



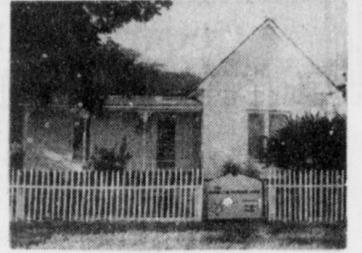
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DOWN HOME

"The Principle of the Matter"

By VANDA ANDERSON-CREECH
Editor

My dad joined the Army when he was only 16 years old, just prior to World War II. It was his dad's and his opinion that as hard as times were, he would be better off in the military service. This way he would have clean clothes and meals.

Of course, they had no way of knowing that the most devastating war was about to break out. Daddy had already received his basic training at El Paso and was helping train new recruits. It was his responsibility to teach them how to march and take them on a several mile run each morning.

Being a clever fellow, he devised a way to make the run a little easier on himself, but the day came when it backfired. A superior officer came through and requested a full inspection of the field packs the soldier were carrying. All the men laid out their gear except my dad. The officer asked him why. He replied, "Well Sir, it wouldn't do any good. I only have a couple of buckets in my field pack." Needless to say he was in trouble and was reassigned to the brig. Daddy always said it took a lot longer to earn those stripes than it did to lose them.

The first day he was there the guard recognized that he was responsible and he asked him to watch the others while he made a quick trip to the PX. While he was gone, an officer checked up on the guard only to find daddy in charge. When the guard returned they placed him in the brig and released my dad.

Daddy was assigned to drive a jeep for a commander and it was a pretty cushy position. However, his fellow soldiers made fun of him until he asked to be reassigned. I think he regretted the decision caused by peer pressure.

Then there was the time he was on a train which ran right beside his parent's home in Silver Valley. He hadn't seen them in a while and couldn't resist the temptation to bail off. That was a costly decision, too. On his discharge papers it noted the fact that he had been absent without leave.

The sad thing was, he had only been home a few days after serving four years overseas when he received his draft notice. This really didn't sit well with Daddy. Can you imagine the disappointment?

I feel like he shared these particular stories because he wanted to impress on me the necessity of being responsible and the consequences that follow. I enjoyed his Army stories and I guess they did have an impact on my life. They have been passed along to my children and hopefully to the next generation, too.

Dairy Queen Requests Return of Coin Drop

Last Sunday evening someone took the coin drop attached to the drive-in window at Dairy Queen. You may not have been aware that the coins within are donations to the Children's Miracle Network that benefit sick children.

If you would at least return the coin container to the window after hours, it would be greatly appreciated by manager Ophelia Merrill.

Library Schedules Genealogy Meeting Friday, Feb. 23rd Don't Miss This!

For those interested in genealogy, there will be a meeting at the Cross Plains Public Library on Friday, February 23, at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to come share experiences in searching for their ancestors.

Wheat Board to Hold Biennial Election

The Texas Wheat Producers Board (TWPB), engaged in wheat research, market and development and services designed to add to the value of the crop, will hold its 15th biennial mail election between March 30 and April 12, 2001, according to David Cleavinger, farmer-elected chairman of the organization. The Board was formed in 1971 in Panhandle-North Texas Area and expanded state-wide by a producer referendum in 1985. Six year terms of five of the current fifteen board members are expiring at this time include: District I: Cagle Kendrick, Stratford; District II: Tommy Womack, Tulia; District III: Fred Dwyer, Wichita Falls; District IV: Jack Norman, Howe and Ken Davis, Grandview. All Board members with expiring terms are eligible for re-election.

In 1971, the Board was formed by producers as a self-help program to enhance the value of wheat in Texas. The 1.5 million acre crop produced 31.4 million bushels for a value of about \$37 million. Texas peak harvested acres of 5.8 million in 1985 produced a 187 million bushel crop valued in excess of \$800 million.

Changes in government programs, particularly the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), the state-wide drought which Texas has experience over the past three years have reduced the production to 66 million bushels for a value still in excess of \$275 million.

The Texas wheat industry has an impact on the state's economy of nearly \$2 billion annually. Approximately 6 million acres of wheat are grown state-wide on an annual basis of which nearly 3 million are harvested. Texas leads the nation in producing dual purpose wheat, wheat used as grain for human consumption and forage for livestock.

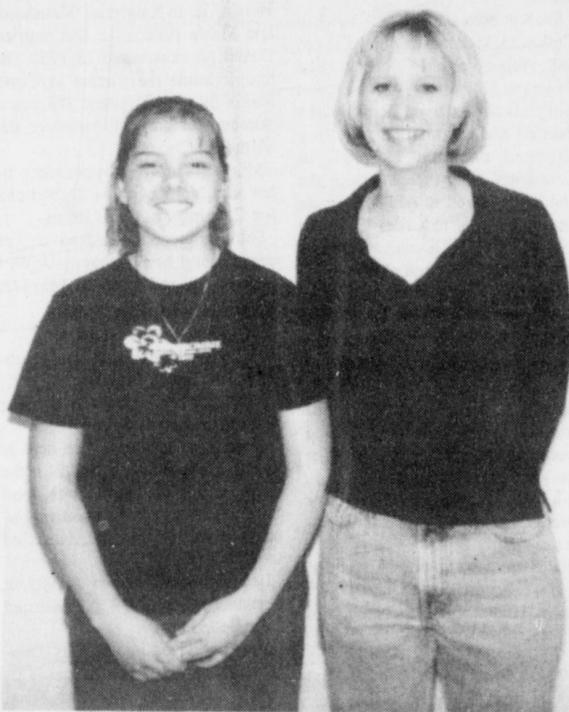
Because most Texas wheat producers grow wheat for grain and forage, the TWPB is supporting research and education to help address the problems of disease and insect, drought and late freezes. We are still dedicated to assisting the producers through research, market development and education in an effort to strengthen producer income. The Texas Wheat Producers Association continues its efforts to strengthen producers' income through State and National government liaison on farm policy issues.

Any farmer producing wheat in Texas is eligible to vote for a board member for that district in which he reside. Area counties are included in District IV.

Cleavinger points out that any person qualifying to vote in the election may place his name in nomination for a six-year membership on the Texas What Producers Board by application to the organization, signed by himself and a least ten (10) other persons eligible to vote in his District in the election, at least 30 days (February 8 - March 12) prior to the election final (April 12) date, in order to have his name placed on the ballot.

The election will be held by mail ballot, which will be provided to all eligible voters 14 days prior to the election.

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TWO STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR STATE— Many talented musicians from Cross Plains High School recently competed in U.I.L. Solo/Ensemble Contest held at Howard Payne University. Those participating included Roger Carey on tuba; Kandra Poole on trumpet; Hayli Foster and Erin Stephens in voice; and Kati Wooten and Angela Swift on piano. Two of these students, Erin Stephens (left) and Angela Swift (right) earned a Divison I rating and will be competing at State in May. Erin is the daughter of Wade and Pat Stephens and Angela is the daughter of John and Connie Swift.

Medical Expense Benefit Planned for Gustine Couple Sunday

A medical expense benefit Ham-burger Luncheon will be held for Donna and Jimmy Craig Perkins sponsored and donated by Linda and Man Pierce at Linda's Cafe in downtown Gustine. The benefit will be held Sunday, February 25, from noon until 4:00 p.m.

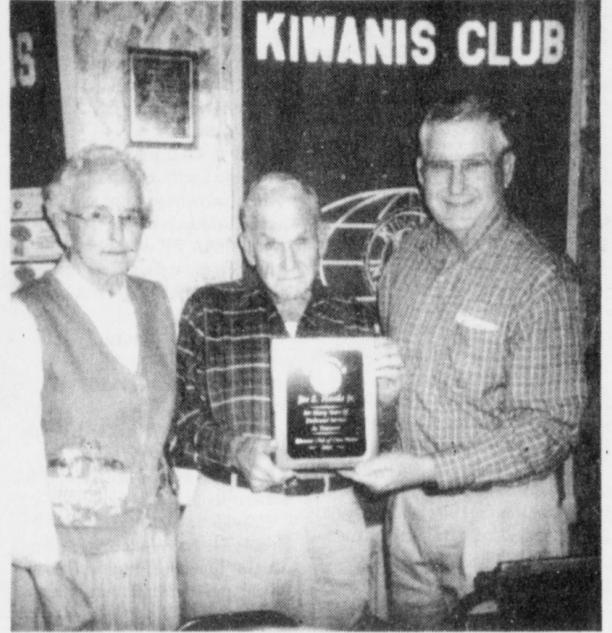
The cost of the meal will be your

donation. Jimmy Perkins is the Fire Chief of the Gustine Volunteer Fire Department and his wife, Donna is member of their fire department. Donna has been diagnosed with inoperable pancreatic cancer.

Come enjoy a good meal and give to a worthy cause.



GUEST SPEAKER FOR KIWANIS— Bryan Bennett (left) was guest of Joe Hanke at the local Kiwanis Club meeting. Mr. Bennett, owner of Bennett Electronic Security Team (BEST), a licensed security and fire alarm company, spoke to the group giving details and plans for expanding his business. Mr. Bennett has been in business since 1996 and has a number of monitored accounts for homes and businesses in this area. He currently operates from his home near Cottonwood. Plans for the future include remodeling and occupying the former Foster Grocery building on North Main Street during the coming year. The Cross Plains Kiwanis Club meets each Tuesday at noon at Jean's Feed Barn. Guests are always welcome.



HANKE RECEIVES APPRECIATION PLAQUE— Charter member of the Cross Plains Kiwanis Club, Joe Hanke, Jr., (center) was presented a plaque for his many years of service as the club treasurer by W.G. McCoy, president (right). Joe helped organize the club in 1981, and has served as its treasurer most of those years. He is a faithful member having also served as chairman of numerous club projects. Joe's wife, Era Lee, who has always been a strong supporter of Kiwanis projects and fund-raisers, attended the presentation.

"Heart of David" Conference Held Locally Mar. 2-3-4

By COLLEEN ANDERSON

Living Water Ministries will host "The Heart of David" Conference March 2-3-4. Those ministering will be Jim and Jean Hodges, Bob Long and the worship team Judah.

Jim Hodges is founder of "Federation of Churches and Ministers" and former teacher at Christ for the Nations.

Bob Long is founder of Rally Call Ministries, an intercessory, spiritual warfare ministry.

These are dedicated to the further equipping of the church and serving

the body of Christ through the anointings and gifts of the Holy Spirit.

We believe God is placing the heart of David in His church, a heart that chases hard after the Lord. The heart of worship is being restored in His people and the glory of the Lord, His Presence is filling the temple. And we cry, "Yes Lord --Amen."

Service times are March 2 at 7 p.m., March 3 at 7 p.m. and March 4 at 10 a.m. We welcome you and invite you to come expecting to receive! And come ready to praise and worship our Lord Jesus for He is worthy to be praised!

Scranton Musical Will Be Saturday, March 3rd

The Scranton Community Center met on Tuesday, February 6 at 3:00 p.m. President Wanda Hull presided. There were eleven people in attendance. We now have kitchen volunteers for every month except August. If you could volunteer for the August 4 musical, please call Joanie Shrader at 854-1815. The annual Scranton Musical/Homecoming, scheduled for June 2 and 3, was discussed. It

was decided to install some lighting under the outdoor covered area and lights to cover the entrance and parking area. There has been good attendance and lots of musicians at the last two musicals. We would like to thank you for your attendance and continued support. The next musical will be March 3 and the next quarterly meeting on May 2.

Stephanie Childress Recipient of Award at UNT

Stephanie Childress, a freshman student at University of North Texas-Denton, has been selected to receive the \$1000 Multicultural Scholastic Award for the 2000-2001 academic year. Stephanie was awarded the honor from UNT in December as a result of her fall semester GPA (4.0) and a written essay based on the subject of multiculturalism.

Miss Childress, a 2000 graduate of Cross Plains High School, is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Scott Childress of Cottonwood.

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

David P. Bryan, driving while intoxicated (DWI).

Salvador L. Conteras, DWI.
William C. Holley, criminal mischief.

Guy Rister, criminal trespass.

Misdemeanor Minutes

James B. Turner, plea of guilty to escape, 5 days in jail, \$262.25 court costs.

Jennifer Grant, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, 6 month probation, \$50 fine, \$287.25 court costs, \$40 restitution.

Leellen Johnson, order for discharge of fine and costs granted.

Rebecca Mantooth, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, 6 month probation, \$50 fine, \$287.25 court costs, \$142.52 restitution.

William Gandy, plea of guilty to DWI, 2 year probation, \$400 fine, \$242.25 court costs.

James Alfred Morris, plea of guilty to taking wildlife without consent of the landowner and hunting with a light, one year probation, \$1500 fine, \$242.25 court costs.

Emily Susan Hunter, plea of guilty to criminal trespass, 6 month probation, \$600 fine, \$262.25 court costs.

