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EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. Bill Fortune of Cross Plains submitted the following to be published. He remarked that it reminded him of his daughter, Jill, who once made him an elaborate package for his Christmas gift. There is a beautiful message herein. Vanda Anderson Creech

"Butterfly Kisses"

We often learn the most from our children.

Some time ago, a friend of mine punished his 3-year-old daughter for wasting a roll of gold wrapping paper. Money was tight, and he became infuriated when the child tried to decorate a box to put under the tree.

Nevertheless, the little girl brought the gift to her father the next morning and said, "This is for you, Daddy." He was embarrassed by his earlier overreaction, but his anger flared again when he found that the box was empty.

He yelled at her, "Don't you know that when you give someone a present, there's suppose to be something inside of it?"

The little girl looked up at him with tears in her eyes and said, "Oh, Daddy it's not empty. I blew kisses into the box. All for you, Daddy."

The father was crushed. He put his arms around his little girl, and he begged her forgiveness.

My friend told me that he kept that gold box by his bed for years. Whenever he was discouraged, he would take out an imaginary kiss and remember the love of the child who had put it there.

In a very real sense, each of us as humans has been given a gold container filled with unconditional love and kisses from a child. There is no more precious possession anyone could hold.

Author Unknown

American Legion Meeting

Members of the American Legion Post 423 will be meeting on Tuesday, August 28, at 6:30 p.m. at Jean's Feed Barn.

A business meeting will be held followed by the meal. All members are urged to attend.

One rabies test turns up negative in Callahan County

The Texas Department of Health reported no diagnosis for the disease of rabies after a test was performed on a cat during the month of June in Callahan County.

The Texas Department of Health's Zoonosis Control Division tested the cat during the month of June 2001 and reported the test came back negative for the disease.

The Texas Department of Health tested 1,359 animals during the month of June in Texas and 72 came back positive for the disease. There were 48 skunks tested positive for rabies in June, one fox tested positive, 14 bats, two raccoons, one dog, two cats, two bovine, one equine and one other animal tested positive for rabies in June around the state.



KIWANIS GUEST— Jimmy Randolph (left) was the guest of Benny Callaway at last Tuesday's Kiwanis meeting. Coach Randolph is the new Athletic Director at Cross Plains I.S.D. and he presented an update of the upcoming Buffalo athletic season. The Kiwanis Club meets each Tuesday at Jean's Feed Barn at noon. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Athletic Booster Club hosting ice cream supper

The Cross Plain Athletic Booster Club is hosting an ice cream supper this Thursday, August 23. It will be held after the high school football scrimmage that begins at 5 p.m.

High school football players, band members and cheerleaders will be

announced at this time.

All the community is encouraged to come out and support the students as they participate in these various activities.

If you would like to supply ice cream or cookies, please contact Teresa Koenig.

3rd Annual Cross Plains Barbarian Festival "Just Around the Corner"

The 3rd Annual Barbarian Festival will be held on Saturday, September 1. The one-day festival is held at Treadway Park. The park is canopied with majestic liveoak trees and is a sight to behold, in itself. One can sit under the trees and enjoy nature or, in the case of the festival, enjoy the food, live music and crafts.

The festival begins at 9 a.m. with a parade down Main Street and continues until 5 p.m. at Treadway Park. Entry into the festival grounds is \$1.00 with children under 6 free. Your entry ticket automatically makes you eligible for the door prize drawings.

Some of the events, in addition to food, crafts and music will include a petting zoo for the young and the young at heart, a tractor show including tractor slow race, an antique and classic car show, a poker "Stroll" under the trees and other activities sure to please everyone.

This year's festival features the band, *Freeride*, which presents 50's, 60's and 70's music done with their

own arrangements. Country bands will also provide samplings of popular C&W music. Door prizes will be awarded throughout the day and a raffle for a Remington Model 870 shotgun will be held with chances available for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

For those interested in Robert E. Howard, creator of *Conan, the Barbarian*; the Howard House Museum will be open for tours on the day of the festival. It is located about 1/2 mile east of the festival grounds and about 1/2 mile west of the traffic light in Cross Plains.

Come visit Cross Plains for the festival and stay for dove hunting or just to enjoy the quiet of the country.

