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Snyder Daily News

Ask Us

Q—How old is the Cornelius-Dodson House?

A—The home was built in 1884, and is the oldest remaining residence in the county.

Local

Stanfield

Stanfield Parent Council will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the school cafeteria.

Child care will be provided.

Corsages

Orders for Hermleigh homecoming corsages will be taken at the school office any time prior to Tuesday. Contact Debbie Sandefur at 863-2451 for more information.

Dunn

Dunn Church of Christ will host a pot luck lunch at the Dunn Community Center at 12:30 p.m. Sunday. Singing will follow at 2 p.m. at the church.

Everyone is invited.

Eastern Star

Snyder Chapter #450 of the Eastern Star will celebrate its Friendship Night with the Hermleigh chapter at 8 this evening at the Snyder Masonic Lodge.

Band boosters

Snyder High School Band Boosters will be taking photos for picture buttons for SHS band members from 5-6:30 p.m. Friday in the band hall.

ACT tutoring

An ACT tutoring class will be held from 5:30-7:30 this evening in Room 116 at Snyder High School.

The class is for juniors and seniors.

Help needed

Help is needed with the technical work on the first Ritz production of the season, "Barefoot in the Park."

Anyone interested in working with lighting, sets, props, costumes, makeup or sound, is asked to call Ellie Dryden at 573-9739 or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993.

Hearing

A second public hearing in regard to Hermleigh Water Works will be held at 7 this evening in the Hermleigh Community Center.

Topics to be discussed will include the application for water system improvements for Hermleigh in the amount of $250,000. The county has submitted an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for a Texas Community Development Program grant.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Wednesday, 79 degrees; low, 44 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Thursday, 50 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1993 to date, 13.31 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low in the lower 60s. Southeast wind 5-10 mph. Friday, mostly sunny. High near 90. South wind 10-15 mph.

Almanac: Sunset today, 7:48. Sunrise Friday, 7:29. Of 258 days in 1993, the sun has shone 251 days in Snyder.

Defense calls witnesses on Garcia's behalf

The state rested its case early Wednesday afternoon and the defense called two witnesses on behalf of Floyd Garcia Jr., who is being tried in 132nd District Court on a charge of indecency of a child.

District Attorney Ernie Armstrong had called one more classmate and the father of another child to the stand before resting his case against the former Stanfield Elementary teacher, charged with reaching into the pants of one of his first grade students last February.

The seven-year-old child told the jury that Garcia had never reached in front of his pants nor had ever put his hand "inside the cheeks" from behind.

The child at first said he had not heard anything about what Garcia had done until after his parents took him to talk to police sergeant Kevin Fritz on March 30. Later, the child admitted that he knew Garcia was suspended from work because of the indecency allegations. The boy also said the whole class was aware why their teacher was gone.

The boy also said he had talked to other children and that these conversations occurred after the teacher was suspended, a statement which contradicted the boy's earlier testimony of not knowing what happened.

The father of another boy who said Garcia touched him said his son had nightmares for "quite a few months" during the time span of the alleged fondling.

Because of the nightmares, the child would wake up "well terrified," the father said. He also said the bad dreams stopped after his son spoke to Sgt. Fritz.

The defense opened its case by calling Leonard Glasgo, supervisor of Child Protective Services in Snyder, and Jan DeLipsey, director of a sexual abuse clinic in Dallas, who specializes in working cases involving sexual abuse of boys.

Defense counsel, led by Mary Alice McLarty and assisted by Chuck Lanehart, called Glasgo and DeLipsey in an attempt to discredit Sgt. Fritz' investigation on the basis that he did not tape any of the interviews.

Sgt. Fritz interviewed six children concerning alleged indecency by Garcia, none of which were video taped or audio taped.

DeLipsey said the use of audio or video taping is essential in most cases of child sexual abuse, because it cuts down on the number of people who have to deal directly with the child. DeLipsey

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CHAMPIONSHIP SADDLES — Emmitt Hataway and Dee Blackwell show off one of the saddles to be awarded to event winners in this week's Texas Cowboys Rodeo Association Finals. The TCRA Finals begin tonight and run through Saturday with 7:30 performances at Scurry County Coliseum. (SDN Staff Photo)

Trio arrested in drug bust

Marijuana, vehicles seized

Three men were arrested and 30 pounds of marijuana seized here Wednesday afternoon as the result of a five-month undercover investigation.

At least 26 law enforcement officers, including members of the Snyder Police Department and Scurry County Sheriff's Office participated in the bust, said Snyder Police Lt. Steve Warren.

Arrested were 21-year-old Randy Dale Chesser of 413 36th Place, 25-year-old Nahum Rodriquez of 2808 Ave. K and 30-year-old Luis Vences of 2617 Cedar Lane in Waco.

Chesser is charged with possession of marijuana with intent to deliver, Rodriquez with delivery of marijuana, and Vences with delivery of marijuana and aggravated assault on a peace office.

Bond was to be set sometime this afternoon, Warren said.

In addition to the marijuana, officers also seized a 1984 Pontiac Fierreo, a 1990 Chevrolet pickup, a 1988 GMC pickup, approximately $1,000 in cash and a Colt 38 Super semi-automatic handgun.

According to Warren, an undercover agent posing as a buyer met Rodriquez in the Varsity Square parking lot at approximately 4 p.m. Vences was in the 1988 GMC as "backup" for Rodriquez, he said.

An agreement was reached between Rodriquez and the undercover agent and they went to Chesser's residence where they picked up approximately 25 pounds of marijuana. They returned to Varsity Square to finalize the transaction, at which time the bust was made.

Law enforcement personnel later picked up Chesser from his job at a local auto dealership and arrested him at his home. They confiscated about five additional pounds of marijuana from the residence.

Agencies involved included agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms; Department of Public Safety (DPS)

(See DRUG BUST, Page 10A)

At coliseum...

TCRA Finals open tonight

Championship buckin' and ropin' gets underway tonight at 7:30 as the Texas Cowboys Rodeo Association Finals begins at Scurry County Coliseum.

The rodeo's format features a full go-round each night through Saturday. Tickets prices are $4 for adults and $2 for children. Reserve tickets are available at the chamber for $6.

A nightly rodeo dance with live entertainment will be held at the coliseum annex following each performance.

Cowboy church is slated for Saturday at 4 p.m. The service will be held at the coliseum and dress is casual.

The top 15 regular-season money winners in each event will compete for $20,000 in total prize money, in addition to prizes awarded to the winners of each category. Finals are held in bareback, saddle bronc, calf roping, women's breakaway, team roping, steer wrestling, bull riding and women's barrel racing.

Guy Miller of Gail, Hobbs, N.M. cowgirl Jinita Hays, and Jimmy Patterson of Amarillo got an early start on their fellow TRCA finalists Wednesday by taking top honors in the timed-event open jackpot at the county coliseum.

The marathon jackpot, which didn't wind up until 3:30 this morning, was the unofficial opening of the TCRA Finals, being held in Snyder for the first time this year.

Miller took first place in calf roping, followed by Stamford's Raymond Hollabaugh, Joel Prall from Stinnett, and Odessa's David Williams.

Hays' first-place finish was in breakaway roping. Leslie Dibel of Canyon was the event's runner-up.

The Steer wrestling winner in Wednesday's jackpot was Patterson, who was trailed in the final standings by Clay Hohuatiza of El Campo.

Cowboys and cowgirls advance to the finals competition by competing in TCRA-sanctioned rodeos held throughout the year, including rodeos in Roby, Rotan, Post and the Scurry County Rodeo, held here in July.

Year-end champions in each event will win saddles, a rookie-of-the-year in each event will win a belt buckle, and an all-around saddle will be awarded to the wrangler who has accumulated the most points in two or more events throughout the year.

Special edition marks Ira's 100th anniversary

Ira School celebrates its 100th anniversary this weekend and in recognition, Snyder Daily News presents a special section in today's paper honoring the event.

While many homecoming activities are planned, highlights will include the crowning of two homecoming queens and a king.

The homecoming football game kicks off at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Bulldog Stadium.

Many halftime activities are planned, including the traditional crowning of a student body queen. All high school girls are candidates. Senior members of the football team will escort the 1993 honoree and two runners-up.

A series of halftime tributes have been planned and will feature students of all ages.

On Saturday, registration and refreshments are planned from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Throughout the day, members of the National Honor Society will conduct tours through the school.

The senior class will serve a noon meal to those who made early reservations. Open house will be held fom 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. The homecoming committee will have its business meeting from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. during which time two ex-students will be crowned.

Queen nominees are Leona Clark Smallwood, Georgene Falls Galloway, Donna Chapman Gray, Oneida Rogers Spradlin and Shelly Kim Maupin Yates. King candidates are Thomas Newman, Claude Lloyd, Robert Erwin, Rooal Minor and Keith Clements.

An exes basketball game will get underway at 3:30 p.m.

BCD oks involvement in economic committee

Board of County Development members on Wednesday approved their involvement in the Economic Development Executive Committee but held off naming a second representative to the committee.

The board also approved a Texas Department of Criminal Justice Appreciation Day.

Recently, city, county and chamber officials reached agreement to form the Economic Development Executive Committee in an organized effort to increase economic opportunities in Scurry County. Members of the Economic Development Executive Committee are to be two representatives from the Board of County Development (BCD), including the chairman; the chamber of commerce president; city mayor; county judge; and the chairman and one other member of the Development Corporation of Snyder.

As chairman of the BCD, Max von Roeder is automatically on the seven-member board. Wednesday, BCD members were to elect one other representative. However, only von Roeder, Jack Smartt and Mark McCormick were present for the meeting. They decided to postpone the selection until the other two board members, Pete Hester and Tim Riggan, can be present.

BCD members did approve a TDCJ Appreciation Day, but have not set a date for the annual event.

The board also approved bills and previous minutes and briefly discussed a grant from Southwestern Bell for alternate uses of cotton burs.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Best wishes to Ar-ee (Ira)."

The Ira community and school will celebrate their 100th anniversary starting tomorrow. In doing a little research on the history, Precinct 3 Commissioner C.D. Gray Jr. told us an interesting story.

Gray's public school education got off to flaming start. During his first grade year, in 1942, two buildings used for his classroom were destroyed by fire.

A blaze destroyed the majority of the Ira school on May 12, 1942. An article in the Scurry County Times reported that the 5 a.m. blaze was fueled by high winds and a lack of water to fight the blaze.

Ira School Supt. Paul E. Sweatt said he was at a loss to explain the possible cause and that no equipment or records were saved. The only buildings not destroyed were the Ira home economics building, a wooden structure, and the gym.

Mrs. Mable Webb, Times rural correspondent for Ira, wrote that the fire "saddened the hearts of the community." The school board met immediately with an architect who began to draw up new plans to rebuild.

The Times further reported, "The $22,000 brick edifice was destroyed and total loss was set at $30,000." The school did have insurance.

It was the second school fire in less than a month. On April 27, Hermleigh's school plant had burned. The same year, the Fluvanna shop building was razed by fire and later that year, the Snyder Oil Mill burned.

The final two weeks of school were held in the Ira gym and in the three community churches. Gray's first grade class was one that was moved to the Methodist Church.

Gray says he and classmate Leon Huddleston can recall vividly when custodian Happy Smith rushed into their classroom and reported that the Methodist Church was on fire.

We ribbed Gray that we would try to make a political scandal of the fire, connecting smoking and stunted growth.

The commissioner was not to be outdone. "And I'll tell 'em I was in the first grade and in church."

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Childhood disease resembles rubella

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please discuss fifth disease.

DEAR READER: Fifth disease (erythema infectiosum), an acute, contagious infection in children, produces fever and rash. It is caused by the human parvovirus B19. It resembles rubella (German measles), from which it can be differentiated by blood tests. The affliction is harmless and requires no therapy.

Fifth disease was so named because it was the fifth most common childhood disease (after measles, mumps, rubella and chickenpox).

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please discuss migraine headaches. Can excessive rest, sleep, or diet be a contributing factor to the condition?

DEAR READER: Migraine is a common affliction, marked by recurring attacks of throbbing headache, often associated with visual abnormalities (flashing lights, sensitivity to bright lights and spots of blindness), intestinal complaints (nausea, vomiting) and assorted symptoms (tingling, weakness of face or extremities).

Although the cause is unknown, many experts believe that migraine is the result of inappropriate dilation and contraction of blood vessels in and around the brain, perhaps related to a genetic predisposition, probably the consequence of chemicals, such as serotonin, in the brain.

The headaches may last for hours or days and occur infrequently or daily. They are often incapactiating.

The diagnosis is made by the history of the attacks.

Treatment is not altogether satisfactory. Rest in a dark room and narcotic pills may help the acute attack, as may a new product, sumatriptan, that patients can learn to inject at the first sign of headache.

Most physicians encourage migraine-sufferers to take preventive medicine — such as beta-blockers, calcium channel blockers or ergot/caffeine preparations — to ward off the headaches. Some authorities recommend biofeedback.

Because migraine is chronic, such patients may have to use preventive drugs indefinitely, as well as analgesics when necessary. If early studies (showing sumatriptan to be effective) are confirmed by widespread success, this medication may become the treatment of choice.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Headaches." Other readers who would like a copy should send $1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2433, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title.

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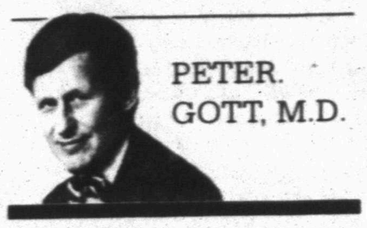

PETER. GOTT, M.D.

Executions at highest pace

WASHINGTON (AP) — The 32 prisoners executed in the United States so far this year is the most since the 47 executions in 1962.

There were 31 last year.

The electrocution late Tuesday of Joe Louis Wise in Virginia brought the number of U.S. executions since 1977, when the first prisoner was put to death after a 10-year hiatus.

Leigh Dingerson of the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty called the rising numbers of executions "discouraging but not wholly unexpected."

"The number of men and women on death rows is approaching 3,000," she said. "It's inevitable more of them will be exhausting their appeals," she said.

Dingerson said the nation's courts have grown impatient with capital punishment disputes. "We're seeing more and more cases tossed out of the courts, especially federal courts, that would have been heard five years ago," she said. "The courts are more and more willing to let states pull the switch."

The Supreme Court in 1972 ruled unconstitutional the capital punishment laws that existed then. In fact, no execution had occurred since 1967.

States responded to the 1972 ruling by enacting new laws, and in 1976 the high court said the death penalty was constitutional under certain guidelines. Gary Gilmore's execution in Utah was the first after that ruling.

Terrier flies two miles in twister

DALLAS (AP) — Sadie the Yorkshire terrier flew through the air for about two miles after she was swept off her feet by a small twister, witnesses say.

"We knew she had been carried away because a neighbor told us she saw her flying about 15 or 20 feet in the air," said James Davis, Sadie's owner.

The 4-pound canine was sent skyward during a violent Monday morning storm that also tore the roofs off of four Saginaw homes.

Sadie was apparently set down north of Davis' home, where a woman spotted the dog running along a road.

"She described Sadie accurately and insisted that she had clearly seen the dog in the air," Davis said.

Other than a few ant bites, Sadie was unharmed after her flight.

Severe storms in north Texas this week claimed the life of a child and caused nearly $30 million in damages to homes and businesses, state officials said.

Astrograph By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, Sept. 17, 1993

In the year ahead joint ventures could prove to be especially beneficial for you financially. The ones which are apt to be the best producers will have something unique about them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) New vitality might be breathed into your economic conditions as of today. Situations that previously produced obstacles may now begin to generate opportunities. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which are governing you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing $1.25 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N. Y. 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Usually it's not too wise to try to mix business with pleasure, but this shouldn't be true in your instance today. Business opportunities could come through persons you're pals with socially.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If there is something of importance you are anxious to finalize, try to get it done today, even if it is a bit inconvenient to do so. Tomorrow you might be less lucky.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Something for which you've been hoping, but haven't been able to bring into being yet, might be a lot closer after today. Don't forsake your expectations.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) There are definite links between your finances and your reputation today. People will want to do business with you, because of your integrity and credibility.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Success is probable today in developments you personally manage or control. Don't dilute this aspect by delegating authority to ineffective associates.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Greater possibilities for gains are likely today from sources you seldom tap instead of through your usually channels. However, try to reap benefits from both.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Two unassociated individuals who have been lucky for you previously might prove to be lucky for you again today. The circumstances could be unusual.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today there could be more opportunity around you than usual where your career is concern. Breaks could come through contacts who have powerful affiliations.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Try to participate in activities today that have friendly elements of competition. You should do well and may even outshine one who usually gets the best of you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Shifting conditions over which we have no control sometimes places us at a severe disadvantage. However, today unexpected changes tend to work for your benefit, so roll with the punch.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your better qualities will be much in evidence today, but your best asset will be your sales and promotional skills. You're adept at selling big ideas to others.

DATE BOOK

Sept. 16, 1993

Today is the 259th day of 1993 and the 88th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1908, General Motors was founded by entrepreneur William Crapo "Billy" Durant.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Francis Parkman (1823-1893), historian; Lauren Bacall (1924-), actress, is 69; B.B. King (1925-), singer-guitarist, is 68; Peter Falk (1927-), actor, is 66; Elgin Baylor (1934-), basketball star-coach-executive, is 59; Mark McEwen (1954-), weatherman, is 39; Robin Yount (1955-), baseball player, is 38; Orel Hershiser (1958-), baseball player, is 35.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1975, Pittsburgh's Rennie Stennett collected seven hits in the Pirates' 22-0 humiliation of the Chicago Cubs.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I used to tremble from nerves so badly that the only way I could hold my head steady was to lower my chin practically to my chest and look up at Bogie. That was the beginning of The Look." — Lauren Bacall

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1988, Hurricane Gilbert made the second of its two Mexican landfalls.

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TODAY'S MOON: Day after new moon (Sept. 15).

TODAY'S BARB

BY PHIL PASTORET

We're not much good at keeping secrets, so we pass them along to others to keep for us.

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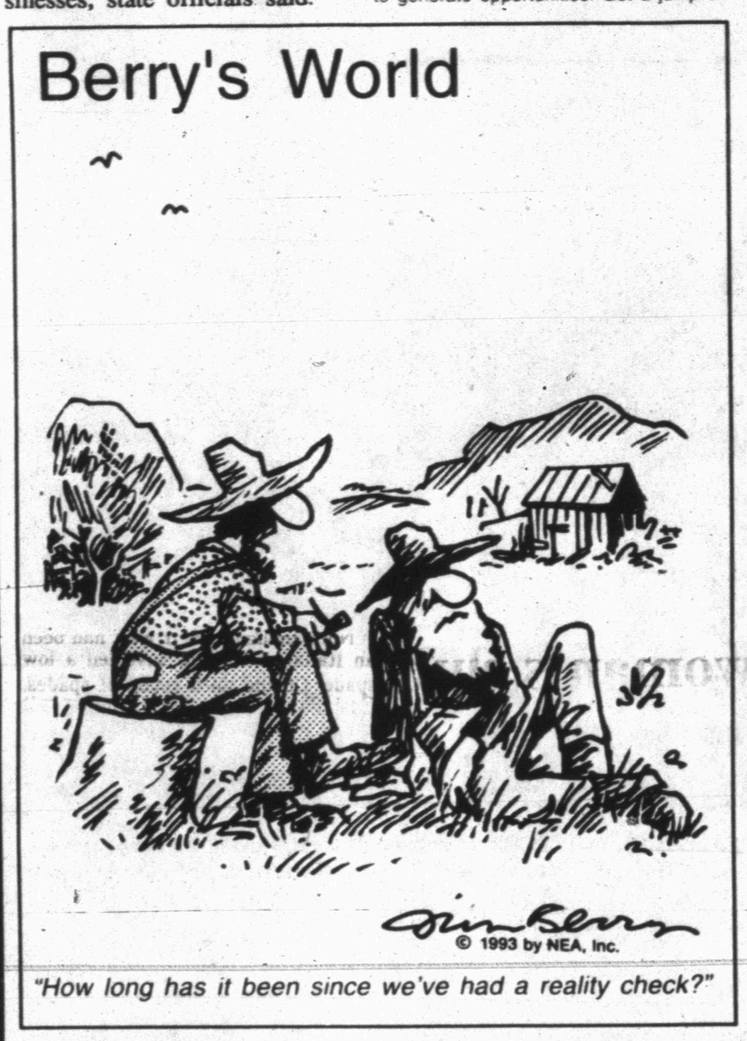

"How long has it been since we've had a reality check?"

The Sherman Antitrust Act was passed in 1890.

The New York Stock Exchange was founded in 1792.

CRMWD board meets Tuesday

Directors of the Colorado River Municipal Water District face a fairly crowded agenda when they meet Tuesday in Big Spring.

Heading the list will be probable contract awards for five on-line steel storage tanks and seven pump stations. Bids on these were opened Sept. 9 and totalled $23,225,813. However, this included $8,041,510 previously awarded from April 20 and July 7 openings, and are being assigned under the latest contracts.

Also up for consideration is the awarding of contracts for standby pumping equipment on the Lake Ivie-San Angelo-Odessa-Midland pipeline.

Two consulting contracts are up for possible award. One is for legislative consultant, presently Ed Howard of Austin. The other is for engineering for construction of electric power pipelines to serve the pipeline stations.

A request from the City of Grandfalls for water service will be on the table, as will possible authorization of funds for a survey of oil wells on either side of the Colorado River from Dawson County to Lake Ivie.

Also to be considered is a request for sale of waste water to an industry, and the granting of right of way in Borden County.

Local woman hoping to form Eagles Order

A local woman is hoping to form a Fraternal Order of Eagles club in Snyder and is looking for others who also may be interested.

The Eagles have been in existance since 1898 and raised over $2 million for humanitarian purposes last year, according to organization officials. The Eagles have raised more than $7 million for the Max Baer Heart Fund for heart research, more than $9 million for the Cancer Fund; over $3 for Muscular Dystrophy and $7 for the Jimmy Durante Children's Fund for crippled children.

The Eagles pioneered in securing the first Mother's Pension Fund, workman's compensation act, Social Security program and Golden Age Recreation Program, and participated in and supported the employment of the physically handicapped and Jobs After Forty program.

There are over 1,900 Aerie homes throughout the United States.

Men or women interested in helping form a Fraternal Order of Eagles organization in Scurry County are asked to call Cindy Crawford at 573-6269.

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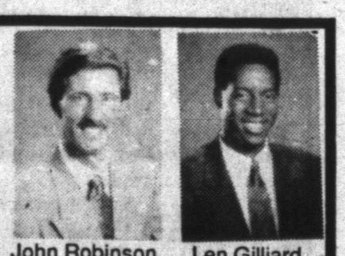

John Robinson Len Gilliard
KCBD 11

BRIDE HONORED — Mrs. Jake Menix, nee Kenya George, was honoree at a wedding shower held Saturday in the home of Mrs. Derald Lambert. The couple married on July 31 at 3 p.m. in the groom's parents home. From left are Elizabeth Hart of Rotan, great-aunt of the groom; Pat Brashears of Brownfield, mother of the bride; the honoree; Sara Menix, the groom's mother; Rita Wolf, aunt of the groom; and Florine Gardner of Aspermont, grandmother of the groom. (SDN Staff Photo)

TEACHERS TEA — Zeta Lambda Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society hosted "A Back to School" get aquainted tea honoring Scurry County women educators Sunday afternoon in the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Pictured from left are Linda Gartman of Ira, and from Snyder Junior High, assistant principal Kellye Starnes, and teachers Susan Stowe, Teresa French and Amanda Herrera. (SDN Staff Photo)

Noah Project-West meets at woman's club

Noah Project-West advisory committee meeting was held recently at the Martha Ann Woman's Club to discuss upcoming projects and to approve the budget for the coming year.

