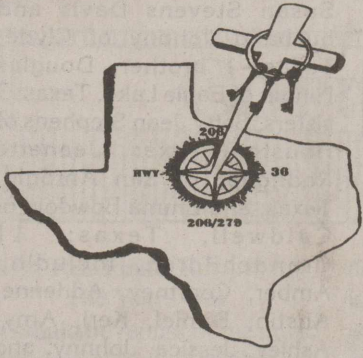


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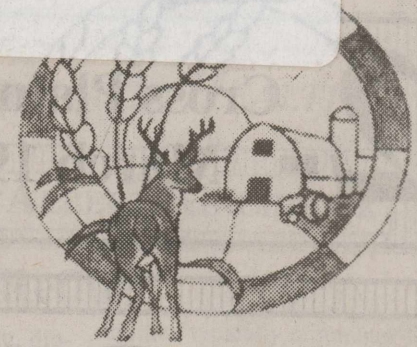
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Cross Plains Review

"Cross Plains' Oldest Business Institution"

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THURSDAY, March 19, 2009



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100th YEAR

CROSS PLAINS, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS 76443

NUMBER 1

Historic Centennial Edition



MAIN STREET VIEW OF CROSS PLAINS IN 1911—Many of the store fronts have been restored in the original buildings. Note, there is only a dirt street with no buildings on the east.

Open House at Cross Plains Review for 100th Anniversary

The Cross Plains Review will be having an open house Thursday, March 19th, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.
 Don Tabor, the publisher of the

Cross Plains Review, invites the community to come by and help celebrate this historic 100 year anniversary.
 Take a tour through the office

and see how the newspaper is produced and look at all the antique equipment.
 Refreshments will be served.

Ballot Positions Announced for Upcoming Elections

Cross Plains I.S.D. has announced the ballot positions for the school board trustee election as follows:

Three 3-year terms open

1. Jim Cook
2. Jane Alford Holmes
3. Darren T. Carter
4. Scott Childress

5. Ray Dodd

6. Charles Chesshir

7. Michael Cowan

Unexpired 1 year term

1. Mark A. Ring
2. Hoyt.

City Council ballot positions for three 2-year terms are:

1. Lewis Fortune

2. Karen Lenz

3. Terry Lichty

4. Gerald Brown

5. Henry Ring

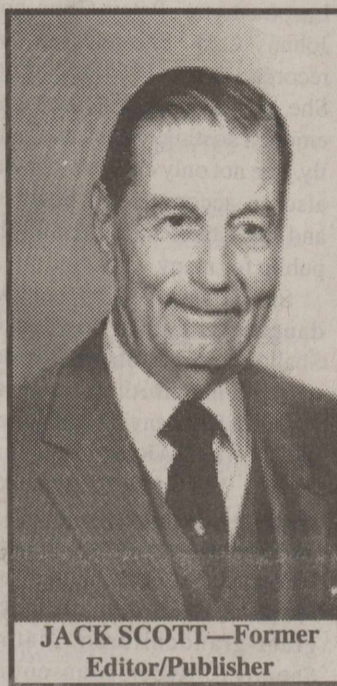
6. James Nichols

7. Peg Terrell

8. Homer Parson.

The election will be held May 9, 2009.

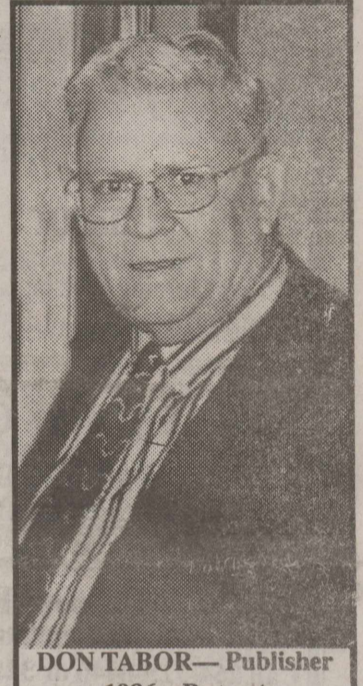
Cross Plains Review Celebrating 100th Year Anniversary



JACK SCOTT—Former Editor/Publisher



BENNY GLOVER—Former Editor/Publisher



DON TABOR—Publisher 1986—Present

By Vanda Anderson
 Editor

state. (Historical facts were taken from "Early Days in Callahan County" by Brutus Clay Chrisman.)

The Cross Plains Review has the distinction of being the oldest business institution in the community of Cross Plains and is celebrating its 100th Anniversary this week.

The business moved from the banks of Turkey Creek to the present location in 1909. The original printing press was mounted in the ground and the two-story brick building was then constructed around it.

Other antique equipment including a typesetter, paper folder, addressograph, etc. are still housed at this site and was still used until around 1980.

Belmont L. Shields was the editor and publisher for five years followed by L.M. (Lem) Henslee, who edited the paper until 1922.

At that time he disposed of his interests to Tom Bryant. Bryant, whose chief interest was in oil production, was also associated as equal partners with Tom Anderson, M.E. Wakefield and S.F. (Foss) Bond.

Jack Scott acquired an interest in the company in July of 1930 and the business continued as a corporation for about ten years. Scott bought the interest of the other shareholders and continued as editor and publisher until he entered the military in 1944.

Following his discharge in 1946 he resumed his position at the newspaper until May of 1951. At this point, he sold his interest to Jack McCarty of Rising Star, who was formerly a partner in the *Rising Star Record*.

Jack Scott and Jack McCarty earned numerous citations of excellence from various Newspaper Associations over the

Helen Parson, Amber Williams and Deborah Lowitzer.

Special writers for the *Cross Plains Review* included Billy Harris and Al Pickett.

Many individuals wrote front page columns over the 100 year history including Jack Scott who wrote the Home Towner; Town Talk was written by J.B.T.E. and J.B.D.E. (initials only, authors unknown); Esthloy Dickson wrote Plain Talk; Carolyn (Glover) Morgan's column was Carolyn's Corner; Don Tabor's column was On the Corner; the late Kay Mosley wrote Quips, Clips and Comments; and Vanda Anderson's column was Down Home.

Wallace Bennett currently writes the Cottonwood News; May Jones the Pioneer News; Dona McIntire the Rising Star Nursing Home News; Library Notes are prepared by Linda Burns, Librarian for the Cross Plains Public Library; Joyce Odom writes the Cross Plains Garden Club News; Amber Thomas the Cross Plains Senior Citizens News; Deborah Lowitzer's column *Maybe It's Just Me, But...* and Barbara Holmes Worcester of *Clyde* writes *Barb's Cues*.

The *Cross Plains Review* serves as the hometown newspaper for locals ex-students, and many out-of-state residents who subscribe to the weekly edition. Its rich tradition of honest and dependable fact reporting has made it worthy of readership.

This historical edition is filled with articles from the last 100 years, plus old photos highlighting our community. We hope that you will enjoy this look into the past!

WORKING TOGETHER

Cross Plains Community Meeting Tuesday, March 24th

The Cross Plains Community Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 24th, at 6:00 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center to promote community growth for the Cross Plains area.

Speakers from the following organizations will be featured:

- *Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce
- *City of Cross Plains

Economic Development

*Small Business Development Center

*West Central Texas Council of Governments

*Council Finance-SBA

504 Lending Team

*Area Agency on Aging

*Regional 9-1-1

*Criminal Justice

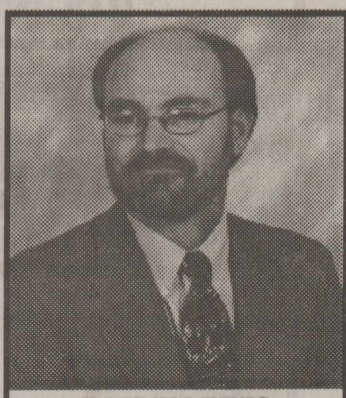
*Health Services.

If you are interested in helping your community grow, please join us for an informative evening with great networking opportunities.

A hamburger meal will be provided by Texas Heritage Bank and dessert provided by Subway.

For additional information or directions, contact Rickie at 254-725-7251.

Danny Lewis in Concert at Methodist Church



DANNY LEWIS

On Sunday, March 22nd at 6:00pm, the First United Methodist Church will offer an evening with Danny Lewis and his praise band, *Under Construction*, as they present a very special program of lively, beautiful and inspirational Gospel music.

Lewis is the Director of Worship and Praise at the First United Methodist Church in

Baird. The Gospel group, *Under Construction*, came together about 6 months ago. Lewis began organizing his small church choir into a gospel group. Starting with one guitar and the piano, the band has grown to include another guitar player, a bass player and a drummer. Five vocalists, into addition to Lewis, normally sing with the group. Typical music includes a wide variety from the old Gospel standards to Dallas Helms to the Imperials.

The vision of the *Under Construction* group is to encourage small church ministries to step out in faith and to us the gifts that God has given each of us.

Following the concert in the Sanctuary, a reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall. All are warmly invited and there is no charge for the evening.

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH
832 Ave. E Cross Plains, TX
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Morning Worship.....11:00 AM
Evening Worship.....6:00 PM
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Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Time.....7:00 PM
Matt McGowen, Pastor (254) 725-4599
Church (254) 725-6266 Bible Teaching
Friendly Church

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112 W. Travis in Putnam
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Sunday Morning Worship.....10:30 AM
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Pastor: Rufus Wilson 254-725-4589
Sunday School...10:00 am
Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am
Sunday Evening Worship...6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service...7:00 p.m.
Music Director: Barbara Jo Medley 254-725-4589

Living Water Ministries Fellowship
Restoring And Equipping The Saints
Sunday....10:00 am Wednesday....7:00 pm
Pastor Max Evans
For Information Call (254) 725-7418

Rowden Baptist Church
Pastor: Wayne Lenz
Music: Karen Lenz & Diane Woods
Bible Study...10:00 am
Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am
2990 Highway 36 at Rowden 12 Miles West of Cross Plains

GOSPEL MISSION
716 1st Street Full Gospel
Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.
Michael Ingram, Pastor

OBITUARIES



Patti Bowden

Patti Bowden, age 64, passed away Sunday, March 15, 2009 at Hendrick Health System in Abilene. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at Higginbotham Funeral Chapel with Max Evans officiating. Burial was in the Cross Plains Cemetery.

She was born to Hubert and Maudy V. (Burgess) Myers on August 20, 1944 in Abilene. She graduated from Arlington High School in 1962. While living in Cross Plains, she was active in the Garden Club, PTO, Beta Sigma Phi and Cross Plains E.M.S. She was an active member of the First United Methodist Church. Patti maintained an avid interest and enjoyed genealogy and spent many hours researching her family history.

Patti was a lady of many talents. She began a successful career as singer/songwriter by winning a local 4 H talent competition in Fort Worth. She opened shows for stars such as George Jones, Loretta Lynn, Patsy Cline and Johnny Cash. She released two records, one in 1964 and 1966. She was an excellent cook and enjoyed hosting friends and family. She not only enjoyed, but was also an accomplished designer and seamstress and sewed for the public for many years.

She is survived by her two daughters, Laura Bowden of Shallowater and Sherri Bowden of Abilene; brothers, Eugene Myers of Stephenville; Jim Myers of Glenwood, AR, and Bruce and Joyce Myers of Bedford; sister-in-law, Diane Bowden of Eastland; grandchildren, Mitchell Munson of Abilene and Amanda Munson-Sandoval of Waco; great-grandchildren, Nathan Sandoval, Ayden Munson and Braxton Munson.

Patti was preceded in death by her parents, a grandson, Cody Munson, Mike Bowden, brother-in-law Kent Bowden and her dear friend, Mac Foster.

The family would like to express thanks to the nurses and staff of A6 at Hendrick Medical Center for their outstanding care and support.

Memorials may be made to Hendrick Medical Center Foundation Pulmonary Rehab, 1900 Pine St., Abilene, TX 79601.



Marjorie Munger Middleton

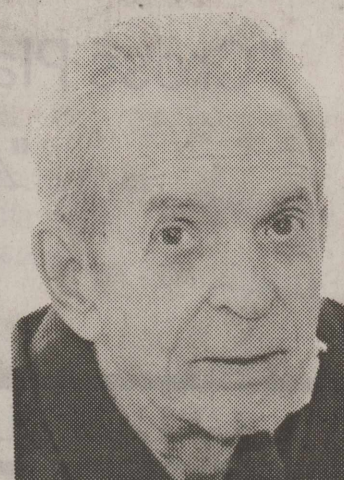
Marjorie Munger Middleton, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Lillo S. Munger, and the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. S.I. Munger of Dallas, was born in Fort Worth and moved to Abilene in 1923. She graduated from Abilene High School and in 1937 from McMurry University. In 1939 she married Dr. Edwin E. Middleton, a prominent Abilene surgeon.

Marjorie is among the founders of the Abilene Philharmonic Orchestra, a member of the Guild, and often hosted visiting Philharmonic pianists, who practiced at her home. She was a member of the Taylor-Jones-Haskell County Medical Auxiliary, The Museums of Abilene, The Preservation League, a lifetime member of the Junior League of Abilene, a member of the board of Directors for the YWCA, Gamma Sigma Social Service Club at McMurry University, and the Gem and Mineral Society. Marjorie was a Grey Lady during WWII. She and others met in the Elks building to serve coffee and sandwiches to the troops stationed at Camp Barkley. She was Miss Abilene as a young woman and volunteered in the American Red Cross during WWII.

Marjorie was preceded in death by her husband in 1989 and a cousin, Lillo M. Baker. Survivors include her two daughters, Janet Swanson of Cross Plains and Marsha Murray of Abilene; four grandchildren, Kristi Swanson (and George Dimitri) of Arlington, Eric (and Kara) Swanson of Dallas, Marian (and Lincoln) Green of Bartlesville, OK, Maureen (and Jeff) Eagan of Longmont, CO; and great-grandson, Charlie M. Swanson of Dallas.

Following private graveside services on Monday, March 16th, directed by Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home, the family hosted a reception honoring Marjorie Middleton at 11:30 a.m. in Elmwood Funeral Home.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to Abilene Philharmonic, 310 N. Willis, Abilene, TX 79603, or Alliance for Women and Children, 1350 N. 10th, Abilene, TX 79601.



JAMES A. "JIM" STEVENS

James A. "Jim" Stevens

James A. "Jim" Stevens, age 77, of Clyde, Texas, passed away Monday, March 16, 2009 in the Clyde Nursing Center. Services will be held at 10:00 A.M. Friday, March 20th, in the Clyde Church of Christ with Jim Hall officiating. Burial will follow in Clyde Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Parker Funeral Home of Baird, Texas. A visitation with family will be held from 6:00 until 7:30 Thursday evening at the funeral home.

Jim was born April 20, 1931 in Harris County, Texas. He married Mary Perkins on December 12, 1954, in Abilene, Texas. They moved to Clyde in 1961 and had resided there the past 47 years. Jim had worked as a painter, a salesman, and an antique dealer. He was a friend to many in Baird and the surrounding area through his antique business.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Stevens of Clyde; 4 sons, Edd Stevens and wife Ronni of Portland, Tennessee, James Stevens of Allen, Texas, Paul Stevens and wife Tresa of Comfort, Texas, and Tommy Stevens and wife Kathy of Frisco, Texas; 1 daughter,

Susan Stevens Davis and husband Johnny of Clyde, Texas; 1 brother, Douglas Nirider of Eagle Lake, Texas; 3 sisters, Betty Jean Stephens of Houston, Texas, Jeanette Rodriguez of San Antonio, Texas, and Emma Bowdoin of Caldwell, Texas; 11 Grandchildren, including Amber, Courtney, Adrienne, Austin, Daniel, Keri, Amy, Ashley, Jessica, Johnny, and Peyton; 2 great-grandchildren, Andrew and Hailey; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Paul Edwin and Hazel Mary Nirider, and a great-granddaughter, Baylee.

Geraldine "Jerry" Underwood

Geraldine "Jerry" Underwood, age 75, passed away Thursday, March 12, 2009 at Comanche Medical Center in Comanche. Funeral services were held at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, March 14, 2009 at the First Baptist Church in Rising Star with Dick Williams officiating, assisted by Terry Simmons. Burial followed in the May Cemetery.

