

Down Home

EDITOR'S NOTE: A.C. Halsell wrote the following poem in 1934 when he was teaching a history class in Palo Pinto County. The message is very timely concerning the situation in the Persian Gulf. Notice the similarities to present days. Vanda King

New Babylon "The Rise"

By A.C. HALSELL

The Assyrian day was nearing an end
As forth from the wearisome day of toil
Came a man of sturdy physique and mein
Who gazed with horror upon a scene
Fit to melt the heart of a slave driving queen
Thousands of souls broken, hungry and lean
Driven by the scourge of life's bitterest turmoil.

Tossed by the agony of a horrible dream
Upon the squalid bed of an ancient slum
He dreamed of the day of a freer land
Where an ox is an ox but a man is a man
He saw bodies and blood of the fighting band
Scattered like chaff on the Euphrates sand
The price to be paid for the freedom to come.

In the midst of this carnage of death and destruction
A fairer vision presented to him
In the press of the battle and heat of the fray
A new born freedom, a price to pay
Ten thousand lives for the glorious day
When by life's virtues any man may
Be king of his life and limb.

Nabopolassar the mighty one
A prince of parts the Babylonian flower
Living in luxury and comforting ease
The king of the mighty Euphrates
Whose joy it was to strive to please
The sweet natured virtue of the loyal plebs
Was the son of the slave that dreamed of power.

A mighty vision prompted this rise
A vision born in a hampered life
Born in squalid slavery and dirt,
A bleeding heart, a great soul-hurt,
Intellect thong-bound but still alert
To nobleness and beauty and true worth
Of a reborn Soul in a world of Strife.

Vision has prompted all great lives
It has given men freedom to live and love
It opened the hearts and filled the soul
It placed before him the glittering goal
A knowledge that reaches from pole to pole
A gift that enlightens and expands the soul
That true worth is born from above.

Our motto is "Let vision direct."
We'll go wherever we're sent
With an open mind we'll seek our place
With patience and courage we'll run the race
Right and honor our stay and brace
And the end we shall stand face-to-face
With a life that was worthily spent.

Colonial Oaks Services

Temple Baptist Church will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, March 10, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

Lt. Randy Young Contacts Parents Following Ceasefire

By VANDA KING
Editor

On Sunday, March 3, around 3:20 a.m. Bill and Barbara Young were awakened by the best news of all, a telephone call from their son, Randy, who is serving with the U.S. Army in the Middle East. He called to assure them that he was fine and was doing great following the ground invasion.

Lt. Young is a pilot of a Black Hawk helicopter and his unit participated in the largest tank battle of the war in the area of Basra, Iraq. "Never in my life have I had so much fear, or my adrenalin been so high," Lt. Young remarked. His unit lost only one helicopter, but there were no casualties.

Some 80½ hours after the troops left the Saudi border they were in Basra, where they engaged in combat with two Republican Guard Divisions, Hammuerabi and Tawakina. He took 11 enemy soldiers. At that point Young stated they were eye to eye with enemies. The troops had no time to sleep during this maneuver and Randy noted they never got sleepy because there was too much to be accomplished.

Absolutely nothing was left of Iraq. Some fighting continues as the enemy is hunkered down. They have not received the word about the ceasefire, Young said. Taking the Iraqi Army

was not difficult, recalling Patton's comparison to a "goose."

Lt. Young stated that he volunteered for special operations, but couldn't release the details at this time. His dad remarked, "He didn't want to upset his mother, also."

Presently, he is stationed in Iraq and doesn't know how long he will remain there. His landing field is in the middle of the desert. One of the dangers that still exists are the mine fields. They are carefully cleared and a fence built around the area to prevent accidents.

Bill and Barbara said that Randy received a lot of mail and packages, mostly from Cross Plains Sunday morning (five weeks worth). He wanted to thank all the people in the community for their mail, prayers, and the support shown to the soldiers.

He passed his mail around for all his buddies to read. Many soldiers do not receive mail and the others share their news from home. Randy stated that he intended to answer all his mail as soon as he could.

He wanted to express his appreciation for those supporting his parents during this very difficult time. They are like so many other parents who are thankful that this war is over.

It is everyone's prayer that all the soldiers will be able to return home very soon.

Mesquite Now Seen In A Different Light

By SKIP NICHOLS

The headline intrigued me instantly: "Texans Hope to Find Ways to Profit From a Pest."

Which pest, I wondered? The sticker burr? The polecat? The chigger? Texas, my home, has plenty of pests. I quickly read the story.

"A Texas congressman who represents more mesquite trees than people has persuaded Congress that the stubborn and spindly pest has profit potential."

Ah, the mesquite. The "thorny tree," as it was described in the story, probably meant little to millions of readers outside of the Lone Star State. Some of those folks probably know it as the wood in upscale charcoal for barbecuing. Why, it's even more expensive than regular charcoal. And then there's all sorts of barbecue sauce in the supermarkets which claim to be "mesquite-flavored" (I've always wondered about that — how in the world do you make something mesquite flavored? It must be the beans...).

My first encounter with the mesquite occurred when I moved to my grandfather's farm at Burkett. Oh, I had seen them as we drove along the Texas highways, but that doesn't count. It takes a much more personal experience. Certainly much more than buying it in charcoal or barbecue sauce. My introduction to mesquite came when my grandpa took me out to help him round up the cows.

"Those ornery cusses are scattered all through these *&\$?! mesquites," he grumbled. So, aiming to please, I charged into the trees. I didn't charge very far. The thin, needle-pointed, inch-long thorns snagged my shirt at the same time a branch flicked off my new cowboy hat. My struggle to get free was successful, but the mesquites managed to inflict a number of painful scratches.

At this point, my grandpa — who had lived on this place for over 80 years — calmly picked up a rock and chucked it at one of the cows. A couple more well-placed tosses and the cows were heading for the barn. Most of the farmers and ranchers

had an ongoing feud with the mesquites in their pastures. They used bulldozers; they burned 'em; they poured diesel fuel on the stump after cutting 'em down; a few folks even tried spraying chemicals on the stubborn tree. But it never worked. In fact, the mesquites always seemed to come back healthier and in greater numbers.

The story on mesquites noted the Texas Department of Agriculture said that as many as 4,500 trees can grow on an acre of pasture. There are, according to the state officials, 55 million acres of mesquite in Texas. According to the government's math, that means there could be as many as 2.5 billion mesquite trees in the state.

The point of the story, however, was that Rep. Kika de la Garza — the aforementioned congressman who represents a large segment of the mesquite population in South Texas — had managed to conclude that instead of spending money to fight the mesquite, we should spend money to make a crop of the water-sucking tree. So, in the spirit of pork barrel, he managed to convince the government to spend \$500,000 over the next five years in research to find ways to develop ways of producing mesquite and to improve production and harvesting techniques.

