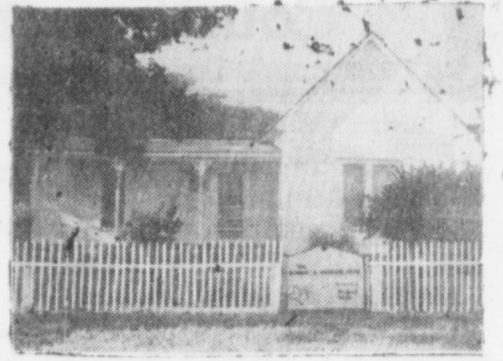


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EDITOR'S NOTE: Fred McNeel had written his fond recollections of ag classes with O.B. "Prof" Edmondson prior to his untimely passing, and many of you guys will relate to his wonderful stories. Having known Fred all my life, he was a great guy who was an exceptional leader in band and quite a character. He will be missed at Homecoming 2000, however, he made his contribution to the upcoming event as follows. **Vanda Anderson-Creech**

"Prof"

Long before the computer generation made the term "icon" a household word, Cross Plains had one...and she still does. In Cross Plains High School he taught my father, and twenty-five years later he taught me... and that was some thirty-five years ago. And today he is still teaching, maybe not keeping order and presiding over the class room, but in everyday conversations with his many friends and former students he meets on the street, sharing his wit and wisdom on varied topics from the weather to whether or not it's time to spray for parasites.

Professor O. B. Edmondson (I really never was sure what the O. B. stood for, but I recall getting three licks for one time innocently expressing what I had been told it stood for) is indeed an "icon". If only a fraction of the stories which have been told by his former students, and by Prof himself, of FFA activities on field trips, in the AG shop and at UIL contests are valid, then it is truly amazing that this distinguished gentleman has his sanity, much less his still jovial and helpful personality. I can vouch for only four years out of his tenure, but I have no reason to doubt that the others were just as eventful.

And in spite of ourselves, we did manage to learn in those hours spent in Ag class, in the shop, at judging contests and on field trips, and we have put to good use what we did learn, in everyday life, using that unique ability to combine book learnin' and common sense. With folks getting into the spirit of homecoming, I wanted to take this brief opportunity to give a salute to a fellow Fightin' Texas Aggie, and to say thanks Prof for putting up with us, all of us, throughout the years, and for being a part of our growing and learning experience. Make it a point to visit with Prof at homecoming this September and recall (or 'fess up') to some of those learning experiences. The statute of limitation has probably run out on most of them by now anyway.

Top Ten Little Known Observations Learned from FFA Activities 1964-1968

- 1) It will take a welding rod stuck one inch into the ceiling of the Ag shop approximately 17.4 months to work loose and fall, point first, to the floor.
- 2) The probability of being under a welding rod when it works loose from the ceiling of the Ag shop and falls, point first, to the floor is 1 in 45,100,800. Factoring in Murphy's Law increases the odds to 1 in 4.
- 3) A cigarette 1 1/2" long will burn for approximately 14 minutes before igniting the fuse of an M-80 placed in the plastic owl above the chalk board in the back of the class room.

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REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS ACCEPTED AWARDS — Kathy Anderson (front, from left) representing the Senior Citizens Center; Linda Henson for Cross Plains Area Housing Initiative; Margaret McNeel for Project Pride; Julene Franke (back, from left) for Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce; W.G. McCoy for Kiwanis Club of Cross Plains; and Mary E. Weaver for the Cross Plains Garden Club.



ELECTED OFFICIALS HONORED — Jeannie Bohannon - Callahan County Clerk (front, from left), Sharon Owens - District Clerk; Rolan Jones - Justice of the Peace for Precinct 4, Ray Purvis - Mayor of Cross Plains, Roger Corn - Callahan County Judge, Bill Young - Constable Precinct 4, Jason Skaggs - Press Aide for Congressman Charles Stenholm; Eddie Curtis - Callahan County Sheriff (back, from left), Charlie Grider - Callahan County Commissioner Precinct 4, James Nichols - City Councilman for Cross Plains, Representative Jim Keffer, and Allen Wright - Callahan County Attorney.



SPECIAL SPEAKER — Kyle McAlister (center) spoke at the Chamber of Commerce banquet. Bob Pipes, master of ceremony for the evening, and Julene Franke, Chamber of Commerce President, are pictured with Mr. McAlister.



CLASSROOM CASH AWARD — Margie Sowell (left) presented Nora Odom (right) with the cash which will be utilized in the reading program.

C P Chamber Banquet Well Attended

By VANDA ANDERSON-CREECH
Editor

Bob Pipes served as master of ceremony for the Chamber of Commerce banquet held last Thursday evening. A presentation of colors was impressive and the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance a refreshing event.

The chamber recognized six local organizations this year including the **Cross Plain Area Housing Initiative** which is responsible for improvements in housing for lower income and elderly individuals and families; **Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce** for their Sidewalk Beautification Project and the Barbarian Festival and Cook-off; **Cross Plains Garden Club** who has organized community signs and Annual Trade Days; **Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center** who has an ongoing program for senior citizens and sponsored a Welcome to Cross Plains mural; **Kiwanis Club** who is

a strong supporter of many community projects, especially for the youth; and **Project Pride** who has recently built a Pavilion and continues to promote Robert E. Howard Day and the Howard House. Representative Jim Keffer presented each representative with a certificate.

All the elected officials who were present at the banquet were recognized and honored for their service.

Margie Sowell, elementary

principal, presented the Classroom Cash to Nora Odom, for use in the reading program.

Sandra Jones introduced the speaker Kyle McAlister. He is the co-anchor of "West Texas Today" on KRBC-TV in Abilene. He also does radio work with KISS-FM radio. Kyle delivered an informative program about politics and the media. His quick wit kept everyone entertained, while letting us in on how television journalism really works. He stated that you only

become involved in this career because you love it.

A large crowd enjoyed the ham dinner catered by Ophelia's. The silent auction was a success as well as the live auction of baked items and a watch which John Adams served as auctioneer.

As usual, the banquet was a fun-filled evening which reminds you of the civic-minded individuals and organizations who are dedicated to improving our community.

Burn Ban Reinstated for Callahan County

Callahan County Commissioners voted Monday, July 24 to reinstate the countywide outdoor burn ban effective immediately.

The burn was lifted after heavy rains in the county in June, however little rainfall fell during the month of July forcing county commissioners to reinstate the outdoor burn ban. On a motion by Commissioner Tommy Holland and second by Commissioner Bryan Farmer, the commissioners' court voted unanimously to reinstate the outdoor burn ban.

Callahan County Commissioners also met in a budget workshop to consider the 2000-2001 fiscal year budget for Callahan County. County Judge Roger Corn stated the commissioners have tentatively proposed a tax rate one and one-half cents higher than last year's. The tentative tax rate would generate \$42,000 in additional revenue for the county coffers.

Judge Corn said the commissioners' court will meet at 9:30 a.m. Monday, August 14 to discuss the tax rate again. At the August 14 meeting, county commissioners will take a record vote and schedule a public hearing if the higher tax rate is to be considered.

The county judge said each department head has presented their department budgets to the county commissioners for their consideration. As the budget officer, Judge Corn said he's also examined the department budgets and will make

recommendations to the entire commissioners' court.

The commissioners' court has also tentatively slated a public hearing on Tuesday, August 29 to adopt the tax rate. The commissioners' court has also scheduled a meeting on Monday, September 11 to adopt the 2000-2001 fiscal year tax rate for the county.

Other commissioners' court agenda items included:

—Commissioners reviewed and signed the minutes from the previous commissioners' court meeting.

—During time set aside for public comment, Leenell Roach representing Allied Compliance Service of Lubbock met with the county commissioners to present some drug testing information for CDL's (Commercial Driver's License) being offered by the company.

