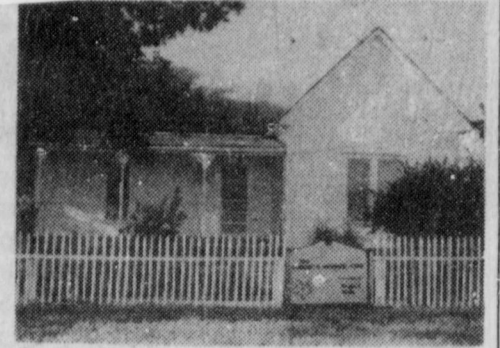


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DOWN HOME

Box Top Fund-raiser at School

EDITOR'S NOTE: Sharon (Stansbury) Fry, formerly of Cross Plains, wrote the following story about her grandmother's cellar. I don't know about you, but I will always remember those trips to the cellar. Read and see what you remember. Vanda Anderson Creech, Editor

"The Cellar"
By SHARON FRY

My grandmother always went to bed with the chickens. That's what you say when someone goes to bed when it gets dark and arises early in the morning at dawn. Since she had lived in Kentucky until she was about twelve years old, she was afraid of "clouds". If there happened to be a cloudbank on the horizon when she got ready for bed, she would go to bed in her cellar.

She had a good cement cellar. It was mostly underground with a heavy door and concrete steps into the interior. There were cement benches on three sides. These benches were as wide as a twin bed, and there were big bulky quilts on them. There were a couple of kerosene lanterns for light.

We grandchildren would play on top of the cellar. It was concrete and dirt covered grass around the sides. We would lay down and roll off. We thought that this was great fun. We only had the vent pipe on top to watch out for and we could roll right off.

As for going to the cellar, I always hated it. It seemed like the storms only came in the middle of the night. Mama or Daddy would wake us and tell us to hurry up because we were going to Grandma's to the cellar. You would be sleeping so well, probably because the night air had been cooled by the storm, and you had to get up. Since Grandma raised Daddy, he didn't like storms either. We would get into the car and by the time Daddy had drove the three blocks to Grandma's the rain and/or hail would have started.

We would make the mad dash from her driveway to the cellar door. Soaking wet and cold, we would shiver until the big quilts warmed us. The smell of the kerosene lamps filled the air. There was also the musty smell of the cellar. Grandma kept a very clean cellar, but it did sometimes leak. I don't know how, but she always managed to seal the leaks and keep her cellar fairly dry.

We would not be the only ones there. The elderly widow across

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This year, Cross Plains Elementary will participate in the General Mills Box Tops for Education fund-raising program to earn cash for their school. This fundraiser requires no door-to-door selling by the children and it costs nothing to become involved.

Please clip the Box Top logos from participating General Mills products and send them to school with your children. The local elementary will receive 10 cents for each Box Top collected! The more collected, the more cash earned.

You can find Box Tops for Education logos on participating General Mills products such as Cheerios, Lucky Charms, Total, Fruit by the Foot, Fruit Roll-Ups, Dunkaroos, Yoplait yogurt multipacks, Yoplait G-GURT yogurt, Lloyd's barbecue buckets, Hamburger Helper, Chicken Helper and Tuna Helper, Betty Crocker potato side dishes, Potato Buds, Suddenly Salad, Bisquick, Bac-os, SuperMoist cake mix, Betty Crocker frosting, Stir-n Bake, Betty Crocker supreme brownies and many, many more.

If our school can collect 3,500 Box Tops in the 2001/2002 school year, we will be placed on the Box Tops Honor Roll and be rewarded with 300 Bonus Box Tops.

If everyone saves Box Tops, the cash will really add up quickly and the school will easily reach their goal. Please help support the children in our community. Thanking you in advance for your kind cooperation. Take your box tops to the elementary office or send them to the school at the address below:

Lurene McNutt
General Mills Box Tops for Education Program
Coordinator
700 North Main Street
Cross Plains, Texas 76443.

Immunization Clinic Monday, Dec. 10th

The Texas Department of Health will have an immunization clinic Monday, December 10, from 2-4 p.m. at the Multi-Purpose Center, located at 701 Beech, Cross Plains.

If your child has not had chickenpox, a vaccine is now available and required for school children.

For more information, please call (915) 754-4945.

Local Food Pantry Needs Your Help!!!!

Our local Food Pantry is in dire need of your assistance. Our cupboard is getting bare!

With the tragedies our country has recently faced, many charity organizations are suffering both nationally and locally.

Our town has built up this Food Pantry to supply food to those in need. Let's rally together and not let this organization fall apart.

Donations of cash, canned goods, boxed commodity, or frozen wrapped beef, pork, chicken or venison will be greatly appreciated.

With the holidays rapidly approaching, there will be families doing without. Let's make sure to get our Pantry restocked and our donations built back up, so no one will have to do without.

For more information call Betty Edwards (254) 725-6510.

Submitted by Betty Edwards

Christmas Band Store Needs Craft Donations

Cross Plains High School Band is getting ready for their Christmas Band Store. If anyone would like to donate handmade items to help them, please contact Netha Carouth at 725-7515, Linda Reed 725-6744, Jamie Apple 725-6296 or Connie Swift 725-6443. All donations will be appreciated.

The Christmas Store will be

held Monday through Wednesday, December 17, 18 and 19th in the school auditorium. The store is provided for Pre-K through 6 grade for the students to do their Christmas shopping. This is a yearly fund-raiser for the Band Boosters to help the band with trips and uniforms.

Richeson Dairy Queen Raised Over \$5,000 for Red Cross Fund

Richeson Dairy Queen restaurants have raised \$5,004 for the Red Cross and earmarked for the relief of the victims of the September 11th terrorist attack.

In a project spearheaded by Regional Manager Garlan Cunningham of Ranger, the funds were generated by selling patriotic flag posters to customers, who were asked to make a

contribution in honor of/in memory of someone they admired or loved. With the realization that America will never be the same, and with the knowledge of the tremendous loss sustained by those whose family members were killed in the attack, people were eager to express their sympathy with a monetary consideration.

Annual Christmas Decorating Contest

The annual Christmas decorating contest for homes and businesses will be held on Saturday, December 15, at dark. **Your lights must be on at this time.**

All homes and business will be considered, but to make sure you are included, you are invited to call (254) 725-6108, anytime before December 15 and leave your name and address.

If you are located outside the city limits it will be necessary for you to call.

Prizes will be awarded for the best decorated home or business. Project Pride is sponsor for the home decorating contest and the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce the businesses.

Filing Begins Dec. 3rd for Republican Party

Callahan County Republican Chair Pat Chrane announced that applications for candidates to file for a place on the March 12, 2002 Republican will be accepted beginning December 3, 2001.

Filers can obtain applications by contacting Pat Chrane at (915) 529-3428. Applications will be accepted through January 2, 2002 at 6:00 p.m.

The filing fee for Justice of the Peace is \$300. The filing fee for all other county offices is \$600. Anyone who needs assistance or more information may call (915) 529-3428.

Here Comes Santa Claus!

Friday, December 7

5 - 7 p.m. Downtown

(south of Bank)

- 5:00 p.m. Registration for drawings (in front of Texas Heritage Bank) Drawings held throughout the night
- 6:00 p.m. Santa's Arrival /Photo with Santa Supper with Santa-Kiwanis selling sausage, wraps and cold drinks



- Senior Citizens Cake Walk (Senior Citizens Center)
- Cross Plains Public Library Open House & Readings for Children 4:30 p.m.
- Festival Committee
- Homemade Candy on Sale
- Beta Sigma Phi
- Entrees for Sale/Drawing for Dessert of the Month

Full evening of fun for the family

See You There..

C.P. EMS Raising Funds for Ambulance

The Cross Plains Emergency Medical Service (CP EMS) appreciates the donations that are already coming in for the new ambulance that has been ordered. In addition to the \$11,050 donations previously announced, we have been pledged an additional \$1,000 from Callahan County (in addition to the usual \$2,000 they give each year) and \$650 from individuals/couples. (\$100 of that just came in from a certain dear widow while this article was being prepared! Isn't that great?!) So the balance yet needed (after subtracting the grant money, trade in and donations up to date) is \$37,271.

A reminder: the end of the year is fact approaching. Donations to the C.P. EMS are tax deductible and you might be able to make your donation count even more for yourself as you consider income taxes for this current year. Your donations are appreciated, however, now or any time after the first of the year! We would just like to have it all raised by delivery time, however,

around April 1, 2002.

If you care to donate, you may do so by sending it to CP EMS, P.O. Box 597, Cross Plains, Texas 76443, or by taking it by Texas Heritage Bank for deposit. Or you may give it to one of the coordinators, Bob Pipes or Barbara Worley, or any of the other board members: Curtis Cooper, Rhonda Hinten, Jimmy Long, George Matthew--or any of the other EMS volunteers.

If you or any organizations have any ideas in regard to a fundraiser, let us know and we will work with you. As stated last week, we will be applying the money raised at this past spring's "at the light" fund-raiser, as well as next year's, but obviously we will need more.

Let us know soon what you can do, as an individual or as an organization. We can raise the money if we will work together as we all have in the past.

Thank you in advance for your help!