For information on how to participate in the parade, car or tractor show or to reserve a vendor spot, contact Tim Dill at (254) 725-6108 or Jerry Biggerstaff at (254) 725-4189

(e-mail: jerynchris@netzero.net).

Colonial Oaks Services

First United Methodist will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, August 26, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

Heinzman Love Fund

The Love Fund established for Jack and Diane Heinzman remains open at Texas Heritage Bank. Diane was still hospitalized at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene as of last week. Jack reported that she was to be released very soon.

Your contributions to the family will be greatly appreciated. Continue to keep them both in your prayers.



Football reserved seats will be on sale to last season's patrons at the first home scrimmage, Thursday Aug. 23, 2001.

All seats were sold last year and if you want to renew your seats for the 2001 season please see Cliffadean Hargrove at 5:30 at the scrimmage

Helping Hearts and Hands Project Accepting Applications VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Need some minor repairs (one-day jobs) done around your house FREE? Anything from weeding and mulching to washing windows and baseboards to handicap ramps and painting. All requests for assistance will be seriously considered. Helping Hearts and Hands (a division of Cross Plains Area Housing Initiative) will be taking applications until September 15 for this year's project.

Assistance is available to homeowners who are elderly, handicapped and/or very low income. To apply for this assistance, please contact Mary Graves at (254) 725-6418

or (254) 725-6563 or go by the Senior Citizen's Center and see Kathy Anderson.

Want to volunteer to help with the one-day projects this year? We can use everybody. Last year we had approximately 80 volunteers and hope to have 100 this year. If you are interested in providing labor, materials or moral support, we need you. We plan to have our workday the second Saturday in October this year. To sign up as a volunteer, please contact Bryan Bennett at (254) 725-6459 or Mary Graves at (254) 725-6418. Can't volunteer, but want to help?

We will need tools and supplies: If you have lumber, paint, cleaning supplies, etc. we can use them. Can't work outside? We have jobs inside taking care of the food, delivering material and water to the work crews. We can use EVERYBODY!

Also, as a special note, the Key Club and the National Honor Society students plan to help again and have requested a paint job. It appears they would like to paint something this year, so here's your chance to get that trim painted or whatever can be accomplished in one day!!!!

Indian Rock Art Found

A piece of history that has survived many years of the plow was recently found near Cross Plains by local citizens. While walking on their property she discovered a centuries old Indian painted rock.

The rock, which fits the hand, is referred to as a pounding rock. What makes this rock unique is that it was personalized with paintings. On one

side is what appears to be a bird figure of a chaparral or road runner and an arrow. The other side reveals a painting of a man figure by a shelter and campfire.

The rock has been examined by the Tarrant County Archaeology Society in Fort Worth and is confirmed to be a very rare artifact find, and the society has expressed interest to survey

and dig at the site on the property in hopes of finding other artifacts.

Tarrant County would be interested in any other Indian rock art that has been found in this area.

For additional information about the recent find contact pspope33@swbell.net.

Pioneer Cemetery Report

The Pioneer Cemetery has received the following contributions January 1, 2001 through July 31, 2001. Each contribution is deeply appreciated. If you wish to make a contribution to the cemetery you may do so at the Texas Heritage Bank in Cross Plains or you may mail it to Jo Veda Watson, HC 30 Post 75 Box 75 Box 11, Brownwood, Texas 76801.

Gifts: Mrs. C.A. Parr, Jerry/H.L. Presley, Betty/Charles Thrasher (In Memory of Jesse Harris) \$50; Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Rankin \$100; Mr. and Mrs. Audrey Purvis \$30; June and Jay Hughes \$250; Mrs. Norma J. Whitt \$100; Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Tollerson \$100; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Curry \$100; Mrs. Maxine Poindexter \$25; Wanda and Don Nelson (In Memory of James Cloud) \$100; Ames, Inc. (In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. Doss Alexander) \$300; TOTAL GIFTS \$1,155.00

Burial Permits - Loren Lee - pd by Mr. and Mrs. James Alexander \$100; Fred Webb \$100; Jesse B. Harris \$100; Mrs. Jesse B. Harris (prepaid) \$100; Ray Plumlee \$100; Herchel Griffith \$100; TOTAL PERMITS \$600.

