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THURSDAY, MAY 6, 1993

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NUMBER 6

Downtown Cleanup Set For May 15

By SUSAN McNEEL

In a continuing effort to keep Cross Plains attractive for our hometown as well as tourist, the Chamber of Commerce and Project Pride have scheduled a cleanup for Saturday, May 15, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. We will mainly concentrate on Main Street and East and West Highway 36, within the City Limits, starting on Main Street.

Those businesses interested or needing assistance should notify the Chamber at 725-7251. **WE WILL NOT CLEAN IF**

WE ARE NOT NOTIFIED.

In a special effort to help the Community, students from Cross Plains Schools will be assisting. Parents are urged to join these students. **THERE WILL BE SUPERVISION.**

Adults are asked to bring their mowers, weed eaters, rakes and hoes. Bags will be furnished. Meet under the awning from the Senior Citizens Center at 9 a.m.

Lunch will be served at 12 noon by the Chamber of Commerce, Project Pride, Kiwanis, and Garden Club for those who participate.

Special Band Concert Tonight

This will be your last chance to hear the accomplishments of this year's 3 bands at Cross Plains. The program is set to begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 6.

The 5th grade beginner band will perform first, followed by the 6th and 7th grade middle school band, and then the High School Buffalo Band will conclude

the program.

Also, during the program, the class favorites from K-12 will be presented and all of the high school personalities will be presented.

Be sure and take time to come see the latest band presentation of the year.

Jack's Place Assisting Senior League

Jack's Place recently donated \$25 to the Senior Baseball League, which consists of young men 16 to 18 years of age. They will also contribute .25 cents from each hamburger sold during the week of May 6 to May 13 to the Senior League.

Help the Senior League by having a hamburger at Jack's Place this week!

Get Your Sorority Cookbooks Now

The new Sorority Cookbook has just been printed and would make an excellent Mother's Day, birthday, or graduation gift.

Call Wanda Merryman 725-6476 or Jamie Apple 725-6296 for your copy. Proceeds from the project benefit many local programs.

Cross Plains Girls Softball Parent Meeting Set May 11

By TERESA KOENIG

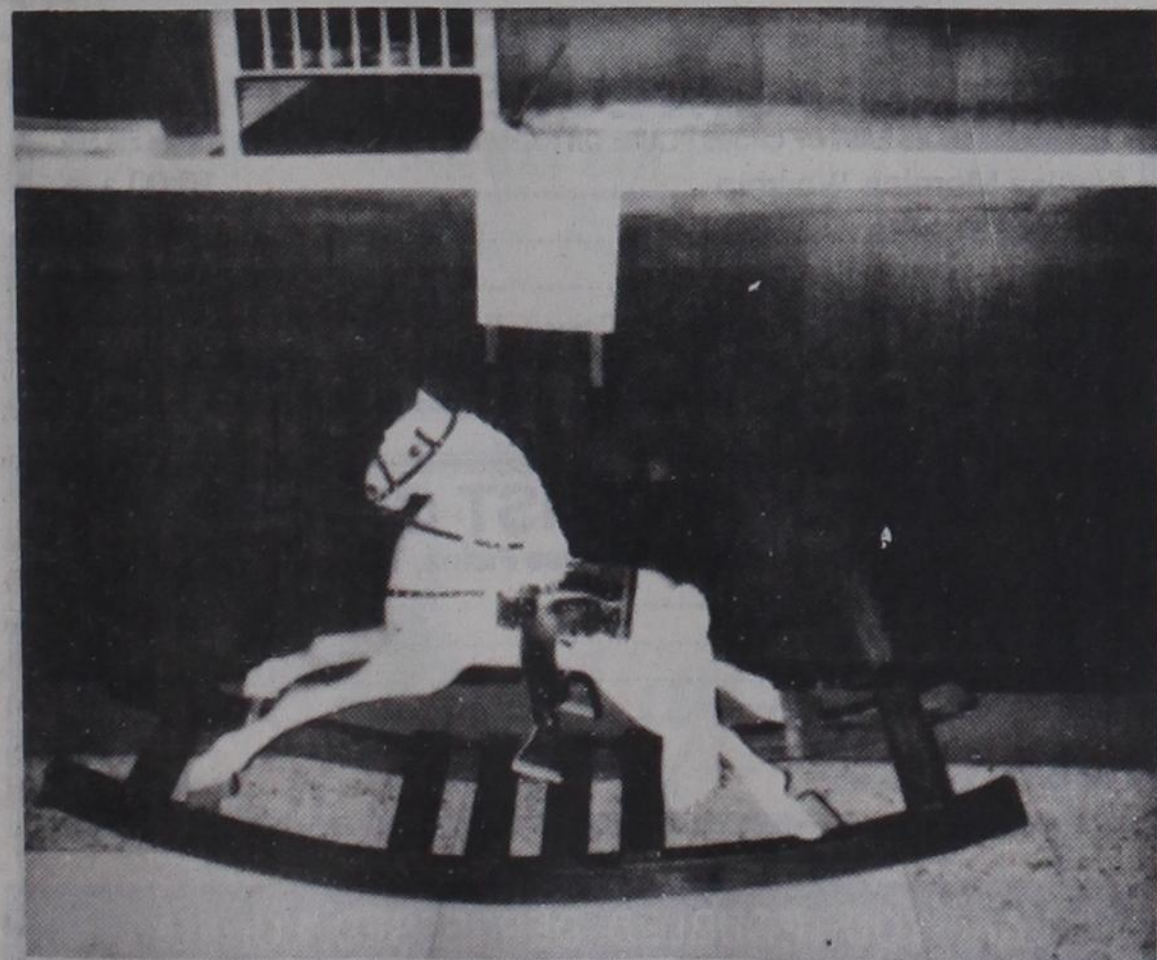
Due to the enormous participation in the girls softball, there is a great need to have a parent meeting to elect officers to help with the everyday business. The meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 11, in the Buffalo Room at the Dairy Queen.

There also is a need for help with concession stand. Anyone wishing to help

with brownies, Rice Krispies, or any kind of finger food, please call Myrna Mitchell 725-6141 or Teresa Koenig 725-7657.

The League has also purchased insurance for the girls at \$4 a girl, which has already been paid for out of the girls' fund and needs to be replaced as soon as possible.

It will take all of us working together to keep this program for our girls.



WIN A HANDMADE WOODEN ROCKING HORSE—It will be drawn for on June 10 to benefit Cross Plains Girls Softball. Tickets are on sale at Citizens State Bank and Village Market for 6 for \$5 or \$1 each. Wayne Tomlinson built the horse and donated it to the teams

for a fund-raiser. They appreciate everyone's support and are still really in need of financial assistance, as well as help with getting the organization built for the 1993-94 season, and assistance with building the new field at the City Park.

Brandi's Bake Sale Is Set For May 7

A Bake Sale is set for Friday, May 7, in front of Bryan's Variety on Main Street at 9 a.m. Proceeds will assist Brandi Adams in participating in the state "Our Little Miss" Pageant.

Another Bake Sale will be held Saturday, May 8, in front of Village Market at 9 a.m.

All items will be fresh. You can pick your favorite baked goods just in time for Mother's Day.

Additional Pony League Formed

An Additional Pony League Baseball team has been organized for 13 to 15-year-old boys. If anyone would like to sponsor this league or make cash contributions, it would be greatly appreciated. Due to the lack of funds, they appeal to the public for support.

Scott Childress, of Cottonwood, is the coach and he is in need of an assistant coach.

If you can help in any fashion, please contact Ila Gilliam at (817) 725-7277. The baseball programs at Cross Plains will provide excellent summer activities for the local youth.



CROSS PLAINS LADY BUFFS REGIONAL WINNING TRACK TEAM — Tamara Flippin (top row,

from left), Amy Welch, Tonya Stover, Mandi Sowell, Jodi Dallas, Amy Strength, Rhonda Swift; Misty Strick-

land (bottom row, from left), Connie Steele, Jenny Potter, and Angie Phillips.

Regional Champions State Bound; Lady Buffs Also Win Sportsmanship Award

By COACH BILL BOYD

If you were not at ACU's Elmer Gray

Stadium this past Friday and Saturday, you missed a part of Cross Plains history. After two very competitive days, the Cross Plains Lady Buffs walked away with the Regional II — Class A Championship and the Billie Martin Sportsmanship Award.

Let me try and put this championship in perspective. There are four regions in the State of Texas in Class A. Your track team is one of the four best in the state. If you compare this to football and basketball, it would be the equivalent of reaching the state semi-finals or the now famous Final Four!

Every coach in the state after they win a championship talks about how the team did it; how it was a team effort. This coach feels especially that way, because of all the different combinations on the relays that we used. The girls put their chance to run at Austin in front of their egos and came out on top!

Cross Plains was led by Junior, Tamara Flippin, who qualified for Austin in four events. Tamara won the Long Jump, Triple Jump, ran a leg on the winning 1600 Relay, and a leg on the second place 400 Relay. Tamara continues her great career after qualifying for Austin in the Triple Jump last year.

The 1600 Relay team also won their event. Jodi Dallas, Angie Phillips, Connie Steele, and Tamara Flippin held off Rock Springs and Valley View to advance on to Austin.

Special honors go to Jenny Potter who ran an outstanding leg in the preliminaries for Tamara, so she could be fresher for Saturday's finals.

The 400 Relay team lost for the first time this year, but finished second to a very strong Lindsay quartet. Tonya Stover, Dallas, Amy Welch, and Flippin will represent Cross Plains at Austin.

The 800 Relay team of Welch, Dallas, Misty Strickland, and Flippin finished third and will be an alternate for the state meet. Tonya ran on this relay in the preliminaries for Tamara and did an excellent job!

Three other individuals also will be alternates for the state meet because of their third place finishes at Regional.

Amy Welch finished third in the Triple Jump, Mandi Sowell had an excellent throw in the Shot Put for a third place finish, and Connie Steele ran a great race for third in the 1600. Angie Phillips rounded out the scoring with her best time of the year for a fourth place finish in the 3200.

Freshman Misty Strickland continued her impressive year by finishing 9th in the 100 Meter Dash. Misty has overcome numerous injuries to have a very successful year.

It is obvious I am proud of these girls' athletic achievements, but the Sportsmanship Award is probably even a greater honor. Principal Leonard Wood contacted Dr. Ron Rainwater about this award and he said that these girls "exhibited conduct that best represents a track athlete." You parents should be awfully proud of this award.

We hope to see you at Austin in two weeks. The following are the girls' times at ACU. If you see them, please congratulate them. I have worked them very hard. Special thanks to the fans and parents who have helped out all year. I appreciate it!