Submitted by Bob Pipes

Project Pride Meets Tuesday

Project Pride will hold their regular monthly business meeting on Tuesday, December 11, at 6:00 p.m. at the Cross Plains Public Library. The public is invited.

The Christmas lights at the Howard House and Pavilion have been installed and will be on throughout the holidays.

Texas Heritage Bank
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HELP MAKE OUR MILITARY SERVICE PERSONEL'S CHRISTMAS MERRIER

Send the names and addresses of service men and women currently enlisted in any branch of the military to the Cross Plains Review.

A campaign to send them letters, Christmas cards, etc. is being organized. Please only include those locally known.

IT IS TIME AGAIN TO WRITE YOUR SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

All pre-school children and students through 3rd grade may send your wish lists to the Cross Plains Review by noon on December 14.

The children's letters will be forwarded directly to Old Saint Nick at the North Pole. Watch for publication in the December 20th issue.

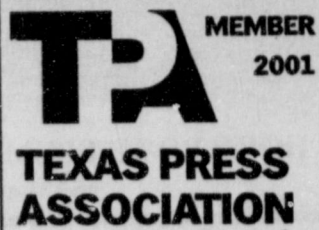


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Michael Ingram, Pastor

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Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
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Evening Worship.....7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.
Bob Wallace, Pastor (254) 725-6607

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Sunday School.....9:45 A.M.
Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M.
Evening Service.....6:00 P.M.
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Time.....7:00
Matt McGowen, Interim Student Pastor (254) 643-3276
Church (254)725- 6266
Friendly Church Bible Teaching

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.....11:00 A.M.
Pastor: Carl Mauldin
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Sponser: Pioneer Baptist Church

Sunday School.....10:00 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.
Bill Armstrong - Pastor

Political Calendar

The Cross Plains Review is authorized to publish the following political announcements for the office filings in the Democratic Primary Election set for March 12, 2002.

For Callahan County Clerk

Jeanie Bohannon

Political advertisement paid by Jeanie Bohannon, 601 West 3rd, Baird, Texas 79504.

For Callahan County Judge

Roger Corn

Political advertisement paid by Roger Corn, 520 Poplar, Baird, Texas 79504.

All political calendar advertising for the Democratic Primary Election is payable in advance, at a cost of \$100.00. A free press release and photograph will be published one time with each announcement.

Colonial Oaks Services

Cornerstone Church will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, December 9, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

OBITUARIES

Lewis Ferrell Newton

Lewis Ferrell Newton, 74, of Dublin, passed away Sunday, December 2, 2001, in De Leon, Texas. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, December 6 in Dublin at the First United Methodist Church. Burial will follow at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Cross Cut Cemetery near Cross Plains, Texas.

Lewis Ferrell Newton was born and reared on a farm and ranch in Brown County, Texas. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Newton of Cross Cut, Texas. He attended rural school in Brown County through the seventh grade and graduated from Cross Plains High School in 1944. He attended Tarleton State University and McMurry College and graduated from Texas A&M University with a B.S. degree in Agriculture Education and Science and from Howard Payne University with an Master of Education degree. He did further graduate study at Texas A&M.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Hancock, CV 19.

Mr. Newton married the former Maxine Strong in Cross Plains on January 24, 1947. To this union five children were born.

Mr. Newton was a classroom teacher in Loving County ISD from 1947 to 1948 and was an instructor in Callahan County Vocational School from 1950 to 1955. He taught high school science in Cross Plains from 1954-1955 and was Principal of Cross Plains High School from 1955 to 1959. He served as Superintendent of the Clyde ISD from 1959 to 1979.

From 1979 to 1981, he was a representative for the Horace Mann Insurance Company and in 1981 became Assistant Director of Region XIV Education Service Center in Abilene until 1988. He served as an interim superintendent of schools in Moran and Strawn in the early 1990's and was a trainer of school board members and conducted teacher evaluations in area schools.

He was a member of the Texas Association of School Administrators, American Association of School Administrators, Texas State Teachers Association, Kappa Delta Pi and Phi Delta Kappa. He was a member of the District XIV Executive Committee for TSTA; past president of West Texas Schools American Heritage Project; past president of Clyde Lions Club; and past president of District XIV TSTA. At the time of his death, he was a member of Dublin Rotary Club and First United Methodist Church, where he served on the Administrative Council.

Survivors include his wife, Maxine Strong Newton of Dublin; daughter, Mary Newton and husband, Michael, of Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, daughter Brenda Newton Horn and husband, Joe, of San Antonio, daughter Lis Newton Leatherwood and husband, Pat, of Dublin; a son, David Ferrell Newton and wife, Sylvia, of League City; brothers, J.W. Newton and wife, Madeline, of Lubbock, and Dr. Weldon H. Newton and wife, Cynthia, of Stephenville; sisters, Imogene Newton Haun and late husband, R.P. of Eastland, and Anita Newton Lane and husband, Joe, of Stephenville; and Opa had seven grandchildren and a great-grandson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lewis and Ina Newton; his son, Robert Lewis Newton; and a granddaughter, Bethlanda Newton.

Opa was an extremely loving husband, father, friend and educator. He loved his family and he loved education. He and Maxine celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1997. He was very proud of his wife's quilting projects and supported her wholeheartedly.

Family was very important to him. He and his brothers and sisters and spouses were very close and visited often. They kept the family farm at Cross Cut where all the family love to gather. His wife, children and family will miss him dearly.

Memorial may be made to the Cross Cut Cemetery Association, c/o O.B. Byrd, HC 30 Box 79, Brownwood, Texas 76801 or the First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 243, Dublin, Texas 76446.

Cassie E. Allen

Cassie E. Allen, of Rising Star, passed away Wednesday, November 28, 2001. Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Higginbotham Funeral Chapel with David Harris and Richard Massey officiating. Burial was in the Rising Star Cemetery, under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Mrs. Allen was born October 15, 1917, in Athens. She married William Paul Colwell of TN; five sisters, Pauline Parsons of Baird, Maurice Martin and Olena Ezzel, both of Rising Star, La Fond Ghormely of Deer Park, Uva Jones of Cross Plains; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, brother, Nathan Hellums, sister, Georgia Walker, and an infant son.

Local Food Pantry News Update

The Cross Plains Food Pantry will be giving Christmas food baskets again this year to the needy of our community. If you need a food basket or know someone in need, please call 725-6510, 725-6116 or 725-7694 (you may leave a message).

We also need to know how many people are in your family. Please call as soon as possible.

If you need more information about food baskets or if you would like to make a donation or volunteer please call Betty Edwards (254) 725-6510.

Cross Plains Masonic Lodge No. 627

Stated Meeting
1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
www.cross-plains.tx-mm-org
www.gltexas.org
Sec. (254) 725-7530

COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT
Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Benjamin Bewley, driving while intoxicated (DWI).
Richard McKinnon, failure to stop and give required information after a collision.
Jeremy R. Barbain, theft.
Arthur Wylie, Ct. I - DWI, Ct. II - unlawfully carrying weapon.
Michael H. Lowther, possession of marijuana.
Shawn P. Spinks, theft.
Richard A. Cardenas, theft of property by check.
James Edgar, theft of property by check.
Carolyn P. Rose, theft of property by check.
Preston C. Bartlow, failure to stop and give required information after a collision.
Rolland Lee Rivers, Jr., failure to stop and give required information after a collision.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Christopher Espitia, order for discharge of fine and costs granted.
Brandon McConnell, plea of guilty to fictitious inspection, 10 days in jail, \$218 court costs.
Jason Kilough, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 10 days in jail, \$218 court costs.
Grason Ratliff, motion to dismiss to theft of property by check granted, paid restitution.
Carrie R. Ramirez, motion to dismiss to theft of property by check granted, paid restitution.
Jose Hernandez, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 10 days in jail, \$242.25 court costs.
Armando Duran, order extending probation granted.
Kenneth Frazier, plea of guilty to DWI, 30 days in jail, \$100 fine, \$242.25 court costs.
Pat Edwin Savell, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 20 days in jail, \$243 court costs.
Christopher Walsh, plea of guilty to DWI, 5 days in jail, \$300 fine, \$242.25 court costs.
Josua Mier, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Tarrant Co. granted.
Shawna Wall, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Erath Co. granted.
Matthew Beerwinkle, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Lubbock Co. granted.
James Clark Jr., plea of guilty to theft of service, 1 year probation, \$100 fine, \$242.25 court costs, \$500 restitution.
Jereme Buchanan, plea of guilty to DWI, 2 year probation, \$400 fine, \$242.25 court costs.
Matthew Beerwinkle, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, 6 month probation, \$100 fine, \$292.25 court costs, \$491 restitution.
Josua Mier, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 6 month probation, \$500 fine, \$292.25 court costs.
Shawna Wall, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, 1 year probation, \$100 fine, \$262.25 court costs, \$349.04 restitution.
Billy Freeman, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 6 month probation, \$500 fine, \$242.25 court costs.
Osvaldo Granada, plea of guilty to DWI, 2 year probation, \$400 fine, \$242.25 court costs.

