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Carolyn's Corner

By Carolyn Glover

Halloween, to my knowledge, was a safe and fun time for the little ones of Cross Plains and surrounding areas. Not only did the younger set enjoy the day but the Cross Plains Junior High and High Schools dressed up for the day. Surely was a bunch of weird looking "things" running around campus that morning. Also, as usual the employees of Citizens State Bank were decked out in different attire. Although you always receive a friendly smile and welcome when you enter the bank, it is nice to go in and receive a good laugh as well. Do you really know who waited on you in the bank Thursday? I didn't make it in, but I understand "Dolly Parton" was working that day and that an angel also made an appearance. Other businesses that went along with the Halloween costume were Odom's Restaurant and Village Market, and possibly others that I was not aware of. I'm sure it was fun and we look forward to see-

ing you in a different "light" next year.

TACT

I do not asked to be endowed With any brilliancy of mind I only long to learn right well The gentle art of being kind. I want to have a ready smile, A wholesome laugh, a pleasant voice; Of all the things I might desire, These simple ones should be choice. So, gracious Lord, I do not pray

For gifts of body or of mind; But let me learn this one thing well, the gentle art of being kind.

-Unknown

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK: Silence is the best and surest way to hid ignorance.

People's ears are not made to shut, but mouths are. That should tell us something.

Copied!

Students & Parents To Have Fellowship Friday

Following the Cross Plains-Evant football game here Friday night there will be a student body-parent fellowship at the Church of Christ Activity Center on

East Highway 36. Parents are asked to please call Lucille Koenig for information on what to bring for refreshments at 725-7330.

High School Beauty

Pageant Set For Nov. 16

The Cross Plains High School Beauty Pageant and Personality Presentations will be held Saturday, Nov. 16, at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorum. A Cinderella Contest will be held following the presentation of the contestants and personalities.

Personalities to be presented will include class favorites, kindergarten through 12th grade; Mr. and Mrs. CPHS; Most Beautiful;

Most Handsom; Most Likely to Succeed; Best Personality; Most Witty, Most Typical Cowboy; Most Typical Cowgirl; Most Friendly; Most Irresistible; Most Sophisticated; Junior High and High School Football Sweethearts; Football Beaus; FFA Sweethearts and FHA Beau.

Admission will be \$2 for adults and \$1 for students, kindergarten through twelfth grade.

Friday Is Deadline To Enter FFA Contest

Deer season in the Cross Plains area will have an added flavor when it opens Saturday, Nov. 9.

The Future Farmers of America chapter at Cross Plains High School is sponsoring a "Big Buck" Contest during the season. Roy Richey and Ray Conner, local vocational agriculture teachers, noted that the prize for bringing in the biggest buck will be a rifle. The

instructors added that the winner of the contest may choose one of the four different models in a variety of calibers. A complete listing is available from the sponsors.

Entry deadline is 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8, and the entry fee is due prior to beginning of the contest. To enter the contest or for additional information contact the Cross Plains High School Voca-

Buffaloes Shut-Out Wildcats In District 8-A East Zone Contest

Cross Plains Buffaloes recorded their first shutout of the football season last Friday, blanking the host Rising Star Wildcats 21-0 in a District 8-A East Zone contest.

The victory evened the Herd's league mark at 3-3 and improved the season record to 3-6. The Wildcats stand 2-4 in conference action.

Although the Herd triumphed and recorded a shutout, the 3-3 record is not good enough for a play-off spot, and Friday night's battle with the Evant Elks will be the last game of the season. The District 8-A tussel will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Buffalo Stadium.

Athletic Director Mark

Davidson was pleased with the win, but the manner in which it came was not so pleasant. He stated of the offensive team, "We're pretty well please with the way we moved the ball, but we had so many penalties...it was awful." The Buffaloes were flagged 18 times for infractions, and were penalized 140 yards. "It was simply awful," he repeated.

All the scoring was done in the first half, and the two teams' defenses traded licks in the second half.

Opening score came with 9 minutes left in the first quarter when Buffalo Running Back Darin Apple scampered 25 yards to paydirt capping a 40-yard drive among various

penalties. Quarterback Devin Koenig booted the extra point for a 7-0 lead.

Only 42 seconds remained in the second quarter when the Bisons struck paydirt again. Scoring play was a 2-yard pass from Koenig to End Troy Harris. Again Koenig toed the ball through the uprights for a 14-0 count favoring the Herd.

