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Smoke-out A Good Idea

By DON TABOR
Publisher

A good idea.

When the American Cancer Society started the one-day Great American Smoke-out a few years ago, I thought it was a good idea.

As both smokers and nons know, this is the day the cancer fighters (Nov. 19 this year) put out a lot of publicity and ask America to quit puffing for that one day.

Now, the society is also targeting "smokeless tobacco" users. (I suppose they could call it the "Great American Dip-out.") This makes it an even better idea.

Here's what the society's news release says: "Thinking about having another pinch? Think again. Smokeless tobacco is not harmless tobacco. If you dip or chew, join your smoking buddies on Thursday, Nov. 19, for the American Cancer Society's Great American Smoke-out. Take a day off from dipping or chewing."

The society figures that if a smoker or dipper "takes the day off" from puffing or dipping, it may become habit-forming. I don't know. I know lots of smokers and dippers that can do one day standing on their heads. Maybe they should make the Smoke-out a month long. Now that would be a little more of a test.

I'm moved here to give a little testimonial.

My dad is a healthy 79 years old. I've seen him go do the chores of friends several years his junior.

My dad used to be a chain smoker. About 19 years ago, my dad quit smoking. There's no doubt in my mind that my dad would not be here today had he not.

I know that dyed-in-the-wool smokers quit reading this several paragraphs ago, but to you who are still with me, let me make a suggestion.

If you have been thinking about quitting cigarettes, why not start on the date of this Smoke-out.

When I asked my dad when he quit smoking, at first he couldn't remember within four years of when it was.

See how convenient it will be for you. You can always remember you quit smoking on Great American Smoke-out Day, 1987.

Smokeout Proclamation

Whereas, The American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout is a lighthearted effort to encourage cigarette smokers to give up their habit for 24 hours on Thursday, November 19, and

Whereas, for ten consecutive years, millions of smokers, including many in Cross Plains, Texas, have participated in this event, and

Whereas, the health benefits of not smoking are substantiated and well-known, and

Whereas, there are additional civic benefits such as a reduction of the risks of accidental fire and illnesses related to "secondhand smoking,"

NOW, THEREFORE, I FRANK A. ROBERTSON, Mayor of Cross Plains, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 19th, 1987 as the day of the Great American Smokeout in Cross Plains, and in so doing urge all cigarette smokers in the community to demonstrate to themselves and their friends, that they can quit if they wish by joining the American Cancer Society's 11th Annual GREAT AMERICAN SMOKEOUT.

IN WITNESS, THEREOF,
FRANK A. ROBERTSON
Mayor, Cross Plains, Texas

Cottonwood Turkey Supper Slated Nov. 20

The Annual Turkey Supper will be held at the Cottonwood Community Center Friday, November 20. This will be in conjunction with the regular monthly musical.

Serving will begin at 5:30 p.m. with carry-outs available. The meal will consist of turkey, dressing, giblet gravy, sweet potatoes or creamed potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, fruit cocktail cake, and a drink — tea or coffee.

Adult plates are \$3.50 and \$2 for children under 12 years.

Country western music performances start at 7 p.m., and all area musicians are welcome to participate.

All proceeds from the supper will benefit the Cottonwood Ladies Quilting Club who hosted the meal. The funds will be used for improvements for the Community Center.

Everyone is welcome to come out and have an early Thanksgiving meal and enjoy the entertainment.

School Audit On Thursday Board Agenda

The Cross Plains Independent School District Board of Trustees will meet in regular session on Thursday, November 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the faculty room of the high school.

The following agenda will be addressed:

1. Annual Audit Report
2. Set date for December meeting
3. Athletic Booster Club request
4. Bus Tires
5. Asbestos Law Update
6. Delinquent tax properties
7. School Insurance
8. Attendance Policy
9. Superintendent's report
10. Financial Report
11. Pay Bills
12. Personnel
13. Executive Session
14. Adjourn

Notice of the proposed meeting was issued by M. Lee Thompson, Superintendent.

More CP Exes Needed For Football Game

Ex-students of Cross Plains High School will hold practice at 2 p.m. Sunday. If it rains, practice will be held in the gym.

Anyone who is interested in playing is encouraged to sign-up now to be placed on the roster.

If you played last year, please bring your jersey to practice.

For further information call Scott Taylor, Richard Wilson, or Dennis Koenig.

Thomas' Home On Tour Of Homes

By DORA SMITH

Archie and Dorothy Thomas' beautiful brown brick home at 700 Ave. A will be one of four featured on the Beta Sigma Phi Tour of Homes on December 6.

The Thomases moved to their new home from Santa Ana, California, two years ago. They had moved to California from Chicago, Illinois when Archie retired.

They have learned to love the small-town life and their lovely home which was designed by Joan McCowen, their



EXCHANGE STUDENT — Kerry Pointer and her first German host family in Dortmund, Germany.

Kerry Pointer Going To German Public School

By C.A.

Kerry Pointer left Cross Plains on July 20 on her way to Germany where she will be living and going to school for the next year as an exchange student. Kerry is a Senior at Cross Plains and will graduate with her class at the time of Cross Plains' graduation.

When she left Cross Plains, she flew to Washington, D.C. where she spent 3 days and received additional program orientation. Also, while she was there she toured the city, visited with Congressional and Administrative officials, met with Charles Stenholm, and attended a reception at the German Embassy.

Upon arriving in Germany, the YFU staff accompanied Kerry and some other students to Dortmund to an orientation camp.

Kerry stayed with a Mr. and Mrs. Bernhardt Fox and their 22-year-old daughter, Tabine. Kerry had earlier received a letter from Tabine welcoming her to their family. Mr. Fox owns his own sign painting business and has

the help of his daughter.

The family had a 3 level apartment. The mother and father were on the ground floor, the second floor was rented out, and Tabine and Kerry were on the top floor.

