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Pioneer 'Good Old Days' Festival Spotlights Entertainers

By NELDA WEISS

Entertainment for the Pioneer 'Good Old Days' Festival will begin at 10:00 a.m. under the tent beside the Pioneer Clubhouse. Benches and tables and chairs will be provided for seating.

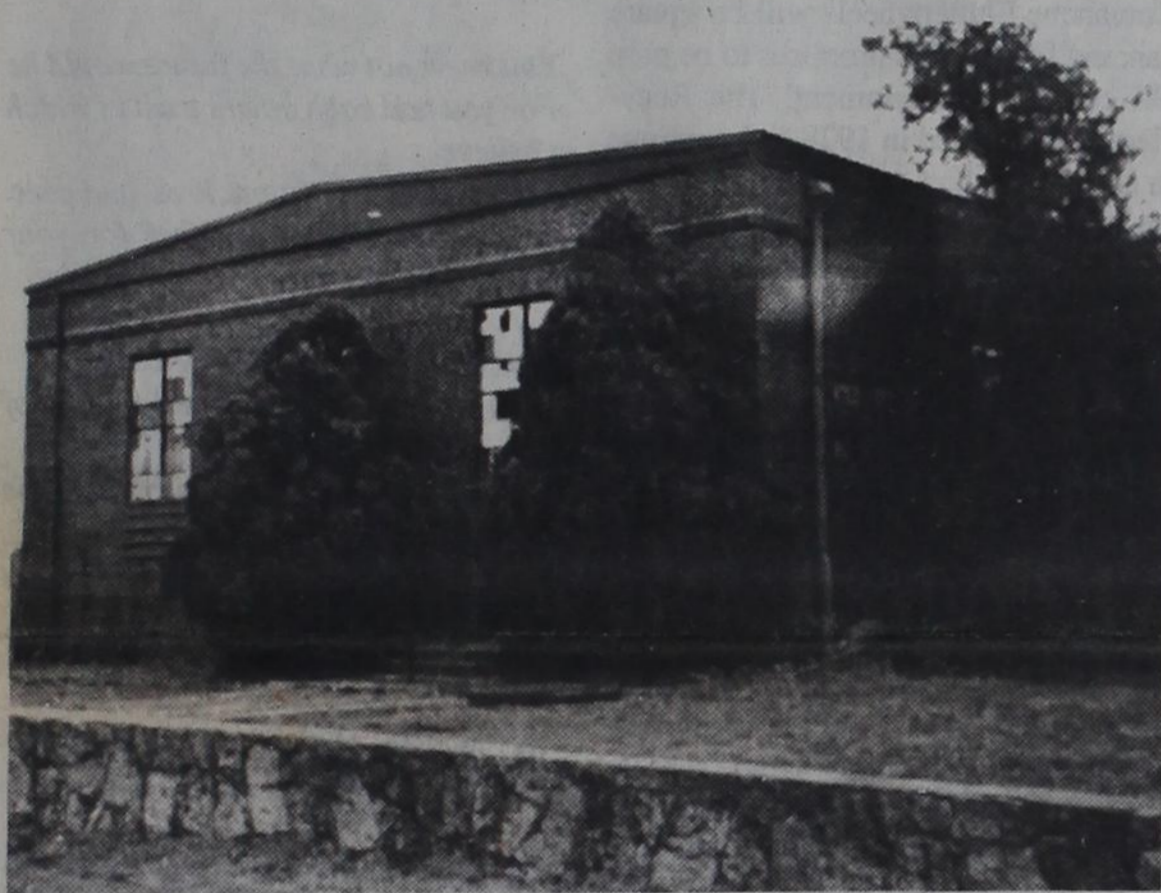
Kicking off the entertainment will be a Hillbilly Skit performed by Laverne Hutton, a long-time resident of Pioneer and the Sabanno area. She has performed this skit, as Sallie Mae Slip, for Ladies' Days, Senior Citizens, and Church retreats. This promises to be a very lighthearted and fun part of the program. Laverne has been very active in the planning of the Pioneer 'Good Old Days' Festival, and with Betty Beggs, is doing the Art Show. The Hillbilly Skit will be repeated at 5:30 p.m. for those who miss the earlier performance.

At 10:30 a.m., Tessa Wyatt, eleven-

year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eddy Glen Wyatt, will be performing. She has been playing the Country Fiddle about a year and a half and shows exceptional talent. She has performed at various functions, and continues taking lessons from Robin Westmoreland. Tessa's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Roger Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wyatt, all of Cross Plains, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Allen. If you enjoy Country Fiddlin' and young talent, you won't want to miss this!

Colleen Anderson, known by many area residents as Colleen Moore, who resides in Cottonwood, will be performing at 11:00 a.m. and again at 4:30 p.m. Colleen is a very energetic and enthusiastic Country Gospel singer. Her talent takes her many places. She does sing professionally and cassette tapes will be available.

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FINISHED PRODUCT

New Roof Now In Place On Burkett Community Center

The new metal roof on the Burkett gymnasium and community center is now a reality. The success of this great cause is due to the contributions and donations received from area citizens, businesses, ex-students, and board members and committee members of the Burkett Community.

However, \$3600.00 is still needed to make the final roof payment. The Board

and several citizens have arranged for this payment until the remainder can be raised. The Board encourages all of those who pledged donations, waiting on the start or completion of the roof to now please make the contributions of donations so desperately needed. DONATIONS ARE STILL NEEDED.

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SANTA'S STABLE GINGERBREAD HOUSE

Gingerbread House Raffle By Local Friends Of Girl Scouts

Local friends of the Girl Scouts of Cross Plains and Rising Star (Fathers, Mothers, etc.) have announced the raffle of a completely eatable gingerbread house, entitled Santa's Stable.

The Santa Stable is complete with 8 tiny reindeer, a shiny nosed Rudolph, 2 of Santa's elves, Mrs. Claus, and Old Saint Nick himself. This gingerbread stable

will be available for viewing at the Christmas Village on December 3 and 4, from 6:00 until 9:00 p.m. The cost of these raffle tickets are \$1.00 each. Drawing for the winner will be at 9:00 p.m. on December 4, and notified by phone for delivery. Twenty percent of the

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It Is Time Again To Write Your Santa Claus Letters.

All pre-school children and students through 3rd grade may send your wish lists to the *Cross Plains Review* by noon December 9.

The children's letters will be forwarded directly to Old Saint Nick at the North Pole. Watch for publication in the December 16th issue.

Mail To:
Santa Claus
c/o Cross Plains Review
P.O. Box 519
Cross Plains, Texas 76443

Santa Claus Is Coming To Town Friday Evening

The Christmas season will officially open in Cross Plains on Friday evening, December 3, at 6:00 p.m. with the lighting of the Kiwanis Christmas tree on North Main Street at the Dal-Mar Energy, Inc. building. Santa Claus is scheduled to arrive shortly thereafter atop a fire engine, bringing treats for the children. Pictures may be made with Santa for \$2.00 each. The First United Methodist Church Choir will present the musical program, and drawing for prizes will be held. Registration is available at participating merchants. You must be present to win. Winners have 20 seconds to make his/her presence known to the Master of Ceremonies. Each person may win only one gift.

Just next door at Higginbotham's, Project Pride will be opening their Annual Christmas Village, which will reopen Saturday, December 4, and again on December 10 and 11 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Admission will be free and refreshments will be served. Following the Friday evening arrival, Santa and Mrs. Claus will move to Project Pride's Snow Village upstairs in Higginbotham's

where visitation will continue both weekends. Other Main Street activities include Higginbotham's Living Windows, P.T.O. Bake Sale, E.M.S. and Beta Sigma Phi Booths, Arts and Crafts at Western Auto, Collectors and Hobbies Exhibits in the Library, and the Living Nativity under the awning.

The Senior Citizens Center plans to hold open house and a cake walk at 7:30 p.m. on Friday evening, December 3, and will be serving a meal (choice of Frito pie, red beans and corn bread, and dessert, \$2.50 a plate) on Saturday evening, December 4, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. West Texas Utilities will have open house on Saturday, December 11. The Chamber of Commerce will provide music and singing around the tree both weekends, as follows:

Friday, December 3
6:00 — 9:00 p.m.

Kiwanis Tree and First United Methodist Church Choir

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Pioneer Art And Craft Show

All persons living in Pioneer or former residents, please bring three paintings of your work or craft items to the Pioneer Community Club House between 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Friday, December 3. Someone will be there continually from 9:30 a.m. Friday until 9:00 p.m. Saturday night to insure safety.

Ribbons will be awarded in the adult and children's category. A \$1.00 entry fee will be charged for artists to defray expenses. No charge for craftsmen.

Paintings and crafts will be for sale by some and just exhibited by others.

Please call Laverne Hutton (817) 725-7342 or Betty Beggs (817) 725-7235 for further information. You may pick up your work after 9:00 p.m. Saturday, or later if you call.



ALL-DISTRICT FOOTBALL TEAM — Jimmy Lee (from left), Jason Fleming, Willie Nickerson, Jeremy Barnett, Daniel Bushnell, and Rodney Rudloff.

Colonial Oaks Services

Temple Baptist will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, December 5, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

ALL-DISTRICT ANNOUNCED

The 1993 All-District Football teams were released last week. Names cannot be officially released until every team in the district is through playing. Last week both Baird and Rising Star were defeated in their play-off games.

