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# The Cross Plains Review

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CROSS PLAINS, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS "When The One Great Scorer Comes To Write Against Your Name He Writes Not If You Won Or Lost But How You Played The Game" FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 1944 VOL. 34 No. 40

"Without offense to friends or foes we sketch Cross Plains exactly as it goes."

## Home Town Gossip

Your guess is as good as our, simple letter, but our's is that the railroad from Cross Plains to DeWitt will never be abandoned. When the government seized the railroads recently to avert strikes, it assumed operation responsibility for every line within the continental United States. Into hands the army passed responsibility to the military and it is expected that the military will not be bothered with the details of abandoning a spur line in these times when it is concerned with things of much more serious import. For that reason the railroad is expected to be unbothered by the duration of the war and then business should be so good as to discontinue the road will apply even to those who once were for the privilege.

Here we are nearing the end of the first week in January, and for the first time in recollection of election years no candidate has offered himself for office. Always here several aspirants have, but as yet no one has. In 1941, the office was held by a candidate who was defeated. Lack of interest in politics and high salaries in other lines of endeavor are possible causes for the small amount of interest. However, our guess is that things will begin to warm up a bit before long, and a poll tax receipt may be a prized possession by July.

Speaking of poll tax receipts, remember you have only three weeks more to attend to this little matter. We'll be voting on every one from a president on down, and you won't be caught without your certificate of citizenship.

Real estate trading continues in the home town, and new owners of most every property are doing improvement about the premises. If this thing continues, Cross Plains will really be an attractive little city ere long.

Operator won't here guess anyway. I'd like to put in a penny who is certainly eight in gold during a labor shortage. He's got Bill Kendall, who's keeping things tick. West Texas Utilities, each week sets a home town newspaper learned the retaining bayhood, comes down d peeks out enough o keep the Review going and his fine counting his talents, and our thanks.

### EXCEEDED DEATHS DURING 1943

Births	Deaths
36	9
36	23
34	13
33	13
44	18
33	14
36	17
33	14
37	17
38	15

# NEXT BOND QUOTA IS \$272,000

## Local Post Office Will Be Made Second Class

### CLASSIFICATION IS ALMOST ASSURED AS RECEIPTS INCREASE

Would Place Office Under Regulations Of Civil Service; To Know Sooner

Receipts at Cross Plains post office in 1943 were in excess of the amount required to raise the office to second class, according to an announcement made yesterday by F. R. Anderson, postmaster.

### INCREASES RECEIPTS

The office is expected to be given the status of second class as soon as the department makes its next regular inspection. Raising of the office to go under civil service regulations and will result in substantial salary increases for the clerical employees, however, for the postmaster there will be only a very slight salary increase. The Cross Plains office was second class during the old boom days, however, had fallen back to third class nearly 10 years ago. Receipts for the past four years have maintained a gradual upward climb and it is expected that 1944 receipts will go even higher.

### SSGT. ODDIE AUSTIN AWARDED AIR MEDAL AND DFC IN PACIFIC

Lieutenant General George C. Kenney, Commander of the Allied Air Forces in the Southwest Pacific, has awarded the Air Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross to Technical Sergeant Oddie C. Austin, of Cross Plains, for "meritorious achievement" while participating in 50 operations of flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area during which hostile contact was probable and expected while serving with a troop carrier squadron with the Fifth Air Force.

### ELWIN WILLIAMS MADE TECHNICAL SERGEANT

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Williams, of this city, received word this week from their son, Elwin Williams, who is stationed with the United States air force somewhere in South America, that he had recently been promoted from the rank of Staff Sergeant to Technical Sergeant.

### EXCEEDED DEATHS DURING 1943

These operations consisted of dropping supplies and transporting troops to advanced positions at low altitudes over mountainous terrain in a transport airplane, and often necessitated landing within a few miles of enemy bases. Throughout these flights, he demonstrated outstanding ability and devotion to duty. Tech. Sergeant Austin, who is stationed somewhere in New Guinea, has been in service more than a year.

