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### Pioneer Woman Recalls Bad Weather in 1919 Creech Home Burns

This extremely cold weather which started about the 15th or 16th of December, 1983, reminded me of the cold weather we had in November, 1919, in Pioneer, Rising Star and Cross Plains.

I, Ruby Curry McCowen was 18 years old at that time and I'm sure many events of that year are gone from my memory, but how can I forget the birth of the first brother I had, there being six of us sisters already? Very important things were happening which were to fix the weather picture firmly in my mind.

I do not know how long that cold spell lasted but it seems it was worse than we are having now. It snowed, it sleeted, it rained, then sleeted again and froze over until we were "iced in." One could skate all over the frozen mass and my sisters and I made good use of the free skating. What else could one do? No school, no meetings of any kind, not even much work could be done, only cooking and washing dishes.

In the midst of this "hey day" my sisters and I were having, a sinister something began taking shape. The stork began hovering over our house. It would happen at a time like this.

Our good family doctor lived about a mile west of Rising Star. Many will remember Doctor Robert Dill. He and my dad were friends of long standing, having gone to college together and later on both residing in Pioneer for a number of years. Papa even named one of his daughters after Dr. Dill's wife, Gertrude. Doc called her Gertie and so did we. She is now Mrs. T.O. Powell of Cross Plains.

This good doctor had a certain date fixed in his mind concerning my mother's health and I suppose it was the 27th or 28th of that November. He was a kind and conscientious doctor, treating and caring for "would-be mothers" as though they were his own daughters.

The bitter cold and icy conditions were in

full swing, come the 27th. Telephone lines were all down between Pioneer and Rising Star, so our doctor had no way of knowing how things were going at the Curry home, some nine or ten miles west of him. He felt very strongly they were in trouble. And in trouble they were! Very serious trouble.

Papa finally got a call through to the Dr. Rump brothers in Cross Plains. Somehow they made it to our house and found that they were in trouble too. A dangerous situation had developed that they could not handle without endangering my mother's life. Papa must make the decision to settle the question of what measures to take.

With the heart-rending question involving his wife's life Papa knew there was only one who could help him. He went to our car shed and prayed to that One and came back with the right answer. The doctors administered the dangerous medication (but the only hope) and in a short time my first brother, E.M. Curry Jr., was born! It was the 29th day of November, 1919.

While all this was going on, I was babysitting my younger sisters down at my Grandpa Curry's house, just a few hundred yards from ours. I worried and wondered why we were having to stay away so long, but after many long weary hours, they were able to come and tell us the good news.

The good people who were at my home to help out were Aunt Sid McClure, a good friend and close neighbor; Mrs. C.H. Akin, another good friend, (she was Mrs. Hiram Foster's mother; the Fosters live two miles east of Cross Plains at the present); and my sister Grace, who had already married. Grace recalls that she and I trudged through the snow to Aunt Sid's house and walked her back home with us before I went to Grandpa's. Friends and neighbors in that day really stood by one

another when needed. Meanwhile, Dr. Dill walked the floor and worried, hour after hour those two days and nights, knowing he could not make it in his car. When he could stand it no longer, he saddled up his big white horse, mounted and started for Pioneer at about three in the afternoon of Nov. 29. He came riding up to our house just before dark.

By that time the hopeless looking situation had been turned into victory. We were all back home by the fireside when we heard

### Greater Mountain Top Pastor Returns From Missions Trip

By Pastor Jones  
A part of my mission was to bring some much needed airplane parts into Brazil to Bennie DeMerchant, the United Pentecostal missionary to the Amazon jungle area since 1965. To make a connection with some of the other preachers of Brazil I made my first stop in Rio de Janeiro, and it was there that Brazil customs tied up my entry for five hours trying to place an entry tax on the parts in \$1,400 U.S. dollars. After phone calls to Bennie DeMerchant in Manaus, help from our Bible College director in Rio who came to my rescue, (Bro. Brian Wiseman), they finally settled on some \$650 tax. Bro. Wiseman took me to the top of the Rio airport for a beautiful and lavish lunch/buffet in an outstanding restaurant.

On to Manaus, and into another world! Manaus, capital of the Amazonas state of northwestern Brazil, in the heart of the Amazon rain forest, only 900 miles inland from the Atlantic coast, where well over one half million people live. It is street markets, old buildings, thousands and thousands of slum houses (sheds) and our outpost for missionary work into the jungle. The native language is Portuguese with the uncivilized Indians speaking various dialects.

It is in Manaus that Bennie DeMerchant keeps his float planes (2), and it is from here we fly out the next day into the jungle. The first morning out it was a low-low ceiling and Bennie said there was no use to call in for clearance to leave, they would not grant it, so "we will fly the tree-tops" where the radar won't pick up the plane. We stopped along the way to fish as we would land among the "river people" who live up-and-down the rivers of the jungle, drink coffee with them, give them some fish for rowing us in their tree-trunk canoe while we fly-fished and caught peacock bass and piranhas (the man-eating fish). Each night was preaching in a

slight noise outside. Papa went quickly to see what was going on. To his surprise and profound pity, there was poor Dr. Dill on the big white horse, nearly frozen.

Papa gently helped him down from the tired animal and into the house, sat him in a chair by the brightly burning fire, gave him some hot coffee, pulled off his shoes and washed his feet in warm water.

Then Papa tried to tell him how sorry he was that he could not get word to him when he was so sorely need-

ed, but that the good Lord had shown His mercy by sparing both mother and child. Dr. Dill was very happy to learn that all the danger, fear and worry had ended in victory for all concerned.

The doctor spent the night with us and the next day Papa paid him the full amount promised, perhaps more knowing Edd Curry.

Here's hoping there are still good doctors like Dr. Dill and many good fathers like my Papa.

