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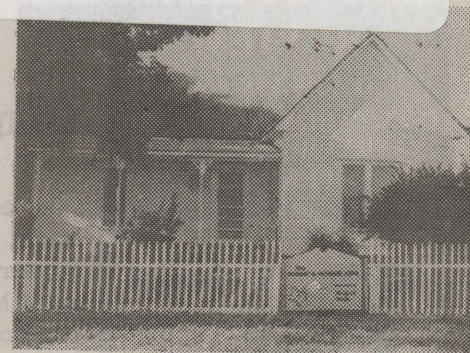
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DOWN HOME

"Is It All Right to Make a Mistake?"

By Vanda Anderson Creech
 Editor

Bill Pope came by the Review office last week and we had an interesting discussion on various ideas. He inspired me to reflect on a subject we don't address very much ----FAILURE.

He made the statement, "Today's generation doesn't realize that it's all right to fail, as long as you learn something from the experience."

I think he has a point. That old saying, "What doesn't kill you, only makes you stronger," goes along with the same theory.

Last week I heard a couple of sermons about how everyone has problems and that everything we experience along life's path helps us grow. Being a Christian doesn't make your life free of challenges, but it helps you deal with them by asking the Lord for assistance. Trying to go it alone and being the "tough guy" doesn't work well. I fall into this category quite frequently. My husband calls me "little tuffy Anderson". I don't know where he gets that because sometimes I can be a real whimp.

I have never felt comfortable about asking the Lord for financial assistance, but at one low point I made such a request. I wasn't surprised that He came to my rescue, but the amount was almost to the penny. I received a letter offering me the opportunity to sell a tiny oil royalty that I inherited from my grandmother through my dad. I couldn't bring myself to sell the royalty because my grandmother had fought so valiantly to keep it. However, I did learn that He will help in these kinds of trials too.

My husband always says a true failure is someone who gives up on living. You do have more respect for someone who keeps on trying, even when they make mistakes.

Maybe we have made the youth feel like they have to be perfect or successful on their first try. How many people do you know who accomplish that?

Another conversation with a newcomer to our city, Linda Ingram, made me realize that all the warnings in the world won't keep another person from making a mistake. Everyone has to make their own, usually the hard way. Isn't that what you did?

The Lord doesn't give up on us after just one mistake. He keeps giving us a chance to make things right and follow Him. Don't you think we should do the same for our fellow man?

Garage Sale for Methodist Youth Trip

The First United Methodist Church Youth will hold a Garage Sale on Saturday, February 16, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the church parking lot. The proceeds will benefit the Youth Ski Trip.

Come see all the goodies they have to offer and help with a worthy cause.

Kiwanis Pancake Supper Thursday, February 21st

Just one week away, on Thursday night, February 21st, is one of Cross Plains' great "Social Events" of each year—the Kiwanis Pancake Supper! It is the night for great food and great fellowship.

The price for so much eating and fellowship remains the same as in the past—\$3 per person (thanks to a lot of donations). That's all the pancakes and sausage you can eat, along with tea, coffee or water. Where can you get an eating deal like that?!

A serendipity is that you can take part in helping the Kiwanians with their many program of help during the year—too numerous to list. And Key Club members will be serving, helping to meet your every need!

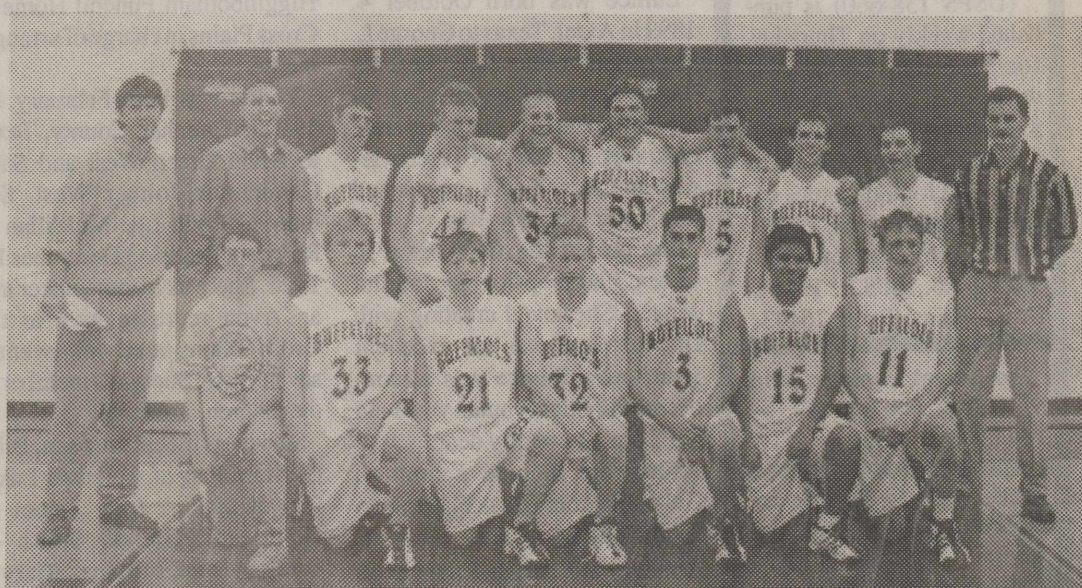
The date, again, for the Pancake Supper is Thursday night, Febru-

ary 21st, beginning at 5 p.m., going until 7 p.m. The place is the Cross Plains School Cafeteria. Now this is only a few days away, so if you haven't purchased a ticket yet, be sure and see a Kiwanian and buy them now.

Buy more than one ticket and bring a friend or two—maybe give one to someone whose budget is stretched too thin already. If you wait to pay at the door, Charles Rodenberger just might talk you into paying more, and/or making a donation (in addition to the ticket) toward the projects the Kiwanis Club helps toward throughout the year.

The Kiwanis Club of Cross Plains thanks you in advance for your support. See you at the Pancake Supper!!!

Submitted by Bob Pipes



PLAYOFF BOUND—The Cross Plains Varsity boys basketball team earned the right to enter the Class A state basketball playoffs with a 52-37 victory over their County rival,

Baird Bears on Friday, February 8 in Coleman. The two teams each won four games and lost four games in District 10-A and played the one game

playoff to determine the District 10-A runner-up. The Buffaloes will face Paducah in a bi-district contest on Tuesday February 19.

Cross Plains Varsity Buffs District 10-A Runner-up

Cross Plains varsity boys basketball team secured a playoff spot in the Class A basketball playoffs with a 52-37 victory over Baird in a one game playoff held at Coleman High School Friday, February 8.

The Buffaloes, 8-15 on the season and 4-4 in District 10-A play, are scheduled to begin the Class A basketball playoffs against Paducah on Tuesday, February 19 although the time and location has yet to be announced.

Cross Plains and Baird both tied for second place in District 10-A with identical 4-4 records and the one game playoff was held to determine the team which will enter the Class A playoffs.

Baird jumped out to an early lead but Cross Plains managed to end the first quarter with a 14-

11 lead. The Buffs outscored Baird 13-12 in the second period to take a 27-23 lead going into halftime. Cross Plains extended their lead with an 11-6 run in the third quarter to take a 38-29 lead going into the final quarter of play. The Buffaloes defense held Baird to single digits in the final quarter at 14-8 to take the 15 point victory.

Leading scorer for Cross Plains was senior Joseph Dillard with 18 points. Buffalo senior Josh Hopkins was also in double figure scoring with 10 points. Cross Plains senior Aaron Norris also was in double figure scoring with 10 points, including hitting one three-pointer late in the third and another three-pointer early in the fourth quarter to help the Buffs take Baird. Norris also was four of four at the free throw line in the fourth quarter

and all 10 of his points came in the second half.

Cross Plains junior Chris Harris added six points, and sophomore Jose Mauricio added four points. Seniors Timothy Butler and Kevin Wilson each scored two points for the Buffs in the win.

Cross Plains head basketball coach Aaron Hood recognized Jose Mauricio for his play in the game filling in for the injured senior Timothy Butler. Coach Hood said Butler is expected to be ready for the Class A playoffs. The Buffs are schedule to play two practice games this week, including Roscoe on Friday, before beginning the Class A playoffs on February 19.

Score By Quarters

	1	2	3	4	T
CP	14	13	11	14	52
Baird	11	12	6	8	37



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School Board City Council Announce Filing Dates

The first day to file application for the Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees is February 18, 2002, and the last day is March 20, 2002, at 5 p.m.

You may apply in the Cross Plains I.S.D. office of the superintendent from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Spring Break is March 11 through March 15 and the office will be closed. You may call (254) 725-7458 if you wish to make application that week.

The 3-year terms of Scott Childress and Monty Richards will expire.

The 2-year terms of Mayor Ray Purvis and councilmen, Jerry Casse and Dean Dillard, are expiring.

You may file application for this election from February 18 until 5 p.m. on March 20 at the City Hall, during their regular office hours.

Cottonwood Musical This Friday Night

The Cottonwood Quilting Club is having their Country and Western Musical on Friday, February 15, at the Cottonwood Community Center.

The ladies will be serving chicken pot pie, tea or coffee. They will also have sandwiches and pie. Serving begins at 5:30 p.m. and the musical entertainment commences at 6 p.m. The emcee for the evening will be Mary E. Weaver.

There is no admission charge. Everyone is invited for a wonderful evening of food, music and fellowship.

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Bi-District Game Buffaloes Vs. Paducah

Wylie High School Gym @ 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$2 & \$5 at the gate. We will be the visiting team.

Practice Game: Friday, February 15, 2002

Buffaloes Vs. Rosco

Here @ 6:00 p.m.

