

81st YEAR

CROSS PLAINS, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS 76443

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'When Country Wasn't Cool'

By VANDA KING Editor

The Barbara Mandrell song explaining about being country, when country wasn't cool always brings to mind early teen years being in the Cross Plains Riding Club. Back then I recall being labeled "goatropers" and it was accurate, as at that time calves could not be afforded for roping and goats were used.

Let me tell you, if you haven't attempted to rope a goat then you don't know what a challenge that truly is. Most horses are not real fond of goats to begin with, and trying to catch the darting little darlings is quite a feat. At least two or three ropers were unseated nightly.

Anyway, there are many adults who remember days of great fun in the riding club, and we didn't care about how popular it was. The play days, rodeos, parades and especially the trail rides were memories we all treasure.

My children call these stories, "horse tails," and they love to hear them over and over. One I will never forget, was the time we were having a regular play day and I was running the barrels on my favorite horse, "Strawberry." First of all, let me explain that I was never a professional type racer, just a pleasure rider. Well, Strawberry and I had a difference of opinion in the barrel pattern that night and he chose to go back to the bucking shoots. Running at full speed right toward the shoots, I decided he wasn't going to turn back, so I would just get off. Just as I smashed into the steel gate, he was smart enough to turn back and I landed with a crash. The men had been looking for the hammer all evening, still working on the arena, but to no avail, at least until I found it upon impact. I recall the late E.G. Roby saying, "Thanks, Vanda, at least you found the hammer. We probably never would have located it in all that dirt." Speaking of the Robys, we always had the best times on the trail rides at the McClure Ranch where they used to live. We would ride over the tops of the mountains and see all kinds of beautiful scenery. Then there would be a great meal waiting for us prepared by the wives and mothers. Every year there was an overnight trail ride to the Coleman Rodeo where the club competed in the parade and rode in the grand entry. That always seemed like the highlight of the year. Getting to all those events was not - easy, because I remember it was always so hot. The extra effort that parents of that time took spoke well of their love and dedication to their children. _____ I remember Daddy worked to 5 o'clock and came home every Friday and we saddled the horses and loaded them to go to the Rising Star Rodeo. Their club only had about two records and they played "Woverton Mountain" until you thought you would scream. Now that is one of my favorite golden oldies, because I immediately connect it to the fun and friendships gained there. The Cross Plains Roping Club now has a very active club and they have many events for their youth to participate in. I admire the work they have done to keep the arena maintained and improve so many aspects of the facility. When children can be active in such organizations, they have a sense of worth and participation. They will look up some day and find themselves involved in their own children's activities quicker than they think.



FIRST PLACE WINNERS - Chad Bagley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Bagley (Boys Singles); Pam Glover

(left), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Morgan and Trudy Newman, daughter of Jewel Newman (Girls Doubles).



Johnson, Herod In **Run-Off For Judge**

Callahan County voters said Tuesday, March 13 that Jon Herod of Clyde and Bill Johnson of Baird can continue their campaigns for the office of county judge.

In late night election returns Johnson recorded 781 votes to lead all six Democratic candidates for the judge's position, however Johnson failed to capture 51 percent of the vote and will face second place vote winner Herod with 639 votes.

Bringing up the pack for the county judge position were Mark Hogan in third place with 586 votes, Jim Rumage in fourth place with 459 votes, Bill

District One-Act Play Competition Set For C.P.

By CA

One of the busiest times of the year for Cross Plains High School English teacher, Joe Coppinger, is play season. For many weeks, he spends hours in play rehearsals in the evenings, getting sets ready, and working Coots in fifth place with 347 votes and Dahyl Bradshaw with 137 votes.

There were 2,949 votes cast for the six county judge candidates.

The Democratic Run-Off Election will be held Tuesday, April 10. The Democratic candidate for county judge will face a Republican opponent in the November 6 General Election.

In other races of interest, Callahan County incumbents continue to show it's almost impossible to be beaten.

In the county treasurer's race, incumbent Dora Hounshell defeated LaVada Poindexter 1782 to 1128 votes.

In the 42nd district court clerk posi-

out the endless details involved in putting on a 45 minute One-Act Play.

Again this year, the Zone level One-Act Play competition is scheduled to be held in the Cross Plains School Auditorium on Tuesday, March 20. Schools scheduled for the competition are: Rising Star, May, Sydney, and Gustine.

On Monday, March 19,

tion, incumbent Cubelle Harris beat Judy Gully 1756 to 1094.

In the commissioner precinct #2 (Oplin) race, incumbent Lowell Johnson defeated Jess Archa 600 to 144 votes. In the constable precinct #6 (Cross Plains) race, Ernest Cortez took over 50 percent of the vote and defeated Bill Hill and Bill Holden without a run-off. Cortez had 275 votes, Hill had 187 and Holden had 34 votes.

In the justice of the peace race in precinct #1 (Baird) Don Burns defeated Bill Jones 378 to 217.

Complete Democratic and Republican Primary election returns will appear in next week's Cross Plains Review.

WTU Microwave **Oven** Cooking **School March 22**

Today's busy schedules leave little time for the traditionally prepared dishes in the kitchen. Men and children as well as the homemaker spend time each week warming foods. The microwave oven is a marvelous machine that can do so much more and make your life easier if you will use it. The WTU Electric Living Con-

sultants from Abilene will be demonstrating quick food ideas, candies and snacks. All recipes will be

fast, easy and suitable for everyone on

cooking school will receive a brochure

of all the recipes that will be prepared,

a complimentary gift, and an oppor-

tunity to sample the candies and

snacks. There will be an additional

Everyone attending the microwave



SECOND PLACE WINNERS -Jason Rutledge (left), son of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Rutledge and Daniel Crockett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Crockett (Boys Doubles); Erlinda

Ernest Cortez and Laura Rankin (unavailable for photo), daughter of Shirley Rankin (Girls Doubles).

They earned a second place in the

tournament by first defeating Priddy

(8-0) and Jim Ned (6-4) and (6-0).

They then lost in the finals to Santa

Justin Whitsitt/Roger Rudloff -

They took Consolation in the tourna-

ment by defeating Jim Ned (8-1) after

they (C.P.) were defeated by Santa

Anna (7-9). In the Consolation game,

they defeated San Saba (6-4), (3-6),

Cory Pope/Randy Stephenson -

They were defeated by San Saba (1-8)

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

the boys singles division by having a

bye in the first round defeating San

Saba in the second round (6-4), (6-1).

In the championship game, Chad

Brad Morgan - He defeated Santa

Anna in round one (8-3). Lost to San

Saba in round two (3-6), (0-6). In a

match for third place, Brad was

Transfers to the Cross Plains I.S.D.

for the 1990-91 school year may ob-

tain a transfer form at the office of the

superintendent during the days and

If you are a new transfer, the

deadline is May 1. Be sure and obtain

your form prior to April 15 if possible.

defeated by San Saba (0-6), (2-6).

Transfer

Information

To C.P.I.S.D.

hours school is in session.

Chad Bagley - He took 1st place in

and defeated by Jim Ned (5-8).

defeated San Saba (6-2), (6-2).

Anna (6-3), (6-7) and (6-0).

(6-3).

Tennis Tourney Results Good

By CA

Cross Plains' High School Tennis Coach, Mack McConal, hosted the annual Cross Plains Invitational Tennis Tournament last Friday and Saturday, March 9 and 10. There were 6 teams in the tournament including Cross Plains, San Saba, Jim Ned, Priddy, Rising Star, and Santa Anna.

Cross Plains entered 6 doubles teams and 4 singles. The results, according to Coach McConal, are as follows:

DOUBLES **GIRLS DIVISION**

Pam Glover/Trudy Newman -They took 1st place in girls doubles competition by defeating San Saba in an early round by (6-1), (6-1), and then defeating the C.P. doubles team of Laura Rankin and Erlinda Cortez (6-0), (6-1).

Laura Rankin/Erlinda Cortez -They placed second in the tournament by first defeating San Saba (8-3) and Jim Ned (6-0), (6-0).

Tiffeny Cosper/Robbie Hutton -They lost to San Saba (1-8) and lost to Santa Anna (8-5).

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Candee Williams - She earned a 2nd place in the tournament by first defeating Santa Anna (8-0), then defeating Rising Star (6-3), (2-6), and (6-3). In the finals match, Candee was defeated by Jim Ned (6-4), (7-6).

Stephanie Yates - She was defeated by Jim Ned (0-6), (0-6), and defeated by Rising Star (0-6), (0-6).

DOUBLES **BOYS DIVISION**

Daniel Crockett/Jason Rutledge -

Cortez, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

Andrew DeBusk Wins Calcutta, India Golf Tourney

Andrew DeBusk, one of Texas' most promising young golfers and who is well known in Cross Plains, won first place in a \$120,000 golf tournament in Calcutta, India, over the weekend.

The event was the fourth on this year's Asian tour which features world-class competition in 10 countries throughout the Far East. DeBusk won the prestigious tournament by six strokes.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Pat DeBusk of Houston and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Jack DeBusk of Burkett. The young man, who played collegiate golf for Odessa Junior College and the University of Texas, has many friends and fans in this area. He has won numerous individual tournaments at the local Lakewood course and others in team competition playing with his father and grandfather.

