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Down Home

'Billy Boy'

By VANDA KING
Editor

The old tune "Billy Boy" always brings to mind the rocking of small children, and a very precious pet. His name happened to be Billy, very original since he was a billy goat.

Roger Wilson, neighbor to my late grandparents, delivered the gift on a tractor. It was a briskly cold morning as I anxiously unwrapped the sack to see what was inside. There was a black and white baby goat almost frozen.

Daddy placed him in the oven at a low temperature and actually thawed him out. It does sound strange to place a live animal into the oven, but it worked. When he warmed up he was just fine. It seems like we fed him on a bottle for a while, so everyone became attached.

About this time, we moved into Cross Plains city limits and I remember watching Billy run up and down the clothesline on a light weight chain. Not the best temporary restraint, but at least he could move around.

When you turned him loose, he would generally follow close behind. However, one day we lost track of him and Daddy looked across the street and Billy was in the front seat of Ab Harris' brand new car. Evidently, Ab, who will be remembered by many as a barber, must have left the door open to the car and Billy just made himself at home.

He looked like he was playing the piano as he quickly moved his front feet from one side of the dash to the other. I recall Daddy didn't think it was too funny at the time. Thank goodness, Billy didn't decide to take a bite out of the upholstery. Ab was very good natured about the incident and just laughed.

Mother said he also helped himself to some of Lindsey and Frances Tyson's flowers. Sounds like ole Billy was real popular on the block.

His dislike for children was the final blow. He wouldn't bother me, but he tried to butt anyone who came close to him. As he grew bigger and stronger, he became more aggressive.

A cousin, James Nichols, who was a teenager at the time, thought he could teach Billy a thing or two, but it turned out the other way around. When he grabbed Billy by the horns, the goat simply flipped him making a perfect backwards somersault. A great one-point landing as Don Gay would word it. The look on his face when he hit was priceless. He didn't ask about taming the goat anymore.

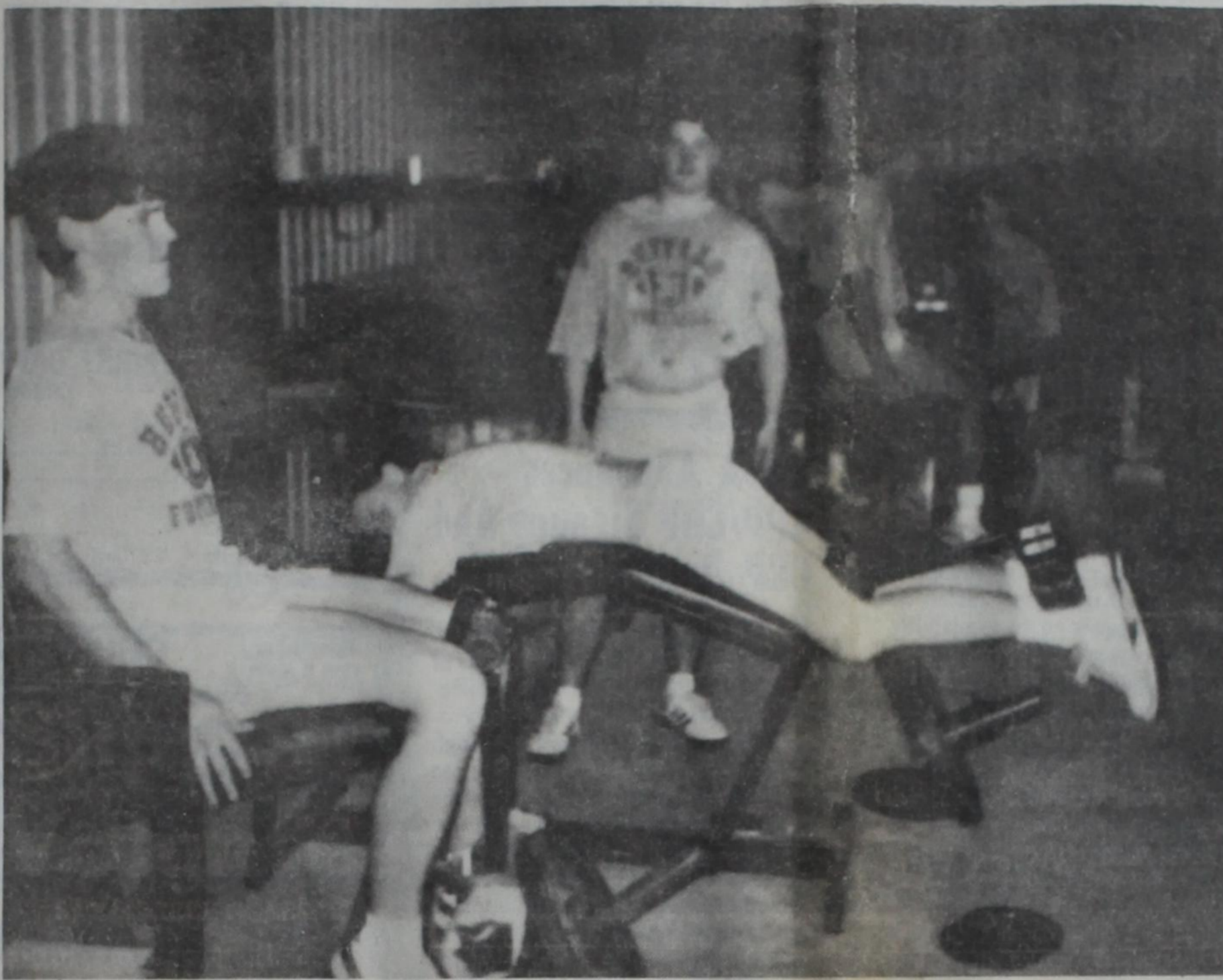
As a last resort, Daddy suggested that a small operation might contribute to Billy's behavior. No such luck, however! I recall informing him that he would have to take something else off because he was just as mean as ever.

