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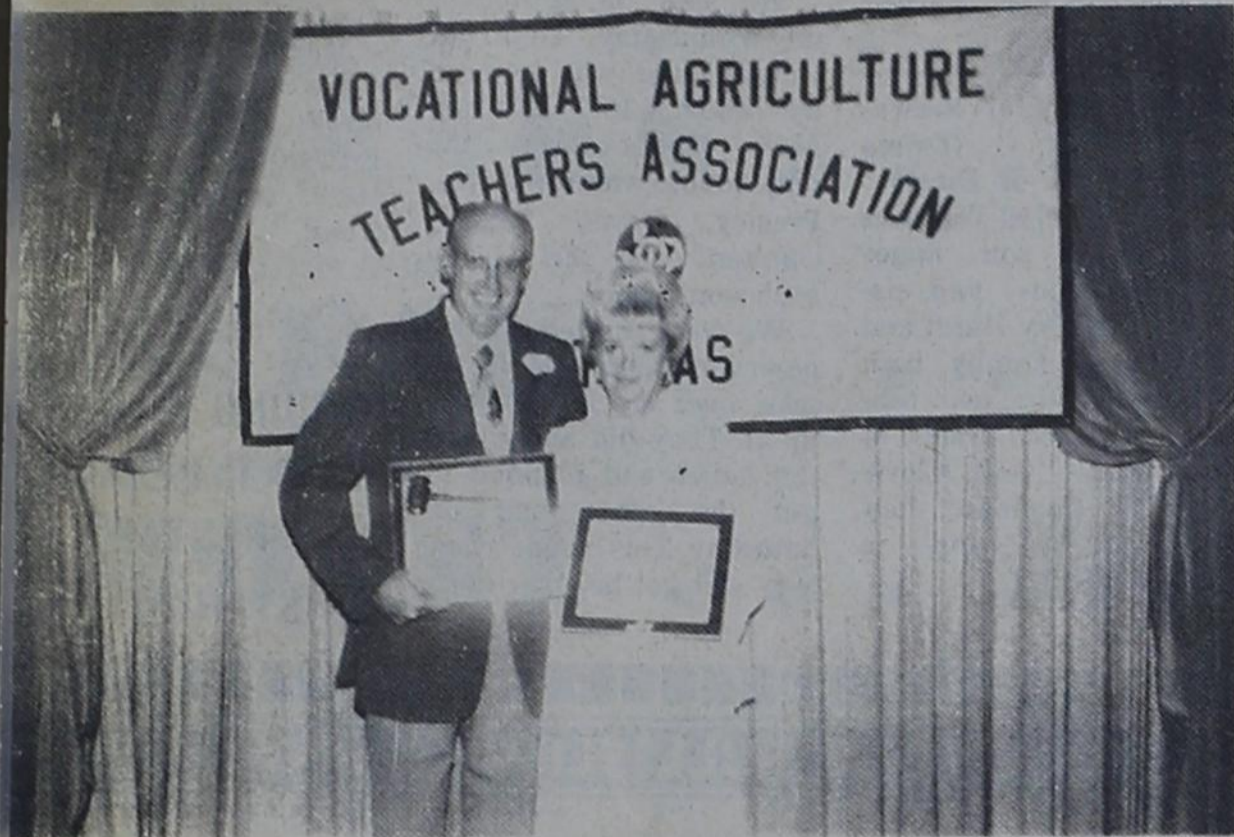
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Dick and Joann Vestal of Baird are being presented Distinguished Service Awards from the Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas U. D. Adams, Austin, Vice-President of the organization. Mr. Vestal is completing his year as President of the Association. Annual Awards program was held in Dallas, August 2, 1977, in the Baker Hotel.



BILL GUNN, Superintendent of Baird ISD and GERALD JENNINGS, Principal of Baird High School, were presented the Distinguished Service Award of the Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas by Dick Vestal of Baird, President of the organization. The awards were presented at the annual awards program in Dallas, August 2, 1977, for their dedicated service as School Administrators.

Clyde Youth Drowns Wednesday

CLYDE—A search began Wednesday evening, August 3rd, for a 16-year-old Clyde youth drowned in the Clyde Lake. Swimming companions reported to law officials, that Ronnie Bodine, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Bodine, had started swimming toward shore, when several heard him yell for help.

An immediate search to find him ended and dragging operations began. Callahan County Law Officials, Clyde Fire Department, and volunteers, began searching for young Bodine. After about a 20 hour search, Callahan County Sheriff Bill Skinner, Howard Bredehoft, and Billy Works from Comanche rescued the body.

Justice of the Peace Lee Savell stated cause of death as accidental drowning. Ronnie would have been a junior at Clyde High School this fall.

Services were at 2 p.m. Saturday, August 6, at First Baptist Church in Clyde. The Rev. Riley Fugitt officiated. Burial was in Clyde Cemetery.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Bodine of Route 2, Clyde; a brother, Kenneth Ray of Abilene; two sisters, Vicki Lynn of Clyde and Frances of Fort Gordon, Ga.; paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Williams Bodine of Post; and maternal grandmother, Ruth Seltz of Clyde.

Stovall - Elliott Win Baird Tennis Tourney

BAIRD - Donny Stovall and Elizabeth Elliott teamed up to capture first place in the Baird Mixed Doubles Tournament. The team of Stovall-Elliott defeated Kevin Smith and Cathy Dyer in the finals. Tommy and Debbie Varner took third place while Trey and Cindy Dyer won the consolation bracket.

Complete results follow:

First Round—

Danny Hicks - Brenda Akers def. Frankie Rodriguez- Shelia Smauley 3-6;6-3;7-6

Second Round—

Kevin Smith- Cathy Dyer def. Jim Pate- Lana Pate 6-0;6-0
Tommy Varner- Debbie Varner def. Gary Goble- Julie Tollett 7-5;4-6;6-4

Eddie Tom Walker -Sandra Carter def. Danny Hicks- Brenda Akers 6-4;6-4
Donny Stovall- Elizabeth Elliott def. Trey Dyer- Cindy Dyer 7-6;6-2

Semifinals-

Smith- Dyer def. Varner- Varner 6-0;6-2

Stovall- Elliott def. Walker- Carter 6-0;6-1

Finals-

Stovall- Elliott def. Smith Dyer 2-6;7-6;6-4

Consolation-

Goble- Tollett def. Pate- Pate 7-5;6-4
Dyer- Dyer def. Rodriguez Smauley 7-6;6-2

Consolation Finals—

Dyer- Dyer def. Goble- Tollett 6-4;6-0

Baird Band to Meet With New Director Monday

BAIRD—On Monday, August 15, at 7:30 p.m. the high school band and band parents will meet in the band hall to welcome our new band director, Deb South.

The band parents will provide homemade ice cream and cookies for the occasion. Following this the band will meet for it's first rehearsal of the year.

Miss South is a native of Clyde and taught in Olney, Texas, last year after completing her college work at McMurry. She has been busy this summer with her move and attending a band directors workshop and working on programs for our football games this year.

