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ABANDONED DREAMS

John Adair Gives A Gift of Beauty To The Cross Plains Library

The Cross Plains Public Library has just received a water color painting from yet another "hometown boy" who has made good. It is one of a continuing series of old homesteads which he calls "Abandoned Dreams," paintings that bring back memories.

John Adair was born in Texas and moved to Colorado in 1980. He has no formal art training, but is a self-taught sculptor and wood carver.

In recent years, he turned to serious painting which he now does on a full-time basis. He has studied under such notable artists as Laos Markos, world famous portrait painter from Houston. He also studied with Harold Scott, the well known Oklahoma artist and Danny Gamble, artist and gallery owner from Canyon, Texas. Perhaps the most influential person over John's art is Bill Chappell, the famous western artist from Colorado and Texas.

He also paints western and wildlife.

Adair uses a technique in water colors that has enabled him to develop his own style.

John and Brenda live in Delta, Colorado where he paints and has a gallery in his home. His paintings are also sold through the Red Mountain Gallery in Lake City, Colorado, The Finishing Touch Gallery in Delta, Colorado, and the Gambell Art Gallery, Canyon, Texas.

He has also done several special commissions, including the cover picture for the Lake City Women's Club Cookbook which is now in its second printing.

He did a bronze sculpture of "Steeldust" for the Lancaster Historical Society, and "Alferd Packer" for the Lake City Chamber of Commerce.

However, he is now a full-time

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HERE COMES SANTA CLAUS!

Have you ben a good girl or boy? It is time to write Santa Claus and give him you wish list.

All pre-school children and students through 3rd grade may send their letters the the Review by noon December 11.

The children's letters will be forwarded directly to the North Pole to Santa Claus. Watch for publication in the December 19th edition.

Mail your letters to:

Santa Claus
Cross Plains Review
P.O. Box 519
Cross Plains, Texas 76443

TOYS NEEDED FOR COMMUNITY CHILDREN

Toys for Needy Children is now in progress, thanks to the Senior Citizens Center. You have probably already seen collection boxes around town to place toys you would like to contribute. Any donations of clean toys will be appreciated, according to a volunteer for the project. Please help

make their Christmas one to remember.

Parents needing assistance should contact the Senior Citizens Center at 725-6521 or Fay Chambers at 725-6270. You may come by and register the children between 9-11:30 a.m. on Monday through Friday.

Santa Claus Is Coming To Town Friday, Dec. 6!

Hey kids, it's the big day you have been waiting for! Friday, December 6. Santa Claus will be arriving in Cross Plains aboard the local truck all the way from the North Pole just to visit with you. He will be at the Kiwanis Christmas Tree Program around 6 p.m. where he will be handing out candy and fruit to children up to 12 years of age.

Santa will have the names of all the boys and girls at the end of the program and there will be a drawing for one BICYCLE.

The giant Christmas tree will be lit,

and there will be entertainment for the adults, too. Several local groups will be singing traditional Christmas songs.

Fifty (\$50) gifts, donated by local merchants, will be given away at 15 minute intervals. You must be present to win! Register at the participating merchants before 5 p.m. on Friday. There will be no place to register at the Christmas Program.

The Kiwanis Club of Cross Plains is sponsoring the program once again and they appreciate all the merchants and individuals who participated.

First Weekend Of Christmas Village Friday And Saturday

"An Old-Fashioned Christmas" is the theme for the 1991 Christmas Village, sponsored by Project Pride. The Village will open at its new location on Highway 36 West including the Howard House, the former Robertson's Tire Store, and the house east of the metal building.

You may view the North Pole, Santa's Workshop, Christmas Village, Crafts-Candy Kitchen, Baked Goods, Story Room, and the Robert E. Howard House filled with various collections from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, December 6 and 7 and also December 13 and 14.

The Cornerstone Methodist Church will provide the live Nativity Scene on Friday and the First Baptist Church Saturday.

Children may see Santa and have their photos taken with him.

Tickets are \$2.50 in advance and \$3 at the door. A hayride to view the decorated homes in the community will offer more fun for just \$1. All the proceeds will benefit Project Pride in their efforts to promote the community of Cross Plains.

For an evening of fun, come to the 1991 Christmas Village!

Annual Band Christmas Concert December 5

Bill Strickler, local Cross Plains School band director, would like to invite parents, grandparents, and the entire community to the Annual Band Christmas Concert. Students in the Fifth Grade, Junior High, and High School band will be performing Christmas classics on Thursday, December 5, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the school auditorium.

There will be no admission fee and everyone is invited to come and be filled with the Christmas spirit through the magic of music.

Students are asked to wear nice Sunday style clothes, and formals are optional.

A reception will follow in the band hall. Come enjoy an evening of entertainment and fellowship!

TOUR OF HOMES SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

By DORA SMITH

The 1991 annual Tour of Homes will take place this Sunday, December 8, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. It is sponsored by the Alpha Rho Zeta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, and tickets with maps are available for \$5 from any

member or by calling 725-6573 or 725-6658. Tickets are also available at the homes, which may be toured separately for \$1 each.

Five homes scheduled to be open are those belonging to John Howard and Vida Balkum, Donnel and Imo Jeane Clark, Bob and Carolyn Morgan,

Warren and Susan Trammell, and Charles and Kathy Chesshir. Refreshments will be served at the Chesshir home. Everyone is invited to join friends and neighbors for an enlightening and fun time at this special event, which in turn benefits the community through worthy pro-

jects.

Last week it was inadvertently omitted that the home of Warren and Susan Trammell is the parsonage for the First United Methodist Church in Cross Plains. The members should indeed be proud of the beautiful home they provide their pastor.

Donnel and Imo Jeane Clark built their new brick, all electric home in October 1990, near the edge of town on FM 880. The 2,000 sq. ft. structure, built by Roger Klingberg Construction, sits on one acre, has an entrance way, three bedrooms, 3 baths, and a double garage. The open con-

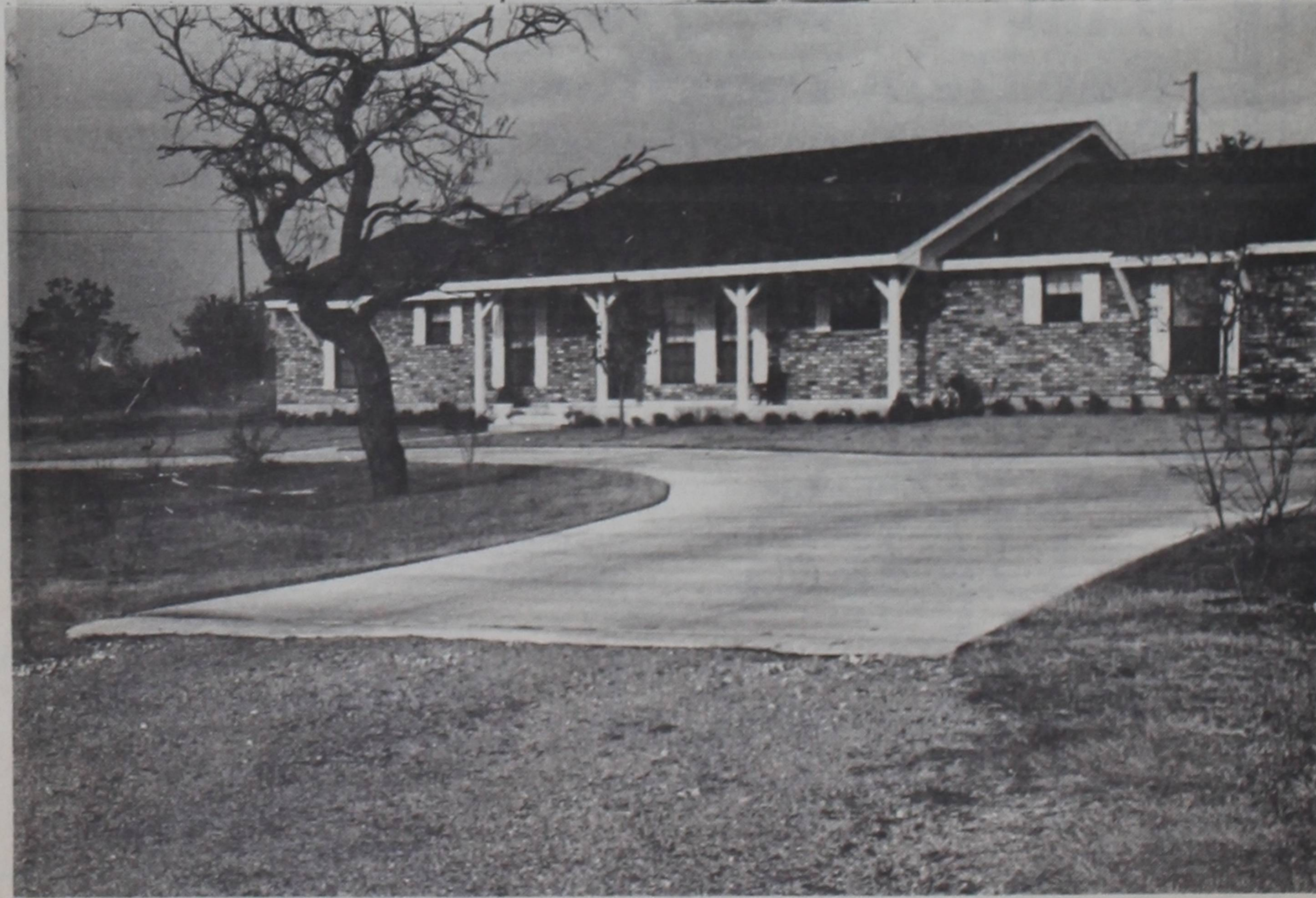
cept is used in the large living/dining/breakfast area. There are lots of windows across the back of the house.

