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Carolyn's Corner

By Carolyn Glover

The following poem was contributed to this column by Jesse Kelly of this city.

TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE JESUS CAME

"Twas the night before Jesus came and all through the house
Not a creature was praying, not one in the house.
The Bibles were lain on the shelf without care
In hopes that Jesus would not come there.

The children were dressing to crawl into bed,
Not once ever kneeling or bowing a head.
And Mom in her rocker with baby on her lap,
Was watching the Late Show while I took a nap.

When out of the East there arose such a clatter,
I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash!

When what to my wondering eyes should appear
But angels proclaiming that Jesus was here
With a light like the sun sending forth a bright ray
I knew in a moment this must be THE DAY!

The light of His face made me cover my head
It was Jesus! returning just like He had said.
And though I possessed worldly wisdom and wealth,
I cried when I saw Him in spite of myself.

In the Book of Life which He held in His hand,
Was written the name of every saved man.
He spoke not a word as He searched for my name;
When He said "It's not here" my head hung in shame.

The people whose names had been written with love
He gathered to take to His

Father above.
With those who were ready He rose without a sound
While all the rest were left standing around.

I fell to my knees, but it was too late;
I had waited too long and thus sealed my fate.
I stood and I cried as they rose out of sight;
Oh, if only I had been ready tonight.

In the words of this poem the meaning is clear;
The coming of Jesus is drawing near.
There's only one life and when comes the last call,
We'll find that the Bible was true after all!

Following are some hints that might help you housewives. I found them in a pamphlet that comes to the Review so rest easy they are not my ideas. They sound good and they just might work.

1. Tired of peeling carrots? Drop them into boiling water. Let stand five minutes then drop them in cold water. The skin should slip right off.
2. Partially filled boxes of dried fruits (raisins, prunes, apricots) keep their freshness longer if stored in the freezer.
3. English muffins freeze well but separate the halves before freezing for easier toasting.
4. To grate cheese more easily, pop into the freezer for 15 minutes before grating.
5. Keep adhesive bandages in the refrigerator. Their backings will peel off in a snap.
6. Treat leftover baked potatoes like this. Cut in half, scoop out, mash potato with sour cream, grate cheese, shives, salt and pepper. Return to shells and freeze.

Cross Plains Is Town Of Glorious Past And Future

By Jack Scott

As towns go Cross Plains is on the young side. A few days ago, though, the old hometown passed its 75th birthday. There must be a couple of hundred readers of the Review older than that.

This is sesquicentennial year in Texas, a time when we are being encouraged to look back upon our roots and be proud of our heritage. Cross Plains has had a great life, yet the future looms brighter than the past.

To reflect upon a few of the great days in Cross Plains history is right in tune with the Sesquicentennial theme. Let us, therefore, recall a few of our memorable dates.

Jan. 12, 1911: That's the day modern Cross Plains was born. Of course everyone knows there had been a settlement down on the banks of Turkey Creek before that but the village was unincorporated. On this day 75 years ago the Texas Central Railroad ran its first train here. It was a well-advertised excursion and scores of investors came for a town lot sale. Shortly after noon the auction began and a sandy clearing about where the big Higginbothams store now stands. In two hours \$77,000 worth of town lots were sold. That night Cross Plains city council had its first meeting and passed a

Editor Glover In Coleman Hospital

Benny Glover, editor-publisher of the Review, entered Overall-Morris Memorial Hospital at Coleman Wednesday afternoon with respiratory problems. He was placed immediately in intensive care and remained there about 36 hours. He was sufficiently improved Friday morning to be transferred to a private

room. It was not immediately learned when he would be able to return home. During his absence from the newspaper Jack Scott,

former local newsman, has been sitting in for him, with staffers Lee Morris and Becky Odom rendering yeoman service.

3 Hurt As Car Flips Near Scranton Fri.

Three Moran men were hurt Friday night when their car left Farm-To-Market Road 1964 one mile West of Scranton.

The injured are identified as Charles Michael Blue, 30; Orlando Aguirre, 27; and John Everett Porter, 25. The men were taken to a Cisco hospital before being transferred to Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. All three were listed in serious condition Saturday. Blue suffered chest injuries, fractured arm and ribs. Aguirre had head and

chest injuries. Porter suffered head and shoulder injuries.

According to DPS Trooper Robert Ralls, Blue's car was traveling east when the driver lost control on a curve. The car rolled over several times and became airborne, Ralls said.

Blue and Aguirre were thrown out, and the car rolled over them, according to the officer. Porter, in the back seat, was not thrown from the car, Ralls said.

The men wore no seatbelts, Ralls said.

Mailing Costs Force

Subscription Increase

An increase in subscription rates, to become effective Feb. 1, has been announced by Cross Plains Review Publisher Benny Glover.

"This increase is brought about by a raise of about 40 per cent in second class postage rates charged by the U.S. Postal Service to mail weekly newspapers", Glover explained.

The new yearly rates will be \$8 plus tax to points within 30 miles, \$10 plus tax elsewhere in Texas and \$12 plus tax out of the state. Price of single copies sold at news stands will be unchanged. It will continue to be 25 cents plus tax.

Persons who have received subscription reminders may renew at the old rate until Feb. 1.

gusher. Crude oil flowed high over the big, standard rig. Fort Worth and Dallas newspapers took note of the event and predicted another boom like that at Ranger. The automobile was just coming into wide usage and America had an insatiable appetite for gasoline. In two days the population here was said to have doubled. The price of ham and eggs at local restaurants jumped from 30 cents to \$1.50 and hungry men waited in line to be fed. People opened their homes to boarders and every spare bedroom was quickly rented. New hotels started building and it was not long until there were eight here. They were: The Grace, Alamo, Cross Plains, Kemper, Central, Oasis, Bennett and the Beasley. The Vestal well didn't last but it sparked a drilling campaign that saw great fields

discovered at Pioneer, Cross Cut, the Cross Plains townsite pool, Amerada between here and Burkett and the Grassroots pay near the present day dumpground. Some of these fields are still productive and contribute to the estimated \$40,000 a day being paid for oil and gas from the Cross Plains area. Yes, the Vestal well was a fluke but it brought in a great new industry and a lot of fine folks.

The year of 1945 contributed two red letter days to Cross Plains book of fondest memories. The first was May 7 when word again came that Germany had surrendered, Hitler had suicided and five and one-half years of bloody warfare in Europe had ended. There was still the matter of bringing Japan to her knees but with the Allied might being

Business Finances

On Sound Footing

Of the 65 cities within the area that Abilene calls "The Big Country" only one shows business conditions improving as much as does Cross Plains. This startling statistic was revealed in a statement of Sales Tax Rebates recently released from the office of State Comptroller Bob Bullock in the state capitol at Austin. The report covered retail sales during the month of November 1985.

Cross Plains and Coahoma in Howard County recorded

increases of well over 80 per cent when compared with the same period of the year before. Most cities in the 17-county Big Country region recorded losses, indicating retail sales on the decline.

The state rebate to the city of Abilene was 6.13 per cent below the check received for the same month in 1984.

Reports for 12 cities near Cross Plains or of approximate size were reported from the Comptroller's office as follows: Coahoma

\$1,405.65, up 87.07 per cent; Cross Plains \$2,679.58, up 83.43 per cent; Rising Star \$612.52, down 30.65 per cent; Baird \$1,042.21, up 31.92; Gorman \$1,334.27, up 35.85 per cent; Putnam \$733.24,

down 25.84 per cent; Roby \$619.41, down 14.60 per cent; Goldthwaite \$2,878.79, up 21.21 per cent; Dublin \$3,283.70, down 1.70 per cent; Clyde \$5,133.54, up 58.11 per cent; Bronte \$1,158.97 down 12.22 per cent in Bangs, \$1,235.94, no change.

Cross Plains enjoys some advantages that no other town in this part of Texas can claim. This municipality has not public debt, bonded or otherwise. Cross Plains levies no property tax, yet owns probably \$1,500,000 worth of unencumbered assets. A large percent of city streets here are both paved and well-maintained. Some people appear to have been doing a lot of things right for quite a while. Don't you wish the federal government was doing as well?

Varied Personalities Headed The Review During The Past 76 Years

By Jack Scott

It was a blustery April morning in 1909 when the first edition of the Cross Plains Review rolled off an old Babcock cylinder press in a little shop near the banks of Turkey Creek, in a village that was soon to move to the present Cross Plains townsite.

Belmont L. Shields, a swashbuckling country editor, launched the journalistic venture knowing that a new railroad would likely come this way in a year or so. He planned to be established and help build an important trading center. He even had thoughts of carving out a new county and making this town the seat of government.

