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DOWN HOME

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. Charles Rodenberger felt that the following story written by author, Lawrence Clayton of Albany, would be appropriate for the season. You are sure to enjoy the inspiring words. Vanda Anderson-Creech

"My Last Christmas???"

At this time of year, our minds automatically turn to the first Christmas. This year, however, my mind is turned to the reality that this is one of my last Christmases, perhaps the very last. In October of 1999, I was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's Disease, or ALS. My quality of life has deteriorated since that time to a very frustrating level of physical ineptness, especially with my hands. I will not try to list the multitude of small manipulations of everyday life that I can no longer do.

I feel fortunate that my disease does not require radical surgery or therapy, convalescence, trips to Houston for treatment, or other interruptive procedures. Several friends my age have cancer or heart problems, catastrophic disorders. My disease, in contrast, is a calm, gradual, disgusting, maddening encroachment on the quality of life for me and my family and friends. It is a surreal nightmare from which the only awakening is death.

What is one to do in this situation? I grappled with the ultimate reality and decided to do nothing different from what I have always done — enjoy my family, my work and my life — but to a greater degree of comfort in that knowledge. Like the mythic Sisyphus in Camus's discussion of absurdity, I find some comfort in knowing the rules, what to expect, and what not to expect, from life.

I have chosen as my model for living the rest of my life an example told to me by Keith Wells, a close friend and one of the few bonafide heroes I know. As a marine attacking the Japanese fortress of Iwo Jima in World War II, Lt. Wells knew that chances were good he and many of his men would be killed in the coming battle. Wells made his decision not to despair but instead to do what he had been trained to do up to the time he could no longer do that. He remained true to the code of a warrior. I have made the same decision. I am, in a sense, dead already. I will work and write as long as I am able and then accept the inevitability of death, a reality that has been here since I drew my first breath more than sixty years ago. I long assumed I would die in battle, as so many young men did in the wars that bracketed rather than interrupted my life. I remember several friends and a multitude of acquaintances who did not live this long.

I do not know when the end will come or what physical failings will accompany my last gasps on this earth. I just know for certain that the end will come. But I have known that all my life. Dying is part of living. Christ proved that centuries ago with the death of his physical body. With that knowledge, I can face this Christmas the same way I have all of those other wonderful Christmases with love, hope and joy.

And I am beginning to be curious about what waits for me on the other side.

LAWRENCE CLAYTON

Services Were Held for Juakana Scott December 18

Juakana Scott, affectionately known by her family and friends as Kanie, died December 16, 2000, in the Brownwood Regional Medical Center with members of the family at her side. She had waged a courageous one-year battle with cancer but passed from this world peacefully.

Services were held in Cross Plains at the First Baptist Church Monday, December 18, at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Jimmie Mize officiating, assisted by Dr. Richard Chaffin. Burial was in the Cross Plains Cemetery.

Juakana Westerman Scott was born July 21, 1914, the first child of Ethel and Luke Westerman of Cross Plains. She married Jack Scott on June 22, 1933, and lived in Cross Plains all of her life.

She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Jack Scott, who owned and published the *Cross Plains Review* as well as various other weekly newspapers in the area for decades. He also served as Mayor of Cross Plains on four separate occasions.

Juakana and Jack had one child. Their daughter, Mary Scott Nabers, and her husband, Lynn Nabers, reside in Austin.

Kanie had one sibling. Her sister and brother-in-law, Bobbie and O.B. Edmondson, live in Cross Plains. She is survived by two grandsons, Scott Nabers and his family of Houston and Tim Nabers and his family of Austin. Her grandchildren include Lauren Scott, Kailey Ann and Jack Harrison, children of Donna and Scott Nabers, and Rachel Elizabeth, daughter of Karen and Tim Nabers. She has two nephews, Ed Edmondson of Austin and R.B. McGowen of Sherman. An extended family of cousins, great-nieces and nephews and close friends is too extensive to list.

Kanie Scott will be remembered by her family for numerous accomplishments, not the least of which will be her cooking skills, her



JUAKANA "KANIE" SCOTT

love of flowers and her artistic abilities. However, the community she loved so much will most likely remember her for her volunteer efforts and service, her love for others and her work in the First Baptist Church of Cross Plains where she served for many years as secretary of the consolidated Sunday School departments. She was active in many civic undertakings, her Sunday School department and in numerous organizations.

Pallbearers for the service were Don Clark, W.G. McCoy, Roy Stambaugh, Dale Bishop, J.D. Moore, L.E. Allen, James Alexander and John Baum. Honorary pallbearers include David McGowen, Rodney McCarty, Jerry Loper, Jimmie Payne, Jack Watson, Charlie Grider and Richard Grider.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, remembrances be made to the Juakana Scott Memorial Fund at the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains or a charity of choice.



WORLD'S LARGEST CHRISTMAS STOCKING WINNER — Kelbi Hyles was the lucky winner of the stocking given by Higginbotham's. Kelbi is the daughter of Frankie and Kelli Hyles.

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Citizens State Bank Christmas Open House

Citizens State Bank is hosting a Christmas Open House on Thursday, December 21. They invite everyone to come visit and have cookies, punch and coffee.

This is Citizens State Bank's way of thanking their friends and customers and wishing you a Merry Christmas!

Christmas Home and Business Decoration Contest Winners Announced Today

Randy and Charlotte Montgomery's home won 1st Place in the Home Christmas Decoration Contest. Dean and Vicki Dillard's home was named 2nd Place and Jean Vaughn took 3rd Place. Project Pride sponsored this section of the contest.

The Movie Store was named 1st Place in the Business Christmas Decoration Division. Connie's Cuts and Curls took 2nd Place and Ratliff Supply 3rd Place. The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce sponsored the businesses.

Everyone's efforts in the contest were greatly appreciated and the spirit of Christmas was evident throughout the community.



CELEBRATING 90TH BIRTHDAY — Bobbie Edmondson (from left), O.B. Edmondson, Ed Edmondson and Gayle Edmondson are pictured.

O. B. "Prof" Edmondson Celebrated 90th Birthday

O.B. "Prof" Edmondson was honored with a 90th birthday reception on Saturday, December 16, at the Cross Plains Community by a host of friends.

The center was decorated with age related items, such as animal exhibiting equipment, and FFA items appropriate for the ex-teacher. One table was adorned with Prof's hat, boots and belt creating a country theme. Old photos, newspaper clippings and recognition plaques were on display.

Over 130 people enjoyed cookies and punch and plenty of visiting. Lots of funny stories of days gone by were relived as the center was filled with laughter.

O.B.'s wife, Bobbie, and their son and daughter-in-law, Ed and Gayle Edmondson, were greeting guests on this special occasion.

A band of local musicians played country western tunes throughout the celebration. O.B. and Bobbie danced a waltz for the crowd and it was a one of the highlights of the evening.



RECEPTION HONORING IKE NEAL — Ike Neal and wife, Sue, were congratulated by Julene Franke, President of the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce, upon his retirement.

Ike Neal Honored After 46 Years of Service

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce and Citizens State Bank, along with a group of individuals, hosted a reception Sunday, December 17, to honor Ike Neal upon his recent retirement from Neal Drug. He had dedicated 46 years of pharmaceutical service to the community of Cross Plains.

Julene Franke, president of the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce, expressed the community's appreciation for Ike's loyal service and how much he would be missed. Good luck was extended in his plans for retirement. A cake made like a prescription

was the focus for one table, while a beautiful chocolate cake on another table was to honor Ike's birthday. Lots of old photos were displayed bringing back many memories.

Family members present were his wife Sue; his children and spouses, Jan and Edward Bradford, Sherry and Larry Rhiney, Al and Jeannene Taylor, and Dinah Levisay; grandchildren, D'Neal Rhiney, Jeremy Rhiney, Zachary Rhiney, Ferrah Bradford, Edward D. Bradford, Vallesa Bradford and Logan Levisay.

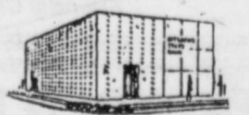
One hundred plus attended the reception and everyone enjoyed the refreshments and visiting.

BFI Announces Pickup Changes Effective January 2

BFI requested to change their regular pickup day from Wednesday to Tuesday beginning on January 2, 2001. The City Council approved the pickup day change in hopes that the new day will work better for the commercial customers who have dumpsters and are picked up currently on Wednesday and Friday. Now they will be picked up on Tuesday and Friday, allowing for better service.

BFI and the City of Cross Plains hop this will not inconvenience anyone. Please be aware of the change in days. If you have any questions call City Hall at (254) 725-6114 or BFI at (800) 374-4234 and talk with David Kelley.

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Cross Plains Review Will be CLOSED Monday, Christmas Day

Please Bring in Articles and Ads by Friday, December 22nd

COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT
Roger Corn, presiding

John Weeks, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Cecilia Arreola Algara, no driver's license.
Benjamin F. Ramsey, driving while intoxicated (DWI).
Ellie Jean Carson, DWI.
Marcus N. Jimenez, theft.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Crissy Roberson, order extending probation granted.
Roosevelt Portee, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.
Amand Drexler, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.
Jeremy Duffel, order extending probation granted.
Andrew Hist, plea of guilty to DWI - 2nd, 2 year probation, \$800 fine, \$242.25 court costs.

Aaron Lane Everett, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 6 month probation, \$200 fine, \$216.25 court costs.

Charlotte Story, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, 6 month probation, \$75 fine, \$287.25 court costs, \$248.05 restitution.

James R. Gunn, plea of guilty driving while license suspended (DWLS), 6 month probation, \$200 fine, \$242.25 court costs.

Richard Willis, plea of guilty to DWLS, 5 days in jail, \$100 fine, \$242.25 court costs.

Aaron Lane Everett, order releasing cash bond granted.

Joseph O. Tuminski, motion to dismiss to theft of property by check granted, sentenced to prison on other case.

Mark D. Rainey, motion to dismiss to failed to drive in single lane and failed to report property damage granted, paid \$100 fine and \$139.25 court costs.

Marriage Licenses

William Edward Lohn III and Carol Letá Lohn, both of Brownwood.

42nd DISTRICT COURT

Civil Filings

Denis Ray Whitmire and Dawn Marie Whitmire, divorce.

Civil Minutes

Sonya Kay Barnett and Danny Michael Barnett, divorce granted.
Emily Gayle Holley and Christopher Keith Holley, divorce granted.
Linda Gibson and James Allen Gibson, Jr., divorce granted.
Maxie R. Burrow and Susan Philpott vs. Alan Glen Burrow, judgment on property, receiver appointed by court to sell property at private sale.

Brenda Nell Nail and Jimmy Stephen Nail, divorce granted.
Tempest Recovery Services, Inc. vs. Jimmy D. Echols and Tyene L. Echols, order granting motion for non-suit.

