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BRISCOE, COUNTY

QUITAQUE, TX 79255

The Plainview Elks Club

will sponsor an area 'Hoop

Shoot' Free Throw Contest at

Coronado Jr. High School in

Plainview Saturday, January

The competition is open to

27, 1990, beginning at 12 noon.

all children ages 8 to 13 (7 year olds are eligible if they

will be 8 by April 1, 1990.) The

cost is free. The nationwide

program gives participants

an opportunity to test their free

etition, at absolutely no cost to

inscribed on a plaque at the

Massachusetts. Famili

There will be two divisions,

12-13 years of age. Youngsters are asked to wear tennis (or

Boys and girls in the 8-9 age group will shoot four feet

in front of the regulation foul

tact Mr. Shutt in Plainview at

For more information, con-

basketball) shoes.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 1990

Briscoe County Stock Show To Be Held Saturday In Silverton

The 1990 Briscoe County 11 a.m.-Dairy cock Show and Sale, Show, (Supt.-Larry Price Stock Show and Sale, sponsored by the Briscoe County Livestock Show Board, will be held Saturday, January 27, 1990 at the Show Barn in Silverton.

Students from Silverton and Valley Schools will be competing for top places and top bucks as they show some of finest stock in the Panhandle.

The schedule for events are as follows:

Friday, January 26, 1990
12 noon to 6 p.m.: All livestock must be in place. All superintendents are in charge

weigh-in. 8 p.m.: Board of Directors neeting at Show Barn. Saturday, January 27, 1990

8:30 a.m. Sheep Show, upt.-Joe Edd Helms) 10 a.m.-Steer Show (Supt.-

Larry Price) 10:30 a.m.Beef Heifer Show (Supt.- Larry Price)

12 p.m.- Swine Prospect Show (Supt. Perry Brunson) 2 p.m.- Swine Market Show

(Supt.-Perry Brunson)
4 p.m.- Pee Wee Showman-

5 p.m.- Brisket Dinner 6 p.m.-Premium Sale

The Sheep Show will consist of five classes; Fine Wool-Lambs, Fine Wool Cross, Medium Wool, Southdown, Grand and Reserve Champion Lamb.

The Swine Show consists

eight classes; Berkshires, Chester Whites, Durocs, Hampshires, Yorkshire, Spot-Polands, Cross Breds, Grand and Reserve Championship

Swine. The Fourth Annual Don Burson Memorial Herdsman Award, sponsored by the Burson family, and the Pee Wee Awards, sponsored by

Show Board will be awarded at the noon lunch to deserving participants of the show.

Youth supervisors are Curtis Preston, County Exten-sion Agent; Ronnie Miller, Silverton Vo-Ag Instructor; and Jon Davidson, Valley Vo-Ag Instructor.

Judges for the Sheep, Beef and Swine Show will be Burt Williams. Show Superintendent will be Mike Graham. Announcers will be Aaron Younger and Jimmy David-

Members of the Board of Directors are Mike Graham, chairman, Perry Brunson, Garrison, Kenneth Larry Don Price, Stephens, Larry Grag Ramsey, Helms, Wayne Comer, Grag Ramsey, Warren Lee Merrell, John Schott, Jack Graham, Doug Bradford, Donald Hughes, Billy Pinkerton, Bennie Bennie Hoop Shoot To Reagan, Bill Brooks, Jimmy Burson, Hand Baird, Joe Edd Helms, Randy Powell, Billy Farley, Wilda Fuston, Clint-on Pigg, Stan Price, and Ronnie Miller.

Briscoe County For 1990 Census

has issed a call for Briscoe throwing abilities against County residents to apply for others in their age group. Last temporary jobs.

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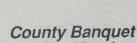
Census work will last sters from all 50 states chose area, and on one arm. He received one burned place on his face (from the zipper) as mileage for any official use of etition at absolutely no cost to

and take a written test.

The work consists of driv- Naismith Memorial Basketing or walking in designated ball Hall of Fame in Spring areas of the county to follow up field, on addresses that do not es of finaliss at district, state, respond to the census ques-regional and national levels tionnaire. Office jobs that attend the competitions as will be filled are those of Data guests of the Elks. Transcriber and Clerks.