Furnishings include antiques; a pie safe, hall tree, and a Victrola that really plays, all refinished by Donnel.

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THE HOME OF JOHN HOWARD AND VIDA BALKUM



THE HOME OF DONNEL AND IMO JEANE CLARK

Colonial Oaks Services

Pioneer Pentecostal Church will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, December 8, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

OBITUARY

Gary Gene Marquis

Gary Gene Marquis, 51, died Thursday, November 28, 1991, in an Abilene hospital.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel. Graveside services were held at 10 a.m. Monday at Restland Cemetery in La Feria.

Mr. Marquis was born in Brownsville. He was a truck driver, a Baptist and was a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War.

Survivors include his wife, Mary (Strength) Marquis of Cross Plains; a sister, Margie Roe of Kerrville; a niece, Cyndi Aycock of Midland; and a nephew, Craig Roe of Virginia.

Whitehead, both of Cisco; and four grandchildren.

Melba 'Sue' Watson

RISING STAR — Melba "Sue" Watson, 51, died Friday, November 29, 1991, at her home.

Services were held Saturday at 4 p.m. at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel in Cross Plains with the Rev. Dick Williams officiating. Burial was in Rising Star Cemetery.

Mrs. Watson was born and lived her life in Rising Star. She was a homemaker and a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Donald Watson of Rising Star; five sons, Donald Joe Watson, Richard Lee Watson, and David Earl Watson, all of Ennis, Darryl Edward Watson of Cedar Creek, and Dustin Edward Watson of Rising Star; four brothers, Damon Benson of Amarillo, Robert Benson of Brownwood, Charlie Benson of Frankston, and Cleo Benson of Ennis; four sisters, Myrtle Parker of Lake Chandler, Billie Williams of Rising Star, Naomia Cain of Rising Star, and Lorine Clark of Buchanan Lake; her mother, Haddie Benson of Rising Star; and five grandchildren.

Wanda Lee (Mrs. Roy) Clark

Wanda Lee (Mrs. Roy) Clark, age 76, of Burkett died Friday, November 29, 1991 at the Brownwood Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday at the Stevens Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. I.L. Walker officiating. Burial followed at Burkett Cemetery under the direction of Stevens Funeral Home.

Mrs. Clark was born December 20, 1914 in Altus, Oklahoma. She grew up in Oklahoma and attended school there. On March 31, 1957, she married Roy Clark in Las Vegas. She lived for many years in Tehachapi, California and moved to Burkett in 1977. She was a homemaker and a member of the Cross Plains Writers Club. She attended several churches, including Burkett Baptist and the Assembly of God church.

Survivors include: her husband, Roy T. Clark of Burkett; five sons, Rodger Rolin of Tehachapi, California, Bill Rolin of Bakersfield, California, Glen Polin of San Leon, Texas, Mac Rolin of Bakersfield, California, and Tom Rolin of Bakersfield, California; two daughters, Terri Bushnell of Burkett and Juanita Davidson of Sonoma, California; 26 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were her sons, R.J. Rolin; A.B.G. Rolin; E.G. Rolin; L.M. Rolin; T.K. Rolin, and her son-in-law, C.L. Davidson.

Judy LaVerne Gary Culpepper

CISCO — Judy LaVerne Gary Culpepper, 52, died Tuesday, November 26, 1991, in an Eastland hospital.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Friday at Kimbrough Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Bill Fee officiating. Burial was in Sabanno Cemetery.

Mrs. Culpepper was born in Eastland County and had been a lifetime resident of Cisco. She was a waitress and was a member of Bible Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Arlon D. Gary of New Orleans; a daughter, Sissy Gary of Cisco; four brothers, Darwin Ingram of Hawley, and Chock Ingram, Olleta Baker and Charlsie

Civil Filing
Gerald Wayne Towery vs. Cigna Insur. Co. of Texas, workman's comp case.

Civil Minutes
Wesley Pearce vs Joe Kent Sparkman, dismissed with prejudice.

Felony Indictment
Craig Wayne Smith, 2 counts aggravated sexual assault.

Commodities Distributed Locally

Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. will distribute USDA Commodities in Callahan County at the following locations:

Baird: VTW — Wednesday, December 11, 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Clyde: Senior Center — Wednesday, December 11, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Putnam: City Hall — Wednesday, December 11, 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Cross Plains: Multi-Purpose Center — Thursday, December 12, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Items available this month are: flour, tomatoes, and pears.

C.T.O., Inc. has no control over what items are available or the quantity of the items. All locations of all commodities depends on the availability of food items from USDA.

All eligible persons will receive emergency food assistance without regard to race, color, age, national origin, political beliefs, religion, or handicap.

Shut-ins are encouraged to designate an authorized representative to pick up for them. Volunteers are greatly needed and appreciated to help with this much needed program.

Personals

Thanksgiving Day visitors with Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Clark were Maurice Morton of Brownwood, Effie Jones of Rising Star, and Uva Jones of the Cottonwood Community.

Thanksgiving visitors over the holiday weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Roger Watson and Aunt Pearl were Mr. and Mrs. Billy Watson of Richmond, Phelix Watson of Abilene, and Mildred Watson Harlow of San Antonio.

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painter and has made a lifetime commitment to that endeavor.

In a recent show he sold 25 paintings in two hours.

John is a former student of Cross Plains High School and of Billie Loving, Librarian at the Cross Plains Public Library. "Johnny was a talented student, in both the classroom and student activities," Loving said. "I remember especially our senior follies in which he sang, 'Dance Ballerina, Dance.' I am pleased that his memories of those years are happy

ones." In a card to Billie, John stated, "I often think how lucky we were to have a teacher like you. Someone to give us the background to survive in this world."

"Cross Plains salutes John Adair, a talented artist! Roylene Wilson's assistance in the project was also appreciated. The library invites everyone to come by and view the painting so generously donated." Loving remarked.

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Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.
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Rob Saries, Music/Youth — 725-7550

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Phone 725-1117

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Sunday Morning Worship 10:45 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 P.M.
Wed. Evening Bible Study 7:00 P.M.
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Also, an antique rocking chair came from the Governor's mansion in Austin during the time Governor Lanham was in office, 1903-1907.

John Howard and Vida Balkum's beautiful and unique retirement home is located at 301 E. Eighth. It has a total space of 2,540 sq. ft. which includes a double garage, three bedrooms, two full baths, living room, and a spacious kitchen-dining area. The Balkums moved there from their farm in December of 1989. Construction was done by Vida's nephew, David Hale from Abilene.

The exterior is Old St. Louis antique brick topped with antique shingles. Welcoming visitors is an attractive entrance of Keystone rock ensemble, and a large oval Anderson picture window.

Many features of the house show that it is built with retirement and convenience for a long life in mind. Instead of steps, there are ramps, and entrances/exits are large 3-ft. doors. Showers are equipped with railings, and the master bath has a built-in tub and raised toilet.