Regional II-A Track Meet At ACU

400 Relay — 2nd place, State Qualifier (new school record), 51.41 (p) 51.46 (f) Stover, Dallas, Welch, Flippin

800 Relay — 3rd place, State Alternate Stover — 29.05

Dallas — 27.09

Strickland — 27.57

Welch — 27.00

1:51.52 (p)

Welch — 27.95

Dallas — 26.72

Strickland — 28.59 (new school record)

Flippin — 25.76

1:49.02 (f)

1600 Relay — 1st place, Regional Champion

Dallas — 63.29

Phillips — 62.68 (new school record)

Potter — 67.39

Steele — 62.04

4:15.40 (p)

Dallas — 63.60

Phillips — 63.52 (new school record)

Steele — 64.05

Flippin — 62.13

4:13.30 (f)

3200 — Phillips, 4th, 2:47/3:13/3:35/3:27 — 13:01.20 (6:00)

1600 — Steele, 3rd, State Alternate, 76/89/90/84 — 5:38.96 (2:45)

Triple Jump — Flippin, 1st, Regional Champion, 35'6 1/4"; Welch, 3rd, State Alternate, 33' 11 1/4"

Shot Put — Sowell, 3rd, State Alternate, 38'1"

Long Jump — Flippin, 1st, Regional Champion, 17' 1 1/2"

100 Meter Dash — Misty Strickland, 13.21

Team Totals

Cross Plains: 90
Roscoe: 50
Lindsay: 43
Valley View: 42
Rock Springs: 36
Blackwell: 28
Alvard: 26
Jayton: 24

J. C. Hounshell Inducted Into The Texas Fiddlers' 'Hall Of Fame'

J.C. Hounshell was inducted into The Texas Fiddlers' "Hall of Fame" on Sunday, April 25, 1993, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Hallettsville, Texas.

J.C. was the youngest of six children born to Chris and Allie Byrd Hounshell of Grosvenor, Brown County, Texas. He comes from a musical family on his mother's side.

When J.C. was about ten years old, his mother traded an old crank type phonograph for a fiddle and bow for J.C.'s oldest brother. His brother would not dare let him play his fiddle but when he was away from the house, J.C. would slip

the fiddle out and experiment with it and learned to play before his brother knew anything about it.

He attended school in Grosvenor, graduating in 1948. He then moved to Abilene, Texas, where he went to business college and then worked for Lone Star Gas Company. He married his high school sweetheart, Mary Joyce Ritchie in 1950.

J.C. was probably about thirty years old before he heard Texas Style Fiddling and he heard Bryant Houston. He just about went nuts and made trips to play with

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT Bill Johnson, presiding

Misdemeanor Minutes

Bobby Don Jones, possession of marijuana, \$500 fine \$137 court costs, 90 days in jail probated for 6 months.
Tim James, reckless conduct, deferred judgment and 6 months probation, \$137 court costs, \$100 county contribution.
Russell Barnes, motion filed to revoke probation.
John Christopher Gonzalez, DWI, \$300 fine \$137 court costs, 30 days in jail.
Carl McBride, TPC (theft of property by check) \$10 fine \$105 court costs.
James Edgar, TPC, \$10 fine \$160 court costs.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Meredith Monette Pounds & Larry Christopher Johnson of Stephenville.
Bridget Lee Mason & Lawrence Edward Rhone of Baird.

NEW VEHICLES

David Worley, Cross Plains, Dodge PU.
Carla Draper, Abilene, Chev PU.
Susan King, Abilene, Chev PU.

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Marie & William Analla, Abilene, Ply 3 dr.

42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Civil Minutes

George R. August vs Star-Tex Energy, dismissed with prejudice.
Divorces granted:
Higgins, Paula Corn & Tommy Joe Sr. Miller, Lisa Carol & Darrell Wayne Snyder, Rose Marie & Kenneth Roy Wood, Billy J. & Marie L.

Felony Minutes

Kenny Dean Shurley, possession of marijuana dismissed due to being convicted in another case.
Arvin H. Thornton, forgery charge dismissed at request of complaining witness.

PERSONALS

Kathryn Young Marsh returned to her hometown, Cross Plains, last week to visit with family and friends. She always attends the high school homecoming, but enjoyed some additional days here.
She was impressed by the beauty of her hometown and what a lively place it is. She commented that the Howard House was an additional attraction to make the city unique.

Visiting recently with Suma Dill were Kathryn Marsh of Grand Rapids, Michigan, Opal Cannon of Sweetwater, Joe Howser's brother of New York; Marvin and Allie Dickson, Irma Floyd, Johnnie Bland, and Fred Dill, all of Cross Plains.

More Indians live in Peru than in any other country in the Western Hemisphere.

OBITUARY

Joe Fleming

Joe Fleming, 84, of Pioneer, died Friday, April 30, 1993, in a Brownwood hospital.

Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with the Revs. Michael Hale and John Swift officiating. Burial was in Pioneer Cemetery.

Mr. Fleming was born in Pioneer, where he grew up on the family farm.

He had been a farmer and was a member of the Presbyterian Church, the Masonic Lodge, and Eastern Star.

Survivors include his wife, Nell Mathews Fleming of Pioneer; a daughter, Jo Veda Watson of Lake Brownwood; three sons, Glen of Amarillo, Jim of Pioneer and Jerry of McLean; a sister, Kate Watson of Cross Plains; 13 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were grandsons, Jason Fleming, Alan Fleming, Jimmie Fleming, Joe Fleming, Brian Fleming, and nephews, Alton Watson, Billy Watson, and Sam Fleming.

Valeria Rouse

Edna Valeria Rouse, 82, died Wednesday, April 28, 1993, in a local nursing home.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church of Cross Plains with the Revs. Michael Hale and Dwaine Clower officiating. Jerry Lewis performed two musical selections. Burial was in Atwell Cemetery, directed by Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Mrs. Rouse was born in Callahan County. She was the widow of Marcus Rouse.

She had been a homemaker and was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include four daughters, Loreta Wynn of Lubbock, Elva Nell Dupriest of Rankin, and Doris Goble and Eddie Faye Dillard, both of Cross Plains; three brothers, Benji Pillans of Abilene, Leonard Pillans of Houston and John Coleman Pillans of Lubbock; six sisters, Ruby Moore of Abilene, Destene Morgan of Cross Plains, Roxie Fletcher of Dallas, Doxie McPherson of Baird, Nona Belote of Deming, New Mexico, and Glenna Kirkham of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; 12 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were James (Bim), Goble, Bobby Dan Havens, Gary Dupriest, Michael Dupriest, Randy Dillard, Doug Griffith, Mark Burkett, and Mitch Terral.

Alma Browning

SNYDER — Services for Alma Frances Browning, 94, were held at 9 a.m. Monday, May 3, at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Pat Githens officiating.

Burial was in Sweetwater Cemetery. She died Thursday, April 29, 1993, in a local nursing home.

Mrs. Browning was born in Cross Plains and was preceded in death by her husband, Jewel Clarence.

Survivors include three sons, Jimmie Browning of Snyder, W.L. "Dub" Browning of Cool, California, and Garland Browning of Eules; a daughter, Wilda Daffem of Cool; a brother, John Morgan "Boots" Harlow of Abilene; a sister, Flora Wright of Cross Plains; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Lola B. Patton

Lola B. Patton, 85, died Tuesday, April 27, 1993, in a local nursing home.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Susan Trammell officiating. Burial was held Friday morning in Tucumcari, New Mexico.

Mrs. Patton was born in Brown County. She was the widow of James E. Patton Jr., was a homemaker and a member of First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include a brother, J.C. Bowden of Cross Plains; and a nephew, Tom Adams of Big Spring.

Walter C. Preston

CLYDE — Walter Calvin Preston, 83, died Tuesday, April 27, 1993, at his residence.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Thursday at Bailey Funeral Home Chapel with Bill Eason officiating. Burial was in Tecumseh Cemetery.

Mr. Preston was born in Callahan County near Oplin and had been a lifelong resident. He was a rancher and a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Viola Preston of Oplin; a brother, George Preston of Abilene; a sister, Ruby Johnson of Oplin; four granddaughters, Debra Kelley of Tecumseh, Teresa Beard of Clyde, Karen Whitford of Colorado, and Debbie Carroll of Tennessee; and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Abilene, P.O. Box 1922, Abilene, TX 79604.

HOUNSHELL

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Bryant who lived in Cisco, Texas, making recordings of his fiddling.

Also, the Hazelwood's, Carl and Chris, moved to Abilene from New Mexico and were a good inspiration. Carl being a good fiddler and Chris, an excellent guitar picker. Along about this time he met Major Franklin and many, many others who were an inspiration to him.

The first time J.C. ever played in a contest was in Burnet, Texas, and he won second place. Dick Barrett was first, J.C. second, and Dale Morris, Sr., third. He has played in a lot of contests over the state and has judged a lot of contests.

He was a judge for ten straight years for the Texas State Championship contest in Hallettsville, Texas. Cliff Fryer told him he liked his judging as he was fair and impartial and Cliff, along with Frank Zaruba and Kenneth Henneke, were responsible for his being judge.

J.C. has always promoted Texas Old Time Fiddling and encouraged the young people to play, helping them all he could. Math Deatherage used to knock on the door almost every night, or just anytime he could learn a lick or two. It was always a thrill when Terry Morris and Rex Gillentine would come for a visit and

music would last till wee hours of the morning.

In 1974 J.C. and Joyce moved from Abilene to Lufkin, Texas. Their East Texas home is still the place for good company, good food, and good fiddling.

Project Pride Meets Tuesday

Project Pride will meet Tuesday, May 11, at 6 p.m. at the Howard House. Betty Lewis, president, urges members to attend and states that the public is always invited.

Colonial Oaks Services

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

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Children's Miracle Network 7th Annual Rock-A-Ton Set June 5

It's rocking time again for the Children's Miracle Network. Rockers will be coming around asking for your help. Remember, 100 percent of this stays at Hendrick Medical Center, the Meeks Children's Wing in Abilene.

This is the 7th Annual Rock-A-Ton, and as in years past the town of Cross Plains has been the number one fundraiser among Dairy Queens in the United States.

The harder we work to upgrade Meeks Children's Wing, the fewer miles necessary to drive for excellent health care for our children, and accidents can happen in a split second anytime of any day, any place.

If you have never rocked and would like to join in all the fun, contact Susan McNeel or Ophelia Merrill. Remember, all this is for the children.

The Rock-A-Ton is set for June 5 from 2 p.m. to 2 a.m. A schedule of events will be in next week's paper.

Driver's License Examiner Not Available Locally In May

The driver's license examiner will not be in Cross Plains on her regularly monthly schedule due to injuries she sustained in a fall. Her next scheduled time for Cross Plains will be June 3, 1993.

Anyone needing to renew their driver's license may do so in Brownwood or Abilene any weekday.

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McMurry Professor Speaks At Chisholm Trail Western Seminar

Dr. Lou Rodenberger, associate professor of English at McMurry University, was one of the participants in the 16th annual Chisholm Trail Western Seminar, a daylong program at Texas Christian University that explored the impact of "New History of the West" theories on the creative arts.

Rodenberger's talk was entitled "Women Writers and the Not-So-New View of the West."

Rodenberger compiled and edited the ground-breaking anthology, "Herwork," and is currently co-editing a history of

Texas women writers and writing a pamphlet on Jane Gilmore Rushing for the Boise (Idaho) State University Western Writers Series.

Rodenberger also spoke recently to Hardin-Simmons University's chapter of Sigma Tau Delta national English honor society's annual dinner. Her topic, "The Rest of the Story..." was about recovering the history of Texas women writers for her book, "A Literary History of Texas Women Writers" to be published in 1994.