Aubrey A. Tatum, plea of guilty to DWI, 15 days in jail, \$500 fine, \$242.25 court costs, \$19.63 restitution.

Steve Williams, order amending conditions of probation granted.

April Marie O'Brien, order extending probation granted.

William Gandy, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Brown Co. granted.

Brandy Holder, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Scott Simmons, order extending probation granted.

Shawn Wade Prather, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

Michael Brown, motion to withdraw as surety and application for warrant granted.

Todd Barr, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, \$50 fine, \$237.25 court costs, \$77.34 restitution.

Marriage Licenses

Arturo Ozuna Chavarria, Jr. and Shanna DeAnn Bell, both of Clyde.

42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Denise Ann Fiscus and Rex Dean Fiscus, divorce.

Terry Lynn Beasley and JoAnn Beasley, divorce.

Kathy A. Carrillo and John Escobedo Carrillo, divorce.

Kimberly Diane Ralph and Christopher Dewayne Ralph, divorce.

Beneficial Texas, Inc. vs. Gregg Allen Smith, application home equity foreclosure.

Civil Minutes

Mary Lucille Yates and James R. Yates, divorce granted.

Chris Wayne Walsh and Kenda Rae Walsh, divorce granted.

Grace A. Meads and Joseph E. Meads, divorce granted.

Providian National Bank vs. Brenda N. Nail, agreed judgment plaintiff to recover from defendant the sum of \$6,246.52 with interest.

Criminal Info. & Complaints

Criminal Indictments

Criminal Minutes

John W. Morris, motion to revoke probation granted.

Richard L. Gonzales, plea of guilty to possession/transport of anhydrous ammonia in an unapproved container, 4 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$210.25 court costs.

William B. Reynolds, plea of guilty to possession/transport of anhydrous ammonia in an unapproved container, 4 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$210.25 court costs.

Timothy J. Reynolds, plea of guilty to possession/transport of anhydrous ammonia in an unapproved container, 4 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$210.25 court costs.

OBITUARIES

Maxine Ford Crockett

Mrs. Maxine Ford Crockett, age 84, of Cross Plains, passed away Wednesday, February 14, 2001, at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home in Cross Plains. Services were held Saturday, February 17, 2001, at the Higginbotham Chapel with Bob Pipe officiating. Burial was in the Cross Plains Cemetery in Cross Plains with Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains directing the arrangements.

She was born December 9, 1916, in Cushing, Oklahoma to Henry L. Ford and Vinnie Verona Goodrich. She moved to Grandbury when she was two years old and lived there until she married. She was married to D. Troy Crockett on June 1, 1935, in Grandbury. After their marriage she and Troy moved to Abilene for six years and then to Cross Plains in 1941. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, D. Troy Crockett of Cross Plains; two sons, D.T. Crockett, Jr. and wife, Mary of Abilene, and James Larry Crockett and wife, Sandra of Cross Plains; one sister, Isabell Scott of Cresson; eleven grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren; as well as many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and three sisters.

Pallbearers were James Alexander, Danny Hutton, James Lawrence, Cowan Hutton, Charles Chesshir and Walter Thomason.

Mildred I. Newton

Mrs. Mildred I. Newton, age 78, died Saturday, February 17, 2001, at Spring Season Nursing Home in Abilene.

Graveside services were held Sunday, February 18, at 4 p.m. at the Cross Plains Cemetery with Dr. Richard Chaffin officiating. Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains directed the arrangements.

She was born January 14, 1923, in Herrin, IL to Lawrence Maushardt and Mable Haidcastle. She married DeWitt Newton on July 18, 1961. The couple made their home in Cross Plains for several years. She was a homemaker and a member of the Methodist Church.

Mildred is survived by her sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Delma and Joe Coppinger of Cross Plains.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, DeWitt Newton, passed away on May 23, 1997.

Lela Pauline Hill

Mrs. Lela Pauline Hill, 96, of Lubbock, died Friday, February 16, 2001, in the Lubbock Hospitality Nursing Home in Lubbock.

Graveside services were held at 1:00 p.m. Monday, February 19, at the Cross Plains Cemetery with John Swift officiating. Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains directed the arrangements.

Lela was born February 7, 1905, in Comanche County to E.R. Roach and Odie Belle Pension.

She is survived by her sons, Douglas Hill of Breckenridge and H.D. Hill, Jr. of Abilene; two daughters, Lela Mae Scott of Lubbock and Gerry Frost of Santa Rita, N.M.; nine grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, H.D. Hill, Sr. in 1978.

Colonial Oaks Services

First United Methodist will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, February 25, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

Survey reveals rural health care needs of the elderly

LUBBOCK — Addressing the needs of elderly people living in rural areas is now a little easier thanks to a survey just completed by the Department of Health Services Research and Management at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

The Texas Tech 5000 survey was one of the largest surveys of health and health care accessibility and quality ever conducted among elderly individuals. The survey is based on a random sample of 65,000 telephone listings in the 108 counties that comprise West Texas. Households were screened to identify age-eligible respondents.

"This survey and its results will help us target the rural population more effectively," said Tyrone F. Borders, Ph.D., assistant professor in the Department of Health Services Research and Management and coauthor of the survey.

Respondents were questioned about health services use, satisfaction with accessibility and quality, health insurance coverage, health beliefs, health status, demographics and other health-related factors. A Spanish version was administered upon respondent request.

"We had a wonderful response," said James E. Rohrer, Ph.D., chairman of the Department of Health Services Research and Management and coauthor of the survey. "We were inundated with calls from people who wanted to be involved. People want their voices heard about the problems they face."

The survey was funded by the Administration on Aging/U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

"There have been surveys of Hispanics that included Mexican-

Cuban- and Puerto Rican-Americans, but there's never been a survey in the Southwestern part of the U.S. that targeted elderly Mexican-Americans," Rohrer added. "That was a big part of this study."

Among the results discovered from the survey were that a higher percentage of elderly Hispanics have no health insurance coverage, and of those with health insurance coverage, Medicaid is more common among Hispanics while private health insurance is more prevalent among non-Hispanic whites.

The study also revealed that a lower percentage of Hispanics were satisfied with their accessibility to specialty physicians and a lower percentage of Hispanics had visited a doctor within the last six months.

Rohrer said the study revealed many interesting facts, but that this survey should not be considered the last word on the health care needs of the rural elderly.

"There will be more rounds of surveys and more results compiled," he said. Studies such as these will become even more important as the U.S. population continues to age and as age demographics shift throughout rural and urban areas, said Joel Kupersmith, M.D., dean of the School of Medicine and the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.

"Many young people are leaving rural areas, so examining the rural elderly is key," Kupersmith said. "Rural health care presents different needs for us to address. This gives us our first good look at this group and tells us a lot about their access to health care and what we can do to meet their needs."

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Albany Mainstreet Playhouse Kicks Off Third Season with "Twelve Angry Jurors"

"Twelve Angry Jurors" will be presented by the Albany Mainstreet Playhouse to kick off the third season of the local theater troupe -- an arm of the Albany Chamber of Commerce. Presentations of the classic drama will be on Saturday, February 24, at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday, February 25, at 2:30 p.m. This production will be staged at the Aztec Theater in downtown Albany. All tickets are reserved seating, and are currently on sale at the Aztec Theater, the Albany Chamber of Commerce and the Albany Motor Inn. All tickets are \$8. For information, call (915) 762-3818.

This play was originally written and presented on television in the late 1950's by Reginald Rose. The original title was "Twelve Angry Men", and the Albany version was adapted by Director Reilly Nail so that both men and women are included in the ensemble cast. The Albany version does remain true to the time period in which it was written and the dialogue offers many facets of different personalities between twelve individuals.

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TSTC Sweetwater Hosting Spring Jr/Sr Technology Day -- Call Now

High school juniors and seniors, parents, teachers and counselors are invited to TSTC Sweetwater's semi-annual Junior/Senior Technology Day. Visitors will tour the campus and the various technology programs. Lunch will be served at a cost of only \$3.00 per person.

Registration will be from 8:30 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. with the Welcome and Overview of TSTC's Technology Programs and Student Life from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m.. From 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon there will be Campus Tours and lunch and question and answer session are from 12 noon to 1:00 p.m. At 1:00 p.m. there will be personal tours, admission and financial aid and assistance.

Reservations are required. Please call 915 235-7300 or toll-free 1-800-592-8784 by February 23.

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tion, Cleavinger said. He also indicated that any person qualified to vote who does not receive a ballot 14 days before the election date, may obtain one at Agricultural Extension Service offices as provided by the Texas Commodity Referendum Law. In addition to the five members with expiring terms, other TWPB members are David Cleavinger, Wildorado; Gary Murphy, Dawson;

Scott McGarraugh, Perryton; C.L. Edwards, Panhandle; Bob Beakley, Ennis; Foy Gibson, Bend; David Moore, Dumas; W.R. Moore, Jr., Munday; Ben Scholz, Wylie; and Ralph Sides, Childress. Applications for names to be placed on the ballot should be sent to the organization's headquarters office, 2201 Civic Circle, Suite #705, Amarillo, Texas 79109.

COLONIAL OAKS NURSING HOME NEWS

By LINDA MERRITT

The residents enjoyed their Valentine Day with ice cream sundaes (flavors of their choice) and each received a Valentine on their lunch trays.

Our special friend sent our residents Valentine baskets with a stuffed animal and candy in them. They were proud of them. We thank you so much for your thoughtfulness.

Louise Richardson sure looks pretty with her new perm.

Appreciation to the Best Med for the Valentine cookies, and Mr. and Mrs. Larmon McMillan for the fruit and to the Richardson family for the lollipops.

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the family of Maxine Crockett on the loss of their loved one. May it comfort you to know that the thoughts and prayers of others are with you.

Thoughts and prayers for June Hickman, Clifford King and Gladys Smith who are in the hospital.

Barbara and Walter Thomason, Pam and Samantha Hutton and Pat Bush visited with Pauline Champion.

Sarah Thomas visited with Vera Belyeu.

Wimpy McCoy visited with Gladys Smith.

Mary Nixon from May, Lydia Nixon and Charlotte Burch visited with Carl McKenzie.

Jennifer Goble from Dallas, Cecil and Naoma Wilson, Norma and Clayton Goble visited with Delilah Goble.

Lonnie and Martha Switzer visited with O.B. and Pauline Switzer.

David McGowen from Rising Star visited with Raymond McCowen and Mary Weaver.

Lurene, Byron and Brenton visited with Louise Richardson.

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

Kathy Purvis visited with Gladys Smith.

Clara McInnis visited with Jessie Casey.

Bennie and Debbie Williams from Big Lake, Haylee Brimm from San Angelo, Clinton and Juanita Crisp visited with Maxine Crisp.

Bobby Jack McCowen visited Raymond McCowen and Jake Childers.

Deborah Griswold and Michael Curry from Hawley visited Deen Haddox.

Activities:
Monday: Bingo winners were Vera Belyeu, Jessie Casey, Falba Shofner and Minnie Swann (2). Singing with Dorothy Reynolds.

Tuesday: Art class. Exercise class.
Wednesday: Sing-a-long with Bob Wallace. Movie time.

Thursday: Manicures. Ball toss. Skip-Bo games.

Friday: Bingo winners were Ruby Harrell, Minnie Swann (2), Vera Belyeu, Falba Shofner and Jessie Casey. Popcorn. Skip-Bo games.

Sunday: First United Methodist. Love is Homemade!

MACK'S MEMORIES

By BOBBY JACK McCOWEN

My oldest brother and I were talking the other day (two or three days), or it could have been a week or two ago; about people's memory seem to be getting worse.

Some of course are worse than others. We talked about whether it was mostly older folks or not.

My brother said, "No it wasn't just older folks, unless you want to call

James Bond, the movie star, old." I questioned, "How's that?" He replied, "Well, if you notice every time James Bond introduces himself to anyone, he says Bond -- James Bond. I guess he can't think of his first name till he says his last name." Best I can recall, that was how our conversation went.

LIBRARY NEWS

Wonderful! Wonderful! Wonderful! I am such a happy worm today. Why? Because I squeak around in such a wonderful town. What other library could boast about having patrons bring baked goods to sell and then have the biggest profit ever? **Check it out.** It's true. Last Wednesday there were 81 contributors of cakes, etc. for the library bake sale and 10 donations of money!

Thank you, thank you, Cross Plains folks. You're our kind of people. Come on in now, for books. What you can't find here we'll get for you.

STATISTIC:

Books
Cross Plains 66
Audio
Abilene 6
Interlibrary Loan 3
"Learn About, ..." Program 47
TOTAL 122

Memorials:

Jack and Kathryn Tunnell for Maxine Crockett

Donation:

Ed Duncan - books

Texans Can Save Money and Protect Air Quality

With more than 16 million cars and trucks on the road in the Lone Star State, Texans can help improve air quality and save money just by properly maintaining their vehicles. One vehicle in bad repair can produce 28 times as much air pollution as one vehicle in good repair.

