



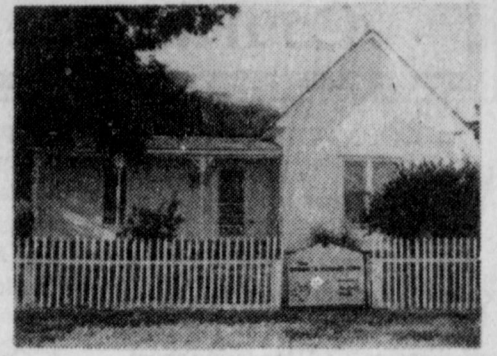
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EDITOR'S NOTE: Dear friends and former neighbors, J.B. and Lorene Harris, recently lost their son, Jesse Ray Harris, following a battle with cancer. A fellow worker sent this poem to the Harris' son, Billy Jack, and he didn't even know about Jesse's death. He felt that it was ironic that it came at that time. He shared the beautiful composition with his parents and they in turn would like to share with others who have lost loved ones. The Lord always provides, especially in the darkest days. **Vanda Anderson-Creech, Editor**

"When Tomorrow Starts Without Me"

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

When tomorrow starts without me
And I'm not there to see
If the sun should rise and find your eyes
And filled with tears for me

I wish so much you wouldn't cry for me
The way you did today
While thinking of the many things
We didn't get to say.

I know how much you love me
As much as I love you
And each time you think of me
I know you'll miss me too

But when tomorrow starts without me
Please try to understand
That an angel came and called my name
And took me by the hand

And said my place was ready
In heaven far above
And that I'd have to leave behind
All those I dearly love

But as I turned to walk away
A tear fell from my eye
For all my life, I'd always thought
I didn't want to die.

I had so much to live for
So much yet to do
It seemed almost impossible
That I was leaving you

I thought of all the yesterdays
The good ones and the bad
I thought of all the love we shared
And all the fun we had.

If I could relive yesterday
Just even for awhile
I'd say good-bye and kiss you
And maybe see you smile

But then I fully realized
This could never be
For emptiness and memories
Would take the place of me.

And when I thought of worldly things
I might miss tomorrow
I thought of you, and when I did
My heart was filled with sorrow

But when I walked through heaven's gate
I felt so much at home
When God looked down and smiled at me
From His great golden throne.

He said, "This is eternity,
And all I've promised you
Today for life on earth is past
But here it starts anew

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WELCOME TO CROSS PLAINS MURAL — Bob Pipes, President of Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce (from left), James Nichols, Garden Club representative, and Jim Dunn, artist for Sign and Design, are pictured with the newly completed creation. Dunn's talents are reflected in the beauty of the mural. The Cross Plains Garden Club sponsored the project with donations made by the Chamber of Commerce, Citizens State Bank, Cross Plains Grain and Peanut, Food Plaza, Higginbotham's, Jones Real Estate, Cross Plains Kiwanis, Cross Plains Masonic Lodge, Neal Drug and Susan Schaefer, C.P.A.

RECEPTION HONORING New Business Thursday

The Cross Plains Economic Development Corporation cordially invites you to a reception honoring Barr Fabrication on June 29, at 7:30 P.M. at the Cross Plains Community Center.

The Economic Development Corporation would like to introduce you to Bo and Sandra Barr, view their prototype, and meet with them about their new manufacturing business in Cross Plains.

Citizens State Bank July 4th Celebration Planned

On Monday, July 3, the Citizens State Bank will host their Annual Hot Dog Lunch. Free hot dogs will be served from 11:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to join in the fun!
Citizens State Bank appreciates their customers and is looking forward to the celebration of our country's independence.

Texas rural phone service to improve Valor Telecom to be Texas' third-largest local phone company

Local telephone services for more than a quarter-million Texas phone customers, most of whom live in rural or small communities, will be upgraded under an order signed on Thursday, June 15, 2000 by the Public Utility Commission (PUC).

Valor Telecommunications of Texas, L.P. agreed to buy 313,800 phone lines in 197 local exchanges scattered throughout west Texas, east Texas, and the Texarkana area, from GTE Southwest. The sale is expected to close on September 1, 2000. Among those exchanges purchased by Valor telecommunications include the Baird, Clyde and Cross Plains telephone exchanges.

"I am delighted with the leadership Valor has shown to address the needs of Texas phone customers," said Commissioner Brett Perleman. "It's a real shot-in-the-arm for rural phone service."

In addition to maintaining at least the current level of service for customers, Valor plans to introduce the following improvements to its system when the sale is closed:

- Upgrade central office facilities to provide Custom Local Area Signaling Services (CLASS) such as caller ID, call waiting, three-way calling, call forwarding, call return, call blocker and automatic redial.
- Provide CLASS to all exchanges within 18 months.
- Introduce High-Speed Internet access or Digital Subscriber line

(DSL) service to at least 10 exchanges within 18 months.

• Deploy DSL within 15 months to any exchange with at least 75 DSL requests from Valor subscribers requesting it.

• Guarantee Internet service to every local exchange within 18 months.

"Valor's commitment to quality rural service is in the public interest," said Commissioner Judy Walsh.

Valor has agreed to pay GTE \$942 million, slightly more than \$3,000 per access line.

"I'm very pleased Valor will be the third-largest local phone company in the state," noted PUC Chairman Pat Wood, III. Only Southwestern Bell and GTE surpass Valor's local customer base in Texas.

Valor has agreed to notify all customers of the opportunity to obtain DSL services and will also advise local community leaders. The company also will continue the current discount rate for providing broadband services to school libraries and hospitals.

All 320 GTE employees will keep their jobs at current salaries and receive comparable benefits. Valor also has committed to increase its work force by at least 10 percent within 18 months.

The PUC encourages competition and customer choice while ensuring electric and telephone operations, services and rates are fair and reasonable.

Callahan County Commissioners Approve Contract to Send Prisoners to Eastland County's New Jail Facility Effective June 15

Citing overcrowded conditions at the Callahan County Jail in Baird, County Commissioners here voted to send some county prisoners to Eastland County to be housed in the new county jail there.

Callahan County Commissioners voted 5-0 to approve a contract for jail confinement between the counties of Eastland and Callahan County. On a motion by Bryan Farmer and second by Tommy Holland, commissioners voted to approve the contract to house prisoners in Eastland County Jail.

Under the terms of the contract, Eastland County will charge Callahan County \$35 per day. Callahan County Judge Roger Corn said five or six county prisoners here will be transported to Eastland County.

Callahan County has a similar agreement with Taylor County, Judge Corn said. He said Callahan County currently has two or three prisoners in Abilene at the county jail. Judge Corn said Abilene also charges Callahan County \$35 per day per prisoner. The agreement calls for up to 10 Callahan County prisoners to be housed at the Eastland jail.

The housing contract agreement between the two counties is effective beginning June 16 and shall remain in effect until December 31, 2000. The contract shall be renewable for periods of one year. The contract may be cancelled by either party providing 10 day written notice.

Judge Corn said one advantage to sending prisoners to Eastland County over Taylor County is that Eastland County deputies will take Callahan County prisoners to the hospital or medical clinic for medical treatment free of charge. Judge Corn said if a Callahan County prisoner housed at Taylor County needs medical attention, a Callahan County deputy must drive to Abilene to transport the prisoner to the emergency medical clinic or Abilene hospital.

Judge Corn reports the Callahan County Jail can house 10 prisoners at one time. The county jail is over 100 years old and one of the oldest jails still certified for occupancy. The county judge reports the county jail is full due to the fact a lot of felony prisoners, slated to go to the state penitentiary, are

being held over at the county jail. As to the possibility of constructing a new county jail, Judge Corn said the county must discuss that possibility sometime in the future. "I don't know how far in the future though," Judge Corn said of a new county jail.

Coleman County has recently contracted with a private firm to construct a new prison in that county. Judge Corn said he's asked the Coleman County Judge to keep him informed of Coleman County's efforts to ease its overcrowded jail conditions.

Other agenda items appearing before the commissioners' court included:

—Commissioners approved and signed the minutes from the previous meeting.

—Commissioners were to meet with Texas Department of Transportation representative Dan Richardson to discuss a county bridge plan. Richardson was unable to attend the commissioners' court meet and the item has been rescheduled for a later date.

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Cross Plains Ranch Rodeo Winners Announced Goldsmith Ranch Earned 1st Place in the Overall Average

The Cross Plains Roping Club Ranch Rodeo went real well this year with many participants and a large crowd of spectators on hand to watch their favorite team.

