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VILLAGE MARKET RECOGNIZED BY C.P.I.S.D.—The local school representatives presented a plaque to Village Market in appreciation of their cooperation. Those present were Kathy Chesshir (Volunteer Program Co-ordinator) (from left), Margie Sowell

(Elementary Principal), Randall Wite (District Manager for Village Market), Delores Garrett (Volunteer), Lee Thompson (Superintendent), Jerry Wood (Local Store Manager), and Pat Stephens (Teacher Co-ordinator).

Village Market Appreciation

It's been four years since the "Teacher's

Helpers" program began an extremely successful cooperative program between the Cross Plains School District and one of Cross Plains' businesses, the Village Market. The program which was begun by former Cross Plains math teacher Debi Strickler, has been monitored by Cross Plains' early childhood teacher Pat Stephens. A valuable aide to Mrs. Stephens is Delores Garrett, who volunteers to count the receipts.

Village Market volunteers 1 percent of its total sales towards purchasing needed equipment, materials, etc. requested by the faculty at Cross Plains school. Among the many objects purchased through the program is a Macintosh computer with CD ROM and printer, an Ellison letter press with alphabet set and various other dies, history books (Adventure Tales of America), and 8 roll colored paper rack, 6 overhead projectors, 2 oak storage chests, 2 Apple II GS computers and a set of Saxon math books.

This is an important program and the public is encouraged to continue their support by either sending their Village Market grocery receipts to school or if it's more convenient, place your receipts in the marked box at the east end of the foyer of the store. Every faculty member appreciates the public for their efforts and the Village Market for their participation.

Volunteers Available To Counsel Seniors On Medicare

Big Country residents sixty years or over who have questions or problems with their medicare, supplemental insurance, SSI, Social Security Disability, or legal issues concerning advance directives, there is free counseling available.

The Area Agency on Aging of West Central Texas Council of Governments has volunteers within their 19-county region to assist individuals with their questions. There is no selling involved.

Individuals can call Jena Price at the Area Agency on Aging office at 915-672-8544 or 1-800-928-2262 for more information.

This program is funded by the Texas Department on Aging.

Colonial Oaks Services

Pioneer Baptist will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, January 29, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

Raise In Sales Tax Wins By Big Margin

By JACK SCOTT

Cross Plains voters went to the polls Saturday and rolled up a substantial majority favoring a half cent increase in the current sales tax, the proceeds of which will be devoted to community development.

The vote was 105 for the levy and 45 against.

A committee of seven, three women and four men, has been named by the City Council to implement the recent enactment. Members of that group, all of whom have agreed to serve, are: Era Lee Hanke, Billie Ruth Loving, Dannes Turner, Albert Lovell, Steve Mack, Keith

Lawrence and Ray Womack.

Those familiar with how it has worked in other Texas towns that voted the sales tax increase, say that several weeks will be required to set the collection process in motion by the State controller's office. Estimates are that the tax will generate about \$18,000 annually for Cross Plains. It is reiterated that no community development project will be undertaken until public meetings have been held and a consensus of the citizenry reached.

Proponents of the proposition passed Saturday have expressed themselves as highly pleased with the election's outcome, pointing out that seven out of every ten voters gave it their endorsement.

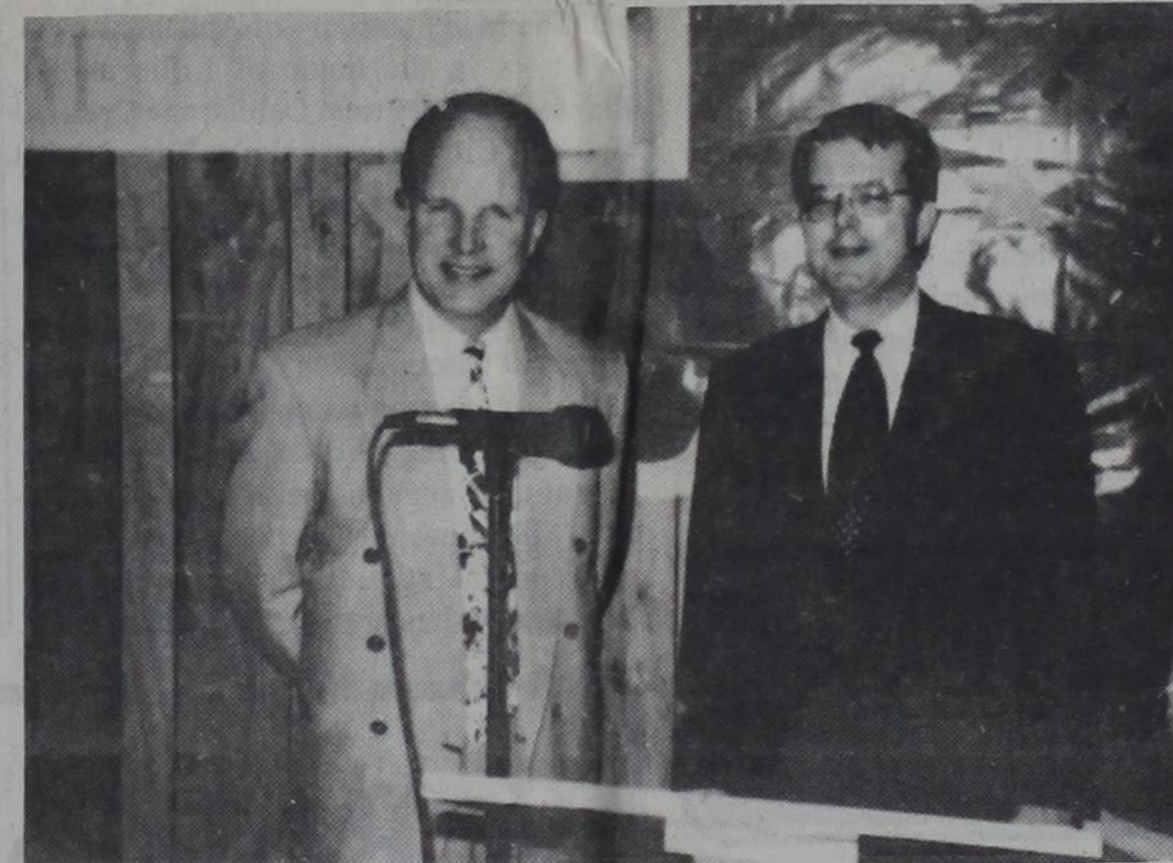
Callahan County Jail Passes Inspection 2 Consecutive Years

Sheriff Eddie G. Curtis is proud to announce that the Callahan County Jail submitted to the Callahan County Commissioner's, a Certificate of Compliance received from Texas Jail Standards.

The Callahan county Jail had its yearly inspection by the Texas Jail Standards on December 14, 1994 and passed. This makes two years in a row that the jail has passed. The jail passed in December of

1993 and prior to that date, the jail had not passed inspection since March of 1988.

Sheriff attributes the compliance of the Texas Jail Commission to the joint effort with the County Judge and the County Commissioner's. Sheriff Curtis also states that the hard work by the deputies and the jail administrator, Anita Buchanan. All in all, it takes a lot of hard work from everyone to operate this facility the way that it should be.



1995 MEMBERSHIP DINNER—Jim McCurdy, guest speaker (left) was enjoyed by locals at the Project Pride

annual banquet. Dr. Travis Summerlin (right) was the master of ceremonies for the evening.

Project Pride Annual Membership Dinner Well Attended

Members and guests of Project Pride were encouraged with prospects for success after speaker, Jim McCurdy, shared some of his secrets at the annual membership dinner held Tuesday evening at the Community Center. Approximately 110 were in attendance.

Dr. Travis Summerlin served as master of ceremonies and introduced the guest speaker, Mr. McCurdy of Abilene. Most people in this area recognize him as the weekend news anchorman for Abilene's K-TAB television station.

Community Easter Program Planning Begins

It will soon be time for the Cross Plains Community Easter Program. Those who would like to participate and help with the program are encouraged to attend a meeting Sunday, February 5 at 3:00 p.m. at The First United Methodist Church in Cross Plains.