A bricked island with double sinks and working area make the spacious kitchen-dining room convenient and unique. Cathedral ceilings are adorned with ceiling fans. While ceramic tile covers the dining/kitchen and bathrooms, plush carpet is used in the outer living areas of the all-electric ESP home. There is lots of storage and closet space.

Furnishing the home are some antiques including a bedroom suit given to Vida by her parents when she married, and a matching cedar chest given to her when she graduated from high school. Vida also has her childhood rocking chair. Decorating the house are three arial photos of their farm, a 50-year-old painting by Minta Tunnell, and two paintings by John Howard's sister, Irene Garlitz.

The Balkums invite everyone to tour their home and visit with them this Sunday, December 8.

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CHILD WELFARE BOARD — Members of the Callahan County Child Welfare Board pictured from left to right back row: Robert Warren, vice-chairperson; Mary Koch, secretary; Rodney Lewallen, member;

Kathy Price, board reporter; and Barbara Dillard, member. Front row left to right are: Gaila Leamon, member; Becky Blackwell, chairperson; Connie Kirkham, member; and Nora Odom, treasurer.

Child Welfare Board Has 100% Attendance At Last Meeting

Members of the Callahan County Child Welfare Board were 100% in attendance for the last monthly meeting of 1991. Several new and exciting projects were discussed for the new year. Among them is the voluntary donation of jury duty checks to the Child Welfare Board by Callahan County jurors. Flyers will be mailed with the checks explaining how to donate them. This project was suggested to — and approved by — the Commissioners Court November 12, 1991. Several ideas were mentioned for fund raisers for 1992 — with April being the Annual Child Abuse Prevention Month. Sometimes when the family unit breaks down, children are the victims of abuse or neglect. This is when the Child Welfare Board helps with financial support to supply temporary

emergency housing, placement, clothing, medical care, or just a little extra love at Christmas with something just for them.

This year the Board members played Santa to fourteen area children referred to them by case worker Jeanne Scott. These children will hopefully feel better about themselves knowing other people care about them.

The presents were bought and wrapped with much love and imagination by the Board members and will be delivered by Jeanne during her regular follow up visits to the children in December.

The next meeting will be January 16, 1992 at 7:00 p.m. in the Baird Department of Human Services Building. The public is invited to attend any monthly meeting held every third Thursday. At this time the Callahan County Child Welfare Board would like to wish everyone a "Merry Christmas."

Remember, "Kids Should be Seen and Not Hurt." Prevent Child Abuse: call 1-800-252-5400.

Coleman Musical Friday, Dec. 13

A Country Western Musical is held each second Friday at the Coleman V.F.W. in the West Ward School building on Gray and Oak Street.

Concessions open at 6 p.m. and musical entertainment begins at 6:30 p.m. All musicians in the area are welcomed to participate.

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the performance and fellowship.

Project Pride To Meet December 10

The regular meeting of Project Pride is scheduled for Tuesday, December 10, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Cross Plains Library. Members and interested persons are invited to meet with the group.

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Down Home

EDITOR'S NOTE: Vivian Wooten has submitted a touching story that truly conveys the message of Thanksgiving. You will all relate to her warm memories of her grandfather. Vanda King, Editor

Thanksgiving Memories Of Papa

By VIVIAN WOOTEN

Forty family members gathered at Granny's house for the traditional Thanksgiving feast. Mouth-watering aromas filled the kitchen as the final touch was sliced, stirred, and spooned to the food. Swollen ankles, sweating brows, and aching backs hurriedly prepared the serving table.

A game of tag football between the third generation was already in progress. Little folks were eagerly climbing on the grape vines. Others were anticipating the Dallas Cowboy football game later in the afternoon. Granny was sitting in her chair by the window where she could easily see who was coming up the sidewalk next. Greetings, smiles, hugs, and kisses were bestowed as we began to celebrate the Thanksgiving Day with mixed emotions. This was to be our first family holiday celebration without Papa sitting at the head of the table.

Sixteen great-grandchildren were prepared hearty plates and the others followed likewise. Among the feasting, the chatter, and the compliments to the many cooks, there was a strong heart-felt presence of Papa within each of us. Each of us remembering what Papa liked to eat best, how he looked forward to the holidays, and how he enjoyed each

and every one of us. We missed his hearty appetite, his humor, and his shirt hanging by the door.

Tears were quietly shed in Granny's bedroom, in the bathroom, and in Papa's apple orchard. Photo albums were leafed through and we remembered special things and times with Papa.

I will always remember Papa as a man of strength and the foundation of our family. He strived to teach us many things and among them were to enjoy the simple things of life, to be thankful for the things we have, and family first. Setting a fine example of practicing what he preached as he provided a home for five of his grandchildren. Papa wasn't one to complain, was an honest man, loved his family as well as a good ballgame, and left a living legacy of family and friends who respected him and dearly loved him.

During his sudden and short illness, we gathered at the hospital to be with him, to support him, to comfort him, to pray for him, and to touch him with our love. Papa was a "home-body" and being confined to the hospital was difficult for him, but his sense of humor never wavered. Nor his desire to go home; yet, we all knew that in a very short time he would leave us to go to his heavenly home. In spite of his own pain and suffering, his one wish to each of us was "take care of Granny."

On this Thanksgiving Day, as I recall my own special memories, I am thankful for the simple things of life, for the material things I have, for my three healthy children, for my other family members, and for my friends. But most of all, I am thankful that W.B. Dillard was my Papa!

1992 Farm Programs

Although the 1992 wheat and feed grain programs contain the same target prices as in 1991, county ASCS official Odom says the national average price support levels are up.

Local producers who enroll in the 1992 programs will be eligible for target price protection at \$4 per bushel for wheat, \$2.75 for corn, \$2.61 for sorghum, \$2.36 for barley, and \$1.45 for oats. National average price support loans per bushel are \$2.21 for wheat, \$1.72 for corn, \$1.63 for sorghum, \$1.40 for barley, \$.88 for oats, and \$1.46 for rye.

Odom says the 1992 price support level for soybeans remains at \$5.02 per bushel, and 5.089 per pound for other oilseeds. A marketing loan program also will remain in effect.

The 1992 farm programs call for a 5 percent reduction in wheat, corn, grain sorghum and barley acreage, and a zero percent reduction in oats acreage. Signup is scheduled for February 10 through April 17, 1992.

Cotton Program

Upland cotton producers will be required to reduce cotton acres by 10 percent to qualify for price support loans, target price protection and other benefits on 1992-crop upland cotton.

Scott Odom, County Executive Director of the Callahan County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, says the preliminary acreage reduction percentage is consistent with the ratio of total stocks to total use of upland cotton, including all domestic, export and residual stocks.

The 1992 program offers target price protection at 72.9 cents per pound, the same as this year, and price support loans at 52.35, a 1.58-cent-per-pound increase over the 1991 loan rate.

County ASCS official Odom says the 1992 upland cotton program does not contain paid land diversion provisions.



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Boys Basketball Results To Date

The Cross Plains boys Varsity basketball team finds itself with a 2-1 record at the Thanksgiving break. The Buffs defeated De Leon in the first game of the season 60-53. The boys were behind by nine at the half but showed a lot of composure in their comeback.

The second game of the year saw the Buffs travel to Coleman and come up on the short end of a 50-31 decision. The Buffaloes down by only two at the half made too many mistakes in the second half to compete with the traditionally tough Bluecats.

The third game of the young season found the Buffs "on the road again." This time at another 2A school, Dublin. The boys played their most complete game of the year and came up with a 61-49 victory.

"We have come a long way in a short time," says Buffs Coach Bill Boyd, "but we still have a long way to go. We have had some illness to overcome and the boys have to get better at rebounding. Overall though, I am very proud of the work habits and the attitude. December will tell a lot about the future of this team!"

Boys Statistics De Leon

Points	Walker	23
	Brown	12
Rebounds	Walker	17
	Sowell	9
Assists	Brown	9
	Rutledge	6
Steals	Brown	3
	Whitsitt	3

Coleman

Points	Cowan	10
	Walker	9
Rebounds	Walker	7
Assists	Brown	2
	Sowell	2
Steals	(Six with one each.)	