She was born to Robert T. and Dometria (Kennedy) Willett in Brown County, Texas on May 25, 1933. Jerry married Dee Underwood on November 13, 1952 in Rising Star. She worked as a nursing home administrator for 32 years, as well as being a wife and mother. She was a member of the Rising Star First Baptist Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Judy Butler and husband Michael of Cross Plains; son, Robert Underwood of Rising Star; sisters, Wanda Tolar of Cisco and Nelda Nelson of Odessa; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, son, James Underwood; 6 brothers, Troy, Hap, Benny, Wayne, Billy Lee and Tooter Willett; 3 sisters, Florene White, Magdalene Pridmore and Faye Medley.

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURTHOUSE Roger Corn, Presiding Misdemeanor Filings

Lonnie E. Berger, theft by check.

Dennis M. Duke, theft by check.

Sheley M. Mangum, theft by check.

Lauren N. Williams, theft by check.

Bobby G. Keith Jr., theft.

Jacquelyn N. French, criminal trespass.

Dory H. Sellers, driving while intoxicated (DWI).
Kenneth R. Bodine, DWI.
Drexel T. Garland Jr., possession of marijuana.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Michelle Derrick, judgment revoking probation granted, sentenced to jail.

Ryan Flynn, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 18 month probation, \$400 fine, \$306 court costs.

Timothy D. Austin, theft by check, 90 days in jail, \$305 court costs.

Michelle R. Derrick, plea of guilty to theft by check, 90 days in jail, \$310 court costs.

Tommy Lynn Koen, transfer request from Johnson Co. to

Brown Co. and order amending conditions of probation granted.

Jeanette G. Gray, plea of guilty to theft by check, 60 days in jail, \$305 court costs.

Richard Metten, plea of guilty to deadly conduct, 30 days in jail, \$305 court costs.

Jacquelyn N. French, plea of guilty to criminal trespass, 18 months probation, \$500 fine, \$260 court costs, \$725 restitution.

42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding Civil Filings

Stayce Way Stonerock and Jimmie Dale Stonerock, divorce.

Sharyn T. Hill, Susan T. Maddox and Cody Ryan Bradshaw vs. Elizabeth Anne Wood Hillburn, damages.

Sarah Lee Harrison and Dennis Brown Harrison III, divorce.

Vicki Lynn Dillard vs. Roy Dean Dillard, divorce.

Regina Rae Knight and Kelvin Lynn Knight, divorce.

Civil Minutes

Jolie Larae Tibbit and Jonathon Anthony Tibbit, divorce granted.

COTTONWOOD NEWS

BY WALLACE BENNETT

Cross Plains Review 100 Years Old

It would be remiss of me not to recognize, in this column, a great tribute and acknowledgment of the place the *Cross Plains Review* has played in the life of Cottonwood.

It has been, in a sense, the life blood of existence for the community of Cottonwood, printing the news, reviewing the facts, establishing the truth, and looking to the future.

Indeed, the Review has been all things and every support imaginable for the community of Cottonwood. That's why Cottonwood is still a viable "community" in this county. It is still alive and still working together to get necessary to get things done; case in point, the recent effort to raise money for the building of a new fire hall.

As one nice lady has said, "it takes a village" to get anything

done, and I believe that. I don't know exactly what she meant other than having all the elements of an entire village, you know, the blacksmith shop, the wagon wheel maker, the doctor, etc. And I have always thought of Cottonwood as a village. It has all the elements in hand to provide for its existence and sustainability of a village to keep it alive and working well together as a real community.

It has everything except a newspaper. And that is where the *Cross Plains Review* comes into the picture. The Review has always provided a place for this village to share with itself and the outside world the necessary information to keep it functioning as a village.

So here's a great big CONGRATULATIONS to the *Cross Plains Review* for its 100th year of existence and I hope you have a wonderful next 100 years

to keep your place alive in history and providing the news to make Cottonwood a real village.

(To have something published in this column, call Wallace Bennett at 254-725-7474 or e-mail www.csb555@dishmail.net. Remember, if I don't know it, I can't print it.)

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March 19, 2009

RIISING STAR NURSING HOME

DONNA McINTIRE

Well, here we are once again. Hope things have been going well for all of you. We have been so blessed to have gotten some rain. It is unbelievable that we could go so long without it. We want to be sure to thank God for rain and pray.

We have been doing pretty well here in Rising Star. We started off by throwing a really neat baby shower for Kristi McGinn. She has done real well so far and hopes to be able to work until time for the delivery.

We had her family, friends, fellow workers and residents all together at one time. The gifts were what appeared to be never

ending. One of the residents, Kay Justice, has embroidered a red and white quilt. Several of the residents went together and donated the money to get it quilted. I could go on and on about all of the quilts, diapers, outfits, etc. The two cakes were donated by Diane, one of our therapists and were they ever good.

We also have been going to the library. Wesley Stewart has enjoyed getting out and visiting with the librarian and getting to see what is available. He is into reading mostly westerns. And of course, the number one author of this time is Elmer Kelton. We

have had real good luck, so far, and it is so amazing what the library has been able to do. If you haven't been down (Rising Star Library) there yet, you need to go.

The residents also made some St. Patrick's Day memories that were handed out on our Wednesday Meals on Wheels. We were able to put together a large white shamrock, along with a smaller green shamrock. We put a couple of eyes on it and then put on the "handle". We enjoy doing this and we are getting our thinking caps on as to what we will be able to do next month.

Till next time, may God bless and keep you.

Volunteer Fire Departments Appeal to City for Assistance

By Kim Lambert
Special Writer

At the March 9th meeting Bob Childress, on behalf of the Cottonwood fire department, requested from the city that a fire hydrant or meter of some type could be installed out near the wells in Cottonwood. This would enable the firemen to fill up their trucks quickly. Mayor Purvis stated that the city would not have a problem getting a meter put up

out there, with a key given to the fire department to access the meter. Mayor Purvis stated that they would be held accountable if someone unauthorized used the meter for unintended purposes, such as filling a tank or swimming pool and as this is raw water, it could make someone very sick. It was agreed that the city would provide a locked meter for the Cottonwood Fire Dept. with the agreement that they would be liable for any amount of water

used other than to fill the fire truck.

Rick Carouth spoke to the council on behalf of the Cross Plains Fire Department. He requested help with funding for the engine purchased for one of the fire trucks that recently had engine problems. He reported that a new engine would have cost them \$17,000 but they found a used one for \$7,000. The fire department has currently paid half the price for the motor, and is asking the City and/or EDC for help in paying the second half. Rick reported that the fire department had only received a little over \$200 in donations as of last month, and two of their fire trucks are down. Debbie Gosnell informed Rick that there currently is no money, but that they know that they need it and they will try to see what they can do to help with the cost.

The ordinance that would require persons peddling, selling, or soliciting goods and services to register at the City Hall and carry a permit was read aloud and voted into effect.

Frankie Hyles addressed the council about a property he is interested in purchasing for a business (meat market). The property is located in an area zoned as residential, and he asked if there was anything that could be done to get the property re-zoned as commercial/business. Mrs. Gosnell informed Frankie that it's a matter as small as having a public hearing to let the people who live in the vicinity to speak their opinions and then having the city council vote on the matter.

The council received a letter from Bob Childress regarding a contract between the City of Cross Plains and the Cross Plains Public Library in order for the library to remain a part of the Big Country Library System. The council accepted the letter and will make a decision upon consultation with the city's attorney.

See Volunteer Fire Departments Page 5

THE DOCTOR'S PRESCRIPTION FOR HEALTH

DR. ALBERT KINCHELOE

Heartburn and Reflux

One of the most common complaints that patients talk to the doctor about is heartburn or gastro esophageal reflux (GERD).

GERD most commonly will have heartburn associated with a burning feeling in the upper abdominal area at the bottom area of the breastbone. Sometimes, this can give mid back pain, a sensation of warm sour fluid coming up in the throat.

As a rule, heartburn and GERD

are aggravated by smoking, dipping, eating and drinking within hours of bedtime, being overweight, the consuming of coffee, tea, decaf tea, chocolate, alcohol, greasy and spicy foods, and sweets.

Quite often, we find by a simple blood test, that the patient has a stomach infection with bacteria called H. Pylori. When this occurs, treatment with an antibiotic

regimen typically eliminates the problem.

When left untreated, GERD can lead to Barrett's Esophagi which can lead to esophageal cancer.

Remember, heartburn is not simply an inconvenience. Heartburn can serve as a warning. Do not ignore that warning! Hoping the heartburn will quit is not an appropriate treatment.

Albert Kincheloe, D.O. is the Medical Director

at Cross Plains Community Health Center, 200 North Main 254-725-4311

LIBRARY NOTES

March 9-13, 2009

Patrons:	101
Books Check Out:	111
Programs:	15
LAP	7
Lapsit	2
Other	6
Copies:	78
Reference:	10
Internet Users:	50

Memorials:
Bob and Lavonne Childress
In Memory of Marie Peavy

Kennith and Ann Beeler
In Memory of Glenda Barr

Kathryn Walden
In Memory of Bill Russell
Class of 1942

Harold and Mary White
In Memory of Bill Russell

Book Donations:
Judy Killgo
Judy Luter

Volunteers:
Helen Parson
Azalee Womack
Ginny Hoskins
Arlene Stephenson
Ann Beeler
Wilma Lawrence
Sue Bennett
Beverly Ross
Lavonne Childress
Bobbie Hinkle

Alcoholic Anonymous Meetings Locally

Alcoholic Anonymous meetings are now being held in Cross Plains every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The meetings will be held at the Highway 206 Baptist Church located on North Main Street.

For additional information, contact Claude at 254-725-4496 and Diana 254-725-4670.

Veterans Benefit Fair March 21st

The Texas Veterans Land Board & Texas Veterans Commission is inviting all Veterans to a free benefit fair, on Saturday, March 21st, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Abilene Civic Center in Abilene, at 1100 N. 6th St.

Representatives and counselors from the Veterans Land Board, the Texas Veterans Commission, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the Small Business Administration and the Social Security Administration will be available to answer questions and discuss your claims.

You can visit with mortgage lenders, Realtors, and veteran support organizations. You can also learn more about home loans, land loans, home improvement loans, state Veterans homes, state Veterans Cemeteries, employment benefits, disability & pension claims, and education benefits.

For more information you may call 1-800-252-VETS, or visit www.texasveterans.com.

Submitted by: Tom Ivey

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER NEWS

By AMBER THOMAS

The Senior Citizen Center will have its monthly BINGO night on March 20th. We will begin at 5:30 pm with a potluck supper and immediately after begin playing everyone's favorite game, BINGO! This is an event that can be enjoyed by people of all ages. We welcome everyone!

Pies will be sold for a fundraiser by the slice (\$2.50) or whole (\$15.00). Pies available

will be coconut, chocolate cream, chocolate chip, and lemon. All other pies may be ordered. Please call the Senior Center to place your order today!

Prizes have been donated for this monthly event by many local residents and merchants. If you have a prize you would like to donate, please bring it to the Center. Hope to see you there!

SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER ACTIVITIES:

By AMBER THOMAS

MONDAY - FRIDAY

* Coffee is free starting at 9:00 am to all seniors (60+) in the center

* Dominoes, movies, puzzles and other activities start at 9:00 am for all people of all ages.

* Meals served from 11:45-12:45 for all seniors and their guests.

* The last Friday of each month an agency will be at the center to assist seniors with their bills.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday, 23rd - Movie Day at 10:00 am / Game Night and Potluck from 4:00-8:00pm. Barn Boys will entertain prior to games!

Tuesday, 24th - Exercise Classes - 11:00 am; "Chair Tai-Chi"

Wednesday, 25th - Bring a friend and get a prize 10:30-11:30 Blood Pressure Checks

Thursday, 26th - Exercise Classes - 11:00am; "Chair Tai-Chi"

Friday, 27th - Bring old photos for everyone to see!

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SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

MARCH 23 - 27

MONDAY-Chicken & Dressing, Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk
Green Beans, Yams, Bread & THURSDAY-Lasagna, Carrots,
Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk Salad, Bread & Dessert, Tea/Cof-
fee/Milk

TUESDAY- Swiss Steak, Cauliflower w/ Cheese Sauce, FRIDAY-Salmon Patties Scal-
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WEDNESDAY-Chicken & Chips, Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk
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Pioneer Relays Track Results

Varsity Girls

100 M- Williams- 14.88- 4th Place
800 Relay- Cross Plains- 2.00- 1st Place
400 M- Goode- 1:06- 1st Place
200 M- Goode- :28- 1st Place
 Ames- :30.18- 2nd Place
 Lewis- :30.53- 3rd Place
 Gary- :30.93- 4th Place

1600 Relay- Cross Plains- 4:45- 1st Place
High Jump- Ames- 4'6" - 2nd Place
 Bush- 4'4" - 3rd Place

Triple Jump- Gary- 30'2" - 2nd Place
 Goode- 29' 8" - 3rd Place

Long Jump- Goode- 13' 5.5- 2nd Place
 Gary- 12' 11.5- 3rd Place

Team Totals

- Baird 139
- Cross Plains 124
- Priddy 85
- Zephyr 82
- Sidney 46
- Strawn 18

Varsity Boys

400 Relay- Cross Plains - :51.18 - 2nd Place
110-100 H- J. Wyatt - :19.85 - 2nd Place
100 M- Baker- 12.06 - 2nd Place
 Foster- 13.02 - 6th Place
400 M- Wyatt- 56:40 - 1st Place
1600 Relay- Cross Plains- 4:01- 1st Place
High Jump- Wyatt - 5'4" - 2nd Place
 Baker - 5' 4" - 3rd Place
Triple Jump- Self - 36' 5.5 - 4th Place
Shot- Foster - 34' 3" - 4th Place
 Smart- 34' 1" - 5th Place
Discus- Foster- 99' 1" - 3rd Place
 Kemp- 83' 2" - 6th Place
Long Jump- Wyatt - 17' 2" - 1st Place

Team Totals

- Baird 106
- Cross Plains 104
- Priddy 70
- Zephyr 68
- Sidney 57
- Gustine 33

Junior Varsity Boys

Triple Jump- Ames - 31' 9.5 - 1st Place
Shot- Eisenbach- 29' 10" - 2nd Place
 Farris- 27' 4" - 4th Place
 Salazar-26' 5" - 5th Place
Discus- Eisenbach- 84' 5.5" - 2nd Place
 Wyatt- 66' 4" - 6th Place
Long Jump- Simons- 6' 9.5" - 3rd Place
200 M- H. Wyatt- :29.30 - 6th Place

The PTO has cookie dough, snacks, and cheesecake leftover from the recent fundraiser. If you are interested in purchasing any of the following items, please call Sarah Buchanan at 254-725-4469.

Thank you for your support!!

Cookie Dough Flavors	Quantity Remaining	Price
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Strawberry Cheesecake	12	\$15
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Little League Tryouts Set for March 28

Little League Tryouts have been scheduled for Saturday, March 28th. Applications may be found at the Cross Plains Elementary or High School offices. All applications are due by March 26th.

Free Immunizations Will be Given at Cross Plains I.S.D. Tuesday, March 24th

U.S.D.A. Celebrates National Ag Day Friday, March 20th

The Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing has been working with Cross Plains ISD to help our students get the immunizations they need. This is a wonderful partnership, which allows our students to get FREE immunizations without having to travel to do so. The immunizations, which will be given on March 24th, are Tdap, HPV, Meningococcal, and the flu vaccine. The flu shot can be given without parental presence if the consent sheet is signed and returned; but all other vaccinations will require the

consent forms and the presence of a parent or guardian. Immunizations will be given until 12:00 noon due to an early out for Ag judging contest. All students have been mailed an immunization packet. Parents please fill out whichever vaccine you would like your child to have. Then return vaccine information sheet to the office on or before March 24th. If for some reason you do not receive a copy of this information please notify the High School Office at 254-725-6121.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

MARCH 23 - 27

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
MONDAY - P.B. & J Sandwich, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk	MONDAY- Corn Dog, Baked Beans, Pickle Spears, Mixed Fruit, Milk
TUESDAY- Waffle Sticks, Sausage Link, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk	TUESDAY- Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Sliced Peaches, Milk
WEDNESDAY- Cheese Toast, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk	WEDNESDAY - Beef-Vegetable Soup, Grilled Cheese, Crackers, Orange Smiles, Milk
THURSDAY - Hot or Cold Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk	THURSDAY- Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Broccoli, Cheese, Bread Stick, Diced Peas, Milk
FRIDAY-Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk	FRIDAY- Beef or Chicken Patty on Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, & Pickles, Baked Wedges, Cookie, Milk

Have a great week!

