

# The Way It Was - Regency Suspension Bridge

## Part II

During the construction of the new bridge, the people of Mills County were much fascinated by the methods used and kept a close watch over the progress from day to day. A Mr. Phillips, worker on the project, fell during work on the bridge and his back was broken. A tape recording was made in June, 1975, of an interview with one of the men on the construction job at the time it was completed in 1939. This man is B. Moore, 941 South Main Street, Abilene, Texas. Mr. Moore was a construction worker on the bridge. He was just out of high school and started work at thirty cents per hour. Some of the carpenters drew one dollar per day, and the carpenters were fifty cents per hour. One of his co-workers was a Mr. Johnson from Weatherford, Texas, who did the cable splicing. They only had a gasoline powered concrete mixer, a drag line and crane, and hand tools to work with. Only forty per cent of the work was done by hand labor. There were twelve men who worked on the job.

This suspension bridge saved the farmers and ranchers in the southwestern section of Mills County and the northern part of San Saba County along the Colorado River.

The construction of the bridge was financed by Mills County and San Saba Counties from monies from each Commissioners Court. The cost to Mills County was \$5,000 and to San Saba County \$10,000. Ann Murray, a daughter of the above mentioned Mr. Hickman, and age 11 at the time, remembers that a heavy piece of equipment was leased for a high price to determine the weight capacity of the bridge. Ann says only a few miles from the bridge site today and she and her mother have furnished much of the information for the story.

The bridge is still in use today, but when Farm Road 45 from Richland Springs to Brownwood was built in the 50's, with a modern and substantial bridge over the Colorado River, most of the traffic started using this route. Even though the distance might be longer by the paved road, it is more desirable, and the bridge's weight capacity is such that heavy loads of products and stock are carried by large trucks and trailers.

Brothers Ben and Henry operated a mercantile grocery store at Regency (1957) and furnished many of the needs of San Saba County as well as Mills County residents. When the flood came and water rose to the roof of the store building and the water to the owners was quite deep. They felt that since they were getting older and after witnessing the flood and that they would not replenish the stock to such a degree as in the past. This motivated much of the day-to-day purchases with the Regency business location, thus decreased the travel for the suspension bridge.

During World War II the heavier area of Camp Bowie, located at Brownwood, reached to Regency. There was a pay bus service which operated from Brownwood to Regency and many residents of the area, as well as many servicemen, commuted by this service. The bus was always up to capacity and usually the standing room was full.

At the present time ranchers and farmers have operations on both sides of the river, and through the years in World War II years unknown, Mills County area residents who are teachers in San Saba and McCullough County school systems have used this bridge as a means of travel. Also, livestock factors and individuals who work at factories in Mills and Brown Counties use the bridge in the present time.

The Colorado River area is densely settled now, with old timers having passed on and new operators having purchased the land. Even though the population decreased in the area, the people learned other farming methods with machinery taking the place of oxen and thus an increase

of farm products. Through better grassland management the ranchers could graze more head of livestock per acre. Thus there was an increase of the use of the bridge in the late 40's and early 50's until farm-to-market roads were built. Large crops of peanuts in both counties increased the travel over the road as there were peanut marketing centers in Richland Springs, Comanche, and Brady. On the other hand, as the operators increased the size of their trucks and trailers for hauling products and livestock, the weight capacity of the bridge altered its use.

Since the construction of the bridge in 1939, it has served local residents with a minimum amount of maintenance, and it remains sound and should continue to serve its surrounding area. It has been checked and kept in tip top condition by the county commissioners who serve this precinct. After World War II, Camp Bowie was declared an open range for a period of time for grazing livestock. There was so much travel over this bridge during this period that the floor had to be replaced. This project was completed September 21, 1944.

The San Saba County part of the road was well maintained until Farm Road No. 500 was built to connect Farm Road No. 45 with State Highway No. 16. After that time it was inconvenient for the commissioner to carry the maintenance so far to keep the small portion of dirt road, approximately one mile, and for that reason it is still kept. In Mills County all roads in the bridge area are unpaved and are well maintained to the bridge by Mills County No. 4. Mr. Hawley Jernigan, brother of the boy who was killed, is serving as its commissioner at the present time.

During World War II, Camp Bowie was only about five miles from the bridge area. The people were not permitted to pass through Camp Bowie except at certain locations, and this cut the residents of the Regency area off. It made it imperative for Mills County residents to use the suspension bridge to get to San Saba for marketing their products or for other reasons. During this time, boys who were stationed at Camp Bowie came to the Regency store. They also went across the river by way of the bridge into the Locker and Spring Creek communities. Families of the Locker community often extended hospitality to these boys, thus the bridge was a weekend meeting place for the young people of both counties. They visited, took pictures with their Kodaks, sang, played musical instruments, and often danced on the bridge. Many names are carved on the whereabouts of that area. For about a three year period, this was a special location to young people as there was no place to go, and to this day it is recalled with many fond memories.

A Mr. Charles Higgins and his wife from Louisiana, who came to Mills County in the 60's and purchased a farm from Mr. Henry Egger, has now retired here. He said, "I liked the hospitality of the people of the Regency area, and thought of how well I was treated while stationed at Camp Bowie. I wanted to retire in this vicinity."

On a recent visit to the Regency area it was noted that carved in the huge boulders at the south end of the bridge, on the San Saba County side, were several deep, smooth holes which the Indians used to grind their corn and to cook their meals. The old store building still stands at Regency, even though it is boarded up and not in use. It was also noted that several new fishing cabins had been built along the banks of the river, and one landowner is dividing his riverfront property into one acre plots to be sold for recreational purposes. This property reaches up to the suspension bridge. The Mills County Historical Commission has succeeded in having this Regency Suspension Bridge declared a "Recorded Historical Landmark" for the reason it appears that very few structures of this type are in existence and it is a rarity in later 20th Century Texas.

# The Goldthwaite Eagle

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## Swearing-In Ceremonies

Swearing-in ceremonies for a number of County officials were held Monday, January 3, in the Mills County Commissioners Court Room.

Pictured left to right are,

County Judge Herbert Faulkner, William Glenn Crawford, newly appointed commissioner of Precinct 3; Burthal Roberts, Commissioner of Precinct 1; Ray Lindsey, re-

tiring Commissioner of Precinct 3; Hawley Jernigan, Commissioner of Precinct 4; and Lewis Watson, Commissioner of Precinct 2.

