

WILDCAT TALES

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"SAM JONES DAY AT R.S.H.S." thing was up; the familiar halls were confident in sharing the secret; this was definitely an extraordinary day. Their first im-

pressions proved correct, and they were pleased to learn that this was the day that our retiring superintendent was being honored.

Mr. Jones began teaching in Rising Star in September 1945; he will retire in May of 1966. The faculty and the board of education paid their respects to Mr. Jones on his day of tribute.

The loss of such a loyal and admirable leader cannot be taken lightly nor without feeling; he cannot be easily superseded. Mr. Jones has spent long years of his life in working for the welfare and improvements of the Rising Star Public Schools; he has labored to see our school at the top of the list, to make it better than those of surrounding areas.

There is a competitive spirit about Mr. Jones, which cannot be overlooked. Whether at an inter-scholastic league spelling contest or a district volleyball match, there is a mysterious something about him, which seems to radiate and grasp the spirit of everyone involved, forcing each one to fight to the last and supporting the motto, "Never give up." During his career at R.S.H.S., Mr. Jones has distinguished himself as a capable coach of the girls' basketball team, and he has led the volleyball team to win the district title several times.

The accomplishments of Mr. Jones are numerous, but more important than those material things, is the gift of himself which he has so willingly given to the student body. A man in his position, under any circumstances, finds it difficult to offer much of his time to the student body; however, Mr. Jones has kept a close relationship with the students and gives encouragement and praise to their accomplishments.

"Sam Jones' Day" was sincerely dedicated to Mr. Jones; it was a small token of appreciation but

came purely from the hearts of the student body; it was held in appreciation of a great educator, who will long be remembered as a distinguished and noted leader of R. S. H. S.
Editor

"LIVE AND LEARN"

This last Wednesday was a treat for everyone in school. All of the grades were present at high school for a program in honor of Mr. Sam Jones, our superintendent. Having been proclaimed as "Sam Jones' Day," Wednesday was filled with surprises for us as well as Mr. Jones.

Banners, secretly displayed after school on Tuesday, were seen the first thing by Mr. Jones on Wednesday morning as he entered. Gifts presented from the grade school and high school faculty, pupils, and other school employees were given to express our appreciation for the help and inspiration he has been to each of us.

Our American history and civics term themes were due last week along with our six weeks' tests. We are now in the last six weeks' period, and we Seniors are making plans for working all of our activities into a neat schedule.

Julie

"BUILDERS OF TOMORROW"

April 13, 1966, will be remembered by the students at R.S.H.S. as "Sam Jones' Day." Mr. Jones' willingness to help and the quality of being a friend to all will be missed by every student in Rising Star High. Our sincere appreciation goes to Mr. Jones for his outstanding leadership and best wishes for continued success are expressed by all.

Another six weeks' period has passed, and report cards were passed out yesterday. Only five more weeks to bring up our grades.

Clauses and vocabulary words

are making the scene in English III; while Algebra II becomes more difficult with every turn of a page.

American History students are studying about World War II and the Great Depression.

Our congratulations go to the members of the track team for their district win; also to the volleyball girls, who have won district.

Until next week,
Jill Harding

"NOT FINISHED, JUST BEGUN"

Classes started again just as usual after the thoroughly enjoyed holidays. Everyone had exciting experiences to tell, but the best treat of this week was "Sam Jones' Day" on Wednesday, April 13. We were all happy to honor our superintendent, who has been an integral part of Rising Star High School.

I would like to mention the Sophomore girls who received the honor of being on the annual staff for next year — Brenda Bailey, Belinda Hickman, Sara Howard, Rita Jones, Debbie Medley, Beverly White, and Peggy Burns. to enjoy and remember.

Everyone is looking forward to a better six weeks or at least one which will be just as good as the last. It may be harder from now on because our minds keep wandering to more leisure or pleasant things than books.
Pegs

GIRL'S SPORTS

The volleyball girls beat May two out of three matches to put us well into district play. The Wildcats defeated the Tigers on Monday and Tuesday of last week and then went on to meet Sidney Wednesday on the Tiger's court. We won that match and we will play the winner of Zephyr and Brooksmith's match some time this week. We girls really are trying to go to regional in volleyball for our school and Mr. Jones who has done a marvelous job of coaching.

