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Santa Is Back In Town

Santa is back and you can catch him at the Jenkins Insurance Office, Thursday, December 14 at 6:30 p.m.

There'll be candy galore with oranges and apples and you will be able to have your picture taken with Santa.

He'll be looking for you to be there and tell him what you want for Christmas.

Rural Fires Reported

To report fires call 643-3001 the emergency number.

Fires the Rising Star Fire Department have responded to since last report:

10-9-89, 1:30 p.m., Ron and Debbie Jones, 2 miles SE Rising Star-grass fire.

3:45 p.m., Perry Curtis, Okra-grass fire.

10-12-89, 9:15 a.m., hay on fire on trailer in Rising Star.

10-13-89, 5:30 p.m., Duke Murdock, in Rising Star, house fire.

10-19-89, 6:00 p.m., Debbie Winfrey, Williams, car fire.

10-20-89, 3:00 p.m., M.W. Floyd Sheridan, Amity, grass fire.

11-4-89, 11:05 a.m., Max Wilson oil field yard, south part of Rising Star, grass fire.

11-5-89, 11:30 Hollis Shults, Jr., Williams, grass fire.

2:30 p.m., Hollis Shults, Jr., Williams, grass fire.

11-6-89, 5:00 p.m., Mike

Donhan, 2 miles S of Rising Star, grass fire.

11-16-89, 3:30 p.m., Don Harris, west part of Rising Star, grass fire.

11-18-89, 11:30 a.m., Bob Simpson, 2 miles west of Romney, grass fire.

11-21-89, 4:30 p.m., Rising Star Nursing Center, Rising Star, kitchen fire.

Donations since our last report are as follows: Ron and Debbie Jones, Mrs. C.D. McDaniel, Mr. and Mrs. Al Jones, W. Floyd Sheridan, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Donham, Robert Eichelberger, Mrs. Jenkins, Hollis Shults, Jr.

Please be careful with your fires as everything is very dry right now. We would like to say a big "THANKS" to everyone who continues to support us with your money and time. Our account number at the bank is #54-844-8.

School Board Meeting

Rising Star Independent School District board meeting was held in the board room at 8 p.m. Nov. 9. Members present were Vice-President Tony Long, Secretary David Harris, Dr. Charles Barnes, Larry Chambers, Ronnie Green, and Gary Wilson.

School personnel present were Dr. Donald E. Bryan, Weldon Hill, and Robby Stuteville.

Under regular business, it was agreed to accept the following teachers to serve on the Textbook Committee for the 1989-90 school year as recommended by the administration: Don Bryan, Tim Riley, Kenneth Good, Weldon Hill, Doyle Browning, Linda Webb, Cindy Wood, Robby Stuteville, Susan De Long, Pam Thompson, Peggy Agnew, Shelly Bailey, Debra Cooksey and Pam Cook.

Christmas Dinner

PLANS WELL UNDERWAY Rising Star citizens are busy with plans for the free dinner to be held at the Rainbow Cafe on Christmas Day.

Dinner will be served between 11:30-1:30.

Those who are in charge of the financial aspect of the dinner and who are accepting cash donations are Carol Cook, Pat Walker, Rita Wilson and Cathy Herring.

Joyce Baker and Robin

Reeves are co-ordinating food donations, take-out requests, etc. Please call one of them at 643-3000 or 643-3573.

At this time we need donations of pies and salad.

This is a community project and a lot of people are working to make it happen. We hope everyone will consider this article our way of extending a warm invitation to be our guests for dinner on Christmas Day.

Brag Corner



Erick Ryan, 2 and Casey Aaron, 1 Robbins. Parents are Steve and Carol Robbins. Grandparents are Dale and Sandra Barnard and Jessie and Mary Robbins, all of Rising Star.



All Tournament Players

Awarded All Tournament at the Cross Plains Tournament were Shannon Bailey, Wendy Green and Toby Long.

Shannon is a Senior, 6'1" with a point average of 14

Toby Long is a Senior, 6'0" with a point average of 10 and rebound average 10. He

is the son of Tony and Barbara Long. Wendy Green is a Junior, 5'9" with a point average of 15 and rebound average 12. She is the daughter of Ronnie and Debbie Green.

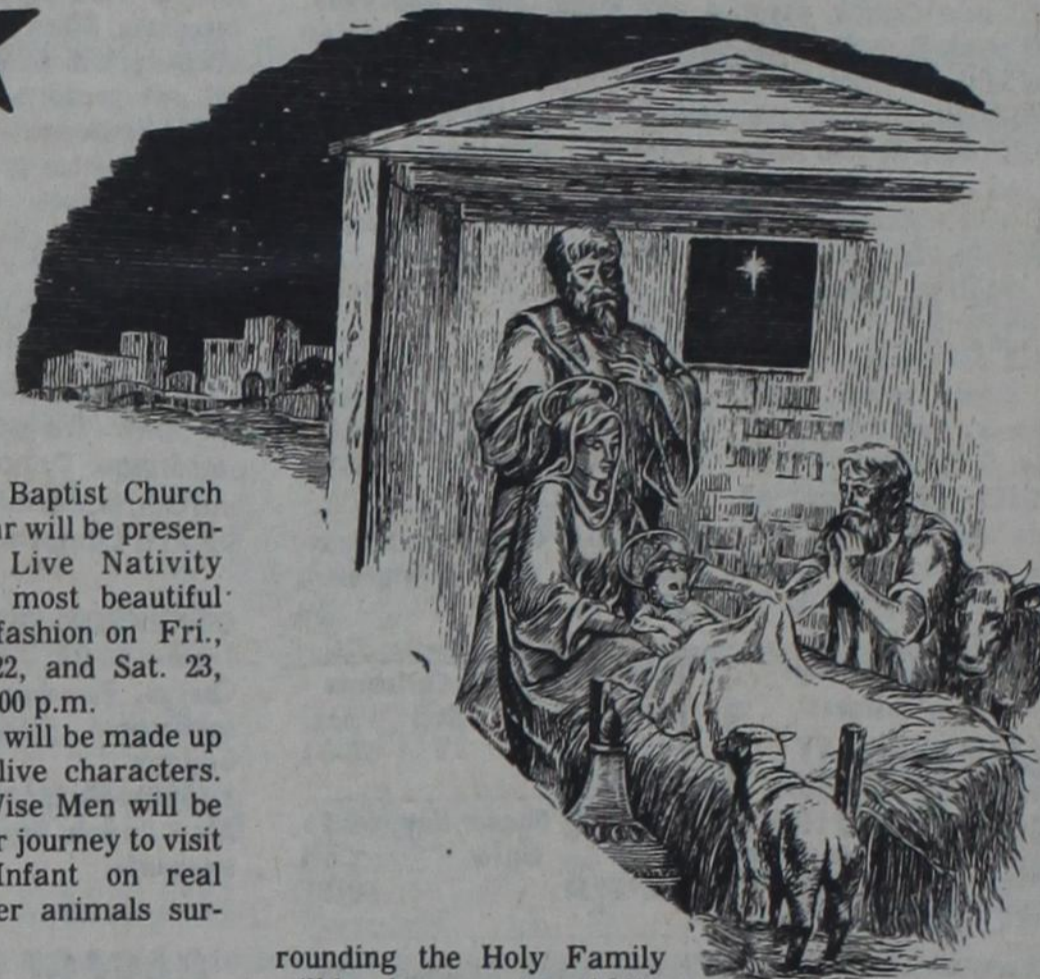
History Book To Arrive Before Christmas

The Eastland County History Book should be arriving any day now. The publisher

has promised to have the book out before Christmas. Committee member Roy

Lee Smith recently made a trip to the Metroplex to proof read the final segment so that

A Live Nativity Scene



The First Baptist Church of Rising Star will be presenting their Live Nativity Scene in a most beautiful and unique fashion on Fri., December 22, and Sat. 23, from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

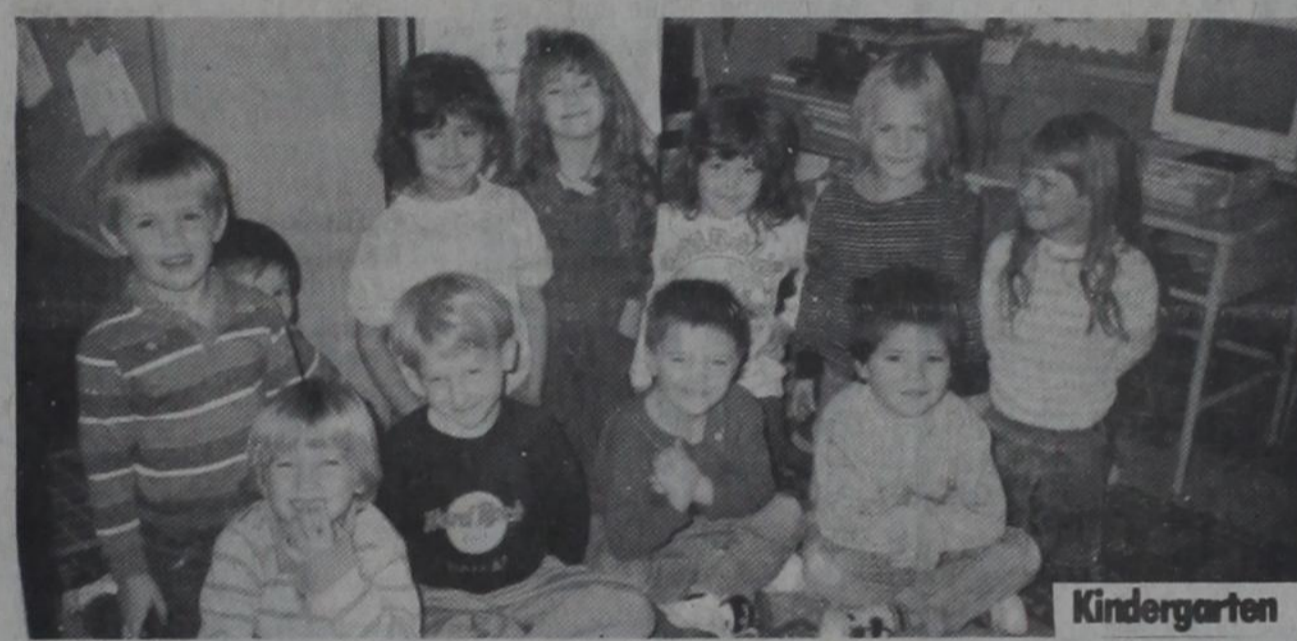
The scene will be made up entirely of live characters. The three Wise Men will be making their journey to visit the Holy Infant on real horses. Other animals sur-

rounding the Holy Family will be sheep, goats, rabbits, ducks, chickens, cows, calves and a burro.

The choir will be singing your favorite Christmas carols and the Manger will be well equipped with speakers and lighting to help add to your enjoyment.

This is to be a very special presentation by the Church and a most unusual way of bringing joy and the true meaning of Christmas Spirit to this Community. DON'T MISS IT!!!

Sleigh Chasers Write Santa Letters



Mexican Supper Is Fund Raiser

A Mexican supper will be held by the Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture on Tuesday, December 19, at the school cafeteria from 5 to 7 p.m.

The meal is \$3.50 for adults and \$2 for children under 10. Advance tickets are on sale from Chamber members, or they may be purchased at the door.

Beef and cheese enchiladas, Spanish rice, pinto beans and a drink are the main items in the meal. Flour tortillas and a hot sauce made with fresh jalapenos and tomatoes will be available.

The proceeds of the supper will be used to buy a canopy to shade the musicians at the 4th of July picnic and to purchase replacement Christmas decorations.

A vote was taken to go

ahead with the purchase of a large, sturdy canopy at the last Chamber meeting on December 5.