A silent auction of semi-precious gems will be held at the Scurry County Fair and White Buffalo Days set for Sept. 23-25 at the Scurry County Coliseum.

Following discussion of the proposed budget of $85,082, it was approved unanimously by the board.

Cash contributions reported for August totaled $250, with 34 in-kind donations.

Residents admitted in August were five adults and 10 children. Residents sheltered were nine adults and 16 children. Hotline calls from or about victims of family violence were reported. Nine volunteers worked over 700 hours during last month.

Joanne Snider presided. Others attending were Bob Doolittle, Gussie Gray, Tom Holcomb, Daisy Lewis, Don McArthur, Tommie Mills, Jo Ann Nunley and staff members, outreach coordinator Claudia Fields and Lea Ann Bell, secretary.

Incredibly powerful new microscopes reveal atoms in their lattices almost as clearly as we see eggs in a carton.

Business women sets campaign

The Scurry Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) will hold a membership campaign during the month of September, October and November at the Martha Ann Woman's Club.

According to president Vern Beasley, the campaign theme is "Grow" and will focus on personal development and career advancement opportunities for all working women.

Founded in 1949, ABWA is a national organization with a membership exceeding 90,000 women who are employed in all aspects and levels of business. ABWA has more than 1900 chapters throughout the U.S. and Puerto Rico.

All employed individuals who support the goals of the association are eligible for membership.

The local chapter's next meeting is set for Sept. 23. For more information about this special meeting, contact Pat Faver at 573-6968; Vern Beasley, 573-6950; Carol Young, 573-3369; Barbara Scrivner, 573-3186; and Grace Bryant, 573-7926.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

NORTH 9-16-93
♠ J 9 8
♥ K J
♦ K 9 8 5
♣ A K J 10

WEST
♠ A Q 10 6 4 2
♥ 5 3
♦ Q 7 3 2
♣ Q

EAST
♠ K 3
♥ 10 9 8 7 4
♦ 6 4
♣ 9 5 3 2

SOUTH
♠ 7 5
♥ A Q 6 2
♦ A J 10
♣ 8 7 6 4

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
	2 ♦	2 NT	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	All pass

Opening lead: ♣ Q

The six-card fit strikes again

No sooner had I written last week's column in which a four-spade contract on a 4-2 fit was the only making game, than I came across today's deal. It occurred during the team event at the Icelandic Air Championships, held in Reykjavik last February.

Were North and South beginners? Far from it. They were two of the greatest players ever, Italians Giorgio Belladonna (North) and Pietro Forquet.

So what happened? Well, West's opening bid of two diamonds was the so-called Multi. It usually hides a weak two-bid in hearts or spades. Belladonna made what he thought was a natural overcall of two no-trump, but he had forgotten an exotic partnership agreement. They play that this bid shows interest in hearts. Forquet liked the idea of hearts, of course. Belladonna raised what he thought was a five-card suit because clearly West held spades, and Belladonna didn't have a stopper there. (At the other table in the match, the first two bids were the same, but South just raised to three no-trump. East led the spade king and the defense took the first six tricks.)

West led his club. Forquet, despite the paucity of trumps, had no trouble in winning the first 10 tricks: four hearts, two diamonds and four clubs.

"God is still an Italian," observed Belladonna with his characteristic big smile.

Note, though, that if West had been an Italian, he would have led a low spade. On the third round of spades, East discards one of his minor-suit cards and the contract cannot be revived.

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Pike's Beak

The English sparrow was first brought to America by a man named Nicholas Pike, who released some 100 sparrows in Brooklyn, N.Y., in 1852 and 1853 in an effort to protect shade trees from caterpillars. Later importations of sparrows were released at Cincinnati, St. Louis, Philadelphia and San Francisco, among other locations, from which they rapidly spread across the continent.

FIRST PLACE — Toastmaster's Humorous Speech Contest, Area 14, was held Sept. 10 in Lubbock with Pearlene Stewart winning first place. She will advance to district level on Oct. 1 at LCU in Lubbock. Tumbleweed Toastmasters meets Monday, 6-7 p.m., in the American State Bank. This organization is for those who want to improve speaking skills in a warm, friendly atmosphere. (SDN Staff Photo)

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

Upper Colorado SWCD meeting; Snyder Country Club; noon.

Advanced Duplicate Bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 1:30 p.m.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30-8 p.m.

Scurry Lodge 706; AF and AM degree classes; 7 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-3308 or 573-1141.

Snyder Chapter No. 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th; friendship night hostesses are Lorita Keller and Dena Fay Stirling; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Storytime for 4-and 5-year-olds; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:45-11:45 a.m.; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2:30 p.m.

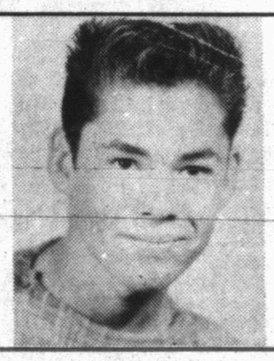
ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave M, 8 p.m. For more information call 573-1141, 573-2101, 573-8626, or 573-3956.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; For information, call 573-8626, 863-2348 or 573-1141; (Last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting); 8 p.m.



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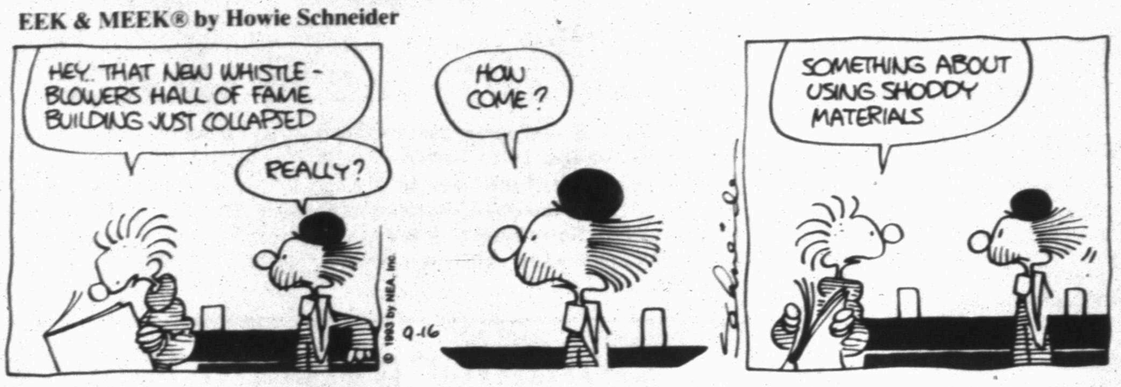

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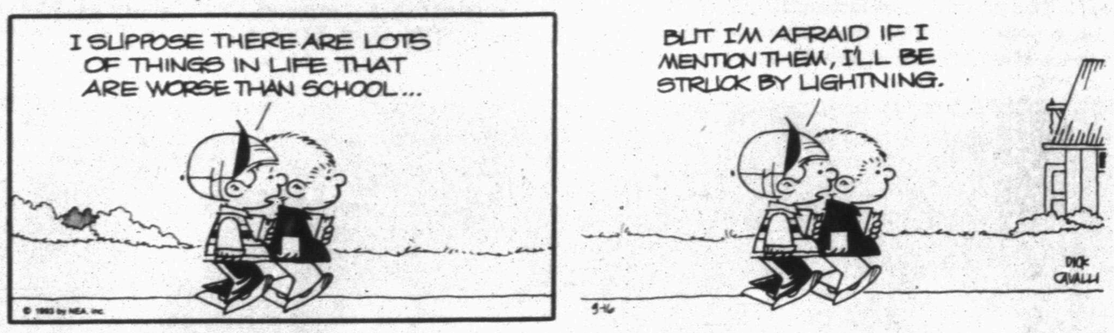

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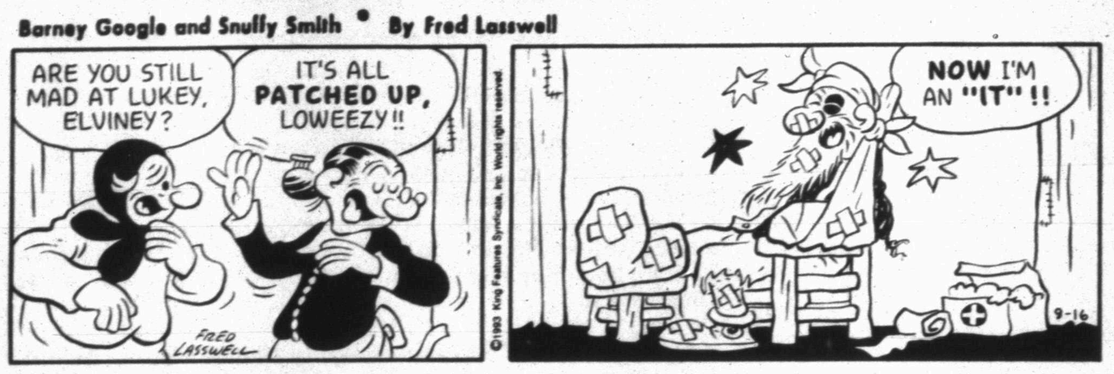

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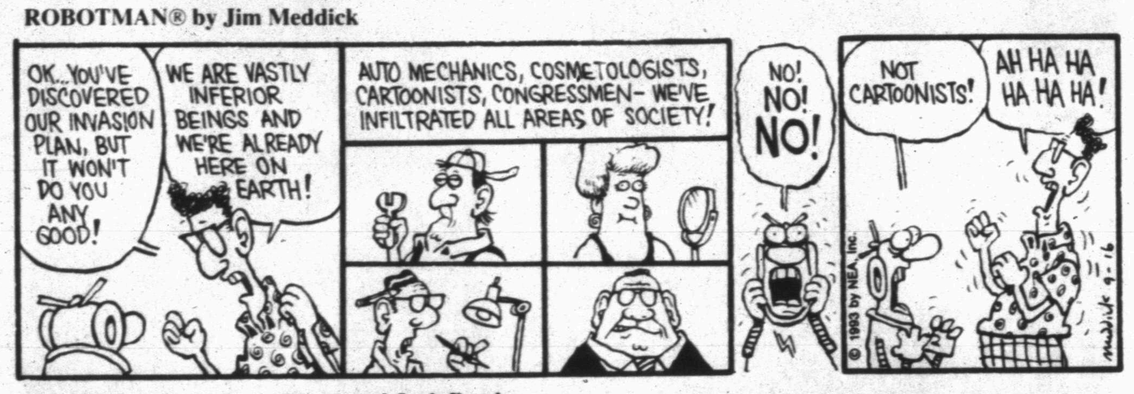

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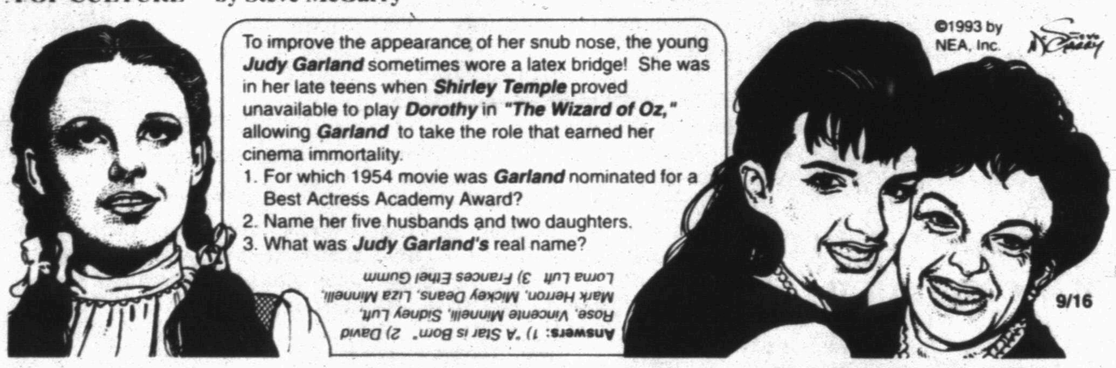

NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Poland's — Walesa
5 Son of Jacob
9 Solemn promise
12 Appear
13 Period of time
14 African native
15 — well that ends well
16 Yes — —
17 Victory symbol
18 Mao — tung
19 Southern blackbird
20 Requires
22 Twice
24 Oklahoma city
26 TV frog
29 Waiting (2 wds.)
33 Cover (a package)
34 Article of jewelry
36 7, Roman
37 Own (Scot.)
38 Entice
39 Ponce de —
40 Of medicine
42 Rosebush parts
44 River in Belgium
46 That thing's
47 Shoots
50 Follower of (suff.)
52 Call — — day
55 Same (pref.)
56 Marine fish
58 Former Russian ruler
59 Force
60 — Hari
61 Small dog
62 Compass pt.
63 Coup d' —
64 Fruit drinks

DOWN

1 Future attys.' exam
2 Slippery fishes
3 Rite participant
4 British Navy abbreviation
5 Actress Sue —
6 Weird
7 Large vehicle
8 Removing wrinkles from
9 — la difference!
10 King David's grandfather
11 Sorrows
19 As far — — know
21 Anglo-Saxon letter
23 Demon
25 Group of nine
26 Bridge on the River —
27 Silkworm
28 Cease-fire
30 Too big
31 King of beasts
32 Noises
35 Negative prefix
38 Agile
39 Parcel of land
41 Grain
43 Hasten
45 Lasso
47 Basketball team
48 Egyptian goddess
49 Light pink wine
51 Which
53 Seize
54 War god
57 Caress
58 Acct.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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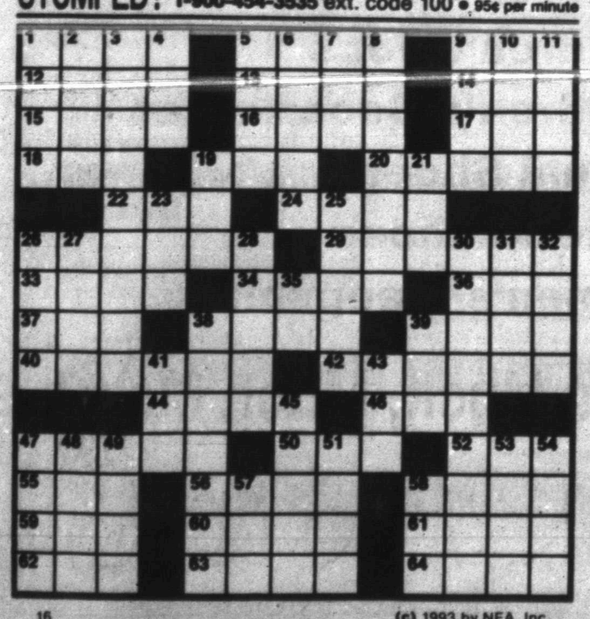

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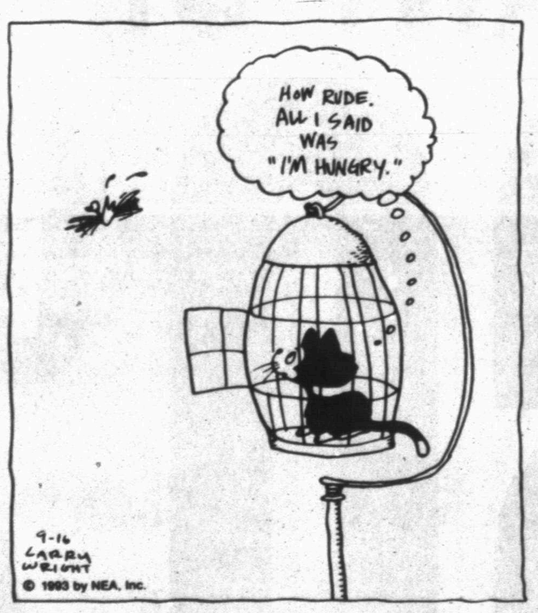

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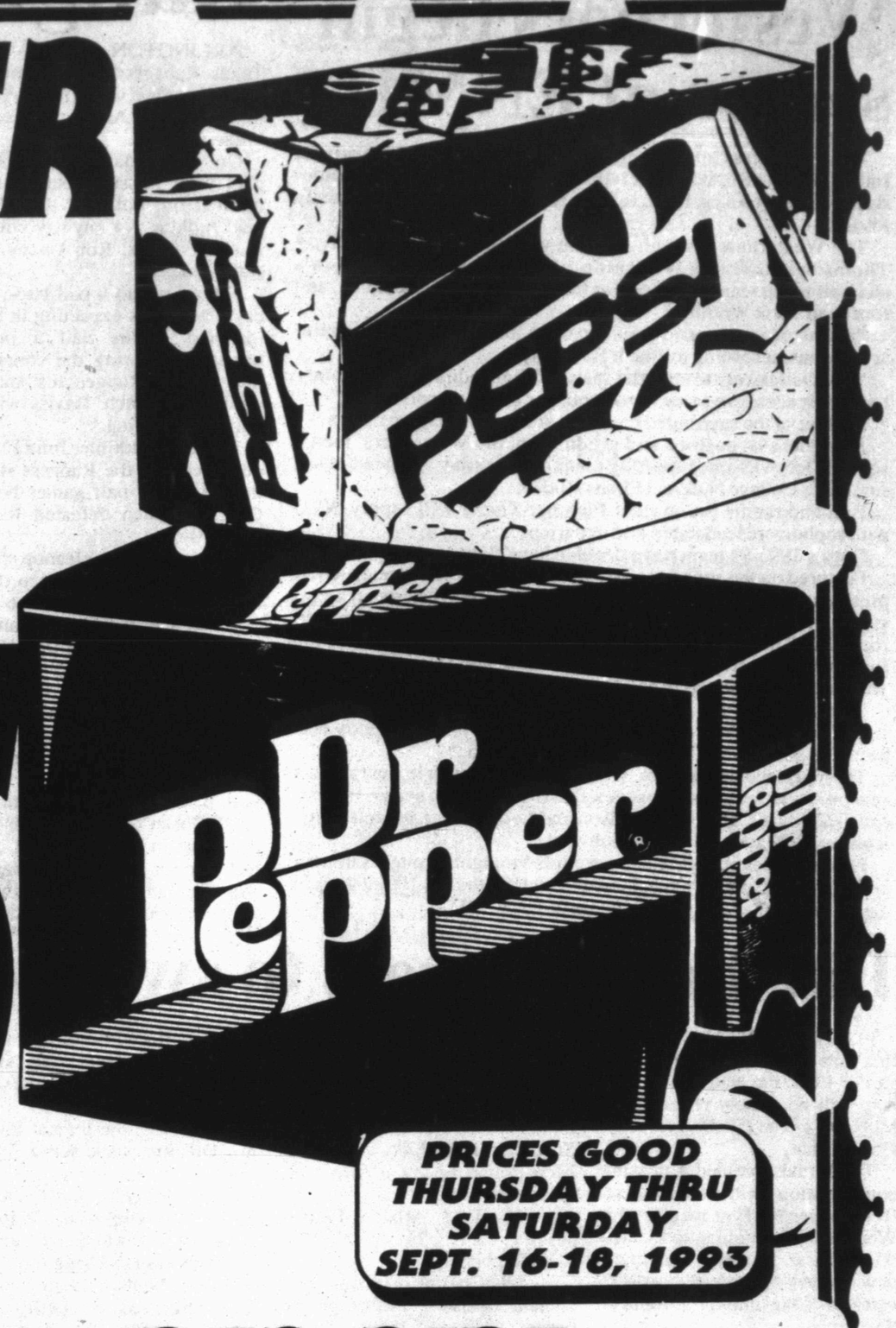

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Westerners begin season at ENMU

Western Texas College begins defense of its 1992-93 National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association Southwest Region championship today at Portales, N.M. in the Eastern New Mexico University Rodeo.

The Westerners, though, will be without Trey Griffin, Troy Thomson and Travis Whiteside, all members of last season's championship team and top-five finishers in bareback riding, and freshman Trent Woolford.

All four are suspended from the team indefinitely for disciplinary reasons, according to coach Bob Doty.

"It's a tough way to start the season," Doty admitted, "but things happen. It does give some of the younger guys an opportunity."

All four of the suspended cowboys are roughstock specialists.

After the suspensions and graduation, the Westerners' men's squad is left with one returning team member that appeared in last summer's College National Finals Rodeo.

Bull and saddle bronc rider Fletcher Tigner will supply WTC with sophomore leadership and experience.

Doty's 1993-94 team has a decided local flavor to it.

Featured on the squad are Snyder's Leddy Lewis, former AJRA president who competes in timed events for the Westerners, Texas state high school saddle bronc champion Bronc Collier of Snyder, roper J.J. Kincheloe, known also as an all-district center for the Borden County High School football team, and Deana Schwarz, a Snyder cowgirl entered in barrel racing and goat tying in Portales.

"We are expecting a lot out of our girls' team this year," Doty said. "With the guys, we'll just have to see what everybody else has... It's possible we'll have a real good season."

The WTC women's team, which finished fourth in the region a season back, features returnees Dusti Beaton, Brandye Bitters, Jonell Cardwell, Shawna Davidson and Leslie Greer, as well as Arizona roper Mandy Harsh and Schwarz.

Performances at ENMU are scheduled tonight through Saturday at 7:30 MDT. Sunday's finals, which include the top 10 finishers in each event in the long go, will begin at 1 p.m. MDT.

Rangers down Cleveland, 7-4

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers keep making do with what they've got to stay in the thick of the American League West race.

On Wednesday night, the Rangers were missing their starting outfield but defeated the Cleveland Indians 7-4 anyway without Juan Gonzalez, Rob Ducey, and Gary Redus.

Gonzalez had a bad back, Ducey's wife was expecting in Florida and Redus had a pulled hamstring. During the course of the game the Rangers lost another outfielder, Butch Davis, with a pulled hamstring.

However, oldtimer Julio Franco delivered and the Rangers stayed three and one-half games behind Chicago which defeated Kansas City 10-6.

Moving into the cleanup spot in place of Gonzalez, Franco delivered with two hits and three RBI.

"You can't replace Juan but Franco sure stepped up to hurt us," said Cleveland manager Mike Hargrove.

Franco, who will be a free agent after this season, is trying to make a big impression so he'll get some offers. He'd also like to be on his first pennant winning team.

"It doesn't matter which position I bat in," Franco said. "We had to do a lot of little things to win. We had to bunt a lot. But we know our roles. We don't have to rely on one player."

Texas manager Kevin Kennedy said "Franco wants to win badly. He's definitely on a mission. He's had a great second half of the season for us. I'm proud of him. He's really helped us."

Third baseman Jim Thome's throwing error on a sacrifice bunt opened the door for four unearned runs in the seventh inning as the Rangers rallied for the victory, their ninth in their last 12 games.

This is the closest Texas has ever been to first place this late in the season.

"It wasn't pretty," said Cleveland manager Mike Hargrove. "They tried to give it to us early and we gave it to them late and they took it."

Hargrove said he thought Texas had an excellent chance to catch Chicago.

"With the offensive lineup the Rangers can field they can catch 'em," he said. "It all depends on their pitching especially the starters down the stretch. Chicaco had them closed out and let them back in it."

Texas finished its current homestand 8-2, the best single homestand since 1989.

"I don't care what injuries they suffer this is a good lineup," said Hargrove. "Their bench guys are hot."

Tom Henke picked up his 37th save while Cris Carpenter earned his third victory against a loss.

Jeremy Hernandez lost his third game in seven decisions for Cleveland.

"We've got a tough road trip coming now and we can't afford to fall any farther behind," said Henke. "I think we can catch Chicago if we stay focused. Chicago isn't going to roll over. They're going to play good ball and we have to do the same."

