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'Top Stories From 1991'

By VANDA KING Editor

Looking back through some of the 1991 Cross Plains Review issues, it became evident that many important events occurred. The establishment of two medical facilities in a city that had had no doctor for many years was indeed an accomplishment. Mediplex opened its doors officially in June and the Cross Plains Medical Center followed in October. Both provide a multitude of services for residents in and around our town.

The 1991 Cross Plains Homecoming has to be the highlight of the year, as it proved to be bigger and better. The wonderful "memories" which so many ex-students and teachers contributed was well read. I received many letters and telephone calls complimenting the various writings. Also, the articles recapping the Homecoming were very well liked.

Project Pride worked diligently on the Robert E. Howard House and was opened to the public for viewing during the Homecoming weekend. Their advancements concerning the Christmas decorating contest and the Christmas Village were overwhelming. The group's pursuit to promote the City of Cross Plains continues to

During the year Project Pride also recognized houses and businesses which are part of the original community and are still in use. Plaques were placed on the buildings, and Clara Neil Spencer wrote informative articles about the history of each.

The Cottonwood Baptist Church celebrated its 110th birthday, which was very unique.

The Annual Paint and Palette Club was a success. The Best of Show being awarded to T.J. Tucker, a youth from Baird, which reflected his exceptional talent.

Ray Womack announced his retirement, and Lisa Flood was named as Principal at the Cross Plains Elemen-

Interested parents started a PTO at the school, which had not been in existence in a while and its productivity has already been noted.

The Buffalo Band had a great year, winning Sweepstakes in May and proceeding to Area Marching Competition following a Division I at Brady.

Coach Doug Dallas was named Athletic Director, and a new conditioning facility was started. The

athletic program has been strong. The F.F.A. judging teams faired well at Tarleton University contests.

Dick and Micky Dillard were named outstanding citizens by the local AARP for their faithful participation to the group.

John Adair recently donated his original watercolor to the Cross Plains Public Library. The Friends of the Library are very proud of his beautiful

painting. Of my personal stories in Down Home, this year the one I received most comments on was "Hit The Floor Board," concerning experiences with old junker cars.

We all have to let go of 1991, but a brand new year awaits us. It has been a difficult year, personally, due to my Dad suffering from cancer. However, he recently received a great report from his doctor and if his blood tests are still cancer free, everything looks great. I am thankful for modern medicine and for the many prayer groups who have prayed for him.

Let's all make some wonderful memories for 1992!

Candidates Seek County Positions Sheriff Social Security Increases **Deputies**

Still Getting

Callahan County Sheriff's Department

deputies are apparently still accumulat-

ing overtime pay, according to com-

ments made during the County

Commissioner's court meeting Mon-

day, December 9 at the courthouse in

County Commissioners met with

County Sheriff Bill Skinner to discuss

the overtime pay for deputies. County

officials asked Sheriff Skinner if he was

aware that three of the four deputies had

accumulated overtime for the pay period

between October 28, 1991 and Novem-

ber 24, 1991. The total hours turned in

Commissioners told Skinner that they

thought he was going to take care of the

overtime by giving the deputies comp

time in exchange for the overtime hours.

Judge Bill Johnson said that the county

hasn't even settled with the Wage and

Hour Board concerning overtime pay

investigation between the county and

the sheriff's deputies and now the over-

time problem was starting all over again.

The county is currently appealing the

Wage and Hour Boards ruling that the

county owes four deputies a total of

Skinner told the county officials that

he just didn't have enough manpower to

given the comp time and that the depu-

ties got the overtime when they were

All the deputies work six days and are

off three days. The deputies work be-

tween 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and are

on call after hours. The deputies can

work up to 171 hours in a 28 day pay

period before the hours become over-

Skinner said that if his deputies only

had to work from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00

p.m. Monday through Friday, he'd have

no problems, but that is not the case in

Clyde Commissioner Roy LaFoy

stated that they could hire several more

deputies and it wouldn't help as long as

the schedule remained where all the

deputies worked their regular shift be-

tween 8-5. LaFoy said the deputies

would have to have some type of stag-

gered shifts or a schedule would never

Judge Johnson asked Skinner if he

would contact a couple of surrounding

county sheriffs' and request copies of

their schedules to see how they handle

the situation. Skinner said the he'd be

glad to do so and would then meet with

Other items brought before

-Commissioners voted to amend the

minutes from the previous meeting

concerning the purchase of a computer

system for the County Clerk's office.