The following varsity football players from Cross Plains were selected by the district coaches to a position on the All-District team:

Daniel Bushnell, (Jr.), 1st Offensive Line; Rodney Rudloff, (Sr.), 1st De-

fensive Back; Willie Nickerson, (Jr.), 2nd Offensive Lineman; Jason Fleming, (Sr.), Kicker 1st and 2nd Punter; Jimmy Lee, (Jr.), 2nd Linebacker; and Jeremy Barnett, (Sr.), 2nd Linebacker.

Baird, Putnam Justices Of Peace To Seek Same JP Precinct

Two Commissioners Will Not Seek Office

Two Callahan County commissioners, whose positions come up for election in the March 1994 Democratic Primary Election, stated Monday, November 22 they will not seek re-election.

Callahan County Precinct #2 Commissioner Lowell Johnson and Precinct #4 Commissioner Joe Ingram, both said they would not seek another four-year term as county commissioner.

Their retirement announcement was made just as filing for the March Democratic Primary Election was to begin on December 3.

Callahan County Democratic Chairman Jon Hardwick said filing for county

offices will begin Friday, December 3 and continue through January 3, 1994. The Democratic Party Primary Election is set for March 8, 1994.

Hardwick, who's a certified public accountant in Baird, said candidates wishing to seek one of the county offices up for election can pick up an application at his office on West Highway 80 in Baird beginning December 3. He added filing deadline on January 3 is 6:00 p.m. in which the office filing application must be in his possession. To seek one of the county offices, Hardwick said you must be a registered voter and must reside within the precinct you wish to

serve.

The offices up for election in the March Democratic Primary include: county judge, county treasurer, county clerk, 42nd District Court clerk, commissioner precinct #2, commissioner precinct #4 and all three justice of the peace precincts in the county. There is a filing fee to seek one of those offices, according to Hardwick. He said the fee is based upon the office the candidate seeks.

Hardwick added the office of County Democratic Party Chairman and the precinct chairman positions are also up for election in March 1994. He said no

filing fee will be charged candidates who seek one of the chairperson positions. Hardwick also explained because it is difficult to find someone to service as voter precinct chairman, candidates can file now for the office of Democratic Party precinct chairman.

Johnson, who lives in Oplin, said he will retire when his term expires December 31, 1994. When his term expires, Johnson will have served six terms as county commissioner, totalling 24 years.

Johnson, who is 62 years of age, gave no reason for his retirement announcement other than to state "somebody else can do a better job." He said he will continue to ranch in the Oplin area. "I intend to spend much time in it (ranching)," Johnson said.

Ingram, who is the precinct #4 commissioner living in Cross Plains, said he will also retire when his term of office

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT
Bill Johnson, presiding

42nd DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Joseph Lee Williams, criminal mischief.

Charged with DWI: H. Soso Hernandez, Roy Mack Clark, Gregory Deel Holland, Tomas Nicolas Hernandez.

Charged with TPC (theft of property by check): Christie J. Johnson, Cindie Jorden.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Motions filed to revoke probations: David L. O'Neal, Valery Seals.

James Levellen Moody, probation revoked; sentenced to 60 days in jail. Monty Beard, TPC, \$10 fine \$160 court costs.

Wendy K. Redus, TPC dismissed due to misidentification.

Barbara Darnell, motion dismissed to revoke probation.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

Misti Michelle Davis & James Clayton McGonagill of Clyde.

NEW VEHICLES

Buford Hailey, Clyde, Dodge 4 dr. Tim & Drinda Childress, Abilene, Chev Housecar.

William Kelley, Eastland, Chev PU. Rick Harris, Abilene, Chev PU. Carter Lane, Abilene, Ply Van.

Lacy Purcell, Brownwood, Dodge Housecar.

Lisa Ejem, Ranger, Chev PU. Bryan Flewellen, Clyde, Jeep 4 dr.

Craig Griffiths, Abilene, Dodge Van. Michael Regan, Round Rock, Chev Sub.

Jimmy Newton, Abilene, Chev PU. Michael Menzies, Baird, Chev PU.

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OBITUARY

Coman Westerman

RISING STAR — Coman Westerman, 88, a lifelong local resident, died Tuesday, November 23, 1993 at his residence.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, November 24, in the Pioneer Baptist Church with the Rev. Dewayne Clower and J.O. Mitchell officiating. Burial was in Pioneer Cemetery, directed by Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Born in Eastland County, Mr. Westerman was a general contractor for utility construction. He served as a deacon at Pioneer Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Vera Westerman of Rising Star; one son, Wayne Westerman of Midland; one brother, Calvin E. Westerman of Anaheim, Calif.; two half-sisters, Jamie Smith of Texas City and Beatrice Haywood of South Carolina; and three grandchildren.

Emma Morris Kent

RISING STAR — Emma Morris Kent, 99, died Sunday, November 28, 1993 at Hamlin nursing home.

Services were held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, December 2, at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Armo Bentley officiating. Burial was in Rising Star Cemetery, directed by Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Mrs. Kent was born in Porterville, Alabama, and was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church. She was the widow of Smith Kent.

Survivors include two sons, Hershel Kent of Cisco and Thomas Kent of Mason; two daughters, Melba Cathey of Rising Star and Martha Pruitt of Hamlin; nine grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

SANTA CLAUS

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Saturday, December 4
6:00 — 9:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. — First Baptist Church Puppets

6:30 p.m. — First Baptist Church Children's Choir

7:00 p.m. — Evangelical Methodist Church

7:30 p.m. — First Baptist Church Adults

Friday, December 10
6:00 — 9:00 p.m.

Cross Plains Schools — Bands, Choirs
Saturday, December 11
6:00 — 9:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. — Cross Plains Girl Scouts
6:30 p.m. — Cottonwood Baptist Church Choirs

7:30 p.m. — Bob Wallace

8:00 p.m. — Sing-a-long
In case of rain, the Friday evening Kiwanis activities will move to the high school auditorium.

Christmas Village Bake Sale Schedule

December 3

6:00 — 7:00
Connie Ricci
Mrs. Larry Whitehead
Dannes Turner
7:00 — 8:00
Peggy Brame
Carol Atchley
8:00 — 9:00
PTO Officers

December 4

6:00 — 7:00
Beverly Ross
Linda Reed
Debbie Bacon
7:00 — 8:00
Barbara Barnett
Margie Sowell
8:00 — 9:00
Dianna Stover
Kathy Purvis

December 10

6:00 — 7:00
Janice Kelley
Deanna Black
7:00 — 8:00
Sandra Sanders
Terry Jane Wyatt
8:00 — 9:00
Melissa Richards
Terri Hunter

December 11

6:00 — 7:00
Bruce Morgan
Officers
7:00 — 8:00
Marilyn Cary
(Sharelynn Bell)
8:00 — 9:00
Vivian Wooten
Melinda Stephenson
If anyone would like to donate a baked good for the sale, please contact any of the PTO Officers.

Coleman Musical To Be Held Dec. 10

The Coleman Musical will be held on Friday, December 10, 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.

PIONEER "GOOD OLD DAYS"

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Everyone in the area knows about the talent of Ruby McCowen, and her sons, Bobby Jack, who plays guitar, and Burly Paul, who plays the violin. The three will be playing and singing for us at 12:00 noon.

Christian Wells, 20-year-old son of former residents David and Susie Wells, now of Abilene, will be performing some of the songs he has written, along with other contemporary gospel music. He is a very talented young man with professional style. Chris will begin singing at 12:30 p.m.

From 1:00 — 2:00, 2:30 — 3:00, and 3:30 to 4:00 p.m., The Outpost Country and Western Band will be performing under the direction of Earl Hill. Many who attend area musicals will be familiar with this group, as they play for Brownwood, Rising Star, Cisco, Cottonwood, and Putnam musicals. They play Country and Western Swing music (the Bob Wills kind). The group consists of Chris Reeves, 13, of Cisco, who plays fiddle, guitar, and electric bass; Doug Tervooren, playing drums, and his father, Harell, playing lead guitar, both from Brownwood area; Harry Marlin, of Blanket, playing steel guitar; Gene Christian, of Coleman, who plays the fiddle; and Gerald Willis, from Lake Leon, who plays electric bass. Gerald performed professionally 40-45 years and is now retired, playing for fun with the band. Earl Hill plays guitar. Earl and Harell and their wives tour by RV with about eight other couples every year, as the Texas Travelers band. They won the contest at the Bob Wills' Texas Playboys Reunion at Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

From 2:00 — 2:30, and 3:00 — 3:30 p.m., The Brownwood Recyclers and Comanche Flutterwheels will be square dancing for us. This promises to be pure old country entertainment! The Recyclers were formed in 1978 and continue to have workshop and lessons on Tuesday nights. The Flutterwheels were formed in 1991 and have workshop and lessons on Monday nights. Caller and instructor is Ira Cullins of Brownwood Lake. The Brownwood Recyclers have dances on the first Saturday of each month, and the Flutterwheels have dances the second Saturday of each month. The dancers range in age from 11 years old to in their 70's. They perform for the Comanche Pow-Wow, Brownwood Pecan Valley Arts Festival, Brady Goat Cook-Off, and dance at nursing homes in the area during parade season. The exhibit, a 30-foot float, which was built and decorated by the clubs, has won many trophies and ribbons. They are hoping to have the float at the festival for the dancing, but will perform on the grass if necessary.