—On a motion by Judge Corn and second by Commissioner Harold Hicks, commissioners voted to table appointment of election judges for the county precincts to the November 2000 General Election. The item will come before the commissioners' court at the Monday, August 14 meeting.

—On a motion by Hicks and second by Farmer, commissioners voted 4-0 to pay all approved bills.

—On a motion by Farmer and second by Holland, commissioners voted 4-0 to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 1:50 p.m.

Federal Funds Available for Housing in Rural Areas — Zero Down Payment for Rural Homeownership

TEMPLE, TX July 17, 2000 — Steven A. Carraker, State Director, Texas USDA Rural Development, announced today that even though the fiscal year is quickly drawing to close, there are still ample federal funds available for Guaranteed Rural Housing loans. Borrowers can often get these loans with no down payment.

To be eligible for financing, the home must be located in a rural community with less than 10,000 in population, on farm or in open country, not closely associated with an urban area. Under certain circumstances, loans can be made in towns and cities between 10,000 and 25,000 in population.

"Never assume an area is not eligible under the guaranteed loan program. We encourage anyone interested in owning their own home to call the Brownwood Office for details on eligible areas," said Carraker.

The guaranteed rural housing loan may be used to finance new or existing homes that are structurally sound and have adequate
See Federal Funds, Page 3

Local Man's Home Suffered Fire Damage

Pete Golson's home received fire damage last Thursday afternoon. The flames appeared to commence in the bathroom, which received heavy damage. Smoke damage resulted in further destruction throughout his home.

The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department responded to the call.

Golson turned off the propane, which appeared to be fueling the flame, after Mike McClure arrived on the scene.

The structure was not completely destroyed, but major restoration will be necessary according to Pete's son, Bobby Golson.

City of C.P. to Discuss Drought Contingency Plan

The City of Cross Plains will discuss the Drought Contingency Plan for Cross Plains and encourages any interested citizens to attend the regular council meeting set for Tuesday, August 1, at 6:30 p.m.

Cottonwood Baptist Sponsor Donation Car Wash at D&B Fina

Saturday morning starting at 8 a.m. the Cottonwood Baptist Youth Group will be holding a car wash at the Fina Station at the Traffic Signal. Come meet these fine young people.

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COUNTY COURT
Roger Corn, presiding
Misdemeanor Filings

Brandon W. Black, theft.
Jason L. Monsey, possession of marijuana.
Jennifer B. Black, theft.
Rickey L. Dukes, driving while intoxicated (DWT).
Joe Tom South, assault.
Russell L. Ledford, criminal mischief.
Gary Hargrove, DWI.
Joshua Wilkinson, making alcohol available to a minor.
Richard G. McIntire Jr., driving while license suspended.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Eddy L. McCracken, motion to dismiss to theft of property by check in the interest of justice granted.
Daniel McDorman, motion to dismiss to theft of property by check granted, paid restitution.
David Gonzales, plea of guilty to assault, \$200 fine, \$282.25 court costs.
Jessica Minear, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 6 month probation, \$500 fine, \$242.25 court costs.
Joshua Haile, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 6 month probation, \$500 fine, \$242.25 court costs.
Lorenzo Benavides, plea of guilty to DWI, 2 year probation, \$400 fine, \$242.25 court costs.

Marriage Licenses

Toby Jack Davee and Kristi Lynn Kanady, both of Baird.
Jack Lawayne Jones of Abilene and Lillian Larue Scott of Honey Grove.
Donald Vernon Howard and Herta Martha Brown, both of Baird.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Luann Lovelady and Michael Todd Lovelady, divorce.
Yisral Yaaqob-Mosheh Hawkins and Misyam Mosheh Hawkins, divorce.
Audie L. Kilough and Tonya Sue Hood, divorce.
Tommy Len Smith and Tina Lynn Smith, divorce.

Civil Minutes

D'Amico Construction, Inc. vs. Housing Authority of the City of Baird and Callahan Co. Tx. and the City of Baird, order on motion for voluntary non-suit without prejudice granted.
Bentley Harbour and Alda Harbour, divorce granted.

Criminal Minutes

Jaime Sarinana, motion to dismiss to failure to stop and render assistance granted, defendant convicted in another case.
Samantha M. Gober, plea of guilty to misapplication of fiduciary property, 1 year probation, \$10,000 restitution, \$500 fine, \$274.25 court costs.
Wayland Lee Arnold, plea of guilty to murder, 10 year probation, \$2500 fine, \$519.50 court costs.
Wayland Lee Arnold, plea of guilty to tampering with physical evidence, 10 year probation, \$174.50 court costs.

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Fred McNeel

Fred McNeel, of Wichita Falls, died Sunday, July 16, 2000. He was 50. A memorial service was conducted at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 19, 2000, in the sanctuary of the First Christian Church of Wichita Falls, with the Rev. Robert C. Allen, pastor and Dr. John Muir, officiating. Services were under the direction of Hampton Vaughan Crestview.

He was born September 15, 1949, in Cross Plains, Texas. A 1973 graduate of Texas A & M University, he received a degree in geology. Fred began working for the Texas Railroad Commission on September 1, 1973, and has served as the District Director for the past sixteen years. On November 7, 1981, he married Debbie Andrus in Wichita Falls. He was a long time member of the First Christian Church of Wichita Falls, the Henrietta High School All Sports Club and the Wichita Falls Texas A & M Club. A long time member of the Wichita Falls Mavericks, he also played guitar and sang with the Renegades. Fred had served on the Crime Stoppers Board for several years and served for many years as a member of the Maskat Shrine Clowns. He was preceded in death by his father, C. F. "Pat" McNeel, Jr. in 1985.

Survivors include his wife, Debbie and their son, Andrew of the home; his mother, Margaret McNeel of Cross Plains; his sister, Susan McNeel of Cross Plains; and his uncle, Joe McNeel of Abilene. Serving as honorary pallbearers were: John Christoff, C. A. "Cat" Thomas, Donnie Wilson, Ted Smith, Jerry Johnson, Rick Appling, Bob McCullough, Andy Gannoway, James Schlager and the employees of the Texas Railroad Commission. For those desiring, the family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the First Christian Church of Wichita Falls, 3701 Taft Boulevard, Wichita Falls, Texas 76308, to benefit the Young Ages School and the Children Come First Program.

Dan Childress

Mr. Dan Childress, age 85, of Cross Plains, died suddenly Thursday, July 20, 2000 at Abilene Regional Medical Center in Abilene.

He is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert G. and Lavonne Childress; Scott and Jacque Childress all of Cross Plains. Two brothers, Hiram Childress of Temple; and Robert Childress of Abilene. Three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Dan was preceded in death by his wife Nancy Childress in May of 1997.

Funeral Services were held 3 p.m., Sunday, July 23, 2000 at the Higginbotham Chapel with Bob Pipes officiating. Burial was in the Cottonwood Cemetery in Callahan County, Texas with Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains in charge.

He retired from the U.S. Forest Service in Albuquerque in 1969 after 33 years. He then operated a pecan, peach and peanut farm at Cottonwood, Texas for 30 years.

Donations may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

VERNON BOYLE

COLEMAN — Vernon Boyle, 81, died Tuesday, July 18, 2000, at an Abilene nursing home.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Thursday at Burkett Cemetery Pavilion with Dr. G. Dean Coultas officiating, directed by Stevens Funeral Home.

Mr. Boyle was born in Burkett and attended schools there. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served in Europe during World War II. He was honorably discharged in 1945 and was a farmer and member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include one brother, Garvice Boyle of Coleman; numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial may be made to Burkett Cemetery Association, c/o Linda Brady, 1001 CR 178, Burkett, Texas 76828.



TRIAD

One of the goals of TRIAD/ Seniors and Law Enforcement Together is to strive to find and carry-out ways and means to protect senior citizens and disabled persons from abuse and crimes, to make their lives safer and more secure. Protecting them from abuse, neglect, from being taken advantage of financially or mistreated in any other way or fashion.

