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Down Home

By VANDA KING
Editor

This week we would like to share an article which appeared in "Country Home" April 1988 issue. "The Perfect Match" by John Riha and produced by Ruth Reiter is the story of John and Bettye Wagner's country home in Powder Springs, Georgia. John Wagner is a former resident of Cross Plains and will be remembered as the brother of Dick Wagner.

The article in its entirety is as follows:

Wrapped in the hush of early morning, dappled by quiet shadows, and snuggled under the sheltering branches of tall oak trees, John and Bettye Wagner's home enjoys an idyllic country setting. Custom-built for them just 10 years ago, the Wagners' residence fits perfectly in its peaceful surroundings. The graceful architectural lines are patterned after the charming simplicity of 19th-century farmhouses, and a wide front porch with its hanging swing is as inviting as a soft southern breeze.

"I've always loved New England-style homes," admits Bettye, "but I also love Atlanta. Our home is the next best thing to transporting a New England home down here."

Over the years, however, John and Bettye came to realize that their growing family needed more space. They decided to create an addition, and of course they placed a high priority on duplicating the comfortable design of their country home. They wanted their addition to look as if it had been part of the original construction.

"Our goal was to create a large, comfortable keeping room so we could entertain on a family basis," says Bettye, "and at the same time make a place to put more of our antiques. We're avid collectors, and we see our home and surroundings as a whole way of life. We didn't want the new portion of the home to look like an attached garage." Although special touches and painstakingly detailed craftsmanship would characterize the Wagners' project, careful planning proved to be the key to success.

"We spent a great deal of time working with drawings and getting everything just the way we wanted it," says Bettye.

John and Bettye's plan called for a 1½-story addition that included a 19X22 family room, a 6X10 buttry, and a second-level office space. Access to the newly created rooms would be gained through the old dining area. Judicious tree removal and a little landscaping would give the Wagners a garden area outside the addition.

But spatial arrangement was only part of the story. As imaginative designers, John and Bettye sought to give their addition a special character. Bettye remembered seeing some beautiful wall paneling at a Texas antiques show. The paneling, still in its original blue-over-red paint, had been salvaged from a Cape Cod-style home built in New York in 1740. A call to the antiques dealer revealed that the paneling was still for sale, and the Wagners were able to obtain an exquisite wall treatment. Combined with a large colonial-style fireplace designed by John and Bettye, the paneling brings the best of New England to the heart of Georgia.

"We would have used different dimensions for the addition if the

paneling hadn't been available," says John, "but we ended up adapting the room size to accommodate the paneling." John, an energetic doer who enjoys working on the family projects, installed the paneling himself.

"Installing the paneling was a challenge," he says. "I had to check and recheck the measurements before cutting. You only get one shot at it."

The Wagners' special touches are evident throughout the addition. Bettye's paint-and-flour mixture gave the walls an old-looking texture. Janie Atkinson, a local painter who specializes in faux finishes, helped create the sponge-painted floor. More salvaged paneling inspired construction of a buttry.

"We're so pleased with the way the addition turned out," says Bettye. "Because we took our time planning, I can say that we wouldn't change anything now that it's finished. It was hard work and a lot of dust, but it was worth it."

Look for photos in another section of the newspaper.



CROSS PLAINS JUNIOR HIGH CHEERLEADERS — Back from cheerleading camp, the girls demonstrate one of their stunts. Jacey French, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Terry French, is at the top of the pyramid, second row (from left) is Lori Dillard, daughter of Mr. and

NOTICE
Review Office Closed July 4.
All news articles must be in by noon Friday, July 1.
Ads — Deadline Saturday, July 2, by 10 a.m.

Church Of Christ Summer Youth Series Slated July 5

The Summer Youth Series at the Cross Plains Church of Christ is set for Tuesday, July 5, at the church auditorium beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The theme for the series is "More Than a Conqueror." Tim Gibbs of Dangerfield will be the speaker. His subject will be "Overcoming Satan in My Life."

All youth in junior high and high school are invited to attend.

Mrs. Donnie Dillard, and Sonya Renfro, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Wyatt and Mr. and Mrs. Rod Renfro, bottom (from left) Shana Bagley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Bagley, and Glenda Evans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maxey Evans.

Junior High Cheerleaders Proved Outstanding

The cheerleaders from Cross Plains Junior High were among approximately 300 participants in the 1988 Big Country Cheerleader camp held on the campus of Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene June 20-24.

The five-day camp was conducted by Southwest Camps of Cisco, with Mr. Eris Rithie as camp director. Instructional staff and program were supplied by the National Cheerleaders Association.

The cheerleaders were taught new cheers, stunts, chants, and spirit ideas from a seven-member NCA staff headed up by Davonne Hunt, a professional cheerleading instructor from the

NCA's national headquarters in Dallas.

The June 20-24 session of the camp was the second of two sessions, with the first being held June 13-17.

The Junior High Cheerleaders received many awards during the week, beginning with the National Cheerleader Association Spirit Stick on Tuesday night. Friday morning they were presented the Squad Achievement Award and won a superior blue ribbon, and were nominated for the award of Excellence, which was a gold ribbon. The girls won four red ribbons for excellence during the camp.

Tourists From West Germany Pass Through Cross Plains

By VANDA KING
Editor

Last Friday morning a couple of young men came into the Review to make some copies. After conversing with them I realized that they had an European accent, so I asked them where they were from.

I was surprised to learn that they were from the southern part of West Germany, near the Swiss and Austrian border, and were touring the United States. We don't have many tourists from Europe through our community and I felt quite honored that we were included in their journey.

Georg (George) Eble from Ravensburg and Matthias (Matthew) Maihofer of Weingarten are both 19 years of age and have just completed school. They plan to enter separate universities in October.

They started their adventure in Toronto, Canada where they purchased a station wagon and started their camping and sight-seeing journey. Highlights of their trip included visiting Niagara Falls, Richmond, Washington, Florida, New Orleans, Louisiana; and the coast of Texas.

The two were looking forward to seeing Austin, Santa Fe, New Mexico; Yellowstone Park, Grand Canyon, and all of California. "Nature here is amazing, and the people are unbelievably helpful and friendly," they both commented.

They stated that many similar natural wonders existed in West Germany, but they were on a much smaller scale. It would be a treat for us to travel to their country and see its beauty and learn of its culture.

I told them it was a coincidence that Cross Plains had a young lady, Kerry Pointer, who is currently in West Germany on a foreign student exchange program. If these two courteous and friendly young men are an example of

their country, then it would definitely be a pleasant place to visit.

Boys, we hope you have a grand time touring the U.S., and will return with good memories of our country. Come back to see us again sometime!



FOREIGN VISITORS IN C.P.? — Matthew Maihofer (right) and George Eble spared a little time from their trip

of the United States to visit in the community.

Let's Paint The Town Red?

By CONNIE KIRKHAM

Since this year of 1988 is Cross Plains Homecoming, wouldn't it be a great time to do some clean up — fix up to our town? As business owners, a new paint job and a few flowers really add a neat, clean touch.

