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## Former Resident Featured In Cotton Ginning Book

By VANDA KING  
Editor

Donald Baird's recollections of cotton ginning days are some of the highlights found in "Bale o' Cotton: The Mechanical Art of Cotton Ginning," written by Karen Gerhardt Britton and published by Texas A&M University Press, College Station. A photograph of Baird's grandfather's gin at Trickham, Coleman County dating back to 1890 graces the cover of the book. The cotton was delivered to the gin in wagons pulled by horses. Baird and his business partner are shown horseback wearing revolvers. Donald also provided an original gin ticket from the C.D. Baird Gin, which is pictured in the publication.

The gin receipt was in the name of Frank Spencer and the landlord listed showed the initials W.P.B., representing W.P. Brightwell. Dated September 26, 1933, both men will be remembered in the community. The figures on the receipt indicated that thirty cents per hundredweight was the price of cotton at the time, which figured \$4.08 for ginning. They charged \$1 for bagging and ties, and hauled the bale to town for 10 cents. A total of \$5.18 for ginning, wrapping, and hauling was reflected on the ticket.

Donald had become skilled at figuring gin receipts by the time he was in the fifth grade with his families' background in the business. His father operated a gin at Dressy from 1920 to 1938 when Charlie (C.D.) Baird moved his family to Abilene. Donald worked part of the year in Lubbock and Harlingen according to the different ginning seasons.

Remaining in the agriculture field, Donald also operated a tractor business in Cross Plains from 1955 to 1960. Then he built and operated a gin at Echo from 1967 to 1982.

Baird provided various informative



**LIBRARY ACCEPTS GIFT** — Frances and Donald Baird are pictured with Billie Loving (right) as they present

facts concerning the business and also lended some humorous stories about a former employee, Frank Smoot. He was a particularly interesting character who remained vivid in his memory. Baird stated in the book that he used "Smoot stories" as rewards for good behavior in his Sunday School classes for eleven-year-old boys. Smoot, a notorious practical joker, is in another photo, along with Donald and his dad in 1948.

Donald and his wife, Frances, recently presented the Cross Plains Library with a copy of "Bale o' Cotton" through librarian, Billie Loving. It is available for your

reading pleasure. The Bairds have three children, John, Becky, and Mark. John and Annabelle live in Dallas with their two children. Becky and Jerry Overstreet live in Georgetown with two children, and Mark resides in Waco.

Mr. Baird has been invited to attend a Cotton Symposium at Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama on May 5, 6, and 7 to relate stories that are told in the book.

Baird describes procedures of classing and grading cotton, the mechanical procedures of ginning, and even the financial difficulties experienced by farmers. The production of cotton and employment the gin provided was vital to the economy of the community at one time. Today, most cotton production is centered in the Burkett Community in this area. Baird has been honored in preserving the history of cotton ginning days and our part of Texas has been recognized as a part of that history.

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## 2 Local Young Ladies Begin Missionary Training

Tonya Steele, a Cisco Junior College Sophomore, and Allison Aitchison, a Senior in Cross Plains High School, spent 4 days in Piedras Negras, Mexico working with a medical mission, sponsored by Houston Baptist University. Barbara Swinney was the girls' sponsor.

Dr. J.O. and Laura Williams assist in this ministry on a regular basis and invited the local ladies to join them in this mission.

Tonya is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Steele, and Allison is the daughter of Jan Aitchison. Both young ladies will be training in the next few years for careers as missionaries in the Southern Baptist Church and this week in Mexico was the beginning of that training.

## Consignments Needed For Kiwanis Auction

Consignments are needed for the upcoming Kiwanis Annual Farm Equipment Auction which is to be on Saturday, April 17, at the Callahan County Livestock Barn.

For further information or to consign contact Joe Hanke, 817-725-6562; James Lawrence, 817-725-7216; or Henry Edington, 817-725-6227.

Booth spaces for small vendors may be reserved by calling Joy Gerking, 817-725-6861.

## Basketball All-District Picks Announced

The Lady Buffs lost an area play-off game vs. the Eden Lady Bulldogs, 46-52. Leading scorers were the two co-captains and seniors, Welch had 17 and Wheeler had 12.

Score by quarters:  
Cross Plains 2-17-16-11  
Eden 10-10-17-15

Six Lady Buffs were selected to the All-dist. team following dist. play. They were 1st team Heather Montgomery, Jr.; Jennifer Wheeler, Sr.; 2nd team Shana Bagley, Jr.; Amy Welch, Sr.; Honorable Mention Glenda Evans, Jr.; Tonya Stover, Soph.

Six Buffaloes were chosen to the All District Team as follows: 1st team Jason Fleming and Brock Walker; 2nd team Brandon Smith and Michael Cowan; and Honorable Mention Matt Reed and Donnie Dillard.

## Roping Club Re-Scheduled March 15

The Cross Plains Roping Club meeting set for March 1 was canceled and has been re-scheduled for Monday, March 15, at 7 p.m. at the Dairy Queen Buffalo Room.

All members and prospective members are encouraged to attend.

## Cross Plains Featured In Texas Travel Guide

Cross Plains is one of 35 communities featured in the 1993 edition of the WEST TEXAS TRAVEL GUIDE. In its third year of publication, the travel guide provides a variety of information for visitors and travelers in this region of the state.

Copies of the travel guide are available at Chamber of Commerce offices, Texas Information Centers along the Texas borders and Convention and Visitors Bureaus in 20 major Texas cities.

Through the guide travelers are given insights to each community's history, industry and points of interest. Also provided are listings for museums, attractions, golf courses, historic theaters, medical facilities, auto mechanics, oprys, and recreational facilities.

In an effort to assist the economic development of each community, the guide includes business listings for unique shopping, dining, and lodging locations.

For more information about the WEST TEXAS TRAVEL GUIDE, contact your local Chamber of Commerce office.

## Local Airman Serving In Africa

Warren L. Parson is stationed at Kenya, Africa serving with the 1st MAPS from Dyess Air Force Base. He has been busy loading and unloading food and supplies for "Operation Hope."

He will be stationed in Somalia in the near future. Currently, he is recuperating from foot injury sustained on duty.

Parson is the son of Home Don and Wanetta Parson of Cross Plains.

Warren would like to hear from friends and family from his hometown at the following address:

AMN WARREN L. PARSON  
JTF-PR/UMRC  
1ST MAPS DEPLOYED  
APOE AE 09899

## Colonial Oaks Services

Cornerstone Methodist Church will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, March 14, commencing at 3:30 p.m.



**GIRLS ALL DISTRICT BASKETBALL** — Tonya Stover (back, from left), Amy Welch, Glenda Evans; Heather Montgomery (front, from left), Jennifer Wheeler, and Shana Bagley.



**BOYS ALL DISTRICT BASKETBALL** — Michael Cowan (from left), Brandon Smith, Donnie Dillard, Jason Fleming, Brock Walker, and Matt Reed.

## Book Donated To Local Library Reflects Families' History

By JACK SCOTT  
(Former Review Editor)

A newly-published book, "Smith-Mobley-Carey Families," which will be of keen interest to long-time residents of the Cross Plains area has been recently added to shelves at the local library.

The volume, compiled by Alice Carey Walter of Fort Worth, is a story of the Smith, Mobley, Carey and allied families, all of which have been prominently known here. It contains numerous items of historical interest which were hitherto unpublished. Particularly is this true as pertains to the compiler's maternal grandfather, P. (Pelick) Smith, who came here in 1889, settling on a farm two miles southwest of town. He is legendary in early-day remembrances of Cross Plains, regarded as one of the founding-fathers, once served as justice of the peace for this precinct, and was a charter member of the local First Baptist Church, which he served both as deacon and church secretary.

Mr. Smith was considered one of the area's wealthier citizens and had large land holdings. Much of the north part of the City of Cross Plains, including the school campus and other lots to the north were carved from his properties. The P. Smith Addition includes those homes fronting Cypress Street, just across the street from the school grounds. His first wife died in 1879 and he later married Mary Ennis Carey. He died December 30, 1934 and she passed away two years

later, December 11, 1936. Both are buried in Cross Plains Cemetery.

The book should provide interesting reading to those who remember Cross Plains in the long ago.

## County In Support Of Drug Task Force

Callahan County Commissioners held a regular commissioner's court meeting Monday, February 22.

The items of business presented for consideration by commissioners included:

—Commissioners approved the recommended appointment of members to the Mental Health/Mental Retardation Public Responsibility Committee.