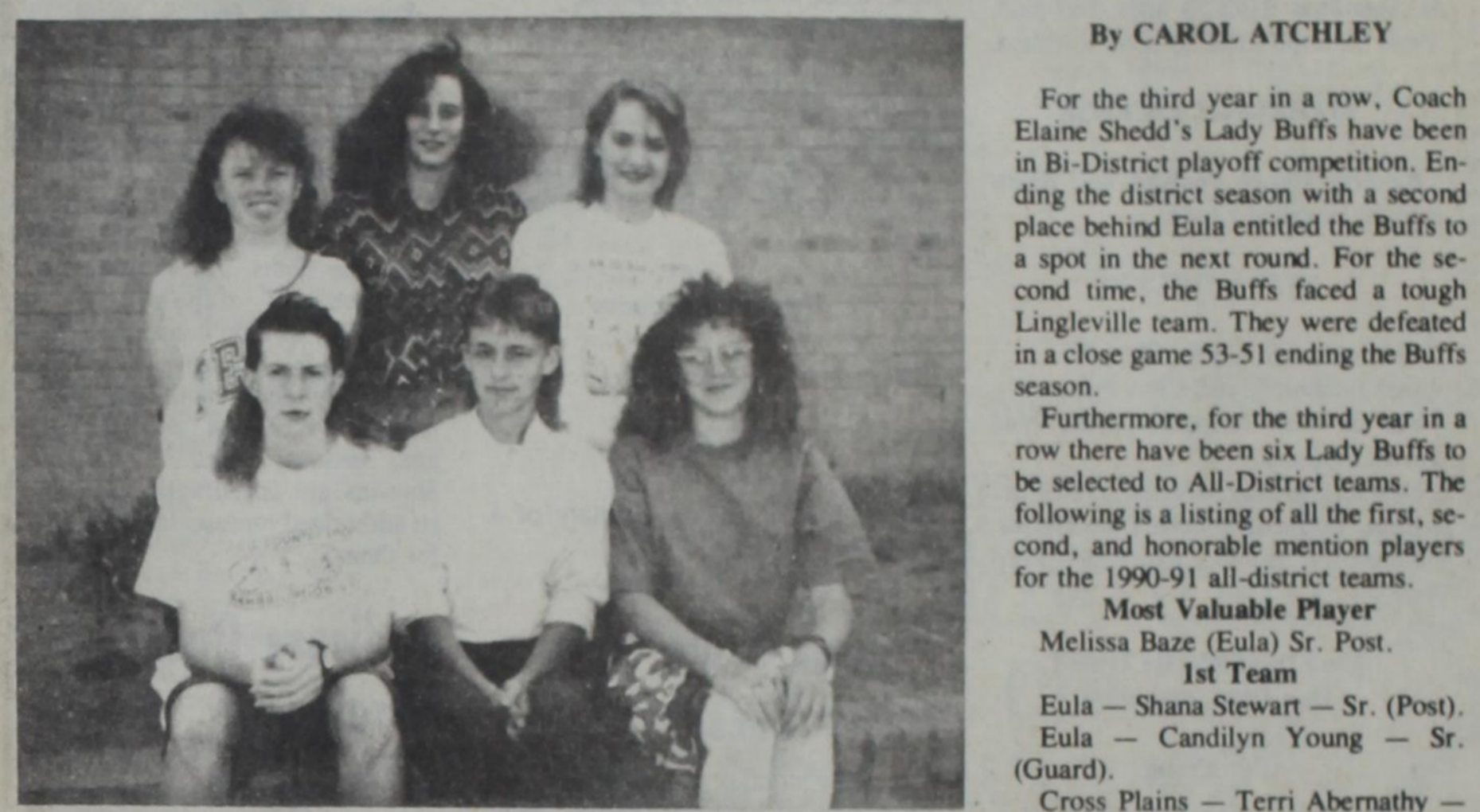
Well, now, that's probably better than spending money in futile attempts to eradicate the mesquite.

But, I've left the most interesting part of the story for last.

The Texas Department of Agriculture says the mesquite is becoming increasingly popular as an ornamental tree. And, on top of that, one researcher who has been studying mesquite since 1977 says he wants to develop a marketing plan for mesquite. Shucks, it could soon be advertised on TV along with slicer-dicers, Ginzu knives, and all-okra diets.

But, before I make too many jokes about those folks who would even try to make perfume out of cow patties, we should consider the incentive behind all this. According to the story, mesquite sold for fuel is worth \$25 a ton; as chips in charcoal it's worth

Six Lady Buffs Named To All-District Basketball Team



ALL-DISTRICT BASKETBALL PLAYERS — Sherry Williams (top, from left), Jennifer Wheeler, Heather Montgomery; Angie Purvis (sitting, from left), Terri Abernathy, and Shana Bagley.

Friends Of Education

By C.A.

Several weeks ago, Mrs. Debbie Strickler, a math teacher at Cross Plains High School, approached the VILLAGE MARKET grocery store here in town about the possibility of their helping to purchase a computer for her students to use in her math classroom. From there the idea has grown tremendously. The TOWN & COUNTRY organization, which owns VILLAGE MARKET, has not only agreed to purchase a computer set-up for Mrs. Strickler's classroom, but is donating another set-up to the school to be used wherever deemed necessary. According to Mrs. Strickler, the two new computers are both Apple 2GS's, which are the same types the school purchased for the elementary computer lab.

In addition to that generous offer, the VILLAGE MARKET is also in a campaign that will allow the school to purchase additional equipment for the school by getting the community involved. As most of Cross Plains

3 Positions On City Council Open For Election

The council seats of Ted McKeehan, Donald Beeler, and Leon Nixon are expiring this term. The official deadline for filing an application for candidacy is March 20 at 5 p.m. at the Cross Plains City Hall.

James Nichols and Gene Dillard have already filed applications and are seeking election to the local council. Anyone wishing to run must contact the City Hall before the specified deadline.

C.P.H.S. Exes Meeting Tuesday, March 12

The Cross Plains High School Exes will hold a meeting on Tuesday, March 12, at 7:15 p.m. in the high school library.

Cottonwood Regional Community Assoc. Annual Coffee

The Cottonwood Regional Community Association will sponsor its annual coffee in conjunction with the general meeting and election of board members on Saturday, March 9, at 9:30 a.m. in the Cottonwood Community Center. All newcomers to the community and ladies of the area are cordially invited to attend.

By CAROL ATCHLEY

For the third year in a row, Coach Elaine Shedd's Lady Buffs have been in Bi-District playoff competition. Ending the district season with a second place behind Eula entitled the Buffs to a spot in the next round. For the second time, the Buffs faced a tough Lingleville team. They were defeated in a close game 53-51 ending the Buffs season.

Furthermore, for the third year in a row there have been six Lady Buffs to be selected to All-District teams. The following is a listing of all the first, second, and honorable mention players for the 1990-91 all-district teams.

Most Valuable Player

Melissa Baze (Eula) Sr. Post.
1st Team

Eula — Shana Stewart — Sr. (Post).
Eula — Candilyn Young — Sr. (Guard).
Cross Plains — Terri Abernathy — Sr. (Guard).

Cross Plains — Sherry Williams — Sr. (Guard).
Baird — Christy Neinst — Jr. (Post).

2nd Team

Eula — Calle Cranfill — Sr. (Guard).
Eula — Candice White — Sr. (Guard).
Cross Plains — Shana Bagley — Fr. (Guard).

Cross Plains — Heather Montgomery — Fr. (Post).
Baird — Belinda Maxwell — Jr. (Post).
Moran — Kay Tabor — Soph. (Guard).

Honorable Mention

Eula — Allison Baze — Fr. (Post).
Cross Plains — Angie Purvis — Jr. (Post).
Cross Plains — Jennifer Wheeler — Soph. (Post).

Baird — Nicky Barron — Sr.
Baird — Sonya Mitchell — Sr.
Moran — Jo Branham — Fr.

New Commercial Driver License

The Texas Department of Public Safety is testing for the new Commercial Drivers License. Almost all truck and bus drivers will be required to be licensed.

Department of Public Safety Troopers will be in Cross Plains on April 1, 1991, for a special day of Commercial Drivers License testing. Tests will be conducted at the Cross Plains High School from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m.

For applications and details on taking this test, contact your local Drivers License Office in Eastland. The DPS strongly encourages you to take this test and get your Commercial Drivers License as soon as possible.

Cottonwood Fun Festival Organizational Meeting March 12

The Fun Festival committee invites all non-profit organizations of the community and Callahan County to attend a meeting on Tuesday, March 12, at 7 p.m. at the Cottonwood Community Center. Plans for the upcoming Fun Festival set for August 17 will be discussed.

Organizations interested in participating should send representatives to help coordinate the various activities. The event was very successful last year and improvements and changes will be addressed.

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT Bill Johnson, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Catalino J. Ibarra, DWI.
Lavon Brawley, theft of property by check.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Ollie Theresa Gillispie, probation revoked, \$100 fine \$105.50 court costs, 3 days in jail.
Juan Aguirre, motion dismissed to revoke probation.
Mack Anthony Henson, probation discharged.
Motions filed to revoke probations on: David Eugene Whitt, Rodney Walter Williams, Martha Bizike.
Traffic cases dismissed: Russell Lyle Joy \$132.50 bond forfeited, Jeffrey James Morton, Paula M. Whitney \$162.50 bond forfeited, Robert L. Dowre \$162.50 bond forfeited, James D. Hamilton \$192.50 adm. fee paid, Vicki Sumruld \$162.50 bond forfeited.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

Beverly Renee McRae and Mark Reggin House of Clyde.