The Herd quickly struck again. Cross Plains successfully worked on outside kick recovered by Darin Apple. Koenig then lofted an aerial to Apple who ran in for another touchdown with 28 seconds showing the clock.

For the third consecutive time Koenig's kick from placement was good and up-

ped the score to 21-0, Buffaloes.

There was no scoring in the second half.

Leading rusher for Cross Plains was Apple who picked up 67 yards on 10 carries, scored one TD on a 25-yard run and turned a pass into a 48-yard touchdown. In addition he almost broke the opening kickoff returning it 45 yards, and he also returned a punt 25 yards.

Split End Ricky White was the leading pass receiver, snagging five aerial for 101 yards.

Koenig was the leading passer, completing 10 of 19 aerials for 185 yards. Coach Davidson stated that Koenig did a real good job this week

throwing. He also reported that the senior quarterback has amassed 860 yards passing thus far this season.

Davidson stated that the entire defense did a good job Friday night. The defender were led by linebacker Tommy Ames, Defensive Tackle Shan Bubenik, Outside Linebackers Lee Meador and Gregg Weiss and Strong Safety Alan Fleming.

Game In Figures	
Cross Plains	Rising Star
12 first downs	4
96 yards rushing	52
185 yards passing	44
10-20-1 passes completed	4-16-0
5-36 punts, avg. yards	7-33
1 fumbles lost	4
18-140 penalties, yards	5-40

Score By Quarters

Cross Plains 7 14 0 0 21

Rising Star 0 0 0 0 0

Friday night's contest with Evant is expected to be what is commonly called a "toss-up".

The Elks are 2-4 in District 8-A play, but one of those victories was over Lometa, a team which beat the Herd. Scouting reports indicate, according to Buff Head Coach Davidson, has played all their district opponents except Goldthwaite, real tough.

Evant is reported to play real good defense, and offensively run the power type plays. As their 4-5 season record indicates, Evant is a worthy foe, and we expect a real tough game Friday, the mentor stated.

Tour Of Homes Slated

Here For December 8

The Third Annual Tour of Homes will be held on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 8, from 2 until 5 p.m. All persons in the area are invited to participate in viewing the lovely homes on this year's tour. This annual event is being sponsored by the Alpha Rho Zeta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority.

There will be four homes featured on the tour this year: Arvin and Sarah Brashear, Rolan and Sandra Jones, Ken and Kay Horan, and N.L. and Ann Long. Tickets are available from any member for \$5 each. For tickets or more information call 725-7361 or 725-6476.

Refreshments will be served in the home of N.L. and

Ann Long. Maps will be available to anyone interested.

The first home featured is that of Ken and Kay Horan, and is a Roger Klingberg custom built home. This home, built in 1976, has 5 bedrooms and 4 bathrooms with a total of 3,300 square feet, and sets on 5½ acres. The Master Bedroom was originally the game room and the garage was converted into the Jacuzzi room which is Ken and Kay's pride and joy. The one story brick home was totally decorated by Kay.

Buy your tickets from any Beta Sigma Phi members and come see this lovely home, sorority members urge.

Fire Department Given \$220 In Donations

Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department has recently received four contributions which totaled \$220, according to a report from Alvin Hitchens, secretary-treasurer of the fire fighting organization.

The listed the latest four gifts by donor and amount as follow: Knox & Knox Rodenberger Engineering \$100, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tunnel \$50 and D.B. Gunn \$20.

It was explained that the money will be used to further develop the water transport truck for rural fires, which there is an urgent need, ac-

cording to local rural firemen. The department is currently in the process of equipping such a vehicle.

Local firemen expressed appreciation for the generous gifts, and noted thanks for the help and support given the fire department in the past. Persons who wish to help with the firemen's project to better serve the residents of this rural area, may hand donations to any fireman or mail to Hutchins or to the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.

Local Church Sets Rest Home Service

The Evangelical Methodist Church will have charge of the Service at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home, Sunday afternoon, Nov. 10 at 3:30 p.m.

SWEETHEARTS!



MIGHTY MITE FOOTBALL SWEETHEART- Miss Stephanie Walker was presented as Cross Plains Junior High School Football Sweetheart at halftime ceremonies of the Mighty Mite-Rising Star football game here Thursday night. Members of the junior high school football team elected Miss Walker as their sweetheart, and presented her with a bouquet in recognition of the honor at halftime Thursday. Miss Walker is an eighth grader, and she is a cheerleader for CPJHS. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Randy Walker.



