

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"

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

JAIL ROBBERS OF STORES HERE

Local Man Awarded Soldiers Medal

Confess Burglarizing Cox Grocery, Piggly Wiggly Along With Other Acts

DECORATION MADE FOR SAVING LIFE SAYS NEWS REPORT

Corporal G. W. Childers Is Recipient Of Award With Other Heroes Of The 36th

From Italy comes a news dispatch telling of Corporal G. W. Childers, of Cross Plains, being decorated with the Soldiers Medal for saving life. He was presented with the award along with other heroes of the 36th Division who distinguished themselves on the beaches of Salerno.



CPL. G. W. CHILDERS

Corporal Childers is one of three sons of Mrs. Myrtle Childers, who lived West of town, in the armed forces. He enlisted more than three years ago and was assigned to the 142nd Infantry of the Service Company. He trained at Camp Bowie, Camp Edwards, Massachusetts, Camp Blanding, Florida, and in North Carolina.

The particular feat for which the Cross Plains soldier was decorated was not explained in the news bulletin from Italy, other than to say that the award was for "saving life". Other recipients of the same award were: Staff Sgt. James Peacock, of Rusk, Texas, and Sgt. Ora M. Gilcrease of Corsicana. It was not known whether or not the trio were together at the time of their heroic acts.

Mrs. Childers interviewed by the Review Saturday afternoon said that she had not received word of the medal being presented to her son. "I received a Christmas greeting this week but there was no mention of the decoration," she said.

BABY GIRL BORN TO LOCAL COUPLE IN A BROWNWOOD HOSPITAL

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Tyler of Cross Plains announce the birth of a baby daughter, born Thursday morning, December ninth, in a Brownwood hospital. The little girl weighed six pounds and three ounces at birth and has been named Cecilia Gaye.

Both mother and daughter are reported to be doing splendidly.

JIM MCDANIEL PURCHASES THE R. C. THOMPSON HOME

Jim McDaniel closed a deal this week for the R. C. Thompson place on North Main Street. Considerations of the transaction were not divulged.

Mr. Thompson told the Review Monday afternoon that he was in the market for another place in Cross Plains.

Railroad Gets Permission To Take Up Line

The Interstate Commerce Commission has granted the M.K.&T. railroad permission to abandon its line from DeLeon, via Rising Star to Cross Plains. Abandonment may begin any time after December 28, according to the commission's ruling.

Only recourse for the towns along the line which fought the railroad's application, would be to file protest to the commission's verdict before December 28. In the event that this is done abandonment might possibly be delayed, however, most of those who have devoted time to the case feel that this would be a losing fight.

It was not known here yesterday when the abandonment would be started on this end.

The I.C.C. accepted the railroads estimate that it would take \$173,000.00 to repair the line, and this is believed to have been one of the determining factors in the case.

The railroad came to Cross Plains on January 11, 1912.

A number of business and professional men contacted by the Review yesterday expressed regret in learning that the road was going to be abandoned, however, the consensus was that the town would continue to grow and prosper without it. Thrice a week service, they pointed out, was very inadequate and most everyone had come to no longer depend on it.

The Phillips plant at Pioneer can truck its outgoing products as conveniently as by rail. In fact the company has been doing this for some time, due to the railroads inability to furnish sufficient cars to handle their output.

RED TRAVIS VISITS MOTHER HERE BEFORE LEAVING FOR NAVY

Willie (Red) Travis, of Houston, visited in the home of his mother, Mrs. Annie Travis, in Cross Plains last week end, prior to leaving for induction into the Navy.

For the past several months Red has been employed in the shipyards at Houston.

GILLILAND FAMILY SELLS BAIRD STAR TO EAST TEXAS MAN

The Baird Star, which had been owned by the Gilliland family 56 years, passed into the hands of S. W. Adams, veteran East Texas newspaperman this week. The new owner assumed management of the business Monday morning, however, Miss Eliza Gilliland and her brother, Hayne Gilliland, will remain with the paper until the first of January.

Mr. Adams formerly operated papers at Gladewater and Arp.

DR. ELLI POWELL NAMED CITY HEALTH OFFICER

Dr. Elli Powell, local physician, has been named city health officer for Cross Plains and has assumed responsibilities of the office. He was appointed at a meeting of the city council recently upon recommendations of the State Health Department that an active city health officer be named here immediately.

Cross Plains had been without a health official for the past several years.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Webb visited in Fort Worth last Sunday.

Cross Plains Boys And Beattie Girls Win At Cross Cut

Cross Plains boys and Beattie girls emerged victors in the annual invitation basketball tournament at Cross Cut Saturday night.

Cross Plains boys gained the finals by defeating Cross Cut and Rising Star. They were met in the finals by the Beattie boys whom they defeated decisively.

Cross Plains girls won in the first round on a forfeit from Grovesville but were tripped by the Beattie team in the second round.

Beattie then went on to claim the tournament diadem.