Shields was right about the railroad. It came two years later and all businesses - including his - moved to the present Cross Plains location, to be near the depot. The new county (which

would have been called Ross) died aborning, though, and Shields lost his enchantment for Cross Plains. He sold the Review to L.P. Henslee and moved to New Orleans, where he established a humor magazine of national circulation.

Henslee ran the local paper until the early 1920's when he sold to three local businessmen: Tom Bryant, an independent operator; S.F. Bond, a banker, ginmer and owner of the first electric light plant here and Tom Anderson, manager of the Higginbotham interests in Cross Plains.

Bryant more or less took responsibility of looking after the newspaper, however, he hired S.M. Buatt, a widely-traveled country printer, to edit and handle its printing.

In 1926 R.A. Autry joined with Bryant and bought the interests of Bond and Anderson. Autry became editor and took over management of the newspaper. Bryant, who was by that time one of the most active oil operators in this section of Texas, busied himself with other endeavors. Bryant retained his newspaper holdings,

moved to the Far East everyone knew that wouldn't take long. Three months and two days later Japan capitulated and Cross Plains joined the rest of the nation in celebrating the curtain-drop on World War II. It meant our fighting men were coming home at last. It was a day no living person would ever forget.

There have been many other great days in our town's history but the whole story can't be told in a single issue. As Texas observes its Sesquicentennial perhaps other tidbits of local history can be brought to the forefront.

though, and in 1928 he and Autry built the two-story brick building that has been the Review's home through the intervening 58 years. Shortly thereafter, Glen Adams, a local man who had begun as a printer's devil at the Review joined with Bryant in buying out Autry, who wished to open a printing business in Coleman. His two sons, Milton and Roy, continue a very successful, two-newspaper publishing business there until this day.

The newspaper continued under Bryant and Adams ownership, with Buatt again in the editor's seat, until July 1, 1930. It was at this juncture that Jack Scott, a 20-year-old man who had edited a college newspaper in Abilene came on the scene. He became editor and manager of the business and continued in that capacity until early in 1944, when he left to enter the U.S. army during World War II. During his absence the paper was continued under a lease arrangement with Clyde Bunnell, who had operated a linotype for Scott.

In 1946 Scott returned and ran the newspaper until feeling the urge to take a fling at the oil business, he sold to D.J. (Jack) McCarty of Rising Star in 1951.

McCarty served as editor and publisher until Jan. 1, 1960, at which time Scott returned to the Review as an equal partner. The two Jacks enjoyed fine relationship and good success. Scott served as editor and McCarty as business manager. In the mid-1960's the pair bought the Glen Rose Reporter and McCarty moved there to run that paper. Scott again took over the Review, however, both men were equal owners of both

papers. After a few years, though, McCarty took full ownership of the Reporter and Scott assumed the same in the Review.

Benny Glover, who had also started his printing career as a "devil" at the Review about the time he entered high school, had become a linotype operator and promising sports writer. When Scott acquired McCarty's interest in the Review, Glover purchased a 25 per cent interest in the business. The Scott-Glover team functioned well until the latter part of 1971, when Scott sold out and began devoting his time to cattle raising.

Glover has carried on the business the past 15 years, continuing to provide Cross Plains and surrounding communities with professional news coverage. He has never missed an issue, nor gone late into the mails.

Glover attributes much of his success to his little helpmeet, Carolyn, two capable and loyal staffers, Lee Morris and Becky Odom and an especially adept set of rural correspondents.

Old files at the Cross Plains Review office provide an accurate history of the Cross Plains country from Shields to Glover. They tell of births, deaths, successes and failures, of local servicemen who fought and died in many far-away places. They tell, though, many more good things about their readers than bad. They provide a picture no artist could paint.

The Review has long been the oldest business institution in Cross Plains and is as much a part of the local scene as Caddo Peak, Turkey Creek or the sandy winds that sweep Main Street in March.

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POLITICAL CALENDAR
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Tax Refunds Must Be Told To IRS

State Comptroller Bob Bullock Thursday said new Internal Revenue Service regulations will require his office to report interest payments on tax refunds. Bullock said the new IRS rules require the Comptroller to issue 1990-INT forms to any taxpayer who received more than \$600 in interest on tax refunds in 1985.

The Comptroller's office must also file a report with the IRS showing who received interest payments of more than \$600 on tax refunds.

Oplin Sector Due Deep Try

Estec Operating Inc., Abilene, will drill No. 1 Breeding as a 4,650-ft. wildcat one mile northeast of Oplin. Located on a 160-acre lease, it spots 2,019 feet from the north, 1,841 feet from the west lines of G.W. Denton Survey 375, A-149.

Lakewood Members To Meet Jan. 28th

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U.F. Will Choose Slate Of Officers

All officers and directors of the United Fund will meet Wednesday, Jan. 22, at 3 p.m. at City Hall.

The slate of business consists of election of four directors for 3 year terms and also the election of officers for this year.

Anyone interested is asked to meet with them at that time.

Song Session Is Postponed

The regular fourth Friday night singing at the home of Rev. and Mrs. E.J. Hierholzer at Pioneer will not be held this month.

Mrs. Hierholzer said they do plan to have the singing next month and hope all of you that enjoy singing or listening to good gospel singing will make plans to attend.

Small Oiler Hit Near Cross Cut

Harvest Operating Co. Inc., Cisco, completed No. 5 Chambers in the regular field three miles southeast of Cross Cut.

The oiler is located 1,266 feet from the north, 2,559 feet from the east lines of Greenberry Logan Survey 147.

During the daily potential test the well pumped 12 barrels of 40-gravity oil, three barrels of water, from perforations at 1,303-09 feet. The pay was treated with 50 gallons of acid. Operator set the 4 1/2 inch casing at 1,349 feet, and the well is bottomed at 1,361 feet. Top of the Cross Cut was called at 1,300 feet.

Happy Birthday

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Elvin Hutchins
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Bryan
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Beverly Hollis
Travis Renfro

JANUARY 28
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Tommy Brown
Mrs. Albert Lovell
Mrs. Ruben Beyeu
Chuck Pennell

PERSONALS
Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. M.F. Dill this past week were Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Cade, Wanda Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Thompson, Alton McCowen, Raymond McCowen, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lane, Jay Kirkham, Ella Dean, L.A. Richardson and Blanche Moore all of this community. Out of town visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Jagers of Abilene, Dorothy McKinney of Cisco and Jackie Tucker of Carbon.

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Hospital Notes

Mrs. Lillie Mae Wilks, who has been a patient in Humana Hospital in Abilene for several weeks, is reported to be improving, however, it is not known when she will be able to return home. She in room 224.

N.V. (Voncille) Gibbs of the Rowden Community, entered Humana Hospital Monday, January 13, as a medical patient. It is reported that he will possibly undergo surgery the first of the week. His room number is 527.

Oil Test Set At Cross Cut

Vintage Oil & Gas Co., Austin, plans No. 1 J.D. Smelly in the regular field one mile north of Cross Cut. The planned 1,900-foot venture is located on a 153-acre lease 3,390 feet from the north, 1,620 feet from the west lines of W.B. Travis Survey 146.

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Valentine Pageant Set For Feb. 8 At School

The annual Miss Valentine pageant will be held Saturday night Feb. 8, starting at 7 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.

Pringle Welding To Have New Building

This is the seventh year for

W.C. (Carroll) Pringle plans new quarters for his welding business on State Highway 36, just inside the Cross Plains city limits. He will begin construction soon on a building just west of his present shop. The premises now being occupied by Pringle will become a warehouse for Frank Robertson's expanding wholesale tire business.

Junior High Cagers Sparkle In Gorman And May Contests

Both boys and girls Junior High basketball teams participated in the Gorman PTO tournament Jan. 9, 10 and 11.

In the first game the boys defeated Gorman B 39-33, but were not as fortunate in their bout with Eastland losing 34-26. The local team was defeated by Sidney for third place by a 40-34 decision.

The local feminine squad fared somewhat better by posting a win over Borman B team by a decision of 24-22, but lost to Lingleville Saturday morning by a score of 52-25. In play for third place, Cross Plains defeated Ranger girls 17-8.

Monday night, Jan. 13, both teams traveled to May for a district game. Mighty Mites outscored the May team 37-32 with Chad Bagley netting 12 points to lead the

event, which is sponsored by Beta Sigma Phi sorority.

This year there will be five categories; Kindergarten-Miss Cherub, 1st and 2nd grade-Miss Cupid, 3rd and 4th-Miss Sweetheart, 5th and 6th Miss Heartthrob, and Miss Valentine will be crowned as the winner from the 7th and 8th grades.