JUNIOR HIGH BAND SWEETHEART- Shown above is Miss Carrie Renfro who was recently elected Cross Plains Junior High School Band Sweetheart by the band members. She, too, was presented a bouquet in recognition of being selected as sweetheart during the halftime ceremonies of the Mighty Mite-Rising Star football game. Miss Renfro is a seventh grader, and she is a twirler for the junior band. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eddy Wyatt of Cross Plains and Mr. and Mrs. Rod Renfro of May.

tional Agriculture Department at 725-6121.

The contest will begin November 9, 1985, and continue until January 5, 1986, according to Richey and Conner.

It was pointed out that entry fee will be \$15 and will have a two-deer limit. En-

tries eligible are limited to a 40-mile radius of Cross Plains. There are no age bracket and no age limits.

It was pointed out that all proceeds from the contest will be used to update local chapter equipment and help students to go to judging and leadership contests.

Local Man Receives Bronze Star Earned Over 40 Years Ago

The United States Department of the Army has awarded a Cross Plains man the Bronze Star Medal for services in the Philippine Island more than 40 years ago.

The military decoration was received this week by Jack Scott, former editor-publisher of the Cross Plains

Review. It was made upon the recommendation of Maj. Gen. Ewart D. Plank, under whose command Scott served as an Infantry lieutenant during World War II.

Sabanno

By Shirley Snodgrass

We are having some nice fall weather. The peanut farmers have been busy. The rain stopped them Friday. We got one-half inch of rain. The wind is still out of the north, and is pretty chilly. I guess winter is nearly upon us. Frank and I went to Eastland on business Friday.

Ophelia Lawson went to the 50th wedding anniversary of Shorty and Dorthy Phillips at Lake Brownwood Saturday. She went to the musical at Echo Saturday night. Monday night she went to the devotional at Laverne Hutton's. Tuesday she went to Coleman to see Aunt Bell. She went to see a doctor in Abilene on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hollis had Frank and Shirley Snodgrass down for supper Saturday night. Lorene Ramsey and Frances Gaston visited them on Wednesday.

Lena May Green of Cisco and Ruth Price of Big Spring visited Mr. and Mrs. Arza Green last week. Nora Lee Gordon and Natasha of Cisco visited them on Saturday.

Hamon Lawson of Williams and Brent Key of

Sabanno visited Mr. and Mrs. Truitt Dawkins last Monday. The Dawkins went to Granite Shoals fishing last Tuesday and came home Friday night. They made a business trip to Eastland on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Watson's visitors last weekend were Mrs. Virgil Benson, Mrs. Homer Kane, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kanady, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Watson and son, all of Rising Star; Mrs. Myrl Parker of Tyler; Mrs. Margaret Owens of Brownwood; Mr. and Mrs. Burney Tucker of Fort Worth, and Sandra Alber-nathy and girls of Cross Plains.

Mr. and Mrs. Wes Holcomb visited Judy and Junior Livingston in Gustine last weekend. They visited Ethyl Anderson at Cottonwood Friday.

Peanut Clusters

8 almond barks
12 oz. pkg. chocolate chips
Put in 350 degree oven for 12 minutes. Remove and stir well, add 1 lb. salted roasted peanuts, drop by the teaspoonful on buttered pan and let cool. Will take several hours to set.

Pioneer News

By Esthloy S. Dickson

Contrary to last week's statement, my father was born at Crockett, in Houston County. My son, C.V. and his sister, Joanie, drove from Nacogdoches to Crockett one day, and visited some of the families there, also a cemetery where ancestors are buried.

I had a wonderful birthday this past week. I received gifts, cards and phone calls three days in a row. Cards came from far and wide, as well as local, and they made me very happy.

The "icing on the cake" came Saturday evening when one of Mr. McDonald's daughters, the one in California, called me, and she didn't even know it was my birthday. That was a wonderful surprise. She is a sweet and caring person.

Mrs. Ethel Brown visited in town on Tuesday of last

week with her aunt, Mrs. Cora Howland, in her new apartment. Mrs. Brown's visitors were few this week, only Lou Grider, and Jimmielee Payne. We will be thinking of Jimmielee this week when he enters the hospital. May God bless!

David McGowne's parents, Howard and Charlene of Brownwood, visited them on Monday. Sara's nephew, Jody Butler of Breckenridge visited them during the weekend. They are taking their daughter, Leslie, to Oklahoma City to an ear specialist.