The attacks on visitors led to Billy's taking a little trip out to the late Frank McGary's place to be with his own kind.

There is nothing as cute and cuddly as a baby goat. The problem is they just grow up too soon. This sounds vaguely similar to children.

Colonial Oaks Services

First United Methodist Church will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, March 3, commencing at 3:30 p.m.



INCREASING STRENGTH — Local athletes work on lower body strength on these weight benches.



WARMING-UP FOR TRACK — These high school athletes have just completed one agility skill and are lifting barbells.

Support E.M.S. Volunteers

By PAUNIECE OGLESBY

We, in the Cross Plains community, are very fortunate to have a dedicated E.M.S. Volunteer group. In many instances, they have saved lives and been a comfort to families. From comments of individuals and thank-you notes written in the *Cross Plains Review*, the volunteers are prompt, efficient, and caring. Since we don't have a doctor here, our E.M.S. is very definitely needed.

At the present time, an Emergency Medical Technician Training Class is being taught by some of our local volunteers who have had advanced training and been certified as instructors. The classes started in January and go through April 15, meeting every Monday and Thursday evening from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

A lot of these men and women go

directly from their jobs without having time to eat. Therefore, I feel the community could show their support by furnishing refreshments (snack foods) for the volunteers during their breaks. Several organizations have been contacted requesting assistance, however, if your group, or you as an individual, is interested in helping with the effort, please contact Pauniece Oglesby at 725-6772.

The groups who have already furnished refreshments or have committed to dates are Ruth Sunday School Class — First Baptist Church, Billie Kelly and Cottonwood Ladies, Cross Plains Quilting Club, Project Pride, Friends of the Library, and Ladies Monday Night Bible Class — Church of Christ. Thanks goes out to these groups. There are still several dates open at this time.

Dallas Inspires Local Athletes

By VANDA KING
Editor

Doug Dallas began his position as Athletic Director at Cross Plains High School officially on February 4. He is a former graduate of Cross Plains High School and an outstanding athlete in his own right. He graduated from Sul Ross University. His wife is also a former graduate, Christy (Chesshir) Dallas. The couple's children are Jodi, an eighth grader and Jake, a second grader.

Reception of the hometown man has been favorable as many are already acquainted, and his enthusiasm concerning all areas of sports is commendable. He stressed that it is his goal to strengthen every athletic event and create teams and individuals to contend with each year. One of his prime aims is to teach the youth about the game of life and help prepare them in this area, too.

Dallas lived in Eastland where he taught and coached for a total of 23 years. Eleven years he was a coach and five years he served as head coach.

He was head coach at Santa Anna High School for one year. The football team was District Champs, Bi-District Champs, and competed in the Regional playoffs where they were defeated by Rotan.

The next year he coached at Rotan High School where they finished 2nd to Garden City. They advanced to Regional and were defeated by Eden 8 to 5 in a great game.

Dallas has complete confidence that the Buffaloes will be able to reach the same recognition. He stated that there were many fine athletes to work with and that if they follow his program of development for building confidence, strength, agility, and skills they can succeed. His positive thinking and self-motivation is contagious. If the students respond to his winning at-

titude, his objective should certainly be successful.