Dublin

Points	Walker	20
	Brown	13
Rebounds	Walker	13
	Switzer	6
Assists	Brown	5
	Rutledge	4
Steals	Brown	2 1/2
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NEXT GAME —

Dec. 5, 6, and 7. Zephyr Tourney.
Dec. 10 Jim Ned (Here) — Dec. 13 Abilene High J.V. (Here).
J.V. Boys Scores
Cross Plains.....26
De Leon.....52
Cross Plains.....32
Coleman.....33
Cross Plains.....57
Dublin.....65

Holiday Portraits With Santa Available Today

Today, Thursday, December 5, the PTO is offering Holiday Portraits for your children at the school. You can have your child's portrait made with Santa Claus today at the school, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Provine, a very reputable photography studio will be taking the pictures.

Individual or Family Group (limit of 3) are available for \$15. This holiday

package includes (1) 5x7; (2) 3x5's; and (8) wallets. Preschool children are welcome.

All portraits are guaranteed for Christmas delivery and 100% customer satisfaction is guaranteed. This Holiday Season have quality portraits of your children made in a beautiful holiday setting that is sure to please family and friends!

Buffalo Band Needs Arts And Crafts Donated For Christmas Store

The annual Christmas Store will be open for little shoppers, age Kindergarten through sixth grade, on Wednesday and Thursday, December 18 and 19, at the Cross Plains Cafeteria.

The Band Boosters sponsor the project and they would greatly appreciate anyone who would like to donate arts, crafts, and other items for re-sale. Band parents donate gifts ranging from 5 cents to \$6, and the proceeds will be used for the Buffalo Band. Parents are reminded to have their gifts ready by the above deadline.

Purchasing band uniforms is currently of importance to the sixty plus students in the high school band, along with many more expenses.

Anyone who would like to donate handmade items, etc., please contact Connie Kirkham 725-6500 or 725-6318, Barbara Sowell 725-7625 or Connie Swift 725-6443. Any items would be appreciated by the Band Boosters and students.

The Christmas Store provides a place for younger children to purchase inexpensive gifts for their parents, grandparents, brothers, and sisters, while teaching them the spirit of giving.

Local Scouts Sponsor Can Food Drive Saturday, Dec. 7

All ages of Cross Plains Boy Scouts will be canvassing the town in a Can Food Drive starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, December 7.

The can goods collected will be donated to the Beta Sigma Phi to help fill food baskets for the needy families in this area at Christmas.

The Scouts would appreciate your contribution and ask that you remember their drive. Please have your can goods ready when they stop by. Help make Christmas dinner special with your generous donations.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

DECEMBER 9 — 13

(Subject to Change)

BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Hash brown, biscuit, gravy, orange juice, milk.

TUESDAY — Bacon, egg, biscuit, jelly, grape juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY — Pancake, sausage, orange juice, milk.

THURSDAY — Choice of ready to eat cereal, toast, grape juice, milk.

FRIDAY — Oatmeal, toast, orange juice, milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY — Chicken nuggets, creamed potatoes, gravy, pickle spears, peanut butter w/syrup, rolls, milk.

TUESDAY — Vegetable beef soup, grilled cheese sandwich, pears, crackers, milk.

WEDNESDAY — Chili beans, spinach, corn bread, peaches, milk.

THURSDAY — Turkey, dressing, cranberry sauce, green beans, fruit salad, rolls, milk.

FRIDAY — Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, cookie, milk.

LAKESWOOD NEWS

By BETTY WESTERMAN

Don't forget the Christmas party this Saturday, December 7. The social will begin at 6:30, with the meal to follow at approximately 7:00 p.m. Everyone should bring a dessert and a side dish. The Ladies Association will supply the ham and dressing.

We will also play Bingo afterwards. Each person should bring a gag gift or some old white elephant item you have laying around the house. Wrap each item so they won't know what they are getting. If you are bringing children you might want to bring a child's gift for them. The kids love to play Bingo, so come on out and bring them, too. It's never too early to get them involved in the golf course. Landon has been going to Lakewood since he was just a few weeks old, and he and Mande both love to play golf.

The response on nominations for the Board of Directors has been very low. There are 4 Directors whose terms are expiring. They are President Ken Horan, Vice-President J.D. Green, Secretary Betty Westerman, and Frances Taylor. Remaining on the Board are Nicky Harris, Barbara McKoy, and Bill Porter. Each adult member of Lakewood has a vote on who is on the Board of Directors. Be sure to use this vote and elect a Board which you, the members, feel will do the best job of improving and maintaining our golf course. I hope that our children and grandchildren will be playing on this golf course for many years to come.

County To Appeal Overtime Pay Case

Callahan County Commissioners took steps Monday to appeal a decision by the wage and hour division of the U.S. Department of Labor to pay more than \$16,800 in overtime to four Callahan County Sheriff's Department deputies.

Commissioners, in a regular court meeting Monday, November 25, voted unanimously to appeal the overtime pay case to the area office of the wage and hour division of the U.S. Department of Labor located in Fort Worth.

Callahan County Judge Bill Johnson said that the wage and hour board was notified by letter Monday that the overtime pay case will be appealed. Judge Johnson said that the commissioners asked for an appeal to receive more information from the wage board on how the overtime pay figure was arrived at. Judge Johnson said that the commissioners could also appeal the area office decision if not to the commissioners' liking.

Callahan County officials received word Thursday, November 21, that they owed \$16,805.63 in unpaid overtime to four employees of the sheriff's department, following an investigation by the wage and hour division of the U.S. Department of Labor.

The amount is significantly less than the \$31,000 originally requested by 10 sheriff's department employees who filed a complaint with the labor board in mid-October.

County Judge Bill Johnson said a joint investigation by county commissioners and Victor Flores, a labor department investigator based in Abilene, revealed that some of the overtime in question had been figured incorrectly or recorded twice.

Other employees had taken compensatory time not reflected on their time cards, and in the end, only four employees had justified claims, Johnson said.

"It's a pretty excessive amount to put to the taxpayers," he said. "If we pay it, we'd have to take it out of reserves with a possibility of a tax raise next year to replenish it," Johnson said.

Johnson said the Commissioners Court had asked Sheriff Bill Skinner on several occasions in the past to require his employees to take compensatory time rather than allow overtime.

That policy is perfectly legal and is necessary because there is no money in the county budget to allow for overtime pay, according to Johnson.

"We've got to come up with this money somewhere and it will be so much easier on the taxpayers if they (sheriff's department employees) just take the comp time," he said.

According to Johnson, Skinner promised county commissioners at their last meeting he would make every effort to comply in the future.

Other items brought before Commissioners Court included:

— Commissioners voted unanimously to purchase computer equipment for the county clerk's office to be used in record keeping. Currently, the county clerk's office contracts with an individual from Abilene for the computer record keeping work. Judge Johnson said the decision to purchase the computer equipment was made because it will save the county money to have the work performed locally.

— Commissioners voted to reappoint seven members to the Public Responsibility Committee on the Mental Health/Mental Retardation office located in Abilene. The seven committee members are all from Abilene. Callahan County contracts with the MH/MR to admit patients from the county.

Annual Pledge Ritual Held For New Sorority Pledges

By MELISSA KEMP

Dora Smith welcomed the members of the Alpha Rho Zeta Chapter into her home on November 11, 1991. The Annual Pledge Ritual was held for the following new sisters: R'Evelyn Childers, Debbie Gosnell, Neoma Nash, Terry Norris, and Linda Wilson.

The members discussed plans for the "Parade of Homes" which is to be held on December 8, 1991 at the homes of J.H. and Vida Balkum, Charles and Kathy Chesshir, Donnel and Imo Jeanne Clark, Bob and Carolyn Morgan, and Reverend Susan and Warren Trammell. Refreshments will be served at the home of Charles and Kathy Chesshir. The sorority would like to remind the public to come join us in touring these lovely and unique homes.

Those attending the meeting were Jamie Apple, Sarah Brashear, Debra Childers, R'Evelyn Childers, Patricia Cook, Mary Dunn, Joy Gerking, Debbie Gosnell, Bobbie Johnston, Melissa Kemp, Judy Luter, Joyce McCoy, Margaret McNeel, Wanda Merryman, Neoma Nash, Terry Norris, Nora Odum, Janice Phillips, Carol Rogers, Dora Smith, Patricia Stephens, and Linda Wilson.