TAMARA LYN LAWRENCE & MICHAEL DAVID RAUGHTON
...September 18 wedding planned in Abilene

Lawrence- Raughton Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Lawrence, 610 C.R. 505, announce the engagement of their daughter, Tamara Lyn, to Michael David Raughton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Danny Wallace, 3725 Janice, and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Raughton, 1318 Squires Road.

The bride-elect graduated from Eula

High School and attended Cisco Junior College. She is employed by Baack's Florist.

The prospective bridegroom graduated from Abilene High School and is employed by the City of Abilene. A Sept. 18 wedding is planned at the Grace Cultural Center.

Collins Golden Wedding Anniversary

Denver and Amy Collins were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary, Sunday afternoon, May 2, 1993 with a hamburger luncheon at the Callahan County Sheriff's Posse Club House in Baird.

The serving table was decorated with a 2-tiered wedding cake, adorned with a gold "50", wedding bells and roses.

Denver married Amy Jane Johnson on May 1, 1943 at Camp Joseph T. Robertson in Little Rock, Arkansas.

After separation from the service, they returned to Denver's hometown of Baird, where they operated a cattle Ranch for over forty years, before moving to Hamby upon retirement, two years ago.

Approximately forty friends and family joined them in the celebration,

hosted by their children, Mrs. Danny (Kathy) Nelson, Mrs. Terry (Nancy) Middlebrook, Laura Collins, Billy Collins, Joe Collins, David Collins and Jimmy Collins.

Coleman Musical Friday, May 14

A Musical will be held on Friday, May 14, at the V.F.W. Post located on Gray Street (by the brick plant) in Coleman. Musicians are welcome to participate. Concessions begin at 6 p.m. and the entertainment starts at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

There is no good in arguing with the inevitable. The only argument available with an east wind is to put on your overcoat.
—James Russell Lowell

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<p>Monday: 2 Chicken Fajitas, Refried Beans, Salad, Chips with Hot Sauce \$2.39</p>	<p>Thursday: Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, and Gravy \$2.19</p>	<p>"EVERY DAY SPECIALS" Chicken Fry Ala Carte.....\$2.19</p>
<p>Tuesday: Hamburgers..... .99 Cheeseburgers \$1.19</p>	<p>Friday: Mexican Food Special (2) Enchiladas (Beef) with Beans and Salad, Hot Sauce and Chips \$2.79 (3) Tacos \$2.19 (3) Chalupes (Bean and Cheese) \$2.79 (3) Chalupes (Guacamole) \$2.99</p>	<p>BREAKFAST SERVED 6 A.M. — 10 A.M. EGGS, MEAT, HASHBROWNS & TOAST \$1.99 HOT CAKES WITH MEAT \$1.79</p>

C.P. STUDENT REVIEW



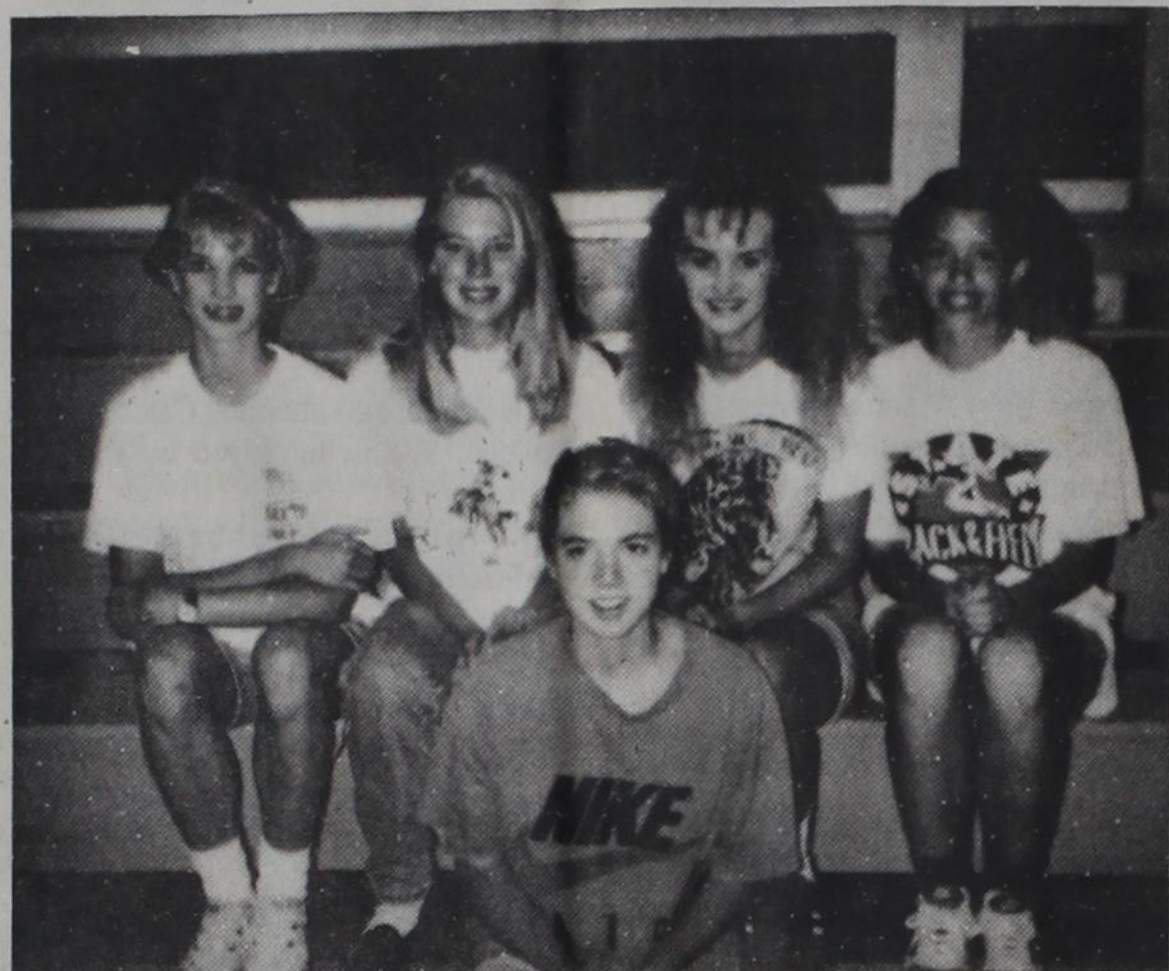
REGIONAL CHAMPION — Triple Jump and Long Jump. Tamara Flippin took 1st place in the



MILE RELAY REGIONAL CHAMPS — Angie Phillips (back, from left), Tamara Flippin, and Amy Welch; Jodi Dallas (front, from left), Connie Steele, and Jenny Potter.



1993-94 HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS — Jaonna Harris (from left), Shirley Box, Allison McGowen, Lori Dillard, Misty Strickland, and Hillary Giles.



800 RELAY (STATE ALTERNATE) — Tamara Flippin (back, from left), Amy Welch, Misty Strickland, Jodi Dallas; and Tonya Stover (front).



1993-94 MIDDLE SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS — Natasha Webb (from left), Jill Potter, Kimberly Ratliff, Jolena Fleming, Amanda Dillard, and Ashley Beggs.

UIL ATHLETIC STATE MEET TRACK & FIELD

Sessions & Running Events
Friday, May 14 - 1st Session: 6:15 p.m. - All AAAA running events and A and AAA 3200 Meter Run.

Saturday, May 15 - 2nd Session: 12 noon - All A and AAA running events (except 3200 Meter Run).

Saturday, May 15 - 3rd Session: 5:45 p.m. - All AA and AAAA running events.

Field Events - Friday, May 14

- 8 am Boys 4A Long Jump-S
- 9 am Boys 1A and 4A Pole Vault
- 10am Girls 4A Long Jump -S
- 11am Girls 1A Discus
- Noon Girls 4A Discus
- Boys 3A Long Jump-S
- Boys 2A and 3A Pole Vault
- Boys 4A High Jump
- Boys 1A Discus
- 2 pm Boys 4A Triple Jump -S
- Boys 3A High Jump
- Boys 3A Discus
- 4 pm Girls 4A Triple Jump -S
- Girls 1A Long Jump - NW
- Boys 4A Discus
- 5 pm Girls 4A High Jump
- Girls 3A Triple Jump -S
- Girls 2A Long Jump - NW
- Boys 1A Long Jump-S
- Girls 4A Shot Put
- Girls 3A High Jump
- Boys AAA Triple Jump -S
- Girls 1A Triple Jump-S
- Boys 4A Shot Put

Field Events - Sat., May 15

- 8 am Boys 2A Long Jump - NW
- 8:30 Boys 5A Pole Vault -E
- 9 am Girls 1A High Jump, Shot Put
- Girls 3A Long Jump - NW
- Boys 2A Discus
- 10am Boys 5A Long Jump -S
- Girls 2A Discus, Triple Jump-S
- Girls 3A Shot Put
- Girls 5A Long Jump -NW
- Boys 1A High Jump
- 11am Girls 5A Discus
- Noon Boys 1A Shot Put, Triple Jump
- Boys 2A High Jump
- Boys 5A Discus
- 1 pm Girls 3A Shot Put
- Girls 2A High Jump
- Boys 5A Triple Jump-S
- Girls 5A Triple Jump-S
- Boys 5A High Jump
- Girls 2A Shot Put
- Boys 2A Triple Jump-S
- Girls 5A Shot Put, High Jump
- Boys 2A Shot Put
- 6 pm, Boys 2A Shot Put
- 7 pm, Boys 5A Shot Put

STATE QUALIFIERS AND ALTERNATES — Tonya Stover (top, from left), Jodi Dallas, Amy Welch, and Tamara Flippin are members of the 400 Relay which won 2nd at Regional and qualified for State; Misty Strickland (800 Relay) (bottom, from left), Connie Steele (Mile), and Amanda Sowell (Shot Put), all three placed 3rd in their event and are State Alternates.

School Board Met Monday, May 3

The Board of Trustees for Cross Plains I.S.D. met on Monday, May 3, in a called amended meeting at the high school. The agenda focused on the elementary school renovation, and architect, Mike King, was present.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

- Thursday, May 6**
Band Concert 7:30 in auditorium.
FHA Fashion Show in homeroom.
- Friday, May 7**
Elementary Field Day
FFA Banquet, Cafeteria, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, May 8**
Junior-Senior Banquet
- Monday, May 10**
National Honor Society Induction, high school library, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 11**
Athletic Banquet
- Wednesday, May 12**
National Honor Society dinner out
PAL Training
- Thursday, May 13**
OAP picnic after school
- Friday, May 14**
State Track Meet at Austin
- Saturday, May 15**
State Track Meet at Austin

Regional Tennis Results Told

By COACH MAC McCONAL

Cross Plains tennis players were at the Regional Tournament in Abilene Wednesday and Thursday, April 28 and 29. Out of the original 12 member team, 5 survived District and represented Cross Plains. There are five very hardworking, competitive people who through the year

have made many friends, not only among the tennis players, but coaches and family members of other schools.

Team members at Regional were:

Girls Singles: Shana Bagley
Girls Doubles: Tamara Hutton and Robbie Hutton

Boys Doubles: Brad Morgan and Rodney Rudloff

All team members won their 1st round matches. The 2nd round was even tougher and some did not win, but represented Cross Plains in a very positive way, not only in the way they played, but their excellent behavior both on and off the court.