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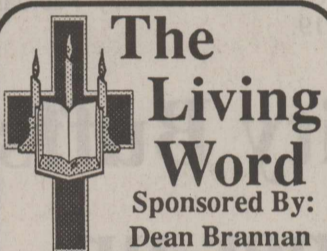
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The Great Invitation
Luke 14:18-19 And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground. And I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused.

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

OBITUARIES

Eunice Starr

Eunice Starr, 102, of Cross Plains, passed away Saturday, February 9, 2002, at Abilene Regional Medical Center.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday at the Higginbotham Chapel with Henry Grubbs officiating. Burial was in the Cross Plains Cemetery, directed by Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains.

Eunice was born October 4, 1899 in Axtel, Texas to George L. Eager and Lillie May Pearson Eager. She had the rare opportunity of living in three separate centuries. Eunice was a Presbyterian and served as a deacon and teacher in the early 30's.

She owned the floral shop in Cross Plains prior to Juanita Mayes. She loved creating with flowers, and was an excellent seamstress. Eunice was a wonderful Christian woman who held her Lord and family dear.

Survivors include a brother, Collis Eager of Cross Plains; two nieces, Wanette Armstrong of Abilene and Mona Tappan of Farmington, New Mexico; two nephews, Doyle Eager of Odessa and Randal Wiginton of Abilene.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, William and Carl Eager; and four sisters, Eula Hart, Ara Wiginton, Virgie Eager and Jeannette Wiginton.

Pallbearers were Randal Wiginton, Clark Wiginton, Darrell Hargrove, Gary Hargrove, Bill Young and Jim Fleming.

Colonial Oaks Services

Cornerstone Church will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, February 17, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

Vernie McMillan

Vernie McMillan, 91, of Clyde, formerly of Cross Plains, passed away Wednesday, February 6, 2002, in the Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, February 9, 2002, at the Higginbotham Chapel with Ed Hedrick officiating, assisted by Bob Pipes. Burial was in the Cross Plains Cemetery with Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains in charge of arrangements.

Vernie was born February 17, 1910 in Callahan County, Texas to Alvin Green West and Sally Clementine Jointer West. She married Loyd Lee McMillan in Rowden, Texas on December 12, 1926. She was a homemaker and an Avon representative in the Cross Plains area for twenty-seven years. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include her son, Billy C. McMillan of Coleman Lake; two daughters, Judy Smoot of Clyde and Glenda Smith of Dudley; one brother, Marvin West of Lubbock; 17 grandchildren, 54 great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; two daughters, Patsy Ruth Hunt and Erna Lee Havner; a grandson, Donnie Ray Hunt; two brothers, Alvin West and Walter West; seven sisters, Myrtle Hounshell, Alice McAnally, Betty Gilstrap, Bessie Williams, Minnie Dallas, Lorene Snyder and Gladys Boswell.

Pallbearers were Johnny Smoot, Garry Smoot, Tony Smoot, Terry Smith, Rickey Smith, Darren Smith, David Havner and Doyle Lawson. Honorary pallbearers were Kim Lawson, Joel Lawson, Mike Havner, Steve Havner and Dale Hunt.

Cross Cut Cemetery Gifts

The Cross Cut Cemetery received the following donations in memory of Mildred Arledge: A.L. and Nell Casparis of Odessa \$50 and O.B. and Blanche Byrd \$25.

All contributions are greatly appreciated by the association. You may send donations to O.B. Byrd, H.C. 30 Box 79, Brownwood, Texas 76801.

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

Charles Gerald "Jerry" Metcalf

Charles Gerald "Jerry" Metcalf, 78, of Cross Plains, passed away Sunday, February 10, 2002, in the Brownwood Regional Medical Center in Brownwood, Texas.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, February 14, at the Higginbotham Chapel with Charlie McAnally officiating. Burial will be in the Cross Plains Cemetery with Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains in charge of arrangements.

Charles was born October 12, 1923 in Stanton, Texas to Charlie Walton Metcalf and Jennie Ruth Crow Metcalf. He married Charlene McDermett in Roswell, New Mexico on February 17, 1960. He was a Methodist.

Survivors include his wife, Charlene Metcalf of Cross Plains; two daughters, Gay Free and husband Rodney of Cross Plains, and Melinda Nordburg and husband, Eric of Olivehurst, California; three stepsons, W.C. McAnally and wife, Frazee of Fort Stockton, Charlie McAnally and wife, Sandi of Fort Davis, and Gary McAnally and wife, Linda of Alpine; one stepdaughter, Sue Diebitsch and husband, Don of Fort Stockton; one brother, Howard Metcalf and wife, Jo of Beline, New Mexico; one nephew, Darrell Metcalf of Carlsbad, New Mexico; 16 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a nephew, Jerry Metcalf.

Sybil Westerman

Sybil Westerman, 89, of Rising Star, passed away Monday, February 4, 2002.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Thursday in the Higginbotham Funeral Chapel with Terry Simmons officiating. Burial was in the Rising Star Cemetery under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Mrs. Westerman was born March 20, 1912 in Eastland County. She married L.D. Westerman on August 5, 1933 in Eastland. She was a homemaker and a member of the Bible Baptist Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Bobbie Wilson of Rising Star; two sons, Donald Westerman of Abilene and Gary Westerman of Rising Star; a brother, Gerald Parks of Cisco; nine grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; and one great great grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, a daughter, a brother, two sisters and three grandchildren.

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1. Is there really a God?
2. Is Genesis relevant today?
3. Did God create in 6 literal days?
4. Why is there death & suffering?
5. Do Animals Evolve?
6. Where did the "Races" come from?
7. What is the only answer to Racism?
8. Dinosaurs - in the Bible?
9. How can we raise Godly children?
10. Fossils & the flood - What's the connection.
11. How can we Evangelize?
12. A secular world - Part 1 & Part 2.

Rowden Baptist Church has a free book entitled "Refuting Evolution" for any student or teacher in the area who would like a copy. Call and we'll get one to you.

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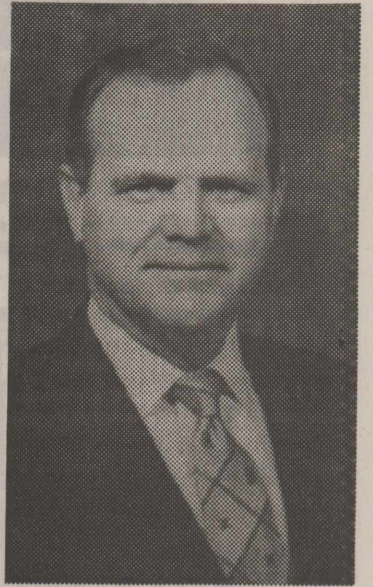
Dr. Ken Hemphill Speaking at Cross Timbers Rally Meeting in Abilene

Dr. Ken Hemphill of Southwestern Seminary will be speaking at Cross Timbers Southern Baptist Association Rally Meeting at Broadview Baptist Church, 2500 South 27th St., Abilene, Texas. The meeting is hosted by Grace Baptist Church of Abilene and their pastor, Chuck Reynolds. They express their appreciation to Broadview Baptist for offering the use of their facilities for this meeting.

An Information Meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by a supper at 6 p.m. At 6:45 p.m. The Wills Family of Fort Worth will present the music. Dr. Hemphill will then speak.

Hemphill is the President and Professor of Evangelism and Church Growth at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. As the chief executive officer of the largest evangelical seminary in the world, Hemphill is responsible for the leadership of the Southern Baptist Convention's flagship seminary, which produces 51 percent of all SBC missionaries and 40 percent of all SBC pastors. Under his leadership First Baptist Church, Norfolk grew from 800 to over 6,000 members. Since he became president in 1994, Southwestern's enrollment has grown more than 10 percent.

He was born in 1948 in Morgantown, North Carolina. He married Paula Moore of Greenville, North Carolina in 1972 and they have three daughters.



Dr. Ken Hemphill

Hemphill's education includes: Bachelor of Arts, Wake Forest University 1970; Master of Divinity, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary 1972; Doctor of Ministry, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary 1973; and Doctor of Philosophy Degree, Cambridge University, 1976.

He is the author of *The Bonsai of Church Growth*, *Mirror, Mirror on the Wall*, *Growing an Evangelist*, *Sunday School Life Answers: Making Sense of Your World*, plus seven other books and numerous articles and chapters in collection.

For more information about the meeting, contact Dwaine Clower, Association Moderator at (254) 725-7574.

C.P. Cemetery Association Meets Friday, February 15 New Directors Needed

The Cross Plains Cemetery Association will meet Friday at 2 p.m. in the City Hall for their annual session.

It was noted by Jimmielee Payne that many of the board of directors have been serving for a long time and interest by some

younger area residents is needed and welcome.

If you are interested in keeping the Cross Plains Cemetery at its very best, please attend the meeting or call Mr. Payne and let them know you would like to serve as a board of director.

Art Club Meets Thursday Feb. 21st for "Paint-Out"

The Cross Plains Paint and Palette Club will meet Thursday, February 21, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Multi-Purpose Center in Cross Plains for a "Paint-Out".

Bring your paints and a panel or canvas to paint on. There will be some snapshots to paint from and

Betty Beggs will show you how to do oils and glazes for those interested. Otherwise you may paint what you please. There will be a few easels and many tables available.

All club members and visitors are welcome to attend.

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

11:00 a.m. Worship Service
"What Kind of Worship Does Jesus Like?"

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
"When One's Faith May Be Faulty"

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Worship - 10:45 a.m.
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Sunday's Sermon

"Calling A Sin A Sin"

COLONIAL OAKS NURSING HOME NEWS

BY LINDA MERRITT

Some of our ladies made some mighty pretty cookies Wednesday for Valentine's Day. With aprons and hair nets on, they went to work cutting out and decorating cookies for everyone to enjoy on Valentine's Day. Thanks ladies for a job well done.