The Chamber was informed last year that the Christmas decorations were just about worn out and plans were made to buy one or two replacements each year. Each decoration costs \$250 and fundraising events are necessary to make the purchases.

Mark December 19 on your calendar as a date to remember. Basketball fans will have a great opportunity for a prepared meal before the games, Rising Star's work force can plan on a Mexican supper after work and many of us may go because we can count on enjoyable visits with friends and neighbors. See you there!

Livestock Raisers Assn.

The Rising Star Livestock Association will be meeting on Thursday, Dec. 16. The meeting will be held in the Ag room at the high school at 7 p.m.

All parents of livestock exhibitors and those who are interested in helping are encouraged to attend this meeting. The topic of the meeting will be the local livestock show.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.



Cantata

Sunday, December 17, the First Baptist Church will be presenting their Christmas Cantata, "Call Him Jesus," at 4:00 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Books! Books!

The Rising Star Library wishes to announce the arrival of lots of new books.

You can find Romances and Westerns in both large and regular print. Come by and check us out!

Post Office

The Rising star Post Office will be open Saturday from 7:30 A.M. until 11:00 A.M. for your convenience.

community calendar...

EACH THURSDAY SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON AND PARTY

The Senior Citizens Center Christmas luncheon and party will be held Thursday, December 14. Birthdays will be remembered, also.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY AT MAY

A community Christmas party will be held at May Community Center on Thursday, December 14. There will be a covered dish dinner at noon and music and other entertainment is planned. Bring a gift for a man or woman to exchange. Everyone is invited.

RSNC BIRTHDAY PARTY

The monthly birthday party held for residents of Rising Star Nursing Center will be Thursday, December 14, at 2:30 p.m.

3RD MONDAY AMBULANCE MEETING

Emergency Medical Service volunteers will meet. Ambulance Meeting at City Hall beginning at 7:00 p.m.

SCHOOL CALENDAR by Cathy Smoot

Monday, Dec. 18; FHA Christmas Party

Tuesday, Dec. 19; Basketball-Cross Plains-6:00 at home.

JV/V Girls and Boys Thursday, Dec. 21; School's out at 2:00 P.M.

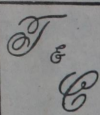
3RD FRIDAY Ladies luncheon at Lakewood Recreation Center

RESERVE A MEAL Meals on Wheels are provided Mondays at Rising Star Senior Citizens Center, 643-5141. The meals come from Cisco and reservations must be made by 9:45 a.m. Mondays.

3rd THURSDAY Scottish Rite

RSNC CHRISTMAS PARTY A Christmas party will be held at Rising Star Nursing Center on Thursday, December 21, at 7 p.m.

EACH SATURDAY BINGO, American Legion Hall



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Guest Slot

by HVO

NORMALLY, OUR relationship to recipes is on the eating end, but here's some that have found our desk this season.

The first is from M. D. Anderson so it's bound to be good for you, and the others are from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. Newsletter, in a piece about the Sauer-Beckmann Living History Farm at Stonewall, where food traditions typical of a 1915 German family are kept alive. Sounds like good eatin'.

THE HEALTHY from M. D. Anderson:

Uncle Bud's Sunday Roast Chicken
2 1/2 - 3 lbs roasting chicken
1 tablespoon prepared mustard
salt and pepper
juice of lemon
whole onion
stalk of celery

Rinse chicken and pat dry. Rub with mustard. Sprinkle with salt and pepper, then stuff with whole onion and stalk of celery. Place chicken on a rack in the roasting pan. Cover with lemon juice. Bake in a 375 degree oven for about 1 1/2 hours, basting from time to time, and adding a little water if needed.

(Yield: 4-6 servings)
THE GERMAN from the Hill Country:

Potato Salad with Herring (Sardines?)
6 med. potatoes boiled in their jackets
3 hard boiled eggs
salt, pepper, and onions to taste

2 or 3 herrings soaked at least 12 hours
Slice potatoes, remove bones from herring and cut into cubes, mix together.

Bring to a boil 1/2 cup vinegar, a tablespoon of lard, salt, pepper, chopped onion, and 1/2 cup water; pour over salad and serve cold.

Weihnacht Plätzchen (Christmas Cookies)
1/2 cup butter
1 egg
4 tablespoons milk
1/2 teaspoon vanilla or lemon extract
1 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
2 cups flour (or enough to roll dough)

Cream butter and sugar. Add beaten egg and milk. Add flour and baking soda. Roll dough; cut with cookie cutters. Bake in hot oven at 400 degrees F. for 12 minutes.

Decorate cookies with white icing and sprinkle with colored sugar. (Cookies from this recipe are used to decorate the annual Christmas tree.)

Mama's Molasses Cookies
2 cups molasses
2 cups sugar
1 cup butter
2 tablespoons warm water
1 teaspoon soda
8 cups flour
1 teaspoon each of cinnamon and cloves
1 cup pecans if desired

Heat over low heat molasses, sugar, butter until sugar is dissolved. Let cool. Add soda dissolved in water. Sift flour with spices, mix in nuts. Combine the two mixtures. Dough should be stiff. Roll out thin on board dusted with flour and sugar. Cut into desired shapes, place on greased cookie sheet. Bake at 300 degrees F. until crisp but not brown.

Weihnachtsstollen (Christmas Bread)

2 yeast cakes or 2 pkgs. of dry yeast
10 cups flour
2 cups butter
1 cup sugar
1 teaspoon salt
4 eggs
1 tablespoon grated rind orange or lemon
2 cups milk, scalded and cooled to 120 degrees F.
1 cup raisins
1 1/2 cups candied fruit
1 1/2 cups blanched almonds, chopped
1/2 cup melted butter

Icing
2 cups powered sugar mixed with about 1/3 cup milk
Dissolve yeast in warm milk and stir in 1 cup flour. Let rise about 1/2 hour. Cream butter, sugar and salt. Add egg, one at a time and beat well after each. Add rind. Combine two mixtures and add enough flour to make a soft dough. Mix in raisins, fruit and almonds. Add more flour until smooth and elastic. Turn out on floured board, knead gently 4-6 minutes. Place in warm, greased bowl; let rise in warm place till doubled, 1 1/2 - 2 hours. Punch down, knead 2-4 minutes. Divide dough into three or four parts. Roll each into an oblong, 1/2-inch thick; brush with melted butter. Fold long sides together; press down edges. Place in 3 large greased bread pans and let rise 1 - 1 1/2 hours or until doubled. Brush top with melted butter. Bake in 350 degrees F. oven for 40 minutes or until golden brown.

While still hot, brush on thin icing. May be decorated with fruit or nuts. Dough may be mixed night before.

Eleventh Court of Appeals

The following proceedings were had in the Court of Appeals, Eleventh District of Texas: **MOTIONS SUBMITTED & GRANTED**

11-88-150-CR Jonathan L. Lemell v. State of Texas. State's fourth motion for extension of time to file brief. **HARRIS**
11-88-201-CV Douglas G. Daniell and George A. Day v. RepublicBank Brownwood, N.A. Appellee's motion for extension of time to file brief. **PALO PINTO**

Hardin-Simmons To Offer Courses In England Soon

In January 1990 Hardin-Simmons University will offer for the 12th consecutive year, six hours of business courses in London, England. BSAD 6399/4399, International Business in London and FINA 6399/4399, International Finance in London, may be taken for graduate or undergraduate credit, and will be taught by Dr. Ron Presley, dean of School of Business, and William C. Curtis, assistant professor of finance.

Course content will consist of a reading list assigned for each course in December and to be read before the trip, class discussions before the trip, one-week of business visits in London, and a term paper for each course, to be completed after returning to campus.

During the week in London, students will visit financial and business institutions unique to that city.

Supplemental Security Income Program Described

If you have limited income and resources, supplemental security income (SSI) may be able to help. Glyn Hammons, Social Security manager in Abilene, said today.

SSI is a Federal program administered by the Social Security Administration, but financed from general revenues, not from Social Security taxes, Hammons said.

It makes monthly payments to eligible aged, blind, and disabled people.

People who receive SSI may qualify for other benefits too, such as Medicaid, food stamps, and other social services.

You may qualify if you are 65 or older, or blind or disabled, and a lawful resident of the U.S., and you meet certain income and resource limits. Some income and some resources are not counted in determining eligibility for SSI. The house you live in and your car, for example, are usually not counted in the resource limit.

For more information or to

make an appointment to apply for SSI, call 1-800-234-5772. The Abilene Social Security office is located at 142 S. Pioneer. The office is open weekdays 9:00-4:30.



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Pharmacy Topics
By Bob Mueller

Smoking directly affects cholesterol levels, says the American Health Foundation. Tests indicate that each cigarette per day raises total cholesterol by half a point; quitting brings it down again.

People who take aspirin and non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs in arthritis-fighting doses are more likely to be hospitalized for ulcers, the British Medical Journal reports. (The Food and Drug Administration now requires warning of this on labels.)

Instead of surgery to remove gallstones, doctors at Mayo Clinic have been injecting ether into the gallbladder to dissolve the stones.

Combination of medications seems to slow the progress of diabetic kidney failure and may even prevent it. Reported in the British Medical Journal, the treatment uses captopril, an antihypertension drug, and a thiazide diuretic. United States tests are starting.

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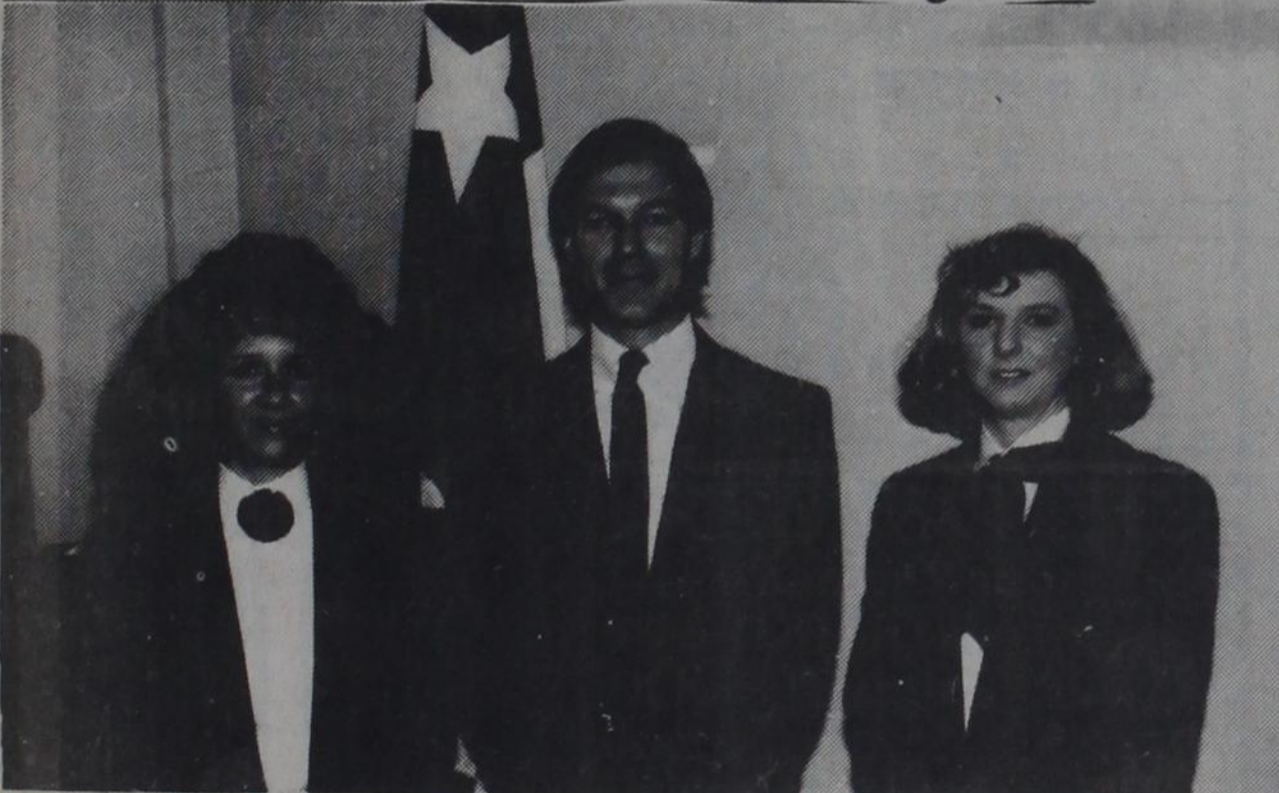
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11th Court Of Appeals Has New Attorneys



(L-R) Denise Hays of Abilene, Christopher Duggan of Austin, and Tracy Lowe McInroe of Huckabay are serving as briefing attorneys for the 11th Court of Appeals in Eastland.