To protect them from crimes, we strive to educate and to warn them from scams and teach them to call 911 if they feel they are being taken advantage of financially or mistreated in any other way.

To protect them from crime, we strive to educate and to warn them of scams and potential crimes. In educating, we stress that if they feel or even suspect they are being taken advantage of, to call 911 and report it.

What should be done if they are being abused by a family member or caregiver? That information can be found by your reading the following.

Elderly and disabled Texans deserve honor and respect. Unfortunately, many people who are elderly or physically challenged are abused or alone. People don't like to talk about this shameful secret. Many elderly and disabled people who are unable to care for themselves are taken advantage of by the very people who are supposed to care for them.

With age comes wisdom and sometimes abuse. If you know an elderly or disabled person who is being mistreated, harmed neglected or hurt in any other way, notify ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES and ask their help. Elderly and disabled Texans deserve honor and respect—not ABUSE!!

You may ask yourself, what "is" abuse of at risk adults? It is taking money from a person who needs it to live. It's pushing them, shoving or even hitting or slapping them. It consists of leaving them unattended when they cannot care for themselves. If you know of an elderly or disabled person who is being abused—DO SOMETHING!

Some of your elderly and disabled neighbors live all alone. No family, no friends, especially in large cities. Neglect is a form of abuse. It may not be intentional, but it still HURTS! If you have knowledge of an elderly or disabled person who is being neglected, don't hesitate, get help for them by calling Adult Protective Services at their toll free number -800-252-5400.

Many elderly and disabled Texans live on an extremely tight budget. And—it doesn't help when someone takes their money. When a family member or caregiver takes the money that an elderly or disabled person needs to live on, it's abuse. Do you know of an elderly or disabled person whose money is being taken? If so, or if you are elderly or disabled --- is someone taking your money? If you know so or suspect so, call ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES at 1-800-252-5400 to get help for them or for yourself.

El Respeto Al Adulto Vulnerable. E jemplos! Los tejanos de edad o discapacitados mercon nuestra consideracion y respet. Desafortunadamente, muchas

personas de edad o discapacitadas sufren maltrato o estan solos. A la gente no le gusta hablar de este vergonzoso sedreto. Muchos adultos vulnerables sufren proque deberia cuidados se aprovecha de ellos. Los Servicios de Proteccion al Adulto pueden ayudar. La edad trae sabiduria y a veces maltrato. Si usted sabe de alguna persona de edad o discapacitada que esta sufriendo maltrato, descuido o a quien se esta perjudicando de alguna manera, llame a los Servicios de Proteccion al Adulto!

Que' es el abuso de adultos vulnerables? Es quitarle dinero a la persona que lo necesita para vivia. Es empujarla, o atropellarla. Es no atenderla cuando no puede atenderse a si misma. Si usted sabe de alguna persona de edad o discapacitada que esta sufriendo maltrato, jhaga algo!

Algunos de sus vecinos de edad y discapacitados estan solos. No tienen familia ni amigos. El descuido es una forma de maltrato. Puede que no sea intencional PERO DUELE.

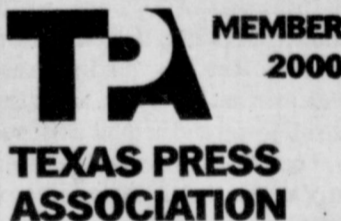
Machtejanos de edad y discapacitados viven con un presupuesto muy limitado. Y la vida se pone mas dificul cuando alguien les quita el dinero. Cuando un pariente o una persona encargada de su cuidado la quita el dinero que necesita para cicir a una persona de edad o discapacitada, eso es maltrato. Perjudicando de alguna manera, jhaga algo! LLame a los Servicios de Proteccion al Adulto al 1-800-252-5400.

Submitted by Kay Mosley
Sec./Treas. Callahan County TRIAD/
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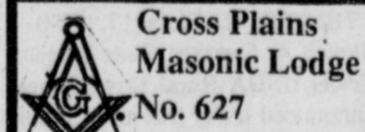
Living Water Ministries would like to invite you to come share a fresh word of the Lord with us, on Sunday, July 30, 2000. It will start at 10:00 in the morning, West of the 4-way stop on Hwy 36.

We will be welcoming several Ministers this Sunday. Apostle Bob Long of the Austin area will be with us. He is the leader of Rally Call Ministries in Austin as well as being involved in the Federation of Ministers and Churches.

William and Angela Nunez will be here from San Antonio. William pastors River City Fellowship while Angela teaches at the church's school.

**Colonial Oaks
Services**

Cottonwood Baptist will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, July 30, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

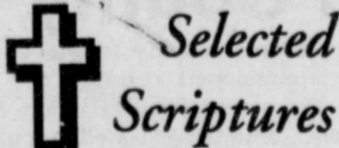


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Tim and Kelly Sheppard will also be with us. Tim ministers prophetically on the keyboard and in song while Kelly flows in a strong intercessory anointing.

We also are expecting a group of intercessors from San Angelo. With the Holy Spirit and this mix of anointed ministers coming together in unity and of one accord, only God knows what can happen. So come expecting to receive a blessing. For more information call (254) 725-6619



I am small and despised, Yet I do not forget Your precepts. -- Psalm 119:141
He is despised and rejected by men, A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief, And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. Isaiah 53:3
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Colonial Oaks Nursing Home News

By: Linda Merritt

June Hickman reports that she enjoyed a visit and outing with her daughter Cindy Brown and her husband Dick from Harvest, AL.

A warm welcome for our new resident Lola Goble.

Maxine Crisp sure looks pretty with her new perm. We appreciate Lillie Dillard, Connie Kirkham and Ray Purvis for keeping our residents looking pretty and well groomed.

Vera Belyeu was our winner for a free meal from Jack's Place. Thanks Wanda and Jack.

Our appreciation to Mike Mayo for the pizza, to Beth Meador for the peaches, to Sheri Kitchens for the candy and to Jim Fleming for the cantaloupe.

Phillis and Jack Rhine from Burnet visited with Frank Rone.

Amber, Taylor and Bethany Parker, Dub and Beth Meador visited with Nan Stiles.

Latrisha Clark, Michael Curry, and Deborah Griswold visited with Deen Haddox.

Tiffany McKenzie visited with Carl McKenzie.

Bobby Jack McCowen, Alton, Joan and Donie McCowen visited with Raymond McCowen.

Robbie and Rachelle Allen visited with Lola Goble.

Activities During the Week:

Monday: Bingo winners were: Vera Belyeu, Minnie Swann (2), Falba Shotner (2), Maxine Crisp and Ruby Harrell. Exercise Class.

Tuesday: Art Class. Singing with Dorothy Reynolds. Skip-Bo games.

Wednesday: Sing-a-long with Bob Wallace. Exercise Class.

Thursday: Manicures. Ball Toss. Skip-Bo games.

Friday: Bingo winners were: Maxine Crisp, Minnie Swann (2), Vera Belyeu (2), Falba Shotner (2) and Ruby Harrell. Popcorn. Skip-Bo games.

Sunday: Cottonwood Baptist.

A good laugh and a long sleep are the best cures in the doctor's book.

Pantry's New Hours

Cross Plains Food Pantry will be observing new summer hours as of Friday, July 21st. The new time will be 10:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday.

Clients who need to use the pantry should come to the center at that time. However, is you have an emergency, call (254) 725-6510 and there will be someone to help you.

If you need to leave donations of food or clothing, please bring them by on these same days and time. Please do not leave donations at the center is staff are not there!

Regular hours and time will resume in October.

Submitted by Betty Edwards
Director

Albert Lee Now at Home

Albert Lee of this community is now at his residence after 36 days in Abilene Regional. Dr. David McCain performed five heart

bypasses on Mr. Lee.

He is recuperating from the recent surgery at his home.