If you are interested in making our town really shine, would you please come to a meeting at the City Hall on Tuesday, July 5, at 5:15 p.m. We hope the time will be convenient for most businesses to come directly after closing. Even if you are late, come on! If you can't be there, we will fill you in later.

Even if you don't have a business but are interested, please attend. Everyone will be welcome.

One of the main items to be discussed will be the possibility of purchasing half barrels to put in front of businesses for flowers year round.

Evangelical Methodist Conducting Colonial Oaks Services

Colonial Oaks Nursing Home will have worship services at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, July 3, conducted by the Evangelical Methodist Church.



WHAT A TOMATO — Raymond McCowen is shown with his prize tomato, which weighed in at 2 pounds.

Note the cluster of tomatoes growing on the vines beside him.

Local Gardener Harvests Huge Tomatoes

By VANDA KING
Editor

Raymond McCowen's garden is a beautiful sight. Rows and rows of tomato vines staked for better growth and easier harvesting filled his garden spot in the back yard. He explained

that he kept the vines well pruned and their production was plentiful.

Nearly every day he picks tomatoes weighing one pound, but he had one special tomato which weighed 2 pounds. McCowen stated, "It wasn't a perfect one, but it was a big one."

The varieties planted were Big Boy, Early Girl, and Park Whopper. Raymond and his wife, Donie, produce more tomatoes than they can use so they enjoy giving the tomatoes away. I was the lucky recipient of some of these delicious specimens, and believe me, they taste even better than they look. Nothing is tastier than a home grown tomato.

Donie showed me her double sink with cabinet top installed in her back yard for washing vegetables. She said, "Raymond and my son, Alton McCowen, built this very unique conveyer."

Old Settlers Reunion Change To July 30

The Old Settlers Reunion date has been changed from August 13 to July 30 in conjunction with the Junior Rodeo that will be held that weekend.

Be sure to contact Susan McNeel at 725-7712 or 725-6498 for reservations for a booth.

Musicians who would like to perform should contact Turner Simpson at 725-6672.

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT
Mack Kniffen, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Robert Dunbar Batjer, Jr., speeding.
Bob R. Hanna, speeding.
Edith Revis, theft of property by check.
Richard Brussow, theft of property by check.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Clyde L. Leggett, Albany, and Thelma Wanama (sic) Woodall Leggett, Albany, Texas.

NEW VEHICLES

Steve H. Williams, Clyde, Pont. 4 dr.
Richard L. Powell, Abilene, Pont. 2 dr.
Abilene Sales, Abilene, Chev. Sub.
Susan P. Seider, Clyde, Chev. 2 dr.
Eddie L. Wheeler, Huntsville, GMC PU.

C.V. Currie, Abilene, Chev. Van.
Melvill Iren Brown, Abilene, Chev. PU.

Robert P. and Jody Westbrook, Abilene, Chev. 4 dr.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
Don Lane, presiding

Civil Filings

Dorothy Hilcher, individually and as administratrix of the estate of Kristina Leann Thoms, a minor, vs. George Johnson and Wendy Johnson, damages auto accident.

Divorces Filed:
West, Christopher Ray and Rhonda Kay, and in the interest of minor child. Self, David Sheridan and Elizabeth Ann.

Civil Minutes

Kathy Vondell Harris Varner vs. Ricky Lee Harris. Respondent found in contempt by failing to make child support payments and is in arrears in the amount of \$13,335.00. Respondent given credit for \$3000.00 paid in May 1988 and is ordered to resume \$325.00 monthly payments to be withheld by his employer. Payments to continue until youngest child has completed high school.

Divorce Granted:
Hays, Linda Kay and Kenneth Andrew.

Criminal Minutes

Kincaid Edward James, order setting aside judgment of conviction, dismissing the indictment and discharging defendant from probation.
Skiles Donal Howard, order setting aside judgment of conviction, dismissing the indictment and discharging defendant from probation.

Blood Pressure Clinic
Tuesday, July 5

The monthly blood pressure clinic is scheduled for Tuesday morning, July 5, from 10-11 a.m. at the Multi-Purpose Center.

OBITUARIES

Paul O. Huntington

BRADY — Paul O. Huntington, 64, died Tuesday at a local hospital. Services were held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Colonial Funeral Home Chapel with Ronnie Morrison officiating. Burial was in Resthaven Cemetery.

Born in Pioneer, he was a longtime resident of McCulloch County. He was a teacher and principal for the Brady Independent School District for 24 years. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and was a member of Sunset Ridge Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Frances Huntington of Brady; three daughters, Susan Edwards of San Antonio, Holly Wainscott of Lubbock, and Mary Bogus of Fort Worth; his mother, Estelle-Huntington of Brady; a sister, Norma Inabnet of San Antonio; and two grandchildren.

Pearl Flippin Kramer

Pearl Flippin Kramer, 60, of Lake Brownwood, died Wednesday at a Brownwood hospital.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Friday at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Rufus Wilson officiating. Burial was in Pioneer Cemetery.

Born in Pioneer, she returned to Lake Brownwood in 1978 from El Dorado, Kansas, and worked for the Texas 4-H Center for the past eight years.

Survivors include her husband, James N. Kramer of Lake Brownwood; a son, Tommy Partee of Sterling, Alaska; three daughters, Patricia Vanover, Jeanett Ibanez and Becky Alvarado, all of Odessa; a step-daughter, Karen Brown of Lexington, Kentucky; her mother, Winnie Flippin of Cross Plains; three brothers, Freddie Flippin of Cleburne, Thomas A. Flippin and Eddie Flippin, both of Cross Plains; a sister, Wanda Nelson of Early; and 14 grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Michael Martie, J.T. Bushog, Mike McKinney, Jim Fleming, Marshal Krouch, and H.P. Brantley.

Ted Tharp

RISING STAR — Ted Tharp, 76, died Tuesday at a Temple hospital.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Greg Knight officiating. Burial was in the Rising Star Cemetery.

Born in Eastland County, he moved to Rising Star in 1970.

He was a retired mechanic and a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife, Alice Hollingsworth Tharp of Rising Star; a son, Bobby Blevins of San Antonio; a brother, Charlie Tharp of Ballinger; a sister, Onis Lee of Brownwood; and numerous nieces and nephews.



The first fire fighting organization in America was started in Philadelphia.

Mamie Edna Forehand

RISING STAR — Mamie Edna Forehand, 94, died Wednesday at a local nursing home.

Services were held at 4:30 p.m. Thursday at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Roger Barron officiating. Burial was in the Pioneer Cemetery.

Born in Comanche County, she was a homemaker.

Survivors include a son-in-law, Darwin May of Andrews; a grandson, Michael May of San Antonio; and a sister, Edith Curry of Cisco.

Tarleton State University List Honor Students

STEPHENVILLE — The A and B Honor Roll and Distinguished Student list for the Spring 1988 semester has been announced at Tarleton State University. Dr. Robert C. Fain, Vice President of Academic Affairs at the University, released the names of students honored during the most recent long term. Included on the list were 189 students making the A Honor Roll and 670 making the B Honor Roll. There were 676 Distinguished Students named.