### Rainfall Here For Past 5 Years!

Month	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
Jan.	.29	2.12	None	None	None
Feb.	2.22	4.07	.46	.47	.20
Mar.	.92	.42	2.45	.47	2.80
Apr.	.51	4.74	5.70	8.65	.65
May	5.64	3.35	5.17	6.83	2.93
June	5.57	5.43	4.65	3.84	1.62
July	.41	.27	1.40	1.40	None
Aug.	5.79	3.98	6.71	2.41	None
Sept.	None	1.08	3.60	6.40	5.78
Oct.	1.09	.95	6.09	7.65	1.07
Nov.	3.13	4.90	None	.25	.61
Dec.	1.05	2.20	1.49	1.25	4.40
Total	26.02	29.83	41.45	39.61	20.29

## Father Of Former Local Lady Dies In Clyde Monday

Following an illness of two weeks, Dr. Joseph B. Bailey, of Clyde, father of Mrs. J. H. McGowan, formerly of Cross Plains, died in Hendrick Memorial hospital Monday at 3 p.m.

The funeral was held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Clyde Methodist church, with the Rev. Martin McBrayer, pastor, conducting the service. Following the funeral the body was taken overland to Byhalia, Miss., for burial by the Patterson funeral home of Clyde.

Dr. Bailey was born in Texas Dec. 30, 1878, and was graduated from the University of Tennessee Medical College in 1903. From 1907 to 1922 he practiced in Byhalia, Miss. Upon the death of his brother, Dr. J. W. Bailey, in Clyde in 1932, he moved there to take over his brother's practice. He was a member of the Taylor County Medical Association and on the staff of the Hendrick Memorial hospital.

Dr. Bailey is survived by his wife, a daughter, Mrs. J. H. McGowan of San Diego, Calif., two sons, W. H. Bailey of Louisville, Ky., and Nick Bailey of Ellington Field; and two grandchildren, John McGowan and Mack Bailey.

Patrons include old friends who have hunted together each winter for a number of years. They are E. J. Barton, E. A. Boucsett, L. E. Patterson of Clyde; M. H. Perkins, Baird; M. P. Kikior, Breckenridge; George D. Kikior, Abilene; and John Bailey, a nephew from Clyde.

### MR. HOWARD STRAHAN HIGHER STORE AT SCHOOL

Mr. Howard Strahan Monday morning assumed management of the school supply store, just across the street from the local campus, which she recently purchased from Mrs. Pete Nesh. Mrs. Strahan will be assisted in the operation of the business by Mrs. Walker Reespe.

### G. L. EAGER RETURNED HOME FROM HOSPITAL

G. L. Eager has returned home after having a major operation in the Hendricks Memorial hospital in Abilene on December first. The operation was performed by a specialist, Major Bridges of Camp Barkeley, who has been treating Mr. Eager.

Since the operation was very successful, Mr. Eager thinks he will regain his normal health within a short time. Friends are wishing for him a complete and speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Odum and baby daughter have returned to their home in Sterling City, after several days visit here in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wetler.

## Italian Invasion Was The Real Thing Soldier Writes

Somewhere in Italy I will drop you a few lines to let you know that I am still well and hope you all are the same. Mother, I was in the invasion of Italy. After we had loaded on the boats on a certain night at a certain hour, we loaded in invasion boats and headed for we didn't



News was received here Wednesday morning that Pfc. Homer Taylor, author of this letter had been slightly wounded in action, somewhere in Italy.

know what. We got a lively reception as we arrived at the beach. A friend and I got separated from the rest of the bunch so we had quite a time of it. I mean staying alive. When you go three or four miles in the open and Germans shooting artillery at you and don't get hit, you can say that you are lucky, and we didn't get hit. All the boys in the company that you know came through all right. J. C. wasn't quite as lucky as myself, he got his rifle knocked out of his hands by shrapnel from a shell and got one finger scratched pretty bad. He is getting the Purple Heart for the wound.

### BRYSON LACY MADE SEAMAN FIRST CLASS

Misses Alice and Marie Bryson received word this week that their nephew, Bryson Lacy, who has been in the United States Navy since June, was recently promoted to Seaman First Class. He is a third class gunners mate and is stationed in the Pacific.

### RODGER DALE ELROD IS CITY'S NEW YEAR'S BABY; BORN SATURDAY

Rodger Dale Elrod was the first baby born in this city on New Year's Day, Saturday, January 1, 1944. The little boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Elrod. He weighed seven pounds at birth.