Freedom Alliance Military Leadership Academy Now Accepting Applications

(Dulles, VA)—Freedom Alliance today announced the opening of the application period for the summer 2009 Military Leadership Academy. The Academy is an alternative to the traditional summer camp experience and develops students into effective leaders. Cadets enhance their knowledge, skills and practice of leadership based on the curriculum of the U.S. Army. The program has graduated over 800 high school students since its inception in 2001.

"The Academy helps develop high school students into leaders and productive members of their respective communities," remarked Freedom Alliance President Tom Kilgannon. "We have had the honor of hosting some of America's brightest and motivated students. I know that 2009 will be just as successful. Cadets who graduate become better citizens and stronger, and more disciplined individuals. I highly encourage any student who is willing to push their limits as a leader, to accept the challenges presented at the Academy."

During the sessions, cadets, function in constantly supervised and structured environment. They

engage in activities centered on American military history and compete in a global crisis simulation that develops critical thinking and decision-making skills.

The Academy includes visits to U.S. military installations to teach cadets about the customs, courtesies, and traditions of the military. Cadets come away from these experiences with a great respect and appreciation for those who serve our nation in uniform. Cadets also visit historical sites such as Yorktown, Jamestown and the monuments in Washington, D.C. to gain a better understanding of our national heritage.

There are two sessions planned for the summer of 2009. The first will be held July 5-18 and the second from July 26-August 8. The first session will be held at Fort Pickett in Blackstone, Virginia. The second session will be held at the Eastover Retreat Center, located across the James River from Williamsburg, Virginia.

For more information to sign up please visit www.MLACamp.com or FreedomAlliance.org. Academy registration ends May 15. Those

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Class of 1961 Gathered in Cross Plains to Make Plans for their 50th Anniversary

Cross Plains High School's Class of 1961 gathered on March 7, 2009, at Mexico City Cafe in Cross Plains. Lunch and visiting was enjoyed by everyone, and if you were not able attend, you were missed.

After lunch a business meeting was called to order and plans for the upcoming 50th anniversary of the class was discussed. Martha (Baum) Killough made the suggestion that we rent the Community Center in Cross Plains and spend the day just visiting and enjoying getting to see everyone.

After more discussion it was decided that this was indeed a great idea and the first Saturday in June was selected. This will be June 4, 2011. Coffee and donuts will be served at 10 a.m. with a catered lunch at 2:00 p.m.

Alvin Hutchins was appointed to take care of making arrangements to get the Community Center reserved.

Carol (Cox) Drennan, Pat (Ford) Albus, Drue (Jones) Evans and Sue (Loveless) Leech agreed to take care of everything else.

We would like to have a picture of the entire class on graduation night or at some point during the senior year. If you have one or know of someone that does, please get in touch with the planning committee.

Those attending the luncheon on March 7th were Linda and Henry Ring, Lonnie and Martha Switzer, Alvin Hutchins and Linda Pringle of Cross Plains; Carol Drennan, Drue Evans and Pat Albus of Abilene; Francis Inglet, Jerry Tyler and Rex and Marian Tackett of Brownwood; Sue Leech of Breckenridge; Rodger Thate of Burkett; Jerry and Linda Huddleston of Rising Star; and Martha Killough of Weatherford.

We're trying to update our class address list, as several of the invitations sent out for the luncheon on March 7th were returned.

Please send or e-mail your current address, e-mail and phone number to Pat Albus, 3542 South Treadaway or e-mail patalbus@msn.com.

Class of 1959 to meet again April 18th

The Class of 1959 met February 28, 2009 to make plans for the celebration of the 50th Graduation Anniversary. Everyone had a great time remembering the past and making plans for their celebration. The class will have another meeting April 18, 2009 at 2:00 pm at the home of James Foster to make the final plans for the 50th Anniversary Party. Those

attending the meeting were: James Foster, Wayland & Cookie Dixon, Frances Wilson Thornton, Rolan Jones, C. Joe Atwood Watson, Betty Childers Thomas, Helen Grider Gage, Jim & Charlene Fleming and Sharon Ingram Pope. For more information you may contact Jim Fleming at 254-643-4648, Sharon Pope at 254-725-6560 or Betty Thomas at 254-725-6808.

Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship Applicants Needed

The Beta Sigma Phi (BSP) will soon have applications in the School Counselor's office and the deadline for submission is May 1, 2009.

Seniors are encouraged to apply for this annual scholarship in the amount of \$500, made

possible through community support of various events sponsored by the BSP Sorority.

Applicants can also contact Wanda Merryman at 254-725-4492 for an application to be mailed to you.

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KIWANIS PANCAKE SUPPER WAS A HUGE SUCCESS—Key Club members and Kiwanis members Don Davis and Bob Pipes helped serve the tasty pancakes and sausage.



ENJOYING THE PANCAKES—Terri Brown (front, from left), Gilbert Ibarra, Tracy Dillard, and Lillie Dillard are some of the many guests that attended the supper.

“THANKS!” from the Kiwanis Club

The Kiwanis Club of Cross Plains expresses a BIG “THANK YOU” to everyone who helped make the club’s recent Pancake Supper Fund Raiser a great success. Thanks to individuals who bought tickets and came to eat. Thanks to CPISD for use of the cafeteria,

and to Barbara Barnett and Debbie Thomas for their great assistance. And a big “THANK YOU” to IHOP for ten gallons of premixed pancake batter; weren’t they good?!! (Be sure and patronize them when in Abilene!) Many of you who came to eat donated beyond the advertised

price in order to help the Kiwanis Club with community programs and services. Thank you! We already look forward to next year’s Pancake Supper, hoping that it will be even bigger and better!

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Commissioners lower rental fee on Electronic Voting Machines

The Callahan County Commissioners voted to lower the rental fees charged to the cities and school districts in the county to use the county’s Electronic Voting Machines.

The commissioners’ court took the action Friday, March 13th during a regular commissioners’ court meeting held at the County Courthouse in Baird.

The Electronic Voting Machines are used by the City of Clyde, City of Baird, City of Cross Plains, City of Putnam, Clyde CISD, Baird ISD, Eula ISD and Cross Plains ISD to hold city council and school district elections.

On a motion by Commissioner Bryan Farmer and a second by Commissioner Cliff Kirkham, the commissioners’ court voted 5-0 to lower the rental fees of the county-owned Electronic Voting Machines from 2% of original cost to 1% for use during the cities and school districts elections.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners’ court included:

—Callahan County Judge Roger Corn called the commissioners’ court meeting to order at 9:47 a.m. Present were Commissioner Precinct #1 Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct #2 Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct #3 Tom Windham, Commissioner Precinct #4 Cliff Kirkham, County Treasurer Dianne Gunter, and County Clerk Donna Bell.

—The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and signed.

—Under public comment, there was none.

—Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to approve Mandated Providers for the Callahan County Indigent Health Program. Mandated Providers will be the Baird Community Health Clinic, Cross Plains Community Health Center, Dr. Raul Calvo, M.D., and Shackelford County Community Resource Center. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—County Attorney Shane Deel came before the commission-

ers’ court to discuss the appointment of a Law Librarian. He requested that Lynette Bowen be appointed by the commissioners’ court as the Law Librarian to be paid out of the Library Fund, which is a restricted fund. The Library Fund is funded by fees collected from Criminal, Civil and Probate cases. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to appoint Lynette Bowen as Law Librarian and to pay her out of the Library Fund every four weeks. There was a second by Commissioner Kirkham and the motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

—After discussion with County Attorney Shane Deel and the commissioners’ court, Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to set up a Pretrial Diversion Account. Judge Corn seconded the motion and the motion carried with a unanimous 5-0 vote.

—Judge Corn read a letter congratulating County Sheriff John Windham and his staff for passing the jail inspection performed by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards. A motion was made by Commissioner Kirkham to present the letter signed by the commissioners’ court to the Chief Deputy J.D. Ravencroft representing the Sheriff’s Office. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Windham and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Chief Deputy J.D. Ravencroft presented the commissioners’ court with the Sheriff’s Report

for the month of February.

—Discussion was held between the commissioners’ court and Chief Deputy J.D. Ravencroft on a price to provide and install Security Cameras for the County Courthouse and the County Jail. Judge Corn made a motion to go ahead and have the cameras installed. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion, which carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Judy Luter and Ginny Hoskins as representatives of the Cross Plains Library came before the commissioners’ court to discuss the contract/agreement between the County and the Library. Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to continue with the agreement and sign the contract. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion and the motion carried with a unanimous 5-0 vote.

—A motion was made by Judge Corn to table any action on the Disaster Declaration. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Farmer. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to pay all the approved bills. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion, which passed with a 5-0 vote.

—A motion was made by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Windham to adjourn the commissioners’ court meeting at 10:42 a.m. The motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

Burn Ban lifted, quickly reinstated

BY DON TABOR
Publisher

Callahan County Commissioners, who lifted the outdoor burn ban on March 13th, reinstated it March 17th before the lifting could be published in county newspapers.

The lifting came at the regular commissioners’ meeting on a motion by commissioner

Harold Hicks seconded by Commissioner Cliff Kirkham. The vote was 5-0.

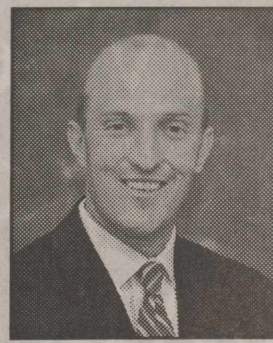
At that time, county Judge Roger Corn said the burn ban would again be discussed at the court’s next meeting.

Rainfall last week ranged from 1 to 3 inches over the county but it apparently was not enough to alleviate hazardous burning conditions so the ban was reinstated.

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Additional testing dates at Cross Plains Community Center told

County Burn Ban quickly reinstated

The Census Bureau has launched a critical national effort for every person in our nation to "Be Counted" in the 2010 Census that will affect the apportionment of congressional seats, and how the federal government annually allocates \$300 billion in federal assistance to communities. Operations have already begun and the Census Bureau needs to recruit hundreds of workers in the area to ensure a complete and accurate count in 2010. Call the 2010

Census job line (866) 861-2010 to schedule a basic employment test.

Two additional Census Bureau testing and application dates for the 2010 Census will be held at the Cross Plains Community Center, located at 1008 No. Beech, according to a local Census representative on Thursday, March 19th and Thursday, March 26th beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Those applying need to bring two forms of identification.

Callahan County Commissioners voted to reinstate the countywide Burn Ban effective immediately.

The commissioners' court took the action Tuesday, March 17th during a regular commissioners' court meeting held in the County Courtroom at the County Courthouse in Baird.

On a motion by Commissioner Bryan Farmer and a second by Commissioner Tom Windham, the commissioners' court voted 4-0 to reinstate the countywide Burn Ban.

The Burn Ban order follows:

CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS ORDER PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 240.906 of the Local Government Code, the Callahan County Commissioners Court had found that dry conditions in the unincorporated areas of Callahan County create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning; and, whereas, such a finding authorizes the issuance of an order which prohibits or restricts outdoor burning.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED that the following regulations are hereby established for all unincorporated areas of Callahan County, Texas.

(1) Action prohibited:
A. A person violates this order if he or she knowingly, intentionally or recklessly burns any combustible material outside of an enclosure which serves to contain all flames and/or sparks, or orders such burning by others.

B. A person violates this order if he or she knowingly, intentionally or recklessly engages in any activity outdoors which could allow flames or sparks that could result in a fire, or orders such activities by others.

(2) Enforcement:
A. A violation of this order is a Class C Misdemeanor. B. This order may be enforced by any duly commissioned peace officer in Callahan County.

(3) This order is effective and enforceable for 90 days after the date of adoption which is indicated below.

(4) This order does not apply to outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission for firefighter training; public utility, natural gas pipeline, or mining operations, or, harvesting of agriculture crops.

(5) Further, a person is not in violation if prior to the setting of any outdoor fire, he or she first obtains the permission of the appropriate volunteer Fire Chief. In this instance the Fire Chief will have the authority to set the conditions, restrictions, and/or precautions which must be observed.

(6) See Attachment A for welding precautions and Attachment B for grilling precautions.

foliage these restrictions were put in place for the protection of the Citizens and their property in Callahan County. It was not intended to take away a person's livelihood.

WELDING WILL BE PERMITTED IF THE PROPER PRECAUTIONS ARE BEING TAKEN.

- The individual welding must have a spotter.
- Two wet fire extinguishers must be available.
- Must have sufficient supply of water on hand at all times.
- Must have water sprayer available for use.
- Must wet down sufficient area (and re-wet as often as necessary).

These safety precautions must be taken and also, please use common sense and good judgement if the conditions are windy. If the job is not an emergency put it off until another date.

Violators will be charged with a Class C Misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$500.00.

An individual, or individuals, could be liable for damages, if fire occurs. If there is a fatality, one could face possible felony charges.

ATTACHMENT B
Due to high fire danger and dry foliage these restrictions were put in place for the protection of the Citizens and their property in Callahan County.

OUTDOOR GRILLING WILL BE PERMITTED IF THESE PRECAUTIONS ARE TAKEN.

- Individuals grilling must attend the grill at all times.
- Must have sufficient supply of water on hand at all times.
- Cooking must be done in an enclosed cooker.

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ORDERED by the Callahan County Commissioners Court on the 17th day of March, 2009, and executed on the same date.

(s) Roger Corn,
Callahan County Judge

Attest:
(s) Donna Bell,
County Clerk

ATTACHMENT A
Due to high fire danger and dry

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79010.0	'06 Chevy 2500 Crew Cab	4x4, WT, 108k	\$12,983
59270.1	'06 Chevy 2500 Crew	LS, 77K Miles	\$12,995
78056.1	'06 Buick LaCrosse	4DR, Leather, 35K Miles	\$13,495
19005.0	'08 Chevy Uplander	Program, 16,800 Miles	\$13,983
78057.0	'06 Buick Lucerne	Leather, 35K Miles	\$15,988
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USDA Celebrates National Ag Day

(Baird, TX) - March 16, 2009- American agriculture is responsible for providing the necessities of everyday life ... food, fiber, and even fuel. That's the message of National Ag Day, which is celebrated March 20, 2009. According to Robert Frost, Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency in Callahan County - producers, agricultural associations, corporations, universities, government agencies and countless others across America will gather to celebrate the abundance provided by agriculture on this first day of spring.


"The National Ag Day program is committed to increasing public awareness about American agriculture," said Frost. "As the world population soars, there is even greater demand for the food, fiber and renewable resources that the United States produces."

The Agriculture Council of America, organizers of National Ag Day, says that every American should understand how food, fiber and renewable resource products are produced and should value the essential role of agriculture in maintaining a strong economy. Consumers

should appreciate the role agriculture plays in providing safe, abundant and affordable products. National Ag Day will focus on educating Americans about the industry, so they may also acknowledge and consider career opportunities in the agriculture, food, fiber and renewable resource industry.

"Today's farmer feeds more than 130 million people in the United States and abroad," said Frost. "In 1960, that number was 25. Today, more than 15 percent of the U.S. population is employed in farm or farm-related jobs."

Each year, the National Ag Day program gathers members of the agricultural industry in an effort to promote American agriculture. Focused on sharing how agriculture provides almost everything we eat, use and wear on a daily basis, the National Ag Day program helps educate millions of consumers each year. Join this effort to promote American agriculture to everyone during National Ag Week, March 15-21, 2009. For more information contact your local USDA Service Center or the Agriculture Council of America.