Marriage Licenses

Ricky Anthony Norway and Tammy Lynn Hayes, both of Clyde.
Jesse Doyle Coffman of Abilene and Karen Michele Swaner of Clyde.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Rodney Wayne Helmuth and Kerrie Lee Helmuth, divorce.
Renee Bray and Daniel Troy Bray, divorce.
Courtney Lee Miller and William Thomas Miller, Jr., divorce.
Tina Marie Hart and Keith Lee Hart, divorce.

Civil Minutes

Heriberto D. Mier, motion to dismiss bond forfeiture granted, settlement reached, bond already paid.
Bruce M. Townsley and Elizabeth B. Townsley, divorce granted.

Leticia Lynette Davis and Richard Calvin Davis, divorce granted.
Paula Sue Newlun and Derrick Jason Newlun, divorce granted.

Kimberly Shannon Davis and Robert Terrence Davis, divorce granted.
In re: estate of Jesse Franklin Carpenter, deceased, agreed order granting joint motion to dismiss plaintiff's claims against defendant Angela Sue Lilly Damme and the counter-petition of Angela Sue Lilly Damme for declaratory judgment granted.

Sears, Roebuck and Co. vs. Trisha Rister, plaintiff's motion for non-suit granted.
First National Bank of Abilene vs. Hattie Early, judgment for plaintiff from defendant in the amount of \$9,001.09 granted.

Kory Nixon and Andrea Cheryl Nixon, divorce granted.

Criminal Indictments

Christopher D. Ely, possession of anhydrous ammonia in an unapproved container.

David A. Martin, possession of anhydrous ammonia in an unapproved container.

Criminal Minutes

David A. Martin, plea of guilty to possession of anhydrous ammonia in an unapproved container, 5 years in prison, \$201 court costs.

Christopher D. Ely, plea of guilty to possession of anhydrous ammonia in an unapproved container, 5 years in prison, \$201 court costs.

The Living Word
Sponsored By:
Dean Brannan

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

3rd & Main Cross Plains
(254) 725-7629



9:45 a.m. Bible Study Opportunities For All Ages

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

"The STORY of Christmas"

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

"Mark's Gospel- This Is What Happened"

Jimmie Mize - Interim Pastor
Kevin & Kim Cassidy - Youth Frank O'Banion - Music
Welcome!

"REMEMBER WHY HE CAME"

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Van Service Available - Call (254) 725-7694

N. Main (Hwy. 206)
Cross Plains, Texas
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Worship - 10:45 a.m.
Rev. C. Michael Redd, Pastor



Sunday's Sermon

"Greater Love Has No Man Than This"

COLONIAL OAKS NURSING HOME NEWS

By LINDA MERRITT

Rozell Gary reports that she had an enjoyable time out with her brother and his wife, Joe and Linda Gary from San Saba. She said they went to the home place and picked pecans and had a wonderful time together.

Our thoughts and prayers for O.B. Switzer and Oliver Smith, who are in the Brownwood hospital.

Plans are on the way for our OPEN HOUSE CHRISTMAS PARTY for our residents that is December 16th at 2 p.m. We invite all family and friends to come and celebrate with us. More details in next week's paper.

Michelle Rudloff from Mansfield and Lurene McNutt visited with Louise Richardson.

Evelyn and Emily Harris visited with Frank Bartek.

Reuben and Ruby McCowen from Lubbock visited with Myrtle Owen and Donie McCowen.

Gene and Nelda Wilcoxon from Abilene and Rhonda Crawford of Austin visited with Delilah Goble and Jessie Casey.

Dwaine Clower visited with Falba Shofner.

Glen and Charlotte Gardner and

Robert Harris from Coleman visited with Roy Gardner.

Lois Garrett was her visiting several residents.

Michael and Brian Curry and Deborah Grissold of Hawley visited Deen Haddox.

Bobby Jack McCowen visited Donie McCowen and J.C. Childers.

Activities

MONDAY: Bingo winners were Jessie Casey, Vera Belyeu (2), Clifford King (2), Falba Shofner (2) and Donie McCowen. Singing with Dorothy Reynolds.

TUESDAY: Art class. Exercise. Dominoes.

WEDNESDAY: Sing-a-long with Bob Wallace and Dean Brannan. Exercise.

THURSDAY: Manicures. Ball toss. Dominoes.

FRIDAY: Bingo winners were Clifford King (2), Vera Belyeu, Jessie Casey, Falba Shofner (2) and Donie McCowen (2). Popcorn and Dominoes.

SUNDAY: Cornerstone Church

The Spirit of Christmas is Love!

COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT

Quilting Club Delivers Donation for Auction

Representatives of the Cottonwood Quilting Club attended the annual West Texas Rehabilitation Center's quilters luncheon last Saturday to deliver the club's donation for the upcoming telethon auction on January 19, 2002. Making the trip were Isla Stroud, Mary St. Peter, Wanda Jones and Mary Ella Weaver.

According to Isla, it was a very nice luncheon, "About 30 to 35 quilts were donated from various clubs. There were several crocheted throws and wraps and one very beautiful round table cloth. We displayed our quilt and each item was given a number and our pictures were taken. It was very nice."

The Telethon Auction will take place on January 19, operating from the Abilene Civic Center. It is the largest of the Center's fundraising efforts. Interested bidders may participate by telephone, by means of the internet (www.westexasrehab.org) or in person.

Cottonwood Connections

Isla Stroud reports that her family members visited the Wiley Baptist Church last Saturday night to attend its annual Living Christmas Tree Celebration. Attending were she and her daughter, Gennett; the Lee Creamer family; daughter, Pat Marris of Clyde; Heahler Peterson and family of Abilene and her daughter, Dede Marris of Abilene; and Jerry and Tammy Brown of Abilene. "We go every year for this event and it gets better every year. This was the best yet," said Isla.

Cottonwood's December Calendar

The Cottonwood Quilting Club will meet on December 6 and 13 this month. There will not be a musical for this month.

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Unit will sponsor a Community Christmas Party on December 11. Starting at 7 p.m. at the Community Center, the party will feature Christmas carols, story-telling, recitations and other presentations. All citizens of Cottonwood and friends are invited. Please bring a plate of Christmas sandwiches, cookies or other goodies to share with your friends and join in the fun and good cheer of the Christmas season.

The Old Bankhead Highway: Route to the Golden West

How many of you remember the old "Bankhead Highway"? It was the second transcontinental US

Highway (Lincoln Highway being the first) and was designated in the 1920's. It provided an all-season route from the East Coast of America to the West Coast.

In Texas, the Bankhead Highway, roughly paralleled what is now I-20 and the old T&P Railway. Its route carried it through Putnam, Baird, Clyde and Abilene. Although it did not pass near Cottonwood, the Bankhead had a great effect on the community.

It was the highway that carried a great mass of the Texans and Oklahomans who journeyed westward to the promised land of California in the wake of the "dust bowl" disaster and the depression of the 1930's.

We all like to sing the song about Route 66 and know about its reputation as the romantic highway out west; but, it is my contention that the Bankhead carried a majority of that great migration westward. Rout 66 may have the song, but the Bankhead did the work long before Route 66 was ever known.

Golden Purvis, a Cottonwood native, told me a few years ago that he and his brothers, Hugh and Jay, traveled along the Bankhead route in 1939 to California. He remembers that in southern Arizona and California the roadway was constructed of wooden planks laid out over the desert sands with steel straps fixed to the surface as tracks for the cars to travel on. He also remembers seeing discarded logs along the way that were used for a corduroy road surface in former days.

Golden said he hitchhiked back to Cottonwood in 1940. It took him three days and he spent \$3.75 for food along the way. Each meal consisted of a 5-cent Coke and a bag of peanuts, also 5 cents. For proof, he sent along a copy of the log-sheet upon which he recorded progress of his trip.

Many other Cottonwood citizens went westward in the 1930's and 40's. News of their adventures and good fortune drifted back to us youngsters. And when we dreamed of leaving home to seek our fortune in those days, it was to the Golden West we looked and envisioned our travels, along the Bankhead.

If you know an interesting tale about the Bankhead, or want to chat about it, please give me a call. I want to know more about the old Bankhead.

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

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QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By KAY MOSLEY

Historical Fact: Having been federated in 1960, the Cross Plains Garden Club met for some time in the back of the building where the One Source Clinic is presently located.

"Don't Have It--Better Find Some"

Are you familiar with the word MOXY????? It doesn't hurt a thing if you have a little of it. My maternal grandfather had a little moxy. He lived in Cross Plains and his name was Jack Meador, but all eight of children and twenty-some-odd of his grandchildren called him Papa. He passed from this life in the summer of 1966 to the best of my remembrance. He didn't quite make it to 90, but he came really close.

Once, when he was getting on up there, into his 80 somethings, his children felt it was dangerous for Papa to get up on his roof to make repairs. So, they borrowed his ladder so he couldn't climb on the roof anymore; and they conveniently forgot to return it. Well, that didn't stop Papa, he went 'em one better. He went across the

street and borrowed the neighbor's ladder and climbed up anyway. He didn't fall off either!!!!

You know we Americans are now pledged to fight terrorism, but the planes and bombs can't do it all, for the terrorists have infiltrated not only America but other nations as well. Besides our weapons, rockets, tanks, etc., we are going to have to show some moxy. We've got to throw everything we can muster behind this effort and that includes using our ingenuity.