The event winners this year were:
GM Cattle Company - Team Penning
Goldsmith Ranch - Team Mugging
Circle H Cattle Company - Team Doctoring
Circle H Cattle Company - Team Milking.

OVERALL WINNERS IN THE AVERAGE:

- 1st Place - Goldsmith Ranch
- 2nd Place - Low Water Cattle Company

SPONSOR PLAQUE WINNER: Pioneer Coop

RED WAGON RACE WINNERS: Terry French and Frankie Hyles

WILD STEER SADDLING WINNERS: Scott Mackey, Kenny Callaway and Coby Richards

Thanks to all our sponsors: Rose Butane, Strength Paint and Body, Citizens State Bank, Cutbirth, Bonner, McWilliams Ranch, Village Market, Pioneer Coop, Cross Plains Grain and Peanut, Lawrence Farm and Ranch, Higginbotham's, Cross Plains Vet Clinic, Johnson's Dry Goods and

Red Lantern. Johnson's Dry Goods presented the winning team members with certificates for a shirt.

A special thanks to the Barbarian Festival for running the concession stand the Emergency Medical Service for providing ambulance service.

The Roping Club will hold a meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 3, to discuss the profits and losses and begin planning for the Junior Rodeo on July 21 and 22.

In closing, I would like to personally apologize for the confusion and misunderstanding during the team penning event. I hope it causes no hard feelings.

Frankie Hyles
Club President

D&B Fina Opening for Business Saturday, July 1

D&B Fina, operated by Donnie and Barbara Worley, will open Saturday, July 1, offering full service gas, tire repair, oil changes and car wash.

This new business is located at the corner of Highway 36 and Highway 206, at the 4-way stop light in Cross

Plains. The hours will be 7:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Monday through Friday. Saturday hours will be 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Come by and get acquainted with the Worleys. D&B will be providing fast and friendly service. Check them out!

Church Youth Fund-raiser Saturday

Living Water Ministries Youth and Children's Church will hold a Car Wash, Bake Sale and Garage Sale on Saturday, July 1, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the church located 3 blocks west of 4-way stop on Highway 36.

Don't forget this triple fund-raiser! There is sure to be something for everyone.

ATTENTION!

Vehicle Registration Office will be closed Friday June 30, 2000 at 12:00 noon until July 5, 2000 At 8:00 AM for inventory and change of tax collector from Dan Barry to Tammy Walker. Please keep this in mind for your convenience.

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Courthouse News

COUNTY COURT Roger Corn, presiding Misdemeanor Filings

Marie Mendez, driving while license suspended (DWLS).
Marie Mendez, Ct. I hindering apprehension, Ct. II hindering apprehension.
Maunie D. Brumbaugh, possession of marijuana.
Judith Savage, theft of property by check.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Charles J. Mantooth, plea of guilty to DWLS, 12 month probation, \$200 fine, \$242.25 court costs, \$447.83 restitution.
M. J. Purdum, plea of guilty to criminal trespass, 6 month probation, \$400 fine, \$242.25 court costs.
David Allen Neff, order revoking probation granted.
Billy Plunk, plea of guilty to DWI, 2 year probation, \$400 fine, \$242.25 court costs.

Marriage Licenses

Alton Wayne Gober Jr. and Lisa Ann Botello, both of Clyde.

42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Providian National Bank vs. William A. Bates, damages.
Annette Joy Marmaduke and Jerry Wayne Marmaduke, divorce.

Civil Minutes

Byron William Hatchett and Deborah Ann Hatchett, divorce granted.
Billy W. Davis and Kelsey M. Davis, divorce granted.
Rigid Building Systems, Ltd. vs. GCM Project Services, Inc., MAL Enterprises, Inc. and Lawrence Management Services, agreed final judgment and settlement.
Tina Fawn Reeder and Glenn Lee Reeder, divorce granted.
Deborah Gay Grimes and Joe Anthony Grimes, divorce granted.
Laura Renea Heppel, name changed to Riyyah Azanyah Hawkins.

Joseph M. Erwin and Elizabeth Ann Erwin, divorce granted.
Melissa Hawley and Darren Wade Hawley, divorce granted.
Joe Allen Tollett and Meagan Michelle Tollett, divorce granted.

Criminal Indictments

Julie Ann Hardin, DWI.

Criminal Minutes

Regan B. Gamble, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 1 1/2 year in jail, \$210.25 court costs.
Regan B. Gamble, plea of guilty to forgery, 1 1/2 year in jail, \$503.55 fine, \$99.25 court costs, \$235 restitution.
Raul M. Robles, order to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.
Valdez Lamar Wilburn, motion to dismiss to unlawful possession of firearm by felon granted, defendant sentenced to prison.
George Navikauskas, order to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

NOTICE: Pamela Adams listed in the misdemeanor filings of the courthouse records is not the Pamela A. Adams of Clyde.

Colonial Oaks Services

Pioneer Pentecostal will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, July 2, commencing at 3:30 p.m.



Selected Scriptures

Righteous are You, O LORD; And Upright are Your judgments. -- Psalm 119:137
Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy, For all nations shall come and worship before You. -- Revelations 15:4
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NELDA HOLMES

Nelda Hardy Holmes, 58, of Cross Plains, died Thursday, June 22, 2000, at her home.

Funeral services were held Saturday, June 24, at 3:00 p.m. at the Coggin Avenue Baptist Church in Brownwood with Rev. Steve McMeans officiating. Burial was in the Wolf Valley Cemetery in Northern Brown County. Services were directed by Heartland Funeral Home of Early.

Mrs. Holmes was born in Gorman to John Ralph and Lois Hardy. On November 24, 1960 she married David Holmes in Brownwood.

She has been a resident of Cross Plains since 1978, formerly of May. Nelda was a member of Coggin Avenue Baptist Church where she was member of the church choir, an active member of "First Place" and the Callahan County Republican Women. She was also a homemaker. Survivors include her husband, David Holmes of Cross Plains; three daughters and sons-in-law, Michal and Brad Watson of Arlington, Tracy and Lyndon Law of San Antonio and Rebekah of Fort Worth; one son and daughter-in-law, Leland and Irene Holmes of Brownwood; parents, John Ralph and Lois Hardy of May; three brothers, Jimmy Hardy of Brownwood, Paris Hardy of Carlsbad, New Mexico and Eddie Hardy of May; one sister, Patsy Gober of San Angelo; ten grandchildren.

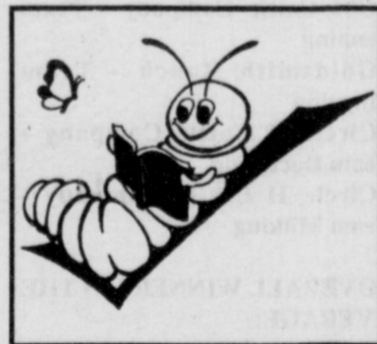
The family has requested that you send memorials to the Coggin Avenue Baptist Church Choir.

Palbearers were Lyndon Law, Brad Watson, Glenn Greeno, Jimmy Hardy, Eddie Hardy, Charles Gober and Jerry Don Gleaton.

C.P. Library Plans an Evening with The Claytons

The Board of the Cross Plains Public Library asks you to mark your calendar for Tuesday, July 25, 7:00 p.m., Cross Plains Community Center. At that time Dr. Lawrence Clayton and his wife, Sonja Clayton, will present an evening featuring books and photography on ranching subjects.

In addition to being ranchers themselves, the Claytons are educators. Dr. Clayton is Dean of Arts and Science at Hardin-Simmons University and an author of books on ranching, Sonja Clayton is Administrator, Region 14 Education Center and a photographer.



If you like suspense, check out *Fast Forward*. Judy Mercer has written a psychological winner.

A woman wakes up one morning to a scene of violence. The woman she sees in the mirror has been badly cut and bruised, but she does not know her. She finds the name "Ariel Gold" on a driver's license and assumes that "Ariel" is her name.

Disoriented, she begins to try to make a life for herself and at the same time finds out who is trying to harm her. One colleague and her dog are the only ones she can trust, as she struggles to "re-enter a life completely wiped out."

The best thing is that Mercer writes well. There is not a slow moment in the book. Sorry, Gotta go. The book has 49 chapters, and I'm just ready for 38. From this minute on, it's *Fast Forward*.