We will be having our birthday party today at 1 p.m. Resident with a birthday is Ruby Harrell. Employees with a birthday are Ruby Cassle and Nikki Callaway. Dee Harrell will be furnishing the cake and Jacque Childress will be providing the entertainment for us. We welcome all family and friends to attend.

Our heartfelt sympathies are extended to the families of Eunice Starr and Charles Metcalf.

A warm welcome to our new resident, Nathan Foster.

Evelyn, Chris and Emily Harris visited with Frank Bartek.

Louise and Randy Foster visited with Nathan Foster.

Joana McMurray of Big Spring and Lucille Wright of Comanche visited with Leona Turner.

Robert Harris of Coleman visited with Roy Gardner.

Joe and Linda Gary of San Saba

visited with Rozell Gary.

Bobby Jack McCowen visited with Donie McCowen and others.

Mildred Free and Wanda Martin visited with Hallie Hartley.

Lonnie and Martha Switzer, James, Cory and Benji Switzer, Nathan and Louise Foster visited with O.B. and Pauline Switzer.

Bob Pipes and Michael Ingram visited with Jo Boatright.

Activities

Monday: Bingo winners were Clifford King (2), Lucky Taylor, Jessie Casey, Mary Wheeler, Donie McCowen. Exercise class.

Tuesday: Art class. Singing with Dorothy Reynolds.

Wednesday: Make Valentine cookies. Exercise.

Thursday: Manicures. Birthday party.

Friday: Bingo winners were Donie McCowen, Jessie Clifford King, Lucky Taylor and Ruby Harrell.

Sunday: Cornerstone Church

Love.... Bears all things,
Believes all things,
Hopes all things,
Endures all things.
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

COTTONWOOD NEWS

BY WALLACE BENNETT

Local Skunk-Works in Action

"I got skunked," said Mary E. Weaver and moved in with her sister for a week. The incident happened a couple of weeks ago when her dog chased a skunk under her house and sprayed its "essence of ugh" right under the bedroom. The odor was so bad she just opened up her house to the wind and moved away for a few days. Now she is back home and things are "rosy" once more.

Postscript for Cottonwood Agenda

Please add a postscript to the Cottonwood Agenda, published last week and mark your calendar for July 4, 2002.

The Cottonwood Community Center has been reserved for another "Independence Day Celebration" on that date. Planning for the observance is now underway and anyone wishing to have a part in the planning and/or the presentation should contact myself or Mary Ella Weaver as soon as possible.

Durwood Varner Remembered

I have received copies of two e-mail communiques in the last few weeks concerning Durwood Varner and his father, Professor Harry S. Varner, who was Superintendent of the Cottonwood School for many years. Many natives of the area remember going to school under Professor Varner.

R.T. Peevy and I have our personal remembrance of Durwood "Woody" Varner. It was in January 1946, and R.T. and I had recently been discharged from the military service and with nothing better to do, we took a hitch-hiking tour of South Texas. We stopped in at the Texas A&M campus to visit with one of Cottonwood's favorite sons, Durwood Varner, who was serving as Assistant Dean of Men at his old alma mater.

Durwood (he insisted on being called "Woody") was interested in recruiting ex-GI's for students at the college. "Woody" made us feel mighty welcome on his campus, which he seemed to own and run all by himself. He asked what we were doing and where we

were going. We replied that we were doing "nothing" and going "nowhere" in particular and that we needed a job.

Woody explained that we could register as Aggie students in a few days and pointed out the benefits of a "GI Bill of Rights" which would allow us to go to school free and receive a monthly stipend in addition. He insisted we stay and called the campus maintenance department to secure a job for us painting and repairing old furniture. He gave us a mess-hall pass and a room in a vacant dormitory.

In a few days, we were registered as Aggies and came home to pack our bags to return to A&M as students.

Durwood Varner was a real "chip off the old block". He had finished high school at Cottonwood, having been taught all his high school courses by his father. He went to College at Texas A&M before World War II, where he compiled an inviable record as a basketball star, Cadet Commander of the ROTC Corp., and President of the Student Body in his senior year. He graduated in 1940 as Valedictorian.

He served throughout World War II in the European Theater of War, returned to A&M as ADM. He left his Alma Mater to do graduate work at The University of Chicago. He became a professor at Michigan State University, rose to the position of Director of Agricultural Extension, and then served as Vice President of the institution. He was chosen to establish a new campus of MSU at Rochester, Michigan, named Oakland University, where he served as Chancellor for ten years. Varner was then elected as President of the University of Nebraska, where he retired.

Not only was he a chip off the old block, he was quick to give credit to his family and cultural roots in Cottonwood for his accomplishments. (See Pages 52-54, I Remember Callahan County for other details.)

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

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QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

BY KAY MOSLEY

Hint: Sending flowers for Valentines fellow ----to Mom, to your sweetheart, wife, daughter of mother-in-law? A dozen roses, violets, a single rose with baby's breath, violets of purple and roses of red, white, pink or yellow are traditionally given for Valentines Day. Don't you want to be traditional? Then plan ahead, have the florist deliver out a really exotic type of flower, maybe imported!!!! An-n-d, let the romancin begin....

"Won't You be My Valentine?"

Romance, it's in the air! Every year around the middle of February; if you look very closely, you can just almost see li'l Cupid himself with his trusty bow, just-azing those arrows all over the place and at almost everyone. Some of his targets are hits and some are misses. But with a steady hand, a good eye, and practiced aim, Cupid shoots his arrows of romance throughout the land. Those "HIT" are the lucky ones. The ones which the arrows missed are the losers, ROMANTICALLY.

If you fellows are wanting to impress that certain someone on Valentines Day, but your credit cards are all maxed out; don't despair. Romance doesn't have to have a price tag. Take on a romantic, moonlight stroll. Tell her you love her. Cook dinner for her. Steaks and a salad are simple to prepare. Want to be a little different? In Lieu of rolls, serve egg rolls instead with the steak and salad, get frozen egg rolls at the grocery, then just pop-em in the oven. Make the next course a selection of fresh fruits and cheeses. Serve with an appropriate wine.

Wind up the evening in front of the fireplace, soft romantic music on the stereo, tantalizing after dinner coffee, the two of you and love.

If you are the outdoor type, same recipe, just cook those steaks on the outdoor grill and have your after dinner coffee in the lawn chairs or around a campfire; beneath that honeysuckle vine. As far as music, listen to the songs of the birds and the beat of bees' wings as they buzz around that honeysuckle vine. Until then. HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!!!!

MA & PA

BY JAMES NICHOLS

Jeremiah the Bullfrog came to town and hid himself behind some flowers on a table by Lois Garrett's back door. Jeremiah was just sitting there when Zora Mae Bryant came by to leave Lois some goodies. He politely croaked to say, "Howdy," but Zora did not understand.

Lois came in from eating lunch and Jeremiah again politely croaked to say, "Howdy." Lois jumped back and would have whacked every croak out of him if a stick had been handy.

Zora Mae came back by to see what was making all the racket and old Jeremiah croaked just as she walked up. Lois gave testimony that Zora did a double take and shook her finger at him. Jeremiah croaked to say, "You're no friend of mine." Then he went off to find a cooler place.

When Jeremiah got to the locker plant he went right in, hopped up on the desk and hid. He was enjoying the cool when Vondean set

in to destroy his paper nose. Jeremiah croaked to say, "Hey, I'm under here." Vondean's eyes looked like 50 cent pieces as she went, "woooooo." Jeremiah croaked to say as he left, "You're no friend of mine."

Jeremiah decided to stop by the library to dine on a cricket or two. He hopped right up onto a shelf and made himself right at home. Esther Kerr happened along and he again croaked to say, "Howdy." She did not pay any attention so he croaked to ask, "Kerr, would you share some wine with me?" Upon hearing it, Esther began to look around only to find Jeremiah looking her eye to eye. Esther grabbed her heart and looked skyward just like Sanford would when the "big one" was coming.

Jeremiah croaked to exclaim in disgust as he left, "You probably drank it all anyway!"

(Jeremiah is a big green plastic frog that is motion sensitive causing it to croak.)

Ricci on Hardin-Simmons University President's List

Hardin-Simmons University announced that Cross Plains resident Laura Ricci made the President's List for the fall 2001 semester.

The HSU President's List hon-

ors students who completed at least 12 semester hours with a 4.0 grade point average.

Laura is the daughter of Ron and Connie Ricci of Cross Plains.



BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes
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Jesus said ones heart is going to be where his/her treasure is, Matthew 6:21 - and of course the reverse is also true: one's treasure is going to be where ones heart is. Well while Valentine's Day is on for hearts and cards and boxes of candy and roses, where the heart is comes across as being more important than even the expression "Be My Valentine."

One wife said it this way: "My husband gives me the most outlandish gifts - but I love him and them just the same - for he gave me his heart a long time ago!" In marriages, there needs to be more "heart swapping" for life. It's great to rekindle that love and that commitment on days like Valentines - and it really needs to be done more often than once a year! - but what's lacking too often is that deep down commitment of ones heart to another, and vice versa, that "through thick or thin, good or bad, here's my heart, my love, forever!"

A writer of the New Testament put it this way: "Love as Christ loved - as He loved the church, giving Himself up for it." And as important as the giving of gifts and/or valentines to express that love is, it is also very important for husbands and wives to verbally let that love be known - to let the other know they are the apple of their eye!

It is also important that we demonstrate in word and in deed that our spiritual heart really belongs to Christ - if indeed that is what we claim. He said, "If you love Me - if you really, really love Me - you will keep My commandments," John 14:15. Just where is our spiritual treasure anyhow? And our spiritual heart?