Joe and Nell Fleming's grandson answered their telephone on Saturday saying his grandmother was visiting in Pampa this week.

My friend, "Parsie" Parsons said they were okay. They had had had only "homefolks" at their house this week. The same with the Hiram Fosters. There were two or three telephones which were not answered. I hope my neighbors will feel free to call me at any time

Carnival Termed Success Say Seniors

Annual Senior Halloween Carnival on October 26 was a huge success. Ghosts, m goblins, and all scary creatures came out to insure a profitable and fun night.

Reigning king and queen of the carnival was Halloween Queen Crystal Carrouth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Carrouth, and Halloween King Rowdy Dillard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Deany Dillard. The king and queen were chosen from a field of twelve candidates, consisting of Crystal Lankford, Nikki Beggs, Jill

with their news or their needs. I love them all.

I have a well-driller engaged to hunt for water on my place next week; "keep your fingers crossed for me".....

Potter, Ginger Kelley, Jaona Harris, Michael McClure, Jared Richards, Leif Hunter, Dusty Hargrove, and Jeremy Pancake.

The costume contest, judged by Clara Nell Spencer and Helen Freeman, was judged as to the most original costume, won by Joseph Turner, as a TV set; Cutest Costume, won by Tracy Wils as a bunny, and scariest costume, won by Dusty Hargrove as a gorilla.

The Senior Class would like to thank the following merchants of Cross Plains for their generosity in making donations. We appreciate your help, and without your support, we would not have been nearly as successful," a class spokesman stated. A

special thanks to the parents who donated their time and money, and class sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Atchley and Mr. and Mrs. Ron Lankford, and to Michael Ingram for renting us the skating rink. A special thank you to everyone who donated to the king and queen jars distributed throughout town.

Seniors extend sincere appreciation to the following businesses and individuals for the donations: Neal Drug, Johnson Dry Goods, Sav-On Food, Higginbothams, Western Auto Store, Cross Plains Discount, Odom's Restaurant, The Sunshine Store, West Texas Utilities, Village Market, Walker Truck & Trailers, Bill Wood Conoco, Dairy Queen, Touch of Texas Restaurant, P.K.'s Stompin' Grounds, Cross Plains Oilfield Supply, Rose Butane Service, Cross Plains Frozen Food Locker, Coach Katt,

Lawrence Farm & Ranch Supply, Johnston Truck & Supply, Bryan's Variety, Grider Gulf, KLH Oil & Gas Company, Mayes Flowers, Sandy's Hair Affair, Sylvia's Hair Shack, Polly's Beauty Bar, Jeri Taylor, Amelia's House of Beauty, Cliff and Connie Kirkham, Lakeway Store, Cross Plains Review, and Pam and Don Harris.

Genuine thanks of the class also was extended to Clara Nell Spencer and Helen Freeman for judging the costume contests.

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Cottonwood News

By Beverly Brown

How can you as an individual of the community contribute to the annual Cottonwood Turkey Dinner on Friday, Nov. 15? Items of food are needed to help defray the expenses of the dinner and or cash donations, and an hour or more of your help in preparing or serving in the cafeteria, on that Friday. Food items will be needed by Thursday, Nov. 14. You may contact any member of the Quilting Club or stop by the center on Thursdays for further details.

The annual turkey dinner at the Cottonwood Community will be held on Friday, Nov. 15. The meal will consist of turkey and trimmings, yams, green beans, cranberry sauce, drink of coffee or tea and a slice of pumpkin or pecan pie for \$3.50 a plate for adults and \$2

a plate for children under 12 years of age. Take out dinners will be available.

Mrs. Jessie Wilcoxon was admitted to the Eastland Memorial Hospital a week ago Friday and is home now. Blanton and Lillie Childers visited with Jessie that Saturday and stopped by to see her sister and husband Violet and Roy Edwards in Cisco enroute home.

This past Monday and Tuesday Harry Childers of Odessa was here at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Blanton Childers.

Visitors at the Cottonwood Quilting Club last Thursday were Mrs. Olive Green and Nancy Rohus. Ethel Champion and Nancy were surprised to see one another, as they attended school together when younger. It's a small world at times, isn't it girls?

WTU Winter Rates Ease

Electric Prices Slightly

The price of electricity for residential and commercial customers of West Texas Utilities Co. will decrease slightly in November as the company's winter rates go into effect.

Beginning with November billings, base rates will be reduced by 34-cent per kilowatt-hour. Residential base rates will drop from 3.97 per kilowatt-hour to 3.22, while commercial base rates will drop from 4.18 to 3.43 cents per KWh.