The Rangers have 16 games left as they take a day off today before they travel to California for a series against the Angels.

Texas meets Chicago in a big series Sept. 24, 25, and 26 on the road.

Western Texas ex named HSU coach

ABILENE — Former Western Texas College basketball standout Julie Roewe has been named the new women's basketball coach at Hardin-Simmons University.

Roewe, a native of Haskell, replaces Mark Adams, who left H-SU to become an assistant women's coach at Baylor.

While at WTC, Roewe twice earned the Outstanding Scholar Athlete Award. She was also the Lady Dusters' Hustle Award winner, Miss Congeniality, Female Student of the Year and Miss WTC as a sophomore in 1989.

Roewe, an all-area standout and class valedictorian at Haskell High School, went from Western Texas to the University of Texas at Arlington, where she was a two-year starter, earning All-Southland Conference honors and Scholar Athlete of the Year as a senior.

Roewe's previous coaching experience includes stints at UTA, Lubbock Christian University and Texas Tech, where she recently finished her masters degree in sports administration.

"I've spoken to more than a dozen people in reference to Julie's abilities as a potential head coach," said Dr. Merlin Morrow, HSU athletic director. "Rarely do you find such consensus from that many people who continually use terms as 'outstanding' and 'phenomenal'. Not only did they describe her with regard to her professional ability, but all spoke of her outstanding character. We are pleased to have her at Hardin-Simmons."

Roewe will begin head coaching duties immediately. The Cowgirls open practice next week in preparation for defense of their 1992-93 Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship.

The HSU women posted a 21-6 record last season. 13 members of that team are returning.

Pittsburgh agrees to switch divisions

PITTSBURGH (AP) — For the first time since divisional play began in 1969, the National League map will accurately reflect Rand McNally's. The Pittsburgh Pirates saw to that.

The Pirates avoided a possible confrontation with the Atlanta Braves over NL East membership Wednesday by moving to the new NL Central, thereby creating a new Braves-Marlins regional rivalry in a big market-dominated East.

The move strips the NL East of its most successful franchise — the Pirates have won nine titles in the 25 seasons of divisional play — but more closely aligns teams by size, geography and economics.

The new alignment, unlike the current lineup that relocates Atlanta in the West and Chicago and St. Louis in the East, could have been drawn up by a fifth-grade geography student:

— NL East: Atlanta, Florida, Montreal, New York, Philadelphia.

— NL Central: Chicago, Cincinnati, Houston, Pittsburgh, St. Louis.

— NL West: Colorado, Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco.

And, more importantly to team president Mark Sauer, it aligns Pittsburgh with other small-market franchises with similar economic interests, like the Cardinals, Astros and Reds.

"This was the logical thing to do. This just made sense," Sauer said.

The Pirates didn't analyze whether moving would help their won-lost record, Sauer said.

"This is such a long-term issue, it would be foolish to handicap any perceived competitive factors," he said. "We're a small-market franchise and we're going to remain a small-market franchise."

And they would have been a small fish in a big pond had they stayed in the East, with big-market, big-payroll teams like the Braves, Mets and Phillies.

The Cubs are the only mega-market team in the Central, though the Reds have a huge payroll this season and the Cardinals are one of the NL's most profitable franchises.

The Pirates were initially opposed to leaving the East, but Sauer dropped his opposition when American League owners won a continuation of the current balanced schedule during last week's owners meetings in Boston. AL West franchises such as Texas and Oakland want to retain the twice-a-season visits by the big Eastern drawing cards, New York and Boston.

Currently, NL teams play 13 games against each division opponent and 12 each against teams from the other division. Exactly how the balanced schedule will continue with three divisions rather than two still hasn't been decided.

"From a balanced schedule standpoint, it really won't affect any rivalries," Sauer said. "Our main concern about the realignment was the start of television games and playing too many games in the Central time zone. That part really doesn't matter now."

Sauer pointed out that Cleveland, the closest franchise to Pittsburgh, also chose the Central when faced with the same East vs. Central decision last week.

WTC Green finishes 8th

RUIDOSO, N.M. — Western Texas College's Green Team, led by 226s from freshman Monnie Soto and sophomore Chris Rogers, combined for an eighth-place 914 at the recent 54-hole High Country Shootout here.

The Blue Team from WTC, paced by freshman Ronnie Lopez's 226 score, took 10th at the 16-team season-opening event, by shooting a 926.

Midland College won the tournament with its team-total 857, trailed by New Mexico Junior College, with an 873, and Odessa College's 875.

Trailing Soto and Rogers on the Green Team were sophomore Jimmy Flores, who carded a 232 on rounds of 74, 78 and 80; freshman Cory Stone, who registered a 76-80-79--235; and freshman Eddie Hatch, who wound up with a 79-75-84--238.

Freshman Wade Hartman trailed Lopez for Blue Team honors, shooting a 234 on rounds of 76, 77 and 81.

Manuel Hernandez shot a 235, Stan Scarborough rang up a 236, and Will Gray fired a 244. All three are freshman competitors for the Westerners.

Western Texas' next outing will be at the Oct. 10-12 Odessa College Invitational Tournament at Mission Dorado Country Club in Odessa.

High Country Shootout
Sept. 13 and 14, Ruidoso, N.M.

Team results: 1. Midland College 857; 2. New Mexico JC 873; 3. Odessa College 875; 8. WTC Green 914; 10. WTC Blue 926.

WTC Green scores: Monnie Soto 74-75-77--226; Chris Rogers 74-80-72--226; Jimmy Flores 74-78-80--232; Cory Stone 76-80-79--235; Eddie Hatch 79-75-84--238.

WTC Blue scores: Ronnie Lopez 75-77-74--226; Wade Hartman 76-77-81--234; Manuel Hernandez 78-74-83--235; Stan Scarborough 76-82-78--236; Will Gray 78-77-89--244.

Baseball glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EDT

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Toronto	83	63	.568	—
New York	81	66	.551	2½
Baltimore	80	66	.548	3
Boston	75	70	.517	7½
Detroit	75	71	.514	8
Cleveland	69	78	.469	14½
Milwaukee	62	85	.422	21½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	82	63	.566	—
Texas	79	67	.541	3½
Kansas City	75	70	.517	7
Seattle	74	71	.510	8
California	65	80	.448	17
Minnesota	61	85	.418	21½
Oakland	59	85	.410	22½

Wednesday's Games

Milwaukee 15, New York 5
Toronto 14, Detroit 8
Boston 6, Baltimore 5
Oakland 15, Minnesota 2
Texas 7, Cleveland 4
Chicago 10, Kansas City 6, 11 innings
California 15, Seattle 1

Thursday's Games

Boston (Viola 10-8) at New York (Kamieniecki 9-5), 7:30 p.m.
Oakland (Jimenez 0-0) at Minnesota (Brummett 1-1), 8:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Haney 9-8) at Seattle (Johnson 16-8), 10:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Philadelphia	89	57	.610	—
Montreal	83	62	.572	5½
St. Louis	80	65	.552	8½
Chicago	75	72	.510	14½
Pittsburgh	67	78	.462	21½
Florida	60	85	.414	28½
New York	49	97	.336	40

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	93	53	.637	—
San Francisco	89	56	.614	3½
Houston	76	69	.524	16½
Los Angeles	74	71	.510	18½
Cincinnati	69	77	.473	24
Colorado	59	88	.401	34½
San Diego	57	90	.388	36½

Wednesday's Games

Chicago 3, San Francisco 1
Pittsburgh 8, Florida 1
Atlanta 7, Cincinnati 6
Philadelphia 6, New York 3
St. Louis 5, Montreal 4
Colorado 6, Houston 4
Los Angeles 5, San Diego 4

Thursday's Games

Houston (Portugal 15-4) at Colorado (Bottenfield 5-10), 5:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Hope 0-1) at Florida (Weathers 2-0), 7:35 p.m.
Cincinnati (Luebbers 2-4) at Atlanta (Smoltz 14-10), 7:40 p.m.
Montreal (Fassero 10-4) at St. Louis (Tewksbury 17-8), 8:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

Rockies trim Houston, 6-4

DENVER (AP) — The Rockies beat Houston for the third straight time, 6-4 Wednesday, and improved their record against them to 10-2.

Charlie Hayes had a club-record three doubles and Andres Galarraga drove in three runs as the Rockies won their sixth straight at home.

Luis Gonzalez went 4-for-4 and had two RBIs for Houston.

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Wylie visits Snyder...

Loop teams head into Week 3

By PHIL RIDDLE
SDN Sports Editor

Some interesting non-district matchups have surfaced for the third week of football action among 2-4A teams.

Snyder entertains Abilene Wylie in the Tigers' home debut, Lubbock Coronado visits Levelland, Lamesa hosts Reagan County, Clovis, N.M. travels to Lubbock to face Estacado, Plainview entertains District 1 power Pampa, and Canyon Randall hosts Frenship in Week 3 tilts.

The district was 3-3 last week with Plainview taking a 21-0 shutout over Clovis, Estacado beating Big Spring, 14-7, and Frenship blitzing Lubbock High, 58-7.

Losers included Snyder, which was outlasted by District 3-4A hopeful Monahans 35-28, Lamesa, which dropped to 0-2 with a 28-20 loss to San Angelo Lake View, and Levelland, which fell to Canyon Randall, 22-6.

Wylie (0-2) at Snyder (1-1)

The Tigers are long on offense, going over the 300-yard mark in yards gained in both games this season.

Standouts include junior tailback Chris Mitchell, who racked up 197 yards and two touchdowns against Monahans last week, and quarterback Matt Cave, who has thrown for 228 yards in two games.

Wylie, out of District 7-3A, was stopped by Hamlin last week, 11-9.

The Bulldogs' offense a week ago was about as balanced as it gets.

Wylie, led by QB Chris Kincaid's 75 yards, rushed for 145 and passed for 141, including Ryan Scheckel's five catches for 55 yards.

Lubbock Coronado (1-1) at Levelland (0-2)

This one could be one of the better games of the week.

Levelland has had trouble scoring points its first two games, having put just 12 on the board in losses to Big Spring and Estacado.

Coronado, while having knocked off Estacado, 17-14 in Week 1, before last week's 14-10 loss to Odessa High, is picking up less than 250 yards a game, while allowing almost 100 yards more.

Keep in mind also, Levelland lost all five of its non-district games a year ago, then came within a whisker of making the playoffs.

Reagan County (2-0) at Lamesa (0-2)

Lamesa has a tough homecoming draw this season, facing the District 6-3A favorite Owls, who have scored over 50 points in each of their first two games.

Lamesa, led by returnees, Chip Seago at center and quarterback Cole Adams, have lost to Pecos and San Angelo Lake View, projected to finish fifth and sixth in District 3-4A.

Clovis, N.M. (0-2) at Estacado (1-1)

Clovis is making its third foray against a Texas team in as many weeks. The Wildcats were dropped by Amarillo High in Week 1, then were blanked by Plainview last week, allowing Damian Nails 98 yards on 21 carries.

Estacado has its own standout runner in senior Talion Scott. Scott rushed for 168 yards and a pair of TDs, including a 95-yard scoring burst, to lead Estacado past Big Spring a week ago.

Pampa (2-0) at Plainview (2-0)

This game matches a pair of unbeaten preseason playoff picks.

The Bulldogs have ridden tailback Damian Nails' early season success to wins over Dumas and Clovis.

Nails, a preseason all-state candidate, has accumulated 226 yards in two games.

Frenship (2-0) at Canyon Randall (2-0)

The Tigers have outscored their opponents 90-20 in the first two weeks of the season.

In last week's 58-7 victory over Lubbock High, FHS tailback Chris Quigley gathered 125 yards on 19 carries and quarterback Shane Stewart passed for four touchdowns.

Coffee drinker's sideline selections

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Cleveland at LA Raiders	Cleveland	LA Raiders	Cleveland	Cleveland
Detroit at New Orleans	New Orleans	New Orleans	New Orleans	New Orleans
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Washington at Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Washington
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Sports Briefs

Bowling league slates meeting

Wishball Bowling League will have an organizational meeting Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Snyder Lanes.

Bowlers are needed for the league, which features 3-man teams.

Golf marathon benefits Boys' Club

The First Eddie Johnson Memorial Golf Marathon to benefit the Scurry County Boys' Club will be played Monday, Sept. 20 at Snyder Country Club.

Golfers entered in the tournament are currently seeking pledges for competing in the 100-hole event.

For more information on the tournament call Sandi Wells at 573-1228 or Jack McGlaun, executive director of the Boys' Club, at 573-3344.

Boosters slate golf tournament

Western Texas College athletic boosters will host a golf tournament Saturday to benefit booster club activities.

The four-person scramble begins with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. Prizes will be awarded to top finishers and concessions will be available.

Golfers may enter the tournament either as a team or individually, with teams to be formed from single entries Saturday.

For more information, or to register, call the WTC Golf Shop at 573-9291 or 573-8511.

Womens tourney planned at SCC

Snyder Country Club will host its annual Women's Golf Association Club Championship this weekend.

The 36-hole low-net, low-gross tourney will be played Saturday and Sunday. Tee-off time for Saturday is 8:30 a.m. Play begins Sunday at 1 p.m.

A Sunday supper at the clubhouse, including husbands, winds up the tournament Sunday evening. For more information or to register, contact Martha Fagin at 573-2545.

Foster signs contract extension

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Barry Foster, who led the AFC in rushing last season with 1,690 yards, agreed to a contract extension through 1996 with the Pittsburgh Steelers that makes him the NFL's second-highest paid running back.

Foster's deal includes a signing bonus worth at least $1 million and an annual salary of about $2.5 million beginning in 1994. He's currently making $460,000 in the second year of a two-year contract.

Suns' Dumas suspended by NBA

PHOENIX (AP) — Richard Dumas of the Phoenix Suns, viewed earlier this week as the key to a trade for Detroit's Dennis Rodman, will not play this season.

The NBA suspended Dumas indefinitely without pay for his alleged failure to cooperate in substance-abuse rehabilitation, and Suns president Jerry Colangelo said the forward "is not in our plans."

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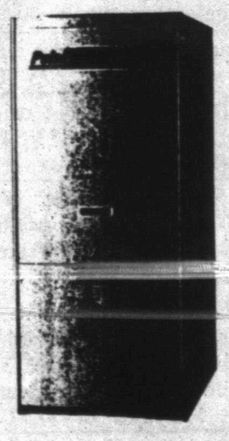

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Mild-tempered Oregon chef gives up 23-year secret life

BOSTON (AP) — For months, Katherine Ann Power struggled to reconcile her desire for freedom with her need to answer for her actions as a young anti-war radical.

As she stood in court 23 years after the bank robbery that sent her into hiding, her family struggled too — torn between joy at the reunion, pride in her decision, sorrow at her fate.

Power, 44, pleaded guilty to charges of manslaughter and armed robbery in state court in the Sept. 23, 1970, robbery and killing of a police officer.

"This building isn't big enough to contain my grief," Power's husband, Ron Duncan, said, fighting back tears as his wife calmly surrendered.

Power, 44, had lived since 1977 in Oregon, under the name Alice Metzinger. There she raised a son, worked as a chef, taught cooking classes, paid her taxes.

Duncan, 57, married Power a year ago after a 13-year relationship, apparently aware of the truth.

"I look at this as the end of an era, if you will. It's kind of like closing a book," said Boston Police Commissioner William Bratton.

Power's 14-year-old son, Jaime, learned his mother's true story about a month ago. Power held a farewell party and revealed her secret to friends three days before she surrendered.

In federal court Wednesday, she pleaded innocent to theft of government property. She was held without bond in the Suffolk County Jail. Sentencing was set for Oct. 6.

Power's attorney, Rikki Klieman, indicated Power would spend less than five years in prison under a state court plea agreement. Federal prosecutor Brian Kelly said he would recommend a five-year term concurrent with any state sentence.

Power, fellow Brandeis student Susan Saxe and three ex-convicts took $26,585, purportedly to finance a revolutionary army, from the State Street Bank and Trust Co.

Until the surrender, Power's parents hadn't heard from her since before she drove a getaway car in the robbery that claimed the life of 42-year-old Officer Walter Schroeder Sr.

"We didn't know if she was alive or not," said Power's mother, Marjorie Power, 71, of Grand Junction, Colo. "It was a thrill. We showed her all the family that she hasn't seen. We had scrapbooks and everything."

Power said she decided to surrender after she began treatment for depression 18 months ago and grappled with the question of how "someone such as myself could commit such outrageously illegal acts."

Francis Schroeder, 49, of Revere, a nephew of the officer, said he believes Power has paid a price and imagines she is a different person now.

"My own concern is for her 14-year-old son who is going to suffer when she goes to jail," Schroeder said. "I was taught to forgive and that's the way I feel. I hope she truly is remorseful and doesn't have an underlying reason for turning herself in."

Her attorneys painted Power as a classic protester, guilty of civil disobedience. But they also said she was "a naive young woman, unduly influenced by individuals she respected."

Power, a banker's daughter, was the valedictorian of her high school class and a National Merit Scholarship finalist. She wrote a youth column for a local paper, won a Betty Crocker Homemaker Award for her recipes and sewing, and went to Brandeis on a four-year scholarship.

Power spent several years on the run with Saxe, who was arrested in Philadelphia in 1975. They reportedly had evaded capture for several years by hiding out in women's communes.

One of the three men involved in the robbery is serving a life sentence, another has been released and a third was killed in prison when a bomb he was making as part of an escape plan exploded.

Police work one accident

Snyder police worked a traffic accident and cases of criminal mischief and assault Wednesday.

Officers investigated a one-vehicle mishap in the 3200 block of College Avenue at 4:34 p.m. Involved was a 1986 Ford pickup driven by Marie Espinoza of Box 253, Ira, which struck a light pole owned by TU Electric.

Espinoza, 33, was taken to Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency room where she was treated for an injury to her left knee and released.

At 7:05 p.m. Wedesday, Jay Cromeens contacted police in reference to someone damaging his pickup. A report for Class A criminal mischief was filed.

And at 9:29 p.m., a 16-year-old boy contacted police in reference to problems he was having with his family. A report for assault/family violence was filed.

Lotto Texas

by The Associated Press

Six tickets, three of them purchased in the Houston area, correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The ticket is worth $10 million.

The other three tickets were purchased in central, southeast and northeast Texas.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 2, 14, 21, 30, 37 and 45.

In addition to the jackpot winners, there were 285 tickets sold with five of the six numbers, with each ticket worth $1,033. There were 10,822 tickets with four of six numbers, with each winning $98. And there were 184,714 tickets sold with three of six numbers, with each worth an automatic $3.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Saturday night's game will be $3 million.

Sales from Saturday to Wednesday's draw were $11.9 million.

Since 1990...

Number of new AIDS shows slight decline

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas ranks fourth in total number of AIDS cases diagnosed since the epidemic was discovered in the early 1980s, federal health officials say.

The state reported 17,363 AIDS cases through last year — with 11,564 deaths, the government said Wednesday as part of its annual snapshot of the nation's health.

Ahead of Texas were New York, with 50,985 diagnosed cases; California with 46,818; and Florida with 24,492.

The AIDS statistics are part of "Health, United States, 1992," an annual survey of public health trends released Wednesday by Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala.

The number of newly diagnosed cases in Texas peaked in 1990, the survey showed, from a low of 483 in 1985 to 3,334 in 1990. The figures dropped to 3,067 in 1991 and 2,920 last year.

The figures may be somewhat misleading, said Casey Blass, director of the Texas Health Department's HIV Division. HIV is the virus that causes AIDS.

Blass said the decline may be attributed, in part, to the fact that AIDS is making inroads in populations with less access to health care, particularly among low-income blacks and Hispanics.

"I think clearly the rate of increase among certain populations has slowed dramatically, especially among white gay men," Blass said. "But we're seeing a rapid increase in gay men of color, other communities of color. We're seeing different populations affected."

A second reason for the decline in number of new AIDS cases is that people who are HIV-positive are staving off an AIDS diagnosis with better health care and new medications, he said.

Blass said a third reason is that doctors may be less inclined to report AIDS cases to state officials than in the past as the disease has become less novel.

The decline will be shortlived, however.

This year's new AIDS cases will show a dramatic increase — because federal health officials have broadened the definition of AIDS, pushing thousands who previously were considered HIV-positive into the AIDS category.

Some 3,000 new cases have been reported in Texas alone for the first three months of the year, Blass said.

AIDS is gaining on other killers, the survey showed.

"Just five years ago, AIDS was the 15th leading cause of death in the United States. Our provisional data for 1992 shows that AIDS has surged ahead to become the 8th leading cause of death," Shalala said at a news conference.

The number of deaths in Texas has risen steadily from 402 cases in 1985 to 2,226 cases in 1991. The survey reports 1,265 deaths last year, but Blass said those figures aren't totals because there often is a several-month delay in reporting.

Texas health officials estimate anywhere from 47,500 to 102,000 Texans are HIV-positive. "Our best guess is somewhere in the middle, about 73,000 infected Texans," Blass said. Nationwide, the figure is estimated at 1 million to 1.5 million.

The number of Texans with AIDS per 100,000 population is slightly lower than the national average: 16.92 cases per 100,000 versus 18.12.

The state has benefited in part from not being one of the centers where the epidemic first took hold, said John Thomas, executive director of the AIDS Resource Center in Dallas.

And, he added, "It's not a state that, even in the urban areas, is overwhelmingly comfortable to be gay."

Another reason for Texas' lower infection rate is in part because of intravenous drug use is less common than in New York, California and Florida, Thomas said.

Poll: majority does not expect savings from plan

NEW YORK (AP) — A majority of Americans doubt that President Clinton's health care plan will save them money over the next five years, according to a new poll.

The NBC News-Wall Street Journal poll taken Friday through Monday also found that 84 percent agree there is so much waste in the system that costs can be reduced without compromising the quality of health care.

But from what they have heard of the health plan Clinton is expected to announce next week, those polled doubt it will pay for itself through savings, by 50 percent to 37 percent, with 13 percent not sure. Fully 82 percent think new taxes would be required.

Fifty-five percent believe Clinton's changes would help the country as a whole, but the same percentage say they won't save money compared with what they would spend over the next five years without his plan. And 55 percent agree with critics of Clinton's plan that it would force many small businesses to close.

The poll of 1,006 adults has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points, NBC said.

Another book

NEW YORK (AP) — Surprise, surprise: Roseanne Arnold isn't finished talking about herself in print. Her second book, "My Lives," is due out in February, the Ballantine Publishing Group announced.

The book "focuses unflinchingly on Roseanne's personal life and on the Hollywood system," Bantam spokeswoman Carol Fass said Wednesday.

The 39-year-old actress-comedian's first book, "Roseanne: My Life as a Woman" was published five years ago.

MISHAP — Thirty-three-year-old Marie Espinoza received minor injuries in this one-vehicle accident which occurred Wednesday afternoon in the 3200 block of College Avenue. Espinoza was taken to the emergency room at Cogdell Memorial Hospital where she was released after being treated for an injury to her left knee. (SDN Staff Photo)

Bosnian Serbs, Muslims ok agreement

GENEVA (AP) — Bosnian Serbs and Muslims signed a new agreement today on cessation of hostilities that clears the way for the possible signing in Sarajevo of a peace package for the war-torn country, an official said.

The Serb-Muslim agreement provides for a possible referendum for any of the three states to withdraw from the union after the country is divided along ethnic lines.

The agreement, together with a similar Muslim-Croat accord signed Tuesday in Geneva by Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic and Croatian President Franjo Tudjman, would be added to a peace package already negotiated, the document said.

It added that the whole package could be signed at a meeting of the leaders of the warring parties at Sarajevo airport next Tuesday morning.

