to this little frontier community which bordered the land being opened to settlement. The older residents here did not take well to the new name, though, and Cross Plains remained commonly used.

It was not until July 25, 1877, that the government granted a post office here. When this was done the name of Cross Plains acquired official sanction.

Why was the town called Cross Plains? Because here through the wooded country ran buffalo trails and evidence of abandoned Indian camp sites; here, too, crossed military roads leading westward into the open mesas and plains. One military road coming through the little town ran from Fort Gates to Fort Phantom Hill and another from Fort Grogan to Fort Belknap. Through here came the circuit rider, the horse trader, the cattle driver; and the crossing of their trails in the midst of the plains lived the first citizens of Cross Plains. Crossing of these trails meant life to a struggling settlement. It is no wonder they held fast to the name Cross Plains and its obvious significance.

Perhaps the most eventful day in Cross Plains' history was Jan. 11, 1912, when the Texas-Central Railroad—later absorbed by the M. K. & T.—pulled in the first train here. At a celebration staged by the Cross Plains Townsite Company more than \$70,000 worth of city lots were sold in the present township. The business establishments began moving from the banks of Turkey Creek and Main Street as it now exists began to take form.

Buildings in the new town were mostly of brick, whereas those in the old town had been of frame construction. Largest building in Cross Plains, the Higginbotham building, was constructed in 1915.

Cross Plains' first City Council was an appointed body. It was composed of W. R. Wagner, mayor; Taylor Bond, secretary, and Joe H. Shackelford, Dr. S. P. Rumph, G. E. Pryor and Dodd Price, councilmen. (Continued on back page this sec.)



BELLE PLAINE COLLEGE . . . Pictured above, one of the buildings which was once an institution of higher learning, established at Belle Plaine by the Methodist Church during the summer of 1881. Ruins of this building still stand at the site and can be seen for miles when traveling to the old townsite of Belle Plaine.

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PHILOSOPHER ALARMED OVER TREND BY POLITICOS TO DESTROY POLITICAL SCIENCE

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Bayou Philosopher on his Johnson grass farm on the Bayou may have his tongue in his cheek this week, although you can't tell. It may be his foot.

Dear editor:

A new fad is developing among politicians that has me worried and it ought to be worrying everybody else. If it keeps going, the science of government will be destroyed.

It works like this: a delegation of citizens, say school teachers wanting a raise, a Chamber of Commerce wanting a new project, etc., goes before Congress or a state legislature committee or the city government or some other government outfit and lays out its requests.

Then some official pops up and says all right, you want us to spend this money, we're willing, but where would you like us to raise it? Name the tax you'd like us to vote to cover this new expense.

As far as I'm concerned, this undermines the whole idea of democratic government. Thunderation! If we have to tell a politician what we want, and then tell him where to find the money for it, what's the use in having politicians in the first place?

How many politicians do you think would ever get elected if their campaign promise was, Vote for me and if elected I'll give you anything you want if you'll show me where to find the money for it?

It's sort of like telling a farmer he can have as high a price support as he wants for his crops if he'll deposit the money in the bank to pay for it. It's like telling an airline you'll subsidize it if it'll increase its income tax enough to pay for it. It's like telling your son you'll send him through college if he'll furnish the money. It's like going into a bank for a \$500 loan and having the banker tell you he'll let you have it just as soon as you put \$500 in the bank. Better make that \$530 to cover the interest.

The danger in this whole thing is that it strips an office-holder of all his magic. Government is supposed to be a science and who ever heard of going up to a scientist and asking him to make a car that'll run forever on one tankful of gas and then being told he'll be glad to if you'll tell him how to do it.

If a government can't furnish more services than the people are willing to pay for, what's a government for? We've got to stamp out this new fad quick before it spreads any further. Governments is a science and it ought to stay that way.

Yours faithfully,
 J. A.

Mrs. Billy Kirkham and baby of Lovington, N. M., and Mrs. C. O. Miller Jr. and baby of Seminole returned to their home the first of last week after a few days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Pillans, and with their sister, Mrs. J. T. Porter in Fort Worth.



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BURKETT AREA FIRST SETTLED IN 1850'S

Editor's Note: This history is condensed from a story written by Mrs. Merrell Burkett for the Coleman Chronicle's historical edition published in July, 1958.

The story of Burkett is one of prosperity and progressiveness in its time. Its history goes back almost a hundred years when a few farmers and ranchers, with their families in covered wagons settled on the Pecan Bayou.

This little town is located on Highway 206 between Coleman and Cross Plains, and is one of the beauty spots in Coleman County, lying as it does on the Pecan Bayou and adorned by the beautiful grove of native pecan trees under the bridge which spans the stream within the city limit. This grove, which has been the scene of picnics, family gatherings and church dinners during the past three decades is unsurpassed in its loveliness during the hot summer months.

Farmers and ranchers were settling this area as early as the 1850s. One of these families was that of John Burkett who came here from Lavaca County in 1852. Others include the pioneer families of Bibb Babb, Tom Young, Greer Gray, Latt Edmondson and others. The story has been reported that some of these helped rout out the last of the Indians here.

One of the earliest merchants recorded in the history of Burkett was J. L. (Uncle Jim) Allen, who came to this section in the early 70s and settled as a "squatter"

about a half mile south of the present town on what is now the Golsan land. He operated a 40-acre farm until 1879. At that time James Golsan came from McClellan County and took possession of the property he had inherited as a land patent bought up by his half brother. This land still belongs to the Golsan family. Soon after this Mr. Allen started a small drygoods and grocery business which he kept in a covered passage between two log cabins with two bob-tailed bulldogs to guard it.

From this beginning he finally had a store built about 1884 on land he purchased from Col. T. A. Burns, who had made a tax sale purchase on 320 acres where Burkett now stands.

During this time other businesses sprang up. Will Burkett operated a small business for several years, which continued to increase and in 1889 the post office was established here giving Burkett its official name for its first postmaster, Will Burkett in whose building the new business began.

J. W. Golsan and E. C. Hankins operated one of the early grocery stores. Their building was erected in 1890 where the tabernacle now stands.

While E. and Johnny Audas came to Burkett from Brown County in 1878 and began their business in 1885. Johnny died in 1930 leaving the business to W. E. and in 1947 his son, Lloyd, took over his father's business and two years later W. E. Audas passed away.

Henry Sackett was another pioneer businessman who played a major part in the early life of Burkett, and another was I. L. Wright, who at the age of 95 still lives here with his daughter, Minna Wright. He operated a blacksmith shop and garage from 1909 to 1918 and was in the grocery business from 1918 to 1926.

Among the lodges organized here were the Odd Fellows, Modern Woodmen, IOOF and Woodmen of the World, the last one mentioned being organized in 1899 with such old timers as Will Burns, W. C. Thames, W. C. Henderson and John Gaines as charter members. The IOOF was organized in 1909 with Dr. John Cochran, Jim and Calvin Baker, J. W. Golsan and Dr. M. Manuring and others as charter members.

The first church building in Burkett was built by the Presbyterians in 1900. One of the early pastors of this church was Dr. B. T. McClellan, founder of Daniel Baker College. Prominent members of that church were George Rae, J. R. Brown, J. L. Clark and others. Another early church was the Baptist, pastored by Dan Matthews. D. C. Stark served for several years as a Methodist pastor for a church known then as the Pecan Grove Methodist Church. The Church of Christ purchased the Presbyterian building and used it until the present house of worship was built about 1935. The Methodists and Baptists constructed their buildings about two years later.

History of the Burkett schools, of which this community can well boast, goes back some 90 years to the first little one room log cabin on Gobbler Creek, about five miles southeast of the present town. One of the first teachers in a long stream of school history was J. T. Evans. About 1875 the log cabin was abandoned and the community education was carried on in a small house on the J. L. Clark farm, being, about one and a half miles south of the present school.

The present building was erected in 1936-37 and has been one of the most thriving schools in the county until recent years, and finally last year lost its high school, the past term only the first eight grades were taught, with three teachers, Gilder Adams, Mrs. Vera Brown and Mrs. Ellen Townsend. Burkett has been famous throughout this part of the state for its basketball teams with Supt. W. R. Chambers coaching. Supt. Chambers retired in 1957 after teaching here 37 years.

The first telephone exchange here probably goes back before the turn of the century, the switchboard being operated by several old timers including W. M. Burkett, Will Sackett, Tom Audas and from 1918 to 1946 A. K. Wesley owned the business and sold to Mrs. Rita Adams who is the present owner.

Oil was discovered on the G. M. Gray ranch in 1918, later the extensive field on the W. T. Burns land, then the Amerado Petroleum Co. located on the Harris heirs land. In 1930 the closest field to

the village was brought in on the Golsan land. During the past 29 years oil has been discovered about every direction from the village. The Hyroll Co., which is rather new here, is located on the Ben Wooten land, joining the town on the southeast.

The present highway was completed and surfaced in 1928 although it has been surveyed and built in 1922 and the present bridge completed in 1923. A new highway from Coleman has been surveyed and plans are being made to begin construction soon. According to the survey it will take in much of the present right-of-way but will swing slightly north, missing the present business section and going along the north edge of town.

Han-Ko-Ta-Wa News

By Reporter
 The Han-Ko-Ta-Wa Camp Fire Girls worked on some comic books when they held their regular meeting the past week.

Mrs. Ballew served refreshments to all members present. Beth Hutchins was unable to attend the meeting.

Read the Want Ads

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Former Cross Plains Lady Named "Teacher of Year"

Mrs. Hattie Lee Lacy, the former Hattie Lee Bryson of Cross Plains, has been named "Teacher of Year" at Captain-Fort Stanton, N. M., according to word received here recently by her sister, Mrs. John Browning.

Mrs. Lacy was born near Cross Plains, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bryson. She was married to John Lacy here in 1924. The couple lived in Ballinger before moving to New Mexico in 1928.

In a story which appeared in the Lincoln County News, Carrizozo, N. M., March 6, the writer, Dixie Sparks, praised Mrs. Lacy for her encouragement to students to complete their high school work, and for her patience, tolerance for physical ills, use of common reasoning power and psychology used in her teaching.

Perhaps one of the most difficult teaching jobs Mrs. Lacy encountered during her long career was when she had 58 Navajo Indian children who could not speak English, nor she Navajo. So by pictures

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the taught them English vocabulary because the school studies also were used to develop their active means of finger painting and hand sketching and so on.

Mrs. Lacy received her night classes, Saturday Summer school. In the member of the home on Delta Pt. at the 58th state and national state and national students in during her holidays in during her her ranch, located in Ham, N. M., and she ride brand, ride brand cattle as well as her hats and bow ties to one who has had a long the lives of the of these United States.

Dr. and Mrs. William family of Quaker, and Mrs. C. F. McMillan were Saturday in the home of Mr. McMillan.



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January 9, 1911, the store of S. T. Dry Goods, says he Mr. Morris says he table reading, and to turn around struck the lamp and when it hit the exploded throwing

February 3, 1911: The carload of six-inch water mains for the streets has arrived. The 20,000 feet of iron pipe for the waterworks system is already here and is being distributed over the townsite. The contract for laying the mains will be let at once, and it will only be a very short time until Cross Plains will boast of one of the best water systems in the state.
February 10, 1911: The Telephone Co. received their new switchboard this week, and it's a dandy. It has connections for 400 customers, and is so arranged that 150 more can be accommodated as occasion demands.
March 17: The big tower and tank for the waterworks system have arrived. The tower is 70 feet high and the tank is about 25 feet high and will have a capacity of 60,000 gallons.
May 12: Thursday evening about 5:00 o'clock the Young Men's Business League of Waco, 200 strong, arrived in Cross Plains on their special train and were met at the depot by the Cross Plains Commercial Club and quite a crowd of others. They marched from the depot up Main Street headed by the Baylor University Band of 35 pieces. The crowd stopped at the corner of Main and Eighth, and J. A. Hollers delivered the welcome address. All the visitors were greatly surprised at the wonderful growth of The Terminal City, and said they expected to hear of greater things being done in Cross Plains in the near future.
Oct. 27: Cross Plains is shaking hands with herself over the success of her first trade day. The people came, they saw and they bought. Every house in town was over-run with business all day, and quite a number of our business men went without dinner on that day. Following is a list of the prize winners: second best mule colt under one year, A. Nordyke; best milk cow, Ed Henderson; best span double drivers, Hugh McDermott; best colt under one year, Will Duncan; second best stallion, Tom Harris; second best single driver, W. R. Pentecost; best mule colt under one year, W. P. Armstrong; best span of mules, Tom Harris; prettiest baby, Mrs. Henry Vestal. The prize offered by Upton & Swan for the ugliest man wasn't claimed by anyone and they gave a prize to the second prettiest baby, which was won by Mrs. Ben Pierce.
Dec. 22: T. J. Clark was up from Cross Cut Monday. Mr. Clark has signed up with the Dallas giants, and will go to Dallas for the next baseball season.