NEAL DRUG
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THURSDAY, AUGUST 3



BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes, preacher
Cross Plains Church of Christ
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I don't read the funny paper because it takes too much time. But I'm a pushover when it comes to a cartoon; it only takes a few seconds. I receive a church bulletin each week that has a cartoon of a religious nature. I shared one with you last week; I have another I must share with you.

There are these two very old ladies in their rocking chairs. One says to the other: "I'm getting so old that all my friends in heaven will think I didn't make it."

There are many jokes that revolve around heaven and hell. One is told of this Christian who was reading the Bible on the airplane and the person sitting beside him asked what he was reading. "The Bible," came the reply. "You don't really believe all those stories in there, do you," asked the doubter, "like the one about Jonah being in a fish's belly for three days? Can you believe that? How did he manage?" "Yes, I believe that," answered the Christian, "and as for how he managed -- I'll just have to ask him when I get to heaven." "What if he didn't go to heaven?" the doubter asked. "Then you ask him first hand," the Christian replied.

Eternity. Heaven or hell. Sobering to think about, isn't it? As we live on earth, we are preparing for eternity and there are no other options of where we will "spend" it. Jesus and writers of the New Testament not only point out this fact repeatedly, they encourage us to make the right choice. Jesus pleaded, "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it," Matthew 7:13-14.

Come join us in preparing for eternity -- to "spend" it in heaven -- and in helping others do the same. After all, I have a question or two for Noah and Moses, and Abraham, and....

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Carlile - Frazier Reunion 2000

The Carlile -Frazier Reunion met at the Cottonwood Community Center July 15 and 16 with 122 people attending. There were many games played for fun and gifts. Chances were sold on three items as a fund-raiser.

There was a memory picture made by Annie Kitchens and won by Connie Neugent. Three metal steer heads in hay (for on the wall) were made by James Neugent and won by Linda Stricklin, Freddy Frazier and Kristi Williams. Also a beautiful "cousins" quilt made by Clea Faye Guynes, a cousin unable to be here because of very severe family illness. The quilt was won by Ruby Bouzidin. Our prayers and best wishes go out to the Guynes families.

Twenty door prizes and a gift for the oldest, Nina Ferguson, and the youngest, Hallie Tyler, were given out.

Many thanks to all who gave and helped with the reunion in any way, especially to the younger generation who are doing such a great job in taking over responsibilities.

Our relatives and friends attending were:

Abilene - Lindsey Brown; **Albany** - Alice Moon and Margaret Hill; **Breckenridge** - Clifford and Lorene Green and Celly; **Brownfield** - Wayne and Beth Mayo, Melanie and Miranda; **Brownwood** - Jerry and Evelyn Tyler, Mack Tyler, Eric and Hilary Tyler and Hallie; **Cisco** - Nadene Huffman, Frank and Connie Neugent and Melba Kidd; **Cross Plains** - Dale and Annie Mae Kitchens, Walter Kitchens, Sheri Kitchens, Chris, Amanda and Kyle, Clinton Grubb, Philip Strength and Bob Sipes; **Denver City** - Michael and Wilma Williams, Michelle and Kristi; **Fort Worth** - Rick and Crystal Robbins, Bryce and

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Hope to see everyone at the 2001 Reunion. We sure missed Dean and family and Clea Faye and family.

Submitted by Annie Kitchens

Rowden Social is Planned for July 29

Saturday, July 29th at 6:30 pm the the community of Rowden is planning a social. It will be at the First Baptist Church of Rowden on highway 36.

There will be refreshments of cookies, coffee and tea. Lots of games, dominos, cards and

visiting will round out the evening.

Everyone, young and old, new to Rowden or used to live there or if you just know someone from Rowden and would like to come out, you are all invited! See ya there!

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Quips, Clips & Comments

By: Kay Mosley

"Recent Rains and Other Happenings"

Wasn't the recent rains grand? And such a welcome surprise, too! Sometimes a good rain can go a really long way.

It sure is hard to do without though; when it doesn't rain for quite a long spell; it often gets to where there just isn't enough water to go around for everybody to do what they really have to do, much less to do what they "just want" to do.

Recently, I happened to come across some publicity about a drive-in theatre re-opening in Abilene. IT seems to me an exciting event. It's something we of my generation enjoyed while we were growing up, and I think it's just a fascinating thing for the children and young

people today to experience and enjoy. We grandmas and grandads will enjoy it also.

We had company recently from Minnesota. They flew first to Fort Worth and Marvin's mother and step-father drove them to Cross Plains. The Minnesota visitors were Marvin's niece (his brother's middle daughter) Angela and her two young daughters (ages 7 and 9 years). My daughter Allison (a Cross Plains resident) and Angela, although they were first cousins, had never met. It was a first time experience for both. They had many characteristics in common and favored enough to be sisters. They looked a lot more alike than my sister and I, and we had the same mother and father.

Have a great summer and don't forget the cookies and lemonade. Au Revoir!!

Attention Athletes

All student athletes who will be entering the 7th grade or the 9th grade will be required to have a physical. These physical exams will be given free of charge from 1:30 to 4:30 on Thursday, August 3, 2000.

The physicals will be given by One Source Health Center at 109 N.E. 2nd Street in Cross Plains. We appreciate the ongoing effort and commitment that they provide our community and our athletes.

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School Board Minutes

July 21, 2000

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting with the following members present: Terry Nixon, Rickey Carey, Donnie Dillard, Charles Chesshir, Monty Richards, Tony Wyatt, Superintendent Jackie Tennison, High School Principal Leonard Wilson, Elementary Principal Margie Sowell, and guest, Cathy Anderson.

Prayer was led by Jackie Tennison. Minutes were approved with corrections.

Motion was made by Carey and seconded by Wyatt to pay the bills for the month of July. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Carey and seconded by Wyatt that we approve Leon Petty Insurance Company to be our student insurance carrier. For 6 Against 0

Motion made by Richards and seconded by Wyatt that we revise the school calendar to allow February 19, 2001 and April 6, 2001 to be school holidays. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by Carey that we approve the PDAS Appraisal Calendar for 2000-2001 as recommended by high school and elementary principals. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Nixon and seconded by Wyatt that we approve the waiver application for additional staff development days. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Richards and seconded by Carey that we accept the student handbook and the student code of conduct as presented for the 2000-2001 school year. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Richards and seconded by Nixon that we approve C.P.I.S.D. Employee's Handbook for 2000-2001. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Chesshir and seconded by Carey that we accept transfers for 2000-2001 with guidelines recommended by the administration and approved by the board. For 5 Against 1 Monty Richards voted against

Motion was made by Chesshir and seconded by Wyatt that we accept Gandy's bid for milk supply. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Carey and seconded by Nixon that we accept the gasoline and diesel from Cross Plains Petroleum. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Nixon and seconded by Carey that we reluctantly and with no local choice or control move to not allow school sponsored prayer over the P.A. system at extracurricular activities as the result of recent supreme court ruling. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by Richards that we approve the TASB Risk Management Fund for Workers Compensation and Unemployment. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Nixon and seconded by Carey that we meet for C.P.I.S.D. Budget Workshop on August 15 at 6:00 pm. in the high school board room. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by Richards that we amend the 99-00 budget in the following functions: F-11 instruction, F-33 Health Services, F-36 Co-Curricular, F-41 Gen. Administration, F-51 Plant Maintenance, F-81 Facilities. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by Carey that we approve the resolution attached approving independent sources of instructions relating to investment responsibilities. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Richards and seconded by Nixon that we set school lunch prices as follows: Breakfast K-12 \$.50 Reduced \$.30 Adult \$1.25; Lunch K-5 \$1.25 6-12 \$1.50 Reduced \$.40 Adult \$2.50; Juice \$.15; milk \$.25 tea; \$.25 with maximum of 10 charges. For 6 Against 0

The board declared executive session at 10:03 p.m. and was out of executive session at 10:32 p.m.

Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by Richards that we accept the resignations of Jacque Childress, elementary library aide; Jamie L. Dement, high school science

teacher; and Karla Rogers, as junior high special ed teacher. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by Carey that we hire Lydia Yoder as band director for a 1 year probationary contract with 10 extra days and \$5,000.00 above base. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Nixon and seconded by Wyatt that we hire Maria Michelle Beasley as high school science teacher on a one year probationary contract. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Carey and seconded by Richards that we hire Rebecca A. Sparks as kindergarten teacher for 1 year probationary contract. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Richards and seconded by Wyatt that we hire Gerry D. Webb as high school math teacher for a 1 year probationary contract. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Nixon and seconded by Wyatt that we hire Deanna Golson as kindergarten teacher for a 1 year probationary contract. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Carey and seconded by Richards that we hire Carol Rogers as special ed teachers aide. For 6 Against 0

No action was taken for the superintendent goals.

Motion was made by Nixon and seconded by Wyatt that we adjourn. For 6 Against 0

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Local Student Named to Who's Who Among American High Schools

Melinda J. Richardson was recommended and again received honorary award recognition by Who's Who Among American High School Students, 199-2000. The honor allows Who's Who students eligibility to apply for a \$1,000 scholarship from the \$200,000 to be awarded this year. Approximately 20,000 schools are represented by their outstanding students. Only 1/2 of 1 percent of all high school students are honored for two or more years. Melinda is to be commended for her consistent commitment to excellence. Melinda was a 2000 graduate of Cross Plains High School and the daughter of J.F. and Gloria Richardson of the Cross Cut Community.

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Cross Plains Junior Rodeo Results Announced a record 131 contestants participated

By CLIFFADEAN HARGROVE

The Cross Plains Roping Club Junior Rodeo came to a successful close Saturday night as a record 131 contestants competed in steers, bull, junior bulls, breakaway roping, ribbon roping, tiedown, barrels, poles, goat tying and team roping.

Junior Rodeo is bigger and better than ever with a competition level to rival any rodeo; from a 6.6 second run in goat slapping to a 16.054 barrel run by Cross Plains' Rainey Bacon. The breakaway roping posted some great times with John Peters winning Saturday night's show with a 2.02 time. John also had a 3rd and 5th place in tiedown and another 2nd place in breakaway.

River Dillard posted 3.1 and 3.6 seconds in the breakaway to receive 3rd and 4th place. River brought home a 4th and 5th place with his team roping efforts.

Brandi Richey had a 3rd and 5th place in the goat typing while Jerrad Eisenbach tried his hand with the steer riding receiving 3rd place. Other Cross Plains contestants were Shasta Bacon, Colton Moore, Danielle Eppard and Rowdy Dillard.

The All-Around buckles were won by Ashley Roberts and Clay Brown of Stephenville in the 10 and under

division; Kylee Burrus of Stephenville and Dan Turner of Santo in the 11-14; and in the 15-19 division Kristal Brown of Caron and Brant Burrus of Stephenville were the winners.

Winning the Bill Dillard Memorial buckle for the Champion Header was Kerry Drew of Early and Heeler, Travis Saunders of May with a 8.89 run.

The buckles were donated by Joy Dillard, Dean and Vicki Dillard and Bud and Becky Dillard.

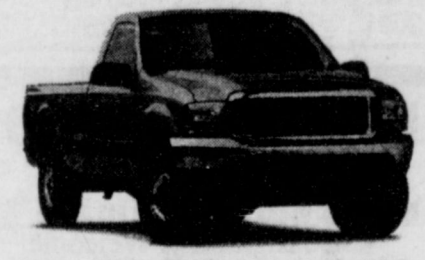
Frankie Hyles, president of the roping club, would like to express his appreciation to Johnson's Dry Goods for the banner and donation; Mahler Family for the goats; Lewis Fortune for the tractor; high school cheerleaders for the concession; Cross Plains E.M.S.; and all the helpers including Cord, Zed and Thor Woerner, Roy Richey and family, Sandy Carey, J.V. and Sheila Rhyne, Bud Dillard and family, Rod and Neva Middleton, Benny Free, Bob Golson, Billy Knight and family, Jeff Bacon, Beau James, Joseph Turner and the kids who are too numerous to name.

There will be a called meeting on Monday, July 31, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the proceeds of the Junior Rodeo, clean up and prepare the grounds for the close of a good season. All members are encouraged to attend.

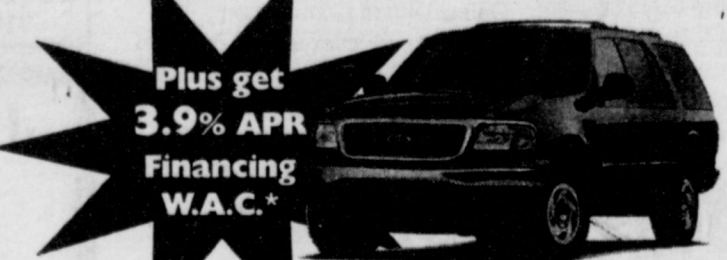
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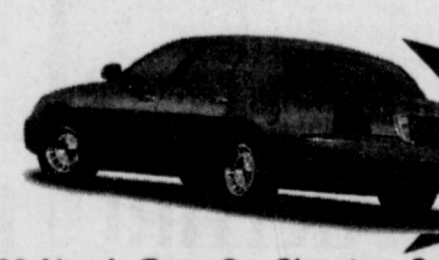
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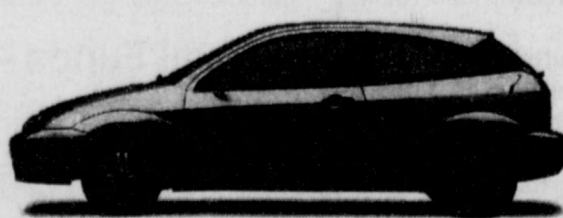
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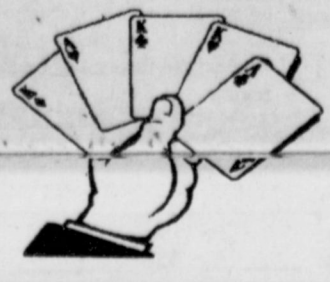


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Local Poet Recognized in Contest With His Peers

The President of the International Society of Poets recently informed Curtis Bullard of his nomination as Poet of the Year for 2000. He has been invited to read his poetry at the single largest gathering of poets in the world. He will be formally inducted as an International Poet of Merit and Honored Member of their Society for 2000.

Mr. Bullard earned these honors from his creation of the following poem:

LOVE

There are very few people who understand love,
 For you see there are two, one of the earth, one from above.
 You hear the word used all the time, but used with a sigh.
 True love is ageless, it will not fail and will never die.

The martyrs of Jesus set an example in their time.
 Their love for Jesus was stronger than life, this was sign.
 A sign of 'true love' total commitment to Him who died

On that old wooden cross with a thief by His side.

The love of a man for his wife and children and his own,
 Different than to die for someone you have never know.
 Jesus died for us, we must be willing to die for Him also.
 This is proof of 'true love,' let it be said, let it be so.

If you tell someone you love them, think before you speak,
 The passing of time will tell if you are strong or weak.
 True love 'never dies' it will weather storms of time.
 Remember 'true love,' dear Jesus, let it be mine.

There are no divorces in 'true love' no violence or strife.
 When you say, "I do," let it be for the rest of your life.
 Remember, as you pass through life, seek true love,
 For you see, there are two, one of the earth, one from above.

CURTIS G. BULLARD



July 17-21

History buffs! Do we have a book for you! It's called *Indian Fighting on the Texas Frontier*, and was written over 70 years ago by Captain John Elkins. The family, including Thelbert and Ruth Elkins of Coleman, felt that the story of life during the Civil War and the settling of west Texas frontier were important enough to be reprinted. Included are chapters on "Civil War Wars," "The Story of Old Fort Chadbourne," "The Capture of Cynthia Ann Parker," "The Courageous Frontier Women," and "The Fate of a Cruel Band." John Elkins was the first Sheriff and Tax Collector of Coleman County. Several chapters were written by his wife, Emma Elkins, who was published in leading periodicals of the early 1900's. How much closer can you get to frontier days in this part of Texas? And there are two copies, hand delivered by John's and Emma's great-great-grandson, Bobby Golson. (I'll sit here to look for you!)