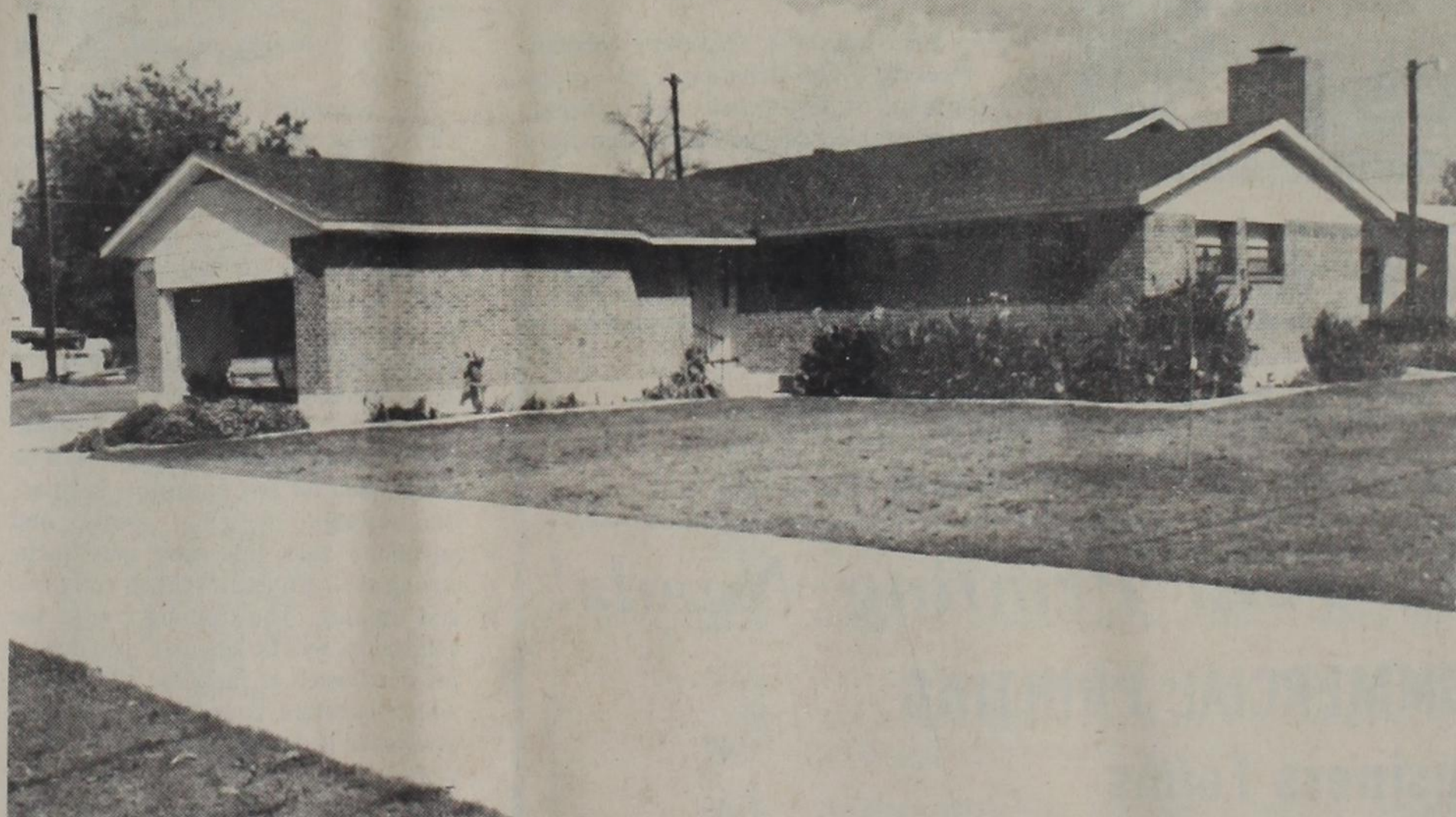
While there, the family took her on a trip up the Rhine River where Kerry said she saw a few old castles.

Kerry attended orientation school at Dortmund every day from 9-4. During some of that time she spent 4 hours learning German and 2 hours learning to adapt to the different culture.

At school she was interviewed and placed with a permanent family in Elsendorf (a small town in Bavaria — 80 km from Munich).

Before leaving for Elsendorf, her family in Dortmund gave her a parting gift — a Garfield with a camera, which she certainly appreciated.

A nine-hour train ride brought her to her new home and the beginning of her year in the German public school system. Watch for following articles keeping up with Kerry's progress as her mother, Margaret Pointer, receives news from Kerry.



TOUR OF HOMES — Archie and Dorothy Thomas' home at 700 Avenue A will be on exhibit at the annual tour sponsored by the local Sorority.

daughter. Joan designed the home after their home in Santa Ana, and Alton McCowen and Adam Morales were the builders.

The spacious 1700 sq. ft. home has a living room with fireplace, dining room, kitchen, two bedrooms, two full baths, and utility room. The master bedroom has a large walk-in closet.

Adding to the comfort and enjoyment is a 2-car garage and large enclosed patio. Sliding glass doors separated the living room and patio. Dorothy says that they especially enjoy the comfortable patio for relaxing

and displaying plants.

Antiques make up a large part of the interior decor and furnishings. An antique rocking chair belongs to Dorothy's grandmother, and there is a family antique drop-leaf table.

Two of the antique dining chairs have been caned, and Dorothy has done needlepoint on two others. All are made of oak. Paneled walls show off treasured items that the Thomases have collected throughout many years. Dorothy collects Hummel figurines which are displayed in shadow boxes in the living room.

CP School Beauty Contest Set

By DARLENE HINESLY

The Senior Class at Cross Plains High School is again sponsoring the annual Beauty Contest. It is scheduled for Saturday, November 21. The program will start at 7 p.m. and will be held in the school auditorium.

In addition to the Beauty Contest there will also be the Cinderella Contest again this year. In this contest the guys dress up as girls and are judged. They wear wigs, make-up, dresses, the whole kit. The Senior girls escort them.

There is a cake auction planned dur-

ing the program. The cakes are voluntarily baked by a few of the Seniors' mothers.

The Class Favorites from K-12 grades will all be presented along with high school personalities.

Last year's Beauty Contest winner was Ticia Wilson and she will be there to crown the new winner. Last year's Cinderella Contest winner was Gregg Weiss.

Lisa Rutledge and Stacy Montgomery will serve as masters of ceremony. The public is invited and the prices are \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.

Former Justice, Pender Mitchell Dies Thursday

Former Justice of the Peace Lee Pender Mitchell, 77, died Thursday at an Abilene hospital.

Services were held at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church with Michael Hale officiating. Burial was in Cottonwood Cemetery, directed by Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Born in Cottonwood, he had been a lifetime resident of Callahan County. He was a Greyhound bus driver for 25 years and justice of the peace for 16 years. He was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Gladys Mitchell of Cross Plains; two daughters, Betty Lewis of Cross Plains and Darlene Floyd of Milton, Fla.; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Don Gosnell, Jim Cook, Wayne Knowles, Norton Taylor, Mack Kniffen, and Bill Skinner.



PENDER MITCHELL
...former Justice of the Peace

State Drug Program Honored

The Texans' War on Drugs program inaugurated by Gov. Bill Clements seven years ago was cited Monday as a national model by the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors and the National Prevention Network.

The Texas program is being honored because of its success in mobilizing volunteers throughout the state who wage an anti-drug war on the local level.

An award ceremony is scheduled today in Washington, D.C., in which the Texas program and 19 other anti-drug projects throughout the nation will be recognized.

Clements, who has called drug and alcohol abuse a "societal menace of tragic proportions," championed the Texans' War on Drugs program during his first administration, and has placed renewed emphasis on anti-drug efforts in his second four-year term.