Results were:
Shana Bagley beat Windthorst (6-4) (7-6) and lost to Paint Rock 2nd round (7-6) (0-6) (1-6). Shana was seeded 3rd overall in the tournament.

Robbie Hutton and Tamara Hutton beat Brock (6-1) (6-1); beat Windthorst #2 (6-3) (6-0); lost to Santa Anna (2-6) (3-6) and lost to Windthorst #1 (2-6) (0-6). Robbie and Tamara were seeded 4th and finished 4th overall.

Brad Morgan and Rodney Rudloff beat Hico (6-1) (6-0) and lost to Chillicothe (6-3) (3-6) (5-7).

This includes a very successful tennis season. The team won overall team championship at Brownwood and team championship at District. We had set goals to get out of District to Regional and this was accomplished.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

May 10 — 14
(Subject to Change)

BREAKFAST

- MONDAY** — Oatmeal, toast, grape juice, milk.
- TUESDAY** — Choice of ready to eat cereal, toast, grape juice, milk.
- WEDNESDAY** — Bacon, egg, biscuit, jelly, grape juice, milk.
- THURSDAY** — Pancake, sausage, orange juice, milk.
- FRIDAY** — Cinnamon toast, grape juice, milk.

LUNCH

- MONDAY** — Chicken nuggets w/ ketchup, French fries, diced peaches, rolls, milk.
- TUESDAY** — Spaghetti w/meat sauce, salad, fruit, garlic bread, milk.
- WEDNESDAY** — Tacos, corn, salad, Jello w/fruit, milk.
- THURSDAY** — Smothered steak, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, dessert, milk.
- FRIDAY** — Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, French fries, peanut butter cup, milk.

New Cheerleaders Selected Recently

By CA

It was tense, yet exciting for each of the approximately 26 girls that tried out for cheerleader for both Cross Plains Middle School and High School. The tryouts for both groups were held on Thursday, April 29. Each group of students showed what they had been practicing for almost two weeks in front of both their peers and separately in front of two outside judges. Student voted counted 50 percent and judges vote, 50 percent.

At the middle school level, 14 girls tried out, and 6 were selected. Those who will

be representing C.P. Middle School for 1993-94 are Ashley Beggs, Amanda Dillard, Jolena Fleming (all 7th grade), Jill Potter, Kimberly Ratliff, and Natasha Webb (8th graders).

At the high school level, 12 students tried out with the following selected to lead the high school spirit: Hillary Giles (10th grade), Lori Dillard (12th grade), Allison McGowen, (11th grade), Misty Strickland (10th grade), Jaonna Harris (9th grade), and Shirley Box (12th grade).

Congratulations to each girl!



QUILT WITH A SPECIAL PURPOSE — Pictured is Kathy Purvis' 4th grade class proudly displaying their quilt.

A Quilt From The Heart

By CA

Beginning a little bit after Easter, Cross Plains 4th grade teacher, Kathy Purvis, and her class started on a project about which they were very excited; as a class, they wanted to make a quilt. A quilt with a very special purpose.

The class originally got the idea for making a quilt from *Scholastic Maga-*

zine as a fund-raising activity; but they chose to do the project as a donation to the Children's Hospital in Fort Worth, designated for a young AIDS patient.

The class voted on their design of butterflies from a selection of 4. Each student was given a 12" X 12" square with a butterfly pattern and they had the freedom to "color" the pattern as they chose. With all of the squares completed, Mrs.

Purvis' mother, Mrs. Jimmielee Payne (who is also making a quilt for the same purpose) sewed the squares together and attached a border. She will complete the quilt this summer and the project will be complete and ready (to go with other quilts made by the Methodist women) to be picked up by "ABC Quilts" out of Fort Worth.

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C.P. STUDENT REVIEW



TAKING A LOOK — Earl Meroney, a senior at C.P.H.S., experiments with Mr. Bureson's surveying equipment.



LEARNING NEW SKILLS — Walker, John Bureson (guest speaker); Robert Lee (back, from left); Dustin Hinyard, Tim Yates, Geno Fortune, Billy Brown.

Ag Class Featured Guests

The General Agricultural Mechanics class at Cross Plains High School had a special guest speaker. Mr. John Bureson, a resident of Cross Plains and a certified surveyor, spoke to a group of 12 young men. He also brought along one of his helpers, Mr. Dennis Hinkle. Mr. Bureson and Mr. Hinkle presented to the class facts about jobs they have done, as well as some they are going to do.

Mr. Bureson showed the class high-tech equipment that he uses on job sites and the group took part in learning how to set up and use some of it. Mr. Bureson

discussed possible jobs for young people who enjoy being outdoors and "walking a lot," as Mr. Hinkle put it.

The class is learning some basic skills in surveying, pacing, and use of a transit and tripod. They must also keep notes in a field book pertaining to whatever site they are surveying at the time. The experience they are gaining can be valuable around their own homes, farms, and ranches.

The class appreciates Mr. Bureson and Mr. Hinkle taking time out from their busy schedule to teach others about their job.

Art Field Trip

The high school art classes from Cross Plains went on their annual field trip to Fort Worth. The group left school about 7 a.m. and returned home 12 hours later.

While in Fort Worth, they went first to the Botanic Gardens and Japanese Gardens where the roses and irises were in full bloom. Then on to the Kimball Art Museum, which had artworks on display from prehistoric Greek to works from the early 1900s.

After taking a lunch break, the next stop was the Science Museum and the Omni

Theater which was showing "Rainforest."

The next museum was the Museum of Modern Art which had a variety of works from early 1900s to contemporary, including some of Andy Warhol's works.

The last museum was the Amon Carter, which had a large display of works by George Bellows, in addition to their standard display of American Western artists.

The trip was the culmination of several weeks of study in Art History.

School Board Had Called Meeting May 3

The board of trustees for the Cross Plains I.S.D. met in a called meeting on Monday, May 3, at the high school to address the following agenda:

1. Interview basketball
2. Discuss elementary playground.

Final Pee Wee Basketball Meeting May 4

There will be a final Pee Wee Basketball Meeting at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4, at the Dairy Queen.

Seventh Grade History Trip

By CA

For the third year in a row, the Cross Plains Sorority, Beta Sigma Phi, sponsored a field trip for the 7th grade Texas History classes. Mitchell Atchley, 7th grade history teacher, along with Dora Smith and several members of the sorority, left at 7 a.m. on 2 buses headed for Austin.

The group of approximately 34 students had several different spots to visit during the day, beginning with a stop at the governor's mansion where they were given a guided tour.

After a lunch break, they next had a tour of the capitol building. After this year, it will be 1995 before the capitol will be open for tours again due to the extensive remodeling and construction that is already underway.

The last spot on the trip was at the museum at the University of Texas where they were able to see a variety of Texas historical materials.



By Dr. Russell Drexler

When Your Eyes Turn Forty

While most of us looked forward to the thought of being twenty-one, the idea of staring forty in the face has just about the opposite effect. Ideally, forty is a time of reflection. Realistically, it seems to be a time when everything starts to fall apart physically. Our eyes are no exception.

The first to go is "perception." Once that fortieth candle appears on our birthday cake, we begin to suspect that our local newspaper, magazine publishers, and phone directories are deliberately skipping on the size of their print. Next, we blame Mother Nature for not providing us with longer arms. Finally, we bow our heads in humble admission. We have arrived at the big "Four Oh".

Actually, this is the time when the lens in the eye begins to harden. This hardening prevents it from changing shape, i.e. the ability to focus. As this lens hardens, more of the focusing ability is lost resulting in the need for a reading lens. Those who also have correction for distance vision find the need for a second lens (bifocal) to help with near vision.

Now that the inevitable has happened there are several options. One is the "no line" bifocal. Also known as progressive lenses. These are great for those who prefer to keep others guessing as to the actual number of birthdays accumulated. Also available are the standard and executive bifocal.

For those with a bolder outlook, there are contact lenses. While bifocal contact lenses are far from perfected, we are having great success with one contact for near vision and one for far vision.

Contact your optometrist for more information about your visual choices after 40.

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Wildlife Ecology Camp

The Texas Chapter of the Wildlife Society will be conducting a Wildlife Ecology Camp for high school Sophomores and Juniors at the Wilder Wildlife Foundation in Sinton, Texas. The purpose of the camp is to introduce students to the fields of wildlife ecology, conservation, and management. The one week course is designed to include some classroom instruction but will focus on outdoor field work and hands on participation. Students must be nominated by a

An Aid To Locating Vital Records

Vital records are just that...vital. We need access to them.

In this age of bureaucratic documentation, everyone has need of copies of records of birth, death, marriage or divorce. An application for benefits from the Veterans Administration or Social Security, a passport or marriage license requires not only the information in the records but usually copies of the records themselves.

All these records are stored permanently by municipalities, counties, states and the Federal government. We all know this, but where each document is kept is frequently unknown.

The Consumer Education Research Center, a national non-profit consumer group, found there was little uniformity on where the records were available and the costs. In some states, birth records are kept by the city and in others by the county or state. To further complicate matters, often older records are held in different places than current ones. In addition, the addresses where the records are kept are changed quite often.

The consumer group found many people had difficulty in locating the records they needed. Often, it was necessary to make expensive long distance calls just to find out where to write, what information was required and how much money to send. For that reason CERC has been publishing a book entitled WHERE TO WRITE FOR VITAL RECORDS which contains a state-by-state listing of the addresses and telephone numbers of the archive where each record can be found, the cost of a copy of the document and sample form letters containing all the information needed to get these and other vital documents.

CERC has just released an updated edition. For those needing information from foreign countries, the book contains a list of government offices where you can get help in locating vital records kept in almost every country. Even U.S. citizens born overseas, on a ship or aircraft can locate the place where their records are kept.

The organization found that many people have used previous editions to locate their family trees or roots. For those, the book includes information of the Family History Library of the Mormon Church. This library contains over 200,000 volumes of family history records and a list of almost a quarter-million people who are willing to share information to help you find your family roots.

To get a copy of this useful book, send \$6.50 to Consumer Center-Documents, 350 Scotland Rd., Orange, N.J. 07050 or call 800-872-0121 with credit card.

Robert L. Berko, executive director of CERC says that originally the book was published to satisfy the needs of persons applying for various benefits but many others have found it useful. He has received letters from libraries, coroners, law enforcement, social agencies, credit grantors, collection agencies, stock ownership tracers, lawyers, persons searching for missing heirs and even those interested in searching their family roots. All these and others have found use for a book that helps them locate and prove the status of individuals.

Many times documents can be used to prove things other than what they record. For instance, one woman wrote to the group telling them that a birth certificate for her child proved her residence at that time in the United States and helped her become eligible for legal residence and citizenship.

Consumer Education Research Center is a national non-profit consumer group formed in 1969.

Billions Available For Home Repair Grants And Subsidized Loans

Most homeowners are unaware that regardless of their income there are Federal, state and local programs that will help them repair and remodel their homes.

Government at all levels recognizes that neighborhoods are the basis of life in our country. When a neighborhood deteriorates, many things happen, both physically and socially. Homes that are shabby seem to make a neighborhood more attractive to crime and criminals. An area in decline is like a spreading cancer. As homes become rundown and in need of maintenance, the residents lose their desire to keep up the neighborhood. Streets become receptacles for trash, schools lower their standards and very quickly the selling price of homes in the area drops sharply. This accelerates the cycle of degeneration.