Statistics:
Books:
 Cross Plains 111
 Abilene 2
 Abilene 4
Summer Reading Program 56
TOTAL 173

Memorial:
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For Homer Hillburn by Richard and Mary Chaffin, Hollis and Cherry Shults, Florence Hilderbrand
Donations: Richard and Mary Ann Chaffin
Books: John Miller, Bobby Golson and Thelbert and Ruth Elkins

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from July 16, 2000 through July 22, 2000 include:

Cases Investigated
 Warnings-75
 Complaints-90
 DWI-2
 Possession of drug paraphernalia-2
 Possession of Controlled Substance-2
Vehicle Accidents
 There were three vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.
People Arrested On Outstanding Warrants
 There were 12 outstanding warrants issued for a total of \$3,425.00 collected.

National Fair Housing Law Notes 32nd Anniversary

This year marks the 32nd anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law. To promote fair housing policies, the West Central Texas Council of Governments encourages potential homeowners and renters to be aware of their rights.

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, prohibits discrimination against any person on the

basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap, familial status or national origin in the sale or rental of units in the housing market.

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Thanks
Betty Edwards, Director
18-1p

THANK YOU
We want to thank each friend and relative who attended our 50th Anniversary reception.

Also those who sent cards and gifts and the women who served. We appreciate all who made our anniversary such a Special Day!

John Coleman and Mary Pillans
18-1p

THANK YOU
Words cannot express the love we have felt this past week from all of our friends. GOD gives us so many blessings that we take for granted everyday.

Thank you so very much for all of the food, phone calls, and especially your prayers.
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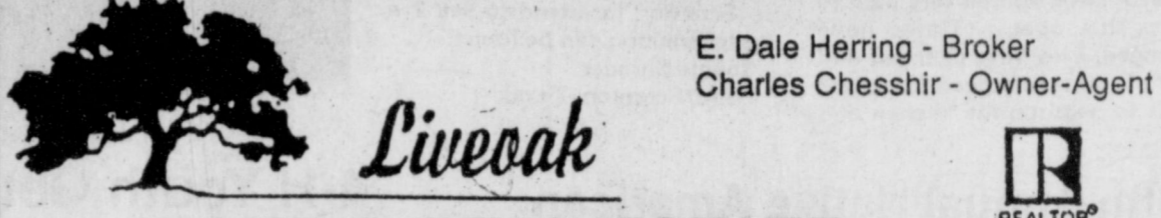
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Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,
The Scranton Community Center is operated to serve the people of the community and the surrounding area. There is a musical held the first Saturday of each month. The annual Scranton Homecoming is held the first Wednesday in June. The center is occasionally used for community activities. The center may be rented for family reunions and other events. The center depends on the kitchen sales at the musicals and one fund-raising dinner, at homecoming, to provide money for operating expenses. Many individuals in the past and present have worked very hard to keep this open. Times have changed, lives have changed and there is an urgent need for volunteers to help run the kitchen and

participate in other ways. Many know that I was married to Hugh Shrader. Hugh died May 24. He had a love for Scranton, great family and school memories of the days he spent in the community. He returned, to the places he loved best, to call it home, once again. I have learned to love the area also. He wanted this love to continue for his boys and their wives. Hugh was available to help make this happen. Please join me in this effort. There will be a quarterly meeting Tuesday, August 1, 2000, in the community center, at 7:00 p.m. I would encourage any one with "ties" to Scranton to attend to see if a better solution can be found.
Joanie Shrader
Baird/Scranton, Texas



KAYLA WINDHAM, BAIRD 4-H CLUB
...daughter of Tom and Jan Windham

Fifth Annual Native American Seminar to Be Held at CJC in Cisco

The Fifth Annual Native American Seminar to be held at Cisco Junior College, in Cisco. The seminar is cosponsored by the Comanche Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America. Scouts and Native American hobbyists from throughout Texas will attend the July 28-30 seminar. The seminar will include a Native American pow wow and dance contest Saturday, July 29 beginning at 7:00

p.m. in the CJC gymnasium. The pow wow is open to the public with no admission charge. "We hope you will join us in this colorful celebration of our Native American heritage," said Dr. Roger C. Schustereit, CJC president and seminar coordinator. For more information please contact the President's Office at CJC by calling (254) 442-2567.

4-H Youth Gets Patriotic About Fashion During Annual Show

It was "stars and stripes forever" July 17 as some 80 young fashion pros exhibited their tailoring skills to a patriotic theme at the Texas Agricultural Extension Service's Annual District 7 4-H Fashion Show. The young fashion experts marched across the stage in their personal creations during the show in Southland Baptist Church. The show hosts 4-H members from across the District's 23 counties. West Texas Utilities and the Extension Service have sponsored the popular event for 45 years. First and second place winners in the garment category of construction and buying divisions earned rosettes from West Texas Utilities. Cotton garment winners in the

Construction Division received cash awards from the Rolling Plains Cotton Compress and in the Buying Division from the District 7 FCE Association. The Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association Women's Auxiliary also gave the wool and mohair garment entries cash awards. Kayla Windham from the Baird 4-H Club competed in the event with a watermelon print dress and coordinating jacket that she constructed from 100% cotton fabric. Kayla placed 5th in the Junior Dress Category and 1st place in the Cotton Division. She also placed 3rd with a pillow that was entered in the non-apparel division.

2000 Ranch Rodeo Results

Saturday, July 22, 2000, The Callahan County Sheriff Posse held their 13th annual Ranch Rodeo and Sheriff's Posse President Shannon Staggs termed it a great success. Postponed from its normal June date, (due to rain). Saturday's event was extremely hot, dry and dusty according to rodeo officials. Each of the rodeo teams, the team sponsors and individual team members were introduced to the crowd as the rodeo kicked off with the grand entry. Ten, five men teams vied for the quickest times in Team Penning, Team Mugging, Team Roping and Wild Cow Milking.

2000 winners results are:
1st Place: METAL MART TEAM - Bryan Stovall, Larry Nochliger, Marshal Green, Eddie McIlwain and Rodney Goodwin.
2nd Place: HANNER CHEVROLET, PONTIAC, GMC - Scotty Goldsmith, Bubba Wilson, Steve Goldsmith, James Hopkins and Morris D. Snyder.
3rd Place: UNION HILL STEAKHOUSE - Mike Roberts, Richard Lemay, Clint Middleton, Cody Ray and Dee Bland.
4th Place: CLYDE FARM & RANCH SUPPLY - Wade Trojack, Bruce Vinson, Bo Trojack, Jody Kelly & Tim Roberts.
5th Place: THRIFTY'S FOOD MART - Mel Matthews, Kenneth Saunders, Jake Saunders, Dean Bowen and Andy Porter.
6th Place: PEOPLES STATE BANK - Philip Whitlock, Cody Cockran, Cody Lawrence, Wes Ashlock and T.J. Roberts.
7th Place: CALLAHAN COUNTY VETERINARY CLINIC - Terry French, Rooster Hargrove, Allen Fleming, Tom South and Scott Mackey.
8th Place: PARKER FUNERAL HOME - Joe Farmer, Dale Eddins, Danny Manley, Rickey Beasley and James Sanders.
9th Place: WICHITA FALLS PRODUCTION CREDIT - Damon Albus, Josh Allen, Rodie Goodwin, Tony Hall and Terry Monroe.
10th Place: BILL'S SUPERETTE - Archie Akers, Kim Walton, Cody Walton, Justin Hollis, and Tyson Broadfoot.