Don Roath will be there with the music and script. "More singers and actors are needed for the program," remarked Gene Dillard, president for the group.

Callahan County Junior Livestock Show Slated January 26, 27, And 28

The Annual Callahan County Junior Livestock Show will begin on January 26 at 5:00 p.m. with the judging of the rabbits and poultry.

John Straley, of Oplin, is President of the Callahan County Junior Livestock Association and he said that entries are expected to number about 500 this year from the various FFA Chapters and 4-H Clubs in the County.

Other officers of the association are Eddie Johnson, Vice-President, Carolyn Taylor, Secretary and Ed Brady, Treasurer.

Superintendents for this year's show are: Beef Cattle, Jimmy Seider and Richey Crow; Market Lambs, Charlie Palmer and Don Harris; Market Swine, Richey Carey, Jimmy Clark and Eddie Lewis; and Poultry and Rabbits, Pam Harris and B.P. Stephenson.

Judging of the rabbits and poultry will begin at 5:00 p.m. on the 26th with J.E. Moore of Abilene doing the judging. All participants must be checked in by 4:30 p.m. on the 26th.

Judging will begin at 8:00 a.m. on the 27th with the Breeding Swine Show followed by the Market Swine Show. Jimmy Strube of Garden City is judging

the Breeding and Market Swine.

At 1:00 p.m. on the 27th, Preston Farris of Sonora, will start judging the Breeding Sheep followed by the Market Lambs.

There will be a Dairy Goat Exhibition following the Market Lambs show on Friday the 27th.

On the afternoon of the 27th from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. all steers and heifers will be classified and weighed. Judging of the Beef Cattle will get under way at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday morning the 28th with the Breeding Heifer Show to be judged by Ronnie Vineyard of Lampassas. Vineyard will also judge the steers starting at 9:00 a.m. Following the Steer Show, a Bar-B-Que Lunch will be served followed by the Premium Auction at 2:00 p.m. The Awards Presentation of all the trophies for the champion animals will be held prior to the premium sale auction to be conducted by Ronnie Vinson of Clyde.

Announcers for the 3 day show will be Jack Corn, James Trammell, Dick Vestal and Tim Stone.

Officials of the Show would like to invite everyone out for all or part of the Show and support the young folks of Callahan County.

"Robert E. Howard"

By ROXY GORDON

Cross Plains, Texas, impressed me when I was a kid. I thought it looked like a real old western town. Years later, when I was traveling the west, I discovered I was right. Towns in Wyoming reminded me of Cross Plains.

About 1971, Judy and I were visiting John and Minerva Allen and their kids at Lodge Pole, Montana, up on the res. Comic books lay around the house. Judy found one she really liked, "Conan the Barbarian". Conan had muscles and long hair, wore little clothing. Conan lived in some forgotten prehistory, a world born, evolved and dead before the dawn of cavemen history, it seemed. Not even land masses were the same as now. Now forgotten, but then very real, gods ruled. It was a brutal world of huge swords, horses, precious jewels and metals, outlaws and pirates, forgotten kingdoms and lost empires. Conan spent his time slashing someone with his sword, consuming alcohol, groping scantily clad women and chasing money, either by theft or as a mercenary.

A few months later when we moved to New Mexico, Conan was all around. In comic books, as well as paperback prose. Reading both, I found sketches of the creator. Conan was created by a prolific depression-era pulp fiction writer named Robert E. Howard. And, Holy Cow, he was from Cross Plains, Texas. Not only was he born and raised in Cross Plains, he spent his life there and ended it there at a comparatively young age. I gathered-up memories of Cross Plains and just couldn't get it. How did the guy make this fantasy of complex, foreign, dead worlds from a lifetime in Cross Plains? A big man who seemed to have spurned any real work, he was said to have spent his entire life living with his parents. I slotted him as a big sissy with strange imagination.

Then I forgot Conan. A little goes a long way, anyway. But Conan came back. The big, popular movies came out. Conan pizza places appeared. Newspapers and magazines carried articles about Howard. None revealed much more than I already knew. I still had no real idea who he might have been and wasn't much interested.

A few months ago, J.C., my kid who works in a bookstore, brought his mother an autobiographical novel by Howard. "Post Oaks and Sand Roughs" covers his first few years out of high school, talks about Cross Plains (he calls Lost Plains) and Brownwood (Redwood). It seemed stiffly written, much in the pop style of the time. It lay around the house. I picked it up a couple of days ago and started to read, finishing in a couple of hours. It is a valuable insight into who he was and why in the world he did what he did. A sissy, Howard was not. Like Conan, he was big, but no living human being could possibly be so big as Conan. Like Conan, he was combative and sometimes aggressive. He loved to box and loved boxing. He mentions watching a Brownwood boxing match between Jack Goss (Jack Doss) and Roughhouse Williams (Soldier Boy "Tuffy" Wright), Williams being from nearby Coalton (Coleman). Like Conan, Howard cared a good deal for strong drink.

In many ways, Howard reminds me of myself just out of high school, almost forty years later, always thinking and talking about writing, trying to discern what a writer might be, how a writer might approach life and experience. He also strangely pre-shadowed the work of one of the most influential writers of mid-century. Twenty years before Jack Kerouac began his cycle of autobiographical novels, novels of artistic searching, pseudonymed friends, and the road, Howard hung-out with young writer friends, talked life, love and literature and longed for the road. The end of the novel has Howard boarding a bus to go for the sake of going. Kerouac spent a lifetime doing such. Howard, in reality, never did.

And, in the novel, I found the answer to my central question about Howard. Why did a country boy from Cross Plains create such a foreign, fantastic world to write about? Because, he explained to a friend in the novel, he'd never been away from Cross Plains and Brownwood, knew nothing of the world beyond. Therefore, he felt safer to create a world about which critics could not say he wrote from ignorance. He wrote of a world where he knew everything. It existed completely, and only, inside his own head.

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The following article was written by Mabel F. Halsell. It consists of the article "Blind Or Not Blind", which was published in a church newspaper. An addition has been made.

One of the most talented and deeply spiritual of the nineteenth century was Fanny J. Crosby. Recently I found a book in my library, entitled, "----Gospel Hymn Book". In looking through it, I found the story of her writing, "Some Day The Silver Chord Will Break". Part of this story has been added to the original article.

Seated on a porch in a New York hotel, a friend was telling her about the beauty of a sunset, in such beautiful language, maybe, even she, though blind could discern it. He depicted the beautiful hues, and the glowing light, with such language that she might see the sunset as he saw it, but she was seeing beyond the sunset and was thus inspired to write:

Someday when fades the golden sun
Beneath the rosy tinted west,
My Blessed Lord will say, "Well done"
And I shall enter into rest.

Blind But Not Blind

"I will praise Thee, because I am fearfully and wonderfully made," so sang David after praising God for His all-seeing eye in providing for his well-being. Psalm 139: With our sense of seeing, we behold God's blessings. Blindness is a handicap; or is it?

Fanny J. Crosby was blind from six weeks of age. Her contribution of over 6000 hymns revealed a certain sight she had. She was born in New York in 1820 and died in 1915. At fifteen, she entered New York's Institute for the Blind. Her teachers encouraged her to write poetry. She became a teacher in the institute in 1847. At thirty-eight, she married Alexander Van Alstyne, a blind musician, who also became a teacher in the institute.

Her testimony may well have been, "Savior More Than Life To Me", "When You Rescued The Perishing" I was not overlooked. I cried out to Thee, "Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior" and You heard and answered me. She may have said, I have the "Blessed Assurance" the I am "Safe In The Arms Of Jesus". I live "Near The Cross" where Jesus forgave all my sins and the sins of all who believe in Him. How I am thinking "Some Day The Silver Chord Will Break" then "What A Gathering Of The Faithful That Will Be".

Some day my physical blindness will be no hindrance, nor handicap.

COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT

Bill Johnson presiding

Misdemeanor Filings
Charged with TPC (theft of property by check): Paulette Alexander, Inethol Slaughter.