Cross Cut girls defeated the Williams B team in the first round and the Pioneer team in the second round. Pioneer took its opening game on a forfeit from Burkett.

Cross Cut boys, easily the second best team in the tourney, won the consolation in the boys division and the Cross Plains girls B team displayed real ability in coping the girls consolation honors.

All tournament teams selected were composed of: (Boys) Moore and Pillars, Cross Plains; Chambers and Byrd, Cross Cut, and Marshall, Pioneer; (Girls) Elm, of Beattie; Riffe, of Cross Plains and Byrd, of Cross Cut, forwards, and Westerman, of Cross Plains, Horton, of Beattie, and Marshall, of Pioneer, guards.

The tournament was well attended despite rainy weather and muddy roads.

CHRISTMAS PLAY AT CHURCH SUNDAY NIGHT

"They Came Bearing Gifts", presented in a different way to the usual Christmas play that title suggests, is to be given at the Methodist Church Sunday night at 7:45. All other churches are invited to attend the program which is built around the play. This Christmas presentation is planned and sponsored by the Youth Fellowship group of the Methodist church. They cordially invite all who wish to do so to come.

COTTONWOOD 4-H CLUB MEETS DECEMBER 6TH.

The Cottonwood 4-H Club had their regular meeting December sixth at the school building.

Plans were discussed for the coming year and the new 4-H Yearbooks were handed out to all members. Several boys have already selected livestock and crop demonstrations as their projects.

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PFC. DOUGLAS SMARTT

Pfc. Douglas Smartt recently returned to Oakland, California, where he is a radioman in the Air Corps, after spending a 15 day furlough here.

Pfc. Smartt, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Smartt of Cross Plains has been in service nearly a year and received training at St. Petersburg, Florida and Fresno, California before being transferred to Oakland.

Peterson Gives Ways To Prevent Check Forgeries

Chief of Police, W. A. Peterson announced yesterday that the United States Secret Service at Dallas again warns persons in this vicinity who receive or cash checks to be watchful for mail thieves and forgers, as many allowances and allotment checks are going astray and are being cashed on forged endorsements. Peterson urges that the following rules be observed:

- 1. Have a good deep mail box. Have name clearly printed on it. Keep it locked.
- 2. Whenever possible, have mail carrier deliver checks in person rather than to box.
- 3. Never endorse a check until actually ready to cash it and in the presence of the person who will cash it.
- 4. Cash check at the same place each month.
- 5. If you change address, notify the post office immediately.

To those who cash checks: 1. Ask for positive identification. Before you cash a check, ask yourself this question—"If this check is returned, can I find the person who gave it to me?"

2. Never cash a check that is already endorsed. Have it endorsed again in your presence.

3. Require all employees who cash checks to initial them. The Secret Service has for some years been engaged in a program of Crime Prevention. In 1938 they began a program known as "Know Your Money" and since then counterfeiting has dropped 97 per cent. In addition to the great reduction in counterfeiting, the campaign has helped a great deal to keep down juvenile delinquency.

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Home Town Gossip

Few people will experience a greater regret in the loss of the Cross Plains than will this country's newspapermen. Through the years we've "plugged" and "pulled" the line in most every conceivable manner, hoping to stave off the eventuality of its abandonment. Somehow, to us, it seemed to represent the things that made the West a vast, important empire from what was once a wasteland prairie.

But before we shed crocodile tears over the loss of the line we should consider a few facts. Cross Plains will not be seriously hurt by removal of the line. For years very few shippers have relied themselves to the line's service. Merchants find it virtually impossible to get goods over the road for delivery were too great. Too, this city is served by two fast bus lines. The very fact that the bus lines are so convenient is surely the reason for the railroad's loss of business.

Cross Plains will not waste any time to cross roads stop simply because the railroad leaves. It is at Johnson City, Fredericksburg, Ozona, Mason, Hamilton, Junction, Throckmorton and other cities. None of these cities are rail facilities but all are prosperous, growing places. Hamilton claims to have grown directly from the loss of the railroad. For as two railroad families moved out, seven families of newly formed motor line companies moved in.

Loss of the railroad is resented by everyone but it will stop the normal functions of our community or retard our growth. It's like the passing of an old friend: sad but not job-creating for the rest of us.

Editor: The leading man at the... Old Digger: One who is paid by... Making Suit Manufacturer: One... Those who keep hard... Dixon Line: The boundary... "You all" and "youse guys"...

...of the week... The two Henkel boys, for... Cross Plains youths, Robert... Warrant Officer and is in Italy... is a Staff Sergeant and is... where in the China-Burma...

The same mail also brought a... greeting from Sgt. George... who was once the greatest... basketball star Cross Plaine... turned out. George teamed... Dave Lee back in the days... C.P.I.S. was located down... the cemetery, to give the Pur... and Gold its first great team... team just couldn't be beat... they were crowded into a... stadium. But once on the hard... their outdoor maneuvers... great askew and they were trip... Cisco, an outfit that could... have stayed within 30 points of... on sand and gravel.