Local Teachers To Attend Schoolmasters Meeting At Snyder Tonight (April 16)
Paul L. Whitton, superintendent of the Cross Plains Schools, has reported that several male teachers in the local school will be in Snyder Thursday night (tonight) to attend a schoolmasters meeting to be held in the high school cafeteria.
Dinner will be served the group at 7 p.m.
Guest speaker will be R. H. Lawrence of Dallas, executive secretary Texas Bureau for Economic Understanding.
Attending from Cross Plains will be Messrs. Whitton, Ferrell Newton, Jack Watkins, Frank Gray, I. B. Loving, Bill Gunn, Mac Coppinger, Herrell Kelley and James Alexander.

Senior Class To Present Play Monday Night, April 27
By Jo Holland, Reporter
The Senior Class is now working on their annual play, sponsored by Mrs. Mary Helen Strong and Mrs. D. C. Lee. The play "The Boarding House Reach," is coming along with great progress. It will be presented April 27, at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium.
Members of the cast are: Norman Vaughn as Wilburn Maxwell, Jim Fleming as Hercules Nelson, Jo Holland as Betty Lou Maxwell, Joe Atwood as Connie Maxwell, Mary Koenig as Bernadine Smith, Perry Jennings as John Maxwell, Sidney Hutchins as Aunt Mary, Ann Koenig as Janet Maxwell, Doyle Oliver as Limpy McGuire, Anita Baugh as Nora, Johnny Pancake as Herman "Ninety Volt" Jones, Barbara Merrill as Roughhouse Ruby, Charles Neeb as Mr. Potter, Annette Falkner as Lucy Furse, Jackie Dewbre as Mrs. Mori and Billy Mayes as Conroy.
A few weeks ago, our class carried on a magazine selling program, with the entire class membership participating. We gained a total of \$196.37 to go in our treasury. Mary Koenig and Johnny Pancake, popular couple of the class, won the prize, a beautiful portable radio, as our outstanding salesmen. My congratulations go to you two.
Second prize went to Ann Koenig and Perry Jennings who received a record player. Several receiving awards as "qualified salesmen" for selling over \$30 worth of subscriptions.
We chose our song, motto, colors and flower at our last class meeting, as follows: Song, "May You Always;" Motto, "Nothing Without God;" Colors, pink and silver; Flower, pink roses.
Almost all the class is anxiously awaiting our senior trip which is scheduled May 14-15-16.

Rene Dillard Honored With Surprise Birthday Party
Rene "Pill" Dillard was honored with a surprise birthday party Sunday, April 12, by her sister, Mrs. Dwayne Wilson, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Neal Dillard.
Ice cream and birthday cake were served to the following guests: Laneal Dillard, Deans Wilson, Donnie and Terri Dillard, Randy Pancake, Tommy and Ann Merryman, Ronnie, Mike and Kenney Pancake, Bruce and Diane Johnson, Vickie Foster, Laverne Dillard, Pat Vaughn, Katie Ford, Jean Faulkner and David Pancake.
Mr. and Mrs. Ab Harris recently visited relatives in Abilene and Big Spring.

TERRI ANN WILLIAMS BORN APR. 11 IN ABILENE HOSPITAL
Terri Ann Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Williams of Abilene, was born Saturday, April 11, in an Abilene hospital. Little Terri Ann weighed 6 pounds 8 ounces.
Mrs. Williams will be remembered here as the former Katie Bryson.
Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Williams of Lubbock, and maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bryson of Star Route, Cross Plains.
Mrs. Williams and infant daughter and son, Jim, 2 1/2 years old, are visiting in the Bryson home for a few days.
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Pyle were Brownwood visitors Saturday.

Mrs. Gene Davis Honored With Bridal Shower, April 7
Mrs. Gene Davis of Abilene, who was the former Bonnie Kirkham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kirkham of this city before her marriage February 14, was honored with a come and go bridal shower Tuesday evening, April 7, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Parker Baum.
Co-hostesses with Mrs. Baum were Meses. Doyle Cowan, R. T. Watson, Joe Fleming, Jim Baum, Jack Arledge, E. L. Cowan and Mel Shields.
Miss Sheila Gray registered the large number of guests attending and Miss Alta Fay Graham assisted in serving.

Callahan County Resident Since 1883 Buried Monday
R. M. Warren, 75, oldest man born in Callahan County with continuous residence in the county, was buried in Ross Cemetery at Baird Monday, April 13, following services at 3:40 in the Baird Church of Christ. George Snure, minister, officiated.
Mr. Warren was born June 26, 1833. He was a retired butcher.
Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Alice Warren Baird; one daughter, Mrs. Hubert Ross of Baird, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.
Mr. and Mrs. Jake Dallas and son, Douglas, of this city attended funeral rites for Mr. Warren, who was an uncle of Mr. Dallas.

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By Hazel I. Respass
Mrs. D. B. Varner and little daughter of Lansing, Mich. her mother, Mrs. Price of Waco, and Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Arvin of Baird visited Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Varner Friday afternoon.
The Baptist people gave a pink and blue shower for Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Price at the church Friday night.
Rev. James O. Brandon drove the school bus Monday as the driver, Norman Coffey, had a case of the flu.
Mr. and Mrs. Sparks of Snyder visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Coats, last week.
Let's all remember it is almost time for Memorial Day for Cemetery Association. The date is May 3. Several have written they are planning to attend. Judge Meade F. Griffin and wife of Austin and Mrs. Melrose Alexander of Brownwood plan to be here. We invited all who are interested in the association and those who will come and enjoy our program. Come, bring your lunch and spend the day.
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swafford visited in Eastland with Mr. and Mrs. John Sawyer Sunday afternoon.

Atwell News

By Mrs. Alton Tatom.
Dayton Sessions, Nathan Foster and Buster Foster were in Fort Worth Monday of last week, where Buster underwent a medical check-up.
We were glad to have Mrs. Clint Brashear of Cisco visit with us Friday. The Brashears have been living in Cisco for over a year, and we sure miss them from our community.
Mrs. Ebb Rouse spent last week in Fort Worth with her sister, Mrs. J. T. Porter and family.
Alton and Roy Tatom attended the singing at Carbon Sunday afternoon.
Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Foster Saturday night were Mr. and Mrs. Claude Foster, Mark Foster, J. C. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tatom and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Neil Tatom, Beverly and Kim.
Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Bentley and Joroy visited Mr. and Mrs. Tuff Hutchins Sunday.
Mrs. Bobby Dillard and girls and Mrs. J. D. Goble and children spent Sunday with Ebb Rouse.
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pillans and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Foster and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Neil Tatom Sunday.
Rev. Charles Smith visited Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Hutchins for lunch Sunday and went on to Eula, where he is singing in a revival next week.
Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Coppinger visited with relatives in Abilene Friday night.



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Father of Gordon Dennis Buried In Mineral Wells

Harold E. Dennis of Mineral Wells, father of Rev. Gordon Dennis, pastor of the First Methodist Church here, was buried in Mineral Wells, Wednesday, April 15. Final rites were conducted in the First Methodist Church in that city at 3:30 p.m.

Mr. Dennis, President of the DCH Oil Co., died Sunday, April 12, of a heart attack. He had suffered from a heart condition for several months, however, his condition was much improved and he suffered the fatal attack at his office.

He was one of the organizers of Camp Wolters Enterprises, a group devoted to bringing industry to Mineral Wells. He was a long-time member of the school board, a steward in the Methodist Church and was once named the city's outstanding citizen by the Mineral Wells Chamber of Commerce.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Mmes. Clyde Hull of Mineral Wells and Colbert Pope of San Diego, Cal., and two sons, Rev. Gordon Dennis of this city and Rev. Charles Dennis of Saugus, Cal.

Rev. and Mrs. Dennis and sons, Jimmy, Hal and David left early Wednesday morning for Mineral Wells to attend the funeral of his father. Rev. Dennis has been ill with a case of mumps the past week and on the advice of his doctor, was unable to leave sooner to be with members of his family.

Mrs. Jack Little was here from Dallas over the week end visiting Mr. and Mrs. Judd Barnett. Mrs. Barnett accompanied her daughter home Monday for a few days' visit.

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Ben R. Wooten, 62, Buried At Burkett

Ben R. Wooten, 62, Burkett stock farmer was buried in the Burkett Cemetery Saturday, April 11, following services at the Stevens Memorial Chapel in Coleman at 3 p.m.

Rev. E. G. Kay, Baptist Church pastor, Rev. Ross Grace, Methodist Church pastor and J. E. Pennington, Minister of the Church of Christ, officiated.

Mr. Wooten passed away in Hendrick Memorial Hospital at Abilene Friday, April 10, at 3:05 a.m. where he had been a patient for several days.

He was born October 26, 1896, in Burkett and lived all his life there. He was married to Miss Bessie Copeland, February 15, 1917.

Survivors include his wife; stepmother, Mrs. Arlie Bagley of Port Worth; one daughter, Mrs. Wilburn Barr of Tulsa, Okla.; three brothers, Joe T. of Dallas, O. A. of Port Worth, Lonnie of Jacksboro; three sisters, Mrs. Lester Smith of Atlanta, Ga., Mrs. Leah Strickland of Burkett and Mrs. Betty Beall of Port Worth and two grandchildren.

Fire May Have Been Responsible for McMurry Being Located In Abilene

Had flames not destroyed a small college in 1918, McMurry College might not have been located in Abilene today. One of the first Methodist schools in West Texas was Stamford College, set up in 1906. Twelve years later fire destroyed the administration and class building.

The college was not rebuilt, which resulted in the establishment of McMurry in Abilene in 1920. The school was established upon an offer of \$300,000 from the Abilene Chamber of Commerce, a campus and other considerations. The college opened its doors in 1923.

Under direction of such leaders as Dr. James W. Hunt and Harold G. Cooke, both past presidents, and current President Dr. Gordon Bennett, the college has become one of the best developed and most widely known in this area. Dr. Bennett was inaugurated as president in November, 1958.

Current development finds the school in an extensive building and expansion program. Additions were made to the faculty this year, one addition has been made to the administrative staff this semester and one new dormitory will open soon, with a new band hall now under construction.

A junior college until 1925, it has been fully accredited as a senior college since that date. The first degrees were conferred in 1926.

While the college is one of the youngest educational institutions of the Methodist Church, and the youngest of the three colleges in Abilene, its history reaches back many years into the lives of eminent educators of Texas. In 1947, the Dallas Institute of Vocal and Dramatic Art was merged with McMurry College, adding the fifth institution and contributing strength to the college's academic and fine arts facilities. McMurry is co-educational, fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and other organizations. The McMurry athletic teams are nicknamed the "Indians," with their colors maroon and white.

McMurry College confers four degrees, bachelor of arts, bachelor of science, bachelor of business administration and master of education.

Majors are available in the following departments: Art, biology, business administration, chemistry, education, English, history, mathematics, medical technology, modern language, music, religion and speech. Minors are offered in these and other subjects.

Charges Filed In Lakewood Country Club Burglaries

A series of burglaries which had baffled Eastland County officers for several months was believed near solution with the filing of charges at Eastland the past week against a former convict in connection with the burglary of the Lakewood Country Club club house and the Desdemona school on Dec. 12, 1958.

Charges were filed against James Anton Montgomery, who made a written confession to Eastland County Sheriff J. B. Williams and Texas Ranger officers, who co-operated in the investigation.

According to a statement signed by Montgomery, he admitted breaking into the Lakewood Country Club club house Dec. 12 and stealing six sets of golf clubs in bags. Three sets of the clubs belonged to Cross Plains club members, Paul L. Whitton, Dave Lee and Fred V. Tunnell. He also admitted having entered the club house in November and taking four sets of clubs.

On Dec. 12, Montgomery also admitted entering the Desdemona school, where he took three typewriters. He told officers he went to El Paso, where he disposed of the golf clubs at various pawn shops. Montgomery's case will be presented to the Eastland County grand jury in April, according to County Attorney Earl Conner, Jr.

Buffs Place Second In Dist. 10-A Track Meet

Cross Plains nipped Merkel for second place by one-third of a point, 23 1/3 to 23, in the 10-A track meet held at McMurry College stadium Friday of the past week, according to James Alexander, local track coach.

Albany completely overpowered the other schools in the district to capture the title by scoring a whopping 72 5/6 points. Wylie was fourth with 18 and Clyde last with 15 5/6.