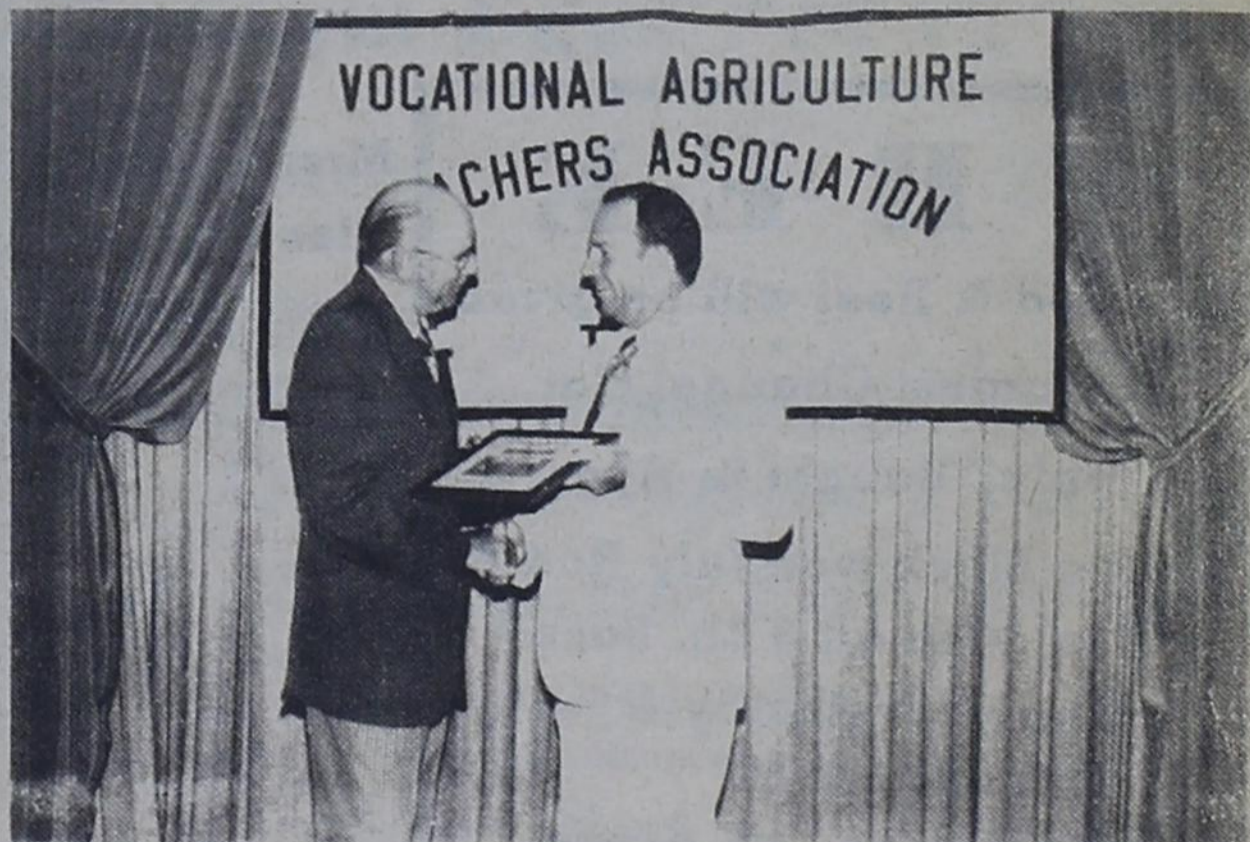
This should be a very good year for the band. Even though we lost several band

members through graduation, we have a good group of eighth graders who will come into the band.

Rehearsals will be held Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7:30. Wednesday evening they will rehearse, but will not begin until 8:30 so that everyone may attend worship services.

These initial rehearsals are most important so we, as band parents, would like to encourage all band members to be present at each rehearsal so that the band will be ready for that first game with Merkel on September 2.

Parents and band members alike are encouraged to be present on Monday evening to meet Miss South and get us off to the best year yet in band



JAMES TRAMMELL, VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE TEACHER, CLYDE HIGH SCHOOL, IS AWARDED the Distinguished Service Award of the Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas by Dick Vestal of Baird, President of the organization. The presentation was made at the Annual Awards Program of the Association in recognition of his work with newspapers in his area, August 2, in Dallas.

Large Crowd Attends Old Settlers Reunion

CROSS PLAINS-Saturday marked the 35th Callahan County Pioneer Reunion, and approximately 300 to 400 settlers from the county were in attendance.

Things got underway with Pop Whitaker and George Sadler providing lots of good country music.

Pop Whitaker, 80, was born in Rising Star, and took up fiddling at the age of 18, learning to play by listening to others.

George Sadler, 63, of Baird, delighted the crowd with several fiddle selections.

Many old settlers brought basket lunches to the reunion, and enjoyed their lunch with friends.

A rousing performance was given by the Buffalo Gals and group singing also highlighted the day.

The afternoon program opened with an introduction of guests given by Randall C. Jackson, James Paul Shanks and M.M. (Tut) Tabor.

Several old settlers recognized during the program were:

The Earliest Cowboy in the County-Blondie McIntosh, Baird

Earliest Pioneer Man-Judge J.R. Black, Abilene

Earliest Pioneer Woman-Mrs. Stella

Payne, Cross Plains

Earliest Pioneer Man with Continuous Residence in County-Fred Hart, 1889, Baird.

Earliest Pioneer Woman with Continuous Residence in County-Mrs. Payne 1890, Cross Plains.

Oldest Native Born Man-Blondie McIntosh

Couple Married Longest-the Jimmy Smedleys

Couple Married Longest with Continuous Residence in County-the E.K. Coppingers, Cross Plains.

Mr. J.M. Griffin of Littlefield and Ruth Blakely Barnett of Amarillo were the man and woman traveling the greatest distance to the reunion.

New officers of the Old Settlers Reunion elected for the 1977-78 year are: President-E.K. Coppinger, Cross Plains; Vice President-Warren Price, Baird; Sec.-Treas.-Mrs. Maggie Cook, Baird.

James Paul Shanks of Baird was the president of this year's reunion.

New members include: Mrs. Naomi Heyser of Baird, Mrs. Clara Cunningham of Baird, Mrs. E.K. Coppinger of Cross Plains and Mrs. R.B. Taylor of Putnam.

Eula School Calendar Told

EULA-Listed below is the complete 1977-78 school calendar for Eula. School will open in Eula August 25.

FIRST QUARTER

Aug. 22-24-Teacher Inservice/Workdays

Aug. 25-First Day of School

Sept. 5-Holiday (Labor Day)

Oct. 7-End 1st Six-Weeks(31 days)

Oct. 24-No School(Dist. TSTA-Inservice)

Nov. 17-End First Quarter (59 days)

Nov. 18-No School (Teacher Workday)

SECOND QUARTER

Nov. 21-Begin Second Quarter

Nov. 23-Dismiss 2:30 p.m.-Thanksgiving

Nov. 28-Resume Classes

Dec. 21-Dismiss 2:30 p.m. (Christmas)

Jan. 3-Resume Classes

Jan. 13-End 3rd Six-Weeks (30 days)

Jan. 16-Begin 4th Six-Weeks

Feb. 23-End Second Quarter (59 days)

Feb. 24-No School (Teacher Inservice)

THIRD QUARTER

Feb. 27-Begin Third Quarter

March 17-Dismiss 2:30 p.m. (Easter)

March 27-Resume classes

April 8-Teacher Workday (UIL)

April 14-End 5th Six Weeks (30 days)

May 23-Last Day of School (27 days)

End Third Quarter (57 days)

May 24-High School Commencement

May 24-25-Teacher Workdays

May 25-Elementary Commencement

May 26-Teacher Inservice

Letter From The Editor

This issue of the Callahan County Star marks the termination of my association with the paper.

