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Services For Lindsey Tyson Held Dec. 1 In Brownwood

Lindsey Wilson Tyson, 87, a Callahan County native died Tuesday, November 29, 1994 in Brownwood Regional Hospital.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, December 1, in Cross Plains at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel. Dr. Travis Summerlin, pastor of Cross Plains First United Methodist Church, and Dr. Jim O'Dell, pastor of First Baptist Church of Cross Plains, officiated. Jack Scott, a longtime friend, spoke of personal remembrances. Burial was in Greenleaf Cemetery in Brownwood.

Lindsey Tyson was born in Dressy, Texas, on February 16, 1907. His parents, the late Dr. John and Alabama Hay Tyson, and the family moved to Cross Plains about 1912, where Dr. Tyson practiced medicine.

Mr. Tyson attended the Cross Plains School and Howard Payne College



LINDSEY WILSON TYSON

Academy and then Howard Payne College.

In early adult years, Mr. Tyson was employed by the ice company and later was employed as Cross Plains City Secretary. Later he was co-owner and then the sole owner of the Cross Plains Frozen Food Locker, a total of 25 years.

Lindsey Wilson Tyson married Frances Elizabeth Evans on June 30, 1951, in Coggin Avenue Baptist church in Brownwood. They made their home in Cross Plains, where Frances continued her teaching career. Lindsey was retired.

Mr. Tyson joined the Cross Plains Methodist Church at age 17 and continued to hold membership there. He was a member of the Administrative Board of the church and had served as church treasurer and on various committees.

Lindsey served on the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department for 25 years, and had served on the Cross Plains Housing Authority. He was a member of the Cross Plains City Council for a number of years.

Lindsey Tyson is survived by his wife, Frances, of Cross Plains; mother-in-law, Mrs. H.L. (Josephine) Evans of Brownwood; five nephews, Grady Tyson of El Paso, Roger Williams of Cross Plains, Dr. David Hardt of Waco, Dr. John Tyson of Denison and Robert (Bob) Tyson of Coleman; seven nieces, Mrs. Hollis (Burdette) Galloway of Brownwood, Ida Nell Williams of Austin, Mrs. R.G. (Emma Jane) Hopson of Dumas, Mrs. T.J. (Sue) Lovett of Lubbock, Mrs. Al (Gail) Burries of New Bern, North Carolina, Mrs. Edwin (Glenda) Wheeler of Rosanky and Mrs. Gary (Janet) Locklin of Fort Worth; a niece-in-law, Betty Evans Young of Austin; a nephew-in-law, Joe D. Evans of Garland; special family friends, Herbert and Helen Martin of Brownwood and several great and great-great nieces and nephews.

Lindsey was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, Grady Tyson, John J. Tyson, Clovis Tyson and Norman Tyson also, three sisters, Mrs. W.B. (Carrie) Williams, Mrs. Henry (Leo Marion) Hardt and Mrs. Garrette (Elizabeth) Fomby.

Pallbearers were Jack Scott, Roy Stambaugh, Alvin Hutchins, Jimmie Lee Payne, Franzel Odom, Tommie Harris, Richard (Dick) Wagner and O.B. Edmondson. Honorary pallbearers were Hub Freeman, Roger Watson, Hollis Shults, Dick Grider, Charlie Grider, R.E. Spencer, Greg Turner and James Nichols.

Memorials may be made to Cross Plains First United Methodist Church, Cross Plains Fire Department, Cross Plains Emergency Medical Service or to the organization of your choice.

Colonial Oaks Services

First United Methodist will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, December 11, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

Christmas Concert December 8

All levels of band students at Cross Plains I.S.D. will be performing in the Christmas Concert Thursday, December 8, at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Andy Taylor will be directing each age group.

Admission is free to the public and everyone is invited to attend. Get in the holiday spirit as the bands play seasonal selections.