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## Crawford Takes Oath

William Glenn Crawford (right) takes the oath of office as new commissioner of Precinct 3 from Judge Her-

bert Faulkner during swearing-in ceremonies held Monday, January 3, 1977.

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## County Ranchers Presented Trapper Program Report

A large group of Mills County ranchers were on hand Tuesday night to hear a report from the trapper program being conducted here.

Government trappers Hammond Humphries and Dayton House, along with County Extension Agent Danny Long, presented the program.

## Dr. Raley Resigns As County Health Officer

The Mills County Commissioners Court regretfully accepted the resignation of County Health Officer Dr. R. Glynn Raley. The following letter was submitted to the Court by Dr. Raley:

Dear Sirs:

It is with deep regret that after serving for more than twenty years in the office I tender to you my resignation as Mills County Health Officer effective this date. This

is being done for health reasons. Most of you know that I have been advised by my heart surgeon and cardiologist to not think of doing any practice for a year, which will be 8 months more, and it is doubtful if I will ever be able to resume a full practice.

My thanks for the trust you have placed in me over the years, and my regrets on being unable to serve longer in this office.

Yours truly,  
R. Glynn Raley, D.O.

## Dove & Quail Fest Barbecue January 8th

The Priddy School Boosters have announced that a barbecue, in conjunction with the big Dove and Quail Fest, will be held Saturday, January 8 at the Priddy School.

The public is invited, and anyone planning to attend is asked to call one of the Priddy stores and give the number in your party, so an adequate amount of meat can be prepared.

R. C. "Speedy" Tiemann, co-chairman of the event, said Tuesday that he expected nearly 100 hunters to take advantage of the activities planned for the weekend.

Proceeds of the affair will benefit the Priddy Schools. Time of the barbecue is from 6 to 8 p.m.

## 39th Annual Livestock Show Slated January 14 & 15

Mills County's 39th Annual Livestock Show will be held here Friday and Saturday, Jan. 14 and 15, at the Mills County

Show Barns. Plans have been completed and the show will be ready for opening Friday morning according to announcement by Elton Bufe, president of the Mills County Livestock Raisers Association.

## Swearing-In Ceremonies Conducted

All livestock must be in the show barns by 8:30 a.m. January 14 and remain until 4:30 p.m. January 15.

Official program for the two day show is as follows: Friday, January 14 9:30 a.m. - Official opening of show and introduction 9:30 a.m. - Hog judging 1:00 p.m. - Breeder sheep judging

Goat Judging - Immediately after sheep judging Rabbit Judging - Immediately after goat judging Poultry Judging - Immediately after rabbit judging

Saturday, January 15 9:30 a.m. - Market lambs 1:00 p.m. - Champion market lambs 1:30 p.m. - Junior breeding cattle 2:00 p.m. - Breeding cattle 2:00 p.m. - Market steers 6:30 p.m. - Sale of livestock

Crossbred breeding cattle will be shown in a separate class. Also, according to show officials, the horse show will be held in the afternoon. Officers for this year's show are Elton Bufe, president; Thurman Head, vice-

president; Steve Patrick, treasurer; Ronnie Davis, asst. treasurer; Jack Edington, secretary; and Charles Studer, assistant secretary.

Superintendents of the show are as follows:

James Burrus, horse supt.; Glen Love, asst. horse supt.; A. R. Whisenhunt, hog supt.; M. V. Horton, Jr., asst. hog supt.; Roger Sanders, sheep supt.; Joe Benningfield, asst. sheep supt.; Bill Bishop, goat supt.; David Watters, asst. goat supt.; Davis Owens, asst. cattle supt.; Milton Meier, asst. cattle supt.; Herman Johnson, poultry supt.; Ronnie Davis, asst. poultry supt.

Malcolm Jernigan will serve as auctioneer and W. T. "Buddy" Rountree will be the assistant auctioneer. Show veterinarian is Mike Hoover.

R. L. Steen is chairman of the general arrangements committee.

Other committees are Frank Bridges, publicity, and Danny Long, ribbons. The FHA girls and 4-H Club members of Mills County will have their food and clothing exhibits at the exhibition rooms in connection with the Mills County Livestock Show Friday and Saturday.

The three divisions consist of food, clothing and crafts. Also, an adult crafts and canned goods division will be included in the show.

## Commissioners Court Tentative Agenda

County Judge Herbert Faulkner has issued the following tentative agenda for the regular semi-monthly meeting of the Mills County Commissioners Court to be held Monday, January 10, 1977. The meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Court Room.

1. Approval of Minutes of Regular Session held on December 13, 1976
2. Approval of Bills
3. Approval of County Treasurers' Quarterly Report

4. Court to appoint County Historical Survey Commission
5. Approval of Budget for County Agents
6. Court to advertise for Bids for County Depository
7. Court to appoint County Health Officer
8. Discussion of salary increase for County Employees
9. Discussion on Court Appointing Salary Grievance Committee
10. County Judges' Report to the Court



## Ables With Deer Kill

Wayne Ables of Goldthwaite proudly displays the ten-point buck he bagged recently on the Cox Ranch near Mertzon, Texas. The buck had a spread of 22½ inches.

Deer season in the state closed this past weekend.