NEW VEHICLES

Charles Lauw, Clyde, Chev PU.
Jack Frazier, Clyde, Chev PU.
Rex & Irene Klepper, Clyde, Pace Arrow Housecar.
Vestal L. Richey, Abilene, Pont 4 dr.
Roger Connell, Abilene, Chev Blazer.
Kenneth L. Horan, Cross Plains, Ford 4 dr.

42nd DISTRICT COURT Don Lane, presiding

Civil Filings

Melinda Hinkle vs Estate of Shawn Hal Odum, deceased, damages, motor vehicle.
Divorces filed:

Hagar, Cynthia Rae & Tommy Todd, and in the interest of minor child.
Trott, Gene Victor & Sharon Lee, and in the interest of minor children.
Caperton, Gary Lyn & Laura Marie, and in the interest of minor children.
Windham, Bailey Ray & Darla Denise.
Howard, James Thomas & Roma Ethel.

Civil Minutes

Alvena K. Bell vs James B. Tucker et al. \$2200 judgment for plaintiff plus \$1500 attorney fees.
Estate of Stella C. Davidson, deceased, Donald Lee Davidson appointed temporary administrator.
State vs William Reynolds, default judgment for reimbursement of \$3770 child support payments to be paid monthly.
In the marriage of Saunders, Cazelle Roxann and Jimmy Utell, Jimmy Utell named managing conservator of the child, Rhett Donovan Saunders.
Divorces granted:
Joy, Claudell and Bobbie Joy.
Wilkerson, Weldon Dean and Teri Raylene.
Ross, Bobby Dale and Frankie Lynn.
Rodriguez, Barbara Denise and Ismael Carl.

Felony Indictment

Benny Neal Collier, DWI.

Felony Minutes

Kenneth Ray Taylor, burglary of a habitation, 25 years at TDC.

Project Pride Meets Tuesday

Regular monthly meeting of Project Pride will be held on Tuesday evening, March 12, at 6 p.m. at the Library.
Alton McCowen, president, urges all members to be present. The public is encouraged to attend.

Yellow Ribbon Support Group To Have Brownwood Parade

On Saturday, March 9, the Yellow Ribbon Support Group is going to have a parade in Brownwood.
Everyone that has family or friends serving in the Persian Gulf is invited to join in this parade to show our appreciation and support. Those who wish to participate are asked to gather at Weakley-Watson parking lot or the Coliseum not later than 1:30 p.m. The parade will commence at 2 p.m.
For further information call (915) 646-1777 or 643-5987.

USDA Commodities Distribution

Central Texas Opportunities, Inc., will distribute USDA Commodities in Callahan County at the following locations:
Baird: VFW — March 13, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Clyde: Senior Center — March 13, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Putnam: City Hall — March 13, 3 p.m. to 3:30.
Cross Plains: Multi-Purpose Center — March 14, 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Items available this month are butter and applesauce.
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, sex, political beliefs, age, national origin, or handicap. Shut-ins are encouraged to designate an authorized representative to pick up for them.

Medicare Open Enrollment In Progress

Between now and April 1, eligible people can sign up for Medicare medical insurance, Ken Hargis, Social Security assistant manager in Abilene, said recently.
The open enrollment period is set aside each year to allow people to change their minds if they never signed up for medical insurance or had it before and dropped it.
Medical insurance helps pay doctor bills, outpatient hospital services, durable medical equipment, and certain other medical items and services not covered by the hospital insurance part of Medicare.
For people who enroll now, medical insurance protection starts July 1, Hargis said. The basic premium rate this year is \$29.90 a month. It is increased by 10 percent for each year a person could have had it but was not enrolled.
To sign up for medical insurance or get other Social Security information, people should contact Social Security, Hargis said.
The Abilene Social Security office is located at 142 S. Pioneer and the telephone number is (915) 698-1360.

OBITUARIES

Anne Schubart

MIDLAND — Services for Anne Schubart, 74, of Andrews were Tuesday at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Allen Williams officiating.
Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park.
Mrs. Schubart died Sunday, February 24, in Midland. She was born February 8, 1917, in Cottonwood. She married Charlie Schubart in 1952 in Fort Worth. He died in 1964.
She attended Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene and Texas Wesleyan College in Fort Worth. She was employed by Neiman Marcus for 18 years before retiring and moved to Andrews in 1983. She came to Midland in November 1990.
Survivors include two brothers, E.C. Shirley of Odessa and J.B. Shirley of Wickett; and four sisters,

Stenholm Co-sponsors Bill To Repeal Social Security Earnings Test

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Charles Stenholm (D-TX) announced that he is co-sponsoring legislation to end age discrimination against senior citizens who continue to work after they reach retirement age.
The bill, known as "The Older Americans Freedom to Work Act" would repeal the Social Security Earnings Test, a depression-era practice that was designed to discourage older people from remaining in the workforce.
Under earnings test restrictions, individuals over 65 who make more than \$9,700 per year must forfeit one-dollar in social security benefits for every three-dollars they earn over that limit. That means that a senior citizen making \$10,000 a year would face an effective marginal tax rate of 56-percent, which is nearly twice that of millionaires.
"It is high time this discriminatory law was repealed," said Stenholm.
"We allow wealthier senior citizens to supplement their social security with income earned from interest and dividends, so how can we justify penalizing those who work to supplement their social security out of need?"
Stenholm added that the demography of the country is changing with more senior citizens and fewer young people joining or re-entering the workforce. He pointed out that often times this is out of necessity since social security was not set up as a full retirement program in itself.
"We should welcome senior citizens into the workforce, not drive them out," said Stenholm. "It is time to do away with this outdated earnings test."
During the 101st Congress, the "Older Americans Freedom to Work Act" attracted 267 House co-sponsors but never had hearings or floor debate. The bill has 221 House co-sponsors and 28 Senate co-sponsors so far in the 102nd Congress.

Local Ag Lenders Lowers Variable Interest Rate

AUSTIN — Federal Land Bank Association stockholders with variable rate loans will pay less interest beginning April 1. The new variable interest rate will be 9.75 percent, down from the current 9.95 percent.
This new rate will apply on all variable rate long-term agricultural, rural housing and farm-related business loans, according to Donald R. Rogge, chief executive officer of the Tenth District Farm Credit Bank, which provides loan funds for the local associations.
"This latest reduction continues the downward trend in our interest rates that began last year," Rogge said.
In the past year, the associations' variable interest rate for stockholders' loans in Texas has dropped from 10.25 percent to the 9.75 percent rate effective April 1.
"We are also pleased to report that the bank returned more than \$13.2 million in patronage refunds to associations in Texas in 1990 to help them build financial strength," Rogge said.
The Tenth Farm Credit District is composed of the Farm Credit Bank of Texas, 50 FLBAs in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas, and 17 Production Credit Associations in New Mexico and Texas. The district has approximately \$3.6 billion in loans outstanding to nearly 60,000 borrowers.

CROSS PLAINS REVIEW Thursday, March 7, 1991

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Garden Club To Meet Friday

The Garden Club will meet Friday, March 8, at 2 p.m. at the Garden Center.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Old Time Gospel Mission East 8th Street

Sunday Morning 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday Evening Services 7:00 p.m.
Michael Ingram, Pastor
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Phone 725-7265

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Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Church Training 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.
Michael Hale, Pastor — 725-7556
Rob Saries, Music/Youth — 725-7550

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Sunday Morning Bible Class 9:45 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship 10:45 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 P.M.
Wed. Evening Bible Study 7:00 P.M.
Wed. Morning Ladies Bible Class (Seasonal) 10:00 A.M.
Come now, and let us reason together" Isaiah 1:18
WE WELCOME ONE AND ALL

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SERVICES: Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Training Union & Youth Choir 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Evening Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.
Sunday Choir Practice 6:00 p.m.
KNOX WAGGONER, Pastor

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Youth Meet Sundays 6:00 p.m.
Choir Practice Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.
Women's Group - 3rd Monday 5:30 p.m.
Men's Group - 3rd Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
REV. SUSAN TRAMMELL, Pastor 725-7377

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BIBLE CLASS 10:30 A.M.
Jasper McClellan, Pastor
Everyone Welcome

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Charlie Fortenberry, Pastor 725-6607

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817-725-7140

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The Tax-Aide program provides free personal income tax counseling and tax form preparation to low and moderate income taxpayers. Volunteers are trained to complete basic tax forms. People with complex tax returns will be advised to seek professional tax assistance.

