

# Down Home

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Max Howell, a *Cross Plains Review* subscriber and former resident who lives in Memphis, Tennessee, sent me a copy of *The Commercial Appeal* which features a story about what he called our sister city, Cross Plains, Tennessee. The funny coincidence is that a few days later, Skip Nichols, newspaper editor from Walla Walla, Washington, sent a second article featuring Cross Plains, Tennessee on a completely different subject. This little city is really receiving a lot of good publicity. I wish that Cross Plains, Texas could do just that. After all we have some interesting activities and ties to some famous characters, such as Conan. The story from Memphis is as follows, and the second article will appear in next week's issue. Thanks, Max and Skip, for the information.  
**Vanda King**

## Adopt-A-Mustang Is Hitched To Tennessee

By LAURA COLEMAN

CROSS PLAINS, TENN. — Wild horses couldn't drag Paula Carr away from her job. She's their best friend this side of the Mississippi.

She feeds them, cuddles them, comforts them after long trips. Then she gets rid of them.

Paula Carr and her husband, Randall, run the only adoption agency for wild horses and burros in the eastern United States. They care for 50 or so mustangs until just the right people adopt them. On rolling countryside about 250 miles northeast of Memphis, the Carrs do their best to help the horses adjust to confinement.

"One thing we want to stress is that we don't adopt these horses to just anybody," said Paula Carr. "They have to meet the government's requirements for adoption. These are not for people who, on a whim, decide they want a horse. Some of them want to know if they don't like the horse, can they take it back. I say, 'No, this isn't like K mart.'"

More than 106,000 horses and burros have been adopted since the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management began the program in 1973.

Two years earlier the government had outlawed the killing of wild horses, and the resulting overpopulation on the Western range left the horses with too little to eat.

About 45,000 wild horses are running around Nevada, Colorado, Oregon and other Western states, said Terry Lewis, spokesman for the Bureau of Land Management, which oversees the adoptions.

Lewis said the land can accommodate about 30,000, so the government periodically rounds them up and moves them to adoption centers in Wyoming, Oregon, California, Nevada, New Mexico and Colorado.

Until November, most residents of the eastern United States had to depend on the government's system of roving adoption centers, in which handlers move from town to town.

Such centers still exist, including one that will visit Canton, Miss., March 6-7, but the government revived the permanent adoption program and in November the Carr ranch became the only one east of the Mississippi River.

This is the Carrs' second involvement with the program. They operated a center at their farm from 1979 through 1990 until the government suspended the program for budget reasons. Two other centers, which had operated in Ohio and Pennsylvania, have not reopened.

Lewis said another shipment of about 50 horses and burros should arrive at Cross Plains Jan. 31.

"These are going to be good, big horses," Lewis said. "They come in all different shapes and sizes. They'll be a little older than usual, about 9 years old. Some of the older animals make good brood mares, so, if the people adopt them, come spring there's a good chance they'll have a new one."

The horses are more used to defend-

ing against mountain lions than being groomed for shows, so it takes a while for them to get used to their new lives, Paula Carr says. And, because the horses haven't been around humans for any length of time, she carefully selects which representatives of the species the horses will meet.

The requirements for adoption include having a 6-foot fence around an area of at least 400 square feet per animal.

"The government designed these requirements for the horses' benefit," she said. "A lot of people don't like the rules, but a lot of horses could die at the hands of stupid people. Some of these people think they can take the horse home and just put it in a barn, but these animals are used to being outside and to put them inside would damage them psychologically."

Paula Carr, 47, says she cares about how the animals feel because it has a lot to do with whether they'll survive. Then she tells a story that could be the makings of a children's book.

Seems a horse that had been in a fight with a mountain lion lost its ear. It came to Cross Plains and waited to be adopted. And waited. And waited some more.

"It got to where he'd run to the fence as if to say, 'Pick me! Pick me!' He was so smart. He seemed to know when the people had made their selection because he'd go in a corner and hold his head down. He was so sad."

"Two groups of horses had come and gone and he was still there. So I said to my husband, 'Guess we're going to have to adopt this one.' Then some people who'd watched him do all that came back and said they had to have him. We put a halter on him and he was so excited."

"When they drove off down the road he hollered all the way like he was saying, 'See ya fellas.' It was so cute."

Such stories make Paula Carr light up. And they make her look forward to every weekend at the ranch. That's when families will drive up the road leading to it, set up a picnic, enjoy the scenery and then get down to the business of picking a horse.

There is an application to complete, which certifies the adopters' accommodations meet government requirements. Horses cost \$125 and burros go for \$75.

Anyone with images of *Bonanza's* Cartwrights breaking wild horses and thinking that's what they'd be up against would be wrong, Paula Carr says. Instead, the "breaking" process is more emotional than physical, she said, using words more commonly used by child psychologists than ranchers.

"It's just a matter of spending some good quality time with them. When you feed the horse in the morning, talk to it, let it get used to you. It becomes very bonded to you and you can be riding it in 30 days or so."

"Many of these horses are just frightened," she said. "Once they realize you're the food source, they just want to please you. They have people personalities, they really do. Some are outgoing and pleasant and others can be mean and ugly."

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*The Carr ranch is open for adoptions on weekends from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Anyone interested may call (615) 654-2180. For information on the Canton, Miss., temporary adoption center, call (601) 977-5430.*

## 3 Terms Expire On School Board

February 17, 1992 is the first day to apply for a place on the Cross Plains Independent School District Board of Trustees election to be held on May 2, 1992.

March 18 is the last day to file as a candidate in the election. Apply at the Superintendent Office or with school board secretary, Barbara Sowell.

Randy Foster, Ron Bagley, and Barbara Sowell's trustee terms are expiring. All positions are three year terms.

## Project Pride To Meet February 11

Project Pride will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday evening, February 11, at 6:00 p.m. at the Library.

Donnel Clark, president, urges all members to attend. Plans for 1992 will be presented.

The public is invited.

## Individuals And Businesses Contributing To Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show

The Cross Plains FFA and 4-H members would like to thank all the individuals and businesses that purchas-

ed or placed bonuses on animals at the Callahan County Junior Livestock Show. The following is a list of those who contributed to the sale:

Birdsong Peanut Co.; Basin Chemex; Burley Fence; Atwell Oil Co.; Abilene Bearing; Monty Ancine; Big Rig Fertilizer; Bramlett Implement; Abilene Sheet Metal; Abilene Cattle Feeders; Bryan's Variety; Associated Milk Producers; Becknell Wholesale; John and Betty Adams; Brown Co. Animal Clinic; Basin Chemex; Bowden Motel; Dr. James Anders; Abilene Ag Services; Abilene Trailer Sales; Abilene P & L Enterprises; Bayer Motor Co.; Bayou Operating Co.; Barr's BBQ; Benny Free Custom Combining; Beta Sigma Phi; Burkett Aerial Spraying; Gamette Bagley; Rosalea Bonner; McWilliams and Bonner; Battery Hardware; B & B Fina; Brownwood TV Cable; B & D Farms; Baber Welding; Zach Brady; Bledsoe Ford Mercury; Gary Chandler; Cisco Pump & Supply; American Cynamid; C.P. Roping Club;

C.P. Frozen Food Locker; Collum's Restaurant; C.M. Caraway & Sons, Inc.; Citizens State Bank; Colyer & Lowery; Cowboy's Trading Post; John Childers; Coleman Co. Water Supply; Coleman Vet Clinic; Bob and Kathy Dye; Bob Dillard; Joy Dillard; D & R Automotive; Dairy Queen; E.E. Callaway; Bill Dillard & Sons; Dal-Mar Energy; Davis Farm & Ranch Supply; Country Western Wear-Brownwood; Callahan Co. Vet Clinic; Dean and Vickie Dillard; W.D. and Billie Clark; Dillard Drilling; Cloud Printing & Office Supply; Cabaret Pool; C.P. Exxon; Coleman Co. Electric Coop; Citizens State Bank; Central Texas Constructors; Coleman Co. Telephone Coop; Cross Plains Business Service;

Comanche Ford Tractor; Charles and Kathy Chesshir; Clark Tractor; The Country Store; *Cross Plains Review*; Cliff's Texaco/Connie's Cuts and Curls; C.P. Petroleum; Elvin Goode, Jr.; Larry Goole; James Griffin; Firestone Truck Tire Center; Elvin Goode; Groom's Seed; Geer Tank Trucks; Federal Land Bank; Farm Bureau; Lisa and Denzil Flood; Robert Eubank; GTE; Goldbold; The EXCL Co.; Food Plaza; Green & Associates; Fiesta Food; Edge-Rite Feeder Corp.; Wauneta Estes; Nathan and Louise Foster; Randy and Judy Foster; Fullen Motor Co.; Gorman Milling Co.; G & H Feeds; Gandy's Dairies; Hardwick LPG; Teresa Keese; LL Harris; Jordan Cattle Auction; Horn Marketing; Hughes GMC; Dick Jack's School Specialties; Kastle Energy; Harris Farms; Brad Harris, Attorney;

Carl Ray Hohertz Club Lambs; Hi Pro Animal Health; Jacob & Martin; Johnson Feed Barn; C.P. Kiwanis; K-Oil Well Service; Johnson Implement Co.; Johnson's Dry Goods; J & R Drilling; Judy's Hair Place; Bill and Shirley Hunter; Horn Marketing; Travis Hamer; H & R Cattle; Ross Jones; Jim and Charlene Fleming; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hefner; Hawkins Air Conditioner; Dr. Robert Johnson; Jack Leonard Irrigation; Harvey Shipp Tire Co.; Huckabee & Donham Architects; Higginbotham's; Kohler Co.; Tommie Harris; Jim's Welding & Machine; Matlock Fertilizer; Mustang Chemical; Kenneth Montford; Lawrence Farm & Ranch; Mr. and Mrs. Logan Long; Liveoak Real Estate; Lemmon's LP Gas; Lawrence Bros. IGA; Bill Lee; Mid-Tex Grain; La Riata Ranch; Jimmy Long; Lakeway Grocery; Luskey's; Max Kawasaki/Hondo; McDougal Livestock; Steven Mitchell; Brad and Rhonda McCorkle;

Miller Studio; Steve and Judy Luter; Dr. Mike Montgomery; Mediplex Home Health; Mueller Supply; Randy and Charlotte Montgomery; Nathan's Jewelers; Joe Oglesby; Morris and Dorothy Odom; Scott and Sherry Odom; O'Kelly Office Supply; Dr. John Oliver; Neal Drug; Ralph Porter; Peerless Mfg.; Joe Cook; Charles and Linda Payne; Pecan Bayou Grocery; Hadden and Gretna Payne; Pioneer Farmers Coop; The Pender Company;

Payne Ranch; Precision Clutch & Drive Line; People State Bank-Moran; People State Bank-Rising Star; Parker Implement; Charles and Nancy Palmer; Payne Construction; Perkins Implement; Dr. Donald Pope; Reeder Auto; Wade and Pat Stephens;