STATISTICS

Books
Cross Plains 127
Abilene 3
Audio
Cross Plains 1
Interlibrary Loan 3
TOTAL 134
DONATIONS:
Funds -- Franzel and Beck Odum, Betty Cavanaugh, John Paul and Loraine Kilgore
Books -- Anne Kitchens

Obituaries

BILLY PAUL UNDERWOOD

Billy Paul Underwood, 72, of Rising Star, died Friday, June 23, 2000, at his home.

Services were held Monday at 10:00 a.m. at Higginbotham Funeral Chapel with Brother Dick Williams officiating. Burial was in the Stag Creek Cemetery in Comanche County.

Mr. Underwood was born in Dickers County. In 1962, he married Mary Ann Cook. He was a lifelong resident of Rising Star and worked in the oil field for years. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Ann Underwood of Rising Star; two sons, Ron Jetter of Shreveport, La. and Jay Benson of Stephenville; four daughters, Mary Harmon of Beatie, Judy Kirby, Shirley Senior, both of Sidney, and Teresa Loth of Rising Star; a sister, Dean Condray of Holland; 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

BENJAMIN CHICK

Benjamin Chick, 87, of Rising Star, died Friday, June 23, 2000. Services were held at 3 p.m. at Higginbotham Funeral Chapel, burial in Blake Cemetery in Brown County.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

The health and well-being of people who are elderly or have disabilities should be one of our highest priorities and concerns. We have them to thank for many contributions that have bettered our lives.

Yet, last year in Texas more than 38,000 people who are elderly or have disabilities were victims of abuse, neglect and exploitation.

As one of our most important natural resources, elderly and disabled people deserve our utmost attention and respect. We must protect their health, safety and rights. We should treat them the same way we would hope to be

treated ourselves.

Vulnerable Adult Abuse Prevention month has just begun. It was a time for many of us to reflect on what we're doing as a community to support people who are elderly or have disabilities. We all have opportunities to reach out to our families, friends, neighborhoods, places of worship and places of employment. This year let's make sure all people who are elderly or have disabilities are valued. Think of what it will mean to the future of our community.

Sincerely,

Kay Mosley, Sec.-Treas.
Callahan County TRIAD/Seniors and Law Enforcement Together

Scranton Musical Set for Saturday

The Scranton musical will be Saturday, July 1, at the Scranton Community Center. The music will begin at 6:30. All area musicians are invited to play. You may call (915) 692-2057 to reserve a time for your group. The kitchen will begin serving at 5:30 and close at 9:00. Anyone willing to donate sandwiches and pie will be appreciated. See you Saturday when the music will be flowing.

Joan Shrader, reporter

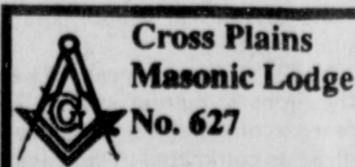
DOWN HOME —

I promise no tomorrow
But today will always last
And since each day's the same
There's no longing for the past.

But since you have been so faithful
So trusting and so true
Though there are times you did some things
You knew you shouldn't do

But you have been forgiven
And now at last you're free
So won't you take my hand
And share my life with me?"

So when tomorrow starts without me
Don't think we're far apart
For every time you think of me
I'm right here, in your heart.



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1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
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http://www.gltexas.org
Sec. (254) 725-7530

Veterans News

By: Tom Ivey

JUNE 25, 1950—A date well remembered by many Callahan County Veterans--the beginning of the Korean War. This past Sunday marked the 50th anniversary of the North Korean invasion of South Korea and the call to military service for so many from this county and area. There are so many things that can be told about that terrible time and they all come out the same. It was a very bad time. As a crowning insult it is referred to as "the forgotten war". It will never be forgotten by the 347,000 Texans that served or by the families of the 1718 Texans killed or missing in action.

Let everyone offer a big "thank you" to those who served our great country in the Korean War.

JULY 4TH—There will be many things to do and see this July 4th. Fredericksburg's Admiral Nimitz National Museum of the Pacific War will offer "Island Assault: 1944" on July 1 and 2. The program brings World War II to life for visitors as they follow authentically dressed and equipped WWII soldiers and marines into battle. In the attack on a Japanese pillbox, volunteers will use what is said to be the only operational WWII flamethrower in Texas. Show times are 10:30 a.m.,

and 12:30, 2:30 and 4:00 p.m., both days at the History Walk, located two blocks north of the museum complex. For more information about the museum, call 830-997-4379.

EVER WONDER??—The term "the whole nine yards" comes from WWII fighterpilots in the Pacific. The ammo belts used for 50 caliber machine guns on US fighter planes measured exactly 27 feet. If the pilots fired all their ammo at a target, it got "the whole nine yards".

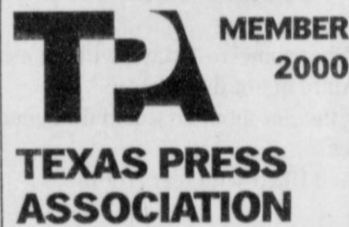
EDUCATION BENEFITS—The Department of Veterans Affairs has a new toll-free number for Veterans and dependents to get the latest information on VA education benefits. By dialing 1-800-442-4551, Veterans, dependents and others can receive education benefits information, including detailed eligibility criteria, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

TAPS—Our comrades continue to answer the last roll call. Leaving our ranks of late are Hugh Shrader, Burleson McCowen, Clifford Waggoner, James Waggoner, Roscoe Simmons, Jerry Lee Hudson and Guy C. Bross Jr. May their families find some solace in knowing that these Veterans served their country well when they were needed.

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"Can God Bless America Again?"

Praying For Sick Helps

So says a study by Mid-America Heart Institute published in The Archives of Internal Medicine. Heart patients were randomly divided into two groups and were not told of the study. In one, patients were prayed for daily by volunteers for four weeks; the other group didn't have anyone assigned to pray for them. Patients who had someone praying for them, even without their knowledge, suffered 10% fewer complications.

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By: Linda Merritt

Well, I am so glad to be back from a nice vacation!

We would like to welcome our new resident to our facility, Frank Rone. Our thoughts and prayers for Irma Deen Haddox who is the hospital.

Minnie Swann was our winner for a free meal from Jack's Place. Thanks Wanda and Jack.

Appreciation to Kitty Propest for the cake; Beth Meador for the peaches; Ruby Cassle for the donuts; and Stormie Jones for the grapes.

Thor, Zed, Aspen and Kim Woerner visited with Blackie Reynolds.

Sue Stone visited with Winnie Walton.

Charlou Cowan and Lurene McNutt visited with Louise Richardson.

Jesse Norris and Joan Bullard from Clyde visited with Kate McCarty.

Dub and Beth Meador visited with Nan Stiles.

Alton and Donie McCowen visited Raymond McCowen.

Betty Beggs visited with Minnie Swann.

Bobbie Edmondson and Gladys Smith visited with June Hickman. Luke McKenzie visited with Carl McKenzie.

Activities during the week:
Monday: Bingo winners were Minnie Swann (2), Vera Belyeu, Falba Shofner, Howet Wilson and June Hickman (2). Exercise class.

Tuesday: Art class. Singing with Dorothy Reynolds

Wednesday: Singing with Bob Wallace. Exercise class. Skip-Bo games

Thursday: Manicures. Popcorn. Skip-Bo games

Friday: Bingo winners were Frank Rone, June Hickman (2), Howet Wilson, Maxine Crisp and Vera Belyeu. Ball toss. Skip-Bo games

Sunday: Pioneer Pentecostal
There is no great success without commitment.

Ma & Pa

By James Nichols

You have to get up pretty early in the morning to get something on Lois Garrett! Recently I decided to try my luck.

I had quite a lot of okra seed left over from planting my garden, so one evening while out walking I

threw a handful in her flower bed.

When they began to come up I stated they looked a lot like holly hocks. Lois tried to transplant some of them.

Well like Geraldine always said, "The devil made me do it!"

Pioneer News

By: Pioneer Quilting Club

Donna had company come this week. Her daughter and husband, Janna and Rob, children Brian, Jon and little Kelsey, were visiting from Pope AFB, North Carolina. They sure enjoyed having them and all reported a great time.

Chad and Kathy Wakefield and their six-week old baby visited Olena Ezzell, Anna and other family members last Saturday. Peyton is Olena's great-grandbaby. They live in Dallas.