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The 11th Annual Barbarian Festival Requesting Sponsors

The 11th Annual Barbarian Festival is Saturday, June 13, 2009 on the lot north of Dollar General. Sponsorship money goes towards the purchase of awards for the Tractor Show, Car Show, advertising, T-shirts, etc. Partial proceeds of the festival sponsors the Terry Jane Wyatt Memorial Scholarship.

The **Barbarian Sponsor**, donation of \$100 or more, includes your name on the back of the T-shirt, name of all advertising, name, photo and e-mail address on barbarianfestival.net and a free T-shirt. T-shirts are given to all car show entries and may be purchased at the festival.

The **Warrior Sponsor**, any donations less than \$100, includes your name on all advertising and on barbarianfestival.net.

The deadline to become a

sponsor is May 22, 2009.


2009 Sponsors to date are:
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The Festival Committee would like to thank the sponsors for their continued support.

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Linda (Larkin) Canales
Debbie Box

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Rising Star Roping Association, Inc. to Meet March 21st

The Rising Star Roping Association, Inc., a non-profit organization, will hold its monthly meeting at the Higginbotham Center in Rising Star Saturday the 21st of March at 6:00 p.m.

If you are interested in becoming a member, please attend.

Old Timers Appreciation Shoot

Current members of the 4-H Shooting Sports are inviting any former shooter of the Callahan County 4-H Shooting Sports Club to attend and participate in an appreciation shoot on April 11, 2009 at the Callahan County Shooting Range. The shoot will begin at 10:00 am and provide lunch for all former members.

If you were a part of Callahan County Shooting Sports you are encouraged to come and help celebrate the longevity of the organization.

For more information you can contact Kevin Meier, David Pitzer, Amy Hart, or the AgrLife Extension office at (325)854-5835.

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VANESSA KIMMEL AND THOMAS RARIDON TO BE MARRIED IN OCTOBER

Engagement announced

Chuck and Paula Kimmel of Gail, Texas, proudly announce the engagement of their daughter, Vanessa Kimmel to Thomas Raridon, the son of Mike and Katy Raridon of Lewisville, Texas. The happy couple will be married in October and will celebrate their nuptials where they were engaged, in Montego Bay, Jamaica.

AEP Texas honored with 'Emergency Recovery Award' for power restoration effort

WASHINGTON (March 11, 2009)—The Edison Electric Institute today honored AEP Texas as a winner of the association's "Emergency Recovery Award" for the company's response to widespread outages caused by Hurricane Dolly this past fall.

The "Emergency Recovery Award," presented annually by EEI, recognizes exceptional efforts in restoring electric service that has been disrupted by severe weather or other natural events. The awards were presented today during EEI's Spring GEO meetings.

Hurricane Dolly, a Category 2 hurricane with torrential rains and top winds reaching 100 miles per hour, disrupted electric service to over 210,000 customers across the AEP Texas south Texas service territory. Flooding, caused by over two feet of rain in some areas, hampered recovery efforts by restricting access for restoration crews.

Well-practiced in storm restoration, however, thanks to an-

nual drills, and positioned to begin the repair process once the storm passed, AEP Texas returned more than 97 percent of affected customers to service within one week of the storm's landfall. The company brought in more than 2,000 additional workers to assist in the effort.

"The careful restoration planning taken by AEP Texas made it much easier to get the lights back on," said EEI President Thomas R. Kuhn. "That planning, and the company's dedication to restoring electric service in the face of such widespread devastation, sets a great example for our entire industry."

AEP Texas is a unit of American Electric Power (NYSE: AEP) one of the nation's largest electric utilities and owner of the nation's largest transmission system. AEP Texas is connected to and serves more than 900,000 electric consumers in the deregulated Texas marketplace.

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- 95 Mercury Cougar XR7, Very Nice Car.....\$2,450
- 00 Mercury Mystique, 4 cyl., Looks runs good (red).....\$2,450
- 94 Mercury Cougar, XR7, Fully Loaded, 4.6 V8.....\$2,295
- 95 Lincoln Mark VIII, Loaded, Runs good.....\$3,595
- 94 Mercury Cougar XR7, Loaded, 4.6 V8, Looks, Runs good.....\$2,450
- 99 Taurus, V6, Automatic, Looks, Runs Good.....\$2,995

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- 90 Ford Bronco, V6, Very nice inside & out.....\$2,450
- 95 Ford Aerostar Van, V6, Looks, Runs very good (red).....\$1,795
- 98 Ford Windstar, V6, Van, Automatic.....\$1,995

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- 99 Ford F250, Crew cab, 6 spd., Super Duty, 4x4, Pwr Stroke, Nice.....\$7,250
- 01 Ford F250 XLT, Super Duty, 4 dr., Super Cab, 6 spd.....\$6,950
- 99 Ford F350, Crew Cab, Super Duty, 6 spd.....\$6,495
- 99 Ford F250, Super Duty, 4 dr. Super cab, 6 spd., Power Stroke.....\$5,750
- 97 Ford F250, Heavy Duty, Super Cab, Power Stroke.....\$4,950
- 95 Ford F250, Power Stroke, Super Cab, 5 spd., Runs good.....\$3,995
- 94 Ford F350, Crew Cab, Turbo Diesel, A nice truck.....\$4,500
- 94 Chev. Diesel, Crew Cab, Runs good, Bad Paint, Automatic.....\$1,950
- 96 Ford F250, Power Stroke, Super Cab, Good work truck, runs good.....\$2,995
- 89 F250, Reg. Cab, 7.3 Diesel, Looks, Runs very good.....\$1,950
- 93 Ford F350, Crew Cab, 7.3 Diesel, Runs good, Rough body.....\$1,500

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- 02 Ford Ranger XLT, Super Cab, 5 spd, looks, runs good.....\$5,950
- 99 Ford Ranger, Super Crew cab, V6, w/90 Day Warranty, A good buy.....\$5,250
- 98 Chev. S-10, 4 Cyl., Automatic, Looks, Runs good.....(green).....\$3,950
- 97 Ford F250, Crew cab, V8, Auto, Nice Truck.....(white).....Special...\$3,995
- 85 Ford 4x4 F250, Wrecker Truck, Everything works good.....\$1,995
- 96 Chev. S-10, 4 cyl., very nice truck, (tan).....\$3,500
- 97 Ford F150, Super Cab, V6, 5spd, looks runs good (tan).....\$2,750
- 83 Chev. 3/4 Ton, V8, Looks, Runs Good.....\$1,595

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As I Remember Jack Scott

By Wallace Bennett

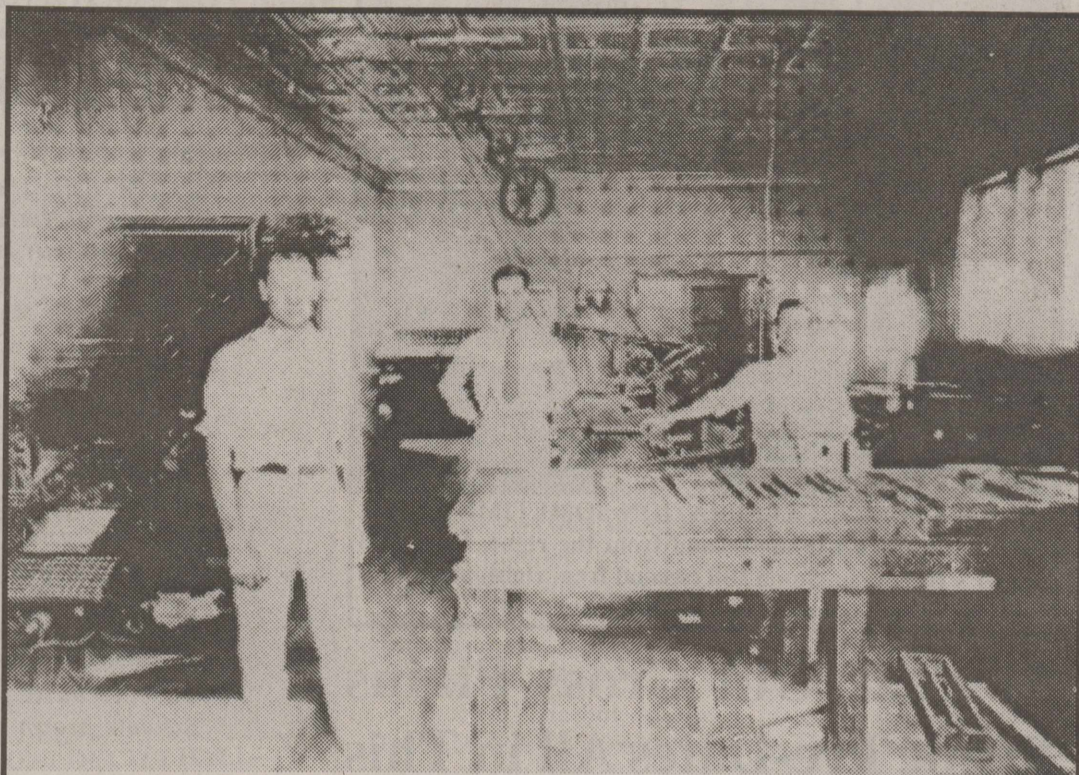
As I remember Jack Scott he was always Publisher and Editor of the *Cross Plains Review*. But, my real acquaintance of him was when I was a senior in high school.

I always knew I wanted to have something to do with communications, but did not know just what. Our Junior business teacher suggested a class we meant sweeping the floors in some business establishment.

So, I went to see Jack Scott. I outlined my plans to him and we agreed that I would come in after school a couple times each week to sweep and watch what was going on. He also thought I should go to the High School Principal and see if he approved me coming in a little early since my last class was a study hall.

The principal, however, said "no" almost immediately and told me that if he let me out of school early, every kid in school would want out. So, I did not get to pursue my plan for a career, and the principal missed his opportunity of being the originator of the first distributive education plan in America.

However, I did gain a new and favorable opinion of Jack Scott. He was the most amiable and approachable person I ever met. He always knew every kid in school and especially those who graduated from high school in



A LOOK INTO THE PAST—Chase Adams (Lineotype operator)(from left), Jack Scott (Editor), and the other unknown man were in the process of printing the *Cross Plains Review*. (Photo courtesy of Mary Scott Nabers, daughter of the late Jack Scott)

Cross Plains. And as I believe, never forgot their name.

I remember, once, that Ted Ivy and I had stopped in Jean's Feed Barn to drink coffee. Ted's back was to the door when Jack stepped in, and he immediately looked our way and said, "Well, I do believe that's Junior Ivy sitting over there."

During WWII Ted was captured by the Japanese and spent three years in a Japanese POW camp. He often remarked how friendly Jack Scott was from the time he transferred from Cottonwood School to Cross Plains, and how

much he appreciated Jack.

Jack told my brother Frenchy and myself a story about our father, that I always appreciated.

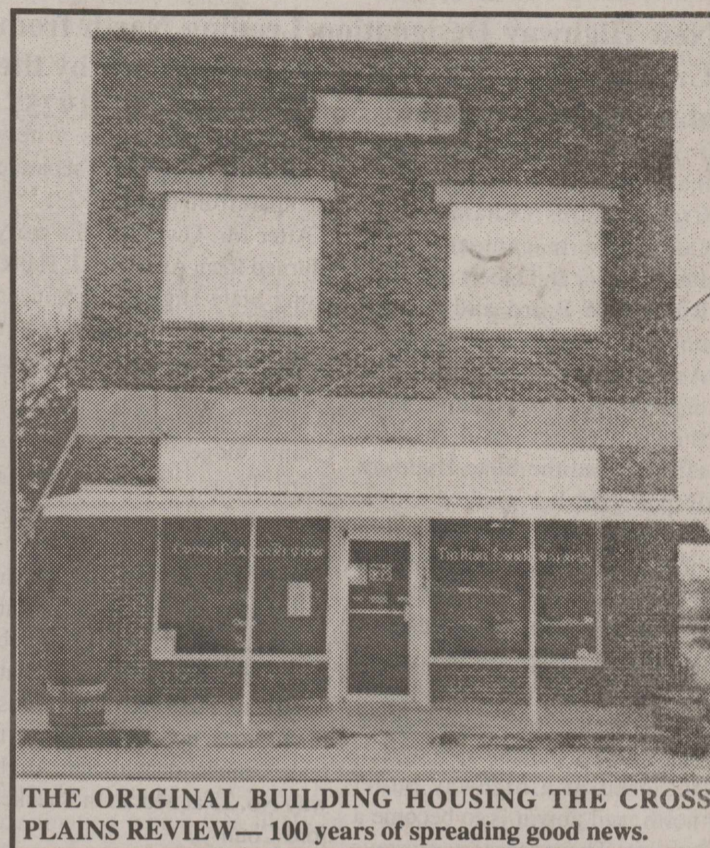
My father worked for Ray Motor Company in Baird, before either of us was born. He was a baseball pitcher and Mr. Ray convinced him to join the Baird team in a make-up game with some other small team.

However, the manager of the Baird team did not put our father in play, because he didn't know how well he could count on him to pitch. Mr. Ray kept yelling, "Put Bryan Bennett in, put Bryan

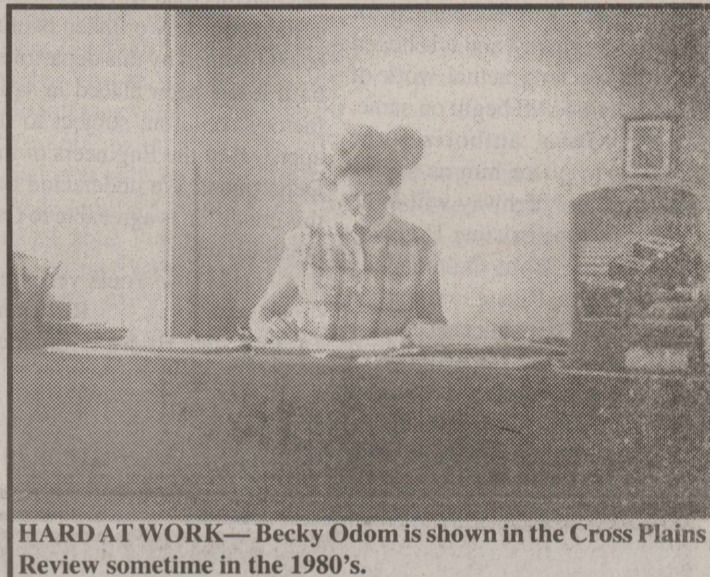
Bennett in."

Finally, the manager decided to put him in for the ninth inning. Mr. Ray walked out to the pitcher's mound, and said, "Bryan, I bet my shop on this game and if you don't win, tomorrow morning we both will be out of a job." Baird won the game!

Jack Scott was my favorite teacher, role model, and will always stand as a giant among men. And I am sure that was so for every person he ever met. He is certainly the epitome of a great small town newspaper editor.



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HARD AT WORK— Becky Odom is shown in the *Cross Plains Review* sometime in the 1980's.



CURRENT CROSS PLAINS REVIEW EMPLOYEES— Vanda Anderson (Editor/Office Manager - 23 years) (from left), Samantha Hutton (Advertising Coordinator - 1 year), and Kimberlee Lambert (Special Writer - 1 year).



CROSS PLAINS REVIEW'S ORIGINAL PRINTING PRESS— Mounted in the ground and the two-story building was constructed around it. The press was used until around 1980.

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FORMER RESTAURANT LOCATED NEAR THE CROSS PLAINS CLINIC— Mina Conlee (left)- Vesta Bond (woman on right); L.E. Foster- Manager WTU (back man on stool), Jack McCarty- Published/Editor- *Cross Plains Review* (front man on stool).

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History on How the Birthday Column in the Cross Plains Review Originated

When I was a freshman at Cross Plains High School in the fall of 1958, my English teacher for the first semester was Mr. Jack Scott. As anyone that knew him would guess, he was a wonderful teacher. During the semester, he purchased the *Cross Plains Review*. We lost our wonderful teacher, but Cross Plains gained a new editor for the local newspaper.

The high school principal at that time was Mr. James Alexander. I

worked in his office for one class period each day.

Mr. Scott contacted me and asked if I would do a job for him. He asked me to get the birthdays of all the students enrolled in Cross Plains I.S.D. His idea was to start the birthday column for the paper. Then he asked subscribers to send birthdays for family friends, former students, etc.