Permission slips have been handed out to girls from kindergarten through 8th grade, and those wishing to participate need to have the slips signed by the parents and returned to their respective teacher.

A large number of contestants is expected to enter this annual event.

Make plans to reserve Sat. night Feb. 8 for the Miss Valentine Pageant.

Registration

Continues At CJC

Cisco Junior College's Director of Admissions, Olin Odom, reminds area residents that registration will continue through Friday, Jan. 24, at the Cisco campus and all off-campus locations. Though there will be no problem in registering as late as January 24, Mr. Odom urges those who wish to take college courses to register now in order to begin attending classes. Classes to register now in order to begin attending classes. Classes are presently in session and a minimum amount of missed time is beneficial to the student.

Students may register at the main campus in Cisco, at the Clyde Educational Center, or at the Abilene campus at anytime during regular office hours 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Ira Hall Turning 90 & Wants To See Friends Saturday

Ira H. Hall, former long time Cross Plains businessman, will celebrate his 90th birthday Saturday, Jan. 25, from 2 to 4 p.m. with a reception at the Multi-Purpose Center, hosted by his four daughters.

2 Gifts Omitted In Cemetery Report

Cemetery Report

In a recent acknowledgement of gifts to Cross Plains Cemetery Association published in the Review two donations were inadvertently omitted. The omissions were Jim and Carolyn Youngblood \$10 and William and Barbara Young \$10. The Review apologizes for the error.

Lawyer Tells Sorority Need For Having Will

Beta Sigma Phi Sorority held its first meeting of 1986, Monday night, Jan. 13. Nora Odom was in charge of the program, and had as her guest speaker, Brad Harris. Brad, a local attorney, employed in Baird by the lawfirm of Jackson & Jackson, gave a very informative and enjoyable speech on the importance of making will.

After a short business meeting, refreshments were

Blood Pressure

Clinic Set Jan. 30

A blood pressure clinic will be held Thursday, Jan. 30, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon at the Cross Plains Multi-Purpose Center. Dorothy McKinney, LVN of Abilene, will be here to administer this service to the public free of charge.

served to the following members: Pauniece Oglesby, Joy Dillard, Margaret McNeil, Nora Odom, Joyce McCoy, Debbie Childers, Ann Long, Dorothy Petty, Janice Phillips, Donna Merrick, Paula Kelley, Penny Seagars, Dora Smith, Pill Key, Sandy Callaway, Susan Sharpe and the hostess, Bobbie Johnston.

The next meeting will be at the home of Margaret McNeil on Jan. 27th.

Round Rock Will Honor Local Man

W.G. (Wimpy) McCoy, president of the Citizens State Bank of Cross Plains, will be one of Round Rock Chamber of Commerce's former presidents to be honored at an annual banquet of that organization Tuesday night, Feb. 10.

McCoy, who headed the Round Rock chamber before coming to Cross Plains in August 1976, was also chairman of that city's Industrial Foundation which was instrumental in bringing in a number of large manufacturers. Among them is Westinghouse Electric Company which built a plant there to make electronic equipment, generators and electric motors, employing several hundred people.

Mr. and Mrs. McCoy will attend the function, however, they plan to be gone from Cross Plains only a single day.

Library Notes

Twenty-five children, ages 3 1/2 to 5, attended the "Learn About..." program at Cross Plains Public Library Wednesday, Jan. 15. Each week Becky Lipstraw involves the early-birds in activities until 10 o'clock.

Then the roll is called, with each child standing as his or her name is called. Connie Swift works with specific developmental activities, both physical and mental. Among these activities, the children have worked on recognition of right and left, colors and coloring, and shapes. Later they will add days, months, and numbers. Films are shown every other week, with Arlene Stevenson planning film activities for concepts, attention span,

memory, and recall. On alternate weeks stories are told. Story-tellers have been Clara Nell Spencer, Becky Lipstraw, Connie Swift, and Juanita Shaw. Others are welcome.

Mothers in charge of books are Cindy Payne and Karen Richey. Others who have helped with books and refreshments are Debbie Childers, Annette Nickerson, Sheri Bennett, Debbie Gosnell, Donna Grissom, Lynette Gomillion, Janice Kelley, Brenda Brown, Penny Seagars, Sis Belew, and Betty Newman.

Other library notes: Membership: Betty Brown-ing. Books donated: Mrs. Bransford Eubank, Betty

Modeling-Finishing Class Offered Here Saturday

A mini-modeling and finishing course will be held at the Cross Plains Multi-Purpose Center Saturday, January 25, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for all teenage girls.

Included in the class will be makeup, poise, modeling, runway modeling and color analysis. Each girl will be individually evaluated and given assistance and advice to her own needs. The course will feature Patsy Kinsey, professional instructor of modeling-finishing and trained color consultant.

private training to girls preparing for beauty contests and competition. Assisting her will be Paula Kelley.

Fee for the class is \$35 per person. Class size will be limited and pre-registration is required. For more information and registration, call Paula at 725-6242.



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Lakewood Officers

Seek New Manager

J.W. and Jan Wright have resigned as managers of Lakewood Recreation Center, on State Highway 36, midway between Rising Star and Cross Plains, and officers of the club are now seeking a couple to replace them.

O.B. Edmondson, Lakewood president, said that the board of directors hopes to begin interviewing applicants within the next few days. Other members of the board are: Dick Grider, J.D. Green and Bill Porter of Cross Plains, and L.E. Allen, Glen Henry and H.L. Geyer of Rising Star.

Persons interested in applying for the position are being asked to telephone 817-725-7274 or 817-643-3080.

Bank President

Attends Seminar

W.G. (Wimpy) McCoy, president of the Citizens State Bank of Cross Plains, was in Waco Tuesday where he attended a seminar at Baylor University dealing with micro computers and their application to financial institutions.

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A HISTORY OF SIPE SPRINGS

(By Miss Carrie Childress)

Just who was the first to discover the seeping springs from which the town of Sipe Springs received its name, whether some lonely cowboy drew rein under the big live oak tree that stands on the branch, to rest himself and his horse, and saw the sparkling waters flowing down the opposite bank from the spring, or whether the Indians had a well beaten trail to the springs, and the early comers followed this trail to water for himself and his herd is not known. But one of the pioneer citizens of Sipe Springs, who still resides here (John C. Plott), who came to this country when a boy twelve years old with his parents, Culpepper Plott, and wife in January '70, and settled on Sabano creek about six miles north of the present town of Sipe Springs, recalls that at that time Schmick, Follis and Cage had their headquarters ranch on Sabano; Bill Follis lived on the place now owned by N.J. Pounds, and Ike Schmick lived further down the creek on the place recently owned by Henry Tyrone. In the summer of '70, Mr. Plott says, he was helping herd cattle for Schmick, Follis and Cage, and one morning Henry Schmick, who was herd manager, told the boys to herd the cattle down to the Sipe Springs branch, and then back to Dudley Flat. This is the first time any of the pioneers remember hearing the name of Sipe Springs branch.

But more settlers came in '72 and by '73 there was a sufficient number here to start a town. Among this number was Cal Watkins, J.J. Smith, M.W. Hall and Rev. James Buckmaster. These gentlemen organized a town site company and attempted to start a town on the hill about one and a half miles south of the present site on what is now known as the Mrs. Mattie Duke farm, but recently purchased by Sam Morgan. No titles were passed to lots in this town site, however, as no one had any rights except squatters' rights, and it was soon found that water could not be obtained at this place. However, M.W. Hall had opened up a general merchandise store carrying everything needed at that time even the supposedly necessary barrel of whiskey with the tin cup setting on top of the barrel; so when the town moved down to the site now known as "old town," M.W. Hall moved his store to the lot where the old rock store building now stands, his building at that time, however, was only a log and picket building.

Naming of the Town

Then came the naming of the town. Another of our pioneers, M.W. Wyatt, then a boy, recalls as does John C. Plott, that there was considerable discussion as to the spelling of the name. The name Sipe Springs had been decided upon, the spelling of the word had its advocates and its friends. Finally Cal Watkins unearthed an old Worcester unabridged dictionary and they found that according to Worcester that Sipe with the "i" marked with two dots (i) is pronounced the same as seap or seep, and thus it was unanimously decided to spell the name Sipe Springs, and nothing annoys the old timer more than to have some tenderfoot come in and go about saying SIPE (pronounced with long sound of i) Springs. In fact, the first time the train ran thru Sipe Springs and the negro porter sang out Sipe Springs, he was notified at once not to make the error again.