I have served as editor of the Star for over two years, and have immensely enjoyed working with the people of Callahan County.

During the last two years I have received a great amount of cooperation and help, and this always makes the job easier.

I hope that during my stay with the paper, we have fully served all the people of the county and have provided the most up-to-minute news.

I ask that all the fine people of Callahan County continue to be helpful to my successor.

Again, I say thank you for a very pleasant 2 years!

Marla Tollett, Editor

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Mrs. Williams Dies Friday

CROSS PLAINS - Mrs. Carrie B. Williams, 85, of Cross Plains, died at 12:05 p.m. Friday in Cross County Care Center in Brownwood. Services were at 4 p.m. Sunday at Higgenbotham Chapel in Cross Plains.

The Rev. John Gordon, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Cross Plains, officiated. Burial was in the Cross Plains Cemetery.

Born March 23, 1892 in Santa Anna, she married Wilbur B. Williams on Dec. 25, 1912, in Cross Plains and lived all of her married life here. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. H.E. (Bur-

Clyde Nursing Home

Dear Friends,

We started our week with 11 exercisers. Then we had a Bean Bag contest with Mrs. Lofton getting a perfect score. Mrs. Harless came in a close second again. Mrs. Presley and Ed Lauw came in tied for third.

We had 7 bowl perfect

dett) Galloway of Brownwood, Mrs. R. G. (Emma Jane) Hopson of Dumas and Miss Ida Nell Williams of Austin; a son, Roger of Cross Plains; two sisters, Mrs. Henry Hardt and Mrs. Garrett Famby, both of Fort Worth; two brothers, Lindsey Tyson of Cross Plains and Clovis Tyson of Coleman; four grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

games! That's a record for sure. They were: Mmes. Davis, Baucom, Presley, Gabbert, Philley, Lofton and Eva Johnson.

Then our Yellow team got their revenge by winning both games of Dart Ball! (Get busy and practice Red team!)

We had 13 exercisers on Wednesday. Then our Bingo game was enjoyed by about 10 residents. Mrs. Matlock was the only double winner. Mmes. Presley, Davis, Philley, Gabbert and Ed Lauw each won a game.

We were thrilled for our new volunteers coming to take over in the Beauty Shop. They did about half the ladies and planned to get the other half on Saturday. This means every lady will get her hair done

every week. Many thanks to these ladies.

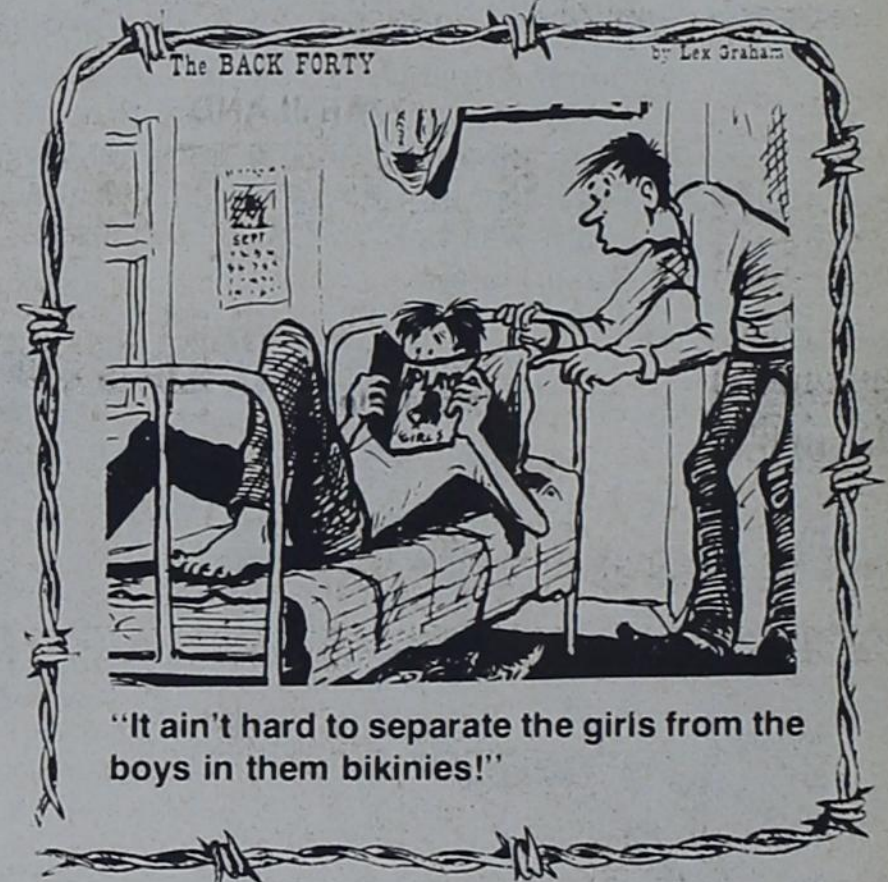
After exercises on Friday, we got right into our crafts project. We finished 2 wall hangings and let 2 residents pick their choice. Anyone interested in having a wall hanging is invited to come help. We will make one for each resident who helps. The we will try to take care of those unable to work on them. We hope to make enough for everyone to have one.

Have you noticed how clean our dining room is now? Be sure and tell Ed how nice it looks. He's sweeping it twice a day.

Love,
Peggy

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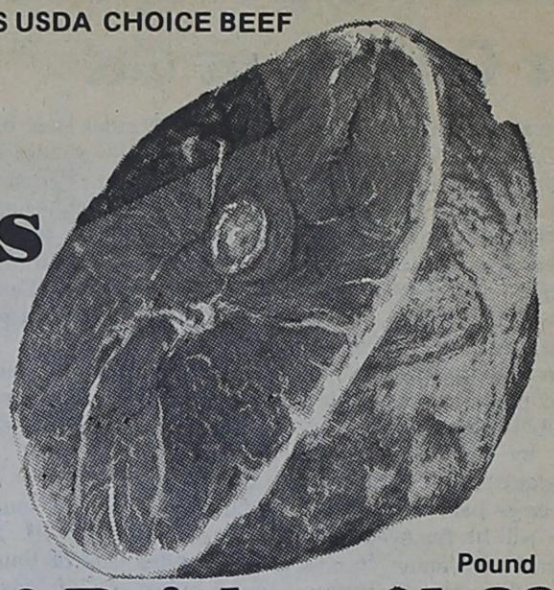
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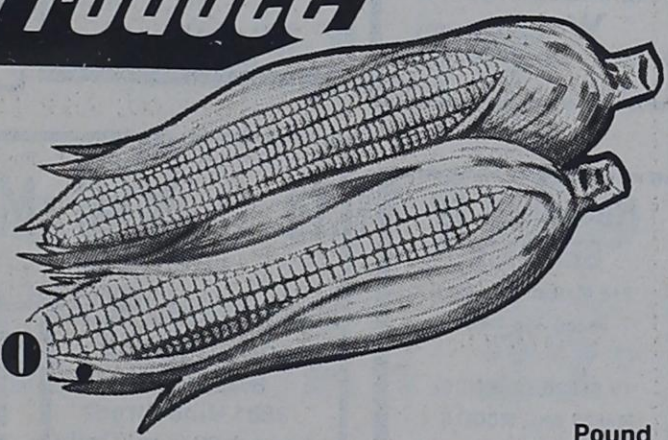


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Road Work Proposed for Callahan Co.

