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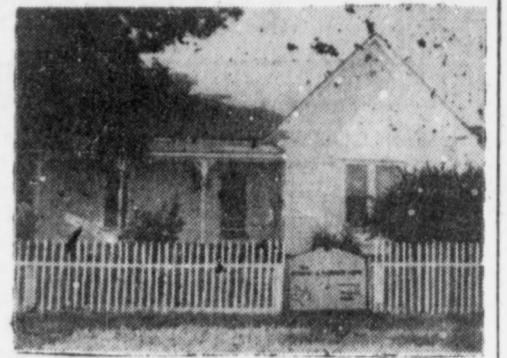
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EDITOR'S NOTE: I thought the following information mailed by one of our subscribers asked some pertinent questions about prayer. I hope this will encourage everyone to be more attentive to their daily prayers. Be sure to include a request for rain in your next prayer—okay? Vanda Anderson-Creech

"Then Why Don't We Pray?"

The highest privilege ever afforded to man is the power of prayer...then why don't we pray?

The right to talk to the highest potentate in all the universe...then why don't we pray?

The most powerful force accessible to man is the potential of prayer...then why don't we pray?

The greatest longing in the heart of God is to talk to His children...then why don't we pray?

Nothing is impossible to those who pray...then why don't we pray?

No man ever fainted or faltered who gave himself to prayer...then why don't we pray?

Every sin is forgiven, every stain is washed clean, all guilt diminished to the man who prays...then why don't we pray?

Hell moves farther away, satan flees from the man who prays...then why don't we pray?

Anointing will come, mountains will be moved, valleys made smooth, rivers made crossable, the inaccessible made accessible, the impossible made possible, dreams come through to the man who prays...then why don't we pray?

Jesus said that men ought always to pray...then why don't we pray?

Paul encouraged prayer without ceasing...then why don't we pray?

The riches of heaven are open to those who pray in His name...then why don't we pray?

Everyone can pray, the young, the old, the rich, the poor, the strong, the weak, the child, the aged, the sinner, the prisoner, in any nation, in any language, all can pray...then why don't we pray?

Author Unknown

Rabies Clinic July 9 - 13

Cross Plains Veterinary Clinic will hold a Rabies Clinic beginning Monday, July 9, through Friday, July 13, at their facility located west of Cross Plains on Highway 36. Dr. Curtis Creech will be donating \$2.50 to the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department for each animal vaccinated during this time period. Please call (254) 725-4359 for an appointment. Other procedures will also be available if requested.

DEADLINES

Ads
 Noon on Tuesday

Articles
 Noon on Monday



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY PICTURED WITH SOME OF THE LIVE AUCTION ITEMS—Lavone Childress (from left), Sharon Parr, Ginny Hoskins and Garnette McKoy.



SERVING UP THE SPAGHETTI—Wallace Bennett is having his plate filled by Cathy Wood (from left), Eva Fleming, and Elizabeth Hunsaker.



ENJOYING THE FUND-RAISER DINNER—Bob Pipes (from left), Patsy Pipes, Dorothy Zedlitz and Fred Zedlitz.

Joint Venture Dinner/Auction Deemed a Great Success by All

The Board of Directors of the Cross Plains Public Library would like to offer a great big "Thank You" to all who supported the June 29th Fund-raiser. They also appreciated the Beta Sigma Phi for providing the wonderful meal.

You've given them a real boost on their operating costs (close to \$6,000) and it is very much appreciated. To make that "thank you" really mean something, they have arranged for Elmer Kelton to make a return visit to Cross Plains Tuesday night, July 17. He will appear at the Cross Plains Community Center at 7 p.m. to discuss what he learned about the Comanches while doing the research for his book, *The Wolf and the Buffalo*, which portrays the interaction

As always, this "Meet the Author" evening is offered free of charge to all, and refreshments will be served following Mr. Kelton's talk. His new

book, *Badger Boy*, as well as others, will be available for purchase and autographing.

Mark your calendars now for July 17, at 7 p.m. so the Library and Mr. Kelton can show you how very much we appreciate your wonderful support.

Beta Sigma Phi members, tired but happy, were pleased to report a successful event in cooperation with the Library. BSP served delicious spaghetti dinners to an estimated 150 persons who came out and the proceeds of the dinner will be used to BSP's community projects.

Library patrons and sorority members agreed that working together on a community project added energy, unity, numbers and spirit of cooperation that made it worthwhile and fun.

Sorority members would like to thank the area residents who came out for the event.



COUNTY TEAM—Beth Savell (front, from left), Jody Westerman, Chris McBride, J.J. Callaway, Justin Dickson, Brock Cooper and Thomas Savell. Coach Jackie Dale Thomas (back, from left), Clayton Thomas, Russell Thomas, Jacob Melton, Clay Koenig, Thor Woerner and Coach Marty Callaway.

County Baseball Tournament

For the past several years Cross Plains Little League has sent their best baseball team to the County Tournament, and this year half of the tournament was hosted in Cross Plains and the other half in Rotan. The winner of each tourney met in

Rotan for one final game to determine 1st place in the county. Eula, Cross Plains, Clyde, Cisco Merkel and Breckenridge participated in the tournament locally.

The Cross Plains team played Eula in the first game and defeated them

6-5. The second game was against Breckenridge and Cross Plains won 8-7. In the semifinal game against Clyde the local team was defeated 2-1. Cross Plains led until the final inning but Clyde gained momentum to gain the victory.

C.P. Chamber Annual Banquet Set for July 19th

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual banquet on Thursday, July 19, at 6:30 p.m. The Chamber will be honoring the health care entities that serve Cross Plains. Guest speaker for this event will be Robert Echols.

A native of Albany, Texas, Robert is the General Manager for Best of the West Motels which include 36 West Motel in Cross Plains, along with nine additional motels in West Texas.

Robert is currently the President of the Texas Fort Trail Board of Directors, and a member of the Executive Committee for the Texas Midwest Community Network. Recently Mr. Echols was named the winner of the Thomas Jefferson Award for Volunteerism in Midwest Texas, and received a national award in Washington, D.C. Robert is the founder and producer of the Albany Mainstreet Playhouse Theater Company in Albany. He also serves on the Board of Directors for Aztec Theater, Fort Griffin Fandangle and the Albany Chamber of Commerce, and is a deacon at the First Christian Church in Albany.