Representatives and reof Legislative district boundries are based on census figures, while census numbers are used to distribute federal, state and

> assistance Continued On Page 4



Set For Monday J. B. Wheeler, Chairman Emeritus of Hale County State Bank in Plainview, will be the keynote speaker at the annual Extension Banquet Monday, January 29, at 7 p.m the Silverton School

Cafeteria. Mr. Wheeler, a long-time civic leader in Plainview, recently received the Industrial Developer of the Year Award from the Plainview-Hale County Industrial Foundation. He will address economic development in rural areas and how communities can promote them-selves in economic develop-

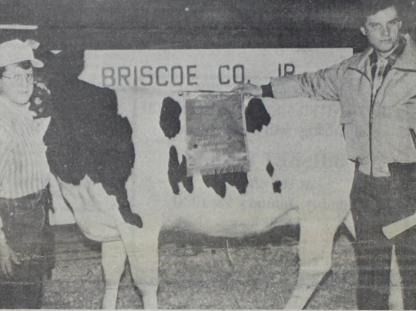
An Extension Supporter of the Year will be recognized, and certifiecates presented to members retiring from the Extension Program Council Executive Board.

Judge Jimmy County Burson will provide musical entertainment at the banquet.

The public is invited and all members of the Extension Ag Industries Committee, Home Economics Committee, 4-H and Youth Committee, Executive Board and their families are encouraged to attend

A meal of soft tacos and dessert will be served at a cost of \$3 per person. Reservations are required. Call the County Extension Office by Friday, January 26, and indicate the number planning to attend.

Support those Valley Patriots, attend The Briscoe Co.



Last year's winner: Bradley Price and his 1989 Grand Champion

Area Happenings Calendar Events

January 25 Triple L Club Nuevo Study Club January 26 Lakeview at Valley January 27 Briscoe Co. Stock Show January 30 Turkey Senior Citizens Valley at McLean February 1 Quitaque Senior Citizens

Items Needed For More **Window Displays**

Texas Horse Pads will soon be the location for a new display of military articles from any of the American

Some of the items needed for this exhibit are: Uniforms from various branches of service, medals, guns, hand grenade, newspapers, war chased overseas, V mail stationary, mess kits, discharge papers, dog tags, rifle cleaning kit, shells, goggles, maps-or any interesting memorabilia relating to the service. An American flag bearing 48 stars is also needed for the

Any item loaned will be carefully marked and a record kept of who each thing belongs to. Contact in the next few days, Johnine Morrison, Delene Tyler or Mary Stark to let them know what you have available.

The museum have become a real focal point in Quitaque but there is still much work to be done and new items to be added to existing

Family Cook-Out Turns To Tragedy

Michael Davis, 8 year old son of Gene and Jackie Lynn Davis of Fritch, received first and second degree burns Wednesday, January 13, 1990, at his home, as his family prepared supper on an outdoor grill. He was taken to High Plains Hospital in Amarillo treatment, and is currently receiving therapy at the Amarillo Burn Center as

Mrs. Rusty Matthews of Turkey, the Davis' were cooking on an outdoor bar-beque grill Flomot.

and had gone inside along with their other son. Michael remained outside. Thinking the fire was going out, he picked up a container of gasoline and poured it on the

The flash fire burned the youth about the neck and chest outpatient.

his burning jacket was being a private vehicle.

According to a relative, removed from his body.

Applicants for

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey of

As I See It!

By Thelma Gafford

Could you believe last Thursday morning's weather? Especially after the beautiful day on Wednesday. We awoke to the sights and sounds of thunder and lightning, which turned to sleet in the moments to follow, which turned to snow minutes later, then back to thunder with snow showers, then rain, and back to sleet and snow mixed with some lightning, then back to snow. Whew! No wonder we stay in a state of confusion. My days are usually like that anyway, but normally Mother Nature stays out of it. The much needed moisture was really nice, though. We all know how the weather is around here, but can't you just imagine what went through the minds of tourists passing through the area that day? They probably thought they were passing through the Twilight Zone.

The Stock Show and Sale is set for Saturday in Silverton. I'd like to wish all the participants good luck. I hope they all continue on to the B-I-G Show in Houston.