We have to out think them, out do them out maneuver them and out live them also. Whatever they use to try and destroy our country, we must come up with an alternative. That will take some thing, great and long lasting ingenuity and all the moxy we can provide and a whopping big measure of prayer and an enormous amount of tenacity, so now is the time to further develop that moxy. Presently, we seem to be on top of things in Afghanistan, but we're going to have to hang in there and keep on keeping on. United we stand---God Bless America!!!!!!!

GARDEN TIPS

By JAMES NICHOLS

Let nature's bounty take center stage in your home this holiday season. A beautiful blooming poinsettia and a freshly cut evergreen can instantly fill your house with holiday cheer.

Stunning red, white or pink poinsettias are one of the easiest

ways to decorate. This trademark holiday bloom also makes an excellent gift all on its own.

Set poinsettias near a bright window with a steady moderate temperature away from blasts of cold or hot air.

Cake Walk

Senior Citizen's Center
Friday, December 7
6:30 p.m.



Donations of Baked Goods Accepted
Thursday & Friday
Before 1 p.m.

LIBRARY NOTES

November 26-30

Again, the Library Board invites you to visit the library on Friday evening, December 7, from 4:45 to 7 p.m. Christmas stories will be read during this time and punch and cookies will be served. The library folks and the bookworm hope to see you there.

Statistics

Circulation: 68
Honorarium: Cecil and Mary Barton for Jack and Kathryn Tunnell and Fred J. Tunnell
Donations - Funds:
Ethel Ames
Joe and Delma Coppinger
J.P. and Loraine Kilgore
Books:
Charles Rodenberger
Elvan and Mariah Goode

DeLeon Senior Citizens Dance

There will be a Senior Citizen Dance on Saturday, December 8, at the DeLeon City Hall beginning at 7 p.m. This will feature traditional Country and Western music provided by "Country Gold Band". Admission will be charged.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

December 10 - December 14

MONDAY--Hungarian Goulash, Rice, Tossed Salad, Carrots, Spice Cake, Bread

TUESDAY-- Oven Fried Chicken, Cream Gravy, Corn, Jellied Veggie Salad, Lemon Pudding, Bread

WEDNESDAY--Ham w/ Hot Cranberry Sauce, Cornbread Dressing, Yam Patties, English Peas, Fruit Salad, Roll

THURSDAY-- Country Fried Steak, Cream Gravy, Tator Tots, Green Beans w/Tomatoes, Applesauce, Oatmeal Cookie, Bread

FRIDAY-- Chicken Salad, Tossed Salad, Potatoes AuGratin, Strawberry Shortcake, Crackers

The Kirkham's
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Saturday, December 15, 2001
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BREAKTHRU
By Bob Pipes
Cross Plains Church of Christ
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A few weeks ago I wrote about a man who foolishly stood before a door, waiting for it to open - only it wasn't a door that opened automatically! In application, I noted that doors of opportunity, improvement, success - and even heaven - are not opened automatically. We have to "make them happen" - at least contribute to them happening. Don't wait for someone to reach out and drag you into the door of success and happiness. And don't wait for the Lord to bowl you over with some overpowering, irresistible urge or force to surrender your life to Him. I don't understand the Bible to teach that He operates that way - at least not now.

Don't expect doors to open or other things to happen without putting forth the proper and necessary effort. Don't expect society to improve without us (you and me) first improving ourselves, then going to work to help others improve themselves. Don't expect the moral standards to rise until you improve your own moral standard. Don't expect the integrity of the nation to be raised until the integrity of each citizen, including and beginning with self, is raised.

Are we beginning to get the point? We must not stand there like a dummy, expecting the things we want to happen to happen without our putting forth the effort to make them happen. A better world, or whatever, begins with me - ME! And we would do well to keep in mind what "the Preacher" (Ecclesiastes 1:1) says: "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work...in the grave where you are going," 9:10.

Come join us in trying to improve ourselves through Christ. We really do care about you, too!

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C.P. STUDENT REVIEW

Lady Buff Basketball Action Noted

The weather hampered most of the week, with all games on Tuesday cancelled. The J.V. Tournament at May was rescheduled for December 6, 7 and 8.

The Varsity Girls, after many time changes, were able to play in the Blanket Tournament. In round one they were defeated by Lingleville 48 to 33. In round two they were beaten by Zephyr 43 to 30.

Two game point totals were Bailey 40, Dillard 9, Richards 5, Mauricio 3, Hartman 2, Winfrey 2 and Parker 2.

It was 24 to 23 vs Lingleville at halftime. The girls played the best half of the year. In the second half they only scored 1 field goal in the first 10 minutes of play, causing us to fall behind.

Against Zephyr they fell behind early 23 to 12, but couldn't catch them as the game progressed. We played them 20 to 18 in the second half.

Right now, we are learning you must play solid for 32 minutes; any lapse during that time is difficult to overcome.

Our shooting percentages are down through 6 games, but as we become accustomed to play at this level, they should improve.

Our big varsity tournament begins today, December 6, and continues through Saturday, December 8th.

All volunteers to keep gamebooks and score clocks, as in the past, would help tremendously; as well as the basketball parents helping with the hospitality room for coaches, administrators, workers and referees.

Submitted by Coach Mike Cavender

Carr Academic Scholarship Applications

Applications from high school seniors are being accepted by Angelo State University for Carr Academic Scholarships for 2002-03.

Over 300 Carr Academic Scholarships for 2002-03, ranging in value from \$1,500 to \$6,000 are available to qualified high school seniors. During the current year nearly 1,000 students from throughout Texas and the nation, as well as numerous foreign countries, are attending Angelo State University on Carr Academic Scholarships.

In order to be eligible, students must normally be in the top 15 percent of their high school class, and present a combined math and verbal score of 1140 or higher on the SAT1 or a composite score of 25 or higher on the Enhanced ACT Assessment. Financial need is also a criteria for selection.

Supported by a growing \$51 million trust established by the late Robert G. and Nona K. Carr of San Angelo, the undergraduate scholarships

may be renewed annually by the University for students who maintain the required academic record and personal standards. During a four-year course of undergraduate study at ASU, Carr Academic Scholarships can be worth up to \$24,000.

The priority deadline for submitting applications and all supporting materials is February 1, 2002, although completed applications from outstanding students may be considered up until June 1, 2002, to the extent that funds are still available.

Application materials and information regarding the Carr Academic Scholarships can be obtained by contacting or writing to: Financial Aid Office, Angelo State University, Box 11015, ASU Station, San Angelo, Texas 76909 (915-942-2246 or toll free 800-933-6299). Additional information and the application form are available through the Angelo State University web site on the Internet at <http://www.angelo.edu>.

Annual Christmas Program

The Cross Plains Elementary students will sing Christmas carols at 6:30 p.m., immediately following the PTO meeting on Thursday, December 13, in the high school auditorium.

Directly following, the Cross Plains Bands will present their annual Christmas Concert at 7 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Junior High Girls B'Ball Report Told

Monday, December 3, Cross Plains Junior High b-ball teams traveled to Brownwood Middle School and once again played their "B" teams.

C.P. "B" Team --- This game was very close for three good quarters. The girls played good defense but the shooting percent wasn't as good. At halftime the score was CP 2 - Brownwood 4. Our girls had at least 25 (shots) chances to score. In the 4th quarter Brownwood's shots started falling in the hoop making the final score CP 9 Brownwood 20. Team scorers were: Scott 6, Douglass 3, Team Record 1-5

C.P. "A" Team --- Brownwood was out to get Cross Plains. CP had out-scored them early this season by 9 points and Brownwood came after CP on fast forward and never let up.

1st quarter was CP 2 Brownwood 10. The girls put up 20 (shots) chances, but no hoops. At halftime Brownwood was still in the lead CP 11 Brownwood 23. In the 3rd quarter the girls powered a great defense. They held Brownwood for a scoreless quarter. The bad part is this wasn't a powerful scoring quarter for CP either, with only 4 points. The score was CP 15 Brownwood 23. In the 4th quarter Brownwood pulled a deeper lead and the final score was CP 17 Brownwood 29. Team scorers were: Hutton 5, Norris 5, Vasquez 4, Adams 2 and Bacon 1. Team record 2-2.

The next game will be Monday, December 10, at Gorman.

Submitted by Coach Becky Dillard

Family Physicians Recognize Rep. Keffer/ Patient Advocacy Award

Eastland, Tx.— December 3, 2001 — State Rep. Jim Keffer of Eastland was awarded the Texas Academy of Family Physicians Patient Advocacy Award for his efforts on behalf of patients and health care during the 77th Texas Legislature.

Rep. Keffer was instrumental in the passage of Senate Bill 43, which simplified the Medicaid enrollment process to provide an estimated 600,000 children access to needed health care. He advocated for managed reforms, including ensuring physicians, hos-

pitals and other health care professionals are paid promptly. Rep. Keffer also fought to keep patient medical records private.

"Representative Keffer is a true champion for patients and patients' rights in Texas. His leadership and commitment to health care are unsurpassed," said TAFP President, Justin Bartos, M.D.

The TAFP Patient Advocacy Award is given to individuals who demonstrate their commitment to protecting and advancing the welfare of patients in Texas.