Misdemeanor Minutes
Abel Lopez, TPC, \$10 fine \$173 court costs.
Billie J. Simmons, TPC, \$10 fine \$160 court costs.
W.H. Pursley, Jr., TPC, \$10 fine \$173 court costs.
Terri Davis, TPC, \$10 fine \$173 court costs.
Donna Boyd, TPC, \$10 fine \$160 court costs.

NEW VEHICLES
James & Linda Foster, Abilene, GMC PU.
Bettejoe & Donald Pendleton, Caddo,

Dodge PU.
Elton & June Robins, Abilene, Dodge Van.
Robert Shipley, Temple, Dodge Housecar.
Kathy Collinsworth, Breckenridge, Chev Van.
Loren Williams, Albany, Chev PU.
Joe & Kerri Helm, Abilene, Chev PU.
Don Harrell, Abilene, Chev 4 dr.
Ricky & Gena Rone, Gorman, Ply Van.
Donna & Lisa Dabney, Abilene, Eagle 4 dr.
Brenda Lane, Cisco, Chev 4 dr.
David Lebsack, Abilene, Ply 2 dr.

42nd DISTRICT COURT

John Weeks presiding

Civil Filings
Brent Stephens vs Clarence Milliom DBA Country Critters, suit to recover exemplary damages.
Divorces filed:
Garcia, Angie Lauren & Mario, and in the interest of minor children.
White, Benji Paul & Angela Christine.

TORNADO VICTIMS

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no out buildings, barns, or garages.
The application process is now beginning through TMS Group, Inc. You may call 1-800-884-0595 (Toll Free) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Appointments will be made to meet with you in Cross Plains to discuss program guidelines and procedures.

Pancake Recognized By Marines

Marine Cpl. Cody R. Pancake, son of Jackie R. and Nelda M. Pancake of Cross Plains, was recently promoted to his present rank while serving with Weapons Training Battalion, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, California.
Pancake also received a Certificate of Commendation. He was cited for superior performance of duties. He consistently performed his demanding duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner.
The 1992 graduate of Cross Plains High School joined the Marine Corps in December 1992.

OBITUARY

VIRGIL DAWSON

Virgil Dawson, 74, of Cross Plains died Sunday, January 22, 1995, in Amarillo.
Graveside services were held Tuesday at Cross Plains Cemetery directed by Higginbotham Funeral Home. Bob Pipes officiated.
Mr. Dawson was born April 29, 1920 in West Virginia. He was the widower of Pauline Dawson who passed away in 1993. Dawson was an oilfield laborer before retiring.
Survivors include two daughter, Virginia Roby and Carolyn Young both of Amarillo, seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

BILLY JOE GREGG

RISING STAR—Billy Joe Gregg, 60, died Tuesday, January 17, 1995, in a San Antonio hospital.
Services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday in Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel in Cross Plains with Dick Williams and Gary Adams officiating. Burial was in Cross Cut Cemetery.
Mr. Gregg was born in Cross cut and was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean conflict. He married Donna Gardner in 1974 in Rising Star and worked as an oilfield well serviceman. He was a Ma-

son and a Baptist.
Survivors include his wife, of Rising Star; four sons, Jimmy Gregg and Tony Gregg, both of North Carolina, Lamar Gregg of Grapevine and Todd Herring of Rising Star; his father and stepmother, Eldon and Lavada Gregg of Granbury; one sister, Cathy DeLaRosa of Abilene; and five grandchildren.

MAURICE ATWOOD

Maurice Havins Atwood, 88, past president of the Callahan County school board, died Sunday, January 22, 1995, at a local hospital.
Services were held at 3 p.m. Tuesday at North's Funeral Home Chapel, 242 Orange, with the Rev. H.B. Terry officiating. Burial was in Potosi Cemetery.
Mr. Atwood was born and grew up in Cross Plains. He farmed at Potosi and Oplin for more than 50 years, then moved to Abilene in 1978. He worked at Tom's Tire World for 15 years. He was a Baptist and a member of the Callahan County school board for more than 10 years. He married Veda Breeding in 1934 in Potosi.
Survivors include his wife, of Abilene; one daughter, Reba (Mrs. Tom) Ceniglis of Abilene; one brother, N.V. Atwood of Lawn; one sister, Clemmie Taylor of Midland; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Handicapped Accessible Sidewalks Retrofitted In Cross Plains, Clyde And Baird

Some nineteen sidewalks in Clyde, Baird and Cross Plains will be retrofitted for handicapped accessible with the awarding of a bid to Zack Burkett Co. of Graham by the Texas Department of Transportation.

Joe Higgins, with the Texas Department of Transportation in Hamlin, said Zack Burkett of Graham was awarded the low bid of \$178,481.58 to retrofit some 250 sidewalk ramps in five counties of the Big Country including Callahan County. The bid was let in August 1994, Higgins said. The project completion date is in 79 days.
Higgins said of the 250 sidewalk ramps being installed in the five counties of the Big Country, 19 are located in Callahan County. He said some eight handicapped ramps will be installed in downtown Clyde on Spur 189. Currently, a work crew from Burkett is in Clyde installing the handicapped accessible ramps.

Higgins said another seven handicapped ramps will be installed in Baird and four ramps will be constructed in Cross Plains.
Higgins said the project to retrofit the sidewalks for handicapped accessible is being brought about by the American Disabilities Act.

Selected Scriptures

After Job had prayed for his friends, the Lord made him prosperous again and gave him twice as much as he had before.
— Job 42:10
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Cottonwood News

By BEVERLY BROWN

Newly elected board officers for the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group are Walter Thomason and Joe Lawrence. Holdover board members are Isla Stroud, Lydia Williams, Don Gillian and Barbara Albrecht. Fire Chief is Cliff VanDerlinden, secretary-treasure, Lydia Williams and dispatchers are Barbara Albrecht and Gayla Creamer. The members of the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group are planning a fundraiser for April 8. A meeting for finalizing the activities, will be held at the home of Barbara and Walter Thomason on Friday, January 27 at 10:30 a.m. All members are urged to attend.

Sing-Spiration Night services will be held at the Cottonwood Baptist Church on Sunday evening, January 29 at 7:00. Sing-Spiration Night is a time of sharing testimony in song and praising the Lord for the many blessings He has bestowed upon us. A fellowship and refreshments will follow in the annex building.

Mrs. Virginia Durst of Mason was here on Friday and Saturday to see her mother,

Mrs. Clara McInnis and attended the Cottonwood musical.

Ashleigh and Jami Scott of Lewisville spent the weekend with their grandparents, Norma and Harold Strahan.

Family members and relatives gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Brown in Abilene on Tuesday, January 17 for the funeral of Annie R. Brown were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Brown of Cottonwood; Joe C. Brown of Sacramento, California; Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Bybee and Bill Brown of Anaheim, California; Michael Bybee of Garden Grove, California; Mr. and Mrs. Pete Williams of Big Springs; Albert Harris and Allene Jett of Mineral Wells; Wes Hambrick of Proctor; Mae Bell Clark; and Ella Mae Stansbury of Abilene.

Visitors in the home of Lillie and Blanton Childers were Delilah and Cecil Goble of Cross Plains; Violet Edwards, Don and La Vern Ballinger of Cisco and Richard Ballinger of Eastland. Last Tuesday R.D. and Sharon Childers and Rachell Childers and baby, Hayley Manda of Cisco, visited with the folks.

We wish to express our sincere sympathy to the Gregg Williams family in the loss of their grandmother, Lona Milner. Mrs. Milner passed away on January 16 and funeral services were held on Wednesday, January 18 in Cross Plains.

COLONIAL OAKS NURSING HOME NEWS

By LINDA EDINGTON
Activity Director

Mary Keele reports that she went out this past weekend with Wilma Lawrence and had a very nice lunch at Wilma's daughter-in-law's house, Leslie Lawrence. They enjoyed reminiscing together about good times.

We extend our love and sincere sympathy to Gaynelle Callaway on the loss of her father. We love you Gaynelle.

It's good that Reba Lane is doing fine after her foot surgery.

Robert and Mildred Avery from Lubbock visited Everett Wright.
Teri Coburn and Gwen Christian from Dallas visited Clara Coburn.

