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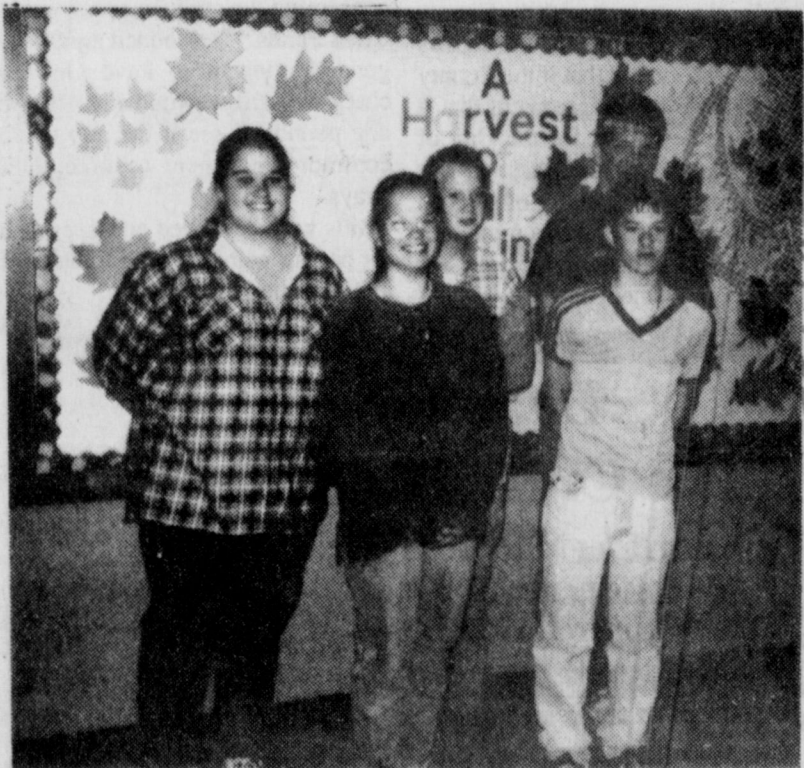
JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL SWEETHEART AND ESCORT — Citanya Scott and Tim Butler

Junior High Buffaloes Crown Football Sweetheart

The Junior High Buffaloes crowned their 1997 Football Sweetheart at halftime last Thursday. Citanya Scott was chosen sweetheart by her fellow football players. Miss Scott, an 8th grader, is the only female player on the team who honored her. Citanya is the daughter of Charlie Scott of Cross Plains. Tim Butler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Butler of Cross Plains,

escorted Citanya and presented her with a bouquet of mums.

Other nominees for football sweetheart were Emily Winfrey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Winfrey; Shena Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Thomas; Candice Bailey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robbie Bailey; and Keali Eppard, daughter of Robbie McClure.



CROSS PLAINS PLACES 5 IN SMALL SCHOOLS DISTRICT BAND—Congratulations are in order for Cross Plains Bandmen Megan Kimmel (trumpet), Jennifer Hartman (Clarinet), Roger Carey (tuba), Mikey Bennett (Tympani), and in Jr. Hi., Judith Hartman (Bass Clarinet), for their achievements at the District Band Tryouts in Abilene at Wylie HS Saturday, November 8. These fine musicians earned a position in the District Band which will perform at ACU in Cullen Auditorium on Saturday, November 22 in Abilene. They competed against schools from all over the Big Country including 1A, 2A, 3A and 4A classifications such as Baird, Cisco, Wylie and Sweetwater. The band appreciates the efforts and extra time required of them for a strong performance.

Individuals sought for Christmas Village

Anyone interested in helping with Christmas Village '97 displays, should contact Sheri Bennett as soon as possible. Work begins this week and we need all the cheerful, willing workers we can get.

Christmas Village is a great opportunity to bring our community

together. Volunteers of any age are welcome. You will be rewarded through the joy brought to our community and visitors who pass through.

Catch that Christmas spirit and join us. You may contact Sheri at Country Kin at (254) 725-6678 or 725-6528.

County Wide Burn Ban reinstated and peanut harvest discussed at Commissioner's Meeting

By BILLY HARRIS
Special Writer

BAIRD—Callahan County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, November 10th. County Judge Bill Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. with these officers present: Commissioners Tommy Holland, Harold Hicks, Charlie Grider, Bryan Farmer, County Clerk Darlene Walker, and Assistant County Treasurer Diane Alexander.

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and signed.

Sheriff Curtis presented the Commissioners with a report on his department's activities in October. The Sheriff's Department answered 187 calls for service last month said Curtis.

He broke the calls down into groups with 88 being county calls, 22 in the City of Baird, 21 in the City of Clyde, 29 in Cross Plains, 15 assisting DPS Troopers, 13 assisting Citizens EMS, and 6 assisting Cross Plains EMS. He said the Clyde calls were mostly assisting local law officers while the Baird and Cross Plains calls were mostly because city officers were not on duty at the time and county deputy's made the calls.

17,032 miles were logged by the Sheriff's Department and they used 1179 gallons of gasoline during the month.

Prisoner meals in September averaged \$9.91 per meal and October's average was \$1.32. The increase was due to some food purchases made in October that would carry over into November Curtis said but the charges were figured into the October average.

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"Dragnet" Installed At FM 880 Overpass In Putnam

By BILLY HARRIS
Special Writer

Texas Department of Transportation employees were busy Monday installing a "Dragnet" safety device at the FM 880 overpass about 1 mile east of Putnam on IH-20.

"The Dragnet Vehicle System is designed to capture errant vehicles to keep them from flying off onto the pavement below," said Martin Turney of the TxDOT District 8 office in Abilene. Steel cables and chain link fence attached at each end to Energy Absorbers which are supported by anchor posts comprise the system.

The energy absorbers are steel chambers containing a series of rollers around which a long length of metal tape is bent back and forth. A specific amount of force is required to pull the tape through the rollers. The retaining force of the Energy Absorbers is constant and not dependent on impact velocity.

The device actually just acts like a braking device when a vehicle hits the chain link/steel cable fence stretched between the two energy absorbers. The pullout force required to move the steel tapes through the rollers of the energy

See DRAGNET page 9



BUFFALO OFFENSE IN ACTION — Quarterback Jarad Richards (left) fakes hand-off and prepares to pass, as the offensive linemen block. Football photos courtesy of Greg Turner.

BUFFALOES RUNNERS-UP IN DISTRICT 8-A

By GREG TURNER

Cross Plains traveled to Baird last Friday and played a tough game against the Bears, being defeated 35-21. The Buffaloes are District 8-A Runners-up, earning second place with a 9-1 record for the season and 5-1 in district play.

I must comment -- the citizens of Cross Plains were well represented. A large crowd was there to support the team. I believe it will be the same response this week when the Buffaloes challenge Irion County at McMurry University Stadium in Abilene for the Bi-District title. The game begins at 7:30 p.m. -- don't miss this one!

By looking at the score one might think Baird ran all over the Buffaloes, but after seeing the game, looking at the statistics I know how lucky Baird was. The Buffaloes had over 300 yards rushing to Baird's 74 yards. The Buffs had 24 first downs to Baird's 13. This was a game where Cross Plains played good, but got beat due to some big plays by the Bears. Coach West from Baird stated, "We had the Big plays tonight, we just had more big plays."

AARP District Director Welcomed Here

Mr. Bill Schultz, AARP District Director of Henrietta, was welcomed by the local AARP Chapter at their November 3 meeting. Mr. Schultz spoke to the assembled group and presented numerous booklets, tracts, and brochures on AARP and related subjects for the discretionary choice of each of those in attendance. It was his first visit to Cross Plains since becoming District Director.

Other dignitaries present were Callahan County Judge Bill Johnson of Baird and Rolan Jones, local Justice of the Peace. Both honored the group with brief commentary lauding the local AARP Chapter and TRIAD/SALT Council for efforts, work and dedication. Several members of the local AARP Chapter are members of the Callahan County TRIAD/SALT Council which works with the Sheriff's Office and Police Department. They work to warn and protect Seniors from scams and crime.

The election of 1998 officers followed. Newly elected officers are as follows: President, Ester Kerr; Vice-president, Joe Hawser; Secretary, Kay Mosley and Treasurer, Dorothy Mosley.

Three guests plus the dignitaries were feted by the members to a luncheon of traditional Thanksgiving fare with all the trimmings.

Baird is a good team but doesn't compare to the Cross Plains team. The Buffaloes out-manned the Bears athletically. You and I both know that games are not won on who has the best team or best statistics, but who has the most points on the score board at the end of the game, and Baird won in that category. I would like to see a rematch in the playoffs of Cross Plains and Baird this year.

Jody Fortune was the leading rusher for the Buffs with 163 yards on 25 carries. I don't know the total yards for Fortune through the regular season but I'm sure it exceeds 1000 yards in 10 games. Daniel Purvis had 102 yards on 12 carries and also had another 66 yards pass receiving -- giving him a total of 168 yards against Baird. Quarterback Jarad Richards had 22 yards on 10 carries and Justin Hopkins 14 yards on 3 carries. The Buffaloes had a total offense of 454 yards.

The receiving was led by Purvis with 66 yards on 4 catches -- one on a big 4th down play. Joseph Turner had 35 yards on 2 catches; Benji Blackstock 28 on 1 catch; Dusty Hargrove 18 yards on 3 catches; and Zach Edington 8 yards on 1 catch.