At 5:00, Sheri Bennett will be performing. Well known in this area, Sheri is an excellent singer and musician. We appreciate her taking time out of her busy schedule to entertain us.

At 6:00 p.m. the Christmas lights will

be turned on and the Christmas festivities begin. The Cub Scouts, Den, 4, Pack 281 will tell the story of Christmas in Indian Sign Language with the leaders interpreting, and then follow with some Christmas songs. Leaders of this pack are Vicki Williams and Brenda Nelson. The Cub Scouts will not only be entertaining us, but earning a badge as well!

At 8:00 p.m., representatives of the Pioneer Baptist Church will entertain with a selection of Christmas songs.

And at 8:30 p.m., the Hutton Family will provide Accapella Christmas songs, finishing off the night with a sing-a-long of Christmas songs everyone knows.

Don't miss out on the entertainment scheduled for Saturday, December 4, at the Pioneer 'Good Old Days' Festival!

Golden Love

By DEBBIE BELEW
(In honor of Hubert and Celia Belew)

11/24/43 — 11/24/93

On November 24, Nineteen Hundred Forty-Three

A vow of marriage was performed for all to see

On that day a love was promised to grow through the years

From laughter and joy and sadness and tears

The road of life was rocky and long
For the love they shared was truly strong

The tree of life has supported your love
With all the blessings of God from above

You knew not what the future would be
For you had each others trust in which to believe

Fifty years of devotion, love, and care
Are being brought together for your loved ones to share

This day all started fifty years ago
With a promise of love and a band of gold

Two sons blessed your family along the way
And are here to share their love for you on your

"Golden Anniversary Day"

AARP NEWS

AARP Chapter 3092 will meet on Monday, December 6, for their Christmas Ham Dinner. All members are invited, and they are recruiting new memberships for all persons 50 and over. Come bring your favorite covered dish. New officers will be installed by Mr. Cartee. There will be picking and singing by Jerry Walker and other musicians. Come on and join them; make the Cross Plains Chapter and 1994 a great year.

CHURCH SERVICES

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

10TH & MAIN CROSS PLAINS (817) 725-7629
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Church Training 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.
Dr. Robert Smith - Pastor Bill Swinney — Music

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9TH & AVE. D CROSS PLAINS
WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 A.M.
BIBLE CLASS 10:30 A.M.
Rev. Henry Grubbs, Pastor
Everyone Welcome

BELIEVER'S FELLOWSHIP

Undenominational — Evangelical
EAST HIGHWAY 36
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Family Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Bob Wallace, Pastor (817) 725-6607

PIONEER PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

LOCATED 5 MILES EAST OF CROSS PLAINS ON HIGHWAY 36 AND 1 MILE NORTH ON FM 569
Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:30 p.m.
Thursday Night Service 7:00 p.m.
Ruby McCowen, Pastor
Phone (817) 725-7265

PERSONALS

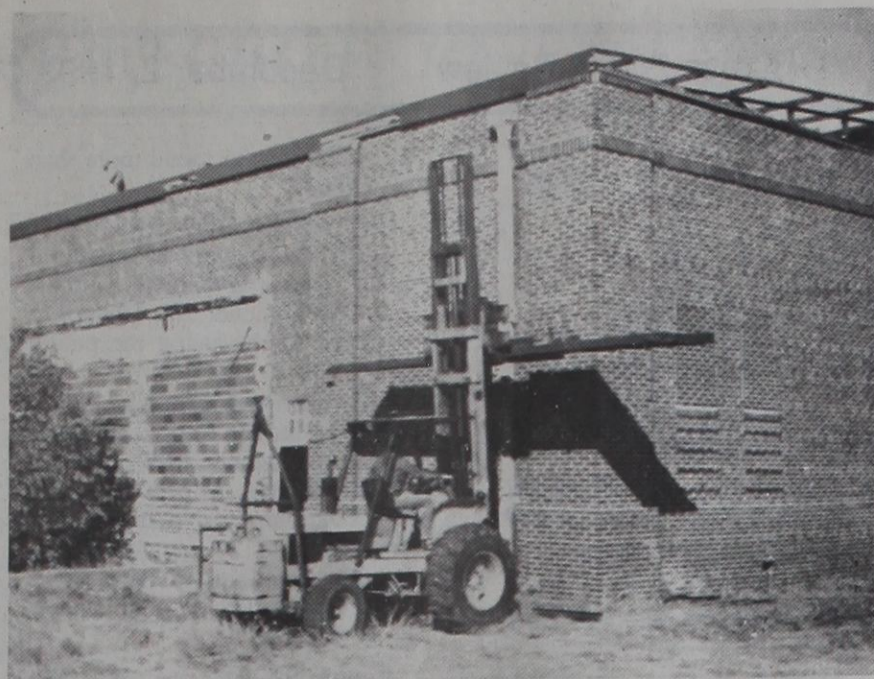
Visiting Hubert and Celia Belew the past week were Jerry Belew and family from Clovis, New Mexico; Buddy (Morris) Belew and family from Clarksville, Texas; Debby Scanlan from Mansfield, Texas; and Randy, Penney and Doug Seguire from Aubrey, Texas.

Businesses Open For Your Convenience
Saturday, December 11, Until 9:00 p.m.

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| JOHNSON'S DRY GOODS | TIM'S FLORAL & GIFTS |
| BRYAN'S VARIETY | WEST TEXAS UTILITIES |
| WESTERN AUTO | THE BACK ROOM |
| HIGGINBOTHAM'S | D & D JEWELRY |

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REPAIRING BURKETT GYM ROOF

BURKETT COMMUNITY CENTER

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We now have a wonderful Community Center and Gymnasium. Anyone desiring to use the center for class reunions, family reunions, or other purposes may contact any of the Board members.

Everyone is invited to come down and see the great work that has been done. To those who said it could never be done, come have a look and tell us what you think now.]

We still have a lot of work to do to the center, such as cleaning, repairing the floor, the restrooms, and kitchen. Anyone who would like to help please notify the Board members.

Once again, thanks to all those who cared enough to save this Community Center.

Donations can be mailed to the Burkett Community Center, Loretta Williams,

Secretary-Treasurer, Route 1, Box 45, Burkett, Texas 76828.

Donations may be given to Board members: Tom Woods, Cody W. Golson, Low Golson, Andrew Walker, or Eddie Strickland.

LAKWOOD NEWS

Lakewood Golf Club will have their annual Christmas Party Saturday, December 4. Appetizers will be served at 6:00 p.m., with dinner following. Everyone should bring a covered dish and/or dessert.

As usual, bingo will be played after the meal. Everyone playing will need to bring a white elephant gift.

The Browns gathered for Thanksgiving dinner at the home of their sister, Earlene Burge, in Pioneer. Those present were Rudolph and Sarah from Denton, Joe from Phoenix, Arizona, Tammy and son, Jason, and Katheryn from Brownwood.

A good time of visiting and feasting was enjoyed by all. They are especially thankful everyone made it back home safely through the ice and snow.

Bo and Pat Allen of May had their relatives to a sumptuous Thanksgiving feast. Present were Bo Emory and wife, Jamie, with children, Shana, Heather, Bo Dee and Colby, all of May; LaVern Hood of Snyder; Jimmy and Johnny Conner, his mother, O'Dell Conner and Steve Short of Abilene; Ray and Brenda Conner, with children, Calley, Toby, and twins, Jayson and April of O'Donnell; Randy and Jeana Conner with children, Ryan, Lanna, and D'Ann of Carrollton; Russell Conner of Plano; Bill and Tyna Davis, with children, Zackery and Spencer of Decatur; Sam Fleming and Sambo Fleming, and Kate Watson of Cross Plains.

Calvin Champion had surgery November 18 at Scott & White in Temple and is reported recovering satisfactorily. He returned home November 24th with both surgeries complete. Recovery will continue for four to six months and then physical therapy will begin.

Visitors are welcome to call or come by. Cards may be mailed to: Calvin Champion, Rt. 1 Box 51, Cross Plains, TX 76443.

CJC Honor Society Sponsored Fund-Raiser For Calvin Champion

The Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society of Cisco Junior College recently held a raffle to raise funds for fellow member, Calvin Champion of Cross Plains. Calvin has juvenile osteochondrosis and underwent surgery on November 19. Several merchants in Cisco helped by donating products for the raffle. Phi Theta Kappa would like to express their thanks

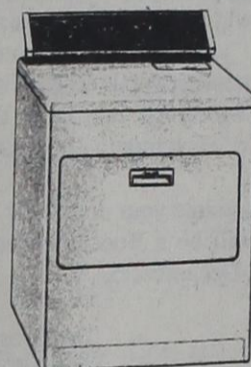
to these merchants and to everyone who contributed and made the raffle a success.

Merchants who participated were: Allsup's, Cisco Dairy Queen, Family Dollar, Pizza Heaven, Cisco Sonic, Ted's & Rex's, Threads 4 U, Thrift-Mart, Video Center, Mott's, and Cisco Junior College Bookstore.