Tax-Aide volunteers for the local area are Irma Miller and Pauniece Oglesby. They will be at the Cross Plains Multi-Purpose Center each Monday and Tuesday from 10 a.m. — 12 noon and 1 p.m. — 3 p.m. to assist the taxpayer.

For questions or appointments, please call 725-6772 or 725-7698.

Mesquite

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\$300 a ton; and as flooring and furniture, it brings \$3,000 a ton. Sit on that a spell.

(Skip Nichols is an editor at the Walla Walla (Washington) *Union-Bulletin*. He was raised by his grandparents, C.D. and Maude Baker, on their Burkett farm. He graduated from Cross Plains High School (1966) and from Tarleton State University (1973).)

Italian/Finnish Exchange Student Seeks Texas Host Family

Lucia Russo, age 17, would like to spend next year in Texas, living with an American family and attending an American high school. She will be a senior.

Although her father is from southern Italy and her mother is from Finland, Lucia is a resident of NeuMunster, Germany. Her father, Bernardo, owns an inn and Italian Restaurant. Her

mother helps serve meals and drinks at the restaurant. Lucia has a younger sister, Caterina, age 14.

Lucia is very fond of performance-swimming, horseback riding, volleyball, tennis, and learning new languages. She does not smoke, likes pets and always helps with household chores. After finishing high school, she plans to be a nanny.

The American Institute for Foreign Study Scholarship Foundation, the organization which is sponsoring Lucia, would like to find a host family in the state of Texas for Lucia. The family can receive \$50 a month deduction from their income tax. She will come with adequate spending money and she will be covered by medical insurance.

Lucia says in the letter accompanying her application that she wants to come to the U.S. because she is convinced that an exchange school year is one of the best ways of learning a lot about a foreign country and its people. She feels that her American Host family will be like her family in Germany, except that they will live in another country and other surroundings. This is what she wants to know.

Any family which would like to be considered as a host family for Lucia, may contact Pam Williams-Roe, State Director at 1-800-484-1046 and after tone dial 1956, or contact Susan Whitaker in Greenwich, CT at 1-800-322-HOST.

Conservation Reserve Program Sign-Up Announced

"The tenth sign-up for the Conservation Reserve Program or CRP will be taking place from March 4 — March 15," said Tony Baeza, Range Conservationist for the Soil Conservation Service in Baird.

CRP offers farmers cost-sharing and annual rental payments to convert their highly erodible cropland to permanent vegetation and stay in compliance with the 1985 Food Security Act.

"Most land fitting the highly erodible criteria is not only difficult to protect against erosion, but often produces poor crop yields and has a low profit potential," Baeza said. "Most times, payments provided under the Conservation Reserve Program offer farmers good rates of return to this land.

Under the CRP, farmers receive cost-sharing to establish grass, trees or wildlife plantings on highly erodible cropland. Cost-sharing to establish the permanent vegetation is provided. Farmers make a bid per acre on the acres that they are interested in putting into the program. If their bid is accepted their annual rental payments will last for ten years, the length of the contract. The permanent vegetation must be maintained and brush controlled during this time. No grazing, haying or harvesting of seed is permitted. Land can be leased out for hunting.

All interested in the CRP should contact the Soil Conservation Service or the ASCS at the Callahan County Courthouse to determine if their land is eligible for the CRP program and

for more information. Baeza said that all programs and service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture are provided without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, handicap, religion or marital status.

Postal Rates Seminar For Nonprofits

The Abilene Center for Nonprofit Management is sponsoring a seminar on March 14 on the effects of the new postal rates on the nonprofit sector. The seminar will be held from 9-11 a.m. at the Petroleum Club. Cost for the seminar is \$5, and includes a continental breakfast that begins at 8:30.

Nonprofits will be feeling the crunch of the sharpest increase ever in nonprofit postal rates. The workshop will provide valuable information on the new bulk mail procedures, second and third class rates, and ways to save money on postage.

The workshop is being held in cooperation with the Abilene office of the United States Postal Service. Speakers will be Patsy Milan, Postmaster; Steve Hudnall, Account Representative; and Richard Johnson, Bulk Mail Clerk.

Deadline for reservations is March 12. For more information, call Jo Ann Wilson, Center Coordinator, at (915) 677-8166.

International Quilt Contest

Don't let the folks at THE CALICO CUPBOARD hear you say the fine art of quilting is dead. Far from it. Quilting today is practiced by thousands of women — and men — of all ages and all backgrounds. And it's being practiced vigorously around the world, from Australia to South Africa, from Finland to Japan. Quilting enthusiasts flock to quilt conferences around the globe, the largest of which is the International Quilt Festival held each fall in Houston, Texas. This Festival attracts 40,000 plus visitors from all over the United States and from more than 20 foreign countries.

International Quilt Festival has announced that the CALICO CUPBOARD is one of the stores authorized to participate in the worldwide LABOR OF LOVE quilt contest. This international contest for quilts newly-made this year can only be entered through participating stores.

Quilts made for the LABOR OF LOVE contest will be on display at authorized quilt and fabric stores around the globe simultaneously during the week of August 30 — September 8, 1991, the week of Labor Day in the U.S. The winner at each store will be decided by popular vote and may go on to Houston for the final competition at International Quilt Festival in October. The Grand Prize winner in Houston, also decided by popular vote, receives a quilter's dream trip — an all expense paid trip to Holland in the spring of 1992 for Quilt Expo Europa III, the international quilting conference sponsored by the American International Quilt Association.

To find out more about LABOR OF LOVE, go by THE CALICO CUPBOARD, located at 6409 Colleyville Blvd. (at the Depot), Colleyville, Texas 76034 to obtain official rules and entry forms, or write, or call (817) 481-7105. And be sure to visit the store during Labor Day week to vote for your favorite quilt. (They are just minutes west of DFW Airport on Hwy. 26.) Someone you know may be going to Holland next spring!

Callahan County Resource Conservation And Development Committee Meeting

The Callahan County RC&D Committee will be holding a meeting on March 14, 1991 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held in the 2nd Floor Courtroom in the Courthouse in Baird.

This meeting is open to the public from all the Callahan County communities, and provides an excellent opportunity for interested individuals to see what RC&D could mean to their community.

Dick Frisbie, Parks Planner with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will be present at the meeting to provide general information on financial assistance available for various projects.

The committee will review the organization, development and planning of current adopted measures and proposals. This meeting will be the beginning of "Making Things Happen" through Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D).

Cottonwood News

By BEVERLY BROWN

The annual coffee, general meeting and election of board members, sponsored by the Cottonwood Regional Community Association, will be held on Saturday, March 9, at 9:30 a.m. in the Cottonwood Community Center.

The Fun Festival committee are urging all non-profit organizations of the community and surrounding areas to plan to attend a meeting on Tuesday, March 12, at 7 p.m. at the Cottonwood Community Center. On the agenda will be plans and preparations for the upcoming Fun Festival to be held on August 17 of this year.

Mrs. Bill Kelly and Mrs. Bill Nickerson attended the funeral of Mr. Don Jones in San Angelo on Thursday, February 21. Interment was at Christoval Cemetery. Mr. Jones is the stepfather of Mrs. Cecil (Jackie) Nickerson of the Houston area, former resident of Cottonwood.

Mrs. Mildred Ford is visiting with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. J. Sneed in Azle.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnston of Georgetown recently stopped by to see Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Brown.

Mrs. Daisy Holcomb stayed with her sister, Mrs. Ethel Anderson, Sunday night. Ethel is due to go to the doctor this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Anderson of Abilene visited with his mother, Ethel Anderson, over the weekend. On Sunday, Mr. Bobby McCorkle and friend, Linda of Arlington, and Vanda King, Kye, and Leah visited with Ethel.