One graduate of St. Mary's University School of Law and two graduates of Texas Tech University School of Law are serving as briefing attorneys for the 11th Court of Appeals in Eastland, Texas. Denise Hays, Tracy Lowe McInroe and Christopher Duggan are assisting the Justices in researching legal authorities cited in civil and criminal cases pending. All three were admitted to the State Bar of Texas on November 3, 1989.

The Court was created in 1925 with civil jurisdiction over 23 counties, including Eastland County. In 1981, the 14 Courts of Civil Appeals became Courts of Appeals with criminal as well as civil jurisdiction. Justices and other members of the Court's staff are: Austin McCloud, Chief Justice; Bob Dickenson and W. G. (Bud) Arnot, III, Justices; Nancy Hughes, Staff Attorney; Laura Lee Price, Research Attorney; Oleta Moseley, Clerk; Diana Reynolds and Johanna Blair, Deputy Clerks; Sherry Williamson, Melissa Little and Marie Kelly, Appellate Sec-

retaries; and Johnny McCoy, Janitor.

Denise Hays is the daughter of Ms. Rosemary Hays and the late Scott Hays, Sr. of Abilene. She was born and raised in Abilene, graduating from Abilene High School in 1976. Denise received her bachelor's degree in Special Education from Abilene Christian University in 1980 and her Master's degree in Counseling and Human Development from Hardin-Simmons University in 1982. She graduated from St. Mary's University School of Law in May of 1989.

Prior to law school, Denise toured with the U.S.O. show bands as a singer. Later, she taught special education at the elementary level in Abilene. Denise's interests include running, holistic foods, singing and racquetball.

Tracy Lowe McInroe is the daughter of Elvis and Cheryl Lowe of Huckabay and the granddaughter of Chester and Edra Lowe of Huckabay and Delbert and Evelyn Montgomery of Stephenville.

She was raised in Huckabay and graduated from Huckabay High School in 1983. After receiving a B. S. in Criminal Justice at Tarelton State University in Stephenville, Texas, in 1986, Tracy attended Texas Tech University School of Law, where she graduated with a J. D. in May of 1989. Tracy's interests include reading, basketball and snow skiing.

Christopher Duggan is the son of Michael and Shirley Duggan of Austin, Texas. He graduated from Johnston High School in 1982. After receiving his BBA in finance at the University of Texas at Austin in 1986, he graduated from the Texas Tech University School of Law in May of 1989. His interests include running, reading and playing bridge.

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Thursday, December 14, 1989

Christmas Poetry

CHRISTMAS BELLS
by Bob Harbin

Oh hear the Christmas bells ringing
Sending a message through out the land
Telling of the birth of our Lord and Savior
In a little town called Bethlehem

The Angels watching over Him
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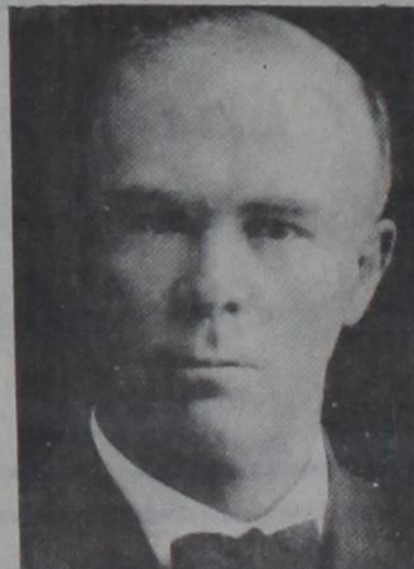
Pancho Villa The Key

foreign revolution. Texas and American national officials up to and even including the President got to know her well, and foreign revolutionaries felt her influence. She was a mother praying, fighting and laboring for her son, Dr. Charles Harle, who she believed had been wronged.

Mexican legend Pancho Villa would prove to be the pivotal key in re-uniting the fragile artist and her physician son who had been a long-time prisoner in a Mexican dungeon.

Putting all the pieces of the strange puzzle together began with Gaynell O'Brien's determination to identify the painter of a tapestry she had acquired during the disposal of the furnishings from a large home nearby.

The trail took many turns: crumbling newspaper files, fading memories, interviews, letter writing, days of cemetery and library research and finally, the National Archives. None of the informants knew the whole



Dr. Charles Harle The Prisoner

story. A piece was added here, a new name turned up there; many other paintings came to light and, little by little, the story of Anna Laurie Harle unfolded.

Truly, it was a classic example of international intrigue that was so much a part of Southwestern History in the early 1900s. The thoroughly documented account reads today like pure fiction, but its principals actually lived it in a very personal way.

There are believed to be hundreds of the paintings by Mrs. Harle throughout the Southwestern States; many hung in major churches, and were proud, prized possessions of those who had decorated stately homes. Since then, they have been passed from generation to generation. Now with the publication of this material, their value will be enhanced by knowledge of the story behind the paintings.

She was a highly trained Southwestern pioneer artist; her son, a pioneer doctor who first practiced in



The painting that launched the search

Mexico, where their troubles began, and their combined story is the kind of pioneer experience that helped forge this great area. In the later stages of this epic, Dr. Harle rode with Villa as his personal physician. Historians, art-lovers and those who find strength and enjoyment from seeing real people solving real problems, will find the pages of this book intriguing.

The curious initial search for the artist of the old, unsigned tapestry painting turned quickly into a panorama of Texas-Mexico history as the mystery surrounding the artist unfolded.

Many of the artist's works are reproduced herein, and photographs of the principals round out the story. Readers who know of other paintings which they believe might be Harle's are encouraged to correspond with the authors through the publisher.

The complete story with reproductions of the paintings and photographs of the principals has just been released in a book named "Painting For Freedom" by H.V. and Gaynell O'Brien through Times Publishing Co., Box 29, Eastland, TX 76448, at \$12.95, plus 9 1/2% tax and \$3.95 shipping and handling.

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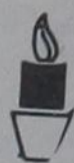
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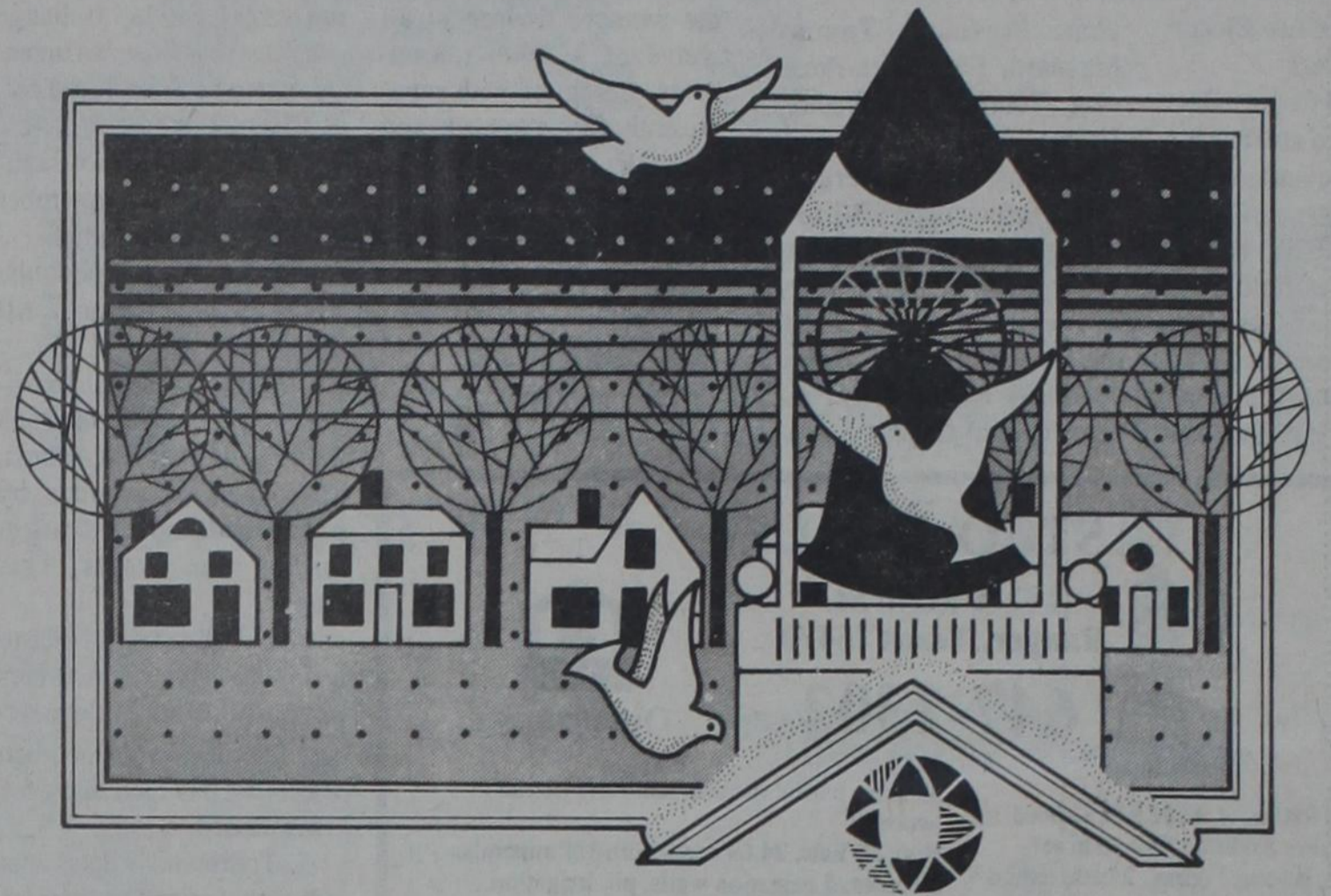
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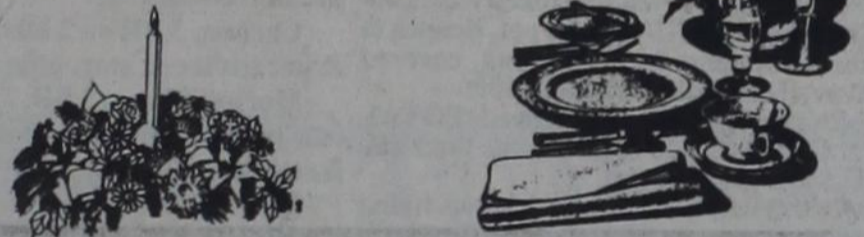
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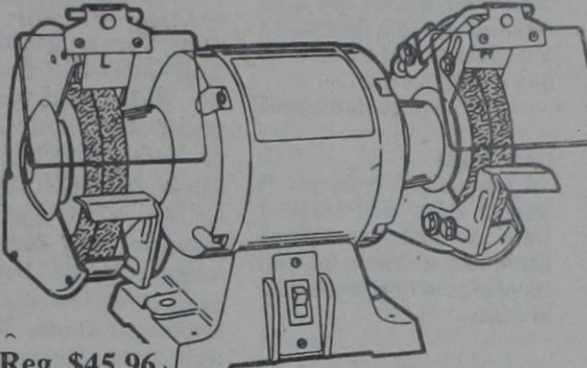

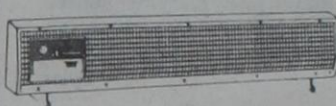
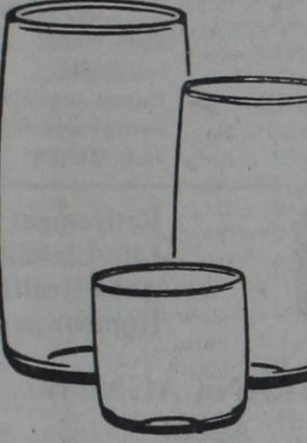
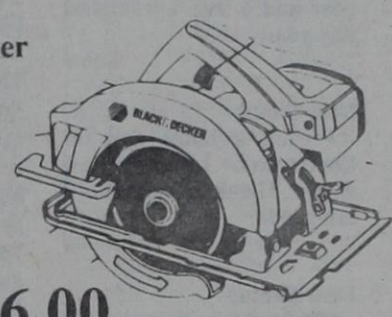




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Have a happy holiday season!