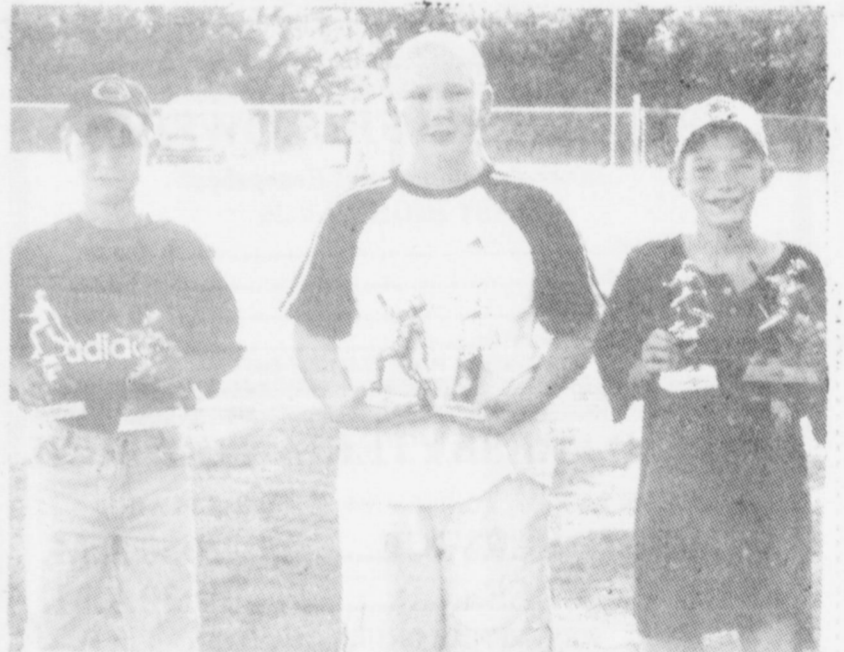
Robert and his wife, Jeanie, have four grown daughters and five grandchildren.

The banquet will be catered by ZJ's of Gorman and the menu includes chicken fried chicken with all the trimmings. Tickets are \$10.00. More information about the banquet will follow in the newspaper as the banquet approaches. If you have any questions or wish to purchase tickets, please call the Chamber office at (254) 725-7251.

Project Pride Meets Tuesday

Project Pride will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 10, at 6:00 p.m. at the Library.

Financial reports will be given and plans for fall activities announced. The public is invited.



MVP'S FOR THE 2001 LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL SEASON—Justin Dickson - Buffs (from left); Clayton Thomas - Killowatts; and Chris McBride - Cats.

Bill Young Graduates from Law Enforcement Academy June 15

On June 15, the West Central Texas Regional Law Enforcement Academy held a graduation ceremony at the Adam's Street Community Center in Brownwood. This was the 66th class graduating from the West Central Texas Regional Law Enforcement Academy.

This class consisted of 17 men and women who attended a 26 week Basic Peace Officer course. The course was 577 hours held over a period of 6 months and consisted of 38 subjects.

William B. Young, Constable for Callahan County, was one of these graduating students. Young is now certified by Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education as a Peace Officer for the State of Texas.

Young's nickname during the training was "Grandpa," as he was the senior trainee. He formed a close bond to the other students he graduated with.

Attending the graduation exercises were Bill's wife, Barbara Young; Rolan and Sandra Jones; Velma Lee; Betty Lewis; and John Bright.

Colonial Oaks Services

Pioneer Baptist Church will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, July 8, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT
Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Jerry C. Jones, driving while intoxicated (DWI).
Jarman J. Primm, DWI.
Michael W. Armstrong, DWI.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Jeremy Barblan, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 15 days in jail, \$100 fine, \$242.25 court costs.

Benjamin Munoz, plea of guilty to making alcohol available to a minor, 10 days in jail, \$292.25 court costs.

Deborah Ingram, plea of guilty to assault, 1 year probation, \$200 fine, \$242.25 court costs, \$200 restitution.

Robert McKelvey II, plea of guilty to terroristic threat, 6 month probation, \$300 fine, \$242.25 court costs.

Andre Allen, Jr., plea of guilty to theft of property by check, 1 year probation, \$250 fine, \$287.25 court costs, \$1600 restitution.

John Coleman Wooten, motion to revoke probation granted.

Jerry Jones, plea of guilty to DWI, 2 year probation, \$400 fine \$262.25 court costs, \$20.78 restitution.

John Litchfield, motion to revoke probation granted.

Kim Thomas, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

Alejandro Gutierrez, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

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

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

Denise Ford, plea of guilty to possession of a prohibited weapon, 1 year probation, \$250 fine, \$242.25 court costs.

Jarman Primm, plea of guilty to DWI, 2nd, 15 days in jail, \$300 fine. \$242.25 court costs.

Marriage Licenses

Stephen Daniel Cooper and Tanya Renee Hass, both of Cross Plains.

Cory Shane Goodman of Abilene and Kayla Dawn Hatchett of Baird.
Jason Brian Frazier and Tersey Donell Jameson, both of Clyde.
Danny Lee Ballard, Jr. and Bambi Kay Pterillo, both of Clyde.

42nd DISTRICT COURT

John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Melissa Ann Scaramuzzo and Jarrod John Scaramuzzo, divorce.

Criminal Indictments

Francisco Gomez, DWI.
Leopoldo Sanchez, Jr., possession of marijuana.

Fernando Mendoza, possession of marijuana.

Michael K. Jones, aggravated robbery.

Amanda N. Brock, possession of marijuana.

Jason E. Lowe, burglary of a habitation.

Criminal Minutes

Nolan L. Wade, motion to revoke probation granted.

OBITUARIES

Mrs. Mattie S. Shaffner
Mrs. Mattie S. Shaffner, 73, of Cisco, died Tuesday, June 26, 2001, in the Abilene Regional Medical Center.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, June 30, at the Higginbotham Chapel with Bob Pipes officiating. Burial was in the Sabanero Cemetery with Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains in charge of arrangements.

Mattie was born March 6, 1927, in Sherman, Texas to Fred Haws and Eunice Ola (Johnson) Haws. She married Benny Shaffner in San Antonio, Texas on December 24, 1948.

Survivors include her husband, Benny Shaffner of Cisco; a son, Warren Shaffner of Houston; two daughters, Venita Hicks of Batesville, MS and Liz Murphy of Cisco; a sister, Neita King of Cisco.

Memorials may be made to the Medina Childrens Home, 21300 St. Hwy 16 N., Medina, Texas 78055 or Abilene Big Country Hospice, 4601 Hartford, Abilene, Texas 79601, or the American Cancer Society.

Lyda Lee Shults
Mrs. Lyda Lee Shults, 81, of Cross Plains, passed away Saturday, June 30, 2001, at her home.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, July 2, 2001, at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Mike Reed officiating. Burial was in the Cross Plains Cemetery with Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains in charge of arrangements.

Lyda was born October 25, 1919, in Cross Cut, Texas to John S. Armstrong and Willie Mondrell (Stewart) Armstrong. She married Hollis Shults, Sr. in Cross Cut, Texas on August 22, 1944.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Lynda Guerry.