Commissioners amended the motion to

have County Clerk Darlene Walker to

accept proposals for the hardware for

the computer system and to purchase the

computer software from Texas Micro-

—Commissioners discussed picking

up of federal government food com-

modities, including flour, tomatoes and

peas, for distribution in Callahan

Clinic Slated Tuesday

A Blood Pressure Clinic is schedul-

ed for Tuesday, January 7, 1992, at

the Cross Plains Multi-Purpose Center

beginning at 10 a.m. Dorothy McKin-

The public is invited to use this ser-

ney, LVN, will conduct the clinic.

graphics, Inc. of Abilene.

Blood Pressure

vice free of charge.

the commissioners on the matter.

Commissioner's Court included:

called out while off-duty.

\$16,805.63.

time.

law enforcement.

work out.

included 72 hours overtime.

Overtime

Baird.

A 3.7 percent cost-of-living adjustment will affect the amount of Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments received in

For 1992

This change raises the maximum Social Security retirement benefit to \$1,088 a month and the Federal SSI payment to \$442 a month for an individual and \$633 a month for a cou-

The tax rate for Social Security remains unchanged at 7.65 percent each for employees and employers. However, the wage base, the amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax, increases from \$53,400 to \$55,500. The wage base for the Medicare portion of the Social Security tax increases from \$125,000 to

Benefit increases are made annually based on the change in the consumer price index as measured from the third quarter of one year to the third quarter of the following year.

Other changes announced by the Social Security Administration include new limits on the amount of money a beneficiary can earn and still receive full Social Security benefits. The limits for 1992 increases from \$7,080 to \$7,440 for beneficiaries under 65; from \$9,720 to \$10,200 for people 65. to 69. The earnings limits do not apply to people 70 and older.

A Clyde man is the most recent to file for the office of County Sheriff, bringing to four the number of candidates filing for the sheriff position in the Democratic Primary Election set for Tuesday, March 10.

Donald Griffith, 49, of 13 Green Meadow Lane in Clyde, filed for County Sheriff Wednesday, December

Griffith will be seeking the County Sheriff position along with incumbent Sheriff Bill Skinner of Baird, Eddie Curtis of Baird and Donald Childers of Cross Plains.

Griffith has resided in Texas 49 years and in Callahan County one year and nine months. He lists his occupation as a construction superintendent.

Incumbent Tax Assessor/Collector Wauneta Estes is the first candidate to file for the tax assessor/collector's position. Estes, 56, lists her address as P.O. Box EE in Clyde. She has resided in Texas 35 years and in the county 28 years. Mrs. Estes, who filed December 20, lists her occupation as tax assessor/ collector.

Bale Coley, 50, of 730 West 4th Street in Baird, filed Monday, December 23 for the position of County Constable Precinct #3 (Baird). Coley has resided in Texas 50 years and in the county 21 years. He lists his occupations as a ma-

Candidates filing for the office of Voting Precinct Chairmen include: -R. C. Logan, of Rt 2 Box 117 A in Clyde, filed for the office of Voting

Precinct # 2 Chairman (Eula).

-Silas Tucker, of 208 Wise Street in Clyde, filed for the office of Voting Precinct #1 Chairman (Clyde).

-Jon Hardwick, of Rt 1 Box 11 in Baird, filed for the office of County Democratic Chairman.

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 is continuing at Hardwick Oil Co. in Baird. Also, the positions of all county precinct constables are up for election.

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. 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. The County Precinct Constable filing fee is \$300.

Other candidates filing earlier include: -John Weeks, 42, of Abilene, filed for the office of 42nd District Court

-Donald Childers, 39, of Cross Plains, filed December 12 for the office of County Sheriff.

-David Blalock, 45, of Clyde, field December 17 for the office of County Constable Precinct #5.

-Allen D. Wright, 39, of Eula, filed December 17 for the office of County Attorney.

-Bill Skinner, 58, of Baird, filed December 9 for the office of County Sher-

-Brad Harris, 38, of Clyde, filed December 6 for the office of County Attor-

—Dahyl Bradshaw, 40, of Clyde, filed December 9 for the office of County Constable Precinct #5 (Eula).

-Roy LaFoy, 52, of Clyde, filed December 3 for the office of Commissioner Precinct #1 (Clyde). -Tommy Holland, 58, of Baird, filed

December 3 for the office of Commissioner Precinct #3 (Baird). -Eddie Curtis, 40, of Baird, filed De-

cember 3 for the office of County Sher-

The new voter and commissioner precinct boundaries, approved by the county commissioners, will take effect January 1 in time for the March 10

primary election. 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

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.

required number of registered voters.

TRIBUTE TO COMMUNITY REPORTERS

The Cross Plains Review would like to express its appreciation to the Community Reporters for their dedication in weekly writing the news of their individual communities.