In order to keep and maintain the nation's housing and neighborhoods, government at all levels have programs to give homeowners money (that does not have to be repaid) for repairs or to lend them money at below market levels or at no interest. In many area utility companies will do energy conservation work free or at low cost and in other places will lend homeowners money at no interest to pay the contractor of their choice for the necessary work. In addition there are tax incentives to promote efficient energy use.

These programs are not restricted to low-income people, slum areas or urban neighborhoods. Owners of single or multi-family dwellings are eligible for some programs regardless of income. Most of the loans offer long terms and low payments.

Some of the other home improvements covered under these programs are: attic and wall insulation, new windows, outdoor wall siding, security doors and locks, window guards, sidewalks and masonry work, bathrooms and kitchens, electrical and plumbing work, new roofs, gutters or downspouts.

Consumer Education Research Center, a national non-profit consumer group, has just published CONSUMERS GUIDE TO HOME REPAIR GRANTS AND SUBSIDIZED LOANS, a 208-page book which lists over 8,500 sources of loan and grant programs offered by all levels of government, utility companies and others, typical programs offered and eligibility requirements. Form letters for inquiries to these loan and grant sources are included as well as detailed instructions on determining your debt-to-income ratio for eligibility. The book can be obtained for \$10.95 plus \$3 shipping and handling from CERC GRANTS, 350 Scotland Road, Orange, NJ 07050 or by calling 1-800-USA-0121 for credit card order.

Robert L. Berko of CERC, tells us, "Some of these programs have no income ceiling and others allow income of as much as \$100,000 per year. There are even programs for which tenants are eligible and many allow loans or give grants to poor credit risks. One of the authors of this book received a \$5,000 N.J. grant plus a \$4,000 interest free loan from his utility company. In many areas, people with disabilities can receive grants to pay for needed repairs such as access ramps and widening of doorways."

Since it is important that the work be done properly, the book describes in detail how to pick a reputable contractor, negotiate a contract and insure that work is done properly and for a fair price.

Consumer Education Research Center, (CERC) is a National Non-Profit Organization.

Football Camp At HSU

Pierce Holt, All-Pro San Francisco 49er (now with the Atlanta Falcons), will be in Abilene during the Bigger, Faster, Stronger Camp at Hardin-Simmons University Campus June 24th, 25th, and 26th. The camp is open to 12-year-olds and up. Camp clinician will be the NBA's Utah Jazz Strength and Flexibility coach.

The camp will cover all phases of weight training, flexibility, agility, speed and plyometric training, a 40-point nutritional system, goal setting, motivational and inspirational stories. The camp will also cover a readiness program for younger athletes and an advanced program for older athletes.

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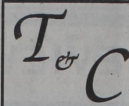
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HIGHLIGHTS

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AUSTIN — A conference committee of five House members and five senators started last week trying to bridge a \$2.2 billion gap between their chambers' proposed budgets for the 1994-95 biennium.

The House has proposed a \$67.4 billion budget, while the Senate has proposed a \$69.6 billion budget for the two-year period that begins Sept. 1.

The biggest difference is social services: The House would cut funding for Aid to Families with Dependent Children, battered women's shelters and other programs.

Sen. John Montford, D-Lubbock, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and co-chairman of the conference committee, predicted it would take two to three weeks to reach a compromise budget.

Veto Vow Kills Gun Bill

In the wake of a promise by Gov. Ann Richards to veto the concealed handgun bill, the Senate decided not to consider the measure.

After the Senate met in a 30-minute, private caucus, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock said, "I asked senators as a personal favor to me not to take up the handgun bill for the simple reason that the governor is going to veto it."

As passed in the House, the bill would only become law if it won the majority of Texans' votes in a November referendum, but some elected officials said the referendum vote would have been unconstitutional.

"Our major issue here in Austin is schools. It is the state budget. Considering this bill would be a waste of our time," Bullock said.

Income Tax Ban OK'd

A proposal to ban a personal income tax in Texas unless it were endorsed by voters was approved last week by the Senate, with the only dissent coming from a Republican who consistently opposed higher taxes. The vote was 28-1.

Approval in the House, where it is expected to have strong support, would put the proposal on the Nov. 2 constitutional amendment ballot.

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, who failed to generate much support for an income tax two years ago, said it was "high time" Texans had the opportunity to decide how they are taxed and how those taxes are used.

Sen. John Leedom, R-Dallas, the only senator to vote against the proposal, warned that Bullock's plan would "open the gate for a personal income tax" by dangling the prospect of property tax relief before the voters.

Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, abstained from voting on the Bullock proposal. She said she didn't want to vote against the income tax restriction but opposed it because it "potentially sets up a scenario in which an income tax can be sold, not banned." Sen. Peggy Rosson, D-El Paso, was absent.

Laney Eyes Second Term

With about five weeks left in his first legislative session as presiding officer of the Texas House, Speaker Pete Laney, D-Hale Center, appears to have a second term cinched.

Speaker pro tem Tom Uher, D-Bay City, says he has collected "80 or 90 signatures" on pledge cards to re-elect Laney in 1995. To win the speakership, a House member needs 76 votes in the 150-member chamber.

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Laney, who was elected in January on a reform platform, discouraged the effort to collect pledge cards on his behalf.

But Uher said he only began collecting the cards "after members were coming up saying, 'Where can I sign a pledge card for Pete?'"

Insurance Reform

The House has approved a health insurance reform bill that supporters say will make insurance more affordable and accessible to small businesses.

"People in this state will never lose their insurance again when they're sick," said Rep. Mike Martin, D-Galveston, after his bill won a 126-13 vote of approval.

If approved by the Senate, small businesses — those with three to 50 employees — would be able to choose from five types of health plans, with varying levels of benefits and costs.

Employers would also be able to form purchasing cooperatives or join a state cooperative to negotiate for lower rates.

Other provisions would:

■ Prevent insurers from cancelling policies except in cases of non-payment or failure to honor contracts.

■ Require health care providers to use standard forms in order to hold down administrative costs.

Ambulance-Chasers

During its first month of operation, a toll-free hot line to report "ambulance-chasing" lawyers has given investigators from the State Bar of Texas more than 50 leads.

At least 175 people have called the hot line since it was installed March 19, said Jim McCormack, the bar's general counsel. The hot line, (800) 633-6630, is part of the agency's campaign to fight ambulance chasing, also known as improper solicitation or barratry.

Insurance Rates Frozen

Texas insurance regulators voted to freeze the benchmark property insurance rate at the current level.

But the State Board of Insurance said insurers can charge from 30 percent above the benchmark to 30 percent below. Currently, they can charge as much as 25 percent above the benchmark. Insurance companies had sought an 8.5 percent increase in the benchmark rate.

"Bullet Train" Opponents

More than 500 rural residents packed the House chamber last week to show their opposition to what they fear will be a "land grab" by the Texas TGV Corp., builder of the proposed "bullet train."

Most showed their support for legislation that would eliminate the High-Speed Rail Authority, which oversees the train project, or that would take away the authority's right of eminent domain.

Rep. Dan Kubiak, D-Rockdale, is carrying five bills to curb the authority's power. The bills are still pending before the House Transportation Committee.

"What we object to is the notion that we have to have a new rail through prime farm land," said Kubiak.

Meanwhile, the Senate voted last week to turn the authority over to a new board and ordered it to use existing right of way "to the greatest extent practicable," rather than its condemnation powers, to acquire the necessary land.

Parole Board Reviews

The Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles is reviewing about 20,000 prison inmates for possible parole to ease prison crowding, Chairman Jack Kyle said.

The number of cases under review for the next six weeks is about double the panel's normal caseload.

Prison officials hope to reduce the number of state prisoners in county jails so the state can avoid paying millions of dollars a week in fines for jail overcrowding.

AG Probes Jury Bias

Attorney General Dan Morales is investigating whether a jury may have been stacked illegally to favor a former Bee County commissioner accused of violating the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Assistant Atty. Gen. Dewey Helmeck said that "unusually large numbers" of potential jurors were excused from service just as the trial of former Commissioner Grady Hogue was set to begin.

Also, at least five juror summonses were not mailed out, Helmeck said.

Hogue is charged with official misconduct for allegedly meeting with other county officials to dis-

cuss county business in closed meetings.

Other Highlights

■ The law prohibiting Texas Lottery ticket sellers and their families from making campaign contributions to the state comptroller and treasurer is unconstitutional, District Judge Fernando Mancias of Edinburg has ruled.

■ The salaries of higher education administrators at Texas' public colleges and universities averaged \$109,440, according to a Texas Faculty Association study. The top paid chancellor in 1992-93 is the University of Texas System's William Cunningham, at \$234,023.

■ Texas Department of Health commissioner David Smith is advocating a \$1-a-pack cigarette tax to pay for statewide immunization of all children and provide basic health care for pregnant women.

■ Maco Stewart, an independent candidate in the May 1 special election for U.S. Senate, has withdrawn from the race. "I have not been able to liquidate my substantial land holdings in time to buy television commercials," he said.

■ The Tigua Indians have filed suit against the state seeking to force Gov. Richards to negotiate a gambling compact that would allow the tribe to open Texas' first casino. The suit, filed in federal court in Pecos, alleges the governor violated the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act when she failed to negotiate on the compact.

GOP Dissidents Group

Republicans unhappy with the party's direction have formed an organization called Take It Back! and opened an office in downtown Austin.

George Dutton of Arlington, the group's chairman, said "religious

SBA 504 Program Creates More Than 314,000 Jobs

Abilene, Texas, March 8, 1993 -- Thanks to loans made by the Big Country Development Corporation, an independent arm of the West Central Texas Council of Governments, the dollar volume of the Small Business Administration's 504 program -- small business's "window to Wall Street" -- recently exceeded \$2 billion in private funding through the bond market. The program also has leveraged more than \$2.5 billion in first mortgage loans from commercial banks.

"SBA 504 is the way small businesses get Fortune 500 interest rates," said Scott Davis, president of the Nation Association of Development Companies which includes the Big Country Development Corporation. "Because of the participation of the New York bond market, businesses with net worth of less than \$6 million get interest rates and terms that banks don't tend to offer to small firms. Also, participating in 504 gives banks incentive to make medium- to long-term commercial loans."

Rona Scott, representative of the Big Country Development Corporation states, "The 504 program has helped more than 10 businesses in the West Texas region expand and create approximately 500 new jobs -- jobs which are vital to our region during these difficult economic times. As small businesses are recognized as the major creator of jobs and a major stimulus to the economy, we expect to help even more businesses grow with 504 loans."

The Big Country Development Corporation makes SBA 504 loans according to a formula involving long-term fixed rate financing that is guaranteed by SBA, a first lien loan from a bank or other private commercial lender, and at least 10 percent capital contribution from the borrower. This loan-to-cost ratio of up to 90 percent and the low, fixed interest rate make 504 loans attractive for small business owners who want to expand but need to conserve cash for expenses.

The SBA-guaranteed portion of a 504 loan--up to 40 percent of the total loan amount--is funded through the sale of debentures on the private market. As of the February funding, \$2,025,634,000 in 504 debentures have been sold. The February debentures were sold at an interest rate of 7.00%, which make the rate to borrowers for a 20-year loan less than 8 percent.