Evangelist To Speak At Jesus Holiness Missionary Church December 8-11

John Meador, an evangelist from Georgia, invites everyone to attend a Holy Ghost Meeting December 8-11 beginning at 7:30 p.m. at Jesus Holiness Missionary Church, 701 Avenue E and 2nd Street, Cross Plains.

Jesus Christ is healing the sick. Hebrews Chapter 13, Verse 8. Everyone is welcome. If further information is needed, call 817-725-6782.

Project Pride Meeting Date Changed

Project Pride's regular monthly meeting will be held on Thursday evening December 15 instead of Tuesday.

Meeting time is 6:00 p.m. at the Howard House on West Highway 36.

Open House At Methodist Parsonage

By BETTY EDWARDS

Dr. Travis Summerlin will host open house Sunday, December 11, from 3-5 p.m. at the Methodist Parsonage on the Cisco Highway just at the city limits sign.

Dr. Summerlin will have his Civil War and Star Trek memorabilia on display and refreshments will be served. All citizens of Cross Plains are invited to attend and get to know Dr. Summerlin.

Cowboy Christmas "A Trail Of Memories"

By VANDA KING
Editor

The first week of Cowboy Christmas Village in our community was a huge success. Downtown Cross Plains was packed with cars and people anticipating the festivities. One resident remarked that it reminded him of the Saturday night activities of the 1950's when everyone came to town to visit and shop.

The Kiwanis tree lighting and drawing for gifts and cash was a big hit with the crowd, as usual. Christmas music provided by the Buffalo Band added that special holiday atmosphere. The little ones were more interested in the arrival of the big guy in red on the fire truck. A long line of children anxiously waited their turn to tell Santa their wishes.

Everyone was anticipating the tour through the Cowboy Christmas Village located upstairs at Higginbotham's. Deana Strickland headed the committee for this year's decorating and it was full of scenes from the old west and a variety of interesting items. Dr. Travis Summerlin, the local Methodist pastor, researched Cross Plains' history and gave informing tours about our city's past.

Dressed in his Confederate officer's uniform, Dr. Summerlin gave this brief history on Cross Plains. The first settlers began arriving in the vicinity of Cross Plains during the decade following the Civil War. The area was an open plain covered with luscious sedge grass. There was abundant game consisting of deer, antelope, quail, wild turkeys and occasionally some bears.

The main problem faced by early settlers was maintaining a sufficient supply of bread. The closest mill was located at Sipe Springs, where corn could be taken and ground into meal. All of the first homes in Cross Plains were made of logs from the Post-oak timber that was prevalent in the region. Usually neighbors assisted each other in the erection of home.

Life was simple. The early settlers did not have much money but found that they had little use for it as there was nothing to spend it on. Practically everything for the table was raised at home. Corn and wheat were taken to mill at Sipe Springs and made into meal and flour. Some sugar and coffee were all that were needed to complete the typical family's table fare. There was abundant wild game for meat and if a change was desired, one of the settlers would slaughter a beef and share it with his neighbors. When another beef was needed, another settler would repeat the performance. In those days, beef was never sold, but was kept for the family's table.

Many of the first settlers were former Confederate soldiers who had moved west to make a new beginning after the war. Some were of German ancestry. The first community was located on the banks of Turkey Creek. It was named Schleicher after Gustave Schleicher, a native of Germany who served as a representative from Texas in the United States Congress. He died in Washington on January 10, 1879 while serving in Congress. The community's name was soon changed to Cross Plains because of the important military roads that crossed one another in the vicinity. These roads were used to transport troops and supplies to the forts in the region which were built to protect the settlers from hostile Comanche and Apache Indians.

These forts included Fort Griffin in Albany, Camp Colorado near Burkett, Fort Phantom Hill, Camp Cooper, Fort Concho in San Angelo and Fort Mason.

Prior to the Civil War, Robert E. Lee was stationed for a time at Camp Colorado while he was in command of the Second United States Cavalry and once camped on the banks of Turkey Creek,



BARBER SHOP/BLACKSMITH SCENE—Jeremy Tennison (left) is the blacksmith, Joe Coppinger the customer, and Tim Dillard the barber.