Students listed on the A Honor Roll must have a 4.0 grade point ratio (GPR) on the 4.0 system and be taking a minimum of 12 hours. Students on the B Honor Roll must have a grade point ratio between 3.00 and 3.99 with no grade lower than B and taking a minimum of 12 hours.

Distinguished Students include freshmen and sophomore students who have a minimum GPR of 3.25 with no grade lower than C, and juniors and seniors who have a minimum GPR of 3.50 with no grade lower than C and are in good standing.

Students from this area include Michael W. Hunter, B.D., Burkett; Thomas (Tommy) Graham Ames, B, Cross Plains; Cynthia J. Clark, B, Rising Star; and Kimberly K. Lee, B.D., Rising Star.

Texas Farm Bureau Headquarters Tour

Callahan-Shackelford County Farm Bureau leaders toured the Texas Farm Bureau headquarters in Waco June 10 and were briefed on TFB programs and activities.

Various department heads in the TFB briefed the visitors on current programs. Topics included a computer demonstration, commodity activities, information and public relations, the TFB Young Farmers and Ranchers and youth programs, citizenship seminar for high school students, county auditing and bookkeeping service, and insurance and group purchasing services.

The Texas Farm Bureau, headquarters in Waco since 1938 when it moved there from Brownwood, now has 334,162 member families on its rolls. It is organized in 116 counties.

Bob Turner, District 7 Director of the Texas Farm Bureau, explained video equipment to leaders of the Callahan-Shackelford County Farm Bureau, Carolyn Caffey, Jerry Caffey, Gary Franke, and Judy Franke.

Wrong Mrs. Merrill In Baseball Story

Last week the article about the origin of the Cross Plains Little League Baseball stated that Ella Fay Merrill was one of the first to help organize, but it should have been Mrs. F.L. (Lorain) Merrill. It was in the right family at least.

Class Of 1965 Searching For Addresses

Addresses are needed for the following classmates of 1965 C.P.H.S.:

- Doug Archer
- Lee Allcock Goble
- Sue Edington
- Terry Harris
- Sammy Dennis
- Deloris Falkner
- Eddie Joe McAnally
- Larry Boyle.

If anyone can provide the correct addresses for these ex-students, please contact Sharon (Stansbury) Fry, 3164 Primrose Drive, Abilene, Texas 79606 or call (915) 698-7153.

MINUTE MUSINGS

By ESTHLOY S. DICKSON

This very dry weather reminds me of a time, many years ago, when we had a terrible drouth. My father, bless his heart, had to sell off part of his herd of registered Hereford — sold them very sad! Most of those cows had been "born, bred and buttered" right here in his corrals — each one had a personal name.

That day, he had gone to the little country store nearby. My younger sister had asked to please buy some feed for her pet canary. He forgot about the bird. My sister whined: "Daddy, Smoky is nearly starved!" Daddy threw up his arms and said: "Sell him to the government. Sell him to the government."

I'm grateful for the recent rains here — my grass is growing beautifully.

Ricky Neal was here visiting his family recently — he and Penny went for a drive and passed my house. Ricky stated "that is such a neat little house." Thanks, Ricky. I think it is neat on the outside — but it is "a mess" on the inside.

I visited briefly on Sunday with my neighbor, Sheryl. They stay very busy up there. David and his brother, Stanley, are gradually getting the "mechanics building" erected. They are all anxious to have it finished.

Floyd Russell of Fort Worth visited on Thursday through Saturday with his sister, Betty Beggs and family. On Friday, they went to an area near Glen Rose, visited the Wildlife Refuge there (a 1000-acre zoo with many unusual animals). They visited the "Hoka-Hey" Art Gallery near Stephenville.

Nell Fleming states they all were saddened by the death of their neighbor-friend, Ms. Pearl Kramer. She had many relatives and friends in the area.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pavlov of Corpus Christi visited a few days; went home on Sunday. JoVeda and Bill Watson of Byrd's Store, and Chris

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nience for me last summer." It even serves a dual purpose in that the water drains directly onto the garden as an irrigation system. This clever idea might appeal to some of you ardent gardeners.

The McCowen's home is located at the corner of Avenue C and 9th Street (the Fos Bond house) and it is one of the most distinguished places in Cross Plains. I was delighted to tour the inside again after many years, and note the beauty of its design with the very high ceilings and beautiful bay window. A wide hall dividing the house in halves gave the house an air of spaciousness.

The architect of both the inside and exterior is that of country charm, and meeting the McCowen's was a delight.

Robinson of Midland visited on Sunday. Also, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Wiley and children, Greg and Heather of Pampa, were there a few days on vacation.

Jean Fore and sisters, Vi Harlow of Marble Falls and Bessie McDaniel of San Antonio, enjoyed a week's vacation in New Mexico with relatives. They visited in Lovington with their brother and wife, Paul and Jaunita Harlow and family.

In Artesia they visited with their sister, Bee Bedingfield and family, and in Alamogordo they visited Milford and Doris Hunter. Doris is Bessie's daughter. She remained with her daughter for several weeks' visit.

Dennis Family Reunited June 18

The descendants of H.E. and Mary Warren Dennis met in the Multi-Purpose Center June 18. This was the first reunion for the family and it was well-attended. A family member reported that everyone seemed to enjoy the day, and a bountiful meal was spread at noon and a short business session was held thereafter.

Judy Howard was elected president and Billie Jean Hancock as secretary. Plans were made to meet again in 1989.

Fifty-three persons signed the register including: Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Dennis, L.W., Robbie, Amy, and friend, Mary Jane, all from San Antonio; Glenda Briles, Arlington; Ed and Vickie Brzymialkiewicz, Jimmy Stevens, and Cathy Devaroua, Katy; Wayne and Wilda Dennis, Cross Plains; Iris Dennis, Lubbock; Ila Joe Huff, Hurst; Mark Briles, Bryan; Charles and Billie Hancock, Bedford; Jack Sanders and Betty Mays, Dallas; Terry and Carren Hancock, Will and Haley, Midland; Harold and Iva Dill, Fort Worth; Judy Howard, Melissa and Ben, Midland; Gay Floyd and Rita Sanders, Midland; Dana and Paul Hill, Dwane Tway, Fort Worth; Janis Belsher, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Belsher, Trish and Christopher, Fort Worth; Gail Sosebee, Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Mosley, Rex, Melody, Allison, and Zachary, Lubbock; Sonny and Ann Bounds, Lubbock; Lyn and Carol Dill and Cindy, Glen Rose; Etta Warren, Baird; and Lora Brown, Baird.

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Carriker: It's Time To Talk Issue

ROBY — State Representative Steve Carriker, Democratic Nominee for the recently vacated 30th District Senate seat, surprised his Republican opposition by actually showing up to accept an "award" that the Republican said he was giving Carriker earlier this week. An embarrassed Bobby Albert III declined to turn over his homemade "left wing" award to Carriker and left the Abilene press conference without responding to reporters' questions.

While Albert had called the press conference to criticize Representative Carriker's record on taxes, Albert refused to say how he would have handled last session's budget crisis differently.