Junior Varsity **Boys Finish 1st** In Pioneer Relays

The Cross Plains Junior Varsity Boys Track Team did a great job in the competition held at Cross Plains on Saturday, March 10. The girls did not field a JV team this year. The JV boys team totals are as follows:

J.V. Team Totals

- 2. Bangs 140
- 3. Gorman 90
- 4. Hico 70
- 5. Albany 43
- 6. Dublin 26
- 7. DeLeon 16

Brandon Smith - 300 Hurdles 3rd, 51:60; Triple Jump 5th, 35'2 4"; Pole Vault 2nd, 9'6"; High Jump 2nd,

Travis Jordan - Discus 1st, 111'21/2"; Shot Put 1st, 43'81/4"

300 Hurdles 1st, 48:73. Bobby Bomar - Shot Put 4th, 38'112"

has a scheduled time during which they can practice their play using the auditorium. These practices are closed to the public.

The actual competition will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the following order: May, Cross Plains, Rising Star, Gustine, and Sydney.

The public is invited to view the competition under certain conditions. There is an admission charge of \$2 (adults) and \$1 (students) and once a play has started, no one will be allowed to enter.

drawing for door prizes to be given away. Mark your calendars and make plans to attend. The microwave school is set for Thursday, March 22, at 7 p.m., at the Cross Plains Community Center.

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ATTENDANCE GREAT - Just a few of the many parents who turned out for C.P.I.S.D.'s first "Open

YouShould Have Been There

p.m. till everyone went home.

In both buildings visitors were able to see a wide variety of displays of student work from written work, science projects to artwork.

tural plans for the new elementary additions. Cookies and punch were served by the N.H.S. members to the many visitors that came.

Ray Womack, there were about 200 parents and friends that came through their building to see rooms, projects,

displays and visit with teachers and each other.

League Coach Needed

Mike Duke has volunteered to coach the Pony League Baseball team, however, one more coach is still needed if anyone is willing.

If a Pony League is not provided, there will be a gap of several years between Little League and the newly organized Cross Plains High School Baseball Team. In order to keep the team members strong, this experience is necessary.

Please contact Ron Trenary if you are interested in assisting with the youth project.

1. Cross Plains - 141

8. May - 10 9. Santa Anna - 9 10. Blanket - 1

JV Individual Points

5'6''; 110 Hurdles 4th, 19:27.

Chris Key - Pole Vault 1st, 11'7";

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By CA

It was a tremendous success according to the principals and teachers. Cross Plains I.S.D. held an Open House last Thursday, March 8, from 7

The evening started with a National Honor Society Induction Ceremony and reception at 6 p.m., (see related story) with the Open House officially beginning at 7 p.m.

Also on display was the architec-

According to Elementary Principal,

Additional Pony





COUNTY COURT Mack Kniffen, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Bill Wayne McSwain, DWI. Johnny W. Ford, theft of property by check. Elbert Ray Huie, theft.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Ernest Odell Champlin, DWI, \$350 fine, \$146.50 court costs, 60 days in jail probated for 9 months.

Larry Doyal Floyd, reckless conduct, \$500 fine, \$126.50 court costs, 60 days in jail probated for 6 months.

Sammy Lee Miller, making alcohol beverage available to a minor dismissed due to successfully completing 70 hours of community service work.

Vicki Jones, theft of property by check, \$10 fine, \$126.50 court costs, \$35 capias.

Edgar Milton Sessions, DWI, \$450 fine, \$146.50 court costs, 60 days in jail probated for 2 years. Traffic cases dismissed:

Bobbie G. Brown, Charles W. Tate, Faye Norris Gordon, Jose D. Rivera, Charles S. Shreffler, David Ray Bitters.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Suma Dill's visitors this past week were Mr. and Mrs. Skeet Walker and grandchildren, Heath and Tiffaney, Clara McInnis, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Thompson, and Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Foster. Gaylon Duggan of Rising Star also visited.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Watson of Richmond spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Watson.

Guests in the home of Ray and Erma Trent Saturday were his niece, Norma (Hunter) Briscoe of Austin; his sister, Mae (Trent) Hunter, and Mae's daughter-in-law, Mrs. James (Lucille) Hunter, both of Coleman. Visiting the Trents on Sunday were Andrew and Doris Walker of Burkett.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Deanna Gail Tatom and Richard Hurst Cantrell of Clyde. Dana JoAnna Webb and Jerry Wayne Klohn of Clyde.

NEW VEHICLES

Patsy Fox, Albany, Chev. 4 dr. Garves Yates & Sons, Abilene, GMC PU.

Linda J. Stanley, Abilene, Ferrari 2 dr.

Warren Lawler, Clyde, Honda MC. Bob & Linda Larsen, Clyde, Ford PU. Gelco Corp., Clyde, Chev. 4 dr. Marjorie Middleton, Abilene, Ford PU.

42nd DISTRICT COURT Don Lane, presiding

Civil Filings

Divorces filed: Douglass, Kelli Shae and James Michael, and in interest of minor child. Buchanan, Anita Louise and Blayne Edsel, and in interest of minor children. Montgomery, Wanda Louise and John D.

Lane, Cynthia Denise and Randy Charles, and in the interest of minor children.

Civil Minutes

Divorce granted: Rumage, Ann Grace Scott and James

Thomas. State vs John Walter Bryant,

dismissed. Prentis Harris and Loretta Lynn Dickerson vs Texas Employers

Complaint & Information

Kim Robert Daniels, forgery.

Insurance \$66,000 for plaintiff.



The most common last name in the USSR is Ivanov.



Rufus L. Renfro

Rufus L. James Renfro, 77, died Friday, March 9, at a local nursing home.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Higginbotham Chapel in Cross Plains with Michael Hale officiating. Burial was in Cross Plains Cemetery. Mr. Renfro was born in Callahan County and was a farmer and a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Geraldine "Jerri" Renfro of Cross Plains; his son, Rod Renfro of May; a daughter, Barbara Sowell of Cross Plains; a sister, Mary D. Renfro of Abilene; and seven grandchildren, Carie Renfro, Matt Sowell, Sonya Renfro, Mandi Sowell, Malyssa Sowell, Jamee and Sara Beth Renfro. Pallbearers were Cliff Kirkham, Jimmielee Payne, Hadden Payne, Glenn Payne, Charles Payne, and Audrey Purvis.

Ethel Lawrence

Ethel Lawrence, 77, died Saturday, March 10, at her home.

Services were at 4:30 p.m. Sunday at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Melvin Placke officiating and Tom Cosper assisting. Burial was in Cross Plains Cemetery.

Mrs. Lawrence was born in Bandera and had lived in Cross Plains most of her life. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ.

She was the widow of Bill Lawrence, who passed away in 1982. Survivors include two sons, James Lawrence of Cross Plains and Glenn Lawrence of Abilene; two sisters, Louise Bennett of Roswell, N.M., and Agnes Brown of Grand Junction, Colo.; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Bruce Lawrence of Anton, Royce Lawrence of Clyde, Keith Lawrence of San Angelo, Tye Lawrence of San Angelo, Paul Lawrence of Anton, and Rick Winters of Carbon.

Francis Emma Whitehead

CISCO — Francis Emma Whitehead, 83, died Thursday, March 8, at a Carrollton hospital.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Kimbrough Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Bill Fee officiating.

Dave Shields

SANTA ANNA — Dave Shields, 85, father of an Abilene man, died Monday, March 12, in a local nursing home.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Whon Cemetery with the Rev. G.W. McFadden officiating, directed by Santa Anna Funeral Home.

Mr. Shields was born in Brookesmith, was a resident of Cross Plains for several years, and also lived in Coleman County. He was a retired stock farmer, a Baptist and the widower of Mary Shields.

Survivors include three sons, Kenneth Shields of Merkel, Curtis Shields of Cross Plains and Randy Shields of Abilene; a sister, Minnie Leach of Texas City; and three grandchildren.

Florence McManus

COLEMAN — Florence McManus, 77, died Sunday, March 11, in a Coleman hospital.

Services were held at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Walker Funeral Chapel with Sam Wilson officiating. Burial was in Burkett Cemetery.

Mrs. McManus was born in Junction and has lived in Coleman County since 1986. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, C.P. McManus of Coleman; five daughters, Dessa Wallace of Carlsbad, N.M., Darlene Hagle of Throckmorton, Claudine Coon of Slaton, and LaRue Russell and Pama Sullivan, both of Coleman; two sons, Junior Edwards of Rule and Jesse Edwards of Lubbock; four sisters, Estelle Mays of Rule, Cleo Sims of Childress, Eddie Bonner of Odessa and Sammie Roland of California; two brothers, O.C. Hawley of Albany and Buck Hawley of Childress; 31 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; and four greatgreat-grandchildren.

Margaret Juanelle Snyder

MORAN — Margaret Juanelle Snyder, 73, died Friday, March 9, at an Abilene hospital.

Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Parker Funeral Home Chapel in Baird with the Rev. James Carroll officiating. Burial was in Moran Cemetery.

Mrs. Snyder was born May 16, 1916, in Sweetwater. Her parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. Jess Sparks of Cottonwood. She had been a resident of the Moran area since 1946 and was a homemaker. She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Moran. She was past president of Federated Womens Club of Texas Mesquite District, where she served on district and state boards. She was a trustee on the state board for three years. She was serving on the Texas Federation Womens Club Protocol Amenities Standing Committee and Amity Club of Moran, serving as federation counselor and chairman of Home Life Department. She had been a member of the club since 1950. She was also a member of Order of the Eastern Star No. 591.