The defense was led by Joseph Turner with 5 tackles and 2 assists; Justin Hopkins and Carlton Thomas both had 4 tackles each.

This was a great game for the Cross Plains Buffaloes and they must remember that the games from here on are what matter -- a big game Friday

Complimentary "Buff Tuff" Towels To First 200 Buffalo Fans

The Cross Plains Freshman Class is showing their Buffalo support by handing complimentary "Buff Tuff" towels to the first 200 Buffalo fans Friday night at McMurry Stadium. The game between Cross Plains and Irion County begins at 7:30 p.m. and the freshmen will begin handing out towels at 7:00 p.m.

Special thanks goes to local sponsors who purchased and donated their "Buff Tuff" towels. They are as follows: Collum's, Walmart, CP Petroleum, Lawrence Farm and Ranch, BugBusters, Jean's Feed Barn, Tim's Floral & Gifts, Bayer Motors, CP Grain and Peanut, Mediplex, Higginbotham's, Weatherby Motors, and Johnson's Dry Goods.

COLONIAL OAKS SERVICES

Old Time Gospel Mission will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, November 16, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

in Abilene against the Irion County Hornets. I don't know a lot about Irion County but they are 9-1 on the year, as well as Cross Plains. This should be a good game. See you there!

Individual Stats

Rushing: Jody Fortune 25-163; Daniel Purvis 12-102; Jarad Richards 10-22; Justin Hopkins 3-14

Receiving: Daniel Purvis 4-66; Joseph Turner 2-35; Benji Blackstock 1-28; Dusty Hargrove 3-18; Zach Edington 1-8

Tackles/Assists: Joseph Turner 5-2; Justin Hopkins 4-4; Carlton Thomas 4-2; Benji Blackstock 3-1; Leif Hunter 2-3; Jarad Richards 2-2; Joseph Hopkins 2-1; Jeremy Pancake 2-1; Dusty Hargrove 2-0; Jody Fortune 1-4; Benji Switzer 1-2; Kevin Nickerson 1-1; Zach Edington 1-0; Billy Higgins 1-0; Daniel Purvis 1-0; Nick Graves 1-0; Jeremy Box 0-2

CLASS A Region I

Wheeler (7-3) vs Kress (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Childress
Petersburg vs Wink (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Brownfield
Aspermont (9-1) vs Alvord (9-1) 7:30 p.m. Friday at Eastland
Irion County (9-1) vs Cross Plains (9-1), 7:30 p.m. at McMurry University, Abilene

Events This Week

Friday: 7:00 a.m. Buffalo Breakfast at Dairy Queen

3:00 p.m. Pep Rally
7:30 p.m. Buffs vs Hornets - Bi-District Championship Game

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT Bill Johnson presiding

Misdemeanor Filing
Chad E. Cauthen, possession of a protected non-game bird.

Misdemeanor Minutes
Kathryn D. Brockman, theft of property by check, \$165 court costs, 60 days in jail.

MARRIAGE LICENSES
Crystal Ann Cory, Baird, Ronnie Douglas Woolf, Abilene.
Susan Renna Oaxaca, Clyde, Victor Amil Cooper, Abilene.
Anna May Matish, Millville, NJ, David Lincoln Bown, Newport, NJ.

42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks presiding

Civil Filings
Divorce filed:
Wheeler, Sandra Elaine & Charles Andrew.

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OBITUARIES

Zelda Barr Long

Zelda Barr Long, daughter of Charlie and Essie Dee Barr, wife of Norrell Long, mother of N.L. Long and Sammy Long, grandmother of Donald and Tracy Long, great-grandmother of Lacy, Kyle and Addison Long was called from her earthly labor to her eternal rest on Thursday, November 6, 1997.

Services were held Saturday, November 8, at 10 a.m. in Cross Plains at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Dressy Cemetery.

Zelda was born in Cross Plains January 21, 1909. She attended Cross Plains schools. Zelda married Norrell Long on February 2, 1928 and lived in the Dressy Community 45 years until the death of her husband February 17, 1973 at which time she moved into Cross Plains. She remained active in the First Baptist Church and Order of Eastern Star. She was a gourmet cook always looking for a new recipe to serve when family and friends dropped by for a game of dominoes or 42.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Norrell; son, Sammy; brothers, Loran and Dee Barr; and sister, Syble Worthy.

She is survived by son and daughter-in-law, N.L. and Ann of Brownwood; daughter-in-law, Martha of McCamey; grandsons, Donald Long and Tracy Long and family of Abilene; brother, C.A. (Anse) Barr and wife Lucille of Cross Plains; sister, Alta Harris of Clyde; sisters-in-law, Helen Barr of Brownwood; and Marie Christie of Abilene; and a host of loving family and friends all of which were her pride and joy.

Willie Robbins

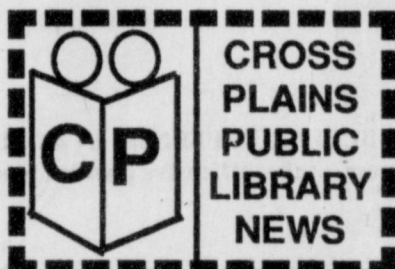
Willie Merryman Robbins, former resident of Cross Plains, passed away Saturday, October 25, 1997, in Austin at the age of 88.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Terrell (Pete) Robbins and her son, O.W. Robbins.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Bettie and Harry Hansson of Austin; granddaughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Richardson, great-granddaughters, Raimie and Lana Knox of Brownwood; granddaughter Susan Henderson, great-granddaughters, Teryl and Hunter of Buda; granddaughter and husband, Judith and Ray Parker, great-granddaughters, Brittany, Katie and Aubrey of Missouri City; grandson and wife Craig and Candy Fuller, great-grandchildren, Chase and Sara of Kyle and granddaughter and husband Rebecca and David Mayes; great-grandchildren David, Jr. and Megan of Katy.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, October 28, 1997, at Klein Memorial Cemetery in Tomball.

She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.



Traffic was good at the Cross Plains Library last week, with a total of 126 books being checked out. Of the items in-house from the Abilene Extension Program, 15 books and 11 audio cassettes were taken.

An added bonus and welcome surprise were donations received from the Ex-Students' Association; and the issuance of 18 new library cards.

The Book Sale has been sent to coincide with National Book Week, and will be held Thursday, November 20, through Saturday, the 22nd. Operating hours will be 1:00 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday; and 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Saturday.

The Bake Sale will be the following week, on Tuesday, November 25, starting at 8:00 a.m.

Little treasures to be found in books: "The young man who has not wept is a savage....and the old man who will not laugh is a fool."George Santayana.

NEWS FOR VETERANS

HEALTHCARE ENROLLMENT

---- The Department of Veterans Affairs is establishing an annual patient enrollment system to manage the provision of V A health care services as required by Public Law 104-262, the Veterans' Health Care Eligibility Reform Act of 1996. This enrollment system is based on establishing priorities and requires that beginning October 1, 1998, most Veterans must be enrolled to receive V A health care.

Health services will be provided without question to the following categories:

A. Veterans seeking care for a V A rated service-connected condition.

B. Veterans with a 50 percent or more V A rated service-connected condition seeking care for any condition; or

C. Veterans seeking care during their first year after separation from the military for compensable disabilities incurred or aggravated in the line of duty which have not been rated by V A as service-connected.

Although Veterans who have received V A health care services after October 1, 1997, don't need to apply, other Veterans may apply by contacting the nearest V A health care facility or V A's Health Eligibility Center at 1-800-949 VETS (8387).

There will be considerable confusion regarding this enrollment and Veterans are urged to contact your County Service Office at (915) 854-1520 (Monday and Tuesday) for further explanation. Future columns will contain more information about these changes.

NEW V A SECRETARY ---- President Clinton has chosen Army Secretary Togo West to be secretary of Veterans Affairs, though the President wants approval from key lawmakers and interest groups before nominating him. The White House does not expect anything to block the nomination which could be sent to Congress in the next few days. Mr. West would become the third black member of Mr. Clinton's Cabinet, if approved.

Motel & RV Park construction begins in Baird

Gene Thompson & Associates of Fort Worth, will be building a 28 unit motel with an adjacent 15 site RV park in Baird. It will be located along the north side of I-20, 1/5th mile west of Highway 283.

The name of the motel will be "BAIRD MOTOR INN & RV CAMPGROUND."

Completion of this project is estimated to be April 1998.

Removal of personal items left in city's right-of-way and stray dogs among topic of discussion at City Council Meeting

By BILLY HARRIS
Special Writer

The Cross Plains City Council met in regular session Tuesday, November 4. Mayor Purvis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with these officers present: Councilmen Ray Womack, Jerry Cassle, W.C. Pringle, Edwin Weiss, James Nichols, and City Secretary Debbie Gosnell.

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved as read.

City Auditor Jim Cotter met with the council and presented the 1996-97 Independent Auditors Report. The annual audit was accepted with a motion by Cassle and seconded by Pringle.

Steve Mack, representing the Cross Plains Economic Development Board, spoke to the council of an upcoming meeting in Cross Plains concerning the forming of a Rural Economic Development Committee for Callahan County. The meeting will be at the Cross Plains Community Center Thursday, November 13, at 7:00 p.m. said Mack and he invited the council to attend.