Ruby McCowen

Tiny islands of civilization we call "jungle towns" are only connected by the rivers Negro, Madeira, Tapajós and Xingu and Black. The waters are teeming with life. Often while reeling in a fish the piranhas will attack it and leave nothing but the bones by the time you boat the fish.

Being near the Equator the temperature averages from seventy to ninety plus day after day, constant humid equatorial heat almost unbearable, even to the natives. There are alligators and anaconda snake (27 feet long and up), centipedes a foot long. The forest never turns brown, even the vegetation is always growing and sprouting constantly with the millions of trees and plant life fighting for a ray of light in the dense foliage where only ten percent of the sunlight ever penetrates the forest. No forest in all the world is so big and untouched and unexplored as the Amazon.

While the African Congo area will have 500 different species of fish, Amazon has over 1,500. Recently an expedition found over 50 percent of the fish collected were unknown to science. The big, black piranha is the one most delicious and also the most dangerous, leaving the barefoot fishermen of the Amazon with toes missing. We caught several of these black Piranha fish on flyrods.

Rubber trees abound, and the latex is extracted from these trees to provide what little living these people have. Their main diet is banana, Brazil nuts, mandioca root and fish and chickens, and wonderful jungle fruit. There are over 250 species of mosquitoes in the jungle. I think I met up with 249 of them and they all sampled my blood. There are giant ants, but there are ant-eating ants, ant-eating frogs, ant-eating birds and anteaters themselves that grow some six feet to be one of the largest animals of the Amazon. Most all the animals, even the beautiful jungle birds live in the forest

The fears of volunteer firemen became a reality late Tuesday as fire broke out in the home of Sandra Creech in Rising Star. With the fire occurring past the news deadline few details were available, but firemen battled with the one operable city fire truck until the blaze was contained. The house suffered considerable damage.

Earlier Tuesday a volunteer fireman asked that area citizens be alerted to the fact that only the white city pumper could be used to fight fire, and that only inside the city because of state regulations. The pumper could be connected to a fire plug, or in the case of grass fires the tank could be filled before proceeding to the fire.

Although the tanks were drained last week on the rural fire equipment, the valves remained moisture and were frozen, making the trucks inoperable. The Rising Star Rural Fire Department was called on earlier this week to back up the Cross Plains Fire Department at a house fire in Pioneer, but could not respond due to the frozen valves.

canopy, away from humans. The electric eel I saw in the river is one of thousands, and they deliver the equivalent of 220 volts and can leave a man in violent pain from the dreadful shock. There are fresh-water dolphins rising, as well as sea-cows, and millions of monkey friends, as well as puma and jaguar cats.

There are the Indians, who differ from the "river people." The river people are Portuguese-Indian mixed. The Indians are uncivilized and live in small groups of sixty to one hundred. The tribes have fought and killed until there is greater woman population than men. Only 50,000 to 100,000 Indians exist at present. The average life-span in the jungle is thirty-eight years old.

The Brazilian National Indian Foundation holds responsibility for most of the remaining Indians. Special permission is required to see them, and that is only a few tribes which have become more "open." Bennie DeMerchant, having one of the few float planes, is asked by the government to fly "mercy missions" for them, that is to fly in a doctor in an emergency, etc. This was to be the highlight of my trip, to visit the tribe who only a couple of years ago killed some eighteen or so outside government workers.

That particular day it was so over-cast we could only

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If some citizen could offer the use of a heated garage to house the fire equipment during bitter cold spells the fire department would appreciate it tremendously. Wednesday morning it appeared the area will again suffer severe cold after a brief respite Monday and

### City Crews Claim No Extra Credit

"Rising Star has been lucky," was the consensus of city employees who have worked steadily through the long cold spell plaguing the area and nation.

The major concern of the city workmen was to keep the gas pressure regulated. A faulty regulator had caused gas lines to freeze a week ago Sunday and although the regulator was replaced, the men had to keep an almost continuous watch on the gas pressure from early in the morning until townspeople settled down at night.

Frozen water lines and water meters added to the work load of the city employees, but both Doug Owen and

Tuesday. Any suggestions of measures that can be taken to alleviate the problems encountered in severely cold weather are welcome.

Donations are still sorely needed to continue the building of a new fire station and active involvement in the volunteer fire departments is also needed.

Gary Westerman expressed relief that local problems were not on the scale experienced by Abilene, Brownwood and Cross Plains. Some city water lines remained frozen Tuesday afternoon, particularly in west Rising Star. When they thaw there may be more leaks.

Many citizens of the town have expressed deep appreciation for the services those two men and Tom Bailey have provided throughout the bad weather. The men themselves claim no special recognition, saying that Rising Star's problems have not been spectacular and that they were just doing a job that had to be done.

### May PHA Board Meets

The May Housing Authority Board of Directors will hold its annual meeting Thursday Jan. 5, 1984, at 7 p.m. in the May Community Center, announced Marion McDaniel, executive director.

The purpose of the meeting is to fill two

empty places on the board for three-year-

terms and to conduct monthly business.

Place 1 is now held by Ona Mae Chambers and Place 2 is held by Grace Glenn.

All members are entitled to vote in the election.

### Bible Baptist Has Speaker from Mexico

Milton Martin, a missionary from Old Mexico, will be the speaker at the Bible

Baptist Church Sunday evening at 6 p.m.. The public is invited to attend.



Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hollis of Rising Star are proud to announce the birth of their second child, Christina Michelle Hollis, born November 30.