Mike Snowden; Ranger Animal Clinic; Shopping Basket; Rose Butane; Ranchman Wool & Mohair; Skinny's; Southwest Livestock & Mineral; Reggy and Dianna Stover; Silverbrook Farms; Dr. Richard Rothwell; Randolph & Gilbreath; Ringo Drilling; Skelton & Saunders Club Lambs; Bill Skinner and Sheriff's Department; Stroud Shamrock; Rodney Rudloff; RSS; Ray's Barber Shop; Susan Schaefer; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Strength; Mr. and Mrs. H.W. Shults; Dr. Jimmy Smith; Santa Anna Coop Gin; Southwest Gas System; S & H Chemicals; Southwest Gas & Pipeline; A.H. and JoAnn Ringhoffer; Sylvia's Hair Shack; Snap-On Tools;

Delbert Tarver; United Energex; Vivitas Foundation; The Tack Shack; Texas Hamp Breeders Assoc.; Taylor Motors; Oscar and Faye Tyler; Tara Farms; Randy Kelder; Gerald Faires; Ada and Glenn Turner; Tim's Floral; Texas Sterling Silver & Tack; John R. Thompson Operating; Tri State Chemical; Tesco Equipment & Supply; Taylor Tool; Tyes Liquor; Thompson Feed Mill; T & K Tire; Mr. Video Satellite System; Village Market; John Williams; Williams Tire Co.; Wise Club Lambs; Kim and Bob Winfrey; Ed and Betty Weiss; Dwayne Watson; Western Sheet Metal-Irving; Tony and Terry Wyatt; Ted and Julia Wheeler; Wayne's Deer Processing; West Texas Vet Supply; Leonard and Cindy Wood; Wichita Falls PCA; Helen Walker; Glenn and Peggy Winfrey; Cross Plains Grain & Peanut; Clint Williams Co.; Weatherby Motor Co.; Mike and Malinda Winfrey; Randy and Vickie Walker; WTU; Weakley Watson; Tony and Paula Winfrey; Western Sheet Metal; Dr. Billy T. Carpenter; Belt Buckles — Comanche County Electric and Taylor County Electric; and Plaques donated by Ron Bagley, Callahan-Shackelford County Farm Bureau. Arrow Ford will present satin jackets to Grand Champion winners.

Please accept the apology of the F.F.A. and 4-H students should your name be inadvertently omitted from the list. All contributions were greatly appreciated.

## VOTER CARDS

You will have new Voter Cards as of January 1, 1992. These new cards are blue and white. If you are registered and have not received your cards, please call Wauneta Estes, 854-1020 or come by the Tax Office, as your address may have changed and the cards are not forwardable.

The next couple of weeks we will start sending out investigation letters to correct these addresses.

## Important Dates To Remember

February 7 Last day for unregistered person to walk in Tax Office and submit application for registration as a voter in time to vote in general primary.

February 9 Last day to mail application. Application by mail is considered submitted at the time it is placed in the mail.

February 19-March 6 Period for early voting by personal appearance in general primary.

March 3 Early voting voters application for early voting mail ballot for general primary must be received by county clerk before close of regular business in clerks office. Marked ballot must arrive at address on carrier envelope before 7 p.m. on election day, March 10.

## Basketball Team Photos

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## Local FFA Members To Exhibit Prize Livestock At 1992 Houston Livestock Show

HOUSTON — Twenty-six (26) FFA members from Callahan County will be joining other 4-H and FFA members from throughout Texas for show ring competition at the upcoming Houston Livestock Show, February 15 through March 1 at the Astrohall.

These FFA and 4-H exhibitors compete in one of two divisions of the Houston Livestock Show — the junior show division. The other division, the open show, attracts its exhibitors from the world's agricultural industry, primarily professional breeders and ranchers.

Entries in both the open and junior shows combine with horse show entries to make the Houston Livestock Show the world's largest.

Local students and the type of animal entered are as follows:

Thomas Bomar — 1 Market Lamb; Jason Carey — 1 Market Barrow; Roger Carey — 1 Market Barrow;

Alex Clark — 1 Market Lamb; Michael Cowan — 1 Market Steer; Rowdy Dillard — 1 Market Steer; Blake Foster — 1 Market Lamb, 1 Market Barrow; Jared Harris — 1 Market Lamb; Jaonna Harris — 1 Market Lamb; Brittany Hinyard — 1 Market Steer; Dustin Hinyard — 1 Market Steer;

Ashlee Hutchins — 1 Market Barrow; Jake Merryman — 1 Market Steer; Willie Merryman — 1 Market Steer; Sonya Renfro — 1 Market Lamb; Brandi Richey — 1 Market Lamb; Justin Richey — 1 Market Lamb; Janel Stephens — 1 Market Lamb; Tonya Stover — 1 Market Lamb; Colby Walker — 1 Market Barrow; Jennifer Wheeler — 1 Market Lamb; Lee Wayne Wheeler — 1 Market Lamb; Cody Winfrey — 1 Market Steer, 1 Market Lamb; Jaden Winfrey — 1 Market Steer; and Chris Wood — 1 Market Lamb.

## Reception For State Senator Bill Sims Tuesday, February 11

There will be a reception for State Senator Bill Sims on Tuesday, February 11, 4 p.m. at Collum's Restaurant.

Democratic Senator Sims is the opponent of trial lawyer Temple Dickson

of this senatorial district. He was raised at Paint Rock and was formerly an Ag teacher.

The public is invited to come meet and visit with Senator Sims. Refreshments will be served.

## Blood Cholesterol Screening To Start Thursday, Feb. 13

Cross Plains Kiwanis Club, in association with the Cross Plains Medical Center, will sponsor a blood cholesterol screening starting February 13 and will continue for an indefinite period of time.

There will be a \$5 charge for this

service and will be used by the Cross Plains Kiwanis Club to benefit the Cross Plains E.M.S. and other community projects.

Contact Cross Plains Medical Center for details.

## County Wants Another Opinion On Overtime

The Wage & Hour Board in Fort Worth, hearing the case concerning overtime pay for the Callahan County sheriff's deputies, told county officials that the county must pay approximately \$16,000 in overtime pay to the deputies.

Callahan County Judge Bill Johnson and all county commissioners met with the Wage & Hour Board in Fort Worth January 24 and were told without much discussion, the county owes its sheriff's deputies \$16,805.63 in overtime pay.

The Wage & Hour Board made the recommendation within 15 minutes of the county's presentation.

During the Callahan County Commissioner's Court meeting Monday, January 27, commissioners postponed taking any action concerning the overtime pay until Marvin L. Moon can look over all information concerning the overtime pay. Moon works for a Wichita Falls company that represents counties being challenged for overtime pay on county employees. Moon will examine all information concerning the case sometime this week and inform county officials if they should ap-

peal the Wage & Hour Board's decision.

Other items brought before commissioner's court included:

— Commissioners appointed the Salary Grievance Committee for county employees. County residents appointed to the committee were Tammy Hicks of Clyde, Bobby Brashear of Clyde and Donald Rhyne, who lists a mailing address of Rt. 4, Cisco. The resident committee will serve for one year. County officials to serve on the committee include all county commissioners, County Judge Bill Johnson, County Treasurer Dora Hounshell, and County Clerk Darlene Walker.

— Commissioners discussed the disaster fund Callahan County was named to by the Federal Emergency Management program. County officials were to attend a workshop in Meridian to learn how to file for disaster funding from the flooding in the county recently. The county was declared a flood disaster area and Callahan County can be eligible for disaster funds to repair roads washed out during the flooding.

# Washington Farm Program

WASHINGTON-----The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Commodity Credit Corporation today announced common provisions for the

1992 commodity programs for wheat, feed grains, upland cotton, soybeans and other oilseeds. The provisions are:

	Estimated Deficiency Payment Rate (cents)	Advance Payment Rate (cents)
Wheat (bu)	65	26
Corn (bu)	48	19.2
Sorghum (bu)	46	18.4
Barley (bu)	35	14
Oats (bu)	15	06
Upland Cotton (lb)	15	06

A 40 percent advance cash payment for the 1992-95 crops of wheat, feed grains and upland cotton; no advance deficiency payments for the 1992 crop of ELS cotton.

The estimated deficiency and advance payment rates for the 1992 crops are:

The 0-50-92 provisions continue to be available at the discretion of producers. The above estimated deficiency payment rates are the minimum guaranteed payment rates for producers participating in the 0/92 (wheat and feed grains) and 50/92 (upland cotton) programs.

As with the 1991 programs, 0/92 conserving use (CU) acreage may be planted, at the producer's discretion, to minor oilseeds (sunflower seed, safflower, flaxseed, canola, rapeseed and mustard seed). If minor oilseeds are planted on this acreage, producers must choose whether to retain deficiency payment eligibility and waive price-support program eligibility or retain price support eligibility and waive deficiency payment eligibility. Sesame and crumbe may be planted on 0/92 and 50/92 acreage for the 1992-1995 crops and producers will retain deficiency payment eligibility. Price support programs for sesame and crumbe will not be offered.

When minor oilseeds, sesame and crumbe are planted on 0/92 acreage, such acreage may also be subsequently planted to the same crops which may be planted on so-called "flexible" acreage (excluding program crops) in the same crop year. If the subsequently-planted crop is soybeans, then an established history of doublecropping (for example, wheat followed by soybeans or feed grains followed by soybeans) during at least 3 of the past 5 years must exist on the farm. Producers must agree to forego price support program eligibility on the subsequently-planted crop.

Corn and sorghum permitted acreage will be combined. The planting mix between these crops is at the producer's discretion. Planting history for corn and sorghum will be prorated based on the current year crop acreage base (CAB) ratio. Program payment will be based on applicable payment acreage associated with each corn and sorghum CAB, not on current year plantings.

Dry peas (limited to Austrian peas, wrinkled seed, green, yellow and umatilla) and lentils may be planted on acreage up to 20 percent of a wheat and feed grains CAB. Such acreage will be considered as planted to the program

crop for planting history purposes.

For skiprow cotton, calculation of acreage planted and the area skipped will allow for either 30-inch rows or, at the option of producers who had an established practice of using 32-inch rows before the 1991 crop, 32-inch rows. Also, single skiprows will qualify as CU acreage under the 0-50/92 provisions.

Crops prohibited on the 1992 flexible acreage will be the same as those prohibited in 1991, except that mung beans will be allowed on flexible acreage.

Soybean plantings on optional flexible acreage (OFA) of enrolled program crop acreage bases is permitted in 1992. The planting of soybeans on this acreage is prohibited by law if the national average soybean price during the 1992/93 marketing year is projected as of January 1 to be less than 105 percent (\$5.27 per bushel) of the soybean price support level (\$5.02). Because the national average price for soybeans during the 1992/93 marketing year is projected to exceed 105 percent of the soybean price support level, soybean plantings are not prohibited on OFA.

The planting of industrial and other crops on 0-50/92 CU acreage will not be permitted.

Targeted option payments will not be made available to producers.

Planting of designated crops on up to half of the announced acreage conservation reserve (ACR) will not be permitted.

Planting of oats for harvest on ACR under the wheat and feed grain programs will not be permitted.

Harvesting of conserving crops on ACR will not be permitted.

Production of black-eyed peas for donation will not be allowed on cotton ACR and CU acreage.

Malting barley will not be exempted from acreage reduction requirements for the 1992 crop of barley.

Malting barley contract prices will continue to be included in estimates of the malting barley price used to calculate the malting barley assessment rate.

The malting barley assessment will continue to be based on the state average price when available and, if not available, on the national average price.