Cross Plains entries placed as follows: 120-yard high hurdles: Grady Scott, fourth place. Pole vault: Alvin Hutchins, first place and Grady Scott tied for fourth place. Discus: Johnny Panake, fourth place. Shot Put: Perry Jennings, second place. 180-yard low hurdles: Charles Neeb, third place and Alvin Hutchins, fourth place. 440-yard relay: Cross Plains, third place. 880-yard run: James Harris, second place. Mile run: John Baird, second place. Mile relay: Cross Plains, second place.

Albany Wins Junior Division. Albany also won the Junior High division by a wide margin, scoring 46 1/2 points to 18 1/2 for Wylie. Cross Plains was third with 12 points and Merkel fourth with 10 while Clyde didn't score.

Grade School Division. Clyde captured the grade school division in a close race with Albany and Merkel. The results: Clyde, 24 1/3; Albany, 22 5/6; Merkel, 21 1/2; Cross Plains, 7 1/3, and Wylie, 6.

Carlton McMillan of Waco visited his father, E. D. McMillan, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Bennett of Anson spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Bush.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Walker of Brownwood were guests in the home of her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Pyle, Sunday.

Charles Coppinger and son, Terry, of Pecos visited over the week end with L. W. Coppinger and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Greenwood.

Berry Greenwood of Carbon visited Sunday night with his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Greenwood.

Pat Moore, a student at Del Mar College, Corpus Christi, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Moore, over the week end.

Mrs. Homer Robison of Grand Prairie spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Parish and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Gray visited with relatives at Weatherford Sunday night.

Mrs. Revis Tennison and daughter, Irene, of Abilene, visited Mr. and Mrs. Billy Panake and family Saturday afternoon.

Terry Cearley was a Cross Plains visitor during the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Thornton of Abilene were week end visitors with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wilsen.

Mrs. Tom Matlock has recently returned to her home in Marshall, Ark., after a visit here with her sister, Mrs. E. K. Coppinger, and other relatives in Abilene.

JUDGE JOE GREENHILL TO SPEAK AT BAIRD APRIL 17
Judge Joe Greenhill, Associate Justice of the State Supreme Court will speak in Baird Friday night, April 17, at 7 o'clock at the First Presbyterian Church.

Federated clubs and members of the Callahan County Bar Association are sponsoring the meeting and cordially invite the public to attend the observance of "Law Day, U. S. A."

Lee Bishop and L. W. Coppinger were business visitors in Odessa Monday of last week.

Cottonwood got its name from nearby springs which were first known as Cottonwood Springs.

Local Students Place In TIL District Contests At Clyde

Cross Plains students in both high school and grade school were in Clyde Saturday to participate in the District 10-A Interscholastic League literary contest.

Clyde won the high school division and Albany the grade school division.

Cross Plains high school students placed in the following: Girls poetry reading: Christine Smart, second place.

Spelling: Clara Jo Evans and Geraldine Parrish, fourth.

Placing in the grade school division were: Linda Whitton, second.

Ready writing: Barbara Purvis and Brenda Pennell, tie for third.

Number sense: Barbara Purvis, tie for third place.

Story telling: Sharon Hicks third place.

Picture memory: Cross Plains, second.

Spelling, seventh and eighth grades: Cynthia Hickman and Connie Breeding, third place.

Spelling, fifth and sixth grades: Jeannette Shultz and Patty Pennell, third place.

Jimmy Settle Named Head Of The Spur School System

J. B. (Jimmy) Settle, formerly of Cross Plains, has been named superintendent of schools at Spur. He will assume duties of the new position July 1.

For the past three years Settle has headed the Bryson public school system. During his tenure there a new building was erected on the school campus and extensive improvements made to existing facilities.

The Spur system is reported to have more than 750 scholastics.

Settle, the son of J. L. Settle of Cross Plains, was one of the State's outstanding school band directors before entering the administrative field. His wife is the former Edith Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Lewis of Baird.

Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Long and son, Donald Charles, of Snyder were visiting with relatives here during the week end and Donald Charles remained for a week's visit with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Norrell Long and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Barr.

Cross Plains Review Mrs. Eddie Fisher, 93, Buried At Pioneer Last Saturday

Graveside rites were conducted at the Pioneer Cemetery Saturday, April 11, for Mrs. Eddie Fisher, 93, former resident of the Pioneer-Cross Plains area. Rev. V. D. Walters, pastor of the First Baptist Church here was in charge of the service.

Mrs. Fisher passed away April 10, on her 93rd birthday, at a rest home in Denton.

The Fisher family made their home in this area in the early 1900's having moved from here about 1920.

Survivors include three sons, Joe of Brownwood, Pink of Denton and Claude of Arkansas and one daughter, Mrs. Emma Renfro of Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Anderson were in Oklahoma City, Okla., the first of the week where Mrs. Anderson underwent a check-up.

Mr. and Mrs. George Jowers and Mrs. Larry Nichols and children visited in Brady Sunday with Mrs. M. F. Lohn.

Fiftieth Anniversary

Mrs. B. B. Jones of visiting over the week end. A. L. Breeding and home.

Mr. and Mrs. John and children visited with Henry Wilks Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. baby spent Thursday and children visited with Mr. and Mrs. Christi, where they will home.

Billy Dale Strickland, Crockett, students of State College, visited at the week end.

Mrs. Ben Piliarski and family recently visited with their daughter and J. T. Porter and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Phyllis of Abilene were in Cross Plains Sunday.

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In looking back over some of your old editions we can find just how much times can change and also find out how much we must change to keep up with the times.

Although he is not with us any more, we are grateful to our predecessor as we know you are to yours. We are ever mindful that any measure of success which we have attained has been due, at least in part, to the goodwill which he built over long years of friendly, courteous service.

Looking back over some of our old prescription files we find prescriptions that were filled by the City Pharmacy as much as 30 years ago. Some of these prescriptions could not be refilled, as the medications in them are no longer available. Instead, there have come along newer and better drugs which have been progressively better over the years due to tremendous research by the major pharmaceutical houses. Soon as these new products are clinically tested and proven they are immediately released to your pharmacy for filling of your doctor's prescriptions. We carry a complete stock of all the proven, newer medications which are shipped to us automatically as soon as they are released.

It has been our aim since we have been in Cross Plains to bring you better drug store service and accurate prescription service at all times. You will find in our new prescription department, a full line of pharmaceuticals that are used by all the medical doctors in this area. You will find that no matter what the circumstance is, you will always be better off in the long run to obtain all your merchandise from your registered pharmacist. He is "The" man in your community who is qualified to dispense health products and you will find us willing and ready at all times to discuss any product with you which we sell.

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Dual-Wheeled Vehicles Must Have Mud-Flaps Installed

Austin—Colonel Homer Garrison Jr., Director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, said today that under a new State law it is now illegal to operate dual-wheeled vehicles on the highways without mud-flaps on back of them.

The law, which formerly applied only when the pavement was wet, now requires mud flaps in all kinds of weather for certain vehicles. It became effective April 2, 1959.

Under regulations issued by the Department, Garrison said, the flaps may be made of metal, rubber, rubberized material or other substantial material rigid enough to prevent mud, slush, gravel or other matter from being thrown from the rear of a dual-wheeled vehicle into the windshield of a vehicle following.

Pole trailers, truck tractors operated alone and without being in combination with a semi-trailer, and all trucks operated on private prop-

erty do not come under the provisions of the new law.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Locke of De Leon and Mr. and Mrs. C. S. McClellan of Temple visited Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Holdridge Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ingram of Coleman were week end visitors here with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hanke Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Harrison of Odessa and Mr. and Mrs. Kelley Blacklock of Snyder were week end visitors here in the home of Mrs. Charles Taylor and Sunday they all visited in Zephyr with the F. L. Tucker family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bryan visited in Abilene Sunday afternoon with the Travis Renfro family and Mrs. J. H. McElroy who has spent several weeks in Abilene helping care for Mrs. Renfro who is recovering satisfactorily from major surgery.

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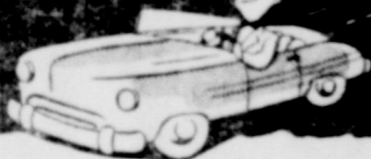
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In the late 1890s and the early 1900s, our West Texas community of Cross Plains was made up of people who came from the southern states, bringing with them the best traditions of the Old South. Our elders were strict observers of the Sabbath, daily Bible reading, family prayers, and church attendance. We were taught to respect our preachers, school teachers, and others who had "authority over us."

Our first Sunday School classes met in the home of Mr. Charley Neeb, on Turkey Creek, near the village of Cross Plains in 1894. That Sunday School was composed largely of the Bond, Baum, Neeb and Wright families. Later we moved to the village one-room school house, and the enrollment increased to about 50.

Our pastor came to our congregation, meeting in the school house, one Sunday each month. Our circuit was composed of Coltonwood, Cross Plains, Dressy, and Burnt Branch, all in Callahan County. At different times Burkett, in Coleman County, Cross Cut, in Brown County, and Pioneer, in Eastland County, were attached to our circuit.

Originally Putnam was the head of the circuit, for Mr. S. Foster Bond of Cross Plains recalls attending a quarterly conference at Pioneer in June, 1886; Brother Bond, Putnam, P. C.; J. T. L. Annis, Abilene, P. E.

The church in Cross Plains was organized in 1886 by the Brother Wood, referred to above. According to S. Foster Bond, the circuit riders of the 1880s were Revs. Wood, Charley Hilburn and Uncle Billy Gattis. In 1890-91, Rev. Stark; 1892-93, Rev. Gilliland; 1894, Rev. Carter; 1895-96, Price McCollough; 1898-99, C. W. Young, father of the late Rev. Sam H. Young. In 1900-01, Rev. Bates. From 1901 to 1909 our preachers were Revs. Birdwell, Dowdy Bowden, J. A. Hollers, and George Smallwood, who later was a faculty member at Texas Tech, Lubbock. He was our pastor when the writer was converted, in September of 1909, was licensed to preach in October, admitted on trial into the Northwest Texas Conference at Stamford in November, and married Miss Vera Clements in December.

During the early history of our church three gifted and dedicated local preachers famed and held meetings in the remote communities. They were T. C. Thorne, R. P. Odum, whose son, Ralph, is a member of the official board of our church in Snyder, and E. C. Austin, whose son, Riley, lives in Snyder. Some of the laymen were Ed Bond, Mrs. Baum, Charley Neeb, W. R. Wright, Tom Mitchell, E. Hazlewood, and S. Foster Bond, the only one living today.

We erected our first church building in the summer of 1902, and Cross Plains was made the head of the circuit. In 1904 we built a plank-roofed tabernacle on Turkey Creek in Charley Neeb's pasture, and Abe Mulkey was the preacher for our annual camp meeting. It was one of the greatest revivals in the history of our church. Another great revival was in 1909, with R. J. Dick Tooley doing the preaching.

Our summer camp meeting time was announced months ahead, so early in the spring we started getting ready for it. We talked about it, prayed and fasted for it, and expected to have our crops "laid by," so nothing would interrupt our attending the meeting.

As the time drew near, the stewards set a day for "a workin'" at the arbor. They would cut weeds, put fresh brush on arbor roofs, repair benches, haul fresh wheat straw to cover ground under the arbor. My sister and I often covered the organ with wagon sheets to protect it from wind and weather. Also, we helped to prepare the coal oil lamps or torches. They were made of sealed tin cans, with a cotton rope wick, giving us a dim light, clouds of oily smoke, and a terrible smell, so that the mosquitoes came not nigh. But the chiggers had a field day.

On the day appointed, the meeting started. It was an occasion for a great spiritual and social feast, for people came from the surrounding communities, in covered wagons loaded with grain for the horses, food, bedding, Bibles, and song

books for themselves. Our daily services consisted of early morning prayer meetings, preaching services at 11 o'clock and often mid-afternoon grove meetings, and the evening preaching service.

The grove meetings—one place for the men and boys, and another place for the women and girls—were some distance from the arbor and were led by the select saints among us. After songs, prayers, the telling of Christian experience, instruction and exhortation, large numbers made "a profession of faith." I never expect to hear a sweeter sound than the shouting and singing of the old time grove meeting. God was near, and the stars looked down through the evening shadows, and sent us their bright message that "all is well."

When the time for the evening service arrived we were filled with the Holy Ghost, and were ready to receive the Word. We expected conversions, and God gave us our expectations. The spiritual inspiration gave us heavenly experiences.

Those were the days of purification and dedication; we were in tune with God; the witness of the Spirit continued with us. Methodism grew mightily.

Our circuit riders knew the love of God, and in sincerity and love they preached of conviction, repentance and faith, of Christian love, of spiritual witnessing, redemption through the blood of Christ, restitution, purity of the Christian life, and the judgment to come.