Your contribution to the newspaper adds that hometown touch, which makes it more personal and popular with subscribers. Thank you for the time and effort. A few of these columns are being published on the front page this week, but each one is truly

Help For Flood Victims Needed

The December floods throughout Texas has been declared a National Disaster. Assistance with emergency needs is available.

Due to the flooding in the North Central Texas area, over 60 Red Cross workers are providing food, shelter, and comfort to those affected by the flooding. Service centers opened on December 23. By Christmas Eve, 2,169 meals had been served. Initial reports indicated that this is a Level III (\$50,000-\$250,000) operation.

The Taylor County Chapter of the American Red Cross is in the process of assisting those who were affected by the recent flooding in the Ft. Phantom Lake and Clyde areas. It has been very difficult to get in touch with the families who may have had flood damage to their homes. The Red Cross is currently waiting for persons who have had any damage to contact them at (915) 677-2622 or come in at 1610 N. 2nd, Abilene.

Russ Brown, Chapter Manager of the Taylor County Chapter, said that the National American Red Cross would like to complete the assistance program relating to the flood in the near future. He urges all who have been affected to call or come by the Chapter House as soon as possible.

This disaster has affected many families in Texas, and the cost of providing assistance is mounting rapidly. Brown asks that all who are able, please send cash contributions to the Chapter in Abilene to help pay for the cost of recovery from this recent flooding. Your contribution will go directly for the assistance of flood vicMinute Musings By ESTHLOY S. DICKSON

This is an especially beautiful Monday morning — the last one in 1991. So, let's go back to Christmas Day.

Jay and Marge Hays called me from Cisco, stating that they would pick me up and take me (with 'Sis') to the ranch home of our sister, Opal Cox, for the family celebration. We had a most wonderful day!

There were seventeen of us present. My daughter called twice - she had so wanted to be with us. C.V. Jr. called on Thursday. They had a good Christmas Day. Karen's mother, Doris Ann, was with them - she prepared a lot of 'special' dishes for their Christmas feast.

C.V. Jr. called me on Thursday of last week, and he called me this morning. He has just made my day!

Betty Beggs is a special dear to me. She gave me a big 'bear hug' at the store one day, and on Sunday she said I deserved another one! Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Beggs, Danyel and her new husband, Dwayne Jones, Charissa and friend, Mark, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Lee Beggs and children of Cross Plains, all spent Christmas Day with them. J.T. and Betty were in Comanche on business on Thursday.

Sally Roady stated they went to the nursing home nearly every day to visit Ms. Nettie. All their kids were at home for Christmas. They went to Billie and H.A. Freeman's for Christmas dinner. They visited in Baird on Sunday with Bob and Sue McNeil. Jim and Cindy called in from California. A special 'thank you' to Gretna

Payne - she expressed her personal appreciation for this column - she made me very happy!

Cottonwood News

By BEVERLY BROWN

Wishing each and everyone a healthy, prosperous, blessed and a Happy New Year. Our rainfall reported varied from 51/2 to 7 inches of rain prior to Christmas. Many of the area roads were impassible, bridges washed out, lakes and tanks overflow-

ing, the mail carrier had to reroute her deliveries, and several residents had their cars stranded until someone could assist their removal

Dr. and Mrs. J.O. Williams had their daughters, Priscilla Anderson of Waco and Yvonne and husband, David Suggs of Mount Vernon, Ohio, with them prior to Christmas. The Williams were at their daughter's, Priscilla, Darrel and James for the holiday. Rev. and Mrs. Paul Simpson and

family of Miami, Oklahoma came in the weekend before Christmas to be with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Turner Simpson, and other family members gathering at the home for the holiday. Grandson, Steven Lynn Simpson of Mary-Hardin Baylor in Belton visited with his parents and grandparents. He is the son of Paul Simpson. Mr. and Mrs. Marion Simpson and family of Abilene were at the family homestead with the folks for the holiday. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Giddings arrived at her parents on Thursday to be with

Mr. and Mrs. X.L. Stroud had their granddaughter and family, Adele and Frank Abarca, and greatgrandchildren, Alishia and 6-monthold Chad, to arrive on Sunday evening to spend the holiday with them. Family members gathering in the Stroud home on Christmas Eve and Day were Pat and Wes Morris, Dee and Heather of Clyde, Tammy and Jerry Brown and Jason, and Lee and Gayle Creamer and Forrest.