One of his primary targets involves strengthening the upper and lower body through the use of weights and a proper weight program. All athletes (boys and girls) are currently working out on weights at the temporary location in the metal building owned by Ken Horan on Avenue A just east of the practice football field.

The weights are adjusted for girls' use and proper techniques have been instructed. Dallas is a firm believer that strength is the key to better basketball players, football, tennis, track, golf, etc. Through his coaching career he has been able to see the advantage weight lifting has accomplished. He also noted that the injury rate falls when a youth is stronger.

The football team is currently involved in the off-season weight program while other athletes are working on improving individual strength.

"Parents and anyone interested in the athletic program are invited to come by and see these youths working together. I think you will be amazed at what they can do," Dallas remarked. They start on the off-season program

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Woman Shot Near Burkett

Kala McClure of Cross Plains was found about 3 1/2 miles east of Burkett on a county road about 2 p.m. Sunday, February 24, with a gunshot wound to the head.

She was in critical condition after surgery at Hendrick Medical Center Sunday night, but has been upgraded to critical but stable at press time.

Coleman County Sheriff Wade Turner hoped to interview McClure within two weeks. At this time, the motive for the shooting is unknown, but Turner indicated that there was foul play.

Kala is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Franke of Cross Plains.

Businessman Is Injured

Ray Purvis, well known Cross Plains barber, suffered a broken leg after falling at his residence Friday, February 22. The Cross Plains E.M.S. transported him to Humana Hospital in Abilene where he underwent his first surgery Friday afternoon.

A second surgery was performed Monday morning. It was not known how long he will be hospitalized at press time.

Ruling On Death In Recent House Fire Said Accidental

After two months of intense investigation, the death of Billy Kelly in a house fire at Cross Plains was ruled accidental. The autopsy, fire inquests, and laboratory tests were all negative.

Rolan Jones, Justice of the Peace, stated that the fire probably started in the southeast bedroom of the house due to an electric heater.

Tabor Will Speak To AARP Group

Don Tabor, publisher of the *Cross Plains Review*, will be the guest speaker at the AARP regular session scheduled for Monday, March 4. A representative of the Silver-Haired Legislature, Tabor will be sharing interesting facts learned at the Austin sessions.

The luncheon meeting will begin at 11 a.m. at the Cross Plains Multi-Purpose Center. All AARP members and prospective members are encouraged to attend.

Athletic Booster Club Meets February 28

There will be a meeting of the Athletic Booster Club on Thursday, February 28, beginning at 7 p.m. in the high school library. The purpose of the meeting is to plan the Athletic Banquet.

All interested persons are encouraged to attend.

Band Booster Meeting Slated Tuesday Night

Band Boosters will meet Tuesday, March 5, 7 p.m. in the Band Hall to discuss spring trips, contest, concerts, and plans for next year.

The high school band will be participating in the Festival of Lights Parade in San Antonio on April 27 and a lot of planning needs to go into this event.

Prospective Hunting Lease List Compiled By Chamber Of Commerce

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce is currently compiling a list of prospective hunting leases in the Cross Plains area.

If your property is available, please contact the Chamber office at 725-7251.

The Chamber will be forwarding a letter requesting the above information.

March Women's History Month

March is "Women's History Month" and the Vocational Equity Program at Region 14 Education Service Center is helping schools promote this worthwhile activity.

Feature stories on local women in history and those currently making history will be published during the month of March. If you have interesting information to contribute, please call the *Cross Plains Review* at 725-6111 before March 15.

Your assistance in honoring local women's accomplishments in the community is requested.

Blood Pressure Clinic

The blood pressure clinic will be held at the Multi-Purpose Center on Tuesday, March 5, from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. This service is free of charge.

Country Peddler Day At San Saba

Every 1st Saturday at the Courthouse Square in San Saba a Country Peddler Day is observed. From 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. entertainment, arts and crafts, antiques, games, and contests prevail.

The concessions alley will be a side show in itself. Bring your lawn chair and spend the day.

If you are an entertainer or have a band, you are invited to perform.

If you are a crafts person, the booths are only \$1. Most spaces require umbrellas or awnings.

For more information contact Lelamae Gatliff, Box 27, San Saba, Texas 76877, (915) 372-5294.

City Sales Tax Totals

The City of Cross Plains is reporting 1991 one percent city sales tax payments running 19.50 percent higher than the 1990 payments of the tax. Cross Plains 1991 sales tax payments have amounted to \$10,691.47, while the 1990 sales tax rebates were \$8,946.58.

The city's monthly sales tax check for February 1991 was reported to be \$7,527.78. That figure was an increase of 14.82 percent over tax collections of \$6,555.95 made in February 1990.