Mack said the local economic development board would change their year end to correspond with the city's year end as the auditor had suggested in his report.

The Texas Rural Development Council will soon meet in Cross Plains with several local entities and interested citizens to develop strategies in helping provide rural communities with a community-based planning and assessment process, Mack said. A team of experts will be available to write up implementation plans for the rural communities to use.

Mack said that once this is done West Texas Utilities has volunteered to develop a strategic plan for Cross Plains and the surrounding communities.

Weiss made a motion, seconded by Nichols, that the city support these efforts in whatever areas possible. Motion carried.

Mayor Purvis told the council that he had visited with the Mayors of Clyde and Baird concerning an interlocal agreement with the County for street improvements and repairs and they all agreed that if the County was in favor of an agreement that it would be beneficial for the City of Cross Plains to participate. After discussing the possibility of such an agreement Cassle made a motion to pass the interlocal agreement for street improvement and repairs con-

tingent on the county's approval. Pringle seconded the motion and it was accepted.

Gosnell read a letter to the council, from the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, concerning the disposal of scrap tires. The letter said that the prohibition against depositing tires in landfills will be lifted. It was stated that scrap tires can be disposed in authorized municipal solid waste landfills if they are split, quartered, or shredded. The letter also suggested various used for scrap tires. No action was taken on the matter.

Gosnell told the council that she had discussed the drainage problem on 8th street, at the Benny Callaway property, with Rudy Rodriguez from the county's Texas Department of Transportation Office. Rodriguez suggested that the city open the ditch on Beech Street from 8th to 9th Streets on the east side so the water would be carried to 9th Street. By general consent the council agreed to try his (Rodriguez's) suggestion to see if it would help the matter.

Nichols discussed with the council the need to send some local property owners a notice requesting them to remove, the personal items left in the city's right-of-ways. Nichols said he had noticed old vehicles, junk iron, brush, and other items on city property that were causing problems. By general consent the council agreed for the City Secretary to send these property owners a letter asking them to meet with the council to discuss cleaning up these sites.

City Judge Bob Hill presented his October report to the council. He reported that his court had heard 13 cases. Pringle made a motion to accept the report as given, second made by Womack and the motion carried.

City Police Chief Ed Duncan gave the council a report on his department's October activity's. Duncan said he answered 50 calls for service and filed 10 criminal offense reports, 2 traffic accidents, 11 criminal cases filed in court, 5 persons arrested (1 felony and 4 misdemeanors), and 13 traffic tickets. Cassle moved to accept the police report as presented which was seconded by Pringle and motion carried.

A lengthy discussion was held concerning the stray dog problem in Cross Plains. The council agreed by general consent to have Gosnell check with Brownwood and Abilene dog pounds to see if the city could contract with them to take their strays.

Bills were reviewed and approved for paying with a motion by Pringle and seconded by Nichols.

CHURCH SERVICES

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"Draw Nigh To God" Fellowship Friday

The Draw Nigh to God Fellowship will be held Friday, November 14, at the Pentecostal Church at Pioneer. Services will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Sister Ruby McCowen invites everyone to attend.

Great American Smokeout Today

The American Cancer Society is celebrating the 21st Anniversary of the Great American Smokeout on Thursday, November 20.

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NEWS

By
LINDA (EDINGTON) MERRITT
Activity Director

The way the weather feels - looks like old man winter has arrived. Things get a little slow around here, more encouragement needed as far as activities. Everyone tends to want to stay in bed where it's warm. We really don't blame them either.

Thoughts and prayers for Jake Green who is in the hospital.

A warm welcome to our new resident Bransford Eubank.

Appreciation to Rhonda Schaefer for the donuts, to Ruby Cassle for the chips and dip and cinnamon rolls, and to the person who brought the sweet potatoes and to the United Methodist Church for the delicious Lord's Acre Meal.

Ruby Harrell was our winner for a free meal at Jack's Place. Thanks Wanda and Jack.

Linda Wilson, Ryan Gorson, Ray Curry from Abilene, Tammy and Marby Fox from Rising Star, Joan Bullard from Clyde, Mona Wilson from Abilene and Mary White from Comanche visited with Marie Pan- cake, Gertie Powell and Blanche Brooks.

Bill, Billie, Paul, and Latanda Wright from Clyde visited Lorena

Wright.

Bonnie Illingworth from Iowa Park and Lois Crist from Wichita Falls visited Midge McCall.

Hazel McKinney from Coleman visited Ritta Knight.

Kelly Howard from Odessa visited Julia Hedrick.

Elsie Porter from Iowa Park was here visiting everyone.

Activities during the week were:

Monday: Bingo winners were Vera Belyeu (2), Falba Shofner (2), Ruby Harrell, Louise Richardson and Verner Rose. Exercise class.

Tuesday: Sing-a-long with Bob Wallace. Popcorn social. Skip-Bo games.

Wednesday: Art class. Exercise class.

Thursday: Bingo winners were Inola Wilcoxen (2), Verner Rose, Sylvia Smith (2), Gertie Powell, Minnie Swann and Louise Richardson. Skip-Bo games.

Friday: Singing with Bob Wallace. Sit-down-basketball.

Sunday: Old Time Gospel Mission.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness.

Clips, Quips & Comments

By KAY DENNIS MOSLEY

Of Bees and Birds

I've heard and I'm sure you probably have too of a bee in your bonnet. Another familiar axiom is ants in your pants. However, unfortunately I did on the 24th of September get a bee in my britches.

How this occurred or happened follows. I know my friend Lois Garrett will get a laugh from this as she always comments favorably on my columns.

As I was dressing for the day, I reached into the basket and picked up a pair of folded slacks. They had been washed and hung outside on the line to dry, the day before. Thrusting my right foot into the slacks; as I neared the bottom of the leg of the slacks I felt a deep burning, stinging pain. I immediately withdrew my foot. It was hurting, red and swelling fast. The skin was broken and blood was seeping out. I rolled down the waistband of the slacks and continued rolling down the pants leg. As I neared the end of the trouser leg I could see a black blob. I first thought it was a spider. I grabbed my shoe and started pounding! As I struck the first blow, it flew up and I could see its wings. And that's the story of "the bee in my britches."

I went to the clinic and had the stinger removed from my foot. I've been taking the prescribed medication and seem to be fully recovered.

If you should see me on the front walk with a large sledgehammer just pounding away, look again! If

there's not a body, then you'll know! I'm simply beating my fresh laundry before I take it inside I don't want any more surprise bees in my clothing.

When fall and winter approach, the birds depart. They just pack up their tiny birdsize luggage and boogie off into the sunset, heading south.

"A little bird told me" something the other day. Yep, you know little birds are kind of known for revealing interesting little tidbits of information. I suspect that's how the phrase, "a little bird told me," came into being so well known.

Anyway, I received a telephone call the other day from this little bird.

This aforementioned "little bird told me," "I know what you can write your next column on....After this she told me something about the month of May 1998, sitting down, eleven months, her mother getting a raise, and I think it had something to do with production. Anyway if you recognize this message, remember I sent you the code word, Granger.

This may not make a whole lot of sense to everyone but it will to some of you. Isn't that the way it nearly always is, when, "a little bird" tells you??

Now if we could just get those little birds to chase away those bees--No, that wouldn't work, then I wouldn't have had a good subject for my column, this week.

Anyway, work on those riddles and puzzles. I plan to "C" "U" soon.



REPRESENTING HENDRICK HOME FOR CHILDREN—Christine Cooper of Abilene represented Hendrick Home for Children in the November 4th Kiwanis meeting. Dale Bishop, president of Cross Plains Kiwanis is pictured with Mrs. Cooper along with Kathy Chesshir, her niece, by marriage.



ADMIRING FANQUILT—Maude Reeves and Nell Wadsworth from the Abilene Rehab Center visited the Pioneer Quilting Club recently.

Senior Citizens News

By VICKY WORLEY

We were so pleased to have a team from Columbia Hospice of Brownwood with us last Tuesday. This is a service now available in our area. Several members of the team gave informative talks on their roles in Hospice. Randy York, FNP, explained how the clinic here in Cross Plains will act as a gate-keeper between Hospice and any clients here. They will be available for any needs that might arise.

A volunteer for Hospice was with the group and talked about her personal role in the volunteer program.

We are planning to have a Hospice Volunteer training session here in January. After completing twenty hours of training, you will be certified as a Hospice Volunteer. Participants in the training are under no obligation to volunteer and the training is free of charge.

Please note: Hospice will be having another informative meeting on Thursday, December 11, at the Senior Citizen building beginning at 6:30 p.m. with refreshments and the program at 7:00 p.m.

For more information on Hospice, please contact (915) 649-2603.

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Glaucoma

Glaucoma is a disease that damages the nerve in the back of the eye and is the second leading cause of blindness in the U.S. African-Americans, people with a family history of glaucoma, and people over 60 have a higher risk. Early stages of glaucoma often go undetected. Without treatment you may find decreased side vision, as though you are looking through a tunnel. Forward vision may also decrease. Early detection can protect against serious vision loss and blindness.

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BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes, preacher
Cross Plains Church of Christ
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It was the second plague -- frogs everywhere! You would think that the first one, that of all the water becoming blood, would have convinced Pharaoh to let God's people go -- but it didn't. Read Exodus 8:1-15 for the entire account and the intensity of this plague: there were frogs in the bedrooms, on the beds, in the ovens and even in the mixing bowls! Can you even imagine?