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PIONEER NEWS

The Quilting Club had a good turn out on Tuesday. They are still working on Earlene's "Hands All Around" (I hope I have the name right this time) and Jean Alexander's "Log Cabin". Laverne will put her hostess quilt in this week. There is always plenty to do -- one out, another one in. Tuesday was the "eat in" day. There was a lot of good food. It was meeting day, also. Next year's Rehab quilt was discussed. Eight folks attended "game night". They had lots of fun and good eats. The next get together will be February 21. Come on out and join the fun.

The club still has cookbooks for sale. Jerry Fleming stopped by to get several books to send to far away places. Some as far away as Hawaii, Australia, Colorado and California. Thanks Jerry!

Earlene Burge spent Friday and Saturday in Brownwood with her daughter, Jessica Stultz. They enjoyed visiting and helped Cindy some with her wedding preparations.

On Monday, Dick and Lou

Grider enjoyed a short visit with her daughter, Patty Heffley and husband, Larry of Fort Worth.

Jean Fore and Frankie Smith traveled to Putnam Musical on Friday night. Frankie had for her guest last week, Robert Rogers of Ranger. She enjoyed the visit very much.

Cowan and Laverne Hutton's granddaughter, Robbie Fortune, and children, Chase and Jacie, and Trisha Hutton visited them on Monday afternoon.

Teige Ezzell came by Rising Star and visited Anna and Janet (aunts) at school. He then met his grandmother, Olena, for lunch. Teige begins training at Randolph Air Field to become a navigator in the Marine Air Force. He will be there for 6 months. He is the son of Bryan and Lisa Ezzell of Iowa Park.

Anna and Olena attended the funeral for Anna Lucille Ezzell in Abilene. She was a cousin. Skip and Willie Ezzell also attended.

Words of Wisdom: He that is good for making excuses is seldom good for anything else. Ben Franklin

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

February 18 - February 22

MONDAY-- Teriyaki Chicken, Rice, Stir Fry Veggies, Peanut Butter Chews, Bread
TUESDAY-- Salisbury Steak w/ Gravy, New Potatoes, Squash Casserole, Apricots, Cake, Roll
WEDNESDAY-- Sliced Ham, Cabbage, Black-eyed Peas,

Apple Cobbler, Cornbread
THURSDAY-- Sloppy Joe on Bun, Baked Beans, Pickles/Onions, Pineapple, Ranger Cookie
FRIDAY-- Baked Chicken w/ Gravy, Carrots, Mashed Potatoes, Coconut Pudding, Roll

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GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The Cross Plains Garden Club met for their regular monthly meeting at the Multi-Purpose Center on February 8.

Bob Powell, president, welcomed the members and guests. Program topic was "Create a Garden—Plan Ahead".

He then demonstrated "Starting Seed—Spring Preparation" with the use of a seed tray. He had filled it with potting soil mix, sand and vermiculite. He had placed this on a piece of plastic and newspapers and several layers of paper towels. He then placed one seed per space and after all spaces were filled; sifted sand over the entire top. After watering papers and paper towel- ing and misting the top, he covered it with Saran Wrap and placed it on top of the refrigerator. In 5 to 7 days you can expect to see the plants come up.

You are ready to move the tray to a sunshiny window and when the first leaf drops, it is then ready to transplant to a bedding pot. You mist every day after it gets leaves using Miracle Grow in water.

This is how you are able to get a head start on having early plants. It was very interesting.

Julene Franke read the minutes of the January meeting and gave a financial report.

Eva Fleming, Chairman of the Flower Show, passed out the schedules titled, "The Greatest Little Flower Show On Earth"

and then went over it with the members.

Joe Howser called attention to the Food Pantry Box, asking members to clip and give coupons for groceries. He also had a letter from Hope Haven thanking them for the recent gift of clothing.

Eva had seeds for members that she had saved from her last year's garden of flowers.

Hosts for the meeting were Betty Beggs, Helen Tillotson, Bob and Barbara Powell. The table was covered with a red cloth overlaid with a white lace cloth, and was centered with a crystal vase containing red berries accented by two little furry bears on each side. It was completed with a red heart box filled with a candy. Refreshments consisted of chips and dip and relish tray, cookies, cherry tarts, punch and coffee.

Julene conducted the door prize for Wanda Hammel and it was a clever yard stake. Bob Powell was the lucky winner.

Present were guests, Joe Howser and Emily Crockett, and members Eva Fleming, Wanda Martin, Julene Franke, Bob and Barbara Powell, James Nichols, Betty Beggs, Helen Tillotson and Joyce Odom.

The next meeting will be March 8, at the Multi-Purpose Center. Guests are always welcome.

Submitted by Joyce Odom, Reporter

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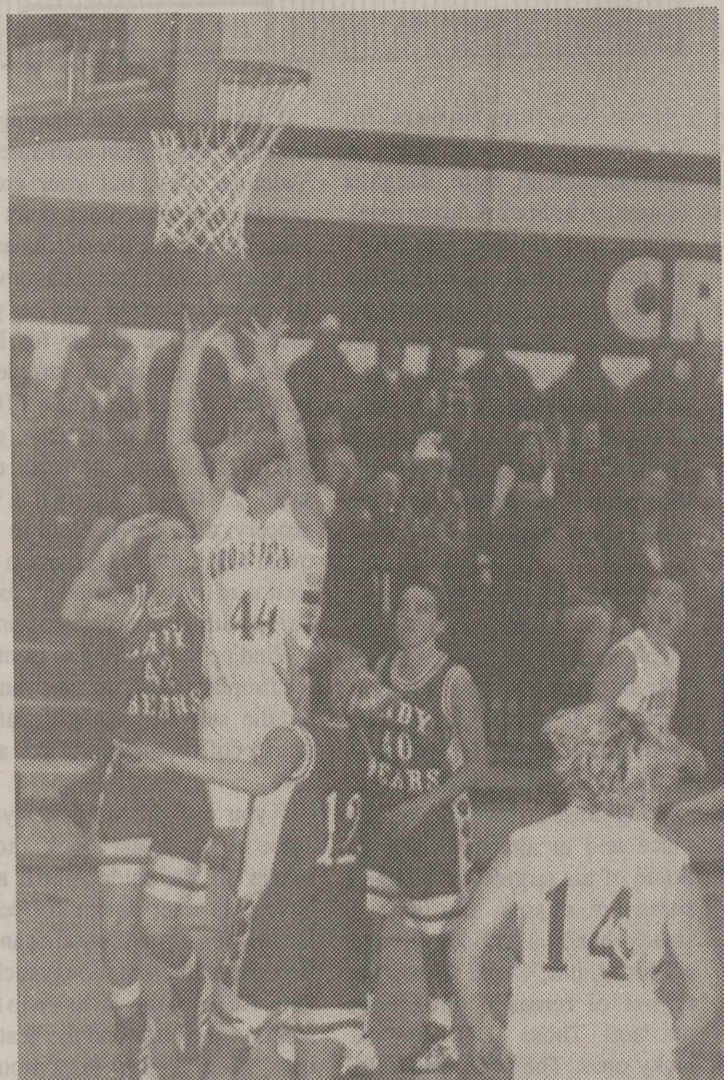
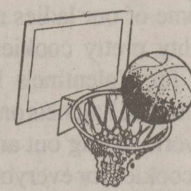
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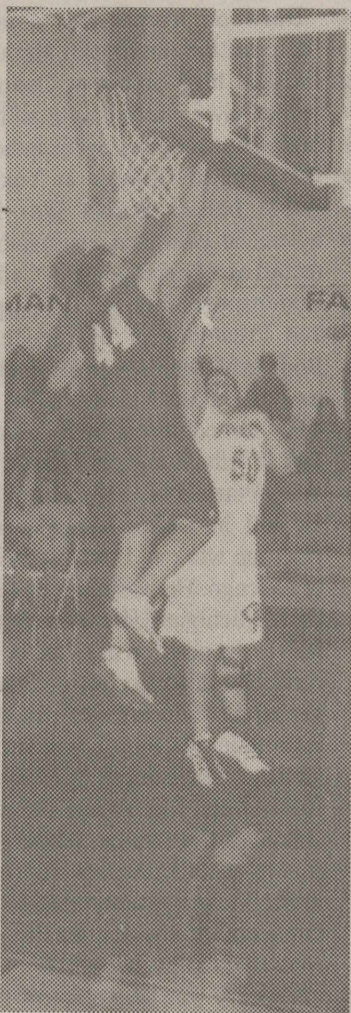
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VARSITY GIRLS AGAINST BAIRD— Kelsee Richards #44 is making a shot; other Lady Buffs Judith Hartman #14 and Candice Bailey (far right in white) are pictured. (Girl's basketball photos courtesy of Barbara Dillard.)



Candice Bailey #12



KEVIN WILSON
#50 IN WHITE

J.V. Girls Basketball

The J.V. Girls finished up their season on Tuesday night with a loss to Baird 22-54. The girls played hard throughout the contest. They were outscored 34 to 13 in the 1st half.

If we could have done a better job at the free throw line the girls would have been in line in the 1st half and 6 of 14 in the 2nd half.

The girls had a good district going 2-2 and finishing second behind Baird. Gorman and May didn't play J.V. teams this season. The girl's overall record was 6-11 this season, with a second place finish at the May J.V. Tournament.

Scoring the points in the final contest were Clark 6, Wooten 3, James 4, Rivard 2, Phillips 2, Bennett 4 and Galloway 1. Also contributing were Ross, Foster, Young and Mosier.