John A. Gordon, Norma Lee Gordon, Frank Sasin and Shirley Sasin vs. First National Bank of Baird and Robert E. McCool, substitute trustee, order of dismissal granted.

Tommy Len Smith and Tina Lynn Smith, divorce granted.

Becky Jean Brooks and Roy Weldon Brooks, Sr., divorce granted.
Mark Norris and Terry E. Norris, divorce granted.

Patricia Ann Hooper and Glenn Eugene Hooper, divorce granted.

Dorothy J. Haney, individually and as representative of the estate of Eddie Lee Allen, deceased, and Juanita Pearl Wayte, Rosie Lee Franklin, Clifton P. Allen and Flossie R. Garner, surviving children of Eddie Allen, deceased vs. Pyramid Health Care Corporation dba Canterbury Villa of Baird, Jeanna Lowe, Mitzi Day, Karen Horsley, and Ruth Jones, order of dismissal granted.

Charles Lewis Lockaby and Kathleen Lockaby, divorce granted.

Criminal Minutes

David L. Tuggle, plea of guilty to felony DWI, 5 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$240.25 court costs, \$749.51 restitution.

Joseph O. Tuminski, plea of guilty to burglary of a building, 18 months in prison, \$400.25 court costs.

OBITUARIES

Edwin "Ed" Moore

CLYDE — Edwin "Ed" Moore, 61, of Clyde, died Tuesday, December 5, 2000, at his home. Services were held at 2:30 p.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Knox Waggoner and the Rev. Riley Fugitt officiating. Burial was in Clyde Cemetery, directed by Bailey Funeral Home.

Mr. Moore was born in Gorman to Gilbert and Hazel Carmack Moore. He grew up and attended school at May. He married Melba Doris Watkins in May. They moved to Clyde from Abilene. Mr. Moore worked at Benny Crain's Crankshaft Grinding in Abilene for many years. He also operated the Texas Farmers Market in Abilene and Moore's Vegetable Farm in Clyde. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Clyde.

Survivors include his wife, Doris Moore of Clyde; four sons, Leo Moore and Kenny Moore, both of Clyde; Eddie Moore of San Angelo and Kelly Moore of Terrell; three daughters, Melinda Cope of Mesquite, Teresa Moore of Fort Worth and Denise Hartley of Mabank; his father, Gib Moore of May; a brother, Harold Moore of Clyde; two sisters, Ladell Hammer of Rising Star and Karen Wadley of Brownwood; and 11 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Hazel Moore, and a brother, Terry Moore.

Memorials may be made to Hendrick Hospice Care, 1682 Hickory, Abilene, Texas 79601, or the donor's favorite charity.

Martha Arminda Cavanaugh

Martha Arminda Cavanaugh, age 100, died December 11, 2000, in San Angelo. Services were held Friday, December 15, at 2:00 p.m. at Walker Funeral Home Chapel with Kermit Sorrels and interment was in Coleman City Cemetery.

She was born October 13, 1900 in Callahan County to Hiram Lee Harris and Elizabeth Holloway Harris. She married Elmer S. Cavanaugh on December 30, 1923, in Callahan County.

Mrs. Cavanaugh moved to Coleman County in 1926. She was a housewife and a Methodist.

Survivors include her daughter, Patsy Cavanaugh Lee of San Angelo; sons, Jackie Cavanaugh of Coleman and Don Cavanaugh of Odessa; a brother, Tommie Harris of Cross Plains; 9 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one brother, two sisters and one granddaughter.

J.M. Casey

RISING STAR — J.M. Casey, 81, of Irving, died Sunday, December 10, 2000, in a Dallas hospital. Services were held at Thursday in Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel.

Loren H. Lee

Mr. Loren H. Lee, age 80, of Early, died Thursday, December 14, 2000, at C.A.R.E. in Early.

Graveside services were held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, December 15, at Pioneer Cemetery in Eastland County with John Swift officiating. Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains was in charge.

Samuel L. Balkum

Samuel L. Balkum, age 80, of Lockhart, died Sunday, December 17, 2000, at Brownwood Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, December 21, at 2:00 p.m. at the Higginbotham Chapel with Knox Waggoner and Joe Coppinger officiating. Burial will be in the Cross Plains Cemetery with Higginbotham Funeral Homes of Cross Plains in charge.

He married Wilsie Hefner on March 30, 1946, in Brownwood.

Mr. Balkum is survived by his lovely wife, Wilsie Balkum of Lockhart; a son and daughter-in-law, Sammy and Dana Balkum of Lockhart; a daughter and son-in-law, Teresa and Jim Glasscock of Zephyr; two granddaughters, Katelyn Balkum, age 5, of Lockhart and Vanessa Taff Mathison and husband, Daniel, of Brownwood; one great-grandson, Tristen Mathison, and one granddaughter, Ashley Mathison, both of Brownwood; one brother and sister-in-law, J.H. and Vida Balkum of Cross Plains; one sister, Damella Gray of San Angelo; one sister-in-law, Ann Balkum of Duncanville; and one brother-in-law, August Garlitz of Cross Plains. Sam has an extended family of nine step-grandchildren, six step-great-grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and close family friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alfred and Fannie Balkum; one sister, Irene Garlitz; two brothers, C.W. (Red) Balkum and M.E. (Mick) Balkum.

Pallbearers will be Charles Barr, Lewis Richardson, Rick Yeates, Dale Bishop, Skeet Walker and Larry Balkum. Honorary pallbearer is Tommie Harris.

The family will receive friends and relatives on Wednesday, December 20, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Higginbotham Funeral Home in Cross Plains.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the National Arthritis Foundation or a charity of your choice.

Floyd A. Fore

Floyd A. Fore, 84, of Kress, died December 14, 2000, in Amarillo.

Funeral services were held in Kress at 2:00 p.m. December 18, with the Rev. Eric Lovell officiating. Burial was in Kress Cemetery.

Mr. Fore was born December 23, 1915, in Eastland County to the late William and Naoma Fore.

He married Floyd Ira Taylor October 31, 1936. He and his family moved to Kress in 1950.

He is survived by his wife, Floyd Ira Fore of Kress; two sons, Pat Fore of Kress and Mike Fore of Childress; one daughter, Margaret Ann Dunn of Tulsa; one sister, Dorothy Lovell of Cross Plains; six grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Colonial Oaks Services

First United Methodist Church will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, December 24, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

Robert D. Kitchens

Mr. Robert D. Kitchens, age 71, of Cross Plains, died Friday, December 15, 2000, at Brownwood Regional Medical Center in Brownwood.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, December 17, at the Higginbotham Chapel with Bob Pipes officiating. Burial was in the Cross Plains Cemetery in Cross Plains with Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains in charge.

He married Annie M. Frazier on October 10, 1953 in Portales, New Mexico.

He is survived by his wife, Annie M. Kitchens of Cross Plains; one daughter, Evelyn C. Tyler of Brownwood; two sons, Jesse C. Kitchens and Walter Kitchens, both of Cross Plains; four brothers, G.W. Kitchens of Snyder, Jesse Foy Kitchens and Clyde Kitchens, both of Abilene, and Claude Kitchens of Slaton; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by a son, Alvie Dale Kitchens.

Pallbearers were Phillip Strength, Homer Parson, Billy Bell, Jeff Castleberry, Carlton Ferguson and Carl Thomas.

Tony Mac Kniffen

CLYDE — Tony Mac Kniffen, 54, died Tuesday, December 12, 2000, at his home. Services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Bailey Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Riley Fugitt officiating. Burial was in Clyde Cemetery.

Mr. Kniffen was born in Abilene. He was a lifelong resident of Clyde. He was an appliance repairman and a member of the National Guard.

Survivors include a son, Jay Kniffen of Cross Plains; a daughter, Jennifer Gordon of Nixon; his mother, Lois Kniffen of Clyde; a brother, Randall Kniffen of Abilene; a sister, Kim Hill of Archer City; two grandchildren; and a number of aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Jean Brooker

BAIRD — Jean Brooker, 64, died Saturday, December 16, 2000, at her home. Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday at the First United Methodist Church in Baird. Pastor Larry Gaumont officiated, directed by Parker Funeral Home. Burial was in Ross Cemetery Annex.

Mrs. Brooker was born in Cross Plains to Winnie and Boyd Luttrell. She had lived in Baird since 1958. She worked for Don's Supermarket, Roger's Grocery Store and B&B Grocery Store as a checker. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church. She married Lee Roy Brooker in Cottonwood.

Survivors include her husband, Lee Roy Brooker of Baird; a daughter, Brenda Lewis of Baird; and three grandsons.

Class of 1946 Met at the Vestals

The home of Dick and Joan Vestal, decorated throughout for the Holiday Season, was the meeting place on December 9th for the Class of 1946. After a tour and brief history of the home, a buffet dinner was enjoyed by the following: Wanda and Arthur Boyle; Robert and Charlene Grider; Bobbie and Dan Johnston; George and Bonnie Barnard; Edgar and Virginia Sessions; Dorothy Petty; Harold Garrett; Imogene Haun; Jack Lacy; Bobbie Hinkle; and host and hostess, Dick and Joan Vestal.

Social Security Representative to be in Eastland

A Social Security Administration Representative will be in Eastland at the Courthouse Commissioners Courtroom 2nd Floor Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. on January 23, February 27 and March 27.

You can call Social Security toll-free any weekday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at 1-800-772-1213.

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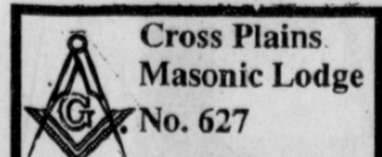
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— Psalm 19:7
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Christmas Eve Candlelight and Lords Supper Service
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Zeb Alexander - Youth Frank O'Banion - Music
Welcome!

COLONIAL OAKS NURSING HOME NEWS

By LINDA MERRITT



LYNDA FORD

Lynda Ford was chosen as the employee for this month. She was born on March 3, 1949, in Bronte and is 51 years old. Lynda enjoys doing crafts and taking pictures of her grandchildren. Her favorite food is Italian cream cheese cake. Lynda was presented a gift certificate to Subway. Congratulations Lynda!!!

We had a great turnout of family and friends at our residents' Christmas Party. The program and singing presented by Cottonwood Baptist Church members was enjoyed by all. The refreshments were delicious as always and beautifully set up. Santa made his grand entrance bringing smiles and laughter to the residents and family members. We would like to give a "BIG THANK YOU" to each and everyone for helping make this day special for your loved ones and our residents.

Appreciation to Margaret Clark for the date roll; to Frances Wolf for the popcorn; to Kitty Propest for the oranges and apples; Betty and Harold Baxter for the candy; First

United Methodist Church of the cute stuffed animals and socks they gave the residents; Lilly Dillard for the Kleenex boxes; Dee and Bob Harrell for the lip balm; Kimberly Woerner and Dianna Stover's 4th grade class for coming and singing Christmas carols.

Farrell and Carol Stephens visited with Maxine Crockett, Ruby Harrell and Vera Belyeu.