Family and relatives in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nickerson Sr. for the Christmas festivities were Glynn Nickerson and Terri, Chase, Matthew and Blake of San Antonio; Randall and Kathie Franke, Amy, Kellie and Jeremy, and Dena and Curtis Hines, Jeffery and Julie, all of Clyde; Bill and Annette Nickerson, Willie, Kevin, and Mary Jo, and Connie Potter, Rickie Jo, Porcious, and April; Billie and Bill Kelly, Keith Kelly, and Jimmy and Janice Kelly, Coby, Misty, Brian, and

In the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wheeler on Christmas Day were Mrs. Bertha Wheeler; Russell Wheeler; Robbie Wheeler; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Smith and Lori of Oplin; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smith; Mrs.

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Burkett News

By FREEDA BURKETT

Rain has been the subject for the past week with a total rainfall of 6.23 inches at Burkett, according to our government gauge recorded by Lat Mountain. The Pecan Bayou was out of its banks Thursday night and was spread out over the area so that it looked like a lake. Every low place was filled and running over. It had subsided Friday but running swiftly the next few days.

Sympathy goes to the family of Billy Eugene Evans who passed away Thursday night at 10 p.m. at the V.A. Hospital in Temple. Funeral services were held at Stevens Funeral Home and burial was in the Coleman Cemetery. The Evans family moved to Burkett several months ago.

Jack and Zora DeBusk hosted an early Christmas get-together and dinner for family members Tuesday, December 17. Those present were Ritta Knight of Cross Plains, Susan Andes of Coleman, Ed and Frances McAnally of Cross Plains, Jake Reynolds of Corpus Christi, and the host and hostess.

The Abilene Reporter-News carried an interesting article and picture of Treca Peacock recently. Quote from the story "For someone who doesn't particularly enjoy cooking, she surely does a lot of it." Treca is a granddaughter of Mrs. Alice Edington of Albany, formerly from the Burkett area, and she (Treca) has relatives here. Thanks to Zora DeBusk for this

Jackie Strickland of Brenham spent Thursday to Saturday of last week here with his parents, Jack and Lovera Strickland.

C.M. and Lerah Cagle of Comanche visited her sister, Millie Coffey, Thursday a week ago.

Wilda Tomlinson is also feeling better. Her granddaughter and husband, Carey and Ramone and baby girl of Odessa, visited her Sunday. Her aunts, Opal Gray and Elsie Porter of Cross Plains, visited her Wednesday

of last week. Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Jennings and

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CROSS PLAINS REVIEW Thursday, January 2, 1992

Colonial Oaks Services

Temple Baptist Church will conduct worship services for Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, January 5, 1992, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

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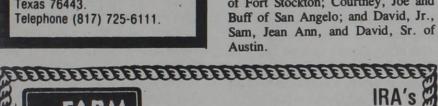
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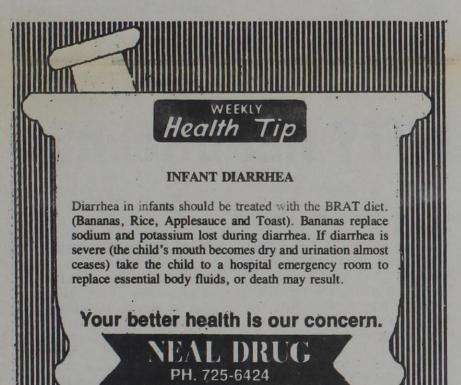
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OBITUARY

May Bell Odom

May Bell Odom, 96, died on Wednesday, December 25, 1991, at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home at Cross

Services were held at 11 a.m. Friday at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Susan Trammell officiating. Burial was in the Cross Plains Cemetery.

Mrs. Odom was a member of the First United Methodist Church. She was the widow of Ivon Odom.

She was preceded in death by a son, Sterling Odom, and a step-son, Russell Odom.

Survivors include a son, E.F. "Franzel" Odom and daughter-inlaw, Becky of Cross Plains; a daughter, Lora Fay Holloway and sonin-law, Willie of Anson; daughter-inlaw, Joyce Odom of Cross Plains; 10 grandchildren; 26 great-

By IRMA MILLER

The community received another two inches of rain during the week.

Jean Fore went to Frankie and Oliver Smith's for Christmas. They had other company, too, during the

Jean and James Alexander were in Corpus Christi Thursday enjoying the holiday with their daughter, Star Appleton and her family and in Dallas on Wednesday celebrating with their son, Jim Alexander and his family.

D.P. and May Jones went to Missouri to bring home their grandson, Pate Jones, to spend Christmas here, and were in Abilene on Friday.

Jewel Foster had Christmas with her children in Clyde - Charles and Lucille Foster. Twenty-two of the family were there including Gene and Norma Foster, a grandson and his family from Nevada and a grandson and family from Dallas. Jewel received phone calls from all over.

Lottie Sooter's children came home for Christmas from Lubbock and from

Nine of the family of Nell and Joe Fleming had Christmas dinner together at Jim and Charlene's.