Submitted by Coach Mike Cavender

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

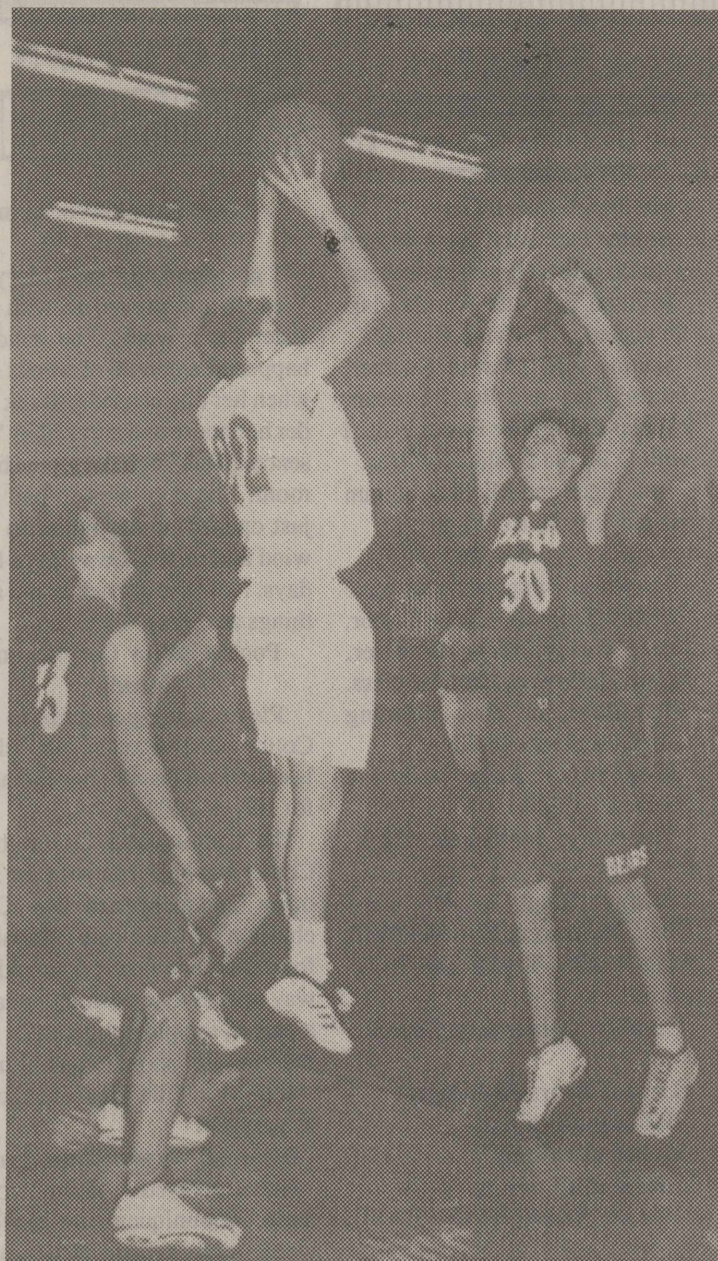
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The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a called meeting with the following members present: Susan Schaefer, Donnie Dillard, Jim Cook, Monty Richards and Tony Wyatt.

The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Superintendent Jackie Tennison.

Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by Cook that they approve the full and final Release and Settlement Agreement from CSS, Inc. and authorize Superintendent Jackie Tennison to sign agreement on behalf of Cross Plains I.S.D. For 5 Against 0

Motion was made by Dillard and seconded by Richards that we adjourn. For 5 Against 0



BUFFALO JUMPER—Cross Plains High School senior Chris Harris, #22 in white, jumps above a Baird defender for a shot during the Cross Plains/Baird one game playoff held Friday, February 8 in Coleman.

The Buffaloes defeated their rival Baird 52-37 to advance to the Class A state basketball playoffs. Cross Plains' bi-district game is set for Tuesday, February 19 against Paducah.



JOSE MAURICIO
#15 IN WHITE

Varsity Lady Buffs Finish Basketball Season

The Lady Buffs completed play in the 2002 season last Tuesday against Baird here at home. They lost the contest by the score of 52 to 81.

The game was close at halftime with the score of 31 to 40, trailing by 9. The 3rd quarter killed us in the second half. We were outscored 7-27. The girls couldn't get anything on offense to go our way. The 4th quarter was 14-14 tie. The 3rd quarter was the difference.

It was also senior night and our 6 seniors played their last game in front of the home crowd. The seniors are Candice Bailey, Judith Mauricio, Shena Thomas, Violeta Vasquez, Stephanie Parker and Sarah Nixon. I wish them the best of luck in all they do as they go forward in life. They

earned a great deal of respect throughout their career and this season.

Scoring points were Bailey 21, Hartman 7, Winfrey 7, Dillard 6, Richards 4, Mauricio 3, Nixon 3 and Parker 2. Thomas, Vasquez, Rivard and Edington also played during the game.

The Lady Buffs finished the season with a 10-17 overall record. They also finished 3rd in district competition with a 4 and 4 record.

The girls played a tough non-district schedule and they improved as they went through the season. They had high expectations and those same expectations will always be a driving force in our preparations.

Submitted by Coach Mike Cavender

J.H. Girls Basketball

Monday, February 4, was the last game of the season for the J.H. Girls Team. The Baird Bear Cubs came over for another chance to try and defeat the Buffs.

"B" Team - The girls worked a strong defense and took control. 1st Quarter - C.P. 8 - Baird 1 2nd Quarter - C.P. 14 - Baird 1 3rd Quarter - C.P. 21 - Baird 6 4th Quarter - C.P. 26 - Baird 9 Team scorers were Avants 8, Scott 6, Douglass 6, Isbell 2, Carpenter 2, Milam 2. Other helper, Libey.

These young ladies played well all year with a season record of 6-

8.

"A" Team - This group of girls have worked well together this year and last year. They came out strong against Baird with their O-press and D-press. The girls took early control also.

1st Quarter - C.P. 8 - Baird 0 2nd Quarter - C.P. 21 - Baird 6 3rd Quarter - C.P. 27 - Baird 10 4th Quarter - C.P. 31 - Baird 18 Team scorers were Vasquez 14, Norris 5, Bacon 4, Hutchins 4, Adams 2 and Hutton 2.

This is a great group of girls to coach. District Record 8-0 Season Record 12-4

SCHOOL MENU

February 18 - February 22

BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Cream of Wheat, Toast, Assorted Juice
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THURSDAY - Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice
FRIDAY - Cinnamon Rolls, Assorted Juice