The Muslim-Serb and Muslim Croat agreements would defer to working groups to iron out the remaining differences over the borders of Bosnia among the three ethnic groups.

But the Muslim-Serb accord added a provision for a referendum "to be held on a mutually agreed date" in all three states "on the question of whether citizens of any particular republic agree to remain in the union or leave the union," reflecting a Serb demand.

The agreement goes on to meet a Muslim concern, saying that the Muslim republic would retain Bosnia's seat in the United Nations even if the Croats or Serbs withdraw.

Lord Owen of the European Community told The Associated Press after a meeting ended this morning between Izetbegovic and an influential Bosnia Serb that he hoped the hastily arranged meeting had "laid the foundation for a further meeting with the parties in Sarajevo on Tuesday," referring to the leaders of Bosnian Muslims, Croats and Serbs.

Full peace talks, which Owen and the other top mediator for former Yugoslavia, U.N. Thorvald Stoltenberg, were trying to push to a final agreement, broke down two weeks ago. Serbs and Croats refused to budge when Izetbegovic demanded they make further territorial concessions in dividing up Bosnia into three ethnic states.

The Serbs and Croats had offered the Muslims about 31 percent of the land for their state. Izetbegovic said it was essential to the survival of the republic that the Muslims have 4 percent more, including access to an Adriatic port that would cut through Croat territory.

Police round up youths in slaying of tourist

MONTICELLO, Fla. (AP) — With few leads, police began rounding up black youths with troubled pasts in the hunt for the killers of a British tourist, an approach that drew criticism from some parents in this quiet, tree-lined town.

"They just feel like they can do anything," complained Susan Mae Johnson, mother of a 16-year-old brought in for questioning. "They said he might be involved. I'm not going for it."

Gary Colley, 34, of England was fatally shot and his girlfriend wounded early Tuesday by the two youths who knocked on the windows of his rental car at a well-lighted, well-traveled rest stop where the couple stopped to nap.

Police have little more to go on than the stolen car used by the attackers. About a dozen teens were summoned to the small county jail house on Wednesday, said Jefferson County Sheriff Ken Fortune.

Fortune said Colley's girlfriend, Margaret Ann Jagger, 35, had viewed a lineup of those brought in, but he refused to disclose details until a news conference this morning.

As many as 60 youths with criminal records involving firearms or stolen cars were to be photographed and fingerprinted as part of the investigation, Fortune said.

Fortune said police understood parents' concerns but added, "We've got a job to do."

Colley's killing was the ninth of a foreign visitor to Florida since 1992. Coming days after the highway killing of a German honeymooner in Miami, it has rocked the state's $31 billion tourism industry.

The car police believe was used in the crime was found near Monticello. It contained a broken hubcap, and the broken piece was found at the Interstate 10 rest stop where Colley was killed.

Drug bust

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narcotics units from Midland and Abilene; DPS intelligence, including aviation; local DPS units; Texas Rangers; and local police and sheriff's office personnel.

Warren said the suspects were under surveillance at all times and operation went smoothly. Vences attempted to go for the Colt handgun when he realized what was occurring, but no shots were fired, said Warren.

Warren said the street value of the marijuana is approximately $48,000. Wholesale value is estimated at $32,000.

Warren said the investigation is continuing.

Defense begins calling witnesses

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said this is not only better for the child, but would also protect the child's testimony from being "contaminated" by the questions of many interviewers.

District Judge Gene Dulaney recessed the court at 5:25 p.m. Wednesday and testimony continued at 9 a.m. today.

Before the jury was brought into the courtroom this morning, the defense made a second motion for a mistrial. On Wednesday morning, Dulaney had rejected defense pleas for a mistrial.

This morning, Lanehart said the state intended to have two children testify to the fact that Garcia had touched their private parts.

Lanehart argued the state did not ask the children if Garcia had placed his hands in front or back of their pants and that there is no proof of Garcia's intent to "arouse his own sexual gratification."

In their testimony, both children denied that the teacher put his hands down the front of their pants. They did say Garcia put his hands down the back of their pants, but neither claimed their anus was touched.

The judge denied the motion for mistrial after DA Armstrong said he had asked the children to appear to show intent on the part of Garcia.

The defense called a 7-year-old girl to the stand who, according to another child's written statement, had claimed Garcia touched her. The girl's testimony today revealed that she was never fondled by Garcia. She further testified that she never saw the first-grade teacher put his hands down the pants of any other child.

Another child who, in the same written statement also was noted as saying he was touched by Garcia, was called to testify this morning. The boy said he also had not been fondled by the defendant and he had not told anyone that he had.

Called shortly before noon today was another Stanfield first grade teacher, Jenny Baugh. Garcia's co-worker spent most of her time on the witness stand describing stilled video pictures of Stanfield Elementary after this summer's renovation project in which classrooms were converted from an "open concept" to a closed concept — a solid wall facing the hallway.

Mrs. Baugh described how the current rooms used to be. She said it was possible to see into Garcia's classroom from the hallway before the renovation and she could also see into the classroom when adjoining restroom doors were open.

She told defense attorneys that she had never seen Garcia inappropriately touch his pupils. She said she had viewed students on his knee, but never in Garcia's lap.

McLarty asked Mrs. Baugh to name things that a first grade teacher would have to do for her students. "We have to take care of all kinds of little problems, from getting a sticker out to taking temperature."

When asked if she had ever had the occasion to touch a student below the waist and above the knees, Mrs. Baugh said she recalled one instance when a male student "got caught in his zipper."

When court reconvened this afternoon, DA Armstrong was to begin his cross examination of the first grade teacher.

Testimony began Tuesday after taking all day Monday to select the 10-man, 2-woman jury. The charge of indecency with a child carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison.

Parties approve tentative pact

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) — A 40-hour bargaining marathon between the United Auto Workers and Ford Motor Co. ended with tentative agreement on a contract that includes lower pay for new employees and improved retirement benefits.

The three-year pact, reached Wednesday and still subject to ratification by union members, is expected to serve as a model for the auto industry.

New hourly workers at the No. 2 automaker will earn 75 percent of what current workers make.

The lower starting wage is one major departure in a deal that will allow current workers to keep their fully paid health benefits. In a trade-off, the the new workers will qualify for those benefits faster than current new hires.

Obituaries

Bill Atwood

1911-1993

Funeral services for William Franklin "Bill" Atwood were to be held at 2:30 p.m. today in Colonial Hill Baptist Church with the Rev. Miller Robinson, pastor, officiating.

Burial was to follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Atwood, 81, died Tuesday afternoon following a one-vehicle accident. A native of Rome, Ga., he was a longtime Snyder businessman and former major league baseball player and Army Air Corps pilot. He was the retired owner of Atwood Construction Co.

He had been a member of the Scurry County Airport Board, Snyder Masonic Lodge, Snyder Country Club and the First United Methodist Church. He was also a member of the Men's Early Morning Sunday School class at Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

He married Claudene Jones on July 10, 1944, in Dallas. She survives.

Other survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Janis and Cornel Mot of Jacksonville, Tex.; a son and daughter-in-law, Billy Tim and Mary Atwood of Snyder; and four grandchildren, Tim Atwood of Snyder, Coty Atwood of Abernathy and Cheyenne and Cherokee Atwood of Dallas.

Pallbearers were to be E.F. Banks, Troy Botts, Ed Carseth, M.L. Duke, Bill Eiland, John Greene, W.C. Hart, Joe Jackson, Harold Lacik, Craig Merritt, Jimmy Thompson, Dalton Walton, Russell Yorgesen and Evaristo Zuniga.

The family suggests memorials to the Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary or to the Diabetes Foundation.

Walter Townsend

1908-1993

Graveside services for Walter Townsend were set for 2 p.m. today in Townsend Cemetery, south of Snyder Cemetery, with the Rev. R. Virgil Mott, retired minister, officiating.

Townsend, 85, died Tuesday morning at the Village Nursing Home in Hico.

A former resident of Snyder and Knox City, Mr. Townsend farmed in Scurry County and then owned a recreation center here for 20 years. He was a successful boxer in his younger days.

Born July 7, 1908 in Scurry County, his parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. Franklin I. Townsend. He married Thelma Franklin Strickland on July 6, 1950 in Snyder, and he was a Methodist.

Survivors include his wife, Thelma of DeLeon; three stepsons, Ray Speck of DeLeon, Stanley Speck of Stamford and Vernon Speck of Rochester; three step-daughters, Juanita Compton of Kermit, Wanda Holbrook of El Monte, Calif., and Wanell Loso of San Angelo; one half-sister; 23 step-grandchildren; and three nieces.

Markets Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	643/4	641/4	643/8	-1/8
Albertsons	523/4	503/4	513/8	—15/8
Alldsignal	727/8	721/2	727/8	+5/8
Alltel s	301/2	301/8	301/4	+3/8
AmStores	443/4	441/2	441/2	-1/4
Amer T&T	60	591/2	595/8	-3/8
Ameritech	901/4	891/4	901/4	+1/4
Amoco	573/8	57	571/4	-1/4
AndarkPtr	413/4	411/2	415/8	-1/2
Arkla	87/8	83/4	83/4	-1/8
ArmcoInc	61/2	63/8	63/8	
AtlRichfld	1151/4	1141/8	1145/8	-3/4
BakerHughes	24	235/8	233/4	-1/8
BancTexas	13/4	13/4	13/4	
BellAtl	643/8	64	643/8	-1/4
BellSouth	621/4	617/8	62	-7/8
Beth Steel	133/4	133/8	135/8	+1/4
Borden	181/8	18	18	-1/8
Caterpllr	793/4	79	793/4	+1/4
CenSoWst	333/4	335/8	333/4	-1/8
Chevron	913/8	91	913/8	
Chrysler	451/2	447/8	451/8	-3/8
Coastal	27	261/8	261/2	-3/8
CocaCola	433/4	431/4	433/8	-1/2
ColgatePalm	537/8	531/2	535/8	-1/4
ComlMetl	361/2	361/2	361/2	
CooperIn	513/4	511/4	511/4	-1/2
CyprusMn	245/8	243/8	245/8	
DallSemicn	165/8	165/8	165/8	
DeltaAirl	531/8	527/8	527/8	-1/8
DigitalEq	383/4	381/8	383/4	+1/2
Dillard	341/4	34	34	-1/4
DowChem	601/8	597/8	601/8	
DresserInd	215/8	211/2	215/8	-1/8
DuPont	491/8	481/2	485/8	-1/2
EstKodak	615/8	611/4	611/2	-3/8
EljerInd	7	7	7	+1/8
Enserch	201/2	201/8	201/8	-1/4
Exxon	66	651/2	655/8	-1/2
FlowerInd	19	19	19	
FordMotor	547/8	541/4	545/8	-1/8
GTE Cp	39	383/8	387/8	+3/4
GnDyn	1001/8	983/4	991/2	
GenElct	981/2	973/4	983/8	+1/4
GaMill	63	621/4	621/4	-5/8
GenMotors	47	463/4	467/8	-3/8
GenMotors E	315/8	31	311/2	+5/8
GaPacif	623/4	621/4	623/8	-1/8
GlobalMar	45/8	43/8	41/2	
Goodrich	46	453/4	453/4	-1/4
Goodyear s	451/4	441/2	451/4	+3/4
GtAtlPac	293/8	285/8	285/8	—1
Gulf StaUt	19	187/8	187/8	-1/8
Haliburtn	373/4	371/8	371/4	-1/2
Hanson ADS	193/8	19	191/4	-1/4
HoustInd	471/8	467/8	471/8	+1/4
IBM	435/8	433/8	431/2	-1/8
IntlPaper	627/8	621/2	621/2	-3/8
JohnsnJns	391/8	383/4	387/8	-1/8
K mart	231/8	227/8	23	
Kroger	211/4	21	211/8	-1/8
Litton	61	603/8	605/8	-1/2
vjLoneStar	11/2	11/2	11/2	
Lowes	391/4	39	39	-1/2
Lubys	241/4	24	241/4	+1/8
Maxus	73/4	75/8	75/8	
MayDS s	431/4	43	43	-5/8
Medtronic	621/2	621/8	621/4	+3/8
Mobil	781/8	773/8	775/8	-3/4
Monsanto	653/4	643/4	65	-3/4
Motorola s	935/8	923/4	923/4	-1/4
Nationsbk	501/2	501/4	503/8	-1/8
Navistar s	213/8	211/8	213/8	+1/8
Nynex s	477/8	473/8	477/8	-1/8
OryxEngy	213/4	211/2	211/2	-1/4
PacTelesis	551/4	545/8	545/8	-5/8
PanhECp	245/8	243/8	241/2	
PenneyJC s	415/8	411/4	411/2	+1/4
Pennzoil	623/8	621/8	621/8	
PepBoys	231/8	221/2	225/8	-1/2
PhelpDodge	431/2	43	431/2	+1/2
PhilipPet	321/2	321/4	323/8	-1/4
Polaroid	361/2	361/8	363/8	+1/4
Praxair	155/8	151/2	151/2	
Primerica s	471/8	463/8	463/4	-3/8
ProctGamble	481/4	475/8	481/8	+3/8
PubS NwMx	107/8	107/8	107/8	-1/8
SFePacCp	181/4	118	111/	+/14 Sara-
Lee s	257/8	251/2	253/4	-1/8
SearsRoeb s	573/8	57	571/4	+1/8
SherwinW	341/4	341/8	341/8	
SmthBchADS	311/4	31	311/4	
SmthBc eqt	28	271/2	273/4	-1/8
Southern Co	461/8	453/4	453/4	-3/8
SwAirlines s	333/8	33	331/4	-1/8
SwBell s	451/4	443/4	447/8	-3/8
Sprint	357/8	355/8	357/8	-1/8
SterlingChm	31/2	33/8	31/2	
SunCo	277/8	275/8	277/8	+1/4
TNP Ent	161/4	161/8	161/8	-1/8
Tandy	361/4	355/8	353/4	-3/8
TemplInl	433/8	431/4	433/8	-1/4
Tenneco	52	513/8	511/2	-1/2
Texaco	657/8	653/8	653/8	-5/8
TexasInd	241/4	241/4	241/4	+1/8
TexasInst	771/8	761/2	761/2	-1/2
Tex Util	48	473/4	477/8	-1/8
Textron	553/4	553/8	555/8	+1/2
Trinty s	38	373/4	38	+1/8
TritonEngy	30	291/2	297/8	-3/8
US West	463/4	461/4	461/2	-1/4
USX Delhi n	217/8	213/4	217/8	-1/8
USX-Marathn	193/8	191/4	191/4	-1/4
USX-USS	301/8	291/8	301/8	+3/4
UnCarbde	187/8	181/2	183/4	+1/8
UnPac	623/8	62	621/4	
UnitedTech	571/2	571/4	573/8	-1/2
Unocal	277/8	275/8	277/8	
WalMart s	241/8	237/8	237/8	-1/4
WstnGasRs	403/8	40	403/8	+1/4
WestghEl	15	143/4	143/4	-1/8
WinnDixie	591/2	59	59	-1/2
Woolwth	251/4	25	251/8	-1/4
Xerox Cp	717/8	71	711/2	+1/2
ZenithE	65/8	61/2	65/8	+1/8

Hospital Notes

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DISMISSALS: Jo Garza, Jennifer Robbins.

Census: 47 (Med.-6, Long-Term Care-37, CCU-2, OB-1, Nursery-1).

Births

Barrett and Carla Noble of Wichita Falls announce the birth of their twins on Sept. 14 in Harris Methodist Hospital, Fort Worth. Their son, Dax Eli, was born at 5:39 p.m. and weighed four pounds, eight ounces; their daughter, Taylor Denise, was born at 5:41 and weighed four pounds, three ounces.

Grandparents are Phillip and Paula Roy and Keith and Linda B. Noble, all of Wichita Falls. Great-grandparents are John and Opal Lee Noble of Snyder.

SO investigates oil field thefts

Sheriff's deputies are investigating the theft of oil field equipment.

At 8 a.m. Wednesday, Pool Well Service reported the theft of tubing elevators, a tubing tong hanger and a backup from SACROC Track 30, Well #1, located on Highway 208. Value of the equipment is $3,500.

At 8:40 a.m., Pride Petroleum reported the theft of elevators, tubing and other equipment from Track 10, Well #8. No estimated value was available.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

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Knowledge About AIDS Is The Power to Save Lives

DEAR ABBY: Now I have seen everything. I read in The New York Times that the board of education in New Haven, Conn., voted 6-to-1 to provide condoms at school health clinics to students as early as fifth grade!

Some board members said they felt it was justified after a student survey found that 27 percent of sixth-graders and 49 percent of eighth-graders said they were sexually active.

Under this program, school health care workers will give condoms to students only on request — and after they have been counseled about risky sexual behavior and safe alternatives.

What is your opinion of this, Abby? I just can't see handing out condoms to schoolchildren. Don't you think it's the same as giving kids permission to have sex — and even encouraging it?

NERVOUS IN NEW YORK

DEAR NERVOUS: No. Keeping children ignorant is far more dangerous than teaching them what they need to know. When children are at risk of dying for any reason (for example, AIDS is a killer), we have a moral obligation to do whatever is necessary to save them.

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DEAR ABBY: Many years ago when I lived in the Midwest, I was married to an abusive man who forced me to write a bad check. It was so long ago that I'm fuzzy about the details. It happened sometime between 1968-'72. The check wasn't more than $10 or $20, but when it bounced, the service station manager who had cashed it had me arrested. I don't remember if it was a county or a city jail. I was fingerprinted, paid a fine, as I recall, made good on the check and was released. I spent no time in jail, and that was the end of it. It was the only trouble I have ever been in my whole life.

Now the problem: I am interested in a job with a nationally known company. As part of its employee screening process, everyone is fingerprinted and the prints are sent to Washington, D.C. I need to know if my "record" will show up. A couple of my friends work there, and I want this job badly, but before I will embarrass myself or them, I'd pass up the job.

Can you help? I don't know whom to consult about this. And I don't want to ask questions that might call attention to my dilemma. How do I get the facts?

DEPRESSED IN DENVER

DEAR DEPRESSED: A "bounced check" for $10 or $20, 20 or 25 years ago, is probably not a sufficient blemish on your character to cause you any trouble. Apply for the job, and good luck.

* * *

DEAR ABBY: I laughed at your hen and chicks joke, and it reminded me of this one. It's old, but some people may have missed it:

"What did the old rooster say as he looked sadly at the scrambled eggs?"

Answer: "Poor little mixed-up kids."

I enjoy your column. Keep up the good work.

PETE LAFFERTY,
WHITEHORSE, YUKON, CANADA

DEAR PETE: Better an old "yolk" than no "yolk" at all.

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Cornett wanted to change image of Miss America

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — Leanza Cornett say she had two missions during her reign as Miss America: to be a national voice for AIDS awareness and to change the perception of pageant participants.

"I want the public to see Miss America for a lot more than a beauty queen — it's like one of my biggest pet peeves in the world," the 22-year-old from Jacksonville, Fla., said Wednesday.

Cruise, Berlin trip included

BERLIN, Germany (AP) — Japanese Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko took a Rhine River cruise with Chancellor Helmut Kohl, then flew to Berlin, where they were greeted by flag-waving crowds.

Akihito and his wife joined Kohl on a motor yacht to cruise from the town of Bingen to Boppard south of Bonn past the Lorelei Rock, which legend says lured sailors to their deaths in days of yore.

The Emperor and his party then traveled to Berlin, where they were accompanied by President Richard von Weizsaecker and Mayor Eberhard Diepgen on a walk through Brandenburg Gate.

Thousands of Berliners waving Japanese flags stood along the route waving at the smiling emperor and his wife, some reaching out to shake hands.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS
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PROPOSITION NO. 1 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 9 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the Texas Legislature to provide for the issuance of bonds for the state financing of start-up costs for historically underutilized businesses. The amendment provides that the legislature by law may establish a Texas historically underutilized business capital growth and start-up fund. The money in the fund may be used without further appropriation and only for a program established by the legislature to aid in the start-up costs of a historically underutilized business, as defined by the legislature. To carry out the program, the legislature may issue up to $50 million of general obligation bonds to provide funding. The legislature may require review and approval of the issuance of bonds, the use of the bond proceeds, or of the rules adopted by an agency to govern use of the bond proceeds. Bonds authorized by the amendment constitute a general obligation of the state.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the issuance of $50 million of general obligation bonds for the recovery and further development of the state's economy and for increasing job opportunities and other benefits for Texas residents through state financing of the start-up costs of historically underutilized businesses."

PROPOSITION NO. 2 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 86 proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature, by general law, to exempt from ad valorem taxation all or part of real and personal property used, constructed, acquired, or installed wholly or partly to meet or exceed rules or regulations adopted by any environmental protection agency of the United States, Texas, or a political subdivision of this state for the prevention, monitoring, control, or reduction of air, water, or land pollution. The amendment applies to real and personal property used as a facility, device, or method for the control of air, water, or land pollution that would otherwise be taxable for the first time on or after January 1, 1994. The amendment does not authorize the exemption from ad valorem taxation of real or personal property that was subject to a tax abatement agreement executed before January 1, 1994.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to promote the reduction of pollution and to encourage the preservation of jobs by authorizing the exemption from ad valorem taxation of real and personal property used for the control of air, water, or land pollution."

PROPOSITION NO. 3 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 3 proposes a constitutional amendment to clear land titles in which the State of Texas relinquishes and releases any claim of sovereign ownership or title to an undivided one-third interest in and to the lands and minerals within the Shelby, Frazier, and McCormick League (now located in Fort Bend and Austin counties) arising out of the interest in that league originally granted under the Mexican Colonization Law of 1823 to John McCormick on or about July 24, 1824, and subsequently voided by the governing body of Austin's Original Colony on or about December 15, 1830. Title to such interest in the lands and minerals is confirmed to the owners of the remaining interests in such lands and minerals.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment providing for the clearing of land titles by the release of a state claim in a fractional interest, arising out of the voiding of an interest under a Mexican land grant, to the owners of certain property in Fort Bend and Austin counties."

PROPOSITION NO. 4 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 49 proposes a constitutional amendment that would prohibit a state personal income tax without voter approval and would dedicate the proceeds of any income tax, if enacted, to property tax relief and education. The amendment provides that a general law enacted by the legislature that imposes a tax on the net incomes of natural persons, including a person's share of partnership and unincorporated association income, must provide that the portion of the law imposing the tax not take effect until approved by a majority of the registered voters voting in a statewide referendum held on the question of imposing the tax. The referendum must specify the rate of the tax that will apply to taxable income.

The amendment also provides that a general law enacted by the legislature that increases the rate of the tax, or changes the tax in a manner that results in an increase in the combined income tax liability of all persons subject to the tax, may not take effect until approved by a majority of the registered voters voting in a statewide referendum held on the question of increasing the income tax. The referendum must specify the manner in which the proposed law would increase the combined tax liability of all persons subject to the tax. The legislature may repeal, or amend without increasing, a tax approved by the voters without submitting the amendment or the repeal to the voters. If the legislature repeals a tax approved by the voters, the legislature may only reenact the tax without voter approval if the effective date of the reenactment of the tax is within one year of the effective date of the repeal of the tax.