Survivors include her husband, Hollis Shults, Sr. of Cross Plains; two sons, Hollis Shults, Jr. and wife, Cherry, and Joe Shults, both of Cross Plains; a brother, John P. Armstrong of Early; four grandchildren, Holli Gaines, Terry Shults and Clint and Kyle Guerry.

Pallbearers were Jimmielee Payne, Jimmy Dale Long, Brian Bennett, Dean Dillard, Jerry Biggerstaff, and Roy Stambaugh.

One rabid skunk reported in Callahan Co. in April 2001

The Texas Department of Health reported one skunk in Callahan County turned up positive for rabies during the month of April 2001.

The Texas Department of Health's Zoonosis Control Division tested the animal head of one skunk during the entire month of April, which came back positive for the disease.

The Texas Department of Health has four laboratories located throughout the state including Austin, El Paso, Houston and San Antonio. The Health Department reported 1,066 animals were tested during April 2001 and 145 tested positive for rabies. The majority of the positive test for rabies occurred in skunks with 120 positive cases. There were two positive cases of rabies in fox, 18 positive rabies in bats, one positive case for raccoon, three positive cases for dogs, and one horse tested positive for rabies in the state.

Tarleton Honor Students Announced

STEPHENVILLE, TX— The A Honor Roll and Distinguished Student list for the Spring 2001 semester has been released at Tarleton State University.

Dr. B.J. Alexander, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs at the University, released the names of students recognized on both the Stephenville and Killeen campuses.

Students listed on the A Honor Roll have a 4.0 grade point ratio (GPR) on the 4.0 system and are taking a minimum of 12 hours.

Distinguished Students include freshmen and sophomore students who have a minimum GPR of 3.25 with no grade lower than C, and juniors and seniors who have a minimum GPR of 3.50 with no grade lower than C and are in good standing.

Area students include: Baird- Caleb Jake Walls D, and Elisha Brooke Henley D.

Clyde- Fawn Alisha Johnson A,D Cross Plains - Jodi L. Payne A,D, Justin Craig Richey, A.D., Holly Sherice Butler, D, Donna J. Besselaar D, Mary J. Nickerson D and Lee Wayne Wheeler D.

May - Jeremy David McIntire D Rising Star- Courtney Catherine Ezzell A,D, Randal M. Jones A,D, and Beth Ann Singleton D.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I seldom drive down South Main Street, passing the old ice house, that I don't think of the debt of gratitude that this little town owes to Bud Dillard. He took what was a genuine eyesore to the downtown district and converted it into a thing of beauty.

The 70-year old building was in a state of disrepair and few people ever believed it would once again compliment its surroundings. Bud Dillard not only gave the old ice house a facelift, he improved it structurally and made it one of the most attractive business houses that now adorn our principal street.

Cross Plains can be doubly proud of the type of business Bud Dillard has chosen to operate in this refurbished structure. It is a taxidermy shop, an establishment that competes with no local enterprise, but promises to be a drawing card for the town as a whole. A business concern of this type is seldom found in a town this small, but Bud's skill in that profession has already gained him a reputation that forebodes success.

This new business is a unique asset to Cross Plains. We should all wish it well.

Jack Scott

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COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT

CVFC Calls for Volunteers: Burn Ban Posted for Callahan County

The Callahan County Sheriff's Department has posted a burn ban for all of Callahan County. Citizens of Cottonwood are reminded that it is against the law to burn trash or brush or set other fires during the burn ban.

In light of the burn ban, the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control unit has called for members of the community to become volunteers to help the organization respond to fire and other community emergencies. The unit meets every third Monday of the month to train volunteers to respond to various types of emergencies in support of the Cross Plains Fire Department and other ambulance and EMS emergencies.

Volunteers are needed not only to help fight fires, but to act as support personnel to provide such services such as dispatcher assistance, equipment maintenance and to provide drinking water, food, cold drinks, etc. to volunteers while fighting fires.

So, attention all citizens! We can all do something to help the community. Call Barbara Worley (254) 725-6587 and volunteer for something.

Weaver Family Meets

The family of the late Erby Edgar Weaver of Cottonwood recently held a reunion in the Cottonwood homes of Billie Weaver Kelly and Dena Weaver Nickerson. Attending were Wanda Hammel, Herman and Mary

Weaver, Dena Nickerson, Bill, Billie and Keith Kelly, all of Cottonwood; Kathy Franke, Curtis, Dena and Julie Hines and Connie Potter of Clyde; Annette Nickerson, Jimmie and Janice Kelly, Misty, Cory and Shana Yates, all of Cross Plains; Denis and Kathy Kelly of Brownwood; Warren and Betty Weaver of Missouri City; and Shirley Byrd of Keller.

Personals

Dayna Bennett and her grandmother, Brenda Autry, have recently returned to Cottonwood from a visit to Los Angeles, California. They visited Dayna's uncle, Lee Autry, and toured the Universal Studios, Hollywood. They visited the world famous Chinese Theater, and spent a day at Venice Beach where there were about a million very weird people, according to Dayna. "California is not like Cottonwood," said Dayna. "I'm glad to be home."

Independence Day, July 4, 1776
John Witherspoon signed the Declaration of Independence. He is the great-great-great-great-grandfather of Ethel Champion of Cottonwood. (Details next week).

Correction of July Calendar

Please change "Kitchens Reunion" listed for July 21-22, 2001, to "Carlisle-Frazier Reunion". (Call Annie Kitchens (254) 725-7151 for information.)

Please send all news and personal items to Wallace Bennett (254) 725-7474.