More information about SBA 504 loans and other small business assistance programs is available by contacting Rona Scott at the Big Country Development Corporation, 1025 E.N. 10th, Abilene (915) 672-8544.

extremists have hijacked the Republican Party in order to promote their own narrow social and theological agenda," such as banning abortions and opposing gay rights.

Carole Gates of Converse is the group's secretary and Katie Seewald of Amarillo is the treasurer.

Drug Dealers to Pay

A Senate committee has approved legislation that would make drug dealers pay for the lives they wreck.

The bill, by Sen. Buster Brown, R-Lake Jackson, would make drug peddlers liable for civil damages caused by the illegal substances they sell. Consider it a "sue-your-local-drug-dealer measure," sponsors say.

"Drug dealers often have a lot of expensive jewelry, big cars and airplanes that could be attached for a civil suit judgment," said Brown.

Other Highlights

■ The House has given preliminary approval of a bill by Rep. Glen Maxey, D-Austin, which would allow counties to abolish the elective office of public weigher by a local option election.

Callahan County Homemakers Canning Workshop May 18

Homemakers in Callahan County who are interested in Home Canning are invited to attend a workshop to be held Tuesday, May 18, in the First Presbyterian Church in Coleman. The church is located at 400 West College Avenue in Coleman. Starting time for the program is 10:00 a.m.

Lori Rondenet representing the Ball Corporation and Carol Katzer, Extension Home Economist, Coleman County will present information related to Home Canning.

Everyone is invited to attend.

IRS SAYS

DALLAS—According to Gary O. Booth, IRS District Director for Dallas District, "If you haven't filed past years' tax returns, the best gift you can give yourself is an appointment at the Abilene office this Thursday May 6, 1993. The Abilene IRS office (341 Pine Street, Room 2113) will be staffed between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to help taxpayers get right with their government."

This is an ongoing effort sponsored by the IRS to help taxpayers who have failed to file past years' returns. Booth commented, "What struck me about those who have come in for help is the sense of tremendous relief they expressed."

"One young couple hadn't filed for three years and that fact alone had been a source of considerable anxiety in their marriage. When they saw that they owed taxes for 1988, they weren't very convinced that they were doing what was best for them. Yet, as their assistor worked through tax years 1989, 1990, and 1991, refunds wiped out that first year's liability, and they even wound up with a small refund."

"A trucker stopped filing in 1989, the year his wife had to have emergency surgery. Filing his tax return was not his first priority. While his wife recovered and he got his affairs in better order, he was afraid to file subsequent tax returns because he thought for sure he'd be going to jail. We helped him, too. He worked out an installment plan to pay off what he owes, and he's still trucking."

Booth says that taxpayers who owe IRS returns owe it to themselves to get back into the system. "For many, it is fear that creates a barrier. We see our job as making it as easy as possible for taxpayers to comply. Many may have paid in withholding or estimated tax payments which are held in credit to their accounts. And if they owe us, we can work out payment arrangements to bring them square with us."

"This time of year puts us all in the frame of mind for a fresh start. I want to assure taxpayers that we sincerely want to help. Our experience has shown that most people want to file overdue returns and settle their affairs with the government," Booth continued, "and from our own vantage point, if we can help people back into the system on their own, we will not have to focus on more costly enforcement efforts later."

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Lake Brownwood State Park Host Bird Walks

BROWNWOOD — On Saturday, May 8, holders of the Texas Conservation Passport can help take a bird inventory at Lake Brownwood State Park in preparation for their summer TCP Birdwalks, planned for June 12 and July 10, 1993.

Participants will observe and record the beautiful birds of Lake Brownwood in order to compile sufficient data to develop a checklist of birds native to the area.

"This and future bird walks will instill an interest in the participants that will make them more aware of the great variety of birds in this area," said Robert Ellis, park manager. "The finished project will provide a blue print for people to visit the park at certain times of the year to see a particular bird."

Prior to the event, participants will be given a short talk to instruct them in the use of binoculars, spotting scope and to explain the purpose of the project. Both the talk and the walk will be presented by Dr. Gordon Creel and his wife, Mary. Dr. Creel is the retired head of the Biology Department at Angelo State University.

To reach the park from Brownwood, travel 20 miles northwest on Texas Highway 279 to Park Road 15. Turn right and follow Park Road 15, five miles to park headquarters.

From Abilene, take Texas Highway 36 to Cross Plains, turn right on to Highway 206 until it divides just south of town. Follow Texas Highway 279 approximately 20 miles. Turn left onto Park Road 15 and travel five miles to park headquarters. For more information contact Ellis at (915) 784-6262.

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To Bob Harrell and Tim Dillard your efforts were exceptional, as always.

To The staff of the nursing home and the senior citizens group, go a special thank you.

The Family of
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We would like to thank everyone for the calls, cards, visits, food and especially the prayers while Bill was in the hospital and since he came home

A special thanks to EMS Donald Clark, Susan Schaefer, and Johnnie Bland for their care.

Bill and Shirley Hunter

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Valeria Rouse's Family

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My Fellow Americans,
This is the season of America's renewal. Already, in the first few months of this new Administration, we have restored an active purpose to the presidency and renewed America's commitment to change and progress.

After twelve years of national drift and economic decline, we have begun to chart a clear path to growth with my New Directions economic plan designed to create jobs, boost incomes, move our economy from consumption to investment and reduce our deficit dramatically.

The investments in my economic plan embrace priorities that will raise the living standards and profits of workers and businesses for the long-term: rebuild America's infrastructure; commit resources and attention to the education and training needs of our students and workers; and restore vital incentives that reward productivity, profits, innovation and investment.

The Clinton budget — the outline of my economic plan for New Directions — passed the Congress in record setting time. It reduces deficit spending by over \$500 billion; a plan so credible that the markets continue to reduce interest rates on the American people. These interest rate reductions, coupled with steps taken by my Administration to deal with the credit crunch, mean American businesses, farms and consumers have money to save, spend, invest and grow.

I want to be the President who helps the American people realize their call for change.

Enormous changes are sweeping our economy. Inevitable defense cutbacks are forcing military bases to close, causing defense manufacturers to lose markets and cut jobs. Problems in the airline industry have caused massive layoffs in aerospace firms and among the domestic carriers. America's economic partners abroad are beating American companies in the race for markets in the former Soviet Union.

That's why my economic program will help the American people turn these changes into real economic progress. I have offered a \$20 billion, five-year initiative to reinvest in workers, communities and companies affected by cuts in military spending. I have formed a commission to recommend real changes in federal policy to help restart our aviation and aerospace industry. And I have provided an enterprise-oriented and initiative to save the Russian Democracy and spur American economic growth.

Beyond growth, Americans want a return to responsibility in our schools, our communities and our economy. And in that spirit, this Administration is leading the way: by reforming welfare to make it a second chance, not a way of life; by reforming the health care system to provide health security to every American and bring rising costs under control; by making national service opportunities available to students so that they can exchange opportunities for education with community service.

Finally, I am working to give the government back to the American people. At the beginning of my Administration, I announced my decision to cut the White House staff by 25% and eliminate the kinds of perks and privileges which isolate Federal workers from the people they are supposed to serve.

I have cut billions from the budgets of federal agencies and departments, telling them they must do more with less. I have appointed Vice President Gore to head the National Performance Review, which will oversee our efforts to streamline government, eliminate waste and make our government more accountable to the American people.

I am committed to bringing this Presidency directly to the people through such things as town meetings and electronic mail with the White House. And the Vice President and I will continue to participate in regional events like the Forest Conference, a meeting which sought solutions for the environmental and economic problems of the Pacific Northwest.

Most importantly, I am committed to enacting tough campaign finance and lobbying reform legislation to drive special interest dealing out of politics.

What will come from what we accomplish here — more economic growth, comprehensive health and welfare reform, a new system of national

service, a government that once again belongs to the people — are new opportunities for achievement, empowerment and progress for Americans who work hard and play by the rules. It means a new direction for us all. It is indeed America's season of renewal.

Bill Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C.

ROWDEN NEWS

By MRS. N.V. GIBBS

This writer has driven up Highway 283 twice this week while going to Baird. Also, this writer had reported that wildflowers were scarce this year — but after seeing the roadsides on 283, there's plenty of wildflowers, Indian Paint Brush, yellow daisies, yellow buttercups, and many more that are beautiful.

The second letter was sent out this week with details of the Rowden-Bayou School Reunion meeting June 12 at the Briarstone Manor in Abilene at 5 p.m. Please note the request for a catered meal at 6 p.m. A visitation program will follow the business meeting conducted by Charles Foster of Clyde. The 1983 meeting had 225 former students attending. Let's do better in 1993. Committee: Dale and Pat Gibbs, Vernie Belle Mauldin, Jessie Odom, Thelma Smedley, Katie Dunn, Claribel Gibbs, and Charles Foster.

Claribel Gibbs attended the funeral of Valeria Rouse in Cross Plains Friday. Visitors in the Robert Watson home Saturday were Brad and Michal Watson of Arlington.

Joyce Odom is still on the sick list this week. Nancy Palmer of Clyde and Ginni Trevey of Snyder have visited her this week. Charles Palmer has checked on her during the week.

James and Dorothy Reynolds drove to Mansfield last weekend to visit Joe Griffin who is receiving treatment there. He is improving. His wife, Shine, and their daughter, Julia, are there with Joe this weekend. James and Dorothy have also attended prayer services all week before their revival starts Sunday. Ellen Carpenter and son, Dalton of Azle, met James and Dorothy in Mansfield for a visit.

Connie Steele, along with other Cross Plains athletes, entered in track events for regional competition at ACU campus Friday and Saturday in Abilene. If they win they will go to state. Connie Steele came in 3rd in the 1600. We are proud of all the Cross Plains athletes.

This writer visited Ima Gibbs in Baird Monday morning. Ima came to the Rowden area when she was a young girl with her parents, Noah and Missy Smedley. Ima is 93 years old and attends church at the First Baptist Church in Baird where she lives. She has three living children, W.B. of Baird and Dale and Dean Gibbs of Abilene.

Leona Gary visited her neighbor, Emma Johnson, one day this week. She also had received a telephone call from her daughter, Pansy Johnson, who is now in Egypt on a teaching job.

This writer was in Baird Saturday morning to attend the funeral service of her cousin, Leonard Appleton of Albuquerque, New Mexico. He was the son of Will and Pearl Appleton of the Baird area. He had worked for the extension service in New Mexico for many years and farmed. Leonard grew up in the Iona community west of Baird. His mother was Pearl Bryant. His sisters are Lois Bounds of Alpine and Nila Towler of Baird, who also attended today's service with all their families.

Kenneth and Cristal Mauldin of Stephenville ate lunch with his grandparents, Gene and Vernie Belle Mauldin Wednesday.

Friday night, a nephew, Leon and his wife, Barbara Mauldin of Hurst, spent the night with Gene and Vernie Belle Mauldin.

Gene and Vernie Belle Mauldin visited M.L. Hughes of Baird, who was a patient in Hendrick Medical Center.

SENIOR CITIZENS STATS

By MARIE HORTON

Monday was pretty slow at the Center, but the one's that were there enjoyed the day.