Result of the base rate decrease and slight adjustment in the fuel cost factor will be an 8.2 percent reduction in costs for residential customers. For example, a customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours will be charged \$6.56 less than for the same amount under the summer rates.

The summer-winter rate differential for the two classes of customers was established by the Public Utility Commission of Texas during negotiations in WTU's rate case during the fall of 1984. Seasonal rate differentials have been used by many companies for many

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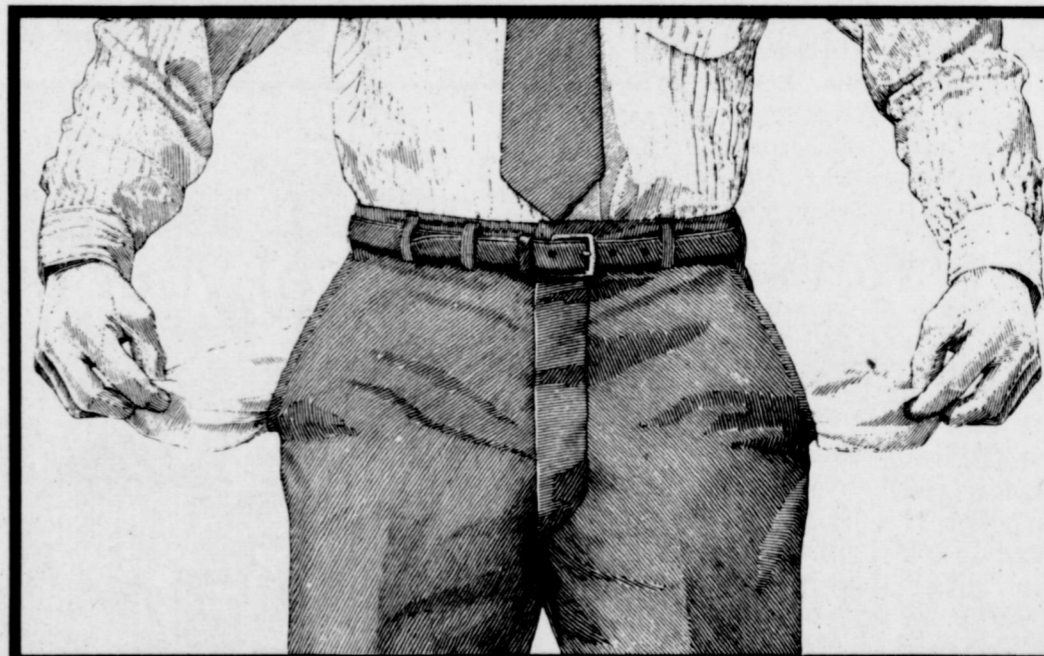
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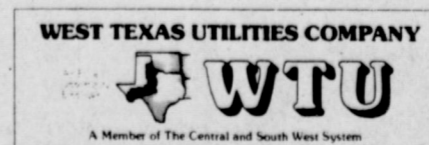
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2 You can get a \$110 per ton cash bonus for installing a central system heat pump in your home through the Energy Saving Plan. Your home must meet all the E.S.P. requirements and be served by WTU to qualify for the bonus program. Also, be sure to ask about WTU's incentive plan for installing a heat pump window unit.

For more information on the electric heat pump and the Energy Saving Plan, contact your local West Texas Utilities office today.



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County 4-H Exhibitors Rate High At Dallas

Eight Callahan County 4-H'ers attended and exhibited livestock at the State Fair of Texas in Dallas the week of October 14-19. Kathaleen Ford of Clyde placed first in the winter heifer calf class and first in the junior heifer calf class of the Junior Hereford Show. Kathleen also placed fourth in the medium frame Hereford steer class. Other placings in the junior steer show were as follows: Kim Clark of Baird, second in the large frame American-cross class; Jody Gergross of Baird, second in the small frame

American-cross class; Jerry Don Black of Clyde, eighth in the small frame Herefords; Leslie Parker of Clyde, eighth in the medium frame Herefords, and Sonya Craven of Baird, eleventh in the large frame Hereford class.

In the junior lamb show, Tonya Johnson of oplin placed third and ninth in the crossbred lamb class and placed second in the showmanship class winning a \$200 college scholarship, Chris Johnson of Oplin placed second in the crossbred show.