Afterward Representative Carriker said that the voters are best served by both candidates appearing together to respond to the same questions on the same issues so that the public can make an informed decision. "It's time to drop the name-calling and talk issues," Carriker said. "The Republican should trash his canned speeches and phony awards. He should come out from behind Bill Clements' political consultant and stand up on his own to give some straight answers about important issues like education, health care, the economy, and the budget."

The Carriker campaign has already given its okay to a public forum in Wichita Falls and a televised debate to be carried by an Abilene station. "I hope Bobby will agree to these public appearances before his schedule gets too busy," commented Carriker.

Jeff McCoy Graduate From Baylor University

Jeffery Jay McCoy graduated from Baylor University at Waco in the spring commencement exercises. He received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. He is a former graduate of Cross Plains High School. Mr. and Mrs. W.G. McCoy are his parents.

Baylor University officials awarded degrees to 1,181 students during spring commencement ceremonies in May, according to Madelyn Jones, university registrar.

Degrees included 1,016 bachelor's degrees, 112 master's, 46 law degrees, and 7 doctorates.

Baylor officials also presented an honorary doctor of divinity degree to Dr. B.O. Baker, pastor of Plymouth Park Baptist Church in Irving. Baker has had more than 40 years of service in the ministry and was a former vice president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

AARP NEWS

By LUCILE CALLAWAY

The regular monthly meeting of AARP will be held Monday, July 4.

Be sure and attend if you are in town. We are going to have a good program.

PERSONALS

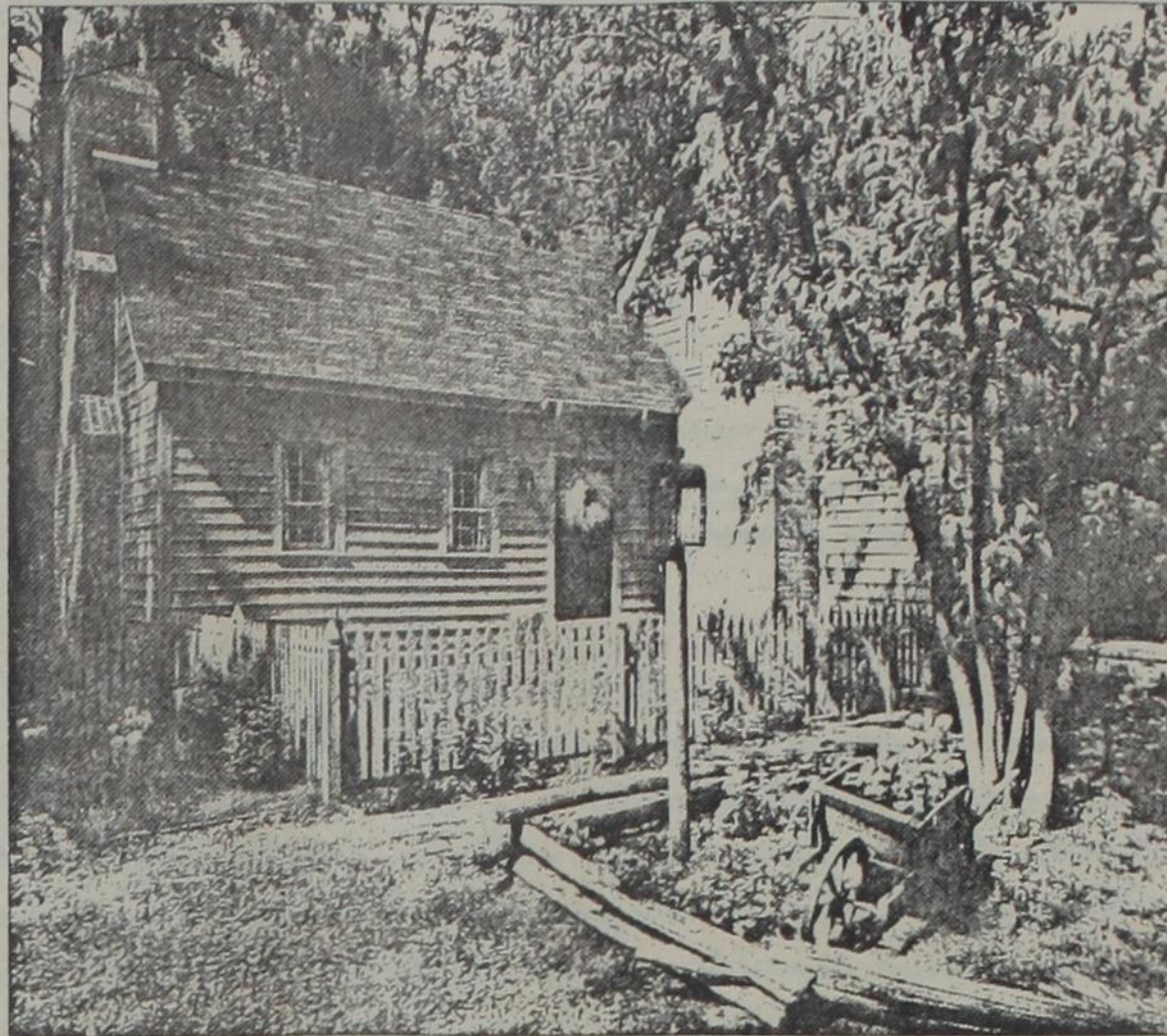
The week of June 20th, Beth McCowen Bogue and children, Melanie, Sid, R.W., and Rory, came to Cross Plains to visit with her dad, Bob McCowen and her grandmother, Ruby McCowen and Aunt Naomi. They are visiting from Cleveland, Mississippi.

Wade Odom of Tuscola concluded several days of visiting with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E.F. Odom. He returned home Sunday with his parents and brother, Gary, Patty, and Brian Odom.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Robinson and Bryan of Clyde and Mr. and Mrs. Liburn Pate of the community visited with Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Clark of Cottonwood.

Mr. and Mrs. M.F. Dill's visitors were Wanda Walker, Wilda Dennis, Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Breeding, Jewel Thompson, Fern Hutchins and her mother, Mrs. Bentley, all of the community.

Guests from out-of-town were Iris Dennis of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Shanks of Big Spring, and Lance Plummer of Leander.



Above: Careful planning helped homeowners John and Bettye Wagner create a stylish addition that blends perfectly with their 10-year-old Atlanta residence. Left: The Wagners' new living space provides relaxing areas both inside and outside their home.



The Goliath frog of West Africa measures more than 30 inches and weighs about seven pounds.

Callahan Welfare Board Met On June 16

The Callahan County Child Welfare Board met Thursday, June 16.

Members present were Debbie Strickland, Joyce McCoy, Sandy Yates, Charlie Bird, and Sandy Scaramuzzo. The Board elected Joyce McCoy as the new treasurer.

Bill Davis presented the child abuse statistics for the month of May. There was a total of 10 referrals: 1 emotional abuse, 2 physical, 2 sexual, and 5 physical neglect.

The Board wishes all "children," old and young, a safe and fun-filled summer vacation.

Child Abuse Toll-Free Number: 1-800-252-5400.