Tuesday, we heard that our very own Vera Pearl Bunnell was coming home. We sure are happy. We can't wait to see her back in her same old spot at the head table.

Instead of going to Brownwood Tuesday afternoon, Vicky took the Seniors to Eastland.

When they returned, we learned that our very dear friend, Lola Patton, had passed on to a better home.

Cora Howland, our oldest member, fell and had to go to Paris with her daughter. We are all going to miss her and I will miss that special hug and kiss every day. My prayer is she will be back with us very soon.

We will Ms. Ardelia McMillan, as she is moving to Fort Worth. she is a wonderful person and a great neighbor. We wish you the best of everything. Just come back to see us now and then.

Friday, we had a nice crowd to play games and Bingo. Have a nice week!

AGRICULTURAL NEWS

By GREG GERNGROSS
County Extension Agent

Heart Of Texas Cow-Calf Clinic

All producers are invited to attend the Heart of Texas Cow-Calf Clinic to be held at the Brownwood Coliseum on Thursday, May 6, starting time is 9 a.m.

In addition to the program related to cow-calf production, a computer program class for the cattle producer will be held throughout the day by Dr. Ashley Lovell, Extension Economist from Stephenville.

Other topics on the program are Wild-life in a Cow-Calf Operation, Types of Cattle for Today and Tomorrow, and Beef Quality Audit.

Lunch will be served at 12 noon with Door Prize drawing to be held at 2:30 p.m. The clinic is being sponsored by TU Electric, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Brownwood Chamber of Commerce, and The Federal Land Bank Association.

Over 20 Commercial exhibitors will have booths at the clinic with their products.

Bi-County Wheat Tour

The Callahan-Taylor County Wheat Field Day and Tour will be held on Friday, May 14, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Hamby on the Danny Lewis farm. Directions are as follows: go out on the Albany Highway (Hwy. 351) from Abilene about three miles until you get to FM-1082, turn to the north and go three miles until you get to the black top road (goes to the new prison). Our starting point will be one and one-half miles up the road.

Our next stop will be the J and B Farms at Eula for the wheat variety and fertilizer test plots and seed treatment test plots. We also have several herbicide test plots (wild oat control) next to our variety test plots that we put in last fall.

We will eat lunch at the Eula Lions Club Building. We need a head count for the meal and tour, so please call my office at (915) 854-1518 prior to noon May 12 or the Taylor County Extension Office at (915) 674-1321.

We will offer two hours of Continuing Education Units to be applied to your private applicators license. You will need your applicator license number and Social Security number.

Prescribed Burn Workshop

A Prescribed Burn Workshop will be held in Albany on Tuesday, May 25, at 9 a.m. at the Albany High School Auditorium. Everyone who has an interest in prescribed burning is invited to attend. There is a registration fee of \$5 to cover the cost of the meal and everyone needs to pre-register for this activity by calling (915) 762-2552 or 762-2233. Three CEU hours will be offered to private, commercial, and non-commercial applicators.

Call if you have questions about any of the above activities.

THE PIONEER PATCHWORK

By IRMA MILLER

On Tuesday, the ladies of the Quilting Club finished the beautiful Rose of Sharon and worked on the Lone Star bordered with Sampler blocks. We were happy to have Dorothy Zedlitz with us several times lately. She has been a member of our club for a while, but was not attending and quilting, only visiting occasionally. She is a part of us, and we are pleased to receive her regularly.

Our community was saddened Saturday by news of the death of Joe Fleming, naive and long-time resident of our community. We extend our sincere sympathy to the family.

The Pioneer Baptist Church is conducting a revival this week with J.B. Wascom of Beaumont doing the preaching. Brother Wascom is a very good preacher, and the musicians are good, too, we are hearing from local residents.

Frankie and Oliver went to visit her daddy in Ranger on Wednesday. Jean Fore accompanied them. Saturday night they attended the Sipe Springs musical. Sunday night they were present for the beginning of the revival about which they are enthused and inviting our attendance.

Laverne and Cowan Hutton went to Lubbock on Thursday and visited Cowan's mother and his brothers and sisters.

Sandy Hutton said, "Our girls (Robbie and Tamara) won fourth in Regional Tennis U.I.L." We are happy for them and their accomplishments.

NEWS FOR VETERANS

News For Veterans

By TOM IVEY
Veterans Service Officer
Callahan County

Veterans Targeted — The Clinton administration's budget for his four-year economic plan could, if adopted, affect some current veterans' programs. The proposals include:

1. Raising the funding fee for VA home loans from 1.25 to 2 percent, and requiring a downpayment if a veteran already used the VA home loan program to buy a home. Estimated savings are \$620 million.

2. Increasing the GI Bill contributions of active duty personnel from \$100 per month to \$133 per month. This could generate an additional \$339 million over four years.

3. Requiring WWII and Korean War veterans to pay for the administrative costs of their VA life insurance policies. The savings would amount to \$113 million over four years.

4. Charging the insurance companies of those veterans with service-connected disabilities for their treatment at VA. The estimated four year savings would be \$1.17 billion.

Separate Appropriation — Veterans who have watched VA funding plummet over the past few years, when compared to the budgets of other federal agencies, are keeping a close eye on House Resolution 65, now making its way through Congress.

Res. 65 would take VA out of the congressional "funding pool" it shares with agencies such as HUD, NASA, and the EPA. The pool forces unrelated agencies to compete against each other for tax dollars. The resolution, co-sponsored by Rep. Gerald B. Solomon of New York and Rep. Bob Stump of Arizona, would give VA its own appropriations sub-committee.

American Legion experts say that if enacted, this legislation would place VA in direct competition with appropriations for such high-priority departments as Defense, and Health and Human Services.

If you have an opinion on these legislative matters contact your U.S. Congressman, Charles Stenholm, 1226 Longworth Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

Most of the peppermint produced in the United States comes from Oregon and Washington.

Callahan-Taylor Counties Wheat Field Day/Tour May 14

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Cross Plains Cemetery Officers Announced

By MAURINE MCCUIN
Retiring Sec. — Treas.

The Cross Plains Cemetery Board of Directors met in April in the Directors Room in the City Hall. Reports of 1992 were presented. The following officers for the ensuing year were elected.

Jimmie Lee Payne — President
O.B. Edmondson — Vice-President
Melissa Richards — Secretary-Treasurer
Thelma Long — Corresponding Secretary
Glen Payne — Board Member
Peggy Koenig — Board Member
The latest expenditure in the cemetery

has been killing the weeds and top coating the drive in the new cemetery, and doing repair and top coating the streets in the older cemetery.

Jimmie Lee needs our thanks for the wonderful job he is doing. He has recently overseen the completion of block and lot markings in the new area. This had already been done in the older part.

His assistance to the families in selecting plots for burial and marking them is a tremendous help. We thank you for a job well done.

A thank you also goes to our caretaker, Robert F. Joy, Jr., for his devotion to his work.

TREASURER'S REPORT 1992

BEGINNING BALANCE 1-1-1992	2,763.57
RECEIPTS:	
Gift Deposits	4,576.46
Interest on NOW account	92.46
Interest on C.D.'s	111.51
Grave Opening Permits & Plots	2,925.00
Total Receipts	7,705.21
Total Receipts and Balances	10,468.78
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Salary - Robert F. Joy, Jr (4,800.00)	4,432.80
Internal Revenue Service	734.40
Texas Employment Commission	55.90
Federal Unemployment - IRS	38.40
Supplies	203.46
Extra - Joy - New Cemetery	750.00
Homer Simons - Sand	210.00
Christmas gift for Joy	50.00
Extra Help	40.00
Citizens State Bank - Add to C.D.	4.36
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	6,544.08
BALANCE IN BANK 12-31-1992	3,924.70

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'Restructuring Public Education' Workshop At ACU Set May 31

ABILENE — The Abilene Christian University department of education will offer a workshop called "Restructuring Public Education" May 31 — June 16 from 8 a.m. to 12:10 p.m.

Restructuring the public school system recently has received attention from national media.

"Restructuring is not a fad; it's going to be done," said Dr. C.G. Gray, professor of education. "The only question is how and when it will be done."

The workshop will discuss the need for educators to restructure the system rather than legislators and for parents to become involved in their children's education again.

Today's education system has removed the parents from the education process and has not explained to the students how the subjects related to one another, Gray said.

"We developed our school system with the industrial revolution — assembly-line education," Gray said. "We haven't taken into account our society, workplace and kids are different today. The end product of our schools needs to be different than it was 25 years ago."

"The public schools are structured for the average and above average student," said Gray. "We've got to restructure in a way that every child can use the ability he has."

The main topics outlined for the course are: the goals of education; the reason for restructuring; previous attempts at restructuring; theory and current structure of education; child development and the current education structure; the role of technology and restructuring; who should help in restructuring; resistance to change in

education; and an example of a restructured school.

To register for the workshop, educators should call the ACU registrar's office at (915) 674-2235. For more information about the course, call Dr. C.G. Gray at (915) 674-2498.

COLONIAL OAKS NURSING HOME NEWS

By LINDA EDINGTON
Activity Director

We will be having National Nursing Home Week the 9th through the 15th. It is sponsored by the American Health Care Association and begins annually with Mother's Day. National Nursing Home Week is a community outreach program designed to familiarize the public with long term care facilities and the services they provide. Activities are conducted locally by individual long term care facilities. The theme for 1993 is "Commitment to Caring." We invite everyone to stop by for a visit.

Special appreciation to these people: Nancy Barnes for the hams, to Jamie Apple for the donuts, to J.C. Bowden for the mums, flower arrangement from Doris Goble, turnip greens from John Miller, and to Frances Wolf for the brownies.

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the families of Valeria Rouse, Lola Patton, and Joe Fleming. May it comfort you to know that the thoughts and prayers of others are with you.

Glenn and Ethel Champion visited with Nettie Clark.

Carol Stephens visited with Ruth Joy, Nettie Clark, and Zenovia Strickland.

Earlene Hughes from Baird and Lucy Clark from Granbury visited Lillian Smith.

Virginia Galway and Hazel Busbee from Cottonwood visited Bertha Wheeler.

Mamie Clark visited Inez Ingram and June Culvahouse.

Sally Roady visited with Nettie Roady.

Charlene Metcalf visited with Clara Coburn.

Leo and Jewel Thompson were here visiting everybody.

Cody Hounshell from Brownwood Lake visited with Tud Hounshell.

Mabel Halsell from Baird visited with several.

Activities during the week:

Monday: Bingo winners were Dorothy Thomas (2), Vera Belyeu, Bertha Wheeler, Ressa Glover, Clara Coburn (2), and Estelle Breeding. Exercise class.

Tuesday: Art class, Popcorn and dominoes.

Wednesday: Sing-a-long with Irma Miller, Sally Roady, Frankie and Oliver Smith, Vernie McMillan, and Ruby McCowen. Exercise class.

Thursday: Linen folding, Domino and Skip-Bo games.

Friday: Bingo winners were Clara Coburn, Ruth Joy, Estelle Breeding, Sylvia Smith, Vera Belyeu, Dorothy Thomas (3), Ressa Glover, and Bertha Wheeler. Afternoon singing with Sister Ruby and Bobby Jack McCowen.