Franke Smith and Laquetta Rankin of Pioneer visited Falba Shofner and Pauline Regan.

Ethel Champion visited Jessie Casey.

Mariah Goode visited Maxine Crockett.

Lurene McNutt and Michelle Rudloff of Mansfield visited Louise Richardson.

Violet Edwards of Cisco visited her sister, Delilah Goble.

Nena Alvarado of May, Luke and Sam McKenzie visited with Carl McKenzie.

Activities of the Week

Monday: Bingo winners were Raymond McCowen, Delilah Goble, Jessie Casey, Falba Shofner and Vera Belyeu. Singing with Dorothy Reynolds.

Tuesday: Art Class. Exercise Class.

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

Thursday: Manicures. Ball toss.

Friday: Bingo winners were Jessie Casey, Vera Belyeu, Falba Shofner, Minnie Swann and June Hickman.

All of us here at Colonial Oaks are wishing each and everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year.



KIWANIS MEETING — Roy Richey (right) brought the program at the regular meeting of the Kiwanis Club. He was the guest of Kiwanian Ron Bagley (left). Mr. Richey, Cross Plains I.S.D. agriculture teacher for the past 23 years, shared with the club about the number of students involved in all phases of the ag program and how diversified it has become over the years. Congratulations to Roy and Marc for a very successful program.

LIBRARY NEWS

December 11-15

Well, the bookworm is still on vacation. I'd like to clarify briefly what all the references to Quannah Parker, Cynthia Ann Parker and the Comanches have been about. On January 30, Bill Neely, author of *The Last Comanche Chief: The Life and Times of Quannah Parker*, is coming to Cross Plains as a guest for the "Meet the Author" series. You'll be hearing a great deal about the event throughout January.

Today the library folks want to say "Thank You" to all of you who this year have so generously helped our campaign to make this library as good as it can be. A "Merry Christmas" to you all and a wonderful New Year! (Worm says, "Ditto!")

Statistics

Circulation:
Books
Cross Plains 73
Audio Cassettes
Abilene 12
Interlibrary Loan 2
TOTAL 87

Memorials:

Eddie and Dorothy Petty for James E. Clark

Tim Dill for Tony Kniffen

Honorariums:

Jay and June Hughes, honoring O. B. Edmondson

Fred J. Tunnell, honoring Betty Browning, Jack and Kathryn Tunnell, Mr. Marjorie Jowell, Eddie and Barbara Collins, Ken and Wanda Lacy, Mrs. Dorothy Lacy, Cecil and Mary Barton

Cecil and Mary Barton, honoring Fred J. Tunnell, Jack and Kathryn Tunnell

Jack and Kathryn Tunnell, honoring Mary and Cecil Barton, Fred Tunnell

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Books:

Debbie Johnson; Marciel Carthen; Tommie and Suzie Rogers; Sue Bennett

CROSS PLAINS CEMETERY ASSOCIATION REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2000

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TOTAL

\$ 75.00

OCTOBER 2000

DONATIONS & EARNINGS

EVA BYRD	\$ 30.00
I/M MCDOWELL & JONES FAMILIES	
BY EARLENE WARD	50.00
J.B. STRENGTH	50.00
BARBARA TAYLOR	100.00
INT. ADDED TO ACCT.	13.48

TOTALS

\$ 243.48

GRAVE OPENING PERMITS

COKEY LOVING - 4 PLOTS	\$ 300.00
HIGGINBOTHAM FUNERAL HOME -	
BILLIE BARNETT SERVICE	75.00
FRANCES MCANALLY - 1 PLOT	75.00

TOTALS

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I/M BILL KILGORE	
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PALMER DONATION	25.00
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BY JOYCE ODOM	25.00
I/M STERLING ODOM	
BY M/M RALPH TREVEY	25.00
EVA BYRD	30.00
M/M T.W. THACKERSON	50.00
EARNINGS ADDED TO ACCT.	12.27

TOTAL

\$ 227.27

GRAVE OPENING PERMITS

HIGGINBOTHAM FUNERAL HOME -	
ROBERT HAYES	\$ 75.00
HIGGINBOTHAM FUNERAL HOME -	
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TOTALS

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QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By KAY MOSLEY

It seems sometimes as though time has piled high, the swirling sands around us; and the sands seem to be shifting, moving -- ever shifting. As with the shifting sands, time also marches on, shaping our world, our lives, our dreams, our thoughts, and even our perspectives and our destiny.

As time goes on our lives swell and fall, swell and fall; taking with them all the upheavals, and low valleys, topsy, turvy, swirls, bends, straights, and curves life throws our way.

If we could better handle the upheavals, the highs and lows and the tender little snippets of wisdom tossed out our way through life; as time goes by amid the sands of time... However, if it weren't for the lows we very probably wouldn't enjoy the HIGHS nearly so much.

I've frequently heard it said during my lifetime that the blowing, shifting sands have been known to carve both images and holes into rocks. The force with which the

sands are blown against the huge stones chisel the rocks. The drifting, windblown sands, over periods of time often chisel designs and even holes into the hard rocks.

So the sands of time do wear away glitches and gaping chasms in us and in our psyches; changing our chassis, as the blowing sands do change and alter forever the sizes, shapes and visual demeanor of the large rocks and stones.

One recurring fact though stands out (at least to me) -- over generations of time we are only a memory while the rocks and stones have only worn away into ---- GRAVEL----!

"Like sands through the hourglass, so go the days of our lives."

....My theory is that my hourglass must have fallen or been dropped or the sands shifted real crookedly, because I didn't get that hour glass figure. I think my shifting sands just got stuck in the middle.....! GO FIGURE !!!!!!!!!!!!!

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from December 10, 2000 through December 16, 2000 include:

Cases Investigated

Warnings-56
Complaints-55

Vehicle Accidents

There were eleven vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

People Arrest On Outstanding Warrants

There were six outstanding warrants issued for a total of \$1,706.00 collected.

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GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The Cross Plains Garden Club hosted the Colonial Oaks Nursing Home Open House for the residents and guests on December 17, from 2 to 3 p.m.

Betty Beggs was chairman for the event. Esther Kerr had charge of the refreshment table. A red lace cloth topped the refreshment table and was centered by two live poinsettias

in a beautifully decorated basket. Each member furnished Angel food cake, cookies and punch for the event. This is an ongoing project of the club.

Members present were Barbara and Bob Powell and Tony, Esther Kerr, Betty Beggs and Joyce Odom.

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We all too often get caught up in the trap of "big deals." If the job isn't big and important, as the world thinks of bigness and importance, it's just too insignificant with which to bother. But it may be the most important job in the world as far as the Lord is concerned! If numbers helped aren't many--if the person helped isn't "somebody"--then it's too insignificant and he's too insignificant. "The widow and her mite" may be a good story but not very good business--we are apt to think. But Jesus comes trumpeting through with truth of the whole matter: "Inasmuch as you did it unto one of the least of these, you did it unto Me," Matthew 25:40.

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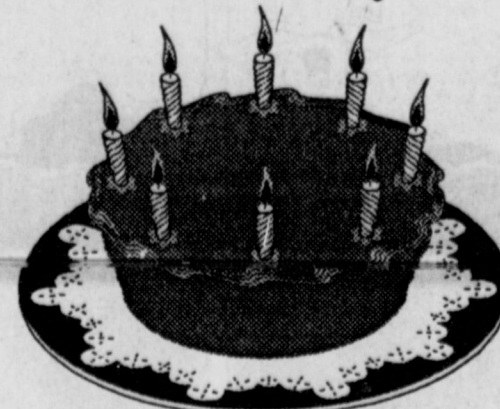
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C.P. STUDENT REVIEW

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

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Junior High Basketball Action

C.P. Varsity Lady Buffs Basketball Results

By COACH MIKE CAVENDER

On Friday the 15th we hosted Miles winning the game by the score of 63 to 41. We had an excellent 1st quarter on offense and defense, as we jumped out to an early lead.

Our team field goal percentage was 43.6, 24 of 55. Our free throw percentage was 71.4, 16 of 21. We had 43 rebounds for the game to go along with 15 steals and 18 assists.

The halftime score was 30 to 12 in our favor. We won the 3rd quarter 12 to 6, but they outscored us 23 to 21 in the quarter.

Scoring the points were Candice 24, Jennifer 10, Amber 8, Tessa 6,

Dani 5, Shena 4, Amanda 4 and Sarah 2.

Assist leaders were Tessa 8 and Shena 5. Rebound leaders were Shena and Jennifer 9 each. Steal leaders were Candice 6 and Tessa, Dani, Amber 2 each. Jennifer drew 2 charges on defensive play.

This brings our season record to 9 and 4 with one game remaining until the holiday break. During the holiday break we will be competing in the 12 team tournament at Bangs, 1A through 3A competition on December 28, 29 and 30. We will also be hosting Goldthwaite on Tuesday, January 2, with 4 games beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Jr. Varsity Girls Beat Miles in Overtime

By COACH MIKE CAVENDER

The Junior Varsity Girls played another exciting game against Miles with the final score of 34 to 31 in overtime.

The score was 14 to 10 at halftime, but we were outscored 9 to 2 in the 3rd quarter and fell behind. We outscored them 12 to 9 in the 4th quarter with Jennifer Young hitting a base line shot with 3 seconds left to tie the game and to go into overtime.

We outscored them 6 to 3 in the extra period to win the game. The girls showed a lot of courage to come from behind and win, when the pressure was tough to deal with at that point in the game.

Scoring were Dillard 17, Winfrey 6, D. Rivard 5, Parker 2, Mauricio 2 and Young 2.

This brings the J.V. Girls record to 6-3.

Jr. High Basketball

By Coach Dillard

Monday, December 18th, Cross Plains Jr. High basketball teams took a trip to May Town.

Because May only has one team this year, Cross Plains girls teams were put together for this game. We had 16 girls and the bench wasn't long enough so some of the girls had to sit in the bleachers behind the bench.

The girls started off slow and shaky 1st quarter (8-5), 2nd quarter (14-7). The 3rd quarter things

started falling "in" place, score-wise (27-10). During 4th quarter, the girls took a bigger lead and that is when we had "girls coming out of the bleachers." Final score: Cross Plains 37-May 17. The girls played an excellent defense during the entire game. Team scores: Clark 9, Mack 8, Edington 6, Richards-Phillips 4, Callaway-Bennett-Norris-2.

Next game will be Thursday, January 4th, here against Baird.

The Jr. High girls teams wish everyone a Merry Christmas. Ho, Ho, Ho!

Exit TEAMS and TAAS Tests to Be Given February 20-22

The Exit Level of TAAS and TEAMS tests will be available at Cross Plains High School to those who have not meet this graduation requirement. The TAAS Writing is scheduled on Tuesday, February 20, 2001, the TAAS Mathematics and TEAMS Mathematics are scheduled on Wednesday, February 21, and the TAAS Reading and the TEAMS English Language Arts are scheduled for February 22. All tests will begin at 8:15 a.m.