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PARADE **TUNA** 6 1/2 OZ **49¢**

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**SPAGHETTI** AMERICAN BEAUTY LONG 10 OZ **37¢**

HUNTS PRIMA SALSA **SAUCE** SPAGHETTI **33¢**

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**CRISCO** 3# Can **\$1.39**  
**PINTO BEANS** Arrow 2# Bag **39¢**  
**SALAD DRESSING** 3 Ring Qt Jar **49¢**  
**TOMATO SAUCE** Hunts 8 Oz Can **6/\$1**

GLADIOLA **FLOUR** 10 LB BAG **\$1.59**  
 ARGO **SWEET PEAS** 303 CAN **4/\$1**  
**FRUIT COCKTAIL** HUNTS 300 CAN **3/\$1**  
**CORN** 3 RING CREAM STYLE GOLDEN 303 CAN **4/\$1**

HUNTS **TOMATOES** 303 CAN **3/\$1**  
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 RANCH STYLE **BEANS** 300 CAN **4/\$1**  
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FARMLAND CENTER CUT **PORK CHOPS** LB. **\$1.39** **GRILL DOGS** ARMOUR STAR 1 LB. PKG. **99¢**

FARMLAND WAFER THIN **PORK CHOPS** LB. **\$1.49** **CERVELAT** DECKER TEXAS LB. **99¢**

PARADE HALVES OR SLICED **PEACHES** NO. 2 1/2 CAN **2/\$1**

**BIG BUYS in PRODUCE**

Russet **POTATOES** 15 lbs sack **\$1.29**

**AVOCADOES** Lg Size **4/\$1**

ROME **APPLES** EXTRA FANCY LB. **39¢**

**TOMATO** LARGE SIZE LB. **49¢**

**TANGERINES** CALIFORNIA LB. **39¢**

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## Mills County New Year's Traffic Report

New Year's weekend in Mills County was cold and dry as it was in most parts of the state.

A number of minor accidents occurred over the weekend in the local area - the majority due to the icy, hazardous driving conditions. Ninety-nine percent of the accidents were "fender-benders" and no injuries were reported.

Statistics show that Mills County did not have a single traffic fatality during 1976. The last fatality-free year in Mills County was 1963, according to records kept by Sheriff H. G. Brooks.

## BANK CENTS

By: W.P. Duren, President  
Mills County State Bank

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## Mullin Community News

BY LILLIAN PLUMMER

Recent guests of Mrs. Retta Hinde were her sons and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Darryl Hinde and Laurie of Mesquite and Mr. and Mrs. Don Hinde, Dnette, Keith and Sandra from Maypearl. They also visited with their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cox, and with Mr. and Mrs. Claude Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerney Cooper of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hart of Levelland came by during the New Year holiday to visit with their aunt, Mrs. Ora Wilson.

Visitors with Mrs. Etoile Lee during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Tyson of Beaumont, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Collins of Angleton, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Lee and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Tyson and boys of Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Spinks had the following guests during the holidays: Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Spinks of Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Freddy Ray Spinks and family of San Antonio, Mrs. Jaunelle Davee and son Tony of Ozona, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Cochran and family of Midland, and Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Medart and children of Brownwood.

Guests during the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Rex West were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Allen and children of San Angelo, Johnny and Jana Slaughter of Lake Brownwood, and Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Lemons and Rocky of Bend.

Mrs. Reva Tesson and Le Roy of San Antonio spent several days here visiting her brother, Ross Vaughn, and Mrs. Wynona Booker and son Ross Dwan.

Mrs. Jewell Baskin visited with her sister, Mrs. George Goughly, and Mr. Goughly at Hamilton.

Mrs. Carter Cox of Tye and her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Payne, Beverly and Paula of San Antonio, came by to see me last Friday afternoon.

Guests over the weekend with Mrs. Noble Mosier were Mr. and Mrs. Azell Mosier of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Miss Artie Mosier has returned from a nice visit with her nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Johnson of Decatur.

Mr. Aubrey French spent the holidays with his daughter, Mrs. Melvin Murphy, and Mr. Murphy at San Saba. Aubrey isn't doing well and Wynolee plans to take him to the V. A. Hospital at Temple for a checkup.

Mr. Virgil Carrol has been a patient in the Childress Hospital at Goldthwaite for several days. He is now in a Brownwood nursing home.

Mr. Ernest Kemp is a patient in the Childress Hospital. His sister, Mrs. Pearl Chancellor and her husband Gilbert of Ruidoso, New Mexico, are here visiting with Mr. Kemp.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ray Hohertz and Heath of Early visited Carl Ray's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hohertz, Sunday. Heath stayed over until Monday with his grandparents.

Mrs. Ellen Galloway and Mary Lou and Miss Greta Hines of Goldthwaite visited with Mrs. Callie Pyburn last Friday night.

We have all been enjoying this day of sunshine after all that cold, icy weather. "A bore is a man (or woman) who opens his (her) mouth and puts his (her) feet into it."

## YH'ers Set Program On Child Abuse

The program for the Young Homemakers will be "Child Abuse - It's Real". Anyone interested in this program is welcome to attend.

The meeting will be at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, January 6, at Goldthwaite High School. All members planning to attend the state convention in Fort Worth, please be at this meeting or notify the president or advisor if you plan to go.

The inspiration will be given by Carolyn Tiemann and the door prize will be brought by Pam Ledbetter.



Gene Talbot, Jr., new Minister of Music and Activities at the First Baptist Church, with his wife Pam and son Michael.

## Gene Talbot, Jr. New Music & Activities Minister

Gene H. Talbot, Jr. has accepted the call of First Baptist Church, Goldthwaite, as Minister of Music and Activities. He will begin his duties on January 9, 1977.

Gene Talbot was born on March 6, 1953, in Arlington, Texas. He graduated from high school in 1971 in Arlington. He has attended Howard Payne University, 1971-1972, and the University of Texas at Arlington, 1976, majoring in music. He also served in the Army for two years, spending one year in Seoul, Korea.

Gene was called into the ministry at the age of fourteen in 1967. He has been serving as Minister of Youth at the Parkview Baptist Church in Arlington. He has also served Calvary Baptist Church of May, Texas, and Live Oak Baptist Church of Gatesville, Texas, as Minister of Music and Youth.

Gene is married to the former Pamela Gail Skaggs of May, Texas. They have one son, Michael, who is three years old. They will be living in the Road Runner Mobile Home Park.

## HEARING TESTS ARE IMPORTANT

If you have a hearing problem of any kind you owe it to yourself to have an Electronic Hearing Test made to find why, and what can be done to help you before it is too late. The tests are free and will only take about 20 minutes of your time. We check your ears for packed wax, the tubes that let your ears breathe, then with the machine we check your hearing nerve (bone reading), air conduction (outside sounds), then measure how much sound the ear will take. We can pinpoint your problem and explain in plain English what can be done to help you, then make your own decision. We never try to high-pressure you into buying anything. There are thousands of people today suffering from hard of hearingness (even some who wear hearing aids) just because they waited too late to do something about it . . . don't let this happen to you.