We were made proud of our Methodist teachings and traditions, and on through the fall and winter months we contained "doing good"

Drawn Specially for The Review By RALPH TEE

Cross Plains Review Small Watershed Protection Program Progresses in Texas

Since passage of Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act by the Federal Congress in 1954, 148 applications have been submitted by small watershed groups in Texas for consideration by the State Soil Conservation Board.

In commenting on the status of these applications, Jack Barton, extension specialist in soil and water conservation, said 14 has been approved by Congress and authorized for operations as of January 1, 1959. Plans have been completed on three others and are before the Bureau of the Budget for consideration.

Eight projects are listed by Barton as in the planning process; four were found not feasible after detailed planning began while 42 applications have been disapproved. Another 19 applications are listed as disapproved pending which means they are to receive further attention.

Out of the 148 applications submitted, Barton said 85 had been approved. Acreages in the watersheds varies from 20,000 to 240,000 and the number of structures required ranges from 2 to 40 per watershed. The average cost per structure has been estimated at \$50,000.

Under the terms of the Act, Barton pointed out that local landowners pay for operation and maintenance of the projects while the Federal Government provides funds for the structures. The projects are initiated and administered by local organizations. USDA provides technical assistance, cost sharing and credit in accordance with mutually agreed upon plans.

Small watershed groups interested in obtaining detailed information on Public Law 566 are advised by Barton to contact their local Soil Conservation District supervisor or county agent.

Mrs. Bob Merryman is spending this week at Rowden with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. John Adair.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Adams of Big Spring, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Plahie of Fort Worth and Tommy Adams of Burkett visited during the week end with Gene Adams.

Senior Class Sponsors Two Events

The Students of Johnye Frances Howell present

"SPRING REVUE VARIETIES"

Friday, April 24, 7:45 p.m. School Auditorium

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Monday, April 27, 8 p.m. School Auditorium

Admission: 25c and 50c

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These wagons are easy to load, too—you just roll the rear window into the tailgate and flip it down flat. No liftgate to wrestle with.

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Cross Plains, Texas

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STATE CAPITAL Highlights AND Sidelights by Vern Sanford

TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

Never way the ball can look forward in state taxes for 000 above the present level and require an estimated \$117,000,000 in new tax money.

House bill includes longevity pay increases for long-time state employees and increases in welfare checks to the aged, blind and dependent, all added during floor debate. House also accepted committee recommendations for boosts in the appropriations for higher education, state hospitals and special schools and the prison system.

Gasoline Tax Viewed.—Gov. Price

Daniel says he's ready to support a 1-cent hike in the state gasoline tax if it will be used to improve public schools, raise teacher salaries.

Neither the House nor Senate appropriations bill included public school teacher raises. Lawmakers seemed to think this, if it were to be done, should be handled in a separate bill.

Texas still would have a lower gasoline tax than other states, said Daniel, even after the 1-cent raise. He said he felt sure service station operators would "go along" with it if it were for the purpose of better schools.

Opponents say that, with practically everyone having to use a car these days, the gasoline levy is about as "general as a sales tax can get."

Health Chief Resigns.—Recent target of lawmakers in the State Health Department, where Commissioner Henry A. Holle stepped out of his \$16,000-a-year post under the glare of legislative disapproval.

Dr. Holle said he felt the department would be better off with another commissioner who could get more support in the way of legislative appropriations.

Meanwhile, both House and Senate launched inquiries into Health Department spending practices.

Flexible Rating Off.—State regulation of Texas auto insurance rates apparently will continue for at least another two years.

Senate Insurance Committee refused to approve a flexible rating plan, sent it to the sub-committee "graveyard."

Backers of the bill, mostly large, out-of-state companies, claimed it would save Texas auto owners millions. Careful drivers would be rewarded with lower insurance, they said.

Opponents, including most Texas companies, fought the bill, said it would "take the lid off" rates. They said a merit rating plan, being considered by the State Board of Insurance, would take care of rewarding safe drivers.

Lending Bill Filibustered.—Senate disagreement over how to improve loan shark regulation brought on the first filibuster of the session.

Sen. Abraham Kazen of Laredo sponsored the House-passed measure which would, if approved by a vote of the people, amend the Constitution. It would allow the Legislature to license lenders and set maximum interest rates. Present 10 per cent ceiling, widely ignored,

S. F. 'Fos' Bond's Soliloquy

By S. F. BOND

Dear Jack:

Glancing at the masthead of my Cross Plains Review and observing that slogan adopted by my worthy and ardent friend, the genial Jack Scott, when he adopted "The Oldies' Business Institution in Cross Plains" and remembering my taking him to task for his temerity, I am at this time, provoked into a mood of soliloquizing.

When I pointed out to Jack that I was an old merchant, cotton ginmer, banker and hotel man when Belmont Shields unloaded his Babcock press and a few bushels of unsorted type in our town, he had a good and valid alibi in that my endeavors had changed names many times but that his institution had stood hard and fast by the original cognomen—The Cross Plains Review.

Soliloquizing, I believe, means the ability to talk to one's self, and that being true you always have an appreciative and understanding audience, and an opportunity to contemplate and meditate and possibly prevaricate.

At an early date and time, the old town of Schleicher, so named after one of the Comal County judges, due to the fact that it was located on Comal County School land, was destined, in order to be designated as a post office, to become Cross Plains. At that time Cottonwood, Pioneer and Cross Cut were outstanding and prosperous little towns or school communities. Arriving here about that time, or to be more exact, 75 years ago, I cannot think of anything that I have had a part in to brag and boast about other than when the Central Addition to the town of Cross Plains was laid out, being one of the directors in that corporation. I was contentious and obstreperous though that I succeeded in getting Main Street marked off at a width of 100 feet rather than 80 feet as the majority preferred.

The first cotton gin effort here consisted of a plant with one 60 x 10-inch saw gin stand without self-feeder and a single box screw press and the first year's output numbered 40 bales. The growth and culture of cotton developed to justify two gin plants with three batteries of gins consisting of 14 70 x 12-inch saw gins with double box hydraulic presses, equipped with automatic trampers.

The roar of the furnace fires, the hiss of the steam, the manifestation of power developed by a reciprocating engine, the spin of a shaft, the whirl of a pulley, the swish of the belts and the drowsy drone of the gin as the saws pulled the fluffy fibers from the succulent seed afforded me a satisfying joy and pleasure as any printer ever acquired from his stinkpot.

This little handful of groceries here on the alley is the evidence of a continuing effort in merchandising embarked on almost 70 years ago.

As you celebrate the 50th anniversary of The Cross Plains Review, you are not only celebrating the birth of The Review but also the invention of Johann Gutenberg, whose invention had to do with the ending of the dark ages and ushering in the renaissance. If you kick a lion and get no response you may be sure that he is dead, but if you write something in your paper that riles the animosity of the community, then you may know

would be abolished.

Sen. Frank Owen III of El Paso led a long-winded assault on the measure. He and other senators insisted such regulation should be limited to loans under \$500 to \$600.

Senate gave Kazen's measure preliminary approval, despite all the opposition.

Party In-Fighting Begins.—Fifteen months ahead of convention time is not too soon for Texas Democrats to start haggling over who'll receive their presidential nominating votes.

U. S. Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson is the focal point of controversy. Recent developments: Young Democrats of Texas, currently controlled by left-wingers, declared the senator should pay more attention to the party platform. J. Ed Connally, chairman of the state executive committee, quickly announced the Young Demos did not speak for the party. He called them "immature extremists."

Democrats of Texas, unofficial liberal organization, announced it would have a convention in Austin in May. DOT, also, has "fallen out" with Sen. Johnson.

In the Legislature, the House elections committee approved a bill that would allow Senator Johnson to run for President and re-election as senator in the same general election.

Investment Board Urged.—A bill by Sen. Hubert Hudson of Brownsville would create a new board to handle investments of three large state trust funds.

Making up the nine-member board would be the governor, attorney general, comptroller, chairman of the two retirement systems, chairman of the State Board of Education and three bank presidents.

Investment in corporate stocks and bonds would be permitted by Hudson's measure. Altogether, the three funds total \$820,000,000.

No Aggie Women.—U. S. Supreme Court has upheld state court rulings that women are not entitled by law to enter Texas A&M College.

A&M officials were pleased, but Bryan-Brazos County citizens, for the most part, took a dim view of the enrollment restriction.

Their feelings were reflected in Bryan Sen. William T. Moore's prediction that "if the A&M Board continues its present policies, the time will come when A&M will have a classroom for each student enrolled there."

There is fear that when Arlington College, an A&M branch which admits women, advances to senior college status, it may eclipse the parent institution.

Sew and So Club Changes Regular Meeting Date

The meeting of the Sew and So Club which was originally planned for Thursday of next week, April 23, at the McNeel cabin on Lake Brownwood has been postponed and will be held at the same place a week later, April 30.

All club members are urged to remember this date.

Visiting in the home of Mrs. G. L. Eager during the week end were Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Camp and daughters, Lori and Donna of Eunice, N. M., Marion Black of Pecos, Mrs. Marion Wington and Randal Wington of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Collis Eager and Jimmy Dan and Mrs. Eunice Starr.

OUR THANKS

We want to extend our sincere thanks to our many friends and customers for their valued patronage and many courtesies during our eight years in the laundry business in Cross Plains.

We commend Mary and Harley Thomas, the new owners, to you and ask that you continue to patronize the laundry.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ingram.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Morgan and children of Abilene visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben P. Morgan Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Carter of Los Cruces, N. M., were week end guests in the home of her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Fred V. Tunnell.

PARADE OF VALUES SALE STARTS TODAY!

- LAUNDRY BASKET, reg. 1.79 99c
- ANKLETS, reg. 39c, 3 pairs 85c
- JUMBO GARMENT BAG, reg. 2.98 1.63
- PLASTIC TRASH CAN, 4.95 value 2.88
- BAR-B-Q GRILL, reg. 4.95 3.77
- NYLON HOSE, reg. 98c 77c
- BOYS SHIRTS, reg. 98c 77c
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To The Cross Plains Review

on its many years of service to Cross Plains and surrounding communities and wish for this good paper continued prosperity.

The Review is truly a pioneer firm in Cross Plains. Fifty years is a long time and we appreciate our home paper and join others in extending our congratulations.

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recently purchased the Ingram Laundry and Mrs. Bill Ingram, and are now in of the business.

invited to call on us for complete laundry We will do bundles and will also pick deliver your clothes.

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ON THE OCCASION OF ITS

50th Anniversary Edition

It is a pleasure to extend best wishes to Jack McCarty and his staff on the Golden Anniversary year of The Cross Plains Review.

While we have not been in business here but a few short years, we appreciate the fine patronage and goodwill of the citizens of this community and will always strive to merit your continued business and friendship.

When you are in need of drugs and any drug store item, we invite you to call on us!

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Cross Plains

Crossing of Military Roads—
(Continued from front page)

This initial group meeting in January, 1912, enacted 13 ordinances to establish the first city charter. In 1912, enacted 32 ordinances to be still in force here.

First election held within the city was April 2, 1912. Chosen mayor at that time was Taylor Bond. Members of the council were B. F. Adkisson, J. L. Baum, Joe H. Shackelford, Charles Mangrum and Dr. S. P. Rumph. 39 ballots were polled in the referendum.

One of the principal problems of the early council was to keep a City Marshal. Five were appointed and subsequently resigned within the first two years of Cross Plains' incorporated history. Small pay—\$20 per month—and unruly town bullies were said to have been responsible.

At the first meeting of Mayor Bond and his newly-elected City Council \$125 was appropriated to construct the city first jail and fire station. It was specifically earmarked as \$75 for the calaboose and \$50 for the shed to house fire-fighting equipment, a hand-drawn cart, several hundred feet of hose and sundry tools.

First utility service in the incor-

porated city of Cross Plains was owned by the Townsite Company. Water was the only product offered for sale. S. F. Bond, only surviving member of the company, looked after the business, and oldtimers used to recall that he never cut off a consumer because of inability to pay. Those who could pay, but all got water, was the mode of business.

T. P. Bearden was given a 20-year franchise and installed the first telephone service in Cross Plains. A few years later S. F. Bond began to generate electricity and wired this "modern miracle" to the first Cross Plains homes. Bond supplied the growing city until 1923, when he sold out to West Texas Utilities Company.

Despite the fact that there is no statute to the contrary, no woman has ever served as a member of Cross Plains City Council. This, however, is not true in the case of school trustees. Two women, Mrs. W. R. Wagner Sr. and Mrs. S. P. Collins were members of the board at the time of the construction of the presently-used high school building. Their names, along with other members of the board of that day, appear on the building's cornerstone.