### FORMER LOCAL COUPLE PARENTS OF BABY BOY

News has been received here of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Porter Lee of Max, Texas, on December 29, 1943. The child which weighed seven pounds at birth has been named Donald Wayne. Mr. and Mrs. Lee formerly lived at Cross Plains.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Richardson and son, Buster Mack, have returned to their home in Fort Stockton, after spending the holidays here with relatives and friends.

## CAMPAIGN STARTS JANUARY 18; PUSH SALE OF "E" BONDS

\$69,100 Less Than Amount County Raised In Third War Loan In September

Fourth war loan campaign gets underway January 18, will call for citizens of this county to raise \$272,000, of which \$154,000 must be in "E" bonds. It is pointed out that unless the county meets its quota of "E" bond purchases it can not go over the top regardless of how much is sold in other types of war securities.

County Judge R. H. Freedom again been named chairman of this county and will hold a meeting in Baird this week to organize the campaign. Freedom was the Review yesterday that the third war loan drive last September when more than \$350,000 of the war bonds were bought. Callahan counties, that the "E" purchases aggregated 600, or \$14,000 more than required in the forthcoming drive. The quota as a whole is \$272,000, all type of bonds is \$20,000, that was called for last September. Organization of the Cross Plains area will be perfected within the next few days and published in an early edition of this newspaper.

## Former Local Girl Weds In Amarillo On December 30th

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Baird, of McAdoo, and formerly of this city, announce the marriage of their daughter, Moseel, to Sergeant Joseph Weldon McCreary at Amarillo on December 30.

The bride, who attended Cross Plains all but her last two years in high school, is well known and has many friends here. She graduated from McAdoo high school and later attended Texas Technological College, at Lubbock. She is now a member of the school faculty at Amarillo.

The groom is the son of a prominent Rockwood couple. He is stationed at the army air field in Amarillo where he is an instructor in ground corps mechanics.

- ### HONOR ROLL
- \* Those who this week renewed their subscription to the Review for another year are as follows:
  - \* W. E. Butler
  - \* Mrs. J. T. Hrovling
  - \* Gilbert Williams
  - \* O. H. Hopper
  - \* Mrs. Jim Bennett
  - \* H. W. Nesh
  - \* S. M. McDowell
  - \* Charley Barr
  - \* John Eakin
  - \* Jeff Clark
  - \* John Ferrell
  - \* Mrs. F. T. Joyce
  - \* Mrs. Annie Travis
  - \* Arlie Thate
  - \* R. W. Masson
  - \* Connie Brown
  - \* Mrs. Robert Short
  - \* E. M. Clark
  - \* Mrs. W. E. Moore
  - \* Mrs. H. G. Coppinger
  - \* Miss Ada Sikes
  - \* Dr. Mary Sheiman
  - \* Alice Bryson
  - \* Pfc. H. W. Browning
  - \* Lester Barr
  - \* E. H. Jennings
  - \* Harris Pierce
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Miss Billie Ruth Loving has returned to Denton, where she is a student in North Texas State Teachers College, after spending holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Loving.

**Ride The Busses  
It's Economical and Patriotic**

Arrivals From South	Departures To West
6:40 a.m.	6:45 a.m.
12:35 p.m.	12:40 p.m.
5:50 p.m.	5:55 p.m.
10:40 p.m.	10:45 p.m.

Arrivals From North	Departures To South
7:45 a.m.	7:50 a.m.
11:25 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
4:00 p.m.	4:05 p.m.
7:35 p.m.	8:00 p.m.

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Boyce Strong, of Breckenridge, is visiting in the home of Mrs. Houston Strong here this week.

Mrs. W. L. Swafford, of Denton, visited her father, A. Swafford, who is ill at his home in the Burnt Branch community, last part of this week.

Ruby Roach and son and Mrs. Ligo Sanders, of Denton, visited their grandfather, J. W. Sanders, and aunt, Mrs. Ollie Sanders, who reside West of Cross Plains, last part of this week.

**DO YOU FEEL "LEFT OUT OF IT"?**

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**HINTS ON HEALTH BY THE STATE OFFICER DR. GEORGE W. COX**

In speaking of the control of communicable diseases, Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, said today that whooping cough is one of the hardest to control. This is because it is highly contagious and begins as an ordinary cough. It is catching during the week or ten days before it can be recognized by the "whoop." Even then a physician is not called and often the children are allowed to play with others when they are known to be sick.