Glenda, Kali and Danaca Elrod went to Stephenville Monday night with others from Rising Star Church of Christ to a youth fellowship at Hillcrest Church of Christ.

Danaca Elrod visited at the quilting club Tuesday, Kali Phillips also visited with Glenda and the quilting club ladies. They seemed to have enjoyed the day.

Oliver, Frankie and Jean went to the Cottonwood Musical Friday night. A good time was enjoyed by all. Saturday, Oliver and Frankie traveled to Ranger and had a good visit with Frankie's sister and some of her children. Also, they visited Frankie's aunt, Ruby Ainsworth.

Sunday, Oliver and Frankie were honored at their home with a dinner their daughters brought to them. They treated them to a Father's Day, Frankie's birthday, Jean Fore's birthday and Laura Ann Rankin's (their granddaughter) birthday.

WOW! What a great time they had.

The quilting club finished Trish's "Boston Common" quilt. It is very beautiful. We also finished Bernice's "Flower Basket" quilt. It is also beautiful. We have Cody's "Family Sampler" is the frame. It will be finished Tuesday. That will be our last meeting until September. We had little Dodge with us again. We also had Anthony helping us out with some of the chores. Danaca Elrod and Kali Phillips visited with us.

Jolena Fleming has her "covered wagon" vegetable and fruit stand open. She had a good variety of fresh goodies.

The "42 party" is to be this Thursday, June 29th. We hope there will be a lot joining us. We have lots of fun and we have good food. See you there!

The quilting club is putting together a cookbook. We have received some recipes from an "old" timer. Thank you! If there is anyone else out there who would like to send us your favorite or old recipes from grandmother, please send them to either Laverne Hutton or May Jones, Route 1, Rising Star, Tx. 76471. Thanks!!

WORDS OF WISDOM: The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. D.P. Jones

CJC Opening Hilton Dinner Theater Season With "Gigi"

The Hilton Dinner Theatre Summer 2000 season will open in early July with a production of Lerner and Loewe's "Gigi".

It will be performed Thursday through Sunday, July 6 through 9 and 13 through 16, at the Conrad Hilton Community Center in downtown Cisco. Thursdays through Saturdays

are full dinner theatre nights with ticket prices of \$15. Dinner service begins at 7 p.m. Sunday performances are "dessert only" with ticket prices at \$7.50. Dessert service begins at 2 p.m.

Make your reservations today by phoning (254) 442-2589 Monday

Former Comanche Countian Trying to Compile an Index

Former Comanche countian Alfred W. Evans is compiling an index of the men and women who lived in Comanche County, TX before WWII and served in World War II. This index includes the names, branches of services, date of entry, highest known rank, overseas assignments, awards, discharge dates, and serial numbers. If you or if

you know someone who lived in Comanche County before entering WWII service and did not register your/their discharge papers in the Comanche County Clerk's Office, are sincerely requested to assist with this index by sending the information: Alfred W. Evans...527 Cicero...San Antonio, TX 78218.

Quips, Clips & Comments

By: Kay Mosley

As long ago as my childhood, I've often heard it said if we could see ourselves as others see us we'd make a lotta changes; a lot of changes would soon be made; things would change; we'd run; we'd be scared; we'd scream and throw up our hands; we'd fly that white flag of surrender???? What would "YOU" say?

My thought on that is, if we could see ourselves as others see us, there'd probably be quite a few of us hiding behind trees, bushes and shrubs. Myself, I believe I'd look for a big, tall tree with a huge bush right in front of it.

Back in the early sixties my husband and I and our two young sons lived in Abilene on Clinton Street (right behind the Hardin Simmons Rodeo Grounds). I had two neighbor ladies with whom I was friends. I was in my mid to late twenties and they were both about 5 or 6 years older. Consequently, their children were already in school and mine were like ages 1 and 3 years.

One of the kids, I don't recall which, had a new kite and three of us and our children (they each had two) were out in the middle of the street attempting to assist our children in

flying the kite.

This particular two block section of Clinton was about 1/2 a block off from the rodeo ground and we didn't receive any through traffic. It was reasonable safe to be out in the street, as long as we were careful. Try as we might, however, we were not having much luck with the kite. We were still out trying at 3:30 P.M., when the junior high kids were getting out of school.

Another family lived in the cul-de-sac at the opposite end of the block. They had two teenage sons who usually walked home from school on good weather days. They had to walk past our homes to reach theirs.

We found out later that one of those boys went home that day just-a-laughing. When his mother asked what he was laughing about he told her, "There's three B I G women and a bunch of little kids out there trying to fly on LITTLE BITTY kite."

Well -ll-ll-l-l, I guess we must have looked pretty funny to him! But, you know we never did get that kite to fly. We sure had a lot of fun trying though.

You know, it's now been around 35 years or so since that day AND ---- I still can't fly a kite.

Cottonwood News

By: Beverly Brown

The Erby E. and Eva Mae Weaver family reunion was held this weekend in the homes of Dena Nickerson and Wanda Hammel of Cottonwood. All eight of the Weaver children were able to attend this year.

Those present were Floyd and Louise Weaver of New Waverly; Warren and Betty Weaver of Missouri City; Herman and Mary Weaver, Bill and Billie Kelly, Mary Ella Weaver, Dena Nickerson and Wanda Hammel all of Cottonwood; and Shirley Byrd of Keller.

The many children, grandchildren and friends who also came were Craig and Carol Rogers, Craig, Jr., Charlie and Carrie Beth, Keith Kelly and Bob Walters all of Cottonwood; Dennis and Kathy Kelly of Brownwood; Janice Kelly and Misty, Cory and Shana Yates, Coby Kelly, Tiffany Goins, Annette, Mary Jo and Matt Nickerson all of Cross Plains; Curtis and Dena Hines of Clyde; Kim and Deborah Young, Chris and Angie Ford, Austin and Brandon all of New Braunfels; and Rebecca, Kloster, Jodi, Lauren, Nicholas, Joshua and David from

Shreveport, Louisiana.

Teri Brown and Gilbert Ibarra of Houston were at her parents, Wayne and Beverly Brown over the weekend. On Saturday they were in Abilene visiting with Jenny and Ben Kaakalia, Brendon and Bruce (formerly of Fort Walton, Florida, who were enroute to their home in Lanai City, Hawaii) at the home of her parents, Jim and Valetta Brown and Kenny.

It doesn't seem possible we are now entering the second half of the year 2000. Have a great Fourth of July. Be careful in your travels.

The Cottonwood Musical will be held on Friday, July 21, which will be "Ice Cream" night at the center. The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Group will meet on Tuesday, July 18, at the fire station.

On June 4th Betty Kinnard attended the 50th Wedding Anniversary reception of James and Gale (Murphy) Watson in Tuscola. There were many jokes concerning the prophecies "it wouldn't last." The reception was hosted by their three children, Mike, Rebecca and Mary, James and Gale are enjoying their Cottonwood.

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By Bob Pipes, preacher
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"King" Herod's conscience was hurting him. He had John the Baptist beheaded and he really knew better. Sometime later Herod heard about Jesus and all His many mighty works and His revolutionary preaching, and he thought John must surely be risen from the dead, Mark 6: 14-16.

You may read "the rest of the story" in Mark 6. There's many additional points that we could note but I want to pursue the subject of "conscience." Thank God that He gives us one! W. E. Vines gives us a good definition of "conscience" in his *Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words*: "that process of thought which distinguishes what it considers morally good or bad, commending the good, condemning the bad, and so prompting to do the former, and avoid the latter."

Herod may not have known he did wrong in marrying Herodias, his brother's wife, but he did know he did wrong in having John beheaded - and his conscience was hurting him. This all brings up an interesting fact or two about the conscience. The conscience alone is not a safe guide; it must be educated before it is. Just because ones conscience does not hurt does not mean one is not guilty then.

Paul writes to Timothy of people whose consciences have been seared with a hot iron, I Timothy 4:2. It seems they had disregarded what was right so long, and accepted what was wrong so long, that their consciences no longer worked! He further writes to Titus of such a condition, ones whose minds and consciences are defiled, Titus 1:15b. How sad to no longer have an operative conscience!

Our conscience must be continuously educated according to God's standards, and heeded once it is educated. Can your conscience still bother you? Come join us in "conscience training" as we study God's word together.

Sunday Morning Bible Class...9:45 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship...6:00 p.m.
Sunday Morning Worship.....10:45 a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study...7:00 p.m.
Friends & Neighbors Caring In Jesus

OH BABY

IT'S A GIRL!!