DEFINITELY A COWBOY CHRISTMAS — Santa and a little cowboy.

where the roadside park is located outside of Cross Plains on Highway 36.

Callahan County was created from Bexar, Travis, and Bosque Counties in 1858 and was named for James Hughes Callahan, a hero of the Texas Revolution. A native of Marion, Georgia, Callahan came to Texas with the Georgia Battalion of volunteers in 1835 to aid Texas in its struggle for independence from Mexico. He fought in the Battle of Coleto Creek and was captured along with other members of Colonel James Fannin's command when Fannin surrendered to Mexican troops under the command of General Urrea. Callahan was among the handful of men who managed to escape the ensuing massacre of Goliad where Santa Anna ordered the execution of Fannin and his men. After the war, Callahan served as a Lieutenant of Texas Rangers. He is buried in the State Cemetery in Austin.

The first white men to visit Cross Plains were members of the Chihuahua Expedition of 1839. This expedition was organized by the state of Chihuahua in Mexico for the purpose of mapping a trade route between Mexico and the United States that was shorter than the Santa Fe Trail. It was led by a physician from Missouri, Dr. H.C. Connelly and several other Texas frontiersmen.

There was no permanent settlement until after the Civil War because of the danger of hostile Indians. The first Post

Office opened in 1877 with William Mattox as postmaster. An 1880 census placed the population at 25. The first organized church was the Methodist Church organized in 1882. Methodists had been meeting for Sunday School since 1875 in the log cabin home of Charles Neeb on Turkey Creek. The Baptist, Presbyterian and Church of Christ Churches were formally orga-

nized a few years later. The first general store was the trading post established by Jim Bloodworth in 1869, shortly after the end of the great Comanche Wars. His store was in the vicinity of Cross Cut and handled everything from fancy calico to groceries.

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Buffalo Bucks Gift Certificates On Sale Now!!

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a new gift certificate program in Cross Plains called Buffalo Bucks.

Buffalo Bucks are gift certificates that individuals can buy to give as gifts for any occasion. Buffalo Bucks can be especially convenient for Christmas. Chamber President, Steve Mack said, "These gift certificates are similar to those that you can purchase at the mall in Abilene, which can be spent at any store in the mall."

Individuals can buy Buffalo Bucks at Citizens State Bank in any denomination. The gift certificates can then be exchanged by the recipient at participating Cross Plains Merchants for merchandise. Buffalo Bucks will make the perfect

stocking stuffer or gift for any occasion. The program was derived from an idea presented to the Chamber by Cross Plains residents, Keith and Leslie Lawrence to encourage Cross Plains citizens to shop at home first.

Participating merchants include: Bryan's Variety, Citizens State Bank, Collum's Restaurant, Dairy Queen, Flip's Choice, Higginbotham's, Jack's Place, Johnson's Dry Goods, Koenigs Family Store, Lakeway Grocery, Lawrence Farm and Ranch Supply, Neal Drug, The Back Room, Tim's Floral and Village Market.

Other merchants not listed here who wish to participate should contact Steve Mack at 725-6141 to sign up.

Cowboy Christmas Village



TOUR GUIDE — Dr. Travis

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Photos Courtesy Vanda King, Editor