Sunday: Church service with Believer's Fellowship.

"A mother is someone special to remember with warmth, think of with pride, and cherish with love."

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Woodmen Of The World Meeting May 17

The Woodmen of the World Lodge No. 4242 will have their regular session on Monday, May 17, at the Cross Plains Multi-Purpose Center, beginning at 6 p.m.

All members and prospective members are invited to attend.

Little League Concession Stand Schedule

Saturday, May 8
Parade at 3:00 p.m.
Games to follow parade.

1st Game
Carolyn Morgan
Debbie James

2nd Game
Phyllis Pancake
Edith Beggs

Friday, May 14

6:00-8:00
Sharon Hill
Rhonda McCorkle
8:00-10:00
Vicky Williams
Vicki Hataway

Saturday, May 15

6:00-8:00
Debbie Gosnell
Jana Hinkle
8:00-10:00
Karen Phillips
Dana Dimitri

Friday, May 21

6:00-8:00
Christi Dallas
Laura Noey
8:00-10:00
Brenda Nelson
Melissa Richards

Saturday, May 22

6:00-8:00
Debbie Wilson
Mary Dunn
8:00-10:00
Patricia Cook
Jill Winters

Tuesday, May 25

6:00-8:00
Terry Nixon
Sandra Sanders
8:00-10:00
Debbie Edington
Balinda Wyatt

Thursday, May 27

6:00-8:00
Peggy Bailey
Ann Higginbottom
8:00-10:00
Janice Kelly
Paula Winfrey

Tuesday, June 1

6:00-8:00
Barbara Dillard
Edith Beggs
8:00-10:00
Phyllis Pancake
Teri Jane Wyatt

Thursday, June 3

6:00-8:00
Tammy McDorman
Sandra Carey
8:00-10:00
Evelyn Harris
Beverly Ross

Tuesday, June 8

6:00-8:00
Terry Norris
Judy Worsham
8:00-10:00
Theresa Cheshier
Becky Joy

Thursday, June 10

6:00-8:00
Sally Warfield
Marie Branham
8:00-10:00
Ila Gilliam
Karen Callaway

Friday, June 11

6:00-8:00
Barbara Dillard
Edith Beggs
8:00-10:00
Phyllis Pancake
Tim Dillard
Lori Dillard

*Each worker needs to bring either 1 dozen Rice Krispie Bars, or Brownies or Cupcakes.

Input Sought On 2nd History Book

The Callahan County Historical Commission is asking the public to help it determine if there is sufficient material available for a contemplated second volume of Callahan County History. The first volume, called I REMEMBER CALLAHAN, was published in 1986 in conjunction with the Texas Sesquicentennial celebrations, with Hicks Turner as editor.

Like that volume, the second volume would focus largely on family history writeups and photos submitted by the public. Many individuals have stated

regret at missing out on submitting something for the first volume. This would be another chance.

The second volume also would permit expanding, updating or modifying earlier writeups.

If in the first book you wrote about grandpa's family, or papa's family, this would be the time to write about YOUR family, or for your grown children to write about their's. Photos of general interest, relating to Callahan, are also being solicited for publication.

Please express your interest now by using the information coupon below

and/or contacting one of the Committee Members listed on the coupon. (Bear in mind that writeups can be submitted in longhand if desired. A limit on number of words will be set later—probably between 500 and 1000 words per writeup.)

It is currently anticipated that the new volume would be the same size as the previous one, but only about half as thick, and perhaps in the price range of \$30-45 each.

The Commission hopes to make a decision on whether to proceed within the next few weeks.

Clip and fill in the information coupon below. Mail it, hand it, or call it in to one of the following Callahan County Historical Commission Members: **Baird:** Felix Manion, Box 1178, Baird, 79504, Tel. 915-854-1596; **Clyde:** Mrs. Alleen Briscoe, P.O. Drawer A, Clyde, 79510, Tel. 915-893-2782; **Cross Plains:** Susan McNeel, Box 505, Cross Plains, 76443, Tel. 817-725-6498; and **Putnam:** Ida Mae Waddell, Box 957, Putnam, 76469; Tel. 915-662-3665.

INFORMATION COUPON

Yes, I plan to contribute _____ (number) family writeups that were not covered in the First Volume of Callahan History.

Yes, I plan to contribute _____ (number) updates, expansions or modifications of writeups that appeared in the First Volume.

Yes, I plan to contribute _____ (number) articles of general historical interest relating to Callahan County (such as about people or organizations; persons from Callahan who may have been noteworthy in endeavors within or outside Callahan: politicians, athletes, coaches, professors, scientists, businessmen, writers, military achievers, etc.; noteworthy events, such as unique crimes and court cases, major accidents, natural disasters, the "big grass fire" etc.)

Yes, I tentatively plan to purchase _____ (number) copies of the Second Volume when it is offered for sale. (This is a non-binding estimate for planning purposes only.)

(Date) _____ (Your name, printed) _____

Sabanno Cemetery Association

Meeting Tuesday

The Sabanno Cemetery Association will have its annual meeting Tuesday, May 11. Come by 11 a.m. and bring a covered dish for lunch. A business meeting will follow the noon meal.

Everyone is urged to come and participate.

MINUTE MUSINGS

By ESTHLOY S. DICKSON

I've just re-read copies of this column for the past two years. Sad, sad! There's far too much repetition! But, I'm just one person — my neighbors are the same people, year after year, and I'm glad they are still my friends. I love them and appreciate them more than ever.

I always enjoy my chat with Sally Roady. They had a busy and enjoyable week (last week). They talked to son, George in Dallas, one day. Cindy and Charlie called in during the week. They visited in town with Mr. Mac Childers. They appreciated Connie Kirkham going to the nursing home and giving Ms. Nettie a new permanent.

I enjoyed my chat with Betty Beggs. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Beggs of Morton Valley visited them on Sunday. Lonnie Beggs and lady friend of Eastland, visited them on Tuesday of last week. I believe Lonnie is a nephew.

Helen Tillotson didn't have any special news this morning, but it is always a pleasure to chat with her. She always gives me a spiritual lift.

I surely hope I can get someone out here to mow my 'weed patch'. It is very depressing the way it has grown up.

I enjoyed my chat with Lucille Callaway. She reminded me of the AARP meeting this morning. A niece, Gail Kellogg of Kent, Washington, visited her this week.

I talked to my sister, Opal. She reported on some of the family and reminded me of the 'cemetery working day' down there.

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USDA COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION MAY 13

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- Baird:** VTW, Wednesday, May 12, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Clyde:** Senior Center, Wednesday, May 12, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Putnam:** City Hall, Wednesday, May 12, 11:30 a.m. to 12 noon.
- Cross Plains:** Multi-Purpose Center, Thursday, May 13, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Items available this month are: peas, butter, and orange juice.

C.T.O., Inc. has no control over what

items are available or the quantity of the items. All locations of all commodities depends on the availability of food items from USDA.

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

Shut-ins are encouraged to designate an authorized representative to pick up for them.

Volunteers are greatly needed and appreciated to help with this much needed program.

Pioneersmen Meet Saturday Night

The Pioneersmen will meet Saturday, May 8, in the fellowship hall at Pioneer Baptist Church. Supper will be served at 7 p.m., followed by a singing program

with Ruby and Bobby Jack McCowen. Games will be enjoyed after the program.



'LEARN ABOUT' CHILDREN — local library program. Exhibited skills they had acquired at the

'Learn About' Program Concludes For Year

The "Daisies" and the "Greenbeans" of the Cross Plains Library's "Learn About..." Program hosted their parents at the library Thursday, April 29. During the evening, they demonstrated to friends and families some of the things they had "Learned About."

Guests were welcomed by Billie Loving, and parents were commended for sending children regularly. Then those involved with the program were introduced. The "Daisies" (3-4 year olds) are directed by Connie Swift and Brenda Nelson. The "Greenbeans" (Kindergarten-bound), by Beverly Ross and Pam Hutton. Barbara Sowell serves as projectionist. Sandra Purvis, Ila Gilliam, Jill Winters, Judy Luter, and Anna Parker work with book check-in and check-out. Linda Beard helped on Thursday evening.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Connie led children in activities designed to de-

velop coordination skills. Then the "Daisies" and "Greenbeans" separated to demonstrate cognitive skills, such as recognition of colors, numbers, and alphabet.

Culminating the evening, all children received certificates, with gold seals for those with perfect attendance from the day entered (marked P).

"Daisies" receiving certificates were Willie Clark, McCayla Cook, Justin Dickson, Mykea Douglass, Ally Hamilton (P), Melissa Luter (P), Johnathan Nelson, Josh Purvis, Karen Scott, Russell Thomas (P), Zack Winters, and Cutter Hargrove.

"Greenbeans" receiving certificates were Rainey Bacon, Cory Beauchamp (P), Jessica Faries (P), Lance Gilliam (P), Jarrah Hutchins (P), Samantha Hutton (P), Amanda Isbell, Heath Jones, Maci Phillips, Garrett Stephens, Clayton Thomas, Kendra Winters, Rebecca Meroney (P), Stephanie Trussell, Saul Reyes (P), and Summer Parker (P).

COTTONWOOD NEWS

By BEVERLY BROWN

On Saturday evening, former and present residents gathered at the Cottonwood Community Center for a spaghetti supper and gospel singing entertainment. Ladies from the Cottonwood Baptist Church group who sang were: Jackie Childress, Lillie Dillard, Tracy Dillard, Susan Maddox, and Sandy Wheeler. Soloists were: Colleen Anderson, Dorothy Rainey, Stephanie Childress, and Gerry Brown, and a duo special with Leo Thompson and Dorothy Rainey.

The Cottonwood Historical Association held its annual meeting Sunday, May 2, following a noon meal. Hold over directors of the association are: John Purvis, president; D.O. Williams, vice-president; Ora Breeding, secretary-treasurer; R.T. Peevy; Leo Thompson, and Chuck Woody. Newly elected director to the board is Gerry Brown of Cottonwood, who is replacing Craig Rogers, former resident of the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Arden Strahan of Euless and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Strahan of McGregor were here at his brother's, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Strahan, over the weekend and attended the Cottonwood Historical Association activities.

Mr. Harry Childers, of May, visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Blanton Childers, on Thursday and had lunch with them. On Saturday, Arnold Childers of Brownwood and on Sunday Aubrey Childers of Potosi were by to check on their parents.

Mrs. Jessie Wilcoxon and Mrs. Violet Edwards, of Cisco, spent a day last week with Mr. and Mrs. Blanton Childers.



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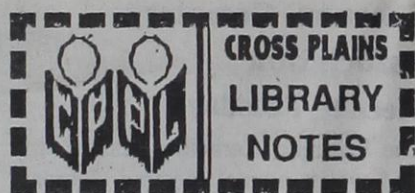
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Justin Clay Golson

Randy and Deanna Golson, of Cisco, are proud to announce the birth of a son, Justin Clay, born April 16, 1993, in the Eastland Hospital. He weighed 8 pounds 7 ounces.

Justin has an older brother, Travis. Deanna teaches in the Eastland School District, and Randy teaches at Cisco Junior College.

Paternal grandparents are Bill and Peggy Golson of Burkett. Maternal grandparents are Bob and Betty Dewbre of Marble Falls.

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