TILL DECEMBER 24TH HIGGINBOTHAM'S BROS. LUMBER & HARDWARE



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— Extra-Large Top Mounted Lint Screen
— Wide-Opening Hamper Door
• DURAWHITE™ Interior

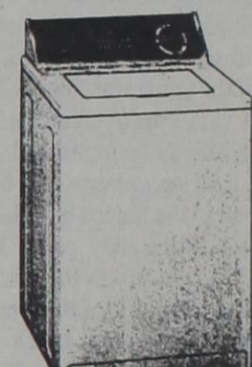
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Mary Frances Walker
Dana Jean Dimitri
Mrs. J. D. Moore
Bobby Porter
Darin Apple

DECEMBER 4
Michael Duane Franke
Paul Perkins
Rhonda (Wilcoxon) Fritz
Wayne Bishop
Scott Odom
Leelan Nunn
Larry Blankenship
Judy Casey
Lynn Hutton
Clifton Bay Kirkham

DECEMBER 5
R. T. Peevy
Christy Rene Spoon
Bobby Harris
Darwin Breeding
Annette Roberts
Kathy Sohns
Jenna Kay Teague
Cheryl (Franke) Hollis
Jimmy Glenn Kelly
Mary Ann Reed
Mindy Melissa Watson
Jeffery Calhoun
Delbert Tennison

DECEMBER 6
Debbie Havens
Johnny Johnson
Mrs. J. E. (Eddie) Wood
Debbie Jean (Potter) Gosnell
Phillip Perry
Frances Mote
Katerina Ring
Shawn Weathermon

DECEMBER 7
Mamie Webb
Imo Jeane Clark
Mrs. Anne Burris
Michael Dean Wilson
Roy Richey
Jim McDonald
Estaline Gilmore
Allan Clark
Glen Lawrence
Maurine Strahan
Jimmie Reynolds
Lovey Nichols

DECEMBER 8
Judy Gibbs Steele
Neva Joyce Dillard
Buster Black
L. L. Morgan
Mrs. Perry Jennings
Elmer Casey
Garrett Stephens

DECEMBER 9
Bill Gunn
Rhonda (Jackson) Francy
Bud McCorkle
Larry Bishop
Gerald Holcomb
Mrs. Troy Crockett
J. A. Kirkham
Darlene Dillard
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A young man was vainly working on his Model T Ford — trying to make it run again. A very well dressed man stopped his very new automobile and asked the young man if he could help. The young man wondered how this well dressed gentleman could help but was told to make a certain minor adjustment with one of the levers on the steering column — then it would start for sure. Reluctantly, the young man made the suggested adjustment — and sure enough, the motor started! Surprised, the young man asked, "But how did you know just what to do to my old car to make it run?" "Well, Son," He replied, "I'm Henry Ford. I made the car, and I know all about its workings."

I wonder if we'd be willing to try that same technique in our lives? When things aren't running right — maybe not running at all — or maybe just needing to be "tuned up" — go to the Maker and let Him tell us what's needed?! There's a manual, you know, provided by the One who made us. And He tells us all about our "workings" in it. Maybe we need to get selfishness out of the "fuel tank" and replace it with otherness. Maybe our timing is off — we're putting last things first instead of first things first. Or it may be a real major adjustment needed that's keeping everything else from working — you're a good moral person but you've never really let Jesus get in the driver's seat. What I'm talking about is you becoming a Christian and letting the Lord steer your life. Don't you think it's about time?

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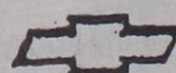
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TODAY'S CHEVROLET



Varsity Lady Buffs Roundball Underway

The 1993-1994 version of the Cross Plains Lady Buffs Varsity Basketball has begun with a new look, a new style of play, and a new coach. The current record (as of Monday of this week) is 2-2, with both losses coming to good Class AAA teams.

After three months of learning the up-tempo playing style of new girls' basketball coach, John Starcher, the Lady Buffs were eager to try out their game plan and their new warm-ups against the Early Lady Longhorns, November 16. After being down 23-13 the first quarter, the Lady Buffs began a surge which saw them outscore Early 42-36 the next three periods. With 1:38 left in the game, and after trailing by as many as 13 points, Cross Plains knotted the score at 55. However, physical and mental mistakes cost C.P. the game, losing 59-55. The bright side of the game was that the Lady Buffs saw a vast improvement in their playing style. Starcher commented, "The girls fought hard on defense and began getting the ball in the hole. They also did not 'lay down' when they could have. They proved to themselves they can accomplish some great things this year!"

Leading the Cross Plains attack were Amanda Sowell with 19 points, Tonya Stover and Misty Strickland with 10 each (Strickland's points coming in a crucial third quarter run), Shana Bagley and Jenny Potter with six points a piece, and Heather Montgomery with four.

Saturday, November 20, proved to be the start of the winning Lady Buffs ways as Cross Plains downed the Wildcats of Rising Star 49-43. The Lady Buffs hung on to a 15-point third quarter lead for the victory. Coach Starcher pointed out that shooting and free throws are a concern, adding that he hopes more repetition of shooting in practice will help solve the problem. Montgomery led the C.P. attack with 17 points, followed by Bagley's 14. Other scorers include: Stover, eight; Potter, five; Amanda Sowell and Whitney Kirkham, two each; and Amy Strength, one. Also contributing to the winning cause were Jodi Dallas, Strick-

land, Rachele Bishop, and Malysa Sowell.

Cross Plains' Varsity girls finally opened their home schedule with a convincing 44-30 victory over the Brooksmith Mustangs. C.P. took a 10-4 first quarter lead and never looked back. They also had to battle a bout with the flu due to several players ill. Those getting into the scoring act for the Lady Buffs included Montgomery and Bagley with 19 and 10, respectively; Amanda Sowell with five; Potter and Strickland four each; and Kirkham, two.

November 27 had the Varsity Lady Buffs heading to Coach Starcher's former school to take on the Alvarado J.V. The C.P. group had the opportunity to see how Starcher's program can develop for success here. The Lady Buffs held a 30-23 lead after three quarters, but could not contain the Class 3A ball club, fall in 48-37. Also due to illness, five players (all guards/ball-handlers) were unable to make the trip. Montgomery led C.P. with 19 points (also going 3 for 3 at the free throw line); A. Sowell with eight; Bishop and Strength, four each; and Renee Atchley, two.

Coach Starcher and all the players encourage everyone who can to support both boys and girls basketball this season. This Friday, the girls host #18 state-ranked Lipan at 7:00 p.m. Come support the Lady Buffs!!

1st Quarter
Lady Buffs: 13
Early: 23
2nd Quarter
Lady Buffs: 12
Early: 13
3rd Quarter
Lady Buffs: 20
Early: 16
4th Quarter
Lady Buffs: 10
Early: 7
Final
Lady Buffs: 55
Early: 59
1st Quarter
Brooksmith: 4
Lady Buffs: 10
2nd Quarter
Brooksmith: 4
Lady Buffs: 9
3rd Quarter
Brooksmith: 15
Lady Buffs: 10
4th Quarter
Brooksmith: 10
Lady Buffs: 15
Final
Brooksmith: 30
Lady Buffs: 44

1st Quarter
Lady Buffs: 13
Rising Star: 4
2nd Quarter
Lady Buffs: 14
Rising Star: 16
3rd Quarter
Lady Buffs: 15
Rising Star: 7
4th Quarter
Lady Buffs: 7
Rising Star: 16
Final
Lady Buffs: 49
Rising Star: 43
1st Quarter
Lady Buffs: 11
Alvarado J.V.: 10
2nd Quarter
Lady Buffs: 7
Alvarado J.V.: 4
3rd Quarter
Lady Buffs: 12
Alvarado J.V.: 9
4th Quarter
Lady Buffs: 7
Alvarado J.V.: 25
Final
Lady Buffs: 37
Alvarado J.V.: 48

BAND NOTES

Band Parents:

It's time again to prepare for our annual Band Booster School Christmas Store, December 15 and 16. All items for the store are donated by the band parents. They may be handcrafted or bought with a resale value of 10 cents — \$5. If you would rather, you may donate cash to be used to purchase supplies or wholesale merchandise. Items should be brought to the band hall by December 14 if possible. Cash donations may be brought to the band hall or given to Connie Swift, Treasurer (725-6443).

The Christmas Store is our major fund raiser each year. The money raised is used to support all bands.

We would also like to encourage each parent to join the Band Booster Club. Annual membership is \$3 each or \$5 per couple. Meetings are held the first Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at the band hall.

We appreciate your donations.

There will be a Booster meeting this Monday, December 6.

The Cross Plains Band Boosters

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Thursday, December 2
Varsity Boys Tournament at Evant.
Friday, December 3
Boys Tournament at Evant (H.S.).
Varsity Girls vs. Lipan, here, 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 4
Boys Evant Tournament
J.H. B/G Tournament (8th Grade) at Jim Ned/girls 9:00 a.m. — boys 10:15 a.m.
Monday, December 6
District FFA Banquet at Coleman.
Junior High B-ball vs. Baird, here, 4:00 p.m.
Seniors look at invitations.
Tuesday, December 7
Varsity B-ball, 4 games at Zephyr.
English III Field Trip
Wednesday, December 8
Seniors order invitations.
Thursday, December 9
PTO meeting/4th Grade Play "Coyote Christmas."

Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Results

The Cross Plains Junior Varsity Basketball girls went into the Thanksgiving holiday with a 1-2 won-lost record. According to Coach John Starcher, the girls have been steadily improving on their skills. "Since October, they have really started to get the hang of things," Starcher commented. "The J.V. team is very young basketball-wise, and they will eventually get over the mental mistakes made in the games."