Peggie Pecchioni from Abilene and Cookie Robinson from Clyde visited Nettie Clark and Inez Ingram.

Activities during the week:
Monday: Bingo winners were: Mary Keele (4), Midge McCall (2), Allie Dickson (2), Bertha Wheeler, Sylvia Smith, Gertie Powell, Dorothy Thomas and Suma Dill. Exercise class.

Tuesday: Art class. Popcorn and dominoes.

Wednesday: Sing-a-long with Bob Wallace. Exercise class.

Thursday: Bingo winners were: Mildred Ford (2), Vera Belyeu (2), Dorothy Thomas, Midge McCall, Gertie Powell and Allie Dickson. Afternoon with Vernon Falkner and his harmonica.

Friday: Sit-down-basketball. Afternoon singing with Bob Wallace.

Sunday: Pioneer Baptist.
The dawning of a new day is like having a second chance.

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Billie Helen Pittman
Beverly Wright
Adriana Monreal

JANUARY 28
Tommy Brown
Mrs. Albert Lovell
Mrs. Ruben Belyeu
Chuck Pennell

JANUARY 29
Leeland Watson
Mrs. Rayola Roberts
Kimberly Wilson
Douglas Proctor
Jimmy Chesshir
Mrs. Charlie McCowen
Mrs. Frank Bartek
Ilda Jimenez
Lindsey Barnett
Heather Montgomery

JANUARY 30
Bailey Wilson
Becky McKeehan
Charlotte Fleming
Tracy Archer
Harry D. Lee
Cory Switzer
Carol Havens
Ricky Rucker
Whitney Kirkham
Holli Shults
Lester Paul King

JANUARY 31
Leslie (Wyatt) Horan
Mrs. James Alexander
Billie Perry
Ione Breeding
Mrs. Bill Belyeu
Mrs. Vernon Bullard
Betty Duncan
Patty Ruth Carlile
Ellen (Reynolds) Carpenter
Norman Beck

FEBRUARY 1
Billy Don Bennett
Freddie Johnston
Rusty Reed
Dr. Moreland Baldwin
Debby Gilland
Harold Ingram
Clay Richardson
Dan Byers
Gretchen Wagner
Mrs. Bob Illingworth
Kenny Foster

FEBRUARY 2
Ruby Brooks
Sherri Pillans
Wilburn Newman
Susan Harris
Dale Bishop
Robert Callaway
Clarence Region
Kathy Jo Fussell Kerns
Joyce Jones
Cynthia Montgomery McCaghren
Johnny McCaghren
Sammy Gene Gardner, Jr.

Minute Musings

By ESTHLOY S. DICKSON

The weather is a pleasant subject to start with this morning. The sunshine is a welcome sight and there is no wind blowing.

My daughter, Joan Elizabeth, came on Saturday and stayed through the weekend with me. I've surely enjoyed her visit. She always does some cleaning and rearranging throughout my little house. We went to church on Sunday morning and enjoyed the services there. I'm enjoying some 'new duds' which she brought, from Nathan, Paul and Gloria.

I enjoyed my chat with Betty Beggs. Her granddaughters, Nikki and Ashley

Beggs, played basketball in Cross Plains Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. On Wednesday Betty attended an Art Class Meeting in Coleman. Saturday evening she enjoyed dinner with son, Rex and family at the Homestead Cafe at Pioneer.

Ms. Jewel Foster didn't have any special news this morning. Her children visit her often and she enjoys having them nearby.

Sally Roady reported for her family this morning. They talked on the telephone with Cindy in Missouri. They had received fourteen inches of snow there. They talked to Art and Bertie in Abilene and to Bob and Sue McNeil in Brownwood. N.A. and Ghetti were in Baird for his birthday.

Burkett News

By LOVERA STRICKLAND AND FREEDA BURKETT

The Burkett Adams Cemetery Association received \$20 from Mrs. Era V. Collins and Leta Dagley in memory of Leta's sister and Era V.'s niece, Virginia Gray Smith who passed away December 25, 1994 and burial was in the Burkett Cemetery December 27. Virginia was the daughter of the late Clyde and Callie Gray and the granddaughter of the late Billy and Effie Henderson.

Recent visitors of Clairene Edgar were her daughter-in-law, Linda Newton and grandson, Tod Newton of Brownwood. They also visited their aunt and uncle, Virgil and Freeda Burkett.

Basil Dunlap was able to return home Monday after entering the Coleman Hospital Thursday night of last week. We send get well wishes to him.

Mike Brady has been a patient at Abilene Regional Hospital twice recently where he underwent surgery each time he was a patient there. We send get well wishes to him and hope he will be recuperating at home soon.

Grace Green recently received a telephone call from her friend, Zella Strickland Thompson of Snyder. Zella wanted to catch up on the news of her many relatives and friends here.

Lillian Brown has been on the sick list the past week and also Don Byers.

Virgil and Freeda Burkett and her sister, Clairene Edgar were recent visitors of Mrs. Annie Merle Trent of Coleman re-

cently and enjoyed a delicious luncheon with her.

Melba Walker, Mildred Lowe and Clairene Edgar attended the V.F.W. musical in Coleman Friday night. Mildred and Clairene also attended the Cottonwood Musical Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. George Coffey of Amarillo have been spending some time at their home in Burkett. We are always pleased to have them in our community.

Recent visitors of Grace Green were her son Frank Green and wife, Ladell and daughter Kelli of Goodyear, Arizona. They also visited their uncle and aunt, Low and Liz Golson and Aunt Beth Kleiber and family.

Bob and Beth Kleiber has their granddaughter Alice Rose, spend Thursday with them. They returned her home Thursday night to Novice. Saturday they attended her first birthday party at Novice.

Lucille Creek and Viola Maples of Coleman visited in Burkett Monday afternoon.

Last Wednesday, Lovera Strickland attended a Postmasters Leadership Meeting in Brownwood. While there Jack and Lovera met Eureka and Jody Whiteley of San Saba. They had supper together and a nice visit.

Jorie Nanny of Coleman spent Monday with her grandparents Bill and Addie Walker.

Food Plaza

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Whoever invented patience must have had a lot of time to kill!

I suppose it would be easier to have patience if we did have a lot of "time to kill." We live in a "hurrier-scurrier" accented society, I believe, than has ever existed before. If people don't quit inventing so many timesaving devices, we soon won't even have enough time to hurry!

Well, because of our busyness we need to listen to writers of the greatest book on psychology, the Bible — to inspired-by-God writers like James — all the more. Not only does he say out and out, "Be patient; be patient!" — he asks, "For what is life?" Then he answers his own question: "It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away." That's not for very long! We ought to live in the shadow of the fact that we don't know what tomorrow holds, and thus say, "If the Lord is willing I will do thus and so..."

If you are like me, you don't have "time to kill." But if we don't learn patience, time might kill us. Let us do as the Highway Patrol suggest: "Slow down and live!" Helen Steiner Rice said if she had it to do over, she would even stop more often and smell the roses. Surely we ought to stop more often and smell God's love and goodness — and ponder about eternity...

Come grow in patience with us. We really do care about you, too.

Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. — "An Adulteress Sees The Light"
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C.P. STUDENT REVIEW

By CAROLATCHLEY, REPORTER

J.V. - Varsity Lady Buffs Basketball

The Cross Plains Junior Varsity and Varsity Lady Buffs finished the first half of District 29-A competition by hosting Eula's Lady Pirates on January 17. As always in a Cross Plains/Eula clash, the gym was packed with supporters of both teams raising the rafters with vocal support.

In the J.V. contest, Cross Plains had a difficult time in getting the ball to fall in the hole losing by a 41-21 count. "We

played well, as far as getting up and down the court," Coach John Starcher said. "We committed too many turnovers and just did not hit the shots!" In the scoring categories, Shanna Hutton hit for 12 points, Karen Dunn put in 5, and Kimberly Ratliff added 4. Melissa Clark, Nikki Beggs, and Donna Besselaar also helped in the cause. The J.V. girls currently stand at 1-12 on the year, but they are a determined group of young ladies to give their best each night.