Workers Needed

The U.S. Census Bureau

between two and eight weeks to compete. Local winners

Applicants for the temporary positions must be 18 years old or over, a U. S. will be named, one boy and years old or over, a U. S. Citizen, have a valid drivers one girl from each age group. Each will receive a trophy,

license, a social security card and their names will

The Census benefits all boys and girls, and three Americans.

Reapportionment of the U. S. House of Age groups are: 8-9:10-11 and drawing local government funds tp provide assistance to

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY...

January 25: Mr. and Mrs. Howard Greene January 28: Mr. and Mrs. Leon Lane, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Eudy January 30: Mr. and Mrs. January 30: Charles Daniel

On The QT

E. L. Hill remains in Houston for radiation therapy. At this time he is tolerating and responding to the maximum treatments. He is staying with his daughter, Sheri Wooten of Baytown and a son Bob Hill of Friendswood, during his

HAPPY BIRTHDAY...

January 25: Colleen Stone, Jolene McBee January 26: Aaron Adamson, B. J. Robison, Todd Mills, Jeffery

Butler, Sam Audrain Butler, Sam Audrain
January 27: Brandon Stewart,
Wanda Calvert, Clara Ruth
Davidson, Douglas Payne
January 28: Jeffery Lane, Dollie
Irby, Don House, Billie Fuston,
Claudine Peery
January 29: Geral Daniel
January 30: Danielle Nicole

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Davidson
February 1: Joe Ike Clay, Joe

THE WOMEN OF THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of Turkey will be serving a

BRISKET DINNER

at the church Sunday, January 28, 1990 12:00 noon **Adults \$5.00** Children \$3.00

Obituaries

Adaline Hunter

Services for Adaline Hunter, 91, of Quitaque were at 2:30 p.m. Monday, January 15, 1990 at the assisted by Rev. Melvin Smith of

Burial was in the Flomot Cemetery under the direction of Schooler-Gordon Funeral Home.

She died at 6:15 a.m. Saturday, January 13, 1990 in Lockney Care

Center after a lengthy illness.
She was born in Howard County, Arkansas. She married Portland, Oregon.

Horace Hunter in 1919 in Howard
County, and moved to Turkey,
Texas in 1923. They were Vera Foster. He attended residents of the Turkey, Quitaque and Flomot area for many years. She was a homemaker and a member of the Flomot Baptist Church.

Survivors include her hus-band; a son, Wayne Hunter of Young of Roswell, NM; a sister, Penny Martin of Riverside, California; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Turkey Senior Citizens

The Senior Citizens of Turkey met Tuesday night, January 16, 1990, with 18 members and one guest present. The meeting was called to order by R. C. Gree prayer was led by Mr. Lancaster. R. C. Green,

Mrs. Green gave the finanical report and Margie Pinkerton took

blood pressures.

Games were played a everyone enjoyed the fellowship. All Senior Citizens are welcome to attend. The next meeting is set

> Tim Wiginton 423-1163

for Tuesday, January 30, 1990.

Scott Foster

Graveside services for Scott Clay (Sonny) Foster, 66, were held Flomot Baptist Church with the atl p.m. Tuesday, January 2, 1990 Rev. Nathan Mulder officiating, in Resthaven Cemetery. Elgin Conner, minister of Quitaque Church of Christ officiated.

Burial was under direction of Hampton-Vaughn of Falls, Texas.

Mr. Foster died Friday, December 29, 1989 in a Wichita Falls Nursing home following a stroke in 1988 at his home in

Quitaque schools, was a veteran of U. S. Navy in World War II, and was a member of Church of

His wife, Roberta, preceded

him in death.

Survivors include one brother
Jimmy Fred Foster, Wichita Falls, TX and four sisters, Betty Dockery, Winona, TX; Mildred Barbian, Springdale, AK; Shirley McKinney, Grapevine, TX; Vera Richardson, Locust Grove, OK.

Workers continued from page one

communities for housing, health and human services programs.

County residents interested in applying for the temporary positions should contact the Densus District office at 3501-H. W. 45th, Amarillo, Texas (806)354-3700.

The Bureau of the Census is an equal opportunity em-





__by Angie Smith
Th Valley Extension Homemakers met January 15, 1990 at
the Bank Room. Hostesses Laurta Davidson and Susan Pamsey served hot fudge sundaes.