Submitted by Wanda Cowan Wheeler

New Highway Designation Leading North from Cross Plains to Putnam and Moran Made by the state Highway Commission (February 27, 1925)

The Review stated last week that F. M. Gwin, sec'y, of the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce in company with Judge Victor B. Gilbert and B.L. Russell of Baird and county engineer Mr. Webb, were in Austin in the interest of a new highway for this section. Well, they were successful in their efforts, and the State Highway Department has granted a new highway designation leading north from Cross Plains to Putnam, connecting with the Bankhead Highway there, then on to Moran, making connection with Highway 23, which will mean much to this section of the state. Cross Plains has long felt the need of a highway outlet north, and now it is to become a reality. The necessary surveys will be made in the near future and right-of-way established for this new highway, and it is hoped that before long actual work of construction will begin on same.

Mr. Gwin, authorizes the Review to quote him as saying that this new highway will in no way effect the existing Highway 23, leading from Coleman by Cross Plains, Rising Star and on to Cisco, or its maintenance by the State Highway Department. A report has gone out that the new designation would effect Highway 23, but such a report is without foundation, we are re-

quested to state. It is a new designation altogether, separate and apart from highway 23.

After Mr. Gwin and his party returned from Austin, R.J. Hank, acting State Highway Engineer, wrote Judge Gilbert advising him of the new highway. The letter follows:

Hon. Victor B. Gilbert
County Judge
Baird, Texas

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you that the State Highway Commission at its regular monthly meeting on February 16th, designated as a State Highway the road from Cross Plains north by way of Putnam to make connection with State Highway No. 23 at Moran in Shackelford County.

Your attention is called to the fact that this road will not be made a State Highway or taken over to be maintained by this department until it has been placed in satisfactory condition; subject to the approval of the Engineers of this Department. We understand that this condition is agreeable to Callahan County.

Yours very truly
R.J. Hank,
Acting State Highway Engineer
cc B.L. Russell
cc F. M. Gwin
cc Early
cc T.H. Webb



OLD SETTLERS REUNION IN THE LATE 1980'S— T.C. Simpson (from left), Jack Scott, other two unknown. The Cross Plains Annual Picnic evolved into the Old Settlers Reunion.



OLD SETTLER'S CELEBRATION SOMETIME AFTER 1986— Jack Scott is the second from the right. More Old Settler's Honored—Suma Dill (second from right) and Clara Nell McDermott Spencer far left. Others unknown.

51 Year Old Cross Plains Picnic Pre-Dates All in This Section (June 22, 1934 issue)

The scene has changed many times in Cross Plains since residents of this locality met on the banks of Turkey Creek in the summer of 1883 for the first annual Cross Plains picnic. The town has moved and hardly a score of citizens present at that initial celebration yet survive. Through 'good years' and 'bad ones', the picnic has gone on being staged 50 consecutive times, and is now entitled to the

laurel of the "oldest celebration of its kind in West Central Texas." Surpassed in age only by Bosque County Old Settlers Reunion which is held at Hico each year, the Cross Plains picnic is rapidly becoming not only the oldest celebration in West Central Texas but one of the oldest of its kind in the state.



BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT—Mural drawn to honor Hub Freeman's blacksmith shop on Main Street.

The Pioneers

From peaceful homes in an older state
'cross swollen streams and arid plains,
Came pioneers to hew their fate
And plant sturdy courageous strains.

Young brides, still in their early teens
Strapping men, tanned by the sun,
Prairie schooners, with ducking screens
Babies clad in plain home-spun.

It was a bold and valiant band
That tackled the challenging job,
To win and till the virgin land
And conquer the Indian mob.

The ring of axes and the buzz of saws
Saw forests thinned and homes arise,
Churches built for the Master's cause
Schools begun under Western skies.

So it was, our heritage came about
Not by chance or idle dreams,
But through pioneers, brave and stout
Who tilled the land and harnessed the streams.

It was they who made America great
In spite of famine, flood and foe,
A land of freedom, this our fate
God, help us keep it so.

Jack Scott
(Published in "Early Days in Callahan County by Brutus Clay Chrisman)

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Sim's Drug Store (photo probably taken in the 1930's)— formerly located in downtown Cross Plains near Steve Propest's Insurance Company.

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GRAND OPENING OF THE CROSS PLAINS CITY HALL IN 1990— Councilmen Donald Beeler (from left), Betty Lewis, the late Mayor Ross Gerkin, Debbie Gosnell (City Administrator), Ted McKeehan and Frank Robertson. (Not pictured Ray Purvis and the late Leon Nixon).



WELCOME SIGN BUILT IN FRONT OF CITY HALL— The attractive sign and flowers lend to the beauty of the community.

Cross Plains Review appreciates Mayor Ray Purvis allowing us to use his early day photos of Cross Plains in this historical edition

Local Boys in Thick of Fight as Nation Plunged Into War by Japs' Agression Sunday Afternoon

(December 12, 1941 Edition)

A dastardly aggression of American held possessions in the Pacific ocean by the Japanese empire Sunday afternoon plunged the United States of America into war. The offensive which left thousands of dead and wounded and property damage running in the millions came without warning, and at a time while American statesmen and diplomats were still engaged in working out a peaceful solution of the far Eastern situation.

In the thick of the defense waged by this country were scores of boys from the Cross Plains trade territory, who rallied to the colors of their country when the epidemic of war first cast its ugly head over the distant horizon.

The Review was, of course, unable to garner full details from the war torn islands of the Pacific and learn definitely whether any of the local boys were among the casualties from the first several days of fighting. A check-up made of youths, who still call Cross plains this territory home, were in the midst of the fighting.

At Pearl Harbor in the Hawaiian Islands, where the Japanese delivered the most telling blow Sunday is Ray Smith, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Smith of Cross Plains. He enlisted in the Navy a little more than a year ago and was assigned to the U.S.S. Arizona, which has been based at Pearl Harbor for several months. Ray was a former football player on the Cross Plains High School team and was graduated from the local school with the class of 1940.

Blanton Freeland, son of County Judge and Mrs. B.H. Freeland, was also at Pearl Harbor when the Nipponese

struck without warning Sunday. Blanton enlisted in the Navy about a year ago. He had only recently returned to active duty after undergoing an appendectomy. The Review did not learn the ship to which he is assigned however, it was based at Pearl Harbor.

Robert Lee Hayes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hayes, who live one mile east of Cross Plains, is in the U.S. Marines stationed at Pearl Harbor. Robert Lee was for a time stationed on the U.S.S. West Virginia, first American battleship sent to the pacific bottom. He had, however, been transferred to the U.S.S. Maryland based at Pearl Harbor several months ago.

Believed to be somewhere in the Pacific with his ship, the U.S.S. Brazos, in quest of a Jap frigate is Vernon Huntington, son of B.B. (Bon) Huntington of Cross Plains. Vernon was last heard from in California at the return from a trip to Alaska, however it was believed that his ship had already steamed out into the broad expanse of the Pacific when hostility broke out.

Junior Ivy, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Ivy of Cottonwood, was at Manila, where the Japanese laid heavy siege both from the air and sea. Junior is signal-man in the Navy, stationed in a look-out tower and it is entirely probable that the alert eyes of the Cottonwood youth were among the first at Manila to detect the belligerent advance of the yellow-men.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Young, both well known here and former residents of the locality, are residing at Honolulu where 350 were reported killed Sunday. Mrs. Young is the form Miss Fay Purvis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

Fred Purvis who live about three miles North of Cottonwood. Her husband is the grandson of Nuff Arvin, well known Callahan county pioneer. He is in the Navy and likely sailed with is ship in search of enemy flotillas soon after the attack Sunday.

In Hickam Field near Pearl Harbor in the Hawaiian Islands is Mayo Fowler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude W. Fowler, formerly of Bayou and Admiral. Mayo is in the U.S.A. Air Corps, serving as an instructor in the target detachment.

With the United States Marines in the Samoan Islands, which are very much in the combat zone, is Dickie Huntington, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Huntington of Cross Plains. Dickie is a graduate of C.P.H.S. where as a snare drummer in the school band won wide recognition.

J.M. Westerman, son of Mrs. Guy Westerman of near Sabanno, is in the Marines and is believed to have sailed for one of the Pacific possessions of the U.S. several days ago. It is not definitely known, however, whether or not he had reached his destination which was likely in the war zone. J.M. has been in the Marines since December 1939.

Bill Upton, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Taylor and a brother of Giles Upton of the city, left Honolulu several months ago for Panama where he is now stationed with the coast artillery. With reports coming from the canal zone that reconnoitering planes have been sighted there. It is highly likely that Bill too has been seeing a bit of activity in the newly inflamed way.

Mack Bingham, son of Mrs. H.H. Nash of Cross Plains, is a first class baker on the U.S.S.

Dixie, which is based at Pearl Harbor. His mother last heard from him shortly after Thanksgiving. He was then in San Diego, California, and wrote that he expected to sail back to Pearl Harbor within a day or so. It is believed that his ship had returned to its base when the Japanese struck Sunday. Mack has been in the Navy 8 years.

Judson Atchinson, former Baird high school and Texas University football star and the son of Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Atchinson, of Baird, is stationed in Honolulu in the Air Corps and is believed to have seen much of the first of the week action in the Pacific. Judson is well remembered in Cross Plains for his football prowess.

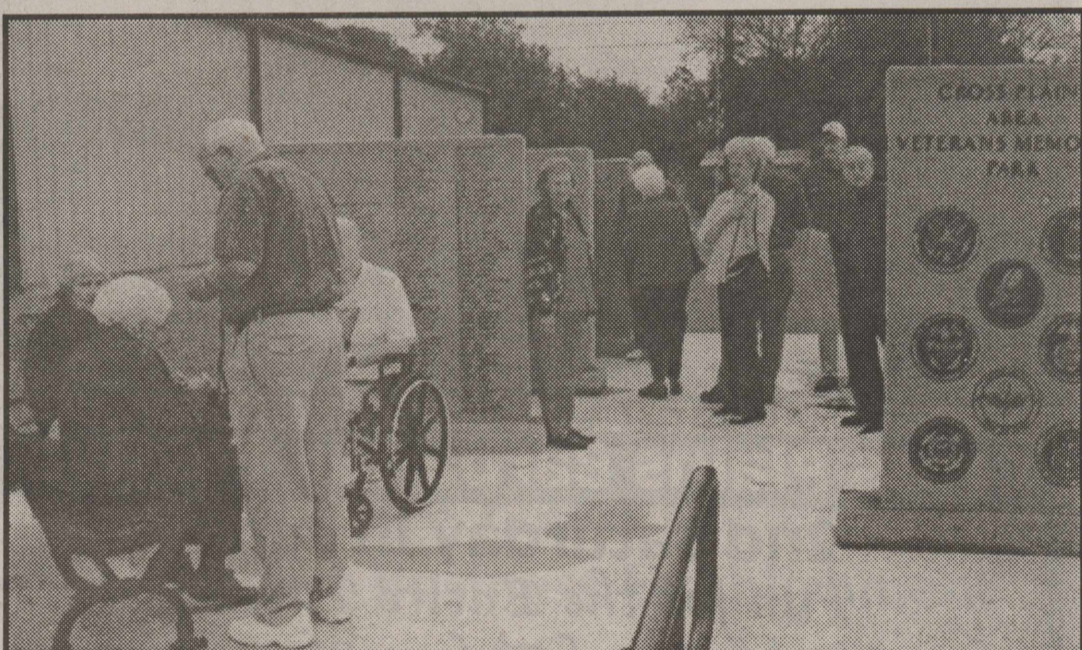
Scores of other local boys are in the various branches of the service stationed along both the East and West Coast, as well as many in camps in all parts of the nation. It was impossible, however, to learn the role that each is playing in the recent emergency. The purpose of this story was to tell as accurately as possible the names and assignments of those in the "hot spots" created by the recent outbreak of war, particularly those located in the Pacific. The magnitude of the task of learning what each of the boys is doing is so great that it is highly possible that the Review staff has over-looked several who are playing important roles in the defense of their country, however, additions to this story will be carried from time to time in the Review, as the old hometown paper make a serious effort to keep its readers informed as to where and what local boys are doing.

Written by Jack Scott

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CROSS PLAINS VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK— Great addition to down town and tribute to military service personnel. Locals and former residents greatly contributed to this effort.

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City Wrecking Co. (1920's) located in the vicinity of Kimmy's. Hats Off to 'The Review' for 100 Years of Trustworthy News

Local Conditions Better

Says 15 Members of Varied Professions Thursday Morning

Better markets, preparedness, general recovery cited as the chief reason

Local conditions are at least 20 percent better than a year ago today, was the opinion of 15 businessmen, farmers, oil operators and professional men interviewed by a Review reporter Thursday morning. Factors contributing toward the recovery they pointed out to be: a better market for the present cotton crop—despite the fact that it was off \$7.50 a bale at the close Wednesday night, the price was more than 60 points better than a year ago; advance of the price of all farm commodities as well as investments, stocks and securities; and that people are better prepared for winter and a greater percent of money from this year's crops will go into circulation.

Turkeys which will begin coming in here early in November was declared by those interviewed to be another bright spot in the present outlook. Several thousand turkeys are expected to be bought by the four Cross Plains produce houses this fall. Recent rains which have benefited late feed crops, winter grass and replenished stock water were also mentioned by the local men as being noteworthy in the recovery here. "The five inches of rain during August—and unusual precipitation for this season—was of little value to cotton," said gin men, "but the moisture certainly did no harm."

Good middling cotton was

quoted Thursday on the streets of Cross Plains as being worth seven and one half cents per pound. Tuesday's market fluctuation brought a decrease of \$7.50 per bale from the year's high point. Cotton men here predicted a slight advance again Monday. Perhaps the most optimistic man interviewed the past week was F.R. Anderson, manager of Anderson-Dodson Chevrolet Company. When the Review reporter pointed out that it would be impossible to print all of the bright spots that he enumerated, Mr. Anderson contracted for an advertisement which appears on another page of this paper to explain why he 'knows' conditions are better.



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Local Bank Robbed by Youth Tuesday

A lone shotgun wielding youth robbed Citizens State Bank in Cross Plains of an undetermined amount of cash Tuesday about 10:15 a.m.

The money thought to be several thousand dollars was recovered when two youths were apprehended about 15 minutes later just west of Rowden, 12 miles west of Cross Plains, just off State Highway 36.

Charged with "bank robbery" in the heist were Danny Lee Wise, thought to be from Santa Anna and Doyle Wayne Howe believed to be from California. It was thought by local lawmen that Howe was visiting Wise.

The two were charged in L.P. (Pender) Mitchell's justice court in Cross Plains. Mitchell set bonds at \$25,000 each.

The two believed to be 18 and 19 years old, were taken to Baird by Jack Shields, an Abilene Department of Public Safety Patrolman, and C.S. (Hoot) McGowen, Cross Plains City Marshal, where they were lodged in Callahan County Jail.

Actual apprehension of the robbers was made by several License and Weight DPS patrolmen, among who was Mack Kniffen of Clyde, who was en route to Temple for a funeral.

Local lawmen related the arrest of the robbers as follows.

An unmarked license, weight patrol car met a red Mustang traveling extremely fast near Rowden. The patrolmen turned to pursue and as they did received word on the police radio that the Cross Plains bank had been robbed. A second black and white patrol car was following and apparently the robbers tried to turn off Highway 36 upon seeing the second unit. As the robbers turned left onto the dirt road just west of Rowden Store, the get-away car skidded into the ditch and became stuck. The robbers

offered no resistance to officers.

At the time of the robbery all Cross Plains lawmen were in Baird and when the radio alert was sounded DPS Patrolman Don Gosnell, Deputy Sheriff Howard Cox and Marshal McGowen were just leaving Baird. They were on the scene in a matter of minutes.

Between 10 and 10:15 a.m. the gunman, Wise, stepped through the side door at the Citizens State Bank with 12-gauge shotgun pointed forward saying, "This is a holdup. I want all your money."

Leonard Mosley, vice-president of the bank, was standing near the side door, but behind teller cages. He began taking money from the tellers.