Aubrey Childers of Potosi was down at his place last weekend and visited with his parents, Lillie and Blanton Childers.

Mr. Turner Simpson underwent eye surgery last Tuesday. He is going to the doctor on Monday for a follow-up check. We all wish you a quick recovery, Turner.

We have received word our nephew, S/Sgt. Benjamin Kaaikala in the 463rd TAW from Dyess is well and O.K. It was their C130 plane and crew who transported the U.S. Ambassador into Kuwait City. We saw the C130 on television delivering the ambassador, but in all the excitement we failed to scan the aircraft personnel for him.

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Clark and daughter, June of Canyon, visited over the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Clark. They also visited in the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Robinson and Brian at Clyde.

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1985 Chev. Caprice - 4 dr.	SOLD 4,500.00
1990 Pontiac LeManns - 4 dr.	8,500.00
1990 Pontiac Sunbird - 4 dr.	SOLD 8,500.00
1988 Lincoln Town Car	12,750.00
1990 GEO Metro - 4 dr.	SOLD 6,750.00
1988 Mercury Topaz - 4 dr.	6,000.00
1986 Toyota - 4 dr.	SOLD 5,000.00
1990 Olds 88 Brougham - 4 dr.	SOLD 15,900.00
1990 Buick Century - 4 dr.	11,500.00
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1990 Pontiac Grand AM - 4 dr.	9,750.00

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1988 Chev. Ext. Cab - LWB	10,250.00
1988 Chev. Ext. Cab - LWB	10,000.00
1989 Chev. Sport Side SWB - 4x4	10,500.00
1988 Ford F150 XLT - SWB	8,500.00
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- MARCH 9**
Jack Tunnell, Jr.
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Merrie Hopson
Gerald Stephens

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Donald James Couch
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Turner Simpson
Glenda (Gould) Callaway
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- MARCH 11**
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Amanda Goble
Carl McCord
Bob Carthen
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Vickie Moon
Amber Dene' Jennings
Ronnie Gene Gregory
Brenda Simpson
Stacie Oliver
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Billy Faye Graham
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February 25 — March 1

"Libraries: Worlds of Lifelong Learning." (TLA Conference theme)

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ILL: 2

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Volunteers: Joan McCowen, Nancy Childress, and Geneva Sowell.

ON THE CORNER

This Secret Can't Be Kept

By DON TABOR
Publisher

I can't keep this a secret any longer. Only I and a barber in Fredericksburg know where the prettiest 14-mile drive in Texas is.

Well, that's not exactly true. I have seen a few other cars on the road but I feel like I discovered it anyway.

What got me to thinking about the drive was a multi-page supplement in the current *Texas Monthly* on the Texas Hill Country and all the region's scenic attractions.

The authors of the supplement obviously don't know where my drive is because they don't mention it or show it on their map.

Last summer my wife and I were walking around in Fredericksburg when we passed a barber shop. Said wife glanced at my shaggy locks and ordered me inside.

As the barber did his snipping, I mentioned how pretty the drive was from Llano to his town.

"Heck, you drive right past the prettiest drive in Texas," he said and proceeded to direct us to the "Willow City Loop."

He said to go out State Hwy. 16 toward Llano about 10 miles and then turn right on Ranch Rd. 1323. Three miles down that road you come to Willow City, which is just a wide spot in the road with an abandoned schoolhouse off to the left.

Where the road "T's" at Willow City, you turn left off of 1323 and you are on the loop.

He gave good directions so there we were on this very narrow, but paved, road heading we knew not where.

After a couple of miles we came to a cattle guard and I began to get nervous. I could just see some unhappy rancher herding us off his private property.

But up ahead was a maintainer so I asked the driver if it was okay to be on this road.

Yep, he answered, it was a county road. But he advised us not to stray off of it because everything else was private property. I will add that much of the country you drive through is unfenced.

For the next 12 miles we were treated to the prettiest scenery this side of anywhere.

There were high vistas where you could see forever across the hills. There was a valley where you drove under huge trees with a little stream running beside you.

There were deer and wild turkey at nearly every turn. It was after bluebonnet season, but the barber said there are two chartered-busloads of folks who come all the way from Missouri every year just to make the drive when the bluebonnets are blooming.

Just before we crossed another cattle guard there was a sign announcing we were entering the so-and-so ranch "where a good rain and a baby calf are always welcome."

It was truly a loop because we ended up back at State Hwy. 16. You can't drive the loop much over 20 miles an hour because the road is so curvy.

But, why would anybody want to speed through paradise?

Breckenridge Tennis Tourney Outcome

By COACH MACK McCONAL

Cross Plains Tennis Team was in Breckenridge Friday and Saturday, March 1-2. Competition was tough

CJC Wrangler Belles Auditions March 9

Auditions for the Cisco Junior College Wrangler Belles are scheduled for March 9, at 1 p.m. in the Cisco Junior College gymnasium. Students accepted into the performing group are recipients of an activity scholarship that ranges from \$600 to \$1,000 per year.

The Wrangler Belles actively promote the college through numerous appearances around the Big Country year round. The organization also provides a training in professionalism, individual character and self esteem. In recent years the group has traveled often making appearances in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York, the Appleblossom Festival in Winchester, Virginia, and the Fiesta de Tabasco in Villahermosa, Mexico. Girls who are unable to attend the open audition can make arrangements with the director for an individual audition. For more information please contact Cisco Junior College (817) 442-2567, ext. 140.

1991 Cross Plains Sixth Grade Basketball Schedule

March 7	Rising Star	Home	6:00
March 8-9	Rising Star Tournament		TBA
March 12	May	There	6:00
March 19	May	Home	6:00
March 21	Rising Star	There	6:00
March 26	OPEN		
March 28	Comanche	Home	6:00
March 30	Cross Plains		TBA

GIRLS COACH — Debbie Bacon (817) 643-3152
BOYS COACH — Dianna Stover (817) 725-7370

Girls' games begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by boys' games.

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

Senior Citizens Discount
\$1 Admission

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

MARCH 11 — 15

(Subject to Change)

BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Bacon, egg, biscuit, jelly, grape juice, milk.
TUESDAY — Pancake sausage, orange juice, milk.
WEDNESDAY — Spring Break.
THURSDAY — Spring Break.
FRIDAY — Spring Break.

LUNCH

MONDAY — Ham slices, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, pineapple, rolls, milk.
TUESDAY — Bar-B-Q, pinto beans, creamed potatoes, rolls, cake, milk.
WEDNESDAY — Spring Break.
THURSDAY — Spring Break.
FRIDAY — Spring Break.

Baseball Is 'Out' At Cross Plains High School

By DANIEL CROCKETT

The baseball program at Cross Plains High School has been cancelled after only one year of competition. Newly appointed athletic director for the 1991-92 school year, Doug Dallas, recommended to the school board that the program be dropped.

Coach Dallas feels that Cross Plains doesn't have the number of students it needs to start with a new sport. He feels that Cross Plains needs to stick with the sports in which it is competitive, and try to improve on them. Only 13 students signed up for the sport, and the board agreed that there was not enough interest in the program to continue at this time.

Judging Season

By DANIEL CROCKETT

The Agricultural Department of Cross Plains High School is getting ready for the 1991 judging season. Students trying out for the different teams have been training for the past couple of weeks. It will not be known until the few days before the first contest who will be on which teams.

The dates and places of the contests are as follows:

Snyder (livestock team only): March 19.
Sweetwater (livestock, poultry, and dairy products): March 23.
Tarleton Invitational: March 27.
A.C.U. (livestock team only): April 2.
Area IV — Tarleton: April 10.
Texas Tech: April 13.
State FFA Judging Contest — Texas A&M: April 27.

Aggie School Ship To Cruise Caribbean

Texas high school seniors who are seeking an exciting summer experience may attend a Caribbean cruise aboard the Training Ship TEXAS CLIPPER this summer as they complete their first college courses for Texas A&M University credit.