As announced earlier, program signup will be Feb. 10 through April 17, 1992. Additional information may be obtained at county offices of USDA's local Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

# OBITUARY

## Madie Belle Chambers

Madie Belle Chambers, 93, died Thursday, January 30, 1992, in a Brownwood hospital.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Michael Hale officiating. Burial was in Cross Cut Cemetery in Brown County.

Mrs. Chambers was born in Cross Cut. She was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church in Cross Plains.

She was the widow of Tom S. Chambers.

Survivors include four sons, Clyde Chambers of Westbrook, Carl Chambers of Lake Brownwood, Junior Chambers of Lueders and Rex Chambers of Midland; 17 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Grandsons served as pallbearers.

## Frances Pearl Petty

Frances Pearl Petty, 89, died Saturday, February 1, 1992 at a Rising Star nursing home.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday at Church of Christ with H. McDonald officiating and Durward Weatherford assisting. Burial was in Cross Plains Cemetery, directed by Higginbotham Funeral Home in Cross Plains.

Mrs. Petty was born in Tennessee. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ.

She was the widow of Ed Petty. Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Celia 'Sis' (Hubert) Belew of Cross Plains; a son, Eddie Petty of Cross Plains; a sister, Eula Bryant of Rising Star; seven grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Joe Pierce, Jimmy Pierce, James Lawrence, Tommy Merryman, Stuart Sowell, and Kenneth Sowell.

## James Ewell Wilson

SPRINGTOWN — James Ewell Wilson, age 71, of Springtown, Texas died at his residence on Tuesday, January 28, 1992.

Services were held on Thursday at 11 a.m. in White's Funeral Chapel in Springtown. Reverend Brad Sheffield officiated. Burial was in Annis Chapel Cemetery in Wise County, Texas.

Born in Boyd, Texas, Wise County on January 3, 1921, he had resided in the community of Springtown since 1987. He served in the U.S. Marine Corp for 30 years and was a member of Fleet Reserve Association. He was employed by the City of Oceanside, California for 12 years.

Survivors include his wife, Gayle Lovelady Wilson of Springtown; two sons, Michael Wilson of Weatherford and William Wilson of California; one daughter, Beverly Gries of Washington; four brothers, Odell

Wilson of Springtown, F.L. Wilson of Arlington, Bill Wilson of Haltom City, and Glen Wilson of California; three sisters, Ladina Williams, Lorene Best and Ruth Pierce, all of California; four grandchildren; and four step-grandchildren.

## Iva Sikes McGowen

BAIRD — Iva Sikes McGowen, 89, of Bedford, died Sunday, February 2, 1992, in an Arlington hospital.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Parker Funeral Home Chapel with Gary Williams officiating. Burial was in Ross Cemetery.

Mrs. McGowen was born in Rowden and had been a resident of Bedford for one year, moving from Baird where she had been a longtime resident.

She was a lifetime member of the Baird Church of Christ and was the widow of Hinds Alexander McGowen.

She was a homemaker.

Survivors include three sons, Hinds Alexander McGowen Jr. of Stratford, Joseph Hobbs McGowen of Farmersville and Tommy Rowe McGowen of McAllen; two daughters, Judy North of Hurst and Karen Oates of Palestine; a brother, Anthony Sikes of Baird; 12 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

## COLONIAL OAKS NURSING HOME NEWS

By LINDA EDINGTON  
Activity Director

Well, it was great while it lasted and we were thankful for those couple of days of sunshine we had, but the residents have now come to the conclusion that we all may have to grow web feet if the rain keeps coming.

Our thoughts and prayers are sent out to Annabel Vaughn who is in the Brownwood hospital. We love you, Annabel. Hurry back soon.

A warm welcome for our new resident, Lillian Smith.

Clevia Ringhoffer and Clara Coburn are looking good with their new perms.

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the Chambers family on the loss of their loved one. May it comfort you to know that the thoughts and prayers of others are with you.

Our appreciation to Carl and Peggy Chambers for donating a TV for Midge McCall to use in her room, to Rolan Jones for the turnips, and to Linda Strength and Connie Kirkham for keeping our ladies looking beautiful.

Bill and Edna Belyeu from Cisco and Garmond and Lou Parrish from Brownwood were here visiting with Vera Belyeu.

Vera Pearl Bunnell visited with Helen Wood.

Brooks and Pat Hill from San Angelo and Donald and Ruth Smith from LR, Ark., were here visiting with Lillian Smith.

Bob Wallace was here visiting with Lucille Stone. Also, Patti Dolgener from San Angelo.

Clara Nell Spencer, Jewel Thompson, and Tonya Schaefer visit regularly.

Karen, Amy, Rusty and Gary Combs were here visiting Clevia Ringhoffer.

Connie Kirkham visited with Clara Coburn.

Rolan Jones visited with Midge McCall and others.

Activities during the week:

**Monday:** Bingo winners were E.K. Coppinger (3), Ressa Glover (2), Lucille Stone (2), and Mildred Ford. Exercise class.

**Tuesday:** Art class. Popcorn.

**Wednesday:** Sing-a-long with Frankie Smith, Clyde Linker, Vera Pearl Bunnell, Ernestine Watson, Vernie McMillan, Ruby McCowen, Ruel and Bob Lane. Exercise class.

**Thursday:** Linen folding. Domino games.

**Friday:** Bingo winners were Juanita Rhodes (2), Midge McCall (2), Ressa Glover, Vera Belyeu (2), and Lucille Stone (2). Afternoon singing with Sister Ruby, Bobby Jack McCowen, Daisy King, and Vernie McMillan.

*Integrity is standing up for what is right.*

An open-ended eyeglass case can be a great eye to keep pens, pencils, nail files, small scissors and the like in a handbag.

## Vernon C. Rich

COLEMAN — Vernon C. Rich, 84, died Sunday, February 2, 1992, in a local hospital.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday at Walker Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Lloyd Hagemeyer officiating. Burial was in Coleman City Cemetery.

Mr. Rich was born in Burkett and had been a Coleman County lifetime resident. He was a farmer and was a member of First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Norma Rich of Coleman; a daughter, Freva

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Pope of Coleman; a granddaughter, Rita Simpson of Coleman; a great-granddaughter; and two great-great-grandsons.

# Church Services

## 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 ..... Everyone Is Welcome

## PIONEER PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

LOCATED 5 MILES EAST OF CROSS PLAINS ON HIGHWAY 36 AND 1 MILE NORTH

Sunday Morning Worship ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Evening Service ..... 6:30 p.m.  
Thursday Night Service ..... 7:00 p.m.

Ruby McCowen, Pastor  
Phone 725-7265

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

CROSS PLAINS (817) 725-7629

10TH & MAIN  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
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

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

12th & Main Cross Plains Phone 725-4117

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

## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

North Main at George Scott Cross Plains, Texas

Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship ..... 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday (Feb. 9) Scripture — Isaiah 6:1-13  
Sermon — Can It Be That God Is Here  
Transportation Available — Call Jimmielee 725-7538  
Rev. Susan Trammell, Pastor 735-7377

## UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9TH & AVE. D CROSS PLAINS

WORSHIP SERVICE ..... 9:30 A.M.  
BIBLE CLASS ..... 10:30 A.M.

Jasper McClellan, Pastor  
Everyone Welcome

## BELIEVER'S FELLOWSHIP

Undenominational — Evangelical

EAST HIGHWAY 36  
Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 10:45 a.m.  
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**Courthouse NEWS**

**COUNTY COURT**  
Bill Johnson, presiding

**Misdemeanor Minutes**

Probations discharged on the following: Corey B. Downing, Cheryl Lynn Ellerd, Clay McWhorter, Cecilia L. Jennings.  
Michael Johnny Moreno, motion filed to revoke probation.  
Victor Joseph Martinez, probation extended to 10-17-92  
William Kyle Keltner, DWI, \$500 fine \$129.50 court costs, 90 days in jail probated for 2 years.  
Traffic cases dismissed: Bruce M. Reed \$173 bond forfeited, Frederick C. Lester \$173 bond forfeited, Gary Elbert Connally, Clinton Hitchcock \$132.50 adm fee paid.

**MARRIAGE LICENSES**

Monica Shere Goins and David Sheridan Self of Clyde.  
Tommi Jill Smith and James Monroe Hopkins of Baird.  
Samoa Price, Abilene, George Robert Pepper, Jr, Clyde.

**NEW VEHICLES**

Jerry W. Walker, Clyde, Chev PU.  
Patrick McKennon, Baird, Chev PU.  
Russell W. Jones, Abilene, Chev PU.  
Susan Blake, Denton, Chev PU.  
Tod and Tia Cowley, Abilene, Pont 2 dr.

**42ND DISTRICT COURT**  
Don Lane, presiding

**Civil Filings**

Ensearch Corp. & E. P. Operating vs Callahan County Educational District, suit for declaratory judgment.

Divorces filed:  
Flannagan, Pauline Geneva and Robert G.

McSwain, Kenneth Lee and Tabatha Ann.

**Felony Indictments**

Kelly Buchanan, aggravated assault on a police officer.

**CORRECTION**

The civil minutes from the 42nd District Court in last week's courthouse news should read:

State Bar of Texas vs Robert E. McCool, agreed judgment of suspension; respondent is guilty of professional misconduct, 90 days suspension from practice of law, probated for one year.

**1992 Stationery Program Announced**

Postmaster Norma Evans reports that six postal cards and three stamped envelopes will be released by the U.S. Postal Service as part of the 1992 schedule of stationery issues.

Four postal cards will be added to the Historic Preservation Series. The Wadsworth Athenium in Hartford, Connecticut, Cobb Hall on the campus of the University of Chicago, and Waller Hall on the campus of Willamette University in Salem, Oregon, all are being honored on 19-cent postal cards. The Wadsworth Athenium card was issued January 16, the Cobb Hall card on January 23, and the Waller Hall card will be issued on February 1.

The Great Hall at Ellis Island is the subject of the fourth Historic Preservation Series card to be issued May 11. A 19-cent postal card depicting the Columbia River Gorge will be issued May 9 in Astoria, Oregon, as part of the America the Beautiful Series. 1992 is the 200th anniversary of the river's exploration.

A 19-cent postal card honoring the America's Cup race will be issued in San Diego, California, site of the 1992 competition on May 8, the day preceding the first race of the finals.

Postmaster Norma Evans also reports the first two 29-cent stamped envelopes in 1992 are new versions of two previously issued designs. The No. 10 size Country Geese and Space Station Hologram envelopes were issued January 21 in Virginia Beach, Virginia. In addition, a new Postal Service stamped envelope will urge all to "Protect the Environment." The 29-cent envelope, to be issued April 22 in Chicago, Illinois, will be produced using recycled material and will, itself, be recyclable. Also, the



**REBECCA TATOM**

...pictured with Callahan Co. buck  
Rebecca entered her deer this week...it's not too late to enter yours

**Feb. 15th Deadline For Big Game Awards Program Is Drawing Near**

The Texas Big Game Awards Program has been very successful in this region of the state. Trey Carpenter, wildlife technician with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has scored numerous White-tail deer from this area that have made the 130 Boone and Crocket minimum score. Carpenter says, "I've scored over 80 bucks from this area, and over half have met the minimums. Since this is the first year of the Texas Big Game Awards program, I am sure there are a lot of good trophy heads out there that have not been scored."