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## Reflections

by Jim Ratliff  
The following article was printed in the July 28, 1927, issue of the Rising Star. The article was about a letter received from Mr. C.U. Connellee concerning the early days of Eastland County. Pioneer Citizen of Eastland Gives Some Interesting Data on Early Days of County  
The Record is in receipt of the following letter from Chas. U. Connellee, one of the pioneers of Eastland, and often spoken of as the founder of the town of Eastland. Mr. Connellee discusses the location of the county seat in the following article:  
I notice in the Eastland Telegram of July 24th, an article from some old timers talking about the location of the county seat. Having been here when the county seat was removed from Merriman and being a participant in the matter I think it would be right to state the exact facts.  
There are some men now living here in Eastland County and were here at that time and can corroborate what I say. One of these is Mr. M.V. Brewer, who moved here, I think in 1873 and had a blacksmith shop near Colony, about two miles northwest of Merriman on the place that was once occupied by Uncle Geo. Moss. I think that in 1875 that I was personally acquainted with every man in the county. It is my recollection that Mr. W.T. Pitcock and Mr. Blankenship moved here after that date. I came to Eastland County in the Christmas week of 1874 and placed a deed to the C.S. Betts Survey. The county had been organized, as I understood in December 1873, which was about two years prior to my coming here. The County Clerk's office and the Treasurer's office and the Sheriff's office were located near Mansker's Lake. Henry Schmick was Sheriff and Ike P. Schmick was Treasurer and A.J. Stuart was District and County Clerk. He was living in a log cabin near Mansker's Lake and kept the County and District records there. There was a little frame courthouse at Merriman which was not occupied except when they held District Court and County Court. The County did not have a County Judge, but they had three or four Justices of the Peace who constituted the Commissioners Court. Freil Hale was Chief Justice, Jno. W. Gibson, who lived on Palo Pinto Creek, was one of the Justices and M.J.E. Ringer was another Justice of the Peace and my recollection is that Bill McGough's father, Uncle T.C. McGough, was another Justice of the Peace.

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## Amazon Jungle

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see the wing tips at times. The wind was high, the ceiling low, the rain in sheets and as we tried to land on the little river near their village, Bennie told me the currents of wind were too dangerous, so we pulled up from the river we were trying to land on and on we went "flying tree-tops" on our way 500 miles into the jungle.  
These Indians know nothing about wearing clothes, live with black-magic, do not have a word for "work", know nothing about marriage laws, kill their deformed children, take their dead and expose them in a tree until only dry bones are left, gather them and char them, reduce it to fine powder, mix with banana pap and eaten, a duty they owe their forebears "in order to liberate their spirit," and regard burial grounds as "savage." The Indian cover 2 1/2 millions square miles and 150 linguistically tribes, some tribes use the blowgun to hunt, others bow and arrows (of which I brought several back with me). We did land near a tribe that had become semi-civilized and visited with them the last part of the trip.  
The trip concluded with a few days in Argentina with visits to Buenos Aires and Missionary Dennis Burgess and Darry Crossley and the Bible College we have there. While in the area we went to Bariloche where "world famous" fishing for 20 lb. rainbow trout exist "fly rod" only. An airline strike complicated the return from Argentina...it was 1,000 miles by bus back to Buenos Aires, extra fare, extra baggage fees, extra everything just to get back to Brazil, as thousands were trying to do.  
A day was spent seeing Rio and then, after 17 days it was good to be back home. There are plans in the future for mission trips by me back to the Amazon jungle with crusades to be held in the jungle towns and additional trips into the interior jungle and into the Indians. There is a Missions Fund set up for these outreaches and the secretary is Mrs. Thelma Schaefer, Missions Fund, P.O. Box 269, Cisco, Texas. As with all mission work, funds are the only limit.  
This trip was one of approximately 24,000 miles round trip, or roughly the distance around the world. Over six hundred slide pictures were taken of this trip and various showings will be offered civic, school or church groups interested, as well as a showing at the Greater Mountain Top Church, located just ten minutes south of Cisco on Highway 183.  
The date of the showing at the church will be announced after the first of the year. Other interested parties may write the above address or phone 442-2673. The church is deeply involved in missions, with a combined support monthly from the pastor and church going to over twenty missionary families.

## Continued Next Week

**hospital notes**  
Maggie Clark, sister of Mrs. D.R. Nix and Virgil Benson, fell and broke her hip. She is in the De Leon Hospital.



**Rising Star Nursing Center**  
Darlene Harris  
Activity Director

Tuesday-Today was a big day with parties, parties and more parties. This morning I had reality orientation and tried to get everyone in the Christmas spirit. Everyone is trying to finish their Christmas presents and find what they will wear to the party.

The party was a wonderful success. Our birthday volunteers brought cookies and punch, they had some help from resident's families. We thank you all very much. Santa came and visited with us and passed out presents that were under the tree. **THANK YOU SANTA!** We had a real good time and everyone at the center thank you for making it such a wonderful time for the residents.

Tuesday night-the employees of the nursing center had their party in the dining area. We figured there were about 20 people at the party and it was a big success too.

Wednesday-We had exercises in the dining area, those who exercised were Pauline Hill, Estell Bolding

## Obituaries .....

### Ruth Patterson

Ruth H. Patterson, 75, of 904 Judge Ely Blvd., died at 10:05 p.m. Sunday at her home. Services were Dec. 27, 1983, at Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home, 542 Hickory.

and Ethel Moore.

Everyone was trying to get packages wrapped and the mail sent out, all the residents were very excited about Christmas. Due to the bad weather, the number of residents to go out for the day was very limited, with only six braving the elements. Many of the resident's families could not come because of the weather and they were sorely missed.

If you have to be out on the roads please be extra careful.

Have a safe and happy New Year.

Mrs. Gertrude Reynolds and Bob Reynolds, of Merkel; Alene Thompson, Donald Ray Crisp and Beatrice Calhoun, of Brownwood; Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Williams and children of Big Lake; Mr. and Mrs. Brent Wilson and baby Dwayne and Carolyn and Vance Wilson, of Cross Plains visited Mary Crisp.