Three old minute books at the city office, only permanent record of the town's early day official proceedings, tell a graphic story of the growth and development of Cross Plains: from a town of scarcely 600 in 1912 to one of possibly 4,000 during the boom days of the twenties, and then settling down to a normal population of between 1,200 and 1,500 people.

Eighteen persons have served as postmaster of the Cross Plains office during its 82 years of existence. In the order of their tenures they have been: William Mattox, Elihu M. Wright, John B. Willis, George M. Franks, James M. Coffman, Robert D. Baum, Thomas C. Cochran, Joseph L. Howell, Willie C. Strickland, Nettie A. Newton, Tillman F. Wolfe, John M. Hembree, J. H. Shackelford, Robert H. Daveney, Chess W. Barr, Ike H. Kendrick, Willis J. Brown and F. R. Anderson.

Probably the first physician to ply his profession in Cross Plains was a Dr. Whitlock. He was followed years later by Dr. R. Robertson and Dr. Cochran.

No records are complete as to who the initial settlers in the Cross Plains area were, however, among the first were: John, Dave and

Servier McDonald, who settled north of Turkey Creek; Charlie McDermott moved here in 1877. The Babb family came about the same time. Little and Big Bill and Cave Gillan and the Youngs settled on the Bayou. Cliff Westerman and his father, and the Bloodworths near Cross Cut. The three DeBusk brothers and the Barnets lived south of Cross Plains. Below the McDermott ranch resided Dave Clark and the John Ware and Negro Andy. The Champions came in and settled at the mouth of Little Pecan. Oscar and Greer Gray settled on the old Gray ranch. They came in about 1879, along with the Brightwells and the Gillilands.

Starting from scratch, other men and women came to this section of the West to wring their future from the new and virgin land. It presented stark, untouched beauty, an unconquered wilderness and virtually pathless prairies. They brought to it fearlessness and dreams of daring home builders.

Dr. and Mrs. C. D. Moreland of Clear Water, Fla. and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Porter of Shreveport, La., are visiting here for a few days with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Baldwin and other relatives.



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UPON ITS 50th YEAR OF PUBLICATION

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CROSS PLAINS, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS, THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 1959

NUMBER ONE

50 Years Old, The Review Looks To Next 50 Years

By JACK SCOTT

Cross Plains' first journalistic venture was in the form of a small, four page, handset newspaper called "The Herald". It began publication in 1902 with J. D. Gaines as editor and publisher. At that time the town of Cross Plains was located near the banks of Turkey Creek, along the southwestern edge of the present township. There were few business houses to advertise and the country was sparsely settled, limiting circulation. The publication, therefore, lived for only a short while.

It was not until April 1, 1909, that the first issue of the Cross Plains Review, which was later to become the city's oldest business establishment, came off the press. First editor and publisher of the Review was Belmont L. Shields, a tall, colorful man who always wore a large white hat, and was known as one of the first country editors in the West.

Drew I. Hill, now past 80, who lives in the northwest part of town, recalls helping Shields unload and set up his equipment in a residence in the old town, somewhere near the present home of J. W. "Pappy" Cox.

Shields was a crusader, a lover of the sensational, an iconoclast, and under his editorship the Review took deep roots in the community. It was well read and widely quoted. Five years, though, were enough for a man of Shields' restless nature to remain at one place. He disposed of the newspaper and entered the national magazine field, going from here to New Orleans. Shields launched the "Wampus Cat", a risqué publication, very similar to the "Whiz Bang" which was popular at that time. Trouble with postal authorities ended that venture and Shields moved to Leesville, La., where he died during the 1930s.

Second in line of the Reviews' editorial dynasty was L. M. (Lem) Henslee, a well-educated man of enviable character. Henslee operated an insurance business in connection with the newspaper, and even with the two enterprises found-



BASKETBALL BEAUTIES . . . Pictured above, 1923 girls basketball team which was hailed as champions of Callahan County that year.

From left to right, team members were: Lou Allen Hill, now Mrs. G. E. Browning of San Angelo; Syble Barr, now Mrs. Fonia

time to spend many week ends riding horseback throughout the country, collecting subscriptions and hustling new readers. Henslee left here in 1922, going to Anson, where for many years he operated the Western Observer. He died last year.

Tom Bryant, the next man to occupy the editorial tripod in the Review office, says that he's never been in a printing plant except to pay a bill or place an order. He'd come to Cross Plains only a short while before, and bought the newspaper to promote the town and boost the development which he felt sure was soon to follow. Although Bryant ran the business, three other civic men were his equal part-

Worthy of this city; Clara Mitchell, now Mrs. Conrad Rogers of Silver City, N. M.; Margarette Stewart, now Mrs. Lester Carr of Longview; Yunette Sipes, now Mrs. J. C. Bowden of Burkett, and Blue Belle Stewart, now Mrs. W. B. Brashear of Artesia, N. M.

ners in its ownership. They were: Tom Anderson, M. E. Wakefield and S. F. Bond. The business was incorporated and Bryant acquired most of his partners stock, channeling the remainder to editors whom he secured to run the business. Among them were: R. A. Autrey, present publisher of the Coleman County Chronicle and Democrat Voice; S. M. Buatt, a widely traveled printer who had worked in most every state in the nation; E. Glenn Adams, a local man who figuratively grew-up in the Review plant.

In July 1930 Bryant negotiated a deal whereby Glenn Adams' stock in the business was acquired by Jack Scott. The business was con-

a girl with a native aptitude for newspapering; their son, Danny, a high school senior, Jack continues to publish The Review with the aid of Jack Webb Baum, who is serving his apprenticeship as a proficient "printer's devil and some night-time help from L. G. Morris, a linotype operator from the Brownwood Bulletin, who learned the trade in The Review office.

Many printers have plied their trade at the Review plant during the paper's 50 year history, however, the longest tenure probably belonged to Afton (Chase) Adams, who lost his life at Anzio during World War II. He served as linotype operator 15 years and prior to that "deviled" four years while a high school student.

Many outstanding community correspondents have contributed to the Review success during the past 50 years. From the standpoint of years of service and regularity of effort, though, the dean of the group is probably Miss Hazel I. Respass, popular Cottonwood postal employe, who is still chronicling the tidings from that community.

Various persons may own the Review's physical properties from time to time, and its writers and printers may come and go, yet the paper itself will always belong to the people, the same as does City Hall, Main Street and the town's reputation of hospitality and friendliness.

One of the best authorities on early day history of this section was the late S. E. Settle, brother of J. L. Settle of Cross Plains.

Before being officially designated as a post office, this community was called Schleicher, same name as the county of which Eldorado is the county seat.

The late Andy Hudson of Cross Plains attended what is believed to have been the first actual rodeo ever held. It was in Pecos, then called Pecos City, on the occasion of the opening of the first courthouse.

Cross Plains Fire Department Organized In March, 1912

The Cross Plains Fire Department was organized Tuesday evening, March 12, 1912.

The following officers and members were named:

Gray Powell, Chief; Eldon Boyd-stun, First Assistant; Sam Carson, Second Assistant; John Carter, Secretary, and Ches Baum, Pierce Shackelford, Broad Bond, Alfred Williams, J. M. Greenhill, Fred Robertson, the mayor and the aldermen, making a total of 16 members and three more are wanted.

Five hundred feet of hose and a hose cart were ordered and after delivery Cross Plains had the best-equipped fire department to work with of any town in Texas its size, according to an announcement made at the time by Mayor Wagner.

Divorce Case Was First To Be Tried In District Court Of Callahan County

Husbands and wives have always had their differences.

Proof of this point is attested by the fact that first case ever tried in district court of this county was one for divorce. Infidelity of the wife was the charge. The case, docketed number one, was heard by Judge T. L. Hutchinson in the autumn of 1880.

Somewhat unusual as compared to present day procedure, however, is the fact that final judgment in that initial divorce plea was left to a jury. Today most such cases are heard by a judge only.

The divorce was granted.

A complete legal history of 42nd district court of Callahan County is to be found in archives maintained by Mrs. Corrie Driskill, District Clerk, on the third floor of the courthouse in Balrd.

Pioneer was named in honor of trail-blazing pioneers who first settled the West.

CONGRATULATIONS . . . TO THE REVIEW

Upon The 50th Year of Publication of Our Home Town Paper

We are proud of the progress our City has made during this period and appreciate the promotion given by The Cross Plains Review to all movements aimed at the improvement of our community.

To Jack McCarty, Publisher, and his predecessors, we say "Well Done" and wish for him many years of successful editing of the "Home Town Paper".

CITY OF CROSS PLAINS

ESTABLISHED IN 1877

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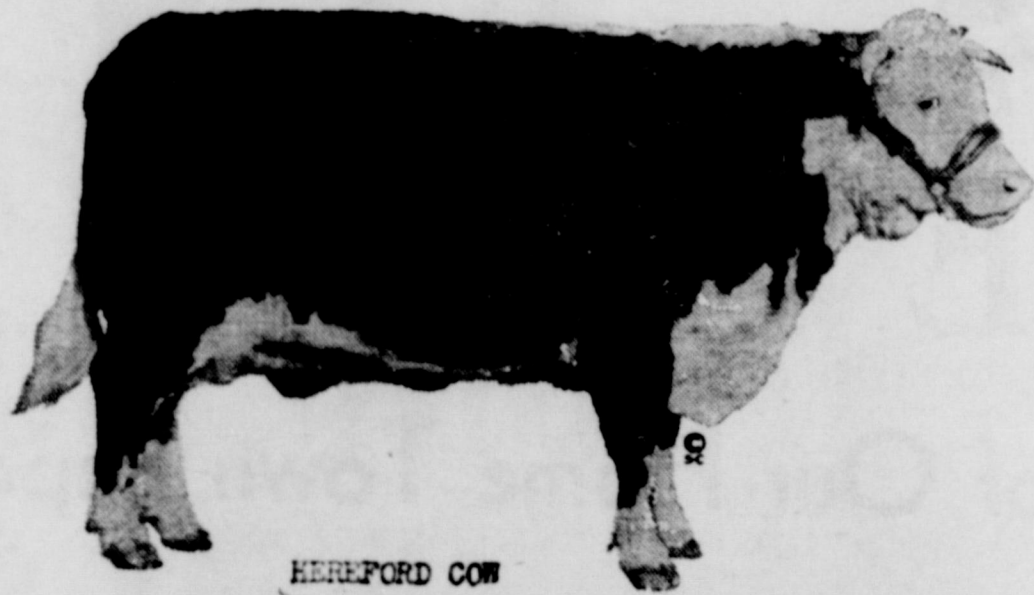
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Fertilizers & Seeds

THE DIVERSIFIED SOILS OF THIS COUNTY REQUIRE THOUGHT AND PLANNING IN THE SELECTION OF SEEDS AND FERTILIZERS. WE INVITE YOU TO COME IN AND TALK OVER YOUR NEEDS. OUR STOCK IS COMPOSED OF BRANDS AND STRAINS WHICH HAVE PROVED MOST SUCCESSFUL ON THE FARMS AND RANCHES OF CALLAHAN COUNTY.

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In Which Every Customer
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BAIRD, TEXAS

CLYDE, TEXAS



Teachers have had long records of enviable standing in the schools of this area, however, none has left a more lasting imprint upon the culture of the community than that of Walter R. Chambers who headed the Burkett school for more than three decades. The above picture was made in the superintendent's office at Cross Plains several years ago.

MEN HAVE SERVED AS SHERIFF OF CALLAHAN'S 82 YEARS HISTORY

Men have served as sheriff of Callahan County for 82 years. The first was appointed in 1804. The following are the names of the men who have served as sheriff of Callahan County:

T. A. (Al) Irvin who enjoyed the distinction of serving longer than all others became sheriff December 1, 1900 and filled five terms. It was during his tenure that the much talked of "Mexican hanging" affair took place on the courthouse lawn at Baird.

Following Irvin was F. F. (Felix) Raina, who served two terms, and then moved to Abilene where he became chief of the police department.

John Moore was elected sheriff and took office November 11, 1914.

COTTONWOOD'S FAME WIDELY KNOWN BY CATTLE BARONS, TEXAS RANGERS

Cottonwood was once the principal trading place for people of the Cross Plains vicinity, having been platted as a city in 1884. Cross Plains was at the time little more than a sparsely settled road crossing with only a semblance of commerce.

Most accurate description of Cottonwood in the 80s is to be found in an old newspaper clipping taken from the "Cottonwood Prodigal" published in 1888. At that time the town had 14 business establishments, two commodious churches, secondary schools, an education of higher learning, a sprinkling of fraternal organizations and chronic growing pains.