First Settlers

W.L.D. Whitesides came to this country from Arkansas in December, '69. A month later, January '70, his wife, Mrs. Fannie Whitesides, her father and mother, Culpepper Plott, and wife, their two sons, Elias and John, and Mr. Plott's brother, Elias, Sr., came to this country. These people lived on Sabano until the fall of '70 when they moved to Sweetwater. Ship Carnes piloted them from Sabano to Sweetwater and in making this move they cut

the "first wagon road thru this section of country. The road coming thru the present town of Sipe Springs.

In the summer of '71, George O'Neal built a box house south of Sipe Springs on the Caddo place, the place now known as the Will Brewer place, hauling the lumber from either Waco or Hearne. In the fall of '71 Culpepper Plott bought the improvements from Mr. O'Neal and Elias Plott, Jr., settled what is known now as the Hugh Foster place; Elias Plott, Sr., settled what is now known as the Irby place and Bill Whitesides settled the place where his widow, Mrs. Fannie Whitesides, now lives. At an earlier date there had been an old ranch in that section with headquarters at what is now owned by Mrs. Tennie Foster, but in '70 this had been abandoned.

The summer of '72 brought to this settlement the families of Sam Percifield, Jess Thurman, Cal Watkins, Fate Watkins, E.W. Plott, Pratt Scarlet, J.J. Smith and Gayle Elliott and his mother, Mrs. Huff; and young men, M.T. Leonard, Ike Snow, Bill Snow and John English. In the fall of '71, October 6, J.L. Dewey and his wife and son, E.B. Dewey, landed in the settlement. Just one week later, Daniel Wyatt and family (his son, M.W. Wyatt still resides here). James Buckmaster, James Murphy and Mrs. Martha Murphy, pitched their tents in this settlement. The spring and summer of '73 brought M.W. Hall, Tom Hale and wife, Capt. J.F. Childress and family, Sam Bryant and family, George Fry, Gus Rogers, John Falls and Bill Shultz.

First Houses Built

Cal Watkins built the first house in Sipe Springs, a double log house just across the Sipe Springs branch from the spring and near the spot where Ted R. Jay now lives. Sam Percifield built a log house under the big live oak trees that mark the site of the school building, used until the erection of a new brick building two years ago or in 1922. Jess Thurman built a log house across the street from the residence now owned by N. Crane. Gayle Elliott and his mother bought out the improvements on south Copperas from Hog Mullin, just west of what is known as the old Bob Wagon place on present crossing of the Sipe Springs-Comanche road. M.T. Leonard took up a claim on what is now known as the Joplin farm, now owned by Earl Morris and Jim Scoggin and later sold his claim to M.A. Dry. E.W. Plott settled the Bryant Place, he died in '73 and Sam Bryant bought his claim from his widow. Jim Plott settled what is known as the Westbrook farm two miles east of Sipe Springs and cut and hewed logs on Jimmys creek and hauled them and erected the old log house which now stands on the place.

Captain Childress bought out the improvements and claims of Cal Watkins across the Sipe Springs branch. The town site was later laid off of the Childress and Percifield places, Martin Duval was the surveyor for the town site. John Falls settled a place west of Sipe Springs branch known as the old J.C. Smith place now owned by S.T. Zellars. Rev. James Buckmaster settled what is known as the Mattie Duke farm one and one-half miles south of town. J.J. Smith settled what is known as the Boswell place. Daniel Wyatt settled the place now owned by his son, M.W. Wyatt. James Murphy settled the Barnes place, Mrs. Martha Murphy the Stamey place and John English the Lloyd place.

First Sunday School

Rev. James Buckmaster was a preacher of the gospel of the United Brethren faith and in a short time after he settled his place south of town, he with the others of the settlement erected a picket school house and there Rev. Buckmaster organized a Sunday school. It was here, too, that the first school was taught, William Jude was the first teacher, teaching in the spring of '73

thru the summer until the fall.

School Moves With Town

When the town moved off the hill to the location on the Sipe Springs branch, now known as old town, the school moved and a second picket school house was erected with split log seats, this building stood just across the street in the west part of town near where the Sipe Springs-Rising Star road now crosses the branch.

This picket school house served as a church, and the split log benches as pews for the citizens of Sipe Springs for several years. W.N.R. Neal was the second school teacher. Mr. Neal lives in California, and is a grandson-in-law of Rev. Buckmaster. Cal Hargroves was the third school teacher. The third school house was a plank building erected about fifty yards southeast of the site of the picket building then used, and the lumber was hauled from Fort Worth with ox teams. F.K. Stamey, Jap Christman and John Allen were the draymen who hauled the lumber. The fourth school building was a large, three roomed building built in the shape of an 'L' in the north part of town off the J.R. Stewart farm. The fifth, a more commodious building, was built on the same spot in 1908 and was used until the large brick building was erected in 1922, on the beautiful site in the east part of town.

The Earlier Businesses

Among the early business concerns in Sipe Springs was M.W. Hall, general merchandise. His business was conducted in a part picket and part log house where the old "rock store" now stands in the old town. Mr. Hall kept a wagon on the road from Sipe Springs to Waco, hauling merchandise, and many a housewife in Sipe Springs has waited for Mr. Hall's freight wagon to come in with sugar before she could make her Sunday cake. Mr. Hall bought his groceries from Kellum and Rotan in Waco and his dry goods from H.L. Blum.

W.L.D. Whitesides built a picket building just east of where Robert Humphreys now resides and Bill Crawford ran a mercantile business in this for a while. Tob Anderson built a house of rawhide lumber on the corner of the block north of where Hall located his store. This was later bought out by J.A. Rice and Co., this business was bought and sold until almost every general mercantile business man in town had something to do with this in some way. J.A. Rice and Co. sold in a bankrupt sale and was bought in by J.C. Smith and Steve Roach. Stamey and Jacobs later bought these parties and moved the stock across the street. Roach again put in a business in the same building and later sold to Morgan and Dry; they in turn to T.C. Yantis. Yantis had various partners, at one time the firm was Yantis & Dewen, then Dewey sold to Frank Weaver at Rising Star and the firm name changed again to Yantis & Weaver.

In 1908 this old building was destroyed by fire in a great conflagration that swept almost the entire town. It was replaced by a new building and is one of the connecting links in the business section of the old and the new town. This building was bought by Jackson and Dingus when the railroad came in 1911 and moved to the present site of the First National Bank building. Later it was sold to D.L. Morris and Son and with the coming of the oil boom these gentlemen sold this building to some parties from Dublin, Texas, who later sold it to the First National Bank stockholders, who remodeled the building as it stands today. Others in the dry good business, as many will remember was M.A. Dry, and Davidson and Bailey, this firm later took the name of Dry and Davidson. The Grangers also had a business here at one time and was managed by a Mr. Rockmore. Fire originating in this building took this business together with the business of Stamey and

Jacobs, also the postoffice in this building was lost.

First Drug Stores

The first drug store was opened by Tom Miller on the west side of the main street in the old town, then came Charlie Tayler, Yantis and Creach, Dewey and Roach and Westbrook; then on the east side Elias Plott, Sr., put in what was known as the Palace drug store, in the two story frame building in the same block but on the opposite corner to M.W. Hall's general mercantile business, the second story was occupied by the Masons as their lodge room. Elias Plott was succeeded by his nephew, John C. Plott, who in 1900 sold the business and building to Gus Gilbert and he in turn to J.H. Williams, who moved this building to the present townsite in 1911. In the same year it was destroyed by fire.

The first doctor in Sipe Springs was Dr. Ross, then came Dr. Hammock, Dr. Cloud, Dr. Crawford, Dr. Roach, Dr. Davis, Dr. Burrows, Dr. Westbrook, and Dr. Marks. There have been several other doctors who have been here at different times, among them Dr. Chilton and Dr. Thomas of Comanche, but Dr. W.J. Westbrook is the only one remaining who connects the old town with the new.

Lawrence Woods built the saw mill and grist mill in '74. In '78 Tom Yantis built a flour mill, next came R.H. Spinks, who bought out Lawrence Woods and also added a flouring mill and gin to his plant. Sipe Springs was for sometime the milling and ginning center of West Texas, people hauling their cotton to be ginned and their grain to be milled from as far west as Buffalo Gap.