It's time to renew yearly subscriptions for many subscribers to The Rising Star. Hundreds of subscriptions expire January 1, 1990 and I really appreciate those who have already renewed and others who will renew before the deadline.

The response of readers in renewing in November and December for the past few years has helped tremendously in spreading a heavy workload over several weeks' time and is a real boon during such a busy season of the year.

Sunday, December 17, the First Baptist Church will be presenting their Christmas Cantata, "Call Him Jesus," at 4:00 p.m. Everyone is invited.



David Young has been named manager of economic development for West Texas Utilities Co. effective December 1. The move was announced by Bill Elmore, the company's vice president for business development.

Both Elmore's and Young's positions are new and reflect WTU's commitment to economic development for the West Texas area. "Our company has been an active participant in developing the West Texas economy throughout our history," Elmore said. "These positions just reinforce that commitment."

Young will be responsible for working with communities in the company's service area in their efforts

to attract new business and expand existing businesses.

Young comes to WTU from an affiliated electric utility headquartered in Shreveport, La. He worked in economic development and marketing services activities there for the last ten years.

A graduate of Northeast Louisiana University, he has a B.S. degree in business administration and a B.B.A. in marketing. He has been a member of the Arkansas Industrial Developers, Louisiana Industrial Executives Association, and the Texas Industrial Development Commission.

David and his wife Patti have two sons.

Thursday, December 14, 1989

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Delinquent tax rolls will be brought up to date and the law firm will notify the top 100 accounts that these delinquent accounts will be published in area newspapers. The information will be published in

larger newspapers such as those in Abilene and Fort Worth in addition to local newspapers.

Some 1,800 accounts owe approximately \$300,000 in back taxes to the Rising Star Independent School District.

The Board of Trustees met with Shelby Veselka, an attorney with the law firm of McCreary, Veselka, Beck and Allen, to discuss the district's delinquent taxes in a special meeting October 12.

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Frontier Legend's Resting Place In Peaceful Eastland County

By Viola Payne

The grave of William H. Bonney, alias Billy The Kid, lies in an old Fort Cemetery seven miles southeast of Fort Sumner, New Mexico.

Bonney is buried between two associates - Tom O'Folliard and Charlie Bowdre - who died several months earlier than The Kid's death at the hands of Sheriff Pat Garrett July 14, 1881. A granite headstone with the inscription "Pals" marks the resting place of Bonney and his friends.

Another pal is buried in Eastland County.

THE KID AURA

There is no way a visitor to Fort Sumner can miss the presence of The Kid's grave, or the aura of this young cowboy/gunman who had a leading part in the Lincoln County War. For Billy The Kid, dead at age 21, has become a

mythological figure - a symbol of revolt against a sometimes hypocritical Establishment.

A whole tourist industry revolves around this grave and The Kid's legend. People from all over the world turn off the State Highway to travel Billy The Kid Road 3 1/2 miles south. There they may go inside the Old Fort Museum - for \$2 each - and view the grave in the white-walled burial ground behind it.

THE GANG

A tourist-promotional group known as the "Billy The Kid Outlaw Gang" operates out of Fort Sumner, assisting with numerous historical events in the area. Some are in Fort Sumner, and others in Lincoln County 150 miles southwest. Every major event in the 1878-81 Lincoln County War has been

written about, debated, and a number of historical markers erected. The town of Lincoln is carefully preserved in Territorial style, with annual Billy The Kid - Pat Garrett celebrations held during the summers.

In spite of international publicity, with books, films and music based on his life, a lot of controversy, speculation and mystery surrounds Billy The Kid.

Josiah G. Scurlock, who knew the answers to most of these questions, lies

buried over 400 miles east of Fort Sumner - right here in the Eastland City Cemetery. He shares a marble headstone with his wife, Antonia Hererra Scurlock, the Basque-French girl he married in Lincoln, New Mexico in 1876.

As yet, no tourists are hurrying off the Freeway to visit the grave of Josiah G. Scurlock. There are only visits by family members in the area, or a few friends who remember the pleasant old Irish gentlemen who

died in Eastland in 1929. Yet historians of the Lincoln County War will tell you that Josiah G. "Doc" Scurlock was a close associate of Billy The Kid - probably knew him as well as anyone who ever lived.

THE REGULATORS

He and The Kid were in a group called the "Regulators" during the War, sharing the pain and violence of those times.



Josiah G. "Doc" Scurlock is pictured with a daughter, Lola. This photograph was made around 1920, when "Doc" was 70 years old.



DOC TOOK PARDON

Their trails began to part when New Mexico Gov. Lew Wallace offered a pardon in 1879 to everyone on both sides of the Lincoln County War. There was one stipulation for Billy The Kid - he would have to stand trial before he was pardoned. Scurlock and a number of the other Regulators took their pardons and made new lives for themselves - Billy The Kid refused.

A trial in Messilla, New Mexico and a spectacular jailbreak from the Lincoln County Courthouse were some of The Kid's last adventures.

After leaving Lincoln County and Fort Sumner for Texas, Josiah G. Scurlock was very reluctant to tell of his experiences in New Mexico. He related nothing outside the family, and made only brief remarks to family members. He indicated he had enemies who would kill him if they ever found him.

He did say that the law officials in Lincoln County at the time of the War were corrupt, and that he would never stand a fair chance with them. So during the rest of his life he refused any position of prominence, or any situation that would give him public notice.

CONTRASTS

It would be hard to find two people with more contrasting backgrounds than Josiah G. Scurlock and Billy The Kid. They did have an Irish ancestry in common, but Josiah G. came from a settled family in Alabama with means and advantages.

A fierce pride of race, family and person was bred into the Scurlocks. One family member - thought to be Josiah's cousin - died in the Alamo.

Daniel, an older brother, fought for the south in the Civil War. He is also buried in the Eastland Cemetery, along with Josiah and Antonia's son William, his wife Liddie and Josiah's daughter Gladys.

YOUNG DOCTOR

Born in 1850, Josiah showed an interest in medicine when a young man. He studied under a Doctor in Alabama, then went to Charity Hospital in New Orleans to work on his Internship. He was a bright and handsome young man, and made a lot of friends.

Just before his graduation something happened which plunged Josiah into a wild depression. He was in love with a young nurse, and found that she had decided to marry another intern.

Josiah left medical school and took a boat for

Josiah G. Scurlock and his wife, Antonia Hererra Scurlock, are buried in the Eastland Cemetery. Antonia died in 1912 at the age of 52, and Josiah died in 1929 at age 79. The couple had ten children. The Scurlock grave is to the right of Valley Street in the Cemetery.



Tampico, Mexico, where he found work treating patients with yellow fever.

By 1871 Scurlock feared he might have tuberculosis, and came back to the United States. He worked briefly for John Chisum, a Texas-New Mexico cattle rancher. Chisum, who drove cattle out of the Brown County, Texas in 1866, had established a headquarters in the Fort Sumner-Roswell area. At that time he was reported to have one of the largest holdings of cattle in the world.

Scurlock was still restless, and he drifted over to Arizona. There he met Charlie Bowdre, and they operated a mine and cheese

factory for a short while. One of their employees was an engaging youngster known as William H. Bonney, who was on the run from trouble in Silver City. Bonney had a stepfather, W.K. Antrim, who worked in mines around Mogollon. Scurlock took a liking to mild-mannered Bonney, with his ready smile and lightening draw of a gun.

FIRST KILLING?

Bonney became involved in a bar-room killing and drifted south into Mexico. Scurlock and Bowdre decided to set up a ranch on the Rio Ruidoso in Lincoln County, back in New Mexico. After they settled there Scurlock taught school along with his ranching, and also served as a Doctor. There he acquired the nick-name Doc.

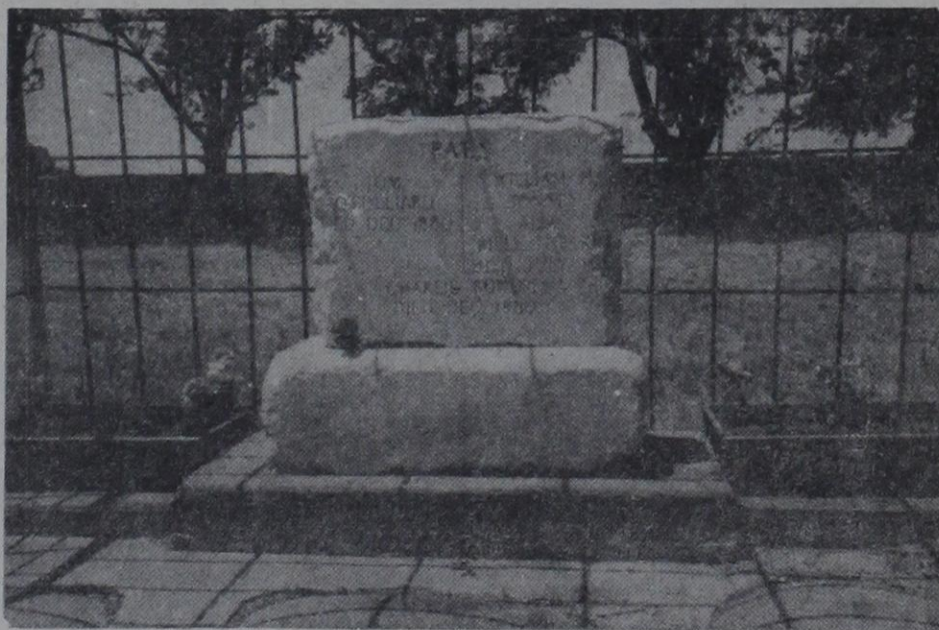
Lincoln County had some of the most beautiful scenes anywhere, with high mountain meadows and clear streams tumbling to dry flats near the Pecos River. But an explosive mix of

people had converged on this area, and trouble was simmering.

South of the Ruidoso was the Apache Indian Reservation, filling a territory supposedly inhabited by their Mountain Gods. Across the rolling grassy hills below the mountains were old-line Spanish and Mexican families, who established ranches there around 1850. To the east lay the vast holdings of John Chisum, the Texan planning to enlarge his territory. Just southwest of Lincoln was Fort Stanton, with U.S. Calvarymen (sometimes black) and white officers.