Individuals who are no longer enrolled in a Texas public school and who wish to register to retake the exit level TAAS test or the TEAMS test may pick up a registration packet at any high school campus, district central office or education service center. Completed registration packets must be received at testing headquarters no later than 5:00 p.m., January 19, 2001.

The Texas Education Agency, NCS Pearson, and Cross Plains Independent School will not be responsible for registration forms that are delayed or lost in the mail. To ensure that individuals are registered, forms should be sent by either registered mail or certified mail.

If you have any questions, please contact Cross Plains High School at (254) 725-6121.

Congressman Stenholm Announces Service Academy Nominees

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman W. Stenholm (D-TX) is pleased to announce that 24 young men and women from the 17th District of Texas have been selected as nominees to the United States Service Academies. Their names have been submitted for consideration as members of the academy classes entering in July 2001.

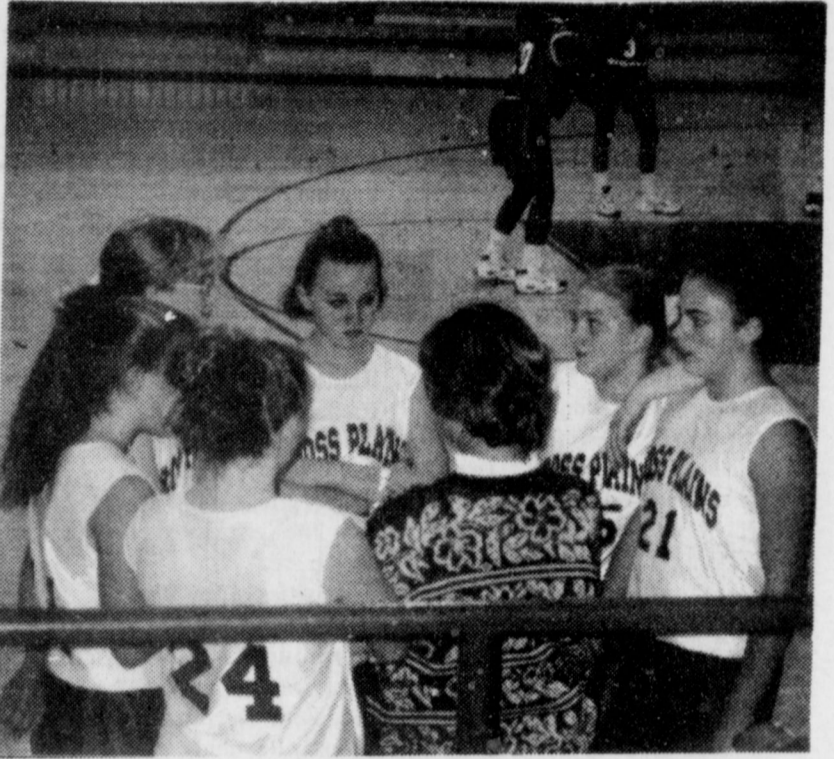
"I am always so impressed by the high caliber of candidates that apply to my office each year," said Stenholm. "But it certainly makes a selection decision all the more difficult."

Eighteen young men and women were nominated for two appointment slots at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado, eleven for two slots at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, and twelve for two slots at the Military Academy at West Point, NY.

The individuals, and the academies to which they have been nominated are: Marcos Acosta of Abilene, Air Force; Travis Atwood of Hamlin, Military and Naval; Joshua Bashaw of Stephenville, Air Force; Walter Beard of Clyde, Air Force; Shane Beckley of Granbury, Air Force and Naval; Michelle

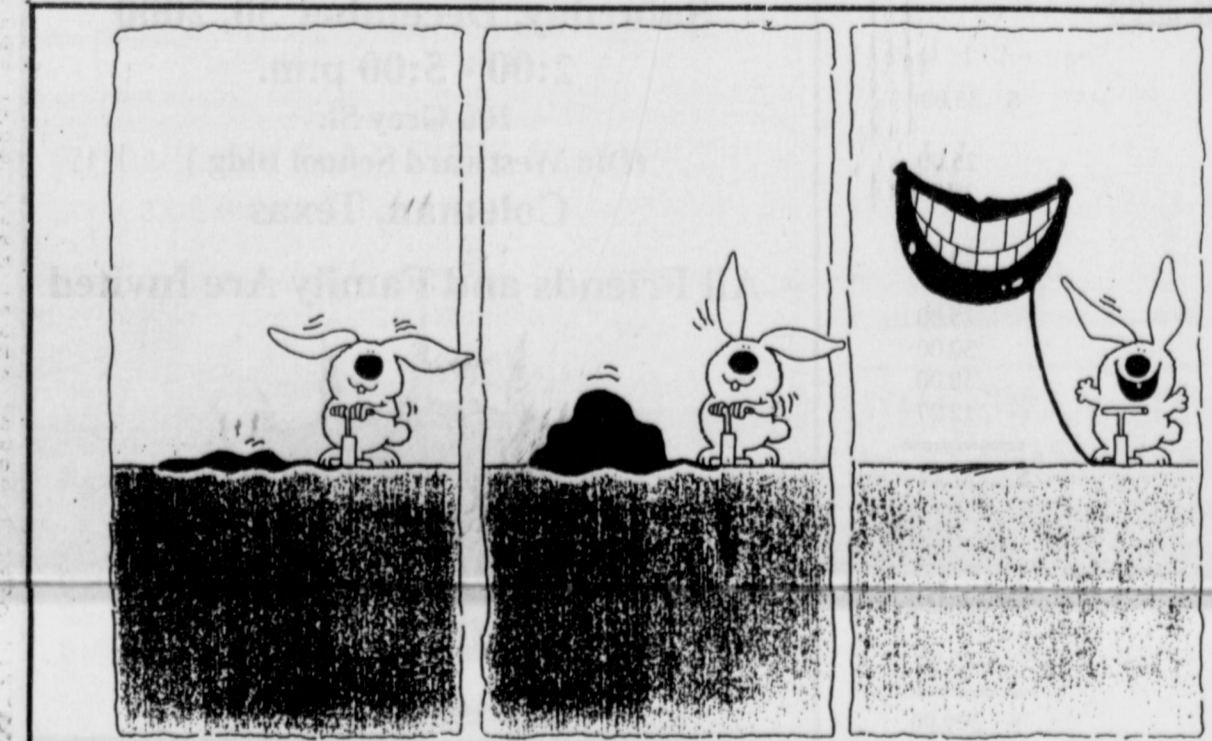
Vanessa Brown of Early, Military and Air Force; Bowe Butler of Big Spring, Air Force and Naval; Aaron Byrd of Abilene, Air Force and Military; Dustin Clark of Breckenridge, Air Force; Alex Flores, Jr. of Big Spring, Naval and Air Force; Andrew Hacker of Tuscola, Air Force and Military; Jesse Haines of Snyder, Air Force and Naval; Austin Haire of Snyder, Naval and Military; Adam Hudson of Bridgeport, Naval and Military; Weston Killian of Abilene, Air Force and Military; Oscar Shane Larsen of Abilene, Naval and Air Force; Adam Chase Millsap of Granbury, Naval and Military; Marcus Morgan of Mineral Wells, Military; Joe Eben Nelson of Stephenville, Air Force and Naval; Robert Rogge of Glen Rose, Air Force; Brian Ross of Newark, Naval and Military; Mathew Swinney of San Angelo, Air Force and Military; Mark Taylor Sweetwater, Air Force and Military; and Robert Zach Tinnin of Roscoe, Air Force.

The nominees will now be contacted by the academies with additional information and instructions, and will be scheduled for medical and physical examinations. The academies will make appointment announcements by late spring.



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It is with feelings of inadequacy that we undertake the task of conveying the gratitude that is within our hearts, to friends who were so supportive during the bereaved days following the passing of our beloved Juakana Scott.

The innumerable things so many of you did, the words spoken, and the evidences of friendship manifested in so many ways, made it possible for us to endure the saddest experience that life presents. We shall be forever grateful to each and every one of you and pray that the giver of all good and useful gifts will bless you and with the best that life affords.

The Family of Juakana Scott

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We want to take this opportunity to thank each person who had a part in O.B.'s birthday celebration.

Thanks to the 130 plus who came to enjoy the fellowship and reminiscence about old times. We loved seeing everyone and laughing with you about stories of school, ag class and etc. The cards and gifts are wonderful...the making of other sweet memories. Also thanks for those who took the time to call your good wishes by phone when you found you couldn't attend.

Special thanks to the many hostesses who did such a wonderful job of decorations, food and organizing. The cake was delicious.

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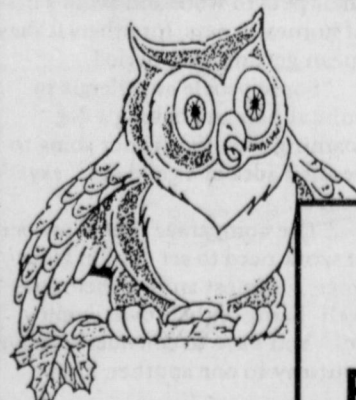
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Total Gas Production	116,994	108,749

County oil and gas totals lower in Sept.

Oil and gas production figures for September 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 the previous month.

Total gas production in Callahan County for the month of September 2000 was 108,749 MCF. One MCF is equal to 1,000 cubic feet of natural gas.

Total crude oil production in Callahan County for the month of September was 22,227 barrels of oil.

The total oil production in Callahan County during August 2000 was 24,351 barrels of oil. Total gas production in August was 116,994 MCF of natural gas.

Other oil production months for Callahan County include: September 1999 with 21,222 barrels of oil, October with 22,873 barrels, November with 21,686 barrels, December 1999 with 22,404 barrels, January 2000 with 22,083 barrels, February with 22,175 barrels, March with 22,292 barrels, April with

20,013 barrels, May with 21,121 barrels, June with 23,990 barrels of oil and July with 20,385 barrels.

Big Country area counties oil and gas production for September 2000 include: Brown, 138,520 MCF of gas and 8,186 barrels of oil; Coleman, 156,510 MCF of gas and 27,400 barrels of oil; Eastland, 419,084 MCF of gas and 22,568 barrels of oil; Jones, 56,830 MCF of gas and 61,312 barrels of oil; Runnels, 105,141 MCF of gas and 46,592 barrels of oil; Shackelford, 382,414 MCF of gas and 76,410 barrels of oil; Stephens, 778,600 MCF of natural gas and 236,677 barrels of oil; and Taylor County, 26,729 MCF of gas and 49,220 barrels of oil.

The state's top oil producing county in September was Gaines with 2,717,561 barrels of oil. The top gas producing county in the state in September was Zapata with 24,776,336 MCF.

Texas oil and gas production in September came from 144,276 oil and 53,980 gas wells.