The Texas Big Game Awards Program was created to promote good wildlife management by recognizing trophy animals reflective of good habitat and selective harvest. The program also recognizes first time hunters who harvest their first white-tail, muledeer, or pronghorn Antelope. Carpenter states, "I really feel this is the big selling point behind the program. There are 2 divisions, one for adults and one for youth (under 17). The hunter collecting his/her first deer physically scored by

simply contacting an official scorer by the Feb. 15 deadline.

The scored entries will be broken down by region and an annual listing of the top 400 typical Boone and Crocket Deer taken in Texas (50 from each of the states 8 regions) will make up the "Texas 400". A regional and state-wide banquet will be held to recognize the white-tails, muledeer, and pronghorns, receiving top honors. The Deer or Antelope must be officially scored, and entry postmarked no later than Feb. 15th. "I feel there are several deer from our area that will compete state-wide if they are just scored and entered," adds Carpenter.

Scorers for this area include: Trey Carpenter of Buffalo Gap, 915-572-3103; Johnnie Hudman of Albany, 915-762-3695; Raymond Sims of Graham, 817-549-7638; Bob Oliver of Abilene, 915-695-2970; and Larry Holland of Brownwood, 915-643-5977.

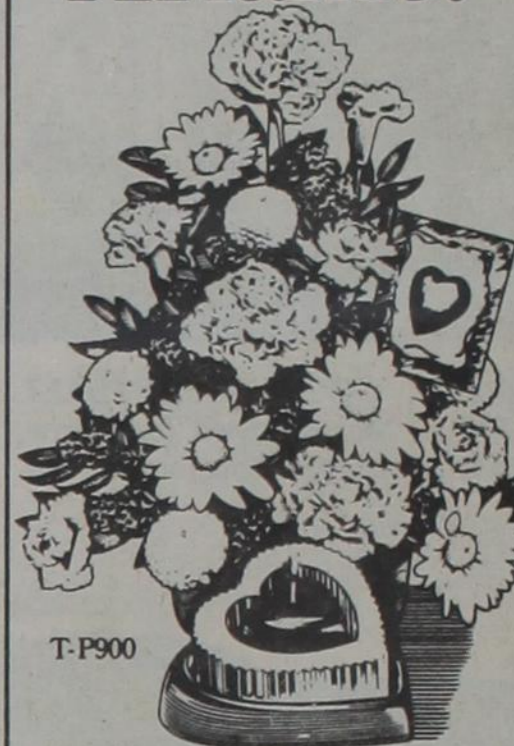
Deer or antelope need not be scored in area where taken. A list of official scorers is available from The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department at 1-800-792-1112 or from one of the scorers listed above.

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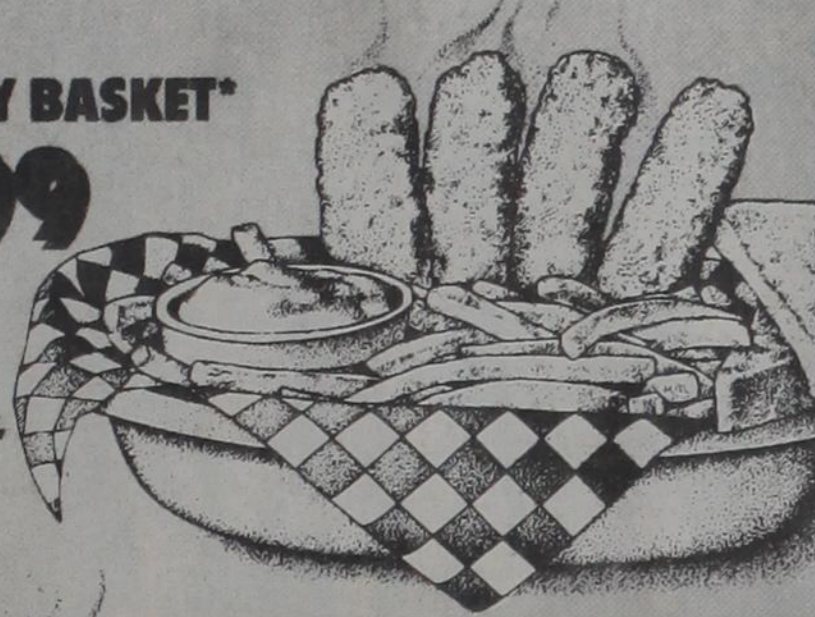
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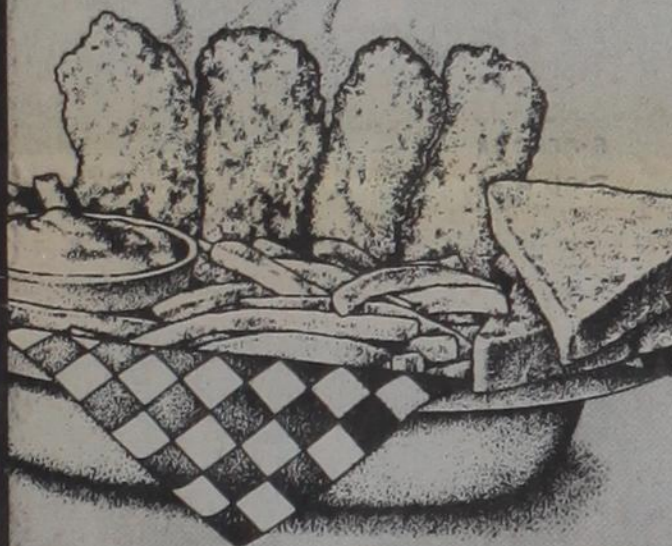
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**THE PIONEER PATCHWORK**

By IRMA MILLER

The Quilters' Club worked on the same two quilts Tuesday and finished the Shooting Star.

The community received another 2 inches of rain this past week.

Frankie and Oliver Smith and Jean Fore went to Ranger Saturday and visited Frankie's father, who was O.K. They then went to the Sipe Springs Musical. Sunday Frankie and Oliver visited their friends, Mr. and Mrs. James Blue in Comanche.

Jewel Foster's visitors were Leonard and Helen Swafford of De Leon on Wednesday. Charles and Lucille Foster of Clyde went to lunch with them.

Novilia Barton's visitors Saturday were Cecil and Mary Barton of Waco and Bob Powell of the community, who dug some plants while it was still dry enough.

May and D.P. Jones' company Sunday were their son, Skip, and his friend, Pam of Abilene.

Bob and Jane Dixon of Louisiana spent the weekend with Lottie Sooter.

John and Irma Miller were in Dallas Saturday and Sunday, visiting, and Sunday night were badgering the rain from water-laden clouds all the way back.

**WEEKLY Health Tip**

**FOOD PROCESSING**

Processing often changes the mineral and vitamin content of our food. It can add excess minerals, notably sodium, phosphorus, or iodine. It can remove any essential minerals. In the refining of white flour (removing the germ and bran) 75% of the potassium, magnesium, iron and zinc are removed — also 60% of the calcium. The answer — utilize whole wheat flour in cooking and baking to retain beneficial vitamins, minerals, and fiber for health.

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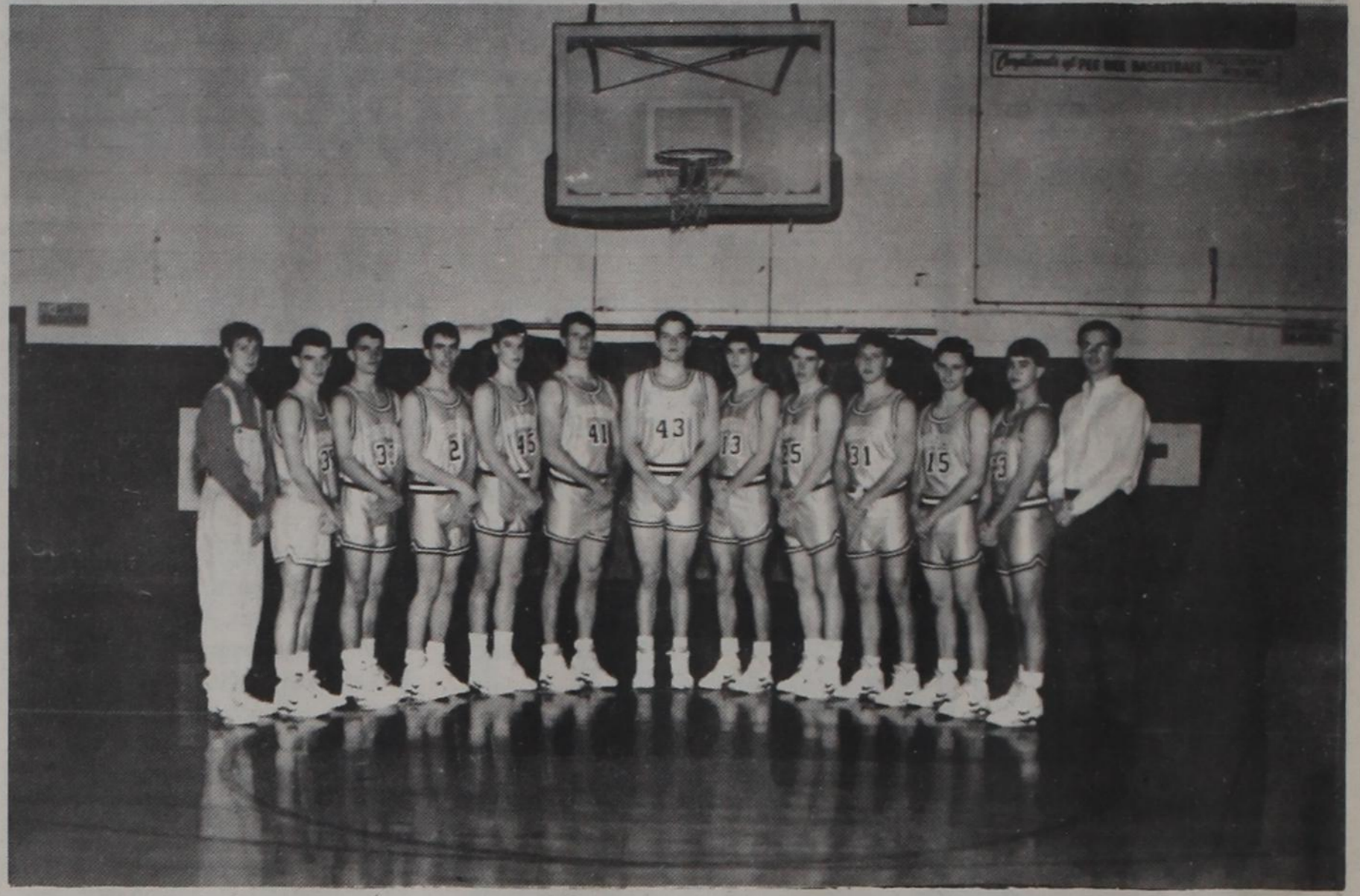
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**VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL** — Mark Trammell (manager) (from left), Jason Rutledge, Earl Meroney, Brandon Smith, Matt Reed, Colby Walker, Matt Sowell, Justin Whitsitt, Michael Cowan, Colby Walker, Jason Fleming, Kevin Switzer, and Coach Bill Boyd.