Bob and Barbara Powell enjoyed Christmas in Austin with Bob's daughter and family.

Christmas Eve night, Laverne and Cowan Hutton had their children together at home, and Christmas Day they had turkey dinner and all the trimmings. The family gathering included Laverne's mother, Mrs. Ella Dean, and grandchildren, Matt, Jamie, Tabitha, and Robbie.

John and Irma Miller were glad to have some of their children home at Christmas. Irma was sick, so Becky prepared the traditional turkey and other goodies. All seven of the family who were present enjoyed the feast grandchildren; and 14 great-greatgrandchildren.

Palibearers were her grandsons. Don Harris, Gary Odom, Terry Harris, Ivon Odom, Jimmy Harris, and Nicky Harris.

Lee Bowen

BAIRD - Services for Lee Bowen, 81, were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, December 28, 1991, at Allen-Korzenewski Funeral Home Chapel, 1443 N. 2nd, Abilene, with the Rev. Jack Stevens officiating. Burial was in Admiral Cemetery in Callahan Coun-

He died Wednesday at a local nursing home.

Mr. Bowen was born in Coleman County and grew up and attended school at Admiral. He later lived in Cottonwood; Turkey Creek; Abilene from 1945-55; Sweetwater from 1955-69; and the Tuscola area until moving to Baird last year.

He was a retired auto mechanic.

Survivors include a daughter, Becky Johnson of Waco; two brothers, J.N. Bowen of Abilene and Eldon Bowen of Tyler; two sisters, Velma Poindexter of Abilene and Evie Rhodes of Granbury; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

COLONIAL OAKS NURSING HOME

NEWS

By LINDA EDINGTON **Activity Director**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We're wishing you Peace and Love and Happiness and God's blessings in the New Year.

Our thoughts and prayers are sent out to Wonnie Walton who is in the Brownwood hospital

We appreciate the boxes of Kleenex for the residents from the Methodist Church and the Ester Class at First Baptist Church, lotion and candy from the Howet Wilson family, and the jar of mixed candy from Sally Roady. A special thank you to Mrs. Santa Claus (Bettye Greenwood) for coming by and visiting with us.

Our heartfelt sympathies are extended to the family of May Bell Odom.

Connie Kirkham, Bob Silver from Los Lunas, New Mexico, Charlene Metcalf, and Pattie Sue and Tim Dolgener from San Angelo were all here visiting with Clara Coburn.

Lyda Shults, Pam Harris, and Jewel and Leo Thompson were here visiting

Douglas Ingram, Sharon Hooten, and Dan and Don Ingram from Fort Worth were here visiting Inez Ingram. David Stone from Seymore and Hal Stone from Trucott were here visiting Lucille Stone.

LaVerne Rutherford from Putnam was here visiting E.K. Coppinger and Bertha Bentley

Emil and Jane Ringhoffer from Baird visited Clevia Ringhoffer. Bettye Sue and John Adams visited with Annabel Vaught.

Joe and Edna Bentley from Eula visited with Bertha Bentley.

Activities during the week: Monday: Bingo winners were Midge McCall (3), Bertha Hoyt, Madie Chambers (2), Ressa Glover (3), and Clevia Ringhoffer. Exercise

class. Tuesday: Art class.

Wednesday: Christmas Day. Thursday: Linen folding. Domino

Friday: Bingo winners were Clevia Ringhoffer (2), Madie Chambers (2), Ressa Glover, E.K. Coppinger (2), Midge McCall (2), and Lucille Stone. Afternoon singing with Sister Ruby and Bobby Jack McCowen.

Sunday: Open House, First Baptist. Each day is God's gift to you, make it blossom and grow into a thing of

NEW ARRIVAL

Cody Joe Sliger

David and Lenell Sliger are proud to announce the birth of their new son, Cody Joe. Cody was born December 22 at 8:23 a.m. at the Brownwood Regional Hospital. He weighed 8 pounds 1 ounce and was 20 inches

He was gladly welcomed home by his two big brothers, Claren and Chris.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clarence L. Evett of Comanche. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sliger. Paternal greatgrandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Berett Sliger and Inez Gaines also of Coman-



Visitors in the home of Suma Dill were Eunice Starr and Erma Floyd of the community and Gaylon Duggan of Rising Star

Holiday visitors in the home of Darwin and Wanda Anderson were Guy and Billie Patterson of Albany; Joe Watson and Guy Watson. Blandye Harris, Donald Franklin and Chelssi, all of Abilene; Todd Watson of Dallas; Staci Watson of Austin; Ethel Anderson, Jeri Renfro, Vanda King and Leah and Kye of Cross Plains.