E. C. Edmondson

WEATHERFORD — E.C. Edmondson, 77, died Friday, March 9, at his home.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Monday at Galbreaith-Pickard Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Jack Vereen officiating. Graveside services were at 2:30 p.m. at Burkett Cemetery.

Mr. Edmondson was born in Burkett and moved to Weatherford in 1950. He was a retired security employee for General Dynamics and a member of Calvary United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Juanita Edmondson of Weatherford; a daughter, Fonda Houser of Pennsylvania; two sons, Douglas Edmondson and Jerry Edmondson, both of Weatherford; nine grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

TEC Ranked No. 1: 'We Try Harder,' Naber Says

It was recently announced that the Texas Employment Commission ranked #1 in the nation in the number of individuals placed in jobs by state Employment Security Agencies, according to the U.S. Department of Labor. TEC placed 284,000 individuals in jobs for the year ending June 30, 1989, according to the Commissioner Mary Scott Nabers. "This significantly exceeded the number of individuals placed by such states as California and New York," Nabers said. "We are very pleased to get this report."

Nabers went on to stress that the agency managed to place a significant number of job-seekers under very difficult circumstances. "First, Texas received only seven percent of the funds distributed among the states, but made nine percent of all job placements. Second, Texas performed this task during a period of high unemployment, under conditions when it is considerably more difficult to place people in jobs," Nabers said. "If we are looking for a reason for this #1 status, it has to be because we tried harder. These have not been easy times," Nabers said.

Any person seeking employment is encouraged to visit a local TEC office for assistance. The agency offers a sophisticated, computerized job matching service, employment seminars, and many other employment seminars, Cross Plains Review Thursday, March 15, 1990

1989 Rural Heroism Award Announced

HOUSTON — A Garland man who rescued his stepfather, a Wood County rancher who was severely injured in an augur accident in February, 1989, has been named recipient of the 1989 Rural Heroism Award.

Bill Penix received a plaque today honoring him for saving C.W. Hines at his ranch near Quitman. The presentation was made during the 52nd annual Texas/Southwestern Safety Conference and Exposition at the downtown Hyatt Regency Hotel.

That accident occured on Hines' ranch on February 11, 1989. Penix was visiting his stepfather at the time of the accident.

Hines, 56 at the time of the accident, was using an augur to dig a hole at the ranch and Penix was assisting him in the project. The augur was unable to dig through the hardened clay, and instead the machinery kept turning on the surface of the ground.

Hines attempted to push down on the support of the augur while he was standing on the tractor but the effort proved futile.

Hines then got down from his tractor and attempted to use his body weight at the top of the augur to push it into the soil. Some of Hines' clothing was caught by the augur, and he was pulled into the rotating bit.

Penix reached out to pull Hines back from the augur, but the force of the augur yanked Hines from Penix's grasp.

Penix jumped onto the tractor, hitting the clutch to stop the movement of the augur. Penix then proceeded to turn off the tractor's ignition.

By this time, Hines was lying on the ground, bleeding profusely from the injury to his groin. Penix worked to stop the bleeding, while calling for a neighbor who was in the immediate area at the time of the accident.

Together they transported Hines to a hospital at Quitman for emergency treatment to prevent further loss of blood.

Afterwards, Hines was airlifted to a Tyler hospital where he underwent skin graft surgery. He remained hospitalized for 28 days. He was off from work for four months from the accident.

Hines said without the quick thinking and action by his stepson he had no doubt that he would not have survived the accident



Burial was in Cottonwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Whitehead was born in Cottonwood and is the widow of Jack Whitehead. She was a member of Cottonwood United Methodist Church.

Survivors include five sons, Billy Whitehead of Cisco, Ed Whitehead of Oklahoma City, George Whitehead of Sterling, Okla., Bennie Whitehead of Palestine and Jerry Whitehead of San Angelo; five daughters, Joan Ingram of Hawley, June Fletcher of Lubbock, Janie Davis of Plano, Ada Smith of Irving and Susie Adams of Hobbs, N.M.; three sisters, Mrs. Herbert Brock of Marshall, Iris McKay of Angelton and Ellen Fisher of San Antonio; a brother, Lee Coats of San Antonio; 42 grandchildren; and 50 greatgrandchildren.

She married Morris Snyder on Dec. 20, 1946 in Eastland.

Survivors include her husband, Morris Snyder of Moran; a son and daughter-in-law, Morris D. and Cindy Snyder of Baird; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Pallbearers were Sam Diller, Sam Snyder, Jim Snyder, Bob Snyder, Jim Clark, Randy Hudson, Bert Jones, Tom Siewert, and Craig Pruet.

Virgil Damon Benson

RISING STAR — Virgil Damon Benson, 91, died Saturday, March 10, at a Brownwood hospital, leaving 121 descendants.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 12, at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Dick Williams officiating. Burial was in Rising Star Cemetery.

Mr. Benson was born in May and had lived in Eastland County most of his life. He was a retired farmer and a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Addie Benson of Rising Star; five daughters, Lillie Murle Parker of Lake Palestine, Ollie Loraine Clark of Buchanan Dam, and Willie Mae Williams, Neoma Ruth Cain and Melba Yvonne Watson, all of Rising Star; five sons, Damon Washington Benson of Amarillo, Charles Leo Benson of Tyler, Robert Dale Benson of Brownwood, Cleo McCoy Benson of Ennis, Delbert Gene Benson of Rising Star; two brothers, F.B. Benson of Malakoff and James A. Benson of Kerrville; a sister, Maggie Clark of Rising Star; 39 grandchildren; 63 great-grandchildren; and nine greatgreat-grandchildren.

and many other services. the ac

CHURCH DIRECTORY

BELIEVER'S FELLOWSHIP

Undenominational - Evangelical

East Highway 36		
Sunday School	9:30 a.m.	
	10:45 a.m.	
Evening Worship	6:15 p.m.	
Wednesday Night Family Bible Study		
Charlie Fortenberry, Paster 725-6607		

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

10TH & MAIN	CROSS PLAINS	(817) 725-7629
Morning Worship		
Church Training		6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship		
Wed. Prayer Service		
Ichael Hale, Pastor- 725		

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH North Main at George Scott Cross Plains, Texas

Sunday School	:45 a.m.	
Morning Worship	0:45 a.m.	
Choir Practice Wednesdays	7:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	
REV. KLEL QUESENBERRY, Pastor 725-7377		

COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

SERVICES: Sunday School WHERF. JESUS IS LORD	9:45	A.M.
Morning Worship	1:00	A.M.
Training Union & Youth Chair	.6:00	P.M.
Evening Worship	7:00	P.M.
Wed. Evening Prayer Service	7:30	P.M.
Sunday Choir Practice	.5:00	P.M.
Knox Waggoner, Pastor		

Located at	Phone	
12th & Main	725-4117	
COME WORSHIP WITH US WHERE CHRIST IS HONOR	RED	
Sunday Morning Bible Class9:45 A.M.: Wed. Morning Sunday Morning Worship		



Look Back -A Tribute To Rufus Renfro

By BARBARA SOWELL

Losing your mother at age six couldn't be easy. Having to quit school in the third grade and having to work to help your family couldn't be easy. Marrying and working for a dollar a day couldn't be easy. Raising a family isn't easy. Farming isn't easy. Going through multiple surgeries and having Altzheimers isn't easy. No, Daddy didn't have an easy life, but he nearly always made the best of a bad situation. When I remember Daddy I

best of a bad situation. When I remember Daddy I remember the man he was in his prime, the strong, muscular (although not tall by today's standards) man who carried his head high and worked so very hard. I see the old straw hat that Marna finally sneaked and burned. I see the blue jeans, old boots and work shirt that he wore as he worked the shirt that he wore as he worked the ground that he loved. I see the old Case tractor that he was so proud to own. Daddy was a true old time farmer who was concerned with en-vironmental issues before the words

vironmental issues before the words were ever invented. I see the man who made the time in the midst of his usual twelve to four-teen hour day to attend a ball game or whatever his children were involved in. Daddy didn't have much of a true family life when he was a kid, but he made sure that Mama, Rod, and I did. Lease him at church dreated up in his

I see him at church dressed up in his suit and tie. He was there every Sun-day morning and Sunday night, and he made sure that we were too. He never asked us if we were going, and we never knew we had a choice on whether to go or not because we didn't, we were going. We got ready,

CONGRATULATIONS!!

GUY EVANS

E.M.T.



loaded up in the old pickup and went, 35 mph tops. Daddy never got in a hurry until later on in life. At church I see Daddy ushering peo-ple to their seats, a job he did every Sunday. That was probably the highest official office he ever held in the world, Head Usher. I can see him tak-ing up the offering — every Sunday. ing up the offering — every Sunday, but Daddy didn't pray in public, he was too shy. I can still see him laughing and visiting with all his friends after church (mostly farmers the offering - every Sunday, cause it seems nearly everyone was a farmer).