The amendment also provides that, in the first year in which an income tax is imposed, and during the first year of any increase in the tax, not less than two-thirds of all net revenues from the tax shall be used to reduce the rate of ad valorem maintenance and operation taxes levied for the support of primary and secondary education. In subsequent years, not less than two-thirds of all net revenues of the tax shall be used to continue such ad valorem tax relief. The net revenues of the tax remaining after the dedication of money for reduction of ad valorem maintenance and operation taxes shall be used for support of education. The maximum rate at which a school district may impose ad valorem maintenance and operation taxes is reduced by an amount equal to one cent per $100 valuation for each one cent per $100 valuation that the school district's ad valorem maintenance and operation tax is reduced by the minimum amount of money dedicated under the amendment, provided that a school district may subsequently increase the maximum ad valorem maintenance and operation tax rate if the increased maximum rate is approved by a majority of the voters of the school district voting at an election called and held for that purpose. The portions of the amendment relating to dedicating tax revenues to reduce the rate of ad valorem maintenance and operation taxes apply on or after the first January 1 after the date on which an income tax takes effect, except that if the income tax begins to apply on a January 1, the amendment applies to ad valorem maintenance and operation taxes levied on or after that date.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment prohibiting a personal income tax without voter approval and, if an income tax is enacted, dedicating the revenue to education and limiting the rate of local school taxes."

PROPOSITION NO. 5 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 18 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the legislature to prescribe the qualifications of sheriffs. Currently, the constitution authorizes the legislature to prescribe the duties, perquisites, and fees of office, but not the qualifications for the office of sheriff.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to prescribe the qualifications of sheriffs."

PROPOSITION NO. 6 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 21 proposes a constitutional amendment that would abolish the office of county surveyor in Jackson County. The amendment also provides for the powers, duties, and functions of the county surveyor to be transferred to the county officer designated by the commissioners court.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment abolishing the office of county surveyor in Jackson County."

PROPOSITION NO. 7 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 57 proposes a constitutional amendment that repeals article XII, section 6, of the Texas Constitution, which currently provides that no corporation shall issue stock or bonds except for money paid, labor done, or property actually received, and that all fictitious increase of stock or indebtedness shall be void.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment repealing certain restrictions on the ability of corporations to raise capital."

PROPOSITION NO. 8 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 22 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the commissioners court of McLennan County to call an election to abolish the office of county surveyor. The office of county surveyor will be abolished if a majority of the qualified voters of McLennan County voting on the question favor the abolition. If the office of county surveyor is abolished, the amendment requires the maps, field notes, and other records in the custody of the county surveyor to be transferred to the county clerk of McLennan County. After abolition, the amendment also grants the commissioners court of McLennan County the authority to employ or contract with a qualified person to perform any of the functions that would have been performed by the county surveyor if the office had not been abolished.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to abolish the office of county surveyor in McLennan County."

PROPOSITION NO. 9 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 19 proposes an amendment to article VIII, section 13 of the Texas Constitution that would modify the provisions for the redemption of real property sold at a tax sale. The amendment deletes current language in article VIII, section 13 that allows the legislature to provide for the sale of property without trial to pay for delinquent taxes. It also states that the deed to the new owner vests a good and perfect title subject only to redemption as set out in this amendment or impeachment for fraud. Language is added limiting application of the current two-year redemption period to former owners of residence homesteads and land designated for agricultural use sold for unpaid taxes. When property is sold as the result of a suit to enforce collection of unpaid taxes, the amendment would allow the legislature to limit redemption to property used as a residence homestead or designated for agricultural use at the time the suit was filed. The amendment creates a second type of redemption for former owners of real property when property is neither a residence homestead, nor designated for agricultural use. These owners would have a six-month period in which to redeem their property by paying the amount of money paid for the property, including the Tax Deed Recording Fee, all taxes, penalties, interest, and costs paid plus an amount not exceeding 25 percent of the aggregate total. The amendment applies to redemption of properties sold at a tax sale for which the purchaser's deed is filed on or after January 1, 1994. For redemption of properties sold at a tax sale for which the purchaser's deed was filed before January 1, 1994, the former law is applicable and remains in effect.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to modify the provisions for the redemption of real property sold at a tax sale."

PROPOSITION NO. 10 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 34 proposes a constitutional amendment that adds a new section 49-b-2 to article III of the Texas Constitution. This new section provides that, in addition to the general obligation bonds authorized to be issued and sold by the Veterans' Land Board (the "Board") by sections 49-b ($950 million) and 49-b-1 ($1.3 billion) of article III, the board may provide for, issue, and sell general obligation bonds of the state in an amount not to exceed $750 million to provide financing to Texas veterans. $250 million of the bonds authorized by this new section shall be used to augment the Veterans' Land Fund (the "Land Fund"). The Land Fund shall be used by the Board to purchase lands situated in Texas owned by the United States government, an agency of the United States government, the State of Texas, a political subdivision or agency of the State of Texas, or a person, firm, or corporation. The lands shall be sold to veterans in quantities, on terms, at prices, and at fixed, variable, floating, or other rates of interest determined by the Board. Lands in the Land Fund that are offered for sale to veterans and that are not sold may be sold or resold to the purchasers in quantities, terms, prices, and rates of interest determined by the Board.

New section 49-b-2 creates the Veterans' Housing Assistance Fund II (the "Housing Fund II"), and $500 million of the general obligation bonds authorized by the section shall be used for the Housing Fund II. The Housing Fund II is a separate and distinct fund from the Veterans' Housing Assistance Fund (the "Housing Fund") established under section 49-b-1 of article III. Money in the Housing Fund II shall be administered by the Board and shall be used to make home mortgage loans to veterans for housing within this state in quantities, on terms, and at fixed, variable, floating, or other rates of interest determined by the Board. The principal of, and interest on, the general obligation bonds authorized by this section for the benefit of the Housing Fund II shall be paid out of the money of the Housing Fund II. The principal of, and interest on, the general obligation bonds authorized by section 49-b-1 of article III for the benefit of the Housing Fund shall be paid out of money in the Housing Fund. If there is not enough money in the Land Fund, the Housing Fund, or the Housing Fund II, as the case may be, available to pay the principal of, and interest on, the general obligation bonds authorized by this section or by sections 49-b or 49-b-1 of article III, there is appropriated out of the first money coming into the treasury in each fiscal year an amount that is sufficient to pay the principal of, and interest on, the general obligation bonds that mature or become due during that fiscal year.

If the Board determines that assets from the Land Fund, the Housing Fund, or the Housing Fund II are not required for purposes of the fund, the Board may transfer the assets to another of those funds or use the assets to secure revenue bonds issued by the Board. The revenue bonds shall be special obligations of the Board and payable only from and secured by receipts of the funds, assets transferred from the funds, and other revenues as determined by the Board and shall not constitute indebtedness of the State of Texas or the Board. The Board may issue revenue bonds from time to time, which bonds may not exceed an aggregate principal amount that the Board determines can be fully retired from the receipts of the funds. The revenue bonds shall be sold in forms, denominations, and in installments, and bear a rate or rates of interest as the Board determines.

The general obligation bonds authorized to be issued by the Board by this section or be sections 49-b and 49-b-1 of article III shall be issued and sold in forms and denominations, on terms, at times, in the manner, at places, in installments, and shall bear a rate or rates of interest the Board determines. The bonds shall be incontestable after execution by the Board, approval by the Attorney General of Texas, and delivery to the purchaser.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment authorizing issuance of $750 million in general obligation bonds to augment the Veterans' Land Fund and the Veterans' Housing Assistance Fund and to fund the Veterans' Housing Assistance Fund II."

PROPOSITION NO. 11 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 31 proposes a constitutional amendment relating to the duties of trustees of local retirement systems which provide retirement and related disability and death benefits for public officers and employees and that do not belong to a statewide retirement system. The amendment provides that the board of trustees of such a system shall (1) administer the system of benefits; (2) hold the assets of the system for the exclusive purposes of providing benefits to participants and their beneficiaries and defraying reasonable expenses of administering the system; and (3) select legal counsel and an actuary and adopt sound actuarial assumptions to be used by the system.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment providing that the trustees of a local public pension system must administer the system for the benefit of the system's participants and beneficiaries."

PROPOSITION NO. 12 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 23 proposes a constitutional amendment providing that any person accused of a violent or sexual offense committed while under the supervision of a criminal justice agency of this state or a political subdivision of this state for a prior felony may, after a hearing and evidence substantially showing the guilt of the accused, be denied bail pending trial. If the accused is not, however, accorded a trial within 60 days from the time of his incarceration upon the accusation or indictment, the order denying bail shall be set aside unless a continuance is obtained upon the request of the accused. In the amendment, the term "violent offense" means murder, aggravated assault (if a deadly weapon was used or exhibited during the commission of the assault), aggravated kidnapping, or aggravated robbery. The term "sexual offense" means aggravated sexual assault, sexual assault, or indecency with a child.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment permitting the denial of bail to certain persons charged with certain violent or sexual offenses committed while under the supervision of a criminal justice agency of the state or a political subdivision of the state."

PROPOSITION NO. 13 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 13 proposes a constitutional amendment that amends article VII, section 17(a), of the Texas Constitution to provide that, of the $100 million currently appropriated by that section for the use of public institutions of higher education during each fiscal year, those institutions may also utilize this money to pay for acquiring, constructing, or equipping or for major repair or rehabilitation of buildings, facilities, other permanent improvements, or capital equipment used jointly for educational and general activities and for auxiliary enterprises to the extent of their use for educational and general activities. For the five-year period beginning on September 1, 2000, and for each five-year period thereafter, the legislature, during a regular session that is nearest, but preceding, a five-year period may, by a two-thirds vote of the membership of each house, increase the amount of the $100 million constitutional appropriation for the five-year period. The amendment also reflects name changes that have been made to some of the institutions of higher education for which such funding is available. The amendment adds the Texas State Technical College System to those institutions eligible to receive such funding, but limits its allocation of the annual appropriation to 2.2 percent of the total appropriation each fiscal year. The amendment also provides that each governing board authorized to participate in the distribution of money under article III, section 17, may also issue bonds and notes for the purposes of refunding bonds or notes issued under that section or prior law for the purposes of acquiring capital equipment, library books and library materials, paying for acquiring, constructing, or equipping or for major repair or rehabilitation of buildings, facilities, other permanent improvements, or capital equipment used jointly for educational and general activities and for auxiliary enterprises to the extent of their use for educational and general activities. The amendment deletes language in article III, section 17, which authorizes the legislature to designate a single agency to issue such bonds or notes in lieu of the governing bodies, and to transfer to that agency the authority to collect and pledge money to the payment of such bonds and notes as directed by the governing body of each eligible institution. Funds appropriated under article III, section 17, may not be used for the purpose of constructing, equipping, repairing, or rehabilitating buildings or other permanent improvements that are to be used only for student housing, intercollegiate athletics, or auxiliary enterprises.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment relating to the amount and expenditure of certain constitutionally dedicated funding for public institutions of higher education."

PROPOSITION NO. 14 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 45 proposes a constitutional amendment that adds a new subsection (e) to article III, section 49-h, of the Texas Constitution. The new subsection provides that, in addition to the amounts authorized by subsections (a) ($500 million), (c) ($400 million), and (d) ($1.1 billion) of section 49-h, the legislature may authorize the issuance of up to $1 billion in general obligation bonds and may use the proceeds of the bonds for acquiring, constructing, or equipping new corrections institutions, including youth corrections institutions, and mental health and mental retardation institutions and for major repair or renovation of existing facilities of those corrections and mental health and mental retardation facilities. The amendment also provides that the provisions of subsection (a) of section 49-h, relating to the review and approval of bonds, and the provisions of subsection (b) of section 49-h, relating to the status of the bonds as a general obligation of the state and to the manner in which the principal and interest on the bonds are paid, apply to bonds authorized by this amendment.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of up to $1 billion in general obligation bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for projects relating to facilities of corrections and mental health and mental retardation institutions."

PROPOSITION NO. 15 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 37 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the county commissioners court of a county to call an election to abolish the office of county surveyor. The office of county surveyor is abolished if a majority of voters of the county voting in the election approve the measure. If the office of county surveyor is abolished, the maps, field notes, and other records of the county surveyor are transferred to the county officer or employee designated by the commissioners court.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to permit the voters of a county to decide, at an election called by the commissioners court, whether to abolish the office of county surveyor in the county."

PROPOSITION NO. 16 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 44 proposes an amendment to article III, section 49-i(b) of the Texas Constitution, which currently limits the principal amount of bonds outstanding at one time for the Texas agricultural fund to $25 million and for the rural microenterprise development fund to $5 million. The amendment would raise the principal amount limit for the Texas agricultural fund to $100 million. The amendment would also make the principal amount limit for each fund apply to the total principal amounts of both bonds and notes issued or sold rather than just the principal amounts of bonds outstanding at one time.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment authorizing up to a total of $100 million in bonds and notes to be issued or sold to finance the Texas agricultural fund for providing financial assistance to develop, increase, improve, or expand the production, processing, marketing, or export of crops or products grown or produced primarily in this state by agricultural businesses domiciled in the state."

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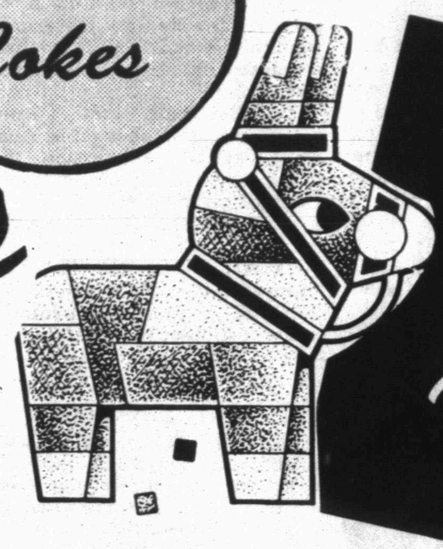

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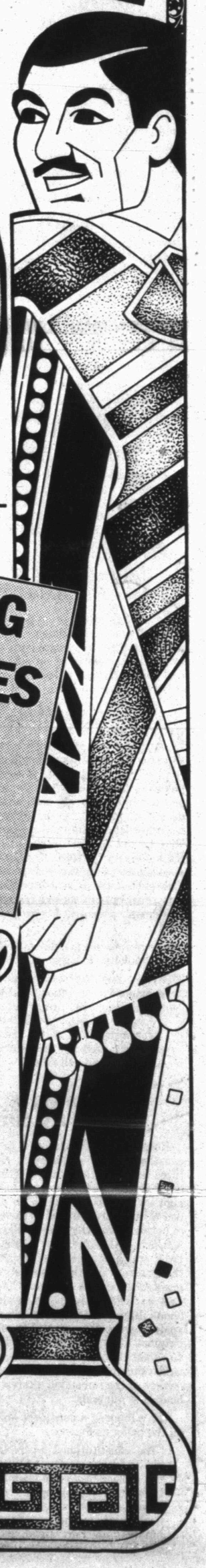

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IRA SCHOOL 100TH ANNIVERSARY

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Ira School marks centennial in 1993

(Editor's Note: The following information about the Ira community and its school was provided by Eugenia Carlile Grizzle and Carolyn Carter.)

The Ira community was settled in the early 1890s. Several families in southwest Scurry County, along the Colorado River, were the first to come and stay.

Ira's namesake is Ira Green. If not for a loose wagon wheel, things might have turned out very differently.

Green was bringing a load of supplies from Colorado City when a wagon wheel came loose at the crossroads about where Ira is now.

He had to unload the wagon to repair the wheel. Green sold the supplies so quickly to people in the community, he decided to open a store at the crossroads. The store soon became a gathering place for local families to get together and exchange news. Everyone began to say, "See you at Ira's place."

The Post Office was established in 1896 in Ira Green's store with him serving as the first postmaster. The Post Office Department named it Ira, since there was already a Greenville, Texas.

No one knows what happened to Green, who apparently did not remain in Ira long.

The controversy over Block 97 (see story on Page 5B) was settled in 1899 and it was turned into school land and sold at a very low price to settlers in the community. It soon became an active farming community.

The first school, in 1893, was a half dugout located just east of the present store and gin. D.T. Boazman was the first teacher.

Pupils were Harry Huffman, Tom Huffman, Earnest Huffman, Alex Huffman, John Barnett, Monroe Barnett, Ruth Barnhill, Janie Barnhill, Lydia Tow, Lee Tow, Aaron Davis, Edna Davis, Minnie Davis, Bob Chapman, Katie Chapman and Bettie Chapman.

The top portion of the half dugout burned following a brush arbor fire.

A one-room building was built on the Bob Roe place, south of Ira. It was later moved to the Stinson place and named Center View. D.T. Boazman, teacher, walked daily from his home in Cuthbert.

At this time, a one-room building was used for all grades. Later, a curtain divided grades and a second room was added. D. Holcomb was principal, making a staff of three teachers.

During 1910, a new building was constructed under the direction of P.A. Miller. This improved building had four rooms and a second story which was an auditorium. This building was used for 20 years with principals being A.B. Riddle, Ben F. Thorpe and Tom Bryant.

The first brick building was erected in 1928 under the leadership of school board president A.J. Leach. J.E. Falls was secretary, and other board members were Tom Hailey, O.H. Holladay, J.E. Murphy, A.T. Casey and E.E. Carlile.

This six-room building was filled with pupils when Sharon School consolidated with Ira and County Line followed in 1930. Egypt was consolidated in 1923. A Mr. Brown was superintendent from 1928-1930.

Elmer L. Taylor was superintendent from 1930 to 1941. Under his leadership, Ira School was accredited in 1933, and a new gymnasium was built in 1934.

Margaret Dell Prim taught English during most of those years. She used to play the piano while all the high school girls sang during the lunch hour. Students spent many enjoyable hours with her, former pupils recalled. Mrs. Taylor taught in the elementary grades during those years, too.

In the early years, Ira School used to dismiss school for about six weeks each fall so the children could pick cotton and help gather the crops.

The first school, in 1893, was a half dugout located just east of the present store and gin.

Early Ira had two grocery stores. They also sold dry goods, drugs and jewelry. Some early day merchants were Gene Knox and A. Rhodes, Murphy and Tomlinson, Albert Leach, Edgar Taylor and a Mrs. Cleckler.

Ira also had a blacksmith, barber shop, telephone exchange, and a bank which was a branch of a Snyder bank and was operated by G.A. Autry. Ira had a gin and later a cafe. It had two lodge halls and a doctor. Two early day doctors were Dr. Parsons and Dr. Merrill.

Ira has also had four churches for many years. A tabernacle used to be where the community center is now. The churches used it for revival meetings in the summertime. The entire community attended. This was about the only social life the community had except for occasional programs at the school.

Neighbors got together to kill hogs and can corn, peas and beans.

W.M. Howard acquired the grocery store in about 1936. A new rock building was put up. This store has been in the same family for over 50 years.

Howard's daughter, Flo Etta, and her husband, Pete Rasco, ran it for a few years. Then R.C. Howard and his wife, Eva, ran it for many years. Now, Howard's granddaughter, Randa, and her husband, Tommy Sterling, own and operate it.

It is still a gathering place where friends meet and say, "Hi."

Paul Sweat was school superintendent after Taylor left in 1942, then Silas Davenport and O.Z. Porter.

Pat Falls was superintendent from 1946 to 1950, Mr. Stevens was here for three months and John Hensley for 1½ years. Then Bill Allen came and stayed until Roy Sallee came in 1956.

Ira School suffered another disastrous fire in May of 1942. The present brick building was erected in 1943, with classrooms and shop additions to come later.

In 1923, oil was discovered in Scurry County. The first oil well drilled in the county was the J.J. Moore No. 1, located one mile south of Ira in the San Andres formation.

About 1940, the Sharon Ridge field was developed west of Ira. This changed lifestyles and made for a more prosperous community and a tax base for better schools.

During the next few years the school was enlarged and improved and more teachers were hired.

Sallee led the school as superintendent for 19 years with the help of Myron Crawford as principal.

In 1948, one of the biggest oil booms to hit Texas occurred in Snyder and Scurry County. They called it the Canyon Reef Formation. Almost overnight, the population increased by the thousands.

The taxes collected from these oil wells made possible many improvements in the county. L.L. (Pat) Moore was commissioner for Precinct 3 during those years and he spearheaded projects beneficial to the Ira community, including paved streets and installation of street lights. A community center was built and a new water system was brought in with water coming from Lake J.B. Thomas.

In 1976, the Ira community and the Bicentennial Committee presented Moore with a plaque in token of appreciation for all of his accomplishments.

When plans were being made for the nation's Bicentennial celebration, Ira wanted to do something special that would be a lasting memorial to the pioneers of this area.

Since it was Scurry County's 100th birthday, plans were made for a July 4th celebration in the Scurry County Coliseum. Each community was given space for a booth.

Opal Brown and Eugenia Grizzle were chosen to form a committee for Ira. Jimmy Wilson was president, J.B. Patterson, vice president, Grizzle, secretary-treasurer, and Brown, Darla Huddleston and Bob Mitchell were committee chairmen. They appointed others to help and a lot of hard work followed.

They decided to make Ira's booth look like they thought Ira Green's store might have looked. They had a grocery department, a dry goods department, and a hardware department. They sold cold lemonade, homemade tea cakes, stick candy, cheese and crackers, home ground corn meal, bolts and material remnants, quilts, tablecloths and a keg of old railroad spikes that were used to put down the first railroad in the county. They also put Bicentennial stickers on them and sold the spikes for

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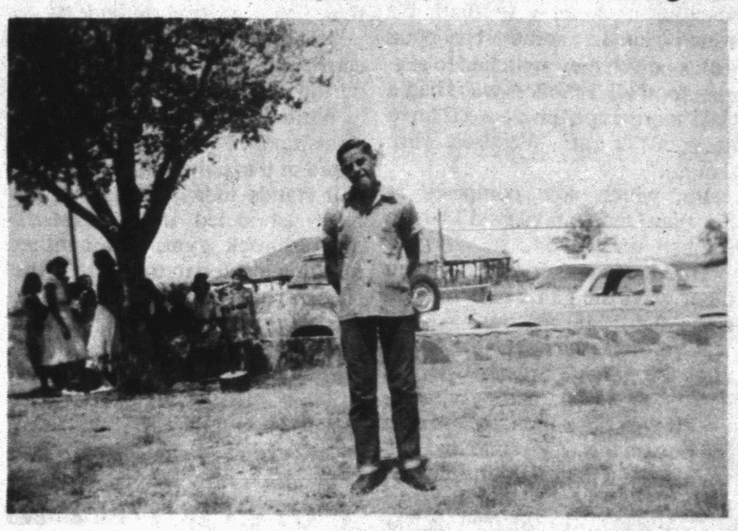
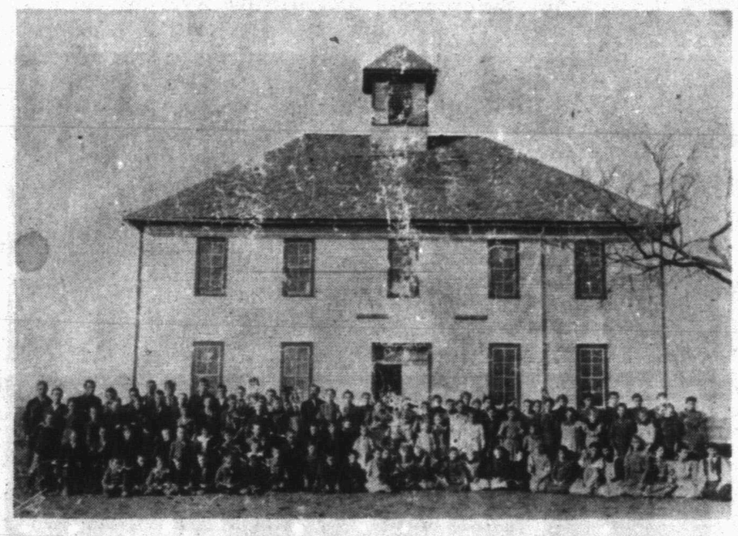


POPULAR PLACE — This photo was taken in 1954. Ira School students liked to play and congregate on this wall located where the Ira Community Center now stands. The tabernacle is shown in the background. (Contributed Photo)



TWO-STORY SCHOOL — This two-story early-day version of Ira School was popular in its heyday. The upstairs portion was often used for community events as well. (Contributed Photo)

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LAST DAY — This photo was taken on the last day of a music school held at the Sharon School. It later consolidated with Ira School. (Contributed Photo)

First football team organized in 1948

By PHIL RIDDLE
SDN Sports Editor

While Ira's school is celebrating its 100th anniversary, the Bulldogs are beginning their 46th year playing football.