In Texas, vehicles contribute as much as half of the harmful air emissions that create air pollution. Each year, the average car causes over 600 pounds of air pollution. When vehicles are not properly maintained they get poor gas mileage and you spend more money on gas. For example, under-inflation shortens life of a tire and decreases gas mileage. If your tires are 12 pounds per square inch (psi) below the proper level, this can result in an increase of fuel consumption of five percent.

Here are a few money-saving, maintenance tips for air quality:

*Change your oil and oil filter regularly

*Keep your tire pressure and alignment correct

*Change your fuel filter and air filter

*Monitor hoses, wiring and belts

*Have your vehicle tuned up regularly

*If a warning light comes on, find out why and fix the problem.

Be sure to check your owner's manual for service intervals and follow the automobile manufacturer's service recommendations.

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Girl Scouts Host 52nd Annual Council Meeting

Girl Scouts - Heart of Texas Council hosted its 52nd Annual Council Meeting recently at the Texas State 4-H Center at Lake Brownwood.

At this meeting, delegates elected new members to the council's board of directors. In addition to the business meeting and elections held, the council awarded special service recognitions to many of their volunteers from across its jurisdiction.

In addition to the adult recognitions, a record twenty Cadette Girl Scouts were presented the Girl Scout Silver Award, the highest award a Cadette can earn. This award requires girls to earn several interest project patches, the Cadette Girl Scout Leadership Pin and the From Dreams to Reality Patch in preparation for a service project.

The Heart of Texas Council appreciates all its adult volunteers for their commitment to helping the young people within its 19-county jurisdiction. These dedicated individuals volunteer their time and talents to help girls develop their leadership skills, improve their health and fitness, increase their self-esteem, and understand that citizenship is part of com-

munity service. Girl Scouting has always been, and will continue to be, committed to serving all girls and helping them become the leaders of tomorrow.



February 26-March 2

MONDAY--Ham, Blackeyed Peas, Oven Fried Okra, Peaches, Roll
TUESDAY--Teryaki Chicken, Stir Fry Veggies, Rice, Fruit, Birthday Cake, Bread
WEDNESDAY--Roast Beef w/ Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread Pudding w/ Lemon Sauce, Roll
THURSDAY--Chicken A La King, Hominy, Green Beans, Jello Topping, Roll, Milk
FRIDAY-- Tomato Soup, Tuna Salad, Applesauce, Potato Chips, Cake, Crackers, Milk

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QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By KAY MOSLEY

"Stumps and Stones"

Not too long after Marvin and I relocated here, we became members of the Cross Plains Garden Club. The first meeting I attended I joined the club along with my cousins. About one year later, my husband attended garden club with me. After meeting the other male members, which at that time numbered two, he accepted membership also.

The best I can recall, I joined in 1993, and he in '94; however I may be off a year. We have learned so much about gardening, during the subsequent years, not to mention learning to do flower arrangements.

Not only have we absorbed gardening knowledge but we have thoroughly enjoyed the programs, field trips and other activities such as doing the Christmas Open House each year at the nursing home.

We had dabbled in herb gardening prior to coming to Cross Plains but were barely getting started so we continued that interest and a little flower gardening as well.

Cross Plains Garden Club, since we became members, has visited nurseries. Once on a very, very, cold day we went rock and stump hunting. We had a blast, plus we also felt those blasts of cold air. We found some v-e-r-y interesting and intriguing stones and stumps. I still have my stump I collected that day, it is my prize stump and I treasure it and the memory of the day of the "Stone and Stump Hunt."

Garden Club trips have also included a trip to the Abilene Zoo and to the Grace Museum in Abilene where we viewed an artist's showing.

Programs have included the care and propagation of geranium; tips on flower arranging; how to properly plant a rose bush, herbs their planting, care and other preparations; bottling, a program on color; and making a wreath workshop, just to name

a few.

For the past three years in the very early spring we sponsor a Tradesday and invite many vendors plus the garden club sells plants and items for gardening, along with other white elephant items. For our last meeting in May, the Garden Club has toured many local gardens as a group, which has culminated to date with country a cookout courtesy of member, Rolan Jones.

In December of the year 2000, the Cross Plains Garden celebrated its 40th anniversary as a Federated Club.

The clubs present officers are President - Robert (Bob) Powell, First Vice President - Kay Mosley, Second Vice President - Barbara Powell, Secretary - Eva Fleming and Treasurer and Parliamentarian-Julene Franke.

Each year before the end of May the club presents its annual flower show. Following the judging of the flower arrangements, the club opens the show to the public for viewing.

The local club does have memberships available. If you are interested, please call Bob or Barbara Powell at 643-2404, or Marvin or Kay Mosley at 725-6420, or contact any garden club member for further information.

If you prefer to join us for one of our meetings they are the second Friday of the month. We will be looking for you. We meet at 2 p.m. at the Multi-Purpose Center September thru May. The club is on hiatus during the months of June, July and August.

The Cross Plains Garden Club will hold a Tradesday on the bank lot behind the Dairy Queen on March 31. We invite vendors to call James Nichols or Bob Powell if you wish to have booth. We want to send a GREAT BIG invite to everyone in the vicinity and for miles around to attend. Come out and view all, you just might find that certain something you've been searching for for decades.

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BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes
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Bertrand Russell once said, "I do not believe that any good thing is to be obtained through fear." Frankly, I would have to take issue with him. Sometimes fear serves a very good purpose -- sometimes it even saves lives. For example, we teach our children to fear the dangerous traffic in the streets. Without this fear a child might innocently and ignorantly stray into the streets and be struck by a car and killed -- or maimed for life at best. Even as an adult we maintain a healthy level of that fear as we cross the street and drive to and fro. It would be regrettable, however, for a child to so fear the traffic that he would be frightened to cross at a crosswalk controlled by a signal light with the aid of an adult -- or for an adult himself to be afraid to cross the street, with proper respect given to traffic, just because he couldn't do it as a child.

So fear helps us avoid that which is harmful and destructive -- and yet can have devastating, destructive effects if not kept in its proper respect. Basil King writes, sadly, in his book, *The Conquest of Fear*, "During most of my conscious life I have been prey to fear....I cannot remember the time when a dread of one kind or another was not in the air." That is sad!

Faith in and a love of God has always been the only real antidotes for fear. David expressed it this way in the twenty-third Psalm: "Yea, though I (even) walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me." And the apostle John wrote: "There is no fear in love, but perfect love cast out fear, because fear has punishment; and he who fears is not made perfect in love," 1 John 4:18.

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C.P. STUDENT REVIEW

Lady Buffs Fall Short

BY COACH CAVENDER

On Tuesday the 13th we traveled to Cisco to take on Munday for the Bi-District Championship. The Lady Moguls came out on top by the final score of 51 to 43.

We played a great game on defense until late in the game when we had to extend our defense and take some chances to get the ball back.

I felt like the girls played a good game, we just didn't shoot the ball

good enough to win the game. We were 15 of 47 from the field and 11 of 24 from the Free Throw line. Our defense kept us in the game and gave us a chance.

Score By Quarters:
 Lady Buffs 10- 8-12-13 Total 43
 Munday 11-10-14-16 Total 51
 Scoring the points were Tessa 12, Jennifer 11, Candice 9, Amber 7, Dani 4. Sheina and Amanda did an excellent job of pressuring the basketball on defense the entire game. Dani and Amber combined for 15

rebounds and 4 of 6 from the field. Tessa had a good game going 5-10 from the field to go a long with 5 steals. Jennifer had 7 rebounds and 3 assists. Candice had 4 assists, 3 rebounds, and 3 steals.

It was a tough game to lose, but looking back on the season we had a good run. We played in the final of 2 tournaments, we had wins over 1A, 2A, and 3A teams this season. We won some big games down the stretch in district competition. The kids reached the 20 win plateau for the 5th consecutive year and a play-off birth for the 5th time as well.

We finished the season 20-12, and 6-3 in district.

The seniors have a lot to remember the younger kids have a lot to look forward to in the future.

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees in a regular meeting with the following members present; Rickey Carey, Donnie Dillard, Scott Childress, Charles Chesshir, Monty Richards and Tony Wyatt. Terry Nixon was attending Walk to Emmaus.

The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Superintendent, High School Principal, Elementary Principal, and guests, Mark Owen and Susan Hartman.

Prayer was led by Scott Childress. Minutes were approved with corrections.

Motion was made by Carey and seconded by Richards that the board amend the school policy BE (local) and meet in the board room at 7 p.m. for regular board meeting. 5 For Against 1 -- For Dillard, Richards, Carey, Wyatt and Chesshir. Against -- Childress.

Motion was made by Carey and seconded by Wyatt that we delete TASB (Local) CHD school policy. 4 For 2 Against For--Dillard, Richards, Carey and Wyatt. Against -- Chesshir and Childress.

Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by Chesshir that we amend (Local) EIA school policy as denoted in the attached proposed revision. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Richards and seconded by Wyatt that we approve Local EIE policy charges regarding retention and promotion. 6 For 0 Against

Motion was made by Richards and seconded by Carey that we join the consortium of LaPorte Independent School District for the purpose of claiming Medicaid funds which are available to reimburse the district for nurses, counselors, principals, social workers, psychologists, speech therapists and others who identify and work with at-risk students due to mental and physical health issues. 6 For and 0 Against

Motion was made by Childress and seconded by Carey that we approve

PS9 Grant for Cross Plains I.S.D. 6 For 0 Against

Motion was made by Richards and seconded by Wyatt that we approve the use of school facilities for a chili supper by Cross Plains Housing Authority. 6 For 0 Against

The agenda item relating to drug and alcohol policy remained tabled to allow additional time.

Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by Carey that we approve the campus improvement plans as presented by Cross Plains I.S.D. principals. 6 For 0 Against

Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by Carey that we approve May 5, 2001, as election date and Cross Plains Community Center as the site. Barbara Sowell as election judge and Joyce McCoy as alternate. Debbie Gosnell as absentee clerk and Cross Plains City Hall as absentee voting site. 6 For 0 Against

Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by Carey that they go into executive session --in 8:42 and out 11:08.

Motion was made by Childress and seconded by Carey that we extend the Athletic Director, Cord Woerner's contract, for 1 year thru 2003. 6 For 0 Against

Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by Richards that we extend Margie Sowell's contract as elementary principal for 1 year thru 2003. 6 For 0 Against

Motions were made by Richards and seconded by Childress that we extend Leonard Wilson's contract as high school principal for 1 year thru 2003 with a growth plan. 6 For 0 Against

Motion was made by Carey and seconded by Richards that we accept the resignation of Shawna Gilliam. 6 For 0 Against

Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by Carey that we accept Mattie Faye Wilson's resignation with regret. 6 For 0 Against

The board reviewed the bills for February. Motion was made by Richards and seconded by Wyatt that we adjourn. 6 For 0 Against



February 26-February 27
BREAKFAST

MONDAY--Cream of Wheat, Toast, Assorted Juice
 TUESDAY--French Toast, Sausage, Assorted Juice
 WEDNESDAY--Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice
 THURSDAY-- Breakfast Burrito, Assorted Juice
 FRIDAY--Breakfast Bread, Yogurt, Assorted Juice

LUNCH

MONDAY--Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Broccoli, Garlic Sticks, Mixed Fruit
 TUESDAY--Ham Slices, Scalloped Potatoes, Spinach, Rolls, Peaches
 WEDNESDAY-- Meat & Cheese Nachos, Salad, Corn, Fruit Crisp
 THURSDAY-- Hot Dog w/ Chili & Cheese, Potato Wedges, Mixed Vegetables, Pears
 FRIDAY-- Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Fries, Rice Krispie Treat

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DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
2/27	TUESDAY	TOLAR	TARLTON	7:00
3/2	FRIDAY	JACKSBORO	HOME	5:30
3/3	SATURDAY	ALVORD	HOME	10:00
3/6	TUESDAY	EARLY	AWAY	5:30
3/8,9,10	THUR-FRI-SAT	RANGER TOURNAMENT	RANGER	TBA
3/20	TUESDAY	ROTAN	HOME	5:00
3/23	FRIDAY	IRA	MCMURRAY	5:00
3/27	TUESDAY	** MAY	AWAY	5:00
3/30	FRIDAY	** BAIRD	HOME	5:00
4/3	TUESDAY	** GORMAN	AWAY	5:00
4/10	TUESDAY	** RANGER	HOME	5:00
4/13	FRIDAY	SANTO (double header)	AWAY	10:00
4/17	TUESDAY	** MAY	HOME	5:00
4/24	TUESDAY	** RANGER	AWAY	5:00
5/1	TUESDAY	** GORMAN	HOME	5:00
5/4	FRIDAY	** BAIRD	AWAY	5:00
5/8	TUESDAY	IRA	MERKEL	5:00
5/11	FRIDAY	ROTAN	AWAY	5:00

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DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
FRIDAY	3/2	BAIRD	THERE	8:00
MONDAY	3/5	LORRAINE	HOME	4:30
FRIDAY	3/9	EARLY	HOME	5:00
MONDAY	3/19	RANGER	THERE	4:30
MONDAY	3/26	RANGER	HOME	4:30
FRIDAY	3/30	MULLIN(double header)	BROWNWOOD	4:00
MONDAY	4/2	HAMILTON	THERE	4:30
THUR-SAT	4/5, 6, 7,	COLEMAN TOURNAMENT	THERE	TBA
FRIDAY	4/13	CISCO	THERE	11:00
MONDAY	4/23	BAIRD	HOME	4:30
MONDAY	4/30	ROTAN	HOME	5:00
MONDAY	5/7	ROTAN	THERE	5:00

PEE WEE BASKETBALL CONCESSION STAND SCHEDULE

Find your child's name. Each name is listed twice. If you cannot work, please make arrangements ahead of time for someone to work in your place.