Retail sales in the City of Clyde continued its downward turn, according to recently released city sales tax figures for the city.

John Sharp, State Comptroller, said that sales tax payments in Clyde are running slightly lower than tax payments during 1990. He said that the sales tax rebates for the City of Clyde have amounted to \$15,680.94 so far in 1991. The 1990 payments to the city were \$15,737.32, a 0.36 percent decrease in sales tax collections.

The monthly payment to the City of Clyde in February 1991 amounted to \$10,950.94, while the February 1990 payment to the city was \$11,029.05. The monthly check this year was 0.71 percent lower than the same month last year.

Other Callahan County towns reporting sales tax payments include:

—The City of Baird reported that sales tax payments in 1991 are 4.69 percent lower than the 1990 payments. The city had received \$7,512.43 so far in 1991, while the 1990 tax payments to the city were \$7,882.02.

The town's monthly payment for February 1991 was \$5,731.89, a decrease of 9.23 percent from a check of \$6,314.63 for the February 1990 payment.

—The City of Putnam is reporting 1991 city sales tax payments amounting to \$2,441.59 so far, a 46.25 percent increase from tax payments to the city in 1990. The 1990 sales tax check to Putnam amounted to \$1,669.44.

The city's monthly tax rebate check for February 1991 was \$1,313.84, an increase of 32.90 percent from \$988.57 paid to the city for February 1990.

Countywide sales tax payments for 1991 in Callahan County are running 6.11 percent higher than the 1990 payments to the county. Callahan County towns have received sales tax payments in 1991 amounting to \$36,326.43, while the 1990 payments to the county towns totalled \$34,235.36.

Statewide, sales tax payments in 1991 are 12.67 percent ahead of 1990 rebates, according to Sharp's figures. The state has sent out checks totalling \$241,918,135.53 in 1991, while the 1990 payments to the state's cities were \$214,537,487.82.

Comptroller Sharp said, "Texas cities and counties will enjoy a tidy post-Christmas bonus, because this month's total local sales tax rebates are the largest in the state's history."

"February's total rebates are always large because they include sales taxes collected by annual, quarterly and monthly taxpayers, but these broke by \$19.5 million the old record set in February of 1989," Sharp said. "That's an increase of 12.4 percent."

"Christmas retail sales may not have been as bright as some folks had

hoped, but the state's economy still looks good when compared to the nation as a whole," Sharp said.

Merchants collect the state and local sales tax and send it to the Comptroller's office with their tax returns. The state keeps its 6 percent share and returns the local one percent sales tax each month to local governments. Cities and counties may levy a combined tax of up to two percent above the state's sales tax, however, all Callahan County town's only levy a one percent city sales tax, Sharp said.

This month's checks reflect taxes collected on December sales and reported in late January by businesses filing monthly, quarterly, and yearly returns.

All local sales taxes must be approved by local voters and may be used for any legal city or county expenses. Most areas put the money in their General Fund and use it for normal operations like fire fighting, maintaining roads, and law enforcement, Sharp said. Some cities use an additional 1/2 percent city sales tax to help fund local economic development and to reduce property taxes.

Program On 1990 Farm Bill Scheduled On Tuesday, March 5

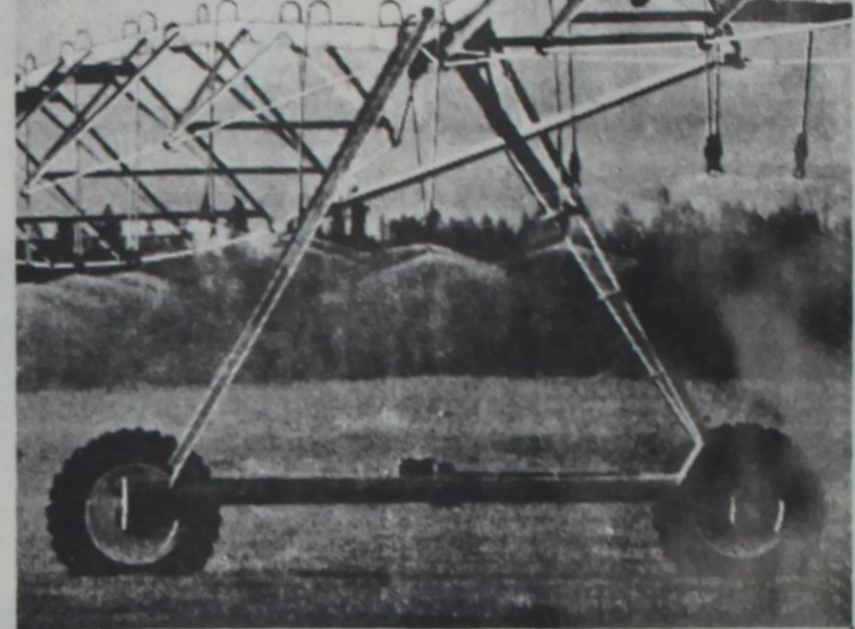
The Callahan County Extension Service, County ASCS, and SCS will be holding a program on the 1990 Farm Bill on Tuesday, March 5, at 1 p.m. in the District Courtroom.