First Postoffice

The first postmaster was M.W. Hall. For sometime men took turns carrying the mail from Comanche once a week. Later Nim Childress, a lad of ten was the first mail carrier. He rode an old mule named Jude to Comanche once a week. Money orders were limited in those days, only a certain number could be bought per day and it was frequent that Nim and his mule had to spend the night in Comanche in order to get the number of money orders sometimes desired. Ned Carrington, the second postmaster died while in office and F.K. Stamey, who was serving as his assistant, became postmaster and it was while Mr. Stamey was postmaster that Sipe Springs had their first money order office.

With the coming of the Chedister stage line from Fort Worth to Fort Yuma, Ariz., the mail route was changed and Comanche received her mail daily from Sipe Springs, this was in '79 and Sipe Springs received her mail daily by the stage line from Eastland. The stage was started in '78 and a great deal of history connects itself with this stage line. E.B. Dewey recalls that the late J.A. Holman of Comanche was one of the relay drivers, driving from Stephenville to Brownwood. The Chedister home took on the pretensions of a hotel at that time when Mr. Chedister, an old friend of Captain J.F. Childress, established headquarters for his stage line at the Chedister home. Another instance that lingers in the memories was the removal of the negro troops from Fort Concho to Fort Sill, the negro women and children being transported by the stage, but the black line of negro soldiers marching thru the streets of Sipe Springs made an impression that the boy or girl of Comanche county who saw them will never forget. After the stage line was discontinued Sipe Springs received her mail from Carbon, Oliver and Johnnie Edgington being mail carriers on this route for sometime. The mail later came from Gorman until the coming of the railroad in 1911.

Justices of the Peace

E.W. Sublett was the first justice of the peace, Ned Carrington the second, E.B. Dewey the third. Many jokes are told on these interpreters of the law. It was told that E.W. Sublett had two couples

that wanted to be married at the same hour, in opposite directions from town, so to accommodate both couples, Mr. Sublett deputized a party to marry one couple, while he went and performed the ceremony for the other. E.B. Dewey tells the story on himself that he was justice of the peace a year and a half before he knew it was not legal for him to go into Eastland county and marry a couple. Many justices of the peace have come and gone, but perhaps none have been more necessary than these three early interpreters of the law.

First Stoves

M.T. Leonard, one of the old timers, who still lives in Sipe Springs, built the first stoves that were used in Sipe Springs. Many of the mothers were as proud of the stoves built by Mr. Leonard out of rock and mud in some corner of her log house as her daughter or granddaughter has been over her first gas range. These stoves were built on the order of a bakery oven.

First Churches

Rev. James Buckmaster, who organized the first Sunday school was the first preacher of the gospel in Sipe Springs. The Baptist church was organized first in Sipe Springs at the close of the first protracted meeting ever held in Sipe Springs. This meeting was conducted by Choctaw Robinson and a minister by the name of Byers. At the close of the meeting the church was organized and among the charter members were: J.D. McKeehan and wife, Sam Bryant and wife, W.H. Key and wife, Mann Dunn and wife. The church records have been lost and it is not known the date of the Methodist church organization, but it was in the early seventies by Rev. Peter Gravis. The Methodist church building was completed in 1888 and still stands on the beautiful hill in the southern part of town. The Baptist church building was dedicated in 1891 on the site where it stands today.

First Marriage

John English and Miss Florence Sublett were the first couple married in Sipe Springs. The romance of the story goes like this, the couple were betrothed on Round Mountain and were married at the little picket school house on the hill south of town by Rev. James Buckmaster in '73. It has been told but we do not claim it to be authentic, that theirs were the first marriage license issued in Comanche county.

First Death

Pratt Scarlet, who came here in '72, died in '73. His was the first grave that was made in the Sipe Springs cemetery. Mr. Scarlet was a Mason and while there was no Masonic lodge here at that time, what few Masons were here attended the funeral services and assisted in the ceremony. One of the pioneer citizens who is still living tells us that he was present in the morning and took part in the joyous occasion of the first marriage in Sipe Springs, that of Mr. English and Miss Sublett, and the evening of the same day was called to mourn the death of the first citizen who passed away.

First Picnic

The citizenship of Sipe Springs was not of the lawless class of people but were of the type of men and women who came to the frontier determined to win against odds and their ideas and ideals were to provide good wholesome entertainment, so on the Fourth of July '73 the whole community met together for a basket picnic under the live oak trees between where the Methodist church now stands and the Wyatt home. Picnics are not picnics without red lemonade and E.B. Dewey tells us that he was the dispenser of this thirst quencher, striped candy and other articles to be found in the confectionery at that time and that he took in a bushel measure of nickels that day. One of the usual features of every picnic is public speaking and it is recalled that Cal Watkins was one of the principal speakers of the day and

perhaps John D. Stephens, who later was sent to Austin as a member of the Third House to get a bill thru the legislature putting this land on the amrket. Up to this time no one had any rights except that of squatter's claim. One of the pleasing features of the picnic was the barn dance in which young and old alike took part. Sam Percifield and Thaxton of Comanche were the principal fiddlers of the day.

It is recalled that Mr. and Mrs. M.W. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Dewey, Mr. and Mrs. William Judd and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Percifield composed the first set that was danced that day. It is said that the Comanche boys were present that day and had "outshown" the Sipe Springs boys and easily took their girls away from them in the dance and in drinking red lemonade. So the Sipe Springs boys seized their axes and having them well ground felled some trees across Comanche road, thus giving the Comanche boys a little trouble when they started home that night on account of their popularity.

First Cattle Deal

The first big cattle deal was in '70, when Peter Smith came from Arkansas and bought five hundred head of six-year old steers from Schmick and Follis at ten dollars per head. Mr. Smith paid for these in twenty dollar pieces. Mr. Smith was an old time Arkansas friend of Culpepper Plott and John C. Plott recalls that when he rode up to his father's home, he took the saddle bags containing the gold and threw it across the fence. Mr. Plott asked him if he had better not take it in the house but Mr. Smith remarked, "I guess it will be all right there," however, Mr. Plott, for fear that a coyote might come along and drag the saddle bags away, took the money in the house and turned it over to his wife for seafe keeping thru the night. Mr. Smith drove the steers thru to Shreveport, La.

Banking in Shoes

Tom Hale, who came to Sipe Springs in '73, tells us the following story: His wife put six hundred dollars in gold in an old shoe, tied it up and threw the shoe under the bed, a mischievous puppy came along and dragged the shoe across the road, a neighbor coming along found the money, took it into the house and turned it over to the rightful owner.

Captain Hall Organized Minute Men

Captain Hall organized a company of Minute Men in '73 for protection of the settlers against the Indians. In '73 the Indians drove off the horses of Justice and Watkins on Sabano. A man by the name of Gass Evans notified the company and they followed the Indians into Callahan county and recovered the horses. The last Indian raid was made in '74, when the Indians killed Bob Leslie on Rush creek. In leaving the country they touch the point where the house now stands on the old Tom Hale place east of town and swung into the north and west. A few earlier raids had been made in the early part of January '70, the Indians raiding the Schmick and Follis ranch, and driving off the horses; Bill McGuire, the only man on the ranch who had been left to protect the women and children shot at the Indians but they made their get-away with their horses.

First Lodges

The Sipe Springs citizenship has always been composed of people who believed in fraternities. In '77 the I.O.O.F. lodge organized with the lodge room over the W.M. Hall building. E.W. Plott, Elias Plott, Dr. Hammock, S.M. Percifield, J.C. Smith, Z.T. Brooks, T.R. Deens and J.W. Morgan were among the charter members. In '82 the Masonic lodge organized with J.C. Smith, E.W. Plott, Capt. J.F. Childress and Sam Bryant among the charter members. Both lodges have flourished, the Masonic lodge being the parent lodge of Rising Star, Carbon, Gorman, May and perhaps one or two other lodges in this section. Both lodges met in

the same room, over the W.M. Hall building, a movable petition made this possible. In later years each lodge had their own building. Another lodge that held a place of importance in the early history of Sipe Springs was the Temperance Council. This was more of a social than fraternal organization and every one from twelve years old up could be a member of this order, and almost the whole community availed themselves of this privilege.

June Freeze

The early settlers still recall the June freeze of '78, corn was in silk and tassel and was frozen to the ground on the 9th of June. One old timer recalls a large field of corn that was growing on the present town site. The owner, S.M. Percifield, in talking about the freeze of the night before remarked that, "I'd take twenty dollars for the seventy-five acres of corn." Phil Payne stepped forward and bought the field of corn for a twenty dollar gold piece, but he never got enough "fodder," much less corn, to pay him back his twenty dollars.