The Varsity group has been playing very well of late but just haven't been able to crack the win column. With tough overtime losses to Rising Star and Gorman, and a hard battle with Eula, the Lady Buffs continue to give their best on the court. "I'm very proud of these girls," stated Starcher. "We have close team unity and, despite the losses, have dedicated ourselves to improvement in our program."

In the Eula contest, the Lady Pirates used a strong second and third quarter to down Cross Plains by a 52-35 score. Senior Tonya Stover poured in 16 points to lead the Lady Buffs while Amanda McGuire added 9, Whitney Kirkham scored 6 and Malysa Sowell pumped in 4. Amber Williams, Misty Strickland, Jaonna Harris, Amy Strength and Renee Atchley all helped in the team's efforts.

Jr. High Girls Basketball

By COACH MITCHELL ATCHLEY

Both the 7th and 8th grade girls played Rising Star last Monday. In the 7th grade game the score was Cross Plains 20 Rising Star 11. The girls played hard and have improved all year. In the first game against Rising Star the girls lost by 1 point so the girls had a little incentive to play harder this time. All the girls took part in the victory. Scoring for the Junior High Lady Buffs was Natasha Webb with 8 points including 6 out of 8 free throws. Scoring 2 points each were Jennifer Brame, Nikki Bushnell, Mary Jo Nickerson, Tabby Clark, Brandi Richey and Melinda Richardson. Adding to their victory was a lot of hustle and good defense by Jody Payne, Brittany Bennett, Ann Stephenson, Amber Taff, Christy Beaty and Stephanie Childers.

In the 8th grade game the Junior High Lady Buffs won 29-18. This was the second victory over Rising Star. The girls jumped out to a 14-2 first quarter lead and never looked back. Leading the way for the Junior High Lady Buffs was Laura Ricci with 8 points, Jolena Fleming scored 7 points, Amanda Dillard with 6 points, Liz McCarty 4 points, and Lea Jean Wyatt and Mindy Mitchell 2 points each.

Both teams have two more district games left. They played Gorman Monday and then finish out the year at Eula January 30.

Friday, January 27, is the final home game of the '94-'95 Lady Buff's season. They host Rising Star in four games beginning at 4:00 p.m. this is also the last home appearance for the four Senior leaders: Atchley, Williams, Strength and Stover. Come on out and encourage the team with your support.

8th Grade Tournament Results

By COACH MITCHELL ATCHLEY

The 8th grade girls took part in the 8th grade basketball tournament this past weekend finishing in 2nd place. In the first game the girls beat Santa Anna 31-4. Leading the attack was Laura Ricci with 14 points and Ashley Beggs and Jolena Fleming contributing 6 points each. Scoring 2 points each were Whitney Giles and Mindy Mitchell. Other girls playing a role in the victory were Amanda Dillard, Lea Jean Wyatt, Jessica Childers, Liz McCarty and Brandy Hutton.

In the second game the girls lost 26-21 to DeLeon, it was a closely fought game with DeLeon prevailing to win the game. The girls played hard but too many missed free throws and too many missed shots led to their defeat. Scoring for the girls was Laura Ricci with 9 points, Mindy Mitchell with 8 points and Ashley Beggs with 4 points. The girls have 2 more games left in the season with Gorman and then Eula.

Attention — Exit Level TAAS Test

Individuals who are no longer enrolled in a Texas Public School and who wish to register to retake the exit level TAAS Test, and individuals who wish to take the TEAMS Test, may pick up a registration packet at any high school campus, district central office, or education service center. The test registration form

Buffalo Basketball Update

By COACH BILL BOYD

The Cross Plains Buffaloes, find themselves in second place as the first half of the district 29-A race reaches the halfway point. In the Buffs only game last week Eula defeated Cross Plains 60-48. With 2:41 to play this was a three point game but we had to foul Eula late and to their credit they hit all of their free throws but one.

Brock Walker led all scorers with 18 points and 4 assists. Matt Reed had 12 points and 16 rebounds. This game in my opinion came down to missed opportunities. We hit a dismal 12 of 26 from the free throw line. We also missed 14 shots underneath the basket in the second half. Don't get me wrong, the kids tried hard. Their heart and head were in the right place we just didn't make our shots.

We still have an excellent opportunity to make the playoffs. I will be very disappointed if we don't! This is a fun group of kids to work with. They are so youthful I never really know what to expect. The only thing I demand from this group is to play hard! Playing hard can overcome a lot of shortcomings.

Our J.V. played one of their best games of the year but, were defeated by Eula 50-48 at the buzzer. Dusty Hargrove led Cross Plains with 18 points and 16 rebounds. Jarad Richards scored 17 points and was 3 of 5 from the three-point line. This group will be participating in the Zephyr J.V. Tourney this weekend.

A special thanks to all the workers the past two weekends at the 7th and 8th grade tournaments. I realize your time is valuable and I appreciate all you do for the kids. Let's have a great crowd Friday night as we host Rising Star in a pivotal district game.

Voices Unmasked To Visit Cross Plains School

Voices Unmasked will provide an informative program for youths 7th through 12th Grades at the Cross Plains High School Auditorium Tuesday, January 31 beginning at 2:30 p.m. No one under the 7th grade age may attend, as another program for elementary students will be presented at a later time. The public is invited to attend.

Voices Unmasked is a special effort of the Drug Free Schools and Communities Project of Region 14. Because adolescents need more than informational lectures and the "just say no" method to prevent self-destructive behaviors, they have chosen a creative approach to prevention. Music and drama have always been used to help express emotions and communicate feelings, and they are powerful tools for confronting issues that face teens.

must be completed and returned in the pre-addressed envelope and must be received in Iowa City, Iowa, no later than 10 p.m., February 14, 1995. In Cross Plains you may pick up a registration form from Mr. McDermott the Cross Plains high school counselor.

overall winner. Winners will be announced and presented awards at the Valentine Parade.

All photos except the top winners may be picked up in the auditorium following the Valentine Parade. Winners' photos will be published in the *Cross Plains Review* and returned.

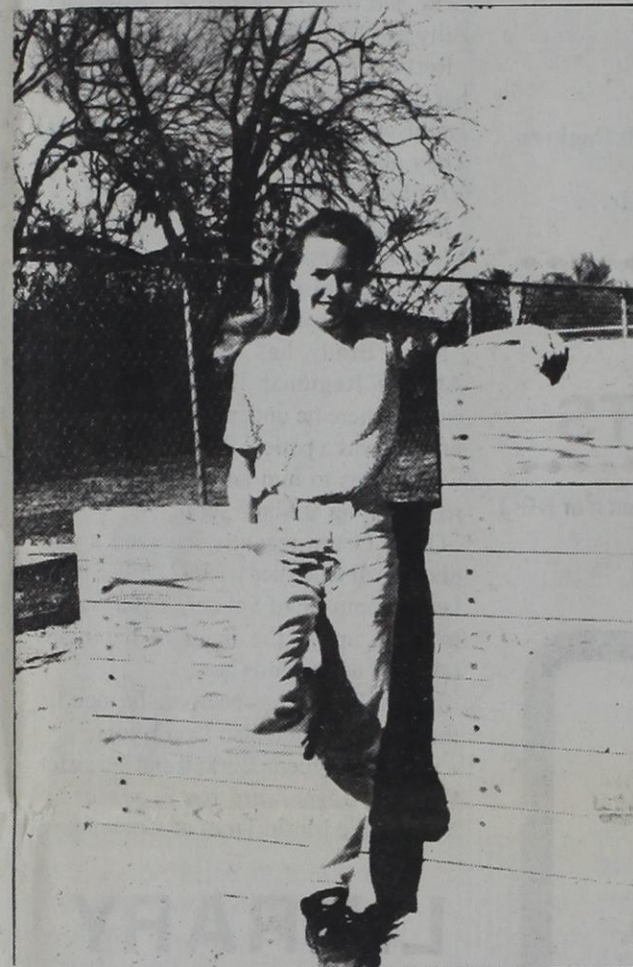
Photos and fees must be in no later than Monday, February 6. Photos, fees and registration forms may be returned to Nora Odom or Dora Smith at Cross Plains School. Contact Nora Odom 725-6840 or Wanda Merryman 725-6476.