After a one-week shakedown in the Gulf of Mexico, about 200 Aggies aboard the Clipper will sail from Galveston on June 4 bound for seven Caribbean ports. The first stop will be Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic. The tentative itinerary includes plans to visit Pointe-a-Pitre, Guadeloupe; Fort-de-France, Martinique; Willemstad, Curacao; Cristobal, Panama; Belize City, Belize; and Veracruz, Mexico. The school ship will return to Galveston on August 2.

About 70 new students will participate in "summer school at sea" and complete six credit hours of coursework while acting as crewmembers of the ship. Upperclassmen will be operating the ship as a part of their merchant marine license preparation at Texas A&M University at Galveston.

During the cruise, the Aggie ship will rendezvous with a Soviet training ship similar to the CLIPPER and an exchange of some students and faculty is being planned. A Russian language class will be taught during the cruise for Texas A&M credit. The Soviet training ship will visit Galveston in August at the completion of the cruise.

The CLIPPER acts as a floating classroom during the summer, with classroom, dormitory, cafeteria and gymnasium facilities aboard. Cadet training aboard the ship includes practical experience in operating and maintaining the ship as well as courses in seamanship, navigation and safety.

This voyage marks the 27th annual cruise of the TEXAS CLIPPER. Since 1965, the ship has traveled over one-quarter of a million miles as a goodwill ambassador for the United States and Texas. During recent years, the CLIPPER has visited ports in the Mediterranean, northern Europe, the Soviet Union, the Caribbean, Mexico, and South America.

Visitors In Mrs. Rhodes 7 Grade Careers Class

By KAREN DUNN and BRANDI ADAMS

Mrs. Rhodes' seventh grade Careers Class has had several community visitors in the past three weeks. They were Mr. Besselaar, Mr. Bagley, and Mrs. Dunn.

Joe Besselaar came February 8 and talked about working for the government. He also spoke on government programs and how they work. His job has a lot of privileges and benefits. He gave us information about problems that are occurring.

Mr. Ron Bagley also came to speak on February 20. He talked about his job, selling insurance for Farm Bureau. He spoke on what he does, and showed us how he does it using his equipment. He also discussed how his job is beneficial.

This week we have had another speaker, Mary Dunn, a nurse for Hendrick's Medical Center and a teacher for CJC in Abilene. Mrs. Dunn discussed what it was like being a teacher and a nurse. She shared with us a few of her experiences in nursing, and how sometimes it is very hard being a nurse. Mrs. Dunn also told us about teaching nursing classes.

Our class would like to thank Mr. Besselaar, Mr. Bagley, and Mrs. Dunn for taking the time and being a speaker in our careers class.

SUMMARY OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

February 21
Special Session

At the special meeting called for the purpose of installing an appointed board member, Reggy Stover was sworn in and installed in office by Rolan Jones, City Justice of the Peace.

The appointment replaces the vacancy created by the resignation of Charles Chesshir earlier in the year. The term of the appointment will be until the school board election on May 4, 1991.

Regular Meeting

At the regular February board meeting on February 21, 1991 the following action was taken.

1. Minutes of previous meeting were approved.

2. The board met with Mr. Ben Paxton, representing Abilene Petroleum Land Services, in regard to an oil/gas lease on the old Atwell School property. The board made an offer to lease the property to Abilene Petroleum Land Services, and Mr. Paxton will notify the board in the near future if his company will take the proposal.

3. The school calendar for 1990-91 was amended due to bad weather. April 1 and May 10 will be regular attendance days and no longer a holiday in the original calendar.

4. A Special Education Interlocal Agreement was approved with the Comanche Special Services Coop. This is a coop agreement with the following schools: Comanche, Cross Plains, De Leon, Gustine, Rising Star, and Sidney.

5. The board discussed membership in the Central Texas Area School Board Association, but no action was taken at this time.

6. The board approved Susan Schaefer as election judge. She replaces the individual appointed at an earlier date.

7. The delinquent tax situation concerning the lawsuit on a gas/oil property was described as being in negotiation toward a settlement at this time.

8. Requests for facilities were approved for Pee Wee Basketball and the Cross Plains Kiwanis Club.

9. The Texas Association of School Boards Policy Update #38 was approved by the board with the exception of those papers pertaining to Workman's Compensation.

10. The board did not approve any settlement in regard to the EIGHT health insurance bankruptcy request.

11. The board approved the use of an off campus weight room for P.E. classes and athletics.

12. The financial report was given and the bills were approved to be paid.

13. In personnel matters, the principal's contract was extended for another year. That will be through the 91-92 and 92-93 school year.

14. Mr. Ray Womack, elementary principal, submitted his resignation effective at the end of the current school year.

15. All business items being acted upon, the board adjourned.

Burkett News

By LOVERA STRICKLAND

Cynde and her daughter, Jayci Schneider of Lamesa, visited their

THE PIONEER PATCHWORK

By IRMA MILLER

The ladies at the quilting circle worked on the French Star, which we previously called an Eight-Point Star, and on the baby Clipper Ship quilt. Visitors at the clubhouse were Vi Harlow of Marble Falls, Juanita Harlow of Lovington, New Mexico, and Norma Foster. Laverne Hutton, who is not a visitor but a member, also came in. Donna's husband, PeeWee Pickett, brought their darling granddaughter at lunchtime. Kathy Meador dropped in for a few minutes in the afternoon to visit with the quilting ladies.

The Pioneer community had received about .3 inch of rain by Saturday evening.

The Pioneer Baptist Church plans a covered dish supper this Saturday night for the ladies who participated in the Missions Prayer Week.

Frankie and Oliver Smith went to San Angelo Thursday and were happy to receive a good report from Oliver's doctor.

Nell Fleming reported that she and Joe accompanied JoVeda Watson to Brownwood on Wednesday and enjoyed a nice lunch out. Saturday afternoon their visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Billy Watson and children, Zank and B.J. of Lubbock. JoVeda and Bill Watson of Byrds Store and Jim and Charlene Fleming and family also enjoyed the visit with the Lubbock folks.

John and Irma Miller enjoyed a visit in Dallas Sunday with family and friends.

grandmother, Grace Green, weekend before last.

Lula Havener of Bangs visited her sister, Montie Jennings, Thursday through Saturday. Nita Thate visited Montie and Lula Friday afternoon.

Randy and Sue Jennings, Jill and Randy Jr. of Tye visited Montie Saturday and Sunday.

Eula Webb of Cross Plains visited Montie Sunday afternoon. Also visiting Montie Sunday were Elvin and Glenda Hutchins and Brent of Bangs and Harrison Hutchins of Stephenville.

Virgil and Evelyn Adams of Houston visited his mother, Vergie Adams, last weekend.

Eureta and Jody Whitley of San Saba visited Lat Mountain and Jack and Lovera Strickland Sunday afternoon.

Remember **June 9, 1991**. That is the Burkett Homecoming date. Henry Burkett wants to remind everyone interested in attending to start making plans to be in Burkett Sunday, June 9, 1991.

Mary Hightower of Cisco and daughter, Kathy of Arlington, and Tootie Rhoads of Breckenridge, and daughter, Cindy of Albany, visited the Bill Stricklands and the Jack Stricklands one afternoon last week.

Chamber Of Commerce Banquet At Rising Star March 14

Make plans to attend the annual Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture Banquet at Rising Star Thursday, March 14, 7 p.m. at the Baptist Church Activity Center. Tickets for the event are \$7.50.

All area citizens are invited to attend, said a spokesperson for the organization.

BSP Gives Watercolor Demonstration

By PATRICIA COOK

The Alpha Rho Zeta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held its bi-monthly meeting at the home of Nora Odom.

Linda Strickland provided the program, demonstrating the techniques of watercolor. The end result being a beautiful picture.

A short business meeting was held. Topics discussed were: scholarships, service and hospitality, Dessert of the Month, Basketball Tournament, Miss Valentine, and the annual trip to Austin April 19 for the 7th grade.

Members in attendance were: Jamie Apple, Vernelle Bishop, Debra Childers, Kim Childers, Patricia Cook, Mary Dunn, Linda Edington, Bobbie Johnston, Melissa Kemp, Joyce McCoy, Margaret McNeel, Wanda Merryman, Nora Odom, Janice Phillips, Carol Rogers, Dora Smith, Pat Stephens, Paula Winfrey, Joy Gerking, Judy Luder, and Judy Phillips.