Law Abiding Citizenship

Sipe Springs has ever been a law abiding town. Her citizenship in the early days never amused themselves with the six-shooter and bowie knife stunts that so many writers love to portray in the western life. Foot races, tournaments and baseball were early favorite amusements. A foot race between Sage Nichols and Frank Wilson is still recalled today. Mr. Wilson had come to Comanche with a record as a champion foot racer. On one of his visits to Sipe Springs Sage Nichols, one of the champion foot racers of Sipe Springs, was matched to run a race with Mr. Wilson. Mr. Nichols outran Mr. Wilson so far that M. Wilson gave Mr. Nichols his running shoes and said that he would never run again.

Until the coming of the oil boom it has been said that Sipe Springs has never had a lawless murder, during that time one man was killed in a gambling hall. The mob made a few raids thru the Sipe Springs as it did all thru Comanche and Brown counties but their intent and purpose was to stop the cattle stealing which the law seemed powerless to prevent.

The Railroad in 1911

When the railroad came in 1911 the business section of Sipe Springs moved from its pretty location on the Sipe Springs branch to the beautiful hill site location where it now stands. Plott-Stamey Company erected a large brick building and conducted a general mercantile

business. The State Bank of Sipe Springs also built a brick building on the opposite corner from the Plott-Stamey building. A number of other businesses opened here at that time and among them were W.L. Blair, Jackson-Dingus and G.L. Garrison & Son.

Sipe Springs has always been unfortunate in fires. Soon after the moving of the town a fire occurred July 4, 1911, which swept the Masonic hall and a number of business houses, among them G.L. Garrison & Son. The first fire Sipe Springs ever had was in '78 which burned a saloon, a livery barn and eight head of horses belonging to the Chedister stage line. Several other fires occurred at different times destroying some of the leading business properties in town, the largest being in 1898 when fire originated in the R.W. Turner general mercantile store and swept the entire west side of town and all of the east side north of the Palace drug store. It is remarked that fire was stopped three different times at the old Palace drug store while this building stood in the old town but after the removal of this building to the new town it was consumed in the first fire.

Sipe Springs took on an unprecedented growth during the oil boom of 1918-1919 but in 1922 fire again consumed a number of her business buildings. The oil boom also left Sipe Springs, like a number of other towns, without banking facilities, her two banks having failed during 1920-21, but the Sipe Springs shallow oil field is still very productive. Her people are getting back to profitable farming and cattle raising and prospects for casing head plant to make use of the rich gas from her gas field give promise of making the little town of Sipe Springs come back into her own.

Editor's note: "A History of Sipe Springs" was printed in the Comanche Chief Golden Anniversary Edition in 1924. A copy of the article was submitted to The Rising Star by Marita Smith.

A few obvious typographical errors were corrected, but the article is otherwise pretty much as it was printed in 1924.

Who are the present-day residents on the farms named in the history? If you know any of the answers, let Marita Smith or Pat Maynard know

Wouldn't a map listing the families of the 1870's, 1924 and now be interesting?

Dispute Develops At Clyde Between Newspaper And City

A newspaper reporter's contention that he was tricked into leaving a Clyde city council meeting so the city fathers could go into executive session has council members "just plain mad".

A front-page column in Thursday's *Clyde Journal*, written by Don Tabor, maintained his son, Danny Tabor, "...felt he had been tricked into leaving so that the council could take up this controversial issue in 'secret'".

The controversial issue referred to was when the council voted after an executive session, to ask Police Chief James Prater to resign.

When councilmen went to get drinks, the column stated, the younger Tabor asked a couple of officials if anything would be discussed, and they said no. He then left.

But city officials told a different story, maintaining statements in the column weren't true.

"They're printing something in the paper without the facts," said Mayor J.G. Bennett.

"I don't like anybody to lie about me," said Councilman Tommy Tucker. "I'm just plain mad."

They said Danny Tabor attended the meeting but left when the group went into executive session to discuss personnel.

The minutes listed two items - "Meet with engineers to discuss water permit" and "Discuss personnel."

The council came out of executive session, Bennett said, and voted to ask Prater to resign. It also approved a motion to fire Prater if he didn't resign by 4 p.m. the next day.

Minutes of the meeting show a vote was taken to enter into executive session and reconvene in open session.

"Out of courtesy, Tommy Tucker called Danny to tell him what happened," said Tommy Ross, another council member. "He wasn't asked to leave."

"I think one of the things that irked Danny was we wouldn't tell him why we let the police chief go," Ross said. Reasons for the

resignation were not discussed to protect Prater, he said.

The minutes show that Prater was terminated because "a lack of communication and failure to establish cooperation within the department."

Mayor Bennett said Tabor asked him if the council was going to discuss ambulance personnel. "I told him we weren't, we were going to discuss other personnel," he said.

"It just unfair that he prints this without checking the facts," Bennett said.

Danny Tabor said "It's their word against mine. They have the numbers to back themselves up." He said he was the only non-city official present at the meeting.

"I don't think they purposely ran me off," he said. "But I do think they saw me leave and said, 'Good, he's going!'"

Tabor said he didn't witness a motion or a vote for the council to go into executive session.

Local SCS People Advise Planting Windbreaks

As the windy season approaches, many landowners are considering planting a tree windbreak to protect their homes and fields. According to Steve Uselton, District Conservationist in Baird, to achieve the best results from a tree windbreak one should develop a design that includes tree spacings, adapted species, wind and rodent protection, and irrigation of the seedlings. This type of pre-planting will increase the percentage of trees that live once they are planted. Planning information for tree windbreaks is available through the local Soil and Water Conservation District and the Soil Conservation Service office in Baird. The Lower Clear Fork SWCD is also making available to landowners the purchase of quality trees and shrubs for use in windbreak plantings at a very reasonable cost.

According to Uselton, windbreaks may vary from

single row to multiple row plantings. Depending upon the number of rows, they may contain evergreen or deciduous trees or both. Many species which are locally adapted will not only provide wind protection but will also beautify the farmstead but will also be beneficial and can help reduce heating and cooling cost.

When planning for a farmstead windbreak usually a multiple row planting is recommended with a combination of deciduous and evergreen trees. Some of the deciduous trees that are available for planting are green ash, russian olive, caragana, desert willow, and pecan. Evergreen trees are used with the deciduous trees many times because they provide year around protection.

Some of the evergreen trees that are available for planting locally are afghanistan pine, arizona cypress, autrian pine, ponderosa pine, and eastern red cedar.

For further information on planning your windbreak and ordering trees contact your local Soil Conservation Service office in Baird (854-1349) or contact a representative of the Lower Clear Fork SWCD.

Social Security Base Will Increase

Annual earnings base—the maximum amount of earnings that counts for Social Security—will increase to \$42,000 for 1986, up from \$39,600, the 1985 base, Glyn Hammons, Social Security manager in Abilene said recently.

The increase is based on the change in average earnings levels from 1984 to 1985.

Also scheduled to increase in 1986 is the Social Security tax rate. The 1986 tax rate of 7.15 percent, an increase will amount to just \$1.50 a month

for a person earning \$1,500 a month.

Other Social Security figures are scheduled to increase in 1986 as well, Hammons said. The annual exempt amount used in the annual earnings test will increase. The annual earnings test is the measure used to determine whether a person who works will receive benefits during the year.

The 1986 annual exempt amount for people 65 or over will be \$7,800 up from the 1985 amount of \$7,320. The 1986

exempt amount for people under 65 all of 1986 will be \$5,760, up from the 1985 amount of \$5,400.

A person whose earnings do not exceed the annual exempt amount will receive all benefits due for the year. A person's benefit is reduced \$1 for each \$2 of earnings above the exempt amount. The annual earnings test does not apply once a person reaches 70.

The amount of annual earnings needed to earn to a quarter of coverage—the measure of Social Security work credit—will be \$440 for 1986, up from \$410 for 1985. In 1986, a worker will earn four quarters of coverage if his or her annual earnings are \$1,760 or more.

More information about Social Security taxes and benefits can be obtained at the Abilene Social Security office, located at 142 S. Pioneer. The telephone number is 698-1360. Free publications can be obtained there which give more information.

High School Cage Teams Show Class With 4 Wins

Cross Plains boys and girls basketball teams enjoyed a perfect week in district competition with each scoring two victories.

In games played here Tuesday night of last week the local lasses overwhelmed Gorman 61 to 31. Suzie McClure was high scorer with 14 points. Shelia Payne made 10, Dawn Strength 9, Melissa Montgomery 8, Michelle Prater 7, Deanna Conlee and Beth Wood 4 each, Pam Hutchins 3 and Janice Campbell 2.