There's also a recent Yule... remembrance from Sgt. H. R. Lacy... with the American A.E.F. in... and one from Marine Sgt. ... (Dickie) Huntington, from... where in the Pacific.

Each appreciated remembrances... at hand from Pfc. Granvel Pie... tionated at Atlanta, Georgia;... H. McGowen, of San Diego,... Seaman Jerry Angley,... on the West Coast; Marine... Mack Smith, who is in Jack... Florida, and Lt. (Jg)... White, of New Orleans.

Cross Plains boys are really... around the globe this... however, by the time an... Christmas rolls around may... can all be back where to... they're sorely missed.

Review Ads Get Results

Nothing but the... United States mint can... money without... advertising.

WEDEN YOUTH... TO CRASH... OU TUESDAY

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Pfc. and Mrs. Garland Lilly, Camp Hood, are visiting in town. Mrs. Lilly and her mother, Mrs. Hayner, returned to camp last Wednesday and Mrs. Lilly and Virginia returned for several day visit.

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- THE BEST 10 LB. ----- 65c
- Red and White pound ----- 20c
- R&W 6 SMALL CANS, ----- 25c
- ACKERS, 1 pound box --- 18c
- TEXAS GROWN, LB. --- 80c
- Red and White No.2 cans 2 for --- 29c
- RAISINS ----- RAISINS
- Choice heads pound ----- 5c
- HITE 10 LBS. ----- 46c
- REMUM OATS, 3 lb. pkg. --- 28c
- BECKERS OR ARMOURS LB. 35c
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so our usual custom of decorating our... ly during Christmas, for with so many... way at war the season can not afford... ness. We're having a little surprise at... h Saturday afternoon at 5. We invite... ith us for these occasions.

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PERSONALS

Mrs. Marion Harvey was a visitor in Fort Worth Tuesday. George Tweedy and Al Mascia, of Camp Bowie, visited friends in Cross Plains the past week end. Mr. and Mrs. Houston Strong had as their guest the past week end, Paul Campbell of Breckenridge, formerly of Cross Plains. Lt. Earl Strong left this week for Salt Lake City, Utah, after a visit here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Houston Strong. He recently received his commission and silver wings at Ellington Field as a bomber pilot. Glenn W. Erwin, Seaman First Class, who is stationed in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in a branch of the Naval Air Corps, has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Flins Erwin, and other relatives the past week.

ROBERT GIBSON WRITES ARMY PILOT TRAINING IS "REALLY WONDERFUL"

Sergeant Robert Gibson, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Wright Gibson of Pioneer, writes that he is now stationed with the army air corps aviation cadets at Johnson City, Tennessee, where he is attending classes at Eastern Tennessee State Teachers College. "My life here is really wonderful; beautiful place, delicious food, ideal surroundings and everything exactly perfect", said Robert in a letter to his parents last week, in which he stated that he now weighs 165 pounds, about 20 more than when he entered the service in March.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the many friends who were so kind to us in words and deeds throughout the illness and death of our daughter and sister. Words cannot express our appreciation. May God's blessings rest upon each of you. Mr. and Mrs. Flins Erwin and Children.

ROWDEN

Cpl. Louis Parker and wife arrived here Friday night to visit in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Parker. Cpl. Parker is stationed at Salt Lake City, Utah. He has been in service over a year. Mrs. Jimmie Smalley and son, Jimmie Reed, and Mrs. Grover Miller spent Sunday in the Anthony Sikes home. Howard Mayo, who is stationed in South Carolina in the Air Corps, has been visiting here in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Olin English. Pete Swafford visited Mrs. Bessie L. Hall and Edd Horn Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Phillips visited Mrs. Lillie Swafford Sunday evening. Bayon girls basket ball team played Denton Tuesday night and won by thirteen points. Georgia Bell Parker, Ollie Faye Franklin and Louise Monks, all of Fort Worth, spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Parker. Dub Carroll and family recently moved to New Mexico, where they plan to make their home. Leonard Swafford, who left for service in the Seabees about two months ago and was stationed at Camp Perry, Virginia, was recently transferred to Camp Holiday, near Gulfport, Mississippi. He expects to spend Christmas at home. Bill O'Hara, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fortune, of this place, left recently for induction into the army. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Taylor had as their guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. George O'Dell. Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Elliott and daughter, Pauline, visited Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Smalley Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brown, of Hurst Branch, attended church here Sunday. Rev. J. C. Foster filled his regular appointment at the Primitive Baptist Church Saturday and Sunday. Pfc. Charrel "Tuff" Hutchins, of Camp Berkeley, California, arrived here Monday to spend his furlough with home folks. Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Porter, of Oklahoma City, a girl on December eighth. They named the child Janice. Mrs. Porter is the former Miss Opal Pillans. Misses Doris Rouse and Ella Mae Riffe spent the week end with Betty Ruth Oliver near Cross Plains. Mr. and Mrs. M. Mangum and children, of Carbon spent the first Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Winkle. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Rouse accompanied by Mrs. W. M. Tatum of Putnam visited Morgan Rouse at Santa Anna last week. Mr. and Mrs. Otis Purvis and children, of Cross Plains, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rouse Sunday. D. C. Foster, Jr., of Abilene, and his wife, teacher in Cross Plains schools, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Foster. Mrs. S. A. Black and Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Black spent the week end in Big Spring with Mrs. Harvey McKinley and sons. Walter and Byron Green, of Albany visited in the Ben Riffe home Sunday.