Mr. and Mrs. E.F. Odom spent Christmas Day in Tuscola with their son and family, Gary, Patty, Wade

Glenn Heath and children, Chandra and Dillon of Spicewood, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. E.F. Odom. Chandra and Dillon remained to spend the week with their grand-

Celebrating Christmas with Mrs. Hazel Marsh on Saturday, December 21, were her sons and their families, Roy and Ray Butler of Marble Falls, Keith Butler of Corpus Christi, and son, Bart Butler.

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# ROWDEN NEWS

By MRS. N.V. GIBBS

Dark, cloudy days with light rain still lingers in this area. The country roads have chug holes and washed out places since all the rains. Two maintainers are parked in the area until better conditions for doing road repairs. The stock tanks are all filled with water, and fields are muddy.

Family with Joyce Odom on Christmas Day were Ivon Odom of Stephenville, Ginny and Ralph Trevey and children, David, Scott and Jennifer of Snyder, and Nancy and Charles Palmer and Michael of Clyde.



JANUARY 6 - 10

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w/gravy, creamed potatoes, garden peas, rolls, peaches, milk.

THURSDAY - Enchilada casserole, green beans, crackers, pear halves, milk.

FRIDAY - Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, cookie, French fries,

# Political Calendar

The Cross Plains Review is authorized to publish the following political announcements for the Callahan County office filings in the upcoming Democratic primary election set for Tuesday, March 10, 1991

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Claribel Gibbs, along with Opal Steele of Clyde and Lee and Jean Jernigan of Lake Proctor, had Christmas dinner in the Tony Steele home. Tonya Steele was home for the holidays.

James and Dorothy Reynolds had all of their family home for Christmas. Jim and family of Midland, Ellen and son from Azle, and the Tan Flippin family of Ruston, Louisiana. James and Dorothy Reynolds attended the wedding of Al Joye and Virginia Martin in Clyde at the Cherry Heights Baptist Church Friday night.

All of the grandsons of May Bell Odom served as pallbearers for the funeral in Cross Plains Friday morning. Mrs. Odom had been a resident of the Cross Plains nursing home long before her death. Her grandsons were Ivon Odom, Gary Odom, Don Harris, Terry Harris, Jimmy Harris, and Nicky Harris. We extend our sympathy to Lora Fay Holloway, Franzel Odom, and Joyce Odom, widow of Sterling Odom, and all of their families.

Those from the community attending the funeral of May Bell Odom were Marian Scott, Gene and Vernie Belle Mauldin, James and Dorothy Reynolds, and this writer.

Part of Gene and Vernie Belle Mauldin's family were home for the holiday. They were Irene and Willie Masters, Charlotte and Rod Clifton and children, Bryan and Stacy, all of Snyder; also Roland and Faye Mauldin of Denton Valley and sons, Kenneth of Abilene and Douglas of Dallas, who was there earlier in the

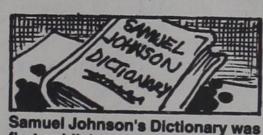
Emma Johnson and Lizzie Burks' company was Mr. and Mrs. B.J. Anderson of Rising Star. Emma reported her daughter, Pansy, spent the holiday in Cabolla, New Mexico with her brother, W.R. Johnson and

Edna Dye served a seafood dinner in her home Christmas Day for her company, a cousin, Glenna Mangino of Albuquerque, New Mexico; Ed and Betty Sayre of Breckenridge; and Frank and Mildred Sayre of Eastland. Later in the day, Bob and Kathy Dye and Tommie and Erlene Dye and son, Douglas of Abilene and Rowden, joined the family.

Gene and Vernie Belle Mauldin attended funeral services for Dorothy Shellnut in Baird Saturday. They also visited with Dorse and Lee Harris in Baird.

Dorothy Watson reported that all their children had spent this week at the family home. Brad and Michal Watson of Arlington, Brock Watson of Duncan, Oklahoma, and Kile Watson of Austin spent the time with Cody, Wyatt, and Robbie. Robert's father, R.G. Watson of Baird, had Christmas dinner with the group.

My New Year's wish for all who read this column each week is that 1992 will be your best year, spiritually and otherwise.



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# Letters TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

This letter is written on behalf of the Sabanno Cemetery Association in response to a recent letter to the editor from Evelyn Coker of Cisco.

1. The Sabanno Cemetery Association has been in existence since September 18, 1920, when the land for the cemetery was deeded to J.S. Erwin, J.L. Brown and T.N. Minix as Trustees for the Sabanno Cemetery Association. There are currently six members of the board, although our meetings have usually been attended by 20 to 35 people.