Work in Callahan County is included in the 1978 Special Rehabilitation and State Highway Safety and Betterment and Farm to Market Road Improvement Program approved by the State Highway and Public Transportation Commission. The quarter-billion-dollar program was made possible by the funds provided by the 65th Texas Legislature.

A large part of the program will be financed with General Revenue funds especially appropriated for this purpose with the remainder of the projects financed with state highway funds.

District Engineer, Roger G. Welsch of Abilene, said the work includes a seal coat consisting of a single application of asphalt and aggregate on:

(1) South frontage road on IH 20 from 2 miles west of Clyde to 2 miles east of Clyde for a total of 4.2 miles.

(2) The north and south frontage roads of IH 20 from 2 miles west of Clyde to 2 miles east of Clyde for a total of 4.2 miles.

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Baird to 0.3 miles east of Mexia Creek for a total of 5.2 miles.

(3) The north and south frontage roads of IH 20 from 0.3 miles east of Mexia Creek to the Eastland County Line for a total of 5.2 miles.

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(3) The north and south frontage roads of IH 20 from 0.3 miles east of Mexia Creek to the Eastland County Line for a total of 8.9 miles.

(4) The main lanes and shoulders of SH 351 from the Taylor County Line to the Jones County Line for a total of 0.7 miles.

Estimated cost of the Callahan County projects total \$204,700.

Statewide, the program provides for the improvement of some 6,900 miles of highways at an estimated construction cost of approximately \$222,560,000, with an additional \$4.3

million set aside for later assignment.

Approximately 68 per cent of the overall program will be on State and U.S. Highways, another 30 per cent on Farm to Market Roads, and the remaining 2 per cent reserved for future assignment.

The program is the first of a long-range program to restore the highway system to the standards Texans have come to expect, Welsh said. It is based on recommendations submitted by several district engineers and selected following a statewide assessment of highway needs.

Course Ended For Maj. Hogan

KANSAS-Army Reserve Major Winford H. Hogan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin H. Hogan, Route 1, Winters, Tex., recently completed the command and general staff officer course, nonresident-resident, at the U. S. Army Command and General Staff College (CGSC), Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas.

The graduates complete the first half of the course by correspondence or through U. S. Army Reserve School attendance. They then attend a period of resident instruction at the CGSC.

The course is designed to prepare selected officers for high positions at division and command levels.

Maj. Hogan received an M.Ed. degree from Abilene Christian University, Abilene, in 1962. He is a high school principal with Clyde Public Schools. He and his wife, Patsy, live at 114 S. Ridgeway, Clyde.

Alexander Rites Held Monday

BAIRD-Virgie Lee Alexander, 81, of Baird died at 6 p.m. Sunday at the Golden Holiday Nursing Home in Baird. Services were at 11 a.m. Monday in Morgan-Hargrove Funeral Chapel.

The Rev. Wayne Shuffield, pastor of the First Baptist church in Baird, officiated. Burial was at 4 p.m. in Clifton Cemetery in Clifton.

Born Virgie Lee Turner on Feb. 12, 1896, in Birmingham, Ala., she married Bob Alexander on Aug. 12, 1911, in Aquilla. She was in the Air Force during World War II and worked at St. Anne's Hospital in Abilene for several years. She attended Hardin-Simmons University and was in the Queen. Ester Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include two daughters, Lanelle Matson of Baird and Bonnie Alexander Thomas of Waco; a brother, Jessie Turner of Salado; a sister, Mrs. John Moore of Houston; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Baird High School Football Schedule

September 2	Merkel at Baird	8:00 p.m.
September 9	Santa Anna at Baird	8:00 p.m.
September 16	Cross Plains at C-Plains	8:00 p.m.
September 23	Bangs at Bangs	8:00 p.m.
September 30	Roby at Baird	8:00 p.m.
October 7	Open	
*October 14	Albany at Baird	7:30 p.m.
*October 21	Anson at Baird	7:30 p.m.
*October 28	Roscoe at Roscoe	7:30 p.m.
*November 4	Jim Ned at Jim Ned	7:30 p.m.
*November 11	Hawley at Hawley	7:30 p.m.

1st Scrimmage - Rotan at Rotan - Aug. 19

2nd Scrimmage - Cisco at Baird - Aug. 26

*District Games

Adolph Poppel Succumbs Wed.

CLYDE-Adolph Frank Poppel, 83, of Abilene, died at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Shady Oaks Nursing Home in Abilene. Services were at 10 a.m. Friday in Bailey Funeral Home Chapel in Clyde.

O.B. Proctor, Church of Christ minister from Abilene, officiated. Burial was in Clyde Cemetery.

Born Oct. 29, 1893, in Milwaukee, Wis., he married Mary McGee Jan. 3, 1922, in San Antonio. He served in the Army in World War I.

Survivors include his wife.

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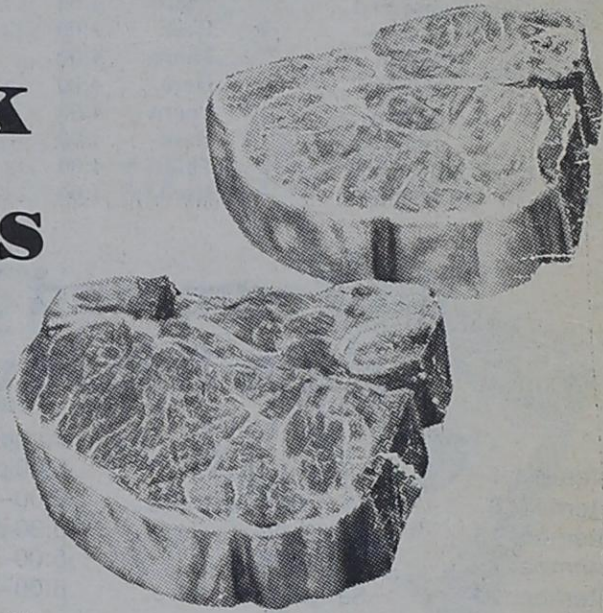
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Baird High School Basketball Schedule

DATE	TEAM	PLACE	TIME	PLAYERS
Nov. 15	Clyde	There	To Be Set	To Be Set
Nov. 18	Cross Plains	There	4:00	"A" & "B" Boys & Girls
Nov. 22	Clyde	Here	To Be Set	To Be Set
Nov. 29	Cisco	Here	4:00	"A" & "B" Boys & Girls
Dec. 1, 2, 3	C-Plains Tourney			
Dec. 6	Cisco	There	4:00	"A" & "B" Boys & Girls
Dec. 8, 9, 10	Baird Tourney			
Dec. 13	Lueders-Avoca	There	7:00	"A" Boys & Girls
Dec. 15, 16, 17	Eastland Tourney			
Dec. 20	Colorado City	Here	5:00	9th, J. V. Varsity Boys
Jan. 3	Cross Plains	Here	4:00	"A" & "B" Boys & Girls
Jan. 6	Lueders-Avoca	Here	7:00	"A" Boys & Girls