The same night local boys won handily over the Gorman hoopsters. Final score favored the Buffaloes 95 to 61. Tony Evans paced the shooting with 35 points. Elgin Katt had 21, Jerry Katt and Richard Clay 12 apiece, Troy Harris 5, Paul Davis and Darin Apple 4 each and Stacy Montgomery 2.

Friday night the local teams invaded the Sidney gymnasium and Cross Plains girls won 47 to 37 while the Buffaloes racked up an impressive 111 to 26.

Dawn Strength led girl scorers with 13 points, followed by Suzie McClure 10, Beth Wood and Melissa

Montgomery 6 each, Pam Hutchins 5, Janice Campbell 3 and Michelle Prater and Shelia Payne 2 apiece.

Tony Evans again led the boys scoring with 34 points. Elgin Katt had 31, Troy Harris 13, Jerry Katt 10, Clay Richardson 9, Darin Apple 8 and Paul Davis 6.

The local girls team is now 4 and 1 in district play and 20 and 4 for the season. Buffaloes stand 4 and 1 in district competition and 18 to 6 for the season.

Wednesday,
January 22, 1986

Pioneer News

ESTHLOY S. DICKSON

A friend of mine in Rhode Island writes that she thinks this column is really a "gossip column."

Well, maybe it is, after a fashion - but I have been told that friends who used to live here and have moved afar off turn to the Pioneer News first thing when they receive the Review.

That's why I want my neighbors to call me when they have some item of interest in this neighborhood.

My good neighbor, Bobby Roody, came by and took down my old "beat-up" screen door and took it to town to be repaired. Then he brought it back and hung it for me. I'm so glad to have that done.

Vera Westerman, also Albert Kanady, all of Rising Star, Dixie Goffee of Cisco. Their pastor, Rufus Wilson, visits them often.

Mrs. David (Sara) McCowen honored her aunt, Mrs. Ila Carlock, on her 72nd birthday on Saturday. Attending her birthday dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Butler and family of Rising Star, and Mr. and Mrs. Butler and family of Breckenridge.

David visited with Benny Glover in the hospital this week. David is reported he was much better and would go home soon.

Callahan Democrats File For County Post

BAIRD - One race is officially being contested in the Callahan County Democratic primary in May.

Joe Ingram and Alvin Hutchins have filed for county commissioner Precinct 4 (Cross Plains) a position currently held by F.E. Odom, who is retiring after 12 years service.

Jim Taylor of Clyde has filed for county judge, and incumbent Mack Kniffen has said he plans to run again, although he has not filed.

Others who have filed are incumbents Bobby Curtis, Justice of the Peace Precinct 1, (Baird); Jess Henley, JP Precinct 8

(Putnam); and District Clerk Cubelle Harris of Baird.

L.D. Brown of Cross Plains has announced for JP Precinct 6. Pender Mitchell is the current officeholder.

The terms of County Clerk Darlene Walker, County Treasurer Dora Hounshell and County Commissioner Lowell Johnson also are up for re-election this year, but no one has filed for those offices yet.

As the Review went to press nothing had been reported on a Republican primary and as the whether or not there would be any candidate for local offices.

WEEKLY HEALTH TIP

HEALTH CHECKUPS

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Mrs. Hirman (Jewel) Foster reports they had a real good attendance at the Quilting Club last week, and that they accomplished a lot of work on the quilt. They also had a good attendance for Game Night on Thursday.

When this old northern blew in this week, it created a big problem for Mrs. Ethel Brown - her arthritis flared up and she suffered terribly. Her visitors this week were her good neighbors, Mrs. Helen Tillotson, Lois Garrett, Jimmy Lee Payne, Lou Grider and Hazel Marsh.

When I called the Donald Stovers, Vicki answered. She said Don and Connie Pittman of Odessa were there for the weekend.

I was pleased when Jean Fore called me early on Saturday. Their recent visitors were Carroll and

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Burkett News

By Freeda Burkett

Maurine Clark reports two donations to the Burkett-Adams Historical Association in memory of Johnnie Tinney Donora were Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Wooten \$25 and Don and Darryl Tinney \$50.

In a telephone call to Mrs. Ona Evans of Lueders Friday of last week I was very happy to learn she was feeling better, but is not able to take complete care of herself, so she has a lady to come each day for a while to help her out. Letters and cards from so many of her friends has been a real joy to her she said. Solets keep those letters going to her even though she said she wasn't able to write back yet.

Birdie Helms told me she had called on Saturday and Oma was so very happy to hear from her and the news there was as mentioned above.

Red and Mattie Bradford of Comanche and grand-

children spent Friday night and Saturday with her mother, Mrs. Virigie Adams.

Kenneth Roach, Church of Christ minister, Mrs. Roach and four children of Abilene were luncheon guests of Velma, Dan and Esther Byers Sunday.

Jake and Elizabeth McDermett Reynolds of Corpus Christi spent several days visiting with friends and relatives recently. They spent last Friday with her sister and husband. Jack and Zora DeBusk. Her other sisters, Susan Andis of Coleman, Ritta Knight and Frances McAnally of Cross Plains were also there for the day and the five sisters had a happy reunion together. Zora says they remembered happy events back into their childhood on up to the present. Together they brought back memories of so many friends that for some time have been almost forgotten.

Springlike Weather Inspires Gardeners

The mild weather this month promotes an urge to get up and get started on the garden in spite of the fact it is too early for planting. However, it is not too early for planning and "arm chair" gardening, and studying the seed catalogs, and making planting diagrams for the garden when the time is right.

In the meantime there are other chores to be done, such as pruning and feeding fruit and nut trees and grapes, as well as ornamentals. Roses and trees could be planted now. Everything needs a thorough watering since nature has not provided enough winter moisture.

In this Sesquicentennial year it could be interesting to have an old fashioned flower bed, and even do as the settlers did, plant vegetables and flowers compatibly together. An old journal reports that a row of marigolds around the garden keep rabbits from entering to eat the young peas and beans.

The like to stay with the tried and true brands of varieties when selecting seeds or started plants. But it is also interesting to try something new each year. The description of promised

results printed in the catalogues some times fail to materialize in the garden.

However, there are guides to follow when experimenting such as attention to zone symbols. One catalogue just received has a designation for varieties good to plant in the "sun belt."

Each year the seed companies enter hundreds of new or improved varieties of flowers and vegetables in a contest. After months of strenuous testing, a few emerge as "All American Selection" winners. It is an honor to be selected and also means there is a sufficient supply of seeds available for the product to be put on the market.

The list of 1985 and 1986 winners is much too long to print here. But just a few vegetables are: a sweet corn called "How Sweet It Is", and all-time winner "Sugar Snap" pea; a new okra called "Blondy" and a summer squash "Pic-N-Pic", just to name a few. Bell pepper now come in yellow as well as the familiar green and red. If you haven't tried the low-acid yellow tomatoes, a winner last year was "Golden Summer".

There were over 60 win-

ners in the 1986 contest in the flower division, ranging from asters to zinnias, so it should not be difficult to find something new to add to the regulars in the flower beds.

For those rose lovers with success in growing them the new roses are "Show Off", "Coramella", "Smooth Touch", "Summer Fashion", "Headliner", "Old Blush", and "Climbing Caribia". Some of these may be available in area nurseries now.

It doesn't seem possible there could be any new colors in such flowers as petunias, zinnias, marigolds, begonias, day lillies, gladioluses and others. But each year new ones do show up.

Happy Gardening
Mrs. W. Cule Tillson

Drilling Ventures

Started In County

Spotted as a 3,500-foot wildcat was Trinity Exploration Co., Eastland, No. 1 Ina Mae Parsons, eight miles east of Oplin.

It, on a 230-acre lease is 1,096 feet from the north, 1,600 feet from the east lines of section 141, GH&H Survey.

Mitchell Energy Corp., The Woodland, will plug back to 4,000 feet, wildcat depth, at No. 1 T.E. Burks, six miles east of Baird.

Located on a 428-acre lease, it spots 1,900 feet from the south and 467 feet from the west lines of Section 16, D&DAL Survey.

Old total depth is 4,050 feet. The well was completed in 1981 by the same firm in the Putnam, West (Duffer) Field from perforations at 3,01-09 feet.

Arbor Day At The Garden Center

The Cross Plains Garden Club met for the Arbor Day session on Friday, January 17, at 2 p.m. at the Garden Center.

The Conservation Pledge was recited by the nine members present and led by Mrs. A.J. McCuin.