The following account of the prosperous little city is taken from the old newspaper, now yellowed and brittle with age:

Cottonwood is situated in Callahan County, Texas, one of the finest agricultural belts in the state. Cotton in this section is almost of indigenous growth.

He was re-elected again in 1916 and served until December 5, 1918. He was the father of Mrs. W. D. Smith and Bernie Moore of this city.

G. H. Corn became sheriff December 5, 1918 and served one term, being defeated by C. E. Bray, who served until the last day of 1924. Corn, having defeated Bray for reelection, took office again January 1, 1925 and served two more years.

Everett (Ev) Hughes was sworn in as sheriff January 1, 1927 and completed two terms. He then became associated with a major oil company as a law enforcement officer, which position he held more than 20 years.

R. L. (Bob) Edwards took office January 1, 1930 and was elected three consecutive times. Clarence Nordyke, who had been Edwards' chief deputy, was elected in 1938 and served until December 1, 1942, when he resigned to accept commission as a Texas Ranger.

B. O. Brame was appointed to serve out Nordyke's unexpired term and filled the office until December 31, 1944.

W. A. Peterson was elected in 1944, took office January 1, 1945 and served until December 31, 1946.

S. S. Nichols followed Peterson, taking office January 1, 1947 and serving one term.

Joe Pierce, who had been a deputy under Nichols, was elected and took office January 1, 1949. Pierce served three terms, relinquishing the office December 31, 1954.

Homer Price, incumbent sheriff, was first elected for a two year term in 1954, and in 1956 was named to his second term, the present tenure being four years instead of two by virtue of a change in Texas statutes.

Oats and all fruits grow extraordinarily well in this section of the county. It is situated at such an altitude above sea level that sickness caused from malaria is almost unknown.

"Cottonwood is 21 miles from the county seat of Baird, which is one of the freight divisions of the T&P Railway, with excellent banking facilities and numerous mercantile establishments in all lines. It is 21 miles from Cisco in Eastland County, which has two railroads, and is 12 miles from Putnam, the nearest railroad and express office. It has daily mail back from Putnam.

"The soil is Black Jack and Post Oak sandy land, and the fertility of the soil is regarded as being equal

if not superior to any in the country. Water is of the purest quality and is readily found at a short distance from the surface in Cottonwood and its vicinity in unexhaustible quantity, none of the wells having yet failed of bountiful supply. Water can be found anywhere from 12 to 25 feet deep.

"Cottonwood has been known since the first settlement of Texas, to all the old Rangers, cattlemen and Indians, on account of its famous springs, the Van Dorn and Chisholm trails both being close to the town. Cottonwood was platted as a town in 1884, since which time the country surrounding it has settled up until there is not much land that is not fenced, but land can be bought at prices ranging from \$5 to \$15 per acre.

"There are in Cottonwood two commodious churches, belonging to the Methodist and Baptist denominations. The Church of Christ and Presbyterian denominations have

many members here also, however, as yet they have built no permanent structures.

"There are two public free schools with efficient teachers, and one polytechnic school presided over by Prof. Yonley, Ph.D.

"There are two cotton gins, one hardware concern, one confectionary, one millinery establishment, one barber shop, two blacksmith and wagon repair shops, four physicians and one newspaper.

"There is no religious or political intolerance among our people.

"To those who are renting lands in other parts of Texas, Cottonwood offers unparalleled inducements to them whereby with economy they can secure homes of their own in a shorter time than is possible elsewhere."

First man to establish permanent residence at Cottonwood is believed to have been J. W. Love, who moved here in 1875.

First Religious Service At Cross Cut Was Held In May 73 Years Ago

"Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together."

First religious service ever held for the public at Cross Cut was in May 1886. A Rev. Mr. Forbes, early day Baptist minister, was invited to preach and was promised a new tabernacle and a large congregation. He accepted.

People of all faiths "pitched in" and the community's first brush arbor was erected. At the appointed date, families came from miles around. "Uncle" Dick Pentecost, who died a number of years ago, used to say: "the size of that congregation would have pleased Billy Sunday."

It is not known whether or not there are persons yet living who attended that first service at Cross Cut 73 years ago.

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CROSS CUT, A TOWN WHICH GOT IT'S NAME BY MISTAKE, HAS AN INTERESTING HISTORY

When Jim M. Bloodworth pulled up his ox team 81 years ago at the fertile mesa which was to become Cross Cut, a lonely coyote is said to have howled a questionable welcome. The country was young and undeveloped. Only a few years had elapsed since savage Indians had infested the prairies, and even then came frequent rumors of marauding bands.

Settlements were sparse, yet there was a sprinkling of ranchers in the Cross Cut area. Realizing the possibilities of a frontier trading post, Bloodworth established Cross Cut's first mercantile business. The store was located in the valley about a half mile east of the present Cross Cut townsite. It handled most everything from fancy colored calico to grindstones, including groceries and common medicines.

A mass meeting of settlers was held at the Bloodworth store to petition for a post office in the community. When time came to submit a designation for the post office it abruptly dawned upon the gathering that the settlement was nameless. After a rather lengthy discussion and conflicting opinions as to what the place should be called, a man named Stanfield rose to suggest that since there was so little to the town that it might just as well be called Cross Out. Everyone laughed but the suggestion caught and when the official application went to Washington it requested the community be named Cross Out.

Typewriters were not in use and somewhere along the line a government clerk misread the "O" in "Out" for a "C". Hence, when the designation was finally approved it came down Cross Cut, instead of Cross Out. Names were of little significance in those days and people of the little frontier community were so delighted with securing a post office that no one troubled to complain that Washington had changed the name.

The Westermans bought out the Bloodworth store and ran it until 1886, when it was sold to Dick Pentecost who moved its location to the present townsite.

Pentecost employed a Brownwood surveyor named Durham and laid out a complete township, where the village of Cross Cut is now located. A map on file in the Clerk's office in Brownwood shows the village to have streets named: Main, Live Oak, Pecan, Mesquite, Clark and others.

Earliest families in the Cross Cut locality were: the Bloodworths, Westermans, Praters, Arvins, Newtons, Manns, Edgingtons, Coffmans, Elderberrys, Gainesses and others.

Indians gave little or no trouble to early citizens of the area, however, settlers lived in constant fear. Bright moonlight nights were said to have been most opportune times for marauding savages, and on these occasions every precaution was taken;

lights burned low, Winchesters loaded and horses hobbled in ravines. About the only real damage done after 1880 was thievery, horses being the principal quest of the Redmen. Nearest they ever came after the town was established was to Indian Creek in South Brown County. Horses were driven off but no one molested.

Only two murders stand to mar the history of this tranquil little township. The first was more than 75 years ago. An elderly man named Davis was the victim. He died of knife wounds. The other murder occurred in recent years.

One of the most eventful days in Cross Cut's history was July 4, 1923, when an oil test on the W. A. Prater farm, drilled by Brooks Doier, Bill Gillett, Magness and others, came in flowing high over the derrick and sprinkling fertile acres. Oil was worth about \$3 per barrel and production was unheard of. New locations were staked by the scores and in less than three weeks the sleepy little community was teeming with activity. New businesses sprang up on Cross Cut's Main Street almost overnight. Business boomed and leases and royalties sold in four figures.

New tests extended and defined the Cross Cut field, making it one of the best in the oil belt. Today, 36 years later, oil is still being taken from the Cross Cut field and the sandstone which yields the precious liquid is known by oil men around the world as the Cross Cut Sand.

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Neither do Texas farmers hang back in vegetables for the fresh market. In 1958, Texas led the nation in production of beets, winter cabbage, winter carrots, early fall carrots, winter cauliflower, spring honey dew melons, early spring onions, summer onions, spinach and watermelons.

If that isn't enough, we also rank first in producing in cattle, rice, sorghum forage, hay and wool.

So the next time some dandy Yankee tries to needle us Texans about "being cut down to size" here are a few figures to confound him with: Just tell him Texas with 4,350,000



CROSS PLAINS BOOSTER . . . Tom Bryant, local oil operator, who has been one of Cross Plains' biggest boosters since arriving in this city in 1920.

Along with being a leader in the development of oil in this area, he has played an important role in the growth and development of this city.

He was instrumental in the discovery of the Pioneer and Cross Plains oil pools and was extremely active in the production of crude at Burkett and Pioneer. A pool discovered by Mr. Bryant on the Harris lease between Cross Plains and Burkett was for a number of years declared the greatest shallow oil pool in the world.

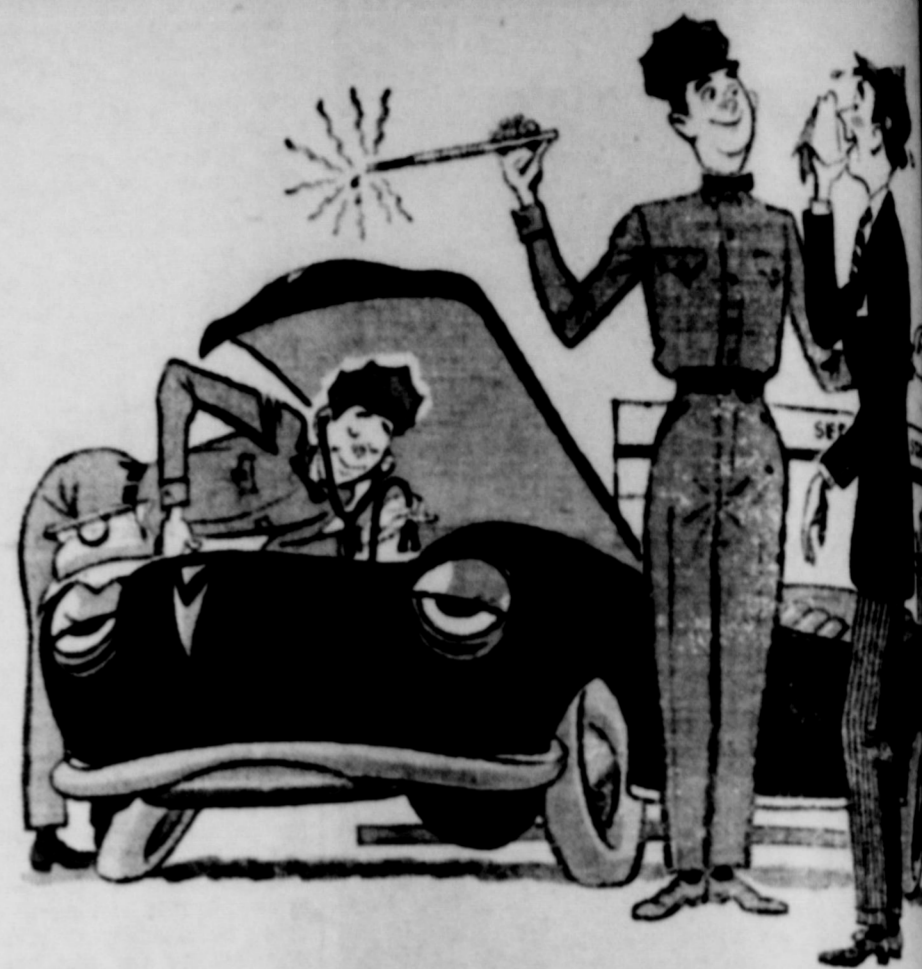
In recent years he played a leading role in the discovery of oil in the area west of town, and at the present time he is leading in exploration for additional oil reserves just northeast of the city limits.

bales of cotton produced last year is ahead of its nearest competitor (California) by 2,750,000 bales. Point out that our 1958 crop of 273,066,000 bushels of sorghum grain more than doubles Kansas' 128,964,000 bushels, and Kansas was by far the second producer. Tell him Texas is also ahead with 11,938,000 cwt. of rice, 1,499,000 tons of sorghum forage and 15 million tons of other hays.

You might also mention that

Alaskan reindeer and other strange forms of livestock just can't compete when one out of every eight head of cattle makes its home on a Texas range. Just for good measure, we've also got more sheep, lambs, horses and mules than any of the other 46 states.

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ADVERTISING MADE MINERAL WELLS CITY PUTNAM SHOULD HAVE BEEN

The little city of Putnam was established in the late 1870s and was first called "Catclaw," later "Bremen," and when a post office was applied for, the name changed to Putnam, in honor of a pioneer preacher, John Putnam.

Official incorporation of the town was completed in 1922 and F. P. Shackelford, an early day merchant, was elected mayor. He served two terms and was succeeded by Yancy A. Orr, a pioneer druggist in this section.

First general mercantile business established in Putnam was by E. H. Tabor and sons, Frank and Therran Tabor. That was in 1881.