Against Early, November 16, the C.P. Junior Lady Buffs struggled in a 35-17 loss. Nervousness and poor percentage shooting from both the field and free throw line hindered the team. Jaonna Harris led the Lady Buffs with six points, followed by Amanda Clausen and Renee Atchley with four each, and Angelia Phillips with three. Other team members include: Amber Williams, Candice Eppard, Sabrina Taylor, Karen Dunn, Nikki Beggs, DeAnna Besselaar, Amanda McGuire, and Hillary Giles.

A game date with Rising Star on November 20 allowed the Junior Varsity Lady Buffs to even their record with a 36-21 victory over the Wildcats. Every player was involved in the win as Williams tallied nine points; Harris and Clausen poured in six a piece; Atchey with five; Phillips added four; and three players with two each, Dunn, Beggs, and McGuire. Eppard, Taylor, Besselaar, and Giles did a good job defensively.

November 23, Cross Plains faced a huge J.V. team from Zephyr. The Lady Buffs rallied from a big half-time deficit to lose only by a short score of 21-18. The girls will have a re-match with the Lady Bulldogs on December 7 at Zephyr. Angy Phillips lit up the nets with two 3-pointers scoring 8 points overall. Besselaar and Clausen scored four each, while McGuire added two. Coach Starcher concluded his earlier comments by stating, "I know some of these players are new at the game, but I can see the development they have made so far and what their potentials can be — and it's very good!"

The team had played Santa Anna Tuesday, but they will be at home Friday, December 3, against Lipan (6:00 p.m.).

It's A Go

By KATHY PURVIS

Two weeks ago the 4th grade teachers received a "green light" to begin rehearsals for their PTO Christmas play. Dianna Stover and Kathy Purvis wrote the publishing company for the book, "Coyote Christmas," to get permission to turn the book into a Christmas program for their students. The book's illustrator, Mr. John Runne, called the school and told Mrs. Purvis that he and Mr. Tom G. Robertson, the writer, were honored that their book would be used for a school program.

Now the students are working hard on their acting and learning songs for the play. The music will be directed by our school band director, Mr. Morgan, and piano will be played by Sheri Bennett.

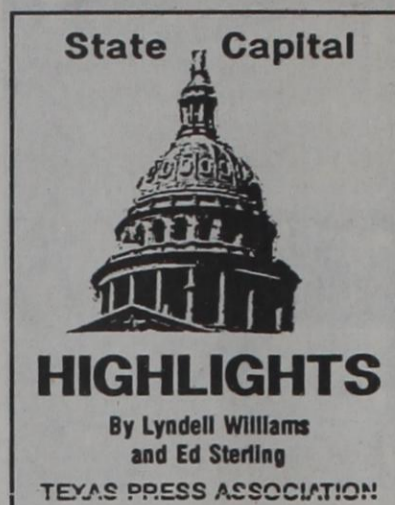
The 4th grade students wish to invite their parents and the community to the next PTO meeting December 9th to help celebrate a Coyote Christmas.

Holiday Facts & Fancies

(NAPS)—Where did we get those holiday customs? The tradition of giving gifts during the holidays, for instance, probably began in ancient Rome and northern Europe. People gave each other small presents as part of their year-end celebrations.

The Christmas tree probably developed in medieval Germany from the "Paradise Tree," a type of evergreen that was used in a popular Christmas play. By 1605, many German families decorated their homes with evergreens for Christmas, trimming the trees with fruits, nuts, lighted candles and paper roses. The fresh smell of pine thus became a part of the home atmosphere during the holidays.

A "scent-sational" way to instantly give your place that "home for the holidays" pine fragrance is with new Glade Potpourri Holiday



AUSTIN — As defense preparation begins, U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison's attorneys want to take a look at telephone, campaign and other records of Gov. Ann Richards and Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock.

Ralph Warren, an investigator for Dick DeGuerin of Houston, who heads Hutchison's defense team, made the open records requests last week in letters to Richards and Bullock.

Warren asked for billing records of telephone lines in their offices used for non-state business, copies of their daily schedules and copies of campaign solicitation letters and thank-you notes to contributors.

DeGuerin declined to say why the defense team wants the records because it would be "improper to discuss defense strategies."

But David Beckwith, the senator's spokesman, said lawyers hope the records will show that things Hutchison is accused of are common practices among public officials in Austin.

"We want to see what the standard of conduct is around the executive offices of Texas state government," Beckwith said.

Legal Defense Fund Approved
Meanwhile, Sen. Hutchison's staff announced the establishment of a federal account to help pay for legal expenses incurred by a grand jury investigation into allegations that she misused her previous office as state treasurer.

Beckwith, said the Senate Ethics Committee had approved her legal defense fund.

He said Hutchison's legal expenses could total more than a half million dollars if she is re-indicted on official misconduct charges.

Previous grand jury indictments were thrown out after it was discovered that one of the jurors was unqualified to serve. A second grand jury is considering the case.

Mauro to Seek Fourth Term
Land Commissioner Garry Mauro announced his candidacy last week for a fourth term in the office he has held since 1982.

Mauro, a Democrat, said he hopes to continue promoting the use of natural gas-powered vehicles, oil spill legislation and recycling, and to fully implement an economic and environmental plan for the Gulf Coast area.

The land commissioner's office oversees 20.5 million acres of state-owned land. The General Land Office, under Mauro's oversight, has deposited \$2.5 billion in the Permanent School Fund for education.

Mauro's last term has been clouded, however, by his going through personal bankruptcy and allegations that he and his staff used state resources for personal use during Bill Clinton's 1992 presidential campaign.

Mauro said he would like to spend \$2 million on his re-election campaign. His opponent Marta

Greytak, plans to spend more than \$1 million.

Hightower Deputies Sentenced
A federal judge has sentenced three deputies of former Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower to prison for betraying the public trust.

U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks sentenced former Deputy Agriculture Commissioner Mike Moeller to 27 months in prison and a \$56,000 fine; his assistant Peter McRae to 27 months and a \$15,000 fine; and division chief Billie Quicksall to 12 months and an \$8,000 fine.

A jury convicted the three men in October in a scheme using state money to hire consultants to collect political contributions for Hightower's re-election campaign.

Miller and McRae said they would appeal their convictions, which they said were politically motivated by a Republican justice department seeking to discredit Hightower, a Democrat.

Hightower, who lost his re-election bid to Republican Rick Perry, was not charged with any wrongdoing.

Alternative Fuels Grant
The Texas Railroad Commission has won a \$480,979 federal grant to conduct a training program in alternative fuels technology.

The pilot program will retain workers in the Dallas-Fort Worth area who have been affected by defense industry cutbacks.

It also will provide 300 students with skills for new occupations in converting vehicles to alternative fuels.

"Our estimates show that there will be 10,000 to 15,000 new jobs in the alternative fuel industry in Texas by the turn of the century," said Railroad Commission Chairman James Nugent.

Other Highlights
■ The State Board of Insurance voted to relinquish its rate-making powers to new Texas Insurance Commissioner J. Robert Hunter on Dec. 16. The Legislature mandated that the three-member board be replaced by a single commissioner by Aug. 31, 1994.

■ Campaign aides to Republican gubernatorial hopeful George W. Bush hope to have more than \$1 million in the campaign kitty by the end of the year.

■ Steve Robinson, former chief probation officer of Travis County, is the new executive director of the Texas Youth Council. He will oversee an \$85.6 million budget and supervise more than 2,000 employees.

■ The Public Utility Commission has approved Southwestern Bell's proposal to offer Caller ID in Texas, starting in January.

Planned Burns Cost \$4 To \$8 Per Acre Less

The prescribed burning season is underway for 1993-94. However, if you have not yet developed a prescribed burn plan, there is still time says Chance Walker, Range Conservationist for the Soil Conservation Service in Baird. "If an individual still wants to apply a prescribed burn this season and has at least 2000 lbs/ac of air-dry forage, we would be more than willing to assist them in developing a burn plan for them," says Walker.

Prescribed burning has many benefits to improving rangeland such as: improving forage quality and quantity, controlling undesirable plants, improving grazing distribution, improving wildlife habitat, facilitating livestock handling and reducing the hazards of uncontrolled wildfires.

From a cost standpoint, prescribed burning at \$4 to \$8 dollars per acre is less expensive than other types of range improvements such as Mechanical brush control (\$50 - \$75/ac.) and chemical control at (\$20 - \$40/ac.).

Proper planning is a must for an effective and safe burn. An individual should contact the Soil Conservation Service well in advance of the planned date of a prescribed burn in order to insure proper planning.

If you have any questions over prescribed burning or would like assistance from the Soil Conservation Service the number is (915) 854-1349.

All services of the USDA Soil Conservation Service are available to anyone without regard to race, creed, color, sex, age, marital status, handicap or national origin.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

DECEMBER 6 - DECEMBER 10

(Subject to Change)

BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Bacon, egg, toast, grape juice, and milk.

TUESDAY — Cinnamon toast, orange juice, and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Oatmeal, toast, grape juice, and milk.

THURSDAY — Choice of ready to eat cereal, toast, orange juice, and milk.

FRIDAY — Waffle, sausage, grape juice, and milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY — Corn dog, fries, salad, fruit, and milk.

TUESDAY — Chicken fried steak with gravy, creamed potatoes, green peas, rolls, jelly, and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, garlic toast, peach halves, and milk.