Local 4-H Member Teri Windham Honored

Teri Windham, local 4-H member from Baird, was among 37 youth honored during the annual District 7 4-H Gold Star Banquet in Abilene's Briarstone Manor.

The Gold Star Award is the highest honor given to 4-H member on the county level by Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Winners were picked by a local committee based on their personal development, leadership, achievement in 4-H projects and on activities and contributions made to the overall 4-H program.

This year's keynote speaker was Jack English, Minister of Baker Heights Church of Christ in Abilene.

English stressed the untapped potential yet to be reached by today's youth leaders in tomorrow's ever-changing world. Long active in 4-H volunteer work, English claims country music singing great Reba McEntire among the many 4-Hers he worked with during his years as a 4-H parent volunteer in Oklahoma.

The Gold Star Banquet is sponsored annually in the 23-county district by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and West Texas Utilities.

Sincerely,
Robert Pritz
County Extension Agent

Many USDA programs available for rural Texans

USDA Rural Development has numerous programs that help rural residents to be able to buy or build a home, repair and/or improve their existing home, go into business for themselves, live in a decent and affordable apartment, drink clean water and have a dependable sewer system, or have updated community facilities — such as fire trucks, hospitals, or community centers.

The Rural Housing Service (RHS) offers loans and grants to very-low, low, and moderate-income persons in towns and cities meeting certain population requirements. There are several programs offered under RHS with varying requirements to aid qualified persons to buy a home, repair their home, or build/maintain multifamily housing units.

RHS also administers the Community Facilities programs that provide Loans and Grants to Governmental Entities (such as towns, cities, counties, hospital, schools, or fire districts, etc.), Nonprofit Organizations and Indian Tribes to construct and improve facilities providing essential community services, and for the purchase of major equipment (such as X-ray machines, fire trucks, etc.) which will provide an essential service to rural residents.

Some examples of eligible types of community facilities are:

- Health Care Services such as hospitals, outpatient clinics, rehab centers, group homes, visiting nurse and home health care providers, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, etc.

- Community, Social or Cultural Services such as schools, libraries, community centers, social services, buildings, museums, theaters, day care facilities, etc.

- Fire, Rescue and Public Safety

Services such as fire stations, fire trucks, rescue vehicles, equipment, etc.

- Transportation Facilities such as streets, buses, airports and hangars, railway spurs, etc.

- Industrial Park Sites (only land acquisition and site preparation).

The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS) offers aid for several different programs relating to business programs. Population limits for RBS assistance range from very small towns to cities up to 50,000. The majority of RBS loans are guaranteed loans which are made in conjunction with a private lender; however, there are other programs which offer direct loans and even some grant funds.

A community's needs for safe and sanitary water and sewage treatment may be met by the Rural Utility Service (RUS) which offers aid to rural communities of less than 10,000 in population. Public bodies, nonprofit corporations, and Indian tribes that are unable to obtain credit from other sources at reasonable rates and terms are eligible for assistance. There is also a program for aid in emergency situations where a rural community has had a significant decline in quantity or quality of drinking water due to the occurrence of a natural disaster.

Rural Development has a very diverse mission area for the purpose of helping improve the quality of life of rural Texans.

For more information regarding these programs, please contact the Rural Development office at 4400 Buffalo Gap Road, Suite 4150, Abilene, TX 79606 or call (915) 690-6162 extension 4. Rural Development is an Equal Opportunity Lender, Provider and Employer.

More Funds Available for Weatherization

TXU Electric is more than doubling the amount of money the company has been spending on weatherization for its low-income customers here in Callahan County and in other counties they serve. Effective January 1, 2001, TXU will make \$5 million available for energy efficiency programs that give low income families the opportunity to receive valuable weatherization services at no cost.

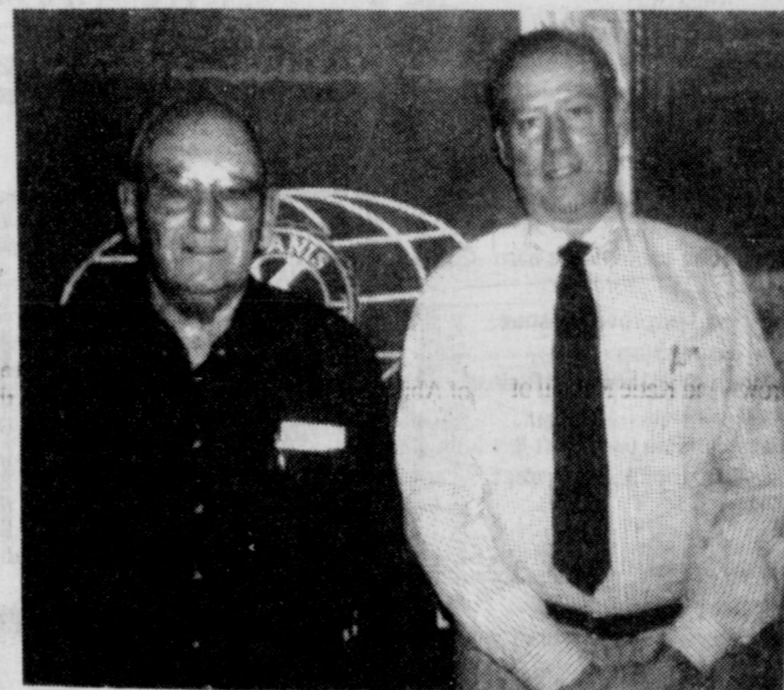
The TXU boost came about because of a legal challenge before the Public Utility Commission of Texas by Texas Legal Services Center and Texas Rose (Ratepayers' Organization to Save Energy). "Up until now the biggest drawback was that there wasn't enough money in the TXU program," said Randy Chapman, Executive Director of Texas Legal Services Center. "The additional funding makes this a good program."

The TXU money will be combined with government funds for a piggyback weatherization program under which local agencies under contract to the Texas Department of

Housing and Community Affairs do the work. This can include insulation and caulking as well as replacement of inefficient air conditioner, heating units and refrigerators at no cost. In some cases, the program can also cover repairs needed to complete the work; it would replace a window frame, for instance, if the existing frame had rotted and couldn't therefore hold weather-stripping.

People whose homes are weatherized can expect a substantial drop in their utility bills, too. "Because of increased energy efficiency, people can expect a 30-50 percent decrease in their utility bills," said Carol Biedrzycki, Executive Director of Texas Rose. "The piggyback weatherization program is the most effective way to keep utility bills affordable for low income Texans."

Low income TXU customers can contact their local weatherization agency, Community Action Program, directly at (915) 673-5785 or call the TDHCA hotline at (877) 399-8939 for information on the nearest agency that can offer help.



KIWANIS GUEST SPEAKER — Dale Bishop (left) had as his guest County Attorney Allen Wright, who is also president of the Callahan Historical Association. Mr. Wright gave a very interesting talk on the history of Callahan County. Kiwanis Club meets every Tuesday at noon at Jean's Feed Barn. Everyone is welcome.

PET TALK

If you can't teach an old dog new tricks, maybe you can teach him to file letters and deliver mail.

Some companies are allowing their employees to take their pets to work, a move designed to help worker morale and relieve stress. The idea is not a bad one at all, says a Texas A&M University animal behaviorist.

Dr. Bonnie Beaver, a professor in the College of Veterinary Medicine, believes the current trend may continue to grow, but it has to be monitored to be effective. While some employees may enjoy taking their pets to work and avoid a case of homesickness, for others it may mean getting sick, period.

"Some people are allergic to animal hair and having a dog roaming the office is not going to be their idea of a good day," says Beaver.

"The companies that allow pets at work need to set certain guidelines, foremost among them the well-being of their own employees. You have to consider common courtesy to one another. That

means the pets must be well-mannered and be well-trained."

Many of the companies that allow pets at work are located in California, where trends often originate before spreading to the rest of the country.

Beaver says another consideration deals with the needs of the pet. Some may require frequent trips to go outdoors, and these interruptions could disrupt a business routine.

In addition, there's the competitive side: while businesses may be in a dog-eat-dog world, tensions can also build where pets are concerned.

"Dogs can go after each other and fights can occur," Beaver explains.

Pet talk is a service of Texas A&M University and its College of Veterinary Medicine. Email suggestions for future topics may be directed to kr@univrel.tamu.edu

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COUNTY ROADS by Ginny Greene

Diamonds in a blue day...

The redbird swooped from tree to tree, then to a fencepost near the kitchen window. When the phone rang, I still kept my eye on the flash of color that brightened the winter landscape.

It was my daughter calling. She was trying to tell me something, but the redbird flew off to perch on the bare rosebush. "Oh, I wish you could see this. There's the prettiest redbird out in the garden. I've been watching it flit all over the place."

"Mom!" said Puddin'.

"Oh, there it goes again. It's been doing the same thing over and over."

"Mom! I'm trying to tell you..." I laughed. "I wish you could see this. It's so funny. The bird..."

Puddin' interrupted. "Mom! This is funny, too. Listen! We got the Christmas tree up today."

"That is funny. Oh! Here it comes again!" I laughed while I told her how the bird tried over and over to settle at the edge of the dog's water dish for a drink. The dog watched from the doggie door with her ears perked up. Each time the redbird

landed, he'd dip his beak in for one sip before the dog rushed out the door to scare off the intruder.

"No, here's the funny part." Puddin' told me the girls came from their room to say they would help decorate the tree. Peanut and Sweet Pea picked up a handful of ornaments and tinsel. Reaching toward a branch, one of them said the tree looked smaller this year.