In 1905 the Farmers State Bank was opened at Putnam with W. C. Lasley as cashier and Leslie Biggers as assistant cashier.

About 1910 a townsite company was organized by the late B. L. Russell of Baird, J. H. Surles of Putnam and a number of others, to promote the sale of mineral water and build a health resort. The Mis-

sion Hotel at Putnam was the result of that venture. It was one of the finest in West Texas at that time, and many well-informed old timers opine that had Putnam advertised as did Mineral Wells, the Mission Hotel would have been better known than Mineral Wells. Crazy and that the Callahan County water would have pre-empted the field which was later so successfully cultivated by Crazy Water.

Oil was first discovered at Putnam in 1920, and the town had one of the most spectacular "shallow plays" in the Southwest. Such petroleum tycoons as Glenn McCarthy and Sid Richardson are said to have made the Putnam boom.

Although Putnam is today Callahan County's smallest incorporated city it has modern water, electric, natural gas and sewer facilities. Putnam's financial condition is very fluid, the envy of cities ten times its size. Much credit is given Fred Cook for his efficient tenure as mayor and the cooperative council with which he served.

EAGLES ONCE SCOURGE OF FRONTIER; BABY TAKEN AS MOTHER LOOKS ON

Eagles have long since disappeared from West Central Texas but old timers used to recall that in the early 1870s the big birds were very troublesome, preying on young livestock.

Most disturbing was an oft-told story of a baby being stolen from the yard surrounding a frontier cabin. According to lore, the mother who had left the child to "sun" while she attended chores nearby, saw the eagle swoop down, grab the babe in huge talons and soar away. Unable to reach the scene in time to fight for her young, the mother ran in pursuit of the bird's flight until she fell exhausted.

Recounters tell of a mounted search by armed frontiersmen which continued for days, but nothing more was ever learned of the kidnaped child. As a consequence though, the eagle became "public enemy number one." Their nesting places were raided and accurate marksmanship virtually annihilated the big birds.

One of the last habitats of eagles in West Central Texas was along the Callahan Divide, a range of Cretaceous hills, between Cross Plains and Abilene. It was from this source that the community of Eagle Cove derived its name.

Eagles thereafter became merely a myth. Older children sometimes commanded obedience from their juniors by threatening to "call the eagles," much as in other areas the "Booger Man" scare was used to keep the small fry subservient.

Not until several years ago was a report of eagle plunderings again heard in this area. Bernice Nichols, who lives on a stock farm between Cross Plains and Coleman, witnessed the occurrence, reminiscent of a page from the past.

Predatory animals had been bothering his sheep, and believing them to be coyotes or wolves, he vowed revenge. Taking a stand in a brushy clump which provided a broad view of his land, Nichols waited day after day, through what seemed like an endless vigil.

Late one afternoon he was about ready to abandon his station when he heard a loud, unnatural noise coming through the brush behind him.

"I remained well hidden but assumed a firing position," he says. Almost like a flash of light, a doe passed in 10 feet of me. Close behind her was a young fawn. The doe was not breaking into open country but running along a slope where trees provided cover from above. So intent was I on the flight of the doe and fawn, and expecting them to be followed by a wolf pack, that I never thought to scan the sky above until I saw the deer enter a clearing about 100 yards away. Almost immediately as they did so, a lone eagle appeared into view and cived for the fawn's back. I fired several times at the big bird and succeeded in frightening it away, but not before the fawn was so severely wounded that it could barely accompany its mother in flight."

Hollywood Never Filmed Stampede Scene Like One Here In The 80's

Hollywood probably never filmed a stampede to equal one seen in Cross Plains in the late 1880s.

The late Mont Jones, who came here in 1873, told the story thusly:

Between 800 and 1,000 horses were being herded from Nacogdoches, through here, to be sold further west. The animals were being herded in the same manner as were cattle on the old Chisholm trail. A small boy saw the unusual sight approaching and hid in a small tree. As the lead horses were even with him, he jumped down and gave them a start. Panic swept through the herd and an uncontrollable stampede followed.

This was clear, wooded country at the time with no underbrush. Old timers recall that the trail left by the stampeding horses was visible years afterward. Wranglers put in several days of hard riding to reassemble the herd. A few of the horses were never found.

This section of Texas was once a favored hunting ground of Comanche Indians.

Callahan County was named for James H. Callahan, one of the survivors of Fannin's massacre at Goliad.



The little community of Pioneer has produced many outstanding citizens through the years. Pictured above are four who chanced to be together in a reunion of former Pioneer school students held in 1954.

From left to right they are: the late Dallas Scarborough, one of the greatest crim-

inal lawyers Texas ever produced; W. T. McClure, Cross Plains rancher and formerly one of the nation's largest distributors of industrial machinery; DeWitt Underwood of Lubbock, farmer, oilman and civic leader, Ace Hickman, of Baird, prominent rancher and banker.

All members of Cross Plains first city council, chosen in 1912, are now deceased.

J. R. Brown was the first man to ever serve as Justice of the Peace at Burkett.

First oil discovery in the Burkett area was on the G. M. Gray place in 1918.

First newspaper ever published in Cross Plains was called The Herald. It began publication in 1902 with J. D. Gaines as editor and publisher but survived only a short while.

Pioneer was once the largest city in this immediate area. It boasted a population of 10,000—possibly exaggerated—and a daily newspaper called the Oil City News.

Cross Plains' first jail, built in 1912, cost taxpayers \$75.

Federal census of 1860 gave Eastland County a population of 99.

The first church built at Burkett was by the Presbyterian congregation in 1900. Dr. B. T. McClennan, founder of Daniel Baker College, was one of the early pastors.



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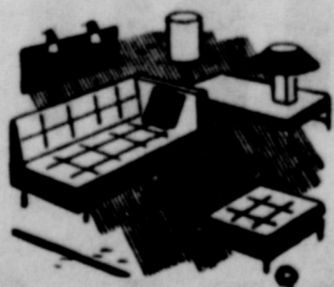
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Hangings Of Young Mexican Is County's Most Famous Case

long history of courts was the one carried out on January 4, 1907, of an 18-year-old hanging on the gallows at Baird.

Accused of the slaying of Emma Blakley, on the south side of the river, the murder occurred in 1906, and the hanging was on January 4, 1907.

Witnessed by dignitaries and public sentiment, the hanging was a lynching. T. A. Cross Plains Sheriff, and the Mexican jail for safekeeping by a change of hands by two Clyde brothers that a fair had locally. The denied and Var-

gas went on trial November 20, 1906, one month and one day after the crime.

Attorney for the defense was the late Dallas Scarborough, who was later to become one of the outstanding criminal lawyers of the Southwest. Members of the jury were: G. W. Russell, a farmer whose home was 30 miles south of Baird; W. A. Ramsey, a farmer residing in the northeast part of the county; John Sembritzki, farmer near Clyde; G. T. Howell, Eula farmer; M. O. Metcalf, Dressy farmer; J. M. McCanlis, farmer who lived in the northeast part of the county; M. A. Reynolds, Eagle Cove farmer; Louie Neeb, Dressy farmer; S. C. Eldridge, Cross Plains farmer; Pete Fulcher, Opalin stockman, and T. F. Wolfe, Cross Plains merchant.

Summoned as witnesses were 44 citizens of Callahan and adjacent counties. Old documents in the case numbered 1401 in the District



Cross Plains has possessed many civic and social clubs through the years, many of which have left their imprint upon the community's progress and advancement. None, however, has lasted for a greater length of time than the Sew and So group, organized in the thirties. The club is still in existence and meets regularly one time each month. Pictured above is a shot made several years ago.

THE PIONEERS

ful homes in an older state when streams and arid plains, to hew their fate sturdy, courageous strains, es, still in their teens; men, tanned by the sun, oners with duckin' screens in plain home-spun.

old and valiant band and the challenging job till a virgin land er the Indian mob.

of axes and buzz of saws, thin and homes arise, sult for the Master's cause run under Western skies.

ur heritage came about, ance or idle dreams, h pioneers, brave and stout, the land and harnessed streams.

y who made America great y famine, flood and foe, freedom, this our fate, us keep it so.

—Jack Scott

ublished in the Cross Plains Review in dedication to women who followed the setting sun westward surge to establish new homes and empire.

An affidavit made by Sheriff Irvin, the only one of its kind maintained in the archives of the county, describes the actual hanging as follows:

"Alberto Vargas was executed by me after 11 a.m. and before sunset on Friday, January 4, 1907, in Callahan County, at a place as private as I could conveniently find to wit: within the walls of a 20 foot inclosure of boxing plank, immediately north and adjoining the walls of the courthouse of said county, by hanging Alberto Vargas, the person named in warrant by the neck until dead. There were present at said execution the following named five freeholders of the said Callahan County to wit: J. M. Bryant, C. E. Barr, Z. T. Webb, L. D. Montgomery and T. J. Harris. I did not execute said warrant within the walls of said Callahan County jail for it is not so constructed that a gallows could have been erected therein. After the execution I caused the body of Alberto Vargas to be decently buried." Signed T. A. Irvin, Sheriff, Callahan County.

Site of the gallows, north of the old courthouse, was approximately what is now the front steps to the courthouse building at Baird. Sheriff Irvin's affidavit that five people witnessed the execution was in compliance with statutes, however, lore hat it that scores of others peeped through cracks in the boxing plank and an estimated 5,000 people were in Baird at the time.

Laws now require executions to be handled at Huntsville.

GREAT EARLY-DAY METHODIST COLLEGE WAS ONCE SITUATED AT BELLE PLAINE

Standing like monuments at the ruins of honored dead are ruins of two old buildings which were once a part of Belle Plaine College, an institution of higher learning founded by the Methodist Church. Remains of the structures are to be seen on the Billie Seale ranch, seven miles southeast of Baird.

Belle Plaine College was launched in the summer of 1881 as a district school with F. W. Chatfield as superintendent. Other members of the first faculty included a Mrs. Chatfield, Miss Lena Floyd and Miss Mary Bourland.

B. C. Chrisman, present Veterans Service Officer for Callahan County and who is regarded as the dean of Callahan County educators by virtue of having been associated with the schools of this county for more than 50 years, writes as follows of the early day educational venture:

"In the spring of 1882 Belle Plaine College was duly chartered and at the close of the first year of operation as a college the enrollment was 85 students. At the close of the second year, in 1883, the enrollment had increased to 122.

"The college and public school were run as a single unit during the first year of operation. After the college received its charter, J. T. L. Annis was appointed president, and under his dynamic leadership, assisted by liberal citizens the institution prospered. Members of the Methodist Church, people of the Belle Plaine area, and frontiersmen from over the entire county contributed to the establishment and success of the institution.

"Students came from many sections of West Texas. Communities represented in the early enrollments included: Abilene, Albany, Cisco, Coleman, Burkett, Cottonwood, Cross Plains and many other places in the Western frontier.

"Increasing enrollment necessitated construction of a girls dormitory and a structure known as the 'Girls Building' was soon erected and opened under supervision of

music in the Southwest, having a number of pianos and very talented personnel for instructors. The college also had a band and an orchestra. Samples of programs indicate light, as well as classical, was the music of the frontier school.

"In addition to music, other subjects stressed were: Spelling, Penmanship, Mental and Moral Philosophy, English, Latin, Greek, French, Algebra, Trigonometry, Astronomy, Bookkeeping, History and branches of Science.

"A news item from the Callahan County Clarion announcing the fifth annual session of Belle Plaine College read as follows: 'The fifth annual session commences the second Monday in September 1885. Thorough courses; Teachers Experienced; Discipline mild; but firm, Moral influences good; Health unsurpassed. Give higher education to your children where competency and moral worth are regarded as

most important to future life, obligations and responsibilities. This school is under auspices of the M. E. Church, South. Prof. C. M. Virdell, A. M., Manager (Late of Emory College). For further particulars write R. B. Hearn, secretary, or Rev. J. T. L. Annis, president, Belle Plaine College, Belle Plaine, Texas."

An effort was made by the Review to learn names of as many surviving ex-students of the old college as possible, however, due to the fact that so many years have passed an accurate list could not be immediately compiled. Among the known survivors, though, are the following: Spike Blakley, Baird; Fred Austin, Abilene, and Mrs. George B. Scott and Mrs. Beulah Lucas, both of Cross Plains.

Turkey Creek, which runs along the western edge of Cross Plains, is shown on most official maps as Greenbrier Creek.

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Our records are complete from the earliest land patents. We, nevertheless, are abreast of today's title chains as the recording documents maintained in the official archives.