Student Council Donates 'Stand' Money To Mexico

From the beginning of the year, the Cross Plains Student Council has been active. This year's officers include Melody McGough, president; Beth Wood, vice-president; Dana Phillips, treasurer; and Denise Flippin, secretary. The class representatives are Melissa Morgan and David Grider, seniors; Jesse Sibley, junior; Stacy Montgomery, sophomore, and Kellie Helms and Donald Sibley, eighth grade, and Pam Glover and Nikki Baron, seventh grade.

Costume Day for the student body in observance of Halloween. Participation by all high school and junior high school students is encouraged. Prizes will be given for the best costume. Because of the concern of the students of Cross Plains for the victims of the devastating earthquake in Mexico City, the Student Council donated one game's proceeds from their football concession stand directly to the cause. This year's sponsors are Penny Segars and Kim Childers.

Kroen Baby Welcomed Home By Brother, Sister

Steve, Jr. and Adrienne Kroen are announcing the birth of their brother, Jacob Ashton Kroen, born Wednesday, Oct. 16, to Mr. and Mrs. Steve Kroen of Cross Plains. The infant weighed 6 pounds and 2 ounces, and measured 19 1/2 inches long at birth at Hendrick Medical

Center in Abilene. The mother said Jacob Ashton is a blessing of God, and reported maternal grandparents as Mr. and Mrs. Herman Pettiet of Cross Plains, and paternal grandparents as Mr. and Mrs. John McPhate of Gallup, N.M.

Boy Born To Eastland Couple Known Locally

Mr. and Mrs. Joe F. Martinez of Eastland became parents of a son October 28 when Joe Alan Martinez was born at 11:12 p.m. at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. The infant weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces, and he measured 20 1/2 inches long at

birth. The mother is the former Lil Davis of Cross Plains. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Sid Davis of Cross Plains. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Selestino Martinez of Eastland.

Kindsey Tysons At HPU

Homecoming

Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey Tyson of Cross Plains attended the homecoming activities of Howard Payne University held recently in Brownwood. Lindsey and Frances are both HPU Alumni. Mrs. Tyson's cousin, Dorothy McIntosh, was one of the two HPU Distinguished Alumni for 1985. Mrs. McIntosh has recently retired as head of the choir program at Brownwood High School. She and her two

sisters, Doris, now Mrs. Clyde Allen of Coleman, and Mrs. Tyson represented Howard Payne as the "Howard Payne Trio" for three years during their college days, and sang for many churches, organizations and schools in Texas and New Mexico. The Tysons also attended other Howard Payne homecoming activities on Saturday.

Pioneer Club Sets Nov. 7 For Harvest Dinner

The next meeting of the Pioneer Club will be Thursday, Nov. 7, with the annual Harvest Dinner scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. The meal will be followed with games of 42 and other table games at the

community clubhouse. A spokesman stated that the turkey and dressing will be furnished. All others attending are asked to bring desserts, salads and trimmings.

Personals Sales Tax Rebate Ahead Of Last Year's Pace

Minnie Swann's recent visitors were Pat Sanders, Lisa Marquez and son, Max of Fort Worth, and Glenda, Linda and Latricia Chandler of this city.

Visitors during the past week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M.F. Dill included Mr. and Mrs. Skeet Walker, Jay Kirkham, Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Breeding and Mr. and Mrs. Ross Shaw of this community, and from out-of-town the hosts son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dill and grandson, Brandon Holcombe, of Irving, Dorothy McKinney of Cisco, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Jaggars of Abilene and Howard Shanks of Big Spring.

Garden Club To Gather In Regular Session Nov. 8

Cross Plains Garden Club will meet in regular session Friday, Nov. 8, at 2 p.m. at the Garden Center at 664 Beech St. Topic for the gathering will be "Reaching Out for Magnificent Mums." Roll call will be answered by naming members naming their favorite fall flower. The club collect will be directed by Mrs. Raymond McCowen.

During the business session committee reports will be given by committee chairmen including social, project and program.

Program is entitled "Mum's the Word", given by Mrs. Raymond McCowen. Mrs. Arvin Brashear will have a design featuring chrysanthemums. Hostesses for the meeting will be Mr. E.L. Garrett, chairman, and Mrs. Bill Davee.

Pace countywide of 1985 sales tax rebates remained slightly ahead of the amount of rebates from the one percent returns of the sales and use tax for the payments made in October, representing taxes collected on sales made in August and reported to the Comptroller by September 20. Cross Plains aggregate was again narrowly higher than one year ago although slightly less than same time last year. The check was for \$2,693.66, compared with \$2,845.20 for last year. Aggregate received by the city reflects a 4.41 percent increase, \$50,264.38 compared with \$48,140.72, to this point in the year.