OIL NEWS

New Tests Brown

Burl Pillows, Midkiff, will drill 2 wells to 1,900 in the Regular (Marble Falls) 3 miles east of Cross Cut in Section 151, Patrick Curlong, A-196. They are:

■ No. 5 Wilson-Keeler, on a 118-acre lease, spots 1,124.6 FNL and 3,215 FWL.

■ No. 8 T.B. Wilson, on a 120-acre lease, spots 2,706.2 FNL and 2,486.8 FWL.

Callahan

Ada Oil & Gas Corp., Oklahoma City, will drill a wildcat, No. 1 Tommie Harris, to 4,900 in the Tango (Ellenburger) and Regular 10 miles south of Baird on a 180-acre lease. Spots 550 FSL and 1,560 FEL, S.J. Robinson, A-295.

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ROWDEN NEWS

By MRS. N.V. GIBBS

This has been another week of hot, dry weather. Today, Saturday, dark clouds are south of this area, but close enough for thunder. Maybe there will be moisture for this area.

Several calls were made for news this morning with some reporting no activities at all.

The Gibbs place has a yard that quail, cottontail rabbits, squirrels, birds, and ground squirrels like to inhabit, even though there is a dog living here.

Frank and Mildred Sayre of Eastland treated his sister, Edna Dye, to lunch at Joe Allen's Steak place in Abilene one day this week. Mrs. Joe Allen is the daughter of Frank and Mildred Sayre.

Kathy Dye drove to Mason this weekend to bring her mother, Anna Dendy, back for a visit.

Tony and Judy Steele and children spent the weekend with Lee and Jean Jernigan at Lake Proctor.

On Wednesday, Robert and Dorothy Watson and sons, Cody and Kyle, drove to Sherman to visit his uncle, Alton Dossey, who is still a hospital patient. They then visited another uncle, Wayne Dossey in Sadler.

Friday, Robert and Dorothy Watson and Kyle were in Lubbock to visit Brad Watson, who is a student at Texas Tech.

Mrs. Frankie (Susie) Tate of Memphis, Tennessee visited in the James Reynolds home this weekend. Susie was raised in the Baird area and is the daughter of the late C.H. Siadous and Lucy Siadous, who now resides in McKinney.

This writer was the only visitor of Gene and Vernie Belle Mauldin this week. Vernie Belle said she had been busy quilting.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Yarborough of Abilene stopped at the Robert Watson home enroute home from Waco Friday. Cody and Wyatt were the only ones there to visit. Brock Watson is spending the weekend at home. He is employed in Duncan, Oklahoma.

A nephew, Wayne Burks and his wife, Kellie of Granbury, and her

mother of South America were by the Emma Johnson and Lizzie Burks home Saturday. They were attending the Joe and Nellie Burks reunion in Potosi.

The singing group from Cherry Heights Baptist Church in Clyde came out Saturday night for practice in the home of James and Dorothy Reynolds. Chris Reynolds of Midland spent Monday night with his grandparents.

Since starting this news report, it has rained a little and the sky is dark with clouds. About two tenths of an inch of rain fell Saturday.

Robert and Dorothy Watson attended the Albany Fandangle for the first time Saturday night. They reported seeing a well-organized show by all the performers. They do not plan to miss any more shows.

Sterling and Joyce Odom visited his mother, Mrs. Ivon Odom, in the nursing home at Cross Plains Friday morning.

Simons Family Reunion Slated

By FAYE SIMONS

The 50th annual Simons reunion will be held at the old city park, now the Cross Plains Riding and Roping Club grounds, July 1, 2, and 3. This was the sight of many of our reunions and holds a lot of good memories of camping out, waking in the mornings to the aroma of Uncle Lee Potter's boiled coffee; sitting around Saturday night enjoying the country music and gospel singing.

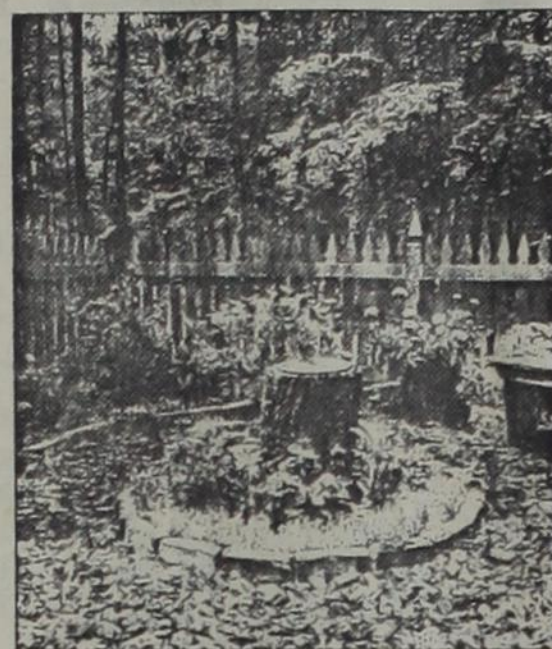
No special talents required, just join in and sing and play. The days were filled with lots of good country foods, and hot competition at dominos, washers, and horseshoe games.

Many of our loved ones have passed on into the next life. Even as we miss their presence, we will be filled with happy memories, and hope to continue the get-together they started.

All friends of the family are invited to stop by and say "howdy." A special thank you to the Riding Club for the use of their facilities.



Above: Wood salvaged from a 1670 Connecticut house helped inspire the buttery. "The buttery is my playroom," says Betty. "I love to putter around in there." Left: A small garden courtyard, surrounded by a picket fence, is the perfect complement to the Wagners' addition.



Talent Find Contest Scheduled

The Callahan/Shackelford County Farm Bureau has scheduled this year's Talent Find contest for July 12 at the Baird High School Auditorium beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Participants in the contest must be between the ages of 16-21 as of September 1, 1988. They must be amateurs and Callahan/Shackelford County Farm Bureau members or members of a Callahan/Shackelford County Farm Bureau family. An amateur is defined as someone who has not received direct remuneration for the performance of the talent. Membership and contestant's residence must be in the district of competition.

Contestants will be judged on audience appeal, performance, appearance, and professionalism. Each entry is limited to five minutes and a penalty will be charged for overtime. When an accompanist is required, each entry should make his own arrangements.

Farm Bureau employees, dealers and/or service agents and their families, and previous State Talent Find winners are not eligible to enter. Winners will compete at the district level in Abilene on August 20. District Talent Find winners and their escorts will receive an expense-paid trip to the state convention in Corpus Christi, December 3-4, 1988. If the talent act has more than one contestant, expenses will be paid for only three contestants and one parental escort. Each district winner will also be awarded a \$600 college scholarship.

The state winner will be awarded a \$1,800 college scholarship and the runner-up will be awarded a \$1,250 college scholarship. Contestants who win scholarships in more than one TFB contest in the same year will be awarded the largest scholarship. Only one scholarship can be won during the same year.

If any of the district and state winners are a group of more than one person, the scholarships will be limited to the total amount payable to three people.

If you should be interested in entering, please call the Baird office at 854-1044 or write Box 1175, Baird, TX. 79504.