TAFP, Texas' largest medical specialty organization, promotes and assures the maintenance of high-quality health care, has 31 local chapters and is a chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP). It provides Accredited Continuing Medical Education to more than 7,000 physicians statewide. TAFP also provides its members with a unified voice for family medicine and continues to be one of the most patient-oriented and public-health focused groups in Texas.

Cold Temperatures Mean Propane Appliance Safety Reminders

Austin—Texas Railroad Commission Chairman Michael L. Williams, Commissioner Charles R. Matthews, and Commissioner Tony Garza today reminded Texans of winter propane safety producers now that colder temperatures have arrived.

"Most of the state received the season's first blast of winter weather recently," said Chairman Williams. "And while the drastic drop in the temperature came as a surprise to some, it means now is the perfect time to make sure every member of your family is up to speed on propane safety."

"An estimated one-half million Texas homes use efficient propane as their primary energy source," Commissioner Matthews said. "Knowing what to do if you smell propane and think you may have a leak will insure reliability and safety for you and your family this winter." "Knowing in advance what to do if you smell a propane leak is critical to ensuring your safety," Garza added. "Texans would familiarize themselves with basic safety guidelines and have their propane equipment regularly inspected by a trained

service technician." If you think you smell propane in your home, camper, RV or the area around any gas equipment, or if a gas alarm signals the presence of propane, the Texas Railroad Commission suggests that you immediately:

- Extinguish all smoking materials and any other open flames or sources of ignition
- Vacate the building, vehicle or area. Move everyone away without using any electric switches, appliances, thermostats, or telephones.
- Close the supply valve on the propane tank or cylinder. Turn the valve to the right as far as it will go.
- Call your propane supplier and/or your local fire department from a cellular telephone or a neighbor's telephone.
- Even if you do not continue to smell propane, do not open or turn on the propane supply valve. Do not re-enter the building, camper or RV or area. Let a qualified propane service technician and/or emergency personnel check for escaped propane.
- Have a properly trained propane service technician repair any leaks detected. The ser-

vice or emergency technician should determine that the lead situation has been fully resolved. The propane service technician should check all of your gas appliances and relight any appliance pilots.

• Return to the building, camper, RV or area only when the service or emergency technician indicates it is safe to do so.

To help consumers properly use propane-fueled appliances, the Railroad Commission of Texas offers a free safety brochure entitled "Home Safe Home." Copies are available in both English and Spanish and can be obtained by contacting the Railroad Commission's Alternative Fuels Research and Education Division toll-free at 1-800-64-CLEAR [1-800-642-5327].

Created in 1991 by the Texas Legislature, the Texas Railroad Commission's Alternative Fuels Research and Education Division (AFRED) is charged with researching and educating Texans about propane and other environmentally beneficial fuels.

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from November 25, 2001 through December 1, 2001 include:

- Cases Investigated
 - Warnings-50
 - Complaints-85
 - Vehicle Accidents
- There were fifteen vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

SCHOOL MENU

December 10 - December 14

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
MONDAY--Eggs, Bacon, Biscuit, Assorted Juice	MONDAY-- Chili Beans, Cheese, Corn Bread, Salad, Mixed Fruit
TUESDAY--Cream of Wheat, Toast, Assorted Juice	TUESDAY- B.B.Q on Bun, Okra, Carrot Sticks w/Dip, Fruit Cobbler
WEDNESDAY-- Poptart, Yogurt, Assorted Juice	WEDNESDAY-- Beef-Vegetable Soup, Crackers, Grilled Cheese, Pears
THURSDAY-- Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice	THURSDAY-- Turkey w/Dressing, Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Sweet Potatoes, Rolls, Fruit Salad
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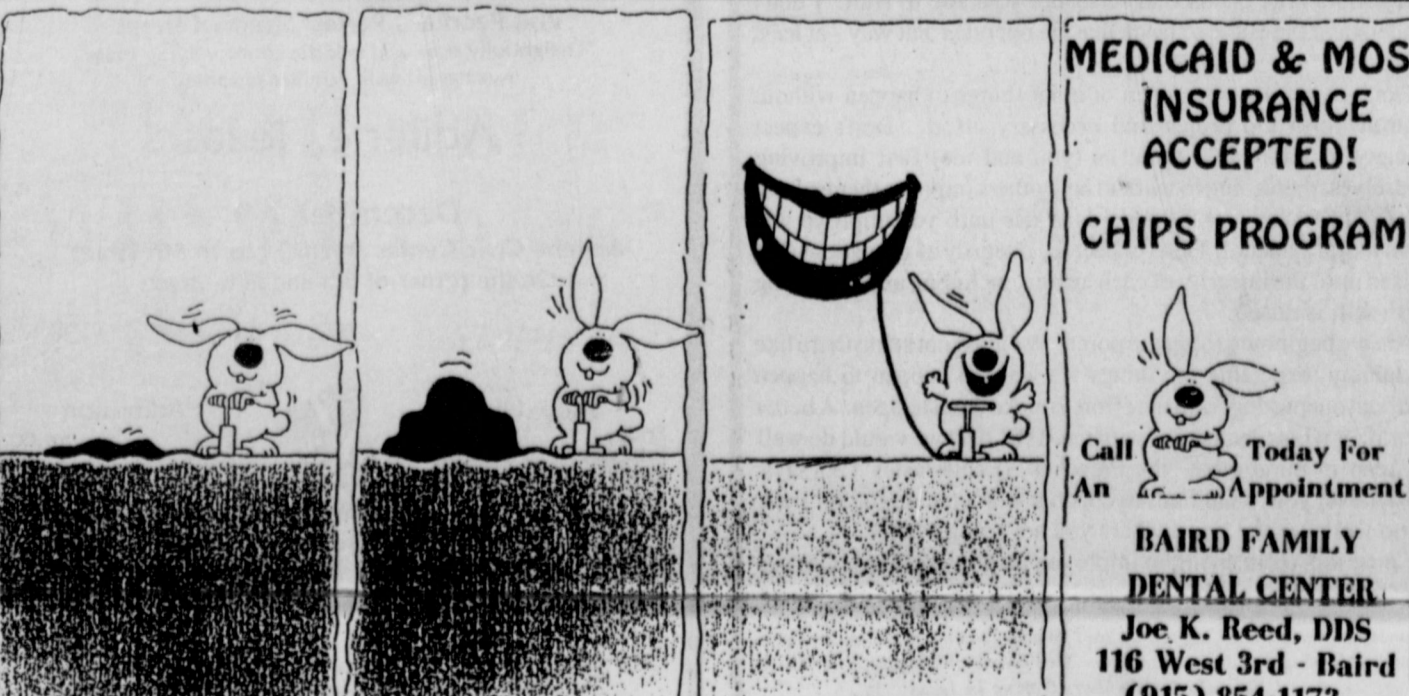
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 * Beautiful 3bd/3 bath brick, CH/A, on 7/A Cottonwood area, water well, large barn, fenced fantastic view.
 * 3bd/2 bath CH/A frame home on 10/A, Cottonwood area, 2 water wells, stock ponds, trees, pretty views, secluded, on pavement.
 * 3bd/3 bath, brick on 5/A, fireplace, large trees, workshop and barn --Call Pauline.
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 * 0 DOWN, \$1,000 Move in - 3bd/2 bath, 3 years old, CH/A, in town - priced. REDUCED TO \$48,000
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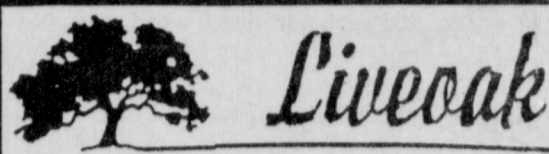
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280 acres Beautiful lake- 2 tanks- covered by liveoaks- deer & turkey.	238,000
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280 acres-Beautiful lake, 2 tanks, covered with liveoaks, deer and turkey.	425,000
257 acres w/home; 3BR-2B; 2000 + sq. ft., 3 tanks, good hunting, Near Burkett, Hwy 206	238,000
249 ac. w/brick home 3BR-2B; 107 cultivation- deer, quail, dove-great hunting	398,000
223 acres-Brown Co. 2BR-1B remodeled home-great deer & turkey hunting-food plots-metal feeders	325,000
160 acres-w/home 2BR-1B, 3 tanks-good fences-60 acres cultivation-deer, turkey & dove	212,000
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THE RAILROADER

BY JERRY PAYNE

"Young and Old Ways"

Duke Turner was about 65 when I met him in 1972. He was an old-timer who had his years in, but only had the railroad as a way of life. He had seen just about everything you can imagine. Duke had been a heavy equipment operator when the railroad had big dirt gangs. His pay scale was still that of a dozer operator.

The way the railroad pay scale worked in the Track Department was that if you never bid on any job, you got the last rate of pay that your last job was making. Duke had never bid on any job since the mid 60's.

We were working on a tie gang in San Marcos, Texas, when Duke got force assigned to a tie crane. The tie crane is not a hard machine to operate, it just takes eye, feet and hand coordination. Duke had lost or slowed his coordination a long time ago. To say the least, we were waiting on Duke a good bit of the time, to catch up.