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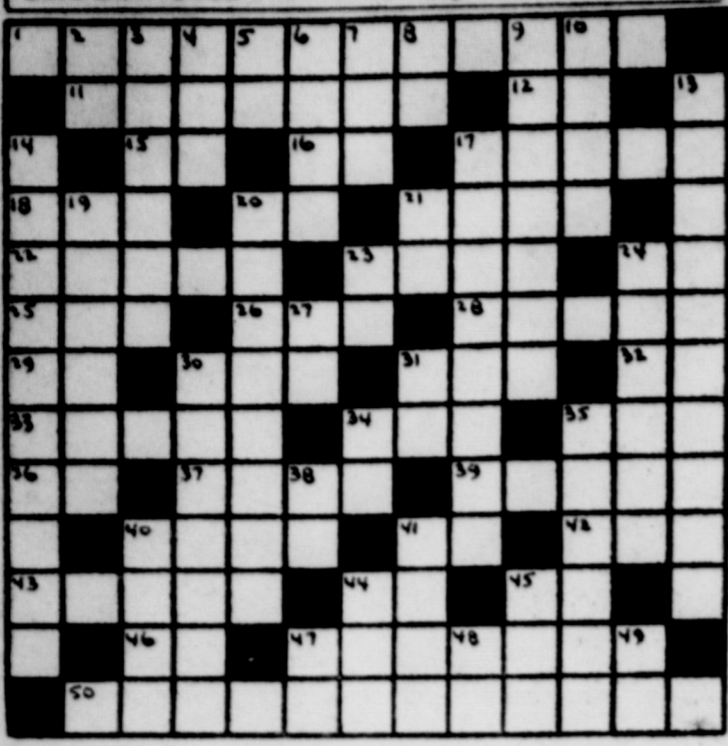
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- ACROSS**
- 1 - Mountainous shrub
 - 11 - Conduct
 - 12 - Printer's measure
 - 15 - Half of No. 12
 - 16 - Parent
 - 17 - Mentions
 - 18 - Operated
 - 20 - Preposition
 - 21 - Make thread
 - 22 - Executes an order
 - 23 - On your ...
 - 24 - Scottish one
 - 25 - Disfigure
 - 26 - Fodder
 - 28 - Sovereignty
 - 29 - Expires
 - 30 - The ... Sea
 - 31 - Young fellow
 - 32 - Radium (chem.)
 - 33 - In no degree
 - 34 - Fat away
- DOWN**
- 2 - Exclamation
 - 3 - Can ...
 - 4 - Last
 - 5 - Tiller
 - 6 - Soggy
 - 7 - Green letter
 - 8 - Noun (chem.)
 - 9 - Edited
 - 10 - Portent
 - 13 - The "gate" at a public event
 - 14 - Distraction
 - 17 - A manager
 - 19 - Humiliated (abb.)
 - 20 - Conducting
 - 21 - Thus
 - 23 - Boy's nickname
 - 24 - Coacure
 - 27 - Public notice
 - 30 - Governors
 - 31 - Behold!
 - 34 - Regarding
 - 35 - Cause that! (two words)
 - 38 - Exist
 - 40 - Platform
 - 41 - Persuade
 - 44 - Public vehicle
 - 45 - Hawaiian tree
 - 47 - Correspondence afterthought
 - 48 - Latin name - (two words)
 - 50 - Composed direct

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SETTLEMENT OF ATWELL STARTED WITH ARRIVAL OF FAMILIES IN MIDDLE 70's

Probably the most complete history compiled of the Atwell area was given in a manuscript prepared by B. C. Chrisman, long-time Callahan County school superintendent, and read at a reunion held in that community in 1956.

Excerpts from that manuscript follow.

Probably the first settler to establish his home in what is now the Atwell community was Tobie Bell, grandfather of Berry Bell, who came there in the middle 1870's.

Uncle Johnnie Surles moved to the Atwell community in 1880. His children, John, Major, Moreland, Julia and Katie attended school at Zion Hill prior to the construction of a school building at Atwell. They walked the distance of approximately four miles, daily.

The construction of the Texas and Pacific Railroad in 1880, gave a great impetus to immigration to Callahan County.

Soon W. C. Black, father of Gus Black established his home in the community. At about the same time, in 1885 and 1886, the following families had made locations in the community for permanent homes: J. T. Purvis, the Rouses, J. P. Hutchins, Mrs. Pillans, Frank Abbott and Uncle Buck Houston. These were followed shortly by J. R. Jones, R. P. Mitchell, Gid Howell, the Gattis family and the Sessionses. Uncle Jimmie Tatom moved from Cottonwood to the Atwell community in December 1892. By the beginning of the new century, the Maddux brothers, Ed and Jess, had arrived, coming in 1904. The fertile soil and the bumper cotton crop of 1900 was a further inducement to settlers and soon the Callahans, Cavas, Fentons, Uncle Joe Gossett, Chris Minor, the Stephenses, Busbies, Wilsons, Uncle Jack Robinson, and the Brashears arrived.

The Clark brothers, John and Jim, arrived from Collin County in 1897 or 1898. They were accompanied by Jim Edgeworth. The same county yielded the Bradley and Milt Jones families.

After the arrival of the first settlers in 1885, the need of a public school became apparent. First school was established and the building constructed by private subscription. The school was known as the Flag Springs school and was constructed in 1885 or 1886.

Probably the first teacher at Flag Springs was Mrs. Darden, a sister of Will Abbott. Following her, not necessarily in order, were J. R. Kelly, Jesse Norton, Mrs. Gussie Surles, Tom Dawkins, Milton Houston, Major Surles, Miss Emmerson, Harry Varner, Mr. Boyd, Mr. Bond and Otis Allen. The last school taught in the Flag Springs building was conducted by B. C. Chrisman Sr. and Carroll Surles assistant. This was the school year 1905-1906.

At the close of the 1905-1906 school term, the citizens of the community raised sufficient funds for the construction of a new building at a new location.

Mr. Brantly, a carpenter from McKinney, assisted by his son, Claxton, was employed to supervise the construction of the new building. By the beginning of the 1906-1907 school term, the new building, of two rooms and two stories, was completed and ready for the school term.

Soon after the construction of the first Flag Springs school building, a Baptist church was organized and the spiritual needs of the community were served by J. R. Kelly (also a school teacher), I. D. Hull, Uncle Charrel Hightower and C. C. Andrews. All services were held in the Flag Springs school building.

In 1901 and 1902, a new church building was constructed at the present site and pastored by I. D. Hull, B. G. Richbourg, Revs. Williams, Ivy, Joe Mayes and O'Bryant in the early days.

The first store in the community was constructed by John and Jim Clark in the year 1898. After a few years the building was sold to Mack Jones and he established the first and only drug store of the community. After the sale of the building to Mack Jones, the Clark brothers constructed a new two-story building, a few feet to the west of their original building and entered the general mercantile business.

By 1899, the Flag Springs community had become sufficient in population to justify a post office, and a petition was presented to the post office department.

The petition met with favorable consideration by the department and on February 28, 1899, John Clark was appointed the first postmaster. Others to serve as postmasters in the early days, with the date of their appointment were as follows:

- Ambros G. Foster, April 28, 1905;
- Andrew M. Jones, Jan. 26, 1906
- Ambros G. Foster, Feb. 6, 1906; Ocie K. Morgan, April 20, 1911; Steve N. Foster, April 19, 1917.

According to the records of the post office department, the post office was discontinued on June 29, 1929.

Up to the time of the establishment of the post office, the community had gone by the name of

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April 17 - 18

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Jim Davis
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SUN. - MON. - TUES.
April 19 - 20 - 21

"RAINTREE COUNTY"

Montgomery Clift
Elizabeth Taylor
Eva Marie Saint

WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY
April 22 - 23

"COP HATER"

Robert Loggia
Gerald O'Loughlin

Flag Springs. In honor of the new District Attorney of the Federal District Court of Northern Texas, William H. Atwell, the new post office was named Atwell, and soon the name Flag Springs fell into disuse.

Soon after the Clark Brothers constructed the first store, others entered various lines of business. Mack Jones entered the drug business. Mack Howell and Mr. Doss constructed a new building and entered the grocery business.

The Clark Brothers sold their general mercantile business to W. W. Foster and sons, A. G. and J. C., who had arrived from Limestone County. The firm of W. W. Foster & Sons engaged in the general mercantile business until their store was destroyed by fire in 1908.

Jim Reed was the first blacksmith in the Atwell community.

Mr. McCarver erected a two-story building, using the lower story for a blacksmith shop and the upper story as a lodge room for the Woodman of the World.

Besides McCarver, other blacksmiths to serve the Atwell community were: Marion Vestal, Mr. Weber, Tod Vaught, Mr. Richardson and Clyde King.

After a number of years, the lower floor of the McCarver blacksmith shop was remodeled and converted into a store building and was operated by O. K. Morgan and Steve Foster for a number of years.

Following the destruction of the Foster General Merchandise Store by fire in 1908, a new two-story building was constructed across the road, where Maddux and Brashear engaged in Dry Goods and Grocery business, the upper story of the building being used as a lodge hall for the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs.

Following the big cotton crop of 1900, the Clark Brothers constructed a cotton gin to serve the com-

munity. This gin was capable of turning out 25 to 30 bales per day. The gin was in operation for a number of years, or until the boll weevil put the cotton farmer out of business.

Early doctors of the Atwell community were Dr. Johnson, Dr. Leach and Dr. Larry Griffin.

The first telephone installation was in the Mack Jones drug store. There was no local connection but provisions were available for long distance calls.

In 1907 or 1908, a local telephone company was organized and practically all residences of the community were provided with connections. The central office was located in the residence of Dr. Larry Griffin. Miss Leila McCary being the operator. It was also located in the home of Mrs. Purvis for a number of years and operated by members of the family.

Serving as barbers in the community at various times in the small barber shop were: Walter Stewart, Marcellus Tatom, Sam Killough and Hassie Mitchell.

First teachers to serve in the new school building after the abandonment of the Flag Springs building were B. C. Chrisman Sr. and Miss Ola Lavoye. They were followed by: B. C. Chrisman Sr. and B. Chrisman Jr.; B. C. Chrisman Sr. and Lavada Ezzell; Frank Bennett and Miss Ezzell; Mr. Evans and the same Miss Ezzell, Leo Britton and E. C. Chrisman Jr.; Walter Mitchell; B. C. Chrisman Jr. and Cora Purvis; Mr. and Mrs. Reed; Mr. Burks and Nila Appleton; F. E. Mitchell; Tom Petty; John Shradler; Dixie Tate and Mrs. Tate; Mr. and Mrs. Leo Varner. Other teachers at the Atwell school were: Annie Ellis, Alita Elliott, Miss Notgrass, Helyn Lyons, Miss Smith, Patience Austin, Miss Grace and Miss Walk-

Cross Plains Post Office Is Oldest In This County

Although two other post offices were established in Callahan County before the one here, the Cross Plains mail house is today the oldest still in operation.

No community enjoys the distinction of having the first post office in this county, for on February 26, 1877 two post offices were created in the newly-organized Callahan County. They were at Shaw's Ranch and Callahan. The single "l" in the word Callahan is in accordance with official documents maintained in Washington. The mis-spelling is believed to have occurred as a result of an error by the person making the original request.

The Cross Plains office was created July 25, 1877.

Other Callahan County post offices and their dates of creation and first postmasters were: Deep Creek, May 8, 1878, Miron H. Allen; East Caddo, May 8, 1878, Cicero H. Rust; Caddo Peak, May 13, 1878, William H. Crawford; Belle Plain—spelled without an e in the second word until officially changed in 1888—created June 18, 1878, William H. Parvin; Eagle Cove, March 17, 1879, David M. Thomas; Tomato, January 13, 1893, Charles C. French; Anna-cale, July 14, 1879, James P. Massie; Clyde, June 27, 1881, Jesse L. Miller; Rough Creek, February 20, 1886, William J. Taylor.

Hill, June 20, 1896, John U. Johnson; Cat Claw-Putnam, September

er. There were possibly others.

At the close of the year in which Mr. and Mrs. Leo Varner taught the high school was transferred by contract to Cross Plains and a one teacher school was maintained for a number of years. The district was finally consolidated with Cross Plains.

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5, 1881, Theron M. Tabor; Gould City, October 11, 1880, O. M. L. Parker; Baird, February 7, 1880, W. M. Toney; Oplin, May 2, 1903, William A. Smith; Rowden, June 22, 1906, Walter V. Roberts; Dressy, April 21, 1899, Samuel P. Long; Eula, February 28, 1889, W. B. Ferguson; Atwell, February 28, 1899, John W. Clark; Dudley, April 27, 1893, Nicholas M. Dudley; Land, May 6, 1907, Andrew P. Land; ...

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