Sarah Rose Kempf was born Thursday, March 30, 2000 at Abilene Regional Hospital. She weighed 6 lbs. 15.1 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Sarah's parents are Jason and Donna Kempf of Cross Plains. This blessing joins her big brother, Michael Scott.

Grandparents are Scott and Susan Kempf of Clovis, New Mexico, Sharon Conway of Lubbock and Chuck Conway of Austintown, Ohio. Great-grandparents are Frances Kempf and Elva Holland of Clovis, New Mexico.

Cross Plains School Board Met Monday, June 26

A called meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains I.S.D. was held on Monday, June 26. The purpose was to approve a resolution for the elementary building air conditioning and heating repairs. Also the TIF LB5 Grant will be discussed. This is a library grant which will update the library automation system.

Class of 1991 Classmates Search

The 1991 class of Cross Plains High School is searching for classmates for Homecoming 2000. Anyone with information or addresses please contact Pam Glover Smith at 254-965-7522.

The following is a list of classmates in which addresses are needed:

Louis Cavage
Laura Clark
Dewayne Hamm
Tonia Lane
Eddie Talent

Any information will be appreciated.

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from June 18, 2000 through June 24, 2000 include:

Cases Investigated
Warnings-58
Complaints-71
DWI-1
Possession of Marijuana-2
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia-1

Vehicle Accidents
There was one vehicle accident investigated during this time span.
People Arrested On Outstanding Warrants
There were five outstanding warrants issued for a total of \$585.00 collected.

Class of 1957 in Searching for Classmates

The Cross Plains High School Class of 1957 is searching for addresses for the following classmates: Bobby Hubbard, J.R. Neff, Joy Clayton, Joy Claxton, B.H. Larkin, Robert Lowery, Nora Muse, Charles Porter, Thurman Scriver, Daniel Gray, Larry Frazier, John Caraway, Coley Smart, and Betty Jones.

If you have information please contact Eva Fleming (254) 725-7557 or Debbie Reed (254) 725-7363. Everyone's cooperation will be greatly appreciated and more ex-students will be able to attend.

Stenholm seeking Academy applicants

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Charles W. Stenholm is currently accepting applications from young men and women who are interested in attending one of the United States Service Academies.

Eligible applicants will be at least 17, but not past their 23rd birthday, by July 1, 2001, and must have graduated from high school by that date. Competitive applicants will be the top 15 percent of their class and have SAT scores above 550 Verbal and 600 Math, or ACT scores of 26 English and 27 Math. Involvement in extra-curricular activities, including school and community organizations and sports as well as full or part-time employment, is also in the applicant's favor.

Individuals who wish to attend the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, CO, the Military Academy at West Point, NY, the Naval Academy at Annapolis, MD or the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, NY and who wish to serve as a commissioned officer are strongly encouraged to contact Jayne Schoonmaker in Congressman Stenholm's Washington office. Any individuals wishing additional information should call (202)225-6605 or write to 1211 Longwood House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

Athletes Against Drugs Basketball Camp July 3-6 at Hardin-Simmons

Tauja Catchings will help conduct the 2000 Athletes Against Drugs Basketball Camp held this summer at Hardin-Simmons University. Tauja, who was drafted by the Phoenix Mercury in the WNBA draft completed a fabulous career at the University of Illinois. This past season she was selected First Team All Big Ten and Team MVP. Tauja was one of six finalists from District six for the Kodak All America Award and also a finalist for the Naismith Award. She is the only player in Illinois Basketball to have over 1,400 career points, 700 rebounds, 300 assists, and 200 steals. She is also known for her outstanding defensive ability. The camp will also feature one of the top Female College Players in the country this season who will be in Abilene to help conduct the AAD Camp.

NBA Player Andrea Patterson of the Minnesota Timberwolves will also help conduct the 2000 Athletes Against Drugs Basketball Camp held this summer at Hardin-Simmons University. Patterson, who was voted the top High School player in the State of Texas while

playing at Cooper High School in Abilene just recently completed his second season with the Timberwolves. The AAD Camp is for Boys and Girls in Grades 1-12 and will take place Monday July 3rd through Thursday July 6th at the MaBee Complex on the campus of Hardin-Simmons University. The camp will also feature one of the Greatest Shooters in the history of Texas Tech and the Southwest Conference. Bubba Jennings, who staffed at Texas Tech from 1980-1985 and whose work ethic and commitment to Basketball earned him the honor of Outstanding Player in the Nation his senior season for players under 6' Tall will also be attending the camp. Jennings, whose honors at Texas Tech also include SWC Defensive player of the year, Athlete of the year and Academic All-District, was a recipient of the Naismith Award his senior year. The camp which attracted over 250 Campers last year will be conducted by Hardin-Simmons Head Coach Dennis Harp. For Additional information, contact Coach Harp at 670-1467 in the daytime and 691-1416 in the evenings.

Cross Plains Public Library Summer Reading Program Begins Wednesday, July 5th for Children

5...4...3...2...1...Blast off to adventure with the Cross Plains Public Library in conjunction with the Texas State Library & Archives Commission, will sponsor the Summer Reading Program, *Invent the Future-READ!* For school children grades K-6. The Summer Reading Program will be from 2-3 p.m. beginning on Wednesday, July 5 and will continue every Wednesday afternoon in July. Come and join the fun as local volunteers and teachers lead classes through the "Creation Station", as well as help invent the future, explore the present and investigate the past.

In addition to reading books, children will participate in a variety of free programs designed to appeal to their creative instincts. There will be prizes awarded to the students reading the most minutes each week. The overall top readers will win a ticket to Six Flags theme park. You may sign up your child at the library during business hours. The summer reading program can help keep reading skills in use during the summer months, and it can give the kids something beneficial to do with their time this summer. Make plans now for your children to attend. We'll see you at the library!

Sales & use tax totals given for fourth quarter of 1999

The state sales and use tax analysis for Callahan County has been reported for the fourth quarter of 1999 by State Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander's office on Monday, June 26.

Rylander reported gross sales, for all industries in Callahan County, for the fourth quarter of 1999 at \$18,866,498 which was 1.6 percent lower than the gross sales of \$19,182,696 reported during the fourth quarter of 1998. Gross sales are the total amount of all sales, leases and rentals of tangible personal property and all labor and service charges made during the reporting period.

The use tax purchases for the fourth quarter of 1999 for all industries in Callahan County amounted to \$123,022. Use tax purchases are the cost of all taxable items removed from inventory for personal or business use and all purchases on which no Texas sales tax was paid or use tax accrued.

The amount subject to state sales and use tax in the fourth quarter of 1999 in Callahan County was

\$6,409,830. The amount subject to state sales and use tax is calculated by taking taxable sales and adding use tax purchases.

The number of business locations in Callahan County, with a sales and use tax permit which filed a return, was 519. There were 556 permits issued during the same quarter the previous year.

The gross sales for the retail trade division in Callahan County for the fourth quarter of 1999 was \$9,984,183 which is one percent higher than the 1998 quarter gross sales of \$9,883,269.

The use tax purchases for the retail trade division in Callahan County for the fourth quarter of 1999 was \$17,744.

The amount subject to state sales and use tax for the fourth quarter of 1999 was \$4,541,036 for the retail trade division in Callahan County.

The number of reporting outlets in the retail trade division in Callahan County totalled 286 for the fourth quarter of 1999. There were 317 reporting outlets during the same quarter in 1998.

DENNIS FAMILY REUNION HELD IN CROSS PLAINS

The Dennis Family, descendants of the late Heber E. and Mary T. Dennis of Callahan County, held their family reunion Saturday, June 17, at the Multi-Purpose Center in Cross Plains.

Belinda Bounds Maddox is currently researching the Dennis family ancestors back as far as she can document. She brought this with her along with some photos and documents which she has already procured. She is the great-granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Heber Dennis.

In addition, close friends and other relations living in the area were in attendance. The last living child of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis, Ila Jo Huff of Hurst, was present. Though unable to attend due to ill health, the widow of their oldest son, J. Ervin Dennis, Mrs. Iris Meador Dennis of Wimberly survives. Other children who are now deceased are Rita Dennis Sanders, L. Wayne Dennis and Iva E. Dill, twin sister of Ila Jo Huff. Special friends, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bentley of Eula and Ferne Hutchins of Cross Plains joined the family for the occasion.