THURSDAY — Oven fried chicken, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, rolls, Jello, and milk.

FRIDAY — Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickle, fries, cookie, and cups.

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NEWS FOR VETERANS

Survivors Benefits-- In addition to benefits offered by the Department of Veterans Affairs, there are many offered by the Social Security Administration. A little known item that can be of help is the surviving spouse award. Whenever the surviving spouse reaches age 60, she or he can begin drawing benefits against the deceased spouse's Social Security account. Then, at age 62 or 65 if so desired, the survivor can switch to their own account if it is larger. Should the survivor be disabled, this benefit is available at age 50. A call to Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 will bring you more information on this and other services offered.

Aid & Attendance---The VA offers financial assistance for Veterans who are confined to the home and require the constant attention of another person. This benefit is presently \$12,187 annually for a Veteran with no dependents and \$14,548 for a Veteran with one dependent. Any income, including Social Security, is counted against the Veteran to reduce the amount paid by the VA. If there is a Veteran in your home that might qualify, you should contact your County Veterans Service Office (915-854-1520) on Monday and Thursday.

A thought---He who laughs at himself never runs out of things to laugh at.

Please accept best wishes for a happy Thanksgiving Day. May the day bring family and friends to your home. If you are driving, please remember to take precautions with the extra traffic that will be on the roads.

Taylor County Veterans Service Officer Dan Garcia provides a column each week for the Sunday issue of *The Abilene Reporter News*. His column on November 21 carried news of CHAMPVA.

Effective October 1, 1993, the Dallas VAMC began the third year of offering medical care services to CHAMPVA

beneficiaries. The benefit of using this facility for your CHAMPVA health care needs is that your only expense will be a nominal subsistence charge for inpatient care. Currently, the inpatient subsistence charge is \$9.30 per VA inpatient day or \$25 per episode of VA hospitalization, whichever is greater. There are no charges whatsoever for the VA outpatient services.

Questions concerning the CHAMPVA program at Dallas VACM can be answered by contacting Tony Welch, CHAMPVA coordinator, or Lana Hubbard, CHAMPVA assistant, at 214-302-7440, ext 4638 or 4639, Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The following are eligible for CHAMPVA benefits, provided they are not eligible for medical care under CHAMPUS or Medicare.

(a) The spouse or child of a Veteran who has a permanent and total service-connected disability.

(b) The surviving spouse or child of a Veteran who died as a result of a service-connected condition; or who at the time of death was permanently and totally disabled from a service-connected condition.

(c) The surviving spouse or child of a person who died while on active military service in the line of duty.

(d) A surviving spouse who remarries may qualify for care after the subsequent marriage is terminated.

Fellowship Meeting Friday At Brady

The Fellowship Meeting will be held Friday at Pastor Richard Evans' church in Brady, beginning at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

COLONIAL OAKS NURSING HOME

NEWS

By LINDA EDINGTON
Activity Director

The residents enjoyed having Bob Wallace lead them in their Wednesday morning singing. Sending out get-well wishes to Ruby McCowen. We hope you're feeling better soon and able to be back with us.

Our appreciation to Fredene Hargrove for the cookies, Bonnie Witt for the candy, and to Betty Edwards for the bibles.

Special thoughts and prayers for Joyce Walker during her illness.

A warm welcome to our new resident, Clarence Bush.

Betty Montgomery from Midland and Dorothy Welch from Fort Worth and Ruth Bush from Midland visited with Leila Montgomery and Lillian Smith.

Jamie Apple visited with Octavia Orr. Elma Green from Rising Star visited with Estelle Breeding.

Betty Edwards visited with A.B. Rowan and others.

M.L. and Earlene Hughes from Baird and Ronnie, Bobbie, and Kolt Raybon from Brownfield visited with Lillian Smith.

Rolan and Sandra Jones visited with Midge McCall.

Emma McKenzie visited with Owen Snodgrass.

Evelyn Meehan from San Marcos, Sarah Isenburg from Abilene, and Den-

nis and Becky Purvis from Sonora visited with Ruth Joy.

Carrie Baum from Lubbock, Barbara Baum from Uvalde, Elizabeth Cowan, and Terry McKinney from Amarillo visited with A.B. Rowan.

Vickie Gilmore, Bonnie Illingworth, and Bobbie Gilmore from Iowa Park and Cindy Geer from Burk visited with Elsie Porter and Midge McCall.

Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Clark from Granbury visited with Nettie Clark, Leila Montgomery, and Lillian Smith.

Activities during the week are:

Monday: Bingo winners were Vera Belyeu (2), Sylvia Smith (2), Zenovia Strickland, Dorothy Thomas (2), A.B. Rowan, Ressa Glover, Annabel Vaught, Leila Montgomery, and Mildred Ford. Exercise class.

Tuesday: Art class. Popcorn.

Wednesday: Sing-a-long with Bob Wallace, Sally Roady, and Wayne Dennis. Exercise class.

Thursday: Linen folding. Dominoes.

Friday: Bingo winners were Ressa Glover (2), Vera Belyeu, A.B. Rowan (2), Midge McCall (2), Dorothy Thomas, Leila Montgomery, and Mildred Ford (2). Afternoon singing with Bob Wallace.

Sunday: Church service with Temple Baptist.

Smile, God loves you.

WTU Announces Changes To Improve Quality Of Customer Service

West Texas Utilities Company (WTU), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Central and South West Corporation (CSW), today announced several changes as part of a corporate-wide process of reorganization. Similar changes will take place at CSW's three other electric operating companies.

The changes complete the first phase of a reorganization process designed to make the corporation more efficient and productive, and position the companies to meet the demands of an increasingly competitive business climate.

"Our goal is to continually improve the quality of our customer service, and these changes will help us reach that goal. WTU will still have a strong local presence and will continue to be active in the communities we serve," said Glenn Files, president and chief executive officer of WTU.

Three vice presidents will have responsibility over the operations of each operating company. These will be vice presidents of operations and engineering, business development and marketing, and administration. In addition, WTU will have an executive vice president while Files heads CSW's efforts to acquire El Paso Electric Company.

According to Files, the reorganization process began this past summer with a review of the entire CSW organization. It is expected to be complete by the spring of 1994.

The review was prompted by the reality that the typical electric utility structure of the last 50 years is not adequately responsive in today's competitive business climate. Over several decades, annual growth in demand for electricity placed the industry's emphasis on financing the construction and operation of multi-million dollar power systems.

"Successful businesses today must focus on moving quickly to satisfy changing expectations of customers, and be flexible enough to meet all competitive challenges," Files said.

Today's announced changes involve establishing some new corporate business groupings, realigning functions within the corporation, and naming those who will lead the organization. One such grouping is CSW Electric which will include traditional electric utility operations like WTU and the other three electric utilities owned by CSW, and Central and South West Services Inc. (CSWS).

The service company will provide support services for areas common to the electric operating companies. It will be divided into Production Services and Operation Services with presidents over each area. Production Services will have general oversight of all power plants. Operations Services will provide administrative and systems support.

Filling the executive positions at WTU will be Pete Churchwell, executive vice president; Don Welch, vice president-operations and engineering; Paul Brower, vice president-business development and marketing; and Dennis Sharkey, vice president-administration.

Churchwell has held executive positions at three other CSW companies, most recently at CSWS in Dallas.

Sharkey is moving back to WTU after serving as vice president with another CSW electric company for the last two years. Preston Kissman, presently WTU vice president of engineering, has been named vice president-transmission and substation engineering at CSWS.

"While the top management levels have been designated, many key positions are yet to be named, and our corporation has a number of top candidates for those positions," Files said.

The company decided to announce this first level of changes because "we want to maintain open communications with our customers in much the same way we have done with our employees during this process," Files said. A number of major decisions have not yet been made, including where some of the new operations will locate their offices, and when, how and how many employees will be affected by the next phases of the reorganization plan.

WTU is an electric utility serving 180,000 customers in a 53,000 square mile area. CSW is a Dallas-based public utility holding company whose four electric company subsidiaries provide electric service to 1.6 million customers in a service area covering 152,000 square miles of Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana.

MINUTE MUSINGS

By ESTHLOY S. DICKSON

It is difficult to realize that November is almost passed, and Christmas holidays are very near. We just might as well relax and enjoy whatever our lot might be.

At First Baptist Church on Sunday morning, there were almost four hundred in Sunday School classes. There were a lot of empty seats for the church service. Mr. Dan Connally was our guest speaker -- very interesting, taken from Jeremiah 18.

On Saturday of last week, my family gathered at the ranch home of our sister, Opal Cox. There were at least two dozen relatives and friends present. One family came from Arkansas. We had a big day! Sally Roady didn't answer this morning -- I think they are all well -- they were in church on Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. L.W. Mitchell of Pioneer visited the J.T. Beggs family on Thursday of last week. Mr. and Mrs. DeWayne Jones of Copperas Cove, and Charissa Beggs of Temple visited the family on Sunday morning. Betty attended the Pioneer Baptist Church on Sunday evening.

Ms. Jewel Foster's car wouldn't start on Sunday morning. She called me -- I picked her up for the morning church services. We are in the same Sunday School class.

ROWDEN NEWS

By MRS. N.V. GIBBS

The cold spell keeps lingering over the Thanksgiving holidays. All have had many things to give thanks to our maker for all His gifts.