Two guests and six members enjoyed a program given by Lana Burson on Lume' Self Care Nail Bonding System.

The next meeting is set for February 5, 1990 with Lisa Fuston and Debra Smith hosting.



Brent Cole Brown Mr. and Mrs. Brent Brown are proud to announce the arrival of their new son, Brent Cole. He

came into the world on January 9, 1990. He weighed 6 pounds, 2 ounces and was 19 inches long.

The grandparents are Doyle and Gelene Proctor of Turkey and Bennie and Myra Brown of Outtown Creek grandparents are Quitaque. Great-grandparents are Dean and Pauline Lane, Turkey; Izell Proctor, Turkey; Earl and Earline Whitaker, Quitaque; and S. C. and Austella Brown, Quitaque



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The public hearing will be held on February 5, 1990, 7:30 p.m. at Quitague City Hall.

All interested persons may speak at the meeting and present evidence for or against this proposal.

> City of Quitaque P.O. Box 427 Quitaque, Texas 79255 806-455-1456

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WANTED: State epartment of Highways and Public Transportation has a job opening in the Hall County Maintenance Section at Turkey,

Basic work involved is the neral maintenance and repair of highways. Experience in heavy equipment operation preferred. A Class B license will be required.

Applications will be received until January 26, 1990. Apply in person to State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, 1/4 mile west on US 62, Matador, Texas. See Mr. Clay R. Jameson, Supervisor. Exact job duties and salary will be discussed in interview.

Applicant must be age 18 or over and either a resident of Turkey or relocate to Turkey. SDHPT is an Equal Opportunity Employer. 33-2tc

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Please except the "heartfelt" apology for the inconvience to many who were unable to obtain tickets to the Hall County Centennial Style Show held at the Community Center, in Memphis Community Center in Memphis,

Texas January 20, 1990.

The pre-sale tickets had been available for the past several weeks, however, the Committee was unable to sell many until a very late date, then realized the show was over eald for the limited. show was over sold for the limited capacity of the Center.

The decision by the members was made at the last minute to seat those who had bought tickets To Steve Ulrey for patiently waiting with us at the hospital.

To Jerry Bob, Don and Steve early, then if places were available, additional tickets would be sold. for the ambulance run.

To all of you for the generous
Love Fund established at our

We regret some had traveled quite a distance and could not be seated. We had no idea the response would be so overwhelming.

Most of all we thank you for overwh your prayers for us. We value To your love and concern more than away, To those who were turned away, we pray you will understand our position and will plan to attend the events we have throughtout Centennial year.

We need and appreciate your

Sincerely, The Hall County Centennial Committee, Florita Branigan, spokesperson 34-1tc

words can express.

May God bless each of you is

Bonnie and E.L. Hill

34-1tc

CARD OF THANKS

To our many friends for your countless acts of kindness, love and concern shown us during E.

L.'s illness. Each phone call, card,

visit, and words of encouragement

has been so strengthening.

We are saying Thank You

NOTE OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to all our friends and neighbors for their help, calls, concerns, visits, and prayers during "Chick's" recent hospital stay and surgery due to a badly broken leg. We would like to give a special thanks to Larry Baggett and family for their special help, and a special thanks to the E.M.S. eam from Turkey, Texas who rescued "Chick" from a deep ravine, an carried him to a Lubbock, Texas hospital, December 17, 1989. 'God Bless All!

John H. "Chick" & Doris Smith

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All the cards, visits, food,

flowers and other expressions of kindness are deeply appreciated. H.G. Hunter

Wayne and Jimmie Hunter and family 34-1tp

I would like to thank everyone for all their concern during my stay in the hospital and since my

The cards, calls, visits, and Prayers, especially the Prayer Lisa Price has been released Chain of the Baptist and Methodist Churches were the direct reasoning for my recovery.

God bless each and every one Gladney Stubb is a patient at St.

Grady and Delene Tyler

ON THE Q.T.

Those who showed up Sunday, January 14, 1990 to wish Bill and January 14, 1990 to wish Bill and Bessie Sauls 82 happy birthdays plus 55 years of married life together were Miller and Eloise Walker, Blackwell, Texas; Mae Ross, Lubbock, Jimmy and Julie Ross, Canyon; Ella Colvin, Turkey; Jack and Wilma Yeary from Lockney.