Cade Annual Reunion Held On June 9-12

By NITA CADE WALKER

The Cades just had their annual family reunion June 9-12 at the Kirkland Dock Reunion Hall. A good time was reported by everyone. We want to thank Bob Herring for the ribs and brisket furnished and barbecued for us, and Dude Cash for the fish and goat he furnished and cooked, and also for the ladies who provided a beautiful breakfast and all the goodies.

Those attending were: Marvin and Lucy Cade, Cross Plains; Carl Cade, Shellytown; Anice Cade Edwards, Burnet; Nita Cade Walker and A.J., Odessa; Joe, Marilyn, Kristi, and Patty Lamberson of Pasadena; Jonita Deigo, D.J., Sophia, and Drew Boone, Houston; Melinda Mackey, Jeff and Leslie Fraby, Mullin; Clay Ann Holbrook, Odessa; Bonnie, Adam, and Kevin Morris, Sun Valley, California; Dorothy Deaz, Sun Valley, California; Jack G. Morris, Lake Brown; John Clay Morris, Warren; Billye and Dude Cash, Langtry; Cheryl, Wayne (Frog) Lee, Jason Cash, Langtry; Linda and Bob Herring, Roanoke; Betty Morgan Johnston, Burnet; Mark, Ann, Luke Cade, and Hallie Price, Oatmeal; Dan, Carolyn, and Jonathan Kalas, Midland; Ronnie and Pokey Cade, Elk City, Oklahoma; Jill Cade, Elk City, Oklahoma; Craig Wright, Perryton; Jim L. and Stella Cade, El Paso; Scoth, Kathy, and James Martin, Brownwood; Harlon, Jeri, and Tara Shoultz, Deer Park; Mike, Joanne, Susie, and Pam Cade, Deer Park; Clay and Gaile Cade, Sonora; Cora and D.R. Edgington, Lake Brownwood; Butchie Cash, Brownwood; Jack Morris Cade, Iraan; and Guy, Gay, Kacey, and Kari Price of Lamesa.

VA Follow-Up Clinic July 14

The VA Follow-Up Clinic at Dyess Air Force Base, Abilene, will be held July 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., according to Conrad Alexander, Big Spring VA Medical Center Director. Veterans will be seen by appointment only.

To make appointments, veterans should contact Dan Garcia, Taylor County Service Officer (915) 677-1711, Ext. 328 or 329, or Peter J. Pegan, Chief, Medical Administration Service, at the VA Medical Center at (915) 263-7361, Ext. 312 or 314. Veterans are requested to report at the time of their scheduled appointment in order to prevent unnecessary waiting time.

To enter Dyess Air Force Base, veterans must use the VA shuttle, located at the old entrance on Military Drive. Parking is available at this site. Veterans will be taken to the clinic by shuttle 15 minutes prior to their scheduled appointment. Only one family member may accompany the veteran.

CJC Girls Basketball Camp Set

The 1988 Cisco Junior College Girls Basketball Camp will be held July 17-22. Check-in time is set from 3-5 p.m. on Sunday, July 17. REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JULY 7, 1988.

Camp participants must be in at least the 6th grade or above and have not played in a VARSITY GAME. Campers will be grouped according to age and skill levels. All players will receive individual instruction.

Cost for the camp is \$80 for commuters. Commuters receive the noon meal Monday through Thursday. They may purchase the evening meal at a cost of \$3.25 per meal. Cost for dorm residents is \$120.

A \$25 deposit is required from all campers. A \$20 refund will be made on cancellations through July 1. No refunds will be made after July 1, 1988. For more information call Charlotte Speegle at (915) 698-2212.

CJC Boys Basketball Camp Set

Cisco Junior College has scheduled a Boys Basketball Day Camp for July 11-15, 1988. The camp will meet Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon on Friday. Boys who were in 3rd grade through high school non-varsity this year are eligible for the camp.

Cost for the camp is \$60. Included in the cost are insurance coverage from 8:30 to 4 p.m. each day, a noon meal Monday through Thursday in the CJC cafeteria, a t-shirt, and a regulation size basketball. Trophies and ribbons will be awarded.

Camp instructors are Ronnie Hearne, Charles Hearne, and Doug Galyean, who have excellent credentials.

A \$25 deposit is required from all campers. Registration deadline is July 1. For more information concerning the camp contact Ronnie Hearne at (817) 442-2567.

Terrel Harris Named To Tech President's Honor List

Terrel Duane Harris was presented a certificate for scholastic achievements qualifying for the President's Honor List at the Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

This was awarded only to those students who had attained a grade-point ratio of 4.0 during the past semester.

His wife is Annette Harris, who is a graduate of Texas Tech University.

NEW ARRIVALS

Proud Great-Uncle Joe Howser announces the birth of Jonathan David Howser on May 20, 1988, to Ron and Sherry Howser of Portland, Oregon.

Paternal grandparents are Leata Howser of Richmond and the late Jack Howser.

4-H Horse Show Winners

Seventeen Callahan County 4-H'ers participated in the West Central District 4-H Horse Show held in Sweetwater June 18.

In the qualifying show, Marsha Young of Clyde won first in the western riding event, third in showmanship, sixth in western horsemanship, and sixth in the registered gelding over five year old class. Marsha also placed second in the versatility class.

Others placing in the qualifying show were Jennifer Wheeler, first in grade gelding; Tonya Stover, fourth; Regin Stover, fifth; John Atkins, sixth; and Brandon Stover, eighth. Lee Wayne Wheeler placed fourth in halter class. Others placing in western riding were Shanna Bagley, sixth; Jasen Benton, eighth; and Jody Gerngross, ninth. In pole bending placing includes Shanna Bagley, second; Regin Stover, sixth; Brandon Stover, eighth; and Kami Hargrove, tenth.

First place winner in the stake race was Shanna Bagley. Others placing were Brandon Stover, sixth and Kami Hargrove, seventh. In the barrel racing, Kami Hargrove placed fifth. Jennifer Wheeler placed seventh and Tonya Stover, eighth.

In the invitational events, Koy Young placed first in the three year old futurity stock horse class.

Winning first in team penning were Justin Terrell, Regin Stover, and Brandon Stover. Others placing fourth were Shanna Bagley, Dustin Hinyard, and Kami Hargrove. Fifth and sixth were Koy Young, Jasen Benton, and Jody Gerngross. Eighth place winners were Jennifer Wheeler, Tonya Stover, and Brittany Hinyard.

Other participants in the district show were Jennifer Benton and Christi Adkins.

"This was the first district show for many of our County 4-H'ers and we are extremely pleased with the placings of our 4-H'ers," said Greg Gerngross, Callahan County Extension Agent.

Cross Plains youth who will be eligible for state competition the last part of July in the Abilene Coliseum are Shanna Bagley, Jennifer Wheeler, Kami Hargrove, Brandon Stover, Regin Stover, and Justin Terrell.

The Callahan County 4-H Horse Program invites anyone 8-19 years of age to participate. For more information, contact the County Extension office at (915) 854-1518.