This writer had dinner, which meant turkey and dressing, salads, vegetables, and pumpkin pie, for the special in the home of Tony and Judy Steele and three children, Tonya, Bill, and Connie. The Saturday before, their meal was shared with Lee and Jean Jernigan and this writer.

James and Dorothy Reynolds had part of their family home for the holiday: Jim and Cecia Reynolds and two sons, Chris and Colby of Midland and Ellen Carpenter and son, Dalton of Azle.

All the sons of Robert and Dorothy Watson were home for the holidays: Robbie of Rowden, Brock of Duncan, Oklahoma, also Brad and Michal of Arlington, Kile and Tammie Watson of San Antonio, Cody Watson of Texas Tech, and Wyatt of the home. Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Gary Culpepper of Pflugerville, R.G. Watson of Baird, and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Johnson and children, Ethan and Colt of View. On Thursday, Glenn and Ruthie Lawrence and their son, Tye and Trebie Lawrence of Abilene, had supper with the group and

also had two or three games of 42 going.

Glenna Mangino of Albuquerque, New Mexico was a guest in the home of Edna Dye, her cousin, during the holidays. Edna, her cousin, and Ed and Betty Sayre of Breckenridge were in Abilene at the home of Ed and Ann Dye, where they enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner. Also in the home for dinner were the Bob Dye Family of Mississippi and Rowden and Anna Dendy, mother of Kathy Dye.

Brian and Julie Patterson and children, Justin and Breana Patterson of Laurel, Mississippi, were at her parents' home, Bob and Kathy Dye for the holidays: Anna Dendy was there to be a part of the festivities.

Company in the home of Gene and Vernie Belle Mauldin this Thanksgiving were their children and grandchildren, Roland and Faye Mauldin of Denton Valley. Also their children, Douglas Mauldin and his friend, Mechele Mirson of Dallas, and Kenneth and Cristal Mauldin of Stephenville. Also, Sissy Mann and her friend, Tommy Norris of Hamlin.

Visitors of Joyce Odom Saturday were Charles and Michael of Clyde, who came out to get wood and hunted deer. Also, Ralph and Ginni Trevey of Snyder visited in the home.

Holiday 'Food For Thought'

The 1993 "Holiday Delights" cookbook is now available at your local West Texas Utilities Company office. This year's cookbook is a recipe collection of past favorites to use for entertaining, baking, and gift-giving. Each recipe features a nutritional analysis for each serving to help if you are watching calories, cholesterol, fat, sodium, etc.

The holiday season brings with it thoughts of baking and food preparation. WTU has a few tips to offer during this time of year. Food safety is particularly important during the holidays when traditionally larger quantities of food are prepared. Here are a few food safety precautions to follow:

— Thaw turkey in the refrigerator or in cold water, never at room temperature, to prevent bacterial growth;

— Do not oven-roast meats at temperatures below 325 degrees. Temperatures below 325 degrees are not high enough to destroy bacteria that may develop in large cuts of meat or turkey during long cooking periods;

— Cooked food should never be left at room temperature for more than 2 hours, including preparation time. Refrigerate promptly;

— Refrigerate cream, custard, or meringue pies and any food with a custard filling, such as cakes, cream puffs or eclairs, just as soon as they have cooled slightly. Follow the same precautions for salads and sandwiches made with salad

dressings containing eggs or milk products;

— Keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold. Hot foods should be kept at 140 degrees until served. Cooked cold foods should be kept at 45 degrees or lower.

By planning ahead and following these food safety tips you can help ensure your families' health during the holidays and the rest of the year. Remember to stop by WTU for your free cookbook.

Prescribed Burn Workshop December 10

A Prescribed Burn Workshop will be held at the Oplin Community Center on Friday, December 10, beginning at 9:30 a.m. This workshop is being jointly sponsored by the Callahan County Extension Office, Soil Conservation Service, and the County ASCS Office, according to Greg Germgross, County Extension Agent.

Oplin is located approximately 20 miles south of Clyde on Highway 604.

The program is designed especially for producers who are interested in getting into prescribed burning as a management tool to control unwanted brush species, especially prickly pear.

The seminar will focus on planning a prescribed burn, developing a fire plan, and the actual conducting of the burn. Plans for chemical control of prickly pear will also be discussed.

Following the indoor program, the group is invited to participate in an actual burn on the Maxine Johnson place 5 miles east of Oplin. A control burn on a 500 acre pasture is planned for the afternoon, weather permitting.

All producers in the area are invited to attend the workshop. Lunch will be available at the end of the workshop for \$4.00. Everyone is asked to pre-register for the workshop by December 8 by calling the County Extension Office at (915) 854-1518. One and one-half hours of CEU will be given to all private applicators who complete the workshop. For more information contact the County Extension Office at (915) 854-1518.

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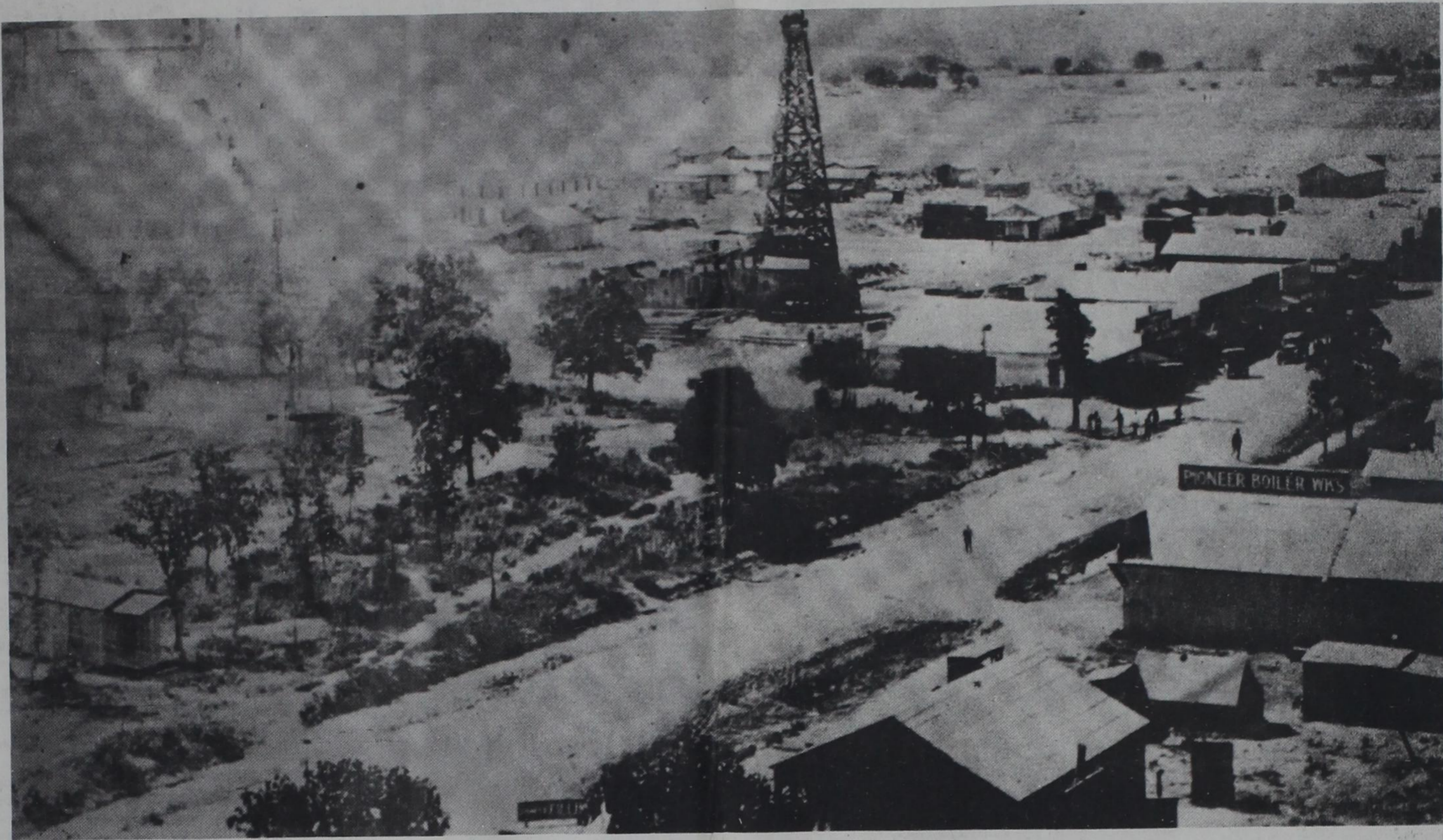
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The Conservation Compliance provision of the 1985 Food Security Act requires farmers that are receiving USDA benefits to have developed a conservation plan for their land by January 1, 1990. This plan is developed with the help of the Soil Conservation Service and must be fully implemented by December 31, 1994.

There are several important facts that you should keep in mind about the Conservation Compliance provision:

1) Stay on Schedule - After the plan is finished, the farmer is responsible for staying on schedule and completing it by 1995. Each plan includes agreed upon dates which must be met. If any agreed upon date is not met, the farmer becomes out of compliance and loses the USDA benefits.

2) The Plan Stays With The Land - Plans are developed for the land. If you rent or purchase farmland, you must follow the Conservation Plan already developed for that land; or, you can change the existing plan with the approval of your local conservation district.