Day	Time	Person	Day	Time	Person
Thursday	February 22nd		Thursday	March 8th	
5:00-6:00-	Kristen Wells	3:00-4:00-	Brett Wheeler	5:00-6:00-	Taylor Savell
6:00-7:00-	Tiana Hollis	4:00-5:00-	Brittany Melton	6:00-7:00-	Filigonio Vasquez
7:00-8:00-	Krista Phillips	5:00-6:00-	Douglas Bowden	7:00-8:00-	Chance Marlow
8:00-9:00-	Emily Harris	6:00-7:00-	Karen Scott	8:00-9:00-	Krista Phillips
	Cierra Odum	7:00-8:00-	Charlie Vasquez		Jet Tirado
	Brooklyn Strength	8:00-9:00-	J.J. Callaway		Justin Dickson
	Byanna Santos		Chance Marlow		Brooklyn Strength
	Beth Savell		Joey Westerman		Emma Bennett
Saturday	February 24th		Monday	March 5th	
10:00-11:00-	Brittany Johnson	5:00-6:00-	Jarrad Eisenbach		
11:00-12:00-	Emma Bennett	6:00-7:00-	Charlie Vasquez		
12:00-1:00-	Thor Woerner	7:00-8:00-	Filigonio Vasquez		
1:00-2:00-	Joe Dalton Wyatt	8:00-9:00-	Betty Mathews		
	Brooklyn Strength		Thomas Savell		
	Terrah Augustine		Rene Salazar		
	Jerrad Eisenbach		Andrew Wheeler		
	Thomas Savell		Brooklyn Strength		
	Will Mack				
	Anthony Hutton				
	Candice Rister				
	Christina Avants				
	Brittany Melton				
	Tiffany Aiken				
	Brittany Stout				
	Amanda Isbell				
	J.J. Callaway				
	Brook Cooper				
Monday	February 26				
5:00-6:00-	Russell Thomas				
6:00-7:00-	Travis Crockett				
7:00-8:00-	Emma Bennett				
8:00-9:00-	Cierra Odum				
	David Peters				
	Clay Koenig				
	Ashleigh Galloway				
	Liliana Vasquez				
Thursday	March 1st				
5:00-6:00-	Brittany Stout				
6:00-7:00-	Amanda Isbell				
7:00-8:00-	Liliana Vasquez				
8:00-9:00-	Tiffany Aiken				
	Jacob Melton				
	Joey Westerman				
	Karen Scott				
	Brook Cooper				
Saturday	March 3				
10:00-11:00-	Taylor Savell				
11:00-12:00-	Will Mack				
12:00-1:00-	Thor Woerner				
1:00-2:00-	Anthony Hutton				
2:00-3:00-	Markus Maxwell				
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Rep. Stenholm's Ag Talk: Agriculture Committee Hold Two Hearings

By **Charlie Stenholm**
February 16, 2001
Agriculture Committee Holds Two Hearings
The House Agriculture Commit-

tee held two hearings this week: one took a look at the current state of the farm economy, and the other began the process of reviewing the future of farm programs.

On Wednesday, several economists from USDA testified before the Committee. Unfortunately, they predicted hard times in the short term for crop producers.

Several points were made that are obvious but need to be kept in mind as Congress prepares to write the next farm bill.

Agriculture is currently suffering from a problem of excess supply. The primary reason small family farms are able to survive economically is off-farm income.

The average farm household income in 1998 was \$8,000 higher than non-farm households. Farmers produce as much as they can because there is no incentive to reduce their own production, since their individual actions have no effect on the market.

Each producer relies on increased sales volume to turn a profit. Crop farmers are caught in the middle of this situation. Hard work and technological improvements have caused supply to grow quickly, however demand is not keeping up. The result of excess supply is to drive down prices.

Adding further to the difficulties is an export market in which farmers have to compete with a strong dollar. This can give foreign producers a significant advantage through exchange rates.

National Cotton Council Testifies Before the Ag Committee

The National Cotton Council testified before the House Agriculture Committee on Thursday to present its recommendations for the new farm bill. Cotton was the first commodity group to report to the Agriculture Committee this session.

Among the recommendations made for a new upland cotton program were (1) a continuation of the marketing loan program and base acreage provisions, and (2) allowing farmers to either keep their current payment base, or update to a new payment base.

The Cotton Council also asked that the new farm bill eliminate payment limits which they claim hurt large, efficient farmers.

Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Annual Meeting, Tuesday, February 20 in Abilene

The Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Annual Meeting will be held next Tuesday, February 20 in Abilene at the Taylor County Expo Center Big Country Hall. John Maguire of the National Cotton Council Office in Washington, DC will speak at 11:00 a.m., followed by Billy Dunivant at 12:00 noon. These are both excellent speakers and I plan to be there to hear what they have to say.

Food & Agricultural Policy Research Institute (FAPRI)

The Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute, better known as FAPRI, reported Tuesday that farm income could plummet more than \$9 billion in the next two years, reaching its lowest level in a decade, without government help.

According to FAPRI's findings, from 2000 to 2002, annual farm income is predicted to drop from \$45.4 billion to \$36.3 billion.

One of the major factors in the decreased income projection is the higher cost of natural gas, leading to higher energy and fertilizer costs.

The data collected by FAPRI comes from 42 farms across the country, including nine in Texas and three in the Big Country (Erath, Jones, and Dawson Counties).

Based on that data, FAPRI found that 32 of the 42 farms studied

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have more than a 50 percent chance of operating at a loss during the 2001-2005 time period.

Things are looking good for the cattle industry, however. Increasing prices will help the industry and only one of the four cattle farms studied are likely to be in poor financial condition by 2005.

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- 65 acres at \$1,150/ac., Coleman Co. - Sold 3 weeks!!!
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- 279 acres at \$475/ac., Coleman Co. - Sold 3 months!!!!
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Give The Gift That Keeps On Giving All Year
 A Subscription To The Cross Plains Review

Wounded tree...

A honey locust tree flourished in our back yard. It was a wonderful shade tree. It stood picturesque next to the zig-zag rail fence behind the house, overlooking a sweeping pasture that ended in steep descent to the Okanogan River. Summer kitchen heat was abated somewhat by the dappled shadows cast by the leaves.

It was only a tree as long as the pruning shears could stay ahead of the suckers that grew abundantly every spring. Otherwise, it was a giant shrub, as unapproachable as Sleeping Beauty's briars with all the thorny suckers surrounding the tree trunk. The tree was lush and ripe, oozing with health and vitality. I could swear the tree giggled when the breezes teased its leaves.

I learned the name of the tree from our new neighbors. Actually, we were new, the neighbors had grown up there.

Another tree stood in our back yard. It was nearly as tall as the honey-locust tree, but its trunk was thinner, and few leaves dangled from its widely spaced branches. The skimpy branches were short and angular. The tree was alive, but it looked like it spent its days shuddering against the cold.

One day I asked the neighbor lady what kind of tree that was. She knew them all. She loved trees as much as people.

She once wrapped her arms around the tree that grew up to own too much of the road. Standing against the threat of road machinery, she told the crew to leave her blue spruce alone, threatening

to chain herself to the tree if necessary. It is the only place in the long country road where the water line swerves around a tree.

She told me the spindly tree was also a honey locust. I wondered about the difference. The two hardly resembled each other, yet were only a few dozen yards apart. They were planted at the same time, subject to the same wind, rain, icy days and hot summer sun. Both trees were growing in the same dirt. One looked glad to be alive; the other seemed huddled in fear.

Though there was nothing outward to confirm it, I thought it must be diseased.

My neighbor's husband shed light on the mystery one day. He was acquainting us with the neighborhood as it used to be before we moved there. He pointed to where things used to stand, explained who once lived in that old deserted house a ways down the road, described one devastating spring flood when the River took over the lowlands.

He turned to the honeysuckle trees, comparing the two. He said the difference was the shrinking tree was shot. The guy that lived there two families before us used it as target practice.

The revelation stunned me. "As the twig is bent it was a jarring realization, something that made me think how important it is to be careful how we raise our kids. And how possible it might be that the trees which stand mute and watch all our generations grow up might have feelings, too, and maybe some very strong opinions."

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RACHEL SMITH AND JOSH BEAL

Smith - Beal Wedding Planned for April 7th

Vernon and Beckey Smith of Cross Plains, along with Andrea and Kirby Cabler would like to announce the engagement of their children, Rachel Michelle to Josh Beal.

Rachel is a 1999 graduate of Cross Plains High School and is an LVN at Songbird Lodge in Brownwood.

Josh is a 1996 graduate of Early High School and is employed at Davconn Construction in Brownwood.

An April 7th wedding is planned for 3:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Cross Plains. Friends and relatives of the couple are invited to attend.

Combs: "Don't Get Burned When Buying Firewood"

AUSTIN—A roaring fire in the fireplace may be just what's needed during this bitterly cold Texas weather. But in the rush to keep the home fires burning, Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs says some consumers may be getting short-changed because they don't know how much firewood they are buying.

"By law, firewood can only be sold by the cord or by fractions of a cord," Combs said. "Anything else and consumers may be getting burned."

A standard cord of firewood is 128 cubic feet of wood, generally a pile measuring 8 feet long by 4 feet deep. The wood should be placed in a line or row with individual pieces of wood touching and parallel to each other. The cord of wood should be compact.

Other units, such as "rick," "truckload," "face cord," "rack" or "pile," are not legitimate measurements, and people have no way of determining how much firewood they are actually receiving.

If you think you have been short-changed, contact your Texas Department of Agriculture regional office or TDA's Weights and Measures Program at (512) 463-7483 or 1-800-TELL-TDA (835-5832).

TDA offers other helpful hints for buying fire wood:

*Only burn well-seasoned wood. If you try to burn green wood, the heat produced by combustion must dry the wood before it will burn, using up a

large amount of the available energy in the process. Well-seasoned firewood generally has darkened ends with visible cracks or splits. It is relatively lightweight and make a clear "clunk" when pieces are hit against each other. Green wood on the other hand is very heavy, the ends look fresher and it tends to make a dull "thud" when struck.

*To prevent the spread of oak wilt, only buy well seasoned oak firewood. Although the fungus that causes oak wilt is heat sensitive, storing contaminated, unseasoned wood may help spread the disease. The beetles that carry the fungus may fly off and infect healthy trees. Well seasoned oak firewood is dried to the point where the bark is falling off and the wood is cracked. The fungus is no longer alive in well seasoned wood.

*Wood should be stored off the ground if possible and protected from excess moisture when weather threatens. The ideal situation is a wood shed with a roof and open or loose sides for plenty of air circulation to promote drying.

*Only burn a little pine, even construction scraps, as kindling.

*Packaged natural wood offered for sale in quantities in terms of cubic meters or cubic feet or any fractions of cubic meters or cubic feet and must meet TDA's labeling requirements for accuracy.

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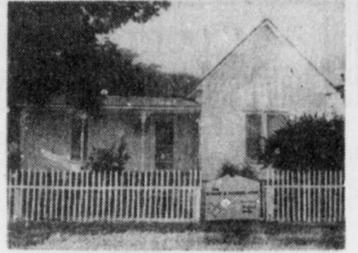
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DOWN HOME

"The Principle of the Matter"

By VANDA ANDERSON-CREECH
Editor

My dad joined the Army when he was only 16 years old, just prior to World War II. It was his dad's and his opinion that as hard as times were, he would be better off in the military service. This way he would have clean clothes and meals.

Of course, they had no way of knowing that the most devastating war was about to break out. Daddy had already received his basic training at El Paso and was helping train new recruits. It was his responsibility to teach them how to march and take them on a several mile run each morning.

Being a clever fellow, he devised a way to make the run a little easier on himself, but the day came when it backfired. A superior officer came through and requested a full inspection of the field packs the soldier were carrying. All the men laid out their gear except my dad. The officer asked him why. He replied, "Well Sir, it wouldn't do any good. I only have a couple of buckets in my field pack." Needless to say he was in trouble and was reassigned to the brig. Daddy always said it took a lot longer to earn those stripes than it did to lose them.