The robber, using profane language and making threats to kill if his instructions were not followed, told Mosley to put the money in a sack. Mosley replied, "We don't have sack but I'll put it in this typewriter cover."

Upon cleaning the teller cages, the gunman, reported to be noticeably very nervous, told Mosley to get the money from the vault. Dick Wagner cashier went with the vice-president into the vault. After Mosley got into the vault he activated the silent alarm.

Upon returning the vault, Mosley said, "Here it is." He demanded it be put on the floor, which Mosley did. The robber then demanded that Mosley, Wagner, Ted Sounder and another bank employee, Mrs. J.H. (Vida) Balkum, go into the vault and told Mrs.. Clyde (Ethel) Sims to shut the door. Mosley shut inside doors and immediately called the Justice of the Peace Officer.

Mitchell immediately called the Abilene Department of Public Safety to radio the alert.

Bank President Jack W. Tunnell ran out the front door to get a description of the car as the robber left through the side door.

Description of a red Mustang

was given over the DPS radio and the capture soon followed.

Tunnell and Mosley both commended the bank employees for their actions during the holdup which lasted 5 to 10 minutes.

Three customers were in the bank when the gunman entered, they are Mr. J.H. Bradford, at the check counter near the gunman, Claude Joy, who was near Tunnell's office in front of the bank, and Vera Pearl Bunnell, at a teller's window, also near the robber.

In his hasty exit, the robber almost knocked down C.G. Burkett, who was planning to come into the bank through the side door upon recovering the balance Mr. Burkett found \$250 in dollar bills the robber had dropped. He handed it to Mosley, who by that time had also come through the side door to catch sight of the get-away car.

Only Wise entered the bank and Howe stayed in the auto which was parked along the south side of the building. No disguise attempt was made.

The get-away car, a 1970 red Mach 1 Mustang was reportedly stolen from an auto dealership in Brownwood on Monday.

Several of the bank employees were at work in the rear of the bank and were not directly involved in the robbery. Mosley said they stayed where they were.

No additional customers entered the bank during the robbery, usually a busy time.

Indepth investigations were being conducted by a team of F.B.I. agents, Texas Rangers and local and county lawmen Tuesday afternoon. All bank employees were being interviewed, as were the customers, who had previously given statements.

The robbery was the first in history of the Cross Plains bank. (Published November 20, 1974)



EARLY 1970'S FIREFIGHTERS— Joe Hanke (inside truck), Alton Hornsby (from left), Mac Childers, Dick Wagner, Travis Foster, Pender Mitchell, Hubert Belew, Cliff Kirkham, Franzel Odom, Tiny Hedrick, George Hutchins, Frank Aikens, Tuff Hutchins, Jack Tunnell and Bill Dillard proudly served their Cross Plains and area as volunteers.

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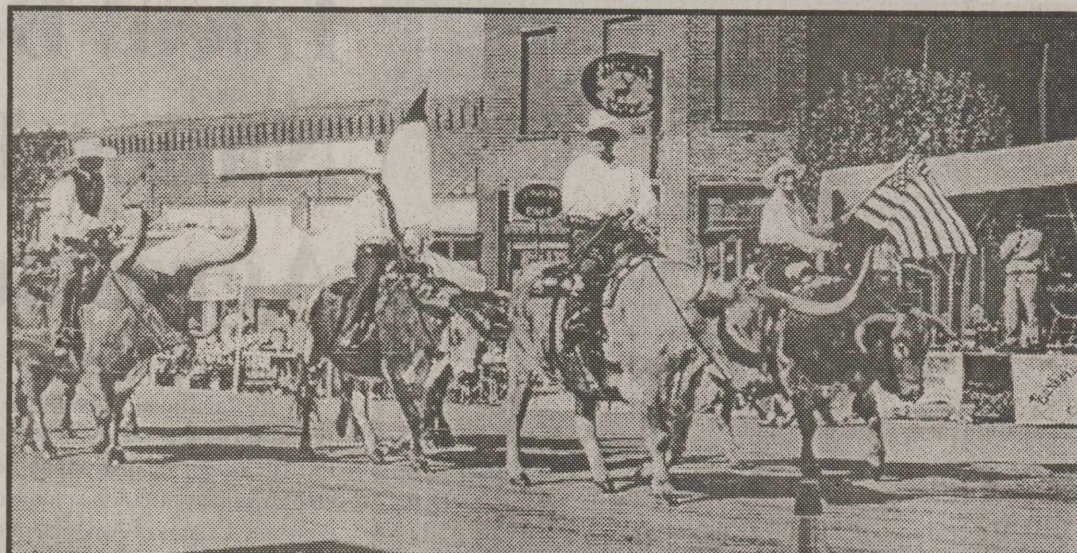


Some things get better with age.

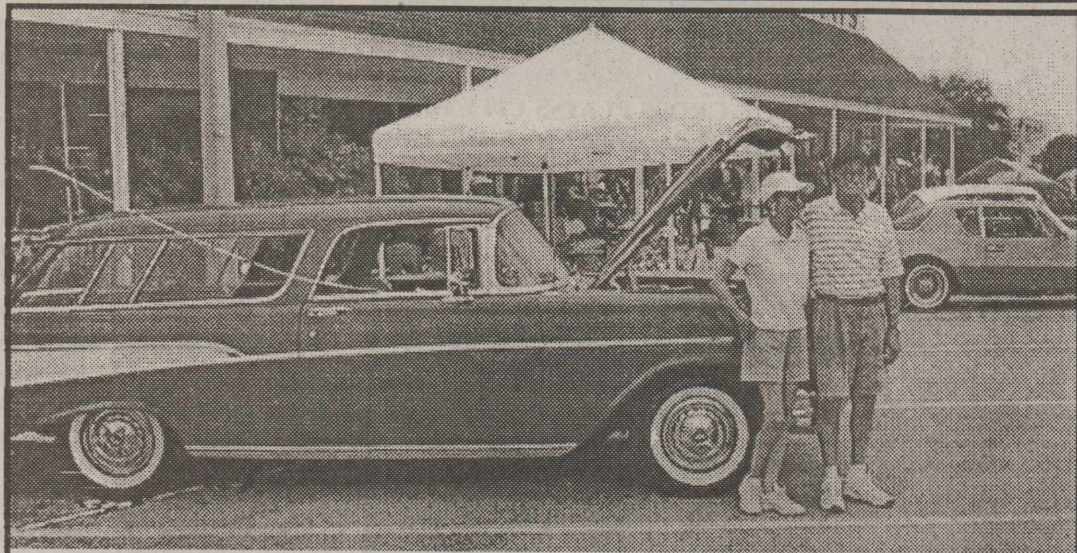
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Plans to Replace Downtown Sidewalks Announced

By Vanda Anderson
Editor

The public meeting hosted by the City of Cross Plains and the Texas Department of Transportation last Thursday was well attended with approximately 60 residents present. Steve Mack, one member of the committee to replace the downtown sidewalks welcomed everyone and introduced Pete Kraus, Bill Leach and Doug Eichorst, engineers representing TxDOT. Other committee members are Julene Franke (chairman), Rolan Jones and Susan Schaefer.

The Texas Department of Transportation will be responsible for the cost of the sidewalk replacement through Maintenance Project Funds and the City of Cross Plains will provide the landscaping.

Pete Kraus presented a sketch

of the overall project which will be accomplished in two phases. Phase I is anticipated to begin this May by replacing sidewalks from the east corner of 9th Street (Columbia One Resource Home Health) north just past West Texas Utilities and from the west corner of 9th Street (Bayer Motor Company's office) to the corner of 10th Street in front of the First Baptist Church classrooms (white house).

Phase I is designed to use the funds in the best plan to remove and replace the worst areas and for access problems; areas where there are no walks; and ADA accessible ramps where needed.

Mr. Kraus explained that the basic design of the original sidewalks will be re-established with "user friendly" improvements including handicap ramps and

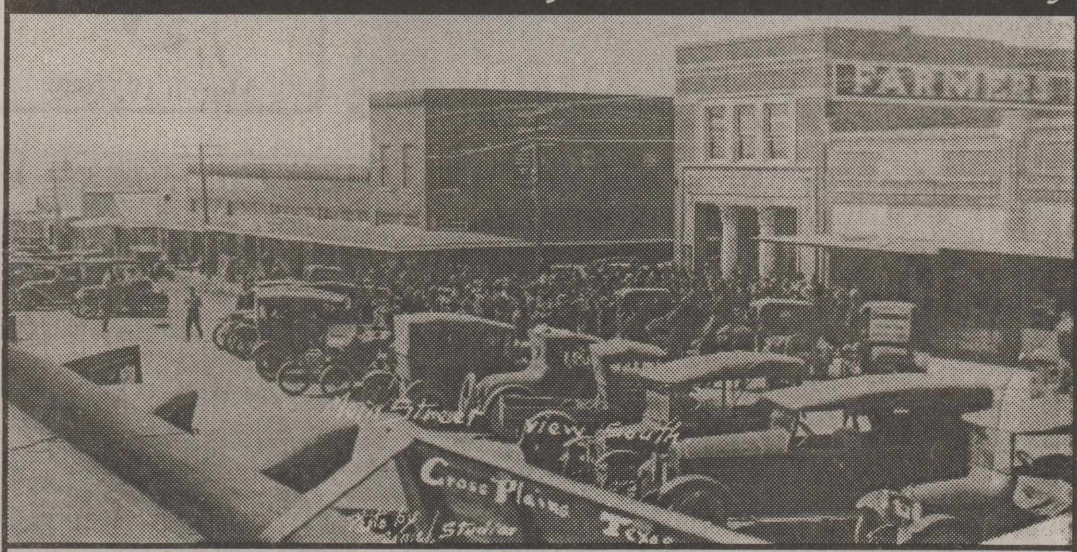
railing, steps, etc. He noted that old sidewalks were structured in pieces which contributed to their current deterioration. With the concrete poured in large sections, it will be stronger and last longer.

Phase II will begin at 7th Street (Hub Freeman's corner) traveling north to the front of the Senior Citizens' Center. On the west side of 7th Street construction will extend to the front of Bayer Motor Company's covered automobile lot. The sidewalk will be extended from the south side of Higginbotham's to the alley. A new sidewalk will run along the south side of the U.S. Post Office lot on 8th Street.

The landscaping will be completed in this phase including steel plates for the installation of benches and trash reciprocals and provisions for plants and trees.

Published October 11, 1999

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4 Committees Forming to Better Cross Plains

Committees are being formed and organized in Cross Plains in an effort to improve Cross Plains. At a Town Meeting held here Monday, March 29, it was noted that for Cross Plains to grow and be a better place in which to live, it needs more community involvement such as community leadership, community pride and cooperation from its citizens. Thirty-two persons attended the town gathering, which was conducted by volunteers holding such meetings throughout the State of Texas. O.B. Edmondson, Mayor of Cross Plains who hosted the Town Meeting, stated that four committees were set up to accomplish some of the objectives listed above. He asks that persons who are interested in serving on or more of these committees please contact the chairman. The committees, chairman and known committee members are listed as follow.

Ambulance Operation

Committee: Jim Greener, chairman
Welcoming Committee for Newcomers: Kathryn Tunnell, chairman
Clean-Up Committee: Shirley Emmons, chairman, Pat McNeel, Jr. and Joe Hanke
Library Committee: Charlene Burkett, chairman, Betty Browning, Mrs. W.H. Shults, Mrs. Tom Ames and Raymond DeBusk.

Written by Benny Glover
Published April 5, 1978

Open House Sunday Heralds Local Library Opening

An open house Sunday from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. in the refurbished library building will precede the grand opening of the library facilities Monday at 1 p.m. for public use. All area people who are interested in the library, first permanent public facility since World War II, are invited to come to the open house to see what the library has to offer as well as enjoy the attractiveness of the interior, according to Mrs. J.L. Bonner, chairman for the open house. Vera Pearl Bunnell and Lois Garrett are busily training and coordinating the work of the volunteers who will be manning the library facility. Plans for the present call for the library being open from 1-5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9-12 a.m. on Wednesday. "People

keep volunteering so the schedule may change," said Mrs. Pearl Bunnell, chairman of the volunteer committee. Patrons are asked to drop by beginning Monday during the appointed hours, fill out an application card and start using the library. During the opening week public school groups are expected to visit. Grades 1-3 can expect a story by Mrs. H.W. Shults, Sr. Students, grades 1-8 will need to have their parents sign their library cards. High school students will sign theirs and assume responsibility for books checked out. In a special offering Cottonwood Baptist Church collected \$180 to purchase Christian books. Money has been received this week from Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ferrell \$10; Mrs. N.E. Proffitt

Published February 14, 1979

Robert E. Howard House to Become A Museum



ROBERT E. HOWARD MUSEUM - BUTLER PARK— Draws hundreds of tourist from all over the world to Cross Plains for Howard Days in June. This photo is after the restoration.

The Robert E. Howard house has been purchased by Project Pride from Mrs. Floyd Carter for future restoration and hopefully a museum. Robert came with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. I.M. Howard, to live in Cross Plains in the fall of 1919. Cross Plains was to be his home until his untimely death in the summer of 1936. Dr. Howard purchased the new "boxed" house from Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Coffman, early settlers of Cross Plains. The house is located on West Highway 36. He paid the Coffman's \$1500, \$500 in cash and the rest in promissory notes. The house consisted of a long hall that reached from front to back. On the west side were the living room, dining room, and kitchen. The living room extended past the entrance to the hall. On the east side was a large bedroom. A front porch ran across the front. Dr. Howard immediately began to remodel the house. He installed electricity, running water, and indoor plumbing and glassed in an L-shaped porch. A small room was made from the storage space between the bedroom and the sleeping porch. This small room was to become Robert's bedroom-office when he became a writer.

The purchasers are very interested in any information anyone can give about the furnishings of the house. If anyone owns any furniture from the house, please contact a member of Project Pride. It is hoped that it can be refurbished with copies of the period prior to World War I. Any help will be appreciated. The following description of items in the Howard house was obtained from the book "Dark Valley of Destiny" written by L. Sprague de Camp, Catherine Crook de Camp and Jane Wittington Griffin. Living Room —Leather divan, 2 leather chairs, library table, ornate heaters, maroon velvet draperies, blue glass vase with crystal handles, earthenware container, 14-inch high plaster bust of Cleopatra with asp crafted in France (Robert was especially fond of this piece), and a picture of 3 ships hanging over the sofa. Dining Room—Heavy, round



HOWARD MUSEUM WHEN FIRST PURCHASED—Project Pride bought the house and restored it.

oaken table and chairs of quarter-sawn oak, matching buffet, and a collection of cut glass inherited from her mother. Her finest bowl stood on the dining room table. Kitchen—Generous size, simple kitchen table where the family ate and Mrs. Howard shared a cup of tea with Hester Butler, her young neighbor, gas stove, and wooden ice chest. Bedroom—2 full size metal beds of simulated walnut, dainty oaken chifferonier, sewing machine (against the east wall), white ruffled curtains, rag rugs, souvenirs, conch shell from Galveston, ornamental fan, postcards, photographs of relatives, watercolor of pale petunias with a blue background, perhaps a Kewpie doll, a decorative pillow or some prize brought back by Robert from B.W. or a carnival.