After a short business meeting presided over by Mrs. Leo Franke, Mrs. Raymond McCowen, program chairman, introduced the program, "The Most Exclusive Club in America" brought by Mrs. Cole Tillotson. This club, the Live Oak Society, was founded in 1934 to protect the live oak trees. No dues are collected, no meetings are called and its membership consists of 800 registered live oak trees in 8

Clyde Youth Given

Military Promotion

ARMY AND AIR FORCE HOMETOWN NEWS—David Steph, son of Charles A. and Barbara A. Steph of Rural Route 2, Clyde, has been promoted in the U.S. Army to the rank of private first class.

Steph is a telephone system installer with the 8th Infantry Division in West Germany.

He is a 1984 graduate of Clyde High School.

Southern States. The Societies constitution declares in part that "No member shall be white washed, no member shall have advertising or any fence attached to it, and no member shall be killed." One of the Society members is a giant old live oak near the court house in Comanche. To conclude the program, Mrs. Tillotson recited the poem "Trees" by Joyce Kilmer.

Refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Raymond McCowen, Mrs. Alton McCowen and Mrs. Glenn Payne.

Girl Scouts Cookie Sale Continues Thru Jan. 25

Cross Plains Girl Scouts, Brownie Troop 214 and Junior/Cadette Troop 215, continue their annual cookie sale through January 25. We anticipate that more boxes of cookies will be sold this year than ever before stated a local leader.

Your support in this sale

enables the 40 girls of Cross Plains troops to be able to do many things which otherwise they would not have the funds for.

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Obituaries

HESTER JOHNSON
Funeral services for Hester Thorn Johnson, 87, widow of Flem W. Johnson were held Thursday at 2 p.m. from Higginbotham Funeral Chapel in Cross Plains.

Burial was in the Dressy Cemetery with the Rev. Jasper Cook, local Methodist pastor, officiating.

Mrs. Johnson died Tuesday at Baird nursing home, where she had been a resident several years.

Born Hester Thorn in Cross Plains Oct. 4, 1898, she was a homemaker and lifelong resident of this community. Her father was a well-known Methodist layminister and she was believed to be one of the oldest continuous members of the local congregation. She served a long tenure as secretary-treasurer for Dressy Cemetery, where many of her kinsmen are buried.

In tribute to the esteem in which she and her family are held by people here all Cross Plains business houses closed during the funeral services Thursday afternoon.

Survivors include a son, Noah S. of Cross Plains; two daughters, Helen Walker of Cross Plains and Dorothy Edgington of Granbury; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were L.D. Koenig, Hadden Payne, Glenn Payne, Morris Cavanaugh, Franzel Odum and N.L. Long, Jr.

HARLON BROWNING
Harlon Browning, son of the late Matt and Lizzie Browning, died Jan. 12, in Albuquerque, N.M., where he had resided 31 years.

He was born in Cross Plains in 1917, finished high school here in 1934 and attended Howard Payne

University. In 1939 he married Betty Spohn in Albuquerque. He was a member of the Central Methodist Church in Albuquerque, and a Mason and a Shriner. He is survived by his wife, Betty; a daughter, Donna Reinhardt of Reston, Va.; a son, Scott, of Albuquerque and three grandchildren.

CORA GUNN

Services for Cora Gunn, 92, widow of Arnel Gunn, was held Friday at Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Burial was in Cross Cut Cemetery with Charles Butler officiating.

She died Wednesday afternoon at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home.

A Waxahachie native, she was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include four sons, James of Temple, Duward and Anel of Cross Plains and Paul of Hobbs, N.M.; three daughters, Lillie Griffith of Odessa, Elza Pickett of Brady, and Christa Patton of Odessa; a brother, Bill Hassenzachel of California; a sister, Lucille Harris of Abilene; seven grandchildren; and host of great-grandchildren.

BEATRICE BOYLES

Funeral services were recently held in Lubbock for Beatrice (Ted) Baxter who died Dec. 27, in Pecos. She grew up in the Cross Cut Community and will be remembered by many in this area. She was a cousin of Opal Gattis of Cross Plains.

Other survivors are two sons; three sisters, Grace Rector, Evie Baxter and Irene Cape; two brothers, Alvie and Don Baxter.

WILLIAM SILER

William J. Siler, Jr., former Cross Plains resident, was found shot to death in Fort Worth Sunday morn-

ing, Jan. 12. The body was taken to his home in Ohio for burial.

Survivors include his wife, Sherry Anny, a daughter of Tolodeo, Ohio, a step-daughter, Christina Ann Rogers of Graham; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Siler of Tolodeo, and four sisters and two brothers. Mrs. Sherry Siler is the daughter of Darlene Syevenson and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. G.O. Lewis of Cross Plains.

APRIL BOREN

Graveside services for April Boren, 18 months, of Scranton community were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Sabanno Cemetery. John Swift officiated and Higginbotham Funeral Home in Cross Plains handled arrangements.

She died Sunday night at E.L. Graham Hospital in Cisco.

Survivors include her parents, Timothy and Rena Boren of the Scranton area; a brother, Timothy Jason Boren of the home; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T.C. Boren of Scranton and Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Murphy of Midland; two aunts; and three uncles.

Officer For Year Named By Firemen

Officers for the ensuing year were elected Monday night of last week by Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department.

Chosen were: Elvis Scott, chief; Tim Bishop, assistant chief; Alvin Hutchins, secretary-treasurer, and Mike McClure, Jr., rural fire

chief.

Four contributions to the department during the past two months were: announced. They were Judy

Culvahouse \$15, J.H. and Vida Balkum \$50, Mrs. A.J. McCuin \$25 and Margaret Ann McNeel \$100.

New Voter Registration Cards Mailed This Week

New Voter Registration Certificates were put into the mail on January 15 for all registered voters in Callahan County, says Albert Lovell, Tax Assessor-Collector.

These cards are yellow in color. They will be effective March 1, 1986 thru Feb. 29, 1988.

If you are a voter in this county and did not receive your card, please contact my office or 854-1518 as soon as possible, Lovell asked.

If the address is not correct on the card, it will be returned to my office. These cards cannot be forwarded. When the card is returned to my office, the name is put on a "strike list". After a period of time, the name is removed from the county's voter list. Therefore, it is very important to make proper correc-

tions now instead of waiting until it is time to go to the polls to vote.

Also, if you received a card from a person that no longer lives at your household, please contact my office or return that card by mail with the reason written across the face of the card. Your cooperation in this matter will be appreciated. This is a way we have to remove persons no longer eligible to vote in this county from the voters list.

MESSAGE TO WASHINGTON

MEDICARE CHECKS STOP

MESSAGE—I have received Medicare benefits since I fell ill five years ago. For a few months now, I have not received my check. When I called the Social Security office, they told me there was an error in my Social Security number on the last few checks and that they sent them to someone else by mistake. I was told it would be corrected right away, but I have not heard or received anything. M.H.—Weslaco

SENATOR BENTSEN RESPONDS—Health Care Financing Administration officials inform me that your Social Security number was corrected, but that an error also was found in your mailing address. That has now been corrected as well, and you should be receiving your checks.

SAILOR SEEKS JOB

MESSAGE—My hitch in the Navy is about to expire and I need help finding a job in Houston, my home town. I sent an application to the Office of Personnel Management in Houston, but they sent me a letter saying they couldn't process it. I don't understand. Can they do that? Please help. R.C.—Houston

SENATOR BENTSEN RESPONDS—Office of Personnel Management representatives inform me that regulations prevent them from accepting your application for employment until you are within 120 days of your discharge from the Navy. At that time you may apply again. You would also be eligible then to request the monthly Federal Job Opportunities List of all federal positions available in the Houston area.

Do you have a problem with government? **MESSAGE TO WASHINGTON** cuts through the red tape to get answers to your questions about Social Security, veterans benefits, immigration matters and other problems you may have run into in your dealings with the Federal Government in Washington. Write to **MESSAGE TO WASHINGTON**, c/o Senator Lloyd Bentsen, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C., 20510. Inquiries to **MESSAGE TO WASHINGTON** sometimes are edited before publication, but the intent and substance of the inquiries are maintained.

Kathy Purvis Earns Top College Honors

Kathy S. Purvis, Cisco Junior College student from Cross Plains, is on the recently released President's List for the Fall semester of 1985. To achieve this distinction a student must make a straight A grade on a four point system.

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Mrs. Irma Miller, a specially trained consultant, will be in charge of the Cross Plains facility. She will be on duty each Monday morning from 9 o'clock until one in the afternoon.

President of the Cross Plains AARP chapter is Vera Pearl Bunnell.

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V34 But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne
V35 Nor by the earth, for it is his footstool; neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the Great King
V36 Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black
V37 But let your communication be, yea, yea, nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil

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