Gene Hancock, a Church of Christ minister, officiated. Burial was at Dewey Cemetery in south Taylor County. Officiating at the graveside services was Sandy Holder, a Church of Christ elder.

Born Jan. 4, 1908, in Rising Star, she attended schools in Lawn, then moved to Abilene in 1931. She married Floyd Lawless in Lawn. He died in 1972. She then married R.E. (Pat) Patterson in Abilene in 1975. She was a homemaker and a member of the Central Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Mrs. Jerry Sims of Atlantic City, Wyo.; a son, Darrell Lawless of Houston; two brothers, Claude Haynes of Tuscon, Ariz., and Cecil Haynes of Florence, Ariz.; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

### George Hollifield

Gorman-George Gray Hollifield, 87, a lifelong Gorman resident, died at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Blackwell Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Services were at 3 p.m. Thursday at Higginbotham Funeral Home.

The Rev. Huron Polnac, Baptist minister from Ranger, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Donna Ware, pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Gorman. Burial was at Oaklawn Cemetery.

Born Oct. 1, 1896 in Gorman, he married Claudia Ann Clark Aug. 17, 1944, in Gorman. She died Nov. 13, 1983. A retired rancher, he was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include three nephews, Perry, Roy and Bernie Barnes, all of Rising Star.

Pallbearers were John Edward Clark, Roger George, Tommy Clark, Joe Bennett, Grayson Baze and Brent Lasater.



**Alton Roan**

Funeral services for Emmett Alton Roan, 75, of Cisco, at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday Dec. 27, marked the end of a notable career. This included 34 years in a profession earning him wide recognition as a High School and Junior College Band Director.

Mr. Roan, who was born April 25, 1908, at Sabanna, south of Cisco, died early Sunday afternoon at his Cisco home, 1201 W. 9th St., after a brief illness.

The Rev. Frank Williams, Pastor of the First Methodist Church, Cisco, officiated in the Memorial rites at Cisco Funeral Home. Burial was at Oakwood Cemetery, Cisco.

Mr. Roan was a graduate of Randolph Junior College, a Cisco Junior College predecessor, and of Howard Payne University at Brownwood.

During his period as Band Director he served 15 years at Breckenridge High School, a time in which his green and white student musicians distinguished themselves as a worthy part of a football team which long dominated the state schoolboy playoffs.

Recognition came in appearances at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas and similar regional appearances.

He was Band Director for periods at Clyde and Gatesville before going to Breckenridge, and later at Gorman and Rising Star before going to Ranger Junior College. He spent three years as Director at Ranger.

Emmett Alton Roan's last assignment was as Band Director for Cisco Junior College, where he retired in 1973 after five years in that post. CJC has named a Student Merit Award in his honor.

Mr. Roan's survivors include his widow, the former Evora Wofford, who he married Dec. 29, 1934 at Eastland; two sisters, Mrs. Era Boyd of Round Rock, Texas, and Mrs. Erna Boone of Rising Star; two nephews, Kennedy Roan of Cisco, and Dr. Newell Dalton Boyd of Kingsville, Texas, and a niece, Mrs. Larue Summers of Round Rock. The widow of a brother, Mrs. Flossie Roan of McCamey, also survives.

Mrs. Evora Roan has two sisters of Cisco, Mrs. B.A. Butler and Mrs. Bob Elliot.

Pallbearers for the service Tuesday were Tim Jones, Wylie Peebles, J.D. Yardley, Carl Gorr, John Mueller and Eris Ritchie.

## Commentary

by Myrtle Owen

What do we want from this life? Jesus Christ is a discernor of men's hearts. In all His encounters with men and women who came to Him, He was able to see beyond the surface, deep down in their hearts. He knew their motives. There was a young man who came to Jesus and asked "What shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" (Mark 10:17) Jesus answered his question by telling him to keep the commandments. The young man had been faithful in keeping the commandments but felt there was a missing element in his life. He said, "...All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet?" (Matthew 19:20). Jesus saw into the inner recesses of this young man's heart. He knew there was one portion of his life which had not been totally surrendered. After this encounter with Christ, the Scriptures tell us the young man went away "grieved." He was not willing to surrender all. Jesus knows much more about us than we know ourselves. We may be able to convince others and even ourselves that our main goal or objective in life is building the Kingdom of God, but we are only fooling ourselves if we are not willing to lay down our lives...our goals...our families...our careers...everything and everyone at the feet of Jesus. Did you know that, although God purposely gave man a will, when we are born again our lives no longer belong to us? You may be thinking to yourself, "But you might say, I am a free moral agent, I have the ability to do whatever I will." No my friend, when we truly born again of the Spirit, our old man dies and Jesus Christ lives His life and will through our totally surrendered life. When we come to Christ we surrender our will. "But, when we become a Christian, all our decisions will be made automatically...that we have no control over our actions...that we no longer have a will?" No we do not lose our will. We will continue to face decisions involving right and wrong but our will

must be kept continually in line with the word of God. Our will must become Christ's Will. His desires must become our desires and His purpose must become our purpose.

What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20) If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. (Matt. 16:24)

Have you counted the cost? Are you willing to count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: it will not be easy. Luke 9:62 says, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of God.

## Lifting Up Jesus

A man and his grandson went on a journey, walking and leading a donkey. Soon they met a passerby who said, "How foolish for both of you to be walking. One should be riding the donkey." So the man put his grandson on the animal.

The next traveler they met frowned and said accusingly "How dreadful for a strong young boy to ride, while an old man walks." So the boy climbed off the donkey and his grandfather climbed on.

The next person they met did not see it that way at all. He said, "I just can't believe that a grown man would make a poor little boy walk." So the man pulled the boy back aboard and they rode the donkey together.