—Commissioners approved a resolution supporting the Drug Task Force application for grant funding.

—Commissioners supported a resolution stating Callahan County's 42nd District Court remain with the 42nd court's jurisdiction in conjunction with Abilene.

The next county commissioner's court meeting date is Monday, March 8 at 9:30 a.m. at the county courthouse in Baird.

## Down Home



BULLET

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Jack Taylor wrote this description of his dog, known as man's best friend. Vanda King

### "Who's Bullet"

I was probably born about March 15, 1992. When I came to this home, out in the country, I was about four to six weeks old. I do not know my parents, or who had owned me before. I only know I was full of burrs, all over me.

I came to the back of this house and laid down on a log on the patio. These funny looking poultry, guineas, were making a loud noise, which attracted the man. He grabbed his shotgun, because they had been bothered with racoons getting a duck just the night before.

The man picked me up and called to the lady. The man said, "This is a boy, Mama." He took me in the house and got

me a blanket to lay on, and gave me warm milk.

I like my new home. The lady and man gave me a warm place to sleep, and the lady gave me some good homecooked food.

At times I was onery and got into a little trouble. The man taught me to shake hands. I would wait for my food until it is ready; they asked me to speak and shake hands at times for my food.

Today, I am about nine months old. I love to ride in the car with the lady when she goes to town and to the mailbox.

I am a real pretty red-brown color with a thick coat.

My job is to watch the house when they have to leave, and I'm always glad when they come back. I love my mama and papa very much and they love me. My name is Bullet.

# OBITUARY

## Veterans Given First Chance To Bid On April State Land Sale

AUSTIN — A catalogue listing 468 tracts of forfeited state land reserved exclusively for bids from Texas veterans is now available from the Texas Veterans Land Board (VLB) by calling 1-800-252-VETS. Bids will be opened on April 27, 1993 at 1 p.m.

Located in 124 Texas counties (with the majority in North, Central and East Texas) the tracts, known as Type I properties, range in size from five to 227 acres.

The VLB will finance the full amount of all winning bids. There is no limit on the amount loaned or on the number of tracts that an individual can bid on. However, eligible Texas veterans are limited to one land purchase in the sale and must not have previously purchased land through the VLB.

"Texas veterans should take advantage of this sale if they are in the market for land to use for recreation or an investment," said Garry Mauro, chairman of the VLB. "Since these tracts have never been offered for sale by the board, this sale gives Texas veterans an excellent opportunity to buy good land with 100 percent financing."

Tracts not sold in the April sale will be offered in both veterans and non-veterans through local real estate agents.

Eligible Texas veterans will receive a 7.79 percent interest rate with a 30-year assumable fixed-rate loan. A \$25 non-refundable fee for each bid submitted is required.

The sale will be by sealed bid only, with a minimum bid set on each tract. All bids must be received by April 27 at 1 p.m. Bidders need not be present at the bid opening in Austin.

Details of the sale and a description of each tract can be obtained by calling the VLB toll-free 1-800-252-VETS.

## 2nd Annual Baird Art Show Saturday March 27

The 2nd annual Art Show and Sale sponsored by the Baird Chamber of Commerce is set for Saturday, March 27.

Artists throughout the area are invited to participate and compete for cash prizes in several categories. Entries are accepted at the Baird Activity Center on Thursday, March 25, from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Adult divisions for competition include professional, advanced and novice. Divisions for children are 1st through 6th grades and 7th through 12th grades.

Awards for all winning entries will be presented at 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 27.

For more details contact the Baird Chamber of Commerce office, 915/854-2003.

### Ryan Scott Dillard

(Stillborn) February 22, 1993, son of Jimmy Wayne and Leslie Dillard, at Hill Regional Hospital in Hillsboro, Texas. Graveside services were held at 10 a.m. February 25, 1993. Burial was in Baby-Land Cemetery in Hillsboro.

Maternal grandparents are Carolyn Rawlins of Hillsboro and Johnny Rawlins, formerly of Hillsboro.

Paternal grandparents are Joyce Ketheson of Deer Creek, Minnesota and the late John Wesley Dillard of Cross Plains.

To contact the family write Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Dillard, 305 Lowery, Hillsboro, TX 76645 or write/call Bertha (Dillard) Upshaw at P.O. Box 1324, New Boston, TX 75570, (903) 628-3742 (aunt of Ryan).

### K. B. Riffe

PUTNAM — K.B. Riffe, 73, died Monday, March 1, 1993, at his home.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday at the First Baptist Church in Cisco with the Rev. Joe Coppinger officiating. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery, directed by Kimbrough Funeral Home.

Mr. Riffe was born in Throckmorton County. He had been a self-employed drilling contractor and was a member of First Baptist Church in Atwell and the Putnam City Council.

Survivors include his wife, Gertrude Riffe of Putnam; three daughters, Dortha McCoy of Blackwell, Okla., Joyce Graham of Burleson and Lucretia George of Albany; a son, Rodney Riffe of Cisco; two stepsons, Charlie Cunningham of Kingwood and Roger Cunningham of Austin; two stepdaughters, Wanda Harris of Kenney and Martha Cunningham of Brenham; a brother, J.B. Riffe of Branson, Mo.; two sisters, Helen Faucett and Ruby Nell Purvis, both of Abilene; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and five step-grandchildren.

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

## Local Cub Scouts Do Well In District Pinewood Derby Races

By BRENDA NELSON

Several local Cub Scouts of Pack 281 recently travelled to Abilene for the White Buffalo District Pinewood Derby Races. This annual event was held at the West Texas Fairgrounds and is open to all registered scouts. Categories included: Tiger Cubs (1st graders), Wolf Cubs (2nd graders), Bear Cubs (3rd graders), 4th grade Webelos, and 5th grade Webelos. Unlike our local Pack Races, the boys raced in Abilene only with other boys in their own age group. Prizes were awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd fastest cars, Best Design, Most Unusual, and Most Original. Winners of prizes in each category were advanced to an overall competition to determine Grand Champions.

Local boys with entries were Tiger Cub Marcus Williams, Wolf Cubs A.J. Carrouth, Chris Harris, Mack Taff, and Bubba (Leighton) Wyatt, Bear Cub Kevin Wilson, and Webelos Kenny

Callaway, Cody Reed, and Brandon Gilliam. Taking home the Tiger Cub Prize for Most Unusual Design was Marcus Williams. His car was designed to look like a Tiger Cub.

Due to popular demand, a new 'open' category was made available this year for adults and Boy Scouts. Local entries in this category were: David Reed, Evelyn Harris, and Rickey and Netha Carouth. There were more than 500 entries overall in this competition. It was noted that although we had no race winners from Cross Plains that they all did exceptionally well, and each Scout participating took home a Pinewood Derby patch award. Way to go, Scouts!

## THE PIONEER PATCHWORK

By IRMA MILLER

On Tuesday, the Quilting Club worked on the Primrose and the Fan. Some time was absorbed by their business meeting. Jean Alexander and Betty Browning traveled to Dallas. Betty visited her friends, the Tunnels, and Jean visited her children. They left on Wednesday and came back home on Saturday. Novilia Barton came on one day in the week to visit James and Jean.

May and D.P. Jones were visited by Randy Wroble and friend from Abilene on the weekend.

Frankie and Oliver Smith went Monday night to the musical at the Pentecostal Church at Pioneer, and enjoyed very much hearing the Cooley family. Wednesday, they went to Temple to keep a doctor appointment. Friday night, they visited with Ed and Sally McAnally. Saturday they, with Jean Fore, went to Ranger and visited Frankie's daddy, and Saturday night attended the Sipe Springs musical.

On Monday, Jewel Foster went with some of her children to the funeral of a close friend who was previously a neighbor. Norma Foster's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ford of Paris, spent the weekend and Jewel got to visit with them.

Novilia Barton went to Bay Town to attend the funeral of Raymond Woods, and to visit with her sister, Merl Woods. She came back by Waco with her children Sunday, and then home Friday.

Laverne and Cowan Hutton entertained their family, children and grandchildren who live around here, at supper on Saturday night. They enjoyed games and singing together afterwards. Laverne went to Eastland two days last week. On Friday she and Wanetta had lunch together in Eastland and had a nice visit. Wanetta is now Assistant Manager of the Village Market in Ozona.

Nell Fleming's visitors during the weekend were Mrs. Charlotte Fleming and her son, Bryan Fleming of Amarillo, and Mr. and Mrs. Vince Meiron of Andrews. Jo Veda and Bill Watson of Byrds Store spent the night with Nell on Thursday.