Pharaoh called for Moses, asking him to "entreat the Lord that He may take away the frogs," promising, in turn, to let God's people go. Moses told Pharaoh that he could set the "when" for the frogs to be destroyed -- and Pharaoh said, "Tomorrow."

Can you believe that Pharaoh would elect to spend "one more night with the frogs?" I think I would have said, **RIGHT NOW!** But Pharaoh didn't want to give up his slaves. "Tomorrow. Let me keep my slaves just one more night, even if the price is having to put up with the frogs..."

Have you any "slaves" you need to give up? You may seemingly enjoy the "benefit" of them -- but isn't the price really too high? Bad habits -- out and out sin -- they have a price tag, and the "side effects" are such a nuisance. There is freedom and relief in giving them up. And don't say, "Tomorrow..." Tomorrow never really comes.

Sunday Morning Bible Class ... 9:45 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Friends & Neighbors Caring In Jesus

COUNTY

Johnson told Commissioners their school at College Station would be January 20th through the 22nd.

The Callahan County Extension Agents monthly report was reviewed by Commissioners.

Due to extremely dangerous conditions Commissioners reinstated the County Wide Burn Ban with a motion by Holland and seconded by Grider. Johnson was given authority to rescind the ban if conditions improve.

Scott Odom of the USDA Farm Services Agency and Clint Rollins of the Natural Resources Conservation Service met with Commissioners and requested a letter be sent requesting the State of Texas designate Callahan County an Emergency Disaster Area because of the devastating year for area peanut farmers.

Odom said this years crop is 90%

Kendrick Cemetery Celebrated Veterans Day

November 11 was Veterans Day and hope you drove by the Kendrick Cemetery to see the flags placed at each veterans' grave to honor and pay respect to those who served our country.

Thanks to Hugh Phillips, VFW Post #2012 Commander, for donating the flags. Hugh attended the Denton Valley School.

There are nineteen veterans interred in the Kendrick Cemetery. They are Cleve M. Abels, PFC, U.S. Army; Benjamin M. Allen, AS, U.S. Navy; Fred V. Allen, U.S. Coast Guard; George W. Allen, Tec 5, U.S. Army; Howard C. Callwell, U.S. Navy; George G. Carrigin, CMI, U.S. Navy; John T. Crawford, A2C, U.S. Air Force; Odis D. Davis, Sgt. U.S. Air Force; Mary B. Franklin, U.S. Army Air Force; Roy B. Kendrick, 1 Lieut. 400 AAF Bomb Sq.; John Wesley Loven, SFC, U.S. Army; Ambers David Meeks, U.S. Army; Elmer W. Menasco, U.S. Army; Bill D. Odom, Pvt. 194 Glider Inf. 17 AB Div.; Roy H. Pocr, Sgt. U.S. Air Force; Philip Wright Sanders, CPL, U.S. Army; Eddie Junior Seelke, Tec. 5, U.S. Army; John F. Sneed, Staff Sgt. 524 AAF Bomb Sq.; and William David Wilson, L CPL, U.S. Marine Corps.

Vickie McKenzie helped place the flags on the graves.

If you would like to make a donation or send memorial gift to the Kendrick Cemetery, please mail it to Peoples State Bank, Re: Kendrick Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 459, Clyde, TX 79510.

below normal on dry land and 50% off on irrigated land.

"We'll be lucky if 150 acres of peanuts are harvested in the county this year," said Odom.

Hicks made a motion for Johnson to write a letter to Governor George Bush requesting the disaster designation for Callahan County. Holland seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Shirley Photides was appointed to a three year term on the Callahan County Child Protective Services Board. Grider made the motion and seconded by Farmer.

The votes from the November 4th constitutional amendment election were canvassed and approved on a motion by Farmer and seconded by Hicks.

Bills were paid with a motion by Grider and seconded by Holland.

Cross Plains Garden Club Meets

The Cross Plains Garden Club meets Friday, November 15 at 2 p.m.

November's theme is "It's a Beautiful Time for conservation." Unusual Holiday Decorations is the title of the program to be given by Bill and Charlie Richards of Coyote Flat General Store.

Hostesses are Esther Kerr and Esther McDaniel.

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will close Friday at 2:00 p.m. and all day Saturday, November 14 and 15, in order to attend "Christmas in November" at the Abilene Civic Center. Come see us there!

We will re-open at 10:00 a.m. Monday, November 17, at regular business hours. We apologize for any inconvenience.

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C.P. STUDENT REVIEW



DISTRICT CHAMPIONS — CROSS PLAINS JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL TEAM

Junior High Buffs Secure District Champion Title Again

The Cross Plains Junior High faced the Baird Bears on Thursday, November 6, and took it all the way, winning the District Championship with a clean sweep 9-0. The captains for this 28-26 victory were Tony Beggs, Seth Fortune, Jason Beauchamp and Joseph Dillard. Honorary captains were Daniel Strickland, Matt Nickerson, Citanya Scott, Jonathan Chastain, Josh Hopkins, Kevin Wilson and Tim Butler.

The coin toss gave the Bears the option of receiving the ball and on the first possession they went all the way for their first TD of the night. This was the beginning of back and forth scoring -- keeping everyone on the edge of their seats.

As the Bears kicked off to the Buffaloes, Joseph Dillard moved the ball up to the Buffs' 40 yard line. The Buffaloes passing game was a little off and they were forced to punt. On Baird's first play Citanya Scott nailed the ball carrier. The Bears called for their first time out. Matt Nickerson broke through the Baird line for a loss of yardage -- forcing the Bears to punt. Butler took the Bears punt and returned from the Buffalo 40 yard line to the Bears 28 yard line. After two great carries by Nickerson and Fortune, the Buffaloes were on Baird's 15 yard line. Nickerson made the first TD for Cross Plains but the extra point failed, bringing the score to 8-6.

The kickoff brought the Bears another 6 points but they couldn't obtain the extra point, placing them back on top 14-6.

With Beggs, Fortune and Hopkins deep for the Buffaloes, fair catch came from Beggs and the Buffs offense went to work. A quarterback keeper from Butler brought the Buffaloes closer to the goal. Beggs closed the door for the 6 points and successfully added the 2 extra points tying the score 14-14.

Cross Plains tried a short on-side kick but the Bear recovered on their 47 yard line and managed another 6 points in only 2 downs, but no extra point. The Bears were leading 20-14 at the end of the 1st quarter.

The Bears kick-off was very short

and the Buffaloes covered the ball with a joint effort from Cole Koenig and Kevin Wilson. Back on offense, with only 1 yard to get the 1st down, the Buffaloes fumbled, but the Buff defense held the Bears off. Neither team scored the rest of the 2nd quarter.

Baird kicked off to start the 2nd half and Beggs returned the ball to the Buffalo's 48 yard line. The offense suffered a major penalty and turned the ball over to Baird. The Buff defense held the Bears and took an out-of-bounds punt giving the Buffalo offense the ball on the 36 yard line. On the first play of the series Beggs ran in for 6 points and the 2 point conversion was good. The score was 22-20.

The kick-off left the Bears on their own 42 yard line and on the 2nd down, Dillard caused a fumble which was recovered. The Buffs were back on the offensive with only 1:50 left in the 3rd quarter. The offense couldn't get it going, but a beautiful punt from Beggs left the Bears on the 2 yard line when the 3rd quarter buzzer sounded with the Buffaloes 22 and Bears 20.

As they swapped ends for the 4th quarter the Buffaloes were on defense. The Bears attacked and made another 6 points but no extra points. The score was 26 Bears and Buffs 22.

Fortune took the kickoff and carried it to the 45 yard line with only 5:00 minutes left in the game. With a 25 yard run from Nickerson and Beggs the Buffaloes gained two 1st downs. With only 2:42 remaining in the game, the Buffs came to the line with only inches to go. Quarterback Butler handed off to Nickerson who scored a TD, but the extra points failed. This put the Buffs back in the lead with 28-26.

The Buffaloes kicked off hoping to hold the Bears for the next 2 minutes. After a couple of time outs, the Bears tried one last attempt -- they passed the ball and it was broken up by Chris Harris. The Buffs took the offensive for the last few seconds and they held on. The game ended Buffaloes 28-Bears 26 securing the 1997 District Championship title. Congratulations to all the players!!!

Individual Stats

Tackles/Assists/Fumble Recovery/QB Sacks

C. Scott 4/1/0/0
M. Nickerson 6/2/0/0
T. Butler 4/0/0/0
J. Dillard 6/1/1/0
T. Beggs 10/3/0/1
S. Fortune 6/1/0/2
J. Chastain 1/1/0/0
E. Morrison 1/1/0/0
C. Harris 1/1/0/0
K. Wilson 1/1/0/0
J. Beauchamp 1/1/0/0
J. Hopkins 1/0/0/0



FALL FEST KING & QUEEN 4TH & 5TH GRADE
Dillon Heath & Megan Thomas

SCHOOL MENU

NOV. 17 - NOV. 21
(Subject To Change)

BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Donuts, assorted juice and milk.

TUESDAY — Bacon, egg, toast, assorted juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Waffle, sausage, assorted juice and milk.

THURSDAY — Cereal, toast, assorted juice and milk.