Clements, shortly after his election last year, appointed a Task Force on Drug Abuse to re-examine the drug and alcohol problem in Texas. That task force is being chaired by Paul Eggers of Dallas.

In remarks prepared for the annual County Judges' and Commissioners' Conference in San Antonio, Clements said, "Drug abuse among our children and adults is a story too often told, and too often it ends sadly.

"We, in Texas, must work together to bring an end to this tale of heartbreaks and misfortune."

Material sent to Clements notifying him of the recognition being paid to Texans' War on Drugs cites staff quality and a unified effort as major factors of success in the program.

ROWDEN NEWS

By MRS. N.V. GIBBS

Our country roads were busy with traffic this morning due to the opening of deer season. So far there has been no reports of finding deer or turkey. Some will be out again this afternoon to try their luck.

Lee and Jean Jernigan of Lake Proctor were up at the Tony Steele place in their trailer for the weekend hunting.

Don, Maryana, and Leigh Harrell are in Austin this weekend visiting relatives, the Griff Andrews and Mark Schreiber families.

K-Trina Meador of Cross Cut spent Friday night with Tonya Steele. Trey Fortune spent the night with Bill Steele.

Those visiting in the Lizzie Burks and Emma Johnson home during the week were Sandy Bullock and young son, Cody Lynn, and the Carroll Burks family of Abilene. Also Leona Gary visited in the home this week.

James and Dorothy Reynolds had lunch in the Jon Hardwick home Sunday in Baird. The Jim Reynolds family of Midland were there.

Dorothy Reynolds visited Connie Kirkham in Cross Plains Tuesday.

Barry and Jene Ann Morris of Baird visited in the Gene Mauldin home Tuesday night.

Tony Steele, his brother, John Steele, of Clyde and two of their friends were on a hunting trip into New Mexico this week.

Blan Odom has been in a Houston hospital this week for treatment of a heart condition. He will be returning to an Abilene hospital the first of next week.

Edna Dye spent the weekend in Breckenridge with her brother and sister-in-law, Ed and Betty Sayre, and Mary Sayre. She also attended the District VIII Garden Club Fall Convention that was held in that city. Exa McCord and Julene Franke of the Cross Plains club brought the program of designs for all seasons.

The Bob Dye family and Robert Watson family attended the Baird-Blanket football game in Blanket Friday night.

FIRE CALLS

November 1 - Wreck 6 miles south Highway 279.

November 1 - Wreck east Highway 36.

November 1 - Grass fire at Cottonwood.

November 4 - Grass fire 5 miles south Highway 279.

November 9 - Grass fire 1/2 mile north Pioneer.



TALENTED LITTLE LADY - Lisa Dawn Dickson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.V. Dickson, formerly of Cross Plains, has been chosen for a part in "The Nutcracker" ballet production.

Happy Birthday

NOVEMBER 19
Gordon Blanton Scott
Ruby Carrol
Jason Boren
Odean Smoot
Mrs. Carolyn French
Marline Smith
Lynda Smith
Gregory Smith
Billy Dale Dillard, Jr.
Darron Koenig
Mrs. W.M. Stansbury
Cynthia Kunkle
Claudia Arnold
Terry Gene Fortune, Jr.

NOVEMBER 20
Joe Gary
Barbara Albrecht
Clifton J. Kirkham
Christy C. Dallas
Gene Mauldin
Velda Stephens
Thelda Jefferies
Diane Foster
Mrs. Garland Dupriest
Craig Hefner
Cindy Holcomb
Bobby Dillard
Travis Branham

NOVEMBER 21
Marcia (Petty) Voigts
James Strength
Mrs. S.N. Foster
James Switzer
Wanda Cloud
Sandra Allen
Mrs. Milton Baty
Cheryl Wellmaker
Wayne Taylor

NOVEMBER 22
James Henry Nelson
Clark Don Baugh
Nicky Hal Harris
Jimmy Baum
Ophelia Merrill
Dick Thrasher

NOVEMBER 23
Mrs. Clarence Region
Bess Coppinger
Mary Diane Nunn
Mrs. J.A. Kirkham
Betty (Purvis) Prall
Barbara Jean Walker
Brenda Walker
Mrs. H.T. Porter
Jewel Hutchins
Becky Coppinger
John V. Hanke
Sam Marshall, Jr.
James Hennesay

NOVEMBER 24
Mrs. Maje Arvin
Linda Strength
Lee Reynolds
Junior Hilburn
Debbie (Cavanaugh) Waggoner

NOVEMBER 25
Bill Hester
Eugene Wilcoxon
Paul Whitton, Jr.
Leo Franke
Connie (Goble) Griffith
Joan Hamrick
Anthony Newman
Bobbie Darlene Harris
Tommy Freeman
Bobby Harris Dudley
Jonathan Blake Dunn

Lisa Dickson To Perform In 'The Nutcracker'

Lisa Dickson, 8-year-old daughter of C.V. and Karen Dickson of Longview, formerly of Cross Plains, has been selected to perform a small role in the traditional holiday ballet production "The Nutcracker."

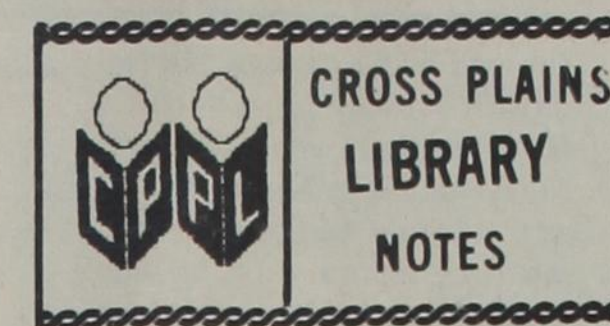
The Oakland, California Ballet Company is presenting the performance in Longview November 26, 1987.

Lisa, who is a student of Pat George Mitchell's Longview Ballet Theater, auditioned for the part along with some 100 other girls ages 6 to 14. The sixteen lucky girls picked were judged on their ballet technique, stage poise, and height requirements (under five feet).

The Oakland Ballet usually allows a few ballet students to do children's parts in "The Nutcracker" in each city on their nationwide tour.

In Cross Plains, Lisa's grandmothers are Esthloy Dickson and Doris McBride and her great-grandmother is Lucile Callaway.

American Cancer Society Held Meeting



"The book is always a book of travel; it is about life's journey." H.M. Tomlinson

November 9 - 13

Circulation: 246
Paperback: 65
Hardback: 152
Abilene Extension: 26
Interlibrary Loan: 3
In our LAP: 30 children, 100 books
Cameras Checked Out: 1
Films Viewed: 1
New Readers: Tonya Stover, Rusty Duke, Jarrod Potter, Brandon Stover.

The Callahan Unit Board for the American Cancer Society held their meeting on November 10 at Olney Savings in Clyde. The main discussion was on the GREAT AMERICAN SMOKEOUT which is tomorrow November 19. They were also informed of a program which all cancer patients, their families and friends will be happy to hear about. It is called GUEST ROOM PROJECT. This program provides temporary housing for patients who must stay overnight for cancer related treatment and checkups.