Visiting John and Irma Miller on Friday night were her brother, Dean Brannan and his wife, Carol of Coleman.

## Pioneersmen To Host Parents And Church

The Pioneersmen will host a "get acquainted" festival for parents and members of Pioneer Baptist Church. Food, fun, fellowship, and music will be featured attractions.

Gather under the Shamrock at the church, Saturday, March 13, at 7 p.m.

Young people, come and bring your parents and friends.

## COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT  
Bill Johnson, presiding

### Misdemeanor Filings

Tommy King, theft of services.  
Charged with theft of property by check (TPC): Rona Crawford, Margerite G. Wakefield, Genevieve Lamoree, Raymond B. McCoy, D.E. Edwards.

### Misdemeanor Minutes

Danny Allen Haynes, DWI dismissed due to being convicted in another case.  
Dale Matthew Miller, probation extended to 7-1-93.

Charles Kelly Adams, motion dismissed to revoke probation.

Timothy Allen Gallimore, DWI dismissed due to being convicted in another case.

A. Louise Stanley, TPC, \$10 fine \$160 court costs.

Russell Wilkes, perjury charged dismissed due to offense having been adjudicated.

Ronnie Mayo, theft of services, \$100 fine \$137 court costs.

Brian Todd Monsey, motion filed to revoke probation.

Steven Harold Warren, DWI dismissed due to lack of prosecution by previous prosecutor.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

Leah Tiffany Snively & Joe Tom South of Clyde.  
Delores Ann Rowell & John Paul

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Brooks of Clyde.

### NEW VEHICLES

Jesse & Melissa Hunter, Clyde, Dodge PU.

Barbara Lively, Abilene, Eagle 4 dr. Chuck & Sherry Anderson, Abilene, GMC Housecar.

Gayla & Don Herrington, Abilene, Dodge Housecar.

Darlene Cox, Abilene, Chev 4 dr.

V.L. Bullard, Arlington, Dodge PU.

Virgil Hobbs, Abilene, Chev PU.

Ricky & Tina Shipley, Abilene, Dodge PU.

Don Harrell, Abilene, Chev Sub.

Forrest Burleson, Baird, Chev PU.

42nd DISTRICT COURT  
John Weeks, presiding

### Civil Filings

Dana Hall vs General Dynamics Corp., damages; termination of employment; breach of duty.

Divorces filed:  
Cluck, Sandra Lee & Benny Norman.

Joy, Eric Nelson & Patricia Ann.

James, Leila Ann & Daniel Morris, and in the interest of minor children.

Jones, Emmer Naomi & James Howard.

### Civil Minutes

David Schkade vs Lloyd Petroleum, notice of non-suit with prejudice.

Divorces granted:  
Worrell, Pansy Bee & Arvin Deco.

Sims, Ronald Ray & Zana Sue.

Felony Complaint & Information  
Cheryl Bennett, forgery.

### Felony Minutes

Gayla J. Watson, motion dismissed to revoke probation.

Jackie Eugene Stiles, aggravated sexual assault dismissed due to being convicted in another case.

Arvin Thornton, TPC dismissed; failure to prosecute.

## Fellowship Meeting Friday, March 12

Drawing Nigh to God Fellowship is scheduled for Friday, March 12 at 7 p.m. at the Revival Center (pink church.) Everyone is invited to attend.

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**MARCH 12**  
Misty Kelly  
James Wilson  
Charley Wright  
Linda Sheppard  
Michael Dwayne Teague  
Mrs. Ray Lee  
Billy Faye Graham  
Tammy Jean Riffe  
Mrs. George Hoover  
Raenell Lancaster

**MARCH 13**  
Julia Morgan  
Bobby Havens  
Alice Parsons  
Christine Hutchins  
Perry Glenn Strickland  
Mrs. Daisy Rudloff  
Charles Boatright  
Gaylon Jackson

**MARCH 14**  
Ricky Thomas  
Mrs. R.P. Haun  
Tony Carlisle  
Terry Harris  
Rodney Renfro  
Lisa Dawn Dickson  
Joy Gerking  
Louis E. Richardson  
Mrs. Jim Miller  
Freddy Knight

**MARCH 15**  
Traci Franke  
Ethel Champion  
Debra Denise Stout  
Joe McNeel  
James Barr  
Betty Albrecht  
J.T. Beggs  
Vicky Nigar  
Tracy Lee Long  
Marian (Odom) Scott  
Randy Walker  
Colt Self  
William Hines  
Myra Irwin

**MARCH 16**  
Leonard Jay  
Beatrice Calhoun  
Rick Neal  
Shanda McClure  
Ralph A. Koenig  
Mrs. Buddy Hardin  
Eddy Don Edmondson  
Becky Self  
Janna Pickett  
Mark Baum  
Estelle Freeland  
Robert Kuner

**MARCH 17**  
Mrs. Fritz Barnett  
Albert Givins  
Arnold Childers  
Irene Dempsey  
Reggy Stover  
Vondal Hutchins  
Margni Wilson  
Mrs. Mary Hayes  
Randy Rucker  
T.J. Harris

**MARCH 18**  
Henry Ring  
Gail Walker  
Bruce Johnson  
Tomi Kye King  
Jay Wilcoxon  
Chandra Heath  
Tina Michelle Evans  
Wilda Edington  
Dorothy Merilyn Golson  
Kimberly Merrill  
Bonnie Jo (Gosnell) Ames  
Sandra Crockett

## Letters TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,  
It may be later than we think! A bill has been introduced in the House (H.R. 423) to amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Fair Housing Act to prohibit discrimination on the basis of affectional or sexual orientation.

Among other things, this means a man can marry a man and would have the same marital rights as you and your spouse, including the right to adopt children.

Our children would be taught in schools that homosexuality is a constitutional civil right, and therefore a valid life-style. You would not be able to keep such teaching out of schools nor off TV or out of the newspapers and magazines. It would be a "civil right" for this evil to be taught and practiced.

The church may be forced to hire homosexuals or go underground.

This Bill would address such areas as public accommodations, public facilities, Federally assisted programs, and equal employment opportunities.

I oppose all these rights being extended to homosexuals.

I'm sure if there isn't already a Companion Bill to HR 423 in the Senate there will be!

Write your U.S. Congressman and Senators and let them know that most people are strongly opposed to making immoral behavior a constitutionally protected right.

Sincerely,  
Laverne Hutton

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Laverne Hutton's name was inadvertently omitted from her letter in last week's issue concerning the SIECUS guidelines.

Dear Editor:

Your recent review of the Positive Action for Youth Conference held at the high school on February 26 and 27 was both factual and much appreciated. I cannot continue with my work until I publicly say "thank you." I was warned not to try and name each person who helped with this project for fear I would forget someone. I need everyone who help me to know how much I appreciate their effort. The reason that we are feeling so good about our PAY weekend, is that it is the result of the work of lots of people in this community. This project didn't begin at school, it began with a few parents in cross Plains saying, "we need this for our town." The staff and faculty at school, the PAY committee composed of parents and community leaders, the editor of this newspaper, the businesses of Cross Plains (especially the bank employees), and my school guidance committee all deserve to know that their caring and participation will be worth the effort. A follow-up meeting was desired by the conference. All of the strategies that were suggested will be discussed at that time.

You have wonderful young people in this community who want very much to please you and make you proud. We know, as adults, it cannot be done

without their making mistakes as they grow. They need to know what our expectations are and that we will love them, mistakes and all. After this weekend, I know without a doubt, they are loved and cared for by this community. My many thanks,

Ann Watson  
Counselor K-12  
Cross Plains ISD

## CPDA Names Congressman Charles Stenholm '1992 Legislator Of The Year

The Chemical Producers and Distributors Association (CPDA) is pleased to announce that it has awarded Congressman Charles W. Stenholm (D-TX) the 1992 CPDA "Legislator of the Year" Award. The award was presented on Monday, February 8, 1993, at the Doubletree Hotel in Arlington, Virginia, where Congressman Stenholm was featured as the keynote speaker of a CPDA's Mid-Year Meeting.

In making the presentation, CPDA Chairman of the Board William D. Gullickson, Jr. (McLaughlin Gormley King Company) cited Congressman Stenholm's dedicated and distinguished legislative leadership in support of American agriculture, food safety, and the effective use of pesticides.