FRIDAY — Cream of wheat, toast, assorted juice and milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY — Meat & cheese nachos, salad, corn, cake and milk.

TUESDAY — Chicken nuggets w/gravy, peas & carrots, creamed potatoes, rolls, honey and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Vegetable beef soup, grilled cheese, crackers, pineapples and milk.

THURSDAY — Turkey, dressing, green beans, cranberry sauce, candied yams, rolls, fruit salad and milk.

FRIDAY — Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, fries, cookie and milk.



VARSITY CROSS PLAINS BUFFALOES

Cross Country Regional Results

By COACH MACK MCCONAL

Cross Plains Cross Country runners were in Arlington Saturday, November 8, for Regional Cross Country Races. The girls varsity team finished 10th out of 25 teams. Individual times for the high school girls were:

Brandi Richey 33-13:28
Donna Besselaar 77-14:11
Brittany Bennett 78-14:13
Jennifer Turner 81-14:17
Mary Nickerson 86-14:24
Elizabeth McCarty 129-15:33
Holly Butler 151-16:08.
High school boys team:
Nathaniel Swift 54-19:19.
This concludes the Cross Country season for 1997.



LEADING RUSHER — Jody Fortune gained over 1,000 yards in District 8-A play.



FALL FEST KING & QUEEN K-1ST GRADE
Chad Switzer & Cierra Odom



FALL FEST KING & QUEEN 2ND & 3RD GRADE
Clay Koenig & Mykea Douglass

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Geroge Bush, Jr., Governor, Room 200, State Capitol, Austin, TX 78711.

Jim Keffer, District 60 State Representative, P.O. Box 2910 Office #E2.802, Austin, TX 78768-2910 or call (512) 463-0656.

Washington

Bill Clinton, President of the United States, The White House, Washington, D.C. 20000.

Charles Stenholm, Congressman, 17th Texas District, 1211 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

Phil Gramm, U.S. Senator, Room 370, Russell Building, Washington, D.C. 20510-4302.

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2ND GRADE
JULIANNE MACK
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3RD GRADE
DANIELLE FELTY
RUSSELL THOMAS

4TH GRADE
RYAN PAYNE

5TH GRADE
MEGAN FELTY
KATIE MACK
KAREN ROSS

6TH GRADE
PHILLIP BENNETT
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Cross Plains Jr. High And High "Principal's" Honor Roll All Grades 90 or above

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KEVIN SCOTT
GEORGE TAFF

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CANDICE BAILEY
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TONY BEGGS
TIMOTHY BUTLER
BRIDGET CALLAWAY
JENNIFER CANALES
BENJAMIN FORTUNE
APRIL HALL
TAMI HALL
JONATHAN JAMES
DUSTIN NICKERSON
JONATHAN RODMAN
CITANYA SCOTT
DANIEL STRICKLAND
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VIOLETA VASQUEZ
KEVIN WILSON

FRESHMAN
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LINDSEY BARNETT
WANDA BELL
BRANDON GILLIAM
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TOMMY HARRIS
NATHANIEL HAWKINS
KRISTIN HUNTER
MEGHANN LEWIS
TYLER MACKAY
GEORGE MATHEWS
KATHRYN MCCARTY
LINDSEY MEIRON
JAKE MERRYMAN
ELIZABETH PARTEN
JOHN PETERS
RYAN PHILLIPS
AMBER WILSON
KYLE WILSON
TONI WYATT

SOPHOMORES
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AARON (NIKKI) BUSHNELL
KENNETH CALLAWAY
CANDICE FRANCO
MARY HUBBARD
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COBY RICHARDS
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VANESSA WEBB

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JERRY BLAND
BROOK CALLAWAY
JESSICA CHILDERS
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THOR WOERNER

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MACAYLA COOK
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MCKAYLA MARCANTEL
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VIRGINIA NEWSOM
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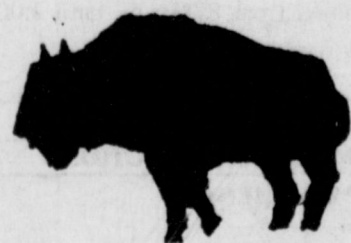
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Home Economics Students Tour Dyess Air Base

By DIANNE J. HAIL

Career investigation is an important part of the High School Home Economics Department. October 27, Ms. Hail's students toured Dyess Air Base in Abilene. The special career tour was developed by Airman Colette Wayne of the Public Relations Division. The tour was the first one of its kind to be given by the airbase; organized as a career shadowing experience.

The career areas on base that were chosen by the students were Intelligence, Pilot, Transportation, Hospital, and Maintenance. The students spent approximately an hour and a half at their chosen career sight for instruction and observation.

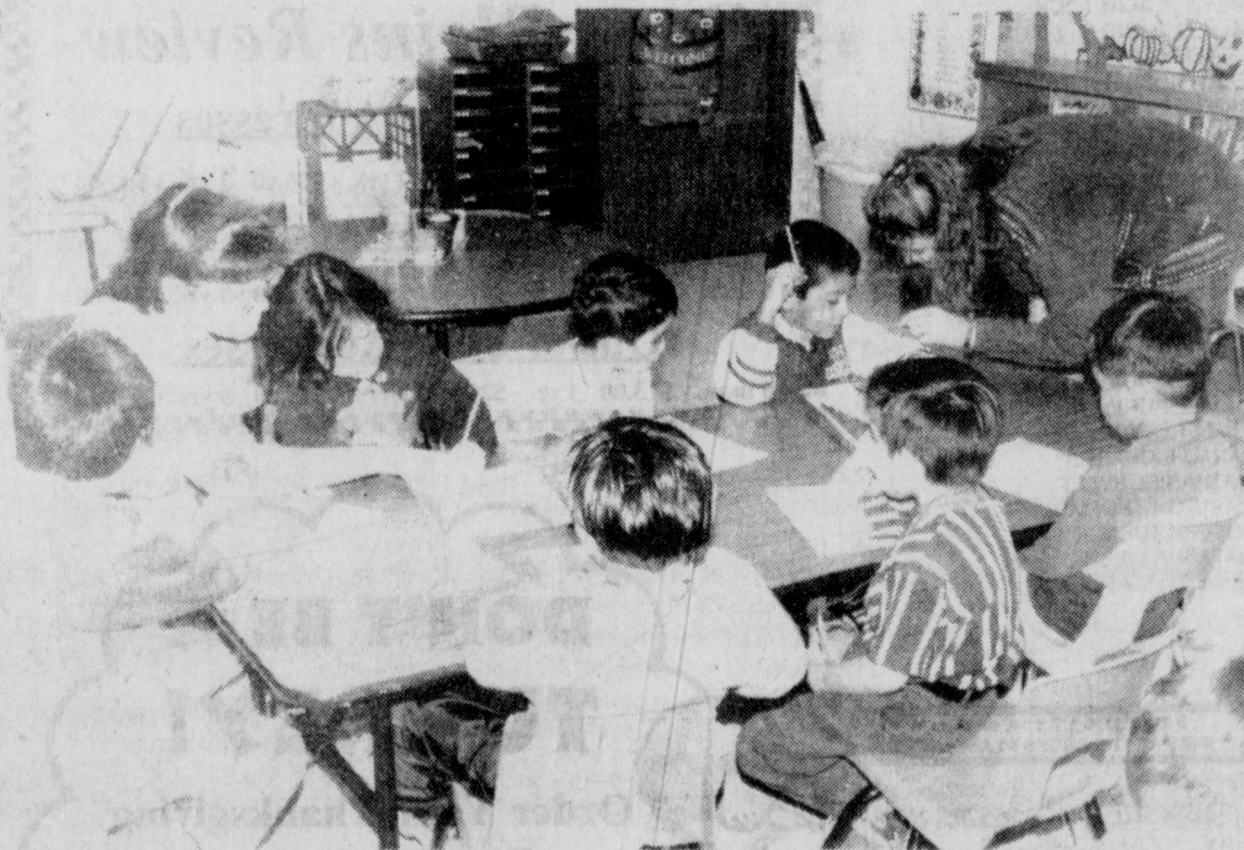
The C-130A Hercules, at the Dyess AFB Linear Airpark, was opened up and a history and tour

given. Students attending were: Rowdy Dillard, Lance Connelly, Kyle McClure, Jaime Mauricio, Brandon Gilliam, Barbara Evans, Chrystal Canales, Sommer Ramsey, Melinda Richardson, Reymundo Reyes, Seth Morgan, Nikki Free, Norma Gonzales, Jerry Bland, Stephanie Castleberry, Charlie Bell, Jennifer Gray, Ashley Beggs, Billy Higgins, Jody Pancake, Holly Butler, Elizabeth McCarty, Melissa Clark, Scott Brame, Shannadon Black, Chandra Heath, Jeremy Gilliam, Bobby Isbell, Donna Besselaar, Kevin Nickerson, Benji Blackstock, Nick Graves, Kenny Bates, Robert Walters, Michelle Shields, D.J. Johnson, Brandy Hutton, Charles Copher, Jimmy Clark, Coby Kelly, Ben Worley, Jody Gosnell, Billy Wyatt, Amber Taff, Daniel Purvis, Joseph Turner,

Benji Switzer, Wayne Bland, Jeremy Pancake, Edwin Savell, Dusty Hinkle, Jennifer Brame and Clay Duncan.