"It was a great experience for us," said Ira's Donald Huddleston, a senior guard on Ira's first team, fielded in 1948.

"We weren't a very good team," Huddleston laughed, "but we showed up for all the games.

"We had, oh, 16 or 18 boys on the team. Only one of us had ever played before. I had only seen one football game before that in my life, so we weren't real sure what we should be doing.

"But we had a good time. It was something different. We were more of a basketball-oriented school at that time," Huddleston, a member of the Bulldogs' 14-4 cage squad of '48, continued.

"We played our first game in Abilene against Wylie," he related. "They showed us how to line up, but we knew such a little bit, they had to tell us to take off our hats during the national anthem."

The Bulldogs fell in their opener, 18-0, on their way to an 0-5 inaugural campaign. Along the way were losses to Hermleigh, 25-0, Divide, 32-0, and Trent, 19-6.

"We lost to Tuscola in our fourth game of the year," Huddleston said. "I don't remember what they scored, but I know we scored 19 points. That was the first points we ever scored.

"We played the game at the old Tiger Stadium (Travis Field) in Snyder. Tuscola was coached by a Snyder boy, Wayne Tyrone."

Huddleston says he felt a lot of sympathy for Ira coach Herb West, who is now retired and living in Vernon.

"Imagine what a chore he had, teaching us to play football. He went on and had some pretty good teams before they switched to six-man football. I think if we'd had a little more experience, we'd have been all right. We had fun, though."

Ira, which now competes in Six-man District 6, played 11-man football until 1954.

Huddleston reminisced about other ways the game has changed since the 1948 season.

"We didn't have a meal for us after the game," he said. "If you had the money, a quarter, or whatever it cost back then, they'd stop the bus on the way home and you could get a hamburger, but the school didn't buy your meal.

"We'd ride over on the bus," he added, "and there'd be, maybe 10 or 12 people from Ira watching you play."

Huddleston and teammate Charlie Joe Burleson, who played tackle, are the only two members of the original team still residing in Scurry County.

Others on that first team included center J.W. Johnston, guards Joe Bob Flowers and Lyndon Moses, tackles Tom Falls and Gerald McGaha, ends Morris LeMay and Bob Norrid, fullback Darrell Crowder, halfbacks Eugene Maupin and Rudy Minor, and quarterback Curtis Hodges.

Other 1948 Bulldog players were Robert Cruz, Darwin Smallwood and Kenneth Franks.

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Superintendent was last post...

Pat Falls recounts days at Ira School

By Shirley A. Gorman
SDN News Editor

Pat Falls has logged some 22 years at Ira School.

His long association dates back to his boyhood when he attended the first through the 10th grades.

He later returned to the school for another 12 years, serving — at various times — as teacher, principal, superintendent, coach and bus driver.

After leaving Ira School, he spent several years as a principal in Snyder — at North Elementary, and then Stanfield. He also served as the assistant superintendent in Snyder until he retired in 1975.

He and his wife, Lee, now live west of Snyder on Farm Road 1607.

Though Ira had 11 grades — all that was required then — Pat had to transfer to Snyder for his final year because Ira School was not then accredited.

By graduating from Snyder High School, Pat was able to enroll in West Texas State University in Canyon (now called West Texas A&M University).

After graduating, he returned to Ira School as fifth grade teacher. He spent four years teaching in the elementary school and four in the high school. He was later named principal and then served four years as superintendent.

To earn his superintendent's certificate, Pat attended WTSU during the summer.

While he was a teacher and administrator at Ira, the school consisted of the main building (which still stands today, though it has been remodeled and renovated), the old rock gym, and another building located to the west of the school which housed the industrial arts shop and lunchroom. The bus barn was located at the back of the building.

Several firsts were added to Ira during Pat's tenure. Football was introduced and he hired Herb West as the first coach.

A lunchroom for hot meals was also opened. He credited Lois Kruse, who worked without pay planning meals and supervising the cooks, for getting it started.

During his 12 years at Ira, Pat wore many hats, including coach and bus driver. Those were the days when school personnel doubled and tripled their duties, he said. The prevailing thought then was, "If you don't want to work, don't hire out."

As superintendent he also served as boys basketball coach and taught classes.

In spite of his busy agenda, Pat fondly recalled, "Ira always had a good atmosphere, a good community and a good PTA. And they still do today."

He added, "We were always competitive in sports and the kiddoes were very cooperative and I think they enjoyed coming to school."

Pat, who was only a few years older than the high school students, said they always called him by his first name. However, there was no doubt who was in charge. One of the stories he told illustrated this point. Decades later, it's humorous, but at the time, it was anything but a laughing matter.

Levis were very popular and scarce following World War II. Several Ira boys wanted to buy a pair as soon as the shipment arrived at Bryant-Link, a department store once located on the Snyder square. Pat gave them permission.

Everything was fine until they ran into a friend who had a bottle of liquor. All but one of the boys sampled its contents. When they returned to the classroom, Pat said he could smell the liquor on their breath. He didn't say anything at the time. While the boys went on with their lessons, Pat said he apprised the superintendent of the situation and received permission to handle the incident.

When the class ended, Pat allowed the other students to leave, but he detained the boys who had gone to Snyder.

He said he let one boy go because, "I knew he was telling the truth when he said he had not drank any of the liquor."

Pat informed the other boys that he was disappointed with them and said they were all suspended from class until each brought his father to talk to him. That was the only way they could get back into school.

All but one boy complied and were reinstated. One boy lived with his grandparents and was reluctant to tell his granddad what he had done. So, instead of going to school, he would spend the day at his uncle's garage. Finally, his uncle prevailed upon him to tell the truth. He finally did, and after he and his granddad talked to Pat, he too was reinstated.

Throughout his career, Pat loved being around children, especially the elementary level. "I always thought I was in pretty good company," he said.

In the days before the oil boom, Ira School struggled financially. That, plus the fact that he was "ready for a change" prompted Pat to make the switch to Snyder schools in 1950.

He was named principal of North Elementary, which did not open until Sept. 18 because construction had not been completed.

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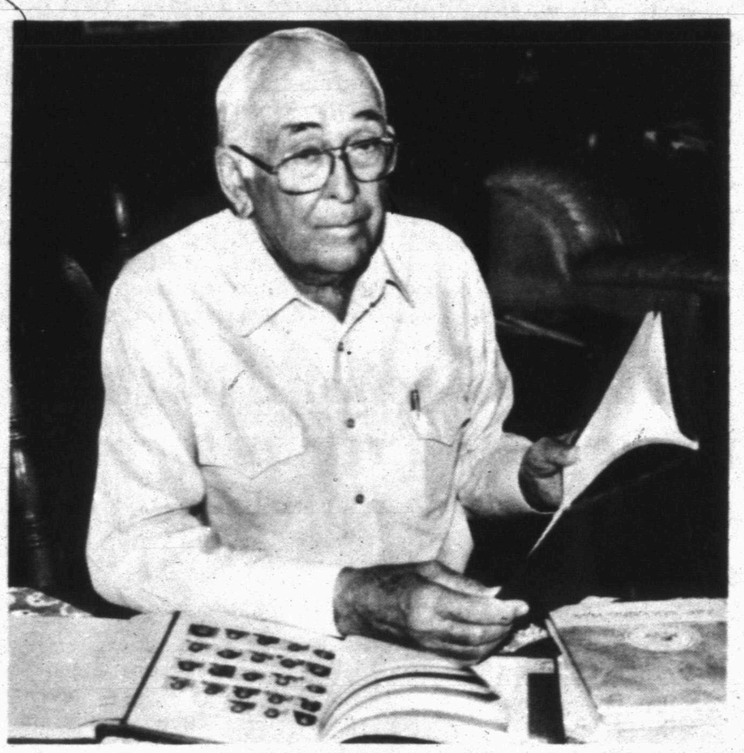

MEMORIES — Pat Falls, longtime Ira School student, teacher and administrator, recently shared memories of his school days. He is shown looking at several school annuals. (SDN Staff Photo)

Forerunner to Ira PTA...

Mothers Organization formed in 1909

By Shirley A. Gorman
SDN News Editor

Ira Parent-Teacher Association has been a part of school tradition since 1909. However, that tradition ended in May of this year when the PTA disbanded.

Former PTA members and booster club members have since regrouped as the Bulldog Backers.

The first organization was actually called the Mothers Organization and it was not affiliated with the national or state PTA groups, according to information provided by Betty House, longtime PTA member and office holder at the local, district and regional levels.

That changed in 1933, when Ira formed its first PTA chapter. Lois Kruse, the first president, served until 1944. In 1947, she was the recipient of the first Life Membership award. Each year thereafter another recipient was chosen.

Recipients have always been chosen for their "dedicated service and outstanding work" in PTA. A committee always chose each honoree and the name was kept secret until the award was bestowed.

Ira's PTA chapter was in District 18, which includes Abilene and Brownwood. Each year, Ira 's chapter always won several awards for attendance and record books.

Members often served as chairmen of District 18 committees.

Since 1952, Ira PTA sponsored either a get-acquainted supper or ice cream social to meet the new teachers and athletes.

Holiday projects included Christmas bags which were distributed to school children and personnel and any visiting children.

The chapter also sponsored after-game parties for students, coaches and sponsors. The PTA always helped with the annual carnival, a major fund-raiser since 1959. Proceeds from the event often paid for school supplies and equipment.

Members also helped collect Furr's receipts from 1990-1993 which were used to purchase computers for the school.

In years past, PTA members bought artificial Christmas trees for each room. During Ira's "lean years," the PTA helped "take up the slack," House said.

The PTA also donated money to purchase supplies for the Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapter and the home economics department.

Since 1947, members have compiled history books of PTA yearly activities which are kept on display at the school library.

House has served two two-year terms as president of Ira's PTA, from 1981-1983 and from 1991-1993.

She was also president of District 18, which automatically qualified her to be a member of the state PTA board for that year.

In addition, she served two years, 1985 and 1986, as regional vice president. Districts 1 and 13 were included, along with District 18.

House's PTA involvement began before her own children were born. Rather than let her membership cease when Ira disbanded its chapter she chose, instead, to join Abilene's PTA.

EARLY DAY TEACHERS — Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bryant once taught at Ira School. (Contributed Photo)

BEST ACTRESS — Cindy Huddleston Fritz was named best actress in one-act play competition during her junior year at Ira High School. Fellow thespian, Joe Hall, is also pictured. (Contributed Photo)

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Longtime resident shares early day memories

By Shirley A. Gorman
SDN News Editor

Exa Pearl Sorrells Grant, 95½, may have the distinction of being the oldest surviving Scurry County resident who attended Ira School.

Medical problems have taken their toll on the now frail woman, who has been a resident of Cogdell Memorial Hospital's Extended Care floor for the past 3½ years. But neither time nor illness have dulled her wit, humor or memories of those bygone years when she was a carefree youngster who often trekked miles to school through fields thick with sand and dotted with prickly bobbed wire fences which she had to crawl through.

Exa's first memories of Ira School date to the early 1900s when she enrolled as an eager third grader, ready to absorb the "three R's" and other subjects.

She actually began her schoolgirl career at Center View, 1½ miles from her farm home. But when the school was moved east across the creek, she and her brothers and sisters transferred to Ira School, which was closer.

Her first teacher at Center View was Cynthia Broyles. Ethel Cherry Eiland was her first teacher at Ira. Other teachers included Zada Maxwell, Guy Casey, Ben Thorpe and A.B. Riddle.

Recess in those days consisted of basketball — Exa's favorite — and "town ball," which we now know as baseball.

In addition to the main subjects of reading, writing and arithmetic, Exa said they studied English, history, and geography. She liked school, and preferred math best.

Teachers required students to memorize rhyming poems — sometimes very long ones. One of Exa's teachers threatened her students "with a whipping" if they could not recite the poem the next day.

When one girl did not know the poem, the teacher shook her so hard that the girl's ear drums burst. All the other students who did not know the poem escaped punishment after that.

Another time, Exa said, a teacher promised to whip her students if they got more than two words wrong on a spelling test. She did this, Exa said, because she was trying to motivate one of her boy students to learn his lessons.

When Exa did not get all of the spelling words right the teacher had to whip her, too. However, she let Exa wear a coat and apologized for punishing her.

Exa brought lunch to school each day in a tin pail. Meals often consisted of sausage, biscuits, tea cakes or cookies.

When Exa attended school, classes were usually arranged according to the farm community's crop schedules. Very often, classes were delayed until after the cotton had been picked. Or else, school was dismissed so students could help their families at harvest time.

Exa said she and her brothers and sisters all had homework to do as soon as they got home from school. They would sit at a long table with just a wall hurricane lamp to work under.

On some occasions, Exa said, they got to ride to school in the family's hack or surry; but if their dad needed the wagon and horses, they walked. To keep warm in the winter, they wore coats, toboggans and cotton stockings.

Exa remembers the first Ira school building being located southeast of her home in Ira. Eventually, a new school consisting of four rooms and a large upstairs auditorium was built. The auditorium was used for "literaries" where students could give their speeches.

Exa said they also put together plays which they performed at school.

The first building Exa attended had two rooms, two teachers and one principal. One teacher taught all the elementary grades in one room. The other room was divided with a partition, placing both the principal and other teacher at opposite ends of the room with their students.

Exa never graduated from Ira because several bouts of severe tonsilitis forced her to drop out in the 11th grade, then the highest

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Ira Honor Roll

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HOME ECONOMICS TEACHER — Bernice Shearer Parker once taught home economics at Ira School. (Contributed Photo)

Ira School has centennial

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$2.50 each.

In order to get the money to stock the store, the volunteers sponsored a game night and a box supper. Weldon Wiggins was the auctioneer and several candidates spoke that night as it was an election year.

They decided to use the funds to build a roadside park in Ira. Charlie Yoast was commissioner for Precinct 3 at that time, and he helped them secure the land.

The Texas State Highway Department drew up the plans for the park since it was on State Highway 350 and had to meet with their approval.

They purchased two picnic tables and benches and had shelters built over them. Jim Brown found an old wagon wheel and built a mounting for the plaque which reads:

Ira Green Memorial Park
"This park was built in 1977 with funds raised by the Ira Centennial Committee in 1976 in celebration of the 100th birthday of Scurry County and the nation's Bicentennial. We dedicate it to Ira Green for whom the town was named."

A few years ago, automation made quite a change in the oil industry. Hundreds of families left the county as a machine could do the work of several men. But that did not spell the end of Ira's progress.

Several oil-related businesses sprang up in Ira. Today, Ira's businesses include two grocery stores, two service stations, a cafe, a gin, a beauty shop and several oil field supply stores. The post office is run by Postmaster Leona Wiggins. The community still has four active churches.

Strong community leaders have helped make Ira School what it is today. Many additions and improvements have been made over the years.

A new gym and administration building were built in 1977; the ag building and bus barn were added the following year. A new cafeteria and high school wing, complete with science lab, were constructed in 1984. The rest of the main building was remodeled at that time also.

Superintendents and principals during those growing years were Ron Plumblee, superintendent with Bruce Land and Mickey Rundell, principals from 1975-1980; Jay Martin, superintendent 1980-1989; L.D. "Sonny" Monroe, principal from 1978-1986; Ted Bedwell, superintendent 1989-1991; Larry Long, principal, 1988-1989; and Rick Howard, superintendent from 1991 until the present with Jane Matlock as principal.

Carolyn Carter has been school secretary for several years. She works in the superintendent's office. Debra Brown, also a secretary, works in the school office. Theleca Wilson is the PEIMS coordinator.

In 1991, a baseball program was begun. Basketball and six-man football have been popular sports in Ira for many years. Many students have excelled in sports and received honors.

During the 1991-1992 school year, Ira School received a "Texas Successful School" award. The $36,712 grant was used to purchase elementary computer lab equipment and add to the high school lab.

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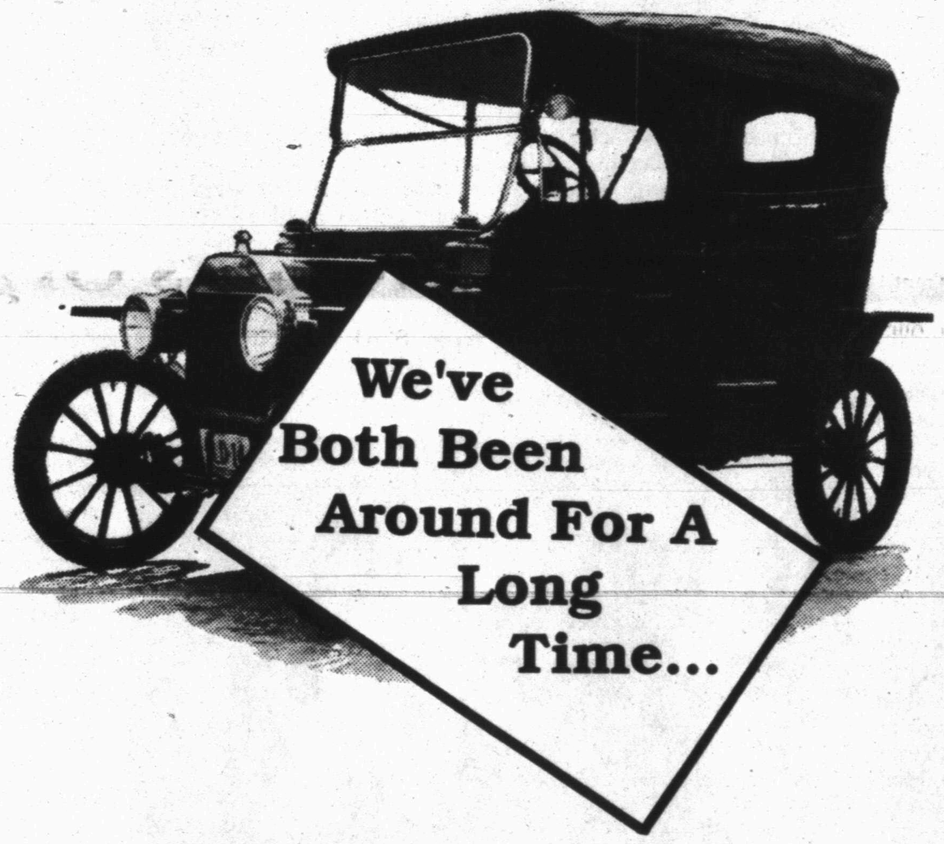

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Descendants of Lois Wright Carlile...

Four generations attend Ira School

Editor's Note: The following article is based on a conversation with some of the descendants of Lois Wright Carlile, with the emphasis being on what they remember, rather than when it occurred. Therefore very few actual dates or years have been included. Some information regarding the late Lois Carlile was also taken from "Footprints Across Scurry County."

THREE GENERATIONS — Three of the four generations of an area family who all attended Ira School are pictured. From left are, Kathy Huddleston Rogers, her grandmother, Grace Bryant, and her mother, Darla Huddleston. The first generation to attend the school — a half dug-out — was Kathy's great-grandmother, Lois Wright Carlile, who had to quit school when her mother died and help care for her younger siblings. (SDN Staff Photo)

By Shirley A. Gorman
SDN News Editor

Ira School has played an all-important role in the community since the doors of the first school — a half dug-out — were opened in 1893.

During the past 100 years, many longtime Ira families have attended the school for several generations. Recently, some of the descendants of Lois Wright Carlile gathered to share bygone memories of their schooldays.

Of the four generations, Lois Carlile was the first to attend Ira School. Other family members who followed in her footsteps include her daughter, Grace Bryant; her granddaughter, Darla Huddleston; and her great-granddaughter, Kathy Rogers, who now lives in Lubbock. Kathy, who graduated in 1977, was the first of the fourth generation to graduate from the school.

Kathy's sister and brother are also Ira graduates. Cindy Fritz of Snyder graduated in 1979 and Kevin Huddleston of San Angelo graduated in 1982.

The last in the fourth generation to graduate from Ira School was Lois' great-granddaughter, Kelly Bryant Smith, who graduated in 1983. She now lives in Post. Her brother, Keith Bryant, graduated in 1980. They are the children of Franklin and Sherry Bryant.

Darla's husband, Leon also shared some schoolday memories.

Lois Wright and her family moved to Ira from East Texas in 1899. Her father, George B. Wright, made his first crop near Ira in 1900. He later bought a place east of Snyder.

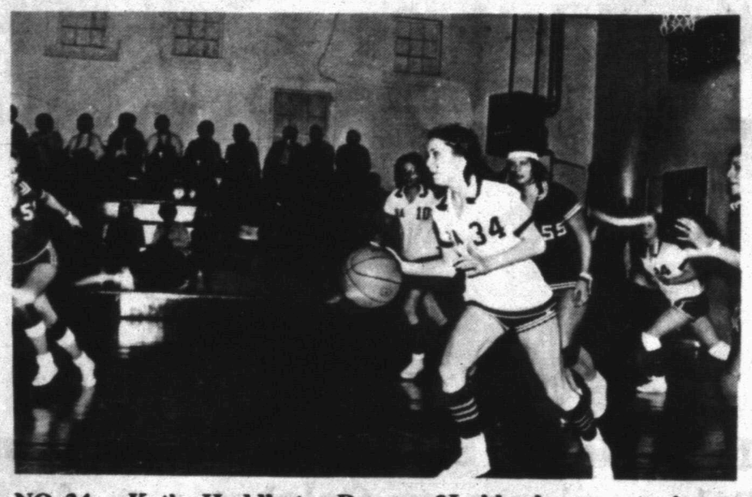
Lois went to school in the first one-room wooden school building that was built at Ira, after the half dug-out school was burned.

The eldest of five children, Lois had to quit school and take care of her four younger siblings — the youngest was 21 months — after her mother died.

At 17, she married a neighbor's son, Eugene "Gene" Carlile, the youngest of that family. They both worked at Ira School and kept the Community Center for several years after they retired from the school.

Gene drove the bus and was the janitor at Ira School. When Darla was a little girl her grandparents parked the school bus at their home. She liked playing in it in spite of the dust that would collect inside.

Also, while her grandparents swept the school gym she liked to play inside, she said.



NO. 34 — Kathy Huddleston Rogers of Lubbock once wore jersey #34 for the Ira girls basketball team during the mid 1970s. (Contributed Photo)

Grace Bryant attended primer and first grade at Egypt before transferring to Ira School. She and a friend were a little younger than they were supposed to be for the second grade and were afraid that they would have to leave school. However, nothing was ever said.

In Grace's day, the school was a two-story building, consisting of four classrooms and an upstairs auditorium which was also used for community and social functions.

She started to school in Ira in 1922. During the winter she said she "froze to death" walking 1½ miles to school. The school's only source of heat was a pot-bellied stove.

She also remembered trudging through fields thick with sand as she made her way to school and back home again. The lunch she carried with her was often a biscuit with sausage and syrup.

Grace said teachers made students stand in the corner for punishment. In the third grade, she once had to sit on the teacher's lap because she could not answer a question in health.

"That was the most embarrassing thing that ever happened to me at school," she said.

Grace also attended school with Pat Falls, who went on to become a teacher, principal and superintendent of Ira School. Somewhat mischevious then, she recalled, he often said he "would cut my ears off." One night she had a nightmare during which she thought he had cut her ears off.