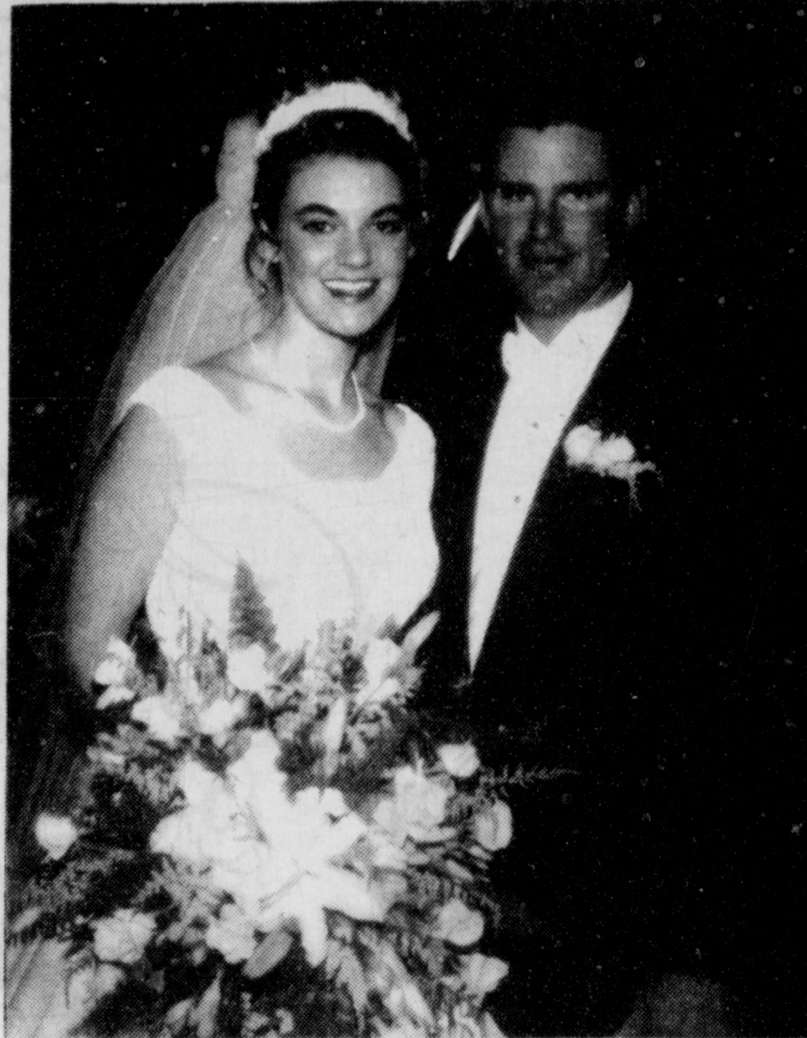
"The tree's not getting smaller," Puddin' explained to them. "You're getting bigger!"

I think it's always the diamond moments set in a big blue day that make life so memorable. Our holiday wish for you is many special memories to carry with you through your years.

I'm glad we've had this one last chat. In the interest of economy, the newspaper will no longer carry the "County Roads" column. I've loved every minute of my time with you.

Have a joyous wonderful warm Merry Christmas,
Me and MyKeeper.

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MR. AND MRS. CHRIS HAGLER

Dillard - Hagler Exchange Wedding Vows Saturday, November 18

Amanda Gail Dillard and Christopher Andrew Hagler were united in marriage on Saturday, November 18, 2000, at 6:00 in the evening at the First United Methodist Church in Cross Plains. Amanda is the daughter of Donnie and Barbara Dillard of Cross Plains. Chris is the son of Truman and Patsy Hagler of Breckenridge.

Reverend Johnny Miller of Breckenridge performed the ceremony.

Lori Dillard, sister of the bride, was Maid of Honor. Bridesmaids were Ashley Beggs, cousin of the bride; Kimberly Ratliff and Jolena Fleming, both of Cross Plains; and Amy Hale of Corpus Christi. Sarah and Megan Hagler of San Benito and Lindley Brown and Katie Russell of Breckenridge, all nieces of the groom, were flower girls. Sarah Nixon, cousin of the bride, registered the guests.

David Hagler, brother of the groom, of San Benito, served as Best Man. Groomsmen were Patrick Escalon of Mansfield, Tal Fillingam of Lubbock, Jason Hill of Tampa Bay and Brian Blackman of Weatherford. Donnie Dillard, Jr. and Joseph Dillard, brothers of the bride, served as ushers. Sam Nixon, cousin of the bride, and Kirby Brown of Breckenridge, nephew of the groom, lit candles.

Amanda wore a sleeveless gown by Moonlight Creations. The satin gown featured a lace-covered bodice with sequins and beading, a Basque waistline, a scalloped full skirt with lace, beading and sequin accents. The cathedral length train also featured lace and beading overlays. Amanda's fingertip veil

fell from a crown of crystal beading and sequins. She carried her mother's bridal Bible, a handkerchief belonging to her great-grandmother, Cloe B. Proffitt. Amanda also carried an Emmaeus lanyard cross, which belonged to her Uncle Leon Nixon, entwined in her bridal bouquet. Amanda's bouquet was a cascade of white roses, orchids, lilies and freesia.

Bridesmaids wore gown of Victorian lilac brushed satin accented with sage green drapes, imprinted with lilac flowers. They carried bouquets of lilac rosea and freesia.

Glenda Tidwell of Cross Plains sang "There You Are" accompanied by Connie Swift, and David Daniels of Abilene sang "Me and You". The "Parent's Prayer" was played during the seating of the parents. "If You Could See What I See" was played as Amanda and Chris lit their unity candle. Betty Lewis, organist, played the "Bridal March" and the "Recessional".

The reception and dance followed the ceremony at the Cross Plains Community Center. Shena Thomas and Jennifer Turner attended the bride's table. Patsy Moran, Sherry Harris and Edith Beggs attended the groom's table. Dannes Turner, Terry Jane Wyatt, Roxie Thomas and Cindy Payne hosted the reception.

Amanda is a graduate of Cross Plains High School and is currently attending Tarleton State University. Chris, a graduate of Breckenridge High School and Tarleton State University, teaches science and is a football coach at Stephenville I.S.D. Amanda and Chris will make their home in Stephenville.

Local Resident Accepted Into Legal Nurse Consultant Program



KIM CHANDLER

Kim Chandler, a resident of Cross Plains, was recently accepted into the Legal Nurse Consultant Program at Kaplan College. Kim is a graduate of Abilene Christian University, where she received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing.

She is employed by Brownwood Regional Medical Center, where she cares for postoperative patients. Kim is married to Cody Chandler, a high school teacher and coach.

Kim is a member of Sigma Theta Tau, a nursing honor society and graduated magna cum laude. She has chosen this course of study for personal and professional growth. Her ultimate goal in becoming a Legal Nurse Consultant is to run her own business from home. Legal Nurse Consultants are in great demand by law firms, insurance companies and health organizations.

Kaplan College is a division of Kaplan Educational Centers, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of The Washington Post Company. Kaplan offers nationally accredited distance education programs in legal nurse consulting. For more information on Kaplan College, visit the website at <http://www.kaplancollege.edu>, or call 1-800-669-2555.

County history book, Burkett Pecan pen offered at special price

The Callahan County Historical Commission is once again offering a holiday package on two of its most sought after articles as a Christmas special. The official history book of Callahan County, "I Remember Callahan" edited by Hicks Turner and the Burkett Pecan pen are being offered by the commission through the end of December. The cost of book and pen together is \$70.00.

"I Remember Callahan" normally sells for \$55.00. It is a 475 page, large bound volume relating the history of the county and many of its families and contains many

photographs. The Burkett pecan pen uses the wood from the first Burkett pecan tree which was developed in Callahan County and destroyed by lightning a few years ago. The tree is listed in "Historic Trees of Texas". The Burkett Pecan Tree Pen normally retails for \$29.00. The book/pen package price is being reduced \$14.00. All proceeds support the county historical commission in its work.

You can purchase your holiday sets from County Attorney and Historical Commission Chairman Allen Wright at 915-854-1640 or at the county courthouse, or from Hubert Donaway at 915-662-3334.

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Santa Letters



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From Chad Switzer

Dear Santa,
I want a new basketball, 40 "things", new bat (for baseball), and Silver and Gold Pokemon game. I've been good. I also want a new Bible.

Love
Austin Thomas

Hello. My name is Michael. I have been a good boy this year. Everyone who meets me says I'm a joy to be around. I would like some toys that make noise--they also make me smile. Also, maybe some cars or trucks to push around. My brother and sisters have been pretty good this year too--if you could, bring something nice for them and mom too.

Thanks
Love
Michael Hogrell

Hi. My name is Britta. I have been a good girl this year. I have done really well in school. I would like a baby and baby doll mommie. I would also like some new movies, some new clothes and a Toy Story shirt. Please bring some nice things for my mommie and daddy too.

Thanks.
Love
Britta Scruggs

Dear Santa,
I have changed my mind. I want a set of tools and a dinosaur and a water gun.

Love,
Travis

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5. New Nelendo 64 game
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Lauren Goode
First grade-Hunter

Dear Santa,
I have been pretty good this year. I hope that you will bring me the things I want. Easy Bake oven, magic trickdoll, new barbie, games, Chicken Run Movie, mixer and blender for my oven, clothes, and shoes.

Thank you Santa
Kristin Willis
First grade-Hunter



SEASONS GREETINGS

Here's wishing you an old-fashioned Christmas filled with good cheer!

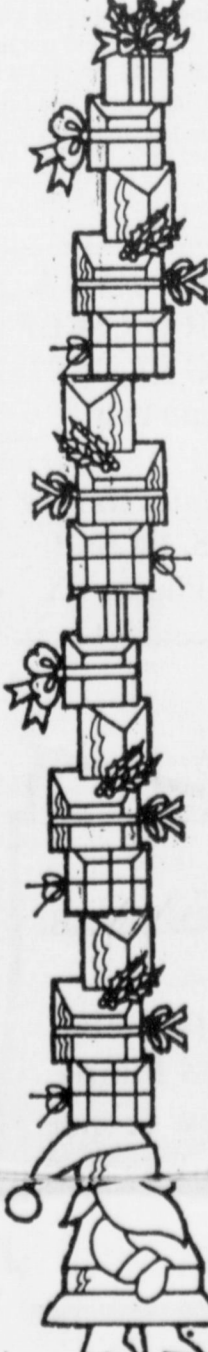

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Dear Santa,
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P.S. I will leave some cookies, cheese and milk.

Love,
Misty Simons (6 yrs old)

Dear Santa,
I want a i-Cyby and a pochy and a pokeman Gold and silver version and s Nintendo 64 and a puppy.

My little sister wants a barbie and we will leave some milk and cookies.

Love,
Jayten Ames
Age 7, First Grade

Dear Santa,
I want to wish you a merry Christmas. I've been a good girl this year. Thank you for my presents last year. This year I would like a dream writer. Thank you Santa. Be careful.

Love,
Samantha

Dear Santa,
Hello Santa Claus, my name is Ricky Dan Higgins. I am four years old. I am writing you a letter to let you know what I would like for Christmas. I would like a pet snake, a pair of skates, and a pokemon ball with starmander inside of it. Thank you Santa Claus. Have a merry Christmas. I will leave milk and cookies out for you.

Love ya lots Santa,
Ricky Dan Higgins

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me a bunk bed for my dolls, a pink barbie with some new red, pink, yellow, brown, green, and purple clothes. I would also like a dalmation puppy. I would like a barbie music box that dances, and some barbie cards. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Love,
Lindsey Ames-4 1/2

Dear Sana Claus,
I have been a good girl this year. I would like a life-size barbie. I would also like for everyone to have a Christmas tree on Christmas day. Thank you and Merry Christmas.

Love,
Caroline Cline

Dear Santa, I have been pretty good this year. I would like a dirt bike track, army men stuff, space stuff, monster you can take apart, games, baby cars, car wash track, some new cars.

Thank you Santa,
Justin-Pre-K
Dear Santa,
I want a Power Ranger's mega pack, a trampoline with a net, a red scooter, armor suit with a sword, and a four wheeler, and a light speed mega zord. I have been a good boy.