Airman Wayne told the students that there were approximately 5,000 enlisted men and women at the base, 3,000 civilians employed and including family members approximately 12,000 people live on Dyess Air Base. The impact on Abilene is around 313 million dollars a year. The students also learned that Dyess Air Base is like a small city, with a grocery store (commissary), convenience store (BX), movie house, golf course, fire station, hospital, bowling alley, church, elementary school and on base apartments and single family housing.

We would like to thank Dyess Air Base for their generosity and time in planning our field trip.



STUDENT TEACHERS—Tarleton State University students Brandi Alexander (left) of Fort Worth and Lindy Cooper (right) of Cross Plains, help this group of elementary students at Central Elementary in Stephenville work through their assignments. The future students took over the classrooms at Central for a single day to allow regular faculty time for parent conferences. The Tarleton students teamed up in twos to conduct the routine classroom activities. (TSU News Service photo)

Tarleton students take over classrooms at Central for a day

STEPHENVILLE—Students at Central Elementary in Stephenville had new teachers recently when a group of Interdisciplinary Studies majors from Tarleton State University took over the classroom duties for a day.

The switch allowed regular Central faculty members some free time to conduct parent conferences. The 70 Tarleton students teamed up two to a classroom for the full day assignment and conducted the scheduled classroom curriculum.

Dr. Holly Lamb, Associate Professor of Curriculum and Instruction at Tarleton, said that arranging schedules so Tarleton students could be in the classrooms they were assigned at appropriate times was somewhat challenging but everyone enjoyed the experience of teaching.

"The teachers and parents appreciated having a time to discuss the progress of each student while actual classroom operations were being continued," said Dr. Lamb. "The

Tarleton students gained a great deal from the opportunity to have control of a classroom for an entire day.

The future teachers were able to experience a little "in classroom" teaching and also gain real life experiences in the classroom for an entire day. The Central students apparently enjoyed having the new teachers and they did not miss a minute of learning thanks to the cooperation between the Central faculty and Tarleton students.

Callahan County 4-H News

The Project Certification Form has been revised. Many of the animal projects are being validated (tagged) and that information is already available. The Extension Service needs all those exhibitors that are planning on showing Rabbits, Dairy Goats, Beef Heifers, Breeding Swine or Breeding Sheep to complete and return project certifications to the Extension Office by November 21.

The first swine validation (tag-in) took place November 4 at Eula. If you did not get your hog validated at Eula you MUST get it validated on November 24 at the County Show Barn in Cross Plains. Do not forget November 24th validation is the last validation to make your swine project eligible to be shown.

There will be a major show entry night for all Major Livestock Shows scheduled for Thursday, November 20th, starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Extension Office. All those needing to enter are encouraged to attend so that we can discuss travel and hauling arrangements. However, if you are unable to attend please make sure all entries are to the Extension Office prior to Friday, November 21.

There will be a sheep and goat clinic held on November 18 starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Housing Authority Building in Baird. This is located one block east of the Courthouse on the corner of 4th St. and Chestnut. You do not need to bring your animals! Major topics will include Facilities, Nutrition, Health, Feeding, Fitting and Showmanship. Everyone that has an interest in the sheep and goat project is encouraged to attend. Mr. Ross Stultz, Extension Assistant - Sheep and Goat, will be our speaker and he will be able to answer any questions you may have on your sheep and goat projects.

There will be a rabbit and poultry clinic held Thursday, November 13, at 7:00 p.m. at the County Extension Office. It is open to all youth, parents or interested persons who would like to attend. They hope to cover many aspects of showing Rabbits including equipment, selection and showmanship. For the poultry, they will discuss "How to Produce Broilers for Show." They will be discussing housing, lighting, feeding and selection of the exhibitors pen. For more information contact the Extension Office.

*For those who ordered poultry, they will arrive and need to be picked up the early morning of December 10 at the Baird FFA Building.

A Hoof Trimming and Beef Showmanship Clinic is scheduled for Saturday, November 22, at Mr. Johnny Lee's home on FM 18. Hooves will be trimmed from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

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College/Technical School Night Nov. 17

Junior and senior students of high schools in the Big Country and the parents of these students will have an opportunity to meet and talk with representatives from various colleges, universities, and vocational training schools at a college/technical school program at Abilene High School on Monday, November 17, at 7:00 p.m. Representatives from forty-six institutions have been invited. In addition, representatives from the Air Force, Army, Marine, and Navy ROTC programs and a financial aid representative will participate in the program.

The evening program will begin in the auditorium where Brandon Schroeder, President of the Abilene High School Student Council, will preside. Mr. Royce Curtis, Principal of Abilene High School, will welcome the students and parents. Following the general meeting in the auditorium, each student and parent will have an opportunity to attend three discussion groups of thirty minutes each to obtain information about three different schools in which they are interested. College representatives will discuss entrance requirements, application procedures, estimated yearly cost, courses of study, types of housing available, financial aid, and other topics of concern to students and parents.

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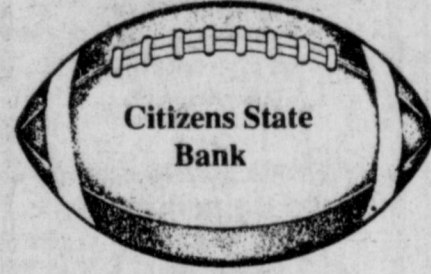
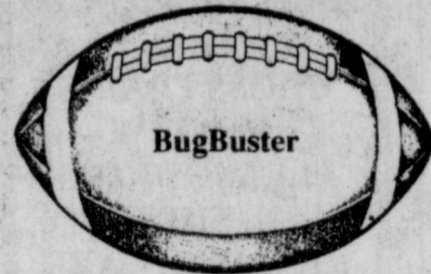
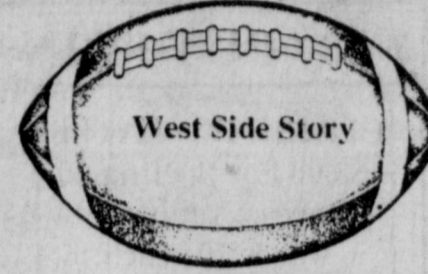
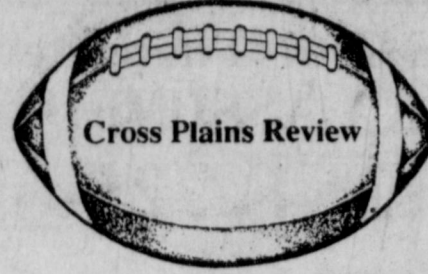
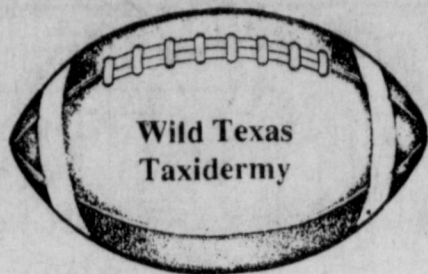
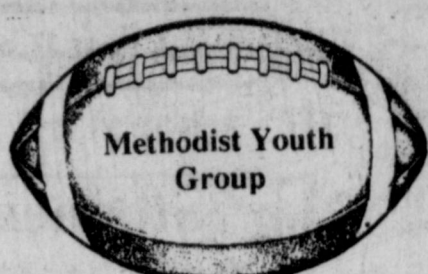
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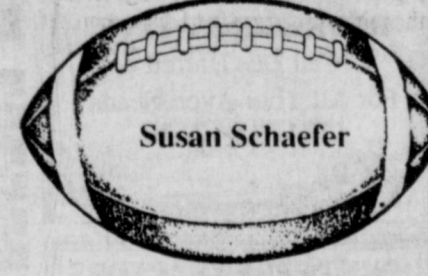
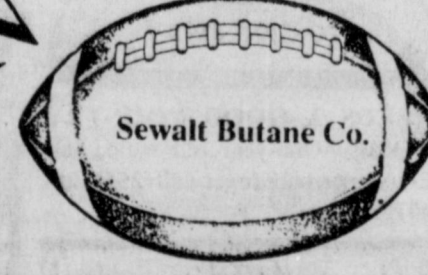
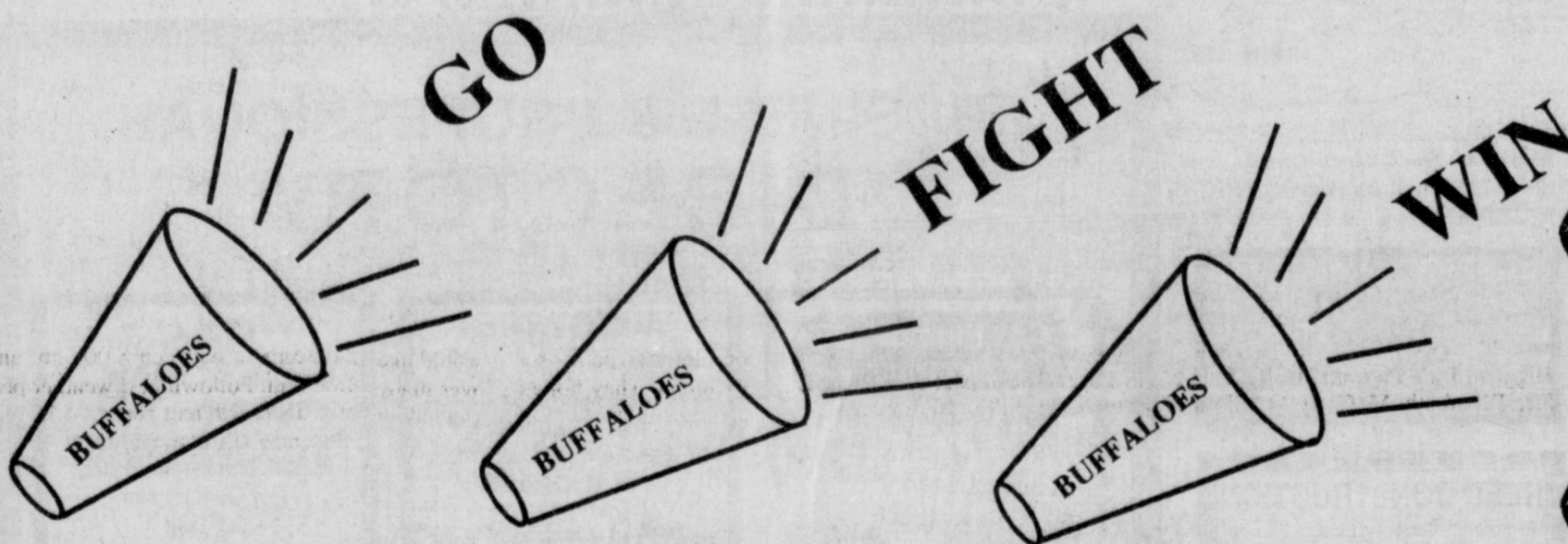
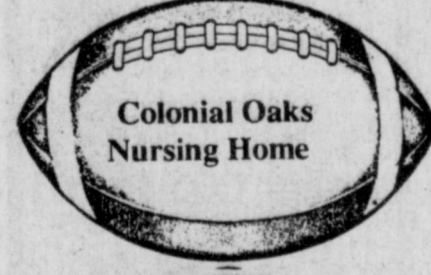
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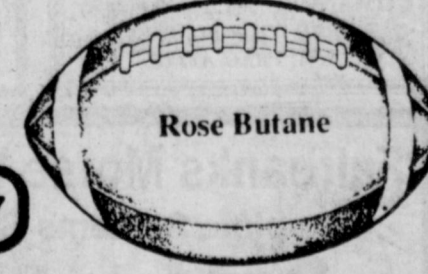
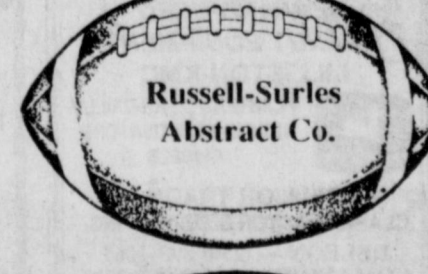