This seemed to be the solution, until they met the next fellow who yelled indignantly, "I never thought I would see anything as cruel in all my life—two intelligent human beings riding on a poor



**Gregg Knight**

defenseless donkey." Down the road a piece, they met a couple of men traveling together. When the parties had passed, one of the men turned to the other and said, "Did you ever see two fools carry a donkey before?"

**YOU CAN'T PLEASE EVERYONE!** It is necessary in pleasing God to care what he thinks! What is your plan for us? We need to shun all the various religious denominations of men and the attempt to please man's desire and please God! Otherwise, we may end up carrying a donkey around all our life!

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## News Briefs

Eastland County Judge Scott Bailey has been requested to serve as Interim Chairman of the Citizens Advisory Council of the Texas Department on Aging. He will fill the position recently vacated by Colonel Robert Augustinus of San Angelo.

The Judge will serve as Chairman until the State Board on Aging meets Jan. 10-11 at the Windom Hotel in Austin, where a regular Chairman will be appointed. Judge Bailey will preside over this meeting.

Besides beginning as Interim Chairman,

Judge Bailey has been notified of his reappointment to a three year term on the Citizen's Advisory Council.

Unemployment Commission will have a make-up day on Thursday, Dec. 29. The office will be open in the courthouse at 10:00 on the 29th, replacing a day missed on Dec. 22. Personnel from the Brownwood office were unable to be in Eastland on the 22nd, due to the icy condition of the roads.

Thursday,  
December 29, 1983

## WORD OF GOD

Then one of the twelve, called Judas Is-car'i-ot, went unto the chief priests,

And said unto them, what will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver.

And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him.

Matthew 26:14-16

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# Oil Belt News

# County News Briefs

## Drilling Bits

Ridge Oil Co. of Breckenridge has filed first production figures on a new wildcat oil well. The No. 10 Haganan showed potential to make 60 barrels of oil and 115,000 CF casinghead gas per day on a 8/64 choke.

The operator has 2,175 acres leased, with drillsite in Eastland County's E. Sims Survey, A-1270, Sec. 1, four miles northeast of Ranger.

The well will produce from an interval 3,521 to 3,525 feet into the wellbore. Total drilling depth was 3,850 feet.

A 2,000-ft. wildcat well is planned by C.B. Mullins Inc. of Dallas at a drillsite one mile north of Rising Star, Eastland County. The location is in a 109-acre lease in the H&TCRR Survey, A-96, Sec. 11, Blk. 3 Well's designation is the No. 1 C.D. Ballen.

EnRe Corp. of Cisco has filed for permit to drill the No. 2 J.C. Carr 495, a 4,300-ft. wildcat well four miles nor-

thwest of Cisco. Location is in a 320-acre lease in Eastland County's SPRR Survey, A-463, Sec. 495.

Richey and Co. of Ft. Worth has filed first production figures on a new oil well in the REB (Marble Falls) Field. The No. 1 J.I. Barton showed potential to make 43 barrels of oil and 70,000 CF casinghead gas per day on an open choke.

The operator has 40 acres leased, with drillsite in Eastland County's H&TCRR Survey, A-1908, Sec. 14, Blk. 4, four miles north of Eastland.

The well will produce from an interval 3,436 to 3,470 feet into the wellbore. Total drilling depth was 3,897 feet.

At a location three miles northwest of Eastland, Chase-Mann Petroleum Inc. of Ft. Worth has filed a new oil producer in Eastland County's P. Cameron (Marble Falls) Field.

The well is designated as the No. 1 M.A. Clyatt, pumping oil at the rate of 24 barrels per day.

Location is in a 65-acre lease in the H&TCRR Survey, Sec. 31, Blk. 4. Bottomed at 3,560 feet, the well will produce from perforations 3,404 to 3,424 feet into the hole.

Richey and Co. Inc. of Ft. Worth has revealed plans to drill two 4,200-ft. developmental wells in Eastland County's H&TCRR Survey. Drillsite is five miles north of Eastland.

The No. 1 Tefel-Beck is located in Sec. 21, Blk. 4 of a 22-acre lease in the Eastland Regular Field.

The No. 1 M.E. Fisher is located in Sec. 10, Blk. 4 of a 40-acre lease in the REB Field.

At a location one mile west of Romney, Ridgeway Exco Inc. of Houston has filed a new oil producer in Eastland County's Hawk-Eye (Adams Branch) Field.

The well is designated as the No. 18 Tarver "A", pumping oil at the rate of 20 barrels per day.

Location is in a 120-acre lease in the H&TCRR Survey, Sec. 57, Blk. 3. Bot-

tommed at 1,140 feet, the well will produce from perforations 1,094 to 1,102 feet into the hole.

Central Oil & Gas Inc. of Cisco has revealed plans to drill a 2,900-ft. developmental well in the Eastland Regular Field. The operator has 138 acres leased, with drillsite in Eastland County's Mary Ann Clark Survey, Blk. 4, Andrew Baird Subdivision and has designated the venture as the No. 2 Beth Maynard. Drillsite is six miles northwest of Rising Star.

Bergen Enterprises Inc. of Rising Star has filed first production figures on a new oil well in the Eastland Regular Field. The No. 1 F.W. Roberts showed potential to make 20 barrels of oil per day.

The operator has 80 acres leased, with drillsite in Eastland County's ETRR Survey, A-741, Blk. 2, three miles northwest of Rising Star.

The well will produce from an interval 1,101 to 1,134 feet into the wellbore. Total drilling depth was 1,165 feet.

Western Production Co. of Ft. Worth has revealed plans to drill two developmental wells in Eastland County's H&TCRR Survey.

With projected total depth of 1,700 feet, the No. 1 D.D. Jackson is in a two-acre lease in A-1580, Sec. 98, Blk. 3 in the Adobe Field. Drillsite is three miles southeast of Nimrod.