On this hot day in July, we had finished the day were riding back to the bunk cars in the company truck. There were about 20 of us

sitting in the back of the truck. There are seats on each side, so you faced each other. I was sitting next to Duke and across the other side was a man named Henry (nicknamed HoBo). Henry was the biggest loudmouth on the gang. If things were going good, Henry would mess it up some way or another.

As we were going to the bunk cars, Henry got to ribbing Duke about how slow he was. Duke never said word. Henry had a crowd and he was making the best of it. Henry ranted on about why Duke didn't get off the job, etc. Duke never said a word. Henry kept this up for miles and got louder and louder.

He was in the middle of one of his long degradings, when Duke picked up his lunch pail and sit it on his lap. All of a sudden Duke opened the lunch pail and pulled out a small ball pin hammer. He hit Henry; right between the eyes. Henry shut up real fast and slumped over on the floor. He was knocked out cold.

No one made an attempt to ask Duke what he was doing, nor tried to get Henry off the floor. I guess it was just too hot!!!

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The Texas pecan is revered as our state tree and adored as a key ingredient in a medley of holiday baked goods. However, some folks avoid pecans because of their fat and caloric content, but new Texas research suggests that pecans - when part of an overall healthy diet - may help reduce the risk of heart disease.

Researchers at Texas A&M University found that a heart-healthy diet containing pecans can help control cholesterol levels and other indicators of heart disease risk as effectively as a lower-fat diet recommended by the American Heart Association. Pecans, which are naturally cholesterol-free and sodium-free, are packed with important nutrients like vitamin A, vitamin E, folic acid, copper, calcium, magnesium, phosphorus and potassium.

In 1999, Texas produced a near-record 90 million pounds of nuts valued at more than \$68 million. In 2000, Texas was the third-largest producer of pecans in the nation with 30 million pounds. This year, things are looking up, with the U.S. Department of Agriculture estimating 75 million pounds for 2001 production.

While pecans grow wild in 150 Texas counties, the top pecan producers include El Paso, Comanche, San Saba, Guadalupe, Pecos and Gonzales counties.

Pecans are heavily used during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays in desserts and sweets; they're chopped, sprinkled and baked into everything from pecan pie to candy to fruitcake. But on their own in moderation, nuts such as Texas pecans are a healthy snack choice and can be part of a well-balanced diet.

Results of Abilene Area Pecan Show

Following are the results of the 2001 Abilene Area Pecan Show held November 19-20 at the Mall of Abilene:

- Grand Champion Commercial:** Bailey Choate
- Reserve Champion Commercial:** David Riney
- Grand Champion Classic:** Carolyn Putnam
- Reserve Champion Classic:** Jimmie Laurie
- Grand Champion Native:** Van Boozer
- Reserve Champion Native:** Leonard Farmer
- Smallest Native:** Evelyn Dunaway
- Apache:** 1st Place, Lloyd Gilmore; and 2nd Place, Donald McBride.
- Caddo:** 1st Place, Albert Schoppa.
- Cheyenne:** 1st Place, Minnie Black; 2nd Place, Pat Shields; 3rd Place, Evelyn Dunaway; 4th Place, Albert Schoppa; and 5th Place, Truett Thompson.
- Choctaw:** 1st Place, Bailey Choate; 2nd Place, Pat Shields; 3rd Place, L.L. Collins, Jr.; 4th Place, Evelyn Dunaway; 5th Place, Bruce Freeman; and 6th Place, Van Boozer.
- Desireable:** 1st Place, David Riney; 2nd Place, Robert Mayfield; and 3rd Place, Van Boozer.
- Kiowa:** 1st Place, Nix Ranch; 2nd Place, Fred Perkins; 3rd Place, Ruth Perkins; 4th Place, Melvin Rogers; and 5th Place, Braden Daniel.
- Mohawk:** 1st Place, Nancy Nicholson; 2nd Place, L.L. Collins, Jr.; and 3rd Place, John Horton.
- Pawnee:** 1st Place, Marshall Wharton.
- Schley:** 1st Place, Bill Altom.
- Sioux:** 1st Place, Bruce Freeman; and 2nd Place, Melvin Rogers.
- Stuart:** 1st Place, Clinton Wheeler; 2nd Place, Clinton Nix; 3rd Place, Melvin Rogers; 4th Place, Van Boozer; and 5th Place, Paul Wimberly.

- Western:** 1st Place, Norman McVey; 2nd Place, Evelyn Dunaway; 3rd Place, Bruce Freeman; 4th Place, Jimmie Laurie; and 5th Place, Robert Mayfield.
- Wichita:** 1st Place, Tommy Carpenter; 2nd Place, Jimmie Laurie; 3rd Place, Van Boozer; 4th Place, Minnie Black; 5th Place, Lloyd Gilmore; and 6th Place, Dorothy Gilmore.
- Burkett:** 1st Place, Jimmie Laurie; 2nd Place, Nix Ranch; 3rd Place, Rayford Baldwin; 4th Place, Melvin Rogers; 5th Place, Bailey Choate; and 6th Place, Sonny Barnes.
- Cherokee:** 1st Place, Chuck Roach.
- Comanche:** 1st Place, Alton Lusk.
- Mahan:** 1st Place, Evelyn Dunaway; and 2nd Place, Elvin Mathis.
- Shoshoni:** 1st Place, Ruth Perkins; and 2nd Place, Fred Perkins.
- Success:** 1st Place, Forrest Tippen; and 2nd Place, Bill Altom.
- Variety Seedlings:** 1st Place, Evelyn Dunaway; 2nd Place, Pat Shields; 3rd Place, Melvin Rogers; 4th Place, Paul Wimbley; 5th Place, Linda West Taubert; and 6th Place, Truett Thompson.
- Other Varieties:** 1st Place, Carolyn Putnam; 2nd Place, Norman McVey; and 3rd Place, Truett Thompson.
- Natives:** 1st Place, Van Boozer; 2nd Place, Leonard Farmer; 3rd Place, Dan Bryson; 4th Place, Pat Shields; 5th Place, Reuben Jones; and 6th Place, Desma Cantine.

Sponsors of the 2001 Abilene Area Pecan Show includes: ACCO Farm and Ranch Center, Altom Tree and Termite Service, Clyde Farm and Ranch Supply, Inc., Jackson Brothers Feed and Seed, Jean Jones/Jean's Beauty Shop, and Taylor Electric Cooperative.

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VETERANS NEWS

By TOM IVEY

PEARL HARBOR—Please remember that Friday, December 7, will mark the 60th anniversary of the Japanese sneak attack on our Army and Navy forces at Pearl Harbor. Say a prayer for the many that were lost that day and for the thousands who were to die before peace was restored in August 1945. Thanks to everyone who served during those terrible years.

GOOD WORDS—Big Ed Petty, Clyde native and WW II Marine, is spending some time in the VA Medical Center, Dallas. Ed suffered some heart problems and he reports that the Dallas VA is taking good care of him. He rates the care and general conditions as far better than a private hospital previously used in Arlington.

WHAT IF????—Timothy B. Benford is author of the May 2001 book "Pearl Harbor: Amazing Facts" (American Book Publishers, New Jersey). The book compiles hundreds of unique and interesting details about the attack. Signed copies of the book are available by contacting the author at benford4pr@aol.com or by fax at 908-233-0485. One item of note—Immediately following the Pearl Harbor attack, the Secret Service determined that a bulletproof car was necessary to protect President Roosevelt.

Federal law prohibited purchasing any automobile that cost more than \$750,00.

Agent Mike Reilly, head of the White House detail, discovered that after the income-tax evasion case against Al Capone, the Treasury Department seized the gangster's bullet-proof limousine. Roosevelt used the car until the Ford Motor Co. built a presidential limousine for White House use.

CHANGES MADE—Reports indicated that Bob Turner, Dem-Voss, TX, will be the new State Representative for Callahan County along with 14 other counties. Bob Turner is a second member of the State House of Representatives and an excellent choice to follow the good work performed by Jim Keffer, Rep-Eastland, TX. Representative Keffer had done a fine job for our District and his efforts are most appreciated. (For those wondering, Voss, TX is down in the Lake Owen Irie Country).

TAPS—U.S. Army Veteran Lynden D. White answered the last roll call on Saturday, December 2. 7 of 8 boys in the White family served in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Thanks to all the White family Veterans for being there when needed.