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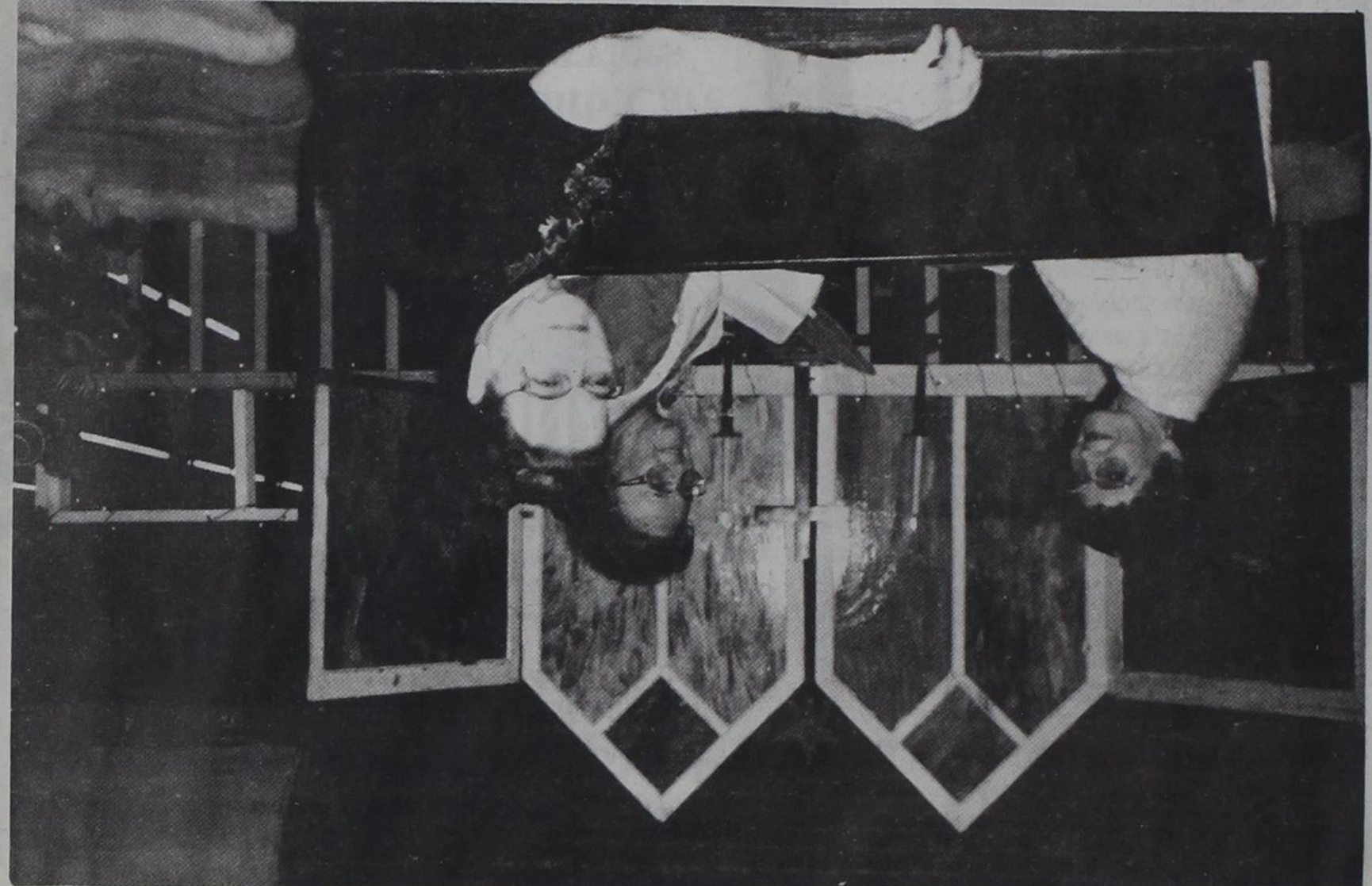
Dillard (left) and Barbara Evans.



GENERAL STORE — Joy Dillard.