In his comments on the selection of Congressman Stenholm for this award, CPDA President Warren E. Stickle stated, "For more than a decade, Congressman Stenholm has been deeply involved in the day-to-day events concerning the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and pesticide legislation. His outstanding leadership, courage, and legislative skills make him the CPDA Legislator of the Year."

Congressman Stenholm is Chairman of the Subcommittee on Department Operations and Nutrition of the House Committee on Agriculture. He has been a member of the House Agriculture Committee since being sworn into office in January 1979.

Congressman Stenholm has a deep understanding and appreciation of the issues facing American agriculture through his first-hand experience as a cotton farmer and livestock producer.

When the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Research and Foreign Agriculture considered FIFRA in May of last year, Congressman Stenholm supported several amendments which ensured the integrity of this nation's food supply and which provided for a sound, sensible system of pesticide regulation. CPDA is pleased that Congressman Stenholm will chair the Department Operations and Nutrition Subcommittee which is responsible for pesticide legislation during the 103rd Congress.

CPDA is a voluntary, non-profit membership organization comprised of 100 member companies engaged in the manufacture, formulation, distribution and sale of \$3.5 billion worth of products used on food, feed, and fiber crops and for lawn, garden, and turf care.

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## ROWDEN NEWS

By MRS. N.V. GIBBS

The weeks and months are rushing by, here it is one week of March and Saturday was a beautiful spring day. This writer was outside pulling weeds in the yard. This writer also visited two of her neighbors during the week, Vernie Belle Mauldin and Joyce Odom. One inch of moisture fell in the area. A large plum tree in front of the Moon house was in full bloom Saturday.

Robert and Dorothy Watson attended a band concert at the Baird School Thursday night. Wyatt Watson is a member of the high school band. They enjoyed the music and later bought food as a money project for the band.

Joyce Odom's company Sunday afternoon was Nancy Palmer and her son, Michael of Clyde.

Gene and Vernie Belle Mauldin were in Baird Friday and visited Dorse and Lee Harris.

Dorothy Reynolds was in Abilene Friday visiting her sister, Shine Griffin, who was visiting her daughter, Julia Griffin. Julia teaches school in Abilene.

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## OIL NEWS

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GeoTrac Energy Corp., Abilene, set casing at 120 feet on No. 1 Joe Ingram 2 miles northwest of Cross Plains. Contractor: Hack Drilling, Abilene.



Alaskan Malamute dogs have bushy tails which they curl over their noses when they sleep.

# C.P. STUDENT REVIEW

## Early Out Friday

The Cross Plains I.S.D. will dismiss classes early Friday, March 12, at 2:45 p.m. to begin Spring Break on March 15-19. Classes will resume regular schedule on Monday, March 22.

## P.T.O NEWS

The Cross Plains PTO met on February 25 at the Citizens State Bank. The members began making plans to hold a concession stand during the upcoming U.I.L. Meet. The meet will be held at the Cross Plains Schools on Thursday, March 25 and Monday, March 29.

A second PTO meeting will be today, March 11 at the Citizens State Bank at 10 a.m. All members are encouraged to attend and help finalize plans. Volunteers to work in the concession stand are needed. Tentative schedules are: 1st Session 2 p.m.-4 p.m.; 2nd Session 4 p.m.-6 p.m.

Donations of food to be sold in the stand are also needed. Members are being asked to furnish sandwiches and cookies, etc. PTO will furnish the drinks and other concession items.

Anyone willing to work or provide refreshments may call Dannes Turner or Roxie Thomas.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

For The Week Of  
March 11-17

**Thursday, March 11**  
TAAS testing 4, 8, 10 writing only.  
Early out for staff development at 2 p.m.

**Friday, March 12**  
Varsity tennis at San Saba.  
Junior high track here.

**Saturday, March 13**  
Varsity tennis at San Saba.  
Varsity track at Panther Creek.

**Monday, March 15**  
March 15-19 Spring Break.



**NEW SCHOOL RECORD SET** — and Amy Welch (not pictured Misty Jody Dallas (from left), Tamara Flippin, Strickland).

## Gorman Triangular Track Meet Results

The Cross Plains Varsity Track Team traveled to Gorman to participate in a triangular practice meet on Friday, March 5. There were no rankings made or ribbons awarded, but this was a practice meet only.

Times recorded for local athletes were: 3200-Phillips, 13:35.24  
400 Relay-53.17 (New School Record) Welch, Dallas, Flippin, and Strickland  
100 Hurdles-Besselar, 20.27  
800-Clausen, 3:01.54  
1600-Steele, 6:22.50  
800 Relay-Welch, 29.10; Dallas, 28.22; Steele, 29.08; and Flippin, 28.15 Total-

ing 1:54.55  
Strickland, 29.15; Phillips, 29.01; Besselar, 32.20; and Potter, 29.13 Totaling 1:59.49  
1600 Relay-Welch, 69.10; Phillips, 68.21; Steele, 68.20; and Flippin, 66.59 Totaling 4:32.10  
Strickland, 77.26; Dallas, 69.93; Clausen, 79.09; and Potter, 70.96 Totaling 4:57.24  
Shotput-Sowell, 34 ft. 9 3/4 in.; Swift, 28 ft. 9 in.  
Discus-Sowell, 66 ft. 5 in.; Swift, 63 ft. 6 in.



**VARSITY TENNIS WINNERS** — and Rodney Rudloff; Sheryl Glover Shana Bagley (back, from left), Brad Morgan, Tamara Hutton, Robbie Hutton, Stephenson, and Cole Gilliam.

## C.P. Tennis Hosts Tournament

By COACH MAC McCONAL

Cross Plains Tennis team was home this weekend for their own tournament. Team members did an outstanding job of playing and found several members winning 1st and 2nd places, as well as 3rd places.

Results of the final meet were:

### Girls Singles

Shana Bagley, 1st.  
Sheryl Glover, 2nd.

### Girls Doubles

Robbie Hutton and Tamara Hutton, 1st.  
Rachelle Bishop and Amber Williams, 4th.

### Boys Singles

Rodney Rudloff, 3rd.  
Jeff Brown, 4th.

### Boys Doubles

Brad Morgan and Randy Stephenson, 1st.  
Clayton Goble and Cole Gilliam, 2nd.

The team will be in San Saba next weekend. Some of the best tennis players in the state are at this meet.

### Complete results:

### Girls Singles

Shana Bagley beat Ranger (8-2), beat Santa Anna (6-1) (7-5), and finals beat Glover (6-0) (6-0).  
Sheryl Glover beat Santa Anna (8-0),

beat Ranger (6-4) (1-6) (6-2), and lost in finals (0-6) (0-6).

### Boys Singles

Rodney Rudloff beat Bangs (8-0), lost to Gorman (4-6) (6-3) (3-6), and beat Jeff Brown, 3rd place, (6-0) (6-2).

Jeff Brown beat Gorman (8-0), lost to Sidney (1-6) (1-6), and lost to Rudloff (0-6) (2-6).

### Girls Doubles

Robbie Hutton and Tamara Hutton beat Ranger (8-1), beat Santa Anna (6-3) (6-0), and finals beat Santa Anna #1 (4-6) (6-1) (6-2).

Rachelle Bishop and Amber Williams beat Bangs (8-3), lost to Santa Anna (2-6) (4-6), and lost to Santa Anna (4-6) (2-6).

### Boys Doubles

Brad Morgan and Randy Stephenson beat Bangs (8-1), beat Ranger (6-2) (7-6), and finals beat Clayton Goble and Cole Gilliam (6-2) (3-6) (7-5), first place.

Clayton Goble and Cole Gilliam beat Bangs (8-2), beat Santa Anna (4-6) (6-2) (6-2), and finals lost to Brad Morgan and Randy Stephenson (2-6) (6-3) (5-7), 2nd place.

Thanks to everyone who helped me with the tournament.

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Do your duty in all things.  
You cannot do more. You should never wish to do less.  
—Robert E. Lee

## School Board Scheduled For Special And Regular Meeting Tonight

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees will meet Thursday, March 11, at 7 p.m. in the faculty room of the high school for a Special Meeting concerning the following items:

1. Contractual Language
  - A. Contingency clause
  - B. Flexibility of school year calendar
2. Renovation on elementary building
3. Consider ordering science lab microscopes
4. Consider ordering P.A. system

## 7th Grade Hears Another Speaker

By CA

Mrs. Cathy Chesshir visited with Mrs. Jo Rhodes' 7th grade Careers Class on Thursday, March 4. She shared her careers with the class, as she has had many. Basically, the class learned how important the "Homemakers" were in their lives and the many skills involved in being a homemaker.