The first day he was there the guard recognized that he was responsible and he asked him to watch the others while he made a quick trip to the PX. While he was gone, an officer checked up on the guard only to find daddy in charge. When the guard returned they placed him in the brig and released my dad.

Daddy was assigned to drive a jeep for a commander and it was a pretty cushy position. However, his fellow soldiers made fun of him until he asked to be reassigned. I think he regretted the decision caused by peer pressure.

Then there was the time he was on a train which ran right beside his parent's home in Silver Valley. He hadn't seen them in a while and couldn't resist the temptation to bail off. That was a costly decision, too. On his discharge papers it noted the fact that he had been absent without leave.

The sad thing was, he had only been home a few days after serving four years overseas when he received his draft notice. This really didn't sit well with Daddy. Can you imagine the disappointment?

I feel like he shared these particular stories because he wanted to impress on me the necessity of being responsible and the consequences that follow. I enjoyed his Army stories and I guess they did have an impact on my life. They have been passed along to my children and hopefully to the next generation, too.

Dairy Queen Requests Return of Coin Drop

Last Sunday evening someone took the coin drop attached to the drive-in window at Dairy Queen. You may not have been aware that the coins within are donations to the Children's Miracle Network that benefit sick children.

If you would at least return the coin container to the window after hours, it would be greatly appreciated by manager Ophelia Merrill.

Library Schedules Genealogy Meeting Friday, Feb. 23rd Don't Miss This!

For those interested in genealogy, there will be a meeting at the Cross Plains Public Library on Friday, February 23, at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to come share experiences in searching for their ancestors.

Wheat Board to Hold Biennial Election

The Texas Wheat Producers Board (TWPB), engaged in wheat research, market and development and services designed to add to the value of the crop, will hold its 15th biennial mail election between March 30 and April 12, 2001, according to David Cleavinger, farmer-elected chairman of the organization. The Board was formed in 1971 in Panhandle-North Texas Area and expanded state-wide by a producer referendum in 1985. Six year terms of five of the current fifteen board members are expiring at this time include: District I: Cagle Kendrick, Stratford; District II: Tommy Womack, Tulia; District III: Fred Dwyer, Wichita Falls; District IV: Jack Norman, Howe and Ken Davis, Grandview. All Board members with expiring terms are eligible for re-election.

In 1971, the Board was formed by producers as a self-help program to enhance the value of wheat in Texas. The 1.5 million acre crop produced 31.4 million bushels for a value of about \$37 million. Texas peak harvested acres of 5.8 million in 1985 produced a 187 million bushel crop valued in excess of \$800 million.

Changes in government programs, particularly the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), the state-wide drought which Texas has experience over the past three years have reduced the production to 66 million bushels for a value still in excess of \$275 million.

The Texas wheat industry has an impact on the state's economy of nearly \$2 billion annually. Approximately 6 million acres of wheat are grown state-wide on an annual basis of which nearly 3 million are harvested. Texas leads the nation in producing dual purpose wheat, wheat used as grain for human consumption and forage for livestock.

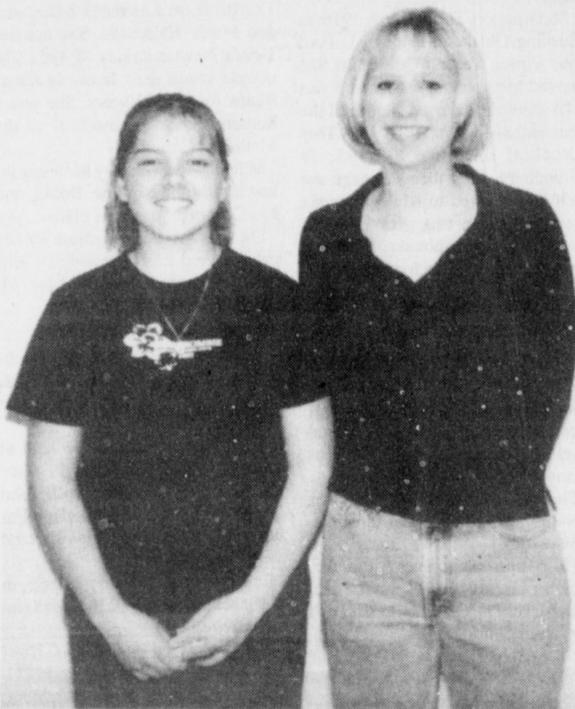
Because most Texas wheat producers grow wheat for grain and forage, the TWPB is supporting research and education to help address the problems of disease and insect, drought and late freezes. We are still dedicated to assisting the producers through research, market development and education in an effort to strengthen producer income. The Texas Wheat Producers Association continues its efforts to strengthen producers' income through State and National government liaison on farm policy issues.

Any farmer producing wheat in Texas is eligible to vote for a board member for that district in which he reside. Area counties are included in District IV.

Cleavinger points out that any person qualifying to vote in the election may place his name in nomination for a six-year membership on the Texas What Producers Board by application to the organization, signed by himself and a least ten (10) other persons eligible to vote in his District in the election, at least 30 days (February 8 - March 12) prior to the election final (April 12) date, in order to have his name placed on the ballot.

The election will be held by mail ballot, which will be provided to all eligible voters 14 days prior to the elec-

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TWO STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR STATE— Many talented musicians from Cross Plains High School recently competed in U.I.L. Solo/Ensemble Contest held at Howard Payne University. Those participating included Roger Carey on tuba; Kandra Poole on trumpet; Hayli Foster and Erin Stephens in voice; and Kati Wooten and Angela Swift on piano. Two of these students, Erin Stephens (left) and Angela Swift (right) earned a Division I rating and will be competing at State in May. Erin is the daughter of Wade and Pat Stephens and Angela is the daughter of John and Connie Swift.

Medical Expense Benefit Planned for Gustine Couple Sunday

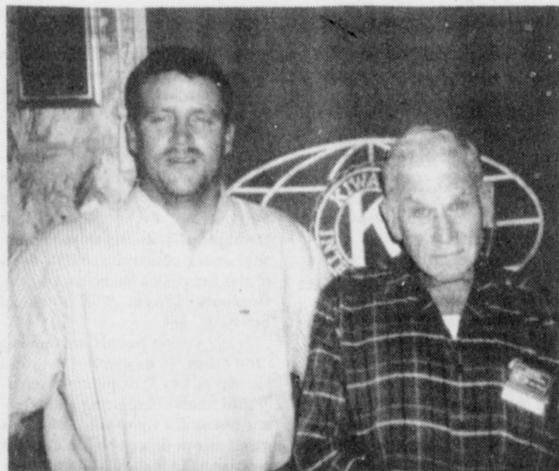
A medical expense benefit Hamburger Luncheon will be held for Donna and Jimmy Craig Perkins sponsored and donated by Linda and Man Pierce at Linda's Cafe in downtown Gustine. The benefit will be held Sunday, February 25, from noon until 4:00 p.m.

The cost of the meal will be your

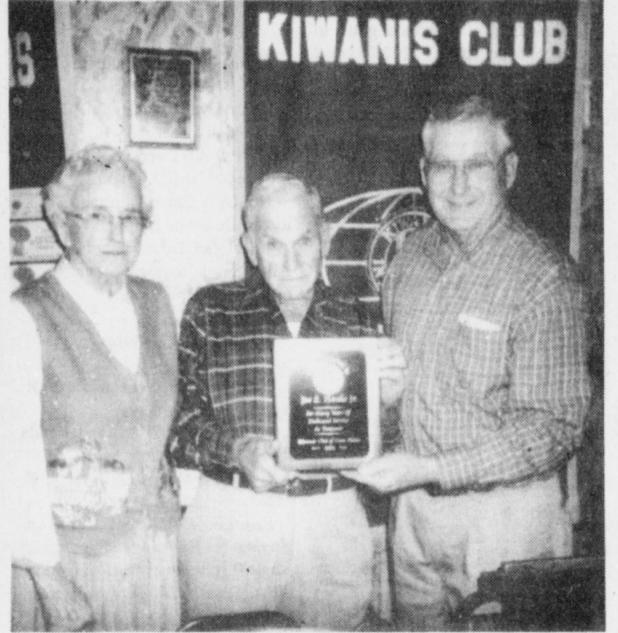
donation.

Jimmy Perkins is the Fire Chief of the Gustine Volunteer Fire Department and his wife, Donna is member of their fire department. Donna has been diagnosed with inoperable pancreatic cancer.

Come enjoy a good meal and give to a worthy cause.



GUEST SPEAKER FOR KIWANIS— Bryan Bennett (left) was guest of Joe Hanke at the local Kiwanis Club meeting. Mr. Bennett, owner of Bennett Electronic Security Team (BEST), a licensed security and fire alarm company, spoke to the group giving details and plans for expanding his business. Mr. Bennett has been in business since 1996 and has a number of monitored accounts for homes and businesses in this area. He currently operates from his home near Cottonwood. Plans for the future include remodeling and occupying the former Foster Grocery building on North Main Street during the coming year. The Cross Plains Kiwanis Club meets each Tuesday at noon at Jean's Feed Barn. Guests are always welcome.



HANKE RECEIVES APPRECIATION PLAQUE— Charter member of the Cross Plains Kiwanis Club, Joe Hanke, Jr., (center) was presented a plaque for his many years of service as the club treasurer by W.G. McCoy, president (right). Joe helped organize the club in 1981, and has served as its treasurer most of those years. He is a faithful member having also served as chairman of numerous club projects. Joe's wife, Era Lee, who has always been a strong supporter of Kiwanis projects and fund-raisers, attended the presentation.

"Heart of David" Conference Held Locally Mar. 2-3-4

By COLLEEN ANDERSON

Living Water Ministries will host 'The Heart of David' Conference March 2-3-4. Those ministering will be Jim and Jean Hodges, Bob Long and the worship team Judah.

Jim Hodges is founder of 'Federation of Churches and Ministers' and former teacher at Christ for the Nations.

Bob Long is founder of Rally Call Ministries, an intercessory, spiritual warfare ministry.

These are dedicated to the further equipping of the church and serving

the body of Christ through the anointings and gifts of the Holy Spirit.

We believe God is placing the heart of David in His church, a heart that chases hard after the Lord. The heart of worship is being restored in His people and the glory of the Lord, His Presence is filling the temple. And we cry, "Yes Lord --Amen."

Service times are March 2 at 7 p.m., March 3 at 7 p.m. and March 4 at 10 a.m. We welcome you and invite you to come expecting to receive! And come ready to praise and worship our Lord Jesus for He is worthy to be praised!

Scranton Musical Will Be Saturday, March 3rd

The Scranton Community Center met on Tuesday, February 6 at 3:00 p.m. President Wanda Hull presided. There were eleven people in attendance. We now have kitchen volunteers for every month except August. If you could volunteer for the August 4 musical, please call Joanie Shrader at 854-1815. The annual Scranton Musical/Homecoming, scheduled for June 2 and 3, was discussed. It

was decided to install some lighting under the outdoor covered area and lights to cover the entrance and parking area. There has been good attendance and lots of musicians at the last two musicals. We would like to thank you for your attendance and continued support. The next musical will be March 3 and the next quarterly meeting on May 2.

Stephanie Childress Recipient of Award at UNT

Stephanie Childress, a freshman student at University of North Texas-Denton, has been selected to receive the \$1000 Multicultural Scholastic Award for the 2000-2001 academic year. Stephanie was awarded the honor from UNT in December as a result of her fall semester GPA (4.0) and a written essay based on the subject of multiculturalism.

Miss Childress, a 2000 graduate of Cross Plains High School, is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Scott Childress of Cottonwood.

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT
Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

David P. Bryan, driving while intoxicated (DWI).
Salvador L. Conteras, DWI.
William C. Holley, criminal mischief.
Guy Rister, criminal trespass.

Misdemeanor Minutes

James B. Turner, plea of guilty to escape, 5 days in jail, \$262.25 court costs.

Jennifer Grant, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, 6 month probation, \$50 fine, \$287.25 court costs, \$40 restitution.

Leellen Johnson, order for discharge of fine and costs granted.

Rebecca Mantooth, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, 6 month probation, \$50 fine, \$287.25 court costs, \$142.52 restitution.

William Gandy, plea of guilty to DWI, 2 year probation, \$400 fine, \$242.25 court costs.

James Alfred Morris, plea of guilty to taking wildlife without consent of the landowner and hunting with a light, one year probation, \$1500 fine, \$242.25 court costs.

Emily Susan Hunter, plea of guilty to criminal trespass, 6 month probation, \$600 fine, \$262.25 court costs.

Aubrey A. Tatum, plea of guilty to DWI, 15 days in jail, \$500 fine, \$242.25 court costs, \$19.63 restitution.

Steve Williams, order amending conditions of probation granted.

April Marie O'Brien, order extending probation granted.