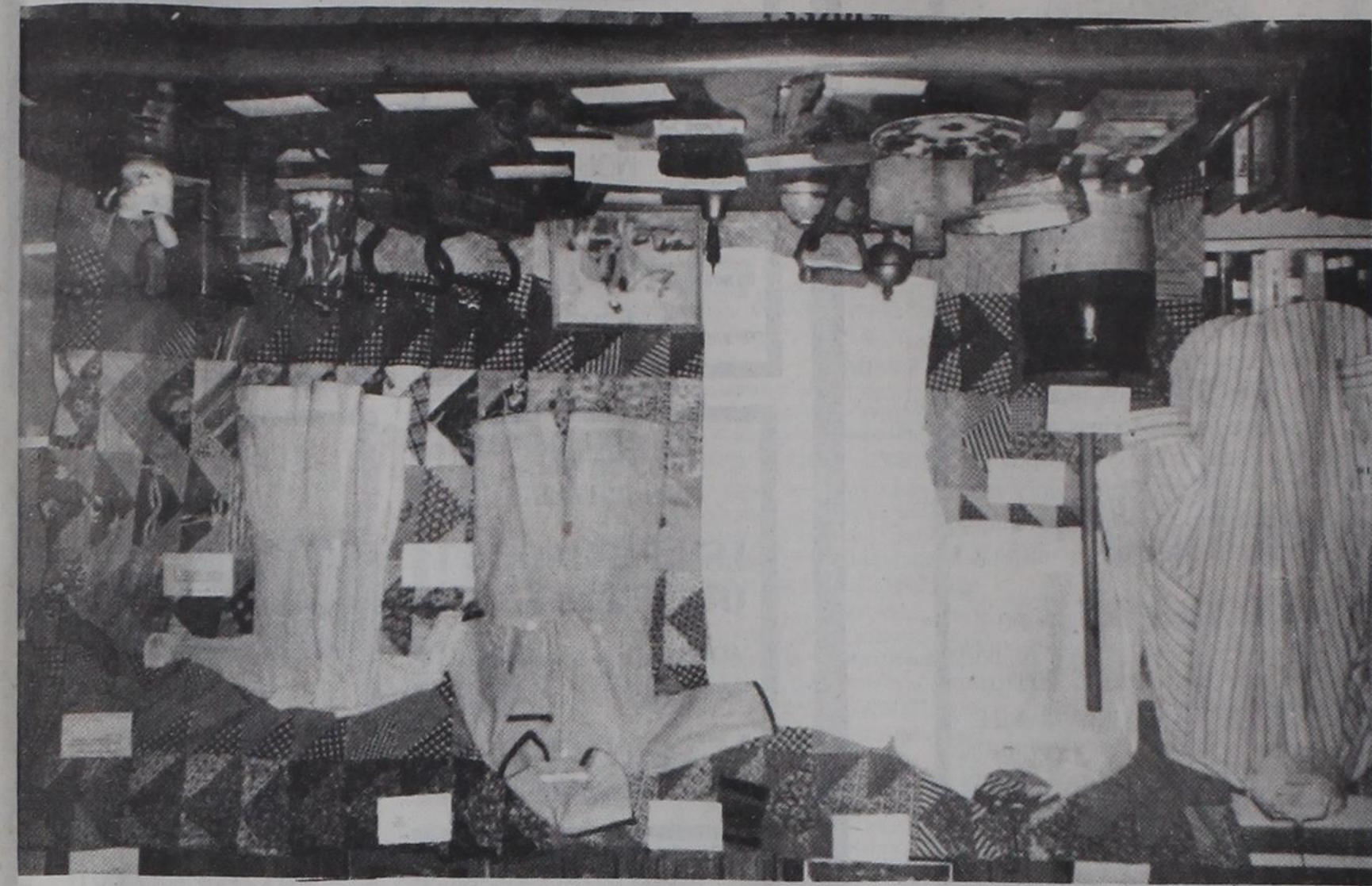
WAITING FOR THE TRAIN — Deanna Besselaar and Emma Albrecht.



CHURCH AREA — Darlene Stevens (back from left) and Marlene Sanders, Alma Lewis (front).



COWBOY CAMPFIRE — Becky Gull (from left), Randy Strickland and Rowdy Dillard.



MEMORABILIA OF SUMA DILL — The Fred Dills provided an array of antiques.