During the class, the students made a list of the many duties a homemaker performs, ranging from learning to shop efficiently to bookkeeper, seamstress, to child psychologist, and on and on.

## SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

### BREAKFAST

MONDAY — FRIDAY: Spring Break Holidays.

### LUNCH

MONDAY — FRIDAY: Spring Break Holidays.



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3. Coin Collector's Price Guide — Oboyski
4. Dictionary of Cultural Literacy: What Every American Needs to Know — Hirsch, et. al.

### Donations:

Books: Lynette Gomillion  
Funds: Claire Jordan Edwards in Memory of her parents, Virgil and Belle Fulton; Susan Schaefer, Jack and Kathryn Tunnel, Clara Nell Spencer  
Circulation: 187  
Cross Plains and Extension: 184  
Interlibrary Loan: 3

## 1993 JUNIOR AND HIGH SCHOOL TRACK MEET SCHEDULE

DATE	SITE	TEAMS
March 5, Friday	* Gorman	HS/JH, B&G
March 12, Friday	Cross Plains	JH B&G
March 13, Sat.	* Panther Creek	HS, B&G
March 19, Friday	Spring Break	
March 20, Sat.	* Possum Kingdom Relay	HS, G
March 26, Friday	Dublin	JH, B&G
March 27, Sat.	* Baird	HS/ B&G
April 2, Friday	* Eden	HS, B&G
April 3, Sat.	* Gorman	HS, G
April 8, Thursday	Dist 9A-Roscoe	JH, B&G
April 9, Friday	* Cisco	HS, G
April 16, Friday	* Dist 9A-Roscoe	HS, B&G
April 23-24	* Regional Qualifiers	
April 30-May 1	* Regional Meet, Abilene	
May 7-8	* State Qualifiers	
May 14-15	* State Meet, Austin	

### Coaches:

Monty Jones, JH/HS Boys  
Elaine Shedd, JH Girls  
Bill Boyd, HS Girls  
\*Denotes High School Meets

## PEE WEE BASKETBALL CONCESSION STAND SCHEDULE

### THURSDAY MARCH 11

6:00 - 8:00 JACQUE CHILDERS SCOT CHILDERS 8:00 - 10:00 TERRI NIXON EDITH BEGGS

### SATURDAY MARCH 13

6:00 - 8:00 TERRI HUNTER KAREN RICHEY 8:00 - 10:00 EVELYN PARKER VICKY WORLEY

### FRIDAY MARCH 19

6:00 - 8:00 BRENDA HUTCHINS LINDA FORTUNE 8:00 - 10:00 RHONDA McCORLE DEBBIE GOSNELL

### SATURDAY MARCH 20

6:00 - 8:00 LISA PRICE CAROLYN MORGAN 8:00 - 10:00 SALLY COLLINS JANICE KELLY

### FRIDAY MARCH 26

6:00 - 8:00 DEBBIE REED SHERRI WEAVER 8:00 - 10:00 BEVERLY ROSS ANNETTE NICKERSON

### SATURDAY MARCH 27

6:00 - 8:00 ROXIE THOMAS DANNES TURNER 8:00 - 10:00 SHARON STEPHENSON TERRI JANE WYATT

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## COLONIAL OAKS NURSING HOME NEWS

By LINDA EDINGTON  
Activity Director

What pretty weather we have been having lately! Some of the residents are taking advantage of it. Sylvia Smith, Bertha Wheeler, and Ruth Joy have been out walking and enjoying the sunshine.

Our appreciation to these folks: Bill Strickland for the chips and cokes, to J.C. Bowden for the assorted peanuts, and to Rolan Jones for the turnips.

Kim Jackson and boys from Winters visited with Julia Hedrick.

Zora DeBusk from Burkett and Charlene Metcalf visited Clara Coburn. Elva Nell and Garland Dupriest from Rankin, Dovie McPherson, Barbara and Halye Kindrick from Baird, Doris Goble and Eddie Faye Dillard, and Destine Morgan were all here visiting Valerie Rouse.

Brooks and Pat Hill from San Angelo and M.L. and Earlene Hughes from Baird visited with Lillian Smith and Nettie Clark.

Lorene Price and Dee from Abilene visited Lizzie Burks.

Claudell Joy visited Ruth Joy. Terri Chance from Sweetwater visited Joe Chance.

Cora Howland and Geneva Sowell visited with Bertha Wheeler, Mildred Ford, Ruth Joy, and Valerie Rouse.

Cookie Robinson from Clyde visited Nettie Clark.

Karen Adams and family from Big Spring and J.C. Bowden visited with Lola Patton.

Florence and John Waddill from Hamilton visited Juanita Rhodes.

Activities during the week:

**Monday:** Bingo winners were Midge McCall, Dorothy Thomas (2), Mildred Ford, Clara Coburn (2), Zenovia Strickland, and Ressa Glover (2), and Lucille Stone. Exercise class.

**Tuesday:** Art class. Popcorn and dominoes.

**Wednesday:** Sing-a-long with Clyde Linker, Sally Roady, Vernie McMillan, and Ruby McCowen. Exercise class.

**Thursday:** Linen folding with Rachel, Rohni, and R'Evelyn Childers. Dominoes and Skip-Bq games.

**Friday:** Bingo winners were Zenovia Strickland (2), Ruth Joy, Vera Belyeu (2), Estelle Breeding (2), Bertha Wheeler, Ressa Glover, Sylvia Smith (2), Mildred Ford, and Midge McCall. Afternoon singing with Sister Ruby and Bobby Jack McCowen.

**Sunday:** Church service with Old Time Gospel Mission.

*A friend is someone who knows all about you and loves you just the same.*

## Did You Know?

(NAPS)—A new skin treatment, Effetto Immediato/Spa Lift For Face from Princess Marcella Borghese, includes a key protein intended to strengthen skin, smooth texture and provide all-day protection.

Americans with English, Scottish or Welsh-derived surnames can have fun finding their roots in a unique series of videos from The Heritage Corporation.

Dignity Wear hospital garments represent the first major design improvements in medical examination apparel in more than a century.

Buick built 729 Model C's in 1905 and 58 in 1906.

United Soybean Board (USB) leaders and soybean industry experts will be beamed live to soybean producers attending televised Town Hall Meetings at 400 sites in 28 states, using satellite communications technology.

The '70s look is back in fashion, as seen in the round, retro glasses by Calvin Klein and Alexander Julian.

## SENIOR CITIZENS STATS

By MARIE HORTON

What a nice week we have had with everyone joining in the games each morning. It does me so much good to see everyone participating, but to see Hazel Marsh, A.B. Rowan, and Suma Dill playing dominoes just makes my day.

There are two big tables going with chicken foot and a table of farkle. The pool table is always busy.

I have been taking pictures of the activities and have some on the bulletin board. I have a home video and plan to do another.

We really hate to report sick ones, but this has been a bad year for us all. Everyone is missed when they can't attend.

Pauline Switzer, we miss you, and O.B., get well quick. Addean Winfrey's aunt, Clea Gilmore of May, has had a stroke. Let's remember these, and Ernestine Watson and Roger, too. Delores Garrett's mother, Lucille Morgan, had open heart surgery. We hope to see everyone back soon.

Our birthday wishes go to Lucile Callaway and Yuna V. Burkett for March, and wish you many happy ones to come.

Don't forget Game Day is all day Friday, so come on out and enjoy it with us. If you are sixty or more, this is your Center, so join us and let us enjoy your company.

There were seventeen playing bingo Friday morning and the pool table was busy also. Come on out and join the fun!

## BURKETT NEWS

By TERRI BUSHNELL

The sound of spring is in the air, and they are welcome sounds at our house. I've noticed several people out tilling their gardens and doing yard work. The weather for the last few days has been wonderful.

Andrew, Doris and Paul Walker visited with Mrs. Ruth Letney of Nimrod and Steve Letney of Cisco. Andrew visited with his sister, Anne Merle Trent of Coleman, Friday. The Walkers received a telephone call from their son, Andy, who is in the Marines. He is in Norway on a training mission. He said the country is beautiful and the wildlife is plentiful. Kathy Wegryzn, the Walker's daughter, is recovering well after surgery.

Jack and Zora DeBusk attended the services at the First United Methodist Church in Cross Plains.

Beverly and Eddie Strickland and Rex Priddy had dinner with Jack and Lovera Strickland Saturday.

Jim and Cindy Kuebler and daughters, Lyn, Winnie, and Robin, visited and had dinner with Miriam Kuebler Sunday.