This service is limited to patients only in the state of Texas which have made agreements between their hotels and the American Cancer Society.

If anyone has any questions regarding services provided by the American Cancer Society, please call Susan Sharpe at 725-7154 or Donna Merrick at 725-6141. Remember there is now a local cancer account set up at Citizens State Bank for making memorial donations.

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THE PIONEER PATCHWORK

By IRMA MILLER

The quilters had to replace the Fan with a Four Point Star, which is to be

Heartworms In Dogs

Heartworm in dogs in Callahan County has become more prevalent during recent months. Cats are rarely affected. Dogs with canine heartworm disease can show a variety of symptoms. Infected animals may tire easily and be short of breath. Their physical condition may deteriorate and symptoms of heart failure and pulmonary distress may be evident. These dogs often have a persistent cough and abnormal heart sounds. Life span is often shortened in untreated dogs which are severely or even moderately infected. Because heartworms normally live in the pulmonary artery and heart, they can block blood flow.

Some dogs that have shown little or no signs of the disease may collapse and die following strenuous exercise. Some mildly infected dogs may show no symptoms at all and live an apparently normal life.

Heartworms cannot be transferred directly from one dog to another, but must spend part of their life cycle in one of 30 different species of mosquitoes. The adult heartworm in the dog produces immature heartworm forms called microfilariae which move throughout the circulatory system and can be passed to a mosquito ingesting blood from the dog.

The microfilariae develop into infective larvae in the mosquito in 10-14 days and can then infect another dog bitten by the mosquito. After the dog has been infected, 2-4 months are required for the larvae to develop in the muscle and subcutaneous tissue and to migrate to the heart. The life cycle is completed in another 2-3 months when the heartworms become sexually mature.

Consult with your veterinarian before implementing any type of heartworm control program. Some risks are involved in the prevention and treatment of canine heartworm disease. There are relatively inexpensive preventative drugs available to be used before and during the mosquito season. While this drug may be recommended for non-infected dogs it can be hazardous to dogs already infected if there are large numbers of circulating microfilariae.

If the veterinarian finds evidence of heartworms, treatment consists of medication to kill the adult heartworm followed by another medication to destroy the microfilariae. Any drugs used in heartworm prevention or treatment must be used under the direction and supervision of a veterinarian.

If detected early enough canine heartworm disease can usually be successfully treated. Emphasis should be toward the prevention of heartworms. Our area will likely become as heavily infested as the eastern and southern parts of Texas if control measures are not implemented. A hard winter will help on the persistent mosquito problem, but there is no substitute for prevention.

finished by Christmas. We had a good crowd Tuesday. Jo Claire Collier of Breckenridge, who was visiting with James and Jean Alexander, quilted all day with us. One of our quilters has taken a temporary job, so she will be absent for a while.

Randall Barton, son of Novilla and Cleo Barton, who is from Conroe spent several days helping out on the farm. Cleo's nieces, Etta Mae Swindell of Dayton and Martitia Glenn of May, visited last week.

Nell and Joe Fleming and Jim and Charlene Fleming had visitors. Bill Watson and son, Alton, and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Fleming and son, Brian, and grandson, Gregg, and Lisa Atchley, all of Pampa, and Julie Robison and son, Chris, of Midland, and Billy and Zack Watson, of Amarillo, all spent the weekend with them. Joe's sister, Kate Watson, and Lois Crist of Cross Plains and Mr. and Mrs. Clint Kniffen of Clyde visited on Wednesday.

None of the Fleming relatives in Pampa had any casualties in the explosion. They happened to be visiting here. However, a floor lamp would not work and the glass doors of the fireplace were open; they had probably blown open.

Irma and John Miller spent the day in Abilene Saturday, hearing three teaching sessions by Rev. Peter Marshall.

Jewel Foster and daughter-in-law, Norma, went shopping in Abilene on Saturday.

Laverne and Cowan Hutton's son, Noah, and wife, Tempie, and children, J.R. and Annie, of Anton, visited with them. Also, Laverne's sister, Betty Joy, of Clyde, and her mother, Ella Dean, of Cross Plains visited Sunday afternoon.

Fall Choral Concert At HPU

BROWNWOOD — The Howard Payne University School of Music will present its annual Fall Choral Concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, November 19, in Mims Auditorium, free of charge to the public.

The A Cappella Choir and Chamber Singers will be featured under the direction of Dr. Robert Curtis Hamlett, and accompanied by Dr. Betty Dunn. Musical selections will be varied from the Renaissance to the contemporary.

OIL NEWS

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Prentice Petroleum Inc., Abilene, will drill two wells to 1,600 in Regular 3.5 miles east of Cross Cut on an 86-acre lease in Section 153, N.B Mitchell, A-663. They are:

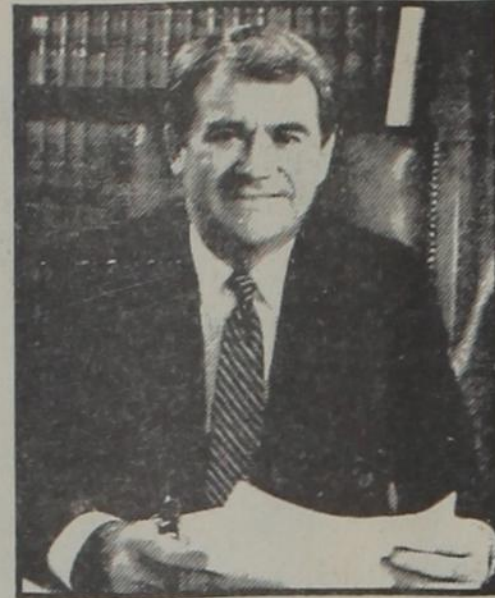
- No. 1-D E.P. Kilgore et al "D" spots 2,326 FSL and 200 FWL.
- No. 1-F spots 2,627 FNL and 200 FWL.

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CONSUMER ALERT

by Jim Mattox Attorney General

Common Traps In Medi-Gap Insurance

Medicare has been a godsend to older Texans (and to certain disabled persons who qualify), but Medicare does not pay 100% of all medical bills. There is an annual deductible and then there is the 20% of "reasonable" charges that you must pay. In addition, Medicare does not pay for self-administered medications, for most nursing home charges, and for the amount of a bill above what Medicare deems "reasonable."

These gaps in Medicare coverage can be very expensive and for this reason many insurance companies are offering Medicare supplemental insurance, commonly called "Medi-Gap" insurance. But be careful. There are pitfalls and traps to watch out for in buying Medi-Gap insurance just as there is for other kinds of insurance.

COMMON TRAPS

Some of the most common traps in Medi-Gap insurance are:

- **The elimination period.** Some policies have elimination periods, a span of several days in the hospital before coverage begins.