Edna Dye Hosts Thanksgiving Reunion

Edna Dye hosted a Thanksgiving reunion for nine first cousins, their children, and grandchildren. Seventy related members of the Yarbro family gathered at her home on Sunday, November 24, for a pre-Thanksgiving dinner. Edna's grandfather, Ed Yarbro, worked for the railroad in Baird and resided with his families on a farm three miles west of Baird. They were members of the Presbyterian Church. One of the cousins who attended was the daughter of Gus Yarbro and was christened in the Baird Presbyterian Church. One cousin who attended was Mary Lee Castille, daughter of Lenox Yarbro. Mary Lee, her husband and son were Edna's house guests the week following the reunion. Edna's mother was Cecil Yarbro, who lived in Breckenridge.

Those who attended were Mary Brook, Fort Worth, Texas and her grandson, Mathew Prime, Earl and Joann Yarbro, Bowie, Texas; Warren and Anna, Bowie; Jim and Jarita Sayre, Abilene; Joe and Sharon Allen, Abilene; Carry and Amy Etter, Abilene; Brian and Julie, Justin and Briana Paterson, Baird; Joe Lea and Marjorie Yarbro, Grand Prairie; Dr. Joe H. Yarbro, Ryan and Amber Yarbro, Grand Prairie;

Larry and Martha Sayre and son, Ryan, and Kelly Jr. from Grapevine; John and Anne Sayre, and sons, Michael, Daniel and Paul, Ed, Ann and Lou Ann Dye, Abilene; Kelly and Becky Sayre, Katherine, Jacque, and Trey, Grand Prairie; Frank and Millie Sayre, Eastland; Mary Sayre, Breckenridge; Scott Terrill, wife and daughter, Alexandria; Ed and Betty Sayre, Breckenridge; Kathy and Bob Dye, Baird; Frances and Mary Lee Castille, Sunset, Louisiana; Gregory Castille, Sunset, Louisiana; and Gene and Suzanne Dye and children, Taylor, Erin, Sean, and Christopher.

SORORITY MEMBERS MEET AT THE HOME OF DEBRA CHILDERS

By MELISSA KEMP

Debra Childers welcomed the members of the Alpha Rho Zeta Chapter into her home on November 25, 1991. The sorority members discussed some of their upcoming projects and made final plans for the "Parade of Homes." Tickets are being sold for the "Parade of Homes" and can be purchased from any sorority member for \$5.

Joy Gerking advised the members that she and Jamie Apple had distributed three food baskets including canned goods collected from sorority members and a turkey to three families in Cross Plains for their Thanksgiving Meal. The sorority will

COLONIAL OAKS NURSING HOME NEWS

By LINDA EDINGTON
Activity Director

We do believe old man winter has arrived. It was a beautiful sight to see, but o' so cold. Clevia Ringhoffer said she took a peep out the back door, but it did not take her long to close it.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Helen Wood, who is in the Brownwood hospital. Hurry home, Helen, we love you.

We would like to give a warm welcome to our new residents, Joyce Strickland and Lawana Jean McFerrin.

The staff has been enjoying the peanut brittle that Fredene Hargrove made. Thanks, Fredene.

Shana, Misty, and Randy Stickland, Jan Baker from Burkett, Barbara Strickland from Coleman, Cory Pope from Burkett, and Lucille Gould were all here visiting with Joyce Strickland. Seth Morgan was here visiting Ressa Glover.

Charlene Metcalf was visiting with Clara Coburn and H.H. McDermott. Mary St. Peter from Cottonwood visited Winnie Walton.

Lora and Willie Halloway from Anson were here visiting May Bell Odum.

Andra Adams from Colorado Springs, Colorado and Tommy Adams from Donalsonville, Louisiana were here visiting Annabel Vaught.

Becky, Korey, Kyle, and Katie Graves from Fort Worth visited with Floye Casle.

Bertha Lee Calderon from San Antonio and Ferne Hutchins were here visiting with Bertha Bentley.

Leo and Jewel Thompson were here visiting everybody.

Jack and Shar Fry from Abilene visited with W.M. Stansbury.

Jim, Fannie, and Janie Snodgrass from Midland visited Owen Snodgrass.

Activities during the week:

Monday: Bingo winners were Madie Chambers, Midge McCall, Vera Belyeu (2), Annabel Vaught (2), Lucille Stone, Ressa Glover (2), Clevia Ringhoffer (2), and E.K. Coppinger. Exercise class.

Tuesday: Art class. Popcorn and domino games.

Wednesday: Sing-a-long with Ruby McCowen, Clyde Linker, Sally Roady, Vera Pearl Bunnell, and Vernie McMillan. Exercise class.

Thursday: Linen folding. Domino games.

Friday: Bingo winners were Vera Belyeu (3), Midge McCall (2), Ressa Glover, Annabel Vaught, Lucille Stone, Clevia Ringhoffer, and Madie Chambers. Afternoon singing with Sister Ruby, Vernie McMillan, Sarah McCowen, Bobby Jack McCowen, and special guest, James Horton.

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Katerina Ring
Shawn Weathermon

DECEMBER 7
Mamie Webb
Mrs. Anne Burris
Michael Dean Wilson
Roy Richey
Jim McDonald
Estaline Gilmore
Allan Clark
Glen Lawrence
Maurine Strahan
Jimmie Reynolds
Lovey Nichols

DECEMBER 8
Judy (Gibbs) Steele
Neva Joyce Dillard
Buster Black
L.L. Morgan
Mrs. Perry Jennings

Elmer Casey
Garrett Stephens

DECEMBER 9
Bill Gunn
Rhonda (Jackson) Francy
Bud McCorkle
Larry Bishop
Gerald Holcomb
Mrs. Troy Crockett
J.A. Kirkham
Darlene Dillard
Gaye Archer
Dale Hunt
Leslie D. Arrowood
John Ingram
Bruce Reagon
Mrs. A.H. Ringhoffer
Mrs. J.D. Goble
Glenn Merrill

DECEMBER 10
Jimmy McCowen
Debbie Edington
Roger Wilson
Jesse Sparks
Jimmy Gilmore
Joe Dean Nunn
Burnice Webster

Mickie Holmann
Wayne Newton
James LeMay
Sherril Lynn Bassett

DECEMBER 11
Tommy Cavanaugh Waggoner
Jill (Richardson) Betts
Terry Nilson
O.B. Edmondson
Pee Wee Pickett
Stuart Sowell
Mrs. Eldon Mcintosh
Peggy Purvis
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Andrew Mark Young
Mrs. Byron Richardson
Kay Horan
Noah Sealy Johnson
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3 Candidates Filed For Various Offices

Three candidates filed during the first day of candidate filing for the March 10 Democratic Primary Election in Callahan County.

Filing began Tuesday, December 3 in what is expected to be one of the largest candidate filings in recent memory.

Candidate filing for positions of County Attorney, Tax Assessor-Collector, Commissioner Precinct #1 (Clyde), Commissioner Precinct #3 (Baird), County Sheriff and 42nd District Court Judge began at Hardwick's office in Baird.

Jon Hardwick, Callahan County Democratic Party Chairman, said that filing will continue now until January 3 at his office located on West Highway 80 in Baird. Hardwick is the new party chairman that replaced former chairman Charles Walker. Candidate filing forms are located at Hardwick's office or from the Callahan County Clerk's office.

Candidate filing fees include \$600 for the office of County Commissioner, Tax Assessor-Collector and Sheriff. Filing fee for County Attorney is \$1,000 and 42nd District Court Judge filing fee is \$1,200.

Those filing for office as of Tuesday afternoon, included:

—Roy LaFoy filed December 3 for the office of Commissioner Precinct #1 (Clyde). LaFoy, 52, lists his address as Rt. 4 Box 234, Clyde. He is a resident of Texas and Callahan County 52 years and lists his occupation as county commissioner.

—Tommy Holland filed December 3 for the office of Commissioner Precinct #3 (Baird). Holland, 58, lists his address at 245 Vine Street in Baird. He has lived in Texas 58 years and in the county 27 years. He lists his occupation as county commissioner.

—Eddie Curtis filed December 3 for

the office of County Sheriff. Curtis, 40, lists his address as 539 Chestnut in Baird. He has resided in the county and state for 40 years. Curtis lists his occupation as farmer/rancher.