Total C.D. Interest \$1,848.76; Total Money Market Interest \$144.09; TOTAL Interest \$1,992.85.

Two new Cemetery signs given by R.O. McCarty \$60.

Stanley Coppinger Earns Baylor Doctoral Degree

At the August 11 commencement ceremony on the Baylor University campus, Stanley Coppinger had the Doctor of Philosophy degree conferred upon him. Twenty-six doctoral degrees were conferred and over 500 bachelor and masters degrees were also awarded.

Dr. Robert Sloan, Jr., president of the university, delivered the commencement address, and Randy Lofgren, executive director of the Baylor Alumni Association, welcomed the graduates to their new positions as Baylor alumni. Dr. James Barkus, Stanley's mentor and advisor, hooded him; and he and his wife also hosted a luncheon in their home

for Stan and his guests.

Stanley's major was 20th Century American Literature and his dissertation was titled *Searching for a Moral Center in Cormac McCarthy*.

Last year Stan was selected as Baylor University's outstanding graduate student. The new doctoral recipient also holds degrees from Biola University in La Mirada, California and Tarleton State University in Stephenville. Dr. Coppinger has accepted a position as Associate Professor of English at LeTourneau University in Longview, Texas, where he and his wife, Sharon, have recently moved. His parents are Joe and Delma Coppinger of Cross Plains.

Deadlines For The Cross Plains Review
Articles Must be in by noon Monday
Advertisements Must be in by noon Tuesday
Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Love Fund Established for the Late Richard Croft at Bank

A Love Fund has been established at Texas Heritage Bank for the late Richard Croft, a 35 year old resident of Cross Plains. The local E.M.S. transported Richard to Brownwood Regional Medical Center on Saturday, August 11, and was later care flighted to Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas. He underwent surgery for a brain aneurism that took his life Sunday, August 12. The Love Fund will be used for funeral expenses incurred. Your contributions will be greatly appreciated by his family.

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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains I.S.D. will be held on August 21, 01, beginning at 7 p.m. in the High School Administrative Board Room. The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:
 Adopt 2001-2002 Budget
 Discuss Tax Rate for 2001-2002.
 Notice of the meeting was given by Jackie Tennison, Superintendent.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains I.S.D. will be held on Tuesday, August 28, beginning at 7 p.m. in the High School Administrative Board Room. The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:
 Budget Amendments 2000/2001
 Adopt Tax Rate 2001/2002
 Discuss and Take Action on Health Insurance Plan for 2002-2003.
 Notice of the meeting was given by Jackie Tennison, Superintendent.

SCHOOL MENU

August 27 - August 31
 BREAKFAST

MONDAY--Oatmeal, Toast, Assorted Juice
 TUESDAY-- Pop Tart, Yogurt, Assorted Juice
 WEDNESDAY-- French Toast, Sausage, Assorted Juice
 THURSDAY-- Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice
 FRIDAY-- Donuts, Assorted Juice

LUNCH

MONDAY-- Pizza, Salad, Corn, Rosy Applesauce
 TUESDAY- Steak Fingers w/ French, Mashed Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Rolls, Peaches
 WEDNESDAY-- Enchilada Caserole, Pinto Beans, Corn Bread, Fresh Fruit
 THURSDAY-- BBQ on Bun, Okra, Potato Salad, Fruit Cobbler
 FRIDAY-- Submarine Sandwich, Salad, Chips, Pickles, Ice Cream

POWER Wheelchairs Available

AUGUST 2001— Miracle on Wheels makes available Power (Electric) Wheelchairs to non-ambulatory Senior Citizens (65 years old and up) usually at no out-of-pocket expense if they qualify. No deposit required.

The electric wheelchairs are provided to those who can not walk and can not self-propel a manual wheelchair in their home or independent living quarters and who met the additional qualifications of the program. This service may also be available to the permanently disabled of any age. Please call 1-800-749-8778 or visit our web site at www.durablemedical.com for more information on the details of this program.

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Lake Brownwood Flea Market BARGAIN DAYS

AUGUST 24, 25, & 26
 (4th Weekend in AUGUST)

For Bargains Come Out To The LAKE BROWNWOOD FLEA MARKET 2 Miles North of Bridge, Hwy 279.