DISTRICT GAMES

Jan. 10	Hawley	There	4:00	"A & B" Boys & Girls
Jan. 13	Albany	Here	4:00	"A & B" Boys & Girls
Jan. 17	Jim Ned	There	4:00	"A & B" Boys & Girls
Jan. 20	Roscoe	Here	4:00	"A & B" Boys & Girls
Jan. 24	Anson	There	4:00	"A & B" Boys & Girls
Jan. 27	Hawley	Here	4:00	"A & B" Boys & Girls
Jan. 31	Albany	There	4:00	"A & B" Boys & Girls
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Feb. 7	Roscoe	There	4:00	"A & B" Boys & Girls
Feb. 10	Anson	Here	4:00	"A & B" Boys & Girls

"B" Team and Junior High Schedule

		Junior High	"B"
September 1	Merkel, there	5:00 p.m.—7 & 8	7:30
September 8	Santa Anna, there	6:00—8th	7:30
September 15	Cross Plains, here	5:30 p.m.—7 & 8	7:30
September 22	Bangs, here	5:00-7 & 8	7:30
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November 3	Jim Ned, here	5:00—7 & 8	7:30
November 10	Hawley, here	5:00—7 & 8	7:30

Immunization Needed Before School Starts

BAIRD-The parents of children who are entering school for the first time this fall should be aware of the state school law which requires that all children have certain immunizations before entering school.

These immunizations are a series of 3 diphtheria-whooping cough - tetanus (DPT) shots with a booster after age 4; three doses of oral polio vaccine with a booster after age 4; measles vaccine (Or a history of measles illness) and Rubella vaccine.

The Texas Department of Health and Education Agency are now recommending that a measles vaccine booster may be needed if a child received the measles vaccine before the first birthday. The family doctor can be contacted to determine if a booster is needed. The school is required to have a record of dates of each of these inoculations, therefore parents are asked to bring records with dates, so a copy can be made for school records.

A free immunization clinic will be held during the pre-registration, but parents are urged to have their child's immunizations up-to-date before that time if possible.

New students or anyone who hasn't registered, may do so August 12, 19, 23 or 24th. Also any kindergarten student who hasn't pre-registered, should do so on any of the above dates.

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2. Haga que todos salgan de la casa inmediatamente, dejando las puertas abiertas para que se ventile.
3. Vaya a un teléfono cercano y llame informando a la Compañía Lone Star Gas Co., y espere hasta que los encargados de la Compañía investiguen las causas y determinen si se puede o no retornar a casa.

Es muy posible que Usted nunca tenga que enfrentarse con escapes de gas, pero queremos informarle por si acaso le sucede alguna vez. Asegúrese que toda su familia conozca estas normas de seguridad. Le aconsejamos también que guarde este aviso como referencia para el futuro. Gracias.

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Williams - Akers Exchange Vows

CLYDE-Debra Ann Williams of Abilene and Ira Roy Akers Jr. were married Saturday at First Baptist Church in Clyde with the father of the bride, Bill M. Williams, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Williams of 525 EN 22nd Abilene. She was given in marriage by her brothers.

The bridegroom is the son of Mrs Ira Akers Sr. and the late Mr. Akers.

Mrs Mike McCartney of Brady, sister of the bride was Matron of honor. Barbara and Brenda Akers, sisters of bridegroom and Mrs David Williams were bridesmaids Dana McCartney of Brady was flower girl. Jim Dyer Windham of Baird was ring bearer. Herschell Gaddy of Liberty Hill was best man. Billy Bob Wilfong of Stephen-

ville, Robert Morgan of Roby and Leonard Fluitt of Poteet were groomsmen.

Ushers were Greg Taylor, of Lubbock, J.D. Ewing of Waco, Daryl Williams of Abilene, brother of the bridegroom.

The couple will live in Clyde after a wedding trip to Disney World in Florida.

The bride is a graduate of Abilene High School and attended Tarleton State University.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Clyde High School and received a BS degree in Agriculture Education at Tarleton State University.

The bride's parents hosted the reception in the fellowship Hall of the church.

The bridegroom's mother hosted the rehearsal dinner in her home.

Pesticide Meeting Aug. 16

COUNTY-A pesticide applicator certification training meeting will be held Tuesday night, August 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the Clyde Dairy Queen meeting room.

The purpose of the meeting will be to certify individuals to buy and apply certain restricted use pesticides after October 1977. The new pesticide law will go into effect on or about October 21. Producers will be unable to buy restricted use pesticides unless they are certified through

this training program or a home study course.

The meeting will last about three hours. Further information on the meeting is available from the County Extension Office in Baird.

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Nobles Get Yard Plaque

BAIRD. The Baird Garden Club's Yard-of-the-Month Plaque has been placed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Nobles, 142 Arch St. for the month of August.

This attractive corner lot yard, with well kept lawn, has a number of trees for shade; and new plantings of small plants have been placed next to

the house. Color is provided by red geraniums in life-size white ceramic swan planters. A vegetable garden at the back of the home is for utility and beauty.

Not to be overlooked at this pretty new home is a real well of water, a relic of bygone days, which probably was very valuable once to the original owners of this site.



COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT

Judge A.E. Dyer, Jr. presiding:

CRIMINAL DOCKET:

Pete Chavana, theft of property by check

Lonnie Joe Hawk, speeding

K. Thomas Hefner, speeding

Ronald H. Gilberath, speeding

Joe Frank McCollum, speeding

George L. Smith, speeding

William Watson Ranck, speeding

MARRIAGE LICENSES:

Ira Roy Akers, Jr., Clyde, & Debra Ann Williams, Abilene.

PROBATE:

Application for probaton

of will and issuance Letters Testamentary of Charlie Lee Smith.

Application of Guardianship of Jesse Lamoreux.

Robert Leo Foller-Probate B/cert.

Application for Guardianship of Tonya C'ne Goodman

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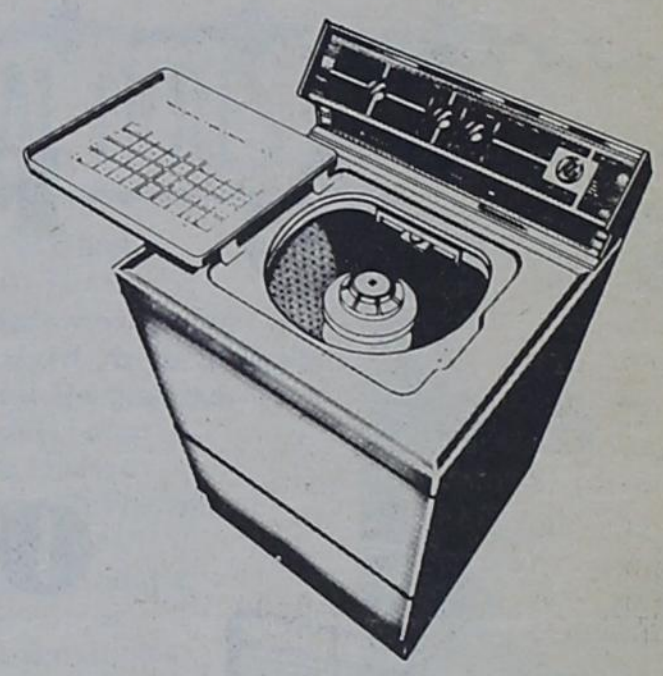
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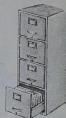
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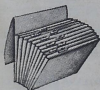
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Callahan County Located In HSA Area

COUNTY-Every person in Callahan County can have something to say about his or her health care. And every person can say it where it can make a difference. Citizens will be asked to participate in the Tri-Region Health System Agency's (HSA) planning and development process.