Along with Commissioners LaFoy and Holland already filing for re-election, several other office holders have stated to the *Clyde Journal* they will seek re-election. County Attorney Brad Harris said he will run for re-election and Tax Assessor-Collector Wauneta Estes said she will seek re-election to her office. Although County Sheriff Bill Skinner was unable to be reached for comment, he is expected to file for re-election. 42nd District Court Judge Don Lane, who serves Taylor, Callahan and Coleman counties, announced his retirement for public office.

Callahan County Judge Bill Johnson said Tuesday that the new voter and commissioner precinct boundaries, being considered now by county commissioners, will take effect January 1 in time for the March 10 primary election. Judge Johnson said that he feels confident that voter precinct boundaries are going to be set up as county commissioners had drawn. New voter precinct and county commissioner precinct boundaries will be published next week in the *Clyde Journal*.

To file for public office, a candidate must be at least 18 years of age, a registered voter and a resident of the county or commissioner precinct the candidate is filing for. A candidate can by-pass the filing fee by obtaining a petition with the required number of registered voters.

Candidate filing for county public office will continue during regular business office hours until January 3. The Democratic Primary Election will be held Tuesday, March 10 in Callahan County.

ROWDEN NEWS

By MRS. N.V. GIBBS

The year 1991 is fast coming to a close and many things have taken place. All the unusual types of weather could head a list. Stormy clouds in the spring, a dry spell, followed by a lot of rain, and the early winter of 22 degrees in October. We hope the Christmas season will be a happy time for all in the community.

On Saturday, part of Gene and Vernie Belle Mauldin's family will gather at the home place for a late Thanksgiving dinner. They are Marjorie and Danny Brown, their daughter, Cindy, all of San Antonio. Also another daughter, Patti and husband, Stanley Zwereman and sons, Eric, Curtis, Kyle and Evan of Magnolia. Also Roland and Faye Mauldin of Denton Valley and their sons, Kenneth Mauldin of Abilene and his friend, Crystal Baird of Abilene, and Douglas Mauldin of Dallas.

Joyce Odom had Thanksgiving dinner in the Charles Palmer home in Clyde. His parents, Earl and Bernice Palmer of Merkel, also were dinner guests in the home.

Ivon Odom of Stephenville visited, his mother last Sunday.

Emma Johnson received telephone calls from her two children, Pansy Johnson of San Antonio and W.R. Johnson of New Mexico. She and Lizzie also received boxes of clothing and food from a niece, Bonnie Ozell King, who lives in Illinois. Her father was the late John Burks and brother of Emma and Lizzie.

In the James Reynolds home Saturday, Jim Reynolds and son, Colby of Midland and Ellen Carpenter of Azle were visiting.

This writer had Thanksgiving dinner in the home of the Tony Steele family. Tonya Steele was home for the holiday. She is a student at Sam Houston University in Huntsville.

St. John School observed parents and grandparents day Tuesday. Leigh Harrell had her parents, Don and Maryana Harrell and her grandmothers, Justine Harrell and Joan Newberry of Abilene as her guests. There was a chapel service with dinner for all.

The Don Harrell family had Thanksgiving with his mother, Justine Harrell and her sister, Dorothy Kimbrough.

The home of Robert and Dorothy Watson was the gathering place for all the family. Brad and Michal Watson of Arlington, Kyle Watson, a student at Texas University in Austin, Brock Watson of Duncan, Oklahoma, Robbie, Wyatt, and Cody Watson of the home. This group drove to Lake Leon and all had dinner in the home of Robert's sister, Mrs. Bill Beck and family. An uncle, Wayne Dossey of Sadder, visited with the group.

MINUTE MUSINGS

By ESTHLOY S. DICKSON

Wow! This month is starting out like winter, sure enough! Icicles are hanging off my trees all around.

Last week, when our church had their Thanksgiving dinner, they sent a nice plate out here for me. I'm deeply grateful.

I'm grateful, also, that Dale Crawford brought in a new water well. Just great!

My son and his family came in from Longview. Such a joy to see them. Karen brought me a 'whistling' tea kettle — so cute! While they were here, my son called our good friend, Elvia Keck in Abilene. They enjoyed their chat. She has been his friend all his life.

Ila Mae Marshall and our teacher, Louise Foster, called me last Sunday morning and told me not to drive out on that highway. I really had not planned to go anywhere — the weather was so bad!

I always enjoy chatting with Betty Beggs. Their son, Rusty, and his family of Temple, also Rex Lee Beggs and his family of Cross Plains had Thanksgiving dinner with them. Betty attended the 'Week of Prayer' at First Baptist last week.

Ms. Jewel Foster had a good Thanksgiving weekend. A grandson of Houston visited her, also Eugene and Norma, and Charles and Lucille.

We had a wonderful Thanksgiving Day at Bernice Carter's home in Cisco. A large group of our family attended.

Sally Roady reported on their Thanksgiving Day activities. George came in from Dallas, Joe, Beverly and Kerri from Brownwood; also Beverly's parents, Ben and Helen Overton of Grosvenor. Others were Art, Bertie and Calvin Roady of Abilene, Ray Lawrence of Baird, Their daughter, Cindy, and Jim called from their home in Oregon.

BURKETT NEWS

By FREEDA BURKETT

Jack and Lovera Strickland are the proud grandparents of a baby boy Thursday at 1:55 a.m. November 28 at Brownwood Regional Hospital to Mark and Marsha Turney of Santa Anna. The baby has been named Matthew Mountain Turney. Other grandparents are Rex and Tincey Turney of Santa Anna. Great-grandparents are Alfred and Josie Bible of Killeen and Lat Mountain of Burkett. The baby has a big brother, six-year-old Jon Turney.

Cleo Porter was dismissed last week from Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene where she underwent serious knee surgery. She is recuperating at the home of her daughter and husband, Roy and Lela Young. She had to remain at the hospital longer than expected because of complications arising the day she was to leave. We wish her a complete recovery soon.

Mrs. Roy (Wanda) Clark passed away at about 3:30 a.m. Thursday at Brownwood Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, December 2, at Stevens Funeral Home. Burial was in the Burkett Cemetery. Sympathy goes to the Clark and Rolin families and Terri Bushnell and children.

Melba Walker returned home Monday after spending several days at Brownwood Regional Hospital. Her daughter, Charlotte Pickett, and small daughter, Hannah of Colorado. They are staying a week or longer to care for Melba until she is stronger.

Mrs. Collin Campbell of Carbon, mother of Mrs. W.E. Walker, is a patient at the Brownwood Hospital recovering from injuries sustained in a recent automobile accident.

D.A. Boyle is at Snyder with his daughter and husband, Tommy and Bonnie Strickland, and his wife, Emma, who is a patient at Snyder Nursing Home.

Tom Byers of Ranger is to undergo surgery Tuesday of this week at Humana Hospital in Abilene.

Don and Ludie Cox of Lander, Wyoming visited her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Gould of Coleman on Sunday a week ago. They all came to Burkett on Monday to visit her brother and wife, Dalton and Lucille Gould. The next day Dalton and Lucille and their daughter and husband, Mike and Linda Brady visited them at the Oscar Gold home Wednesday evening.

Russell Gould of Abilene spent the holiday weekend with his parents, the D.R. Goulds.

Thanksgiving Day guests of Mike and Linda Brady were her parents, the Dalton Goulds, Russell Gould, Marty and Glenda Callaway and sons, Brooke and J.J., and a friend, the assistant band director of Coleman.

Jack and Lovera Strickland celebrated Thanksgiving with a dinner on Friday. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Jimmielee Payne of Cross Plains, Jackie and Melissa Strickland and children, Dee, Jacob, and Staci of Brenham, Jan Tourney of Santa Anna, and Lat Mountain, local.

Ross Brown and family of Grapevine were Thanksgiving Day guests of his mother, Grace Green.

The Virgil Burketts spent the holiday with her sister and husband, Clairene and Clint Edgar of Millersview.

Andrew and Doris Walker had Thanksgiving dinner with Darrell and Lavelda Walker and the McHugh family of Nimrod.

Paul Walker spent two days with his parents, Andrew and Doris Walker. Paul left for California Monday.

Personals

Only fifteen holiday relatives arrived for the belated Thanksgiving celebration on Saturday instead of Thursday. Business obligations and the virus called the flu caused the absences at the home of Bo Allen and wife, Pat, who were hosts to their relatives, Bo Emory Allen and wife, Jamie, and children, Sharon, Heather, Bo D. and Colby, all of May; Laverne Hood of Snyder and her son, Jim Brook Hood and wife, Margie of Kingwood, and their son, Terry Hood of Austin. Terry is a student at State University where he will graduate with a degree this December. Local family members present were Sam and Eva Fleming and Kate Watson.