- **The pre-existing illness exclusion.** This provision excludes coverage for an illness or condition for a set time period if you have been treated for it for a specified period prior to the effective date of the policy. There are policies with six month exclusions, three month exclusions, and no exclusions. Which would be best for you depends upon your particular circumstances, but you should never buy a policy with an exclusion period greater than 6 months.

- **Mail order policies.** Be careful with unsolicited policies you receive in the mail. If you learn of a policy through the mail and it looks good, check it out with the State Board of Insurance or your nearest Consumer Protection Office.

Applying For Disability Benefits

A person who applies for Social Security disability benefits should be certain to list all sources that could provide information about his or her medical condition, Glyn Hammons, Social Security manager in Abilene, said recently.

Very often a decision as to whether a person is disabled can be based solely on medical reports obtained from the sources listed. If more information is needed, however, the person may be referred for a special examination or test. The Government will pay for this additional evidence and certain travel costs that may be related to it.

In any event, Hammons said, an applicant for disability benefits can help assure that the decision on his or her claim is made as quickly as possible and is based on the most complete information available.

The Abilene Social Security office is located at 142 S. Pioneer and the telephone number (915) 698-1360. A free booklet, "If you become disabled," is available which gives more information about Social Security disability benefits.

THERE'S NOTHING PUZZLING ABOUT IT.

DRINKING AND DRIVING DON'T FIT TOGETHER

PLEASE, DON'T DRINK IF YOU PLAN TO DRIVE.

A MESSAGE FROM THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

- **Senior's associations.** A number of organizations of seniors or retired persons endorse Medi-Gap insurance. Sometimes these are sound policies, but far too often the alleged organization is merely a front for an insurance company bent on selling poor quality, overpriced insurance. Again, check it out. And even legitimate policies may not offer as a good deal as you could get elsewhere.

- **Right to renew.** Don't buy a policy which gives the company the right to cancel you on an individual basis. They might do this if your claims are high or if you have a dispute with them about payment. Most policies have a provision that says you won't be canceled unless the company cancels all policies of that type in the state. And you should have the automatic right to renew each year.

- **Cash.** Never pay cash. Always make your premium payments by check or money order. Always make them out to the insurance company, not to the agent.

- **Short-time enrollment periods.** Do not succumb to "once in a lifetime offers" or any other high pressure sales tactic. If the company is reputable, the policy will be available tomorrow at terms very similar to those they are offering today.

THE FEDERAL CERTIFICATE

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services certifies all policies that meet minimum standards for Medi-Gap insurance. These standards include things such as:

- minimum coverage
- limits on exceptions
- disclosure of renewal provisions.

In addition, certified policies must prove that they pay out their policy holders an amount equal to or greater than 75% of all premiums taken in on group policies, and 60% of all premiums taken in on individual policies.

Don't buy a Medi-Gap policy that does not have a certification seal or emblem.

FOR MORE HELP

If you have questions about Medi-Gap insurance, call the State Board of Insurance or your nearest Consumer Protection Office. Offices are in Austin, Dallas, Houston, San Antonio, McAllen, Lubbock and El Paso. The Attorney General's Office is the people's law firm. We're here to help you.

All About 'Plateau' Awnless Bushsunflower

The USDA Soil Conservation Service, in cooperation with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, has announced the release of 'Plateau' awnless bushsunflower.

'Plateau' is primarily intended for inclusion in warm-season grass mixtures for use on droughty sites. It is adapted throughout the Edward's Plateau, Rio Grande Plain, East and West Cross Timbers, and Grand Prairie major land resource areas with adaptation to the Trans Pecos MLRA limited to certain sites. It adds diversity to the plant community in revegetation projects and is a high quality forage/browse for sheep, goats, and deer.

Foundation seed of Plateau is produced at the James E. "Bud" Smith Plant Materials Center, Knox City, under supervision of the Texas Department of Agriculture and is available for distribution to certified seed growers. Seed yields at Knox City have averaged 119 pounds per acre, with pure live seed ranging from 30-40 percent.

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Texas Crime Rate

AUSTIN — The overall Texas crime rate and volume of index crimes were up in the first half of 1987 compared to the same period in 1986, according to statistics furnished by law enforcement agencies. However, statewide violent crime categories declined while property crimes increased.

"The crime rate for the first six months of this year rose 4.4 percent to 3,761.1 crimes per hundred thousand population," said Colonel Leo Gossett, DPS director. "The overall crime volume was up 6.3 percent, totaling 627,433. These degrees of increase are more moderate compared to the higher numbers seen in the first half of 1986."

Gossett said all four categories of violent crime reflected decreases in the first half of this year, while all three property crime categories were up.

"The largest decline was 13.8 percent in the number of rapes," Gossett pointed out. "Murders decreased 10.5 percent, aggravated assaults were down 5.2 percent, and robberies fell by 2.7 percent."

The DPS director said the largest increase in the property crimes was

shown by the motor vehicle theft category.

"Vehicle thefts grew by 9.2 percent," Gossett said. "Thefts increased by 7.7 percent and burglaries were 6.4 percent higher."

Of the total index crimes reported, 20 percent were cleared by arrests in the first half of 1987. The value of property stolen during the commission of index crimes was estimated at approximately \$724 million. Stolen property recovered by police totaled approximately \$306 million during the six-month period.

"Three Texas law enforcement officers lost their lives as a result of criminal action during this time," Gossett said. "Duty-related accidents were responsible for two other deaths of officers. Assaults upon officers fell 3.4 percent, totaling 2,117."

Drug arrests were up 10.2 percent over January-June of 1986, totaling 32,567. DWI arrests numbered 60,371, a decrease of 3.3 percent.

Reports submitted by 804 law enforcement agencies to the DPS Uniform Crime Reporting program were totaled for the statewide crime statistics.

Statewide	Jan-June 1986	Jan-June 1987	Volume Change
Murder	1,072	959	-10.5%
Rape	4,410	3,800	-13.8%
Robbery	18,530	18,034	-2.7%
Aggravated Assault	29,152	27,643	-5.2%
Burglary	160,753	171,011	+6.4%
Theft	320,524	345,315	+7.7%
Motor Vehicle Theft	55,544	60,671	+9.2%
Total	589,985	627,433	+6.3%

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HUNTING TROPHIES — Leonard Wood, Cross Plains High School Principal, and fifth grader, Justin Terrell, are pictured with numerous deer mountings and horns belonging to Mr. Wood.

'A-Hunting We Will Go'

With hunting season already started, Leonard Wood thought it might be interesting to bring several sets of the deer horns he has collected over the years and talk to several of the classes.

Clements Signs A Useful Proclamation

By C.A.

Governor Clements signed a proclamation on November 5 designating the week of November 15 as Secondary School Principal's Week in Texas.