TONYA STOVER



BROCK WALKER



SANDI BOWDEN



JADEN WINFREY

Students Of The Month Selected

Four new students were recently selected by the faculty as Students of the Month. At the high school level Brock Walker and Tonya Stover were the faculty's choice.

Tonya is the senior daughter of Reggy and Dianna Stover. Seventeen year old Tonya has been involved in a variety of activities over her high school years including band 2 years, basketball 4 years, track 3 years, FFA 4 years (President her Senior year), Vice President of National Honor Society, Junior Class Vice President, Senior class President and is regularly on the honor roll. Outside of school, Tonya likes to participate in junior rodeos and in 91-92 she was selected as Rodeo Sweetheart.

Brock is a junior this year. He is the son of Randy and Vickie Walker. Brock is also seventeen and involved in many activities. In football (3 years) he has been recognized as 2nd team All-district quarterback, honorable mention defensive back, 1st team quarterback, 2nd team defensive back. In his 3 year basketball career he was selected as 1st team all district in both 92-93 and 93-94. He also was in track 1 year, on the Parliamentary Procedure Team, Dairy Products Team, Secretary of the National Honor Society, a member of the former

PALS program and a 3 year cast member of the One Act Play.

Representing the junior high are two seventh graders, Sandi Bowden and Jaden Winfrey.

Sandi is the twelve year-old daughter of Brad and Iris Bowden. She likes studying Spanish, her favorite subject. Outside of school Sandi likes to ride her bicycle and enjoys her free time.

Jaden Winfrey, age thirteen, is the son of Mike and Lisa Winfrey. As a 7th grader, Jaden played football, basketball and plans on being on the track team. Out of school Jaden likes to ride four wheelers and work with cattle.

School Annuals Sold Thursday, January 26

Cross Plains School annuals will be sold on Thursday, January 26 at the local campus. Forms to order annuals were given to students earlier in the week and the fee of \$20 each must be turned in on Thursday. If you need additional information contact Peggy Bailey 725-6123.

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MONDAY — Corn dogs, pickle spears, chips, diced peaches, and milk.

TUESDAY — Ham slices, scalloped potatoes, green peas, rolls, jelly, and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Tacos, corn, salad, Jello, and milk.

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FRIDAY — Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, fries, Rice Krispie bars, and milk.

Miss Valentine Parade And Photogenic Contest Upcoming

The Miss Valentine Parade is scheduled for Saturday, February 11th, at the Cross Plains I.S.D. Auditorium. Entry forms have been distributed at school and need to be returned no later than Tuesday, January 31.

The winners of Kindergarten, First and Second Grades will be announced early in the program and the participants may leave at this time.

If you have any questions call Judy Luter 725-7222 or Joyce McCoy 725-6658.

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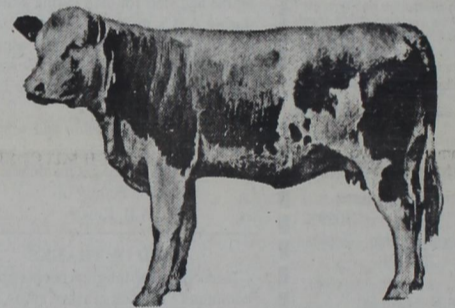
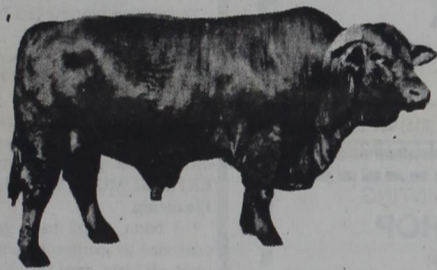
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LOCATION STRAY ANIMAL FOUND:

Owner: Mr. Elvis Scott Address: Rt. 1 Box 70 Cross Plains, Callahan Co. Texas, 76443 Telephone: 817-725-7524 Approximate Location: 1 1/2 miles north on FM 880

LOCATION OF IMPOUNDED ANIMAL:

Person in Charge: Mr. Elvis Scott Address: Rt. 1 Box. 70 Cross Plains, Callahan Co., Texas 76443

DESCRIPTION OF LIVESTOCK:

Breed: unknown Color: black (some white around belly) Sex: female Age: young Weight: @ 650 pounds

Earmarks, Brands and other Identifying Characteristics:

Has yellow ear tag with number on it, claimer must identify number.

This Report Made By: Kirk Beauchamp #125

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Kirk Beauchamp, in and for Callahan County, Texas, who being duly sworn, deposes and says:

That on the 17 day of January, 1995, he was notified by the above described person of the above described livestock which was found running at large in Callahan County, Texas, at the above described location and pursuant to the stock laws of the State of Texas, Chapter Four, Title 121, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas 1925, impounded said livestock, said impoundment being at the above described location.

Eddie G. Curtis by Kirk Beauchamp Sheriff of Callahan County, Texas

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By THELMA LONG

I'm catching up on the news. I learned that recent visitors were, Larmar McMillan, Marie McMillan, Pearl Greenwood's daughter from Odessa, Ora Breeding had two of her sisters, also a brother-in-law, Bea Stephenson, Roy and Fay Huyges. We also had Jerry Walker, Johnny Clower and Mrs. Clower from Lake Brownwood. These two men played some beautiful music and Jerry sang some good old songs like, "You Get a Line, I'll Get a Pole" please come again. Eunice Pointer had her niece, Geneva Bell from Houston visit on Friday. Some who have been sick but are back with us are Elva Woody, Roy Tatom, Alva Key, Micki Dillard. Also Marie Dillard recently had surgery. We miss Marie.

Ethel Sims celebrated her birthday in grand style. Her sister from Andrews and a brother-in-law from Abilene came. They took her to the bank and she had a complete surprise birthday party. Employees, officers and all had the beautiful cake and all the goodies. Our birthdays get better and better as time goes on. Right?

Nash Tucker had a fall on the street one day. He was not seriously hurt. We are thankful. Watch your step friends. Our sidewalks are tricky and curbs are steep.

The council met recently and discussed a new heating system. It was put before our members. All was in favor. It would be nice to get rid of "Old Loud Mouth" (heating unit) and it will make our center much more comfortable.

Come on down Seniors and join us in a nutritional meal and fun times.

Thelma had a nice surprise on Tuesday. Her niece Joy Pruitt from Houston came, also Joyce Benson from Destin, Florida. It was a good day.

Thelma also attended the funeral of a long time friend in Abilene on Saturday and spent the night with her "Bud and Ruth".

We had fun on Friday playing Skip Bo and Chicken Foot. Why not join us next Friday for fun and games.

Enjoy today, it will not come again.

Special Tax Credit For Low-Income Families

By PAUNIECE OGLESBY

The EIC (Earned Income Credit) is a special credit for certain workers. It reduces tax you owe, and it may give you a refund even if you don't owe any tax.

To be eligible for the credit, you must meet the following situations:

- (1) Have a qualifying child under 18 years of age or 21 and a full time student; (2) and your taxable income is less than \$23,755 for one child and \$25,296 for two or more children; (3) if you don't have a qualifying child and you (or your spouse if filing a joint return) is at least 25 years old but under age 65 at the end of 1994; (4) you cannot be claimed as a dependent on another claim; (5) and you lived in the United States more than half of 1994; and (6) your taxable earned income is less than \$9,000.

This year there is a EIC available for taxpayers without children if you meet the guidelines stated above.

The credit can be as much as \$306 if you don't have a qualifying child. If you have a qualifying child, the credit can be as much as \$2,038, and \$2,528 with two or more qualifying children.

The Earned Income Credit was provided to give low-income parents an extra incentive for working and staying off welfare rolls.

Earned Income Credit is the only credit that is refundable. That means it can go to a family whose income is so low that it owes no tax but can receive a refund check of up to \$2,528.

To find out about Earned Income Credit call Pauniece Oglesby (725-6772) to make an appointment with an AARP Tax-Aide Counselor.