William Gandy, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Brown Co. granted.

Brandy Holder, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Scott Simmons, order extending probation granted.

Shawn Wade Prather, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

Michael Brown, motion to withdraw as surety and application for warrant granted.

Todd Barr, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, \$50 fine, \$237.25 court costs, \$77.34 restitution.

Marriage Licenses

Arturo Ozuna Chavarria, Jr. and Shanna DeAnn Bell, both of Clyde.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Denise Ann Fiscus and Rex Dean Fiscus, divorce.

Terry Lynn Beasley and JoAnn Beasley, divorce.

Kathy A. Carrillo and John Escobedo Carrillo, divorce.

Kimberly Diane Ralph and Christopher Dewayne Ralph, divorce.

Beneficial Texas, Inc. vs. Gregg Allen Smith, application home equity foreclosure.

Civil Minutes

Mary Lucillie Yates and James R. Yates, divorce granted.

Chris Wayne Walsh and Kenda Rae Walsh, divorce granted.

Grace A. Meads and Joseph E. Meads, divorce granted.

Provident National Bank vs. Brenda N. Nail, agreed judgment plaintiff to recover from defendant the sum of \$6,246.52 with interest.

Criminal Info. & Complaints

Criminal Indictments

Criminal Minutes

John W. Morris, motion to revoke probation granted.

Richard L. Gonzales, plea of guilty to possession/transport of anhydrous ammonia in an unapproved container, 4 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$210.25 court costs.

William B. Reynolds, plea of guilty to possession/transport of anhydrous ammonia in an unapproved container, 4-year probation, \$1000 fine, \$210.25 court costs.

Timothy J. Reynolds, plea of guilty to possession/transport of anhydrous ammonia in an unapproved container, 4 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$210.25 court costs.

OBITUARIES

Maxine Ford Crockett

Mrs. Maxine Ford Crockett, age 84, of Cross Plains, passed away Wednesday, February 14, 2001, at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home in Cross Plains.

Services were held Saturday, February 17, 2001, at the Higginbotham Chapel with Bob Pipe officiating. Burial was in the Cross Plains Cemetery in Cross Plains directed by Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains directing the arrangements.

She was born December 9, 1916, in Cushing, Oklahoma to Henry L. Ford and Vinnie Verona Goodrich. She moved to Grandbury when she was two years old and lived there until she married. She was married to D. Troy Crockett on June 1, 1935, in Grandbury. After their marriage she and Troy moved to Abilene for six years and then to Cross Plains in 1941. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, D. Troy Crockett of Cross Plains; two sons, D.T. Crockett, Jr. and wife, Mary of Abilene, and James Larry Crockett and wife, Sandra of Cross Plains; one sister, Isabell Scott of Cresson; eleven grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren; as well as many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and three sisters.

Pallbearers were James Alexander, Danny Hutton, James Lawrence, Cowan Hutton, Charles Chesshir and Walter Thomason.

Mildred I. Newton

Mrs. Mildred I. Newton, age 78, died Saturday, February 17, 2001, at Spring Season Nursing Home in Abilene.

Graveside services were held Sunday, February 18, at 4 p.m. at the Cross Plains Cemetery with Dr. Richard Chaffin officiating. Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains directed the arrangements.

She was born January 14, 1923, in Herrin, IL to Lawrence Maushardt and Mable Haidcastle. She married DeWitt Newton on July 18, 1961. The couple made their home in Cross Plains for several years. She was a homemaker and a member of the Methodist Church.

Mildred is survived by her sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Delma and Joe Coppinger of Cross Plains.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, DeWitt Newton, passed away on May 23, 1997.

Lela Pauline Hill

Mrs. Lela Pauline Hill, 96, of Lubbock, died Friday, February 16, 2001, in the Lubbock Hospitality Nursing Home in Lubbock.

Graveside services were held at 1:00 p.m. Monday, February 19, at the Cross Plains Cemetery with John Swift officiating. Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains directed the arrangements.

Lela was born February 7, 1905, in Comanche County to E.R. Roach and Odie Belle Penon.

She is survived by her sons, Douglas Hill of Breckenridge and H.D. Hill, Jr. of Abilene; two daughters, Lela Mae Scott of Lubbock and Gerry Frost of Santa Rita, N.M.; nine grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, H.D. Hill, Sr. in 1978.

Colonial Oaks Services

First United Methodist will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, February 25, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

Survey reveals rural health care needs of the elderly

LUBBOCK — Addressing the needs of elderly people living in rural areas is now a little easier thanks to a survey just completed by the Department of Health Services Research and Management at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

The Texas Tech 5000 survey was one of the largest surveys of health and health care accessibility and quality ever conducted among elderly individuals. The survey is based on a random sample of 65,000 telephone listings in the 108 counties that comprise West Texas. Households were screened to identify age-eligible respondents.

"This survey and its results will help us target the rural population more effectively," said Tyrone F. Borders, Ph.D., assistant professor in the Department of Health Services Research and Management and coauthor of the survey.

Respondents were questioned about health services use, satisfaction with accessibility and quality, health insurance coverage, health beliefs, health status, demographics and other health-related factors. A Spanish version was administered upon respondent request.

"We had a wonderful response," said James E. Rohrer, Ph.D., chairman of the Department of Health Services Research and Management and coauthor of the survey. "We were inundated with calls from people who wanted to be involved. People want their voices heard about the problems they face."

The survey was funded by the Administration on Aging/U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

"There have been surveys of Hispanics that included Mexican-

Cuban- and Puerto Rican-Americans, but there's never been a survey in the Southwestern part of the U.S. that targeted elderly Mexican-Americans," Rohrer added. "That was a big part of this study."

Among the results discovered from the survey were that a higher percentage of elderly Hispanics have no health insurance coverage, and of those with health insurance coverage, Medicaid is more common among Hispanics while private health insurance is more prevalent among non-Hispanic whites.

The study also revealed that a lower percentage of Hispanics were satisfied with their accessibility to specialty physicians and a lower percentage of Hispanics had visited a doctor within the last six months.

Rohrer said the study revealed many interesting facts, but that this survey should not be considered the last word on the health care needs of the rural elderly.

"There will be more rounds of surveys and more results compiled," he said.

Studies such as these will become even more important as the U.S. population continues to age and as age demographics shift throughout rural and urban areas, said Joel Kupersmith, M.D., dean of the School of Medicine and the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.

"Many young people are leaving rural areas, so examining the rural elderly is key," Kupersmith said.

"Rural health care presents different needs for us to address. This gives us our first good look at this group and tells us a lot about their access to health care and what we can do to meet their needs."

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tion, Cleavinger said. He also indicated that any person qualified to vote who does not receive a ballot 14 days before the election date, may obtain one at Agricultural Extension Service offices as provided by the Texas Commodity Referendum Law.

In addition to the five members with expiring terms, other TWPB members are David Cleavinger, Wildorado; Gary Murphy, Dawson;

Scott McGarraugh, Perryton; C.L. Edwards, Panhandle; Bob Beakley, Ennis; Foy Gibson, Bend; David Moore, Dumas; W.R. Moore, Jr., Munday; Ben Scholz, Wylie; and Ralph Stiles, Childress.

Applications for names to be placed on the ballot should be sent to the organization's headquarters office, 2201 Civic Circle, Suite #705, Amarillo, Texas 79109.

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Albany Mainstreet Playhouse Kicks Off Third Season with "Twelve Angry Jurors"

"Twelve Angry Jurors" will be presented by the Albany Mainstreet Playhouse to kick off the third season of the local theater troupe -- an arm of the Albany Chamber of Commerce. Presentations of the classic drama will be on Saturday, February 24, at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday, February 25, at 2:30 p.m. This production will be staged at the Aztec Theater in downtown Albany. All tickets are reserved seating, and are currently on sale at the Aztec Theater, the Albany Chamber of Commerce and the Albany Motor Inn. All tickets are \$8. For information, call (915) 762-3818.

This play was originally written and presented on television in the late 1950's by Reginald Rose. The original title was "Twelve Angry Men", and the Albany version was adapted by Director Reilly Nail so that both men and women are included in the ensemble cast. The Albany version does remain true to the time period in which it was written and the dialogue offers many facets of different personalities between twelve individuals.

TSTC Sweetwater Hosting Spring Jr/Sr Technology Day -- Call Now

High school juniors and seniors, parents, teachers and counselors are invited to TSTC Sweetwater's semi-annual Junior/Senior Technology Day. Visitors will tour the campus and the various technology programs. Lunch will be served at a cost of only \$3.00 per person.

Registration will be from 8:30 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. with the Welcome and Overview of TSTC's Technology Programs and Student Life from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. From 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon there will be Campus Tours and lunch and question and answer session are from 12 noon to 1:00 p.m. At 1:00 p.m. there will be personal tours, admission and financial aid and assistance.

Reservations are required. Please call 915 235-7300 or toll-free 1-800-592-8784 by February 23.

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COLONIAL OAKS NURSING HOME NEWS

BY LINDA MERRITT

The residents enjoyed their Valentine Day with ice cream sundaes (flavors of their choice) and each received a Valentine on their lunch trays.

Our special friend sent our residents Valentine baskets with a stuffed animal and candy in them. They were proud of them. We thank you so much for your thoughtfulness.

Louise Richardson sure looks pretty with her new perm.

Appreciation to the Best Med for the Valentine cookies, and Mr. and Mrs. Larmon McMillan for the fruit and to the Richardson family for the lollipops.

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the family of Maxine Crockett on the loss of their loved one. May it comfort you to know that the thoughts and prayers of others are with you.

Thoughts and prayers for June Hickman, Clifford King and Gladys Smith who are in the hospital.

Barbara and Walter Thomason, Pam and Samantha Hutton and Pat Bush visited with Pauline Champion.

Sarah Thomas visited with Vera Belyeu.

Wimpy McCoy visited with Gladys Smith.

Mary Nixon from May, Lydia Nixon and Charlotte Burch visited with Carl McKenzie.

Jennifer Goble from Dallas, Cecil and Naoma Wilson, Norma and Clayton Goble visited with Delilah Goble.

Lonnie and Martha Switzer visited with O.B. and Pauline Switzer.

David McGowen from Rising Star visited with Raymond McCowen and Mary Weaver.

Lurene, Byron and Brenton visited with Louse Richardson.

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

Kathy Purvis visited with Gladys Smith.

Clara McInnis visited with Jessie Casey.

Bennie and Debbie Williams from Big Lake, Haylee Brimm from San Angelo, Clinton and Juanita Crisp visited with Maxine Crisp.

Bobby Jack McCowen visited Raymond McCowen and Jake Childers.

Deborah Griswold and Michael Curry from Hawley visited Deen Haddox.

Activities:
Monday: Bingo winners were Vera Belyeu, Jessie Casey, Falba Shofner and Minnie Swann (2). Singing with Dorothy Reynolds.

Tuesday: Art class. Exercise class.

Wednesday: Sing-a-long with Bob Wallace. Movie time.

Thursday: Manicures. Ball toss. Skip-Bo games.

Friday: Bingo winners were Ruby Harrell, Minnie Swann (2), Vera Belyeu, Falba Shofner and Jessie Casey. Popcorn. Skip-Bo games.

Sunday: First United Methodist. Love is Homemade!

MACK'S MEMORIES

BY BOBBY JACK MCCOWEN

My oldest brother and I were talking the other day (two or three days), or it could have been a week or two ago; about people's memory seem to be getting worse.

Some of course are worse than others. We talked about whether it was mostly older folks or not.

My brother said, "No it wasn't just older folks, unless you want to call

James Bond, the movie star, old." I questioned, "How's that?" He replied, "Well, if you notice every time James Bond introduces himself to anyone, he says Bond--- James Bond. I guess he can't think of his first name till he says his last name." Best I can recall, that was how our conversation went.

LIBRARY NEWS

Wonderful! Wonderful! Wonderful! I am such a happy worm today. Why? Because I squeak around in such a wonderful town. What other library could boast about having patrons bring baked goods to sell and then have the biggest profit ever? **Check it out.** It's true. Last Wednesday there were 81 contributors of cakes, etc. for the library bake sale and 10 donations of money!

Thank you, thank you, Cross Plains folks. You're our kind of people. Come on in now, for books. What you can't find here we'll get for you.

STATISTIC:

Books
Cross Plains 66
Audio
Abilene 6
Interlibrary Loan 3
"Learn About, ..." Program 47
TOTAL 122

Memorials:

Jack and Kathryn Tunnell for Maxine Crockett

Donation:

Ed Duncan - books

Texans Can Save Money and Protect Air Quality

With more than 16 million cars and trucks on the road in the Lone Star State, Texans can help improve air quality and save money just by properly maintaining their vehicles. One vehicle in bad repair can produce 28 times as much air pollution as one vehicle in good repair.