Later on when I grew up (I thought), I see Daddy the night Stuart nervous-ly, very nervously, asked him if we could get married. Daddy agreed, and then I remember when he walked me then I remember when he walked me down the aisle, not realizing until much later how hard that must have been. I remember how proud he was when I finished college. He would ask me a question, and if I didn't know the answer he would say, "You should know the answer to that because you finished college!"

finished college!" I remember how proud Daddy was of his grandkids. First Carie, who he called "Sissy." Then Matthew, his only grandson. Then Sonya (he went with Balinda and Geneva to the Cisco hospital for Sonya to be born because Rod was in the hospital in Houston). Then Mandi (he said, "say Mandi's name backwards." I didn't know what he meant. He said, "Sowell Amanda he meant. He said, "Sowell Amanda - sounds like salamander to me," and then he laughed). Then Malyssa (there's no telling how many ice cream cones that he fixed for her). He was there every time. I can think and know how proud he would have been if he could only have been there for Sarah though he was ravaged with Altzheimers, he somehow knew that they were here. He cared about the grandkids. He played with them grandkids. He played with them, pestered them, flipped them, loved

I also remember when he was 60 and looked forty — (not a gray hair present, although several black hairs were missing). That was when he had pneumonia, which he had so many times. Nobody thought he would ever make it for two and a half months.

make it for two and a half months. Daddy went through so much — so many months of struggling for every breath. He was a fighter, a tough old farmer who would not give up. On March 9, 1990, Daddy went home to be with the Lord. Now he is truly living. I can just see him up in heaven doing hand stands on the sad-dle horn of a galloping stallion. (Aunt Lilly always said that he kept his feet up in the air more than he kept his rear unj in the air more than he kept his rear in the saddle.) I can see him walking around on his hands (something he did until he was well past 60). I can see him talking farming with his friends who have gone on before. I can see that mischievious grin on his face and the sparkle in his eyes. I can see Daddy and Charlie bragging about their grandkids. But most of all I can see grandicids. But most of all 1 can see him breathing free and knowing all that's going on around him. Thank you, Lord, for taking him home. Daddy's life on earth wasn't always easy, but he made the best of bad situations. Although he lost his mother at are sit, be survived. Although he

at age six, he survived. Although he had to quit school at age nine, he taught himself. Although jobs were scarce, he worked for what he could get. Although farming wasn't always profitable, he always put forth his best get. effort. Although raising a family and being married isn't easy, he was always there for us and married nearly fifty (50) years. Although sickness and disease attacked him, he fought back. Daddy wasn't perfect. He had his faults; he was human. But, I think we can all learn a lot from him.

Auditions For The 1990 Summer Dinner

Theatre Season Auditions for the 1990 summer din-

Auditions for the 1990 summer din-ner theatre season will be Saturday, March 24, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Directors are looking for singers, dancers and actors to perform in a variety of roles. Auditioners must sing a song of their choice (a tape player will be provided but no accompanist) and be prevented to perform some sime

Garden Club Has Monthly Meeting

The Cross Plains Garden Club met Friday, March 9, at the Garden Center with 15 members present. The program was a workshop in preparation for the upcoming Flower Show in April. All members par-ticiented in a very interacting rounds. ticipated in a very interesting round-table discussion of designs and ideas presented by Helen Tillotson, Joyce Odom, Claribel Gibbs, and Maurine McCuin.

Plans were made to attend the District VIII Spring Convention in Stamford April 6 and 7. Pauniece Oglesby was elected delegate and Lena Gage alternate to this meeting.

Door prize was won by Lois Gar-rett. Refreshments were served by hostesses Marie Stambaugh and Gretna Payne Others attending the meeting were

Others attending the meeting were Sarah Brashear, Opal Jernigan, Lucille Koenig, Lucille Payne, Exa Williams, and Lorena Wright. Members are reminded to meet at the Garden Center at 9 a.m., March 21 to set up for the Plant, Bake and Rum-mage Sale scheduled for Saturday, March 31. Please bring all sale items except plants and food.

Withholding that Fits

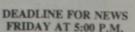
Employees should check their fed-eral tax withholding early in the year to see if their withholding level is cor-rect for 1990. The IRS says that employed

tailor their taxes to wind up with little tax owed or to be refunded.

Cross Cut **Cemetery** Donations

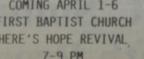
A donation of \$20 from Lorene Arledge has been received by the Cross Cut Cemetery Association. O.B. Byrd stated that all donations are greatly appreciated and expresses thanks to everyone who has contributed to the maintenance of the cemetery.

FRIDAY AT 5:00 P.M.





Something's Still Missing After You've Got It All?



Project Pride Meeting March 20

Project Pride will meet Tuesday, March 20, at 6 p.m. in the Cross Plains Public Library.

Colonial Oaks Services

Pioneer Pentecostal will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, March 18, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Cross Plains Review Thursday, March 15, 1990





THE 1990 HUGH O'BRIEN AWARD - Awarded to Cross Plains Sophomore Calvin Champion, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Champion.

Calvin Champion Recipient Of Hugh O'Brien Award

By JAMIE JONES

This year's Hugh O'Brien Award was given to Cross Plains High School Student, Calvin Champion. The award is given to the most qualified sophomore.

Each applicant had to fill out an application in which they were asked several questions. English and Spanish teacher, Robbye Fulton, chose Calvin and several other teachers agreed.

Being nominated for this award is a

chance to represent your school at the seminar in Dallas to learn about businesses.

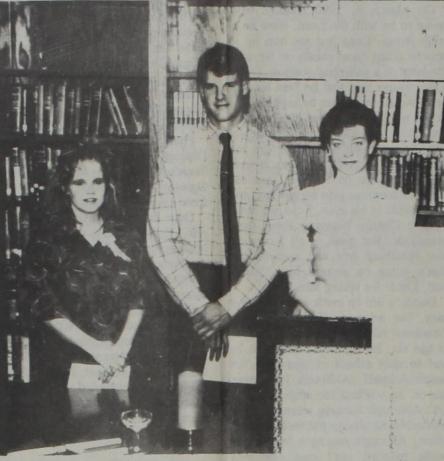
Each winner will be staying at the Clarion Hotel in April. Calvin says they will have a tight schedule for events and meetings.

From this seminar, two sophomores are chosen to go on to Washington, D.C. to represent Texas.

Mrs. Fulton made her decision based on scholastic and leadership ability.

WTC Summer **Youth Program**

Texas Council of Youth Experience Success



NEW NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERS - Kristy

Gibbs (sr., from left), Colby Walker (jr.), and Holli Shults.

N.H.S. Induction

By BECKY McKEEHAN

Kristy Gibbs (sr.), Holli Shults (soph.), and Colby Walker (soph.) were the three students this year that were eligible for inductions into the National Honor Society. The ceremony was held on Thursday, March 8, in the high school library.

The Induction Ceremony was conducted by N.H.S. President, Tina Evans (sr.); Vice President, Pam Helms (sr.); Secretary, Stephanie Walker (sr.); Treasurer, Dana Dukes (sr.); Reporter, Becky McKeehan

(sr.); Brenda Franke (jr.), and Sherry Williams (jr.).

The N.H.S. would like to thank Tim's Floral and Gifts for the flower arrangement, and Bonnie Hedrick for making the cake for the reception.

The 30 minute ceremony was followed by a reception of cake, cookies, and punch for the members and the approximately 30 guests. The N.H.S. members also served refreshments after the ceremony to the many parents who attended the Open House.





CONGRATULATIONS - Cross Plains JV Pole Vaulter Chris Key

showing the form that won him a 1st Place in the Pioneer Relays.



petition in Pioneer Relay competition.

GO FOR IT - Sherry Williams clears a hurdle in 100m hurdle com-

RELAYS

Continued From Page 1

Danny Barnett — Long Jump 6th, 17'4 ³ / ₄ ''.
Cross Plains - 400 Relay 3rd,
50:30. Louis Cavage — 800 Run 2nd,
2:23:41. Earl Meroney - 800 Run 4th,
2:25:16.
Donald Sibley – 400 Dash 1st, 55:24.
Johnny Herridge — 200 Dash 6th, 27:70; 100 Dash 6th, 12:09.
Cross Plains - 1600 Relay 2nd, 4:02:52.
Carlisle Albrecht - 1600 Run 3rd,
5:29:77; 3200 Run 1st, 11:52:86. Varsity Boys Track Results
1. Albany - 136 2. Gorman - 86
3. Hico — 85
4. Santa Anna — 67 5. Dublin — 61
6. DeLeon — 52 7. Eula — 18
8. Blanket – 14
9. Rising Star — 12 10. May — 11
11. Cross Plains – 6 12. CAP – 4
13. Ranger - 2
14. Blackwell – 2 Varsity Girls Team Totals
1. Albany - 130 2. Bangs - 102
3. Gorman — 68
4. De Leon — 56 5. Hico — 50
6. Blackwell – 46 7. Rising Star – 31
8. Ranger - 27
9. Eula — 22 10. Santa Anna — 18
11. May - 11½ 12. Cross Plains 9½
Boys Individual
Jody Brown — Triple Jump 3rd, 38'10''.
Girls Individual Carie Renfro — Shot Put 5th,
28'5''. Angie Purvis — High Jump tied 5th,
4'8''.

Junior High **Pioneer Relays**

Cross Plains hosted the junior high and high school track competition on Friday, March 9, and Saturday, March 10.

In the junior high division, there were 18 teams competing. The team totals were as follows:

Junior High Boys Team Totals 1. Hico A - 90

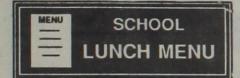
- 2. Panther Creek 70
- 3. Winters A 67
- 4. May 62
- 5. Gorman 491/2

Governments will be offering Summer Youth Employment and Training Programs for eligible youth, ages 14 to 21.