Vendors from all over the state will be offering bargains such as: Glassware, antiques, biker leather, collector dolls, chickens, doves, giant homing pigeons, tools and general merchandise New and Used of all kinds.

Bird Lovers will want to stop in at the Bird Shop specializing in Hand Fed Parakeets, Cockatiels, Quaker Parrots, Love Birds, plus cages and a variety of bird supplies.

For Bargain Days the Bake Shop is Featuring Chocolate chip cookies and various kinds of delicious candies and cakes.

There will be a free dance open to the public Saturday night 8 p.m. to 11p.m

Vendors may make Reservations by calling (915) 784-5511 after 6 p.m.



WHAT A TREAT!! — Mary Bates (left) had her very first ride in a limousine when she attended her daughter (right), Kathryn Pippins' graduation exercises.

Local Lady's Daughter Hill College Graduate

Kathryn Pippins graduated from Hill College, Cleburne Campus School of Vocational Nursing on August 3.

During this year she received several awards, including Outstanding Student in Vocational Nursing, Outstanding Attendance for Classroom and Clinical and scored the highest score on the LPN.

Her mother, Mary Bates of Cross

Plains, and her brother and sister-in-law, Tommy and Kathlene Bates of Abilene, attended the ceremony.

Mary Bates experienced her first limousine ride to and from the graduation exercises. Mary made the statement as she was getting back into the limousine, "I hope this don't make the newspaper." Well Mary here it is!!!!

Texas Faces Critical Nursing Shortage

By Carolyn Gunning, Ph.D., R.N.

The nursing shortage in Texas has reached a critical stage, and the problem is only getting worse. Steps must be taken to address the issues involved in order to attract and retain more students to this field that is so vital to our healthcare system. The problem is complex, but the underlying issue is that fewer and fewer young people are choosing nursing as a field. In a recent Texas survey, only 14 percent of the registered nurses in the samples were 30 or younger. In comparison, 30 percent were 31-45 and 30 percent were 46-55.

Texas Woman's University is the leading institution in the state in nursing training, with campuses in Denton, Houston and Dallas, producing more new nurses each year than any other program in Texas. While enrollments in nursing programs in Texas overall have been declining for the past six years, TWU has maintained its enrollment levels and has continued to graduate about 230 new nurses each year.

There are several factors contributing to the declining enrollments. Perhaps the most significant is that while more men are choosing nursing as a career than in the past, the profession remains primarily female. And today's women have many other career options that pay significantly better. (For example, about 50 percent of dental and law school students are now women.)

In addition, nursing is not viewed by the public as a profession requiring intellectual ability and decision-making skills, partly due to the way nurses are portrayed in the media. (For example, in the movie *Meet the Parents*, a running gag line is the fact that the groom-to-be is a male nurse.) The media does not portray the real role that nurses play in the recovery of patients. The primary image continues to be as a helper, subservient to others.

But perhaps the biggest issue is that

salaries are not in line with job responsibilities. While beginning salaries are low, the most significant problem is salary compression over the course of a career. Nurses with extensive experience do not make much more than new graduates.

All of these issues need to be addressed, and if they are, the future could be bright for the nursing field. Research is proving that nursing care makes a difference in patient outcomes, and the pivotal role that nursing plays is beginning to be recognized.

The field needs to attract non-traditional groups, including men (now only about 7 percent of the profession) and minorities. We are already making some significant inroads: at TWU, the College of Nursing has increased its minority enrollment to 41 percent.

We also need to create a work environment that recognizes the value of nurses and gives them autonomy of practice and a role in institutional governance. Salary structures need to be developed that recognize the importance of nursing and reward those who continue to work in the direct care of patients.

The bottom line is that while the supply is shrinking, the demand is increasing. There is an increase in need for hospital nurses at the same time more nurses are needed in other non-hospital settings. Population growth, especially of aging individuals, contributes to the increased demand.

Now is the time to aggressively seek solutions. At Texas Woman's University, we will continue to do our part in attracting and training the most highly qualified students from throughout the state to nursing. The medical field must ensure that the nursing profession is respected and rewarding, both on a personal and financial level.

Carolyn Gunning, Ph.D., is a registered nurse and is dean of the College of Nursing at Texas Woman's University.