Several pretty cards and phone calls, along with gifts were received.

"Getting all this attention keeps you from getting older," stated the couple, " we hope we'll have several more good years."

Gladney Stubb is a patient at St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock.

CAPROCK COMMENTS

scientific health experts would get their act together? They have now come up with the fact that Oat-Bran is no better than anything else in controlling chloresterol. You might as well eat wheat, barley, milo, crabgrass or Russian Thistles. They're all the same according to the "extensive studies and research" over a period of time. They do recommend, that if you have a stock of Oat Bran, keep it. It makes excellent grout for laying tile.

And, another; in the last couple of years, they've tried and almost succeeded in changing everybody over to decaffinated coffee and now they tell us that it loads us up on the bad kind of cholesterol and that we would be better off drinking the real stuff.

Now they also say that bacon and eggs ain't so bad. That the lack of nourishment they provide, the body can ill afford to be without, and they haven't come up with anything for a substitute of comes anywhere near the value of good ole ham or bacon and eggs and leve gravy and hot with red/eye gravy and hot biscuits and butter. It's a wonder that all these folks who have lived for 90 to 100 years, who never ate anything else, ever got old enough to vote. About all they have done with all this dietary stuff is put us at the mercy of the advertisers who ballyhoo everything doctors mention to the point of extremity...Us po-dumb folks could almost starve to death, just your-ears and eat whatever tastes good and if it don't hurt you, do it again! More people starve to death than poor eatin' habits! ****

Now, you're supposed to take an aspirin every day to keep your blood thin and circulating, but according to the health experts, there are several things better than aspirin, and if you don't need anything at all, and ain't hurting, why on God's green Earth is it

necessary to take anything? Doctors ain't all that smart about everything anyhow. Remember

Wouldn't it be nice if all these those 100 that were marooned on an island and 65 percent of them asked for aspirin above everything else? Why didn't some of them ask for a rescue ship to get them off that cotton-pickin' island!

While we're on the soapbox, we might as well take a crack at those egotistical, self-important people who call you on the phone and then hang up on the third ring, just about the time you sprint 60 feet to answer. They must think that everybody sits within arms reach of the telephone, sitting and waiting for their call. Although, they are intruding on your time, they blow their top if you don't answer on the first buzz. Common telephone courtesy recommends that you not hang up for at least seven rings. That allows the answering person 30 seconds to get to the phone. Who knows, they might have their arm caught in the wringer! Phones are about the biggest nuisance of any nuisance of any convenience we have anyhow!

But, with over an inch of rain, snow and sleet, we're supposed to be satisfied with everything!

Wouldn't it be nice to be strong enough to rip open those plastic bags off the grocery shelf?!

Don't you just cherish the grammar, punctuation and spelling in this column. Hope the English teacher don't take it to of heart!

The Head of the Bankrupt waiting for them come up with Lincoln Savings and Loan outfit something fit to eat. It seems that you are about as well off to back-dollars to Senators, "To live outside the law, you must be

Father to mother about four-year old son, "Talk, talk, talk...That's all I hear from this

kid." Thank heavens he will be a teenager someday and we won't

That's -30- for this time, remember, politicians are like ships. The more fog they're in, the more they toot their horns!

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The following article by Joe

Heflin Smith is a reprint from the Cattleman, dated October 1952.

Mr. Smith is a retired school teacher living in Caliornia...

First of a series
The story of the old "F" Ranch,
often called the Quitaque, began in

1877 when a the herd of George Baker arrived in the Panhandle

country below the caprock, a few miles southwest of present day

Quitaque, Texas. George Baker was a San Saba

County rancher who had moved his cattle to Cimarron, New Mexico in 1872, but for unknown

reasons, left the Cimarron and landed at the headwaters of

Quitaque Creek. Fred Scott, nearing ninety, of Canyon, Texas,

who went to work on the "F" Ranch in 1881 said that it was the

best cattle country that ever lay outdoors. And Dick Walsh, popular manager of the JA Ranch for many years, put it this way: "Goodnight and Adair certainly

knew what they were doing when they bought the Quitaques."