Darwin and Wanda Anderson of Abilene hosted a Thanksgiving dinner with a different flair, Mexican food. Attending were Blandye and Donald Franklin and Vanda King and Leah and Kye. Joe, Todd, and Guy Watson visited also. Ima Jean Brooker dropped by later in the weekend. Chelsi Franklin was a special guest during the weekend.

Suma Dill's holiday visitors were Joe Houser of Abilene, Claudia Mae Gardner and Gaylon Duggan of Rising Star, and Erma Floyd of the community.

THE PIONEER PATCHWORK

By IRMA MILLER

The ice storm cut into the activities of the community. The traditional Quilter's Christmas party was hostessed by Jean Alexander at her home.

Jewel Foster's grandson, Don Huston and wife of Houston, visited Jewel at their "two-day Thanksgiving" holiday, which was celebrated at Charles and Lucille Foster's at Clyde.

Frankie and Oliver Smith enjoyed the holiday with both daughters and their families. They went to Ranger Friday and visited her father.

Joe and Nell Fleming celebrated the holiday at the home of JoVeda and Bill Watson who prepared the Thanksgiving feast for them and their guests. Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Flippin and children of Houston and Charlotte Fleming and son, Bryan of Amarillo.

Novilia Barton's guests were Lee Ann Barton of Commerce, Randall Barton of Willis, and Cecil and Mary Barton of Waco.

John and Irma Miller's children from Dallas and from Houston area, with their guest, visited on a very enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday.

Guests of Elaine and Bill Pancake for Thanksgiving were children and grandchildren, Mikey and Janis Ratliff and children of Dallas, Dru and John and family, and Daney and Iris of the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lee had the following children for the Thanksgiving holiday, Peggy Mirales and baby daughter, Katrina of Sterling City; Hazel Curry and Bobby Lee of the home, and Howard Lee and his girlfriend, Grace Johnson and her three children, Mattie, Joseph, and Andrew of Cross Plains; and Grace's niece, Christina, also of Cross Plains. That evening Harry D. and Tommy Lee of Dublin came by to see them.

Charles And Ben Mosley Honored With Surprise Birthday Party

Charles Mosley of Cross Plains and his brother, Ben Mosley of Graham were honored with a surprise birthday party by their wives at Charles' and Dorothy's home on November 28. The party was combined with the Traditional Thanksgiving dinner and dessert was birthday cake decorated with men fishing and homemade ice cream.

Those in attendance were Charles and Ben's mother, Mildred Mosley of Graham, 2 of Charles' and Dorothy's sons, Jamey Mosley of Lubbock and John and Rhonda Mosley of Killeen. Ben and Vickie's children, Brandon and Samantha, Vince, Cullen, and Mr. and Mrs. Lance Mosley and Kasey, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mosley and little Ben. Also, Earl Mosley, Lugenia Mosley, Margaret Oaks and Mark and Barry, all of Graham; another brother, Carroll Mosley, Rebecca and Genia were there from Abilene; also Bill Manning of Baird.

Ranae Young, daughter of Chas. and Dot, spent the weekend and actual birthday of her dad with them. She was unable to be at the party.

The Mosleys' other son, Sam of Anchorage, Alaska, will spend the Christmas holidays with his parents when another family gathering is planned.

Charles and Ben share the same birthday, as well as many other interests.

County Jobless Rate Climbs In October

Callahan County's unemployment rate has increased eight-tenths of one percent during the past two months, according to figures released by Commissioner Mary Scott Nabers of the Texas Employment Commission.

The county's unemployment rate now stands at 5.1 percent, up from the 4.3 percent recorded in August of this year.

Of the 5,511 civilian labor force in Callahan County, 5,232 had jobs during October 1991, and 279 didn't, giving the county a jobless rate of 5.1 percent.

According to Ms. Nabers, Callahan County's unemployment rate was 4.7 percent in September 1991. Of the 5,487 civilian labor force in the county last month, 5,230 had jobs while 257 or 4.7 percent did not.

Previous monthly jobless rates in Callahan County include: 4.3 percent in August, 4.6 percent in July, 4.9 percent in June, 5.1 percent in May, 5.3 percent in April, 4.6 percent in March, 3.7 percent in February, 4.7 percent in January 1991, 4.0 percent in December 1990, 4.0 percent in November 1990, and 3.4 percent in October 1990, according to Ms. Nabers figures.

The statewide unemployment rate was placed at 7.2 percent in October 1991. The September 1991 state unemployment was set at 6.4 percent.

"The economic news is not good," Commissioner Nabers said Tuesday, November 19, as the Texas Employment Commission released the state's unemployment statistics.

"We're showing a significant increase," Nabers said. "The October jobless rate for Texas is 7.2 percent, up from 6.4 percent last month. That is not a positive sign."

Nabers pointed out that compared to years past, the October rate is unusual. "We did not expect it to be so high. In fact, one has to look back four years to find an October rate this high."

Year	Rate
1987	7.4%
1988	6.8%
1989	6.0%
1990	5.3%
1991	7.2%

The current rate is also the highest monthly rate since August 1989.

The number of job openings listed with the Texas Employment Commission mirrors the same trend. Job listings grew steadily from 423,610 openings in the year ending June 1987, to 477,593 openings in June 1988, to 533,542 openings in June 1989, to 635,435 openings in June 1990. However, that trend came to a sharp halt this year ending with only 506,261 openings, an approximate 20 percent decline.


"With more people out of work we need more job listings, not fewer," Nabers said. "Both trends are going in the wrong direction."

While wages are reportedly rising slowly, the numbers are deceiving. As of September 1991, the average weekly wage in Texas manufacturing was \$465.86, up \$28.21 from last year's annual weekly average. However, the state is losing manufacturing jobs rapidly and the weekly wage average continues to be less relevant every year.

All of the Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) in the state showed at least small increases in unemployment. October unemployment rates were not only above September levels, but were also above all other months this year. The lowest unemployment rates among the MSA's in October were: Bryan-College Station's 3.8 percent, Austin and Amarillo with 5.3 percent rates; and San Angelo and Victoria with 5.7 percent rates.

Among the MSA's with the highest jobless rates in October 1991 were: McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, with a 18.6 percent rate; Brownsville-Harlingen, 12.9 percent; El Paso, with 11.2 percent; Laredo, with 9.7 percent; and Longview-Marshall at 8.8 percent.

Big Country area counties, bordering Callahan County, and their unemployment rates for October 1991 include: Brown, 7.9 percent; Coleman, 6.2 percent; Eastland, 6.4 percent; Jones, 5.6 percent; Runnels, 4.2 percent; Shackelford, 4.9 percent; Stephens, 3.8 percent; and Taylor County, 6.4 percent.