The high school faculty decided to use one day during the week to surprise Cross Plains' High School Principal, Leonard Wood.

They all chipped in and bought pizza from Regie Barr's and made a cake for dessert — all of that to let him know he is appreciated.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

NOVEMBER 19 — NOVEMBER 25

BREAKFAST

- THURSDAY** — Cinnamon toast, orange juice, milk.
- FRIDAY** — Sausage, gravy, biscuits, jelly, grape juice, milk.
- MONDAY** — Buttered oatmeal, toast, grape juice, milk.
- TUESDAY** — Choice of cereal, toast, orange juice, milk.
- WEDNESDAY** — Pancake w/syrup, grape juice, milk.

LUNCH

- THURSDAY** — Turkey and dressing, green beans, cranberry sauce, fruit salad, rolls, milk.
- FRIDAY** — Submarine sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickles, chips, cookie, milk.
- MONDAY** — Fish w/tarter sauce, macaroni and cheese, fried okra, corn bread, fruit, milk.
- TUESDAY** — Swiss steak, carrots, rolls, pear halves, milk.
- WEDNESDAY** — Vegetable beef soup, grilled cheese sandwich, crackers, peach halves, milk.

C.P.J.H. Final Game Of The Season

By JODY BROWN

The Cross Plains Mighty Mites wrapped up their football season with a game against the Goldthwaite Eagles. All Mites put up a good fight, but the Eagles came out on top 26-12.

The Mites' first score came on a sweep around the right end by Jody Brown. The 2-point conversion was unsuccessful.

The Mites' second touchdown came on a 15 yard pass from Jody Brown to tight-end, Colby Walker, for 6 points. Again the 2-point conversion was unsuccessful.

The following Junior High students participated in the football program: James Jones; Thomas Bomar; James Reed; Shawn McKeehan; Kenny Horan; Colby Walker; Billy Brown; Brandon Smith; Michael Cowan; Cory Pope; Robert Lee; Charlie Wright; Jody Brown; Chris Hamer; Jacob Barron; Earl Meroney; Stephen Williams; Buddy Rowen; Eric Blanton; and Doug Adams.

All of the Mighty Mites would like to thank Coach McConal and Coach Layman for their support and help. We couldn't have done it without you.

Basketball Teams Bounce Into Action

By DARLENE HINESLY

The Junior Varsity and the Varsity girls played their first scrimmage in basketball Tuesday, November 10. They played against Ranger's

Business School Representative Comes To C.P.H.S.

By DARLENE HINESLY

The Business Classes at C.P.H.S. were visited by a representative from the Executive Secretarial School last Thursday, November 12.

Mrs. LaVerne Day was the representative that came and spoke to the classes. The Executive Secretarial School is located in Dallas.

Mrs. Jo Rhodes' business classes that heard the speaker were the typing and record keeping classes. Mrs. LaVerne Day spoke during 1st and 3rd periods to the groups.

The presentation that she gave was aimed at setting goals and choosing careers, it was not a sales pitch for the Executive Secretarial School itself, but a general program to help the students with their future.

basketball girls at the Ranger gym. The J.V. girls played at 5 p.m. and the Varsity girls game followed at 7 p.m.

The basketball coaches are Diane Stover and Jimmy Wren. On the J.V. squad, the following players participated in the scrimmage: Terri Abernathy, Nicky Barron, Tracy Erwin, Brenda Franke, Melanie Maddox, Kristi Pointer, Carrie Renfro, Tonya Steele, and Sherri Williams.

The 1987-88 Varsity girls team consists of: Missy Montgomery, Pam Helms, Tina Evans, Stephanie Walker, K-Trina Meador, Pam Strength, Carol Morgan, Sheila Sibley, Donna Erwin, and Bethany Meador.

Drivers Will Take Vets To VA Medical Center In Waco

Cross Plains veterans need not worry about transportation to and from the Veterans Administration (VA) medical center in Waco.

That hospital will be one of 19 VA medical facilities to receive a van from the nonprofit Disabled American Veterans (DAV) on Tuesday, November 17. The donation was made possible through a cooperative effort of the DAV's national organization and its Department of Texas.

The vans will be driven by volunteers from local DAV Chapters and DAV Auxiliary Units. These volunteers will be participating in a nationwide DAV National Transportation Network. Overseeing the program at the VA Medical facility in Waco will be DAV Hospital Service Coordinator Donald W. Phillips.

The number of DAV-donated vans across the country will increase to 24 by the end of the year. The one-million-member organization hopes to fully meet the transportation needs of veterans at all of the VA's 172 medical centers before the end of 1988, donating vans wherever necessary.

"The DAV Transportation Network was established last spring when budget constraints forced the VA to terminate beneficiary travel benefits for nearly all veterans using VA facilities for medical treatment," said DAV National Director of Voluntary Services Bruce Nitsche. These benefits were paid to veterans to help them cover the costs of getting to and from the VA hospital or clinic.

"Among those affected by the benefit cut were most veterans seeking treatment for service-connected disabilities, as well as indigent veterans who have virtually no other source of health care," Nitsche said.

"The DAV simply could not stand aside and watch hundreds of thousands of veterans being left without health care simply because they live some distance from a VA hospital and had no means of transportation. Thanks to contributions from grateful Americans, many of them right here in Cross Plains, we were able to respond to this great need."

JOIN THE GREAT AMERICAN SMOKEOUT

THURSDAY, NOV. 19



Just Farming?

By REGIE BROWN

Last Tuesday, November 10, several teams from the Cross Plains Future Farmers of America left for District Contest at Cisco. The teams were not farming, but were instead there for Leadership Contests.

These teams competed against teams from their district. Teams that received a 1st or 2nd place ranking will proceed to Area Contest. All of the team rankings are listed below:

- Senior Parliamentary Procedure Team — 1st
- Junior Parliamentary Procedure Team — tied for 3rd
- Radio Team — 7th
- Extemporaneous Speakers — 2nd and 5th
- Greenhand Quiz Team — 1st
- Senior Skill Team — 2nd
- Junior Skill Team — 3rd
- F.F.A. Creed Speaking — 7th.

The teams were made up of students from the Cross Plains F.F.A. including:

Senior Parliamentary Procedure Team: Regie Brown, Kami Hargrove, Stephanie Walker, Sharon Walker, Beverly Weiss, Emily Horan, Michael Franke, Shana Strickland, and Casey Williams.

Junior Parliamentary Procedure Team: Nicky Barron, Terrell Smith, Kyle Foster, Brenda Franke, Regie Stover, Sherry Williams, Daniel Crockett, Pam Glover, Tracy Erwin, and Blandye Harris.

Radio Team: Chris Brown, Matt Strickland, and Tim McCoy. Quiz Team: Brenda Franke, Michelle McNutt, Tammie Lane, and Nicky Barron.