Contact Claudia Arnold, D.O.N. at (254) 725-6175. 10-12

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By Bob Pipes
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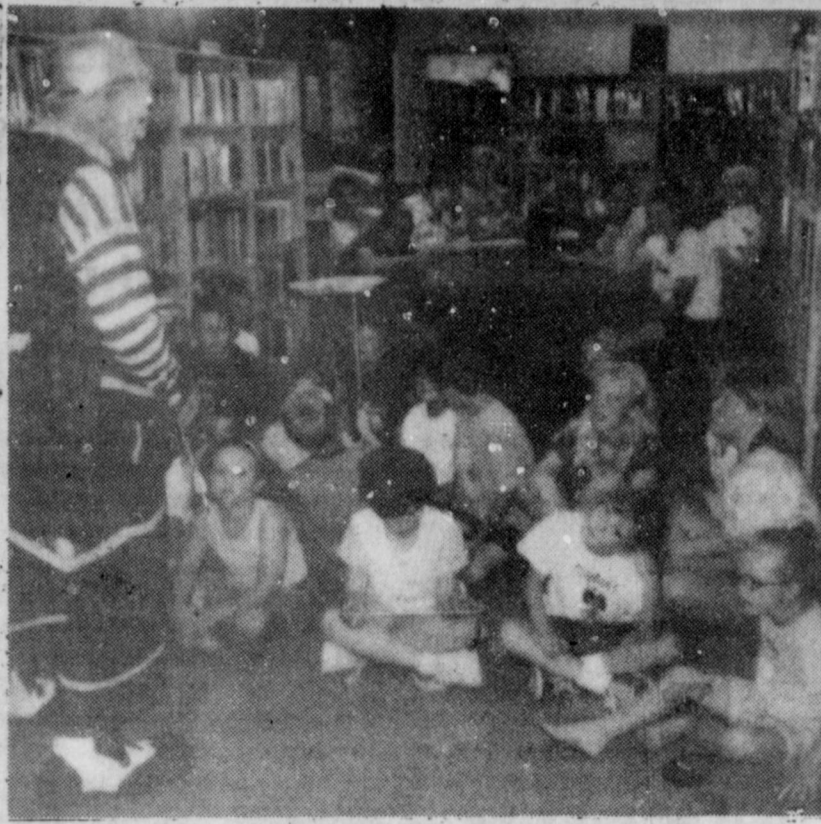
Have you ever heard the story about "The Hole in the Fence"? A little boy wanted his daddy to tell him a bedtime story so his dad told him about a certain shepherd who had some very young sheep -- lambs. One was especially curious and while nosing around the fence one day, looking for greener grass, it noticed a small hole in the fence -- and proceeded to squeeze through it. As it was playing and scampering about in its new found freedom, a wolf appeared and began chasing the lamb. In its attempt to evade the wolf, the lamb became lost. The shepherd found the lamb in time, however, and snatching the lamb up into his arms, returned it to safety behind the fence.

Having told the story, and expecting it to suffice to lull the boy to sleep, the father was quite surprised at the question his son quickly asked: "Daddy, did the shepherd fix the hole in the fence?"

Getting back to the right side of the fence is important, but fixing the hole in the fence can be just as important. Fixing the hole in the fence will prevent a lot of retrieving. Like the old saying, "A stitch in time saves nine." Let's work on resisting temptation. Let's go out and retrieve the wandering ones and let's return them to the right side of the fence when retrieved. But let's build better fences -- between Satan and ourselves (and others) -- walls of faith in God and love for Him -- and hate of sin and the devil. And let's mend those weak spots in our faith and love.

Really now, isn't it foolish to put the sheep back in and leave the hole in the fence? Come help us "build better fences" -- and "repair holes" in some already built. We really do care about you, too!

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PATCHES THE CLOWN ENTERTAINS LIBRARY CHILDREN ON THE FINAL DAY OF THE READING PROGRAM

Library Summer Reading Program Comes to End

The Summer Reading Program at the Cross Plains Public Library ended last Wednesday with fun and laughter and prizes for all. Patches the Clown was the big drawing card for the final session. For several years he has entertained the summer group so well that they were reluctant to leave.

As much fun as it is, the importance of the program is that it encourages young boys and girls to continue reading during the summer months. A total of 23 children in grades K-3 and 12 students in grades 4-6 attended during June. Most of those will continue coming to the library because they see it as an important, pleasant place to come for recreational reading or supplementary reading for school work.

Top readers for the 4th week were Tony Skidmore and Josey Burkner for K-3; Cody Sliger and Nikki Hogrell for grades 4-6. The overall top readers were Cody Sliger with 1870 pages; Josey Burkner - 1080 pages; and Sammie Tollett - 750 pages.

Let's give a cheer for Mary Weaver for a successful summer reading program.

PIONEER NEWS

The Quilting Club finished two quilts on Tuesday, Lou's beautiful red, black and white quilt. It had little red hearts on the white part and quilted hearts on the black. Some "little girl" who requested this quilt, is really going to be happy! We also finished Bernice's painted embroidery quilt. It is really pretty, too. We still have Denice's "Road to Ireland" to finish, then we will be taking a rest until September.

Sorry, I did not get the news sent in last week. D.P. and I took a trip to Corpus Christi to see our son, Skip, and grandson, Pate. We did enjoy seeing them. This week's article will be partly last week's and this week's.

Game night on the 14th at Pioneer was enjoyed by ten people. They had a really good supper. We wish others would come and enjoy the evening with us. On the 28th there were six who attended the game night. They also enjoyed themselves. The next "game night" will be on July 12. Everyone is invited. Just come on out and have fun and food.

Kathryn Brown from Fort Worth visited with her sister, Earlene Burge, recently. Kathryn brought pictures of her recent trip to Kenya, Africa. She visited her brother, Joe Brown, and nephew, Tommy Brown. She brought some beautiful pictures from Africa. Earlene and Kathryn's brother, Rudolph Brown of Denton, planned to come but was ill and couldn't make the trip. Kathryn and Earlene had a good visit and enjoyed their dinner together. Lauren Ruth Wakefield was born the 12th, and weighed 8 pounds. Lauren's parents are Chad and Kathy (Ezell) Wakefield of Fort Worth. She has a proud sister, Payten, who all welcomed her arrival. Grandparents are R.T. (Skip) and Roberta Ezzell of Fort Worth. Great-grandparents are Olena Ezzell of Rising Star and Vineta Mitchell of Mena, Arkansas. Great-great-grandmother is Ruby Ezzell of Rising Star.

Glenda Phillips went with Janice to Lubbock to pick up Kali and Krista. Kali enjoyed basketball camp and Krista her stay with Kosta in Alpine where they rode horses with Glen Dale. Later, Glenda and Kali went to Abilene. Glenda attended the Melton reunion last weekend at Hermleigh. Mrs. Phillips was a Melton. Glenda also went to Don and Wanda

Nelson's. Nancy and Thomas Wolf, Bob and Mildred Phillips, Minnie Roberts also attended the reunion. It was good to see all of them. Kali spent Saturday night with Glenda. Krista and Emily Harris have been spending the night with each other and having lots of fun. Glenda went to Abilene with Janice and Logan for Logan's shots.

The Chesshir family (all but Jim and Dusty) left Texas last weekend for Arkansas where John Phillip's wedding took place. They stayed in a town called Morrilton, as Center Ridge, where the wedding was, didn't have a motel. Charlene and Christy Dallas left Wednesday afternoon and went to Nashville, Arkansas to visit a 92-year old cousin of James'. Then they drove through the country to Morrilton. They saw the most beautiful trees, mountains and rivers. Charlene just couldn't quit looking. The wedding was beautiful (aren't they all). Just before the end of the ceremony, John sang a beautiful love song to Summer. His uncle John and his two daughters came from Oklahoma; Christy's two children, Jodie and Jake; Nancy and Brian Rogers and three children from Eastland; and Kathy's two sisters and two brothers were also in attendance.