In children under the age of 3 years, and especially babies, whooping cough is dangerous and often fatal. Frequent spells of coughing and vomiting weaken a child to such an extent that the disease becomes dangerous. The majority of deaths are due to pneumonia, which is the most frequent and dangerous complication. Because this complication is so dangerous, it is advisable to have a doctor as soon as the child becomes sick.

Dr. Cox further advises, "Do everything you can to protect children from whooping cough. Often prevention and control of whooping cough, especially among infants, and small children, may be accomplished through use of approved vaccine and convalescent serum. Dr. Cox said, "Keep them away from playmates who have colds, especially when whooping cough is prevalent. Teach children not to put objects in their mouths that have been handled by others and to wash their hands before meals. In spite of all precaution, if your child seems to be developing whooping cough, call your doctor at once. He can do much to relieve the patient's distress if treatment is begun early and will advise the parents about diet, rest, exercise, and fresh air for the patient."

**TREBLE CLEF CLUB PRESENTS CHRISTMAS CANTATA AT PIONEER**

The Treble Clef Club of Pioneer high school, a choral group, under the direction of the music department, presented a Christmas cantata, "There Was One Who Gave a Lamb, (Ham). The work included a Chorale by Johann Sebastian Bach, a carol of Mendelssohn's, some traditional airs, and songs by Annette Mason Ham. The chorus with words in Latin, "Gloria, in excelsis Deo", was the first work in a romance language to be sung by the club. "Jesus, Little Child", (Gaveant) afforded the singing group its first opportunity for contrapuntal singing and "The Sleep of the Infant Jesus", French (Traditional) lent itself easily to delicate shading and tone blending.

The presentation was one of the outstanding performances of the year.

**3 PATRIOTIC SONGS BY LOCAL MAN PUBLISHED**

George Watson, local theatre man, has recently had published, three songs of his own composition. They are all of a patriotic nature; titles are: "Our Symbol of Freedom", "Buy War Bonds" and "The Fighting Merchant Marines". Music for each of the songs was arranged by Bob Carleton, of Hollywood, who made famous the popular hit "Jada" during World War one.

**MY BOY**  
By Colleen Moore

My boy, the boy I love so well,  
I joined the air force to give the Japs some hell!

The letter I received from him,  
Not so long ago,  
Telling me they were shipping him across and he would soon be gone.

He seemed so cheerful then, glad that he could lend a hand, to keep Old Glory flying o'er this wonderful land.

They sent my boy to Africa,  
The first letter I received  
Was written in a cheerful mood,  
He led me to believe,

After that there was only one more,  
"but it wasn't from my boy—  
It was from his Captain, telling me my boy was dead."

My boy, my life and my joy,  
I read the letter over, blinded by my tears, and through my mind went memories of all the joyful years.

I couldn't quite believe my eyes  
My boy couldn't be gone, by heart cries—  
But I know his heart was glad, and in a way it was sad  
To think of leaving his dear old Mom and Dad.

And his brother and sisters,  
who loved him too, and stuck with him, no matter what he went through.

And now, Dear God, I pray,  
To protect those boys who are so brave—  
Who give their lives for freedom and the things we crave.

Watch over them, I pray, that they may live to see another day—  
That they may live to see Old Glory still waving o'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave.

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**BURKETT**

The holiday season is past and the teachers and children returned to school Monday to begin the second semester with Supt. W. R. Chambers back on the job after being out the past few weeks because of the illness of Mrs. Chambers, who is in the hospital at Temple.

Miss Alice Cross was unable to resume her duties as Home Economics teacher. She is in the hospital with a fractured hip, caused from a fall while spending the holidays in Sylvester with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Boyle received a letter Monday from their son Sgt. Lloyd, who is with the 5th Army in Italy, stating that he was in a hospital with an infection. Extent and cause of illness is not known.

Sgt. Bob Jennings left Sunday for Camp at Shreveport, Louisiana, after spending a 15 day furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Jennings.

Will Baum has returned home after spending several days in the hospital in Coleman. He was seriously ill but steadily improving. Mr. and Mrs. Burns have had as their guest the past several days their daughters, Mrs. Lloyd Audos of Henderson and Mrs. Bertha Jones, of San Antonio.

Sgt. and Mrs. W. H. Evans and baby, of Sheppard Field, are here spending his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Evans and family. Other guests in the Evans home the past week end were their children, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. McCormick, of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Chatham, of Oplin, and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Evans, of Coleman.