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOLDS RIBBON CUTTING— The local Chamber welcomed Dana's Bar B Que with an official ceremony last week. Pictured are Susan Schaefer (from left), George Mathews, Dana Hall (owner/operator), Sandra Jones and Betty Westerman.

Auditions Aug. 27-28

Roles are available for at least 3 women and at least 3 men in a variety of age ranges. The entire Cisco area community is invited to audition, and it is not necessary to attend both sessions to audition.

Auditions for Neil Simon's "London Suite" will be held on Monday and Tuesday, August 27 and 28, at 7 p.m. in room 215 of the Harrell Fine Arts Center on the Cisco Junior College campus.

Harris/Brown Family Reunion Held Locally

Harris and Brown families and friends held their annual reunion at Cross Plains on Saturday, August 11. Family and friends from throughout Texas and as far away as Kuwait shared memories and photographs, learned of recent activities of family members, competed for door prizes, and enjoyed music provided by family members.

Elected officers for 2001 are Shilo Harris, president and Tenia Idell, secretary/treasurer.

Seventy-five of those present registered: From Cross Plains - Bill and Judy Porter, Lynn, Pam and Payton Porter, Pete Golson, Joe, Deana and Kathleen Terstegge, Betty Baxter, and Betty Cavanaugh; Abilene - Robert and Becky Lott; Archer City - Juanita Sheppard; Bangs - Homer Purcell; Ben Wheeler - Sue Frizzell; Brownwood - Shilo and Kathreyn Harris and Elmer Hounshell; Burkett - Patrick Adams; Burknett - Greg, Cindy, Edwin, Christian and Ryan Geer; Cisco - Raymond and Helen Hounshell;

Clarendon - Paul B., Jimmie Marie and Savannah Barie, Jimmie Marie and Cheyanne Faith Day; Coleman - Virgil and Evelyn Adams, Solitaire Harris, Frances and Grady Harris, Lorene Gray, R.E. Harris and Erma Ree Tomlinson; Fort Worth - Bob and Pat Gordon; Houston - Zenobia Verner; Hurst - Don and Colleen Gray; Iowa Park - Elsie Porter, Bob and Bonnie Illingworth, Bobbie and Vickie Gilmore; Keller - Martha and Rachel Terry; Lometa - Wayne Brown; McCamey - A.B. Harris, Allen B. Harris, Juliane, James Sr., James Jr., and Tennie Idell, Howard Tarpley, Sr., Adam and Shelby Wright; Odessa - W.B. Porter; Proctor - Virgie Adams, Shayna Mathews, J.O. and Peggy Bradford; Royce City - James Illingworth; Salmiya (Kuwait) - Savannah Porter; Santa Anna - Vivian Harris; San Antonio - Ronald and Opal Gray; Snyder - Chris, Tyler and Taylor Porter; Stephenville - Josh Smith, Willis - Fay and Yvonne Morgan Turnbow.

Some questions are difficult:

"Mommy, where do babies come from?"

But sometimes there is an easy answer:

"Honey, everyone knows that babies come from Coleman County Medical Center."



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COUNTY ROADS by Ginny Greene

Departing is...

Departing is such sweet sorrow. I think someone said that once. I don't know why it has to take me three weeks to get ready to leave for two weeks. Getting me to the gate is a marathon race.

It starts out innocently enough. I have a sense of purpose, but plenty of time. After travel plans are confirmed, next thing is to meet publishing deadlines on three projects. For days I'm seat belted to the chair, with the keyboard chained to my wrists.

I finally print the final, final, final draft, run to the printer for copies, the post office for postage. I fold, stamp, label, and beat the postman to the mailbox with my stack of newsletters.

Then I start catching up on all that has fallen behind, and thinking how to make the house work smoothly while I'm gone.

First I stock up on critter feed, dog food and doggie treats. I cook meals ahead for the dogs and MyKeeper. MyKeeper swears the dogs meals are better. The freezer is stocked with microwave meals and frozen pizza, and I pack the refrigerator with all his favorite grab snacks.

In between, the girls have places they need to be and things they need to do. It always involves a Gramma. It is a struggle to cover all bases before the mad rush to the airport. It grates me that the race to the airport may end in a three hour wait for a flight that's late. But there's no way around that.