Extension is responsible for the educational portion of the 1990 Farm Bill and producers will want to contact the Extension office to run options for the 1990-91 wheat program.

Dr. Ashley Lovell, Extension Economist-Movement from Stephenville, will discuss provisions of the 1990 Farm Bill and how it applies to producers. Scott Odom from ASCS will advise producers on sign-up dates and Clint Rollins from SCS will discuss farm program compliance and CRP sign-up.

All producers are urged to attend the Farm Program meeting. For more details, contact the County Extension office, ASCS or the SCS offices in the Courthouse.

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LIFT IT HIGH — Track boys and off-season football players workout at weight room.



HOLD THOSE FEET — One student holds the toes of the other while sit-ups are counted off. The first series of lifts are being done by the other girls.



SUPER SALES GIRL — Brandy Hutton, member of Junior Troop 215 and daughter of Lyn and Pam Hutton, is shown with just a few of the over 300 boxes that she sold. Workers at the distribution center just couldn't resist building this version of a Girl Scout Cookie Monster.



GETTING IN SHAPE — The baskets shown are jumped from side to side for agility; small hurdles are jumped flat footed; and the larger



SHAPING UP — More weight lifting and sit-ups are included in a series of 33 exercises or weight lifts adjusted to each class.



UPPER BODY WORKOUT — Weight lifting and sit-ups strengthen arms and chest muscles.



MORE WEIGHTS — This particular set-up features 45 lbs. on each end to press.

Cookie Sale Draws To An End

By ARLENE STEPHENSON

Last chance to get Girl Scout cookies this year is noon tomorrow! When this article went to press, there were still 9 boxes of cookies available at 725-6879. The local Scouts have sold 3,312 boxes to date — an average

of 66 boxes per girl. That amounts to \$828 that will go into local troop treasuries.

The girls have done a real good job this year and would like to thank the public for supporting their efforts and for handling the odd change involved so well.

Tennis Tournament Results

By COACH MACK McCONAL

Cross Plains Tennis Team was in San Saba Saturday and played in a 3-way meet with San Saba and Llano. Competition was very tough. Cross Plains didn't win too many matches, but had a good time and the competition from 2A and 3A schools was good for Cross Plains players.

Results were as follows:

- C.P. Girls — Llano**
- Singles**
Glover (6-4) (5-7) (7-6)
Newman (4-6) (1-6)
Bagley (2-6) (1-6)
Hutton (0-6) (6-3) (0-6)
Cortez (3-6) (1-6)
Cosper (2-6) (1-6)
- Doubles**
Glover — Newman (0-6) (2-6)
Cortez — Hutton (1-6) (0-6)
Bagley — Cosper (1-6) (5-7)
- C.P. Girls — San Saba**
- Singles**
Glover (6-3) (6-0)
Newman (6-4) (5-7) (4-6)
Bagley (1-6) (4-6)
Hutton (1-6) (4-6)
Cosper (1-6) (3-6)
Cortez (4-6) (5-7)
- Doubles**
Glover — Newman (7-6) (6-4)

Hutton — Cortez (6-4) (3-6) (4-6)
Bagley — Cosper (6-4) (6-2)

C.P. Boys — Llano

- Singles**
Rutledge (2-6) (2-6)
Rudloff (6-2) (6-0)
Morgan (2-6) (1-6)
Whitsitt (4-6) (0-6)
Crockett (6-3) (3-6) (6-3)
Stephenson (6-1) (7-5)
Rudloff (6-0) (4-6) (4-6)
- Doubles**
Rudloff — Whitsitt (4-6) (2-6)
Morgan — Crockett (5-7) (3-6)
Rutledge — Stephenson (0-6) (2-6)
- C.P. Boys — San Saba**

- Singles**
Rutledge (0-6) (1-6)
Rudloff (2-6) (2-6)
Morgan (1-6) (1-6)
Whitsitt (4-6) (6-1) (6-1)
Crockett (6-3) (3-6) (6-4)
Stephenson (6-3) (7-6) (6-1)
Rudloff (6-2) (5-7) (3-6)

- Doubles**
Rudloff — Whitsitt (4-6) (2-6)
Morgan — Crockett (6-7) (2-6)
Rutledge — Stephenson (2-6) (7-5) (1-6)
Morgan — Rudloff (6-1) (6-2)
- The team will be in Breckenridge at a regular tournament this weekend.