Robert's Room—Part of the rear porch. Narrow bed (stood by window separating his room from

his mother's room). This window was always undraped. Writing table (handsome piece of furniture): top mahogany 28" X .8", 4"X4" legs, center drawer, writing materials, old flat trunk (served as a filing cabinet) and narrow chest of drawers (stood in the hall). Sleeping Porch—2 white enameled iron beds. Sleeping porch opened into bath room. Front Porch—Porch swing. In order to make your contributions tax deductible, Friends of the Cross Plains Public Library have extended their assistance to receive these gifts in behalf of Project Pride. All checks should be made payable to Friends of the Library and designated for the Howard Museum. All donations will be appreciated in this community effort to preserve history. Thanks to Clara Nell Spencer and Billie Loving for the research work on the Howard house. Published October 26, 1989

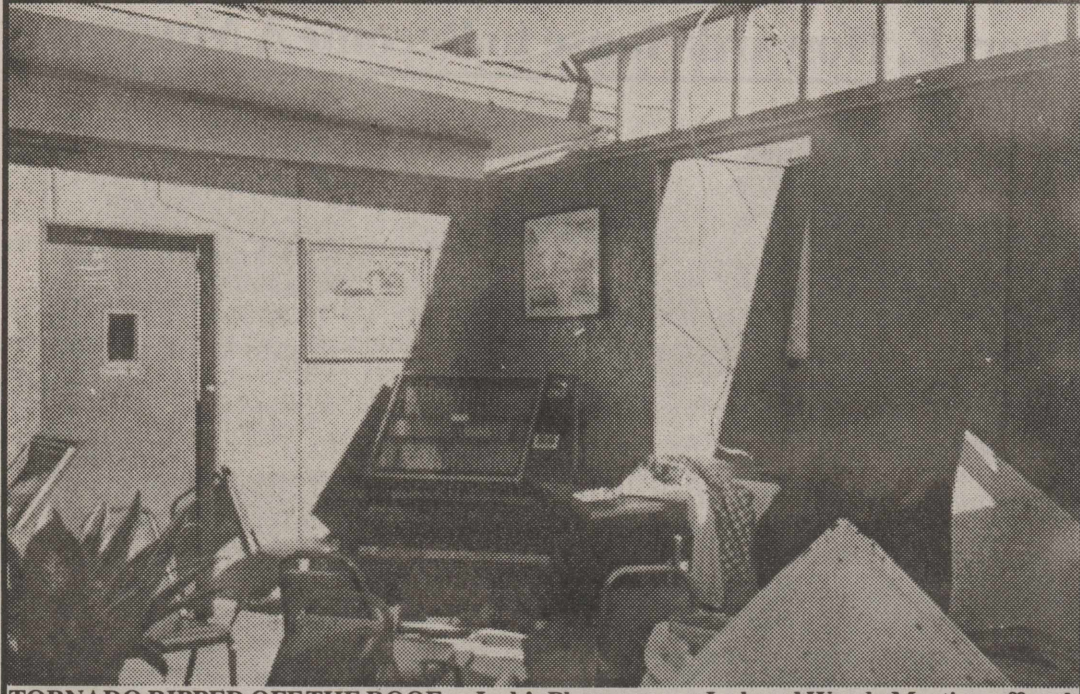
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TORNADO RIPPED OFF THE ROOF— Jack's Place, owners Jack and Wanda Martin, suffered major destruction. The popular jukebox remains in the corner, untouched by the disaster.



TORNADO RIPS HOLE INTO SIDE OF VILLAGE MARKET— West wall of store suffered major damage. This section of the city received the most destruction during the storm.

Tornadoes Devestate Cross Plains and Cottonwood

By Vanda Anderson
Editor

Memorial Day weekend is remembered as a time to honor United States Veterans, but this past Sunday, May 29, 1994 will long be remembered as the day tornadoes ravaged the communities of Cross Plains and Cottonwood. The peacefulness of a very warm day was abruptly altered when the sky darkened and residents knew a storm was on its way.

Many noted a green tint which indicated hail. With very little warning, folks took shelter in closets, bathtubs, rooms in the center of their homes and cellars.

Residents in the area hardest hit on West Highway 36 recall hard rain, large hail, the shaking of their homes and businesses, and powerful winds. Some heard the freight train sound which usually accompanies a tornado. It was later determined that six tornadoes were tracked on radar with vertical winds up to 200 miles per hour.

Amanda Sowell, an employee at Collum's Restaurant, related seeking shelter in the restaurant's freezer at the request of owner, Dusty Finn. Sounds like a cold place to be, but the steel walls provided great protection.

During this time, the roofs of Lawrence Farm and Ranch Supply, Inc., the former Exxon Station, Cliff's Texaco, Lakeway

Grocery, Cross Plains Grain and Peanut, Jack's Place and Village Market were partially or completely removed.

Several mobile homes were destroyed completely, while others sustained damage.

Houses were stripped of roofs, shingles, porches, carports, shutters, etc. as the roaring winds and heavy rain prevailed for an estimated 20 to 25 minutes. Trees were tossed around like fence posts and uprooted in every neighborhood. Some of the trees were 100 years old and residents are sorrowful for their loss. The rain-soaked ground allowed the trees to be pulled up in the twirling winds. There are very few large trees remaining in town.

The Cottonwood Baptist Church was probably hit first in the storm and they experienced lots of hail. Vehicles were beat by the hail and windshields were shattered. Hail the size of tennis balls were reported in Cottonwood and Cross Plains.

Mike and Ava Tollet, Cottonwood residents, rode out the storm in their mobile home with hail crashing windows and the walls actually breathing in and out. Mike stated that at one point the air conditioner was pulled out of the window and they seemed to get a little relief. It was noted that windows were sometimes forced from the walls by the terrific pressure. A metal roof

covering the top of their mobile home was lifted up and thrown several yards to the east of their house. The awning was cemented into the ground and all the poles were sucked up seemingly effortlessly. At the same time, plastic flower pots were not moved from a rock fence in front of the residence.

"I can't remember being so scared," Mike remarked. "I told my Mom to just hold onto me and I would hold to her, if the house went." Similar stories were repeated by eyewitnesses to the terrible storm.

The Cottonwood Baptist Church had multiple windows broken from the hail and the rain drenched pew cushions and song books. Rev. Knox Waggoner and his wife took refuge in the basement of the church.

The fact that so many community members were at church when the storm hit certainly made the difference. Prayers for safety were answered as no fatalities occurred.

The full impact of the storm was not realized until Monday morning and the area resembled a war zone. It was shocking to see such destruction. The townspeople wasted no time cleaning up the debris. Everyone was out in their yards cutting up broken trees; salvaging what they could and evaluating their individual situations.

Gene Dillard, Cross Plains Mayor, and Judge Bill Johnson are the emergency directors for Callahan County and they have been working on various problems which follow such a natural disaster.

Justice of the Peace Rolan Jones has coordinated disaster help through his local office. Joe Crabtree, a representative of the Bureau of Emergency Management, is in Cross Plains to determine the amount of damage. Crabtree and Jones have

cancelled their vacations to lend a hand," Jones remarked. The French Robertson Prison has provided crews of prisoners to help clear trees and brush throughout the town. They will remain in the community moving from house to house assisting with the cleaning process.

The Crystal Ice Company has donated the free ice and bottled water provided by Dr. Pepper Bottling Company, Dyess Air Force, Brownwood Fire Department, K-Mart and KEAN delivered donated water from Abilene concerned citizens.

The volunteers from the Abilene American Red Cross have provided a great service by serving breakfast, lunch and dinner to local residents. Being without electricity, drinking water and gas, the Red Cross volunteers have been very helpful to the community.

If the tests on the water samples are acceptable Tuesday and Wednesday, residents should be able to drink and cook with it by Thursday. There are still homes without electricity and telephone service, but it is amazing how quickly they restored service for the large area.

KEAN sent several loads of clothing, bedding, food, etc. which are available to those who need these items at the Cross Plains Community Center.

Our "Caring Community" feels very fortunate for all the kind assistance, and thankful for their lives.

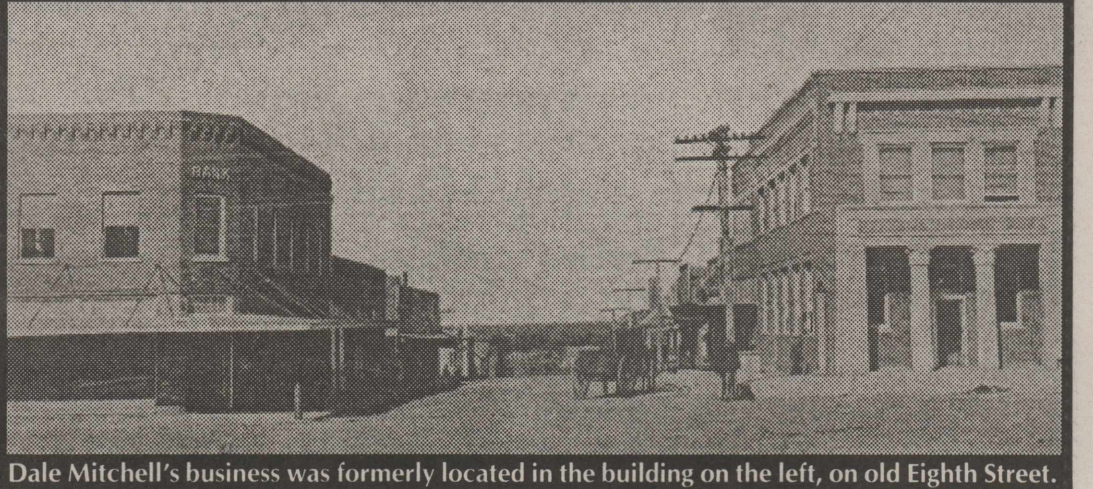
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Dale Mitchell Building

We have only been in business here and in our area for about 45 years and we are grateful for the continued support. We feel others would agree with us that God does indeed bless our community. We must try to go forward each day to make a place that generations will remember as "Our Hometown" and be proud of it.

Dale and Myrna Mitchell

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My mom and dad, Juakana and Jack Scott, would have wanted to join in saying "thanks for all your efforts" to the Cross Plains Review staff.

They had an abundance of pride in the hometown newspaper and believed that the community of Cross Plains was the finest place in the world to live.

-Mary Scott Nabers

Phenomenal Firestorm Raced Across Cross Plains

By Vanda Anderson
Editor

Tuesday, December 27, 2005, will mark another day in the history of Cross Plains. What started as a grassfire exploded into a firestorm. An estimated total of 116 homes destroyed, 36 homes damaged and 7,665 acres burned has been reported. David Holmes Insurance Agency on Foss Bond Street (northeast of the old nursing home) and Hinkle TV Repair on North Main were the only businesses totally lost. However, many tools, computers, merchandise, etc. that contributed to their businesses were lost in the flames. A list of the names of residents with losses cannot be published due to privacy restrictions.

The downtown area was not damaged and the electricity, water, gas and telephone service to the majority of homes and businesses have been restored remarkably fast thanks to the dedicated employees of each utility.

Local firefighters first responded to a grassfire 3.5 miles west of Cross Plains at 12:47 p.m. that was moving in a northeasterly direction at 30 miles per hour. At that rate of speed it would only take 7.5 minutes to spread to town.

Local Fire Chief Bob Harrell had already called for additional units at 1:04 p.m. realizing the severity of the situation. Twenty-eight units from area towns assisted including: Brady, Lawn, Oplin, De Leon, Merkel, Anson, Abilene, Dyess AFB, Abilene Airport, Cottonwood, Cisco, Clyde, Rising Star, Stephenville, Brownwood, North Lake Brownwood, Sipe Springs, Early, Santa Anna, Putnam, Gorman, Dublin, Burkett, Eastland, Comanche, May, Potosi and Stamford.

The intense blaze was burning pastures, out buildings, homes and anything that fueled its path as it moved toward the Cottonwood community. Then suddenly the wind changed directions to the southeast and it headed directly to Cross Plains.

A strange phenomenon called a "firestorm" literally flooded Cross Plains with a wall of swirling consuming fire. Firestorms create their own weather. As the wall of fire moves forward propelled by 30 m.p.h. plus winds, it begins to suck in oxygen inside of itself from around the ground below. This vortex creates "fire tornadoes" within the fire wall. The whirlwinds of flaming debris then shot up out of moving fire, landing on trees and structures in its way. This explains the random way one house burned and the one beside it did not. Harrell said that it was racing so fast across the fields that it would burn under the fence, leaving the briars on top untouched. In some places it burned only the bottom of the trees, leaving the foliage intact. He compared it to the scorching

flame of a blow torch.

This made fighting and containing this particular fire very difficult. "Even if we had all the equipment in the world, we couldn't have fought this any better because of the unpredictability of this firestorm," said Fire Chief Harrell. He wanted to express his heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all of the volunteers and citizens of Cross Plains for their cooperation.

Homes literally exploded from the inside out as oxygen was forced out in a tornadic fury. These explosions fueled further fires.

Experienced firefighters and highway patrolmen had never seen anything like this. They expressed shock and disbelief at the magnitude of what they encountered. A Potosi Volunteer Fireman said the wind was blowing so hard it blew their fire helmets out of the truck. The fire burned the fire hoses and nozzles and they had to replace them. He remarked that the flames jumped from 5 feet to 50 feet in a matter of seconds and was disintegrating everything in its path.

Mike McClure, a local resident and former volunteer firefighter (with almost two decades of experience) actually witnessed the exploding of his home along with many others on the two blocks in front of the school on North Main Street and a row of homes on Avenue E. In this area only the Cornerstone Bible Church, Dorothy Odom's house and Roylene Wilson's house (the Arrowwood house) are still standing, relatively unharmed.

McClure said, "I've never experienced a fire so hot or smoke so black. I had to drive so slow, because I couldn't see anything and I hoped I didn't hit anything. The wind was literally rocking my pickup (an extended cab full-size truck)."

He expressed the fact that a fire truck couldn't have even approached the houses that exploded. He explained that the firestorm seemed to be more intense in the blocks west of the school.

Word was spread to evacuate and later the DPS announced evacuation warnings throughout the streets. Residents rushed to their vehicles and drove to the outskirts of town. Vehicles were bumper to bumper along the highway with everyone standing and watching Cross Plains burn, not knowing if our homes were still there. Small groups gathered to pray for the wind to cease and for the safety of those fighting the fire.

Many unsung heroes were able to stay and battle the flames saving their homes and others. Neighbors hooked several hoses together, stretching them to their capacity. Their efforts filled in the gaps for the already overtaxed firemen.

The efforts of every fire department, emergency medical

service, and each caring individual who has assisted during this massive disaster has been greatly appreciated.

Unfortunately, two residents, Mattie Faye Wilson and Maudie Shepard were lost in the disaster.

Mattie Faye, 67, a retired first grade teacher, chose not to evacuate, staying in her home. Her house was in the area where the houses exploded.

Andrew Shepard rushed home to save his 89 year old bedridden mother, Maudie Shepard, but it was too late.

Several firefighters and others who were fighting the fire were overcome by smoke. Bob Harrell, local Fire Chief, and Byron McNutt were taken to the hospital treated and released.

The source of the fire is unknown and is under investigation by the Fire Marshal because of the fatalities and loss of homes.

The First Baptist Church provided a headquarters for the firemen, emergency medical personnel, the Red Cross, police personnel and residents who had no place to stay. Three meals were served each day to all in need. Food and water are available at the First Baptist Life Center, also.

The Church of Christ Activity Center was set up as a place to deliver clothing and has now been moved to the old nursing home building on Avenue A and 7th Street. Anyone who needs clothing is welcome to come by and pick out clothing. No further donations of clothing are needed. Volunteers are needed to help sort the huge piles of clothing donated.

If you would like to donate to the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department or area volunteer fire departments send your contributions to Texas Heritage Bank, P.O. Box 699, Cross Plains, TX 76443.

Donations to the Cross Plains Relief Fund (directly benefitting the victims) or the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department can be mailed to Texas Heritage Bank.

A Town Meeting at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center was set for Tuesday, January 3. The Resource Fair was Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

It's been reported on national news that the community has been devastated and our very existence is in question. However, they don't know the people in Cross Plains. Our faith in God is a cornerstone and we all work together, especially in times of crisis. We have already survived a major tornado, floods and now a fire. The spirit of brotherhood bands us together for a common goal. We will come through this stronger, wiser, and more determined to stand against any trial that tests us.