Jim Coffey is in the hospital in Phoenix, Arizona. He had lung surgery and is much better, but still in a lot of pain. Cards and letters can be sent to Jim C/O 2902 E. Jones, Phoenix, Arizona 85040.

Tye Brown remains critically ill in Kerrville V. A. Hospital. His mother, Lillian Brown, and sister-in-law, Janie Brown of Coleman, spent last Saturday with Tye and Brauna. She calls Lillian daily, sometimes two or more times to keep her informed about his condition.

Cleo Porter is feeling better after a recent stay in Abilene Regional Medical Center (Humana Hospital) where she underwent tests and medication.

Paul Walker is still nursing an injured hand. The injury was sustained several weeks ago while he was driving for a trucking company. It is still in a cast. He is recuperating at the home of his parents, Andrew and Doris Walker.

Kenneth and Lana Hutchins and baby boy, Taylor Wayne of Bangs, visited their grandmother, Montie Jennings, last Saturday. She was happy to see them and meet her first great-grandchild.

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

Billy Paul Golson returned home from Humana Hospital Monday of last week, after undergoing another surgery. Their guests Sunday were their son, Randy, and his wife and son of Cisco, and their other son, Cody of Burkett who visits regularly and helps with outside work.

Lucille Cross is home after undergoing a second surgery on her head Friday of last week. Their son and wife, Kenneth and Sherry Cross of Ingleside, spent Thursday to Monday with his parents until Lucille was feeling better.

Get well wishes go to all those mentioned in this column and others who are sick which we have not learned about.

The Burkett-Adams Cemetery Association acknowledges contributions received since last reported in this newspaper: Claudia C. George \$5; Harold and

Audrey Mitchell \$20; Jimmy and Faye Gaines \$25; Janie Brown \$15; Thelma Holland \$5; Zora F. Lico \$5; Mrs. Earl (Janie) Davis \$7; Gary and Cathy Briggs \$10; Mrs. Ludie (Gould) Cox \$20; Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Golson \$10; James and Laverne Lindsey \$25; Verda Casey Brown \$50; The Mattie Webb Estate \$24.08; Nancy Holt Hughes, in loving memory of Hattie Maples \$25; James and Sarah Tesdale, Martin and Irma West, Bobby and Rodney Jones, all in memory of Hattie Maples \$40; Jim and Roberta Coffey, in memory of Hattie Maples \$20; Marvin and Dorothy Mickan, in memory of Hattie Maples \$25; Floyd and Virginia Allen, in memory of Hattie Maples \$20; and eight anonymous gifts of \$10 each, totaling \$80.

Each and every gift is greatly appreciated by the Cemetery Board for the upkeep of the cemeteries. This accounting was reported by Freeda Burkett, secretary-treasurer for the Burkett Cemetery Board.

## AARP Appoints New State Director

The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) has appointed Mrs. Poppy Hulsey of Tulia to the position of State Director for Texas. The state director is the chief volunteer representative of AARP in the state and coordinates all AARP activity within the state. She will chair AARP's State Leadership Council and work with the volunteers of the 15 AARP State Leadership Council and work with the volunteers of the 15 AARP programs in Texas.

Prior to this appointment, Poppy served AARP as an Assistant State Director and also an Associate State Director. In 1986 she was elected to the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature where she has held the positions of Administrative Chairman of the Operations Committee, Secretary of the Criminal Justice Committee, and now holds the position of Speaker Pro Tem in her fourth term.

AARP is the nation's leading organization for people age 50 and over. It serves their needs and interests through legislative advocacy, research, informative programs and community services provided by a network of local chapters and experienced volunteers throughout the country. The organization also offers members a wide range of special membership benefits, including *Modern Maturity* and the monthly *Bulletin*.

## PUBLIC NOTICE BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS SPECIAL ELECTION MAY 1, 1993

### PROPOSITION NO. 1 ON THE BALLOT

Section 1 of Senate Joint Resolution 7 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the legislature to redistribute among other school districts ad valorem taxes levied and collected by a school district. The amendment would also allow the legislature to create county education districts with the taxable property of existing school districts in one or more counties combined. County education districts may levy, collect, and distribute ad valorem taxes as authorized by general law. The legislature would be allowed to set the rate of the ad valorem tax to be imposed in a school district or county education district or it may authorize the board of trustees of each school district or county education district to set the rate, provided that the rate of county education district ad valorem taxes may not exceed \$1.00 per \$100 valuation of taxable property, unless a higher rate is approved by the voters of the district. The amendment also provides that the amount of ad valorem taxes redistributed among school districts by the legislature and effectively redistributed within a county through county education districts may not exceed 2.75 percent of the sum of the state revenue appropriated for public schools and the revenue from local ad valorem taxes levied and collected for public schools. The term "state revenue" does not include revenue from ad valorem taxes, revenue for the provision of free textbooks, or contributions to a retirement system. Finally, the amendment provides that it does not affect the distribution of the available school fund under article VII, section 5, of the Texas Constitution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment allowing limited redistribution of ad valorem taxes for schools, authorizing the legislature or local districts to set

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## March Is National Peanut Month

Great goobers! March is National Peanut Month. That time set aside each year to celebrate the delicious, nutritious great American peanut. It's baseball, the circus and all-around fun packed in a little legume with big nutritional benefits.

Did you know that peanuts are not nuts at all? They are part of the pea, bean and lentil family and offer the advantages of good protein, vitamins, minerals and fiber. Peanuts have all of this while being naturally cholesterol-free.

Many American moms are looking back to peanuts as a nutritious snack for their children since the calories contained are "loaded" — the kind that can easily be turned to energy — verses those that are termed "empty calories" in other snacks.

But the main thing about peanuts is that they taste great. Whether they are oil roasted, dry roasted, oven roasted,

boiled, blanched or raw, there's nothing like the taste of peanuts. America's number one sandwich spread is peanut butter, accounting for about half of the U.S. production of the crop. It has even been reported that one of President Bill Clinton's favorite sandwiches is peanut butter and banana, just like another famous American, Elvis Presley.

Peanuts and chocolate are the country's favorite flavor combination in candy and confections, too. Among the top ten best selling chocolate candies, the top three, and six of the ten, contain peanuts.

According to the National Peanut Council in Alexandria, Virginia, we Americans consume 12 pounds of peanuts (farmer stock basis) per person each year. That is up some 20 percent from a decade ago. Peanuts are the 12th most valuable cash crop in the U.S. with a farm value of about \$3 billion.

## MINUTE MUSINGS

By ESTHLOY S. DICKSON

My front yard full of leaves does nothing for my disposition this Monday morning — however, I'll look at the beautiful daffodils out there and be happy. Also, during the weekend I had a call from a very dear cousin, Troy Satterwhite, which made me very happy, except that his message was a request for prayer. He will undergo lung surgery this week in a Fort Worth hospital.

No one answered at the Roady home this morning. They were in church Sunday morning. Bob sang in the choir. Sally was her usual sweet self.

Last Saturday, Nellie Barton of Waco and Novella Barton of Pioneer visited with Betty Beggs. On Friday Rex Beggs, Connie and Ashley and Betty enjoyed the 'Monster Car' in Abilene. (I hope I got that right.)

My good neighbor, Ms. Jewel Foster, was in Sunday School and Church Sunday morning. We had good attendance. Ms. Thora Walker taught our class lesson.

I truly hope my good neighbors will call me when and if they have a note of interest to report for this column.

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The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of \$750 million in state general obligation or revenue bonds to assist school districts in partially financing facilities, authorizing the state to forgive payments of loans made to a school district for partially financing facilities, and repealing the authorization for \$750 million in state revenue bonds guaranteed by the permanent school fund."