In later years, Leon said Falls was one of the people who "helped to make Ira a good school."

When cotton was ready to be harvested, students were allowed to work in the fields, Grace said, but they all had to make up their lessons later.

At that time, because Ira was not an accredited school, Grace had to pass an examination in Snyder before she could graduate from the seventh grade. Graduation exercises always had to be held in Snyder, too, she said.

In those years, high school started with the eighth grade and ended with the 11th grade.

Grace played basketball at Ira for several successfull seasons. They started out playing three divisions, but she said they were later shown how to play with two divisions instead.

In her day, Grace said, they were only allowed to have tomato soup and milk before a game. Afterwards — win or lose — they were taken to a restaurant and allowed to eat anything they wanted.

For out-of-town games, they stayed in people's home, usually two girls per home. They didn't have buses then and had to travel by private car. She said the superintendent and coach always accompanied them.

Grace said that because her team won so many state awards there came a time when schools in the county refused to play them.

Grace liked basketball so well that she often played before school started. Basketball then was played on outdoor courts. During the cold weather her hands would sting when she caught the ball, she said.

Grace graduated in 1932, the valedictorian of her class. There were seven graduates that year. By coincidence, Darla and Kathy's graduating classes also had seven members. Darla graduated in 1958, Leon in 1956, and Kathy in 1977. Kathy's class was the last class to graduate in the old gym.

They also had something else in common. Each was a student of Betty Burrow, a longtime Ira teacher, who died a couple of years ago.

She taught Leon in shorthand, Darla in typing and Kathy in the third grade. Burrow also briefly coached the girls basketball team while Darla was a member.

Ira School always offered the traditional classes like the "Three Rs," plus history and English. typing and shorthand were not available in Grace's time. They were added later, as were shop and vocational agriculture.

Drivers' education was not available when Darla was in school. Leon taught her to drive instead.

EXES QUEEN — Lois Wright Carlile, left, seated, was crowned the exes queen at Ira School in 1981. Kelly Bryant, a sophomore, pinned the homecoming corsage on her great-grandmother. Kelly was the last of the fourth generation to graduate from Ira. Mrs. Carlile died in 1984. (Contributed Photo)

The school also did not have annuals when Grace was a student. They were added in the late 1930s, but they were not in book form as they are now.

Darla played basketball under Roy Sallee, a well-known and popular basketball coach. He was also a longtime superintendent at Ira. For three years, they advanced to regional competition. But even though they were very good, she said he would not allow them to score more than 100 points when they won.

Darla's first contact with Sallee was the previous school year when he served as a referee. "We were very happy when we found out that Roy was going to be our coach," she said.

Leon said Sallee was "an inspiration for Ira." He coached many members of their family.

Darla said Sallee would not let his players drink milk before a game, "Because it cut our wind." He would give them a Hershey's Chocolate Bar before each game for "extra energy."

In those days (sometime in the 1950s), the girls played basketball so well that they scrimmaged the boys — and won, Leon said.

Leon also played football at Ira, but the early playing field was filled with rocks and grass burrs.

Ira students observed many traditions in those days, he said.

A favorite pastime was "raiding Pat Moore's watermelon patch." Leon said the one-time Precinct 3 commissioner maintained the watermelon patch for that reason.

Players, especially before games, liked to do unsual things. Leon remembered that once he and the rest of the team all got burr haircuts.

Darla recalled the time when she and the other girls on the basketball team sprayed their hair grey.

Grace, Darla and Kathy all remembered playing half-court basketball.

Ira School has always had its rivalries, but Leon said the one with Westbrook seemed to be the fiercest.

For years, Ira students raised funds from the annual Halloween Carnival, now the Harvest Festival. Leon recalled the time that they were going to raffle a turkey. Since they didn't have one the night of the event, one of the boys stole one. The lady who won the turkey raised turkeys so she didn't really have much use for it.

For many years, Ira did not have a hot lunch program. Students had to pack their own lunches. The school wasn't air-conditioned and the restrooms were located outside of the building.

Before the gym was renovated, they used the home economics room as dressing rooms. With the restrooms outside, the girls had to walk back and forth between the buildings. One night a girl was attacked. Though she was not hurt, that prompted the addition of indoor restrooms, Darla said.

In past years, they said, the water tasted so bad that it was undrinkable. Leon said he would drink water before be came to school and then go all day without water until he got home.

In 1955, six-man football was introduced at Ira. Leon said that was "one of the best things that happened to the school."

Track was added during Darla's senior year, but she was not allowed to run because she had to practice typing for school contests. That was quite a disappointment because she had always wanted to participate in track.

Volleyball was not added because the girls' basketball season was so long.

When Kathy was in school, track was offered to students as early as the fifth grade.

Ira senior trips, which then occurred at the end of the school year, were always a big thing, Darla said. Students worked all year to raise enough money.

They also had senior banquets sponsored by the junior class. In the days before the introduction of one-act plays, high school students raised much of their funds through junior and senior class plays.

Leon, Darla and Kathy all commented on freshman initiation. Upper classmen really took it out on the fledgling first-year high school students.

As a freshman, Kathy remembered being thrown into a shower. In later years, of course, freshman initiation was outlawed.

Another tradition, according to Leon, was April Fool's Day, when students liked to skip class.

Ira students also liked to hang out at Highlander's Restaurant and Drive-In in Snyder, once located where Reta's Cake Shop is now. That's also where they had their senior banquets at that time.

Indianapolis held its first long-distance auto race in 1911. Ray Harroun was the winner.

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BEFORE AND AFTER — In 1942, Ira School was burned out for the second time since it was formed in 1893. (Contributed Photos)

Howard, Matlock head present faculty at Ira

Ira School celebrates its centennial this year. Rick Howard serves as superintendent and Jane Matlock is the principal.

Teachers include Sandy Holmes, kindergarten; Martha Ezra, first grade; Sandra Gardner, second grade; Gale Northcott, third grade; Phyllis Brown, fourth grade; Linda Gartman, fifth grade; and Jane Bray, sixth grade and math.

Others include Lillie Sullivan, Spanish and seventh and eighth grade English; Andrea Garner, high school English and creative writing; David Brown, math and combo director; Tim Mebane, history and health; Tracy Dickerhoff, government, economics and history; Luann Slover, home economics; Joni Gainer, science; Becky Hudgins, business; Sue Parham, theatre arts, radio/TV, speech; Cindy Shoults, gifted and talented; and Richard Long, agriculture.

Coaches are Darren Janssen, Mebane and Joee Gainer.

Janet Wesson is the counselor.

Carolyn Carter and Debra Brown are the secretaries. Theleca Wilson is the PEIMS coordinator.

Aides are LaNell Bearden, Jackie Box, library; Louise Layne, special education; and Olivia Alvarado.

Custodians are Dorma Elam, Ed Reyna, Paul Haynes and Tom Regaldo.

Cafeteria workers are Jerry Stokes, Sharon Strong, Pat White and Shari Jamison.

Lori Haddox is the bus driver.

Block 97 early day historic feud

One of the early historic feuds involving Scurry County residents was the "Block 97" controversy.

In the 1937 "Golden Anniversary" of the Scurry County Times, R.C. Crane offered his account of the story. Crane was an early-day attorney from Sweetwater.

He said settlers bought sections of land in 1854 from the Texas Central Railway Company. The railroad had obtained the land under a Texas law which allowed every railroad 16 sections of public land for every mile of railroad built in Texas.

The railway company became insolvent and re-organized as the Texas Central Railroad Company. The change in name involved only the words railway and railroad. But with the re-organization, the new company was freed of all debts and obligations of the old company. Consequently, the ranchmen lost their land and had to repurchase it.

The claimants sued, but in the meantime their property became public land again and hundreds flocked to it. More lawsuits resulted, as well as various feuds and cases of forced entry.

After 10 years of litigation, the Supreme Court finally held that the state Legislature had failed to set aside a balance for school land, so in its next session the Legislature declared it all school land and gave settlers the prior right to purchase.

In this way they kept their land, but they had to buy it twice.

After the controversy over Block 97 was settled and turned into school land, it was sold at a very low price to settlers in the Ira area.

Ira soon became an active farming community.

Ira Honor Roll

Udell White

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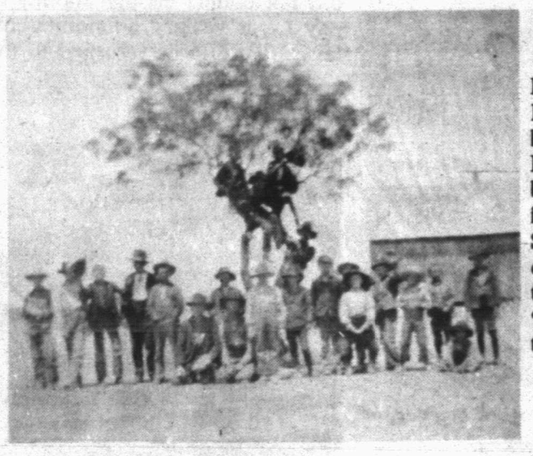
EARLY DAY MUSIC CLASS — Decades ago, these girls studied music at Ira School. (Contributed Photo)



PLAYED HOOKEY — Playing hooky on April Fool's Day used to be a popular tradition at Ira School. These students posed for this photo on their "day off." (Contributed Photo)

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Murphy lease was first job...

Gladson entered oil business in 1947

By Shirley A. Gorman
SDN News Editor

Willard Gladson has been involved in the oil business since 1947, when he went to work on the Murphy lease, located three miles west of Ira.

He was "hired off a farm" in July of that year right after he had lost a crop. As a roustabout, he performed many tasks, including moving rigs.

He was working for O.E. Schkade and John Odstrcil and in 1948 he started working on the drilling rigs. After Schkade and Odstrcil dissolved their partnership, Gladson remained with Odstrcil. He was later transferred to Valley where he took over Odstrcil's drilling operations.

Gladson later moved back to Snyder. After purchasing Odstrcil's equipment, he "went into the oil business," he said. He bought a few wells and drilled others, all in the Sharon Ridge near Ira.

Gladson sold his drilling equipment around the later part of the 1970s or early 1980s, and now is just involved with oil production.

Gladson said that in 1947, he worked "for two good people who did not ask me to do anything that they would not do. But they just asked me one time."

In those days, he received "eight hours of pay for eight hours of work," he said. He came off a farm, and "already knew how to work." Wages then were $1.50 an hour.

Anyone willing to work could find a job in those days, he said.

In 1949, as a pusher over a cable tool rig operation, Gladson said he made $800 a month, was provided a place to live and transportation. He was "on call" 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Gladson said, that throughout his career in the oil field, "I never thought I did all I could for others or myself at the end of the work day."

Gladson said he had several drill pushers who worked for him who did not believe in letting the men sit down, except for lunch. They had to be up and doing something all the time; otherwise that was considered "stealing from the company."

When Gladson entered the oil business, cable tool rigs were used in the oil fields. Even after rotary rigs were introduced, he said he continued to use the cable tool rigs.

He said it takes more experience to run a cable tool rig, because it doesn't have instruments to tell the operator what to do. Gauges keep the operator informed about pressure, weight and rpms.

Some of his wells were drilled with the rotary rigs, but he said he never owned any of them himself. He also oversaw each operation.

Gladson has some 30-plus wells now. In the beginning, he said he learned "by drilling wells where the better wells were. I watched my own drilling and others too. Experience taught me how much I could expand."

Gladson does not recall any of his hands being seriously hurt. Since he "took more chances" he said he suffered a few injuries, including broken bones.

Some changes he observed, concern how wells were completed. Through the late 1950s, he said glycerine was used. Acid came next, followed by sand fracking. Each change brought "some improvement," he said.

Using acid allowed him to "move out a little farther to the edge of the oil field."

Sand fracking also helped expand the oil field and later the water injection method was introduced.

As the method of completing wells improved, the oil field was able to expand. One method might work better than another when completing a well, he said.

Gladson now believes that "we have gone as far as we can to make a well."

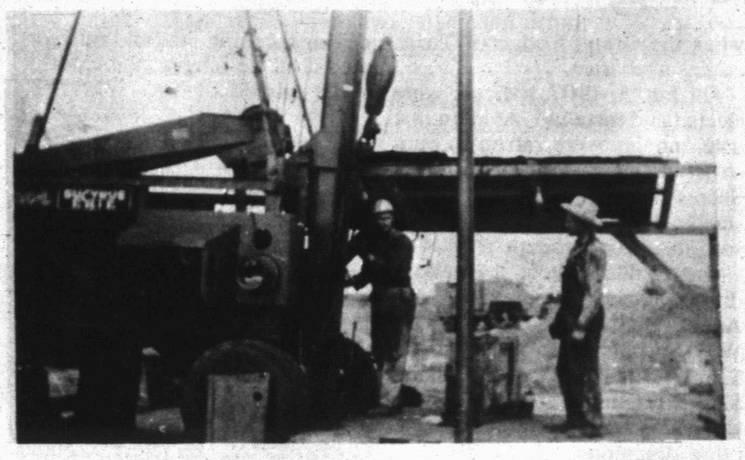
Gladson's decades in the oil business have been a veritable roller coaster ride as far as oil prices are concerned. The highest price was $35 a barrel in the 1970s. The lowest posted price has been $10 a barrel, he said.

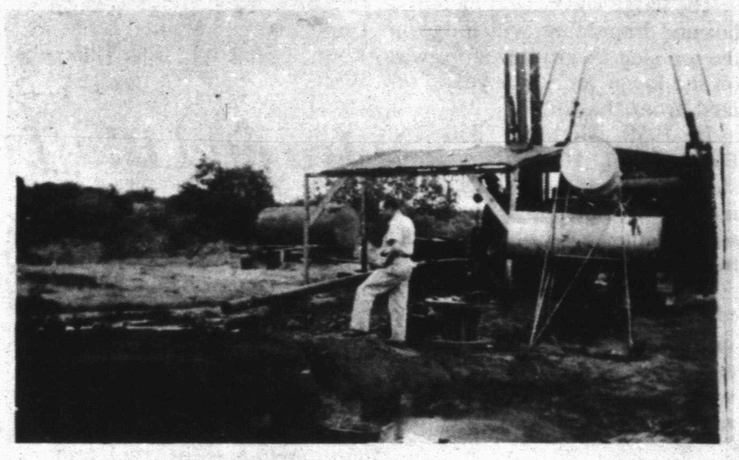
When oil peaked at around $35 a barrel, Gladson said the price for equipment and supplies also "went up and stayed up" even after the price of oil began dropping.

A further complication, Gladson said, is the abundance of imported oil, which makes it difficult for independents to stay in business.

Gladson is married to the former Flora Vida Holly. Both are natives of Ira. Flora was reared south of Ira. Gladson attended two and three-teacher schools while growing up in Scurry County.

The Gladsons have five children, one foster child, 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.





EARLY DAY OIL WELLS — Willard Gladson, left photo one, has been in the oil business since 1947. Technology has revolutionized the oil patch since then. (Contributed Photo)

WILLARD GLADSON

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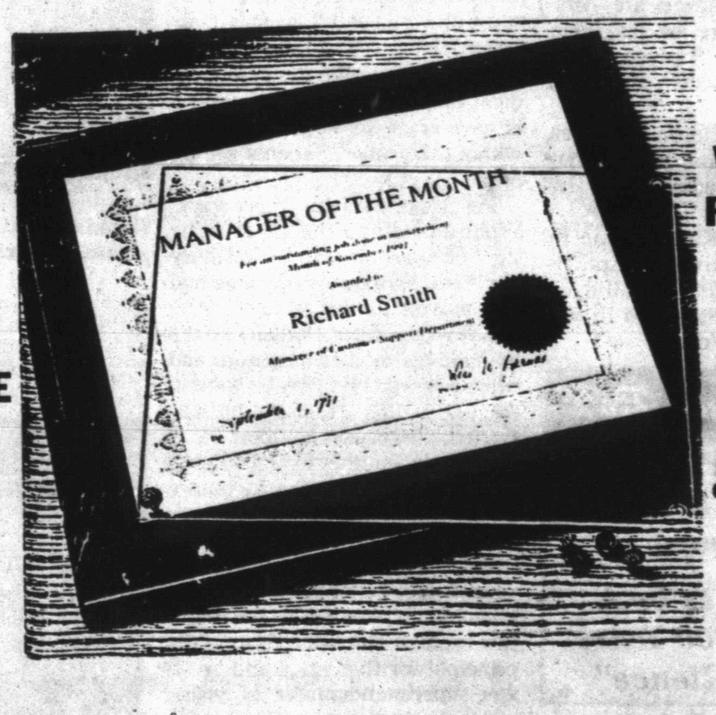

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SECOND WELL — Walker Huddleston, far right, is standing beside the second oil well which was drilled during the early 1950s in the Sharon Ridge field located in the Knapp Community. (Contributed Photo)

Masonic Lodge formed in 1906

On June 7, 1906, a group of Masons met to form a Masonic Lodge under dispensation for Ira.

They were J.P. Billingsley, Special Deputy for Grand Master of Texas S.M. Bradley, M.E. Knox, F.M. Brownfield, J.H. Garner, J.T. Ellard, A.N. Epps, J.P. Green, J.C. Stinson, D. Halcomb, K. Williams, W.E. Sorrells and I.L. Hicks.

Others were R.L. Burnette, P.A. Miller, G.W. Angel, J.P. Graham, C.L. Norris, J.A. Dunn, A.G. McGee, B.F. Reed, J.H. Waldripe, J.M. Nixon, W.M. Crow, W.H. Crowder, A. Radds, C.L. Green, P.J. Green, E. Menton, W.P. Knox and C.M. Merrell.

The time to meet was set at the first Saturday after the full moon of the month. Dues were to be $2 annually.

The Lodge was worked under dispensation until Dec. 6 of 1906 when the Grand Lodge of Texas issued a charter.

On Jan. 5, 1907, officers were elected and installed. Also on that date, monies were raised to construct a new lodge building. Shares were sold with the understanding that no share could be sold to anyone except a Mason.

Shareholders were J.H. Waldripe, $50; J.G. Hicks, $25; G.W. Angel, $25; M.E. Knox, $25; W.E. Sorrells, $25; J.P. Graham, $25; J.T. Ellard, $25; J.P. Graham, $25; R.L. Burnette, $25; L. Beasley, $25; D. Halcomb, $25; and other donations.

The lodge was constructed of a box and drop siding, with lodge on the top side. A grocery store was on the lower for many years, rented from the lodge.

In 1950, Highway 350 and Farm Road 1606 were constructed, causing the lodge to be moved. A new lodge was constructed on the east side of the highway, south of the crossroads.

The new lodge was constructed of cinder blocks with a tar and gravel roof. After many years of roof problems, a new roof of metal was built in 1986. The lodge was remodeled with carpet, blown ceilings, ceiling fans and refrigerated air. The interior and exterior were painted.

In 1928, Ira erected a new school and the corner stone was laid and leveled by the Grand Lodge of Texas. The school was destroyed in 1942, and the marble cornerstone is currently stored in Ira Lodge.

Present officers of Ira Lodge No. 934, A.F. & A.M. are W.M. Tommy Early, S.W. Bobby Nolan, J.W. Billy Boone, treasurer Corky Kruse, secretary Leland McCarty, S.D. Joe Brown, J.D. Don Keller, S.S. Joe Hall, J.S. Keith Clements, tiller Douglas White.

Early day memories

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grade in school.

Exa was born on Feb. 25, 1898, to W.E. and Amanda Sorrells. She was one of five girls and five boys.

She married Edgar Elza (Ed) Grant on Nov. 23, 1920, in Snyder.

Exa and her husband lived in the Sharon Community west of Ira and Doris started to school in Ira in September of 1929. In January of 1930, the family moved west of Snyder. The Grants have lived in Scurry County all of their lives. They bought a place southwest of Ira in 1954 and lived there until 1961.

Exa continued to live in Ira until September of 1990 when ill health forced her to move into Cogdell's longterm care unit.

Exa's four children are Mrs. J.L. (Doris) Byars of Ira, Elza Grant of Lake Thomas, Dale Grant of Grandview and Don Grant of Snyder.

Exa's grandchildren, children of Doris and her husband, all attended and graduated from Ira School.

They include Kay Dungan of Plano, Linda Sullivan of Springtown, Jean Morris of Ballinger, Connie Hash of Plano and Jimmy Byars of Fort Worth.

Pat Falls remembers

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Students, teachers and staffers had to wade through slush to get to the school.

North had 18 rooms and housed some 800 students. Pat said he was proud of the new building, so much so, that he finally had to outlaw chewing gum because students were leaving it everywhere.

The next day, Pat said he saw a first grader walking towards him chewing gum. Before Pat had time to say anything, the boy said, "Nobody told me and I wasn't here yesterday."

That really broke the new principal up, so Pat said he made a hasty retreat so he could laugh without the other students seeing him.

Pat also related this funny story. While attending a funeral at Ira he saw one of his North primary grade students, a new boy who had just moved to this area.

A few days later, Pat ran into the boy and his mother at a store and when he asked him why he went to the Ira man's funeral, he answered, "Because he died."

Later, the mother explained that they had known the family before either had moved to Scurry County.

Pat remained at North for seven years before being named curriculum director, a position he held for two years. He was Stanfield's principal for five years and assistant superintendent for 11 years.

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When Grace Bryant moved to the Ira community in 1922 with her family they started attending Ira United Methodist Church in an old building on the site of the present building.

She joined the church in the summer of 1924 during a revival under the tabernacle located where the Ira Community Center is now. This tabernacle was used by all the community churches for summer revival meetings.

Bryant recently said, "The first building, to my knowledge, was located one mile west of Ira near the cemetery. The first pastor that the church has a record of is Willie Harris who served in 1896-97."

She said the church building was torn down in 1930 and a new church was built. Most of the work was done by volunteers from the church.

"We were served by a minister who served Dunn and Buford also. We had Sunday School every Sunday but only had preaching services on the fourth Sunday and Sunday night of each month. The preacher preached twice each month at Dunn and once each month at Buford," she said.

On Feb. 11, 1943, the church burned and the records were destroyed. The present building was bought and moved to the present site.

Beginning in 1959, the church shared a minister with Camp Spring until 1965. Then they shared a minister with Union until June of this year.

The church is now being served independently by Monte Wike.

Bryant said, "We have had a lot of good ministers over the years, too numerous to list them all."

Ira United Methodist Church

Ira and Bluff Creek...

Two cemeteries date to turn of century

Two cemeteries serve the Ira community — Ira Cemetery and Bluff Creek Cemetery.

Ira Cemetery

Burials in Ira Cemetery date to the beginning of the century. Members of the Scurry County Genealogical Society surveyed the cemetery when gathering data for their book, *Scurry County, Texas Rural Cemeteries*, but not all dates were readable. They also discovered some graves which had no dates.

Some of the following information was culled from the minutes of meetings of the Ira Cemetery Association from 1942-1949.

The first person to be buried in Ira Cemetery was a baby girl, one of a set of twins. She was buried in late 1899 or early 1900. Her family moved to Fisher County where the other twin also died. The second twin was then brought back to Ira to be buried in the cemetery. Because they arrived late in the evening and the grave was already dug, her funeral service was held at night so the grave could be closed.

Mrs. W.W. Lloyd was the 500th person to be buried in Ira Cemetery. She was buried in May of 1949.

As of August of 1988, there were 695 marked and named graves, and 156 graves that were marked but not named or that were not readable, for a total of 851 graves.

The upkeep of the cemetery is the primary responsibility of the Ira Cemetery Association which was organized on Oct. 10, 1942. The meeting was held in the school gymnasium and the following officers were elected: Cub Murphy, president; M.L. Wilson, treasurer; Mrs. M.L. Wilson, secretary; Rufe Sterling, Paul Davis and D.L. Nipp, directors.