Submitted by: Tom Ivey, Veterans Service Officer

Cross Plains High Graduate Receives Science Foundation Scholarship for Fall Semester

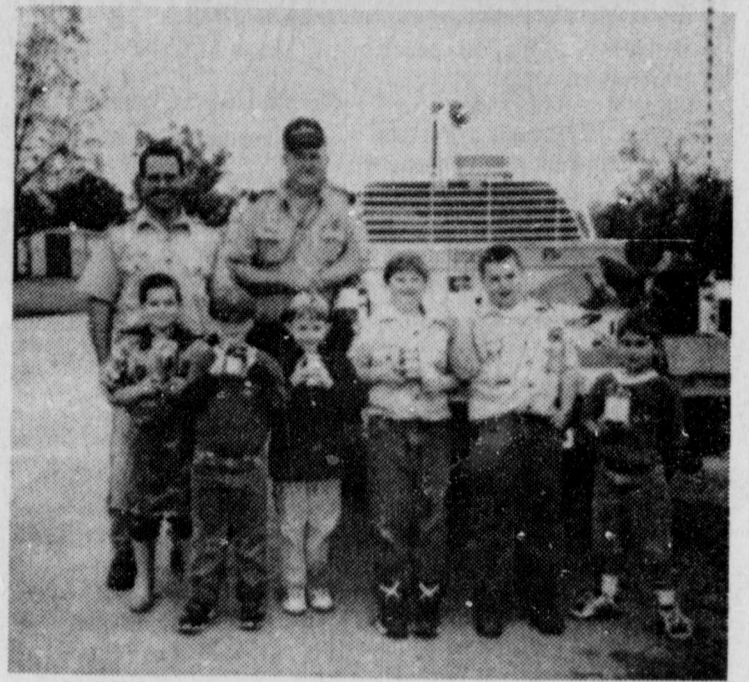
(WACO)—Jeffery Brown, son of Tommy Brown and Barbara Henson of Cross Plains, was selected as a National Science Foundation Computer Science and Engineering Technologies Scholar for the Fall Semester at Texas State Technical College Waco. Brown, a graduate of Cross Plains High School, is an Industrial Maintenance and Engineering Technology major.

In addition to scholarship assistance, Brown gains access to tutoring and mentoring as needed.

He also assists in providing campus tours and supporting high school mentoring efforts.

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SCOUT HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE SUCCESSFUL—The Cub Scouts want to thank everyone who gave to the Holiday Food Drive. They are proud to announce that the Scouts gathered up 1,177 pounds of food items. As a matter of fact, the Cross Plains Cub Scouts placed first in the Chisholm Trail Council, which is all of the Abilene area. Again, we want to thank the Cross Plains community for allowing the Cub Scouts to serve you gladly. The Cub Scouts who participated in the food drive were Austin Thomas (from left), Christopher Wheeler, Riley Lawrence, Zack Snell, Ben Schaefer and Britton Dukes; Ricky Thomas, Den Leader (from left) and Phillip R. Schaefer, Cub Master.

FUMC Christmas Cantata Presented Sunday, Dec. 16, 2001

The First United Methodist Church will be presenting their annual Christmas cantata Sunday, December 16, at 6:00 p.m.

This year's program, "The Wonder of Christmas", was written and arranged by David Hamilton and will be performed under the

direction of Angela Swift. A small cast will also be presenting a unique dramatization of the Christmas story.

First United Methodist Church invites you to join them in an evening of joyful worship!

UNEMPLOYMENT

Callahan County Unemployment	Sept. 3.8%	Oct. 3.6%
Total Labor Force	5,957	5,937
Total Employed	5,731	5,724
Total Unemployed	226	213

County unemployment rate drops to 3.6%

The unemployment rate in Callahan County for the month of October 2001 dropped two-tenths of one percentage point to 3.6 percent, according to jobless figures released Monday, December 3 by the Texas Workforce Commission.

Of the 5,937 civilian labor force in Callahan County, 5,724 were employed during October 2001, and 213 were unemployed, giving the county an unemployment rate of 3.6%. The county's unemployment rate one year ago in October 2000 was 3.6%.

Callahan County's unemployment rate was 3.8% in September 2001. Of the 5,957 civilian labor force in the county during August, 5,731 had jobs while 226 or 3.8% were unemployed.

Previous monthly jobless rates in Callahan County included: 3.9% in August 2001, 4.1% in July, 4.8% in June, 3.8% in May, 3.5% in April, 3.7% in March, 3.5% in February 2001, 3.6% in January 2001, 2.9% in December 2000, and 3.3% in November, according to the unemployment figures.

Big Country area counties, bordering Callahan County, and those counties' unemployment rates for October 2001 include: Brown, 3.6%; Coleman, 4.4%; Eastland, 3.3%; Jones, 2.4%; Runnels, 3.0%; Shackelford, 2.0%; Stephens, 2.6%; and Taylor County, 3.4%.

The unemployment rate in Texas for October 2001 was 4.9%, down two-tenths of one percentage point from September.

The Texas Labor Market Review said, "The Texas actual series unemployment rate fell two-tenths of a percentage point from 5.1 percent in September to 4.9 percent in October. The last time the October rate was at 4.9 percent was October 1997. Typically at this time of year, the unemployment rate dips by an average of three-tenths of a percentage point. October's rate is 1.1 percentage points higher than last October's 3.8 percent. The U.S. unemployment rate rose three-tenths of a percentage point from September's rate of 4.7 percent to 5.0 percent in October. This was the first time in five months that the state rate was lower than the national rate."

Of the 10,680,700 civilian labor force in the state, total employment was 10,160,500 in October. The total number of unemployed in October 2001 was 520,200.

The United States unemployment rate was 5.0% in October 2001. The nation's unemployment rate for the previous month of September 2001 was 4.7%. The United States unemployment rate one year ago in October 2000 was 3.6%.



KIWANIS GUEST SPEAKER—Ann Long (left), born in Coleman County on Little Pecan, lived in the Dressy Community until moving to Brownwood. Being the Activity Director at Brownwood Regional Medical Center, she works on the Geri Psyche Unit and Skilled Nursing Unit. She married N.L. Long, a Callahan County native, and her mother and step-father, Lucille and Anse Barr live in Cross Plains. Her uncle is Carl Edington also of Cross Plains. The Kiwanis Club welcomed her back home and were happy to have her. She talked on the subject of "How do I cope with stress?"

Zion Hill Cemetery Association to Form

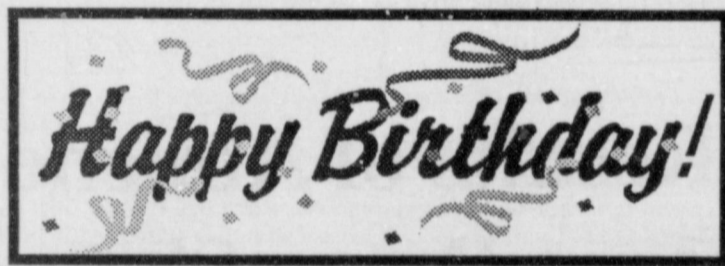
An organizational meeting of the Zion Hill Cemetery Association will be held Monday, December 10 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Baird Housing Authority Meeting Room, Fourth and Chestnut near downtown in Baird.

The organization is being formed under the guidance of

the Callahan County Historical Commission to assist in the maintenance and upkeep of the nearly 100 graves in this pioneer Callahan County Cemetery.

Those having family in this cemetery are especially urged to participate. For further information please contact Jeff Barton at 854-1900 or Mike Konczak at 854-1293.

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the street and the widow next door, with her spinster daughter, would be there also. Sometimes the cellar would be filled with people and we would be crowded. When we were small we would usually go to sleep until Daddy decided that the storm was over and it was safe to go home. I can remember him holding the door down because the wind would be trying to blow it open, even though it was latched.

The trek back to the car was met

with the scent of the freshly washed earth. The lightning would be flashing in the distance. We would return home to our beds with gratitude. The next day we could play in the mud puddles.

Thank you, God, for the rain that cleanses the earth. The smell of rain in the air is a hint of things to come. The bright green grass and the flowers will beautify Your land. We praise You for the beauty of your creation. We thank You for our safety. Amen.

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COUNTY ROADS by Ginny Greene

Baking pies...

Making pies isn't any fun for me unless the work is shared. These days, it's my grandkids helping. If they'll mix up the filling, I'll make the crust. That's my generally assigned role, because I'm good with pie crust.

Puddin' said she'd make the entire Thanksgiving dinner this year if I'd bake the pumpkin pies. That sounded like a good deal to me. She roasts the best turkey ever.

With two table knives poised over the bowl, I was ready to work the shortening into the flour, frequently mashing it all together to make the flour lumps pebble sized. Peanut edged in. "I want to do that," she said. Sweet Pea wanted to do that, too.

I started to demonstrate... "Yes, we know, Gramma. We know." Peanut grabbed the knives in each hand, while the two of them chanted, "Criss-cross, criss-cross, mush-mush-mush." All I had to do was mediate the arguments and insist on sharing. And occasionally rescue the bowl.

Watching them got me to remembering when they were little, standing on chairs, making cookies with me. I was littler then, too. Sigh. Sweet Pea always rolled out worms. Peanut squashed round balls onto the cookie sheet. Punkin sculpted heart shapes and flowers, detailing with a deft finger.

Sweet Pea started the filling, cracking eggs on the edge of the bowl. "Careful with the eggs," I said. Sweet Pea said, "Ooops!" Peanut said "Oh, my gosh, Sweet Pea!" My eyes got big, and they burst out laughing. "Gotcha good that time, Gramma."

Each ingredient was read aloud and added one at a time, multiplying by two for a double recipe. We learned to do this after past experience with strange results.

Singing filled the kitchen, along with some annoying sounds,

protests escalating toward battles, and my meager attempts to restore order.

Sweet Pea looked over Peanut's shoulder. "That's a crummy job you're doing," she said. I told her that wasn't a very nice thing to say. Peanut snickered, "Ha-ha. You got in trouble." Then she threw an equally appalling insult back in Sweet Pea's face. They're hopeless. I let them be hopeless.