On June 18th, Cowan and Laverne attended the funeral of a dear friend, Lee Widner in Mineral Wells. They had done a lot of mission work together over the years. After the services, the couple and some of their friends met for lunch. Wanetta, their daughter, took Cowan and Laverne out for a Father's Day dinner. Last Sunday Cowan and Laverne had Sunday dinner with J.D. and Sandy. After dinner, they returned home and at 3 p.m. their family stormed in surprising Cowan on his 80th birthday. They brought a chocolate cake and pineapple upside down cake, ice cream and cold drinks. Lois Henderson furnished the candles. Cowan could never seem to blow them out, even with the help of his great-grandson, Jesse. Their four children, J.D., Danny, Lynn and Wanetta, along with daughters-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were present.

Jolena's "Pioneer Country Store" is open. She has lot of fresh fruit and vegetables. Drive out and visit her. See you next time.

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QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By KAY MOSLEY

As a consumer, I resent all those explosive, misleading advertisements that can also be confusing, such as FREE, and then in tiny letters--with a \$200.00 purchase and your foot in a bear trap. In my poem which causes you at first to think you are hearing a weather report, as a "TORNADO OF-----A BARGAIN" That is the point of the following poem.

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Grown, but cannot be seen.

Grown and expanded,
Ballooned, stretched and swelled.
Despite the energy it expended,
There's more than one the fear has felled.

When we all were young and lean,
No matter if you were rich or poor,

A tornado could wipe your assets out, clean.
And leave you nothing but the cellar door.

We lived in a world of clouds,
Wind, rain and hail.
The thunder would be so loud,
Your courage would almost fail.

Don't tell me again
of tornadoes, clouds and funnels.
I dislike that refrain.
For it puts my nerves all in a bundle.

A bundle of nerves can delay
That peace of mind we all crave.
So, let's chase those nerves away;
all together now, let us pray.

Now tell that announcer upstart,
To stop all his commercial barkin'.
'Cause "a tornado of a bargain"
Is misleading, so leave out the tornado part.

That cuts to the heart, at least;
Of those of us who once spent;
Many nights in the cellar NO VENT!
To escape that tornado beast.

So, salesmen; Switch Your Pitch!!!

Local Couple Vacation in Florida with Children

Homer and Wanetta Parson recently returned from an eight day vacation in Florida. Sgt. Travis Parson and wife, Arlene, were their hosts at Hurlburt Field, Fort Walton. Their immaculate home was stocked with all the parents' favorite foods and tourist guides. Being the only vacation they've taken in over 39 years of marriage, the "kids" wanted it to be perfect.

The schedule was packed with patio cookouts, pier fishing, dining out, strolls along the boardwalks and beaches, several museums, historical sites and security passes to visit the flight line and tour Travis' "bird." Nothing was missed from Destin to Pensacola.

The men preferred the massive stone walls of Ft. Pickens on Santa Rosa Island. Built in 1829, the fort housed Geronimo in 1887. Used until 1947, the fort was kept up-to-date with the latest technology. Enormous guns from the past mark the many changes.

The ladies liked the shopping, Gulfarium performing sea mammals, shopping, Indian Mound (circa 1400 AD) with temple replica and botanical trails, and shopping!

The men seemed to rate the pier fishing and curious dolphins that came to watch the humans equal with the Navy and Air Force museums, even is no planes were on the pier. The full moon lighted the dolphins way as they swam out to sea, and the people left for shore.

The only blots on the whole trip were the terminal delays in Atlanta and Dallas, where mechanics grounded their scheduled flights. People were wall-to-wall sleeping and sitting with piles of bags in the terrible heat. Most were armed with ice, fans or wet cloths. Even the replacement plane at Dallas had to be delayed to repair the pilot's seat. The trip home took almost 12 hours.



July 9 - July 13

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Retirement of Deputy Chief Appraiser Jane Ringhoffer Announced — Reception July 6th

The Central Appraisal District of Callahan County has announced the pending retirement of long time Deputy Chief Appraiser Jane Ringhoffer. Jane will retire effective July 5, 2001, marking her 22nd anniversary of service to the citizens of Callahan County.

Jane, a Callahan County native, was born to Sam and Mae Bailey of the Scranton community and attended high school in Scranton. She married Emil Ringhoffer, Jr. of Cross Plains and together they celebrated their 50th wedding

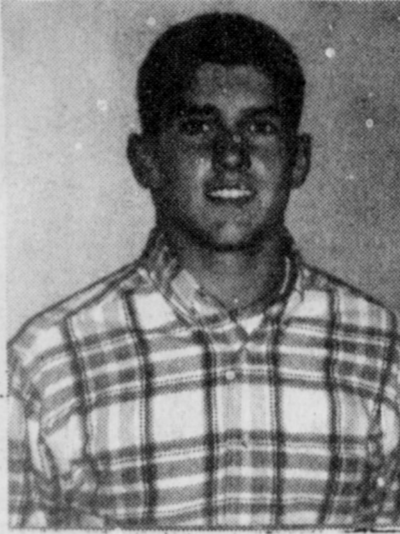
anniversary this last year. She began her career in public service in 1979, working first for Mr. Albert Lovell, former Callahan County Tax Assessor/Collector, and then going to work for the central appraisal district when it was created in 1981. She worked her way up the appraisal district staff chain of command until becoming Deputy Chief Appraiser in 1988, a position she held until January of this year when she began working part time.

"Jane Ringhoffer has been the

epitome of a dedicated public servant," Chief Appraiser Rod Lewallen stated. "She has embodied all the attributes of honesty, integrity, dedication, and hard work that seems lacking in so many public offices these days. She will be sorely missed, and I personally count it as one of the joys of my own career to have served with her," Lewallen said.

The appraisal district staff will honor her with a private luncheon on Friday, July 6, to be followed by a public reception at the appraisal district offices in Baird from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. for her many friends and acquaintances, both personal and professional. The public is invited.

Abilene A&M Club Presents Texas Aggie Scholarship



NICHOLAS DIMITRI

ABILENE— The Abilene A&M Club recently presented five seniors with a \$2,000 scholarship to attend Texas A&M University in the fall. Each student will receive \$500 per semester for two years. The club received over 30 scholarship applications making the selection process a very difficult task. "All 32 applicants were well qualified according to their test scores, student body leadership, public speaking, and interview skills," remarked Harry Swofford, class of '44 and president of the local A&M Club.

The Abilene A&M Scholarships are awarded annually to seniors in Taylor County and the other surrounding counties. The scholarship recipients for this year are Kimberly Smith, Vanessa Herm, Erin Franco, Carmen Kelling and Nicholas Dimitri.

Nicholas Dimitri, son of Rusty and Dana Dimitri, graduated from Cross Plains High School. He was active in FFA, National Honors Society, Football, Track, Basketball, Baseball, Peer Assistance Leadership, DARE Program, Buff Buddies, UIL, Spanish Club and Student Council. Nick plans to major in Bio Medical Science and then would like to further his education at Texas A&M University's Veterinary School of Medicine.