*Este es el informe explicatorio sobre la enmienda propuesta a la constitución que aparecerá en la boleta el día 1 de mayo de 1993. Si usted no ha recibido una copia del informe en español, podrá obtener una gratis por llamar al 1/800/252/8683 o por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, Texas 78711*

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We would like to thank everyone who assisted during Justin's recent accident. He is recovering very well.  
Tricia Hopkins

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I would like to express my appreciation for the prayers, flowers, food, visits, calls, and cards during my recent surgery and return home.  
Everyone has been so nice and helpful and it has made my recovery pleasant. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.  
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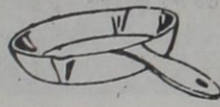
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The City of Cross Plains has recruited volunteers from local organization including the Chamber of Commerce, Project Pride, the Garden Club, Kiwanis, etc. to install the newly assigned 9-1-1 emergency house numbers on Saturday March 13, 1993. If you know your not going to be at home on this date, please call City Hall and leave instructions as to where you wish your number to be installed. For further information please contact City Hall at 725-6114. 50-1TC

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

A public hearing has been scheduled by the City of Cross Plains on March 18, 1993, 6:30 p.m. at the Cross Plains Community Center for the purpose of reviewing the 93/94 budget. All local citizens are encouraged to attend. For further information please contact City Hall 725-6114. 50-1TC

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## 12th Annual Art Contest For 17th District

Congressman Charles Stenholm announced plans today for the Twelfth Annual Art Contest for high school students in the 17th District of Texas. Since it was first launched in 1982, the nationwide competition has generated thousands of local competitions, involving nearly 400,000 high school students. One winning entry from each Congressional District will be displayed in the annual exhibition in a corridor of the U.S. Capitol, an area dedicated to the artistic talents of today's youth.

Students in grades 9 through 12 from Callahan, Haskell, Jones, Shackelford, Stonewall and Taylor Counties should enter a preliminary contest to be held in Abilene on Wednesday, April 14, 1993. Entries may be brought to the Art Department of Cooper High School and must be in place by Friday, April 9, at 3:30 p.m.

Other regional shows will be held in Big Spring, Brownwood, Colorado City, Graham, Mineral Wells, San Angelo, and Stephenville. Winners from the entire 32 counties of the 17th District will be announced at an awards brunch in Abilene on April 24. Charlie and Cindy Stenholm will host this honors brunch.

Artwork must be no larger than 32" by 32" framed (framing not required) and two-dimensional. Eligible categories are paintings, prints, drawings or collages. If a student chooses to do a landscape, it shall portray a Texas scene.

For more information, contact Stenholm's office at 915/773-3623 or Martha Kiel in Abilene at 915/692-9591.

## Local Man Test Takes Trip 'Down Under'

By TOM MELTON

This was definitely a trip of a lifetime for me. I was in Australia three times and New Zealand twice, with 17 flights in 34 days and over 37,000 miles. I just about memorized all the messages on the planes and was lucky enough to fly in business class. On the flight from Dallas to Los Angeles I flew over Cross Plains.

Please get out your globe or world map and see where I went. Cross Plains, Dallas, Los Angeles, Hawaii, Cairns, Sydney, Auckland, Sydney, Melbourne, Shepparton, Melbourne, Tasmania, Melbourne, Christchurch, Wellington, Auckland, Sydney, Cairns, Hawaii, Los Angeles, Dallas, Cross Plains.

Between all the airplane buses, taxis, cars, vans, hotels, motels, boats, ships, train, gondola, I was ready to get home.

Throughout the trip I shot about 11 hours of video and over 20 rolls of film.

The people that I met and became friends with really made the trip for me. The one thing that impressed me the most was how well the people in these countries like Americans in general. The only real bad thing was that the ozone layer is real thin there and the sun is very intense.

At first, it was hard trying to get used to driving on the opposite side of the road and walking on the opposite side of the sidewalk, you learn to look BOTH ways before you walk. Converting to the metric system is kind of difficult, too.

Watching the penguins coming ashore on the beach was one of the highlights of the trip. The penguins come to shore and have a meeting on the beach and all run back into the water; then come ashore and then go up in the grass of the beach to spend the night. They are very fat, having been eating all day, and they waddle and

fall down when they walk. I even got to pet a well known down under animal, a

## NEWS FOR VETERANS

By TOM IVEY  
Veterans Service Officer  
Callahan County

Last week's column carried news of dividends to be paid in 1993 on life insurance policies carried by veterans. This week we will look into a question that comes up frequently regarding supposed dividends.

An insurance hoax that first appeared more than 40 years ago continues to plague the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), this time with a new target — active duty military personnel. VA's Regional Office and Insurance Center in Philadelphia reports that requests from military personnel for a non-existent insurance dividend have increased since the Persian Gulf War.

For many years the principal victims of the rumor were World War II and Korean Conflict veterans who were told that VA was sending a check for hundreds of dollars — a so-called insurance dividend — to any veteran who requested it. In more recent years, however, veterans brochures have been targeting bogus of the Vietnam Era. The current hoax focuses on holders of Servicemen's Group Life Insurance.

The phony applications claim dividends or refunds have been recently authorized by Congress. In fact, there is no such dividend for veterans who do not keep their insurance in force, nor a rebate for active duty military personnel. No legislation has been proposed in Congress.

The hoax causes thousands of veterans, active duty military personnel and dependents wasted effort, and generates needless labor and mailing expense at VA's 58 regional offices across the country.

The hoax applications usually are unwittingly printed in magazines, newspapers and newsletters, or distributed in handbills. Recently, hoax mail has been printed on military unit or company letterhead. Attempts to trace the origin of the hoax have been unsuccessful, but it is believed that its life has been perpetuated by the innocent duplication of bogus information.

VA's legitimate insurance dividends are paid annually to current policyholders, usually on the anniversary date of the policy. Some 3.5 million veterans share in an annual dividend distribution. Payments are automatic to those who continue to pay premiums, and no application is needed.

Question — I am the widow of a veteran who died from non-service connected medical problems. My Social Security is not very much. Can I get any help from the Veterans Administration?

Answer — Yes, if your income from all sources, including your Social Security, is less than \$425 per month, you are entitled to receive the difference from the VA as a widow's pension. Contact your Callahan County Veterans Office at (915) 854-1520 on Mondays and Thursdays.

### Forfeited Land Sale

The Texas Veterans Land Board is now accepting bids for forfeited land tracts. The bids will be opened at 1 p.m. on April 27, 1993. There are no tracts offered in Callahan, Coleman or Shackelford Counties. There are 2 parcels in Brown County and 3 in Taylor County. Tracts are available in 125 of Texas' 254 counties. For more information, call your Veterans Service Office at (915) 854-1520 on Mondays and Thursdays. You may also call the Texas Veterans Land Board for county maps at 1-800-252-VETS.

### D-Day Anniversary

In just over a year, the 50th Anniversary of D-Day — June 6, 1944 — when the largest invasion fleet in history sailed to the Normandy beaches, will be marked. To help veterans and others planning on returning for the commemorations in both England and France throughout the summer, a map has been prepared identifying the locations, beaches associated with the invasion, historic buildings and towns that played significant roles in the landings. For a copy of D-Day 50th Anniversary Year 1994, which includes information on events, write the British Tourist Authority, 551 Fifth Ave., Suite 701, New York, NY 10176.

kangaroo, a little Joey, beside the road. The kangaroo can be house broken and trained and I've decided I would like one.

A wild Emu bird and her baby were walking along the road and I even viewed four live Tasmanian devils in Tasmania. Lots of American music is played, and of course, I heard "Thanks, mate," said to me quite a few times. There is high unemployment in Australia and New Zealand. Gasoline costs about \$3.25 per gallon.

Outdoor grass bowling is popular and so is Cricket. Some of the people were just a bit rough on the edges. They were talking a lot about Ross Perot over in Australia and New Zealand, and appeared to be happy that Bush was no longer the president.

Americans are perceived as thinking that the U.S.A. is the only thing that matters and everything else revolves around them.

The Japanese are very rude in the way they walk and cut in front of other people, however, it must be very crowded where they live and this must be the way that they get around in Japan. They are trying to buy all the real estate they can.

There is a lot of rivalry and kidding around between New Zealand and Australia.

I did some ocean sailing and I can see how people get into sailing. I saw some great, fantastic beaches and scenery. There are some beautiful flower gardens in both Australia and New Zealand.

### NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand is 1,000 miles long. It appears that there is very little pollution there. The country is just too beautiful; it has it all — green pastures, rivers, lakes, mountains, and the ocean.

There are 3.5 million people and it is geographically the same size as the United Kingdom, but the United Kingdom has 58 million people. I literally saw the end of a rainbow and a double rainbow in New Zealand.

I viewed the geysers (like Old Faithful) and the Worn Glow Cave in New Zealand. I saw a fish farm, and the sheepshearing farm show was fascinating.

Auckland, New Zealand is one of the most beautiful cities in the world. It is called the City of Sails. There is a beach called Hot Water Beach and it has streaks of hot lines under the sand. When you dig a hole in the sand and let the water come in, the water is heated up and turns into a natural hot tub.