From
Hayden Wyatt

Dear Santa,
I want some overalls and a black hat and black boots. I am thankful for Jesus was born. I am thankful I have a mon and a dand and a brother and a sister and I am thankful for my family. I want some snowballs. Thank you Santa form Ashley too Santa.

I love you Santa.
Ashley Cozart

Dear Santa,

My name is Stetson. I am 18 mos. old. I have been a really good boy this year.

For Christmas I would like some push and go cars, a Country Elmo, some more movies to watch and books for Moma and Daddy to read to me.

It is not too much to ask, can the books have the lil doors that have surprise behind them. Oh, and please make sure my cousins get some really cool toys too. Thank you.

Love,
Stetson Bomar

Dear Santa,

Hi, my name is Dakota Bomar. I have been a pretty good boy this year. I turned seven this year and I really think I'm getting grown up.

For Christmas this year, I would like to have a compound bow and real arrows, a new game for my Nintendo 64, some boots like my daddy's and some clothes.

Please don't forget my little sister Cheyenne. She is a good girl, too. She wants everything, so you can bring her whatever you think she deserves. Please bring Stetson and Brittany something too.

I Love You Santa,
Dakota Bomar

To Santa,

I want a horse. I want a shotgun. I want a guitar case. I want a fourwheeler. I want a nintendo for Thor and Zed. I want Aspen to have a pink barbie.

Zed Woerner

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'We Appreciate Your Business'
Merry Christmas
From David, Lenell, Claren, Chris, and Cody Sliger

BEST WISHES

We're setting our hopes on a Great Christmas Season for all our terrific customers. From head to toe, they're tops with us!

Sylvia's Hair Shack
Sylvia Switzer, Owner

Phone 725-6333

HAIR STYLIST

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Here's wishing you and your family all things merry and bright this Christmas. Thanks for lighting up our season.

Higginbotham Funeral Home
Bob & Dee Harrell
(254) 725-6153



It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas!

Opportunity's knocking And we'd just like to say, Hope your season is perfect In every way.

May it open the door, For good tidings and cheer -- Merry Christmas to all And a joyous New Year.

Cox Plumbing & Electric
(254) 725-6731
Earl Cox

GOD BLESS ALL LIVING CREATURES at CHRISTMASTIME

Our best wishes are with you and yours as we celebrate the Miracle of His birth.

May your spirits be lifted by the beauty of the season, just as ours have been by the privilege of knowing good people like you.

Happy Holidays and many thanks.

Callahan County

Roger Corn--County Judge
Eddie Curtis--County Sheriff
Tammy Walker--Tax Assessor-Collector
Sharon Owens--42nd District Clerk
Jeanie Bohannon--County Clerk
Allen Wright--County Attorney

Dianne Alexander--County Treasurer
Rolan Jones--Justice of the Peace
Charlie Grider--Commissioner

Peace

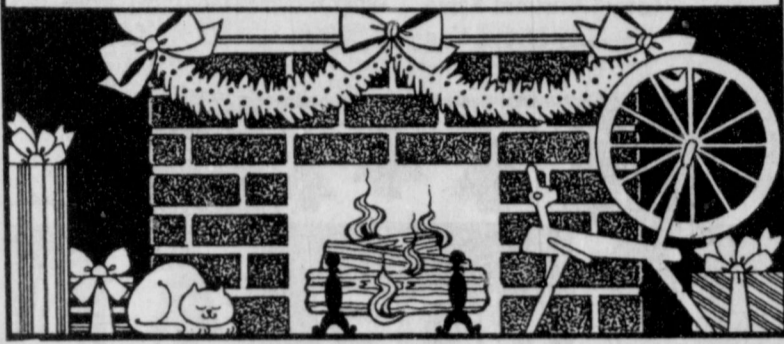
Hark unto the message of Christmas: Let there be peace throughout the land!

From Dub Meador & Family
D&B Carpet and Carpet Cleaning
725-7720

With Wishes Warm & Bright

May your heart and your home be warmed by the spirit of Christmas this season.

Goldston Satellite Sales & Service
(254) 643-3077



HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All Our Customers.

Reed Construction
Rusty, Debbie, Matt, and Cody

Dear Santa,
I want my two front and bottom teent and a pocket knife and a go cart and NFL Blits 2001.

Love,
Justin Golson

Dear Santa,
Hello, how are things in the north pole? Here its cold. I would like a Dancing Debbie doll and three barbies and a new bike. You can bring my brothers Kyle, Klay, and Seth a little something too.

Love,
Savana Wyatt

Dear Santa,
I want a nintendo 64 with plenty of games. I would like donkey kong for my game boy. Star Wars Monopoly game. I want a 100 doler bill and if you can not get it you can get me something else. I want a new pair of shoes.

By Joel Hinten

Dear Santa,
I want a Texas Monopoly, Legos, Pokemon cards, Pokemon Gold and Silver, Digimon cards, race cars.

Love Patyon.

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I would like a veannie baby, a trampoline, a CD player and CDs. Don't forget my sisters Abbie and Tiffany.

Love you,
Sammie Tollett

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a t.v., movies, baby, barbie, baby bottles for dolls and a rabbit. And my sister Alex a VCR and dishes. And my sister Brittany a CD player and some CDs. There will be milk and cookies waiting for you.

Love
Jaelynn Stout

Dear Santa,
I want the WOWCD 2000 and a cowboy hat and ten and canteen. I also want a flash-light.

Thank you,
Cody Self

Dear Santa,
I wonder when your going to come because I want to see you. I love Santa and i want to see you. I like Santa. I was a four wheeler.

Jacob

Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good boy this year. Could you please bring me a madden 200a football game for play station, an electric football game, electric dart board game, a new belt, a black and white paint pony, some new coloring books, some new clothes, new football and helmet. I hope this isn't too much. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Thank you,
Blake Hutchins
Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

I want some shoes, clothes, baby doll, Barbie Camera, play phone and I would also like a bracelet and bicycle.

I've been good and sometimes bad.
Thank,
Chelsea Savell, Age 6
Merry Christmas

Dear Santa,
I want a make up Mindy or a pooch and one ballerina barbie. I want my Grandma to have a betty boop candle, my mama to have a Mickey Mouse candlem my brother Brandon to have a guitar, Cody to get a scooby doo bed, my Uncle George to have a tool box.

And evryone to have a good Christmas. And my dad a new trailer for his race car.

Maci Whitson

Dear Santa,
I would like a candle for my mom and a new guitar for my Daddy. And a doll and a teddybear and a fishing pole, some cloths.

I have been good this year. God bless you.

I Love you Santa!
Joy McKenzie

Bright Wishes To All Our Valued Patrons

Thank you Holiday Refreshments (915) 624-5463

THE BURKETT STORE

ALL THE BEST!

Thank You For Your Patronage

T & K TIRE AND ALIGNMENT

(254) 725-6223
Randy Baker & Family
Tony Wyatt & Family

Have you read a good book lately?

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Cross Plains Public Library

GOOD TIDINGS

Hope you are surrounded with joy and happiness this Christmas season. Our best wishes to you and your family. We thank you for your support throughout the year.

ALL STAR PUMP & SUPPLY
(254) 725-7158

May God Bless Your Home This Holiday Season

Wherever you live, may you be visited by faith, love and good fortune in the year to come. We feel blessed to have so many good customers and friends. Thank you for visiting us.

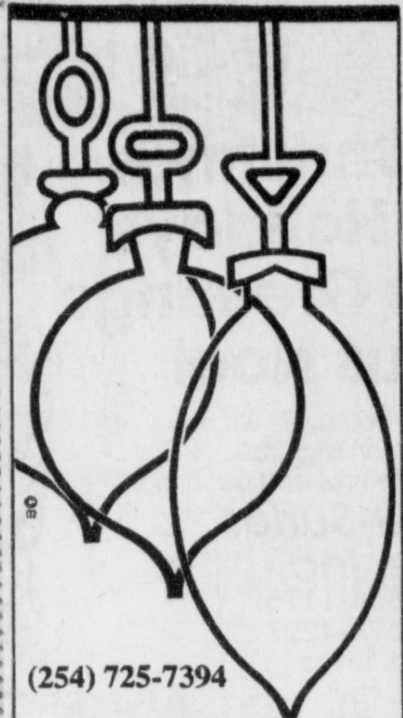
From All The Folks At
Cross Plains Grain & Peanut

Expressly For You... Our Very Best Wishes

All aboard! Load up with cheer! Christmastime is almost here. To all our good patrons, we know it's a fact, That with your kind help we've stayed right on track. So without any further delay, We'll say "thanks for your business — Have a great holiday!"

Comanche County Electric Cooperative
(915) 356-2533

A Touchstone Energy™ Partner



(254) 725-7394

Hope your holiday shapes up to be beautiful in every way! Thank you for your business.

The Movie Store

Sheet & Wanda Walker

All Signs Point To A Great Season!

Merry Christmas to our many good friends and many thanks for your cherished patronage.

Cross Plains Business Service
 (254) 725-7712
 (254) 725-7434

Dear Santa,
 Hello Santa Claus, my name is Daniel Lee Higgins. I am six years old, and I am in Kindergarden. I am writing you a letter to let you know what I would like for Christmas. I would like a remote control pickup, a pretend doctors set, and a t.v. for my room so I can play my nintendo. Thank you Santa, you have a merry Christmas. I will have milk and cookies out for you.

Love ya lots Santa,
 Daniel Lee Higgins

Dear Santa,
 I have been a very good girl this year. So I would like a bicycle or a CD player for Christmas. Since my little brother can't write yet, I want to ask for him. He is a very sweet baby who I love very mucho. So please bring him a rockin' horse or a little motorcycle.

Love,
 Nicole Eisenbach-5
 James Rhyme-18 months

Dear Santa,
 How are you doing at the North Pole. I hope you are doing great. I would like a scooter, a dinosaur, and a baseball set and a new football. I will leave you some cookies.

Love,
 Austin Sparks

Dear Santa,
 How are you? Hope your warm. I would like to have a minnie skatter, soles, and a Blues Clues doll. I'll be leaving you some of my mama's cherry cheese cake and milk. Be carefel.

I love you Santa.
 Rachelle Allen

Dear Santa,
 How are you doing? How is you wife. I will like a litter bike, jump rope, CD play, CD's, dolls, moves toy story and Pipe Longstocking, books like - Dr. Suese, pokemon backpack, new pears of socks. Santa I left cookies and milk out for.