The Tri-Region HSA was created by Congress in 1974 under the National Health Planning and Resources Development Act. It is the consumer-oriented, non-profit corporation empowered by Congress to provide comprehensive health planning and development for this health service area which includes Callahan County.

Tri-Region HSA Board member Lulu Rodriguez of Abilene said that HSAs were created because the federal government believes that citizens should have equal access to quality health care at a reasonable cost. "Congress didn't feel that previous federally funded programs have achieved this priority," Rodriguez said.

"Congress said that HSAs should help solve four major problems in the health care system, Rodriguez continued. "Those are lack of uniformly effective methods of delivering health care, poor distribution of health care facilities and manpower, increasing costs of health care and most people's lack of knowledge of proper personal health care and how to use available health services effectively."

To achieve their pur-

poses, the HSAs are required by law to include consumers of health care, as well as providers, in their planning and development programs. The Tri-Region HSA will soon announced meetings and workshops which will be held for this purpose.

Overall, the HSA is legally charged to improve the health of residents in the health service area. This means increasing the quality of health services while making sure they are accessible and acceptable to area residents and that the appropriate services continue as long as a patient is in need. The HSA must also plan activities to control increases in cost of providing health services, and to prevent unnecessary duplication of health services.

To help achieve these goals, the HSA must prepare a five-year Health Systems Plan (HSP) and amend and update it annually. In addition, the HSA must produce an Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) which outlines projects and activities which will allow the HSA to reach the objectives of the HSP.

The Tri-Region HSA will be the organization reviewing the need for any proposed changes in health facilities in the area. The HSA will recommend to the Texas Health Facilities Commission and the Texas Department of Health projects and priorities for modernization, construction, and conversion of medical facilities and projects to avoid or eliminate

unnecessary duplication of services.

The question arises, how does the average citizen participate in the HSA activities? And why? First, consumers are a majority of the HSA Board members. Members serve two-year terms, and each year the HSA invites Board nominations from interested parties and organizations. The HSA also invites citizen comments on the Board composition and qualification of its members in writing and during public hearing. Second, all HSA Board and committee meetings are open to the public.

Third, all HSA records are open to the public. They are available in the HSA office and the HSP and AIP are distributed to all area libraries.

Fourth, consumers are invited to participate in the development and adoption of the HSP and AIP at several stages. A series of community workshops will be held throughout the area to gather citizen comments on what the area's health needs and priorities are. All Board and committee meetings held to develop these plans are open to the public. And drafts of the plans will be made available to the public for review and comment in writing and during public hearings before their adoption by the HSA Board. Once adopted, the HSP and AIP will be distributed to all area libraries so interested persons have access to them.

And fifth, consumers are invited to participate in the development and review of

each year's re-designation application which the HSA must submit to the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Why should a private citizen bother to participate? Because the Tri-Region HSA is the planning, implementation, and review organization for anything that affects an individual's health in this part of the State. It is the local group that can affect change. If the public says that Callahan County needs more doctors, more nurses, more hospitals or more nursing homes, this Agency has the responsibility to try to meet that need.

The HSA is committed by law to respond to public needs and requests, but the citizen has to make his views known. There will be the opportunity to do this in Abilene and Eastland when the HSA announces its upcoming workshop.



HOSPITAL NOTES

BAIRD - The following people were admitted to Callahan General Hospital last week:

Bernice Bryant
Lee Sevor
Ana Shawfield
Lucille Tankersley
Robert Poindexter
Joe Williams
Patrick Parrish
Loise Price
Anie Mae Murray
Will Collins
Violet Weaver
Rita Treadaway
Emily Shoemaker

Jarrel Hurst
Ada Chandler
The following people were discharged from Callahan General Hospital last week:

Minnie Loper
Lula Lusford
Shane McPherson
Loyd Duncan
Lenora Brandon
Mary Loper
Bernice Bryant
Lois Cooper
George Weeks
Maybille Cauthen
James Poindexter
Will Collins

Baird Nursing Home

BAIRD-The big event of this past week was the party Saturday afternoon hosted by Mrs. Blackie Hart and Mrs. Harry Hucklebridge in honor of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff McCleary's 50th anniversary. Some 52 people registered. Cake and punch were served to guests and employees of our home. Again we want to congratulate them.

Mae Ault came for ceramics Wednesday. We have several pieces made and they are for sale in our crafts room.

Norma West came Thursday and played dominoes with Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Lorene Brandon and Edna Whitt. We need some more ladies to come play, so we could have more than one table.

Friday we had a real

good musical thanks to John Tollett, Hiram Cook, and George and Pat Sadler. Everyone really enjoys the type of music these men play. Its really something to watch our residents tap their feet to their music. "Thanks men."

Our home was saddened in the loss of Mrs. Virgie Alexander. We would like to extend our sympathy to her family. She will be missed at our home.

The First Methodist Church held our church services Sunday afternoon. We enjoyed the service and the large number of people who came.

We are needing double knit scraps here at our home. If you have scraps you have no need for, please bring them by. We always can use them.

See you next week!

Clyde Johnston Dies Tuesday



CLYDE JOHNSTON

CLYDE- Clyde Marvin Johnston, 80, of Clyde died about 7 a.m. Tuesday at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene after a three-day illness. Services were at 10 a.m. Thursday at First Baptist Church in Clyde.

The Rev. Riley Fugitt, pastor, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Sidney Cox, retired Baptist pastor from Abilene. Burial was in Clyde Cemetery, directed by Bailey Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 17, 1897 in Collin County, he married Euralee Barton Feb. 3, 1917, in Eula. He moved to Clyde from Montague County at age 17 and farmed in the area until he retired in 1970. He was a deacon at First Baptist Church. He was past master of Clyde Lodge 1056.

Mr. Johnston was a past worthy patron on Clyde Eastern Star 308 and a director of the Callahan Federal Farm Loan Association for 20 years.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, the Rev. Clyde M. (Mickey) Johnston Jr. of Huntsville and Perry Barton Johnston of Bakersfield, Calif.; two sisters, Ruby Taylor of Abilene and Sally Bagwell of Snyder; five grandchildren; a great granddaughter; and several nieces and nephews.

Cowan Rites Held Saturday



MRS. KENNETH COWAN

CLYDE- Mrs. Kenneth (Mary) Cowan, 63, of Clyde died at 2 p.m. Wednesday at West Texas Medical Center in Abilene after an apparent heart attack. Services were at 10 a.m. Saturday at Bailey Funeral Home Chapel in Clyde.

Clarence Snodgrass of Abilene officiated. Burial was in Clyde Cemetery.