Clyde was the big gainer and received the most. The current check was for \$4,901.97 and a 1985 total of \$66,570.06, up 16.02 percent. Payments at same time last year were \$4,166.71 and \$66,570. Baird suffered a small decrease of 2.91 percent overall on aggregates of \$24,488.87 and \$25,221.75, respectively. The city received \$1,134.32 this period and got no funds at this time last year.

Putnam fell 10.78 percent short of its total rebate with figures of \$11,060.42 and \$12,396.39 totals, and period payments of \$973.72 currently to \$1,065.72 in 1984.

Band Boosters To Sponsor Christmas Store Again

As has been the custom the past few years, the Cross Plains Band Boosters will sponsor a Christmas Store for the younger children to do their Christmas shopping. Band boosters are urged to

begin now getting their handmade items ready for the store. Any donations of handmade gifts will be welcomed. Date for the store is to be announced later.



AUSTIN—Both Texas political parties got a bit of quiet, disturbing news last week: the Democrats learned Gov. Mark White has a high negative rating and the Republicans, intent on keeping party harmony, watched their candidates' jobs at each other. All in all, 1986 is going to be a lively political year. The past few weeks haven't been easy for White. His three GOP opponents are traveling the state raising money and key support, and at every speech they pick on him rather than each other. White can handle that fine, but add the misery of two of his key issues, education reform and utility rates, going sour at the same time and the heat gets hotter. No-pass, no-play may cool down once football season is over, and utility rates may be lowered somehow before next November, but for now White has to face the heat and it's not easy.

The steady barrage of GOP criticism. Truce Cracking White defends his programs, but not himself, and that's his strategy for now against Bill Clements, Kent Hance and Tom Loeffler. If he fights back now, they are encouraged to keep their guns trained on him and not on each other. After all, Clements, Hance and Loeffler have an informal truce to speak no ill of a fellow Republican, but in the high-stakes governor's race, who believes that will continue for long? The crux for the eventual GOP nominee is that he will have to win, win-or-lose and that means keeping the odd man's good will long enough to win an endorsement. Signs show the truce is cracking, particularly as Clements and Hance jab at each other on the speaker's podium at their various co-appearances. Hance is a master of the podium jab, and insiders say Hance wants to rope-a-dope Clements into appearing the trucebreaker. Clements is used to delivering KO punches, not avoiding them, and both he and Loeffler belittle Hance's GOP credentials.

Two Appointments Governor White appointed former state Democratic Party chairman Calvin Guest to the Public Safety Commission after Sen. Peyton McKnight became mired by two racial jokes he told at his own charity roast fundraiser. McKnight insisted his use of a racial slur was made in the context of the roast, but a local letterwriting campaign axed his nomination. White also named Jo Campbell to the controversial Public Utility Commission vacancy last week. The press has frequently jibed White for appointing former Baylor classmates, particularly old roommates, to state posts. In humorous one upmanship, White told reporters at the announcement that while she did graduate from Baylor, Campbell had never been one of his roommates.

Replacement Sought? The word got around last week that a recent Democratic poll showed White with a high negative rating at around 60 percent. The poll was a secret one who will ever know. Some party leaders were at the point of wondering whether another Democrat should take over the gubernatorial reins, but no one volunteered. Still, some of White's key backers worried publicly about how to defend White against

Career Changes Both Hance and Clements were present last week when Hurst state Rep. Charles Evans announced his switch to the Republican party. Evans, a 13-year legislator and powerful close friend of Speaker Gib Lewis, said he wasn't recruited by the GOP, but switched out of personal conviction. Seguin state Sen. John Traeger announced his retirement and threw his support to Laredo state Rep. Billy Hall, a fellow Democrat. Traeger preferred Hall, who is more conservative than state party vice chairman Dr. Judith Zaffirini, also of Laredo. Former state Rep. Clay Smothers pleaded guilty last week to a reduced charge of assault on a child in a plea

Short Takes • State Board of Insurance Chairman Lyndon L. Olson Jr. will be a participating faculty member in the United Nations seminar on reinsurance supervision November 11-15 in Manila. • Senator Phil Gramm announced plans to open an El Paso office. He presently has offices in Houston, Harlingen and Dallas. • Common Cause of Texas has named Sen. Chet Edwards, D-Duncanville, its 1985 Legislator of the Year. • United Parcel Service moved closer to intrastate service last week when the Texas Railroad Commission approved, 2-1, a new rule to allow UPS to operate between points within Texas.