Mrs. L. R. Pearce and children of Ballinger, spent last week end here with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Slim Gray, of Aransas Pass, spent several days last week here where they attended the funeral of her mother, Mrs. Campbell, of Cross Cut, who passed away at her home last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Strawn and son Lester, spent the week end in Fort Worth, with relatives. Misses Bonita and Eureka Mountain accompanied them there after spending the holidays here with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Fox.

Miss Mary Lee Burkett entertained Friday night with a New Years Party at her home, where they played games and refreshments of cake and coffee were served to the guests. Later they went to the Church of Christ building, where they rang out the old year and the new year in at twelve.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Flippin sold their lease, Northeast of Burkett to Winn Connelly and have moved to Anderson, where they will make their home.

Among those on the sick list this week are: Ben Strickland, Mrs. Zenobia Brown, Jimmie Burkett Aunt Riley Strickland, Mrs. G. D. Markin, Mr. and Mrs. Will Burns, Wayne and Donald Newton, and Mrs. L. E. Burkett.

Mrs. Buck Budworth and daughter, Patsy and Mrs. Deel Edington were in Brownwood on business Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Case had as

their guests during the Christmas holidays, their children, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Browner and children, Edith and Billie, Pvt. Calvin Case, Jr., of Camp Berkeley, and Melvin Case, who was recently discharged from the air force at Hamilton Field, California.

Pvt. Reynard L. Andrews left Thursday for Salt Lake City, Utah, after spending the holidays here with his wife and baby.

Mrs. H. H. Nash and daughter, Faye, returned to their home here Saturday, after spending the holidays with relatives. Miss Winnie Lou Nash remained in Ft. Worth for an extended visit.

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Miss L. McNeil has returned to school in Denton, after spending the holidays here in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Craig McNeil.

Miss Earline Smith left Monday for North Texas State Teachers College in Denton, after a three weeks vacation here with relatives.

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RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	142,393.90
Overdrafts	308.54
Banking House and Fixtures	4,000.00
Cash and Due from Banks	334,272.83
U. S. Bonds	155,754.36
State Warrants	5,397.49
CCC Cotton and Wheat Loans	169,387.59
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>811,514.71</b>
LIABILITIES	
Capital Surplus	25,000.00
Undivided Profits	4,650.75
Deposits	756,863.96
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>811,514.71</b>

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Mrs. Weldon Stewart, 7, 1944

ATWELL

Rev. and Mrs. Glenn Purvis and son, of Miles, visited home folks here the first part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Newman Jackson and children, of Haskell, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Foster, the past week end.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Mangum and children, of Carbon, visited in the Tipton Wrinkle home Friday and Saturday.

D. T. Wrinkle, who is stationed in San Francisco, in the navy, returned Saturday after spending a week's leave here with his parents.

Howard Billans spent Saturday night in Cross Plains with his wife and children in the Steve Foster home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hezlie Stewart and son and Mrs. Lynn Stewart, of San Antonio, visited relatives here during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Rouse and children, of Baird, visited in the Clyde Rouse home during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Foster and children spent the week end with their son, D. C. Jr., and wife at Stamford. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Darden at Throckmorton.

Friends and relatives of Uncle Wiley Foster gathered in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Foster Friday to celebrate Uncle Wiley's 96th birthday. Out of community guests included: Mrs. Ode Strahan and Darwin, of Cottonwood; Mr. and Mrs. Wes Everett, Mrs. Steve Foster and Mrs. Mary Foster and baby, of Cross Plains; Mr. and Mrs. Mack Foster and son, Mr. and Mrs. S. Truett Bounds and baby, of Stanton, and Mrs. A. G. Foster and baby Foster, of Abilene.

LIBERTY

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Thursday

All funds taken in of this picture goes to the ARMY EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND.

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Hopalong Cassidy Rides Again!!!

"BORDER PATROL"

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Chapter No. 1 of

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Comedy and Cartoon

Sunday & Monday

Irving Berlin's "THIS IS THE ARMY" (In Technicolor)

The Year's Greatest Picture!

GEORGE MURPHY, JOAN LESLIE, LT. RONALD REAGAN

Cartoon and Latest War News

Tuesday and Wed.