3) There are Alternatives - The plan can be changed to meet new farming needs. You may decide between now and 1995 that you want to alter your farming operation. Changes can be made with the approval of your local conservation district if they meet the standards established by the Food Security Act.

4) Acceptable Conservation Practices

- Acceptable conservation practices include the use of structural erosion control systems such as terraces, diversions, waterways, etc., no-till farming, minimum tillage farming, stripcropping, and conservation cropping rotations.

5) Follow Residue Requirements - Be sure that you understand the crop residue requirements in the plan so that you can be sure to stay in compliance.

The penalty for not following the FSA compliance plan is the loss of USDA benefits such as: cost-share programs, disaster payments, annual programs, price supports, marketing loans, commodity purchases, crop insurance and short and long term loans.

The best way to stay in compliance with the plan is to apply the practices as scheduled in your plan, or contact the Soil Conservation Service if you have questions about whether you are following your plan correctly.

Each year the SCS is required to randomly spot check 5% of the plans within each county to check the status of implementation. The SCS is mandated to check the status of any plans where complaints about non-compliance have been received.

If you don't agree with what the local SCS office says you need to do for conservation compliance, there is an appeals procedure to follow. The first step is to ask your local SCS office for a reconsideration of your FSA compliance plan, then proceed from there.

If you have any questions about the specifications of a practice or would like technical assistance in applying conservation practices, contact the local SCS office in Baird at (915) 854-1349.

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Baird Craft Show Dec. 4

The Baird Mothers, Fathers and Teachers Association is sponsoring the Second Annual Cowboy Christmas Craft Show at the Baird Activity Center (226 Walnut Street, Baird, Texas) on Saturday, December 4th from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. This year's event promises to be bigger and more exciting than last year!

The day's festivities commence with a Christmas parade scheduled for 10:00 a.m. David Bacon, K-TAB's loveable sports commentator, will be the Grand Marshal, leading the parade in a beautiful horse-drawn carriage courtesy of Brigham Livery. Other noted personalities participating in the parade will be Ty O'Neal, a Big Country resident and star of Disney's Mighty Ducks II, and Santa Claus. Mr. O'Neal will display his riding skills while Santa will ride into town courtesy of Sarah and Horace Hatfield aboard their horse-drawn chuck wagon. The parade will also showcase an assortment of floats, cars, motorcycles, and horse-back

riders. The parade route will start at the east side of the Baird City Park, travel in front of Canterbury Villa Nursing Home, down Main Street and conclude at the Activity Center.

The craft show itself promises a varied array of merchandise suitable for the most discriminating persons on your shopping list. There will be woodwork, decorated tee-shirts and other clothing, cookbooks, Discovery toys, jewelry, hand-painted china, Christmas decorations and much more! Admission is free. Door prizes will be awarded hourly, but you must be present to win. Santa will be available from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and from 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. If you're too old for a picture with Santa, why not have one made with Ty O'Neal instead? Photos will be Polaroid Instamatics. Cost is \$3.00 per picture.

In addition to Santa and the parade, there will be hayrides, mini-train rides, a concession stand with delicious refreshments and holiday entertainment. The Baird Junior High

School Band, My Backyard preschoolers, 4-H members, and the third and fourth grade classes will provide some Christmas music during the craft show. (See schedule for times.)

While shopping and enjoying the entertainment and other fun activities, be sure to stop by the Hanner/M.F.T. Jail. M.F.T. Deputy, Gary Williams, will be patrolling the area and making "arrests" for the Hanner/M.F.T. Jail. You can have friends (or foes) arrested and thrown into the jail for 30 minutes for a \$10.00 donation to the M.F.T. Also, several well known local outlaws in the area ("Dead-eye" Steve Maikell, "Cattle Annie" Nancy Turnbow, "Quick-draw" Jack Willoughby, "Six-gun" Sparky Dean, "Lefty" Bun Barry, "Buffalo" Bill Johnson, Larry "The Kid" Riney, and "Reckless" Jim Rector) will need their friends to bail them out. Bail has been set at \$25.00.

Hope to see ya'll at the Cowboy Christmas Parade and Craft Show! Why not come out and enjoy a full day of wholesome family fun, make some memories together, and help the Baird Mothers, Fathers and Teachers Association raise funds for much needed equipment for our schools?

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 8:00 a.m. Baird Activity Center opens to crafters.
- 9:15 a.m. Parade entries line up at the east side of the Baird City Park.
- 10:00 a.m. Christmas parade begins. It may be viewed from Main St.
- 10:30 a.m. Santa arrives at the Baird Activity Center.
- 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Santa photos
- 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Santa photos (Santa pictures will be Polaroid Instamatics. Cost is \$3.00 per photo. Similar size photos at the Mall of Abilene are \$6.99)
- 12:30 - 12:45 p.m. Baird Jr. H.S. Band Christmas Concert
- 12:45 - 1:05 p.m. Preschool students perform
- 1:10 - 1:30 p.m. Third grade Christmas program
- 3:30 p.m. Draw and announce turkey raffle winner
- 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Hanner and M.F.T. Jail; mini-train rides
- 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Concession stand featuring fajitas, hot dogs, iced

tea, soft drinks, coffee, and homemade desserts by the slice

Hayrides will depart at 11:00 a.m., noon, 1:00, 2:00 and 3:00 p.m.

We are very grateful for the support of our generous sponsors: Calidad, Country Cuisine, First National Bank of Baird, Hanner Dealerships and H.E.B.

Eastern Star Meets Monday, December 6

Cross Plains Chapter #455 Order of Eastern Star will meet Monday, December 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Lodge.

Several distinguished visitors are expected, along with newly appointed Deputy Grand Matron Sandra Carey of the Cross Plains Chapter.

A Salad Supper will follow the meeting. All Eastern Star members are cordially invited.

Alarming Number Of Canine Parvovirus Diagnosed

There has been an alarming number of canine parvovirus infections diagnosed in the area. Canine parvovirus is a viral disease of dogs which is capable of causing two different sets of clinical problems. The first to be recognized, and the most common, is the "intestinal form" which is manifested by bloody diarrhea, vomiting, loss of appetite, depression and often death. The second to be recognized is the "cardiac form", which occurs in very young pups and is manifested by an acute inflammation of the heart muscle.

Any age, breed or sex of dog can be affected by parvovirus. Several factors such as age, environment, stress, parasites and general health status of each individual dog infected could affect the severity of illness.

The disease is usually more severe in young dogs, (less than 6 months of age) or old dogs. Early, vigorous treatment of the illness is imperative, since vomiting and diarrhea can lead to dehydration and chemical imbalance in the body.

Control of parvovirus by sanitation measures alone is extremely difficult because the virus is such a resistant, hardy organism and because it is so easily spread. Parvovirus is transmitted through contact with the feces of an affected dog. The virus can be carried on the dogs hair and feet, as well as on contaminated cages, shoes or other objects. Isolation of infected dogs is one method of control, although moderately effective. Just as any other virus only vaccination of susceptible animals will control the actual source of infection.

A properly immunized dog will have circulating protection in the blood that will destroy parvovirus following exposure. It is important to begin vaccinations at any early age and repeat every 2-3 weeks until the puppy is at least 14-16 weeks old. Adult dogs should receive two doses of vaccine given 3-4 weeks apart for maximum protection. All dogs should receive an annual booster vaccination to assure an enduring immunity.

Comparing the dog population in this area to the number of parvovirus infections that have been diagnosed, we have an infection percentage comparable to any other area in the state.

Meeting Held November 16 In Taylor County Courthouse

A meeting was held on November 16 at the Taylor County Courthouse to discuss the Texas Department of Mental Health-Mental Retardation Bed-Cap Plan. Among other officials from Taylor, Jones and Callahan counties were Callahan County Judge Bill Johnson and Betty Hardwick of Baird who is Chairman of the Board of the Abilene Regional MHMR Center. Others in attendance included law enforcement officials, mental health advocacy groups and staff from the Abilene Regional MHMR Center.

Beginning in January, the number of beds available in state hospitals for mentally ill patients will be curtailed when a state resolution takes effect. This could mean that persons needing care would be turned away from state hospitals, returning them to their homes, the streets or even jail.

Currently, mentally ill patients from Taylor, Jones and Callahan counties utilize an average of 40 beds per day in the Big Spring State Hospital. Beginning January 1, that number will be decreased by 20 percent. A 40 percent reduction will occur in August 1994, followed by another 40 percent reduction a year later.

By then, the final count of beds available for mental health patients will be 18, making a huge impact on local mental health services. Last year, 167 patients diagnosed with mental illness were hospitalized from the three-county area.

Local government officials and health care providers are taking a proactive approach to the problem. Taylor County Judge Lee Hamilton will appoint a committee to discuss ideas and solutions. This committee will report

back to the task force in a future meeting.

CJC Offering Defensive Driving Course

Cisco Junior College will offer a Defensive Driving Course on Monday and Wednesday, December 6 and 8, from 6-9 p.m. at the Cisco campus.

The class will meet in room 3 of Schaefer Hall. Fee for the course is \$20. Enrollment must be paid no later than 3 p.m. on the first day of class.

Students must attend both nights of class and must bring a valid drivers license to class. Social Security number is needed for all forms. Cisco Junior College is an agency of the Texas Safety Association - extension registration number CO228-199 - TEA License #605.

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