The No. 1 Robert D. Gattis is aimed at 2,000 feet total depth in A-1532, Sec. 128, Blk. 3, Scranton Field. Drillsite is one mile east of Scranton.

A 4,100-ft. developmental well is planned by Sahara Oil & Gas Inc. of San Antonio at a drillsite three miles west of Eastland. The location is in a 180-acre lease in the H&TCRR Survey, Sec. 43, Blk. 4. Well's designation is the No. 1 Elma Wood. It is in the P. Cameron Field.

A new producer has been completed in Stephens Regular Field one mile southeast of Breckenridge. Designated as the No. 27 Black-Stoker Unit, it pumped 48 barrels of oil per day on open choke.

Sun Exploration and Pro-

duction of Abilene is the operator.

Sun took the well to 3,300-ft. total depth. It will produce from a set of perforations 3,104 to 3,246 feet into the wellbore. The operation is in a 486-acre lease in the Lunatic Asylum Survey.

Operating out of Midland, Texaco has staked location for the No. 95 J.W. Parks "A" in the Stephens Regular Field three miles southeast of Breckenridge. Scheduled for maximum hole of 3,400 feet, it will be spudded in a 5,907-acre assembly in the T&PRR Survey.

Operating out of Stephenville, Wilbrook Exploration Inc. has staked location for the No. 3 S&E Real Estate in Stephens County's Neely Field. It is aimed at oil or gas pay in the Bend Conglomerate. The well will be spudded in a 1,440-acre lease block in the T&PRR Survey, about eight miles northwest of Strawn.

## EASTLAND

The Farmers Administration (FmHA) will resume economic emergency loans by the beginning of next year, according to FmHA County Supervisor Jack S. Phillips. The loans are for financial emergencies rather than natural disasters, and available to farmers suffering an economic emergency through no fault of their own. Applications will be available at the FmHA County office at the Petroleum Bldg., Eastland, Room 312, Ph. 629-8508.

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## RANGER

Ranger Public Schools will resume classes Jan. 2, in order to make up one day lost due to icy conditions. Students are requested to report.

## CISCO

"Our Heritage" Parlor, a 5x30 room used for receptions at the First Baptist Church, has been redecorated and refurbished by Miss Louise Karkalits as a memorial to her late parents and an aunt. The late Mr. and Mrs. Clyde S. Karkalits and Norma Patterson Carlton were members of pioneer Cisco families and early-day members of the church. "Our members are very appreciative to Miss Karkalits for this project," stated the Rev. Buddy Sipe, pastor of the church.

## Microplex Photo Club Will Meet Jan. 9

The Microplex Photo Club will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday night, January 9, 1984, at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Texas Electric Reddy

Room, Eastland. All members and interested persons are urged to attend this important meeting as new officers for the year will be elected.

## Bowling Report

The current standings for the Tuesday Nite Owls are: 1. Modern Barber Shop; 2. Golden Destiny; 3. Greenwood Auto Parts; 4. Baker's Care Services; 5. KVMX - Good Vibrations; 6. Austin Oil; 7. Eastland County Bowling Center; 8. Janie's Beauty Salon.

High game (scratch): 1. Deborah Cox, 193; 2. Shirley Ables, 184; 3. Audrey Rose, 172.

High series (scratch): 1. Sandra Holloway, 491; 2. Nelda Nevill, 464; 3. Pearl Campbell, 447.

Each person attending is urged to bring a friend with them to generate more interest.

An inner-Club competition will also be held with "Christmas" being the subject. Each person is to bring a slide or print for the competition.

Anyone desiring more information on the meeting or Club activities should contact Ron Mouser at 442-3775 or Neal Raney at 629-2798.



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Attention young couples: Good starter home, beats paying rent. 2 bedroom, 1 bath with detached garage. \$18,000

Near new baseball complex, 3 bedroom, 1 1/4 bath brick home on large lot. Carpet, built-ins, CH/CA. \$41,500

3 bedroom, 1 bath 2 story frame home, separate living and den, large master bedroom and kitchen. \$27,500

Desirable Crestwood addition, a nice 3 bedroom, 1 1/4 bath brick home with large living area. Fireplace, beautiful lot. CH/CA. \$77,000

In Ranger, a beautiful stucco, 3 bedroom, 1 bath home, detached garage, storage buildings. \$35,000

Well kept 3 bedroom, 1 bath frame home on large lot. Has separate rental and garage. \$45,000

Reasonably priced lots in the exclusive Oakhollow addition: \$5,000 to \$5,500. New homes, custom built. Call for appointment.

A 2 bedroom, 1 bath home, formal dining area, CH/CA, carpeted, nice modern cabinets with dishwasher. \$35,000

Owner transferred, leaving behind a pretty 3 bedroom, 1 1/4 bath brick home in exclusive area. Less than one year old and like new. Custom drapes, fireplace, and many other extras. \$61,500

In Ranger, a nice 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath brick home with carpet, drapes, CH/CA, fenced backyard, storage building. \$40,000

A very attractive 3 bedroom, 1 1/4 bath brick home with approx. 2200 sq. ft., two living areas, each with fireplace, breakfast area, ceiling fans, built-ins, CH/CA, large corner lot. \$82,500

Comfortable 3 bedroom, frame home on extra large lot just outside Eastland city limits. Well insulated, fireplace with heat-o-later, storm windows, all new plumbing and wiring. \$55,000

Good location near Eastland schools, 3 bedroom, 1 1/4 bath brick home. Sunken den, Ben Franklin fireplace, carpet, custom drapes, built-ins, CH/CA. Equity and assume loan balance at 11%, or new loan. \$57,500

Two-story, 4 bedroom, 3 bath frame home, carpet, CH/CA, pretty yard and priced to sell at \$48,000