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Let Higginbotham's brand new supply of wallpaper brighten up your home for Christmas. Included in this new assortment of paper patterns is a wide variety of the new Wallrite paper. This paper needs no canvas, and comes in the popular 18 inch width. Wallrite is economical, and easy to put on. Come in and let us help you with your paper problems. Big New Stock And Wide Variety

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COTTONWOOD On Tuesday night December 7th, a surprise birthday party and supper was given for Mrs. Ed Strahan. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Peery, Myrtle Wiseman, W. B. Allen, Yonnie Foller, Oran Peery, Barbara Allen, Bessie Foller and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Strahan and Gloria Ann Strahan. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Peery, of Lawu visited in the home of Mrs. W. O. Peery Sunday. Mrs. Wiseman and son, Fay, of Belton visited in the home of Mrs. Myrtle Wiseman the past week end. W. B. Allen, Mrs. Myrtle Wiseman, Mrs. H. S. Peery, Oran Peery, and Barbara Allen were Abilene visitors Monday. Harry Varner, who has been employed in California for the past few months has returned to his home here. Minister L. C. Cox, of the Church of Christ was here Sunday. He was accompanied by his wife and son, of Abilene. LeRoy Baker, of Putnam, will preach at the local Methodist church Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. The general public has a cordial invitation to attend. Carol Rutherford, of Baird, spent Saturday night in the Foller home. Misses Hazel and Beulah Respass had as their guests Sunday, Grady Respass, of Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. Walker Respass and Dixie Ann, of Cross Plains. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Coffey and Helen Jo, and Durward attended church at Atwell Sunday. Mrs. Hazel Bigbee is spending this week in Brownwood. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Varner and son, Bentley, of Brownwood, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Arvin and daughter, of Baird spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Varner. Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Thompson and Mrs. Pearl Rylee, of Cross Plains, visited relatives here Sunday. Richard Purvis attended the Memorial services for Jack Shrader at Scanton Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Coffey were Putnam and Cisco visitors

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Angley Says
Life Is Swell
Letter To Paper

Angley, eldest son of Mr. O. K. Angley, formerly in place, last week wrote the following lines, which the Review feels will be of interest to our readers.

you like to hear from the service so will write you lines. The navy is really and when I say swell that means it mildly. I have been eight weeks and gained 12 lbs. Boot camp is not nearly as it is cut out to be. In you don't have time to mind

going to a quartermaster. It is considered one of the in the navy. I am proud to get into it. Besides study, baseball, basketball, football what have you. My command the championship baseball. On it were two boys Santa Anna, two from Colorado from Fort Worth, one from Cross Plains, (myself) and one from Texas. Our command 50 percent Texans, and we complimented as being one of the best to ever leave boot camp.

is everybody in Cross Plains. Tell them all I'll be seeing in about 4 1/2 months, when school. Until then, I will be thinking of them and the old town.

address is: Jerry Angley, Quartermaster School, 644 USNATS, San Diego, Cal.

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Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Webster and son, Horace, left Monday for Hamlin, where they will make their home.

CROSS CUT

In spite of rain and mud a good crowd attended the basketball tournament held here last week end.

Mrs. Deona Triplett and daughter, Mrs. Marjorie Cearnal, of Brooksmith spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Doc Chambers and attended the tournament Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Markham were guests of Mrs. Markham's brother, A. Baucum and family the past week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruel Gafford, of Fort Worth, were the guests of Mr. Gafford's parents, Sunday and Monday. They will return to Brownwood Friday, when Ruel will be inducted into the army.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Melton and children moved to Grand Falls on Tuesday, where Lee is employed by an oil company.

Mr. and Mrs. Jewel Tabor, of the

Burkett community, moved to the Roy Newton farm last week.

Jimmie Holder, who has been making his home with his sister, Mrs. W. T. Maxwell, has gone to California to live.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rice, of Arlington, visited in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clyde Chambers the past week end. Mrs. Rice is the former Mrs. Fannie Ragland.

Courtney Byrd, of Clyde, has been visiting relatives and friends here the past few days.