The day before I leave I get an unexplainable urge to clean house. It is as strong as the vernal urge for spring housecleaning. I go at it recklessly, with no thought to order or priority — just clean, clean, clean.

I'm left at the edge of exhaustion, but by now I am driven by raw nerves. MyKeeper doesn't know which direction to turn to get out of my way.

On the actual date of departure, I take out the garbage one more time, wash five more dishes, and do one more load of laundry, even though it is only three items, I need them for my suitcase.

Then it's down to the wire. Everything has to click with no hitches. Gas up the car for the run to the airport — pay two bills — last minute groceries — a fast food meal — a divorce in the family. On second thought maybe that can wait till I get back.

Just as MyKeeper is about to split a gut, I get down to the last minutes — filling the dog dish, fresh water, pack my bags, throw out the stuff that will be blue in the refrigerator by the time I get back because MyKeeper will never cook it. I jump in the shower, feed the goats, arrange separate feeding stations for the dogs because one of them somehow circumvented my rule that they must eat nicely together. Grizzly knows he will never be able to compete in a contest of strength, or ever get his fair share of the dog food bowl, so he covers it with petty growls and snarls, and insists on his own bowl to defend against all intruders. There's clothes in the dryer that will be permanently wrinkled if I leave them there till I return, so I fold them all in half and stuff them into the closet where they can wrinkle more slowly. This last makes the sweat rise on MyKeeper's neck, and he grinds his back teeth, so I scoot past him, grab my suitcase and head out the door.

"I'm off!" I shout behind me. I always knew it, he says, shaking his head.

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The History of Burkett

(The information came from articles in the November 12, 1936, Coleman Democrat-Voice by Mrs. T.A. Burns and the July 3, 1958, Coleman County Chronicle by Mrs. Mierrel Burkett.)

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

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

One of the earliest merchants in Burkett was J.L. (Uncle Jim) Allen, a brother of Alec Allen, J.L. Allen came to this section in the early 1970's and settled as a squatter about half a mile south of the present town of Burkett on what is now Golsion land. He opened a forty acre farm, which he worked until 1879. In that year James Golsion came out from McLennan County and took possession of the property he had inherited as a land patent bought up by his half brother, W.R. Standifer of California. This land, by the way, has never since been out of the Golsion family.

J.L. Allen continued to farm and ran a peddling wagon, going far and near gathering poultry and eggs. He finally succeeded in a small stock of dry goods and groceries which he kept in a covered passage between two log cribs with two bobtailed bulldogs to guard it. From this beginning he finally had a store built about 1884 on land which he purchased from Col. T.A. Burns who had made a tax sale purchase of 320 acres where Burkett now stands.

The second store was operated by J.W. Golsion and E.C. Hankins. This was a small building where the tabernacle stood and was put in about 1890. W.M. Burkett had been oper-

ating a small business for several years. Henry Sackett opened a store in 1893. This store was enlarged and changed several times. Will Burkett continued to increase his business and in 1889 the post office was established, thus giving Burkett its official name.

Willie E. and Johnny Audas came to Burkett from Brown County in 1878 and began their business in 1895. Johnny died in 1930, leaving the business to W.E. and in 1947 his son, Lloyd took over his father's business and two years later, W.E. Audas passed away. I.L. Wright operated a blacksmith shop and garage from 1909 to 1918 and was in the grocery business from 1918 to 1926. During this time the post office was located in his store and the postmaster, Miss Elsie Cochran, clerked for Mr. Wright as a side line.

E.L. Harris might be mentioned along with these early day business men since he began to clerk in the Audas grocery store when he was still in his teens and continued for 44 years, retiring in 1953 because of ill health. During the last few years of that item he was employed by Lloyd Audas who had a thriving business and erected a large modern general merchandise store in 1951 and later in 1956 retired to his farm and ranching, this building being abandoned and Burkett without a general store.

Doctors that practiced in this community were Drs. Lindley, Mannering, John C. Cochran, Allison, G.M. Walker and lastly Boyd F. Pearce.

The first law offices were erected in the early 1880's, J.R. Brown being the first justice of the peace. Other early magistrates were a Mr. Priest, J.W. Golsion and D.W. Howe.