Mr. Joe Treadway will hold his regular Hearing Aid Workshop at the Mauney Motel in Goldthwaite, Monday, Jan. 10, from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. We invite you to come in for your free test. We do repair service on most makes of Aids, and have a full service on cleaning, tubes, batteries for your Aid, and can always save you money. We are licensed by the State of Texas to fit and dispense Hearing Aids.

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## PERSONAL --

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Gibbins of Mesquite visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben L. Graham recently.

During the holidays, the Grahams visited with their children and grandchildren in Dallas, returning home Wednesday.

## Heritage Nursing Home Happenings

During December the residents of Heritage Home were entertained by many organized groups, namely: the Priddy F.H.A. who sang Christmas carols; the usual bus trips were made; the Goldthwaite F.H.A. and the Cub Scouts also sang carols; Brian Oglesby showed interesting films; the Nashville Brass played, as usual; the Goldthwaite Elementary Choir sang; and the Goldthwaite Church of Christ and the East Side Church of Christ of Mullin gave Sunday devotionals.

The Birthday Party was hosted by the Self Culture Club which served refreshments. Music was furnished by Sybil Head and Julian Evans, and all sang Christmas carols. Gifts were presented to the honorees. Those who enjoyed birthdays were Garland Perry, Walker Berry, Herman Schunke, Florance Geeslin and Bertha Rost.

The Klitter Klatter Band gave a delightful hour of music and singing. Mrs. Mosely played the piano. The usual singing by the Resident Choir and Bingo was enjoyed on Friday. The Goldthwaite Methodist Children's Choir and the Church of Christ Children's Choir sang many appropriate carols.

The highlight of the month was the Christmas Party. Santa and his helpers were there delivering fruit, refreshments, and the many packages from a lovely Christmas tree. All the lady residents wore red rose corsages, compliments of the Heritage Home. Music was furnished by the Thurman Heads, Julian Evans, and Mrs. Roberta Michalic who sang. Some three hundred people attended.

We would like to say a sincere thank you to each one of you who was instrumental

in making the month of December a very happy time for all of us here at the Heritage Home.

## CTCC Honor List

The following students have obtained A averages for this six-weeks, ending December 16, at Central Texas Commercial College: Ora Lee McCaig, Carol Wilson and Patty Sutherland.

Also, these students obtained B averages for the same six-weeks: Esther Padilla, Jocile Smith and Sarah Masters.

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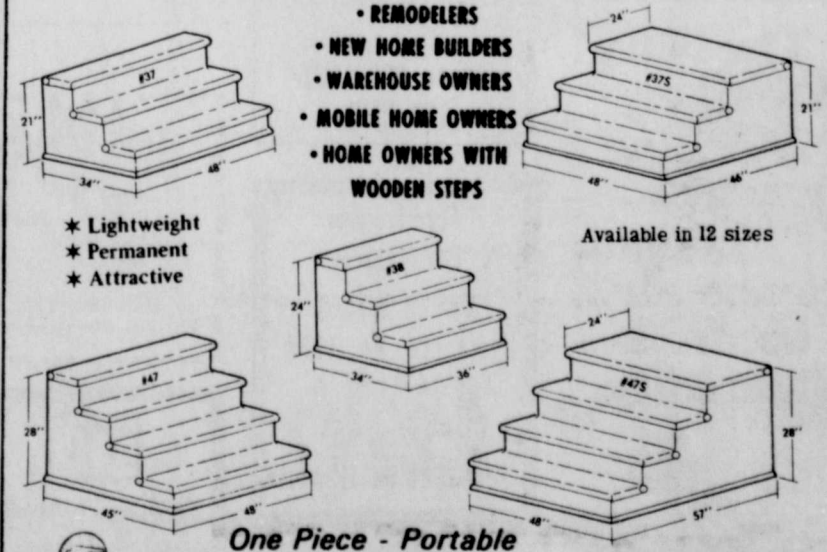
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Cash and Due From Banks	\$ 1,637,866.00
U. S. Treasury Securities	2,395,613.39
Other U. S. Agency Securities	991,518.16
Municipal Securities	5,572,539.04
Federal Funds Sold	2,600,000.00
Certificates of Deposit	1,550,000.00
Loans and Discounts	10,748,730.45
Banking House	68,314.63
Furniture and Fixtures	8,299.59
Other Real Estate	1.00
Interest Earned not Collected	309,559.59
Other Assets	195,405.56
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES</b>	<b>\$26,077,846.41</b>

### LIABILITIES

Deposits	\$22,795,444.17
Capital Stock	300,000.00
Surplus	300,000.00
Undivided Profits	1,918,475.12
Unearned Interest	234,297.25
Reserve For Possible Loan Losses	169,183.53
Reserve For Dividends	15,000.00
Other Reserves	154,946.34
Other Liabilities	190,500.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$26,077,846.41</b>

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### Watters Named Reporter

CLUB OFFICERS - Roy Watters (R), Tarleton State University senior from Goldthwaite, has been elected reporter for the Tarleton Agri-Business Club for the spring semester. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Watters. Other officers are (L to R) Eddie Gibson, McCaulley, Liamentarian; James Davis of Georgetown, vice president and Bradley Cockrum, of Georgetown, president.

### Chappell Hill

By Pearl Crawford

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Whately spent the holiday at home and enjoyed a phone call. They think our rain and ice was a little worse some places.  
Mr. and Mrs. Lou Stahnke entertained their children and grandchildren with a Christmas dinner and tree. Santa was good to all. Their grand-son Clinton Western of Tyler visited them New Year's Day.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Nowell, Mark, Matthew, Mary and Michael of Temple were Christmas visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Nowell.  
We enjoyed a number of hunters around. They didn't get much game - a few rabbits and squirrels.  
Mr. and Mrs. William G. Crawford, Leticia and Leonia were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Crawford.  
Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Ratliff enjoyed a Christmas supper and Christmas tree with the following: Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Ratliff and daughter of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Ratliff and family, Mr. and Mrs. Randall Ratliff and Troy, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Oxford, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Cook, and their aunt, Joyce Faught.  
Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Harris and children of Houston were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Harris.