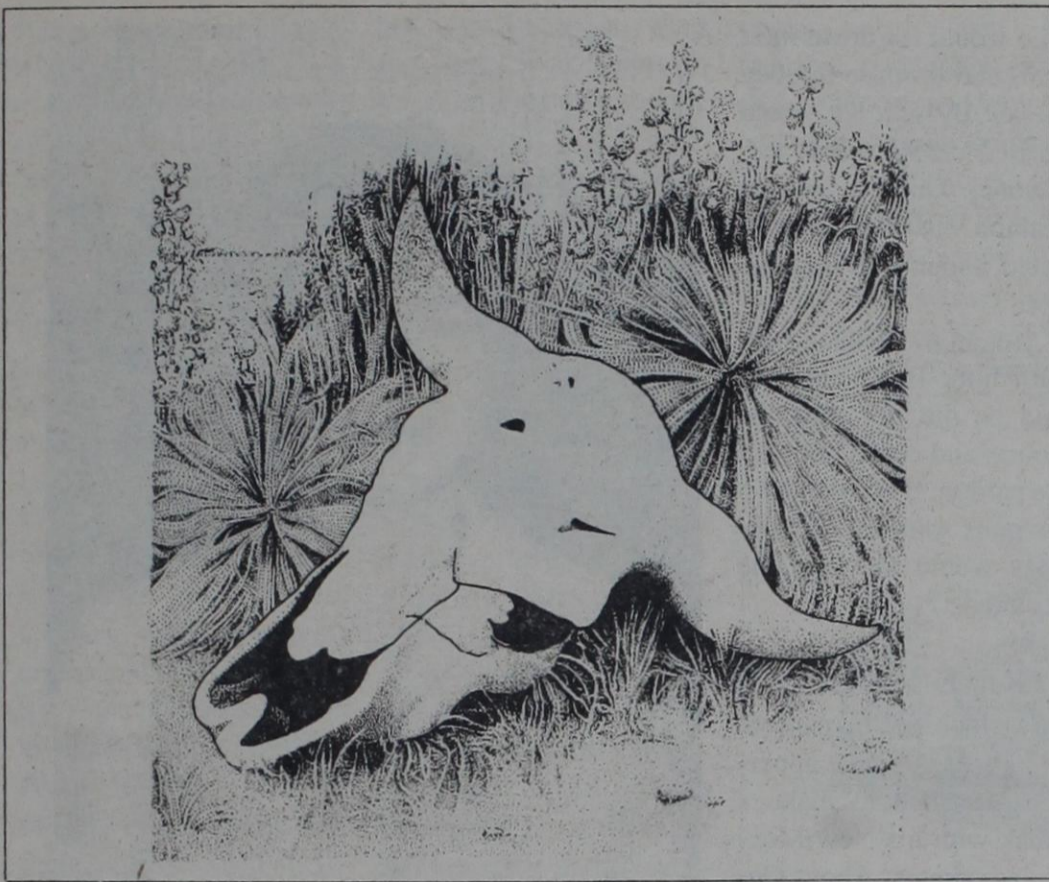
THE RING

Business and finance in the town of Lincoln was under the control of a Murphy-Dolan group, financed by Thomas B. Catron, President of the First National Bank of Santa Fe. Catron was the leader of the so-called "Santa Fe Ring", a group who exercised control of Territorial



THE KID'S TOMBSTONE--The grave of Billy The Kid is in this old Fort Cemetery southeast of Fort Sumner, New Mexico. He is buried between two friends - Charlie Bowdre and Tom O'Folliard. Charlie Bowdre was a partner in mining and ranching with "Doc" Scurlock.





politics and manipulated scores of business ventures.

About this time Billy The Kid drifted out of Old Mexico to Mesilla, N.M., and finally to the John Chisum ranch. A large amount of cattle and horse stealing was going on in the territory, and The Kid got a job rounding up and returning Chisum's stolen stock.

When Chisum later decided Billy was a "loose gun" and quit paying him, the Kid allegedly continued to round up Chisum stock - but then he sold them and kept all the money.

A DUEL

About this time Scurlock, according to family tradition, lost his front teeth in a dispute which arose during a card game. He and his opponent fired at the same time, with the bullet entering Scurlock's mouth and coming out the back of his neck without inflicting a fatal wound. The man who fired that bullet is reported to have been less fortunate.

An English nobleman named John Tunstall had a ranch on the Ruidoso, and he and Scurlock became good friends. Billy the Kid hired on as a cowboy for Tunstall, and it was interesting how quickly the educated Englishman and

Billy took a liking to each other. For Billy it was a chance to eat regular meals and attend some of the local dances. There were some mighty pretty girls at the dances, and Billy was a favorite.

Scurlock was probably a favorite too, but he soon dropped out of the competition. He was in love with dark-eyed Antonia Hererra, daughter of a Basque ranch owner. (The Basques came from the border of Spain and France.)

A WIFE

The Scurlocks and Hererras had one thing in common - each family believed its members were "too good" to marry "just anyone." Fernando Hererra was certain that lovely Antonia, born to his first wife (a French woman, who died young) was far superior to this cowboy-stranger.

Doc Scurlock wasn't exactly considered an angel. He was high-spirited and hot-tempered, and there were some warrants out for him on cattle and horse rustling. Hererra liked the bunch Scurlock ran with better than that other faction of Anglos - but he sure didn't want his daughter mixed up with any of them.

Somehow Scurlock

managed to get Antonia to a Catholic Church in Lincoln on Oct. 19, 1876. One story has him riding by the Hererra ranch, pulling her up on a horse and riding off. Others say this was not true. Either way, Antonia's father never really approved of her marriage to Doc Scurlock.

The couple did stay in the Hererra home some after their marriage, however. The final break seems to have come when Scurlock came in one day to find Antonia's stepmother ordering her to do some work.

He declared that "no one is going to make a maid out of my wife!" and moved Antonia and their two small children out of the house.

Although her father fought on the side of the Regulators during the Lincoln County War, Antonia had little personal contact with her family again.

The Lincoln County War was smoldering, with frequent clashes between Tunstall's cowboys and a group of gunmen under the leadership of James Dolan. In 1877 the Lincoln County Bank was organized with John Chisum, President, Alexander McSween (a lawyer) Vice President, and John Tunstall, Treasurer. This made the Tunstall-McSween-Chisum faction a serious threat to the

Murphy-Dolan group.

Local sentiment was about evenly divided between the newcomers and the establishment, and neutrality was about as dangerous as being on one of the sides. Major Murphy used his political influence to have William Brady made Sheriff of Lincoln County.

By Feb. of 1878 a dispute arose over money on an insurance policy Alex McSween had collected for a former partner of Murphys. Murphy instructed Sheriff Brady to serve a writ of attachment on the property of McSween's partner John Tunstall.

TUNSTALL'S DEATH

On Feb. 18 an armed and allegedly drunken posse met Tunstall on the road to Lincoln and killed him. Tunstall's cowboy's, including Billy the Kid, swore revenge for Tunstall's death. Before long they had ambushed and killed two members of the posse and killed Brady and another man named Hindeman on the streets of Lincoln. This began five months of violence and bloodshed in which neither side was ever able to claim a victory.

THE REGULATORS

Two days after Tunstall was killed, Scurlock, ranchers George and Frank Coe, Billy the Kid and about ten other supporters forcibly evicted the Sheriff's representatives from the Tunstall store and bank and seized control of the property. Styling themselves the Regulators, these friends of Tunstall set out to liquidate the posse they held responsible for his death. There was a swift ride over to a place called Seven Rivers, known to be a hideout for the group involved. Two men, Morton and Baker, were "executed" during this raid.

When word got around of the killing of Morton and Baker, concern settled on the minds of the townspeople. Who would the Tunstall Death Posse find next? On April 5 the Posse engaged Buckshot Roberts in battle at Blazer's Mill on the Mescalero Indian Reservation. Roberts failed to live up to his boast that he would "get" the Kid, but proved he was a tough gunfighter.

At The End Billy The Kid "Had the liking of being an outlaw."



THE SPIDER WEB

As the killings continued on both sides, Doc Scurlock had special reasons to fear for the safety of his family. His rides with the Regulators had brought down warrants for his arrest from Lincoln all the way to Mesilla. One day he hid Antonia and their two babies in a deep old cellar, using special care to leave the spider-webs across the cover intact. As Antonia sat in the darkness, enemy riders glanced at the cellar cover and decided no one was inside. Later Scurlock slipped Antonia and the children over to Fort Sumner for their protection.

THE SHOWDOWN

The climax of the Lincoln County battles came with a five-day siege of the McSween home in Lincoln. The house was the most luxurious in the territory, consisting of twelve rooms elegantly furnished, including a fine piano. Supporters of the Tunstalls and McSweens had gathered in the home or in positions nearby on the street.

One account says that Doc Scurlock was in a Montano house nearby during the battle. It is known that he was also in the McSween home during some of the worst of the siege. Susan McSween, her sister and two nieces were in the McSween house, with a Lincoln School teacher named Katherine Gates in the Turnstall-McSween store. As the current Sheriff Peppin and his followers gathered for a showdown, Mrs. McSween

is reported to have played the piano to veil noise in the house.

Dolan, realizing McSween forces were solidly entrenched, called on Colonel Dudley of the Ninth Calvary at Fort Stanton for help. He was refused because of an army regulation forbidding troops to assist a civilian posse. But on Friday, July 19 the Colonel rode into town with three companies of soldiers.

It was announced that the military had come to protect the women and children. But - according to most New Mexico historians - the Colonel and his troops simply watched the subsequent burning of the house without taking any action for protective custody.

The women escaped, but the Regulators lost a number of their men, including McSween. The survivors, among them Scurlock and Billy The Kid, regrouped at an abandoned ranch house they often used as a hide-out. On Aug. 5 they led a successful raid on the herds of the Mescalero Apaches.

Sheriff Peppin was unable to maintain a strong force, and the Regulators were riding in and out of Lincoln without molestation. About the first of September, Doc Scurlock and Bowdre moved to Fort Sumner, a town that had been generally friendly to their cause.

Scurlock went to work for Pete Maxwell, a rancher with large holdings in eastern and northern New Mexico. About the end of that month Lew Wallace, the newly appointed Governor of the Territory, entered upon his official duties. After the murder of Mrs. McSween's lawyer in Lincoln on Feb. 18, 1879 the Gov. decided to go to Lincoln and attempt to settle the continuing War.

PARDONS

His solution was to pardon all people on both sides

who would lay down their arms and promise to obey the law. Billy the Kid would be tried and then pardoned. Colonel Dudley at Fort Stanton was to be investigated, and moved from his post.

Although Wallace met with him, Billy The Kid said he did not trust the Courts and could not take the pardon. If he laid down his guns some of his enemies would kill him, he declared.

GONE TO TEXAS

Scurlock took his pardon, and about this time apparently decided to make a break with his New Mexico associates. About October or November of that year he gave away all his guns - with the exception of one squirrel rifle. He sold a gold mine he owned for \$500 - the man who bought it later resold the mine for \$75,000. He moved his family to Tascosa, in the Panhandle of Texas. There he looked after horses on a mail-hack line, and also hunted wild horses.

During 1880, the Kid, Charlie Bowdre and Tom O'Folliard headed a make-shift group who apparently rustled cattle and horses for a living. They stayed one jump ahead of a young Deputy Sheriff named Pat Garrett, an acquaintance (but not a friend) of Billy The Kid.

SENTENCED TO HANG

In the winter of that year O'Folliard and Bowdre were killed in Fort Sumner. Billy continued on his old trails, but was captured and tried in Mesilla for a number of murders. In April he was convicted of the murder of Sheriff Brady of Lincoln, and sentenced to be hanged in Lincoln on May 13, 1881. The Kid was confined in Lincoln in a two-story building formerly occupied by the Murphy-Dolan mercantile firm. Deputy Sheriff Robert Ollinger - a member of the



Jodi Brumfield of Eastland (Lake Leon) is a Great-granddaughter of Josiah G. "Doc" Scurlock. Her Grandfather was John Joshua Scurlock, and her father is Joseph Theodore Scurlock of Breckenridge. Jodi and her husband, Danny Brumfield, have a daughter, Dana.

posse which had killed Tunstall - was one of his guard.