Eastern Star Members Treated To Valentine Surprise

By SANDRA CAREY

A rather unusual surprise was enjoyed by all members in attendance of the February 4 meeting of Cross Plains No. 455, Order of the Eastern Star. The hostesses were Penny Neal, Vera Pearl Bunnell, and Frances Irwin who surprised all with a wonderful Valentine meal including a six foot submarine sandwich. The sandwich was assembled in Abilene and transported to Cross Plains in the Neal's car (we would have loved to have seen this!).

The Chapter has been busy with plans for attending the annual School of Instruction and Fraternal Visit of our Worthy Grand Matron, Dr. Effie Mae Davis of San Antonio. The theme for this year's school was "Measure of Friendship" and was a new wrinkle by combining three sections from District III, Sections 5, 6, and 7. This event was held at the Copperas Cove Civic Center. The Deputy Grand Matron, Joe Grant, from Coleman Chapter, appointed several local members to positions of service which were: Sandra Carey, Associate Matron for the Fraternal Visit; Rickey Carey, Associate Patron for the Fraternal Visit; Blanche Byrd, Electa for the Fraternal Visit; Frances Irwin, Personal Page to the Grand Examiner, District 3; and Mary Knott, Examining Room Chairman, Section 5. Local members who were able to attend the function were Jim and Frances Irwin and Rickey and Sandra Carey. The trip was long and tiring but was a success with three local members obtaining "A" Certificates of Proficiency by passing the examination given by the Grand Examiner of District 3, Alma Lynn Bane.

We encourage all members of the Order to attend the March 4 meeting to

hear greetings from our Worthy Grand Matron, Dr. Effie Mae Davis, and news of our School of Instruction and plans for Grand Chapter to be held in October in San Antonio.

Damage To Small Grain Fields Noted

Some small grain fields in Callahan County are being infested with greenbugs and army cutworms, according to Greg Gerngross, County Extension Agent. Most producers are aware of the damage that greenbugs inflict on wheat and oats because of previous year's infestation. However, the army cutworm is a problem that is not seen very often in this part of Texas. Cutworms are the immature stages of drab brownish moths that are active at night.

Newly hatched cutworms are brown to black and feed on small grain seedlings, clipping the above ground portion of the plant from the root system at or below the soil surface. Cutworm infested fields have the appearance of being closely grazed and damage may be "clumped" or occur in spots in the field.

The cutworm usually feeds late in the evening or at night and are difficult to find in the daytime. Scratching the soil surface with your hands will usually dislodge the worms if any are present. Late evening insecticide application may improve the control of this pest due to its feeding habits.

Ambush or Pounce were both recently given emergency labels for Texas for cutworm control.

For more information on this subject, contact the County Extension office at (915) 854-1518.

Local Athletes

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from 2:45 to 3:45 p.m. and some remain after school for workouts.

"Self-motivation will get youth off the streets and into the weight rooms," he stated. He appreciated the athletes' attitudes, noting that since he had been here he had not heard any complaining, no one had said, "I can't," no fights, no cursing, and only positive attitudes.

Coach Dallas remarked, "I really like the school and am glad to be back. This is a good little town and good people."

Cross Plains High School athletics will be seeing some new ideas which can only promote the youth of our community to higher goals. Look out district competition!

Acting Talent

By DANIEL CROCKETT

One Senior at Cross Plains High School, Tracy Erwin, auditioned in Dallas for an acting scholarship to The American Musical and Dramatic Academy. The school is located in New York City, but they send instructors all over the country to view applicants.

Of the thousands that apply only 140 are accepted, and only 21 scholarships are given away. Tracy feels good about her audition, but will not know if she was accepted or if she will receive a scholarship until April 1.

Good luck, Tracy!

Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship

Beta Sigma Phi is sponsoring a scholarship for seniors. Each applicant must complete the following:

- The attached information sheet
- A typed, double spaced, essay of approximately three pages on one of the following:

A) AIDS: Describe the development of AIDS as a major disease in this country including research on treatments, and give your opinion as to the long range effects this disease will have on our society and economy.

B) The Draft: Describe the history of the use of the draft in this country including exemptions, deferments, etc., and give your opinion as to future use of the draft and changes in the parts of the population eligible for the draft due to our experiences in Panama and in the Iraqi conflict.