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In

"EDGE OF DARKNESS"

Also

Short Subjects - WAR NEWS -

COMING SOON "MISSION TO MOSCOW" "EDGE OF DARKNESS" "HANGMEN ALSO DIE" "RANDOM HARVEST" "Murder In Times Square" "Human Comedy"

CROSS CUT

Mrs. Charlie Teague and boys visited her parents in Custine.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Chambers of Arlington, spent the holidays with relatives here.

The reporters of the Cross Cut News are in class again after enjoying the Christmas holidays.

Lt. and Mrs. Weldon Chambers, of Fort Leonard Wood, were guests of relatives here during Christmas.

Pvt. Jake Byrd, stationed in Pennsylvania, spent Christmas in Cross Cut with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hawkins and children visited in Graham during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. James Shults and daughter spent the week end with their parents here and at Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Clark and Mrs. Tye Clark, of Fort Worth, were visitors last week end.

Mr. W. T. Maxwell, who is employed in Fort Worth, visited his family during Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Baucum and Marie, visited relatives and friends in Brownwood last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Biehl visited their daughter, Mrs. O. V. Penny, at Longview.

J. W. Newton, Seaman 2/C, stationed at Corpus Christi, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Newton, the week before Xmas.

Mrs. Max Robbins and daughter, of Dallas, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Byrd and family and Miss Willie Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wright and children, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Alton Clark in Fort Worth.

Leds Gayle Lovelady, retired Friday from Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Proctor and family spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Byrd and family and Miss Willie Jones.

Mrs. Roe Martin and children Jeanette and Horace, and Jerry Lee, of Brownwood, visited relatives here over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stone visited Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Shannon and son, in San Angelo.

Cpl. Burl McCowan and Mrs. McCowan, stationed at Walterboro, S. C., are guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Houshelt and Mr. McCowan.

Pvt. Carl Chambers, who is stationed at Tarrant Field, spent the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Chambers and family.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Newton visited relatives in Altus, Oklahoma, during the holidays. Mrs. Newton's mother, Mrs. Nettie Wats, returned with them to spend a few months visiting in their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Melton had as their guests for Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Noble Melton, of Artesia, New Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Melton and children from Royalty, Texas and their daughters and families from Duncan, Oklahoma and Longview, Texas.

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LETTERS TO FATHERS AND MOTHERS WITH SONS IN SERVICE

The following letter to fathers and mothers with sons in service, was written by W. W. Phillips, of Pioneer:

Saturday was January 1, 1944 which was the beginning of a New Year in which all American people should unite together and do everything that is in their power to bring this cold bloody war to a close.

Although, I am not by myself, as there were thousands of fathers and mothers on Christmas Day that experienced the same thing that I did when we entered our dining room to eat Christmas dinner. There were two vacant chairs. It was a sad experience for a few moments and this is what entered my mind—I was not by myself on this occasion, as there were thousands of other homes that had vacant chairs at their Christmas dinner tables. No love, hatred, and destruction among our enemies is what caused these vacant chairs. The reason our boys were many miles away from home on Christmas Day is to restore love, take away hatred and cease destruction.

When this is accomplished and Victory won then all our boys that are left after the battles, shall be returned home to take their vacant chairs and live in a land of peace, where there will be love, friendship and freedom to all human beings. May God bless and protect all our boys and bring them home before Christmas of 1944.

The fact that a Texas citizen puts on a uniform to fight for his country in time of war should not bar him from voting. The man who is fighting for your rights and mine surely has a much right to vote as you and I do. The man offering his blood and his life to preserve our government certainly is entitled to a voice in running that government.

COTTONWOOD

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Coffey were Putnam visitors Sunday.

Mr. Otis Bennett is visiting in Lorraine this week.

Wanda Weldon left Friday to spend a few days with her aunt in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Coffey and children, visited in Putnam Sunday.

Mrs. J. S. Gafford has been on the sick list but is much better now.

Mrs. R. G. Coppinger, of Abilene visited in the E. K. Coppinger home last week.