The Kid's jailbreak, the killing of two guards and his escape into hiding is now part of the legends which surround Lincoln County. Pat Garrett, who had become Sheriff on Jan. 1 of that year, made no outward sign of pursuit.

TO TASCOSA

The Kid had disappeared. But the Josiah G. Scurlock family knew where he was. According to family stories. He rode into Tascosa to the half-dugout where they lived, and stayed with them until he decided to go back to Fort Sumner.

By that time the Scurlocks had a third child, a baby named John. During his lifetime John told his family that "Billy The Kid held me when I was a baby."

In years which followed John Scurlock also repeated something else he had probably heard from his father: "Billy The Kid never killed a man except in self-defense. He was actually a good and kind person."

Doc Scurlock tried to talk

Billy out of going back to Fort Sumner. "You know that Pat Garrett will kill you, Billy."

Billy insisted that he must see a certain Mexican girl in Fort Sumner - that would be worth all the trouble of the trip. Besides, Garrett would never face up to him.

AT MAXWELL'S HOUSE

So he rode into Fort Sumner late on July 14. First he stopped at the home of a Mexican family near the Fort, then decided to walk over to Pete Maxwell's house in the dark to get some beef to eat. He did not know that Garrett was already in the house, looking for him. Billy's last words were "Quien Es?"

The Scurlocks always felt sure that the "real" Billy the Kid was buried in the grave at Fort Sumner, in spite of occasional rumors to the contrary.

About a year after the Kid's death the Scurlocks moved to Wilbarger County, near Vernon. Doc practiced medicine on the



side and acquired knowledge of French and German from settlers in the area. He took up a wheat farm and in 1893 sold the property. Later the region became one of the large oil fields of Texas.

Eventually the Scurlocks had ten children - Viola, Josiah G. Junior, John, Ellen, Presley, William, Linda, Gladys, Amy and Lola.

From North Texas the Scurlocks moved near Cleburn, where Doc grew cotton and corn and taught Spanish and other subjects at Mehan Business College. From 1899 to 1913 he farmed at Granbury. Antonia Scurlock died at Acton, Texas in 1912.

For several years Doc worked as a bookkeeper for the S.L. Humas Co., a farming concern southeast of Athens. A Dallas newspaper tried to persuade him to write a series of stories on the Lincoln County War, but he was determined to stay clear of his past.

Family stories indicate that Scurlock was a devoted but rather strict father, who expected obedience and hard work from his children. He read extensively, almost entirely from the classics, and urged his family to read good books and get a good education. Such writing as he did was usually confined to poetry.

TO EASTLAND

In 1919 the family moved to Eastland, in Eastland County. Here "Doc" ran a candy store for a few years, just west of where the jail is now. In 1921 he worked for the State Highway Department. In 1925 he retired, living after that with some of his children. As a sideline he wrote book reports and book reviews for Students at the University of Texas, charging a small fee.

Josiah G. Scurlock apparently suffered a heart attack on July 25, 1929 and died the same night. After his burial in the Eastland Cemetery the remains of

his wife Antonia were removed from Acton to Eastland and buried beside him.

There are a number of Scurlock descendants living in Texas. Among them are Joseph Theodore Scurlock, a grandson, of Breckenridge, Mrs. Mickey Wilson, a granddaughter, of Hamby, and Marie Tollett, a granddaughter, of Amarillo and Sue Guthrie, also a granddaughter of Amarillo. Mrs. Lucille Stewart of De Leon is another granddaughter. Jodi Scurlock Brumfield of Eastland is a Great-granddaughter, and Dana Brumfield (Jodi's daughter) is a great-great Granddaughter. Thelma Lewis and Opal Watson of Eastland are other descendants.

Marie Tollett remembers that Grandpa (Doc) did not speak much about his experiences in the Lincoln County War. She learned much of what she knows from "Uncle" Frank and George Coe, whom she met when her parents went to Lincoln County in 1931. The Coe brothers would talk to them for hours about the battles the Regulators were involved in.

AN OLD FRIEND

Marie says she remembers that her parents and brothers and sisters were sitting in a Church service when an elderly man tapped her father on the shoulder. John Scurlock stood and embraced his father's close friend, Frank Coe. Both men wept, and Coe told John that he looked just like his father. She said that for the rest of their stay in Lincoln County Frank Coe kept the family supplied with vegetables from his garden.

In Eastland Doc Scurlock would walk back and forth to the Library, check out good books for the Grandchildren, then take them back. "You'll always be known by the books you read," he declared.

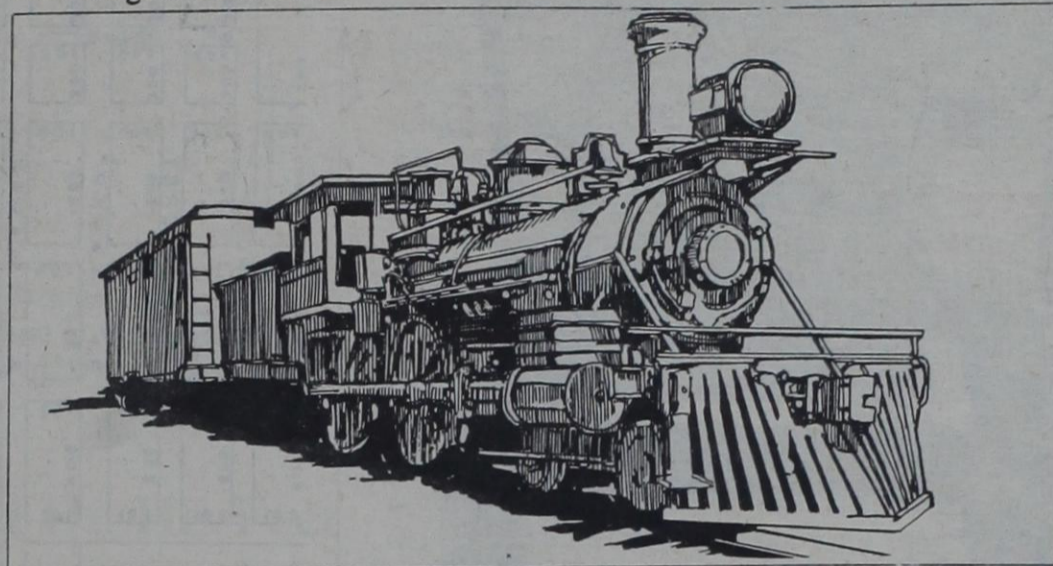
One of the family stories

gives some hint of Scurlock's concern over Billy The Kid, and why he had to break with the New Mexico group.

"He was a good looking young fellow, happy and easy-going," Scurlock once said. "But I could see he had changed. Toward the

end—the last time I saw him - I could see he kinda got into the liking of being an outlaw."

Apparently Scurlock, the intellectual, had a totally different concept of what kind of lifestyle he really wanted.



"Letters To The Editor" were a popular item during the Lincoln County War, and appeared frequently. This one was published in the Mesilla News, located in the town of Mesilla just southwest of present-day Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Mesilla News, July 20, 1878
LINCOLN COUNTY
Lincoln N.M.)
July 14, 1878.)

DEAR NEWS:

The war still rages here. A.A. McSween is still in the mountains with twenty five men; they say they defy the law and its officers.

McSween and party are spying on the public highways preparing to waylay the Sheriff and posse. They are also fortifying themselves against officers of the law, who may undertake to serve warrants on them.

McSween has in his party Bowdre, Scurlock, Antrim, (alias the Kid) Henry Brown, John Middleton, Wait, who are said to be part of those who are the hired assassins of Sheriff Brady and deputy Sheriff Geo. Hindman on the public street in the town of Lincoln.

John S. Chisum, it is reported furnishes honest? McSween's boys, with fresh horses to ride after they run a while from the Sheriff until their own horses are jaded. Chisum's house is also opened to them to use as a fort against the officers of the law and Justice. What will come next?

OBSERVER

Ironically this letter was dated on the day in which McSween and an group of followers - now numbering around 50 or 60 - rode into Lincoln and took up positions. McSween reoccupied his home with his bodyguard, Jim French, Bonney, O'Folliard, and others of the Regulators. The Spanish people generally supported the Regulators, and at least five of the Spanish ranchers gathered in the McSween home, and others fought for the Regulators in the town.

The Regulators

Strong Loyalty To Each Other

Some events of the Lincoln County War are documented, and some have passed into the realm of folk-history and legend.

One thing which has helped keep this part of history alive is that the country where it happened has remained the same. The vast reaches of Lincoln De Baca, and Chavez counties are still there - man hasn't been able to ruin it or tame it.

The faces of the ranch people, the mosaic of races, the daily work of ranching - much of this is the same as in 1878. The Rio Bonito and Ruidoso still wind down from the high country, and blue light still envelopes the Capitan and Sacramento Mountains. Here the past is mysteriously a part of the present.

Historians don't always agree on details of the War. But any research into this episode shows the strange entwining of the lives of most principal characters. This conflict was not strangers fighting strangers - it was neighbors fighting neighbors. There were old enemies against each other, and sometimes friends turning against friends.

The Regulators considered that they were fighting for the rights of small farmers, ranchers and storekeepers against an alliance of established businesses (including a mercantile store and bank) politicians, the law and the military.

This organization was formed right after the death of John Tunstall, and members allegedly swore an other to remain loyal to each other no matter what happened.

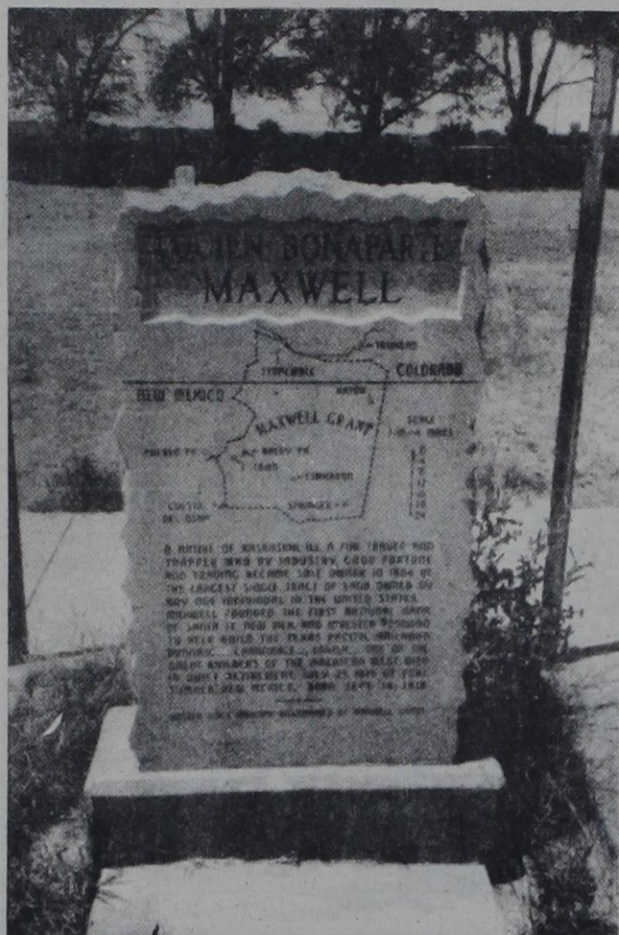
They announced that their purpose was to arrest, not execute, the wrong-doers, and bring them to Lincoln, where they would be held for trial.

In effect this was a citizen's vigilante organization pledged to serve warrants against Tunstall's killers. These were warrants Sheriff Brady would not honor.