The Alpine Express in South New Zealand is a beautiful train ride. I saw a river that was light blue and green in color. It was fed by melting glaciers, i.e. snow. My face was black after riding the train.

### AUSTRALIA

In Australia there is a ranch as big as Texas. Over 90 percent of the people in Australia live on 10 percent of the land. There were more sheep in Australia than the number of U.S. citizens 10 years ago.

Australian football rules makes U.S. football look like a walk in the park. In Rugby the players use tape to protect their ears so they don't get them ripped off during the match.

Melton, Australia has a large bridge over Sydney Harbor and a long tunnel under the Harbor. Melbourne, Australia was voted the number one city to live in in the world, out of the largest 100 cities.

There seems to be a lot of public strikes. 500,000 people went on strike in Melbourne because of the possibility of losing their vacation pay, in which they are paid 17 percent of their normal wages. Some Australian government employees get 13 to 26 weeks vacation a year. It is very hard to get fired when you are a government employee.

The little shopping malls in Melbourne were real nice. The auction at the meat butcher shop at the mall in Melbourne was very different to watch.

A 22 foot shark that weighed over 5,000 pounds was caught off Phillip Island. I drove by the Giant Earthworm Museum that had a 50 foot earthworm, but I didn't stop.

Hang gliders over the ocean road were interesting to watch. The Harness Horserace was entertaining. Seeing the girls play net ball was fun.

They use cannons to prevent hail from hitting the fruit trees, a most unusual procedure.

The best oysters in the world are on the beaches in North Tasmania, at least that was what was claimed. The locals in Tas are burning the \$100,000 logging control panels of the big logging companies, because the locals are mad at the way they are cutting down the trees. They are strip cutting and not selective cutting. A lot of the land of Tas was harmed by the forest companies.

I saw the deepest lake in the Southern

## Social Security Reminder: Beneficiaries, Report Your 1992 Earnings By April 15

"If you worked and received Social Security benefits during 1992, you have until April 15, 1993, to report the amount of your 1992 earnings to the Social Security Administration," said Glyn Hammons, Social Security manager in Abilene. "Anyone whose earnings exceeded the annual earnings limits must file a report. The earnings limits for 1992 were \$10,200 for beneficiaries aged 65-69 and \$7,440 for those under age 65."

Social Security will compare the amount of earnings on your 1992 report

Hemisphere, Lake St. Clair. The mountain lakes of Tasmania were all very pretty.

They call Cairns the Hawaii of Australia. You don't need a sauna at your hotel in Cairns, because it is very hot there. I was on the radio in Cairns. You can't swim until April in Cairns, because of the jellyfish along the shore.

There are some beautiful colors at the Great Barrier Reef. It has deep and light blue water. The Great Barrier Reef was fun to snorkel and fly over. The glass bottom boat ride in the reef was fascinating with the variable colors of coral and fish.

The slang over there was a lot fun and quite a challenge to get used to. Some examples are: Hey, Digger; Hey, Mate; Good on you; Give it a go; A Day, Mate; Give way; How are you today?; Box of birds thanks; and You'll be right.

Words have a different meaning down under such as: biscuits are crackers; smash up is a repair shop; Jack and Jill is a bill, note or account; raked is tired; BYU is bring your own; raging or wrapped is happy; chattered is amazed; and TAA is thanks.

Thank you all the nice people that I met and all their hospitality. If you ever have the opportunity to visit these beautiful countries, I strongly recommend it.

with the estimate you provided when you applied for benefits or when you filed last year's earnings report. "Benefits paid in 1992 were based on that estimate," Hammons explained. "If you earned less than you estimated, you may be due additional money; if you made more than you estimated for 1992, you may have to repay some benefits."

People who turned 70 in 1992 only need to report earnings up to the month of their birthday. Self-employed beneficiaries who turned 70 in 1992 should prorate their earnings — that is, total the earnings for the year and divide by 12 and report the prorated amount for the months before their birthday. Those who were 70 or older all year don't have to file a report.

"Filing your Federal income tax return does not take the place of filing your earnings report with Social Security," Hammons emphasized. "And, if you request a filing extension for your Federal income tax return, you do not automatically get an extension on the filing date for your Social Security earnings report. You must request each extension separately."

People who earlier reported they expected to earn more than the 1992 limits were automatically sent a reporting form in late February. Those who didn't get the form should call 1-800-772-1213 business days between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. to file their report.



The first person to formulate the laws of perspective in art, that is, representing objects on a flat surface so as to give the illusion of receding distance, was, it's believed, Leon Battista Alberti of Italy in the 1400's.

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 By Lyndell Williams  
 TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN - President Clinton won some nods from sage heads in Texas last week when he announced, with Texas Comptroller John Sharp at this side, a top-to-bottom audit of federal government modeled after Texas'.

Sharp won praises here in '91 with his waste-finding audits of state agencies; now, fittingly, he's hit the big time.

Those '91 audits, make no mistake, are perhaps the prime reason why the Texas legislative leadership feels comfortable it can adopt a budget this session with no new taxes.

That, and the unmistakable public roar for reduced waste in government.

Sharp, standing at the president's side, is a man who is where he ought to be; if he can do for the state what he did for Texans, he should get the U.S.A.'s highest

civilian medal.

**In the Senate**

Senators approved and sent to the House a \$70 billion state budget with an 8.3 percent spending hike, no new taxes. Big ticket items are the 22.5 percent increase in health and human services spending, and 38 percent increase for new prisons and facilities.

Of the total amount, \$38.9 billion comes from state-generated funds, the remainder from mostly federal funds.

Touted as a "frugal budget," only two senators, Republicans John Leedom and Jane Nelson, voted against it.

House Appropriations Committee members, meanwhile, worked until midnight last week to draft their budget.

Both chambers are ahead of tradition in this regard; many House members attribute progress there to the smooth leadership under Speaker Pete Laney and Speaker Pro Tem Tom Uher.

**Clinton Boosts Krueger**

Clinton also pumped hard for interim Sen. Bob Krueger, facing a May 1 special election; that same day, reports surfaced that Krueger's '84 Senate campaign suffered an IRS lien for unpaid unemployment insurance taxes, now paid.

Meanwhile, former Atty. Gen. Jim Mattox said he might drop out of that race if he is convinced a bloody fight with fellow Democrat Krueger would hurt the party.

Sources in gay-lesbian activist groups said Mattox will back away,

possibly for an as-yet undesignated post with the Clinton administration, but also because of inadequate campaign funds.

On the GOP side, Tom Luce supports State Treasurer Kay Bailey Hutchison and won't enter the fray himself; former Gov. John Connally endorsed Congressman Jack Fields, who started TV ads with money raised by the help of Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole.

State Republicans have formed a coalition to work against passage of the Robin Hood School finance reform amendment.

They claim Gov. Richards and other Democrats are trying to blackmail voters into approving the amendment on the May 1 ballot with a threat that a Democrat state district judge will close all public schools if they don't.

State Rep. John Culberson, R-Houston, urged Houston voters to dump the amendment, saying there still will be plenty of time for the Legislature to resolve funding in a less expensive way.

Republicans are warning that if the amendment is approved before a spending plan is outlined, then voters will have less control over the eventual price tag of school reform.

**Dropout Bill Passes Senate**

The Senate last week passed a bill by Rep. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, drafted to help reduce the school dropout rate. The bill would:

- Give school districts funds to help students who are at risk of dropping out because they are pregnant or are school-age parents.
- Provide money for districts to administer high school equivalency examination programs targeting students who are 16 or older and are not expected to graduate.
- Require the Texas Department of Health to notify the state education commissioner of births to school-age mothers.

**Other Highlights**

■ Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry repaid the state for a private flight he took in his state airplane, after his hand was called by State Rep. Dan Kubiak.

Perry had billed the state for the Austin-to-Dallas trip, saying he took it in his private airplane.

■ Congressman Joe Barton, a GOP Senate candidate, urged Veterans of Foreign War members to join the fight to retain the ban on gays and lesbians in the U.S. military.

■ Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston, has filed legislation that would wrest control of the Alamo from the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, who have cared for the Alamo since 1905. Wilson's bill would give the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department custody of the shrine.

■ A proposal by Rep. Charles Finnell, D-Holliday, would make it illegal for state workers to convert to personal-use "frequent flyer" miles they accumulate while on state business.

■ Gov. Richards has signed into law a bill providing \$250 million in emergency spending to build and operate prisons. The measure provides for building and operating facilities to house more than 10,000 prison inmates and pay counties \$72 million for the cost of holding state prisoners.

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