**JV GIRLS BASKETBALL** — Lori Dillard (back row, from left), Mandi Sowell, Gayle Upton, Amy Strength, Webb, Amber Williams, Rachelle Jodi Dallas, Allison McGowen, Kristy Bishop, and Tonya Stover.



**JV BOYS BASKETBALL** — Scott Cheshier (back row, from left), Bucky Williams, Jared Harris, Kelly Barclay, Chris Potter, Dustin Bowden, Justin Terrel; Miguel Mauricio (front row, from left), Johnny Pointer, Mike Tallett, Chris Henson, Rodney Rudloff, and Terry Shultz.



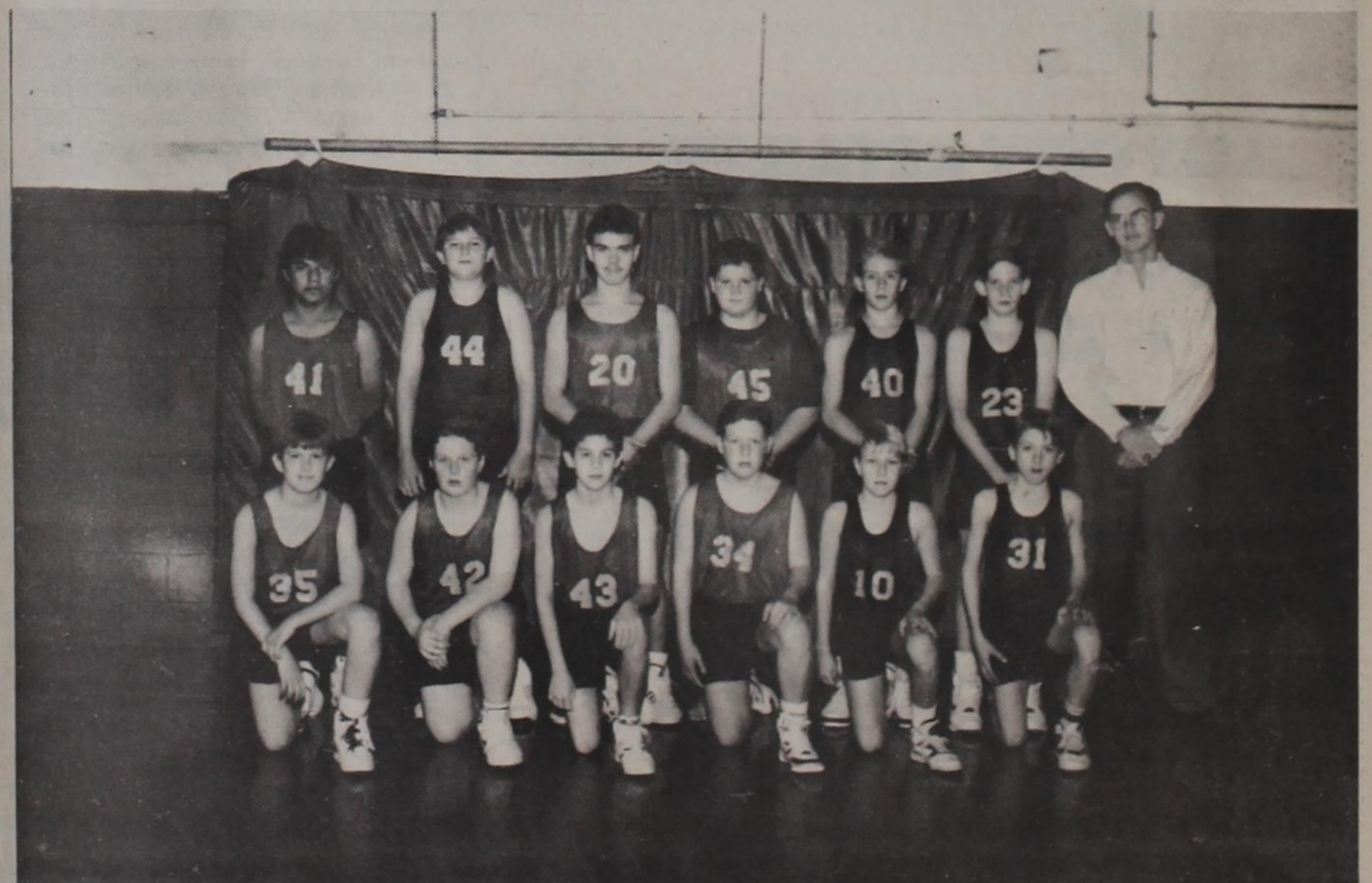
**JUNIOR HIGH "A" GIRLS TEAM** — Coach Monty Jones (back row, from left), Misty Abernathy, Karen Dunn, Jaonna Harris, Malysa Strickler; Whitney Kirkham (front row, from left), Candi Eppard, DeAnna Besselaar.



**JUNIOR HIGH "A" BOYS TEAM** — Coach Boyd (back row, from left), Brock Walker, Donnie Dillard, Chris Wood, Cody Leicht; Andy Rutledge (bottom row, from left), Justin Richey, Jeff Parker, Clint Connelly, and Jeremy Barnett.



**JUNIOR HIGH "B" GIRLS TEAM** — Malysa Strickler (back row, from left), Brandi Adams, Amanda Clausen, Janeal Stephens, Coach Monty Jones; Jennifer Hogan (bottom row, from left), Nikki Beggs, and Brandi Monsey.



**JUNIOR HIGH "B" BOYS TEAM** — Hugo Mauricio (back row, from left), Clayton Goble, Sean Jones, Cory Switzer, Randy Hale, Lee Wayne Wheeler, Coach Boyd; John Cheshier (bottom row, from left), Roy Turner, Will Black, Jeff Brown, Jason Carey, and Brandon Stover.



APRIL HOGAN  
...1991-92 Hugh O'Brien Winner

## Cross Plains Soph. Recognized

By RENETHA CAROUTH

April Hogan, a Sophomore at the Cross Plains ISD, won the 1991 Hugh O'Brien Award. She was chosen from the Sophomore Class and was entered by a Sophomore teacher.

Mrs. Robbye Fullen, the Sophomore English teacher at Cross Plains, made the final decision as to who received the award.

April had to answer three questions

in essay form, which was the basis of the competition. The subject of the essays was student leadership and working with other students. April will be attending a seminar with other Hugh O'Brien Award winners from all across Texas. As a result of being selected, April gets to spend a weekend later this spring attending this seminar in Dallas. The purpose of the seminar is to motivate young people for achievement and success.

## On The 'Rhode' Again

By DENESE WHITELEY

On Friday, January 31, Mrs. Jo Rhodes took her High School Typing and Careers classes on a field trip to Abilene to tour General Dynamics and

the Abilene Reporter-News. First, the students went to General Dynamics where they saw the computers that run the machinery. They also watched a film over what goes on at General Dynamics. The students were divided into 3 different groups to tour the plant, and were also talked to about the need for a good education because of the competition in the job market.

For a lunch break, the group went to the mall and had some time to shop. After lunch, they stopped at the newspaper plant, Abilene Reporter-News, where they went on a tour of the paper's operations, seeing, for example, how the layouts are done, and how the paper is put together and printed. The group made it home before school was dismissed.



## SCHOOL CALENDAR

For the week of  
January 6 - 12

Friday, February 7

Varsity basketball vs. Eula - there 4:00 p.m. (4 games)

Monday, February 10

Junior high basketball vs. Baird (last game) 4:00 p.m. here (4 games) - San Antonio  
Stock Show (Feb. 10-14)

## SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

FEBRUARY 10 - 14

(Subject to Change)

### BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Cream of wheat, sausage, toast, grape juice, milk.

TUESDAY - Bacon, egg, biscuit, jelly, orange juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY - Choice of ready to eat cereal, toast, grape juice, milk.

THURSDAY - Pancake, sausage, orange juice, milk.

FRIDAY - Breakfast bread, grape juice, milk.

### LUNCH

MONDAY - Corn dog, baked beans, French fries, brownie, milk.

TUESDAY - Tacos, salad, corn, Jello w/fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY - Bar-B-Q, pinto beans, pickle spears, rolls, fruit cobbler, milk.

THURSDAY - Spaghetti, garden salad, green peas, pineapple chunks, garlic rolls, milk.

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

## Basketball Up-Date

By WARREN L. PARSON

Tuesday night the Gorman Panthers came here to the Buffalo Gym anticipating a win, but instead our Buffaloes handed them a 73 to 50 loss. We had a 12 point lead at the half, and extended it to a 13 point lead at the end of the 3rd quarter.

The two high scorers in this game were Colby Walker with 27 and Jody Brown with 19.

Coach Boyd says that this victory keeps us in an undisputed second place.

Friday night the storming Buffalo "Herd" headed for Santa Anna to clash with the Mountaineers. The Buffaloes anticipated a win, and they ended up with a 69 to 32 victory.

Our records, as of right now, are the following: 6 to 1 in district and 18 to 7 overall.

Coach Boyd says that we can clinch a play-off spot with a win over Baird, and that he hopes to see the whole town at Eula Friday night yelling in an extremely excited manner.

The last of the final regular season games will be played here against May this coming Tuesday.

Keep up all the good support for our coaches, athletes, and school.

## Annual Government In Action Youth Tour To Washington Contest

The annual Government in Action Youth Tour to Washington contest, sponsored by Taylor Electric Cooperative, will be held on Thursday, March 5, at the Cooperative office in Merkel, Texas at 7 p.m.

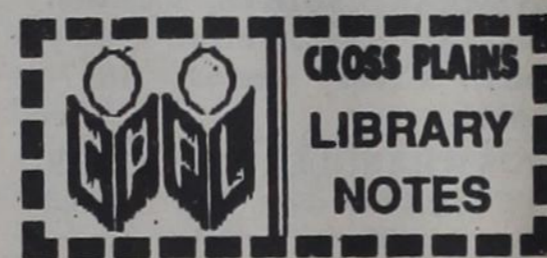
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Postmaster Norma Evans reports the U.S. Postal Service issued the first new 29-cent postage stamps for 1992 on January 11, 1992. The first issue of the year focuses on America's continued enthusiastic support of the Winter Olympic Games. Five commemorative stamps depicting Winter Olympic sports were issued in Orlando, Florida. The colorful strip of five stamps will feature the popular Winter Olympic events of ice hockey, figure skating, speed skating, skiing and bobsledding.

In addition, a 29-cent commemorative stamp was issued by the Postal Service on January 24 in Rosemont, Illinois, to focus attention on WORLD COLUMBIAN STAMP EXPO '92. This international stamp show will take place in May to commemorate the 500th anniversary of Columbus' historic voyage.

Postmaster Norma Evans also reports that the Postal Service is continuing with the Black Heritage Series, and the 29-cent Du Bois commemorative stamp in honor of W.E.B. Du Bois, noted writer, historian, scholar, and educator, was dedicated on January 31, during first day issue ceremonies at Atlanta, Georgia.