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- Desire to consolidate financial affairs
- Trust and confidence in banks

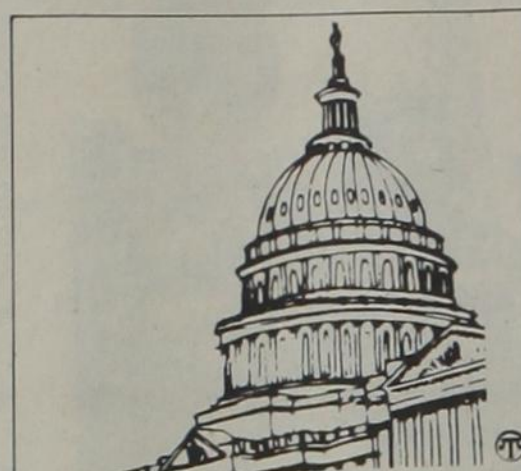
Most of us need to buy various types of insurance—life, health, automobile, homeowners, theft and so on. The cost of such insurance takes a big bite out of family budgets.

Americans spend over \$120 billion a year on insurance. Most of us would like to reduce these costs, but how? The answer is more competition and better information so you can compare insurance costs, coverage and other terms offered by insurance companies and banks.

The leaders of 24 consumer organizations support bank entry into insurance. "Allowing banks to engage in insurance activities could bring much needed competition to the insurance industry," they say.

The Consumer Federation of America found that consumers could save between \$5 and \$10 billion a year in life insurance premiums alone from improved efficiency and increased competition in the insurance market.

The National Insurance Consumer Organization says that, "The entry of banks into direct writing of insur-



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BURKETT NEWS

By LOVERA STRICKLAND

Over two hundred people attended the Burkett School Homecoming June 12 at the Community Center. One hundred and seventy-nine registered, but many more arrived after the program had begun. The Center was decorated with the school colors of blue and white streamers, and bud vases of blue and white flowers were placed on the tables. A bountiful luncheon was enjoyed by all. After all had eaten and visited for a time, Joe Hanke, president, called the meeting to order. After welcoming all the exes, he then introduced the speaker of the day, Zenobia Verner of Houston, a former graduate of the Class of 1944. She reminisced about special events in the period when the Burkett school was in its prime, recalled the names of many teachers, trustees, bus drivers, and janitors, and some of the good times we all enjoyed. Thanks, Zenobia, for a most enjoyable discourse.

During the business meeting, Bettie Cavanaugh read the minutes from the last class reunion, then new officers were elected. They were Henry Burkett, president; R.L. Cross, vice president; and Maureen Clark, secretary-treasurer. A vote was made and carried that the year 1991 be set for the next school homecoming. The Williams family enjoyed their annual get-together the first Saturday and Sunday of June, which was held at the Burkett Community Center. About thirty-seven of the cousins attended the reunion and from all accounts, the "older" bunch played games of basketball, volleyball, and had some serious battles of pitching washers. They enjoyed being together so much, they plan to meet here again next year.



"A book is like a garden carried in the pocket." (Chinese Proverb)

Memorials:

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stephenson for Peggy Gow.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Thrasher for Gladys Mitchell and Joe Hatley.

Mr. and Mrs. John Purvis for John Crawley.

Billie R. Loving for John Crawley and Everett White.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Childress for John Crawley.

Mr. and Mrs. John Randall for Peggy Gow.

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The secretary and treasurer of the Community Center wishes to thank them, on behalf of the community, for their generous gift of \$100.

Grady, Theda, and Lillian Harris spent a week here visiting family and friends. Bill and Connie Noles of Fort Worth met them here and also Hulan Harris. Grady and Theda visited her brother, Burl Baker and family of Albany, while they were here. Burl has since been taken to Houston where he is undergoing tests.

Arthur and Wanda Boyle of Emory visited with his parents, D. A. and Emma Boyle, over the weekend. Emma is not feeling well and is under a doctor's care.

The Burkett Community Center received a gift of \$10 this past week. Each gift is greatly appreciated and will be used for the upkeep of the Center.

Jackie Strickland, Deanna, Staci, and Jacob of Brenham visited the Jack Stricklands, Lat Mountain, and also visited Mr. and Mrs. Jimmielee Payne of Cross Plains.

Eureta Whitley of San Saba and Jack and Lovera Strickland visited Lat Mountain Sunday.

Miss Farm Bureau Contest Set July 12

The Callahan/Shackelford County Farm Bureau has scheduled this year's Miss Callahan/Shackelford County Farm Bureau Contest for July 12, at the Baird High School auditorium beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Eligible participants for this contest must be 16-21 years of age by September 1, 1988, single (defined as never been married), and the daughter or sister of a Callahan/Shackelford County Farm Bureau member. The membership and contestant's residence must be within the district of competition.

Contestants will be judged on appearance, poise, personality and speech, although other qualities such as grace and charm will be taken into account. They will be required to speak for one to two minutes on a Farm Bureau current event question.

Farm Bureau employees, dealers and/or service agents and their families, and previous state winners are not eligible to enter.

Winners will compete at the district level in Abilene on August 20. District winners and their escorts will receive an expense-paid trip to the state convention in Corpus Christi, December 4-5, 1988. Each district winner will also be awarded a \$600 college scholarship.

The state winner will be awarded a \$1,800 college scholarship and the state runner-up will receive a \$1,250 scholarship. Contestants who win scholarships in more than one Texas Farm Bureau contest in the same year will be awarded the largest scholarship. Only one scholarship can be won during the same year.

Miss Texas Farm Bureau will also receive \$500 towards a wardrobe consisting of all natural fibers and will represent Texas Farm Bureau during the 1989 TFB Leadership Conference and the 1989 Texas Future Farmers of American Convention.

Texas Farm Bureau will pay expenses for Miss Texas Farm Bureau and one parental escort to these events.

The runner-up and winner will each additionally receive a set of luggage from the Texas Farm Bureau.

If you should be interested in entering, please call the Baird office at (915) 854-1044 or write Box 1175, Baird, Texas 79504.

Natural Bridge Caverns—A Texas Vacation Wonderland

Natural Bridge Caverns, Texas — A fascinating trip back in time awaits visitors to Natural Bridge Caverns, the largest underground attraction in Texas, located in the Texas Hill Country just north of San Antonio.

Cave formations, known as speleothems, that began forming as long as 140 million years ago are still growing today and offer spectacular sights in a very special underground fantasy world.

While the hot Texas sun is heating the air above ground this summer to temperatures in the 90's, the cool caverns remain a constant 70 degrees year round—a very comfortable temperature to enjoy one of nature's most intriguing treasures.

Just what is it that makes the 75 minute tour through Natural Bridge Caverns so awe-inspiring? First, not only are these caverns the largest in Texas, they are one of the largest in the United States. Discovered by four students from St. Mary's University in San Antonio in 1960, one half mile of the 2 mile long cavern system has been developed to allow visitors to view more than 10,000 living rock formations.

In fact, there is so much to see inside the caverns that you can barely begin to see it all in just one trip. Many formations have been given colorful names by the four spelunkers (cave explorers) who discovered the caverns.