PERSONALS

Sgt. Wagner Childers has returned to Camp Howze, where he was recently transferred after spending a furlough here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Perwiler, of Coleman, were the week end guests of O. B. Byrd, Nick, former instructor at Coleman flying school has been transferred to California.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Richardson who live East of Cross Plains, had as their guests the past week end, Mr. and Mrs. Dub Richardson and Bonnie and Merlyn Richardson and Mrs. Wanda Applier, of Fort Stockton, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Calhoun, of Abilene, visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cross and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Calhoun the past week end.

Pvt. Jack Reed, who is stationed with Military Police Platoon in Camp Bowie, visited friends in Cross Plains the latter part of last week.

Judge B. H. Freeland and Sheriff Borah Brane, of Baird, were business visitors in Cross Plains Saturday.

Sgt. William Upton returned to Fort Bliss at El Paso, where he is stationed with a Searchlight Battalion after spending a 15 day furlough here with relatives and friends.

Mrs. L. V. Helberg, of May, visited here Saturday night. She and Mrs. D. R. Helberg and sons and Mrs. Mamie Swafford visited in Burkett Sunday.

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Woolen Gloves, priced from—
69c TO \$1.50

Slippers
FINE GIFTS
are as a Christmas
gift of slippers,
this year and
to all members
ily.
STAMP NEED.

Bros. & Co.
Cross Plains, Texas

ANNOUNCING!

AN ADVANCE IN MILK PRICES
Due to the increased cost of feeds and other items essential to the operation of a dairy, we are forced to raise the price of milk as follows:

Quarts 14c

sincerely trust that you will appreciate our position in this matter and realize that without the high price it would be impossible for us to continue in the dairy business.

E. C. [Ed]
Koenig's Dairy
CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS

REAP THE JAP WITH SCRAP. YES IT WILL HELP TO KICK HITLER TOO. BRING IN ALL OLD IRON, COPPER, RUBBER, STEEL, ETC. IT WILL GO DIRECTLY INTO THE HANKELS OF WAR PRODUCTION.

SINGLE SAM IS ASKING FOR EVERY OUNCE OF SCRAP. REGARDLESS OF WHAT YOU HAVE, IF IT IS NOT NEARBY PUT IT TO WORK IN HELPING LICK THE AXIS.

Remember We Want Any Kind of Scrap Except One With Our Friends and Neighbors

L. G. Jennings
Cross Plains, Texas

Roller Skating
IN CROSS PLAINS EVERY NIGHT
Tent Just South Of Ray's Hotel,
— One Block Off Main Street —
GOOD SKATES
GOOD FLOOR
GOOD EXERCISE
3 Sessions Nightly
— 7 till 10 —

"For Health's Sake — Roller Skate"
R. B. Bryant
Cross Plains, Texas

Ready? Xmas?
for the holidays?
Send your clothes to us now For Quality Cleaning and Steam Pressing.
PLEASE bring your hangers with each of your garments.
THANK YOU.
Service Cleaners
CROSS-PLAINS, TEXAS

WINTERIZE YOUR CAR
Now is the Time to WINTERIZE your car. Come in and let the expert Mechanics at Calhoun's check your automobile for WINTER DRIVING.
November is the month to Change Oil, Check Water Circulation, and Gear Grease, Flush Radiator and numerous other odd jobs to have your car in perfect shape for the COLD WEATHER AHEAD.
We are equipped to handle service work on any make car. Those who are now our customers know us. To those who are not, and are perhaps not familiar with us, we sincerely urge you to come in and see us now.
Calhoun Motor Co.

W. B. BALDWIN
LUMBER
Campbell Quality Paint
Builder's Hardware
Johns-Manville Roofing
Phone 202, Cross Plains

WANTED FURS AND HIDES
Highest CASH PRICES paid for—
—Furs and Co Hides—
FULL PASTURE WOOL
See Us For FEED.
GARY'S HIDE AND FUR
Company

TIRE REPAIRS
We guarantee to vulcanize tires and tubes to your satisfaction or there will be no charge. Experienced workmen and highest quality materials. Give us a trial. Located in the former T. Y. Woody Service Station stand on South Main Street.
WALKER RESPESS
CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS

Shaping the future
To a large extent, every man shapes his own future. By making good use of the tools that time and circumstance provide for his use, he increases his own chances for success.
No man ever won success alone. In the background, there are always other people and other things which make his up-ward climb possible. Often, he is the man that capitalizes opportunities that others see....but fail to grasp.
A connection with a good strong bank is always an aid to financial progress. We cordially invite you to open an account with us. Do not wait...for half the virtue of doing things is doing them in time.
YOUR ACCOUNT IS CORDIALLY INVITED
Citizens State Bank
CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS



SECOND CHRISTMAS AFTER BATAAN...
Make it a War Bond Christmas
They are hoping for...praying for... FREEDOM not "four freedoms" or "five freedoms" or even "seven freedoms" but for the freedom of the American way of life. The freedom to go and come as they please. The freedom to work and the right to enjoy the fruits of their labors. The freedom to save, to invest, and to accumulate the rewards of private enterprise, of personal endeavor in order that they and their posterity may continue the American way of life.
An extra War Bond this Christmas will hasten the day when their prayers will be answered. A War Bond for Christmas helps three ways... it buys the material necessary to liberate those who fought for us... it is a present which will increase in value until the time they come home... it is a present which will help to conserve the freedom they suffer for.
How many EXTRA War Bonds are YOU buying this Christmas?
West Texas Utilities Company