Coleman Musical Friday, March 8

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.

Volleyball Tournament At May March 21-23

The May PTC will have a mixed volleyball tournament on March 21, 22, and 23 to be held in the school gym.

For more information call 259-2623 or 259-2708.

Bluebonnet Season Should Be The Best In At Least Five Years

The 30th Annual Bluebonnet Festival, scheduled for April 6-7, and 13-14, should be awash in fields of blue according to O.C. Garza, director of the Highland Lakes Tourist Association. In fact, locals are expecting the most spectacular blooms in the past five years.

"We've had good, soaking rains during the fall and winter, which is the first requirement," Garza said when asked about good bluebonnet blooms. "And since the bluebonnets have sprouted out, we've had crisp, cool weather which should produce some deep blue colors."

The past few bluebonnet seasons have not been the best. The Highland Lakes region has gotten plenty of rain, but not during the critical fall and winter to produce colorful blooms.

"In driving around the lakes area, I can't remember seeing them sprout as dense as I've seen this winter," Garza

said. "The southern and western slopes are thick with bluebonnet sprouts with the eastern and northern hillsides about a week behind. Right now, it looks like the peak bluebonnet season will be during the two bluebonnet trail weekends, just like we hoped."

The Bluebonnet Trail is a self-guided arts and crafts trail that winds through seven Hill Country communities during the first two weekends in April. Nine locally sponsored shows include seven arts and crafts shows and two flower shows. Arts and crafts shows will be held at Georgetown, Marble Falls, Llano, Burnet, Lampasas, Kingsland, and Buchanan Dam. Wildflower shows will be held at Buchanan Dam and Marble Falls. All shows are free of charge and feature paintings in all media, and many locally produced crafts for sale. More than five hundred artists will be represented at the shows. A free brochure on the Bluebonnet Trail is available by contacting the Highland Lakes Tourist Association. There is a map on the brochure that will direct visitors to the shows.

To help travelers see the best wildflowers during the entire blooming season, the Highland Lakes Tourist Association will set up a Wildflower Hotline from mid-March through the end of the wildflower season, which should last through at least May.

"We have volunteers that will drive through the area three times a week looking for the best blooms. We will send any travelers who call us a map with the best wildflower routes highlighted, or relay that information over the phone!" Garza said. "We are trying to make bluebonnets and other wildflowers easier for the traveler to see, and if there was ever a year to come see the wildflowers, this is it."

To receive a brochure on the Bluebonnet Trail, or to call the Wildflower Hotline, contact: Highland Lakes Tourist Association, P.O. Box 294, Buchanan Dam, TX 78609 or call (512) 793-6666.

COLONIAL OAKS NURSING HOME NEWS

By LINDA EDINGTON
Activity Director

One of our residents, Anderson (Tud) Hounshell, would like to share this poem he wrote back in 1944 during WW II. This poem may fit the feelings that our soldiers had during the war with Iraq. We just thank the Lord that we have peace at last.

*In a distant land, day and night
We true Americans will strive and fight.
We are fighting for our country to be
A home of the brave and a land of the free.*

*Each soldier will fight as long as
there's breath;
You can give us freedom or give us
death.
It's hard to take; there's lots of pain.
We done it once and we will do it
again.*

*It causes a lot of tears and takes a
many a man,
But we've got at home Old Glory to
stand.
This war will be over some sweet day,
And then we'll return to the U.S.A.*

*And when we return, we hope to find
Through our home and loved ones, a
welcome so kind.
We will pray to our God up in heaven
on high
To let our flag over Germany fly.*

*When that time comes, the war will
cease,
And we hope to have everlasting
peace.*

Our thoughts and prayers go out to a good friend and former employee, Kala Franke McClure, and to her family. God Bless you.

Ed and Inez Moreland from Graham were here visiting E.K. Coppinger.

Jewel Newman and Gladys Garrett were here visiting Merlin Garrett.

Rev. Phillip Schaefer was here visiting everyone.

Mrs. James Phillips from Byrds Store and Ivy Allen from Rising Star were here visiting with Tud Hounshell.

Daisy King was here visiting Inez Ingram and others.

Clara Nell Spencer was here visiting H. McDermott and Anne Belle Vaught.

Tonya Schaefer was here visiting with everyone.

Olaka Pattison and Donna Casle Howard, both from Abilene, were here visiting with Floye Casle.

Activities during the week:

Monday: Bingo winners were Helen Wood (4), Anne Belle Vaught (4), Bertha Hoyt, Midge McCall (2), Mable Burchfield (2), Madie Chambers, Clevia Ringhoffer, and Lora Pugh. Exercise class. In room activities.

Tuesday: Art class. Dominoe games, popcorn.

Wednesday: Sing-A-Long with Ruby McCowen, Vernie McMillan, Clyde Linker, Vesta Bond, Ernestine Watson, Pearl Greenwood, and Wayne and Wilda Dennis. Exercise class.

Thursday: Linen folding. Afternoon story time with Nelda Holmes. Thanks, Nelda.

Friday: Bingo winners were Anne Belle Vaught, Mable Burchfield (2), Clevia Ringhoffer (2), Madie Chambers, Bertha Hoyt (2), Helen Wood, Midge McCall, Vera Belyeu (2), and Ressa Glover.

"March is the homeowner's month; it's time to put away the snow shovel, but not yet time to get out the lawn mower."

Food Security Act Implementation

"From 1985 to 1990, we scrambled to assemble conservation plans in Callahan County," said Clint Rollins, district conservationist for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service at Baird.

"We sorely complained of the shortness of planning time. After all, time was short."

Rollins said. "Given that time frame, many producers hurriedly made decisions on conservation practices and techniques unfamiliar to them. Some producers didn't have the proper equipment to carry out their plan."

"1990 was a learning experience for all. But now these plans need to be applied," Rollins said.

"Be advised, the 1985 Farm Bill is NOT fading away," Rollins added. "If you don't understand, don't fully agree, or just can't live with your plan, immediately contact the Baird Soil Conservation Service Office."

Rollins also said. "It's not too late. But it's imperative to make these adjustments now."

Plans, or modified plans, must be implemented as scheduled and fully applied by December 31, 1994. Time is running out, along with options.

Programs and services of the Soil Conservation Service are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis without regards for race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, marital status, or handicap.

United Fund Elects Directors And Officers

On February 21 the Cross Plains United Fund met in regular session, and elected new directors and officers.

Two directors, Claribel Gibbs and Dannes Turner were re-elected and two new directors elected were Pauline Lawson and Roy Stambaugh. All four will serve three year terms.

Officers elected for the coming year are John Swift, president; John Adams, vice-president; Becky Odom, secretary; and Dannes Turner, treasurer.

Eastland Art Club Meets On Monday

Eastland Art Club meets Monday, March 11, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Reddy Kilowatt building 1 block east of the square. Cheryl Broadvox will give a demonstration in colored pencils.

All area residents are invited. For further information call (817) 725-7235.

Weekly Health Tip

DIABETICS

Diabetics should not take fish oil supplements to lower their cholesterol levels, reports the U. of Cal. at San Diego. Fish oil capsules can actually raise blood sugar levels in diabetics and can initiate the problem for people with inactive diabetes. Eating salmon, trout, mackerel and cod will provide healthful fish oils for diabetics without taking commercial supplements.