C) Iraq and the Palestine Issue: Describe the invasion of Kuwait by Iraq and the take over of Palestine by Israel, and give your opinion as to whether the situations are comparable and whether the changes in Palestine should be a part of negotiations with Iraq.

3. A complete bibliography — (Notice that each topic includes a portion that will require research from outside sources, as well as a portion where you make predictions based on your own opinions.)

Deliver your essay to Kim Childers by Friday, April 5, 1991. Academic achievement and financial need will not be factors in awarding the scholarship. This scholarship may be used at any institution of higher learning. The \$300 scholarship will be presented at senior graduation. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Childers at 725-6806 or 725-6121.

1991 Pee Wee Basketball Game Schedule

Friday, March 1
6:00 Girls Green vs Gold
7:00 Boys Red vs Green
8:00 Girls Red vs Blue
9:00 Boys Blue vs Gold

Saturday, March 2
6:00 Boys Red vs Blue
7:00 Girls Gold vs Blue
8:00 Boys Gold vs Green
9:00 Girls Green vs Red

Friday, March 8
6:00 Girls Blue vs Red
7:00 Boys Blue vs Gold
8:00 Girls Gold vs Green
9:00 Boys Green vs Red

Saturday, March 9
6:00 Boys Blue vs Green
7:00 Girls Green vs Blue
8:00 Boys Gold vs Red
9:00 Girls Red vs Gold

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WEDNESDAY — Donut, cheese stick, grape juice, milk.
THURSDAY — Choice of cereal, toast, peanut butter, syrup, orange juice, milk.
FRIDAY — Oatmeal, toast, sausage, grape juice, milk.

LUNCH

- MONDAY** — Corn dog, chips, pickle spears, baked beans, chocolate pudding, milk.
TUESDAY — Chalupas, salad, Mexican corn, Jello, milk.
WEDNESDAY — Bar-B-Q chicken, scalloped potatoes, green beans, roll, peach halves, milk.
THURSDAY — Steakfingers, creamed potatoes w/gravy, buttered peas, roll, chilled pears, milk.
FRIDAY — Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickle, French fries, cookie, milk.



MARINE — Lt. Scott A. Malett is in the Persian Gulf on the USS Tripoli. He is the grandson of Lola and Mike Barrett of Brownwood and

the nephew of Iva and Burnice Webster of Cross Plains and Pauline and Richard Smith of Cottonwood.

Frances' Bleu Recipe Turns Green

By **DAWN COLE**
Staff Writer
Abilene Reporter-News

Maybe sitting around snacking and making up recipes isn't everyone's idea of a power lunch, but it certainly turned out to be profitable for Frances Thornton.

One of the recipes she came up with and entered in a contest sponsored by Woman's Day magazine and Quaker Rice Cakes won a \$150 third-place prize in the nationwide contest.

Frances said she and Regina Windland, a co-worker at Security State Bank's Medical Mall branch, read about the "Top This" contest and spent a few lunch hours coming up with recipes to send in.

The contest recipes were all toppings that could be spread on Quaker Rice cakes, one of the foods Frances and Regina often snack on when they don't have time to leave for lunch.

They each came up with several recipes, including one called "Presidential Surprise" — containing broccoli, of course — and entered them in the contest.

A few months later, Frances received a letter in the mail telling her one of her recipes called "Bleu Hawaii" was being considered for a prize.

"It was the first contest I'd ever entered in my life," Frances said. "So it was such a surprise."

Not long after that, she received a telegram with even better news — her recipe had won third prize in the "Anytime Snack" category and a check was on the way.

Frances said she tried to think of a recipe that would be easy and fun to make and would be a fairly healthy snack, and tried to call it something that would catch judges' attention. She named her recipe, which uses Bleu cheese dressing, cream cheese, grapes and pineapple, "Bleu Hawaii," which she thinks helped her win.

Growing up on a farm as the eighth of nine children, Frances learned early in life how to be a creative cook. She said her mother, who still cooks every day, was constantly making wonderful meals out of whatever ingredients she had at hand.

"She never used recipes, except for one for her fruitcake," Frances said, smiling.

After Frances married her husband, Don, she said it took some time to adjust to cooking for just two, and for one of their meals she made enough spaghetti to feed a small country.

Now that their two children are grown, she's back to just cooking for two, but hasn't gotten much recognition for her award from Don, who "thinks about all that should go on a rice cake is peanut butter."

Frances and Don live at Cross Plains. She is the daughter of Myrtle Kirkham, and Don is the son of Juanita Thornton.