CUTBIRTH, BONNER, MCWILLIAMS RANCH COLLECTION — George Friend is viewing part of the interesting items.

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GIWANIS GUEST—Mrs. Lee Harrison (from left), Mrs. "Tooter" Harrison, MR. and Mrs. Richard Purvis and Bob Pipes, President of Kiwanis Club.

Nov. 29 Kiwanis Club Meeting

Guest speaker of the November 29 Kiwanis luncheon was Mr. Lee Harrison from Winters who gave a talk and video on a project known as "Christmas In April". Winters has adopted the project and several photos were shared with the group reflecting the work accomplished. The basic thrust of "Christmas in April" is to find well deserving citizens whose homes are in vital need of repair or updating. The work is accomplished through volunteer labor and material.

The video gave two examples of homes that were literally "transformed" in one day through the efforts of many volunteers whose "pay" is the thanks given them from the recipients. Mr. Harrison challenged Cross Plains to consider undertaking the program as a part of our community spirit activities.

Richard and Jeanell Purvis were welcomed guest and potential members. You are invited to be a part of the Kiwanis and enjoy the benefits of helping others.

Pioneer This Week

By BARBARA POWELL

Last Tuesday, the Pioneer Quilting Club worked on Donna Pickett's sponsored Log Cabin and Juanita Harlow's Around the Word quilts. We will get those out of the frames this Tuesday. We won't quilt anymore until the first Tuesday in January. We take a break for the holidays. The club completed quilting 35

quilts in 1994. Let me tell you, that is a bunch of quilting. We are all pleased we are getting caught up with our backlog.

I spoke with Denise, Sharon Walker's daughter this morning. Denise does a wonderful job of cooking at the Homestead Cafe in Pioneer. She and Sharon are really pleased with the steady increase in business. They are extremely happy with the amount of return customers and new customers brought in by "word of mouth". They are now booking private Christmas parties for Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday nights. Again, we in the community are delighted that we have the convenience of a restaurant with really good food located practically next door.

Frankie Smith reported that the revival at the Pioneer Baptist Church was a real success. On Saturday, Frankie and Oliver visited with Aunt Ruby in Ranger and had lunch with a good friend Mary Botts in Eastland. Sunday afternoon Frankie and Jean Fore visited with Nell Fleming. They had a very good time.

Novella Barton visited with Betty Beggs on Saturday. Betty's son Rusty was still with her. Nell Fleming visited with Novella one day last week.

Earlene Burge's daughter Jessica and great-grand son Cameron have been spending some time with Earlene. They are doing repair work on the bathroom. Cameron, as you would expect, is busy helping. He loves to get in the glue.

Last week, the Cross Plains Garden Club decorated the Christmas tree for the Colonial Oaks Nursing Home. The pictures we had taken of the residents were hung on the tree as ornaments. The residents were very pleased.

LOOKING FOR 1950 GRADS

Cross Plains High School Class of 1950 needs help in finding classmates. Please send information or address to Keith Coburn, 611 West 7th, Crane, Texas 79731 or call 915-558-2787.

Commodity Recertification For Callahan Announced

It is that time of year that CTO must recertify its clients who participate in the

TEFAP Program.

TDHS guidelines state that to receive USDA commodities, Households must apply once a year in the contracted area where they live.

Maxine Dimitri, center director, and CTO staff will assist clients in filling out their applications at the following dates and times and places: In Putnam, December 20 from 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.; in Baird, December 21 from 9:30 - 12:00 p.m.; in Clyde, December 21 from 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.; and in Cross Plains December 22 from 9:00 - 12:00 p.m.

Clients must provide proof of identity, residency and income. This year, TDHS is requiring that any individual who wishes for someone else to pick up their commodities to submit proof that they are handicapped. Exceptions may be made for elderly shut-ins. CTO will verify this information Proof of Income, Copies of AFDC, Food Stamps, SSI, MAO, Driver License, Utility Bills.

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