2. The Association was reorganized on November 4, 1989, due to the deaths and resignations of long-time trustees. The date, place and time of the meeting was published in area newspapers. The 30 to 35 persons present elected the current six officers of the Association and established bylaws and regulations of the Association. At this meeting, by unanimous vote, the members of the Association agreed that there would be no more curbing of any type, gravel or any covering on graves in the cemetery after that date. It was the feeling of the persons present that this would facilitate and ease keeping of the graves in the cemetery and is virtually identical to rules and regulations that have been passed by other cemetery associations in this area. All of the people present at that meeting were in favor of the imposition of these new rules.

3. At the next meeting of the Association on September 25, 1990, Evelyn Coker was in attendance and participated in the business of the Association. At this meeting, the minutes of the previous meeting on November 4, 1989, were read and approved, as well as the bylaws setting up the new restrictions. No objection to the new rules was made by anyone in attendance, and they were approved unanimously.

4. In May, 1991, two of the directors and officers were informed that bricks were stacked at the gravesite of L.J. Coker. Evelyn Coker was called and reminded that there is a bylaw against curbing in the cemetery. Mrs. Coker acknowledged that she was aware of the restrictions and asked that her daughter be contacted. Her daughter, Linda Strickland, was notified, and she also confirmed that she was aware of the bylaw against curbing and putting gravel on graves. Mrs. Coker and Ms. Strickland were asked to delay doing anything further until the next meeting of the Association, which had already been called at that time. They were advised that they would have the opportunity to present a proposal requesting a waiver of the bylaws against curbing. Linda Strickland assured us that they would be in attendance since the meeting was only about ten days away. Instead, the curbing was installed prior to the meeting and neither Linda Strickland nor Evelyn Coker came to the subsequent meeting of the Association, nor were any of the officers or directors of the Association contacted further. The installation of the curbing and gravel on the grave was done approximately one and one-half years after the bylaw

5. At the meeting of the Association, the members present voted unanimously to uphold the bylaws that were in effect. Certified letters were sent to both Evelyn Coker and Linda Strickland. Both letters were returned unclaimed.

6. We were advised by legal counsel that the officers and directors of the Association have the right to set reasonable rules and regulations governing the use of the property

which belongs to the Association. 7. In December, 1991, letters were sent by regular mail to both Evelyn Coker and Linda Strickland requesting that the curbing and gravel be removed from the grave and stating that the Association would remove it unless it

was removed by December 23rd. 8. A letter of response was received from Evelyn Coker dated December 10, 1991, advising the officers and directors that, should they remove the curbing and gravel, she, Evelyn Coker, would file criminal mischief charges against the officers and directors.

9. Never has any attempt been made to acquire the removal of the body of L.J. Coker nor removal of anything else from the grave of L.J. Coker except for the curbing and the

10. The Sabanno Cemetery Association has plans to erect markers on the graves of some of the unknown persons at the cemetery, as well as straighten the monuments in the cemetery. It is planned to do this all at

the same time. 11. The cemetery was mowed six times this past year. The problem with grass burrs in 1990 was due to a restriction on use of herbicides on the cemetery property. At the meeting on September 25, 1990, this bylaw was amended to allow the use of herbicides to control grass burrs.

12. At the September 25, 1990 meeting, there was discussion of the installation of a flag pole, and it was the consensus of those present that they did not wish to do that.

13. It is our intention only to operate the Sabanno Cemetery in such a manner so that it will benefit the needs and best interests of all concerned. In order to do that, we feel that it is necessary to establish certain rules and regulations, by a majority vote, and once enacted, to enforce those regulations to the best of our ability. The regulations imposed are reasonable and appropriate in order to allow easier and better maintenance of the entire cemetery. They were enacted after discussion with other cemetery associations and various recommendations being made by persons associated with the Sabanno Cemetery.

This has been a rather lengthy response, but the officers and directors feel that the facts, according to the records of the Sabanno Cemetery Association, should be presented to the public. They can be verified by the minutes of the Association, as well as those persons who attended the meetings. The Sabanno Cemetery Association certainly does not have anything against the family of L.J. Coker. We have only asked that they comply with the bylaws that the community has approved. We have tried in every way possible to approach this in a reasonable manner and to resolve it in good faith.

This is a public request of plea to the family of L.J. Coker to please comply with the bylaws of the Sabanno Cemetery Association. Let's all work "together" for the good of the community, the cemetery and each other. We need to discuss our problems in the meetings of the Association, not in the newspaper or television.

At the time of the death of L.J. Coker, no fee was being charged for the opening and closing of graves. At the September 25, 1990 meeting, a bylaw was passed requiring the payment of a \$50.00 permit fee for the opening and closing of a grave. The fee was imposed to help offset the operating cost of the cemetery.