The programs will consist of a work/study environment on a college campus. Students participating will live in a dormitory on campus. They will attend classes for half a day and work for half a day. Minimum wages will be paid for the work part of the program. Evenings and weekends will be devoted to study (tutoring will be available), cultural enrichment activities, field trips, and supervised recreation.

What Is Available

Youth Opportunities Unlimited (Y.O.U.) — This will be an eight (8) week program at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas for youth ages 14 and 15 who will be entering ninth (9th) or tenth (10th) grade in the fall.



MARCH 19 - MARCH 23

(Subject to Change)

BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Pancake, sausage, grape juice, milk. TUESDAY - Bacon, egg, biscuit, jelly, orange juice, milk. WEDNESDAY - Creamed rice, sausage, toast, grape juice, milk. THURSDAY - Choice of ready to eat cereal, peanut butter, honey, toast, orange juice, milk. FRIDAY. - Blueberry muffins, cheese stick, grape juice, milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY - Chicken nuggets w/gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, honey, milk. TUESDAY - Vegetable beef soup, grilled cheese sandwich, crackers,

pineapple tidbits, milk. WEDNESDAY - Tacos w/cheese, meat sauce, salad, Mexican corn, Jello, milk.

THURSDAY - Chili beans, spinach, carrot stick, cobbler, corn bread, milk.

FRIDAY - Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickle, French fries, cookie, milk.

(Y.E.S.) - This will be a seven (7) to eight (8) week program at Cisco Junior College in Cisco, Texas or Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas for youth ages 15 to 18 who will be returning to secondary school in the fall.

Mainstream — This will be a six (6) week program at Western Texas College in Snyder, Texas and a thirteen (13) week program at Vernon Regional Junior College in Vernon, Texas or Tarleton State University for rising and graduating high school seniors. Courses taken will be for college credit.

To be eligible for the Summer Youth Employment and Training program activities, students must meet state and federal economic guidelines based on family size and income.

Interested students or parents should pick up an application from their local high school counselor's office or call Cay Collins (Occupational Training Specialist) at (915) 672-5633, you may call collect.

Callahan County area students that participated in Summer Program of 1989 are:

Baird - Jerry Burgess, Mainstream; Tanya Szczur, Mainstream; and Kevin Monsey, Y.O.U.

Clyde - Sherry Losell, Y.O.U. Cross Plains - LeeAnn Whiteley, Mainstream; and James Reed, Y.O.U. Eula - B.J. Carpenter, Mainstream; Jessica Spencer, Y.O.U.; John Duty, Y.O.U.; and Leonard Clayton, Y.O.U.

Final Show

By KAYLA CUPIT

The San Angelo Stock Show was the last major stock show for the year. Four of the Cross Plains students participated. They were Brenda Franke, Shana Bagley, and Julie Smith, who all showed lambs. Calley Conner and Julie Smith also showed pigs.

The students' animals did not place, but they put a lot of work into it.

Office Supplies At Cross Plains Review

CLOSE CALL - With Earl Meroney looking on, Cross Plains Junior High's

Amy Strength attempts to clear the bar in last Friday's competition.



WAY TO GO - Justin Terrell, from the long jump at the Junior High Cross Plains Junior High, taking off in Pioneer Relays.

Art Trip

By LEEANN WHITELEY

The Cross Plains Art Students enjoyed a trip to the Hardin-Simmons Fine Arts Building on Wednesday the 7th. The students saw 30 to 35 different types of artwork that were created by art students at Abilene and Cooper High School.

Among the different media were projects done in pencil, pen and ink, pastels, acrylic, tempera paints, folded paper, and colored pencils.

There were 4 large (6 X 6) painted projects from Abilene High and many individual projects with subject matter ranging from fish, people, abstract to

paper. The class was also allowed to wander through the two-story fine arts building and view the printmaking room, sculpting, painting, ceramics, watercolor, oil and many others.

6. Jim Ned A - 37 7. Baird - 36 1/6 8. Albany A - 341/3 9. Rising Star - 30 10. Cross Plains - 27 11. Woodson - 7 12. Hico B - 4 13. Santa Anna - 4 14. Eula – 3 15. Priddy - 3 16. Jim Ned B - 1 17. Albany B - 0 18. Winters B - 0**Junior High Girls Team Totals** 1. Albany A - 104 2. Cross Plains - 84 3. May - 71 4. Santa Anna - 69 5. Jim Need A - 53 6. Ranger A - 51 7. Priddy - 26 8. Panther Creek - 25 9. Winters A -2210. Hico A - 21 11. Baird - 8 12. Eula - 8 13. Winters B - 8 14. Hico B - 6 15. Jim Ned B - 6 16. Rising Star - 5 17. Gorman - 2 18. Albany B - 0 19. Ranger B - 0 20. Winters B - 0**Boys Individual Results** Tim Yates - Pole Vault 4th, 7'6". Cross Plains - 400 Relay 6th, 51:74. Billy Walker - 400 Dash 3rd, 62:08 Kelly Barclay - 200 Dash 3rd, 27:41. Cross Plains - 1600 Relay 3rd, 4:17:36 **Girls Individual Results** Tamara Flippin - Triple Jump 1st, 30'51/2''; Long Jump 1st - 15'1 % '';

200 Dash - 30:45. Kim Webb - 800 Run 2nd, 2:52:40. Mandi Sowell - Shot Put 1st, 28'41/2'' Cross Plains - 400 Relay 4th, 56:87. Heather Montgomery - 100 Hurdles 1st, 18:54. Cross Plains - 1600 Relay 5th, 5:11:25. Cross Plains - 800 Relay 3rd, 2:04:88. Connie Steele - 1600 Run 2nd, 6:18:61. Junior high girls coach, Debbie Bacon, wishes to extend a special thanks to Melissa Richards, Lynn Porter, and Stephanie Walker for help-

ing her with the work on Saturday.



FIRST PITCH OF THE SEASON - Deron Duffey is pitcher.





GIRLS SINGLES (2ND PLACE) -Senior Candee Williams serving to her

opponent in her Championship match at Cross Plains Tournament.



EMPLOYER PAYS FOR DIFFICULT TO LOCATE EMPLOYEES

Dear Commissioner Nabers, We are a construction company on a border city that hires employees that are U.S. residents and live in Mexico. When we are ready to recall after a layoff, these employees are hard to locate either by mail or telephone. We are forced to hire whoever we can and then the claims for unemployment insurance begin arriving. Is there any relief for us in this situation?

R.B. El Paso, Tx.

Dear R.B., There is really no foolproof solution to this problem, but I have a couple of suggestions which might help. First of all, if it is ever possible to give employees a definite recall date at the time of the layoff, do so. It then becomes the employee's responsibility to return to work at the designated time or face possible disqualification from receiving unemployment benefits. This is particularly useful for short term layoffs.

At the time of hire, require that employees give you a permanent address and/or phone number where they can be reached. They have to provide this information to the TEC in order to be available for work referrals. There is no reason why they cannot provide the same to you.

Keep copies of all written job offers/recall notices and send originals certified mail, return receipt requested. This documentation is very useful in establishing work refusals on the claimant's part.

Despite an employer's best attempts, there may be times after a layoff when an employee either cannot be contacted or has moved from the area. In such a situation, the employer is still liable for unemployment benefits. Frustrating, but true.

Dear Commissioner Nabers, I am going to have to terminate an employee. Do I have to pay him his last check at the time of termination or can I wait until the next regularly

COMMISSIONER Mary Scott Nabers



TEXAS BUSINESS TODAY

Payday Law, an employee who is terminated or laid off must be paid in full no later than six days after the discharge. An employee who voluntarily quits must be paid in full no later than the next regularly scheduled payday.

Commissioner Mary Scott Nabers represents all Texas employers. If you have any questions you want answered, please write Commissioner Nabers at: TEXAS **BUSINESS TODAY, 614 TEC** Building, 15th and Congress, Austin, Tx., 78778.

Reduce Future Tax Shock

All interest and dividends you receive must be reported on your tax return. You can reduce the possibility of future problems with the IRS if you report your interest and dividends properly on your tax return. If you receive more than \$400 in interest or more than \$400 in dividends, you must also complete and attach the appropri-ate schedule to your return. If you file a Form 1040A, you must attach a Schedule 1. If you file a Form 1040, you must attach a Schedule B.

Payers of interest and dividends report payments to you on Forms 1099-INT for interest payments and Forms 1099-DIV for dividend payments. When a brokerage firm sends you a 1099- DIV, "Statement for Recipients of Dividends and Distributions," you should list the brokerage firm as the "Payer," and the total amount reported on the 1099-DIV should be shown on the appropriate tax form.

Follow the instructions for Schedule B to report interest and dividends on your return and reduce the possibility of future problems with the Internal Revenue Service. For more information on investment income and expenses, you may order free Publica-

tion 550, Investment Income and Ex-

penses, by calling toll-free, 1-800-424-

IN A PICK-OFF ATTEMPT - 1st baseman Cody Odom waits for the ball

from Deron Duffey

Play Ball

By CA

The wind was blowing ... it must be baseball season. Cross Plains High School played their first varsity game in many years on Tuesday afternoon on March 6. Their opponent was Strawn.

Having to wear sweats and football jerseys because their uniforms had not yet arrived, the Buffs took the field first before a good crowd of Cross Plains fans lining both sides of the field.