All Woody's Gathering at Lake Leon

At the special request of Chuck Woody, Bruce Woody and Jessie Woody Casey, the last 3 remaining children of James A. and Molly Woody, the Woody family will gather at LaMancha Lake Ranch on Lake Leon this year for their 66th annual Woody Reunion. The Woody Retreat will also be held at the same time. The dates are July 6-8.

A treat this year will be the attendance of descendants of Thomas William Woody and John Lewellyn Woody, many of whom have never attended a Woody Reunion. All Woody relatives and friends are invited to this extra special Woody Reunion and Retreat.

Senior Citizens Dance July 7th DeLeon

A Senior Citizens Dance will be held Saturday, July 7, at DeLeon City Hall beginning at 7 p.m.

Music will be provided by "R.C. and Becky Willie and the Sunriders". Admission will be charged.

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A new conservation provision now available in Callahan County

A new conservation provision called Soil and Water Conservation Assistance is now available for farmers and ranchers in Callahan, Shackelford and Stephens Counties.

"Soil and Water Conservation Assistance, or SWCA, provides cost-sharing to help farmers and cattle producers install conservation practices on their land," said John W. Tate Natural Resource Manager with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. "SWCA provides 75 percent of the cost of the installation of eligible conservation practices on private lands. The Farm Service Agency will disburse cost-share funds to the participating landowners."

Soil and Water Conservation Assistance is authorized under the provisions of the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000. The conservation provision will address the current backlog of conservation applications in WHIP, EQIP and other program requests and afford an opportunity for others to apply for program assistance.

"Nationwide, there is about \$20 million budgeted for Soil and Water Conservation Assistance this year," Tate explained. "Funds are distributed to the states using an allocation formula based on 29 environmental factors. Soil and Jack Scott

and the National Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Longleaf Pine Conservation priority areas and all three of my counties are currently outside those areas.

Persons applying for Soil and Water Conservation Assistance must own or control the land and agree to implement specific eligible conservation practices. The contract period is from five to ten years. The maximum total payment per participant for SWCA shall not exceed \$50,000.

"The federal share shall be 75 percent of the cost of an eligible practice based on the percent of actual cost, or percent of actual cost with not-to-exceed limits, or flat rates," explained Tate. "The Soil and Water Conservation Assistance program is available to eligible landowners and agricultural producers."

To find out more about Soil and Water Conservation Assistance, call the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service or local Soil and Water Conservation District office at Baird 854-1049, Breckenridge 254-559-2444 or Albany 762-2552. Tate stated that "Any of these offices will be able to assist you with land owned in any of these three counties."

"As with all USDA programs, participation is open to all persons

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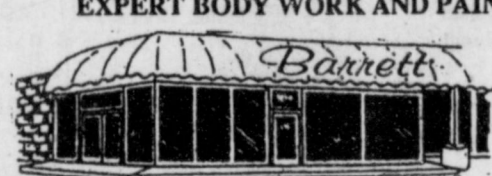
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A special thanks to Bob and Dee Harrell and Bro. Knox Waggoner. We appreciate the love, prayers and support shown to us during our sorrow. Our heartfelt thanks for the food, calls, cards, flowers and monetary gifts.

If anyone was overlooked please forgive us.

Connie Potter and Scott Rice
Porcius and Kara Potter,
Kaitlyn and Trenton
Rickie Jo Potter and Gerald Brown
Dena Nickerson

Card of Thanks

To everyone who sent flowers called or came to visit David during his surgery we wish to say thank you.

Cross Plains is indeed a very community and the Lord has blessed us with your friendship.

Thanks especially to my sister and brother - in-law (Norma and Stanley) for me through all of this! Special thanks to those on the EMS that night.

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A NOTE OF THANKS TO OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Just a note of thanks to family and hometown friends for every act of kindness bestowed upon us during the passing of our mother, Wilsie Hefner Balkum.

For 36 years Sam and Wilsie make their home here in Cross Plains. This is where their children were raised. Throughout those years we were all blessed with many wonderful friendships. Some of those friends were there for us just a weeks ago, as you were just a few months ago. Many of our parents' dear friends have gone on before them and now they are reunited in a better place.

To those of you who served as pallbearers, provided the music at the funeral service, Knox who preformed the funeral, the staff at the funeral home who did such a loving, caring job, those who prepared food, you who served the family lunch at the church, you who came by during the family visitation, you who took the time to pay your respects and sign the memory book, those who remembered our family in prayer, you who sent some type of memorial, and those of you who were able to attend the funeral, we want you to know that it meant so much to us that you cared so much for Wilsie and our family. Being from a small town and knowing small town people has been a wonderful blessing to our family.

We would like to take this time to express our heartfelt thanks to our family. A special thank you to our Aunt Donna for making her home, our home during those days. To Unk and Aunt Vida for opening their home to us and the Balkum relatives, as well. Our family has seen us through so much these past 4 1/2 years. Your love and support has meant more than you will ever know to each of us.

We brought mother home to Cross Plains to be laid to rest. Now she is "Home" with her loving husband and her Lord. Those she left behind she suffers no more, that our parents are together forever, and that our lives have been blessed by having Wilsie Hefner Balkum in our world. On day her children, grandchildren and her great grandchildren will be united with her and dad, as well as family and friends -- Oh what a day that will be!

God bless you all, for you all mean so much to us.

The Family of
Wilsie Hefner Balkum

Sammy and Dana Balkum,
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and our families

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UNEMPLOYMENT

| Callahan County Unemployment | Apr. 3.4% | May 3.8% |
|------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Total Labor Force | 5,773 | 5,837 |
| Total Employed | 5,578 | 5,617 |
| Total Unemployed | 195 | 220 |

May unemployment rate jumps to 3.8%

The unemployment rate in Callahan County for the month of May 2001 rose four-tenths of one percent to 3.5 percent, according to jobless figures released Monday, July 2 by the Texas Workforce Commission.

Of the 5,837 civilian labor force in Callahan County, 5,617 were employed during May 2001, and 220 were unemployed, giving the county an unemployment rate of 3.8%. The county's unemployment rate one year ago in May 2000 was 3.8%.

Callahan County's unemployment rate was 3.4% in April 2001. Of the 5,773 civilian labor force in the county during April, 5,578 had jobs while 195 or 3.4% were unemployed.

Previous monthly jobless rates in Callahan County included: 3.7% in March 2001, 3.5% in February 2001, 3.6% in January 2001, 2.9% in December 2000, 3.3% in November, 3.6% in October, 3.6% in September, 3.6% in August, 3.8% in July and 4.5% in June, according to the unemployment figures.