It goes on like this. I think it must be paybacks for every time I told them what a good dinner we were going to have, and it was liver.

I instruct Peanut to add the water to the dough a sprinkle at a time and work it in real well. "Why can't I just put it in and mix it all up?" she says.

"Because," I say, "I don't know what it is I do to make the pie crust good, so if you're going to help, you have to do it like I do."

Rolling out the crust was mayhem: dusting hands and rolling pin with enough flour to prevent sticking, and not enough to make it dry - trying to form that amorphous mound into a relatively round crust. I'm coaching, "Roll it this way now - now it's flat over here - a little more flour on the rolling pin - this part is too thick - more flour - no, just a dab!" Heads together, they echoed everything I said, and topped it with a lot of giggling.

When it was a sorta round thing, I rolled it off the pastry cloth onto my hand and plopped it into the pie pan. We all collapsed and sighed with such relief, you'd think we'd just finished major surgery.

Sweet Pea and Peanut added their own special fluting to the crusts, we poured in the pumpkin mixture, and the pies came out perfectly browned with flaky, light crust.

Reading this over, I'm thinking maybe it's a lot less work to do it by myself.

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Holiday gifts from a historic tree

A \$70.00 gift package is offered by Callahan County Historical Commission in time for holiday giving.

One of the items is the official history of Callahan County, *I Remember Callahan*, edited by Hicks Turner. The 475 page large bound volume relates the history of the County and many of its families, and contains many photographs.

The Burkett Pecan Pen is the second item. The pen comes with a Certificate of Authenticity from the Historical Commission. The pen is crafted from the wood of the first Burkett pecan tree, destroyed by lightning a few years ago. The Burkett "paper shell" was developed in Calla-

han County at the turn of last century. To capture the memory of this distinguished tree, it is listed in Historic Trees of Texas.

As a package price, the two items can be purchased for \$70.00, a savings of \$14.00. The book retails for \$55.00, and the pen by itself is \$29.00. Supply of the pens is limited and all proceeds support the Callahan County Historical Commission in its work.

The gift set can be purchased through the end of December from County Attorney and Historical Commission chairman Allen Wright (915-854-1640), or from the County Courthouse, or from Hubert Donaway (915-662-3334).

Grand Ole Oplin Announces Friday Night Lineup For Month of December

The Grand Ole Oplin is proud to announce their Friday night band lineup for the month of December. On December 7, Muddy Creed will be playing all of your favorite dancing tunes. On December 14, Roland Smith and the Roadrunners will be playing for our Christmas dance, punch and snacks will be served during the dance and everyone is invited to wear red to put us all in the Christmas spirit. On December 21, Brushy Creek will be entertaining us all and provide us with a little holiday cheer. On December 28th, Muddy Creek will be back playing their toe tapping music and then they will return on December 31st to help ring in the New Year.

So get out your scissors, clip this article, and tape it to your refrigerator or just mark your calendars. The Grand Ole Oplin is the place to be on Friday nights from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. Admission is still only \$3.00 per person. Everyone is invited to bring snacks to be enjoyed by all during intermission.

The Grand Ole Oplin is hosted by the Oplin Community enter and is located at FM 604 S. and FM 2926 in Oplin. Smoking and alcoholic beverages are not allowed. So gather the family, put on your dancing boots and come on out for a night of fun, friends, and entertainment. Merry Christmas Y'all!!!

Pesticide Recertification Training/CEU Conference

The City of Abilene, Texas Cooperative Extension and the Texas Department of Agriculture are presenting a pesticide recertification training/CEU conference Thursday, December 13, 2001, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Abilene Civic Center. The cost of the session will be \$2.00 per person.

5 CEUs will be awarded. They include 1 Integrated Pest Management, 1 Laws &

Regulations and 3 General. For additional information, contact the Taylor County Extension office at (915)672-6048. Individuals with disabilities who require auxiliary aid or accommodations are asked to contact the Taylor County Extension Service one week in advance of the program.

Gary Bomer, County Extension Agent-Ag Taylor County

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Are you wondering if the goodwill that we saw across the nation after the September 11th terrorist attacks will remain as time goes on?

The outpouring of collective kindness since that fateful day has reinforced our sense of what it means to be an American, and caused us to become a truly united nation. Many people are now saying hello to a stranger on the street, helping the parent juggling kids and lots of groceries, load the car, or checking on a neighbor who lives alone. This renewed sense of community spirit can continue in the months and years to come, but it will take commitment from each one of us at our own local level.

So here's today's challenge! Girl Scouts of Texas Council is enlisting the help of every American to take a look at your own community and make a pledge to champion its cause.

Volunteers at your local youth program or deliver meals to the elderly, donate to the charities in your own town or help provide for the homeless. Offer to babysit for the single mom who needs time off. Continue to roll up your sleeves and give blood, because there will certainly be people in your own neighborhood who will soon need it. Promise to be there for your neighbors on a daily basis, as well as in times of great need.

Do not abandon local efforts that existed before September

11th, for while their importance may seem trivial when compared to the televised images of twisted metal, they are the keys to our successful future.

Think of our nation's children, particularly. So many lost their innocence in the wake of the horrific events of September 11th. Children rely on us for comfort, safety and love. We must continue to provide a stable and supportive environment for them so that they may flourish and have the opportunity to pursue their dreams, even in a world forever changed.

At the Girls Scouts, we say that we are where today's girls become tomorrow's leaders. Now, more than ever, we are committed to helping all girls develop their character, be responsible for their conduct and learn the value of community service. We will continue to invest in the children of your community, believing the return on our investment will be leaders who can effect positive change for generations to come.

The strength of our communities is the foundation that will keep our nation's chin up and its back straight during the unknown challenges that lie ahead of us. Let us all continue to work towards turning this horrible tragedy into a never-ending renewal of our country's spirit, starting with the roots in our community and the children who are our future.

Jan Cate
CEO, Girl Scouts-Heart of Texas Council

CAPP and First Choice Sign Deal To Offer Savings

FORT WORTH, TX — November 26, 2001 - Cities Aggregation Power Project, Inc. and First Choice Power have negotiated a one-year electric power agreement to offer volume savings to CAPP's member political subdivisions. The arrangement becomes effective January 1, 2002, when electric retail competition begins statewide.

CAPP is a non-profit corporation with membership available to political subdivisions in Texas that purchase electricity for public facilities. Its membership consists of 71 cities and two water districts from North and West Texas. CAPP was created to achieve volume savings by combining the electric load of members' electric utility accounts. CAPP solicited information from all known providers of electricity and ultimately had five bidders for CAPP's load.

According to Jay Doegey, chairman of CAPP and City Attorney for the City of Arlington, "First Choice offered the best price for CAPP members with overall savings ranging from 7 to 30 percent when compared to price-to-beat savings, depending on the cities served."

"This is an ideal arrangement for both First Choice and for CAPP," said Manjit Cheema,

president of First Choice Power. "Our current customers already recognize the value of great pricing accompanied by excellent service. Now many other cities in Texas will enjoy similar benefits."

Consultants for CAPP concluded that the deal with First Choice Power will yield more than \$10 million in savings for CAPP members when compared to price-to-beat rates offered by incumbent utilities in 2002.

First Choice Power is a retail electric provider and a wholly owned subsidiary of TNP Enterprises and an affiliate of Texas-New Mexico Power Company, which provides community-based electric service to 85 cities and more than 238,000 customers in Texas and New Mexico.

CAPP is designed to be the means by which cities and other political subdivisions can have a continuing presence in the deregulated marketplace, and thus create efficiencies and bargaining strength that will lead to lower costs.

For a complete list of CAPP members or for further information on CAPP, call Jay Doegey (817-459-6878) or e-mail Geoffrey Gay (ggay@glawfirm.com). To learn more about First Choice Power, visit the company web site at www.firstchoicepower.com.

Taylor County Sheep and Goat Raisers Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Taylor County Sheep and Goat Raisers will be held Monday, December 10, 2001, 6:30 p.m. at the Taylor County Extension office.

Dr. Frank Craddock, State Sheep and Goat Specialist, will be presenting a program on the future of the meat goat industry. In addition, representatives of ACCO Feeds will present updates on nutritional improvements in their sheep and goat feed lines.

If registered by Friday, December 7, the cost will be \$8.00 per person and includes a meal. Send a check, made

payable to Taylor County Extension to: 1982 Lytle Way, Abilene, TX 79602.

After that date, and at the door, the cost will be \$10.00 per person. For additional information, call the Taylor County Extension office at (915)672-6048.

Individuals with disabilities who require auxiliary aid or accommodations are asked to contact the Taylor County Extension Service one week in advance of the program.

Gary Bomer,
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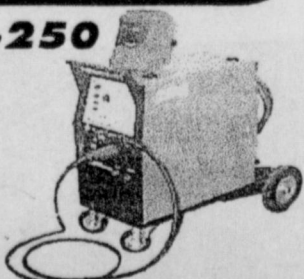
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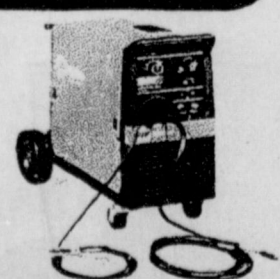
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