As for the statistics, Cross Plains came out on the low end, losing 10 to 0. The 10-run rule was invoked at the end of the 5th inning and the game was officially called. Both sides agreed, however, to play another inning for the practice. In high school ball, there are only 7 innings. It was a rough first game for the Buffs, but they will improve with experience.

The starting line-up included: Catcher: Maxy Thetford (jr.) Pitcher: Deron Duffey (sr.) 1st Base: Cody Odom (sr.) 2nd Base: Billy Brown (fresh.) 3rd Base: Travis Jordan (jr.) Shortstop: Colby Walker (jr.) Left Field: Donald Sibley (sr.) Center Field: Chad Bagley (sr.) Right Field: Kevin Clark (jr.) After 4 innings, Deron was relieved at pitcher by Travis who pitched the 5th inning. In the extra inning, Colby was given a chance to throw. Also substituting towards the end of the game were the rest of the team members, Juniors: Louis Cavage, Kyle Foster, and Johnny Herridge, along with Freshman Michael Cowan and Earl Meroney.

Baseball coach Kyle Coker did not have the statistics available in time for printing.

TENNIS PARTICIPANTS — Justin Whitsitt (from left), son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Mitchell, and Roger Rudloff, son of Nora Odom, (Boys Doubles-Consolation); Brad Morgan,

Cross Plains School Schedule March 15-22

March 14-16 Spring Break

March 16-17 Tennis Tournament Santa Anna Saturday, March 17 **Baird Relays** Sweetwater Judging Contest

Monday, March 19 **Cheerleader Practice begins** Zone OAP Practice Computer Class Field Trip to Fort Worth

Tuesday, March 20 Zone One-Act Play Competition here in auditorium Yearbook Spring Pictures

Wednesday, March 21 Science Fair Judging at high school son of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Morgan (Boys Singles-3rd Place); and Stephanie Yates, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Yates.

'WHO'

By JENNIFER GOBLE

The "WHO" program was at Cross Plains I.S.D. on the 12th and 13th of March to present a program to all students. This program discussed such topics as rape, incest, physical abuse, and eating disorders.

On Monday, kindergarten through the 7th grade went to the high school library to listen to the representative of the Abilene Rape Crisis Center who presented the program.

On Wednesday, the 8th through the 12th grades had the program presented to them.

"WHO" stands for "We Help Ourselves." The program was especially designed for each grade level and at the end of the presentation, the students all had an opportunity to ask questions. The hour-long program was presented a couple of weeks ago in the evening to interested parents and teachers to view it before it was presented at school.

Cross Plains Review Dear G.S., According to the Thursday, March 15, 1990 **ROBERT E. McCOOL Attorney At Law** Law Offices at 235 Market St. Baird, Texas 79504 (915) 854-1016

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Cross Plains Buffaloes Baseball Schedule

March	22-23-24	Ranger Tournament	There	TBA
	27	Strawn	There	4:30
	30	San Saba	Here	5:00
April	3	*Lingleville	Here	5:00
	6	Albany	There	5:00
	10	*Baird	Here	4:30
	17	*Gorman	There	4:00
	20	*Eula	There	TBA
	24	Ranger	There	5:00
May	1	*Lingleville	There	5:00
	4	*Baird	There	4:30
	8	*Gorman	Here	4:30
	11	*Eula	Here	4:30
*Distric	t Games			
	Kyle Coker ouse: (817)	School: 7 725-7713 Home: 72		





Render Income-Producing Personal Property Now

AUSTIN - Jim Robinson, executive director of the State Property Tax Board (SPTB), today reminded business owners that they must file property rendition forms with local appraisal district offices by April 2, 1990.

The legal deadline for renditions is actually March 31, which falls on a Saturday this year. As a result, the 1990 deadline has been moved to the first working day after March 31. Property owners may receive a 30-day extension, but must file a written request with the appraisal district by April 2, 1990

A rendition is a report a property owner files each year, listing taxable property he owns or manages as of January 1.

"The law requires certain property owners to file renditions every year," noted Robinson.

Anyone who owns or manages income-producing personal property on January 1 must file a rendition statement with the local appraisal district. "Businesses, for instance, must report their inventories, furniture and fixtures, machinery and equipment, and other tangible business property on a rendition. It is to their benefit to do so because chief appraisers use the rendition report to establish the property's fair taxable value," Robinson explained.

"When business personal property isn't rendered, the chief appraiser is forced to estimate the value," he added

The chief appraiser may also require other property owners or managers to render property; if so, the chief appraiser will send a notice and the appropriate rendition form.

While only business personal property must be rendered, anyone may voluntarily file a rendition with the appraisal district. Texas law does not require a property owner to render a home or other real property, but

CARD OF THANKS

Card Of Thanks

Our thanks and appreciation to all that remembered us while we were in hospitals and after our return home, with cards, telephone calls, visits, prayers, and the delicious food. Wonderful friends are a treasure to have. Our love to all.

Volley J. and Exa Williams

Card Of Thanks Every expression of caring and love was so appreciated during the loss of our loved one. The lovely flowers, all the wonderful food, visits, cards, calls, and especially your prayers were of great comfort.

A special thanks to Rev. Michael Hale for conducting the services, to Dorothy Reynolds for the beautiful music, and to the ladies of the First Baptist Church for the exceptional meal they provided.

The kindness and compassion shown our family will always be remembered.

> The Family of Rufus Renfro **Card Of Thanks**

We wish to express our appreciation for the food, flowers, cards, and especially for the prayers during my two trips to the hospital and after I returned home.

The problem is not completely solved but is improving each day.

God Bless each of you! Richard and Jeanell Purvis

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LEGAL NOTICE

CAUSE NO. 4717

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS **HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST** THE ESTATE OF **BERNICE NICHOLS**

Notice is hereby given that Original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **BERNICE NICHOLS** were issued on February 12, 1990, in Cause No. 4717, pending in the County Court of Callahan County, Texas, to: LE NELL TURNER

4050 Monticello Abilene, Texas 79605 All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present

them within the time and in the manner required by law. DATED: March 5, 1990

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED. Brad Harris P.O. Box 1177 Baird, Texas 79504 State Bar No. 09061800 (915) 854-1002 Attorney for the Estate of

BERNICE NICHOLS, Deceased 50-1tc

NOTICE OF DRAWING FOR PLACE ON BALLOT

Notice is hereby given of a drawing to determine the order in which the names of candidates are to be printed on the ballot for the election to be held

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(817) 725-7557. 50-1tc 1/2 PRICE SALE on clothing March 15th thru 23rd. Ellen's Closet 50-1tc **PIANO FOR SALE** Wanted: Responsible party to take on

small monthly payments on piano. See

GARAGE SALES

GARAGE SALE - Saturday, March 17, from 10-5. Everything half price and below. Some antiques. Corner of 2nd & Main, across from Lakeway.

GARAGE SALE - Saturday, March 17th, 9AM - 4PM at the home of Pauniece Oglesby on Hwy. 36W. Small electrical appliances, some furniture, lamps, clothes and knickknacks. 725-6772. 50-1tc

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WANTED

COASTAL SPRIGGING. Contact Glenn or Mike Winfrey. Days 725-7355, Nights 725-6328 or 725-6845. 49-4p WILL DO HOUSE CLEANING and grocery shopping. Have references. Call (817) 725-6645. 50-1tc

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FOR SALE or RENT - 2 bdrm. house, 581 9th St., \$6,000. 725-7332.

43-tfc FOR SALE - 16 X 20 sq. ft., 3 bdrm., 2 bath, 2 car garage and shop, 1 to 5 acres available with barn. Webb Store, 18 miles north of Coleman -12 miles to Cross Plains on pavement Rd. 2806. Call (915) 624-5519. 45-tfc HOUSE FOR SALE - Newly remodeled, 2 bdrm., 1 bath, privacy fenced back yard. For more information, call)817) 460-2620. 46-tfc **GOVERNMENT HOMES** from \$1.00 (U Repair) Foreclosures, Repos, Tax Delinquent Properties. Now selling your area. Call 1-315-736-7375. Ext. H-TX-C5 current lists. 24 hrs. 49-3tp

FOR RENT

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ONE 2 BEDROOM APT. & one 2 bedroom house, both have stove and refrigerator. Call 725-7740. 48-tfc 2 OR 3 BDRM. HOUSE for rent. Newly remodeled. Meets HUD requirements. See or call Delilah Goble (817) 725-6347. 50-24 **ONE BEDROOM ALL ELECTRIC** APARTMENT, 1060A North Main Street, Cross Plains. Call (817) 725-6370 to view and for more infor-

mation. 50-110

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CARPET CLEANING - Residental/Commercial, Free Estimates, Scotchguarding available. New Carpet & Vinyl sold and installed. Dub Meador - 725-7720. **INCOME TAX SERVICE - Office** hours 8:30 to 5:30, except Friday 8:30

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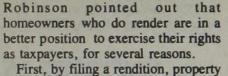
trical wiring in your home or business unsafe? Call Bill Wilson, 725-6261. 50-2tp

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DEADLINE FOR NEWS FRIDAY AT 5:00 P.M.





owners ensure that the correct address will be on their value notices, notices of hearings which may be scheduled if they protest the appraisal of their property, and on their tax bills.

"It is essential that property owners receive this information in a timely manner." said Robinson. "For instance, if the tax collector cannot deliver a tax bill because of an incorrect address, the property owner is still responsible for paying the taxes plus penalties that result from late payment."