In Texas, vehicles contribute as much as half of the harmful air emissions that create air pollution. Each year, the average car causes over 600 pounds of air pollution. When vehicles are not properly maintained they get poor gas mileage and you spend more money on gas. For example, under-inflation shortens life of a tire and decreases gas mileage. If your tires are 12 pounds per square inch (psi) below the proper level, this can result in an increase of fuel consumption of five percent.

Here are a few money-saving, maintenance tips for air quality:

*Change your oil and oil filter regularly

*Keep your tire pressure and alignment correct

*Change your fuel filter and air filter

*Monitor hoses, wiring and belts

*Have your vehicle tuned up regularly

*If a warning light comes on, find out why and fix the problem.

Be sure to check your owner's manual for service intervals and follow the automobile manufacturer's service recommendations.

If you see tailpipe smoke from any light-duty gasoline or diesel-powered vehicle for more than 10 consecutive seconds, the vehicle is in violation of Texas regulations. Citizens can report smoking vehicles by calling 1-800-453-SMOG or report online at www.smokingvehicle.org.

An environmental message brought to you by the Event Coordination and Education Section.

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QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

BY KAY MOSLEY

"Stumps and Stones"

Not too long after Marvin and I relocated here, we became members of the Cross Plains Garden Club. The first meeting I attended I joined the club along with my cousins. About one year later, my husband attended garden club with me. After meeting the other male members, which at that time numbered two, he accepted membership also.

The best I can recall, I joined in 1993, and he in '94; however I may be off a year. We have learned so much about gardening, during the subsequent years, not to mention learning to do flower arrangements. Not only have we absorbed gardening knowledge but we have thoroughly enjoyed the programs, field trips and other activities such as doing the Christmas Open House each year at the nursing home.

We had dabbled in herb gardening prior to coming to Cross Plains but were barely getting started so we continued that interest and a little flower gardening as well. Cross Plains Garden Club, since we became members, has visited nurseries. Once on a very, very, cold day we went rock and stump hunting. We had a blast, plus we also felt those blasts of cold air. We found some v-e-r-y interesting and intriguing stones and stumps. I still have my stump I collected that day, it is my prize stump and I treasure it and the memory of the day of the "Stone and Stump Hunt."

Garden Club trips have also included a trip to the Abilene Zoo and to the Grace Museum in Abilene where we viewed an artist's showing. Programs have included the care and propagation of geranium; tips on flower arranging; how to properly plant a rose bush, herbs their planting, care and other preparations; bottling, a program on color; and making a wreath workshop, just to name

a few.

For the past three years in the very early spring we sponsor a Tradesday and invite many vendors plus the garden club sells plants and items for gardening, along with other white elephant items. For our last meeting in May, the Garden Club has toured many local gardens as a group, which has culminated to date with country a cookout courtesy of member, Rolan Jones.

In December of the year 2000, the Cross Plains Garden celebrated its 40th anniversary as a Federated Club.

The clubs present officers are President - Robert (Bob) Powell, First Vice President - Kay Mosley, Second Vice President - Barbara Powell, Secretary - Eva Fleming and Treasurer and Parliamentarian-Julene Franke.

Each year before the end of May the club presents its annual flower show. Following the judging of the flower arrangements, the club opens the show to the public for viewing.

The local club does have memberships available. If you are interested, please call Bob or Barbara Powell at 643-2404, or Marvin or Kay Mosley at 725-6420, or contact any garden club member for further information. If you prefer to join us for one of our meetings they are the second Friday of the month. We will be looking for you. We meet at 2 p.m. at the Multi-Purpose Center September thru May. The club is on hiatus during the months of June, July and August.

The Cross Plains Garden Club will hold a Tradesday on the bank lot behind the Dairy Queen on March 31. We invite vendors to call James Nichols or Bob Powell if you wish to have booth. We want to send a GREAT BIG invite to everyone in the vicinity and for miles around to attend. Come out and view all, you just might find that certain something you've been searching for for decades.

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Bertrand Russell once said, "I do not believe that any good thing is to be obtained through fear." Frankly, I would have to take issue with him. Sometimes fear serves a very good purpose -- sometimes it even saves lives. For example, we teach our children to fear the dangerous traffic in the streets. Without this fear a child might innocently and ignorantly stray into the streets and be struck by a car and killed -- or maimed for life at best. Even as an adult we maintain a healthy level of that fear as we cross the street and drive to and fro. It would be regrettable, however, for a child to so fear the traffic that he would be frightened to cross at a crosswalk controlled by a signal light with the aid of an adult -- or for an adult himself to be afraid to cross the street, with proper respect given to traffic, just because he couldn't do it as a child.

So fear helps us avoid that which is harmful and destructive -- and yet can have devastating, destructive effects if not kept in its proper respect. Basil King writes, sadly, in his book, *The Conquest of Fear*, "During most of my conscious life I have been prey to fear....I cannot remember the time when a dread of one kind or another was not in the air." That is sad!

Faith in and a love of God has always been the only real antidotes for fear. David expressed it this way in the twenty-third Psalm: "Yea, though I (even) walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me." And the apostle John wrote: "There is no fear in love, but perfect love cast out fear, because fear has punishment; and he who fears is not made perfect in love," 1 John 4:18. Come grow in faith and love toward God with us. We really do care about you!

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Sunday Morning Worship...10:45a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study...7:00p.m.
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Girl Scouts Host 52nd Annual Council Meeting

Girl Scouts - Heart of Texas Council hosted its 52nd Annual Council Meeting recently at the Texas State 4-H Center at Lake Brownwood.

At this meeting, delegates elected new members to the council's board of directors. In addition to the business meeting and elections held, the council awarded special service recognitions to many of their volunteers from across its jurisdiction.

In addition to the adult recognitions, a record twenty Cadette Girl Scouts were presented the Girl Scout Silver Award, the highest award a Cadette can earn. This award requires girls to earn several interest project patches, the Cadette Girl Scout Leadership Pin and the From Dreams to Reality Patch in preparation for a service project.

The Heart of Texas Council appreciates all its adult volunteers for their commitment to helping the young people within its 19-county jurisdiction. These dedicated individuals volunteer their time and talents to help girls develop their leadership skills, improve their health and fitness, increase their self-esteem, and understand that citizenship is part of com-

munity service. Girl Scouting has always been, and will continue to be, committed to serving all girls and helping them become the leaders of tomorrow.



February 26-March 2

MONDAY--Ham, Blackeyed Peas, Oven Fried Okra, Peaches, Roll
TUESDAY--Teryaki Chicken, Stir Fry Veggies, Rice, Fruit, Birthday Cake, Bread
WEDNESDAY--Roast Beef w/ Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread Pudding w/ Lemon Sauce, Roll
THURSDAY--Chicken A La King, Hominy, Green Beans, Jello Topping, Roll, Milk
FRIDAY-- Tomato Soup, Tuna Salad, Applesauce, Potato Chips, Cake, Crackers, Milk

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C.P. STUDENT REVIEW

Lady Buffs Fall Short

BY COACH CAVENDER

On Tuesday the 13th we traveled to Cisco to take on Munday for the Bi-District Championship. The Lady Moguls came out on top by the final score of 51 to 43.

We played a great game on defense until late in the game when we had to extend our defense and take some chances to get the ball back.

I felt like the girls played a good game, we just didn't shoot the ball

good enough to win the game. We were 15 of 47 from the field and 11 of 24 from the Free Throw line. Our defense kept us in the game and gave us a chance.

Score By Quarters:

Lady Buffs 10- 8-12-13 Total 43

Munday 11-10-14-16 Total 51

Scoring the points were Tessa 12, Jennifer 11, Candice 9, Amber 7, Dani 4. Shena and Amanda did an excellent job of pressuring the basketball on defense the entire game. Dani and Amber combined for 15

rebounds and 4 of 6 from the field. Tessa had a good game going 5-10 from the field to go a long with 5 steals. Jennifer had 7 rebounds and 3 assists. Candice had 4 assists, 3 rebounds, and 3 steals.

It was a tough game to lose, but looking back on the season we had a good run. We played in the final of 2 tournaments, we had wins over 1A, 2A, and 3A teams this season. We won some big games down the stretch in district competition. The kids reached the 20 win plateau for the 5th consecutive year and a play-off birth for the 5th time as well.

We finished the season 20-12, and 6-3 in district.

The seniors have a lot to remember the younger kids have a lot to look forward to in the future.

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees in a regular meeting with the following members present; Rickey Carey, Donnie Dillard, Scott Childress, Charles Chesshir, Monty Richards and Tony Wyatt. Terry Nixon was attending Walk to Emmaus.

The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Superintendent, High School Principal, Elementary Principal, and guests, Mark Owen and Susan Hartman.

Prayer was led by Scott Childress. Minutes were approved with corrections.

Motion was made by Carey and seconded by Richards that the board amend the school policy BE (local) and meet in the board room at 7 p.m. for regular board meeting. 5 For Against 1 -- For Dillard, Richards, Carey, Wyatt and Chesshir. Against -- Childress.

Motion was made by Carey and seconded by Wyatt that we delete TASB (Local) CHD school policy. 4 For 2 Against For--Dillard, Richards, Carey and Wyatt. Against -- Chesshir and Childress.

Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by Chesshir that we amend (Local) EIA school policy as denoted in the attached proposed revision. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Richards and seconded by Wyatt that we approve Local EIE policy charges regarding retention and promotion. 6 For 0 Against

Motion was made by Richards and seconded by Carey that we join the consortium of LaPorte Independent School District for the purpose of claiming Medicaid funds which are available to reimburse the district for nurses, counselors, principals, social workers, psychologists, speech therapists and others who identify and work with at-risk students due to mental and physical health issues. 6 For and 0 Against

Motion was made by Childress and seconded by Carey that we approve

PS9 Grant for Cross Plains I.S.D. 6 For 0 Against

Motion was made by Richards and seconded by Wyatt that we approve the use of school facilities for a chili supper by Cross Plains Housing Authority. 6 For 0 Against

The agenda item relating to drug and alcohol policy remained tabled to allow additional time.

Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by Carey that we approve the campus improvement plans as presented by Cross Plains I.S.D. principals. 6 For 0 Against

Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by Carey that we approve May 5, 2001, as election date and Cross Plains Community Center as the site. Barbara Sowell as election judge and Joyce McCoy as alternate. Debbie Gosnell as absentee clerk and Cross Plains City Hall as absentee voting site. 6 For 0 Against

Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by Carey that they go into executive session --in 8:42 and out 11:08.

Motion was made by Childress and seconded by Carey that we extend the Athletic Director, Cord Woerner's contract, for 1 year thru 2003. 6 For 0 Against

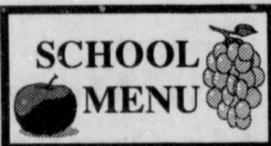
Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by Richards that we extend Margie Sowell's contract as elementary principal for 1 year thru 2003. 6 For 0 Against

Motions was made by Richards and seconded by Childress that we extend Leonard Wilson's contract as high school principal for 1 year thru 2003 with a growth plan. 6 For 0 Against

Motion was made by Carey and seconded by Richards that we accept the resignation of Shawna Gilliam. 6 For 0 Against

Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by Carey that we accept Mattie Faye Wilson's resignation with regret. 6 For 0 Against

The board reviewed the bills for February. Motion was made by Richards and seconded by Wyatt that we adjourn. 6 For 0 Against



February 26-February 2
BREAKFAST

MONDAY--Cream of Wheat, Toast, Assorted Juice

TUESDAY--French Toast, Sausage, Assorted Juice

WEDNESDAY--Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice

THURSDAY-- Breakfast Burrito, Assorted Juice

FRIDAY--Breakfast Bread, Yogurt, Assorted Juice

LUNCH

MONDAY--Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Broccoli, Garlic Sticks, Mixed Fruit

TUESDAY--Ham Slices, Scalloped Potatoes, Spinach, Rolls, Peaches

WEDNESDAY-- Meat & Cheese Nachos, Salad, Corn, Fruit Crisp

THURSDAY-- Hot Dog w/ Chili & Cheese, Potato Wedges, Mixed Vegetables, Pears

FRIDAY-- Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Fries, Rice Krispie Treat

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DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
2/27	TUESDAY	TOLAR	TARLTON	7:00
3/2	FRIDAY	JACKSBORO	HOME	5:30
3/3	SATURDAY	ALVORD	HOME	10:00
3/6	TUESDAY	EARLY	AWAY	5:30
3/8,9,10	THUR-FRI-SAT	RANGER TOURNAMENT	RANGER	TBA
3/20	TUESDAY	ROTAN	HOME	5:00
3/23	FRIDAY	IRA	MCMURRAY	5:00
3/27	TUESDAY	** MAY	AWAY	5:00
3/30	FRIDAY	** BAIRD	HOME	5:00
4/3	TUESDAY	** GORMAN	AWAY	5:00
4/10	TUESDAY	** RANGER	HOME	5:00
4/13	FRIDAY	SANTO (double header)	AWAY	10:00
4/17	TUESDAY	** MAY	HOME	5:00
4/24	TUESDAY	** RANGER	AWAY	5:00
5/1	TUESDAY	** GORMAN	HOME	5:00
5/4	FRIDAY	** BAIRD	AWAY	5:00
5/8	TUESDAY	IRA	MERKEL	5:00
5/11	FRIDAY	ROTAN	AWAY	5:00

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CROSS PLAIN BASEBALL J.V. 2001

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
FRIDAY	3/2	BAIRD	THERE	8:00
MONDAY	3/5	LORRAINE	HOME	4:30
FRIDAY	3/9	EARLY	HOME	5:00
MONDAY	3/19	RANGER	THERE	4:30
MONDAY	3/26	RANGER	HOME	4:30
FRIDAY	3/30	MULLIN(double header)	BROWNWOOD	4:00
MONDAY	4/2	HAMILTON	THERE	4:30
THUR-SAT	4/5, 6, 7,	COLEMAN TOURNAMENT	THERE	TBA
FRIDAY	4/13	CISCO	THERE	11:00
MONDAY	4/23	BAIRD	HOME	4:30
MONDAY	4/30	ROTAN	HOME	5:00
MONDAY	5/7	ROTAN	THERE	5:00

PEE WEE BASKETBALL CONCESSION STAND SCHEDULE

Find your child's name. Each name is listed twice. If you cannot work, please make arrangements ahead of time for someone to work in your place.