KIWANIS GUEST SPEAKER

County Judge Bill Johnson was guest speaker at the January 17 noon meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Cross Plains. He shared his views in regard to jail life for criminals and what it is going to take to help discourage crime.

The annual Kiwanis Club Pancake Supper is scheduled for Thursday evening, March 2, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m., at the high school cafeteria. Money from

pancake ticket sales will help fund projects undertaken by the club. The Kiwanis Club encourages the support of this fund-raiser in order that projects can be accomplished.

Everyone is always welcome to the Kiwanis Club meetings each Tuesday at noon in the Buffalo Room at Dairy Queen. Membership inquiries are welcomed and encouraged.

PIONEER THIS WEEK

By BARBARA POWELL

Have you seen any quail? There's been an unusual absence of quail of any number this year. Normally we have large covys on our place even during quail season. They instinctively know they're safe. On our walks we usually scare up a covey or two. How its rare to see one.

Nell Fleming reported on the Pioneer quilting this week. Jewel Foster's Pineapple Quilt was completed and they were still working on Novella Barton's Double Wedding Ring. Lou Grider installed a Bear Paw and Donna Pickett installed an outside pay yesterday I didn't hear the design.

Novella Barton visited Nell Fleming Thursday afternoon. Wanda and Alvin Flippin along with grandson Jonathon Hubbard visited Saturday afternoon.

Donna and Pee-wee Pickett are proud of new grandson Rielly Blake Hutchins. Brenda and Greg now have three beautiful children. Rielly will have to go some to top Ashlee and Jarrah's charm.

Norma Jean (Huntington) Whitt came from San Antonio for Mrs. Tollerson's services. She spent the night with Jean Fore. Jean said they had the best time.

Frankie and Oliver Smith along with Jean Fore attended the Cottonwood Musical on Friday Night. On Saturday

night, all of them went to the Lake Brownwood Lions Club for their musical. As usual, Frankie said they really enjoyed the music. On Monday, Frankie played bridge at Barbara McCoy's. She didn't win. Oliver beat Frankie six out of nine game of Canasta this week. Says she has no chance with him at all. Frankie attended the Ladies Covered Dish Luncheon Friday at the Lakewood Recreational Club. There were seven ladies in attendance. She and Oliver played Canasta with Dorothy and Wayne Calaway on Monday night. I wonder if Frankie won that time.

Cecil Barton brought Novella a new bathroom heater this weekend. The old one only lasted forty years. She told me about her old freezer that she only had for forty-eight years and it went out and she had to buy a new one. After only five years she had to get something fixed on it. Novella says, "They just don't make things like they used to."

If you didn't figure out how many packages of weiners and buns you would have to buy to come out even, invite me and 39 of your friends over for a barbeque and the problem is solved.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "If your parents never had children, chances are you won't either." Dick Cavett

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County Commissioners News

Callahan County Commissioners awarded the high bid for five pieces of surplus county equipment during a regular Callahan Commissioners' Court meeting Monday, January 9 at the County Courthouse in Baird.

Billy Don Bell of Cross Plains was the high bidder for a 1976 1/2 ton pick-up truck from Commissioner Precinct #2. Seven bids were received on the pick-up truck, with Bell awarded the bid for \$377.

Commissioners awarded the high bid to a 1978 Ford F-800 wrecked truck to R.G. Maxwell of Cross Plains. Maxwell's bid amounted to \$1,553. There were 10 bids received on the item. The truck was surplus equipment from Commissioner Precinct #4.

Bobby Wells, of Ovalo, was awarded the high bid for a 1978 GMC 1/2 ton pick-up truck from Commissioner Precinct #4. Wells bid amounted to \$355.50. There were three bids received on the pick-up truck.

The Commissioners awarded Weldon Lamb, of Cisco, the high bid for a 1969 Chevrolet dump truck from Commissioner Precinct #4. Lamb's bid of \$2,150.30 was the high bid. There were nine bids received on the dump truck.

R.G. Maxwell, of Cross Plains, was awarded the bid for a Series B 118 motor grader from surplus equipment from Commissioner Precinct #4. Maxwell's bid was for \$3,002. There were three bids received on the motor grader.

Other items brought before the Commissioners' Court included:

—Commissioners reviewed and sign the minutes from the previous Commissioners' Court meeting.

—Commissioners arranged for the

Local Pine Derby Races Held Jan. 16

By BRENDA NELSON

Fifteen cars were entered in the Cub Scout Pin Derby Races held January 16. Judges Ray Wommack and James Oscar Koening placed entries in three different categories of Best Appearances as follows:

Most Original-1st Jon Beauchamp; 2nd Cory Beauchamp; 3rd Brandon Phillips
Most Unusual-1st J.D. Cook; 2nd A.J. Carrouth; and 3rd Marcus Harris

Races were ran in heats of 2 cars using the double elimination method. The "Top Dog of the day," to quote Mr. Koening, was Chris Sleiger.

Thomas Dimitri came in at a very close second and Marcus Williams placed third in the races. Blue participation ribbons were awarded to each entrant and as stated by Mr. Koening the cars seem to get better and better each year. Awards for the month were handed out as listed:

Webelos den-Kevin Wilson, athlete; Jason Beauchamp, athlete, forester and fitness; Jon Beauchamp, fitness, showman, communicator, forester, athlete family and compass emblem; Chris Harris, fitness, showman, communicator, forester, athlete, family and compass emblem; Chris Sleiger, fitness, showman, communicator, forester, athlete, family and compass emblem; A.J. Carrouth, fitness, showman, communicator, forester, athlete, family and compass emblem. Incentive prizes for popcorn sales were also distributed. Prizes from the District Council were: Chris Harris and Kevin Wilson, compound bows, patches, hat pins, popcorn buttons and a baseball ink pen; Marcus Williams, crystal radio kit, patch, hat pin, button and ink pen; J.D. Cook and Josh Nelson, frisbees, patches, hat pins, buttons and ink pens; A.J. Carrouth, Thomas Dimitri and Chris Sleiger, patches and hat pins; Jason, Cory and Jon Beauchamp, patches.

The council has a drawing each Friday during sales of boys who sell \$125 worth or one full sheet each week. Marcus won the November 8 drawing. Prize was a travel alarm clock. In addition to District, our local Pack gives incentive prizes to the top 3 local salesmen each year. They were: Chris Harris \$728 sales - 10 speed bicycle prize; Kevin Wilson \$615 sales - Game, boy prize and Marcus Williams \$355 sales - sleeping bag prize.

We have extra popcorn left for sale in four varieties. They are small cans caramel corn, 15 pack regular and buckets of popping corn. If you would be interested in buying more call either Linda at 725-6744, Evelyn at 725-7697 or Brenda at 725-7346.

Next pack meet will be February 20 at 6:30 p.m. We will have our Blue and Gold Banquet during this meet. Each scout should bring 1 meat dish and 1 vegetable, salad or dessert. Rumor has it there may be a magic show for entertainment, so come check it out.

commodity pickup and distribution in Callahan County on Wednesday, January 18.

—Commissioners met with TMS Group in regards to adopting some housing rehabilitation guidelines for the \$350,000 grant awarded to tornado victims in the Cross Plains area.

Commissioners voted to allow County Judge Bill Johnson to sign the housing rehabilitation guidelines once they are compiled by the TMS Group.

The TMS Group is administering the grant for Callahan County. No county funds will be paid to the TMS Group. Instead, the company will be paid from the grant money for administering the program.

Judge Johnson said some 25 families have applied for grant relief from a tornado which damaged homes and businesses in the Cross Plains area in May of 1994.

—Commissioners met with Clarence Million and a Mr. Young in regards to taking in a road for county maintenance. The private road is located south of Bulldog Steel in Commissioner Harold Hicks' Precinct #1.

The private road has only 40 feet of right-of-way, but the county requires 60 feet of right-of-way before a roadway is taken into the county.

Commissioners were informed that Hicks would meet with some eight property owners along the right-of-way to try and reach an agreement.

Judge Johnson said the roadway must be brought up to county standards before the county will maintain the roadway.