Big Country area counties, bordering Callahan County, and those counties unemployment rates for

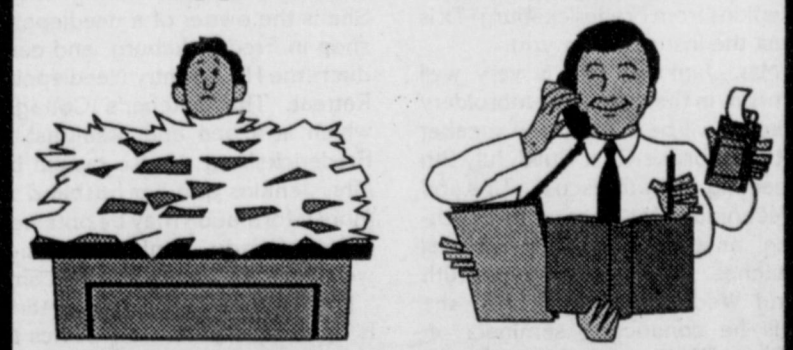
May 2001 include: Brown, 3.3%; Coleman, 4.1%; Eastland, 3.2%; Jones, 2.6%; Runnels, 4.0%; Shackelford, 2.0%; Stephens, 2.9%; and Taylor County, 3.9%.

The unemployment rate in Texas for May 2001 was 4.2%, up two-tenths of one percent from the 4.0% rate in April 2001. The state's unemployment rate one year ago in May 2000 was 4.1%. Even with this over-the-month gain, the unemployment rate is still the third lowest May rate since 1979. The average over-the-month change from April to May usually increases one-tenth of a percentage point. Also of significance, this is the ninth straight month that Texas' unemployment rate has remained at or below 4.2 percent.

Of the 10,520,100 civilian labor force in the state, total employment was 10,076,800 in May. The total number of unemployed in May 2001 was 443,300.

The United States unemployment rate was 4.1% in May 2001. The nation's unemployment rate for the previous month of April 2001 was 4.2%. The United States unemployment rate one year ago in May 2000 was 3.9%.

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COUNTY ROADS by Ginny Greene

Same old same old...

"Move over, Ivy." It's always Ivy blocking the gate. I plow my way through the herd and aim a couple scoops of grain over their heads to the feed trough. It's never a clean toss. Stella always gets her head in the way. I brush the grain off her head and scoot away to the next trough, and then the next. I wave my arms beside me so the goats will swing wide and not charge right into me. They have boorish manners.

My world is small today because I'm sick. Like a great fog over a valley, my view has shrunk down to a bedroom, a bathroom, a glass of water and a box of tissues. And no lights, please. Oh, groan. Sniff. Cough-cough-cough.

I barely have the energy to get out to the barn, but I manage to do what I must. I hate being sick. It does remind me, though, how valuable is the gift of health.

Standing limp and stuffy nosed, I watch the goats do the same things they do every single day. I shudder a bit, thinking about the days when I used to pour all the grain into one trough. It didn't work very well. I was mobbed and jostled in their greedy midst. And Reva, the boss goat, chased the others away so she could have all the goodies to herself.

Since I pulled two more troughs into use, Reva gets a lot more exercise, but the whole operation is a lot easier on me. Reva now has the burden of defending three grain tubs. She can't be everywhere at once, but she tries. It's a Chinese fire drill, with all the goats grabbing a few nibbles at each tub before The Boss butts them away. She really wears herself out. Feeling as miserable as I do, I just want everything to go smoothly.

At the hay bin, Stella walks right in behind me. Every day I tell her to stay out. I swat her nose. It's the only part of her that gives me any control over her barging ways. Camilla looks on, waiting to see if Stella gets away with it this time. She yearns for a few wild minutes of leaping around the hay bales. Even though I don't feel up to the battle today, I must win.

Last week, when I still felt good, I was helping my neighbor with his goats. They have their own carved-in-rock behaviors. It is always Laura who sees me first. She calls the herd to the milking pen and lets me tie her to the post. She's a good example for the next two goats in line, but order breaks down after that. Roma can't be caught by chasing, but the grain bucket lure tricks her every time. If I don't catch her first, she runs around butting all the captive goats, and just makes general mayhem.

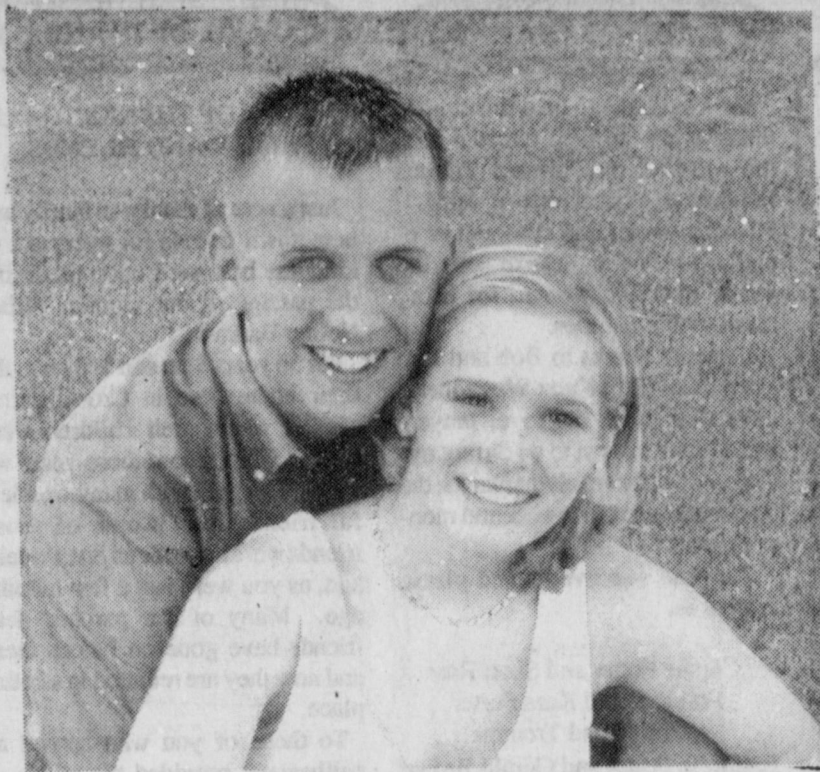
Crystal doesn't pay attention, so I catch her next. Leah's had three years to perfect her aggravating game. She comes up to me looking innocent and sweet, then lurches away the minute I reach for her collar. It is easier to chase Leah outside.

Beulah always kicks the milk bucket. I can't see her face, but I know she leers. Mary stands knock-kneed and hunched up like a short goat, which she isn't. I don't know how she does it, but she makes it impossible to milk.

Right now I'm glad I'm almost done with barn chores. I don't want to do anything else. I only want to sit in the big chair with my box of tissues and a glass of orange juice.