Happy Birthday

JUNE 30
Jerry (Koenig) Johnson
Linda (Cowan) Adkisson
Bobbie Newton
Fred Butler
Russell Chapman
Mrs. Gene Mauldin
Morris S. Thomas
Elizabeth Cohn
Tommy Johnston

JULY 1
Aubrey Childers
Gary Ledbetter
Harold Mobley
Orville Black
Deborah (Tennison) Wellmaker
Susan Mosley
Ruby Maxwell
Charles D. Proctor

JULY 2
Ferrell Newton
Cody Smith
Danny Fritchlee
Jo Jo Koenig
Sharon (Gilmore) Barnes
Barbara Shocklee
Vira Earl Hooks
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Alma Armstrong
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JULY 3
C.O. Long
Ty Hogan
Bertha Dillard
Sandra Barr
Mrs. M.F. Gaw
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Sandra Morris
Lupe Barrero
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JULY 4
Patricia Rector
Debra (Crawford) Fortune
Harold Gary
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Harold Womack
Jacky Sanders
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Donnie Dillard
Lisa Ann Morales
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JULY 5
Stanley Goble
Danny Earl Mobley
Marvin Wilcoxon
Alta Faye Patterson
Betty Dian Reynolds
Billy Charles White

JULY 6
Anna Myrl Sims
Marie Dillard
Melvin Placke
Mark Hill
Deby Banks
Brenda Hutchins
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Brandi Monsey



Natural Bridge Caverns, Texas — Examples of two stalagmite formations in Natural Bridge Caverns are Bomb-Burst, left and The Watchtower, right. Both formations are found in the cavern room called "Castle of the White Giants." The Watchtower is the tallest formation in the room, standing 50 feet high and 8 feet in diameter.

These include "Fried Eggs," "The Madonna," "Chandelier," "The King's Throne," "The Watchtower" and "Sherwood Forest." A tour through the caverns is an exciting escape where you can let your imagination run wild.

What's even more fascinating about the caverns is that all of the formations, even the 50 foot tall stalagmite called "Watchtower," were created by water droplets falling from above and depositing calcium carbonate in layer upon layer, shaping the speleothem.

Obviously, the creation of a formation doesn't take place overnight. It takes 100 years to grow a formation the size of a cubic inch. The way water enters the cave, whether it flows, drips, seeps or splashes, will determine the shape the speleothem takes. If minerals besides calcium carbonate are present in the water, they may be left behind and create speleothems of different colors.

The speleothems in Natural Bridge Caverns have a shiny crystalline appearance and look very fragile. However, they are extremely hard, like any rock would be. The shapes they resemble that are found in more than one area of the caverns include soda straws, hollow formations extending from the ceiling; fried eggs, the top portion of stalagmites with a dense, golden colored center and white outer rim; bacon, a thin stalactite sheet of calcite with alternating dark and light bands, and drapery, a hanging speleothem resembling a curtain or drape.

In March of 1960, Orion Knox, Preston Knodell, Al Brandt and Joe Cantu from St. Mary's University obtained permission to explore the caverns. The students made several visits to the ranch and on their fourth visit (March 27, 1960), they discovered cool air coming between rock and debris inside the cavern. They cleared the rubble out of a 60 foot crawlway. They carefully made their way through two miles of cavern before returning to the entrance to tell the owners of their discovery.

It was immediately clear what an astounding find the students had made, and the owners decided to develop the caverns so visitors from around the world would be able to experience their beauty. They traveled to caverns all over the country, gathering information to use for development of Natural Bridge Caverns.

Commercial development of the caverns began in March, 1963. During the excavation, arrowheads dating back 5,000 years were found, as well as the jawbone of a black bear, an Indian leg bone and a spear point, all believed to be 8,000 years old. Apparently the cave entrance was a shelter for Indian tribes who lived in the area. In total, 45,000 varieties of vertebrates were discovered in the caverns, including those of living and extinct creatures.

To make the caverns accessible to visitors, safe and well-lighted walkways were built, using tons of steel and concrete. Aside from some initial dynamite blasting through 150 feet of rock in the entryway, all construction was done with hand tools, or with equipment that was carried into the caverns part by part and reassembled so as not to disturb any of the speleothem growth. One of the greatest engineering feats for the builders was the construction of the single-slab 152 foot long bridge over Purgatory Creek, which lies 30 feet below.

To light the cavern interior, 35,000 watts of electricity are used, but all light bulbs and fixtures are hidden from view. In fact, if a light could not be placed behind a stone formation, it was affixed with concrete, which was then roughened to blend in with the natural cave walls.

The four St. Mary's students who had discovered the caverns were instrumental in mapping them and naming the formations. Orion Knox, Jack Burch, Reginald Wuest and Harry Heidemann were responsible for developing the caverns.

On August 5, 1964, Texas Governor John Connally officially dedicated the caverns a "jewel in the crown of Texas' attractions." The caverns were dedicated as a State Historical Site in 1967 by Texas Lieutenant Governor Ben Barnes, and in 1971 were named

a Registered National Landmark by the Department of the Interior. Natural Bridge Caverns is also a registered fall-out shelter.

Since 1964, additional work has been completed inside the caverns to further enhance a visitor's tour. A hand-rail system and communications system have been installed to provide greater comfort when visiting the caverns.

A tour through Natural Bridge Caverns is an exciting experience for adventurers of all ages. With the pleasant temperature, smooth walkways and convenient handrails, the half mile visit which takes you 180 feet below the surface is an easy, comfortable walk.

Your tour guide will explain the creation of the formations, the development of the caverns and point out interesting sights.

Natural Bridge Caverns is open daily from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM June through Labor Day weekend. The remainder of the year the caverns close at 4:00 PM. Tours leave every 30 minutes throughout the day, except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's, when the caverns are closed. Special rates are available for groups of 25 or more.

A visitor's center complete with gift items, an interpretive display, snack bar, restrooms and picnic areas are available at Natural Bridge Caverns.

The caverns are located on FM 3009 (Natural Bridge Caverns Road) at exit 175, a short drive from IH-35 between San Antonio and New Braunfels. For more information, write Natural Bridge Caverns, Route 20, Box 515, Natural Bridge Caverns, Texas 78218-9645 or call 512/651-6101.



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Those with the second type need regular doses of insulin. A new kind of insulin, called Humulin, has been developed. It's a natural human insulin created through recombinant DNA.

Pointers For Parents

Protect Your Family From Traffic Accidents

Here's important information on how you can protect yourself and your family from being injured in a traffic accident.



Fasten your safety belt. Safety experts estimate that 8-10,000 lives could be saved annually if all automobile drivers and passengers wore safety belts.

Wear your safety belt properly. According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, the correct position is over the shoulder, across the chest and low on the lap under the abdomen. If you wear your belt improperly such as under your arms, behind your back, or across your stomach, the likelihood of serious injury increases dramatically.

Get rid of slack. Look in your owners' manual for detailed instructions on the amount of slack considered safe for your car. Pull the belt out at least five inches and let go. Slack is automatically removed and the belt will fully retract when the belt buckle is unlatched. Periodically, check the amount of slack in your belt and adjust as necessary.

Remember, your children learn good habits from you. If you always wear a safety belt they're more likely to buckle up when in a car with friends or relatives.

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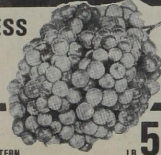


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