Junior Skills Team: Michelle McNutt, Denise Newman, and Jennifer Goble. Senior Skills Team: Darin Apple, Stacy Montgomery, and Gregg Weiss. Creed Speaking: Regie Stover, Sherry Williams — 2nd place.

Extemporaneous Speaking — Daniel Crockett — 5th place, Regie Brown — 2nd place.

With these high rankings the Cross Plains F.F.A. received the District Sweepstakes Award.

A Word Of Thanks

By JO RHODES

The Senior Class of Cross Plains High School would like to express their appreciation to the people who made contributions to them during the time of their Halloween Carnival October 31. Our carnival could not have been a success without the help of the following businesses: Cross Plains Auto Supply; Buy-Rite; Western Auto; The Back Room; Ray's Barber Shop; Greenwood Insurance; Tim's Florist; Polly's Beauty Shop; Higginbotham's; WTU; Master Centerless; Village Market; Dairy Bar; Shamrock Station; Exxon Station; Odom's Cafe; Strength Paint & Body; Lawrence Farm and Ranch; Johnson's Dry Goods; Lakeway Grocery; Student Council; Eddie Petty; Johnston Truck and Supply; Dairy Queen; and Scott Taylor.

We would also like to thank all of the participants, parents, and teachers who gave up their time for our class.

Audition Time For CJC Wrangler Belles

Fall open auditions for the Cisco Junior College Wrangler Belles are set for Sunday, November 22. Interested high school students need to check in at the CJC gym by 1:45. The auditions begin at 2 p.m. Girls who are selected at the audition receive an invitation to the final tryout during the Wrangler Belle summer camp in July. During the audition the girls will be taught routines and will be evaluated on their learning and performing skills. No solos will be required. For more information contact Nicki Harle, CJC (817)442-2567.

Wrangler Belles receive scholarships for each semester they are on the performing team. They also receive two college credits each semester. The team has traveled extensively with the band in past years and are anticipating another performance at the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade in New York City for 1988.

4-H Members Needs Validation Forms Completed

Validation forms for all 4-H members who are planning to show at any major or the County Livestock Show in February were mailed to all 4-H'ers on record on October 20.

If you are a 4-H member and did not receive a form, please contact the County Extension office at 854-1518. These forms need to be filled out in order to be eligible for the County Show.



INVESTITURE CEREMONY — Girls from Brownie Troops 213 and 214 share in the ceremony and fun as

thirty-one girls are invested into Brownies. (Photo furnished by Pam Harris.)

Brownie Troops 213 And 214 Held Investiture Ceremony

Recently an Investiture Ceremony was held at the Cross Plains Multi-Purpose Center for thirty-one young ladies who officially became Brownies. Fifteen of these girls are second and third year Brownies, but an Investiture had not been held before.

The ceremony began with a Flag Ceremony. The Color Guard for this was Billie Jo Reed, daughter of Bill and Linda Reed; Crystal Davis, daughter of Bobby and Shirley Davis; Jamee Wills, daughter of Don and Glenda Wills; Jaonna Harris, daughter of Jimmy and Pam Harris; Leellen Johnson, daughter of Danny and Joanne Johnson, and Nikki Beggs, daughter of Rex and Edith Beggs.

The ceremony progressed as Glenda Wills, leader of Troop 214 and assistant leader of Troop 213, lit three candles representing the Girl Scout Promise as she explained the Promise itself.

Next, ten candles were lit and the ten parts of the Girl Scout Law were explained by Charlotte Carroll, leader of Troop 213 and assistant leader of Troop 214, and Tonjia Davis, assistant leader and Troop Committee Person to both troops.

Glenda then swore girls from second and third grades into Troop 214, as they were presented individually by Charlotte and Tonjia.

The girls and their ranks are: Nikki Beggs, third year; Crystal Carouth, second year; Latrishia Carroll, second year; Fayedra Chauze, first year; Alana Davis, second year; Crystal Davis, third year; Jessica Davis, first year; Candice Eppard, third year; Ashley French, third year; Brooke Harris, second year; Jaonna Harris, third year; Leellen Johnson, third year; Staci Lee, first year; Brandi Monsey, first year; Marcella Oliver, second year; Billie Jo Reed, third year; Connie Stout, second year; Samantha Wadsworth, second year; and Jamee Wills, third year.

Charlotte Carroll then swore first grade girls into Troop 213 as they were individually presented by Glenda and Tonjia.

All these girls are first year Brownies. They are Ashley Beggs, Becky Box, Jessica Childers, Amanda Dillard, Jolena Fleming, Amy Hale, Christine Hargrove, Laci Key, Elizabeth McCarty, JaDeana Nolan,

Danielle Wills, and Leajeann Wyatt. The girls recited the Girl Scout Promise, sang the Brownie Smile Song, and then refreshments were enjoyed by all.

The decorations, punch, cookies, and cupcakes, as well as the serving and cleaning up were done by parents of the Brownies.

The following parents furnished these services: Edith Beggs, Gayldes Box, Neatha Carouth, Debra Childers, Mary Davis, Shirley Davis, Barbara Dillard, Linda Edington, Charlene Fleming, Olinda Hale, Sherry Harris, Joanne Johnson, Sandra McCarty, Betty Weiss, Terry Jane Wyatt, and Jeanette Oliver.

The leaders, Glenda Wills and Charlotte Carroll, appreciate all the parents for their help. Brownies could not be if it were not for all the loving and sharing you do.

LOCAL 4-H NEWS

The 4-H meeting will commence at 7 p.m. in the Ag building Tuesday, November 24. Ray Conners will conduct a program on gun safety.

All 4-H members and their parents who are interested in organizing shooting sports need to attend. Many youth have expressed an interest, but adult leadership will be essential. If you would like to dedicate some time to this project, please plan to attend the meeting.

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PERSONALS

Local folks visiting with Mr. and Mrs. M.F. Dill were Blanche Moore, L.A. Richardson, Wanda Walker, and Gary Hargrove.

The Dills' sons and wives, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dill of Irving and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Dill of Kingsland, were guests along with Howard Shanks of Big Spring.

B.J.
Bryan, Texas

Visiting Jim and Frances Irwin last week were their daughter and son-in-law, Sandra and Gerald Harmon of Akron, Ohio; daughter, Jamie, and son-in-law, Charles Colley, and granddaughter, Tracy, of Odessa; and brother and sister, David and Lynn Irwin of Richardson.

Sandra and Gerald came to Texas to get warm, but it was colder here than it was when they left Ohio.

They had an early Thanksgiving dinner since they couldn't be together for the real one.

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STATE CAPITAL

HIGHLIGHTS
By Lyndell Williams
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN-Attorney General Jim Mattox, for the second time this fall, returned from a trip out of the country to find himself in a political cross-fire that rocks his campaign train.

Last week Mattox returned from Central America to face what remained of the wrath of several Texas county treasurers who speculated that he was, in effect, using political blackmail to shake them down for campaign contributions.