In conjunction with the first day issue of the Du Bois commemorative stamp and the start of Black History Month, the Postal Service will also issue *I Have A Dream*, a collection of Black Americans on U.S. postage stamps. This 68-page deluxe hardcover book contains 28 full color illustrations, 14 stamps and supporting text on the 15 Black Heritage Series stamp subjects which include Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Harriet Tubman, and A. Philip Randolph. Paintings of other African Americans who have appeared on stamps, including Duke Ellington, Ralph Bunche, Dr. Charles Drew and Jesse Owens, are also featured. The book went on sale February 1, at post offices nationwide.



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Wm. J. Coughlin - Shadow of a Doubt

Belva Plain - Harvest  
Chuck Scarborough - After Shock  
Louis L'Amour - 5 Vol. Set of The Sacketts

### Non-Fiction

Singelar - Talked to Death (the Life and Murder of Alan Berg)  
Allen - Love and Conflict: A Conventional Model of Christian Ethics  
MacHaffie - Her Story: Women in Christian Tradition

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## Letters TO THE EDITOR

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Beth Walger  
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SANDRA McCARTY and  
MICHAEL LUSK

## Sandra McCarty Vists Brother In Hawaii

By SANDRA McCARTY

Such a beautiful place to vacation. The Hawaiian Islands, the Rainbow State, most certainly are like paradise. The state flower, the Hibiscus, grows everywhere among the rainforest like beauty. Mountains rise out of the blue Pacific waters with such magnitude and beauty. My first impression was of the totally green vegetation, dotted with the most beautiful colorful flowers everywhere.

The 747 landed on the Island of Oahu at the Honolulu Airport. My brother, Michael Lusk, met me at the airport. He is retired from the United States Air Force and is an instructor with GTE Telephone - in satellite communications, instructing the military service.

The first few days I saw all of the downtown Wakiki area. I shopped in the many shops and marketplaces. The International Marketplace was more than a meeting place of international wares. This shaded outdoor bazaar has everything from convenience store snacks to delightful terrace dining appealing to every taste: Italian, Greek, Japanese, Korean, even Filipino food, a German Hofbrau, and Chinese Buffet.

On Tuesday I saw the world famous Hula Show. One of your first responses to the word Hawaii is "Hula girl." In ancient times the Hula was considered a religious fertility dance ritual. At that time only men were allowed to perform it during temple worship ceremonies.

The temperature was never below 62 degrees at night or above 84 degrees during the day. The smell of the air was so nice, and the flowers and pineapples gave a beautiful effect. I found the Dole Pineapple Plantation after driving through miles of very hectic freeway (no different than Dallas or San Antonio - maybe worse) right in the middle of thousands of acres of pineapples, the perfect place to enjoy the scenery and see many different kinds of pineapples grown all over the world. Of course, I had a non-dairy frosty Dole whip there.

Oahu's North Shore's waves are considered to be the best in the world by international professional surfers, and to me one of the most overwhelming sights were the 15-foot waves all along the Haleiwa Beach Park, the Waimea Bay Beach Park, Sunset Beach Park, and Banzai pipeline.

On this part of the island I saw cattle, several kind, and of course, they were all nice and heavy - with so much grass year around.

I toured the Waimea Falls Park with its beautiful waterfalls, 30 Botanical gardens, peacocks, and exotic birds and plants of all kinds. Most certainly a paradise.

Later I visited the Polynesian Cultural Center. Here, you learn of the cultures of the 7 groups of islands, Fiji, New Zealand, Tonga, Samoa, Tahiti, Marquesas, Easter Island, and Hawaii.

Later I drove back on the Like Like Highway through the Like Like tunnel as it took me back to Honolulu and Wakiki.

Wednesday morning, I boarded

Aloha Airlines to the Big Island of Hawaii. What I found there was very different from the very modern island of Oahu. We landed in Kona. It seemed the whole island was a black lava flow. We visited Keauhou Bay, the birthplace of King Kamehameha III. Then on to the Royal Kona Coffee Mill, surrounded by miles of coffee trees and Macadamian nut trees.

All along the route around this large island, we saw the first churches ever to be there of all different faiths. Many missionaries came here.

I walked in sand and water at the Punalulu Black Sand Beach, the only one in the world. Actually, the lava from the volcanoes exploded when it hit the water, making it like sand, "Basalt."

We then toured Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. The steam vents are everywhere. They have an average of 70 earthquakes a day.

The Kilauea Volcano was in sight, but we did not tour there. She is still erupting out lava and has for 8 months. The highways near there were all covered with lava.

We walked through a lava tube, which is much like a cavern.

After this we went to the Orchid and Anthurium Nurseries. They were much like our nurseries here, only they have such beautiful plants.

On to Rainbow Falls and Liliuokalani Gardens. So many beautiful, breathtaking places.

Then to the C & H Sugar Cane Mills. They burn and cut the cane to prepare it for shipping to California, where it is then milled to sugar. Thus, C(alifornia) & H(awaii) Sugar.

The Tidal Wave Memorial of the 1947 tidal wave - It destroyed the entire northeast side of this island.

After this on to the Macadamian Nut Factory. This was much like our peanut and pecan crops.

This was not far from the famous Parker Ranch - the largest ranch in the world. There is a snow-covered mountain here. Mauna Kea has an elevation of 13,796 feet. People ski there in the winter. You can see the ocean all around from it.

The Japanese are buying property here for motels. I also saw ranches here owned by Jimmy Stewart, Loretta Lynn, and Crystal Gayle.

I did find the beautiful beaches back on Oahu, the Kahala Beach, Hanauma Bay, (this cove was my favorite beach, covered with people from Japan, Australia, Germany, Canada); it seemed I was the minority. Almost everyone spoke English. The fish in this cove were every color imaginable and the water being crystal clear made this a fascinating beach to see.

Mike and I went out every night to different eating places and dined on seafood of all kinds.

The dinner show at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, starring Charo, was fun and exciting, and of course, we could not miss Don Ho at the Hula Hut, singing his "Tiny Bubbles" and other famous hits.

Sunday morning we were invited to the Elks Lodge for brunch, overlooking the ocean just below Diamond Head, with some of the United States Postal workers.

These were very courteous, nice

people.

Mike and I walked to the top of the dormant volcano, Diamond Head.

The Arizona Memorial made me remember our soldiers on December 7, 1941. Those who survived the attack and those who did not. I was 2 months of age at the time. My uncle, Jimmy Lusk, was stationed there. The Scoville Barracks are about 20 miles north of here.

The attack on Pearl Harbor remains one of the most brilliant and infamous naval attacks in history, as well as one of the most devastating opening attacks of any war. Of 96 ships in the harbor that day, 18 were sunk or heavily damaged. The casualties totaled 2,403 dead, 1,178 wounded. Almost half of the fatalities were aboard the USS Arizona. One of those was from Cross Plains. I could not help but shed some tears.

The trip was wonderful, but all good things must end. Upon landing at DFW Airport, I found 50 degree cold, rainy weather. Back in the real world.

## Free Income Tax Service

By PAUNIECE OGLESBY

Through the Tax-Aide program, volunteers provide free personal income tax assistance to the Senior Citizens, low income families and the general public with basic tax returns. Individuals with complete tax returns will be advised to seek professional tax assistance.

Volunteers are specially trained, in cooperation with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS), to understand those provisions of the tax code that affect the Senior Citizens as well as the low and middle income people. Tax-Aide volunteers provide personal, one-on-one assistance to help you complete your federal and/or state tax returns (including special rebate programs).

Tax-Aide volunteers are available from February 1st to April 15th each year. There will be three volunteers working the Cross Plains area using the Multi-Purpose Center on East 8th Street as their headquarters. Tax returns will be prepared by appointment only so you will need to call the volunteers personally for appointments. Volunteers are Pauniece Oglesby 725-6772, Bobbie Ryan (915) 784-6991, and Yuna Vee Burkett (915) 624-5274. However, Mrs. Ryan prefers to have Wednesday appointments and Mrs. Burkett Thursday appointments.

When you meet with a Tax-Aide volunteer, you should bring the following: (1) a copy of last year's (1990) income tax return, (2) any W-2 forms you have received (showing your income from working), (3) all 1099 forms you have received which show the interest and/or dividends, (4) all 1099-R forms which show all pension monies paid to you, (5) form SSA-1099 which shows the Social Security paid to you, (6) records of any other income you have received, and (7) receipts or cancelled checks for any of your medical/dental expenses and any contributions you have made to charities.

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The Dean's List includes students earning a 3.5 or better grade point average on a 4.0 system.

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## SENIOR CITIZENS REPORT

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**NOTICE OF ORDER OF SALE  
WITH WRIT OF POSSESSION**

By virtue of an Order of Sale With Writ of Possession issued out of the 42nd District Court of Callahan County, Texas on a judgment rendered in said Court on the 18th day of December, 1991, in favor of T.D. & ASSOCIATES, INC., and against DON C. LONG, Individually and LONGHORN OIL EXPLORATION, INC., Cause Number 15,837, in such Court, I did on the 19th day of November, 1991, at 10:00 o'clock, A.M.; levy upon the following described tracts and parcels of land, being oil, gas and mineral leasehold estates, situated in the County of Callahan, State of Texas, as the property of DON C. LONG, Individually, and or LONGHORN OIL EXPLORATION, INC., to-wit:

February 27, 1982, a certain Oil and Gas Mining Lease was made and entered in by and between Mary Katherine Parrott and husband, John Parrott, and Eva Johnson, Individually and as Independent Executrix of the Estate of Andrew Johnson, Deceased, as Lessors and Spencer Petroleum Company as Lessee, covering the following described land in the County of Callahan, and State of Texas, to-wit:

320 acres, more or less, being the West one-half (W/2) of Section No. 138, G.H. & H. Ry. Co. Lands, Abstract No. 719, Callahan County, Texas, described as follows:

BEGINNING at the S.W. Corner of said Survey No. 138;

THENCE North 1900 varas to

N. W. corner of said Section No. 138; THENCE East 950 vrs. to center of N line of said Section No. 138;

THENCE South 1900 vrs. to center of S.B. line of said Survey 138;

THENCE West 950 vrs. to the place of beginning, and on the 3rd day of March, 1992, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10:00 A.M., and 4:00 P.M., on said day, at the Courthouse door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction for cash, all of the right, title and interest of the said DON C. LONG, Individually and LONGHORN OIL EXPLORATION, INC., in and to said property to satisfy the requirements of such Order of Sale and Writ of Possession.

DATED this 4th day of February, 1992.

Bill W. Skinner  
Sheriff of  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**OFFICE SPACE DESIRED**

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR  
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# Letters TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,  
I would like to respond to your last article published "Letter to the Editor."

I cannot understand why someone would want to criticize our city and their spending, when all they've spent is what was necessary. If something is broken it has to be repaired, and as far as our new City Hall is concerned, I don't know how some people feel we couldn't afford it, especially when it was so badly needed. I should think one would be proud that we have a new building. We need a lot more in this town to spruce things up.

The article gave us here in Cross Plains the impression that the city officials aren't spending money wisely or that our officials don't seem to have the ability to do so. Which I don't think is correct. One shouldn't criticize anyone until they've walked in their shoes.

A view of the workings of our city government should be not to criticize negatively, but positively. We should all work together and support one another. I've never lived in a community where there's so much indulging in personalities, animosity, and small-mindedness. This is not good. If more people would try to overlook other people and their shortcomings, instead of criticizing we would all be better off.