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Nutshell Advertising

FOR SALE: 80 acre farm, 60 in cultivation, located SE of Scranton, Texas. Equipped with 4 room house, barns, cistern and well watered. See L. W. Westerman, Cross Plains. (1fp)

FOR SALE: 2 extra good milk cows with young calves, 2 fair milk cows fresh, one has young calf; 1 registered Jersey heifer, 2 years old; 2 registered durco gilts; 8 nice shots; 100 or more laying pullets; 1 Chrysler pickup for sale or trade. Jim Wetsel, Dressy (2fp)

FOR SALE: CASE two row planter and cultivator, three head work horses, 36 model FORD, good tires four door. Would trade for truck or pickup. H. W. Strackbein, Cross Plains, Texas. (1fp)

FOR SALE: 100 White Leghorn hens. John Baum. (2fp)

A HOUSE TO LEASE: one mile from town. Write Box 471 or see Bert Brown, Cross Plains, Tex. 2p

FOR SALE: Good used tractors and equipment, John Deere, Farmall, Case, Allis Chalmers, DeLma Johnson, John Deere Dealer, Coleman, Texas. (4el)

BABY CHICKS—look your baby chicks early. Every chick hatched from your flock is guaranteed to be a U.S. R.O.P. stred chick and from high producing hens. I will be glad to take your order now for any future delivery date. Chicks hatched by Swift & Co. Hatchery Brownwood, Texas. Phone 193FS. C. M. Garrett. (1fc)

WE FIX TUBES that appear to be unrepairable. All tube work is absolutely guaranteed. Walker Respass, Tire and Tube Repair (1fc)

FOR BETTER PRICES on hides and furs bring them to L. H. Hall's (3fp)

FREE: If Excess acid causes you pains of Stomach Ulcers, Indigestion, Heartburn, Belching, Bloating, Nausea, Gas Pains, get free sample, Unga, at Smiths Drug Store (15p-7)

FOR SALE: Farmall-12 complete with all equipment power lift. Extra good preservation. Used only one season. Barr, Cross Plains.

FOR SALE: Good Jersey and milk cows. Some milking heavy springers ready to calve any barn all time. Also some and piggy sows for sale. H. L. Litton. tfe

FOR SALE: Johnson's white horn hens. See Claude Stephens Cox Grocery.

WANT TO RENT OR LEASE: farm and pasture land for stock. Medium size place. FRANK EUDALEY Cottonwood

NOTICE: Wood handled from McChure ranch will be \$3.00 load. Uncle Joe Mett (2fp)

FOR COLDS AND FLU MC KESSONS DAROL COLD CAPSULES MC KESSONS DAROL COUGH SYRUP MC KESSONS ALBATUM CHEST RUB MC KESSONS ALBOMIST NOSE DROPS ALL GUARANTEED OR MONEY BACK Sims Drug Co. CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS

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No thing but the United States mint can make money without advertising.

CROSS PLAINS, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS

Home Town Gossip

Imagine your surprise if you were sitting around an air port in Italy, watching the planes take off and land, simply because you were homesick and had another way to enjoy a few days off, and then out of the sky there should come a huge blimp and taxi up to where you could see the name of your own little home town—Cross Plains—emblazoned across the tail of the million dollar plane. Of course, it would make you well inside and whet your hunger for faces familiar to your childhood. And then out of the plane would step a boy with whom you'd grown up. How do you imagine you would feel?

Such was the recent experience of Corporal J. C. Merryman, son of Mrs. Ed Mayes. The lad who had inscribed the name of Cross Plains across the tail of the blimp, and who a few moments later stepped out to shake hands with his boyhood chum, was Sgt. Anderson (Anse) Barr, a war chief, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Barr, of Cross Plains.

Needless to say the young soldiers were plenty glad to see each other and the news from home as discussed at great length.

The basketball tournament here last week end was declared by all servers to be one of the most successful ever held in the local gymnasium. Despite snow, muddy roads and freezing cold, the event was well attended and interest ran high throughout the three nights of two days.

With the passing of Dr. J. B. Alley at Clyde last week, there are left but three practicing physicians in Callahan county, two of whom are at Cross Plains.

People here know how busy have been local doctors the past several weeks with a mild epidemic of flu raging throughout the area, so imagine the plight of other Callahan county communities, where the malady is reported equally as bad and in many localities worse.

Yes, sub. Cross Plains is lucky to have two skilled custodians health looking after our well being.

\*\*\* We fear that it may slip some- one's mind, let us remind that poll tax payments should be made before the end of this month. Right indications are that there will be little interest in politics this year, however, this is probably a misconception, for in neighboring counties issues are already forming and candidates becoming numerous.

\*\*\* Honoring for office the first of January were the following: in nearby counties: Cronk 12, Shackelford 10, Brown 10, Boone 10, Coleman 11.