—Commissioners voted to elect Precinct #1 Commissioner Hicks as the judge pro-tem for 1995.

—Commissioners voted to approve county official bonds for all elected officials in Callahan County.

—Commissioners voted to pay all approved bills.

Free Income Tax Service

By PAUNIECE OGLESBY

Through the Tax-Aide program, volunteers provide free personal income tax assistance to the Senior Citizens, low-income families and the general public with basic tax returns. Individuals with complicated tax returns will be advised to seek professional tax assistance.

Volunteers are specially trained, in cooperation with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS), to understand those provisions of the tax code that affect Senior Citizens as well as the low and middle income families. Tax-Aide volunteers provide personal, one-on-one assistance to help you complete your federal tax returns, including special rebate programs.

Tax-Aide volunteers are available from February 1 to April 15 each year. There will be only one volunteer working the Cross Plains area using the Multi-Purpose Center on East 8th Street as headquarters. Tax returns will be prepared by APPOINTMENT ONLY so you will need to call the volunteer (Pauniece Oglesby, 817-725-6772) for an appointment. The volunteer in Cross Plains is Pauniece Oglesby. Mrs. Oglesby prefers to volunteer on Tuesdays, but will make appointment on other days if necessary.

When you meet with a Tax-Aide volunteer, you should bring the following: (1) a copy of last year's (1994) income tax return, (2) any W-2 forms you have received showing your income from working, (3) all 1099 forms you have received which show the interest and/or dividends, (4) all 1099-R forms which show all pension monies paid to you, (5) form SSA-1099 which shows the Social Security paid to you, (6) records of any other income you have received, and (7) receipts or cancelled checks for any of your medical/dental expenses and any contributions you have made to charities.

This is a community service available to those stated above and the Tax-Aide volunteers are eager to be of assistance, so please call for an appointment and let me assist you.

PERSONAL

Believer's Fellowship visited Jo Boatright in Baird at Canterbury Villa on Wednesday afternoon, January 4 at 2:30 p.m. to celebrate her birthday early because of the reported coming weather. Jo was "39 and holding"! Susan Sibley, Diana Heizman, Ruby Wallace and Bob Wallace were present. Songs were sung plus Happy Birthday to Jo. She is looking well and good.

Financial Aid Workshop February 9

It is time to begin preparing for financial aid for your students if he/she plans on attending a two or four year college or a vocational school. On February 9, the financial aid director for Cisco Junior College, will do a presentation for parents of our seniors. After the overview of financial aid, she will take senior parents through a financial aid form.

Senior parents who are applying for aid will need to know two things before coming to the presentation: (1) which school your child plans to attend and (2) your 1994 income. The financial aid director will answer questions and help you fill out the form regardless of what school the student is attending. Most schools have deadlines for filing for financial aid and it is important to complete these forms as soon as possible. This meeting is also for out-of-school students interested in financial aid information to attend college.

Please call James McDermott, Counselor, if you need help. Please join us on February 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school library.

Sorority Plans Valentine Parade

The Alpha Rho Zeta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held a bi-monthly meeting at Janice Phillips home on January 9.

Plans for their major annual project, the Miss Valentine Parade, were discussed and will be held on February 11. Theme for this year will be "Light the Way" to coincide with the international sorority theme. Photogenic contest will be held again also.

Members attending were Nora Odum, Joyce McCoy, Sarah Brashear, Wanda Merryman, Jody Finn, Judy Luter and Janice Phillips.

Most members will be advancing to a higher degree, Exemplar, at the next meeting to be held at Joy Gerking's home.

All young ladies in grades K through 8 are encouraged to join the fun and enter the Valentine parade. Both boys and girls from birth through 12th grade can enter the photogenic contest. Sorority members are looking forward to more participants and the best pageant ever!

GTE Speaks To Chamber Of Commerce

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce met in a luncheon meeting on Thursday, January 19, at Collum's Restaurant. The speaker was Durwood Wilkinson, Area Manager for GTE. Also in attendance was Joel Johnson, Local Manager and Charles Watkins, State Public Affairs Director, also of GTE.

Mr. Wilkinson indicated that GTE has embarked on a five year plan to upgrade telephone systems around the state. According to the plan, Cross Plains is slated to have its switching station upgraded to a digital switch in 1996. A digital switch will allow additional services, including call waiting, call forwarding and three party conference calling.

The Chamber of Commerce will meet again on February 16.

Brenda Franke Named To Texas A&M Dean's Honor Roll

COLLEGE STATION—Texas A&M University has named its honor students for the 1994 fall semester, recognizing several thousand students for outstanding academic performance.

The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes students who have maintained at least a 3.75 grade point ratio (GPR) out of possible 4.0 during the most recent grading period.

Brenda Gail Franke, a senior Agriculture Economics major, was among the elite group. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Franke of Cross Plains.

Lakewood News

The Lakewood Recreation Center will have its regular monthly supper on Tuesday, January 31 at 6:30 p.m.

The election of four new board members will be announced at this time. Bring a covered dish and come on out.

CJC Announces President's And Dean's List

Four Cisco Junior College students from the Cross Plains area are on the recently released President's List for the fall semester of 1994.

Students making the President's List have made a straight "A" record on a 4.0 system.

Making the President's List were Calvin Champion of Cross Plains, Kristi M. White and Christy D. Hughes both of Rising Star and Wyatt A. Watson of Baird.

Seven area students made the Dean's List for the 1994 fall semester by earning a 3.5 or better grade point average on a 4.0 system. Students include April H. Cowan and Trey Fortune both of Cross Plains; Cynthia A. Bates, Jason Fleming and Laura Rankin all of Rising Star; and Thomas N. Foster and Christi R. Wheeler of May.

5th Sunday Singing At Burkett Jan. 29

The 5th Sunday Singing will be held at Burkett Baptist Church on Sunday, January 29. Sunday School for all ages begins at 10 a.m. with Worship Services

at 11 a.m. Lunch will follow with a time of fellowship and worship in song. Everyone is invited to attend.



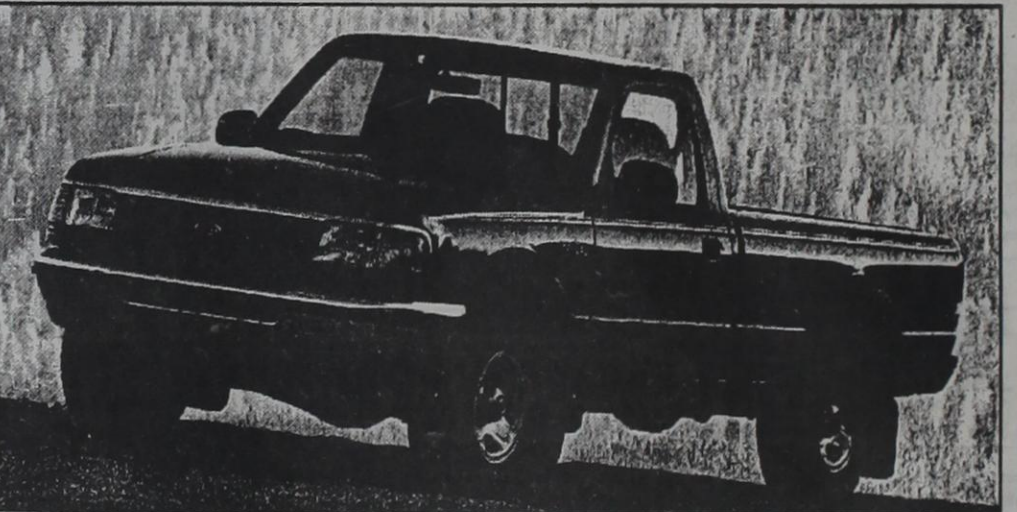
SIMS TO CHAIR COMMITTEE—Lt. Governor Bob Bullock, right, presents a committee gavel to Senator Bill Sims of Paint Rock, who will chair the Senate Natural Resources Committee. Bullock appoints Sims to the position in

December. "I've put the most qualified people in positions where they can best serve the state of Texas. Clearly no one is better able to lead this committee than Senator Sims," Bullock said.

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