Almost three weeks ago, Mattox told the annual conference of the County Treasurers Association of Texas that a legal opinion that could erode their powers was pending before him.

A couple of days later, Mattox's campaign asked for money and support from treasurers across the state.

The solicitation riled some treasurers, including some of the GOP persuasion, and they took the issue to the press. Mattox's staff was really huffooting to stomp out the brushfire before the boss returned.

Manipulation Denied

Mattox, now running for governor, has been asked to render a legal opinion whether county payrolls should be handled by the treasurers or the county auditors.

A spokesman for Mattox said that his 11-member opinion committee would probably resign if the attorney general tried to manipulate the opinion as speculated.

Mattox vs. PUC

Earlier, Mattox returned from Russia to find the Public Utilities Commission had kicked him off rate cases representing consumers. They'll fight it out in the Texas Supreme Court.

Last week, PUC commissioners continued the sabre-rattling by hiring a prestigious Austin law firm to represent them in the high court drama.

But the question of conflict of interest arose once it was discovered that the law firm also represents utility companies that are challenging PUC rates.

AIDS Testing Debate

State Insurance Board members listened to insurance companies push hard for permanent rules giving them the right to test prospective policy purchasers for AIDS. The industry says it can't stay in business if it has to insure sick people.

"We're not engaged in any kind of social service, or welfare service, or health service. We're in the insurance business," one spokesman said.

But Glenn Maxey, former Capitol aide, now head of a gay group, warned of the need for strict limits on such testing.

He wants the industry barred from requiring anyone to take an AIDS blood test except in certain cases, where health history raises the possibility of AIDS.

Conviction Reserved

The cattle theft conviction of former state Rep. David London was reversed last week by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

London had served about one year of a 10-year prison sentence, according to his Austin attorney.

In a unanimous opinion, the appeals court said prosecutors should not have been allowed to question a defense witness about her brother's criminal record.

London, a former Bonham resident, served in the House in 1981-82.

Other Highlights

- CBS television's "60 Minutes" has prepared a report on the big money politics of the Texas Supreme Court.

- U.S. Senator Lloyd Bentsen told capitol reporters he will run for re-election in 1988. No challenger has surfaced.

- State Rep. Bobby Aikin, D-Commerce, announced he will not seek re-election, but will run instead for an East Texas seat on the State Board of Education. His legendary father, the late Sen. A.M. Aikin, played a major role in creating the agency in the 1949 school reform bill.

- Another son of a former state official, Jerry Langdon of Midland, is running for the Texas Railroad Commission. His father, the late Jim Langdon, served on the panel from 1963 to 1977.

- Texas prison board chairman Al Hughes relinquished his gavel last week, but will serve out his term. A real estate developer, he has quietly earned respect for guiding the various prison construction projects out of a scandal-rocked era.

- Officials for the University of Texas and Texas A&M said they will increase efforts to improve higher education in South Texas.

- State Rep. Eddie Cavazos, D-Corpus Christi, said Hispanics should work to stop further U.S. aid to Nicaraguan Contras.

- A state district judge postponed a hearing on whether rock singer David Bowie should submit to an AIDS-virus test after Bowie, now on world tour, volunteered to take it between concert stops.

A Dallas woman who filed sexual assault charges against Bowie, asked the court to order his return to Texas to take the blood test. Bowie denies the assault.

AARP Meeting Thursday

November 19

AARP Board Meeting will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, November 19. The next regular meeting will be December 7 at 11 a.m.

Mr. Cartee, from Cisco will meet with members to install the new officers who will take charge in January.

All members are urged to be present to encourage the officers for the new year.

COTTONWOOD NEWS

By BEVERLY BROWN

The Cottonwood Quilting Club is holding their annual turkey supper this Friday, November 20, in conjunction with musical night at the Cottonwood Community Center. The menu, featured in this week's Review, of turkey and trimmings is \$3.50 for adult plates and \$2 for child's plate under 12 years of age. Serving time is 5:30 p.m. and take out orders are available.

The country-western music entertainment begins at 7 p.m. All musi-

cians are cordially invited to attend and perform.

We wish to express our sincere sympathy to the family of Pender Mitchell in the loss of their loved one. Mr. Mitchell passed away on November 12. Funeral services were held Saturday and burial was in the Cottonwood Cemetery.

Betty and Richard Prall and son, Ethan, and friend, Gillis Ducharme, of Houston were at her parents', John and Janet Purvis, over the weekend.

Dorothy and Gilbert Newman of Frankston visited with her brother, Richard and Pauline, from Thursday through Sunday.

A birthday party honoring three-year-old Jeremy Franke was held Sunday afternoon at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nickerson. Jeremy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Randall Franke of Clyde. Those attending the celebration were his grandmother, Mrs. Leo Franke, of Cross Plains; Connie Potter, Rickie Jo, Porcious and April; his sisters, Amie and Kellie, and Mom, Kathy, of Clyde and Bill and Dena.

Jo Riddle of Hamlin spent the weekend with her aunt, Blanche Moore. The girls were busy making chow chow out of the green tomatoes Jo brought down.

Mr. Jay Sneed of Azle and Mr. B. Jewel of Red Oak were down to hunt at his family place over the weekend.

Tax Reform Act And Immigration Reform Program Offered

All producers are invited to attend a program on the 1987 TAX REFORM ACT and the IMMIGRATION REFORM AND CONTROL ACT of 1986. The law makes sweeping changes which will affect all employers and employees. IRCA will have a significant impact on agricultural employers and agricultural labor market in the near future as adjustments take place.

Dr. Asley Lovell, Extension Economist from Stephenville, will discuss the 1987 Tax Act as it relates to agricultural producers. A number of changes in the tax law are in effect and producers need to be aware of the changes.

Also, on the program will be Keith Garrison of the Texas Farm Bureau in Waco. Garrison will be discussing the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 and the most recent changes in this law. All producers who have employees are affected by this law.

The program will be held in the County Courtroom on the 24th of November at 7 p.m. For more information on either program, call the County Extension office at 854-1518.

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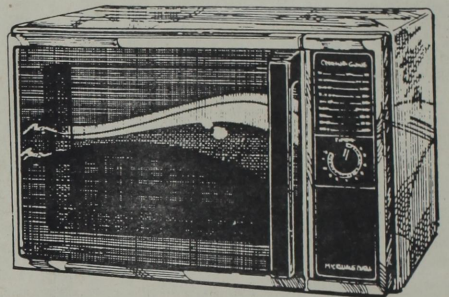
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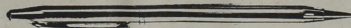
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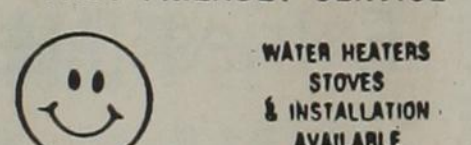
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