### The Mills Minister

By Rev. Dan Connally  
First Baptist Church of Goldthwaite

Christianity faces some very serious problems at this moment in her history. It is true that churches have been enjoying unusual growth. However, with the population surge in America we are becoming less Christian and more pagan each year. Even a casual observer cannot help but see that Christianity is in for the fiercest competition it has ever seen. There are many contributing causes that call for major concern.  
Modern society is far more secular minded than ever before. Pleasure has become the measuring stick for most of life. God is not the enemy of legitimate pleasure, but when we make pleasure our chief aim in life it then becomes our god, and is an enemy of the true God. The Bible warns "she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth."  
A still greater danger to Christianity is the threat of communism. This anti-Christ, this false religion, this counterfeit which promises freedom and sells nations into slavery is the dread enemy of Christianity. Historians call it "a perversion of Christianity" and ultimately only one or the other will survive. Communism's danger lies in their plan to subvert our institutions by exploiting the rise of materialism, irreligion, immorality, and lack of faith in our society. This plan of subversion is aided by "liberalism" in our courts and government.  
Coupled with the threat of communism is the fact that our society is rapidly becoming hypnotized by socialism. Christianity makes a strong stand for individual freedom which is in direct contrast to socialism that makes the state all-powerful. In such a society the church will wither and die.  
The Christian is the advocate of the freedom of man to become what he can. This is only possible in a nation of free enterprise. Socialism seeks to force on the nation actions which should be carried out by the individual. Charity for example, she be the willing response of Christian; however, social delegate this work to the state. It is to the advantage of Christianity to keep as much as possible in the hands of the people.  
The increased emphasis of society of materialism thins Christianity likewise, its appeal to one's love of ease and convenience lulls into tolerance. The compell need for possessions and comforts win us away from sacrifice and the cross to convenient religion. Materialism has wooed us away from great Christian virtue, concern. We live our lives ease with our ears stopped to the sounds of need about us. If Christianity cannot man, then it has no reason for existing, and it will die.  
These are but a few of the real threats which Christianity faces in 1977. We survive only if we give ourselves to the application of the teachings of God's Word.

### Regency

By Mrs. Alton Jones

Another year has gone by. I hope '77 will be a good one for everyone. It can be with a bang - was so cold and disagreeable.  
Mr. and Mrs. Clay Phillips and children of Worth spent the holidays with us. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Phillips and Junior of Goldthwaite had supper with us Sunday night. J. D. Phillips of Odessa visited us Friday.  
Ish Tanner and his daughter of Grand Prairie visited us Wednesday night.  
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Egan and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wasseur of Austin visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Egger, over the holidays.  
Jess Whitley of Goldthwaite visited us Sunday afternoon.  
Mr. and Mrs. Cheryl Young of Bangs visited with us Tuesday afternoon.  
Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Rowlett had Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lott at Mullin. Their son, family, Mr. and Mrs. Rowlett of Brownwood, were there for the day.  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Higgins spent Christmas in Bayou Rouge, Louisiana, with the children.  
John Morris of Brownwood visited us Friday.  
Jane Harvey and children and Jimmy Tanner of Brownfield visited with us Monday afternoon.  
Mrs. Hollis Blackwell of Goldthwaite paid us a short visit Tuesday afternoon.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ross Rowlett and children of Brownwood visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Rowlett, several times during the holidays and did some deer hunting.  
Nelson Gadding of San Jose and Edgar Bolinger of Brownwood visited us Friday afternoon.  
Mr. and Mrs. Junior Gadd and children of San Jose visited us one night during the holidays.

### Hospital Report

TUESDAY, DEC. 28  
Admitted - Eva Marie Meyer, Virgil Carroll, Linda Joyce Schuster  
Discharged - Alice Wicker, Baby Boy Wicker  
Transfer - Homer Rowlett  
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 29  
Admitted - Thomas V. Mahan, Mary Elizabeth Norwood  
No Discharges  
THURSDAY, DEC. 30  
Admitted - Ernest G. Kemp, Baby Boy Schuster  
Discharged - Gerald Lipke  
FRIDAY, DEC. 31  
Admitted - David Anderson, Diane Baize, Baby Boy Baize, Ura Bryant  
Discharged - Donald Jackson, Mary Norwood, David Anderson  
SATURDAY, JAN. 1  
Admitted - Ferol A. Neely  
Discharged - Thomas Mahan, Diane Baize and Baby Boy Baize, Virgil Carroll  
SUNDAY, JAN. 2  
Admitted - Betty Jo Greathouse, Charles D. Langford  
Discharged - Linda Schuster  
Transfer - Baby Boy Schuster  
MONDAY, JAN. 3  
Admitted - Florence Reese  
Discharged - Betty Jo Greathouse

### Immunization Clinic Scheduled January 27th

Immunizations against diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, polio, measles, and rubella (German measles) will be given free to children ages two months to school age on Thursday, January 27, 1977, between 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon at the City Park Community Center in San Saba and between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. at the Courthouse in Goldthwaite. Families living in this area are encouraged to bring their children to this free immunization clinic. The vaccine will be made available by the Texas State Dept. of Health Resources, Public Health Region 6. If available, please bring records of previous immunizations so that the medical personnel will be able to determine what vaccines a child will need. Some children previously immunized may need DTP and polio boosters.

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**Letters To  
The Editor**

Dear Editor:

Inclosed is a check for \$8.00 for which please send us the Eagle for another year.

We enjoy every paper, so much and look forward each week for the next one. Wish there was more community news like there was at one time.

"The Way It Was" submitted by Hartal Langford Blackwell and written by so many that we know is most interesting. Many thanks, Hartal.

This Pacific Northwest is just beautiful this time of year (or any other) even though we haven't had very much snow as yet. It's a very productive area, all kinds of fruit and vegetables are produced very heavily. We canned, sold and gave away over a 1,000 lbs. this summer and still have fresh tomatoes from storage in the basement. One thing we don't grow is good old Texas pecans, but we are even enjoying them too as we have been shelling and eating this delicious nut from Mills Co. Love to all our friends in and around Mills Co.

Mrs. W. A. (Jack) Shotwell  
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**Vernon Robello.  
Arrives For Duty  
At Arizona**

Tucson, Ariz. — U. S. Air Force Staff Sergeant Vernon C. Robello, son of Mrs. Norma I. Smiley of Goldthwaite, has arrived for duty at Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.