The first place team, Metal Mart members were awarded \$625 and Handmade bits made by James Jaggars and given by 1st National Bank of Baird & Nelson Farm & Ranch Sales (Butch Nelson, Scotty Goldsmith, Barry McCullar, Repps Guitar, Charles Cannon, Sonny Collins, Felix

Manion, Randy Riley & Don Harris).
2nd Place - Hanner Chevrolet, Pontiac, GMC team received \$355 and ropes given by West Texas Veterinary Supply.
3rd Place - Union Hill Steakhouse received \$220, and halters furnished by Jackson Bros.
Top Horse award was given to Tony Hall and Top Hand award went to Eddie McIlwain.
Spread through the rodeo were some events—just for kids. The six and under boot race stole the show, as tiny cowboys and cowgirls had to run to a pile of boots and retrieve their matching boot. The winner was Tiffany Parker of Baird. Winner of the seven to ten year old boot race was Micheal Henson of Clyde.
In the Goat Ribbon race for 9 and under a goat was turned loose in the arena sporting a ribbon on his tail. The idea was for the miniature cowboys and cowgirls to see who could be fastest at retrieving that ribbon.
First back across the line was Micheal Henson of Clyde. In the ten to twelve year old goat race Billy Moore of Clyde was the winner.
The last event of the evening was a Wild Steer Saddling. Three men teams have to saddle a haltered steer and ride it to the middle of the arena. Two teams were entered in this event, with the team of Kenny Callaway, Scott Mackey and Allen Fleming taking home the prize money.

Extra special thanks to Billy & Lesa Harris and Larry McIntire, for bringing the Baird Rescue Unit. This unit is something you hope and pray you'll never need, but when in need, it's wonderful to have them right there ready to help.
Thanks to Clifton Brandon and Mack Foster for judging the events.
Rodeo announcer, Eben Johnson did a great job keeping the fans both entertained and informed on arena action.
Most important, for without their help this rodeo could not be produced an "Extra Big" "Thank You" to all the area Ranchers and cowboys, who so generously supply the livestock for the rodeo each year. Benton Pruet of Baird, Steve Goldsmith of Baird, Diane Green of Clyde and the boys from Elmdale, and all the wonderful people who work so hard each year to make the rodeo happen! Thank You!

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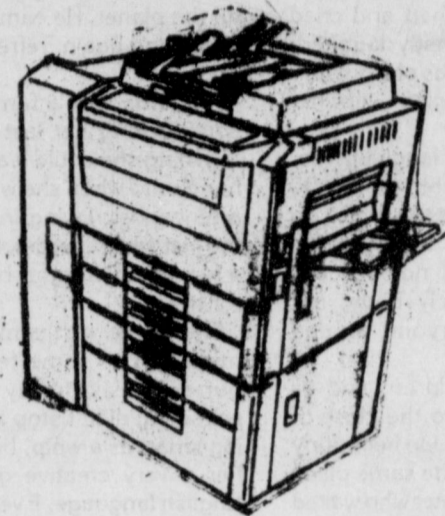
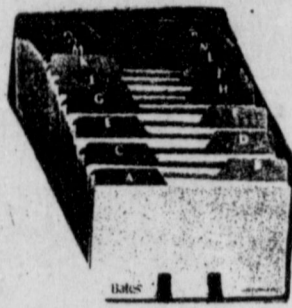
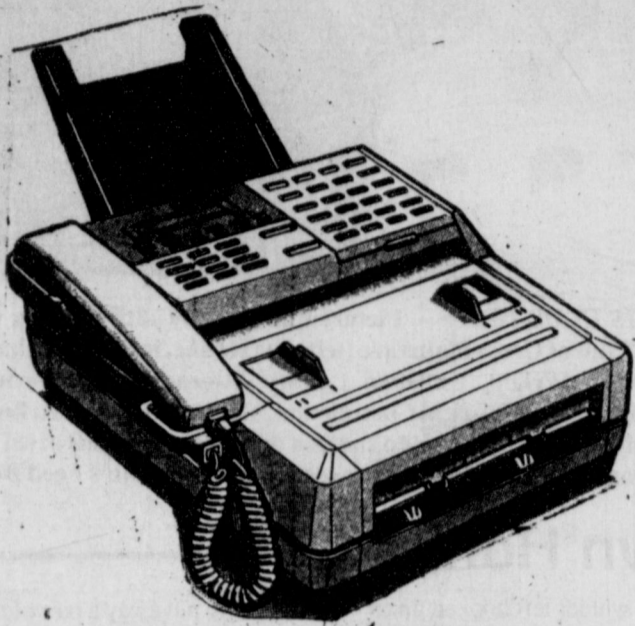
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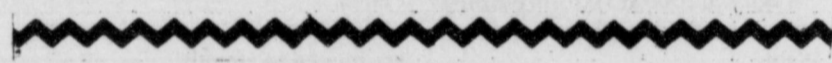
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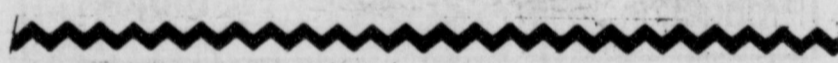
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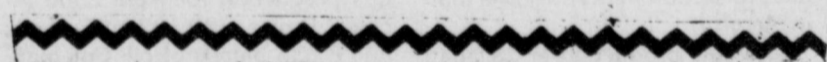
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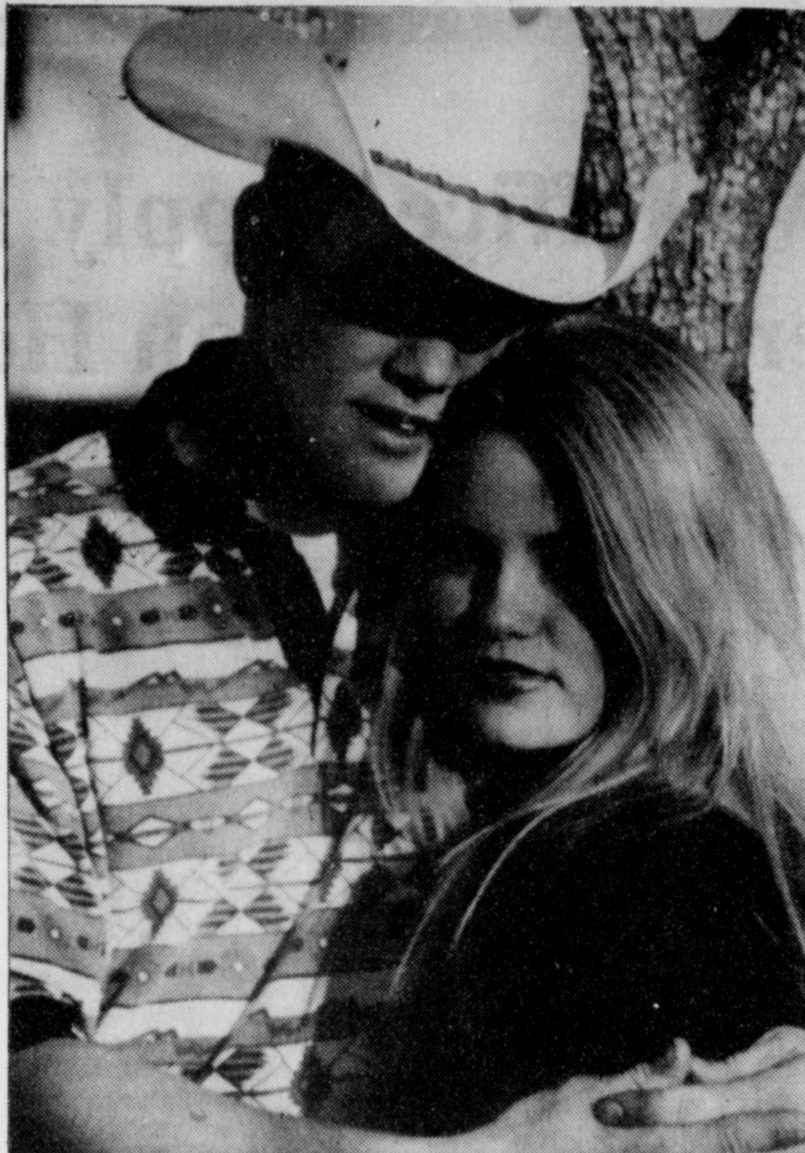
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COUNTY ROADS by Ginny Greene