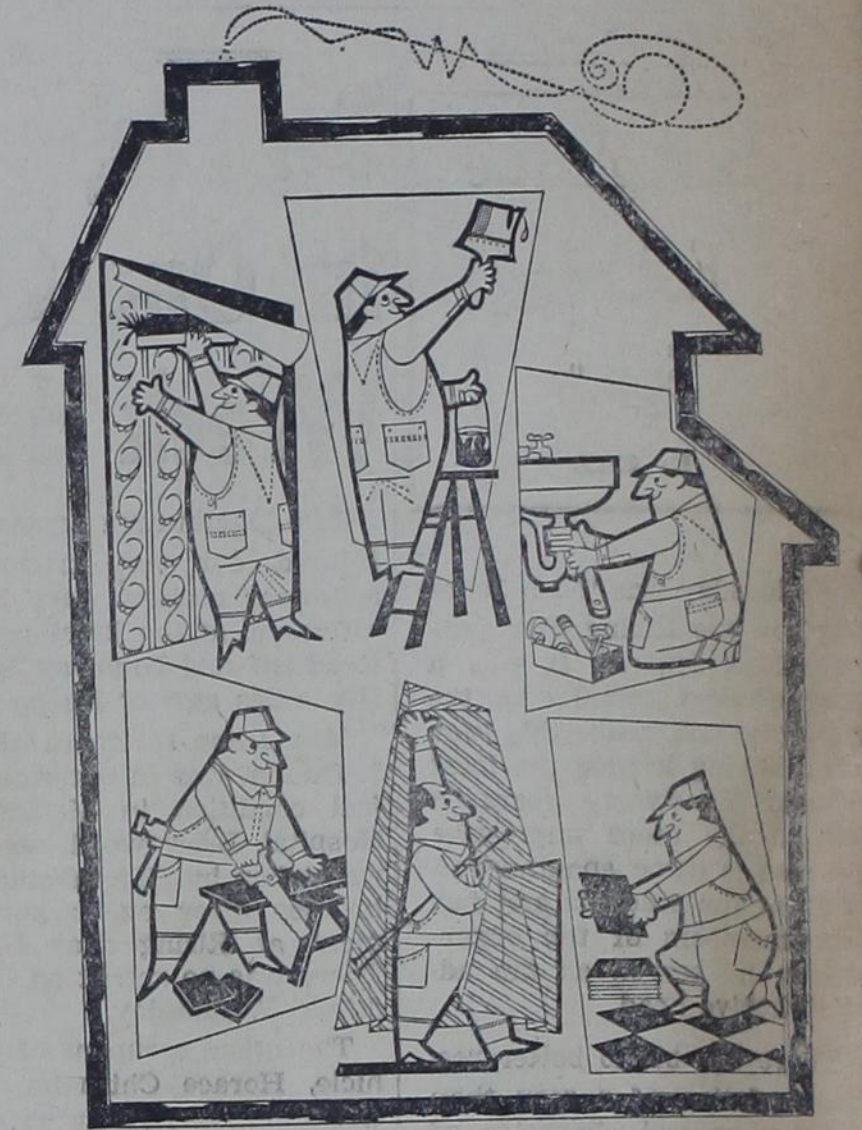
Caroline Brown is still waiting her chance to beat May in tennis. Right, Caroline? She will play sometime before the fifteenth of this month.

We hope to get some practice games before district.

We girls want to congratulate our track boys on the fine job they did with Bangs last week.

Until next week —
Ginger Bishop

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It Has Been

By VADA ARNOLD

Late in April, 1916, a mass meeting was called to meet at the Methodist tabernacle to organize a Clean-Up Campaign.

On the date appointed almost the entire citizenship of Rising Star assembled at the tabernacle. Rev. E. M. Wisdom, chairman of the project, presided.

It was decided to divide the town into four sections, the North, West, Northeast, Southwest and Southeast. Committees of three were appointed to each section: Northwest: Mrs. C. C. Tyler, Mrs. W. W. Joyce and J. J. Gregg; Northeast: Mrs. B. F. Terry, Mrs. Gus Foster and J. V. Barnes; Southeast: Mrs. C. G. Shults, Mrs. Len Landreth and E. M. Nance; Southwest: Mrs. D. E. Jones, Mrs. T. B. Stayton and Rev. E. M. Wisdom. Main street running north and south was the dividing line between the east and west sections. College street divided the north and south.

The following proclamation was published in the Rising Star Xray prior to the clean-up day.

"Whereas the city of Rising Star has set aside May 16, 1916 as Clean up day, I earnestly request the people of Rising Star to observe the day as a general clean-up day. Let us on this day remove from our premises all trash and garbage. Let each property owner whether residential or

business, cut and rake all weeds and grass both front and back of buildings of all descriptions, burn all trash that can be burned. Clean all alleys and vacant lots where ever they be.