The events which followed showed that it was almost impossible for heavily armed, angry men to ride around the countryside and carry out their purpose without killing anyone.

Among the Regulators were rancher Dick Brewer (the leader until his death) Charlie Bowdre, Doc Scurlock, William H. Bonney, Hendry Brown, Sam Smith, John Middleton, Jim French, George and Frank Coe, Waite, Tom O'Folliard, A.A. McSween, Jose Chavez, Francisco Zamora, Vincinte Romero and others.

A number of the Regulators were killed during the Lincoln County War. The survivors apparently felt under a blood-oath to protect each other all their lives. A bond had been forged which was as close as family ties.



The grave of Lucien Maxwell is located in the same cemetery near Fort Sumner as that of Billy The Kid. Maxwell once held the largest tract of land ever owned by one individual in the United States. He died shortly before the Lincoln County war, and his son, Pete, ran the family ranch. Billy The Kid, Doc Scurlock and Pat Garrett each worked for Pete Maxwell at various times. Billy The Kid was killed in the Maxwell home near this cemetery. The spacious house was destroyed by a flood in 1941.



Governor Lew Wallace

General Lew Wallace, appointed Territorial Governor of New Mexico in 1878, is regarded by most historians as a man of considerable romanticism and sensitivity. Yet he took on a job few men wanted - that of attempting to end the violent Lincoln County War.

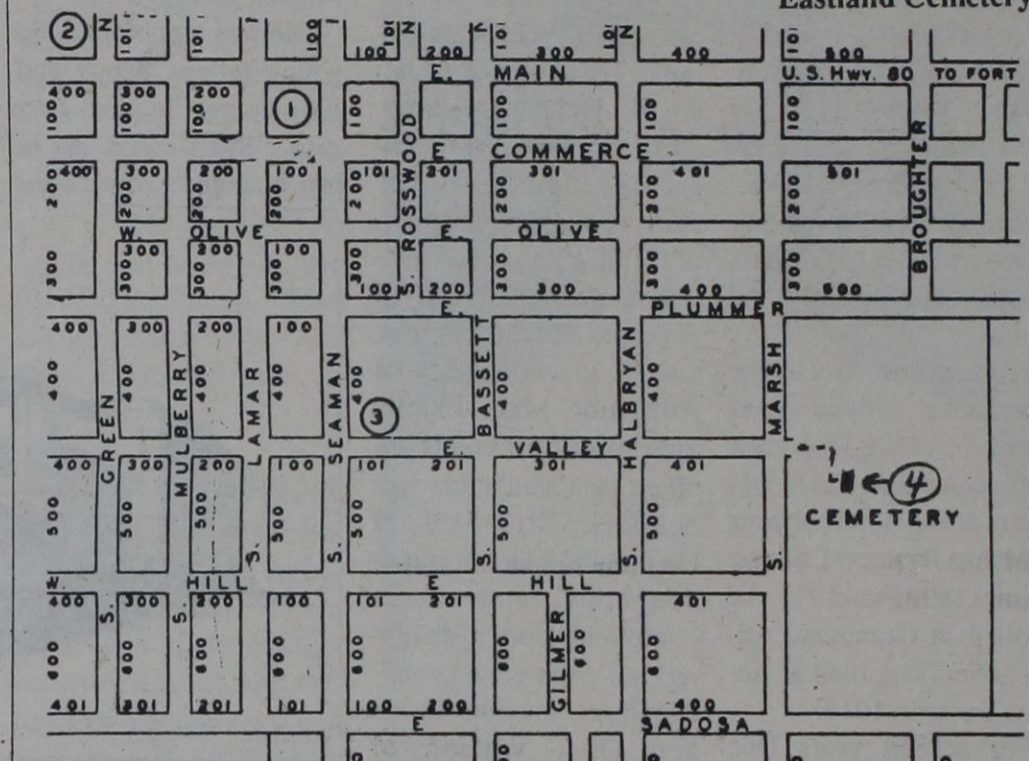
But he is known just as well for accomplishments in fields other than that of the Army and politics. Wallace had an inner life as a writer. While struggling with the intrigues of New Mexico he wrote one of the best-sellers of all time - the historical novel "Ben Hur."

Was this an escape from his troubled reality? A letter to his wife, Susan, hints at this. He said: "When I reach the words 'The End' how beautiful they will be! How many hours and days and weeks it (the writing) has consumed! Yet I know of no happier way of spending the time, none which takes me so completely out of the world and affairs of the present."

Eastland County Newspaper publishers H.V. and Gaynell O'Brien and members of the newspaper staff wish to thank Jodi Brumfield of Eastland and other descendants of Josiah G. Scurlock for their help in providing information about his life. Without their assistance it would have been impossible to collect and present this historical material.

Scurlock's Grave Located In Eastland Cemetery

1. Courthouse
2. Post Office
3. City Hall
4. Scurlock Grave at Eastland Cemetery



Highlights About Josiah Scurlock

One of the things which makes the story of Josiah G. Scurlock's so interesting is that Scurlock was probably one of the most educated persons involved with the Regulators. He was about 25 yrs. old when he settled in Lincoln County, and he had far-ranging interests even at that age.

He was a physician, rancher farmer, expert horseman, gun-fighter, school-teacher, miner, businessman and poet. Later in life he also became a linguist and scholar. His grandchildren remember that he "looked like a professor."

Scurlock's early life appears to have included a classic struggle between emotions and reason - with his strong feelings and temper often getting the upper hand.

Rejection by a girl he loved in New Orleans set the stage for his long wanderings on the Southwestern frontier. There he came in contact with almost every type of person known to society.

The first mention of Scurlock found in newspapers of that time appears in 1875. The story alleges that he stole three horses, two saddles and a gun from a New Mexican citizen, and made his way to Arizona. (This accusation hardly ties in with the fact that about this time Doc Scurlock went into partnership with Charles Bowdre on a ranch on the Rio Ruidoso.)

Scurlock is described in this way: "Twenty-two years of age, between five ft. eight or ten inches high, light hair, light complexion, front teeth out, writes a very good hand, quick spoken, and usually makes a good impression on first acquaintance."

In Lincoln County Scurlock tried to defend a side he thought was right. Yet the killings in the war eventually caused him to be tagged as an outlaw. Although he was present at a number of the Regulator fights, it was never proved that he murdered anyone.

Numerous warrants went out for his arrests on various charges, but he usually was "no billed" on the charges or escaped from the local lock-ups.

Since Billy The Kid was younger than Scurlock - and had once worked for him - it is probably that Scurlock had a "brotherly" or "fatherly" interest in The Kid.

The Kid probably turned to Scurlock for advice - as much as he turned to anyone. Doc Scurlock was not able to control him all the time, for The Kid sometimes danced around the edge of extinction. But then, so did Scurlock.

One of the happier parts of the Scurlock story is his marriage to Antonia Herrera. Apparently this was a good marriage and an enduring one. The hardships this couple came through can hardly be imagined today.

One interesting domestic sidelight is how Billy The Kid dropped his own activities to help the Scurlocks move to Fort Sumner on Sept. 1, 1878. Antonia and Doc Scurlock had two small children at that time. Fort Sumner, mostly inhabited by Spanish people, was considered a "safe" place for the Scurlocks and others of the Regulators.

Pete Maxwell hired Scurlock to work on his vast ranch. Pete, whose mother was Spanish, had an attractive sister named Paulita. Some historians believe that Paulita Maxwell was the girl Billy The Kid was in love with.

After the Scurlocks moved to Texas their lives must have changed a great deal. Probably some of the old friends visited them occasionally, but neither Antonia or Doc Scurlock ever returned to New Mexico. They worked hard to make a living for their children and "raise them right." Some of these children were fair-haired like the father, and some dark-haired like their mother.

Doc Scurlock seemed to prefer obscurity to any public attention. This trait became almost second nature to him. Photographs show that he would even turn his head sideways to a camera. His picture with daughter Lela is one of the rare times when he faced the camera.

The Scurlock descendants have been generally interested in education, and have excelled in various lines of work. Young men from the family have served in World War I, World War II, and other U.S. conflicts. Family members are active in Churches, and none have had any serious trouble with the law. It appears that Josiah G. Scurlock was able to pass on some of his wisdom.

From
J. G. Scurlock,
Eastland, Tex.
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J. G. Scurlock,
Breckenridge
Tex.

SAMPLES OF HANDWRITING:--Members of the Regulators were far from illiterate. The writing of J.G. Scurlock in Eastland in 1928 and that of Billy The Kid to the Governor of Territorial New Mexico in 1881 are interesting samples.

Pat Garrett - Always Landed On His Feet

Pat Garrett, 6 ft. 5 in., dark and imposing, was another of the amazing personalities connected with the Lincoln County War.

Although he took no part in the first episodes of the conflict, he became Sheriff of Lincoln County right after Governor Lew Wallace had offered amnesty and pardon to both sides.

Therefore he got in on the pursuit, ambush and killing of various individuals who did not accept the Governor's terms. He is chiefly known for his killing of Billy The Kid in Fort Sumner on July 14, 1881.

Garrett was born in Alabama in 1850, and his family moved to a plantation in Louisiana shortly afterward. His mother died when he was age 16 and his father died the next year. Pat was left with a number of brothers and sisters and a bank-

rupt plantation.

Young Pat left to seek his fortune in Texas, and his trail was a bit obscure for several years. He tried farming near Dallas and ranching further west. He is thought to have left a wife near Sweetwater, Texas.

Garrett probably killed a Black man on a trip back to Louisiana. His second killing is reported to having been near Fort Griffin, Texas in 1875. There he was in partnership with a group of buffalo hunters, and got in a fight with an Irishman at the camp.

By 1878 Garrett had tired of buffalo hunting. He rode into Fort Sumner, New Mexico and was hired by Pete Maxwell for ranch work. He married Juanita Gutierrez, and she died shortly afterward.

In July, 1878 Maxwell fired Garrett - some say because Pat was stealing cattle. After leaving Maxwells Pat tried running a restaurant, then worked as a bartender.

In 1880 Pat married Apolinaria Gutierrez, his sister-in-law. This marriage lasted for life, with the couple having several children.

Times were hard, but

Pat seemed to have a knack for landing on his feet everytime he was knocked down. He dressed well, and apparently cultivated the acquaintance of "important" people in positions to help him.

A number of stories tell how Pat Garrett and Billy The Kid rode together and were friends, but there is no real evidence to support this. More probable are the stories that Billy The Kid made sarcastic remarks about Pat Garrett, and worked against him when he was campaigning as Sheriff of Lincoln County.

At the end of the Lincoln County War some leading citizens apparently decided that it was time to clear out all the dissenting outlaws and build the great society they envisioned.

Governor Lew Wallace had pardoned everyone who would accept his terms, but Billy The Kid and several friends were still running loose.

By this time The Kid's cattle and horse raiding activity had the quality of what some might regard as a defiance of authority - with high spirited jokes and pranks thrown in for good measure.

But such antics were especially irksome to cattlemen like John Chisum, who had "fallen out" with The Kid.

So in 1880 Pat Garrett ran for the office of Sheriff of Lincoln County, presenting himself as a law-and-order candidate. He was elected on Nov. 2, and immediately appointed as deputy until his term of office began Jan. 1, 1881.

In Nov. and Dec. Garrett and his posse searched the Lincoln County area, and all the way to the Yerby ranch east of Fort Sumner, where Charlie Bowdre worked.

On Dec. 15, 1880 Governor Lew Wallace offered a \$500 reward for the "delivery" of William

Bonney to the Sheriff of Lincoln County. Some think the word "delivery" meant that he wanted Billy alive.