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MONDAY - Ham & Cheese on Roll, Potato Wedges, Salad, Brownies
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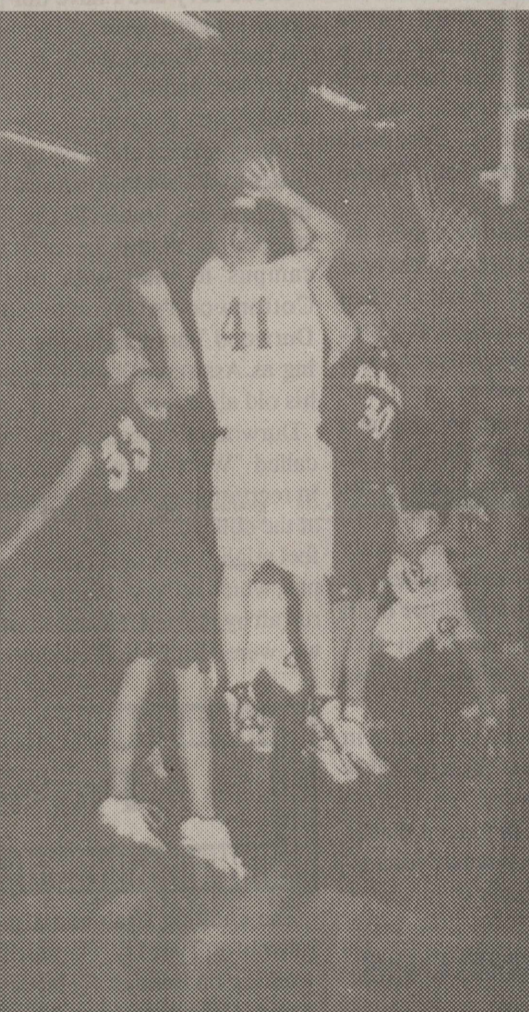
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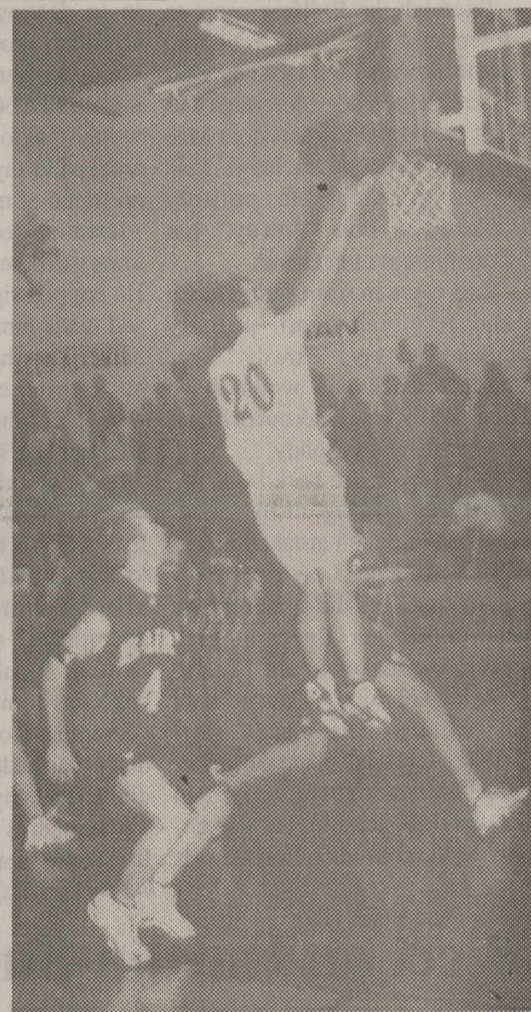
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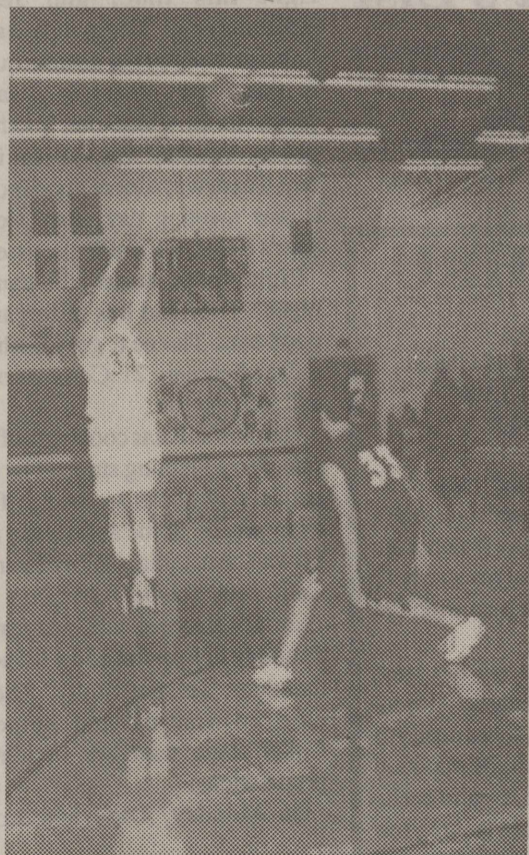
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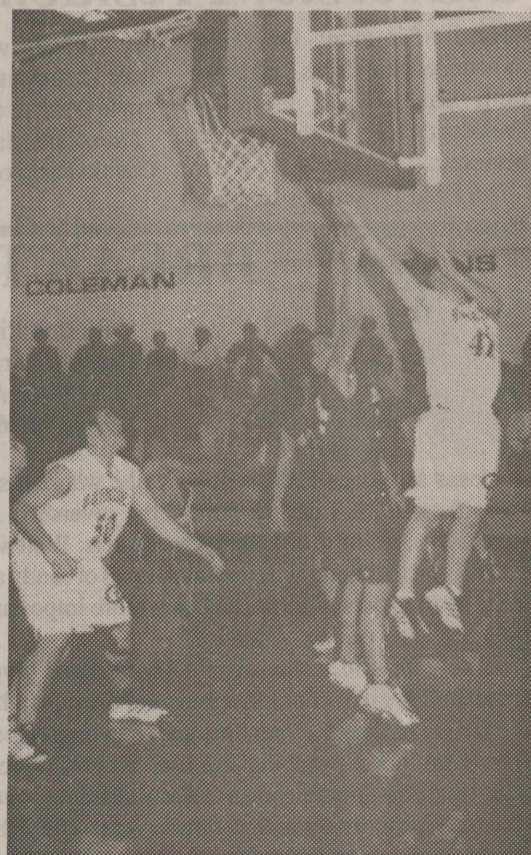
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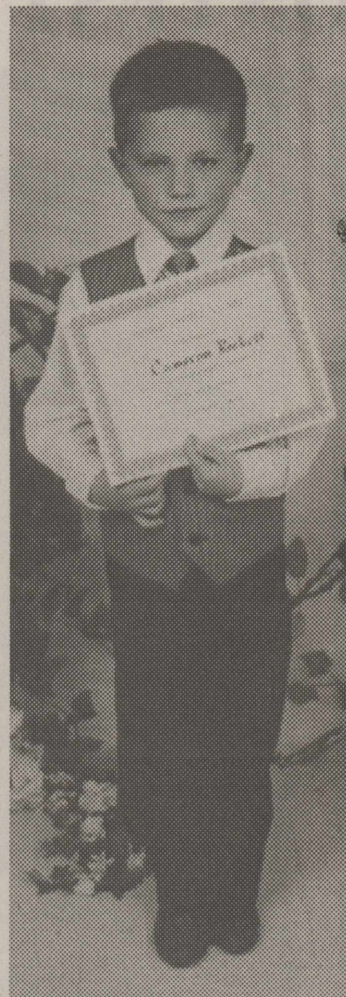
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2002 VALENTINE PARADE

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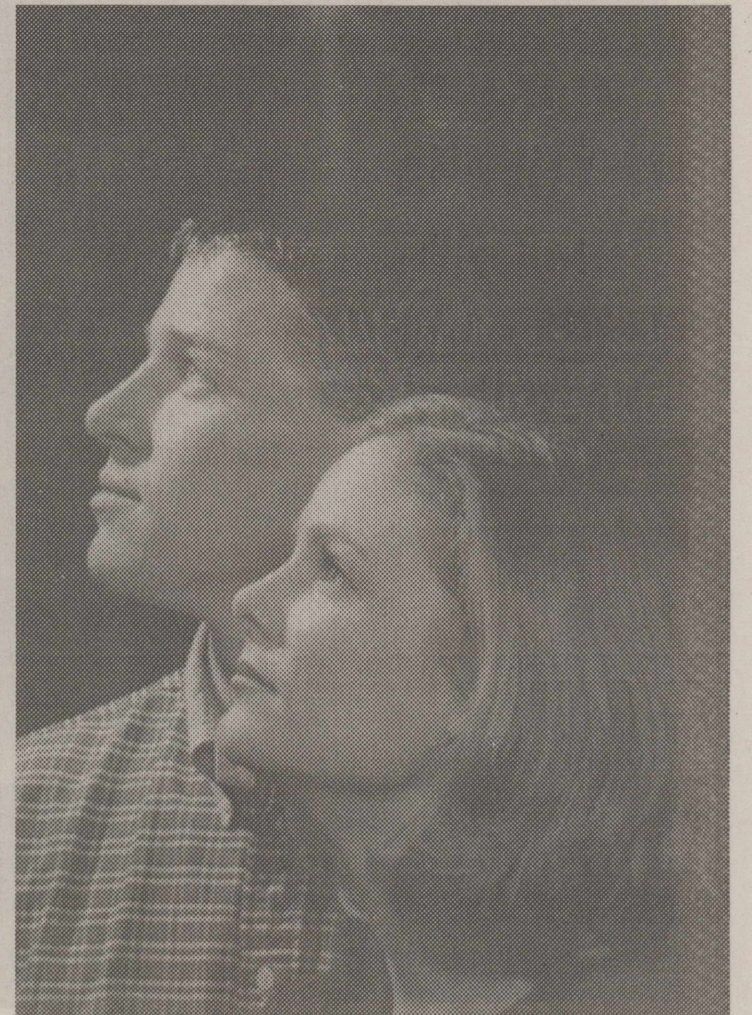