We will continue to work to the best

of our ability to provide a good, clean, properly run cemetery for the benefit of our deceased loved ones and for the benefit of those who will be buried there in the future. If we can help in any way, please contact one of the officers or directors or all of us regarding burial plots, information or anything else concerning the Sabanno Cemetery.

> Thank you, Sabanno Cemetery Association Randy Foster, President Sally Roady, Treasurer Gene Hicks, Vice President

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# COTTONWOOD **NEWS**

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children, Mark, Jamie, and Amy of Dallas visited his mother, Montie Jennings over the weekend.

Wesley Hutchins of Stephenville and Erick Bishop of Bangs spent Saturday night with Wesley's grandmother, Montie Jennings, and they took her to Brownwood Sunday to attend the wedding of her other grandson, Kenneth Hutchins and Lana Guthrie, both of Stephenville. The wedding took place at the Brownwood Country Club. Parents of the groom, Elvin and Glenda Hutchins of Bangs brought Montie home Sunday night and visited with her a while.

Gene and Thelma Merle Amos and sons, Michael and Toby of Yellow Pine, Idaho, visited her parents, the Andrew Walkers last week. They also went to East Texas to visit his folks. They visited her aunt and uncle, H.O. and Annie Merle Trent of Coleman, and other relatives. Other visitors of Andrew and Doris are their son, Darrell and Lavelda Walker and son, Louis of Houston, Missouri, who were Sunday lunch guests. They plan to be around through the holidays visiting both their parents. Paul Walker is also here from the holidays with his folks.

Cleo Porter is feeling better after the knee surgery and has been staying with Roy and Lela Young up to now. She is with her son and wife, Jim and Lynn Porter, for a while during her recouperation.

Mary Dunlap says she is doing well following her recent surgery. She goes back for a checkup January 2 and will have to take it easy until then - doctor's orders.

Get well wishes to all of those on our sick list.

The Andrew Walkers had telephone calls from their son, M/Sgt. Andy Carl Walker of Cherry Point, North Carolina last Saturday, and from Kathy Wegrzyn of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin the same day to wish them a Happy Holiday. Doris' cousin, Dotty (Carey) Butler of Winters also called to wish them "Merry Christmas."

Low and Liz Golson spent the past weekend in San Angelo to visit their son and wife, Jake and Mary Beth and their four children, Misty, Jacob, Kala, and Wade. They were joined by the Low Golson's daughter, Michelle Wilkowich of Coleman, and they enjoyed an early Christmas celebration together.

Melba Walker and her daughter and husband, Ned and Charlotte Pickett and small daughter, Hannah of Ft. Collins, Colorado, went to San Angelo Friday and spent the night with Melba's aunt and sister-in-law.

Charlotte has been staying with her mother since she was hospitalized some time ago. Mr. Pickett came Tuesday of last week and they will stay until after the Christmas holidays. Melba is feeling better.

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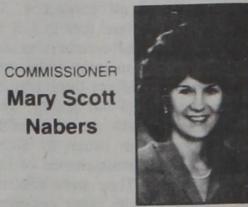
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# BURKETT NEWS

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Vickie Anguish and Bobby of Topeka, Kansas; Carrie Renfro of Abilene, and April Foller, Mr. and Mrs. Rickie Wheeler and sons of Abilene were at his parents on Christmas Eve to be with all the family and guests.

Mrs. Ethel Anderson and Mrs. Rufus Renfro spent Christmas Day with Darwin and Wanda Anderson. Mr. and Mrs. Bobby McCorkle of Weatherford stopped by to see their aunt, Ethel Anderson on Friday.

On Christmas, Mrs. Rufus Renfro had her mother, Mrs. Ethel Anderson; family, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Sowell, Matt, Mandi and Malyssa; Mr. and Mrs. Rod Renfro, Jamie and Sara of May; Carrie and Sonya Renfro and Robbie Wheeler and Danny Barnett in her home on Christmas Eve for the family gathering.

Visiting with J.P. and Nettie Clark Christmas Eve were Bob, Cookie, and Brian Robinson of Clyde and R.T. and Yvonne Peevy of Cottonwood.

#### **CARD OF THANKS**

**Card Of Thanks** 

We wish to thank everyone for all the kindness and love shown us at the loss of our loved one. The calls, cards, flowers, and your visits were greatly appreciated. A special thanks to the staff at Colonial Oaks Nursing home for their care over the years and to the ladies of the Methodist Church for the bountiful meal.

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The Family of May Bell Odom

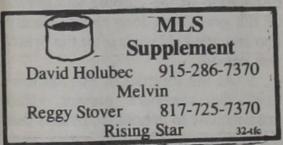
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