Relatives and friends came from all over Texas for the reunion which is generally held every other year. Folks came from Laredo, Balch

Springs, the Hurst-Bedford-Eules area, Olden, Eula, Longview, Lubbock, College Station, Waco, Clyde, Midland, Wimberly, the Texas coast, Abilene, Cross Plains and all points in between to re-une, visit, feast, watch videos of reunions past, talk, laugh and have a great time.

Attending were: Kay and Marvin Mosley; Mark L. Mosley; guest Flavia Deal; Rex D. Mosley; Zachary Mosley; Allison Wilson and Paige Marie; Ann Bounds; Mel and Belinda Maddox; Drew, Landry Mc.; Evan Meador Maddox; Jack and Betty Sanders; Gay Rulla; Judy Mitchell; Glenda Davis; Dave Briles and Maddie and guest Paula Mollo; Mark W. and Rhonda Briles, Dallas and Brenna; Vickie Stevens, Jimmy and Lisa Stevens, Austin and Justin; Donnie and Juanita Dennis and guest Jualeta; Amy Dennis; Lawrence W. Dennis, Vernica, Crystal and gust Lynn Balcuris; Ila Jo Huff; Charles and Billye Jean Hancock; Orin and Becky Ballard; Joe and Edna Bentley; Ferne Hutchins; Earl Mosley; Lynn and Zona Mosley; Earnest (Ernie) Clendennon and Walter; Marsha O'Neal and Jennifer.

Submitted by Kay D. Mosley

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from June 11, 2000 through June 17, 2000 include:

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Complaints-95
DWI-1

Vehicle Accidents
There were eight vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

People Arrested On Outstanding Warrants
There were seven outstanding warrants issued for a total of \$2,085.00 collected.

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Be Preparing for Upcoming Quilt Craft Show

The second annual Quilt and Craft Show, held April 15th, at the Heart of Texas Civic Center in Brady, was a success. It was a benefit for the McCulloch County Senior Citizens Center's Expansion/Improvement Fund. The Center Advisory Board and Staff appreciate all those who attended and participated, plus the many publications who carried notice of the show.

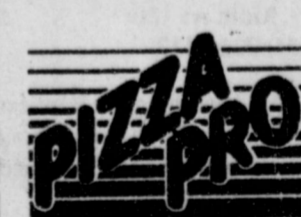
Plans are now ongoing for next year's Quilt and Craft Show for April 21, 2001, from 10:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. It will be held at the same location: Heart of Texas Civic Center Hwy 87 North in Brady.

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GARAGE SALE: Sat., July 1 at 108 West Cypress 9:00AM. McNeel Residence. 14-11P

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June 29, 2000

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Cross Plains City Council's regular meeting was scheduled for July 4, 2000 but has been postponed until July 11, 2000 at 6:30 p.m. If you have any questions concerning the meeting, please contact city hall at (254)725-6114. 14-17C

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NEW LISTING--3 bdrm, 3 bth, brick on 5 acres, fireplace, large trees, workshop and barn. Call Pauline.

NEW LISTING--210 ac. in Comanche Co. Stock pond, 4 water wells, 80 ac. in coastal, deer hunting cabin, large barn. Call Pauline.

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NEW LISTING---160 ac, highly imporved, nice large home, large trees, stock pond, water well, lots of large barns and pens.

NEW LISTING--2 bdrm, 1 bdrm, carport, metal shed, 10' X 16' metal workshop, screened in porch, 2 garden spots, near school in Rising Star. Call Pauline.

NEW LISTING---Approx. 6 Ac in Cottonwood, Large trees, good home site.

NEW LISTING---332.5 ac, waterwell, good fences, costal, native pasture, good hunting.

NEW LISTING---160 ac, highly improved, large home, very large trees, stock pond, lots of barns.

NEW LISTING--3 bdrm, 2 bth, brick, CHA, wooded 20 ac, barns & pens, good waterwell. NW of Rising Star.

NEW LISTING--92.42 ac, goat proof fence, stock pond, some woods, coastal, Eastland Co.

NEW LISTING---Automotive & truck repair business on I-20 & Hwy 6, 40" X 100" metal bld, 4 bays, 3 offices, on 1 1/2 ac, fenced. Call Pauline

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The family of V.C. Carey would like to express our sincere appreciation to all of our friends for your expressions of love. Thank you for your support and especially your prayers and all the food and beautiful flowers.
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We, the family of Jesse Ray Harris, want to thank each and everyone for the love, prayers, cards and phone calls sent to us in the passing of our loved one. A friend in need, is a friend indeed. May God richly bless you and give you the love and prayers we have had in a time like this. We still need the love and prayers and all.
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Rep. Stenholm's Ag Talk

By Charlie Stenholm
June 23, 2000

President Signs Farm Aid, Crop Insurance Reform Law
This week the President signed into law the crop insurance bill, the "Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000." This legislation makes reforms in the nation's crop insurance program and provides \$7.1 billion in agriculture assistance to agricultural producers in fiscal years 2000 and 2001.

It also provides \$8.2 billion for increased federal crop insurance premium subsidies and establishes a pilot insurance program for livestock. As the result of a provision I added to the bill, producers who have experienced multiple years of disaster will be allowed to re-establish actual production histories (APH).

Total Maximum Daily Loads & the EPA

Last week, I talked about the EPA's proposed rules to establish and regulate the so-called total maximum daily load (TMDL) provisions of the Clean Water Act.

These regulations, if finalized, would greatly expand the EPA's role in managing non-point sources of pollution, such as runoff from manure applications.

It has become increasingly clear that the EPA's proposed rules are not supported by accurate and reliable scientific data.

House Agriculture Committee Chairman Larry Combest and I introduced the Water Pollution Program Improvement Act, legislation requiring that the EPA use "sound science" when they develop policy regarding water quality.

Our bill would delay enforcement of the new rules until the National Academy of Sciences has studied the scientific support, or lack of support, for EPA's proposed regulations.

Chairman Combest and I have also called on the EPA Administrator to withdraw the proposed regulations and go back to the drawing board.

Agriculture Appropriations: Trade Sanctions Reform

The House continues to postpone action on the Agriculture Appropriations bill, the legislation that funds the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the nation's agriculture programs.

This legislation has been controversial because of a provision that would lift the trade sanctions on U.S. exports of food and medicine. Sanctions would remain on exports to Iraq, however.

I continue to believe that trade sanctions hurt only two groups of people: (1) the American farmers and ranchers who can produce an abundant amount of quality food, and (2) the people who want to buy US food and medicine.

Furthermore, experience has demonstrated that sanctions on humanitarian products, such as food and medicine, have failed to

influence the behavior of foreign governments.

Again, these sanctions represent a lose/lose situation for US farmers, ranchers and manufacturers. Our farmers and ranchers lose access to new world markets, and people of all ages in these other countries are denied the food and medicine they need.

Trading with other nations is good business: it's good for our economy, and it helps to ease tensions between countries.

Just this week, Secretary of Agriculture Glickman announced that easing sanctions could bolster US agriculture exports by \$500 million a year. This could be a significant break for farmers in the 17th District.

E-File Legislation Signed into Law

This spring the House passed the Freedom to E-File Act. This legislation would allow farmers and ranchers to file paperwork with the USDA electronically through home computers.

It would also provide the public with access to information on farm programs, quarterly trade, economic and production reports, and other similar information.

The Senate passed this legislation and it was signed into law by the President earlier this week.

Within two years, the completed system should be fully operational, allowing farmers and ranchers to retrieve and file all relevant forms with USDA.

The ability to file USDA forms and paperwork by computer will enable farmers and ranchers to focus more time on their own operations.

Secretary Glickman Details Sheep & Lamb Assistance

This past week Agriculture Secretary Glickman released further information about USDA's assistance plan to help US sheep and lamb producers.

As part of this plan, producers will receive \$30 million in direct cash payments to help improve their production efficiency and the marketability of lamb meat.

During the first year of the program, which runs from July 22, 1999 to September 30, 2000 payments may be made for rams, sheep improvement, and facility improvements.

The maximum combined payment per farm is \$ 5,500, according to the interim final rule for the program.

For years two and three, farmers are eligible for payments of \$3 for each feeder lamb, \$5 for each slaughter lamb, and \$8 for each slaughter lamb marketed during the June 1-July 31 period.

There will be no maximum payments or herd limits during years two and three of the program.

Following a 30-day comment period, a final rule will be published later this year. Sign up for the program began this past Wednesday, June 21.