Hard To Get Food Values for XMAS

SARDINES OYSTERS SALMONS

CRANBERRIES 1 lb Packages 35c

PURE LARD 4 lb Carton 68c

CHEESE PLENTY OF IT CHEESE

COFFEE Red & White 1 lb Package 32c

HAMS Cured - Half or Whole - lb 35c

CANNED PINEAPPLE FRESH COCOANUT

WASHO Large Sizes 21c

CHRISTMAS CANDIES

BIG SUPPLY ATTRACTIVE DELICIOUS

ASK FOR WHAT YOU WANT

ALL KINDS CHRISTMAS FRUITS AND NUTS

SPUDS 10 POUNDS MESH BAG 44c

OLEO Blue & White - Banner Per lb 20c

RAISINS POP CORN JELLO

BACON (SLICED) Per lb 35c

FLOUR R&W 25 LB SACK \$1.10

Despite the fact that many food items are hard to get, you will find us comparatively well stocked this yuletide. Come here for all your Christmas table needs. If it can be bought anywhere, you will find it on the shelves of your friendly, neighborhood Red & White.

Red & White

M.E. (Happy) Howell

OFFICERS & TEACHERS OF BAPTIST TRAINING UNION MEET THURS.

A meeting of the officers and teachers of the local Baptist Training Union was called for Thursday evening, December 16, at seven-thirty o'clock. The meeting was to have been held in the auditorium of the First Baptist Church.

Mrs. C. Y. Miller, president of the Baptist Training Union, expressed the desire for all teachers and officers to be present for the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Marshall, of Pioneer have as their guest, their son, who is in the U. S. Navy.

Mr. F. P. Scott, of San Angelo, arrived here this week for several days visit with Mrs. George B. Scott and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Renfro, of Abilene, visited relatives and friends here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Y. Miller have as their guests this week, Mr. and Mrs. Milburn Conard, of Dimmitt, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Clark and Donnel and Margaret Ann and Miss Claire Jordan were recent visitors in Fort Worth.

Staff Sergeant Boswell Burks, who was recently transferred to Ellington Field, near Houston, from California, arrived here Tuesday to spend a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Burks.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Glover and son have returned to their home in McCombs, after spending several days here in the home of Mrs. Glover's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Pierce. Mr. Glover was inducted into the army Tuesday December 14.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks to all who sent floral offerings or gave any help and expression of sympathy during the illness and death of our granddaughter and niece, Anna Lou Erwin.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Armstrong and Family.

BOGART VS. JAPS IN "ACROSS THE PACIFIC"

First it was the Gestapo in "All Through The Night". Now its Jap saboteurs in "Across The Pacific," Friday and Saturday at the Liberty.

The film stars Humphrey Bogart as a member of the U. S. Army Secret Service as he tracks down and then destroys the plans of Japanese agents, led by Sydney Greenstreet, to destroy the Panama Canal. Mary Astor plays the role of Bogart's self-appointed assistant.

John Huston, following his previous successes with "The Maltese Falcon" and "In This Our Life", directed the picture. Richard Macaulay wrote the script from the Saturday Evening Post serial by Robert Carson.

It was Huston's last picture before being called to active service with the Signal Corps.

Humphrey Bogart noted that one of the Chinese extras in Warner's "Across The Pacific", now at the Liberty, seemed unusually weary. "Don't you sleep well?" Bogart asked.

"No," Sin Ling replied, with a yawn. "I started out to count dead Japs, instead of sheep. It became so interesting that I stayed up all night to dispose of their entire army."

L. F. Foster was a business visitor in Baird Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. W. McClellan and Mrs. C. C. Holdridge and son, Charles Mac, visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles McClellan in Abilene last Sunday.

LIBERTY

Come On Folks Relax And Enjoy A Movie!

Thursday

A STRANGE STORY!

"CITY WITHOUT MEN"

With LINDA DARNELL LESLIE BROOKS Also Short Subjects

Friday & Saturday

BOY! WHEN BOGART BOPPS THOSE JAPS—YOU CAN FEEL IT!

HUMPHREY BOGART MARY ASTOR

In "ACROSS THE PACIFIC"

Chapter No. 13 of the "SECRET CODE" Cartoon and Comedy

Sunday & Monday

FROM THE BOOK—"G STRING MURDERS"

BARBARA MICHAEL STANWYCK O'SHEA

"LADY OF BURLESQUE"

Our Gang Comedy and the Latest War News

Tuesday and Wed.

HERE'S ONE THAT WILL MAKE YOU LAUGH!