Sergeant Robello, an electronic-mechanical communications and crypto equipment systems technician with a unit of the Air Force Communications Service, previously served at Anderson AFB, Guam.

The sergeant is a 1965 graduate of North Salinas (Calif.) High School. His father, Clement R. Robello, resides in Seaside, Calif. His wife, Joan, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robison of San Jose, Calif.

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## Terry McLean, Linda Rae Alexander United In Marriage



MR. AND MRS. TERRY MCLEAN

Autumn tones of gold, bronze and green, and the glow of candles, created the setting for the wedding of Miss Linda Rae Alexander and Mr. Terry Lee McLean. The wedding was held Friday, December 3, in the First Presbyterian Church with the Reverend Richard Koeppe officiating. Creating the musical setting were Mr. Larry Zamponi, soloist, and Mrs. Gilbert Neese, organist.

Candelabra entwined with plumosa fern held lighted hurricane lamps, and live Eureka palms graced the area. A large arrangement of gold, bronze, and yellow autumn flowers created the floral arrangement.

The family pews were marked with hurricane lamps and arrangements of winter green velvet bows and straw flowers.

The bride's gown, an original creation by Mrs. Abel Longoria, was of Ivory Aleskin made in Germany. French re-embroidered lace on illusion tulle, beaded with pearls and iridescent sequins, covered the bodice, sleeves and cathedral train. From her Juliet cap headdress draped a circular tulle veil, all in a deep shade of ivory.

She carried a bouquet of white spider mums and roses with a cascade of English ivy and stephanotis.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Alexander of La Feria. The groom is the

son of Mrs. Charlene McLean of Goldthwaite and Mr. C. E. McLean of Lampasas.

The attendants were Miss Phyllis MacAllister, maid of honor, Austin; Miss Ramona Pendleton, Harlingen; Miss Paula McLean, Goldthwaite; Mrs. Frank Bell, Raymondville; Mrs. Reginald B. MacAllister, La Feria, were bridesmaids.

Their gowns of moss green and gold luxon featured slipper length skirts and matching georgette capelets. They carried baskets of dried straw flowers adorned with green and brown velvet trim.

Scott McLean served his brother as best man. Charles Shaw, Houston, Kennon McLean, Dallas, Johnny Johnson, Waco, and George R. Alexander, brother of the bride, were groomsmen. R. B. MacAllister, Jesse Lara, La Feria, and Scott Heddens, Cedar Hill, served as ushers.

The reception was held at the Sheraton Harlingen Inn where the white-skirted tables were accented with brown velvet bows with straw flowers in bronze and gold entwined with green eucalyptus. The table was centered with a hurricane lamp centerpiece with a fall arrangement in bronze, yellow, gold and white mums.

A cluster of gold hand turned, butter cream, sugar roses topped the three-tiered bride's cake, with each tier separated by Grecian columns. The groom's cake of chocolate was elaborately decorated with light beige bordering. The lighted champagne fountain was decorated with white catalpa orchids.

Mrs. George Alexander II presided at the guest book and Mrs. Michael MacAllister assisted the house party in serving. Rice bag girls were Alison and Melanie Reynolds, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fergus Reynolds, La Feria.

Special guests were Mrs. Stella Harkins, Brownfield, and Mrs. Ethel Alexander, Tokio, grandmothers of the bride; Mrs. Frankie Lou MacAllister, Raymondville; Mrs. Erian Gresham, Levelland; Mr. Don Harkins, Brownfield; Mrs. Scott McLean, Goldthwaite; Mrs. Vera Shepard, Goldthwaite; and Mr. Delbert Berry and Mr. Dudley Berry, San Marcos.

Courtesis extended the bride included a luncheon hosted by Msdms. Bert Coleman and John C. Jones, Jr., and a tea hosted by Msdms. Walter Anderson, Thomas Betts, Carl Bowman, Bailey Dunlap, Jr., Glenna Hays, Floyd Holcomb, Reese Love, Gilbert Neese, Fergus Reynolds, Irma Robinson, Richard Roland and L. L. Rose.

The bride and groom were honored at a cocktail party with Msdms. and Mmes. C. C. Adler, Carl Bauer, H. A. Shannon, and Luke Simich as hosts.

### Lunchroom Menu

MONDAY, JAN. 10  
Soup, Peach cobbler, Cornbread, Crackers, Milk

TUESDAY, JAN. 11  
Hot dogs with chili, Lettuce-tomato salad, French fries, Applesauce cake, Milk

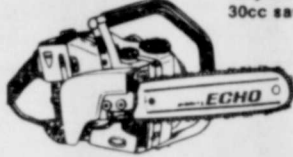
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Mr. and Mrs. Roy G. Chumney of Hamilton announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Royce Ann, to Ricky Carl Wiggins of Goldthwaite. He

is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Wiggins of Goldthwaite. The marriage will take place February 5, 1977, at the First Baptist Church in Hamilton.

### Final Rites For Herman McNeil Held Sunday

Funeral services for Herman C. McNeil, 78, of Grand Prairie, Texas, were held Sunday, January 2, 1977, at 3:00 p.m. in Wilkins Funeral Chapel with Rev. George Matthews of the Center City Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in the Caradan Cemetery, Mills County, under the direction of Wilkins Funeral Home.

Mr. McNeil passed away Saturday, January 1, at Grand Prairie Community Hospital. He was born Sept. 6, 1898,

at Moody, Texas, son of the late Jesse William and Martha Ann Head McNeil. On June 2, 1923, he was married to Imogene Beard at Star, Texas.

A member of the Christian Church, he moved to Mills County at an early age. He is survived by his wife Imogene of the home; four sons, Clay McNeil and Jerry McNeil, both of Dallas, and Herschel McNeil and Lynn McNeil, both of Arlington; four daughters, Rita Rost of Arlington, Nell McNeil of Nashville, Tenn., Carol Williams of Irving, and Gail Owens of Center City; eighteen grandchildren, three great grandchildren, one brother, Fred McNeil of Austin; and by one sister, Nina Booker of Goldthwaite.

Serving as pallbearers were Sam Owens, Noel McNeil, Elroy McCasland, Bob Mayer, Roy Yates and Wilford Witzsche.