This thing of spying, following of the officials, and others is quite immature and has become a big game to some.

I feel our city management is doing a good job overall and should be commended for their efforts.

I heard there's a member of the FBI living in Cross Plains and spying on people. I don't know who this person is but, if you believe that we'll sell you the Alamo.

If people would spend more time doing constructive things like volunteering at the nursing home, visiting shut-ins, and helping those in need, there

wouldn't be time for writing negative articles.

And as far as publishing city official salaries, it's a matter of public record, and anyone who is interested can go to the City Hall and look it up themselves. We don't need some individual publishing it in a newspaper. As far as a lot of people are concerned, they earn their salaries. To get good workers you have to pay good money.

I do hope this letter makes more people aware of how our city is being harrassed and worked against by a few. It seems to me there's jealousy involved (just an outsider looking in). Those few won't be satisfied until they're running the city, which we hope will never happen.

Sincerely,  
George L. Weingarten

Dear Editor,

I moved to this town over 11 years ago, thinking it was full of decent people where the community cared for its neighbor. Then last week I had something happen to me that began to make me wonder that perhaps some of us weren't any better than big town people.

I say this because last week I had a fellow Cross Plains person back into my red Tempo, not once, but twice, and then left the scene. It was parked at the nursing home and caused over \$800 damage to my car. I would guess that he doesn't have a conscience or realize that it is against the law not to report it. I hope that he can live with himself.

What bothers me the most is, living here I expected the person to have the decency to tell me. It's not the damage that bothers me as much as not being truthful with our fellow people. He thinks I have no idea who it was, but the evidence I found on his vehicle was all I needed.

I realize there are still a few people that have pride in themselves and our town. Evidently, this person didn't.

Jamie Apple

## MINUTE MUSINGS

By ESTHLOY S. DICKSON

Wow! The weather is fierce this Monday morning! I got in my car and drove to the highway to pick up my Abilene paper. This 'sunshine kid' will be quite a 'shut-in' today.

I attended church services on Sunday, and thoroughly enjoyed them. There was a tremendous crowd there for the services. There were only about 220 in Sunday School. A group of young musicians performed prior to the preaching service.

J.T. and Betty Beggs were in Sunday School and Church on Sunday.

She had a hoarse spell on Sunday, but sounded 'clear as a bell' this morning. She had no special news, but I love to talk to her.

My good neighbors, the Roadys, did not answer this morning. They were all in church on Sunday morning. Bobby sings in the choir.

Mrs. Janice Ferguson and a friend of Cisco visited Helen Tillotson this past week. Also, a new neighbor who lives in the old Ethel Brown house, Ms. Earlene Burge, visited her this week.

Doris Anne McBride came out a couple of times this past week. She is just like 'family' to me. She brought me some good food, which I always appreciate. She helped me carry some huge tree limbs out of my front yard. We've been out here nearly thirty years, and this is the first time I've lost such huge limbs off my trees.

Ms. Jewel Foster was cheerful this morning, despite the bad weather. She is going to the AARP meeting at 11:00 this morning. She was in Sunday School on Sunday.

A covey of quail have just crossed my front yard. There were at least ten in number. They are so 'cute.'

## OIL NEWS

New Test Callahan

Davis Brothers, Abilene, will drill a wildcat, Snyder 58, to 2,425 in the Regular 8 miles NE of Baird on a 160-acre lease. Spots 1,000 FNL and 1,129 FEL, Section 58, LAL.

## Cross Plains Sales Tax This Year Below Last Year

The City of Cross Plains is reporting 1992 one percent city sales tax payments running 2.76 percent lower than the 1991 payments of the tax, according to John Sharp, State Comptroller. Cross Plains 1992 sales tax payments have amounted to \$3,076.31, while the 1991 sales tax rebates were \$3,163.69.

The city's monthly sales tax check for January 1992 totaled the yearly figure.

Retail sales in the City of Clyde for 1992 are 22.30 percent below 1991 sales, according to city one percent sales tax rebates given by the State Comptroller's Office.

John Sharp, State Comptroller, said that 1992 sales tax payments in Clyde are running 22.30 percent below tax payments made to the city in 1991. He said that the sales tax rebates for the City of Clyde have amounted to \$3,675.24 so far in 1992, a 22.30 percent decrease in sales taxes payments compared to the same time period last year. The 1991 payments to the city during the same payment period were \$4,730.00.

The city's monthly payment is also the same as the yearly total; since the new year began.

Other Callahan County towns reporting sales tax payments include:

The City of Baird reported that sales tax payments in 1992 are 42.68 percent lower than the 1991 payments. The city had received \$1,020.53 so far in 1992, while the 1991 tax payments to the city were \$1,780.54.

The town's monthly payment for January 1992 was the same as the yearly total.

The City of Putnam is reporting a 100 decline in sales tax payments. There was no rebate given in 1992, while the 1991 sales tax collections totalled \$1,127.75.

The city reported that the yearly and monthly totals were the same.

Countywide sales tax payments in 1992 for Callahan County are running 28.05 percent lower than the 1991 payments in the county. Callahan County towns have received sales tax payments in 1992 amounting to \$7,772.08 while the 1991 payments to the county towns totalled \$10,801.98.

Some area towns reporting sales tax payments for the month of January 1992 and whether it's an increase or decrease over January 1991 sales includes: Albany, \$4,503.02, 26.42 percent decrease from January 1991; Anson, \$6,559.34, 67.85 percent increase from 1991; Stamford, \$20,603.59, 11.92 percent decrease from 1991; Cisco, \$9,274.87, 14.76 percent increase from 1991; Eastland, \$24,287.48, 9.28 percent decrease from 1991; Merkel, \$5,277.20, 29.00 percent decrease from 1991; Ballinger, \$17,956.23, 10.23 percent decrease from 1991; and Haskell, \$13,654.73, 70.47 percent increase from 1991.

Statewide, sales tax payments in 1992 are 5.07 percent ahead of 1991 rebates, according to Sharp's figures. The state has sent out check's totaling \$85,536,361.45 in 1992, while the 1991 payments to the state's cities were \$81,408,491.64.

"January's local sales tax rebates showed a modest start for 1992 with today's payments to 933 cities totaling \$85.5 million, or 5 percent more than last January's payments of \$81.4 million," Comptroller Sharp said Friday, January 10.

January payments to 106 Texas counties totalled \$9.7 million, virtually identical to last January's payments.

"We have projected slow but steady economic growth for 1992 in Texas, despite the national recession, and retail sales should continue to show moderate improvement," 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 1/4 percent share and returns the local one percent sales tax each month to local government. Cities and counties may levy a combined tax of up to two percent above the state's sales tax, however all Callahan County towns only levy a one percent city sales tax, Sharp said.

January's checks include taxes collected on November sales and reported in December by businesses filing monthly sales tax returns with the state. Businesses file either monthly, quarterly or annually depending on the amount of sales tax they collect.

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.

## 1st Annual Art Show And Sale Schedule At Baird March 14

The Baird Chamber of Commerce announces plans for their first Annual Art Show and Sale to be held March 14. This event will round out three major events held in Baird annually to gain regional attention for the town and bring visitors into the community. Other annual events include Trades Festival in June and Bedlam in Baird in September.

The Art Show and Sale is scheduled in conjunction with the Abilene Train Festival. With so many train enthusiasts coming into the area, the Baird event will provide another opportunity to visit a "railroad" community for its historic interests and unique shopping as well as the art show.

In addition to the Art Show and Sale, which will be held at the Methodist Church from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., downtown Baird will have another special activity. Participants in the "Great Locomotive Chase," a bicycle tour/race that kicks off in Abilene during the 10 a.m. Train Festival Parade on March 14, will be routed through Baird during the noon hour. Baird will serve as the mid-way point and rest stop for the bikers in the 100 kilometer (62 mile) bike tour. For more information about the bike tour/race, call the Train Festival office, (915) 676-3775.

Details about the Annual Art Show and Sale are available at the Baird Chamber of Commerce office. (915) 854-2003. Included in the information is registration time and fee, divisions and classifications, stipulations on size of art and sales requirements and awards to be given.

Donations from local residents and merchants will be used to provide the cash awards for winners in the adult and children's divisions. Donations are being accepted at the Chamber office.

## Personals

Visiting Mrs. Suma Dill were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dill and Tim of Irving and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Dill of Kingsland. Local visitors were Marnie Clark and Daisy King.

Weekend visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E.F. Odom were their grandchildren, Chandra and Dillon Heath of Spicewood. Visiting on Sunday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Gary Odom and sons, Wade and Brian of Tuscola.

## Colonial Oaks Services

Pioneer Pentecostal Church will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, February 9, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**FEBRUARY 6**  
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Norman Farr  
Mrs. Larry McAnally  
Jerry Beene  
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Tommy Graham  
Billy Evans  
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Mary Ruth Lee  
Cory Pope  
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Robin Johnston

**FEBRUARY 7**  
Allen Lovell  
Mrs. B.A. Moore  
Jennifer (Pancake) Caraway  
Mrs. Dale Bishop  
Randy Shields

**FEBRUARY 8**  
Shawn McKeehan  
Elvis B. Scott  
Charles Strength  
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Grady Newton  
Sherry Wilson  
Robby Bailey

**FEBRUARY 9**  
Mary Strahan  
Fred Dill  
Jennifer Dee Calhoun  
Vernon Phillips  
Michael Heath Bright  
Mrs. A.B. Foster  
Granvel Scott  
Mrs. N.L. Dillard  
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Cecil Johnson  
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Mrs. Clifford Hill  
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**FEBRUARY 10**  
Shannon McMillian  
Elizabeth Griffith  
Mrs. T.O. Powell  
Donald Sibley  
Cody Golson  
Nathan Wayne Jones  
Lori Bishop

**FEBRUARY 11**  
Kenneth Lowery  
Alvin Parrish  
Mrs. J.C. Grantham  
Pam Pillans  
Scott Cheshler  
Ashley Beggs  
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**FEBRUARY 12**  
William Payton Mayes  
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Tom Lee, Jr.  
Austin Jackson  
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Jean Strength  
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## USDA Commodities Distributed

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

Baird: VTW — Wednesday, February 12 — 9:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.  
Clyde: Senior Center — Wednesday, February 12 — 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Putnam: City Hall — Wednesday, February 12 — 11:30 a.m. to noon.  
Cross Plains: Multi-Purpose Center — Thursday, February 13 — 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Items available this month are: flour, corn, green beans, and raisins.