"REDHEAD FROM MANHATTAN"

Starring LUPE VELEZ MICHAEL DUANE

Also Short Subjects War News

COMING SOON "Stage Door Canteen" "Jitter Bugs"

Our Christmas Picture Will Be "THE DESPERADOES"

Nutshell Advertising

FOR SALE: Lot just North Foster's Grocery on Main Street. See Dr. Mary L. Shelman, Cross Plains (2tp)

FOR SALE: Plenty good used Tractors, Starter, Lights and Power Lifts on good rubber tires. Delma Johnson, John Deere Dealer, Coleman, Texas (1tc)

FARM FOR SALE: 102 acres 1 mile North of Cottonwood. See Mrs. Roy J. Clark at G. H. Clifton's. 2tp

WANT TO RENT: buy or trade for place in Cross Plains. Claude Stephens at Cox's Grocery

FOR GARDEN PLOWING let J. W. Cox do the job. He'll do it right and wont be all Winter. 1tp

STRAYED: White bob-tailed bull dog with few black spots. Anyone knowing whereabouts please notify E. A. Haley (1tp)

FOR SALE: Good strong house, located at Pioneer. See Neal Dillard, Cross Plains (1tc)

FOR SALE: Good Jersey heifers and milk cows. Some milking and heavy springers ready to calf. At my barn all time. Also some shoats and piggy sows for sale. H. L. Hamilton. 1tc

Lost, Strayed, or Stolen: One black and white sow. Also five black pigs about 5 weeks old. Last seen Thursday at Walker Smith place. Please notify W. E. Baker, Rt. 2, Cross Plains. (2tp)

FOR SALE: 2 wheel trailer type. Case power hay press. See D. L. Sessions, Atwell, Texas (1tp)

FOR SALE OR TRADE: One bay work horse, 12 years old. See C. E. Tension, In NE part of town (2tp)

FOR SALE: 180 acre farm eight miles Northeast of Cross Plains—Also a male, weigh about 1,000 pound. Finis Erwin (3tp)

FOR SALE: 4 good work horses and harness and all plow tools. Good Milch cows. H. V. Falkner at Butler's Store (1tc)

WANT TO BUY: Portable electric sewing machine. R. B. Bryant at Skating Rink. (2tp)

WANT TO BUY: child's tricycle—medium size. Mrs. Claude Mayes 1c

BOOKING BABY CHICKS NOW for delivery date wanted next Spring. R.O.P. Sired U. S. Approved, at no higher price than ordinary chicks. Simpson Electric Hatchery, Coleman, Texas

FOR SALE: Good, fresh milk cow. See R. C. Thompson (2tp)

WE FIX TIRES that appear unrepairable. All tube work absolutely guaranteed. W. R. Respass, Tiro and Tube Repair

HAVING BEEN NAMED receiver by the court to sell the Mary King place of 138 acres just ten miles east of Cross Plains, I will accept ten bids and proceed to sell property for cash to highest bidder, if said bid is in keeping the value. Bidders should check to insure good faith, over, checks will be returned promptly to all unsuccessful bidders. W. J. (Bill) Herrington, Receiver, Star, Texas. (2tc)

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY TO BE HELD IN THE C. E. POE HOME

The annual Christmas social of the Alethean Sunday School of the First Baptist Church will be held in the home of Mrs. C. E. Poe on Tuesday evening, December 14, at seven-thirty o'clock.

All members of the class and member members are invited to attend the Christmas party and a gift, which will be exchanged from a beautifully decorated stanzas tree.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Pierce visitors in Coleman Saturday.

Nothing but the United States mint can make money without advertising.

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CROSS PLAINS, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS

GRAHAM SENTENCES 2 ROBBERS WHO LOOTED STORES IN THIS CITY

Two of the three robbers who recently looted two Cross Plains stores, were tried on robbery charges at Graham last week and sentenced to three terms of five years each in the state penitentiary. The sentences, however, were to run concurrently. The men are L. C. Grant and Jimmy Thompson. They will serve similar charges in five other counties when they are to be arraigned into district court in March.

DIVIDEND CHECKS TO BANK STOCK HOLDERS

A semi-annual dividend of five percent was voted Tuesday by directors of the Citizens State Bank to all stock holders. The dividend is the second for the current year and maintains the institution's custom of paying 10 percent on all stock for the past several years. Financial condition of the bank is now best in history and perhaps unsurpassed by an institution of like size and character anywhere in Texas.

HOUSE TRADING STILL CONTINUES ACTIVELY

R. C. Thompson, who recently sold his home on North Main Street to Jim McDaniel, has purchased the H. C. Freeman dwelling in the northwest part of town, and will move to the property shortly after the close of the year. Mr. Freeman will purchase another place in Cross Plains within the near future. He advises his many friends that he has no intention of leaving.