Born April 19, 1914, in Proctor, she married Kenneth D. Cowan March 14, 1966, in Proctor. She moved to Abilene in 1934 and lived there until 1958. She lived in Fort Worth until 1972, when she

moved to Clyde. She had worked for the Abilene Independent School District food service. She was also assistant manager of the Hardin-Simmons University cafeteria. Later she owned and managed a hotel in Fort Worth. She was a Methodist.

Survivors include her husband, two sons, James Charles Venable of Canyon Lake and Marshall Lee Venable of Portland; two daughters, Janette and Minatra of Clyde and Janice Jones of Springfield, Mo.; two brothers, James Shelton of Brownwood and Jason Shelton of Copperas Cove; a half-sister, Iva Lee Layne of Gudings; 17 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

NOTICE

BAIRD-Dr. Howard Hollowell of Abilene will conduct services at the Baird Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning, August 7, and Sunday, August 28th, at 11 a.m.

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"When they came to Delfs-Haven they found a ship and all their things ready; and such of their friends as could not come with them followed after them, and sundry came from Amsterdam to see them shipt, and to take leave of them. One night was spent with little sleep with most, but with friendly entertainment and Christian discourse, and other expressions of true Christian love.

"The next day they went on board, and their friends with them, where truly doleful was the sight of that sad and mournful parting, to hear what sighs and sobs and prayers did sound amongst them; what tears did gush from every eye, and pithy speeches pierced each other's heart, that sundry of the Dutch strangers that stood on the Key as spectators could not refrain from tears. But the tide (which stays for no man) calling them away, that were thus loath to depart, their Reverend Pastor, falling down on his knees, and they all with him, with watery cheeks commended them with the most fervent prayers unto the Lord and His blessings, and then with mutual embraces and many tears they took their leaves one of another, which proved to be the last leave to many of them.

"Being now past the vast ocean, in a sea of troubles before them in expectations, they had now no friends to welcome them, no inns to entertain or refresh them, no houses, or much less towns, to repair unto to seek for succor; and for the season, it was winter, and they that know the winters of the country know them to be sharp and violent, subject to cruel and fierce storms, dangerous to travel to no places, much more to search unknown coasts.

"Besides, what could they see but a hideous and desolate wilderness, full of wilde beasts and wilde men? And what multitudes of them there were, they then knew not: for which way soever they turned their eyes (save upward to heaven) they could have but little solace or content and respect of any outward object, for summer being ended, all things stand in appearance with a weather-beaten face, and the whole country full of woods and thickets, represent a wilde and savage hew.

"If they looked behind them, there was a mighty ocean which they had past, and was now as a main bar of gulph to separate them from all the civil parts of the world."

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GARAGE SALE—Friday 8-6 609 W. 3rd, Baird. Childrens clothes, Christmas decorations, carpet remnants, childrens saddle, and much more. 31/1/p

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The Fillin Station in Putnam is now taking applications for full-time grocery personnel. Must have references. Male or female. Contact Mary Bales. 662-3963. 31/tfc/c

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WANTED—We can print anything from a business card to a full size newspaper. Callahan County Star, 211 Market St., Baird, 854-1008. 22/tfc/c

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WANTED

CAUTION—Read Slowly The money you save may be your own. Call 893-5985 or 854-1008 to place your classified ads in the Callahan County Star. 17/tfc

WANT—To clean houses. Monday thru Friday, 8 hrs. a day. \$2.50 hr. Call Delores Keith, 854-1496. 31/1/c

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Our sincere thanks to EVERYONE for being so wonderful to us during Loyd's stay in the hospital. You are a beautiful bunch of people.
Loyd & Mabel Duncan 31/1/c

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We wish to express our appreciation for all the prayers, flowers, food, visits, cards and words of sympathy. These will always be remembered. May God bless each of you.
The Family of Jim Hill Bolton Mr. & Mrs. C.H. (Buck) Wylie 31/1/p

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Trustees of the Eula Independent School District will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for the 1977-78 school year on Thursday, August 18, 1977 at 8 p.m. in the administration office at the Eula High School.

By order of the Board of Trustees of Eula Independent School District in Eula, Texas. This order was passed in a regular session on Monday, August 8, 1977.
Byron Miller, Secretary

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Trustees of the Baird Independent School District will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for the 1977-78 school year on Thursday, August 18, 1977 at 7:30 p.m. in the new Vocational Agriculture classroom at the high school.

By order of the Board of Trustees of Baird Independent School District in Baird, Texas. This order was passed in a regular session on July 14, 1977.
Bruce Williams, Secretary 31/1/c

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August Rushes By For Rowden Folks

ROWDEN—Already, August is one week old and that reminds us that the year 1977 is rushing on into history whether we want it to or not. It is truly a summer month here in this area. August many years ago, was summer revival time when crops were laid by and farmers had a few weeks rest. These revivals were regular as to time, which always started on Friday night before the second Sunday in August. There was always a lot of visiting during this special week and fried chicken was the main dish on most menus.

These fryers were not bought out of a store as we do now—but were dressed fresh, usually the day of the meal. Sometimes even catching the bird was a chore as there were times when the kids chased the chicken and tried to land him with a special hook.

Sometimes these meetings ended with dinner on the ground on Sunday followed by a baptismal service at a stock tank in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Harrell spent last weekend in Kingsland with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Harrell of Abilene.

Those visiting in the Raymond Gibbs home during the week were Mr. and Mrs. Garland Wells of Baird, Mr. and Mrs. O.C. Burks of London and Mr. and Mrs. Buren Burks of Abilene and Mrs. Ruth Barnett and son Jack of Amarillo. Mrs. Barnett and her son attended the old settlers reunion in Cross Plains Saturday. Also visiting in the Gibbs home were Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy West.

Raymond Gibbs visited his sister, Ruby Russell, in the Baird rest home Monday morning. He reports that Ruby is much improved since she entered the home recently.

Mrs. James Reynolds and Jim visited in the Billy Henry home during the week.

Misty Davis of Eula spent Sunday night with Tonya Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. N.V. Gibbs had a short visit with her aunts, Mrs. Jewel Swanzy and Anna Bell Tabor, in Clyde last Thursday morning.

Mrs. Richard McCleskey and daughter, Mindy, of Stephenville spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy West while her husband was away for summer camp with the National Guard.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Mauldin visited Mr. and Mrs. Barney Gibbs in Baird Wednesday night.

Mrs. Sterling Odom and Mrs. N.V. Gibbs visited Mrs. Lela Foster in Cross Plains recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Watson and Cody were in

Wichita Falls Saturday where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Dutch Watson and Becky and Michelle.

Mrs. James Reynolds, Jim and Janet visited the Pat McKinnon family in Baird Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Russell Dye accompanied her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sayre of Breckenridge, to Irving over the weekend to visit Mrs. Mary Sayre who is still a patient in the Irving hospital.

The Robert Watson family met some of his family Sunday at Lake Leon for a family reunion with two of his sisters, Mrs. Bill Beck and family of Jacksboro and Dinah Watson of Oxon Hill, Maryland.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mauldin of Huntsville spent Tuesday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Mauldin.

Mrs. N.V. Gibbs, Mrs. Tony Steele and children visited in the Walter Rose home in Cross Plains Saturday morning.

Mrs. Gene Mauldin and Mrs. Ray Boen visited Mr. and Mrs. Earl Haddock and Mrs. L.M. Simmons in Abilene last Thursday.