P.S. I been a good girl

Love
 Renee Robertson

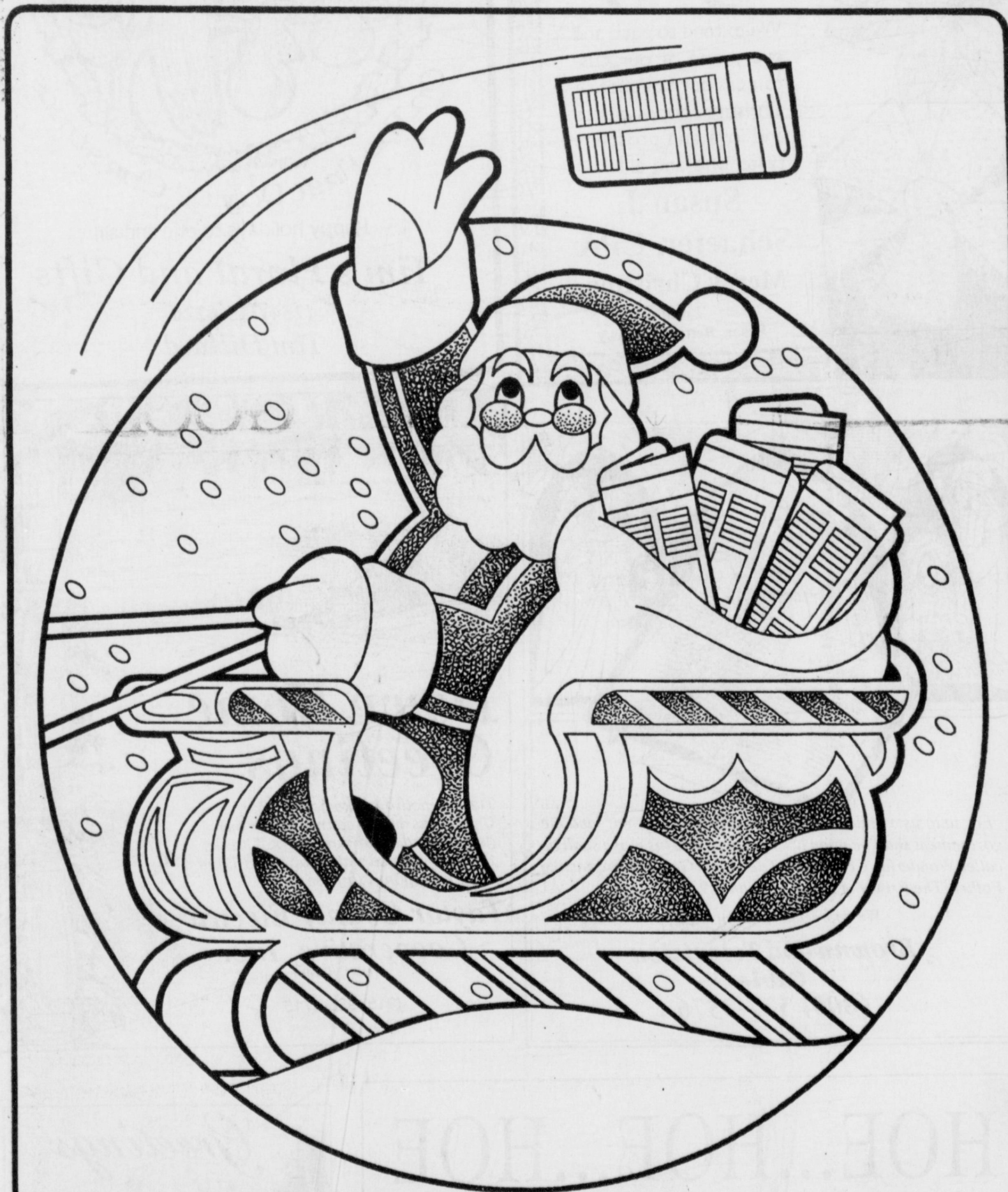
Dear Santa,
 I want a gamebor color and some parts for my motocykle if you know what kind of parts they are. My family to be happy for Christmas and my grandma some pajamas and new house shoes. My brother some new jeans and a new shirt.

Cody Ford

Dear Santa,
 I want a Poo-Chi and a Baby Doll and a Barbie and a scopter. Santa I have been a good girl.

Brianne Purcell
 First Grade

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Hope Christmas Brings Nothing But Good News!

We're happy to report that Christmas is almost here, and we'd like to deliver our best wishes for a joyous season to all our readers.

**Season's Greetings
 The Cross Plains Review**

*Don Tabor - Vanda Creech - Vicky Worley
 Community & Student Reporters*



We hope the message of love and the true spirit of the season makes its way into each heart in every land.

Happy Holidays!

JIMMY D. WILSON DRILLING
 (254) 725-6120

JIMMY & CAROLYN WILSON

Christmas Blessings

May the wonder and joy of the First Christmas always be with you!

Thank's For Your Patronage

Amelia's House of Beauty
 (254) 725-7247

Joy

To all who are young at heart: The Merriest of Christmases!

RAY'S BARBER SHOP
 (254) 725-7530

Merry Christmas To All And To All A Good Night!

*Thank You For Your Unfailing Support.
 From eastside to westside
 And all around the town
 May peace and happiness
 Blanket the town.
 And to all our good friends
 Both far and near—
 A very good Christmas
 And a happy New Year.*

Connie's Cuts & Curls **C&C Service Center**
 Connie Kirkham, owner/operator Lillie Dillard
 (254) 725-6318 725-7445



Peace • Love • Friendship
 Wishing you and yours a world of peace this Christmas.

THE CHILDRESS FAMILY

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Dear Santa,
I've been pretty good this year. I'm Dillon. I would like a Poo-Chi and a gameboy with a game. And I have a brother named Justin, he would like a cho cho train and a tonka truck search light. I hope you all have a good Christmas. Thank you for the toys in the past.

Love
Dillon Whiteley

Winter Wonderland



May every day of this holiday be filled with joy and happiness.

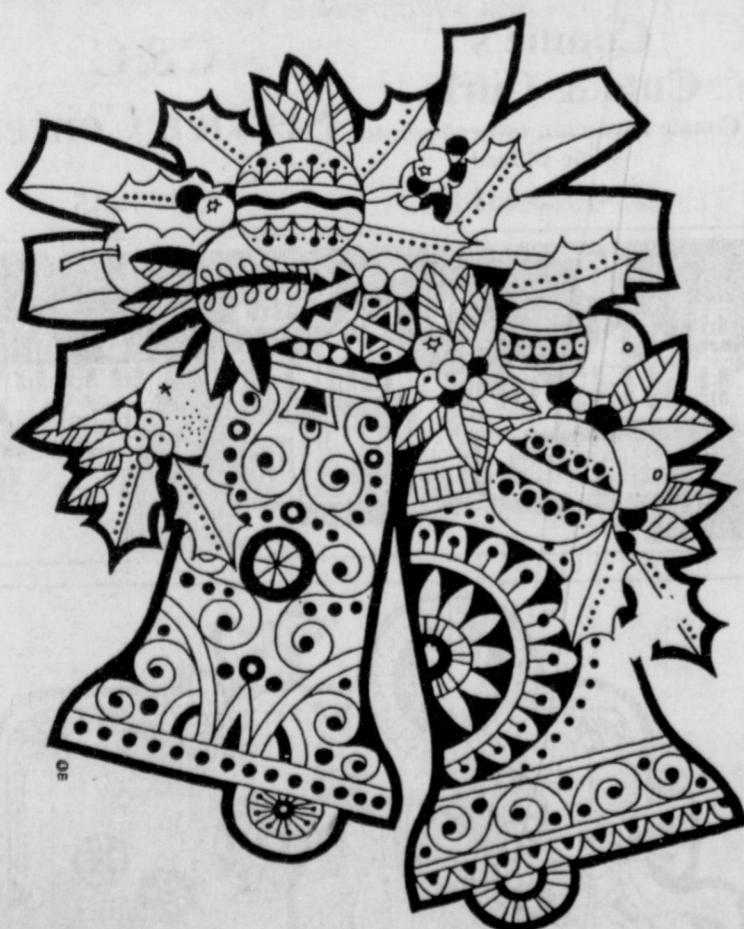
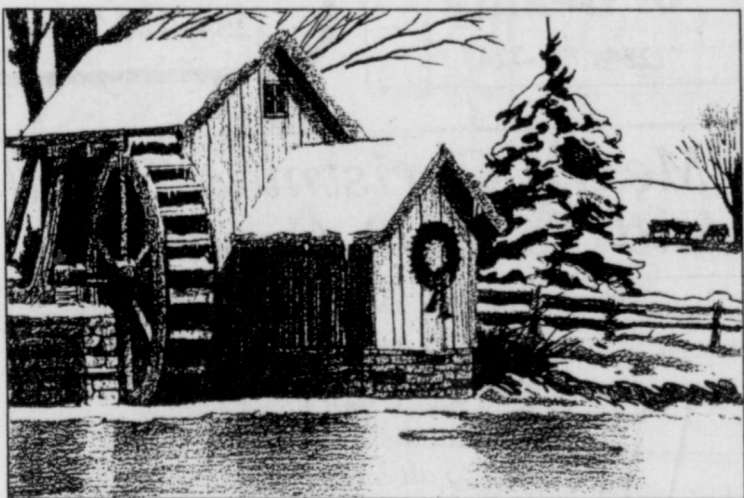
Sewalt Butane Company
(915) 646-7571

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

We're glad to be celebrating with good friends and neighbors like you. Many thanks for your valued business.

Carouth's Construction
(254) 725-6267

Rickey, Netha, Renetha, Brent, Crystal & A.J.



Hear the Bells!

Ring in new joy for the Holiday Season.

Coleman County Electric Cooperative, Inc.

(915) 625-2128

HAPPY HOLIDAY!

Santa and friends are heading your way! It's that time of year for happiness and good cheer! Thank You for Your Patronage.

Dale Mitchell Building
Dale, Myrna, and Mindy

Joy

We extend to each and every one of our customers our bouquet of Christmas hopes: peace and love and prosperity to one and all!

Susan J. Schaefer, CPA
Merry Christmas
From Susan, Betty and Becky

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. *Isaiah 6:9*

We appreciate your business...

Brownwood Television Cable
(800) 527-2576

Merry Christmas Happy Holidays Season's Greetings Joyous Noel

No matter how you say it, we hope your season is grand. We truly appreciate your kind patronage.

Russell-Surles Title, Inc.
(915) 854-1115
(915) 893-4227
Baird, Texas

On The First Day of Christmas

Happy holidays to one and all!

Tim's Floral and Gifts
(254) 725-6220
Tim Dillard

Down Home Greetings

There's nothing like celebrating Christmas in the country with our good friends and neighbors. Thanks for your valued patronage and have a very happy holiday season!

Taylor County Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Merkel, Texas
(915) 928-4715

HOE...HOE...HOE

IT'S CHRISTMASTIME DOWN ON THE FARM

Happy Holiday to all our good customers.
It's been a pleasure serving you.

Lawrence Farm & Ranch Supply, Inc. E. Hwy. 36 & Ave. B Cross Plains, TX
(254) 725-7216

Greetings

May all the good things Christmas has in store be yours

(254) 725-4200
Wild Texas Taxidermy
Bud, Becky, Bree & River Dillard