HisMama's gone.....
 We're missing HisMama tonight. After a long life and a time of struggle, HisMama has run to the Everlasting Arms.
 A new star shines in the heavens while MyKeeper and I sit on the porch thinking about her over the years, about her humor and her brave heart.
 Her years on earth were physical and hard. She laughed and cried through life, but mostly laughed. The little girl in her was always very alive, and she giggled with her sisters into her 80s.
 She kept MyKeeper laughing, too. I could always tell within the first 30 seconds who he was talking to on the phone. Her exuberance for life and her faith could not be contained in that spritely body, but spilled out on everyone around her.
 She loved her children, and as she made her way to the close of her life on earth, it made her happy to think of being in the same place with the young daughter who waited in the heavenly realms for her.
 She laughed until the last couple of weeks, and then slid into oblivion, somewhere far away from us.
 When her days had become shortened, she ran before us, most of the way, heading straight for her room in the great Mansion. From a far distance, HisMama could see the window of her room over yonder, and as she suffered through illness, her spiritual legs skipped gaily along the flowered pathway.

She knew she was headed for that Mansion, and ran her race with that goal before her eyes. We can almost see her from here, waving her kerchief in the distance, joyful and safe.
 All her life, HisMama had a bright spirit and a great faith. She loved to talk about her Lord, and even charmed the hospice chaplain who attended her during her last months on the planet. He came to visit her again and again, refreshed by her optimism.
 HisMama was a farm girl to the core. During her last few weeks, anything she could lean against or hang onto when she was dizzy was a fencepost. Living in the city for the last several years, there wasn't a fencepost in sight, but it worked for her.
 She left us with some wonderful memories — some tender, some outrageously funny. Her brief schooling didn't stop her from being smart as a whip, but it did give her a very creative grasp of the English language. Every time I see the afghan draped across my couch, I think how she will be forever remembered for the night she told her family she was so cold she wrapped up in an African.
 We don't wonder where she is or what she is doing now. She is singing with the biggest choir in the universe, and dancing, light as a feather. We can picture the happy smile on her face.
 We sure miss her.
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SETH MORGAN AND KATY RATLIFF

Morgan and Ratliff to Be United in Marriage August 5

Katy Ratliff and Seth Morgan will be united in marriage Saturday, August 5, 2000 at 3 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church of Cross Plains.
 Katy is the daughter of Janice Ratliff of Abilene and Michael Ratliff of

Fredrick, Maryland. Seth is the son of Carolyn and Bob Morgan of Cross Plains.
 Friends and relatives of the couple are invited to attend.
 A reception will follow at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Kirkham.

Telecommunication Conference August 2

Texas Midwest Community Network will sponsor a "Telecommunications Conference" on August 2 at the Embassy Suites in Abilene. Economic development professionals, development board members, city and county officials and business leaders are encouraged to attend.
 "The conference will provide information and insights for those wanting a better understanding of how telecommunications effects current businesses and the future economic well-being of our rural communities," explains TMCN Executive Director Nicki Harle.
 The Texas Midwest Marketing Alliance hosts the conference, which is the second annual summer economic development forum for the regional organizations. The day-long

conference features speakers and presentations on telecommunications infrastructure, businesses and needs in rural Texas.
 Speakers for the conference are James Beatty, CEO for NCS International Inc., Omaha, NE; Larry Anglin, President, Founder and CEO for Hometown Computing, Hamilton, TX; and Kent Sharp, Executive Director of Moore Development For Big Spring.
 Conference check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. with opening remarks at 9:00 a.m. Pre-registration fee, which includes lunch, is \$70. Deadline for pre-registration is July 28. A late charge of \$25 will be added after the deadline. Register by calling the TMCN Office at 915-676-0329 or 915-893-2099.

Callahan County Oil & Gas Production

	Mar. 2000	Apr. 2000
Total Oil Production	22,292	20,103
Total Gas Production	118,413	108,847

County oil and gas totals fall in April

Oil and gas production figures for April 2000 in Callahan County have recently been released by the Railroad Commission of Texas, and the month's oil production and natural gas production were both lower than in March.
 Total gas production in Callahan County for the month of April 2000 was 108,847 MCF. One MCF is equal to 1,000 cubic feet of natural gas.
 Total crude oil production in Callahan County for the month of April was 20,103 barrels of oil.
 The total oil production in Callahan County during March 2000 was 22,292 barrels of oil. Total gas production in March was 118,413 MCF of natural gas.
 Other oil production months for Callahan County include: May 1999 with 23,023 barrels of crude, June with 23,322 barrels of oil, July with 23,231 barrels of oil, August with 22,238 barrels of crude, September 1999 with 21,222 barrels of oil, October with 22,873 barrels, No-

ember with 21,686 barrels, December 1999 with 22,404 barrels, January 2000 with 22,083 barrels and February with 22,175 barrels.
 Big Country area counties oil and gas production for April 2000 include: Brown, 130,187 MCF of gas and 8,836 barrels of oil; Coleman, 174,215 MCF of gas and 29,302 barrels of oil; Eastland, 400,066 MCF of gas and 24,820 barrels of oil; Jones, 56,489 MCF of gas and 59,046 barrels of oil; Rannels, 89,621 MCF of gas and 42,411 barrels of oil; Shackelford, 404,912 MCF of gas and 79,614 barrels of oil; Stephens, 829,195 MCF of natural gas and 246,663 barrels of oil; and Taylor County, 24,655 MCF of gas and 50,852 barrels of oil.
 The state's top oil producing county in April was Gaines with 2,709,738 barrels of oil. The top gas producing county in the state in April was Zapata with 24,510,775 MCF.
 Texas oil and gas production in April came from 144,616 oil and 52,565 gas wells.



KIWANIS CLUB NEWS - Pictured at the July 18th meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Cross Plains are (left) Joe Hanke, local Kiwanian, and (right) Allen Wright, Callahan County Attorney and chairman of Callahan County Historical Commission. Mr. Hanke showed a film and discussed evidence that Caddo Indians once inhabited this area. The Kiwanis Club meets each Tuesday at noon at Jean's Feed Barn.

Down Home

- 4) An arc welder left hooked up to a trailer frame under construction will discourage neighborhood dogs from leaving their mark on it.
- 5) An electric fence in contact with a pile of metal roofing material behind a barn will have the same effect on Ag students.
- 6) An unnoticed puddle of rain water beneath a metal welding stool when an arc is struck will result in the disruption of several nearby places.
- 7) People will continue to try to

- pick up and put away a pair of pliers which have been welded to a metal tabletop years after they have become permanent fixtures.
- 8) Pieces of scrap lumber are acceptable for use in a belt line if a belt is not worn that day.
- 9) Tripping someone traversing a belt line is considered bad manners.
- 10) Sending Ag students to round up a fleecing litter of baby pigs on a hot day will result in Bar-B-Q pork for supper.

CPHS Ex-Student Association Meets August 3rd

The Cross Plains High School Ex-Student Association will be meeting Thursday, August 3, at 7:00 p.m. at the Dairy Queen in the Buffalo Room.
 All committees need to be present to report on progress.

Little League Photos???????

Anyone who has paid for and not received Little League pictures, please contact Lindy Cooper at (254) 725-6770 or Vicki Dillard (254) 725-7275. They are trying to compile a list of names and amounts paid to present to the photographer. Hopefully this will get some action on his part. It was felt that if there was one big list it would be a better way to confront the situation.

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