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Mowing for money...

Sweet Pea and Peanut are working their way to summer camp. The two of them have helped me in the kitchen and in the office. The car is sparkling clean, the yard is picked up, and they've even done a little gardening.

Using teamwork, they dug the grass out of the place by the east wall where I want to put some pastel red flowers. I'm teased about pastel red because I like bright colors and contrast more than pastel blends.

Together, they've shined the pickup's dashboard, then gone on to sweep and vacuum floors. Many times I've needed labels on file folders or the stapler or photocopies. They argue over who gets to send a fax.

The goats have been fed pretty well since Peanut and Sweet Pea found they could get paid to pick armloads of the good weeds and johnson grass for them. Then the goats coerce them into hauling oak branches and briars to the pen. The girls have learned a lot about goat appetites that way.

They're pretty creative when it comes to negotiating chores. If they both push the garbage can out to the road, the task gets marked on both their lists.

While cleaning up the yard, Sweet Pea came to me with a deal. "I figure I've picked up \$2 worth of trash. If I pick up five more things, how much more will you pay me?" I told her it sounded like a math story problem, and if the two trains didn't collide I'd pay her another dollar. She looked at me funny. They must not do story problems like we used to.

We've had newsletter mailing

parties in this household since before the girls were born, so they've grown up learning the assembly line processing of a mailout.

Even with cash rewards, there's much groaning over the work. They were real excited, though, when MyKeeper finally got the ancient riding lawn mower running again. They couldn't wait to get on it. Impatiently taking turns, they drove around the yard, then scootered out to the field in back, ready to race turtles.

They drew a maze in the tall grass, and took turns finding their way out.

They rode the old mower up and down rows, yelling Yee-HAW! Giddy-up! Ride em cowboy!

They pretended they wore leathers, and chased each other down, revving up the handlebars like a motorcycle.

It was pretty funny watching them try to do an ice skater's skid stop that throws ice up — at the slow motion speed of two miles per hour.

I came around the corner of the house just as Peanut whipped around a curve like she was screaming down the steepest roller coaster drop. Next thing I knew she was standing up, arms raised over her head and laughing. She didn't see me until I hollered the amusement park was closed — get off that thing, NOW!

"But Gramma," she wailed, "we have to finish, or no money, and no camp."

"I don't know, girls. I'd have a hard time paying you for having so much fun."

Turns out, mowing the lawn is the most serious work they could imagine. Pays well, too.

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Recent moisture reduces fire risk, some danger remains

Recent moisture has reduced fire danger across much of the state, but the wildfire risk hasn't been totally eliminated statewide. Wildfire danger remains of greatest concern in West Texas and South Texas and in other areas missed by significant rainfall.

Rainfall in the state has been spotty. Some areas have been missed by significant rains and have little or no green vegetation in evidence. Other areas have been on the receiving end of heavy downpours and experienced minor or major flooding.

"The range in fire danger and vegetation conditions across Texas testifies to the state's vast size, varied topography and climatic differences," says Bobby Young, associate director of forest resource protection for the Texas Forest Service. "This year is not the first that Texas has experienced fires and floods at the same time."

Recent moisture has reduced the ease of accidental fire starts, a major cause of wildfires in the state, according to Tom Spencer, fire risk assessment coordinator for the Texas Forest Service in Huntsville.

"Additional moisture is needed in many areas, but across most of the state, wildfires will not start as easily," said Spencer. "It will take more of a spark or flame to ignite vegetation, and the presence of green vegetation in most areas will buffer the dead fuels present, thereby reducing wildfire intensity and rate of spread."

The precipitation has come at an opportune time, the fire risk coordinator noted. Increased recreational use of the outdoors during the summer months creates opportunities for carelessness to ignite wildfires. Spencer suggested several fire safety precautions for outdoor users. Check with local authorities to see if any fire-related restrictions are in effect, and com-

ply with these restrictions to help avoid wildfires. Construct firebreaks around campfires or cooking fires before igniting. Thoroughly douse all coals before leaving any fire. Never transport mobile barbecue pits with live coals or embers. Use barbecue grills over bare ground or other nonflammable surface and extinguish coals completely. Avoid parking or driving vehicles in areas of tall, dry grass or weeds, so hot catalytic converters won't come into contact with flammable vegetation. Completely extinguish and properly dispose of all smoking materials. Celebrate the upcoming Independence Day holiday safely by using fireworks responsibly, away from dry vegetation and buildings.

Spencer suggested additional fire safety tips for landowners to take to help avoid wildfires. Keep mufflers on gasoline-powered outdoor equipment in proper working order and avoid setting hot equipment in dry grass. Use care when mowing or bush hogging to avoid hitting rocks or other surfaces that could cause sparks. Avoid using welding or other spark-producing equipment around dry grass, or thoroughly wet vegetation prior to and during welding operations. Also, keep a pump-up sprayer or field sprayer handy in case sparks should blow into nearby vegetation. Where and when outdoor burning is allowed, establish fire breaks down to bare soil around trash burning barrels, brush piles and other debris to be burned. Gradually add debris to a fire rather than ignite a very large pile of material all at once. Burn household trash only in a trash receptacle covered with a metal mesh or grid to contain burning trash.

The bad news is that people cause most wildfires in Texas. The good news is that because people start most wildfires in Texas, most of our wildfires are preventable.

Williams Attends Citizenship Seminar



CAMERON WILLIAMS ...attends Citizenship Seminar

Attending the Texas Farm Bureau's 37th annual Citizenship Seminar at Angelo State University June 5-9 was Cameron Williams, son of Phil & Carolyn Williams of Hamby.

Sponsored by the Callahan-Shackelford County Farm Bureau, he was among approximately 350 high school junior and senior students from over 150 counties across the state.

The purpose of the seminar is to provide the students with a better understanding of their American heritage and the capitalistic free enterprise system, according to Allen Wilson of Baird, county FB president.

"Farm Bureau — Your Host" was presented by Vernie Glasson, Texas

Farm Bureau Executive Director, after the students were welcomed to Angelo State University.

"Coleburn Davis (TFB Field Representative), Traci Gohmert (1999 Miss TFB), and Kelli Stuart, the 1999 TFB Speech contest winner, presented "Farm Bureau Scholarship Opportunities.

The students also participated in a program called "Congressional Insights", which allowed them to simulate a Congressional office and election.

Other speakers at this year's seminar and their subjects were as follows: David Vernon, Lubbock Christian University, "Basics of Free Enterprise", Ronald Trowbridge, Hillsdale College, "The Constitution", and Clebe McClary, a motivational speaker, "Press on Regardless".

In addition, the students participated in a panel discussion led by Ron Trowbridge and David Vernon followed by a question and answer session on: Our Rights, Our Freedom, Our Responsibility".

The students were entertained on Thursday evening by Sky Shivers, a cowboy storyteller and western humorist and recipient of the Will Rogers Award for Storyteller/Humorist of the Year, which is presented by the Academy of Western Artist.

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County to Restore 150 Year Old Clerk's Record Books

Restoration of Callahan County record books dating from 1853 is scheduled to begin in late July or early August after Callahan County Commissioners voted to spend \$11,700 to restore some 26 official clerk's books.

Commissioners voted to accept a bid from R.D. Peeler & Sons in Bonham to restore the 26 books, at \$450 each, which are housed in County Clerk Jeanne Bohannon's office. Peeler has been performing such restoration work for 47 years.

The county clerk's record books are used to record death certificates, marriage licenses, birth records, brand markings, survey/field notes and commissioners' court meeting minutes from years past. Some of the old commissioners' court meeting minutes date from 1877. Some of the surveys and field notes to be restored date from 1853. The restoration is slated to take a couple of weeks to complete and the restoration work

will be performed at the County Courthouse in Baird.

Callahan County Clerk Jeanne Bohannon reports the old county clerk records are used almost daily by the public—particularly by those seeking genealogy information about births, deaths and marriages in the county.

Clerk Bohannon said the funds being used to restore the clerk's records come from a Record Management Money Account to be spent only for the county clerk's department.

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County Prisoners

—Callahan County Water Supply Corporation representatives Robert Warren and Bill Jackson met with county commissioners to discuss standardizing right-of-way agreements between the entities. No commissioner action was taken.