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Rowden Area News

By Mrs. N. V. Gibbs

This area had rain again this week. The Gibbs gauge registered a little over half an inch. Since it was light showers, tanks did not catch water.

Bob and Cathy Dye were to be in Dallas at the World Trade Center Sunday where she was to be in Baird.

Robert and Dorothy Watson were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Summers in Abilene one night this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Watson and children attended the Baird football game in Eastland and by chance his Eastland and her husband of Jacksboro were there, so the two families had a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Odom were in Lubbock Thursday to visit their daughter, Gini Trevey, who had undergone major surgery at St. Mary's of the Plains Hospital on Tuesday. She is recovering and will be at her home near Snyder this week. Her sister, Nancy Palmer of Clyde was with her the day of the surgery.

Edna Dye spent Friday night with Edwin and Ann and Lori Ann Dye in Abilene and attended the Big Country Porcelain art club meeting there Saturday. Guest speaker and demonstrator was Louise Jones of Midland. Her program was on the art of Christmas decorating on China.

Frank and Cora Mae Payne of Baird visited in the gene Mauldin home during the week.

Mrs. Mauldin visited Jessie Odom on Monday.

Mrs. Tommy Harris baby sat for her grandson, Chris Harris, while his mother Evelyn Harris, and Mrs. Jimmy Harris took their children, Jard, Jaonea, and L.J. on a Trick or Treat tour. I can see them all dressed up in their costumes, thinking they will scare someone when the door opens following their knock. We were sitting quietly on that spooky night when N.V. Gibbs asked if the children weren't coming down. My answer was that they had out-grown that stage of life, but on Friday night, loud knocking on our door brought three grandkids all dressed up and were saying, "Trick or Treat". They must have known that Grandma had shopped for just such an occasion.

Mrs. Tommie Harris was cooking on her third cake Saturday morning when contacted for news. All of this baking was for their church, The First Methodist Church in Cross Plains who sponsors what they call, "The Lord's Acre". All the ladies of the church spend hours cooking for the big event which helps their church financially. People over the town buy

take-out dinners of turkey and dressing with gravy, yams, green beans, salad, rolls and cake.

When Emma Johnson, Liz-zie Burks and their brother, Robert Burks, were called for news, Emma said they had just finished their delicious meal that two young people from the Methodist Church had delivered to their home. Visitors in their home during the week were three nephews, Carroll Burks and his wife of Abilene, Ricky Burks of Fort Worth, Forest and Howard Burks of California and Lynn Burleson of Cross Plains. All of the Burks boys are sons of Nellie Arrington of Cross Plains. They were here for the funeral of Nellie's husband, Chester Arrington, who died Sunday in a Coleman hospital.

Robert Burks attended the singing, done by a group that sings at the Cross Plains rest home each Wednesday morning.

James and Dorothy Reynolds were in Azle Saturday to attend a shower for John Carpenter and their daughter, Ellen Reynolds, who are to be married on the 28th of December in Cross Plains. John and Ellen are students in college at Denton. On Friday night, James

and Dorothy were at the Cross Plains-Rising Star football game in Rising Star and visited Janet and Tan and Lavin of Stephenville who were there for the game.

Tonya Steele attended a party Saturday night at Carey Renfro's in Cross Plains.

Mrs. Charzel Palmer of Clyde, Franzel Odom of Cross Plains and Ivon and Vicki Odom of Pioneer visited in the Sterling Odom home during the week.

Oil and gas well drilling is still going on in the community. A second well is to be drilled on land belonging to Granel and Parlee Gibbs. The location is near their mobile home. The drilling is to start early next week. They may encounter some sleepless nights during

this coming week.

Mrs. N.V. Gibbs and daughter, Judy Steele, were in Abilene Monday. They also went by the Baird rest home where they visited Leila Gibbs and talked a few minutes with Ruby Russell.

Congratulations to Don and Pam Harris on their being chosen as the "Extension Family of the Year" during the annual meeting of the Callahan County Extension Advisory Committee last week in Cross Plains. They received a silver-plated tray for their work with 4-H Club work. This was for work in their school system, church activities and other community affairs. Greg Gengross, Callahan County Agent, and Maurice Newton of Callahan-Shackelford Farm Bureau presented the tray.

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