Second, rendition is an opportunity for a property owner to record an opinion of the property's value.

Third, by recording an opinion of the property's value, the property owner has ensured that the chief appraiser must send the owner a notice before placing a higher value on the property. This notice allows the property owner time to gather information to protest the appraisal if the proposed value is too high.

If a property is appraised by more than one appraisal district, the property owner should file a rendition in each appraisal district office.

Property owners whose homes were damaged last year by a storm, flood, or fire may also file a special type of rendition report with chief appraisers, called a report of decreased value. The deadline for filing this report for 1990 is April 2.

Rendition and report of decreased value forms are available at local appraisal district offices. The law requires that the property owner provide all information requested on the form. Noted Robinson, "It is a criminal violation to make false statements on renditions and reports of decreased value."

Rendition forms and decreased value reports are confidential and not open to public inspection.

For more information, contact the local appraisal district office or the SPTB Tax Information Section at (512) 329-7901.

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BUILDING will be received by THE CITY OF CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS until 1:30 p.m., April 5, 1990 in the office of the City Secretary, located at 9th & Main Street in Cross Plains, Texas, and then at said location publicly opened and read aloud. The Contract Documents, consisting of Advertisement for Bids, Information for Bidders, Bid Proposal, Bid Bond, Contract, Performance and Payment Bonds, General Conditions, Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed, Plans, Specifications and Addenda (if any) may be examined at the following location:

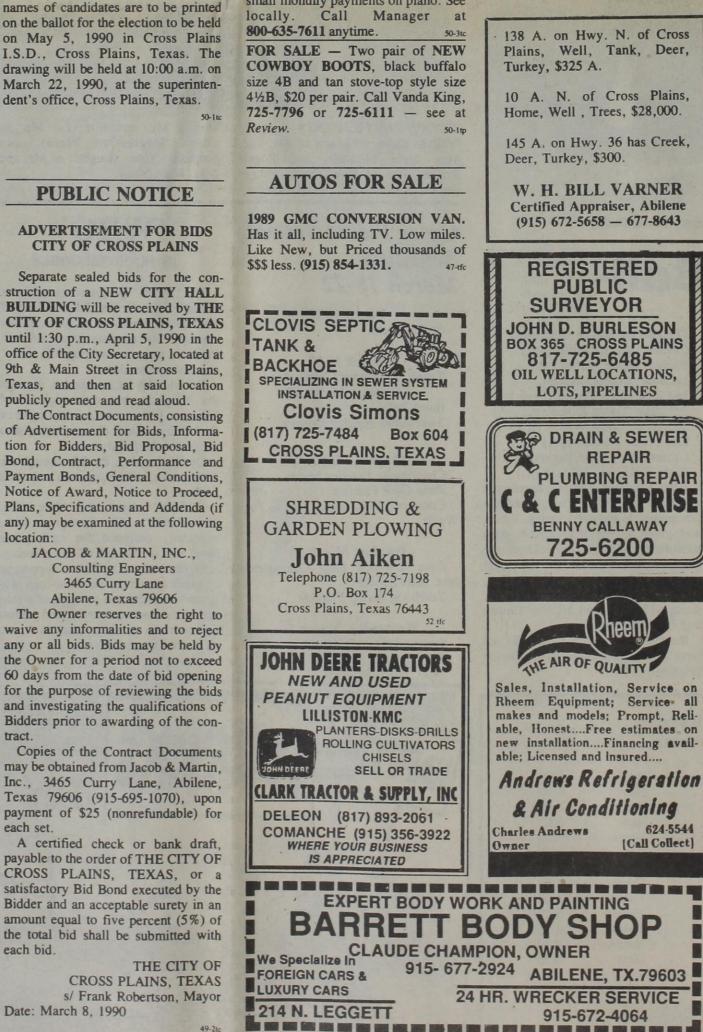
JACOB & MARTIN, INC., Consulting Engineers 3465 Curry Lane Abilene, Texas 79606

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities and to reject any or all bids. Bids may be held by the Owner for a period not to exceed 60 days from the date of bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders prior to awarding of the contract.

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained from Jacob & Martin, Inc., 3465 Curry Lane, Abilene, Texas 79606 (915-695-1070), upon payment of \$25 (nonrefundable) for each set.

A certified check or bank draft, payable to the order of THE CITY OF CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS, or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and an acceptable surety in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid shall be submitted with each bid.

THE CITY OF CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS s/ Frank Robertson, Mayor Date: March 8, 1990



BURKETT NEWS

By LOVERA STRICKLAND

Most of the people in the Burkett Community are aware that Jim and Lyn Porter have sold the Bayou Burkett Store. Jim and Lyn, we will miss you much. We hope you will enjoy your retirement from the store. The couple said they enjoyed serving the people of the Burkett Community the last 12 years.

We would like to welcome Tom and Cathy Wood to the Burkett Community. They will be operating the Pecan Bayou Store. We wish them well in their new business.

Pat DeBusk of Houston visited his parents, Jack and Zora DeBusk, over the weekend.

Tommie Connelly was injured in an oil field accident Saturday before last. He had to have 57 stitches in his left arm. He is improving each day. We hope he is fully recovered soon.

Eureta Whitley, Buddy and Pam Whitley, Ami and Michael of San Saba, Marsha and Mark Turney and Jon, and Lat Mountain visited Jack and Lovera Strickland Saturday.

Our sympathy goes to the family of E.C. Edmondson of Weatherford. He passed away Friday evening. His funeral was in Weatherford Monday morning with graveside rites at the Burkett Cemetery Monday afternoon.

We received word of the passing of Charlie Mae Evans DeBusk. Funeral services for her were Monday at Idalou, Texas. Our sympathy is extended to her family.

Freeda Burkett spent Friday through Saturday noon with her sister, Clarene and Clint Edgar of Millersview.

Virgil and Freeda Burkett were in Weatherford Sunday visiting Juanita Edmondson and her family

The Burkett Community Supper will be Saturday, March 17. Serving will start at 7 p.m. Serving on the committee this month are Freeda and Virgil Burkett, Lillian Brown, Raymond and Lucille Cross, Buddy and Nita Thate, Mary and Basil Dunlap, and Jo Davee. Bring your vegetable and meat or salad and sweets to the supper and enjoy the food and fellowship.

Cross Plains Review Thursday, March 15, 1990



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

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

MARCH 18 **Henry Ring Gail Walker Bruce Johnson Tomi Kye King** Jay Wilcoxen **Chandra Heath Tina Michelle Evans Fave Renfro Dorothy Merillyn Whiteley Kimberly Merrill Bonnie Jo Gosnell**

MARCH 19 Jody (Peevy) Archer **Mike Browning Otis Purvis Gadayous Edwards** Mrs. S.M. Smith Ticia Dee (Wilson) Elkin

MARCH 20 **Darwin Anderson** Nora Jean Odom **Dora Jane Smith Mike Duke** Sandra Kelly **Jeffery Champion Howard Lee Dana Kay Moore Howard Phillips**

MARCH 21 Linda (Whitton) Hill Wesley Markham Mrs. Grace Fortune Lisa Vaught Laura Ann Baum

Wesley Banks

Selena Twiner

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Barbara Strickland

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MARCH 22

Brian Kelly

Marie Starr

Debby Scott

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Brenda Newton

By MRS. N.V. GIBBS

Typical West Texas weather has been in this area all week. A few sprinkles of rain fell Saturday morning. Some days the wind blew the leaves around in the Gibbs yard, but fields of growing grain are beautiful.

In passing the Don Harris house today, one could see gray lambs, black lambs and mothers grazing near their house. This is their busy season of the year, keeping up with all the babies. Their flock of sheep has multiplied over the years.

Robert and Dorothy Watson attended the Callahan County Historical Commission meeting held at the county courthouse Tuesday night. Bill and Jane Coots also attended the meeting from Baird and visited Miller and Marian Scott of the community.

Robert and Dorothy also attended the annual History Fair held at Baird School during Texas Public School Week. Others from the community attending were Blan and Jessie Odom, and the Miller Scott family. Odom Scott, 7th grader at Baird, won the "People's Choice Award," on his entry. His picture can be seen on the front page of the Callahan County Star.

Gene and Vernie Belle Mauldin visited Dorse and Lee Harris in Baird Friday afternoon. A neighbor, Lyndal Andrews, also visited in the Harris home. The Mauldins visited Velma Shelton also. Visitors in the Mauldin home during the week were Blan and Jessie Odom and Mrs. Kathy Davidson of Oplin. Vernie Belle had done some quilting for her.

Chief and Joy Horner visited in the Dorse Harris home during the week. Company of Emma Johnson and

Lizzie Burks this week were Joel Tobey, Dee and Lorene Price of Potosi, also Tommy Burks and son, Toby of Abilene, Lovey Smith of Cross Cut, Pete Golson of Cross Plains, Fred Rabe and Chester Novak of Rising Star, and Arlene Laney and neighbor of Cross Plains.

Leigh Harrell spent two nights in Abilene this week. One night was with a friend, Brittany Wood, and the other with her grandparents, Ted and Joan Newberry.

Those attending graveside services for Imogene Steele Bragg at the Dressy Cemetery Monday were Joyce Odom and Blan and Jessie Odom. She was a Stanton resident and a relative of the Odoms.