"Let us make our town a clean and healthy place to live, and one that is fair to look upon.

"Let us work with our brain while we work with our muscles and resolve that every nook and cranny of Rising Star will be a shining example for adjoining towns.

S. J. White, Mayor"

One week before Clean-up Day someone contributed this to the Xray. No name was signed.

"The city has declared a clean-up day. It is possible for every town, no matter how large or how small, to be kept clean.

"The average citizen usually cleans up around his own premises, but what of vacant lots, where rubbish collects and weeds and grass grow rampant?

"Most towns are like some people; they will keep their main streets and fronts of buildings presentable, but the more obscure places, the back streets and alleys are neglected. Many alleys in our town are used as refuse dumps, when they could be made places

of beauty and usefulness.

"Taken to task on this issue the authorities often reply, that visitors and strangers never see these places anyway, so it doesn't matter. But we, the citizens see them which is much worse. Strangers may see them and go away and forget them, but we have to live with them. So cut the weeds and grass from your premises, gather up all junk and rubbish and haul it away to the dump ground or burn it. Business men cut the weeds from your sidewalks. We certainly do not want people who pass through our town to think we are all dead. And don't forget your alleys are showing too. IT's time to get busy in this town."

All business houses were closed for the entire day May 16. Farmers were notified not to bring produce to town that day to be sold, and that no merchandise would be obtainable.

Each committee was to encourage citizens in their particular section to rake up, pile up, and burnup and haul off all trash, garbage and tree limbs. Every fence and gate in the city was to be in first class repair or removed.

"Clean It, It Needs It," was the slogan of every citizen.

Boys were assigned vacant lots and unoccupied places to clean up. A prize of ten dollars was offered to the boy doing the best work.

At the noon hour on that day the women of each section prepared meals and served them picnic fashion to the workers and their families at a centrally lo-

Rites Here Friday For Oscar Miller

Funeral services were held here Friday of last week for Oscar Young Miller, 77, retired banker and former Rising Star resident, who died at Glen Rose the preceding Wednesday.

The services were at 10 a. m. in Higginbotham Funeral Chapel with the Rev. J. L. Glaze, Glen Rose Methodist pastor, officiating, assisted by the Rev. J. W. Hodges of the Rising Star First Methodist Church, and the Rev. Morris Bailey of Cisco First Methodist Church.

Burial was in Rising Star cemetery under Higginbotham direction.

Mr. Miller was born Dec. 2, 1888 in Coryell County. He was a member of the Methodist Church and had lived in the Glen Rose area about eight years. He married Hester Boase, Nov. 2, 1941, in Snyder.

Surviving are his wife; a son, Dr. George Miller of Houston; two daughters, Mrs. Pinkney Bernard and Miss Peggy Miller, both of Glen Rose; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Floyd Joyce, Cecil Joyce, John Joyce, Carl Joyce, Howard Sego and Leslie Hart.

cated spot.

When the day came to an end Rising Star was just about the cleanest town in Texas and every one went home feeling that it had been a profitable campaign.

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Pecan Budding School At Cisco Next Monday

A pecan grafting school, sponsored by the Eastland County Pecan Growers Association, will be held at Cisco Junior College in Cisco Monday, April 18, beginning at 9 a. m., it was announced this week.

The school will meet in the college cafeteria where the Eastland County Pecan Queen, Miss Marilyn Nash, will be door hostess. Oscar Schaefer, county association vice-president, will be in charge of registration.

George Madden, horticulturist with the U. S. Pecan Field Station at Brownwood, will be the lecturer for the school. There will be demonstrations in cutting, storing and the preparation of graftwood, types of graft, grafting techniques, etc., and there will be slides on methods used at the pecan field station.

After lunch at 11 a. m., there will be a practice session at the B. T. Graham orchard near Cisco.

Easter week-end guests of Mrs. J. W. Cawley were her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Davis of Port Neches, and a grandson and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Cawley and baby of Silsbee.

PERSONALS

Dr. and Mrs. R. D. Brown and children of San Antonio visited her mother, Mrs. Love Shults, recently. They also visited in Putnam.

Charles Wade spent the Easter Holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wade.

Mrs. Ed House and Mrs. Maud Allen of Cisco spent Thursday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. John Lee, Sr.

Miss Linda Koonce of Fort Worth spent last week with her

parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Koonce.

Mrs. Tom Lewis and Judy spent the Easter holidays in Houston with Mr. Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rahmlow of Terrell spent the weekend here with her mother, Mrs. Lucy Boase.

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