For many years Burkett had a thriving drug store, Dr. Lindley and Dr. Mannering were the owners of a drug business during the early part of 1900 and sold their business to L.L. Morgan.

J.W. Colvin was Burkett's outstanding barber for some 50 years, beginning about 1900. The prices for his hair cuts ranged from 5 cents to 30 cents and shaves accordingly.

The early day cotton gins were operated by J.T. Audas, W.M. Burkett, J.W. Wesley and W.L. Gould. Later ones were L.F. Mayfield, L.C. Scott and M. Simons. The last one being operated until about 1942.

Bob Cross was an early cafe operator here, then for many years Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thate owned the cafe. After they retired the business passed through several hands until it was closed up permanently in 1956. During this time other businesses were also changing owners. W.M. Burkett sold his grocery business to his son, J.E. Burkett and F.B. Porter, and by 1955 this business was closed permanently.

The first oil wells around Burkett were brought in on the G.M. Gray place in 1918. Later the extensive field on the W.T. Burns land was drilled and finally on September 3,

1930, the closest field on the village, on the Frank Golsion land was brought in. The oil fields have helped to improve the roads in this section. The present paved highway was completed hard surfaced in 1928, although it had been surveyed and built in 1922 with the present bridge completed in 1923.

Burkett has had several lodges organized here, including the Odd Fellows, the Modern Woodmen and the Woodmen of the World. This last lodge was organized in 1899 with such old timers as Will Burns, W.C. Thames, W.C. Henderson and John Gaines as charter members. The I.O.O.F. was organized in Burkett in 1909 with Dr. J.C. Cochran, Jim and Calvin Baker, J.W. Golsion and M. Manering and others as charter members. The first telephone exchange here probably goes back before the turn of the century, the switchboard being operated by several old timers including W.M. Burkett, Will Sackett, Tom Audas and from 1918 to 1946, A.K. Wesley owned the business and sold to Mrs. Rita Adams who was the owner in 1958.

In 1928 the road through Burkett was completed and surfaced and in 1958 a new highway was put in

which went west, missing the business district. In 1959 the town consisted of three churches, two service stations operated by E.A. Jennings who carries a line of groceries and ice, and B.C. Evans, the Troy Tomlinson Garage, Gray and Godwin Grocery, operated by Mrs. Louella Gray and Mrs. A.L. Godwin. The city water works is owned by V.C. Adams, Burkett Gas Co. with Merrel Burkett in charge, the Burkett Elementary School, Post Office and Telephone Exchange.

Today, the churches and post are still there, along with Porter's gas station and grocery store on the highway to Cross Plains. The area population in 1980 was 30.

WE LAMINATE	
Small Item	\$1.00
5 1/2 x 8 1/2	\$1.50
8 1/2 x 11 Item	\$2.00
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David Morales, Jr.
Debra Ann Hollis
Inola Wilcoxon
Kathy Chesshir
Mrs. Herbert Freeman
A.S. Harlow
Barbara Ann Black
Mrs. Lester Mannering
Eddie Neitzke
Sherry Sheryl Erwin
Harold Reed
Dr. Toby Irwin
Cory Barron

AUGUST 28
Rex Tackett
Aaron Jason Pope
Billy Dolgener
Wade Odum
Dawn (Strength) Hilburn
Mrs. Freddy Tatom
Kim Gregory
Marcia Hoover
Jamie (Guerra) King

AUGUST 29
Grady Christensen
Susan Coppinger Cohn

AUGUST 30
Steven Lane Cox
Eldon Renfro
Marty Callaway
Chuck Woody
James Scott
D.T. Crockett, Jr.
Laura Holley
Randall McAnally
Donald Wilson
James Röss
Carl Bludworth
Allen Barnett
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Kory Hartman
Jesse Brooks
Ryan Glenn Payne

AUGUST 25
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Benny Free
Dorothy Johnston
Mrs. James W. Lindsey
Belinda Hefner
Rick Hines
Daynelle Johnson

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Charles Lee
Dee Perry
Mrs. Edwin Weiss
Brenda Lewis
Rocky Callaway
Kevin Shane Singleton
Bertis Letney

AUGUST 27
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