Davis and Nipp were put in charge of collecting money for the cemetery's upkeep. They initially collected $229 with $341.50 in additional pledges.

The officers were to accept bids from anyone interested in the job of upkeeper of the cemetery, if they could agree on how the cemetery should be kept. If they did not collect enough money to pay a year's salary, all monies collected were to be returned to the givers.

The job went to M.L. Lloyd, who had the lowest bid — $57.50 per month. He quit on Jan. 27, 1943, and was replaced by G.H. Bishop, whose salary was raised to $65 per month on May 4, 1943. On Feb. 1, 1944, Bishop's salary was increased to $75 per month. A $7 raise per month was approved on May 4, 1943.

Total cemetery expenses for one year, ending Nov. 2, 1943, were $622.63.

In January of 1944, the Ira Cemetery Association decided to plant trees in the cemetery. That same year, members voted to sell a windmill and tower at the cemetery to D.E. Holdren for $75.

On May 5, 1945, the association decided to sell the tabernacle located across the road from the cemetery. R.L. Grimmitt paid $125 for it.

By May 3, 1947, Bishop had quit as caretaker and Fred Price was hired at $75 per month.

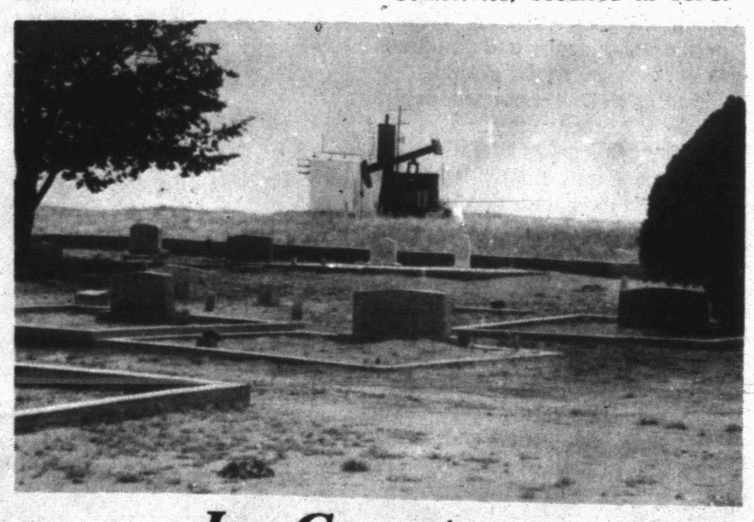
Current members of the Ira Cemetery Association include Leon Huddleston, president; Darla Huddleston, secretary-treasurer; and Doug White, Carl Smith, Jean Sterling, Linda Dunn and Lena Clark.

Bluff Creek Cemetery

Bluff Creek is located about four miles west of Ira. According to the Scurry County Genealogical Society records, five graves have been identified. The earliest recorded burial according to their book, *Scurry County, Texas Rural Cemeteries*, occurred in 1898.

GRADUATION — Singing was a popular custom at Ira School graduation classes in the 1950s. (Contributed Photo)

SENIOR TRIP — During the mid 1905s, this group of Ira senior enjoyed a trip to Colorado. (Contributed Photo)



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First Baptist Church in Ira dates to 1903

(Editor's Note: The following information was provided by Verline Calley, with updates by Eugenia Grizzle.)

Ira's First Baptist Church dates to 1903 when a few Christians "felt the need to come together to worship." They met in a one-room building south of Ira on the Stinson place.

By 1906, they organized a church. Construction begun on a building at the present location was completed in 1907, with Rev. A.D. Leach as pastor.

Uncle John Taylor donated the land. No other records of pastors are available until 1916 when Rev. J.O. Heath was pastor.

The congregation worshipped in this building until 1918 when it was damaged by a strong wind. The church was torn down, leaving members with no place to worship.

The Presbyterian Church, which was located west of the present Methodist Church, allowed members to worship with them. The Presbyterian and the Baptist pastors alternated their Sunday preaching.

Rev. S.C. Shipley served as pastor from 1918 to 1919. Rev. J.W. McGaha lived in the Canyon community and pastored the church from 1919-1920. Rev. Bob Smith was pastor from 1920-1921.

First Baptist members worshipped with the Presbyterians until 1922 when a little white church was built where the present auditorium now stands.

Rev. A.D. Leach of Colorado City was again called as pastor from 1921-1923. Rev. C.A. Jones from Post was called from year to year as pastor until 1933. During that time the church went half-time.

In 1930, the men of the church and others in the community started digging a basement, which when finished would be the beginning of Ira Baptist Church as it stands today. When the basement was finished, the building where meetings were held was sold and moved west of Ira for a dwelling. Rev. Cal McGahey of Snyder was pastor from 1933-1934.

Rev. R.R. Cumbie of Abilene served as pastor from 1934-1936. Rev. R.E. Bratton from the Canyon community was called as pastor from 1936-1938. Rev. W.A. Strickland was pastor from 1938-1940. He was also pastor of Dunn Baptist Church and lived in Dunn. Rev. S.B. Hughes served the church from 1940-1942. Rev. O.D. Welch was a teacher in Ira Public School during his pastorate there in 1942-1944.

In 1944, Rev. C.D. McEntire was called and served the church until 1946, commuting from Abilene on weekends. Then came Rev. Walter Smith from 1946-1948. He lived across the river at Fairview. The auditorium was finished over the basement at this time.

Rev. Alfred Altum of Abilene was called as pastor the church from 1948-1950. At this time, he joined the Armed Forces.

Rev. C.J. Smith was called from 1950-1954. During the time, the church voted to go full-time with Rev. Smith preaching every Sunday. The Smiths served as missionaries to the Indians in Oklahoma for many years. They retired and moved back to Snyder in 1974.

Rev. R.L. Johnson served as pastor from 1954-1956. Rev. Lane Bond was called in 1956 and wanting to further his education, he stayed with the church only one year. During this time the parsonage was built.

Rev. Norman Wood was called in 1957 and he stayed one year as he wanted to attend the seminary. The Woods served as missionaries in Zambia for many years and then started a new work on Mauritius Island in the Indian Ocean where they are still serving.

Rev. T.L. Nipp was called in 1958 and served the church for two years, at which time he retired from active ministry and is now deceased. Rev. J. Roy Haynes was called in 1960 and served until 1965.

Rev. Jim Hill was called in 1965 and served until 1968, when he was appointed by the Home Mission Board to serve as missionary to the River Ministry on the border between Texas and Mexico.

Dr. Guy Greenfield of Abilene was called as interim pastor in February 1968. During this time, the plans were approved and finalized for the building of a new sanctuary.

Later, in May 1968, the church planned several activities, beginning with Sunday morning services and continuing with dinner on the grounds and a groundbreaking ceremony.

In July 1968, Rev. O.L. Gober of Carlsbad, N.M., accepted a call as pastor. Two months later, the new auditorium was completed and the church was dedicated on Sept. 29, 1968.

The total cost of the building was $32,000. The amount of the note at the beginning of the building program was $19,400 to be paid in 15 years at seven percent interest. Terms were $174.38 a month. The first payment was made Dec. 1, 1968, and the final payment was made five years and three months later on Jan. 6, 1974.

The deacons during planning and building of the present structure were Leon Sterling, Jesse Grizzle, Jim Stirling, Linden Soloman, George Owen, Hoyle Cary, Joe Falls, W.O. Davis, John Corbin, Grady Suitor and Edgar Eades.

The elected trustees were Clitus Addison, Corky Kruse, Joe Falls, Billy Calley and Weldon Wiggins. Those who served on the building committee were John Corbin, Clitus Addison, Billy Calley, Weldon Wiggins, Floyd House, Leon Sterling, Jesse Grizzle, Alton Sumruld, Billie Jean Sterling, Leona Wiggins and Donna Kruse.

During the next five years, Ira Baptist Church began to improve the appearance of the old building. The old auditorium was partitioned into a youth department, a library, a pastor's study and several Sunday School rooms. Carpet was installed in the study, library and nursery. Later, a new rest room was added to the nursery and it was refurbished.

To improve the effectiveness of the worship services, the church bought new song books and an organ. During the next five years there were 101 additions to the church, 39 of those by baptisms.

Rev. O.L. Gober left in 1975 and Rev. Jim Moseley was called as pastor. He served until 1978.

Rev. Charles Bridges was pastor from 1978-1979. Rev. Joe Rigsby served from 1979-1980. Rev. Mike Brown was pastor from 1980 until 1985. Under his direction, the church developed a good music program and was able to perform several cantatas for Christmas and Easter programs.

In 1984, a tornado hit the church one Sunday night during church services. Windows were blown out on the west side of the auditorium and had to be replaced. The storm also took off about one fourth of the roof of the old building, mostly over the pastor's study. Many books, cassettes and the pastor's personal belongings were ruined.

A new roof replaced the damaged section and new carpet was installed in the auditorium, pastor's study and rooms in the basement.

Rev. Mark McMillan served as pastor from 1985-1989. In 1988, the church built a new fellowship hall, kitchen and two new restrooms. A Sunday School room was also built above the kitchen.

Today, it is known as the "Upper Room," and is used by the young married couples class. Storage space at the church was also increased.

Rev. Don Auten was pastor from 1989-1992. In 1992, the parking lot in front of the church and parsonage as well as behind the fellowship hall were all paved.

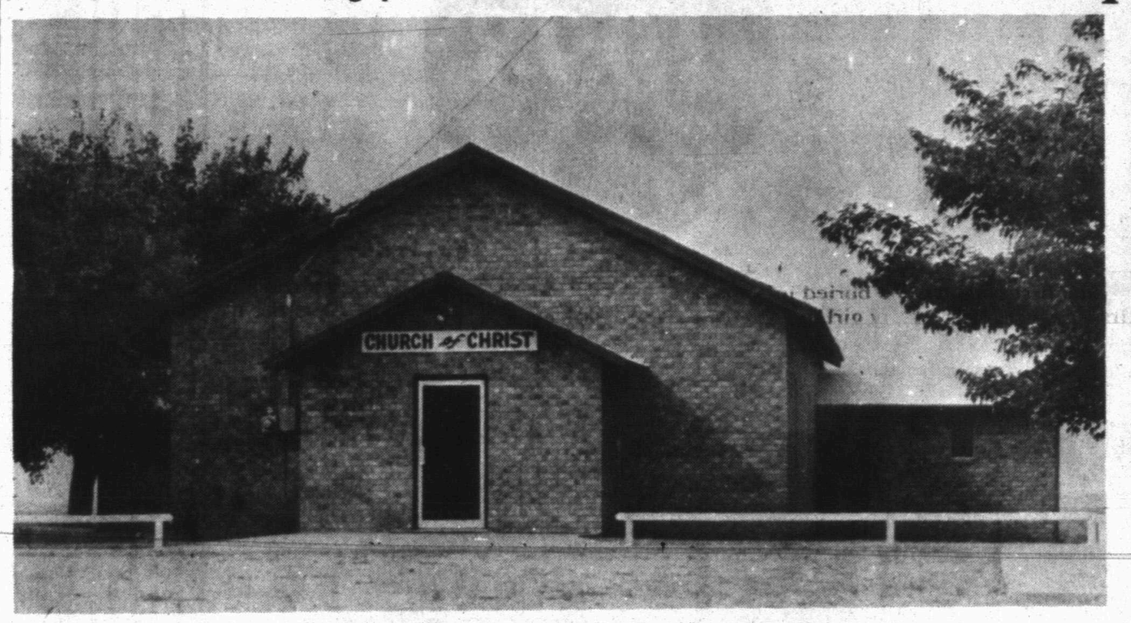
In 1992, the church called Rev. Steve Long.

Members reorganized the Vacation Bible School program in 1992 and this year. More people are now involved, including men. Since switching to night classes, more members have been able to participate.

In 1993, a new lighted sign was bought and installed i front of the church.

Present deacons include Billy Calley, Leon Sterling, Joe Falls, Lloyd Wemken, J.J. Hall, Hubert Clements and Darryl Calley.

Ira First Baptist Church



Church of Christ

Ira Church of Christ members first gathered in late 1800s

Ira Church of Christ first met in the late 1800s, 3½ miles northwest of Ira in the D.J. Fairley home, according to Doris Byars, who compiled a history of the church for the school's centennial celebration.

Fairley was a Church of Christ preacher who came to Scurry County in 1897. His daughter, Lois, and her husband, Joe Thompson, later owned the farm. They attended the church all of their lives.

Lois and Joe's daughter, Shirley, and her husband, Jimmie Dove, now own the farm and attend the church as does their son, Joe Jr., and his wife, Jean.

According to Byars, the church later met in a school house near Bluff Creek Cemetery. The first building was built across the road west of Ira Cemetery and was called Centerview Church of Christ in the early 1900s.

"My father, Ed Grant, and my mother, Exa Sorrells Grant, attended church here and were both baptized in Bull Creek. Many of the early baptisms were in Bull Creek, Bluff Creek, stock tanks or horse troughs," Byars said.

"My mother, who is 95½ years old and a patient in Cogdell's Long Term Care floor, says she remembers the last funeral held at Centerview Church was for uncle Joe Murphy," Byars said.

The church building was moved to its present site in Ira, across from the school, about 1920. For heat in the winter, a large potbellied stove sat in the middle aisle with a stove pipe running through the roof.

"As a child, I remember attending church with my grandmother, Mrs. W. E. (Amanda) Sorrells, when we would visit on Sunday. In winter, if we sat too near the stove, we would 'roast' and if we sat near the windows, the cold wind blowing through the cracks, would freeze us," recalled Byars.

During the summer, doors and windows were left open and church goers had to fight off the bugs and flies with cardboard fans provided by local merchants, she added.

"Gas was later used for heat and I remember the pretty, decorative cover placed over the hole in the ceiling where the stove pipe had been," Byars said.

In later years, classrooms and bathrooms were added along with paneling, ceiling tile and carpet. Pews from the old 25th Street Church of Christ in Snyder, located where Gentle Dove Ministries is now, were redone, the outside was bricked and central heat and air was installed.

The 90-year-old building serves the congregation well today, Byars said.

Surnames of some of the families who attended Ira Church of Christ include Fairley, Brice, Jordan, Franks, Sterling, Davis, Lewis, Payne, Sorrells, Hailey, Moore, White, Lillie, Burney, Hawkins, Dunn, Huddleston, Dove, Watson and Warren.

Some of the preachers who have held summer revivals or have been ministers for Ira Church of Christ include D.J. Fairley, Tom Hailey, Abe Lincoln, Harry Tansil, Tex Williams, Pat Abernato, O.D. Dial, Kenneth Dye, Cline Paden, Max Curry, Max Boren, Coy Day, Veril Vick, J.L. Neisbett, Tommy Boule, Homer Anderson, Bill Brown, Bill Watson, Byron Taylor and Darnell Boyd.

Others included Ronnie Hitchcock, Marlin McWilliams, Bill Pursley, Glenn Chapman, Terry Brown, Larry Rector, Rick Marrs, Harry Colter, Marvin Bryant, Dave Blane, Randy Couchman, Sherrill Bond, Weston Walker, Vernon Duggar, Paul Smith, Greg Studebaker, Terry Baize, Richard Jordan, Rick Cobb and a Mr. Moore.

"Since my husband, J.T., and I moved back to Ira in 1945, most of the church's preachers have come from Sunset School of Preaching in Lubbock or have been students from Abilene Christian University.

"Most have preached their first sermon for us. Many have gone on to do great works. Three are now chaplains in the Armed Forces, one is a professor at Pepperdine College, one was a minister of a large church in Australia for several years and several now are doing mission work in other countries," Byars said.

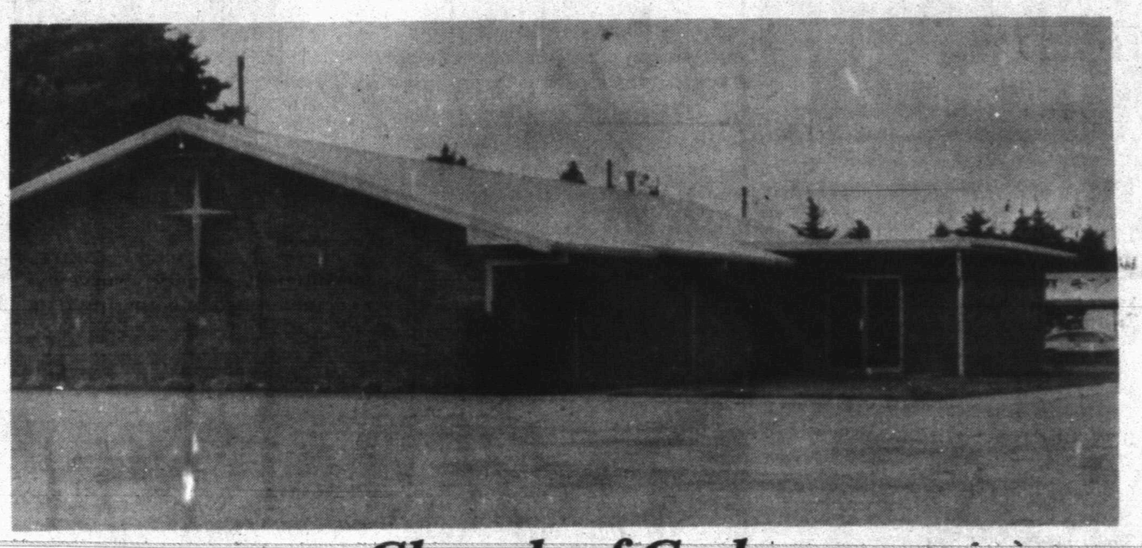
The present minister is Rick Cobb from Abilene and the elders are Jimmie Dove and Leon Huddleston.

Ira Honor Roll

J.L. & Doris Byars

"Proud to be a part of Ira Community for 48 Years."

Children Kay, Linda, Jean, Connie & Jimmy all completed 12 years in Ira School.



Church of God

Ira Church of God history dates back to early 1900s

(Editor's Note: The following information was provided by Susie White.)

Ira Church of God was founded in the early 1900s.

In the year 1919, John and Kitty Smallwood moved to Snyder from Hartsville, Ala. About a year later, they moved to the town of Ira. John Smallwood was a Baptist by faith and Kitty Smallwood a Methodist.

Before moving to Texas, they had attended a Church of God and heard T.M. Riggle preach. They then subscribed for the Gospel Trumpet, now known as Vital Christianity.

After the community church was abandoned, Smallwood and two of his close friends, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Webb, got a preacher to come and hold a meeting in Ira. The three couples sent train fare to a preacher in Mississippi and he and his wife came to Ira without the promise of any amount of money.

The preacher — Rev. G.B. Walters — was chosen from the Gospel Trumpet. After this, he decided to move to Ira and start a church. As Rev. Walters had no place to live, he and his wife lived with the Smallwoods, who had a large house. At that time, there were five children at home, and the preacher and his wife.

In 1924, a lot was bought from Florence Carpenter, and Smallwood, Webb and Moore began to build the Ira Church of God. There were several donations made by the citizens of the county. After the church was completed in 1925, Smallwood donated a new piano.

After a period of time, Rev. Walters decided he would spread the gospel further. The Walters had sons living in Big Spring. He began going to Big Spring to preach. When his work in Big Spring began to progress he and his wife moved from the Smallwood home. Walters was still the pastor at Ira one Sunday a month.

In 1928, Rev. Walters became pastor at Big Spring full-time and Rev. Claude Johnson came to Ira as pastor. He was pastor until 1929. In 1929, Rev. H.M. Coker became pastor and stayed until 1931. Rev. Hancock came from Cisco to be pastor in 1932 and stayed until 1934.

In 1934, Rev. Author came from Big Spring to be pastor for three years. He was followed by J.B. Weir, who stayed until 1940.

In 1940, there was no pastor, so anyone who was available would preach once a month. There were times during this year that pastors would apply for the position. At different times, Smallwood would do the preaching.

In 1941, Rev. R.E. Bowden came from Big Spring once a month to preach. This continued until 1946.

In 1947, R. E. Smith came from Arkansas and became pastor. This same year a small parsonage was built by the congregation.

In 1950, Rev. Williams pastored for one year. Andy L. Carpenter came from Arkansas to pastor the church in 1951. At this time another bedroom was built onto the parsonage. Rev. Carpenter stayed until 1952.

In 1952, John G. Allen came from Dallas and was pastor until 1954. A.W. Conn followed in 1955.

In 1957, Rev. Billie Sanders became pastor. He lived in Sweetwater. Every Sunday morning, Sunday night and Wednesday night Rev. Sanders drove to Ira to hold services. He continued to be pastor until 1961.

In 1962, Rev. Heblin became pastor.

In 1963, Wesley R. Hutchings drove each Sunday morning, Sunday night and Wednesday nights from Big Spring to hold services. He stayed until 1966.

No pastor served the church during the year 1967. Substitute preaching was obtained whenever possible.

In 1968, Rev. Barber drove from Big Spring each Sunday and Wednesday to be pastor. He continued until 1970.

In 1970, Rev. Jeff C. Germany came from Kansas to be pastor. He was pastor until 1974. During this time, the parsonage was sold and Rev. Germany lived in a two-bedroom mobile home. In 1972, a new church building was constructed.

In 1974, June Middlebrooks accepted the pastor's job, serving until 1980. In 1976, a new annex was built and in 1978 a new three bedroom parsonage was built.

In 1980, Ronnie Dean became pastor, serving until 1982. June Middlebrooks served again from 1982-1984. Robert White replaced her, serving until 1988.

The present pastor, C.E. Cox, has served the church since 1988.

The church has also built a new basketball court for the youth.

Ira Honor Roll

Jeremy Helm

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Past and Present

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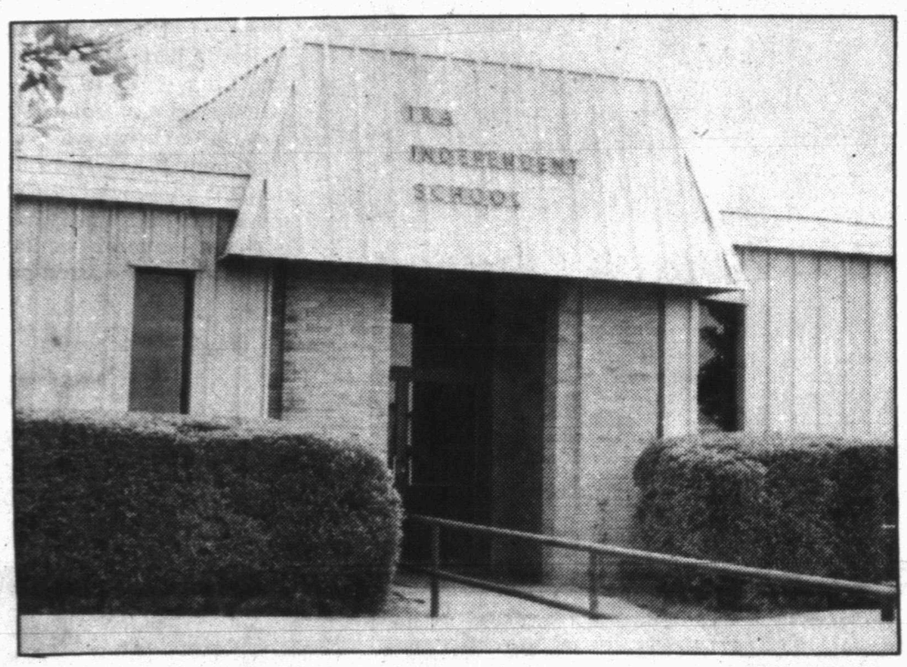
Ira School About 1909 or 1910



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