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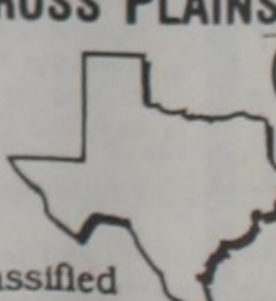
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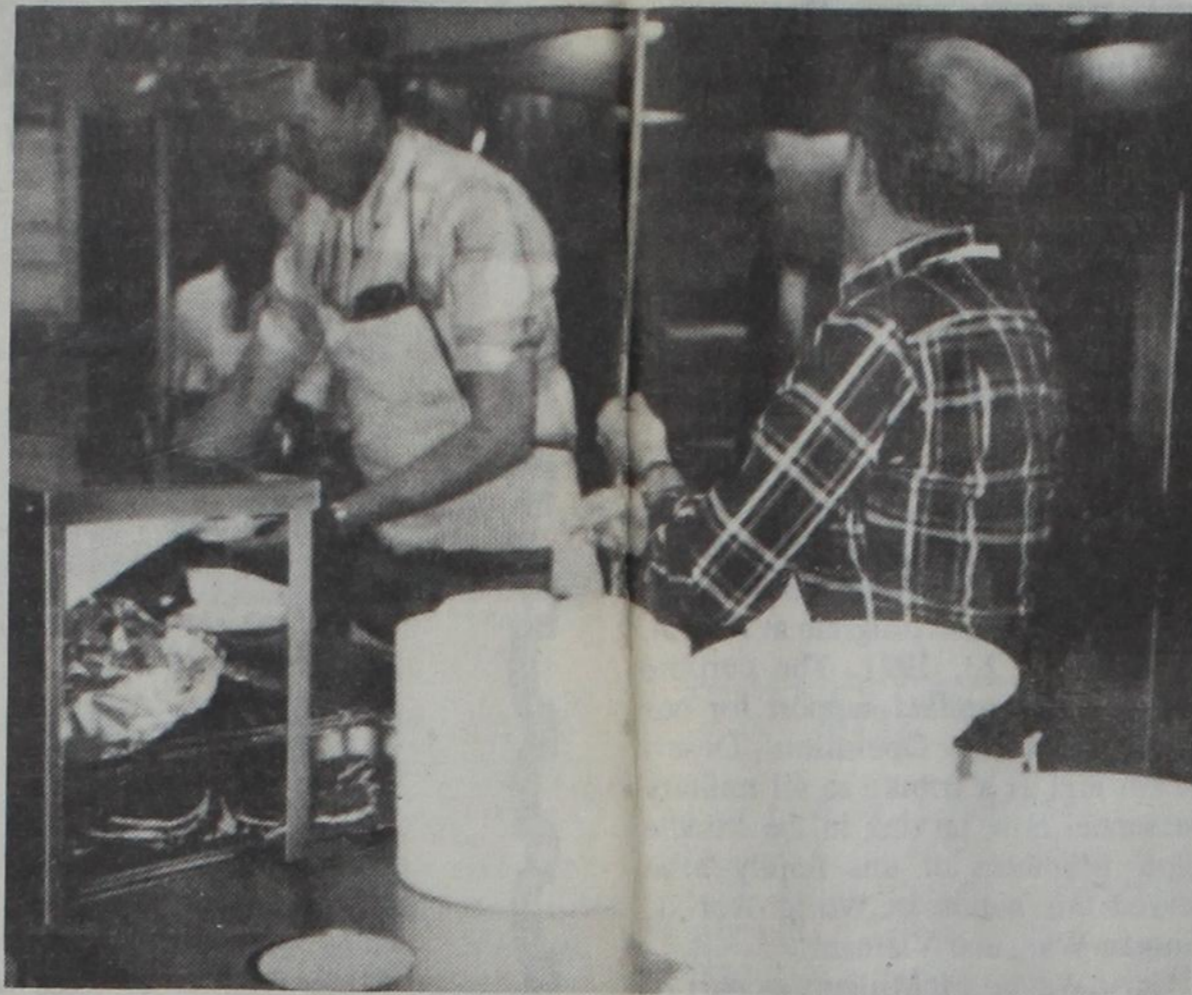
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CROWD ENJOYS MEAL — A large crowd kept the cafeteria full during annual Kiwanis Pancake Supper last Tuesday.



SERVE'EM UP — Roy Stambaugh (left) and Gene Greenwood were busy at the Kiwanis Pancake Supper.



WHO IS THE COOK? — Joe Hanke flipped a lot of great pancakes.



SHAMROCKS FOR MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY — If you donate a

Valentine Meeting Hosted

By PATRICIA COOK

Beta Sigma Phi celebrated Valentine hearts at the February 11 meeting at the home of Judy Phillips.

Topics discussed were: thank-you cards received and get-well cards sent, and reports from standing committees on Easter food baskets program, Dessert of the Month, Miss Valentine Pageant, Founder's Day, and the annual trip to Austin for 7th graders.

Members in attendance were: Jamie Apple, Vernelle Bishop, Debra Childers, Kim Childers, Patricia Cook, Mary Dunn, Linda Edington, Bobbie Johnston, Melissa Kemp, Joyce McCoy, Margaret McNeel, Wanda Merryman, Nora Odom, Janice Phillips, Carol Rogers, Dora Smith, Pat Stephens, Joy Gerking, Judy Luder, and Judy Phillips. Guest in attendance was baby Jonathon Childers.

dollar to M.D.A. you get your name on a four-leaf clover like those hanging from the ceiling at the Food Plaza, and the funds benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. That is what Cathy Bailey (pictured) and all the other Food Plaza employees have been saying to everyone. The Food Plaza wants to thank all the Cross Plains people and travelers for their support in the project. At this point the local convenient store is leading the group on contributions. Bailey has sold the most shamrocks locally.

Granbury Opera House

The Granbury Opera House's next offering (Mar. 1 through Mar. 24) is "Ten Nights in a Bar Room," by Wm. W. Pratt, Esq., one of the most famous of the Old-Time temperance mello-dramas.

For reasons best known to itself, the Opera House staff has chosen to relocate the action of the play from the "Sickle & Sheaf Inn" in rural England to the "Horn-ed Heifer Hotel" in the Granbury of the 1880's. Straining to the limits of its ingenuity and the capacity of its company of players, the Granbury Opera House promises some

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of the most spectacular theatrical effects ever attempted, plus heart-wrenching songs of the period, and popcorn to throw.

Performances are Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. Please call the Box Office for ticket information and reservations. (Closed Monday) Metro (817) 572-0881 or (817) 573-9191. Prices are \$10-\$12. Special discounts are available.

PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS—



RENDER YOUR PROPERTY

A rendition is a report to the appraisal district that lists all the taxable property you own or control on January 1, 1991. The form is available at your local appraisal district or you may draft a similar form.

You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property used to produce income—such as the inventory and equipment used by a business.

The appraisal district may require any taxpayer to file a rendition by sending the taxpayer a written notice and a rendition form.

The advantages of filing a rendition:

- You give your opinion of your property's value. If the appraisal district wants a higher value for your property, it must notify you in writing of the higher value and explain how you can protest that value to the appraisal review board.
- You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for

paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments. You can also file a report of decreased value, to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation to your property in 1990. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 1991.

The last day for filing or post-marking 1991 renditions is Monday, April 1. You can get an extra 30 days if you ask for it in writing before the April 1 deadline.

File renditions with your local appraisal district at the address shown below.

For more information, get a free copy of the pamphlet, *Texas Property Taxes: A Taxpayers' Guide to Rights, Remedies, Responsibilities*, at your appraisal district office or from the State Property Tax Board in Austin.

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VA Announces 1991-92 Health Scholarships

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is announcing the availability of scholarships to nursing, occupational therapy, or physical therapy students for the 1991-92 school year, according to Conrad Alexander, Director of the Big Spring VA Medical Center.

Awards are for students in the final year of an associate degree in nursing program, as well as third and fourth year students in baccalaureate and master's degree programs in nursing, occupational therapy, and physical therapy.

Recipients receive tuition, educational expenses, and a monthly stipend of \$621. In exchange, participants agree to serve as a full-time registered nurse, occupational therapist, or physical therapist in a VA Medical Center for a period of one year for

each year of scholarship support. The maximum length of a scholarship award is two years.

Applications may be requested from the Dean of Nursing, Director of Occupational or Physical Therapy, or the Financial Aid Administrator at schools with accredited programs. Applications must be postmarked no later than May 28, 1991.

Basic information may be obtained by contacting Clyde Hubbard, Assistant Chief of Personnel Service, Big Spring VA Medical Center at (915) 264-4822.

Detailed information may be obtained by writing to the VA Health Professional Scholarship Program (143C2), 810 Vermont Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20420, or by calling (202) 233-3652.

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