### Personal

Visitors in the home of Mrs. Leo Edelman for the Christmas holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gallenkamp of Corpus Christi; Mr. and Mrs. Verner Heikkinen and son Joe of Arlington; Mr. and Mrs. Carol J. Murphy and sons, Mike, Bubba and Clint of Fort Worth; and Wandean Karnes Perry and daughter Kelli of Arlington.

Christmas Eve a Santa Claus call came from Thomas Murphy in Anchorage, Alaska. Tom reported 30 degrees, a foot of snow, and clear in Anchorage - a perfect Christmas for old Santa.

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### Graveside Services

#### Here For Thomas Stokes

Graveside services for Mr. Thomas Munger Stokes, age 82, of Goldthwaite, Texas, were held December 23, 1976, at 2:00 p.m. in Lampasas, Texas, with Adkins Funeral Home in charge. Interment was in Oak Hill Cemetery in Lampasas.

Mr. Stokes, Administrative Officer of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company over 25 years, died Wednesday, Dec. 22, 1976, in the Childress Hospital in Goldthwaite, Texas. He was a World War I Veteran, a member of the

Unitarian Church, and a member of the Captain San Antonio Division.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Marjorie E. Stokes, Miami, Florida; a step-son, R. L. Smith of Annandale, Va.; two brothers, Melmoth Stokes of Goldthwaite and William Stokes of Fresno, California; and by two sisters, Margaret Carr and Mrs. M. Rather, both of San Antonio, Texas. Also by two grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

### Samuel McCasland Rites Conducted Tuesday

Funeral services for Samuel Martin McCasland, 90, of Center City were held Tuesday, January 4, 1977, at 2:00 p.m. in Wilkins Funeral Chapel with Rev. Dan Connolly officiating. Burial was in the Center City Cemetery, Wilkins Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mr. McCasland passed away Monday, January 3, in Hillview Manor Nursing Home, Goldthwaite. He was born Sept. 10, 1886, at Center City where he had lived all his life. He was the son of Samuel Leatherman and Mattie Guinn McCasland.

A member of the Center City Baptist Church, Mr. McCasland is survived by his wife Pearl of Goldthwaite; two sons, Harmon McCasland of Star and Homer McCasland of Goldthwaite; four daughters, Wilma Newton and Della Harper, both of Star; Bobbie Jean Soules of Casper, Wyoming; and Sammie L. McConnell of Bogata, Texas; six step-children; one brother, Ercher McCasland of Brownwood; thirteen grandchildren; and a host of great grandchildren.

His grandsons served as pallbearers.

### Personal

B. B. (Bedford) McBride and wife Ruby Keese McBride of Arlington were guests of the Lee Roy Stacy family during the holidays. They celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary on the 26th of December.

They are natives of Goldthwaite and were in the army service at that date. After the close of World War I he resided in Oklahoma, Texas and California before moving to Arlington in 1932. They still feel like Goldthwaite home to them.

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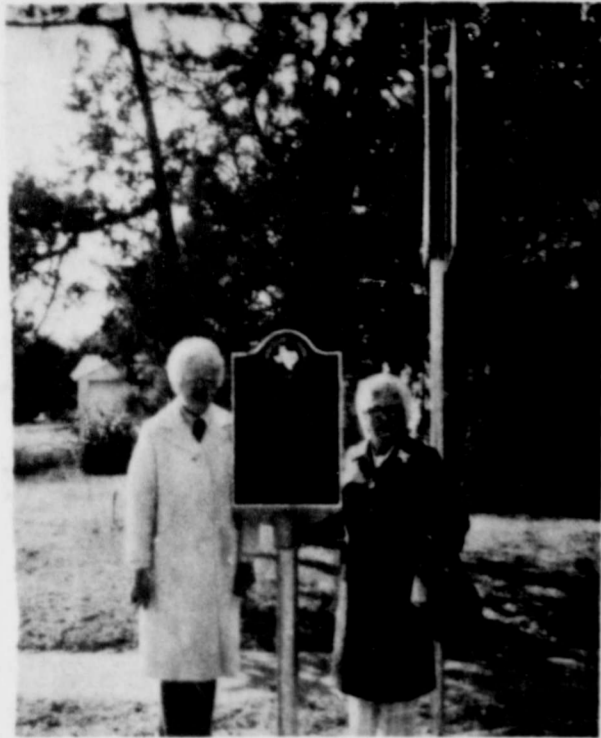
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### Marker Unveiling

Mrs. W. P. Duren (left) and Mrs. M. F. Horton flank the newly dedicated Regency Suspension Bridge Historical Marker.

## Regency Suspension Bridge Marker Dedication Held Recently

The dedication of the official State of Texas historical marker commemorating the building of the Regency Suspension Bridge was held on Friday afternoon at two o'clock in the Mills County Youth Center.

The program opened with the invocation being given by Rev. Dan Connally, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Goldthwaite. The Pledge of Allegiance was quoted by the audience. Mrs. M. F. Horton, chairman of the Mills County Historical Commission, reviewed the two years of work done on historical markers in the county and said that Mills County had dedicated more markers than any other county in Texas during the last year.

Mrs. W. P. Duren, Marker Chairman, recognized the following persons who had helped secure information or tell of their personal experiences: Mr. Alton Jones, James Ledbetter, Melissa Duren, Ann Murray, Toby Bryant, Patsy Miller, Malcolm Jernigan and Cecil Egger. Buddy Morgan, resident highway engineer, and his employees have been very helpful in installing all the markers and signs which have been placed on the highway.

The history of the marker subject was given by Mrs. Duren, after which she read the inscription on the marker which is as follows:

The Regency Suspension Bridge

(near extinct town of Regency, 22 miles southwest) This area's first Colorado River bridge was at Regency, on Mills-San Saba County line. Built 1903, it served ranchers and farmers for going to market, but fell in 1924, killing a boy, a horse, and some cattle. Its successor was demolished by a 1936 flood. With 90 per cent of the work done by hand labor, the Regency Suspension Bridge was erected in 1939. It became the pride of the locality, and youths gathered there in the 1940's to picnic, dance, and sing. Bypassed by paved farm roads, it now (1976) survives as one of the last suspension bridges in Texas. (1976)

The benediction was given by Mr. Julian Evans, after which the group present walked to the location at the intersection of Fisher Street and Hanna Valley Road and unveiled the marker.