Tonya Steele fell at home and bruisd her foot. This caused her to miss MINUTE MUSINGS

Revitalization Of Rural Areas the athletic events at the Cross Plains school this weekend. Connie Steele The Texas Rural Economic placed 2nd in one of her races. So

Development Commission will hold a public hearing in San Angelo, March 20, at 1 p.m. in the Civic Center to obtain citizen input on the revitalization of rural areas.

The meeting is the last of 11 public hearings held throughout Texas during February and March.

The commission was created during the last legislative session as part of Gov. Bill Clements' economic development program. Its purpose is to conduct studies and make recommendations regarding the revitalization of rural areas in Texas and to evaluate existing rural economic development efforts for consistency and coordination and for their effort on increasing employment opportunities.

Chairing the commission is Dr. Zerle L. Carpenter of College Station, Director of the Texas Agriculture Extension Service and Association Deputy Chancellor of Agriculture for the Texas A&M University System. Commission members are A. Carolos Barrera of Brownsville, Joe Cook of Perryton. Maxie Davie of Fort Worth, Mike Harrison of Pecos, commission vice-chairman Brad Helbert of Abilene, Marjorie Kastman of Lubbock, Robert Parker of Paris and State Rep. Dick Waterfield of Canadian.

"We want to identify problems in rural economic development and then focus on formulating specific solutions and legislative recommendations," Carpenter said. "To that end, we want citizen input from throughout the state."

After the round of public hearings, subcommittees will be organized to formulate specific solutions to issues that have been identified. The commission will consider these solutions and submit its report to the legislature next January.

Information submitted by Greg Gerngross.

Cisco Folklife Festival Booths

It's time to reserve booths for Cisco's 17th Folklife Festival on April 21 and 22.

For a FOOD BOOTH (Concessions) contact Mary Schustereit at (817) 442-2154 or write P.O. Box 53; Cisco, TX 76437

DEMONSTRATION BOOTH contact Janice Ferguson at (817) 442-2761 or write to 1208 Ave L; Cisco, TX 76437

EXHIBITOR'S BOOTH contact Dorothy Humphries at (817) 442-3591 or write to 1407 West 13th; Cisco, TX 76437.

The booth prices range from \$15 to \$80 for the two days depending upon the size, location (inside or outside) and electrical outlets.

A new addition this year will be a SIDEWALK ART CONTEST. Entrants will be given the opportunity to use colored chalk for a section of sidewalk which surrounds the historic Mobley Hotel. Contact Lisa Moore or Jo Ann Cermin at (817) 442-2534 or write to 1503 Liggett; Cisco, TX 76437.

The Cisco Folklife Festival will also have an antique style show, parade, ice cream-making contest, live musical entertainment, favorite foods and a dance on Saturday evening.

Watch for coming announcements about the Cisco Folklife Festival or write to the Cisco Chamber of Commerce (P.O. Box 411, Cisco, TX 76437) for more details.

OIL NEWS New Tests

Callahan

AOP Operating Corp., Dallas, will drill 2 wildcats in the Grand Old Oplin (Gray) and Quest (Ellenburger) 2.5 miles southwest of Oplin on a 481-acre lease. Section 383, G.W. Denton, A-153. They are:

No. 8 Jones to 3,950 feet. Spots 1,106 FSL and 2,487 FWL.

No. 9 Jones to 4,600 feet. Spots 3,280 FSL and 330 FEL.



workers had to move and look for employment elsewhere. Carroll and Nelda Teague have moved to the Richland Springs area. We will miss seeing Carroll passing by with his horse during the week. The new owner has brought in his own workers.

many schools were entered that the ac-

tivities went past the midnight hour, so

parents and students were still sleepy-

This community is saddened by the

death of Ethel Lawrence, a long time

resident of this area. She and Bill rais-

ed their two boys here on their farm.

Bill was found dead in their home in

Cross Plains a few years ago, and

Ethel was found dead in the same

house Saturday morning. Our sym-

pathy is extended to James and Glenn

Since the Gibson ranch sold out to

an out of state person, the ranch

and their families.

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Cottonwood News

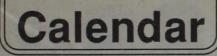
By BEVERLY BROWN

The Cottonwood Musical will be Friday, March 16, in the local community center. Smokey Callaway will emcee the country-western music entertainment, starting at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be available. No admission is charged. All area musicians and bands are welcomed.

The Cottonwood Station, the former Country Store, has reopened. Please check with the owners for store hours and products offered.

Our total rainfall around the community averaged from 1 6/10ths of an inch to 2 1/2 inches middle of last week. On Sunday, 1 1/4th inches to 1 3/4ths inches of rain was reported in Cottonwood.

It was really great to hear from Mabel and Ted Fann last week. Over the first weekend of March, her brother and his wife, Bill and Ida Barnes of Dallas, were at their place. On Sunday, they had dinner in the home of their daughter, Vivian and Melvin Bush of Tye, with granddaughter, Elizabeth "Beth" Bogue of Cleveland, Mississippi, daughter, Martha Malone of Tye, and granddaughter, Tina and Wayne Alkins of



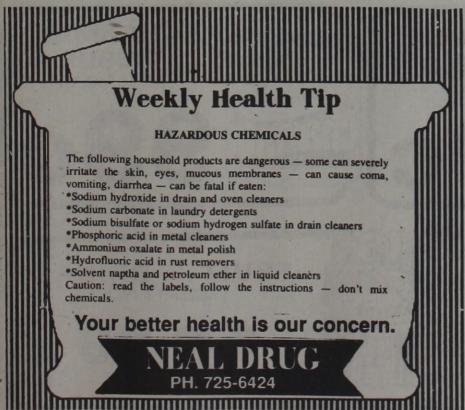
The Cross Plains Review is authorized to publish the following political announcements for the Callahan County office filings in the upcoming general election set for Tuesday, November 6, 1990.

For U.S. Congress **17th District**

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All political calendar advertising is pavable in advance, at a cost of \$75.00. A free press release and photograph will be published with each announcement.





By ESTHLOY S. DICKSON

This early morning is a bit cloudy. Wasn't that rain just "great!" I called my Sunday School teacher and said I wouldn't be there because of the flooded highway. Then I thought "that's a sissy attitude." So I dressed and went on to the church.

I'm so glad I was privileged to attend. The Deacon Ordination Service was very interesting and inspiring. Four new deacons were ordained, and some thirty men who were already deacons took part in the service. There were 265 in Sunday School, twenty more than the Sunday before. Plans are being made for our Spring Revival, April 1st through April 6th. As church was dismissed, it was

raining "cats and dogs"! I walked across the street to my car - water was ankle-deep, up over my \$40 shoes. But we never complain about a good rain, do we!

I always see a host of my good neighbors at church. Mrs. Jewel Foster and I are in the same Sunday School class - also the Roadys, J.T. and Betty Beggs, and the John Burlesons.

Rusty, Reba and daughters, Charissa and Danyel Beggs, visited his parents Sunday and Monday - they live at Temple. They attended the funeral of Reba's grandfather, Mr. Benson, at Rising Star. Betty will attend the Eastland Art Club meeting this (Monday) afternoon. Marlene Sanders will go with her.

Sally Roady visited Ms. Nettie at the nursing home nearly every day. She visited Mr. Mack Childers at his home in Cross Plains. She visited her brother, Gene Hicks at Rising Star, one day. They were in Abilene on Friday on business. They have planted over one hundred bulbs in their garden.

My apricot is in full bloom, and my pear trees are beginning to bloom. I just hope a late freeze doesn't get them!

Sincere sympathy is expressed to the Renfros and the Lawrences for the loss of their loved ones.

Abilene.

Mrs. Beth Bogue, of Cleveland, Mississippi, visited with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Fann on March 6 and 7 here in Cottonwood and with her father, Bobby J. Mc-Cowen, and grandmother, Ruby Mc-Cowen, and relatives in Cross Plains. Mrs. Mildred Ford and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Brown visited with Mr. and Mrs. James Brown and Kenny in Abilene Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smith of Cottonwood and Mr. and Mrs. Burnice Webster traveled to Brownwood on Sunday. They dropped by to have lunch with the girls' sister, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Barrett.

We wish to express our sincere sympathy to Barbara and Stuart Sowell and family in the loss of their loved one, Rufus Renfro, this past week.



By IRMA MILLER

The quilting circle finished the Wedding Ring Tuesday and worked on a Nine Patch. Our visitors in the afternoon were Lillian Parsons and Maizie Smoot.

Three of Jewel Foster's children visited her with their families, and had Saturday lunch with her. Goldie Huston came from Austin. Norma and Gene of this community and Lucille and Charles Foster were there.

Some from our community attended the AARP meeting and luncheon in Cross Plains Monday. It was a good crowd, and they heard Mr. T.W. Anderson of Cross Plains speak on health insurance, and heard his wife play the piano and sing beautifully.

Frankie Smith and Jean Fore were accompanied by Dorothy Callaway of Rising Star, Saturday on their trip to Ranger. Frankie reported that her father is doing very well.

Irma and John Miller went to Dallas to church Sunday and visited with their children, Mary Lagow and Rebecca and Steve Lipstraw and their two sons, Steven and Mark. Dave and Kirsten Miller of Houston area and "their children, David Keith and Elizabeth, were there with us," Irma reports.

Jim and Marla Alexander and boys of Richardson spent the weekend with James and Jean Alexander.