There is something very comforting in the small, rigid routines — especially when I don't feel well.

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ANGELA MICHELLE TATOM & CHRISTOPHER LEE ADAMS
...plan August 11, 2001 wedding in Cross Plains

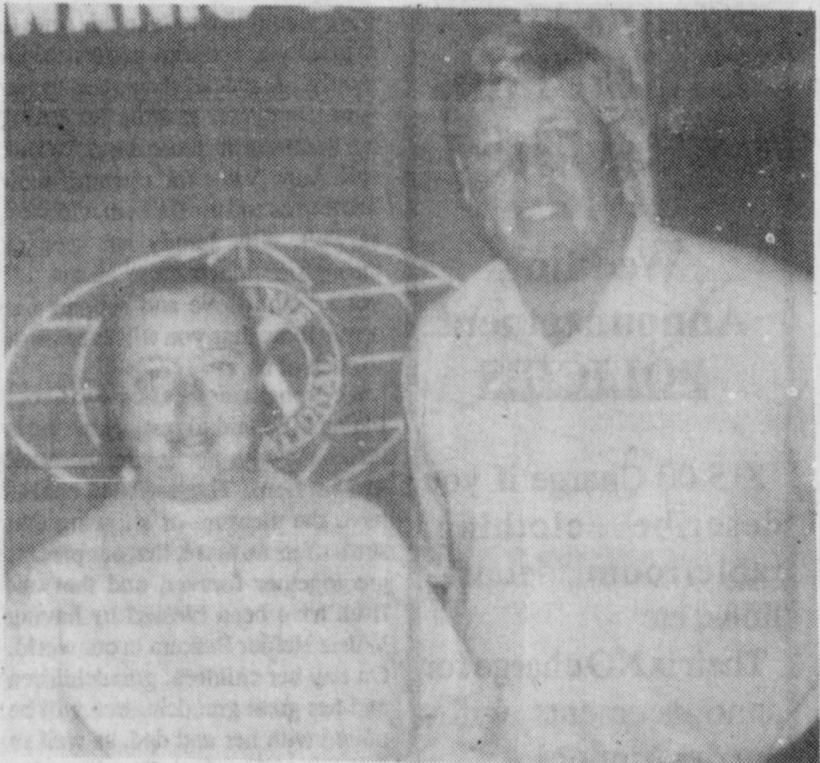
Engagement announced

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Tatom of Clyde announce the engagement of their daughter, Angela Michelle Tatom to Christopher Lee Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Denson and Mr. and Mrs. Brian Adams, of Abilene.

The bride-elect and the prospective groom are graduates

of Clyde High School and will attend Angelo State University in San Angelo. She will major in Nursing and he will pursue a degree in Criminal Justice.

An August 11, 2001 garden wedding is planned in Cross Plains, Texas.



KIWANIS SPECIAL GUEST — Jackie Tennison was the guest of Susan Schaefer at the weekly Kiwanis meeting. He briefly told the group of how the recent legislative session has affected the school district, and informed those present of the school's recent TAAS scores. All are invited to join the Kiwanis each Tuesday noon at Jean's Feed Barn.

Rep. Stenholm seeking Academy applicants

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

Eligible applicants will be at least 17, but not past their 23rd birthday, by July 1, 2002, and must have graduated from high school by that date. Competitive applicants will be in the top 15 percent of their class and have SAT scores above 550 Verbal and 600 Math, or ACT scores of 26 English and 27 Math. Involvement in extracurricular activities, including school and community organizations and sports as well as full or part-time

employment, is also in the applicant's favor.

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

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Grand Ole Oplin Musical Sat., July 7th

Listen up everyone! It is rumored that the Grand Ole Oplin is a pretty cool place to be on Friday nights. The Oplin Community Center has installed five (count em!), five new swamp coolers to help us all stay a little cooler this summer. So gather the family, put on your dancing shoes and come on out for an evening of dancing, good friends, and good music.

We will start the month of July off with Muddy Creek playing on July 6. On July 13 Roland Smith and the Roadrunners will be entertaining us all, on July 20 Ray Pack and L.C. Agnew will join us to play all your favorite songs and then on July 27 Muddy Creek will again close out the month with their toe tapping music that is sure to get everyone out to the dance floor.

The Grand Ole Oplin is open every Friday night from 7:30 until 10:30 p.m. Admission is still only \$3.00 per person. Everyone is encouraged to bring a snack to be shared by all during the band break. The Grand Ole Oplin is located at F.M. 604 and F.M. 2926 in Oplin. Smoking and alcoholic beverages are not allowed.

The Oplin Community Center would like to thank everyone involved in contributing to the funding of these new swamp cooler units, especially Mrs. Jackie Eaves for the delicious banana nut cakes she donated each Friday night to be raffled off. We would like to also thank each of our dancers for the continuing support of the Grand Ole Oplin and hope to see more of you in the future.

Submitted by Pam Rumfield

Woody Reunion July 7th-8th

The Woody Reunion will be held July 7-8. The fellowship begins Saturday at 5 p.m. at the home of Ethel Champion in Cottonwood. They will be at the Cottonwood Community Center all day Sunday.

All relatives and friends are invited to attend.

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Mrs. Jenkins, who is very well known in the quilt and embroidery circles, will be the featured speaker at the Abilene Quilt Guild July 9th meeting and will discuss "Tips and Techniques for Decorative Stitching" as it pertains to dimensional stitches. On Tuesday, July 10th and Wednesday, July 11th, she will be conducting seminars on "Texas Wildflower" which includes an extremely easy method of shading with stitches and the method of Russian Needle Punch which is the art of working one basic stitch with special needles to create a raised ornamental design on woven fabric. A variety of beautiful effects, details and textures can be achieved by using this stitch.

Mrs. Jenkins began her "stitching career" at the young age of three and has been designing needlepoint for the last 10 years, plus she

has an artistic background and has taught decorative painting for 24 years. Mrs. Jenkins received a DMC Teacher of the Year Award for 1999. She is the owner of a needlepoint shop in Fredericksburg, and conducts the Hill Country Needlepoint Retreat. The Stitcher's Cottage, which is a bed and breakfast in Fredericksburg, is also owned by Mrs. Jenkins and her husband.... More information may be obtained about Sandy Jenkins on her website: <http://sandyjenkins.com/>

The Abilene Quilt Guild meeting is open to anyone who wishes to attend. The Abilene Quilt Guild meeting will be held on Monday, July 9th at 7:00 p.m. A meet and greet occasion will be offered at 6:45 p.m. This meeting is held at the Wylie United Methodist Church in Abilene at 3130 Antilley Road.

For more information and to enroll in one and/or all seminars call Susan Humphrey, 915-698-2042. As it is expected that these classes will fill quickly, please contact her as soon as possible to reserve your space.

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