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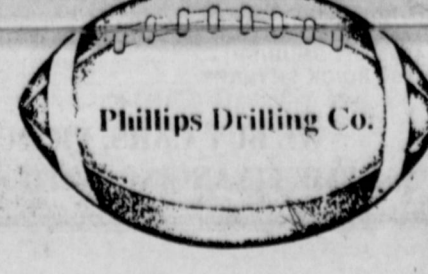
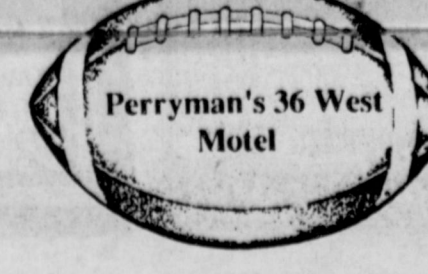
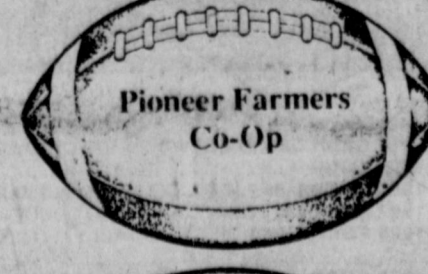
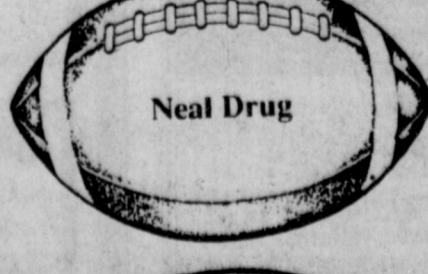
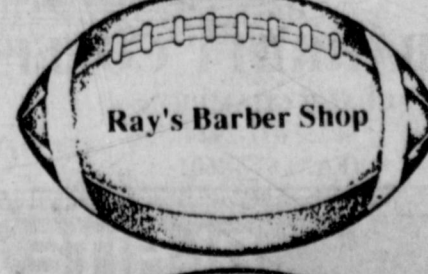
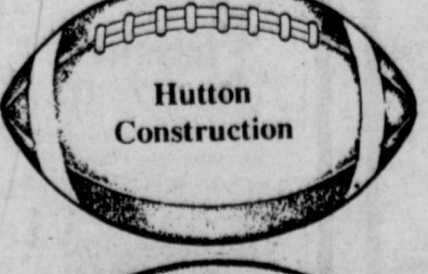
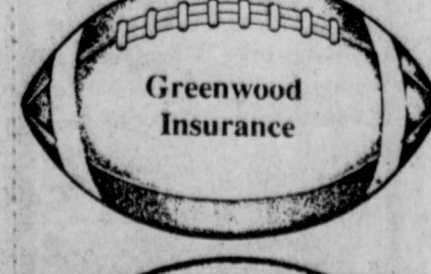
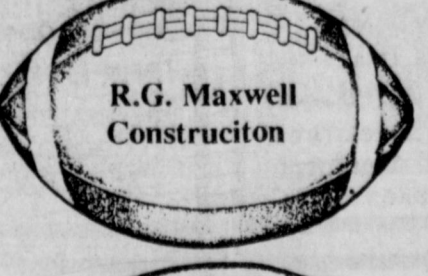
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The Junior Class

Card Of Thanks

While at the Cross Plains Schools last Wednesday, I got sick. I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to the people that came and offered assistance. I was well taken care of by these people.

To Mr. Jamison who heard the call on his pager and came checked me and who was so concerned about me. To the ambulance crew and the lady (sorry I didn't get a name) that also checked me. To Mr. Hatfield and Mrs. Hill, my co-workers who came to see about me. A special thanks to Mr. Tension for following me to my home in Stephenville. Then a really special thanks and appreciation to Mr. Sanders who was with me the entire time and drove my pickup to Stephenville. With concern and devotion such as this, Cross Plains High School is in good hands.

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HINTS FOR HUNTERS

Hunter bagged for killing horse

By KARL ISBERG
Pagosa Springs Sun

You've got your rifle and plenty of ammo.

You've got your camouflage outfit and your blaze-orange vest.

You've got all your snazzy campin' gear, a mess of good grub and maybe an ATV or two.

You had a great drive up to the mountains from the flatlands and the weather is great.

What could possibly go wrong with your hunting trip to Colorado?

Well, for one thing, you could shoot a horse.

According to Deputy Brad Denison, that is just what happened to one Arkansas hunter.

Oops.

Denison reported Monday that guide Robert Steck (a resident of the Bayfield area during most of the year) was leading a string of six horses and three mules in the mountains on October 26.

It was approximately 10:30 a.m.; Steck had set out from the Williams Camp trailhead, northwest of Pagosa Springs.

Steck and his string of animals were approximately an hour's ride from a base camp when the guide heard a shot.

Denison said Steck reported the animals in the pack string panicked. He calmed the animals, then realized the third horse had been shot in the neck.

"The guide reported a hunter came out of the woods and realized what he had done," said Denison. "He then gave Steck his rifle and Steck had to put the horse down."

DRAGNET

absorbers is 4,500 pounds on each device, with no recoil action.

"The 75 foot tape is replaced in each energy adsorber, after the dragnet is impacted by a vehicle," said TxDOT employee Jerry Black. "It works on the same theory as a tail hook cable on an aircraft carrier," said Black, "but those retract and the dragnet does not."

"This is the first one of these (the dragnet) that has been installed in District 8," Black said. District 8 is comprised of 13 counties and based in Abilene. "The experimental device carries a price tag of around \$10,000, but one life saved would be worth that," Black said.

A 4,500 pound vehicle traveling at 60 miles per hour would be brought to a stop within 60 feet according to Dragnet Vehicle Arrest System specifications. This (4,500 lbs) is

The hunter—a man from Arkansas—now has a bit of a problem on his hands.

"The hunter apparently came over a ridge, about 55 to 60 yards away from he pack string," said the deputy. "He said he saw movement, saw color, looked through his scope and swore he saw antler. He took a neck shot, and he hit it."

"It" was a horse.

"This was uncalled for," said Denison. "Hunters need to make sure before they pull the trigger."

Denison arrested the man for needlessly killing an animal and said the hunter was booked on charges of careless hunting and cruelty to animals.

The deputy said the incident highlights the ever-present danger to humans and animals in the forest during hunting season. Denison said the incident should serve as a warning not only to careless hunters, but to anyone frequenting the forest at the same time as hunters. He urged everyone to take precautions and maximize their safety.