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**For Callahan County Sheriff**  
Eddie Curtis

Pol. Adv. Pd. by Friends of Eddie Curtis, 840 Cherry Street, Baird, Tx. 79504

**Bill Skinner**

Pol. Adv. Pd. by Bill Skinner, 819 E. 9th, Baird, Texas 79504

**Don Childers**

Pol. Adv. Pd. by Friends for the Election of Don Childers, P.O. Box 471, Cross Plains, Texas 76443

**For U.S. Congress**  
17th District

**Charles Stenholm**

Pol. Adv. Pd. by Stenholm for Congress Committee, P.O. Box 1032, Stamford, Texas 79553

**For Callahan County Attorney**

**Allen Wright**

Pol. Adv. Pd. by Campaign for Allen Wright, Lannie Franklin, Treasurer, Rt. 1 Box 314, Clyde, Texas 79510

**Brad Harris**

Pol. Adv. Pd. by Campaign for Brad Harris, Sid Merchant-Treasurer, 621 Greenfield Road, Abilene, Texas 79602

**For Callahan Co.**

**Tax Assessor/Collector**

**Wauneta Estes**

Pol. Adv. Pd. by Wauneta Estes, P.O. Box EE, Clyde, Texas 79510

**Nancy Turnbow**

Pol. Adv. Pd. by Nancy Turnbow, Rt 1 Box 58 B, Baird, Texas 79504

**Bun Barry**

Pol. Adv. Pd. by Friends of Bun Barry, Rt 1 Box 147, Baird, Texas 79504

**For Callahan Co.**

**Constable Precinct #4**

**Paul Yarbrough**

Pol. Adv. Pd. by Dr. Bill Walton, Treasurer, Rt. 2 Box 270 A, Clyde, Texas 79510

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## Sorority Gets A Taste of England

By MELISSA KEMP

The Alpha Rho Zeta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met at the home of Mary Dunn on January 27.

Nora Odom arranged to have Maureen and Victor Smith from England, who are guests of Jack and Wanda Martin of Cross Plains come in and visit with us. Mrs. Martin was also present for the evening. Maureen and Victor answered questions the sorority members had pertaining to life in England. Their sense of humor, accents, language, and friendliness were enjoyed by all. We would like to thank Wanda, Maureen, and Victor for spending time with us and giving us a taste of England. Ya'll come back to Cross Plains real soon, ya hear?

Members present were: Jamie Apple, Sarah Brashear, Janice Buckner, R'Evelyn Childers, Patricia Cook, Mary Dunn, Joy Gerking, Debbie Gosnell, Melissa Kemp, Judy Luter, Joyce McCoy, Margaret McNeel, Wanda Merryman, Neoma Nash, Nora Odom, Janice Phillips, and Dora Smith.

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### For 42nd District Court Judge Kent Sutton

Pol. Adv. Pd. by Joe Hubbard, M.D., Treasurer, 1100 No. 19th, Suite B, Abilene, Texas 79602

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# Burkett News

By FREEDA BURKETT

(Last Week's News)

Today, Tuesday, is a dark dreary day following several days of showers and misty weather.

Delbert and Emma Boyle celebrated their 69th Wedding Anniversary last Friday at Snyder. Those present were their children, Bonnie and husband, Tommie Strickland of Snyder, Arthur and wife, Wanda Boyle of Emory, Emma's sister, Lucille Cross and brother and wife, Virgil and Freeda Burkett, all of Burkett, Jerry Boyle and daughter of Whitney, Kathy Pilham and baby, Jessica, Donna Garvin and Millisa and Daphne Blevins of Snyder.

Everyone had lunch at the home of Tommie and Bonnie and enjoyed a lot of visiting. At 2:30 p.m. they all went to the Snyder Nursing Home for the anniversary party, where Emma has been staying the past several months. However, she was at the Strickland home for the lunch and visit. A beautifully decorated cake and punch were served to the guests. It was a beautiful celebration for everyone.

More contributions to the Burkett Community Fund in memory of D.R. Gould are: Mr. and Mrs. Jack DeBusk, \$20; Joan Hood, \$25; Susan Andes, \$15; Mr. and Mrs. Ed McAnally, \$20; and Dub and Michiko Hood, \$25.

These gifts are appreciated by the Gould family and the Community Center Board, especially Lucille Cross, Secretary-Treasurer.

Visitors of Montie Jennings Saturday were Wilda Tomlinson and Jo Davee. Nita Thate visited one day last week. Montie has had a bout with the flu and still has a cold and not feeling up to par.

Cleo Porter is still home-bound and was unable to attend the anniversary celebration honoring her brother, Delbert and wife, Emma. We are sorry about that, but his other sister, Mary Jo O'Brian and daughter, Carolyn of Abilene, came to be with her Friday and Saturday.

Word was received that D.J. Turner will come home from the hospital Tuesday. We are so proud to hear that good news.

Mary and Carey Hightower of Cisco, Kathy Rush and twin daughters, Kari and Kaitlyn of Arlington, and Eddie Strickland and Daniel visited Jack and Lovera Strickland last Tuesday.

Paul Walker spent a few days last week with his parents, Doris and Andrew Walker.

(This Week's News)

Again we had a rainy weekend, but not so bad that those that wanted to couldn't get out and go so long as they stayed off the muddy country roads. So, our weather is not all that uncomfortable.

Lucille Cross has received the following contributions for the upkeep of the Burkett Community Center: Carl Bludworth, \$20; Roy Clark and Terry Bushnell, \$25; and Juanita Edmondson, \$15, all given in memory of Dalton Gould.

All these gifts are appreciated very much.

Latest donations to the Burkett-Adams Cemetery Association includes the following for the upkeep of the cemeteries: Fieldon and Ida Mae

Strickland in memory of Dalton Gould, \$10; Mrs. Bee Maples, \$25; Virgil and Freeda Burkett in memory of D.R. Gould, \$20; and one anonymous gift of \$10. Reported by Freeda Burkett, secretary-treasurer.

All these generous gifts are appreciated.

The Church of Christ enjoyed a very interesting service Sunday morning. Their regular teacher, Minister Matt Morrison of Abilene, was in charge of the Bible Study class and relinquished the preaching hour to their guest speaker, Evangelist Bob Hare of Breckenridge. Hare reported on his forty-two years of missionary work in the Eastern European countries. During this time he was among those arrested for smuggling Bibles, food, medication, etc. to the people where teaching God's word was against the law. Looking back he still knows it was worth any and all hardships, considering the conditions. Nowadays, they have freedom to worship, and Bibles, food, and other necessities can be mailed or handed to them freely. All the missionaries and their families deserve worlds of appreciation for their wonderful work.

Lovera Strickland visited Adrian Price of Coleman Saturday evening.

The home of Ken and Jan Baker was burned quite badly Wednesday of last week. No one was home, but neighbors saw fire coming from a storage room several feet from the house. They called the Fire Department at Cross Plains, Coleman, and Santa Anna when the fire was making its way fast to the southeast corner bedroom of their house. Several people helped as best they could with their waterhose until the firemen arrived. The wall, ceiling, and attic was burned badly. But thanks to Fire Departments and firemen, the rest of the house was saved, but all of it had lots of smoke damage.

Ken and Jan were in Coleman, where he is employed, and when they were called about the fire, it upset them badly. As they got in their pickup to come home, she didn't notice her door wasn't closed, so when Ken backed around it opened and Jan was thrown out. It hurt her hip and made a cut on her head. They came to their home, and as soon as they saw the fire was being contained, he and friends left quickly for Brownwood Regional Hospital. She received treatment and they let her go home at her request. She is improved and recovering okay.

Guests in the home of Lucille Gould were Fieldon and Ida Mae Strickland of Clyde, cousins of Lucille who visited Wednesday of last week. Russell Gould of Abilene visited his mother Friday and Saturday; her grandson, Jackie Dodgen of Stephenville, visited Friday and Saturday; and her granddaughter, Melinda Dodgen and friend, Tim Bledsoe of Coleman, visited a while Saturday evening. Lucille is blessed with a loving family and many friends.

Delbert Boyle has been ill the past few days with much pain. He called his daughter, Bonnie Strickland, and she came Sunday and took him home with her. No late news from him.

Cleo Porter is still homebound because of severe pain in her knee that was replaced by surgery several weeks ago.

Mary Dunlap is feeling better lately.

Dr. Connie Benfield of Austin spent the weekend with her parents, Roy and Lela Young, and brothers, Andrew and Royce, and attended church services with them Sunday. She also visited her grandmother, Cleo Porter.

Barney Brady of Brownwood spent the weekend with his son and wife, Mike and Linda Brady, and attended church services with them. Their son, Jackie Dodgen of Stephenville, a student at Tarleton State University, also spent the weekend with them.

They also had Mr. Bob Hare in their home for Sunday dinner and Lucille Gould was also their dinner guest.

Tom and Lydia Henson of Hamlin attended church services at the Church of Christ Sunday. She is a daughter of Mrs. Mary Nations, who is very ill at Hamlin. They went to Grosvenor to check on their home there and were returning that afternoon to the bedside of her mother.

Dan Byers celebrated his birthday Saturday, February 1, at home. Dan looks forward to his birthday every year. His brother and wife, Tom and Betty Byers of Ranger, and his sister and husband, Cody and Doc Robertson of Robert Lee, came to help him celebrate. He received birthday cards from many friends in the community.

Cody, Velma, and Dan visited their aunt, Winnie Melton. His sister, Esther of their home, was in on the celebration, too.

Everyone at church remembers Dan each year with cards, most, or all, containing a gift that makes Dan's heart overflow with joy. Sunday morning a few minutes were taken to sing "Happy Birthday" to him — something new to him and beautiful to his heart and ears.

Dan wants to use this means to say

# WTU Files Lawsuit In Travis County To Protect Rights To Property Taxes

ABILENE — West Texas Utilities Company today filed a lawsuit in Travis County to protect rights to property taxes it will pay to the state's new county education districts (CEDs). WTU said it will pay its \$9.8 million in taxes, including \$4 million to CEDs, by the Jan. 31 deadline.

"The lawsuit is not being filed to deny necessary funds to the school districts, but to protect the rights of the company and its customers if the tax is declared unconstitutional," said Larry Cheshier, area manager. "Property taxes are an expense that goes into the cost of the product or service for any business and eventually are paid by customers."

"Because payments made without filing this suit would be considered voluntary payments by the Texas courts we have been forced to file a protective suit to reduce the risk of paying double taxes. We realize that the schools need the funds. That's why we do not want to withhold the taxes pending a court decision," said Mr.

Cheshier, area manager. WTU joined a number of other Texas companies in the action.

Cases now are pending before the Texas Supreme Court, raising questions about the legality of the Texas school property tax law passed in 1991.

The new law groups school districts into county education districts (CEDs) in an attempt to ensure a more equitable distribution of school taxes. Property owners must pay 1991 school taxes to both the previously existing school districts and the new CEDs, with the majority of the taxes allocated among the CEDs.

The constitutionality of the new law has been widely questioned, and the Texas Supreme Court is expected to decide the issue of early February. If the court decides that the county education districts are unconstitu-

tional, tax payments already made to those districts may be considered "voluntary" and not subject to refund or credit. If the court rules that the tax is constitutional, Mr. Cheshier said WTU will drop its lawsuit.

WTU serves 178,000 customers in 52 counties throughout West Texas.

## Contributions To The Cross Cut Cemetery

February 1, 1992

In memory of Opal Byrd: Johnnie Stone of San Antonio, \$15; Eldon and Lavada Gregg, \$5.

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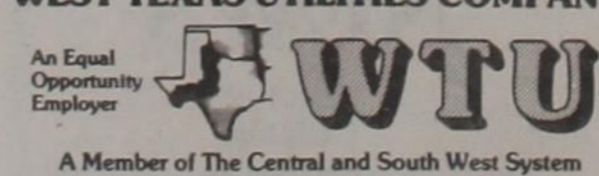
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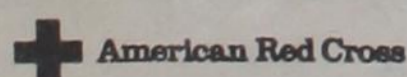
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