—On a motion by Harold Hicks and second by Commissioner Holland, commissioners voted 5-0 to approve acceptance of a road into the county road system. The motion will take effect upon receipt of deeding the right-of-way over to the county. The road is located in the Estes Addition and North Union Hill Road. The county road is located in Commissioner Harold Hicks Precinct #1. Callahan County 911 Coordinator Rhonda Vestal will assign the road with a county road number.

—Commissioners voted to table taking action on a petition to close a county road in the Belle Plaine area. The road runs north approximately 2,220 feet from the east end of County Road 460. The petition was tabled on a motion by Charlie Grider and second by Commissioner Farmer. Judge Corn reported not all the property landowners have signed the petition requesting the roadway be closed.

—On a motion by Holland and second by Grider, commissioners voted to pay all approved bills.

—On a motion by Hicks and second by Grider, commissioners voted 5-0 to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting.

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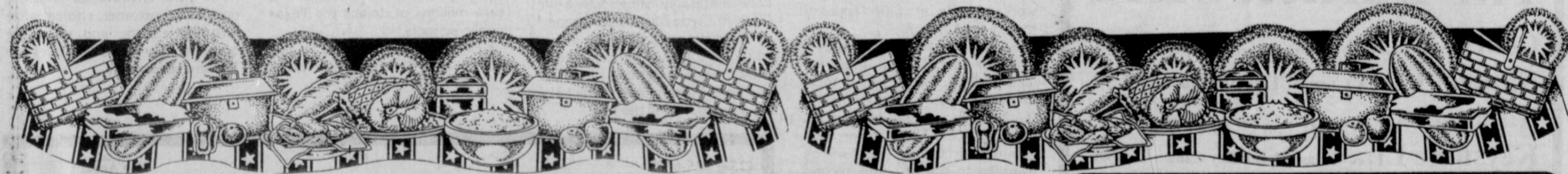
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The couple will reside in Abilene. Both are employed by the Eula I.S.D.

4th of July Fishing Tournament Slated at Clyde Lake Tuesday

There will be a fishing tournament at Clyde Lake on Tuesday, July 4th, 2000 during the Clyde Lions Club annual Independence Day celebration. The fishing tournament will begin at 12:00 noon and the entry fee is \$5.00 per person. To enter the fishing tournament, come by the lake's pavilion after 12:00 noon to register. 100% of the entries will be paid out in cash prizes for the largest combined weight of any combination of three game fish, which will be weighed in at 6:00 p.m. Weigh-in will be held at

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DALE AND VERNELLE BISHOP

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bishop to Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

Dale and Vernelle Bishop will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at a reception on Sunday, July 2, at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Their children, Wayne and Nancy Bishop of Lake Brownwood and Tim and Charlotte Bishop of Breckenridge, will be hosts for the event. The couple's eldest son, Larry Bishop, passed away October 24, 1997.

Dale and Vernelle were married July 2, 1950 in Sweetwater. It was a home wedding.

Dale retired January 1, after 53 years in auto sales and service. Thirty-six of those years were as a Chevrolet dealer in Cross Plains. He was employed by Fullen Motor Company in Eastland for 7 years and the last 10 years in Comanche for Bayer Motor Company.

Vernelle was a housewife and mother of three sons. She was also employed by the City of Cross Plains for 9 years.

The Bishops are blessed to have six grandchildren. Please, no gifts.

Clyde Lions Club to Sponsor 4th of July Celebration

The Clyde Lions Club will be sponsoring a 4th of July Celebration at Clyde Lake again this year. On Tuesday, July 4th, there will be games for kids, a 42 tournament, a volleyball tournament, games for adults such as horseshoes and anvil toss. The Independence Day festivities will conclude with a fireworks display at dark (approximately 9:45 p.m.).

The 42 tournament is scheduled to begin at 3:00 p.m. under the lake pavilion. The volleyball tournament is slated for 4:00 p.m. and the horseshoe tournament is set for 5:00 p.m. The popular anvil toss is at 6:00 p.m. Prizes will be awarded to the first and second place winners in each game.

The Clyde Girl Scouts will have a dunking booth during the day. Kids games are planned during the day, under the supervision of the Clyde Boy Scouts.

Bands will perform in the afternoon and evening and there will even be a fishing tournament for all ages. To participate in any of these events, just come out to the lake and join the fun. The fishing tournament will begin at 12:00 noon and Weigh-in will be at 6:00 p.m. (Please see separate article for details on the fishing tournament)

The Clyde Jr. Livestock Assn. will be serving barbeque, hamburgers, corn on the cob, and more beginning at 12:00 noon. The Clyde Chamber of Commerce will have ice cream on hand and the Lions Club will have a variety of beverages.

Swimming will be allowed, but boats and other watercraft are prohibited from the Lake for this day. Alcohol is prohibited from the festivities during the day, as well as personal fireworks. The Clyde Po-

lice Department will be patrolling the lake during the 4th of July.

The July 4th event will conclude with a fireworks display over Clyde Lake beginning at dark. The Clyde Volunteer Fire Department will be in charge of setting off this year's fireworks display. The Peoples State Bank in Clyde has made a generous donation for this year's fireworks display. This celebration should have something for everyone so come on out to Clyde Lake on July 4th for all the fun!

Electric restructuring moves forward Substantial progress one year after Bill signing

The stage is set for retail electric competition in Texas one year after lawmakers approved comprehensive reforms designed to reduce monthly rates and ensure safe and reliable electric service for customers.

On June 18, 1999, Gov. George W. Bush signed Senate Bill 7, the Texas electric restructuring law. Since then the Public Utility Commission (PUC) has approved a variety of rules and established policies to carry out the law.

"An open market is on the way," said PUC Chairman Pat Wood, III. "While much work remains, Texas electric customers can be confident that retail competition will pay off."

The legislation calls for retail competition to begin Jan. 1, 2002, with several pilot projects slated to start June 1, 2001. Customers of investor-owned utilities, which serve approximately 70 percent of Texans, already had their electric rates frozen on Sept. 1, 1999, when S.B. 7 took effect. Residential customers will enjoy a six-percent rate cut on Jan. 1, 2002. Municipally owned utilities and electric cooperatives may keep their monopoly status but also have the option of entering the competitive retail market on their own schedule.

For the past year the PUC has adopted several significant rule packages designed to ease the transition into retail competition. Some highlights include:

- Code of conduct requirements to prevent unfair practices among competitors.
- Promoting on-site, or distributed electricity generation from smaller customers.
- Reliability rules to ensure that transmission and distribution utilities maintain the delivery system at the highest level of performance.
- Rules encouraging the use of renewable energy to reduce pollution and encourage development of alternative energy resource.
- Regulations to "unbundle" or separate utilities companies into the distinct functions of power generation, power delivery, and retail electric service.
- The development of a customer education plan to inform Texans about the choices they can make about their electric service.
- A provision that allows the General Land Office to sell electricity using state-owned natural gas and earn millions of dollars for Texas public schools.
- Energy efficiency rules to give Texas electric customers more

choices for energy-savers such as home weatherization, energy-saving appliances and the use of waste heat.

In addition, hundreds of participants from all parts of the industry are hammering out the commercial and technical details to ensure the open market can deliver the benefits of competition to all. The Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) is spearheading these market-opening activities.

To supply the electric needs of the growing Texas economy, more than 50 new power plants are either under construction or being planned.

In the next ten months the PUC will complete the process to bring retail electric competition to Texas. The largest project involves the setting of power delivery rates. In this project the PUC will, among other things, review utilities' stranded costs, those expenses incurred in the former monopoly setting that cannot be recovered in a competitive market. The investor-owned utilities have filed their own estimates, and over the next several months the PUC will review these cases before ruling on the actual amount of stranded costs approved for each utility. These stranded cost estimates will be "true-up" against a market valuation in 2004.

Regulations still need to be approved for the System Benefit Fund, which will subsidize lower rates for low-income families. The System Benefit Fund will also pay for the statewide customer education program.

The PUC also is developing rules for "providers of last resort," which would be obligated to serve all customers in their service area with a standard pricing package.

Another provision of S.B. 7 requires utilities to reduce pollution from nitrogen oxide emissions at least 50 percent on a statewide average and reduce sulfur dioxide emission by 25 percent by 2003. Even greater reductions are mandated in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex and the Houston area due to regulations recently adopted by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

All projects and activities will be completed in advance of the launch of pilot projects for retail competition on June 1, 2001.

The PUC encourages competition and customer choice while ensuring electric and telephone operations, services and rates are fair and reasonable.

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