Thursday February 22nd

5:00-6:00- Kristen Wells
Tiana Hollis
6:00-7:00 - Krista Phillips
Emily Harris
7:00-8:00 - Cierra Odum
Brooklyn Strength
8:00-9:00 - Byanna Santos
Beth Savell

Saturday February 24th

10:00-11:00 - Brittany Johnson
Emma Bennett
11:00-12:00- Thor Woerner
Joe Dalton Wyatt
12:00-1:00- Brooklyn Strength
Terrah Augustine
1:00-2:00- Jerrad Eisenbach
Thomas Savell

Monday February 26

5:00-6:00- Russell Thomas
Travis Crockett
6:00-7:00- Emma Bennett
Cierra Odum
7:00-8:00- David Peters
Clay Koenig
8:00-9:00- Ashleigh Galloway
Liliana Vasquez

Thursday March 1st

5:00-6:00- Brittany Stout
Amanda Isbell
6:00-7:00- Liliana Vasquez
Tiffany Aiken
7:00-8:00- Jacob Westerman
Karen Scott
8:00-9:00- Brock Cooper

Saturday March 3

10:00-11:00- Taylor Savell
Will Mack
11:00-12:00- Thor Woerner
Anthony Hutton
12:00-1:00- Markus Maxwell
Clay Koenig
1:00-2:00- Rene Salazar
David Peters
2:00-3:00- Cody Baker
Brice Bowden

3:00-4:00- Brett Wheeler

Brittany Melton
4:00-5:00- Douglas Bowden
Karen Scott
5:00-6:00- Charlie Vasquez
J.J. Callaway
6:00-7:00- Chance Marlow
Joey Westerman

Monday March 5th

5:00-6:00 Jarrad Eisenbach
Charlie Vasquez
6:00-7:00- Filigonio Vasquez
Betty Mathews
7:00-8:00- Thomas Savell
Rene Salazar
8:00-9:00- Andrew Wheeler
Brooklyn Strength

Thursday March 8th

5:00-6:00- Taylor Savell
Filigonio Vasquez
6:00-7:00- Chance Marlow
Christa Phillips
7:00-8:00- Jet Tirado
Justin Dickson
8:00-9:00- Brooklyn Strength
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Rep. Stenholm's Ag Talk: Agriculture Committee Hold Two Hearings

By **Charlie Stenholm**
February 16, 2001
Agriculture Committee Holds Two Hearings
The House Agriculture Commit-

tee held two hearings this week: one took a look at the current state of the farm economy, and the other began the process of reviewing the future of farm programs.

On Wednesday, several economists from USDA testified before the Committee. Unfortunately, they predicted hard times in the short term for crop producers.

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have more than a 50 percent chance of operating at a loss during the 2001-2005 time period. Eight of the nine cotton farms have a greater than 50 percent chance of operating at a loss during that same period.

Things are looking good for the cattle industry, however. Increasing prices will help the industry and only one of the four cattle farms studied are likely to be in poor financial condition by 2005.

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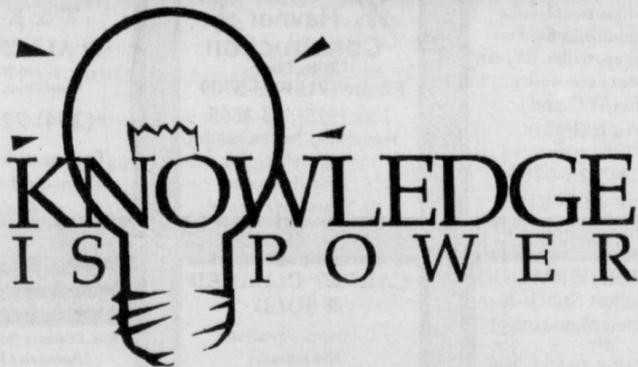
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Two Hearings

Several points were made that are obvious but need to be kept in mind as Congress prepares to write the next farm bill.

Agriculture is currently suffering from a problem of excess supply. The primary reason small family farms are able to survive economically is off-farm income.

The average farm household income in 1998 was \$8,000 higher than non-farm households. Farmers produce as much as they can because there is no incentive to reduce their own production, since their individual actions have no effect on the market.

Each producer relies on increased sales volume to turn a profit. Crop farmers are caught in the middle of this situation. Hard work and technological improvements have caused supply to grow quickly, however demand is not keeping up. The result of excess supply is to drive down prices.

Adding further to the difficulties is an export market in which farmers have to compete with a strong dollar. This can give foreign producers a significant advantage through exchange rates.

National Cotton Council Testifies Before the Ag Committee

The National Cotton Council testified before the House Agriculture Committee on Thursday to present its recommendations for the new farm bill. Cotton was the first commodity group to report to the Agriculture Committee this session.

Among the recommendations made for a new upland cotton program were (1) a continuation of the marketing loan program and base acreage provisions, and (2) allowing farmers to either keep their current payment base, or update to a new payment base.

The Cotton Council also asked that the new farm bill eliminate payment limits which they claim hurt large, efficient farmers.

Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Annual Meeting, Tuesday, February 20 in Abilene

The Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Annual Meeting will be held next Tuesday, February 20 in Abilene at the Taylor County Expo Center Big Country Hall. John Maguire of the National Cotton Council Office in Washington, DC will speak at 11:00 a.m., followed by Billy Duvivant at 12:00 noon. These are both excellent speakers and I plan to be there to hear what they have to say.

Food & Agricultural Policy Research Institute (FAPRI)

The Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute, better known as FAPRI, reported Tuesday that farm income could plummet more than \$9 billion in the next two years, reaching its lowest level in a decade, without government help.

According to FAPRI's findings, from 2000 to 2002, annual farm income is predicted to drop from \$45.4 billion to \$36.3 billion.

One of the major factors in the decreased income projection is the higher cost of natural gas, leading to higher energy and fertilizer costs.

The data collected by FAPRI comes from 42 farms across the country, including nine in Texas and three in the Big Country (Erath, Jones, and Dawson Counties).

Based on that data, FAPRI found that 32 of the 42 farms studied

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We want to thank everyone for your prayers for Virginia Lane Childers. Virginia had a brain aneurysm last Mon. in Austin and was air flighted to Dallas for surgery. She is doing well. They said if she keeps improving they will move her to another room later in the week and upgrade her condition at that time. Right now she is still in ICU, critical condition. She is alert and talking to us all, which we are so grateful for. Please keep her in your prayers. We ask that any donations be made to the Virginia Childers Love Fund C/O Citizens State Bank, P.O. Box 699, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.

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COUNTY ROADS by Ginny Greene

Wounded tree...

A honey locust tree flourished in our back yard. It was a wonderful shade tree. It stood picturesque next to the zig-zag rail fence behind the house, overlooking a sweeping pasture that ended in steep descent to the Okanogan River. Summer kitchen heat was abated somewhat by the dappled shadows cast by the leaves.

It was only a tree as long as the pruning shears could stay ahead of the suckers that grew abundantly every spring. Otherwise, it was a giant shrub, as unapproachable as Sleeping Beauty's briars with all the thorny suckers surrounding the tree trunk. The tree was lush and ripe, oozing with health and vitality. I could swear the tree giggled when the breezes teased its leaves.

I learned the name of the tree from our new neighbors. Actually, we were new, the neighbors had grown up there.

Another tree stood in our back yard. It was nearly as tall as the honey-locust tree, but its trunk was thinner, and few leaves dangled from its widely spaced branches. The skimpy branches were short and angular. The tree was alive, but it looked like it spent its days shuddering against the cold.

One day I asked the neighbor lady what kind of tree that was. She knew them all. She loved trees as much as people.

She once wrapped her arms around the tree that grew up to own too much of the road. Standing against the threat of road machinery, she told the crew to leave her blue spruce alone, threatening

to chain herself to the tree if necessary. It is the only place in the long country road where the water line swerves around a tree.

She told me the spindly tree was also a honey locust. I wondered about the difference. The two hardly resembled each other, yet were only a few dozen yards apart. They were planted at the same time, subject to the same wind, rain, icy days and hot summer sun. Both trees were growing in the same dirt. One looked glad to be alive; the other seemed huddled in fear.

Though there was nothing outward to confirm it, I thought it must be diseased.

My neighbor's husband shed light on the mystery one day. He was acquainting us with the neighborhood as it used to be before we moved there. He pointed to where things used to stand, explained who once lived in that old deserted house a ways down the road, described one devastating spring flood when the River took over the lowlands.

He turned to the honeysuckle trees, comparing the two. He said the difference was the shrinking tree was shot. The guy that lived there two families before us used it as target practice.

The revelation stunned me. "As the twig is bent it was a jarring realization, something that made me think how important it is to be careful how we raise our kids. And how possible it might be that the trees which stand mute and watch all our generations grow up might have feelings, too, and maybe some very strong opinions."

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RACHEL SMITH AND JOSH BEAL

Smith - Beal Wedding Planned for April 7th

Vernon and Beckey Smith of Cross Plains, along with Andrea and Kirby Cabler would like to announce the engagement of their children, Rachel Michelle to Josh Beal.

Rachel is a 1999 graduate of Cross Plains High School and is an L7N at Songbird Lodge in Brownwood.

Josh is a 1996 graduate of Early High School and is employed at Davconn Construction in Brownwood.

An April 7th wedding is planned for 3:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Cross Plains. Friends and relatives of the couple are invited to attend.

Combs: "Don't Get Burned When Buying Firewood"

AUSTIN—A roaring fire in the fireplace may be just what's needed during this bitterly cold Texas weather. But in the rush to keep the home fires burning, Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs says some consumers may be getting short-changed because they don't know how much firewood they are buying.

"By law, firewood can only be sold by the cord or by fractions of a cord," Combs said. "Anything else and consumers may be getting burned."

A standard cord of firewood is 128 cubic feet of wood, generally a pile measuring 8 feet long by 4 feet deep. The wood should be placed in a line or row with individual pieces of wood touching and parallel to each other. The cord of wood should be compact.

Other units, such as "rick," "truckload," "face cord," "rack" or "pile," are not legitimate measurements, and people have no way of determining how much firewood they are actually receiving.

If you think you have been short-changed, contact your Texas Department of Agriculture regional office or TDA's Weights and Measures Program at (512) 463-7483 or 1-800-TELL-TDA (835-5832).

TDA offers other helpful hints for buying fire wood: "Only burn well-seasoned wood. If you try to burn green wood, the heat produced by combustion must dry the wood before it will burn, using up a

large amount of the available energy in the process. Well-seasoned firewood generally has darkened ends with visible cracks or splits. It is relatively lightweight and make a clear "clunk" when pieces are hit against each other. Green wood on the other hand is very heavy, the ends look fresher and it tends to make a dull "thud" when struck.

"To prevent the spread of oak wilt, only buy well seasoned oak firewood. Although the fungus that causes oak wilt is heat sensitive, storing contaminated, unseasoned wood may help spread the disease. The beetles that carry the fungus may fly off and infect healthy trees. Well seasoned oak firewood is dried to the point where the bark is falling off and the wood is cracked. The fungus is no longer alive in well seasoned wood.

"Wood should be stored off the ground if possible and protected from excess moisture when weather threatens. The ideal situation is a wood shed with a roof and open or loose sides for plenty of air circulation to promote drying.

"Only burn a little pine, even construction scraps, as kindling.

"Packaged natural wood offered for sale in quantities in terms of cubic meters or cubic feet or any fractions of cubic meters or cubic feet and must meet TDA's labeling requirements for accuracy.

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