Bleu Hawaii Frances Thornton, Cross Plains

8 oz. soft Philadelphia Cream Cheese
1 Tbsp. Bleu cheese dressing
1/2 c. sweet seedless grapes, sliced in half
1 Tbsp. crushed pineapple, drained well
6-8 Quaker Cakes (your favorite kind)

Mix cream cheese and Bleu cheese dressing until well blended. Fold in grapes and crushed pineapple.

Spread generously on Quaker Cakes and top with sliced kiwi fruit.

For appetizers, cut Quaker Cakes in quarters with a sharp knife. Use one kiwi fruit slice or one whole grape on top of cheese mixture.

Makes 6-8 servings.

OIL NEWS

New Tests Callahan

S&Y Oil Co., Abilene, will drill a wildcat, No. 1 J. Miller, to 2,000 in the J. Miller 1 mile northwest of Eula on an 81-acre lease. Spots 150 FNL and 1,560 FEL, Section 32, BBB&C.

Dixon, Exploration Inc., Abilene, will drill a wildcat, No. 1 John L. Estes Jr., to 3,990 feet 7.7 miles northwest of Clyde on a 40-acre lease. Spots 2,200 FNL and 700 FEL, Section 64, Block 14, T&P, A-1398.

Oil Completions Brown

Sundance Resources Inc., Dallas, completed No. 10 Steel "F" in the Blind Hog (Cross Cut) 6 miles northeast of Cross Cut. Spots 800 FNL and 2,925 FEL, John McGloin No. 798, A-1499. Elevation 1,613 GL.

Daily pumping potential was 6 barrels of 39.5 gravity oil and 1 barrel of water from perfs at 1,306-26. Total depth 1,550; plug back 1,406; top of pay 1,305; 4 1/2-inch casing set at 1,450. Acidized with 500 gallons.

Tops: Adams Branch 528; Cross Cut 1,268.

Callahan

Masada Oil & Gas Co. Ltd., Putnam, completed 3 wells in the Regular 8 miles north of Putnam in Section 5, D&DA. They were:

■ 9 J Neuman spots 1,100 FNL and 3,900 FEL.

Daily pumping potential was a half-barrel of 38-gravity oil and 8 barrels of water from perfs at 459-69 GOR

TSTM. Total depth 497; top of pay 459; 4 1/2-inch casing set at bottom. Fraced with 25 sacks sand.

Tops: Tannehill 469.

■ No. 10 J Neuman spots 1,775 FNL and 4,460 FEL.

Daily pumping potential was a fourth-barrel of 38-gravity oil and 20 barrels of water from perfs at 471-80. GOR TSTM. Total depth 510; top of pay 471; 4 1/2-inch casing set at 500. Fraced with 25 sacks sand.

Tops: Tannehill 480.

■ No. 15 J. Neuman spots 900 FNL and 4,060 FEL.

Daily pumping potential was 10 barrels of 38-gravity oil and 5 barrels of water from perfs at 464-74. GORT TSTM. Total depth 505; top of pay 464; 4 1/2-inch casing set at 495. Fraced with 25 sacks sand.

Tops: Tannehill 474.

Petro-Starr, Cisco, completed No. 4 Boren "B" in the Scranton 1 mile northeast of Atwell. Spots 450 FSL and 805 FWL, Section 18, Albert T. Burnley/J.J. Butts Subdivision A-10.

Daily pumping potential was 26 barrels of 34-gravity oil and 80 barrels of water from perfs at 1,734-40. GOR 577.1. Total depth 1,790; top of pay 1,730; 4 1/2-inch casing set at bottom. Tops: Cross Cut 1,730.



Bamboo is not a tree. It's a grass.

1st Cavalry Division Reunion

While the 1st Cavalry Division is deployed to Saudi Arabia on Operation Desert Shield, the veterans of the 1st Cavalry Division Association are planning their 44th Annual Reunion at the home of the First Team Fort Hood, Texas.

According to Reunion committee members, all hopes are pinned on the First Team coming home before July 4, but if they are not, the Reunion will be dedicated to the troopers and their families.

In 1990 the Association Reunion broke all attendance records with 1,416 at Fort Benning, Georgia. Plan-

ners are looking to exceed that number in 1991. All veterans of the First Team are encouraged to plan their celebration of the nation's birthday with fellow First Team Alumni at Fort Hood.

Information can be obtained about the Reunion (July 4-7, 1991) by writing to First Team Reunion, 1st Cavalry Division Association, 302 N. Main Street, Copperas Cove, TX 76522. Or by calling 1-800-234-9313 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday Central Standard Time. Early registration is recommended.

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