To Dean's List

was a big raw country,

matted with rich buffalo grass studded with scattered mesquite, and dominated by Quitaque Peaks that loomed on

George Baker was not bothered with neighbors as his lead animal waded out in sparkling twisting Quitaque Creek for a drink after a long drive from the Palo Duro. It was a year before H. H. Campbell was a year before H. H. Campbell got the Matadors underway at Hallard Springs, a thirty-mile horseback ride to the south, and Charles Goodnight had only recently established the JA headquarters, some sixty miles to the northwest, and already had his eyes on the Quitaque country. A man had elbow room.

Baker cowboys tunneled into a red bank on the north side of Quitaque Creek, a dozen miles from its source, and fashioned three rude half dug-outs and called them "headquarters."

This writer has failed to learn of

any detailed operations of George Baker following his entry into the Quitaque section, but some place along the line, he took on a partner because history records trans-actions of George Baker and O. J. Wiren, known as the Baker-Wiren Ms Farley Named

got fat, that cowboys rode hard after the "F" cattle and thrilled at the sleek herds of antelope that bounded easily through the fine Suzie Farley has been named to the Dean's Honor List at South Plains College at Als

List at South Plains College at Lubbock, where second semester Radiology.

Ms. Farley has been Scollege at Also, two other men moved into the spotlight of "F" Ranch history, Kellogg and McCoy, who had, perhaps, only a financial interest in the "F" herd.

of Instruction, at South claim to the land along the Plains, for her outstanding Quitaque Creek, records for academic accomplishments She is a former graduate of valley High School. She is the the lonely, and it's likely that Baker and Goodnight had an agreement

of coming civilization, convinced his associate, John Adair, that the JA must mass more land--much more land-if it was to maintain its prestige as a fast growing ranch. With that in mind, Goodnight started looking for more land and cattle. Naturally, he grazed toward the Quitaque.

Sometime in 1880, Goodnight closed the deal for the "F" cattle, negotiating, according to some historians, with Wiren, Kellogg, and McCoy. Baker's name was and McCoy. Bakers name was not mentioned; however, a biography of early day cattlemen in Texas, published in 1895 in a recent interview with George Baker recites that he sold direct to Goodnight. At any rate, Baker faded from the West Texas cattle scene, and Charles Goodnight and John Adair loomed larger on the

beef horizon than ever before. Charles Goodnight, acting for the Adairs, bought close to twenty-five hundred head of cattle bearing the "F" brand--often called the "Lazy F"-- on the left sode and hip, and close to one hundred twenty-five thousand acres of rich Panhandle grass. Goodnight bought railroad land and as the purchased sections were joined by State sections, which he used by lease, the ranch was doubled in size and was located in Floyd, Motley, Briscoe and Hall Counties

Goodnight paid all the way from twenty cents per acre upward for the grass. In 1883, records say that he paid Gunter and Munson one dollar per acre for a good sized spread in Floyd County and, a few years later, went as high as eight hundred

fifty dollars per section. However, Panhandle land was still cheap and hard to sell. Once, John Pope, Alone about 1880, Charles owner of the Shoe Bar Ranch, Goodnight, realizing that ranchers must own their own land in view tried to sell him a few sections of land. "If you'll contract to buy this land," Pope said, "you won't have to put up a single penny, and I'll make the first note come due the day after your finest."

As soon as the deal for the Quitaque Ranch was closed, Goodnight placed John Farrington, veteran cattleman, in charge, and within a short time moved down the creek a few miles and built new headquarters. Fred Scott recalls that headquarters then consisted of four half dug-outs with a small round corral for penning saddle horses. However, it was not long until a frame house was completed with a set of typical "Goodnight" corrals that stood for half a century against the ravages of West Texas weather. Recently the old house was replaced with a modern structure.

oscar Stroup, well known rancher of Quitaque, who came to the ranch in '98 with Hank Cresswell and Tony Day, had pictures made of the house before it was replaced. "I couldn't stand to see that house torn down without see that house torn down without getting pictures," Stroup said. "I had such good times there and it was my only home for several

Joe Horn, said by all the timers Joe Horn, said by all the timers to be as good a cowman as ever pulled on a pair of tight boots, was among the first wagon bosses for Goodnight on the Quitaque. Horn was only a young man when he entered the cattle country, spending his twenty-first birthday, according to Hiram Sweeney, in Pole Canyon, near the foot of Quitaque Peaks.

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