CAROLINE CLINE—MISS CUPID
LINDSEY AMES—SECOND PLACE
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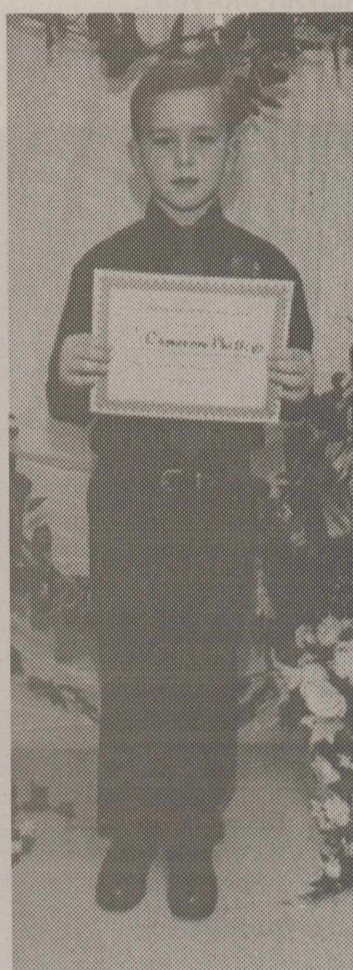
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CAMERON PHILLIPS
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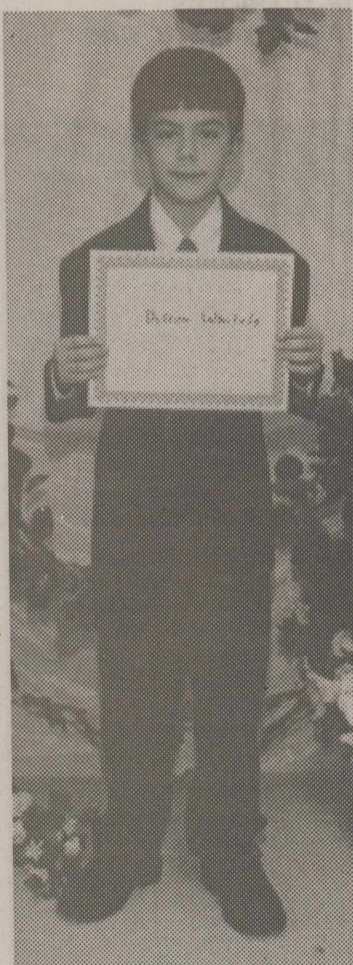
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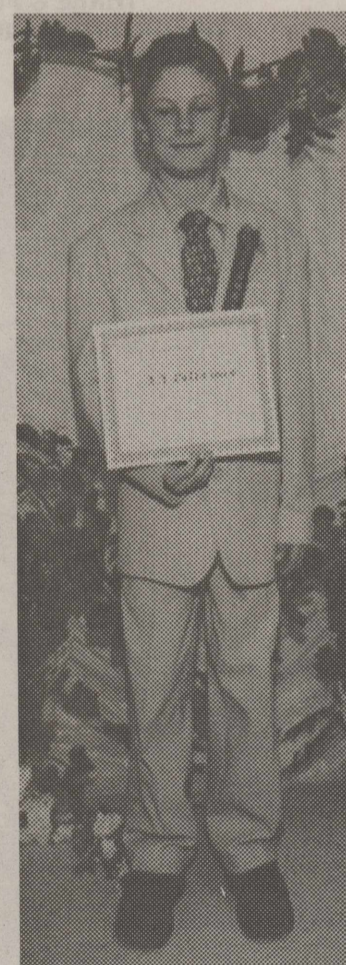
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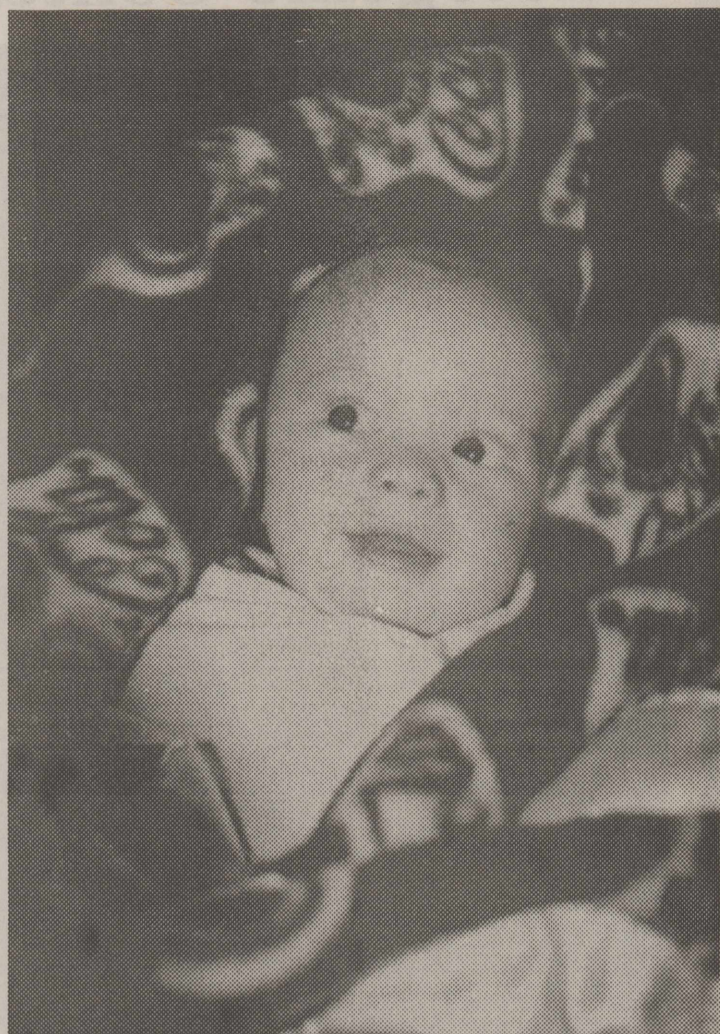
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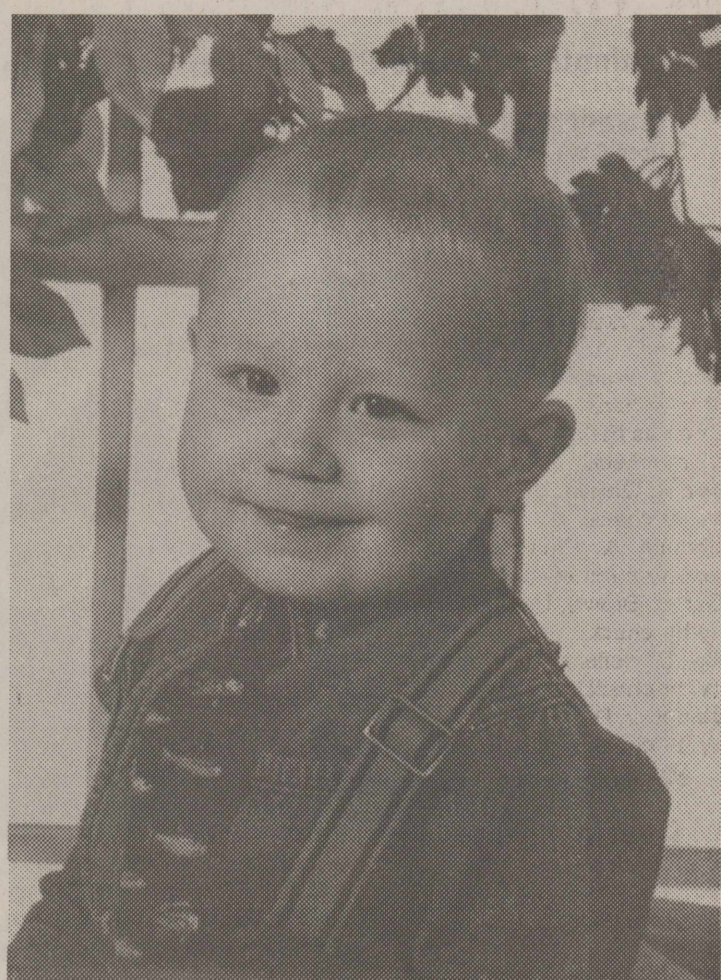
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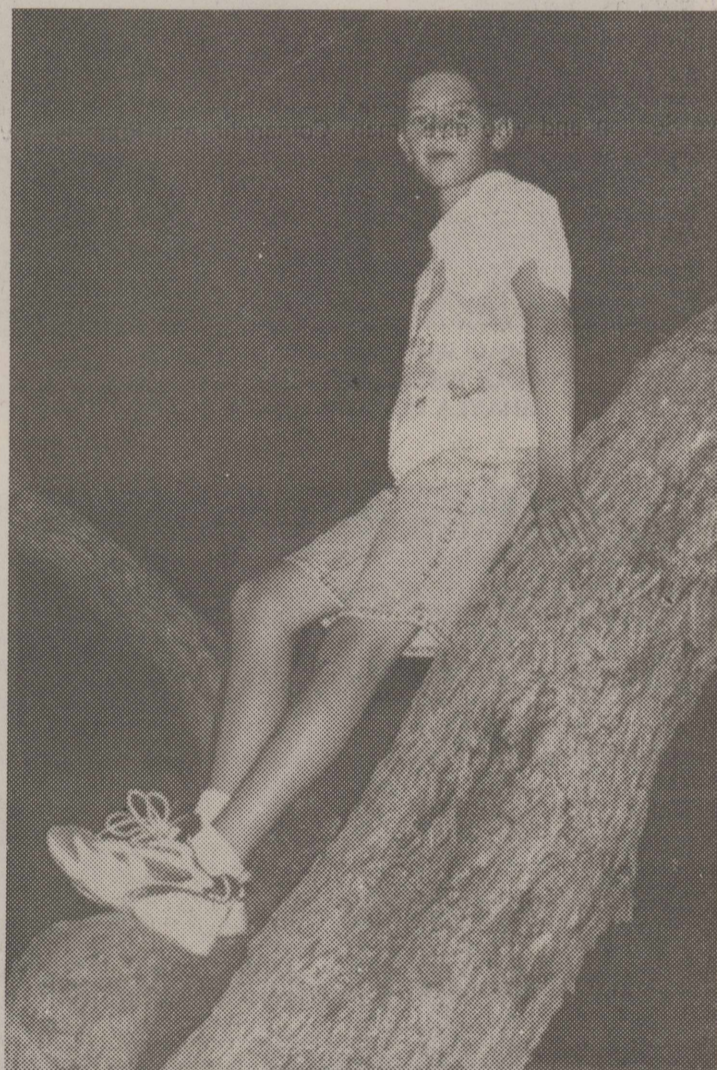
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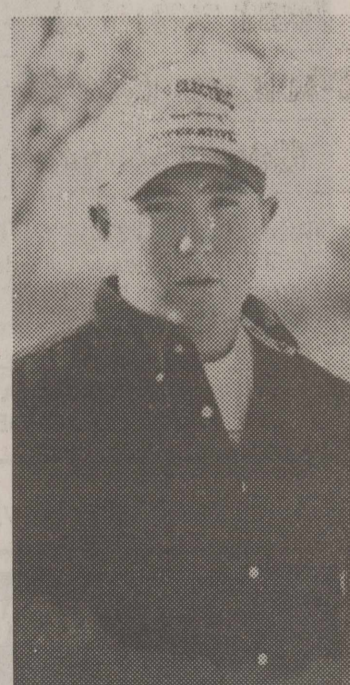
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Card of Thanks

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Card of Thanks

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, Or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a floral piece, if so we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say; Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much whatever the part.

The family of Eunice Starr

Card of Thanks

Thank you so much for your prayers, visits, phone calls and cards during my recent time in the hospital for knee replacement.

Your expressions of sympathy in the loss of my brother, Emil Jr. were deeply appreciated.

Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

May God bless you,
A.H. & Joanne Ringhoffer

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The family of Vernie McMillan deeply appreciate the love and kindness shown to us in the passing of our mother.

Mother lived in Callahan County most of her life and in Cross Plains for more than seventy years.

She loved Cross Plains and the people living here.


She had to leave when the time came that she could no longer live by herself.

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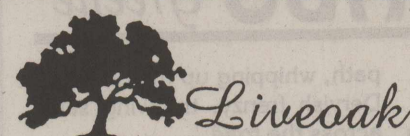
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Hmmm, I thought. Doesn't act like an animal exactly. It hasn't strayed from that spot. From here it looks like something just in front of a tree trunk. Maybe it's the sun shining all dapply on the bark.