Mrs. Gerald Head and Mrs. V. Z. Cornelius had served with Mrs. Duren on the marker committee for the past two years. Five markers have been dedicated as follows: Mill Pond and Park, North Brown Cemetery, Williams Ranch Settlement, Williams Ranch Founder - John Will-

iams, and Regency Suspension Bridge.

Three additional markers have been approved by the State Historical Commission in this order:

Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Mullin United Methodist

Church, and Center City and the historical old oak tree.

These dedication programs will take place at a later date. Work is in progress on the history of the Goldthwaite Eagle.

## Extension Highlights

### Womens Division Of Stock Show

Entries for the Crafts Division and Canned Goods Division of the Livestock Show will be accepted Thursday, January 13, until 6:00 p.m. at the Show Barn. The Youth Crafts will be judged in two classes: Junior, grades 4-8; and Senior, grades 9-12. First, second and third places in all categories will receive ribbons.

Adult Crafts will be judged in textiles; flowers - paper, fabric, plastic, beaded, etc.; wall decorations; wood; ceramics, china and glass; misc. decorations - functional and decorative; and paintings. First, second, and third places will receive ribbons.

Classification of entries in the Adult Canned Goods Division include pickles, jams, vegetables, jellies, relishes, preserves, and fruits. One jar should be entered for appearance judging only. Jars will not be opened. Entries must be picked up at 1:00 p.m. on January 15 at the Show Barn.

MILLS COUNTY DRESS REVUE

The Mills County Annual Dress Revue will be held in conjunction with the livestock show on Monday, January 10, at 7:00 p.m. in the Mills County Youth Center. The public is invited to attend and support the youth of the county.

Over 70 garments have been entered in the show. Judging will be held during the morning of January 10 and ribbons will be awarded during the Revue that evening.

A special presentation will be made by Town and Country Fabrics owner Pris Muse. Mrs. Muse and the Livestock Association will award a \$20 gift certificate for outstanding construction.

Mills County Young Homemakers are in charge of the decorations for the theme "Fashion Independence". All garments will be on display at the Livestock Show

Home Economics Building on January 14 and 15.

Attend the Dress Revue Monday at 7:00 and support the youth of Mills County.

### KBAL

6:00 a.m. Sign-On Murray Cox Farm Show

6:15 KBAL Music

6:25 News - Continental News Service

6:30 KBAL Music

6:45 Livestock Market Report CNS

6:50 KBAL Music

7:00 News - CNS

7:05 Sports - Texas State Network

7:10 KBAL Music

7:25 News - CNS

7:30 Local and Area News

7:45 Livestock Market Report CNS

7:50 KBAL Music

8:00 News - CNS

8:05 KBAL Music

8:25 News - CNS

8:30 KBAL Music

9:00 News - CNS

9:05 Meditations

9:20 KBAL Music

10:00 News - CNS

10:05 KBAL Music

10:35 Hospital Report - Goldthwaite, Llano, San Saba

10:45 Agricultural Report - Area County Agents

11:00 News - CNS

11:05 KBAL Music

11:40 Stock Market - TSN

11:45 Noon News - CNS

12:00 Local and Area News

12:15 Livestock Market Report TSN

12:20 KBAL Music

1:00 News - CNS

1:05 KBAL Music

2:00 News - CNS

2:05 KBAL Music

3:00 News - CNS

3:05 KBAL Music

3:40 Stock Market Report - TSN

3:45 Commodities Report - Cecil Campbell

3:50 Livestock Market Report TSN

4:00 News - CNS

4:05 KBAL Music

4:45 News - CNS

5:00 Sports Report - TSN

5:05 KBAL Music

5:45 News - CNS

6:00 Local and Area News

6:15 News - CNS

6:20 Commodities Report - Cecil Campbell

6:25 KBAL Music

6:45 News - CNS

6:50 KBAL Music

7:45 News - CNS

7:50 KBAL Music

8:45 Sign-Off

SPECIAL FEATURES

Saturday 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. - American Top 40 With Casey Casem

Sunday 6:00 a.m. Sign-On Brotherhood (Spanish)

6:30 There is a Song

7:00 Your Story Hour

7:30 Hymn Time

8:00 Hubert Christian

8:15 God's News Behind The News

8:30 Men's Downtown Bible Class

9:00 Bible Baptist Church

9:15 Church of Christ

9:30 Joy

10:00 Watch Tower

10:15 KBAL Gospel Music

11:00 Church Service



SANDRA KAY MILLER

### January Wedding Planned

Mr. and Mrs. Don Miller of Goldthwaite announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Sandra Kaye, to Richard Covington. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Covington of here.

The wedding will be conducted in the home of the bridegroom's parents, on Saturday, January 29, 1977. The couple are both graduates of Goldthwaite High School. Richard is self-employed and Miss Miller is

employed with Schuster's of Texas.

The couple will reside in Goldthwaite.

A safe driver is one who obeys all the traffic rules and manages to dodge all the drivers who don't.

A politician was under discussion the other day and someone remarked he was a Biblical speaker. What's a Biblical speaker? When he talks, his audience is beaten with the jawbone of an ass.

Columnist Blackie Sherrod's neighbor says the hardest years of marriage are those following the wedding.



Elizabeth Arnold Crawford

### Academic Excellence Honoree

Elizabeth Crawford, daughter of Mrs. Katherine Arnold of Lampasas, and a former resident of Goldthwaite, has been chosen for membership in the honorary academic society of Alpha Chi at Southwestern University at Georgetown.

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## City Council Meets Tonight

The City Council of the City of Goldthwaite will meet in regular session on Thursday, January 6, 1977, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room at Goldthwaite City Hall to discuss the following:

1. Call meeting to order
2. Invocation
3. Minutes of previous meeting
4. Operations report and paid bills
5. Treasurer's report and budget percentages
6. Group insurance plans
7. Lone Star Gas Co. - rate increase (second reading)
8. Mills County Historical Museum - taxes
9. Central Texas Council of Governments - C. W. McKethan, Housing Director
10. Deferred Compensation Plan - Arthur Howe
11. Reports and requests from Council
12. City Manager applications
13. City Manager report

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