1/2 acre lots, located near Eastland Lake, approx. 2 1/2 miles from town. Owner will finance at 12% with \$1,500 down. \$5,500

In Olden, 3 bedroom, 1 1/4 bath brick home on one acre, carport, CH/CA, fruit trees, \$52,500

3 bedroom, 1 1/4 bath, brick home with approx. 1725 sq. ft. in Oakhollow area, separate living and den, custom drapes and other extras. \$75,000

Decorators Delight: A beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath Brick home, custom ash paneling, ceiling fans, plant room, new 3-track storm windows, six (6) car carport, and more. Must see to believe. \$125,000

3 bedroom, 1 bath frame home, new paint, new plumbing in bath, and wiring is good. May consider owner financing. \$19,950

3 bedroom, 1 bath on large lot, greenhouse, detached garage and storage. \$40,000.

## Small Acreage With Homes

Very pretty place, a large 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home on approx. 10 acres. Located south of Cisco. 2 irrigation wells, good fences, big shop and barn. \$130,000

Outside Cisco, approx. 17 acres with very nice 3 bedroom, bath and a half, double wide mobile home. Large carport, big front deck. One water well and two tanks. 1/4 minerals. Owner financing available at 10%

In Carbon, 3 bedroom, 1 1/4 bath, rock home on 4 acres, shop, barn, fruit trees. \$31,500

In Carbon, 3 acres with a 2 bedroom, 1 bath frame home. Small barn and pen. Pecan and fruit trees, some coastal. \$13,000

5.3 acres near Lake Leon with a 2 bedroom mobile home (14x70). Carpeted, CH/CA, house type windows, special siding, storage building and city water. \$35,000

Near Union Center, 2 bedroom, 1 bath home on approx. 38 acres. This house is a dream place in the country. \$70,000

A 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, 2-story, approx. 3,000 sq. ft. brick home, only 3 years old and situated on 10 acres close to Eastland. Unique petrified wood fireplace. Some mineral rights. \$105,000

10 acres northwest of Cisco with city water and mobile home hook-up. Assumable loan of \$12,000

Nice 3 bedroom, 1 1/4 bath stone and brick home on 4.38 acres. Carpeted, CH/CA, fireplace, bookshelves, screened porch, and many other extras in this 2150 sq. ft. home. \$83,000

Morton Valley, approx. 4.9 acres with a 2 bedroom, 1 bath frame home. 2 car detached garage, 3 storage buildings, water well, stock tank, and butane tank. City water to house. \$28,000

## Farms And Ranches

131 acres southwest of Cisco with 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath frame home, cultivation and timber, 4 water wells, barns, some minerals. Owner financing available. \$160,000

40 acres off 2526 out of Carbon, nearly all in love grass, some minerals, \$900 per acre.

40 acres located south of Cisco on 183, native pasture with scattered pecan trees, one well and tank, fenced (3) sides. \$42,000

Near Eastland and Lake Leon, 49.6 wooded acres with six tanks and spring, on FM 2214, good place to hunt and fish, assumable loan. \$55,000

Near Lake Leon, a 20 acre tract of land. Some cultivation and good hunting area. \$30,000

320 acres located between Carbon and Gorman. Some cultivation but mostly wooded. Good fences and hunting, some minerals included. \$500 per acre. Owner financed at 9%

5 acres near Eastland. I-20 frontage. \$5,000 per acre. Terms can be arranged.

160 acres in Union Center area with large new beautiful 3 bedroom brick home, coastal, game, and good fences. \$180,000

248 acres located on old Abilene Hwy. west of Cisco, mostly cleared with some wooded acreage, good fences, 1/2 minerals with leasing rights.

100 acres between Lake Leon and Desdemona, all in cultivation and coastal. Good 5 wire fence and cross fence, shallow water. Owner finance at 9%. 800 per acre.

640 acres approx. 17 miles northwest of Breckenridge with 2 bedroom, 1 bath frame house, 175 acres cultivation with remainder in pasture. Some minerals with leasing rights. \$583 per acre.

160 acres off Hwy. 183 eight miles south of Cisco, 100 acres cultivation, remainder trees. \$600 per acre.

## Cisco Homes

CISCO HOMES  
3 bedroom, brick home with CH/CA, new carpet, fenced yard, fruit trees and garage. Assumable loan.

Nice 3 bedroom, 1 1/4 bath brick home in good neighborhood. Has CH/CA, built-ins, fireplace, fenced yard, double garage and other extras.

Nice 2 bedroom, 1 bath frame home. New carpet, large rooms. Nice trees and shrubbery. Owner financing at 10%

4 bedroom, 1 1/4 bath 2 story stone home on 2 big lots; privacy fence around swimming pool. Also has small efficiency rental unit. Reduced to \$27,000

Large 2-story with 5 bedrooms, 2 baths, den, separate dining and breakfast rooms, located on 2 big corner lots. Also has nice roomy apartment attached. Beautiful landscape yard with lots of trees.

A new 4 bedroom, 2 bath home on .46 acre lot, CH/CA, large carport and storage room, with fireplace and storm windows.

2 bedroom, 1 bath home on 2 lots. \$9500.00. Could be residential or commercial.

A nice 3 bedroom, 1 bath home, CH/CA, carpet, large rooms, also has a small apartment and storage building. Situated on 2 lots. Assumable loan, large 4 bedroom, 3 bath brick home, carpet, drapes, CH/CA, fenced backyard, double carport with storage. \$65,000.

## Lots For Sale

3 lots with approx. 20 pecan trees. Fenced with water well. \$10,000.

Outside of town, residential lots in new subdivision. Restricted to brick homes. Starting at \$2,000.

4 lots, residential, will sell all or separately. \$2,500 each. Located near some nice brick homes.