I stuck my head out the door to get a clearer look. A passing gust grabbed my hair and whipped it back and forth a couple times. Before I could pat it down, another brisk breeze came barreling through and fluffed it straight up.

"Ahh, it's the wind," I told myself. And then I knew what that white thing was. It is bag weather today, and that is a plastic bag hung up on a low branch of a tree. Flailing mightily, it worked to free itself from the twigs, but the tree had a stranglehold and would not let go.

Right on the heels of snow melt came this West Texas wind. In a creative fury, the wind decorated the winter countryside not yet dressed up by spring. She huffed and puffed, reaching, grabbing bags, papers and tissues. She was careless in her

path, whipping up the dust in a Dervish frenzy, throwing sand across the road.

Paper scraps were tossed up like a handful of glitter against the blue sky. Bags filled with air swooped, lost their air in a dive, and just in time were buoyed again by an updraft. They were caught in the claws and teeth of the wind, subjected to the ragged gyrations of a kite, but tied to no string.

Whistling to herself all the while, the wind flung handfuls of pretty baubles everywhere. Rearranged according to whim, some were ripped from trees to adorn a stretch of briars. Using the feather-weight materials at hand, she draped the dreary land with scarves and sashes and lace.

A ribboned piece of plastic was slapped onto a shrub for a swishy fringe. Trees and fencelines were fancied with the tatters of colorful bags that became beads and chains, jewels of blue and white and yellow.

When finished the wind stood back a bit, looked it over and smiled, pleased. It was a beauty wrought in wildness.

The wind loves a good bag day. She left sometime in the night, taking her fashion show on to another unsuspecting cold lifeless landscape.

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KIWANIS GUEST SPEAKER—Cindi Webb, R.N. for Girling Home Health (right), presented the weekly program on January 29th updating the group about services available. Donnie Dillard, LVN (left) was also present as a representative for Girling in the local area. Both were guests of Kiwanian Susan Schaefer (center).

THE RAILROADER

BY JERRY PAYNE

"The President's Trip"

It has always been a custom of the railroad to take the President of the United States on trips. Sometimes the trip is taking them to their final resting place, to conventions and other important journeys.

One of these special trips I had the privilege of being a part of. President Bush (Big George) was to be honored at a library named for him in College Station, Texas. There was Mrs. Bush, George, Jr. and his wife, and the President of Mexico in the traveling party.

We got ready about a week before. The Secret Service checked all of us and they went over the route from Houston to College Station. Security was thick. I was to drive the train and all the others were picked for the trip. The President of the Union Pacific was to be aboard also.

The morning of the trip we were all at Union Station about two hours early. We were checked in by the Secret Service and the brakes were tested to be sure everything worked fine. Now we were ready to go.

The motorcade arrived and after some ceremony we were ready to depart. I got the signal and backed out of Union Station, in preparation to head for College Station.

The route through downtown Houston took us past some not so scenic areas. I was traveling about 20 m.p.h. and suddenly got a call on the radio to stop immedi-

ately. I did so. The Secret Service stormed the train and after about a half hour, I was told to proceed. The rest of the trip to College Station was uneventful.

We waited for about 3 hours for the gala to end and then we were told to pull the train down to pick up passengers for the return trip. We made it back to Houston without problems and after putting the train away, we were told that Mrs. Bush wanted to talk to us.

Mrs. Bush is a delightful person, just like a good grandma. She told us that the President and others had flown back to Austin and that she loved trains and decided to come back with us. We all asked questions and when it came to my turn I asked what had happened when we were leaving Houston.

She told us that as we were going through the shanty neighborhood some kids were crossing the tracks behind the train. As one of the young men crossed the tracks, he picked up a rock and threw it at the back of train. The rock hit the rear window where former President Bush was sitting. The rock made the window look like a spider web. No one was hurt. I asked what the President and she said. He looked at his son, the owner of the Rangers and said, "You need to sign that youngster. He's got a better arm than any you have on your team."

It was indeed a memorable journey.

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

February 5, 2002

This was a regular meeting of the Cross Plains City Council. All members were present except for Dean Dillard. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Don Gosnell, Chief, met with the council to discuss the monthly police report. He reported eighty-seven calls for service, four criminal mischief, two assaults, three gas drive-offs, three accidents, two DPS assisted accidents, one animal attack, three warrants served, one criminal mischief, assisted S.O. with two auto theft suspects, one disorderly conduct, two telephone harassments, one criminal trespass, with forty-five warnings and sixty-six citations. By general consent the council approved the report as presented.

Bob Hill, Municipal Judge, met with the council to give the monthly judge's report. He reported sixty-six citations with thirty-three remaining outstanding. He also reported sixteen reminder letters being sent. There are nine citations outstanding for December, four for November, and two for October. By general consent the council approved the report as presented.

Keith Lawrence met with the council to ask for their approval on the hiring of Debbie Gosnell as the Economic Development Director. Joe Ingram moved to accept Ms. Gosnell appointment as director. Edwin Weiss seconded and motion carried. Mr. Lawrence also informed the council that Mike Mayo, owner of Colonial Oaks Nursing Home, has plans to build a new facility and has asked the EDC for approximately five acres of land out of the Industrial Park Land the EDC owns. He recommended to the council that this land be given to Mr. Mayo, pending survey of the property. Edwin Weiss moved to grant up to five acres for this project. Joe Ingram seconded and motion was carried. Keith also discussed with the council

that in July of 2000 the council had said that once a business had committed to build on the property the city would run the water and sewer to the property line. He asked if the council would still consider doing so. The council assured Mr. Lawrence they would install the necessary infrastructure to the property line.

Greg Turner met with the council to discuss the park next to City Hall. He presented the council with Phase I and Phase II of the park project. James Nichols moved to begin the project with approval of Phase I. Edwin Weiss seconded and motion carried.

James Nichols ask the council to consider allowing the Cross Plains Public Library the use of the back portion of the Senior Citizens Center (which currently used for storage) for storage of items at the Library when construction begins on the roof. He also stated that they might not need much of the area, but did not want to move the items more than necessary. Debbie Gosnell is to contact Julene Franke concerning the matter.

Jerry Cassle moved to pay the bills. Edwin Weiss seconded and motion carried.

Joe Ingram moved to go into executive session at 7:55 p.m. James Nichols seconded and motion carried.

Debbie Gosnell presented the council with her recommendations concerning personnel. Discussion was held at length concerning personnel. Joe Ingram moved to return to open meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Jerry Cassle moved to accept Debbie Gosnell's resignation to the board of Economic Development Corporation to accept the position as director. Edwin Weiss seconded and motion carried.

By general consent the council made amendments to the budget and tabled the matter until the next regular meeting.

Edwin Weiss moved to adjourn. Joe Ingram seconded and motion carried.

Ray Purvis, Mayor
ATTEST:
Debbie Gosnell, Secretary

Tuesday, March 12, 2002
Republican Primary Election
Callahan County Polling Places
 Precinct #1 & #6, Clyde Lions Club Building
 Precinct #2, Eula Lions Club Building
 Precinct #3 & #5, Baird Activity Center in Baird
 Precinct #4, Cross Plains Community Center
 Precinct #7, Oplin Community Center



- FEBRUARY 15**
 Jimmy Riffe
 Wanda Woody
 Allen Philips
 Don Wayne Vaughn
 Pamela (Glover) Smith
 Warren Dwane Cunningham
 Madeline Stone
 Linda Shults
 Judy Peninger
 Anna (Bomar) Coe
 Scott Ricci
 Larry Hinten
 Dorice Miller

- FEBRUARY 18**
 Michael Havner
 Joe Atwood Watson
 Sherri Neal Riney
 Joe Anderson
 Donnel Lutgens
 Lamar Gregg
 Vikie Goble Williams
 Mrs. W.E. Thompson
 Joe Simpson
 Mrs. Wayne Brown
 Edna Estell Wilson
 Margie Wright
 Larry Wright
 Sara Wells

- FEBRUARY 16**
 Mrs. Donald Porter
 Weldon Robertson
 Chuck Letney
 James Reynolds
 Bill Holland
 Buck Kelly
 Maeola Johnson
 Grady Scott
 Lynn Vaught Hix
 Mrs. A.E. Brown
 Shiloh Morris

- FEBRUARY 19**
 William S. Stroop
 Sidney Newton
 Earl Baker
 Mrs. Lloyd Boyle
 Mrs. Willie Henderson
 Mrs. George Champam
 Steve Furry
 Denise Holmans

- FEBRUARY 17**
 Margaret Grissom
 N.L. Long, Jr.
 Janece Hutchins
 Judy Cavanaugh
 George Cowan
 Norma Jean Evans
 Don Needham
 Mrs. J.L. King
 Douglas Ingram
 Billy Melton
 Thelma Rogers
 Greg Irwin
 Ventura Monreal
 Taylor Chew

- FEBRUARY 20**
 Patty Pennell Heffley
 Gay (Vaught) Fields
 Randy Hartman
 Gene Rhodes
 Lee E. Morris, Jr.
 Deborah (Allen) Thomas
 Stefani Brooks
 Candi Taylor
 Renee Atchley

- FEBRUARY 21**
 Mrs. Lorene Arledge
 Ted McKeehan
 J.B. Perry
 Sharon Archer Merry
 Mrs. Bobby Dillard
 Cliff Waddell
 Glenda (Evans) Tidwell
 Mikayla Ann Hilburn
 Katrina Mireles

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from February 3, 2002 through February 9, 2002 include:

- Cases Investigated**
Warnings-57
Complaints-42
- Vehicle Accidents**
There was one vehicle accident investigated during this time span.
- People Arrested On Outstanding Warrants**
There were 21 outstanding warrants issued for a total of \$6,610.00 collected.

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