"The law," said Denison, "requires only the hunter to wear blaze orange. In this case, the guide was wearing a red jacket. Everyone should make sure they wear blaze orange when they're out during hunting seasons. Personally I'm going to go out and buy a blaze orange blanket for my horse."

A REMINDER FOR AREA HUNTERS: The moral of this story is don't point your gun at anything you don't intend to shoot and don't shoot anything you don't want to kill.

the approximate weight of a one ton diesel engine pickup. A lighter vehicle would be stopped at a shorter distance.

Some vehicle damage is to be expected if the "Dragnet" is used but the damage would be much greater if the vehicle flew off the embankment and had a "head-on" collision with the pavement underneath the overpass or the opposite embankment.

The "Dragnet" is being set at the site of three accidents in the past 12 months according to a Baird Fire Department spokesman.

November 1, 1996 a young mother and her son were killed when the pickup they were in ran off the FM 880 overpass striking the opposite embankment, a 5 year old passenger survived the crash.

February 3rd of 1997 another west bound pickup entered the center median just before reaching the FM 880 overpass becoming airborne, just as the one did in the November wreck, but both the driver and passenger survived this accident.

In April this year, a Midland woman was seriously injured when her west bound car slid into the median striking the abutment of the east bound side of the overpass broadly, just narrowly escaping going off the embankment or entering the east bound traffic lanes.

All three of these vehicles would probably have been caught in the "Dragnet" and, if it worked as claimed, would have lessened the severity of the accidents.

"We had much rather get a vehicle out of some chain link fence," said Baird Assistant Fire Chief Russell Robbins, "than have to cut critically injured victims out of a crumpled vehicle."

Rudy Rodriguez of the Callahan County TxDOT office said he had a work crew assisting with the installation of the "Dragnet." "I watched a film showing the net being used and it looked good," said Rodriguez. "We're glad to have it here in the county." Rodriguez said the Putnam location was chosen by the Austin office along with one other location in Texas but he did not know where the other safety device was to be installed.

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The Case of the Dancing Cowboy

By JOHN R. ERICKSON

This is the first chapter of a new Hank the Cowdog book about the adventures of Hank, who is head of ranch security; Drover, his mutt sidekick; Slim, a ranch hand; and Loper and Sally May, who own the ranch.

Hank the Cowdog
The Case of the Dancing Cowboy
By John R. Erickson

Chapter 1
Slim Hauls Garbage

It's me again, Hank the Cowdog. It all began in June, as I recall. Yes, because we'd just come through a dry winter and the spring rains didn't start until May 15.

After a few warm days, little shoots of grass had sprung up in the draws and along the creek, and the cottonwoods, elms and hackberries had put out their leaves.

That green tint in the countryside had made everybody on the ranch feel better about things. Loper and Slim had stopped feeding the cows and Sally May was planning to host a dance in her yard. To prepare for that big social event, she had launched a major Spring Cleaning Offensive.

And since Slim didn't have to make a feed run, she drafted him to carry garbage down to the burn barrel. He didn't like that. I know, because I heard him grumbling about it as he struggled down the hill with a sack of garbage in each arm.

"A guy spends a whole lifetime training horses and learning to rope. He gets himself a ranch job and takes some pride in his work, but what does he do on the first pretty day of spring? He gets to haul garbage down to the burn barrel."

He threw the sacks into the barrel and stormed over to the overhead gas tank. He drew a can full of gasoline and threw it into the barrel.

Hmmm. It appeared that he planned to toss a match into the gasoline-soaked barrel. I had watched him do this on other occasions, and I seemed to remember that he always ended up regretting it. And saying, "Oops, I forgot to mix that gas half-and-half with diesel, so it wouldn't explode."

But he was on a snort about injustice in the world and he wasn't paying attention to his business. He went on with his speech and seemed to be addressing me and Drover, as though we might be interested.

We weren't. We were merely there, and once trapped into listening to the sermon, we could hardly get up and leave. That would have been impolite and would have made him even madder.

Senate Approves Fire Ant Research Proposal

WASHINGTON -- The U.S. Senate has given final approval to a proposal by U.S. Senator Phil Gramm to create a \$43 million research program on the control, management and eradication of fire ants.

"The Fire Ant Control, Management and Eradication Act of 1997 will provide a scientific guide to controlling and possibly eradicating fire ants by synthesizing the ideas of the brightest scientists and agricultural experts into a potent, comprehensive plan of attack," Gramm said.

Gramm's provision, included in the agriculture research bill, would establish a 12-member National Advisory Board, along with a \$43 million multi-year grant process to fund scientific research proposals on fire ant control, management and eradication.

The bill must now be approved by the House of Representatives before it is sent to President Clinton for his

See, your older and more experienced ranch dogs realize that part of our job is listening to the complaints of our masters. It's just something we have to do.

And also, I wanted to see what happened when he flipped his match into that garbage barrel. I had reason to suspect that it would become the most exciting event of the morning.

He fished a book of matches out of his shirt pocket and went on.

"If Sally May wants to have a yard dance, that's fine with me, but why do I have to haul the dagdummed trashi and help clean up for it? I ain't going to the silly dance. There's 57 things I'd rather do."

He tore a match out of the book and ran the paper end through his teeth. "A cowboy hauling trash! Times sure have changed, dogs, and not for the better. These outfits today, they've got no appreciation for what a cowboy can do or how much money he's got tied up in leather and horseflesh."

"Next thing you know, she'll want me to haul manure and spread it in her flower beds. Well, when that day comes, boys, old Slim'll pack his saddle and move on to a real horseback outfit that knows how to treat a cowboy."

Boy, he was sure worked up, and I could tell that he'd forgotten all about that can of gasoline he'd poured into the barrel.

I turned to Drover, who was staring up at the clouds. "Son, pay close attention to this."

"What?"

"I said, pay close attention to this."

"Oh. OK."

"Why are you staring at me?" "I don't know. You said to pay close attention and that's what I'm trying to do."

"Pay close attention to the garbage barrel, Drover, not to me."

"Oh. Did it say something?"

"No. Garbage barrels don't talk."

"I didn't think they did."

"But this one is fixing to explode."

"No fooling?"

"Just watch."

Sure enough, Slim struck the match and pitched it into the barrel and ... you'll see.

Next Week: Slim Gets Fired Up

This is Chapter 1 from "The Case of the Dancing Cowboy," a previously unpublished book by John R. Erickson, a Texas rancher. Erickson, who has written 27 Hank the Cowdog books for Gulf Publishing, is giving this book to newspapers across the nation to encourage children and others to read.

signature.

In Texas, fire ants have infested almost every corner of the state; affecting urban, suburban and rural areas with damage estimates reaching \$300 million annually. Cattle raisers alone suffer annual losses of \$67 million, the senator noted.

"Since the late 1970's, more scientific data on the general biology of fire ants have been established, but vast information gaps still remain, and it is clear that it is going to take a combination of different approaches to bring fire ants under control," Gramm said.

The bill's bipartisan co-sponsors include U.S. Senator Dale Bumpers, D-Ark., Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, Tim Hutchinson, R-Ark., Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., Max Cleland, D-Ga., Paul Coverdell, R-Ga., John Drenth, D-La., and Richard Shelby, R-Ala.

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Johnson - Brown Engagement & Approaching Marriage Announced

Dale and Kathy Wolf of Rising Star and Fred Johnson of Andrews are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Melissa Deann Johnson to Jeffory Scott Brown, son of Arnold and Barbara Henson and Tommy Brown of Cross Plains.

The wedding is set for Saturday, the twenty-second of November at 4:00 p.m. in the evening, at the First

Baptist Church in Rising Star. The reception following the ceremony will be in the Fellowship Hall.

Together, along with their parents, Jeffory and Melissa would like to invite all their friends and family to be with them as they exchange their vows and begin their new life together.



HEATH MAYO

Youth participates in National Fall Ball Tourney

Heath Mayo recently competed in the Baseball of Texas National Fall Ball Tournament in Marshall, on October 18 and 19. His team, the Bullard Blue Jays, earned the title of Texas National Runner-up in the under eight coach pitch division. His team had the division title before advancing to the National level. The Blue Jays had a season record of 14-4. Heath plays pitcher for the team. This team is a select team consisting of players from all around the Tyler area.

Heath is the son of Keith and Staci (Weiss) Mayo and grandson of Wilburn and Glenda Weiss.

Cowan among fall inductees in Tarleton's Alpha Chi chapter

STEPHENVILLE—April Chantel Cowan, a Tarleton State University student from Cross Plains, was one of 81 students inducted during the fall semester into the University's Texas Alpha Kappa Chapter of Alpha Chi, the national college honor scholarships society.

Cowan, a graduate of Cross Plains High School, is an Agribusiness Management major at Tarleton.

Membership in Alpha Chi is limited to members of the junior and senior classes who excel academically. Grade point averages must be 3.60 or better. The objectives of Alpha Chi are to promote and to recognize superior scholarship and those elements of character that make for effective service. Founded in 1922, the society has more than 300 chapters in 45 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Alpha Chi represents the highest academic honor on any member campus and since its inception, over 255,000 students have been inducted.

The Texas Alpha Kappa Chapter at Tarleton was established in the fall of 1968. There are seven regions across the country and Tarleton's chapter is a member of Region I which includes parts of Texas and New Mexico.

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