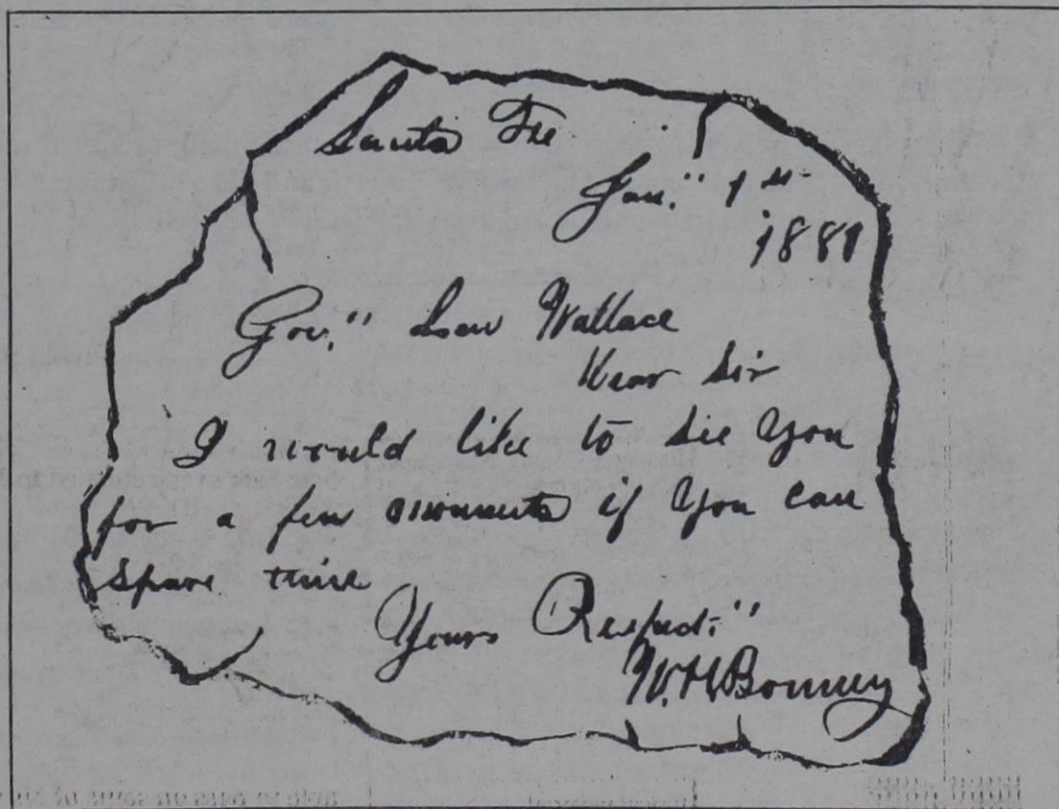
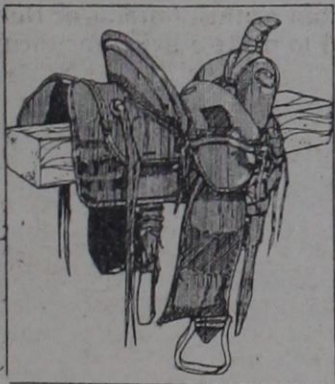
Gov. Wallace was reported to have a sentimental feeling for Billy The Kid - the two had met, talked and corresponded. Perhaps he had a last hope of arranging some kind of pardon for The Kid - something to replace the one Billy had turned down.

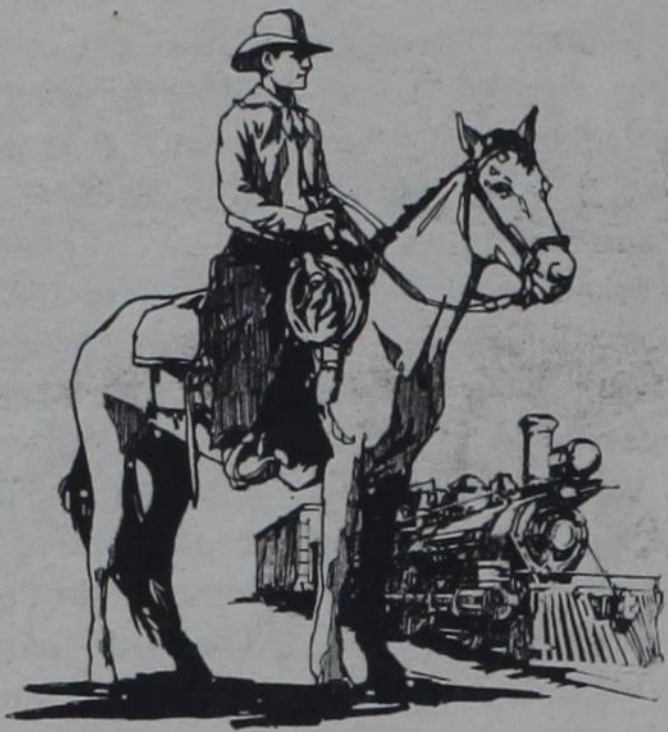
But things turned violent quickly. Both Bowdre and Tom O'Folliard were killed in December, and Billy The Kid and others captured. The Kid was first confined in Santa Fe, then sent to Las Cruces for trial. He was sentenced to be hung in Lincoln, and was returned there on April 22, 1881.

He made his noted escape on April 28, and his trail grew dim for several months. The Scurlock family stories tell that he rode to the Doc Scurlock home in Tascosa, Texas, and remained until he rode back to Fort Sumner, supposedly in July.

Apparently when The Kid reached Fort Sumner he stopped at the house of a Francisco Lobato near the Maxwell house. It is amazing that he felt free and safe enough at the

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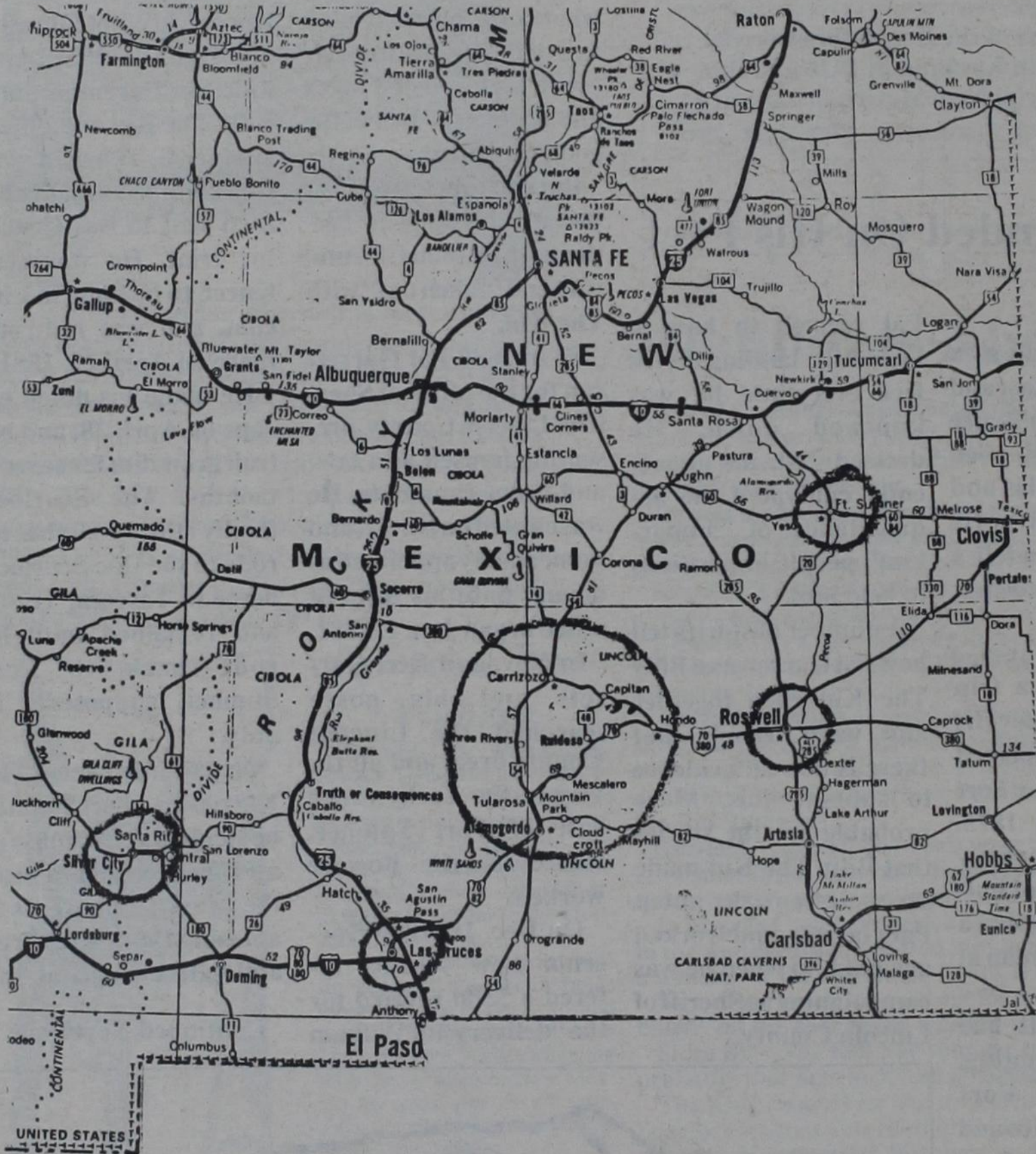
PULLING HARD AGAINST THE STREAM

Its in this world I've gained my knowledge
 And for it I've had to pay
 Although I've never been to College
 Yet I've heard the Poets say
 Life is like a mighty river
 Rolling on from day to day
 And we as ships are launched upon it
 Some get wrecked and cast away

Refrain

Then do your best for one another
 Make this life a pleasant dream
 Help a weary careworn brother
 Pulling hard against the stream.

- Josiah G. Scurlock



The places circled in New Mexico show where some of the main events of the Lincoln County War took place. The town of Lincoln and old Fort Stanton lie between Hondo and Capitan, and on Highway 380 west of Roswell.

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Garrett

house of Pete Maxwell to walk in, unarmed, during the night. Some historians say he was carrying a knife, but no gun. In Pat Garrett's story of the killing he indicates that The Kid had a gun. Garrett, in the darkened house, fired at The Kid's head when he heard his voice.

Pat Garrett continued to live in the southwest after his controversial killing of The Kid. In 1882 he lost the race for Sheriff of Lincoln County, and bought a ranch near Roswell. Later he served as Sheriff of Dona Anna County, at Las Cruces.

He worked as Collector of Customs at El Paso for four years, then retired to a ranch at the Organ Mountains near Las

Cruces. During those years one of the Scurlock descendants reportedly nursed Pat Garrett during an illness, and he never knew she was connected with the Scurlock family.

Pat Garrett was ambushed and killed in 1908 while riding to Las Cruces.

No matter how careful you are, it is hard to beat all the odds.



Billy the Kid

WANTED:

BILLY THE KID

In the violent decade of the 1880's, Billy the Kid was a notorious young outlaw known throughout the Territory of New Mexico.

Ten years old when he arrived in Santa Fe with his widowed mother and brother Joe, he was known as Henry McCarty.

His mother married William H. Antrim and moved the family to Silver City, New Mexico when Henry was 14. Over the next seven years, the young man who was to become an outlaw legend was known variously as Kid Antrim, William H. Bonney and El Chivo.

Following his last, most famous, jailbreak from Lincoln County, Billy the Kid fled to friends in the Fort Sumner area. It was in the home of Peter Maxwell, son of Lucien B. Maxwell, that Sheriff Pat Garrett surprised Billy in the dark and shot him. The date was July 14, 1881. Billy was 21 years old, and had supposedly killed 21 men.

Billy is buried between his "pals" Charlie Bowdre and Tom O'Falliard, in the old government cemetery seven miles southeast of the present town of Fort Sumner.

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