FINGER LOST WHILE SAWING WOOD MONDAY

E. L. (Bob) Young, who lives seven miles North of town, lost a finger in an accident at his home Monday. He was sawing wood at the time. The index finger of his right hand inadvertently slipped into the blade, shearing it off just below the knuckle.

RED HUCKABY RETURNS HUNT WITH NICE BUCK

Proof of the pudding is the eating and friends of W. A. (Red) Huckaby, of whom there are many, attest to his ability as a hunter. He returned Friday morning of last week from South Texas with a fine four point buck, and in keeping with his usual generosity the deer was butchered and distributed among friends as far as it would go.

SHUFORDS MOVE BACK TO THE OL' HOME TOWN

Cross Plains people were gratified this week to welcome back into their midst Mr. and Mrs. T. M. (Nason) Shuford, who for the past several months have been living at Baird, where he was employed at the courthouse. They have reopened their home on the North end of Main Street.

FIRE BOYS BANQUETED LAST THURSDAY NIGHT

Fire Chief V. C. Walker and 18 other members of the local volunteer fire department were honored last Thursday night at a turkey dinner at the Wilson Cafe here. The event was a special compliment to two members of the organization who are expected soon to enter the armed forces, Capt. Bryan and W. J. Sipes. The Cross Plains fire department is a volunteer organization, financially supported by no organized body, however, it functions smoothly, maintains its roster of members despite war time curtailments, and has money in the bank.

LOCAL JEWELER CLOSES SHOP FOR BIGGER JOB

J. L. Francis, who has maintained a jewelry and watch repair shop at the City Drug Store here for the past several years, has closed for the duration and is donning khaki to become a soldier in the greatest army on earth. Saying good byes to friends here this week he was enthusiastic over his forthcoming military experience and was looking forward to learning the ways of a soldier. Mrs. Francis and their three little girls will continue to reside in Cross Plains.

BRING US YOUR EGGS SATURDAY FOR VERY BEST PRICES

BARGAINS In Fine Foods

COFFEE Monarch 3 lbs - 1.00

APPLES APPLES APPLES APPLES APPLE

PLENTY OF DELICIOUS BY THE POUND OR THE BOX PRICED RIGHT

HEINZ SAUCE FOR CATSUP NO POINTS REQUIRED 22c

CRACKERS LB BOX . . . 10c

SEE US FOR CHRISTMAS TREES XMAS NUTS

SPUDS 10 LB. MESH BAG 45c

LIMITED STOCK OF RAISINS AND MINCE MEAT

CHILI Delicious lb. 35c

MATCHES 6 BOXES FINEST BRAND ONLY 15c

CREAM MEAL WHITE ALL DESIRED SIZES

CURED HAMS. BACON, SALT PORK AND JOWLS

Everything For Xmas Dinner

W. T. COX

The Farmers Market

Tis the week before Christmas

Do your food shopping early. Piggly Wiggly wants to give you the best service, but REMEMBER—supplies are limited and manpower is short. So BUY ONLY what you actually need—BUT BUY IT TODAY!

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| APPLES Washington — Delicious ————— LB. 11c | |
| Winesap — Rome Beauty ————— LB. 11c | |
| TEXAS ORANGES, lb. ——— 8c | CALIFORNIA GRAPES lb ——— 17c |
| CALIFORNIA ORANGES lb ——— 11c | FRESH TOMATOES lb. ——— 17c |
| CRANBERRIES ————— LB. ——— 40c | |
| CELERY, Large, Crisp, ——— 20c | POTATOES 10 lb ——— 39c |
| LETTUCE, ————— 12c | CARROTS, bunch ——— 7c |
| RAISINS BLEACHED - WHITE ——— LB. ——— 18c | |
| 4 points to the pound | |
| FANCY PRUNES lb BOX ——— 20c | CALUMET, 25 oz. ——— 29c |
| SWANS DOWN, ————— 32c | CRANBERRY SAUCE, ——— 19c |
| PINEAPPLE NO. 2 ————— 23c | |
| PUMPKIN, 2 1-2 Size ——— 20c | PIMENTOS 7 OUNCE BOX ——— 15c |
| BEWLEYS BEST FLOUR 10 lb. 65c | CRISCO, lb. jar ——— 25c |
| EVERLITE FLOUR 25 pounds for \$1.25 | 50 pounds for only ——— \$2.40 |
| CHASE & SANBORNS COFFEE 34c | PURE LARD, 4 lbs. ——— 70c |
| ADMIRATION COFFEE, lb. — 36c | SHORTENING, 4 lbs. ——— 75c |
| FRANKFURTERS 4 PTS. PER POUND ——— 30c | |
| SLICED BACON 4 PTS. PER POUND ——— 35c | |
| LONG HORN CHEESE 8 PTS. LB. — 40c | SWIFT PREMIUM HALF OR WHOLE 6 PTS. LB. — 38c |
| BLOCK CHILI 4 PTS. LB. — 30c | CREAMERY BUTTER 16 PTS. LB. — 53c |