Things will warm up ere long, you'll be using your poll tax receipt from April to November, as details are to be named all the way up this year. Don't forget that poll tax.

\*\*\* What a tough break for the girls. It is leap year and all the eligible young men are too far from home for the young ladies to do much about it.

And incidentally lassies, if you are planning to mail a Valentine to your sweetie over-seas, it must be mailed this week to be assured delivery by February 14.

\*\*\* FIREMEN ANSWER TWO CALLS SUNDAY MORN.

A dwelling in the Southeast part of town, owned by C. L. McDonald, was slightly damaged by fire Sunday morning. The fire department answered the first alarm about nine o'clock, and then again at 11 was called back. Mr. McDonald was engaging carpenters first of the week to begin restoring the damaged portions of the structure.

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Cage Journal

DESDEMONIA BOYS AND CROSS PLAINS GIRLS ARE VICTORS

Games Saturday Night Said To Be Among Best Ever Played In Local "Gym"

In final games which offered all spectators could ask. Desdemonia boys and Cross Plains girls emerged winners of their respective divisions of the annual Cross Plains high school basketball tournament here Saturday night.

Play started Thursday night and continued through Friday and Saturday. War stamps were awarded winners and runners-up in both girls and boys divisions.

Desdemonia boys upset Cross Plains by one point in the final game in that division, while Cross Plains girls overwhelmed Mozelle for their undisputed claim to the feminine diadem.

Chosen for all-tournament honors were: (Boys) Weiler, of Brownwood; Moore, Cross Plains; Greenhaw, Desdemonia; Vaughn, Mozelle, and Hamilton, of Centennial. (Girls) Monsey, Mozelle; Champion, Cross Plains; Huffman, Desdemonia; Kemper, Eula; Horton, Beattie, and Smith, Williams.

Boys and girls teams were entered from the following schools: Pioneer, Cross Cut, Desdemonia, Beattie, Williams, Scranton, Baird, Eula, Denton, Rayso, Burkett, Centennial, Mozelle and Cross Plains, and Brownwood entered a boys team.

Saturday night's games which saw Cross Plains boys pitted against the towering ogers from Desdemonia, and Cross Plains girls against the "giant-killers" from Mozelle, were said to be among the best ever seen on a single card in the local gym. Desdemonia boys were considered far too tall and much too accurate for the Buffaloes, however, behind the outstanding play of Herman Moore and Billy Mack Coppinger the herd rallied strong. In fact, the local boys led the tall boys from Desdemonia until the final period, and as the game ended the score stood 28 to 27.

Cross Plains girls likewise did the unexpected in beating Mozelle, a team that had eliminated Beattie, one of the strongest sextets in Central Texas. The team work of all players drew praise from coach Hubert Kelley.

Referees were: Leo Varner and Alvin Harzrove.

CITY LAW REQUIRES CHICKENS BE PENNED

Nine complaints were received at the city office this week concerning flocks of chickens allegedly running at large. Victims of the offense ask that the city ordinance requiring all flocks to be kept penned on the premises of the owner be enforced. The city council and police chief W. A. Peterson issue this warning in the hope that owners of chickens will obey the statute and that no one will be subjected to the embarrassment of prosecution.

Claude Stephens this week closed a deal for the R. T. Shipp dwelling in the East part of town and was moving into the property on Tuesday. Mr. Shipp and family have moved to Sweetwater, where he is employed by a cotton oil company.

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BOBBYE C

The above Miss Bobbie C. Short, who is listed for her 12th birthday, is a daughter of a local handkerchief maker from Sibley, Mrs. Short is Nadine Copeland.

Wily Boy After

A wily youth "break" jail after being picked for robbery with fire bile theft have the youth, who is George Adolph 8 as 16. His home Phoenix, Arizona.

Schmid was apparently Saturday at Ranger had been automobile at getting the youth a river bridge and Fort Worth shortly thereafter into his ribs, which until he did limits of Ranger, robbed of his but permitted to cases when he was.

Shortly after picked up in the Callahan county by setting fire to him, and as they were to club the youth, however, youth discard being released cell.

SON BORN TO MRS. BILL NAMED I

Lt. and Mrs. B. pus Christ, are son, born Thurs the little boy has Ray, after Phil Raymond DeBus and child are readily.

Mrs. Raymond grandmother of the word this week has been stationed in naval base years, has been to the fleet on 3

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