1 lot with mobile home hook-up. \$1,700.

## To Be Moved

2 bedroom, 1 bath frame home to be moved.

## Commercial

Located near downtown, an older building that would make a good location for a business. \$35,000.

In Eastland, a new metal building, 2400 sq. ft. with dock area. \$28,000.

In Ranger, a large 2-story brick building with good sized fenced yard. Located near railroad tracks with spur. \$85,000.

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## Senior Center News

The final days of December are fast approaching the closing of 1983.

Everyone around the center has been quite busy. Some have already gone to other places to spend Christmas with their families.

Tuesday night, Dec. 20, was enjoyed by about 50 people.

Everyone enjoyed a lovely dinner. Christmas songs were sung and gifts were exchanged from a pretty Christmas tree.

Visitors were the pastor of the Methodist church and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Charles Cox; the pastor of the Church of Christ and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Gregg

Knight; and C.W. and Geraldine Richter and their granddaughter, Stephanie Long.

Edith Bostick has her son, Darwin Bostick from Bogota, visiting her during the Christmas holidays.

Marion and Marjorie West made a business trip to Brownwood Tuesday morning.

Due to the cold weather some of the club members were unable to attend the Christmas party. We missed you and are sorry you could not attend.

The club did not have the regular Thursday meeting Dec. 22. We will meet Dec. 29. Hope a large number can attend.

After lunch we will go to Gorman where the Starbrites will play for the nursing center there.

The recipe for the week is furnished by Stella Hill.

**SAUSAGE BALLS**  
1 lb. sausage, hot  
1 lb. grated Longhorn cheese

3 cups Bisquick, dry  
Mix together and form into balls; bake on a cookie sheet at 450 for 10 min.

(Girls, these sound good for a New Year's party.)

Marjorie West

## Tarleton Degrees

Nine students from Eastland County received degrees from Tarleton State University, Stephenville in winter commencement exercises Dec. 18. They were among 225 students who received degrees in the largest winter graduating class since TSU started awarding degrees as a four-year institution in 1963.

Ed Pettit, member of the Tarleton Athletic Hall of Fame, was commencement speaker. Pettit was an All-Texas fullback at TSU in 1964-65 and is currently owner of a construction company with offices in Austin and Dallas.

Students from Eastland County receiving degrees were:

Carbon - Rusty Freed, BBA, General Business.

Cisco - Drusella Athena Blanding, BBA, Management; Donna Wilcoxon Sharpe, BS, Elementary Education; Susan Dian Watts, BS, Physical Education; and Terry Ann Webb, BS, Elementary Education.

Miss Blanding and Miss Watts graduated with honors.

Eastland - Pamela Alicia Morren, BBA, Marketing and Brenda Gayle Stiles, BS, Elementary Education. Miss Morren graduated with honors.

Ranger - Barbara N. Jones, MAT, History.

Rising Star - Cynthia Hounsell Thornhill, BBA, Computer Information Systems.

## Personal

Jewel Proffitt can no longer see, but can hear and she called the newspaper office to say how much she enjoyed the caroling by the Rising Star 4-H Club. She lives in the housing project.

Belle Harris made her annual Christmas visit with the Mitchells in the E.B. Mitchell home in Albany. They had an old-fashioned holiday feast which she really enjoyed.

## Work Should Start Now on W-2's

Employers should plan now for developing Wage and Tax Statements, Form W-2, for employees.

Each employee must be given a complete W-2 for 1983 by Feb. 1, 1984, the Internal Revenue Service says.

The forms may be ordered by telephone. Call the IRS tax information and forms number in the phone directory.

For additional information on the distribution and handling of Wage and Tax Statements, employers may get a free copy of IRS Publication 15, "Circular E, Employer's Tax Guide," from the IRS.

## Mr. and Miss Early High Named

Former students in the Rising Star schools have been selected Mr. and Miss Early High School for 1983-84. Kerri Byrd and Brad Fortune each attended local schools for several years; they are now senior students at the Early school.

Kerri is the daughter of Tommy and Rity Byrd of Early and the granddaughter of Derrell and Ione White of Rising Star, Lloyd West of Merkel and Katherine Byrd of Merkel.

A member of the varsity basketball team, Kerri has been chosen for all-tournament teams twice. She was head cheerleader this school year, is president of the Senior Class, president of the Beta Club, vice president of the Key Club and is Student Council Representative.



Kerri Byrd and Brad Fortune were recently named Miss and Mr. Early High School.

Brad is the son of Mrs. Martha Fortune of Early. His grandparents are Mrs. Flora Childers of Rising Star and Mrs. Bennie Branum of the Owens community.

Brad is a member of the Beta Club, an officer in FFA and is a member of the Key

Club. He was selected first team All-District linebacker in football, was first team '83-'84 Super Team Super Team linebacker, and was captain of the Early Longhorn football team.

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55-hp 2350	1,950	275
55-hp 2350 MFWD	2,700	300
60-hp 2850	2,700	325
60-hp 2850 MFWD	2,700	350
75-hp 3750	2,300	375
75-hp 3750 MFWD	2,300	400
85-hp 4950	2,600	425
85-hp 4950 MFWD	2,100	450
100-hp 4950	2,100	475
100-hp 4950 MFWD	2,300	500
120-hp 4950	2,300	525
120-hp 4950 MFWD	2,600	550
140-hp 4950	3,100	575
140-hp 4950 MFWD	2,600	600
160-hp 4950	3,100	625
160-hp 4950 MFWD	3,400	650
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Lida Mae Howard  
Kathy Ezzell

JANUARY 4  
Ruth Griffin  
Artie White  
Maxine McKinnerney

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Charles Tepfer  
Anna Ratcliffe  
Irene Mayfield  
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