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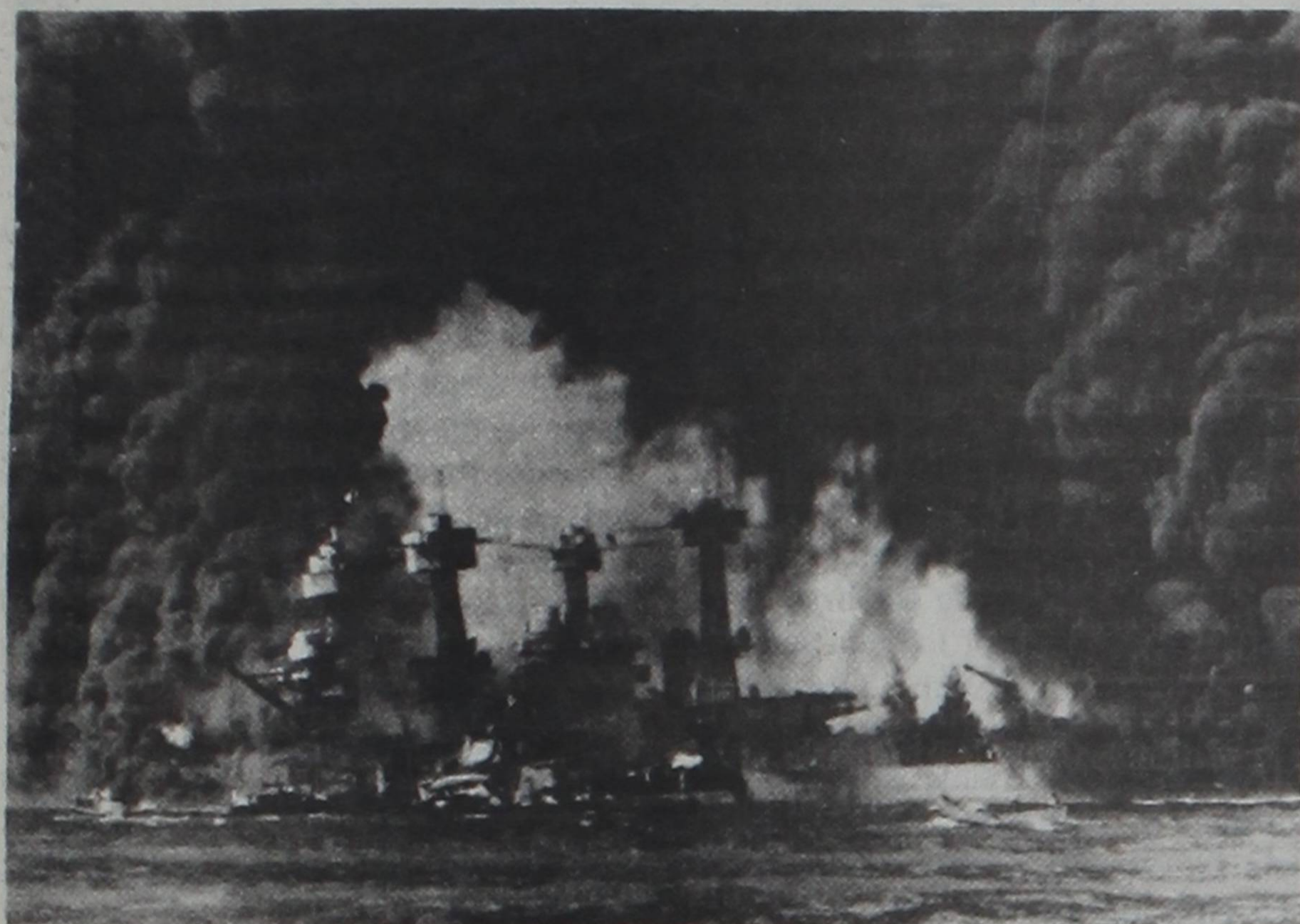
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Fifty years ago, on December 7, 1941, most of our Pacific fleet was docked at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii. At anchor were eight battleships and numerous destroyers and cruisers. Not far off, parked wing-tip to wing-tip in the middle of their airfields, were nearly 400 U.S. combat aircraft. It was a warm Hawaiian morning; America was at peace.

At 7:40 a.m., Imperial Japan launched a surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, destroying or severely damaging the bulk of our Pacific force. Half a century has passed, but the lessons are as relevant now as they were then.

People still ask how it could be that we were taken by surprise, certainly a fair question. But perhaps more important is the question: How on earth could the Japanese, who clearly understood the massive productive power of our economy, have believed they could succeed in a war with the United States? The many Japanese military leaders educated in the United States understood our capability, but they equally understood our lack of preparedness and apparent lack of resolve. Japan believed we could not and probably would not immediately respond to their attack. They judged our lack of preparedness correctly, but not our character and resolve.

Following the First World War, the United States, as well as the European democracies, forgot that peace comes through strength. We came to view peace as a permanent condition and defense as expensive and unlikely to be needed. Congress cut the authorized strength of the U.S. Army to just 280,000 men -- then declined to appropriate funds for even that number. The Army was reduced to a mere 135,000 men, leaving us with the world's sixteenth largest army. General George C. Marshall was put in command of an infantry battalion, normally 800 to 1,000 men; he reported he "could muster barely 200 men in ranks when every available man, including cooks, clerks and kitchen police, was present." The Air Corps obtained men only by stealing them from the artillery, infantry, engineering and Signal Corps.

Nor was there any incentive for capable men to embark on a military career. Enlisted men could expect to serve four to five years before being promoted beyond PFC. A lieutenant normally waited 13 years to be promoted to captain, and could remain a captain for 17 years. By 1941, all four of the Army's top field generals were veterans of the Spanish-American War.

Even with the few men available, Congress provided scant funds to equip them. Of the \$6 billion total that Congress appropriated for the Army from 1925 to 1940, only 5 per cent was spent for arms and equipment for the ground forces. By 1934, then-Army Chief of Staff Douglas MacArthur reported that the U.S. had a grand total of 12 modern tanks. The average infantryman lucky enough to get a rifle carried a 1903-model Springfield.

It's no wonder that, when the Army went on summer maneuvers in Louisiana in 1940, the soldiers (my father among them) trained with wooden "guns" and iron pipe "cannons" against "tanks" made out of cardboard-covered trucks. The August 7, 1940 New York Times publicly reported this sorry fact. Both U.S. congressmen and Japanese diplomats read the story, but only the Japanese learned anything from it.

When war erupted in Europe, the United States Army consisted of just 188,000 men. Even Switzerland had more men under arms.

Our unwillingness to pay for military forces also expressed itself in a search for peace through arms control agreements. The five-power disarmament treaty signed at the Washington Conference of 1922 and the London naval treaty of 1930 imposed strict limits on the number, type, tonnage and armaments of our ships. We also agreed, along with Britain, France and Japan, to ban the further fortification of military bases on Pacific island possessions. Japan never lived up to the treaty, which it formally abrogated in 1940. When war came, the Japanese swept through the Pacific and we had to make do with the weapons on hand: if you visit the site of the bloody battle of Corregidor, you will see the cannons our soldiers used with the place and date of manufacture, Watervliet Arsenal N.Y. 1890, stamped into their barrels.

Our allies were similarly weak militarily. Britain rapidly demobilized her huge armies after 1918, largely dismantled her defense industries and began a decade-long series of cuts in the defense budget. France rested behind the fixed defenses of the Maginot Line.

Germany had walked out of the Geneva disarmament conference in 1933 and massively rearmed. By 1939, the German army was sweeping victoriously across the continent. The Nazis' easy military conquests and the democracies' conspicuous weakness emboldened heavily-armed Japan, which desired to expand throughout Asia, much of it then under European or American control.

The United States and her allies were ill-prepared for reasons all too familiar today. There was political opposition to spending money on defense, particularly when the economy was poor. The view of anti-defense ideologues was that money should go to human needs, as if defending human life and freedom were not a human need. Second was an overwhelming sense from World War I of the horror of modern warfare, coupled with the false notion that weapons cause war, while disarmament wins peace. The horror of war was well-founded, but it was corrupted by a deadly unwillingness to prevent mass warfare by nipping aggression in the bud. Finally, there was a plenitude of wishful thinking that war just could not happen, while realistic views of the rising threat to the democracies were ignored.

As always, those who saw defense spending as wasteful, or who ideologically objected to military preparedness, or who doggedly denied the existence of any threats, fell silent once war came, but by then it was more than a little late. Winston Churchill, whose warnings had gone unheeded, called World War II "the unnecessary war," meaning that it could have been prevented by an early demonstration of resolve.

But by the morning of Sunday, December 7, 1941, it was a desperately necessary war into which the United States had been drawn. America was the only hope for freedom left in a world that had appeased the tyrants. The bravery, valor and heroism of the American soldiers cannot be overstated. At a time when the price of failure was absolute, our soldiers met the challenge and triumphed.

Today we remember the lessons of Pearl Harbor by learning from the noble sacrifice of our citizen-soldiers and by keeping America strong enough to preserve the liberty which they defended. In a time of peace few want to think of -- much less spend money -- preparing for war. But as George

Washington so wisely counseled his countrymen, "To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual ways of preserving peace." Let those who would forget this historic truth think today about Pearl Harbor.

History shows that sadly and inevitably, unpreparedness and the seductive illusion of immunity force a nation into war, and at a time when it is least ready. How many lives lost in battle were actually sacrificed in peacetime through a complacency that robbed a nation of its deterrent and its will? And if the seeds that produce death in war are sown in peacetime, are those seeds growing today, in the nuclear era? These are the questions at the heart of our national security. These are questions to think about on December 7th, 1991.

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