County Has New Specialist

COUNTY—Callahan County is one of the nineteen area counties selected to be serviced by an area Wildlife Damage Control Specialist (formerly Urban Rodent Control). Mr. Monty Benson has assumed the responsibilities as the Specialist replacing Mr. Terry Cluck. Mr. Benson is from Marble Falls, Texas, and will receive his MS degree in Biology from Baylor University this September. His thesis is titled the "Ecology and Taxonomy of the Resaca Rice Rat".

While working on his graduate degree Mr. Benson taught general biology and ecology laboratory classes at Baylor. He is married to Kathi S. Harmon Benson whom he met while attending Baylor.

He is available for education programs and demonstrations concerning the control of rodents and other animal pests such as skunks, armadillos and raccoons. Home demonstrations on rat control can be arranged (at no charge) for interested neighborhoods. Mr. Benson can be reached by phone at Area Code 915-673-0331 should there be any questions. Correspondence should be addressed to: Monty Benson, Wildlife Damage Control Specialist, c/o County Extension Agent, Old County Courthouse, Abilene, Texas 79602.

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AUSTIN—A quarter-billion-dollar state highway system repair, rebuilding and rehabilitation program received approval of the State Highway and Public Transportation Commission last week.

Projects spanning 6,900 miles of highways were made possible by additional funds appropriated for road purposes by the legislature this year.

Bulk of the work on 1,075 projects in 223 counties will be financed from general revenue funds earmarked for the purpose. The remainder will be paid for with state highway funds.

Extensive damage to the existing system due to severe weather conditions and a shortage of money in recent years made the rehabilitation necessary, SHPTC said. Cost of the work is about \$222.5 million. An additional \$4.3 million is set aside for later assignment.

Approximately 68 per cent of the program will be on state and U.S. highways, another 30 per cent on farm to market roads, and the rest (two per cent) is reserved for future assignment.

The program is the first phase of a long-range program to restore the highway system to top standards. It is based on recommendations of several district engineers and was selected following a statewide assessment of needs.

All projects are expected to be underway within a year and a half, SHPTC said.

Small Hike Proposed

A State Insurance Board consultant has recommended that automobile insurance rates be raised only 1.8 per cent statewide, as opposed to 10.1 per cent earlier projected by board staffers.

Charles Edwards of Dallas offered his suggestions at a board rate hearing last week.

The industry is seeking a 17.4 per cent average boost in rates.

The board delayed a decision for two weeks to make a careful study of the actuary's proposals.

Edwards noted that current rate formulas allow insurance companies 20 cents on each premium dollar for agents' commission and other production costs, but actual cost is only about 16.7 cents. Edwards was instrumental last year in holding down the increase by selling the board on automatic deductibles of \$200 for collision coverage and \$50 on comprehensive coverage.

Appointments

W. G. (Dub) Woods Jr. of Liberty was named by Gov. Dolph Briscoe as judge of the 253rd district court (serving Liberty and Chambers counties), effective September 1.

Briscoe named Albert (Neal) Pfeiffer of Elgin criminal district attorney of Bastrop County, and Carroll E. Wilborn Jr. of Anahuac to succeed Woods as district attorney for the 75th district (Liberty and Chambers counties).

The governor reappointed Mrs. Marcella D. Perry of Houston, John S. Shivers of Fort Worth and Mrs. A. Sam Waldrop of Abilene to the Texas Woman's University board of regents.

Col. Roland B. Harris of Austin was named deputy commander of the Texas State Guard.

AG Opinions

A city can adopt water control run-off regulations in parts of an aquifer re-charge zone within its limits and extra-territorial jurisdiction, Atty. Gen. John Hill held. In other recent opinions, Hill concluded:

Texas Railroad Commission can prohibit use of indemnity terms to limit liability of liquefied petroleum gas dealers for their rented equipment.

A transaction is generally valid in which a county hospital sells to a state or federal bank accounts receivable from its patients at a discounted rate and with partial recourse on the hospital for uncollectable accounts.

Comparable evaluation of data on hospital beds and furnishings up for bidding is public under the open records act.

A peace officer can arrest an alien without warrant where there is probable cause to believe an illegal entry has occurred in the officer's presence.

Short Snorts

Bill Pieratt, formerly of Giddings, has resigned as Deputy State Agriculture Commissioner and is expected to become state director of Farmers Home Administration, with headquarters in Temple.

Top aides to Gov. Briscoe, Ken Clapp and David Dean, have been assigned to duties as campaign manager and counsel-treasurer of the governor's re-election effort. The Briscoe headquarters already is functioning here.

1976 Co. Oil & Gas Production Told

COUNTY—The massive energy needs of this nation continue to grow in the face of declining crude oil and natural gas production in Texas and nationwide. Because of this, Callahan County's 1976 petroleum production was as important as in any year since production began in 1923.

Economic conditions within the county were improved substantially by the marketing of crude oil and natural gas valued at \$9.7-million and an industry payroll amounting to \$907,180, according to compilations by the staff of the Dallas-based Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association.

Jack S. Blanton of Houston, president of the Association, said, "The decline in Texas' oil and gas production makes it imperative that Congress adopt policies which will encourage more exploration and drilling in the nation's No. 1 energy state. This is a fact of the energy supply problem that President Carter has not dealt with adequately in his proposals."

According to figures from the U. S. Bureau of Mines, Texas' crude oil production last year was approximately 1,189,719,000 barrels, down from 1,221,929,000 barrels in 1975, and the fourth consecutive year of decline from 1972's all-time high of just over 1.3-billion barrels.

Natural gas production, estimated by the Bureau at 7,192,371 MMcfs, also was down from the 1975 figure of 7,485,764 MMcfs. Texas gas production also peaked in 1972—at 8,657,840 MMcfs -- and has fallen each year since.

Blanton said that drilling starts and expenses reached all-time highs in Texas last year and noted that this was directly attributable to a free market for intrastate natural gas. He also pointed out that a five-year lag time exists between increased drilling activity and increases in proved reserves.

Callahan was one of 200 Texas counties last year which produced crude oil and natural gas with a marketed value of \$100,000 or more, the same number as in 1975. The county ranked 138th in the total estimated value of petroleum produced, realizing \$6.3-million from the sale of 781,256 barrels of crude oil; \$3.4-million from the sale of 4.4-million Mcf of natural gas. Payments last year to owners of royalty in the county totaled \$1.2-million.


In addition to the payment of local school and county property taxes, producers in the county

also contributed to the support of state government through production tax payments of \$546,212, with \$292,174 coming from crude oil output; \$254,038 from natural gas.

According to the Texas Employment Commission, 142 employees worked in the industry in the county last year. These direct employment figures do not take into account employment by the service and supply firms that support oil and gas company exploration, production, transportation, and processing activities and, as a result, do not reflect the industry's full impact on the county's economy.

The search for additional petroleum continued in Callahan County in 1976, with oil and gas developers spending an estimated \$9.6-million in the drilling of 189 wells, including 19 classified as wildcats. Some \$4.3-million of that amount was lost in 111 dry holes. The 78 strikes included 61 oil wells and 17 gas wells.

Processing also contributed to the county's petroleum-related economy through the operation of one natural gasoline processing plant with a daily capacity of 12-million cubic feet.



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