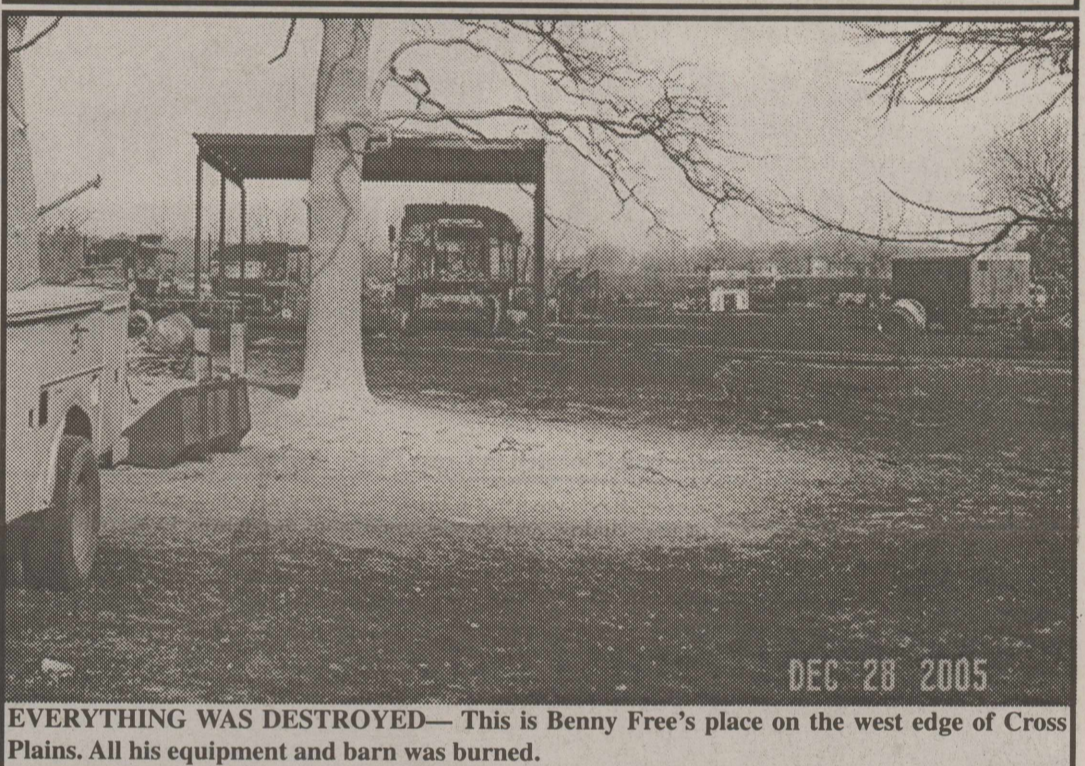
When you burn a field of grass, it comes back with new green sprouts called "tender". This new growth is stronger and more vibrant than what was burnt. The same is true of the people our hometown. We never underestimate the power of God.



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF CROSS PLAINS DESTROYED IN FIRE—This dramatic photo shows the trauma of that day. The church has now been reconstructed and the beautiful new building demonstrates their determination to continue with God's work.



EVEN THE CEMETERY DID NOT ESCAPE THE FURY OF THE FIRE— All the vegetation was burned, leaving only the stones standing in the blackness.



EVERYTHING WAS DESTROYED— This is Benny Free's place on the west edge of Cross Plains. All his equipment and barn was burned.

A Perfect Storm

By Don Tabor
Publisher

As experts like to say, it was a perfect storm.

They say that when everything is just right to make a catastrophic event.

At about noon Dec. 27, that's what happened in Cross Plains.

A few months ago the whole area around Cross Plains had had a deluge of rain, enough to cause flooding, but also enough to cause grass, weeds, underbrush and other plant life to flourish.

Then, for three months there was no rain and that abundant growth turned bone dry.

And on Dec. 27, a West Texas norther with winds of 45 mph bore down on Cross Plains. The

humidity was extremely low and when someone tossed a cigarette out of a car along Highway 36 (they don't really know yet what happened) the perfect storm began.

Scott Farwell of the *Dallas Morning News* told of Bob Harrell and other firefighters arriving four miles west of town when the fire was a small outbreak in a ditch. They nearly had it out when wind blew an ember into a briar-choked fence row. The fire then exploded and headed for Cross Plains.

"In that moment Cross Plains was lost," Farwell said in his story.

Farwell quoted West Central Texas Council of Governments

Director Jim Compton as saying: "Something like this could destroy the town, absolutely."

I don't believe that. In the 20 plus years I have owned the Review, I have seen these folks carry on with courage and tenacity through tornadoes, drought and floods.

I have also witnessed their amazing generosity. They have raised thousands of dollars in fund-raisers for worthy causes when towns twice the size would have only raised a few hundred.

Now it's time for others to help them.

They temper metal with heat to make the strongest steel.

There is some very strong steel in Cross Plains.



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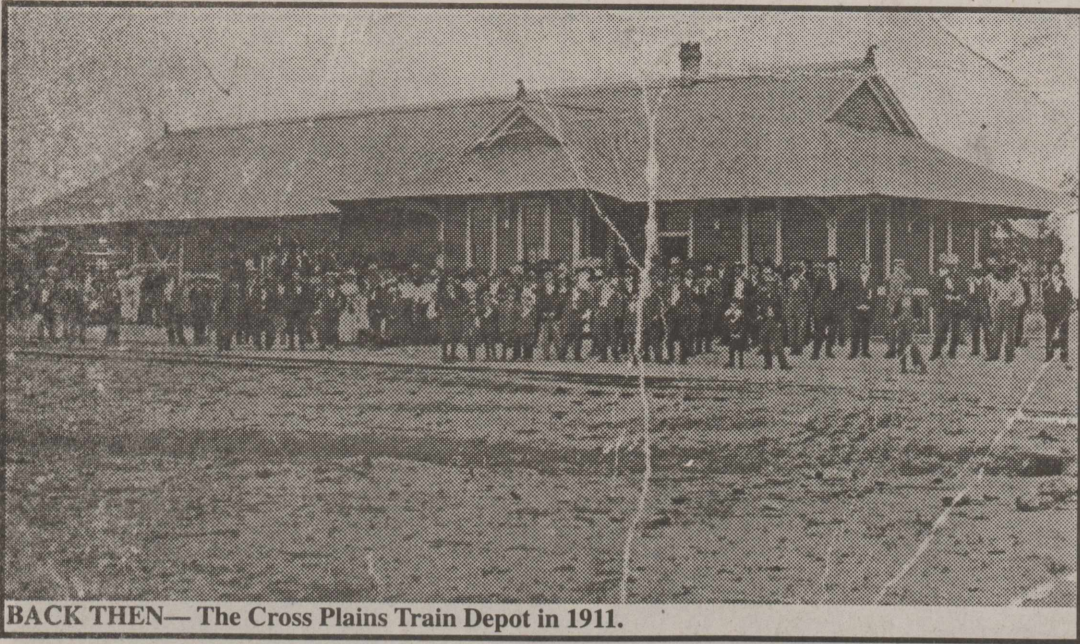


Growing new legends



T.D. Little's station (at the former location of Hub Freeman's blacksmith shop), now Dub Meador's business. This was next door to the old Post Office on Main Street.

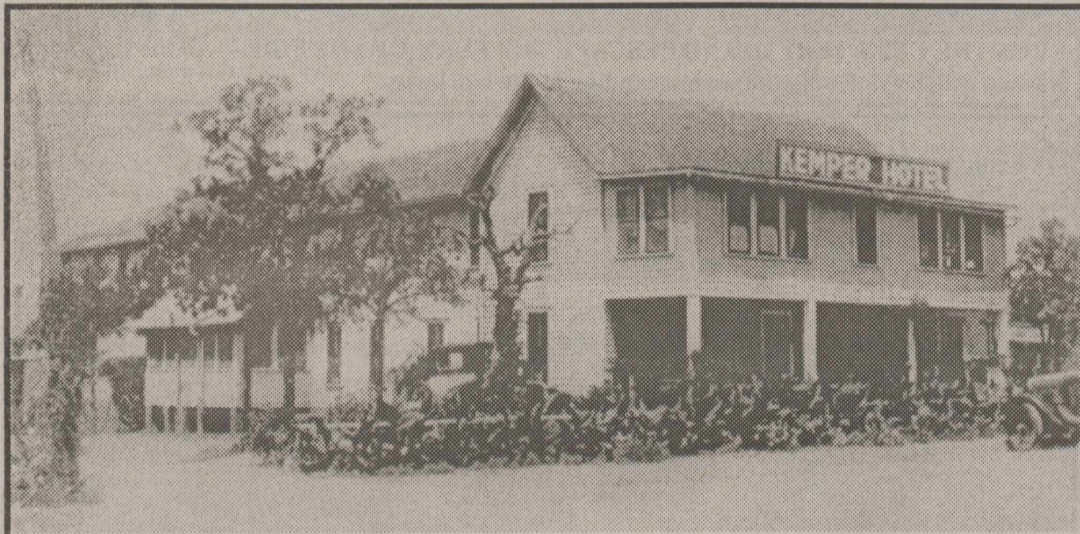
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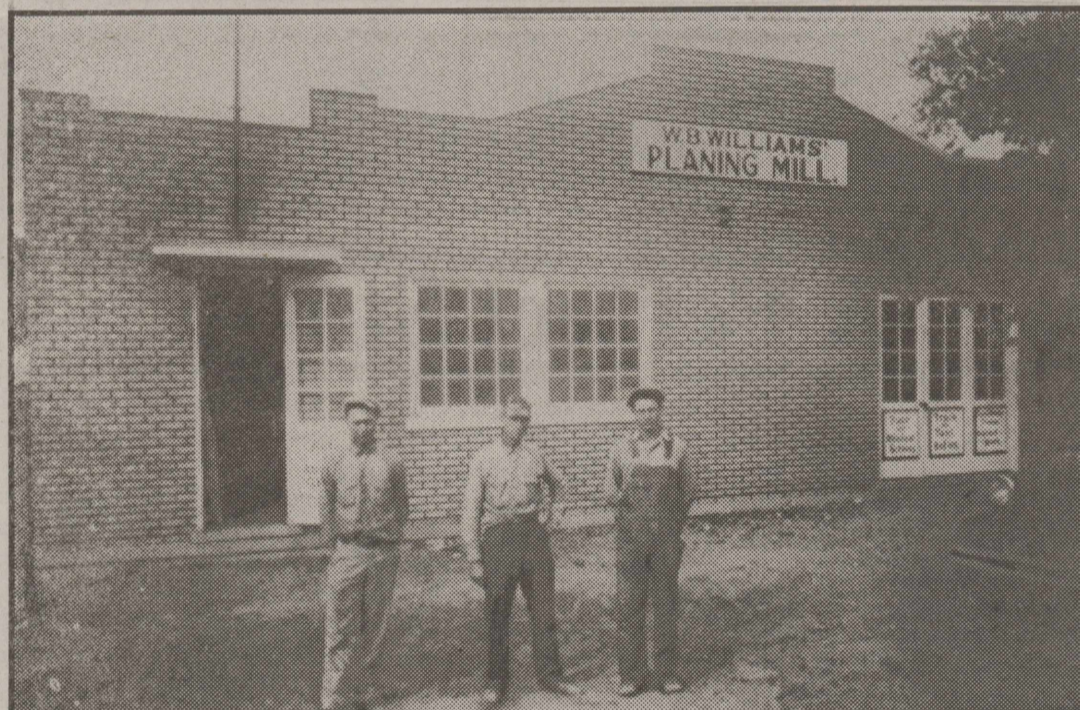
BACK THEN— The Cross Plains Train Depot in 1911.



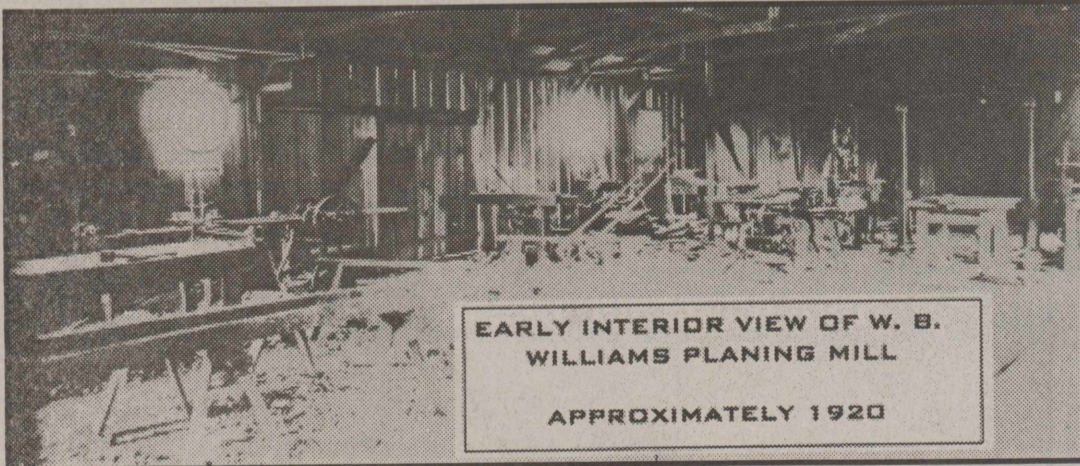
CROSS PLAINS TRAIN DEPOT IN 1936— Mistletoe shipment.



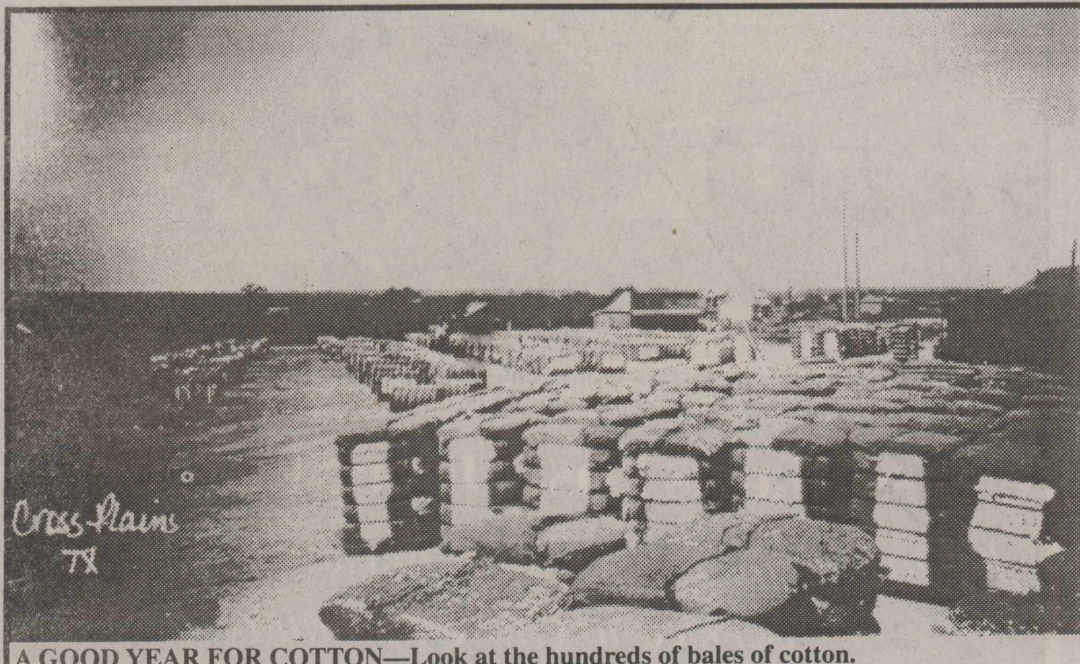
KEMPER HOTEL— One of many hotels located in Cross Plains during its early history.



W.B. WILLIAMS PLANING MILL IN 1930— Mr. Huntington (from left), W.B. Williams (Owner), and Lester Bush. W.B. is Cross Plains' resident Roger Williams' father.



EARLY INTERIOR VIEW OF W. B. WILLIAMS PLANING MILL
APPROXIMATELY 1920



A GOOD YEAR FOR COTTON—Look at the hundreds of bales of cotton.



THE OLD CROSS PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL— A place dear to the hearts of many ex-students who attended. C.P.H.S. has produced a large number of professionals over its long history.

The History of the Cross Plains School

By Clara Nell McDermott Spencer

The first school in the county was built in 1875 near the present site of Cross Plains. It was a log structure about 12' X 18' with dirt floor and stone fireplace. The logs were covered on the outside with mud, which gave the building the appearance of Mexican adobe. It later merged into what was known as Board Flat.

After the county became more thickly populated, it was necessary to adopt a uniform plan, or system of public schools. The Community Plan was followed. It made no provision for the levying of a special tax for schools or for the issuing of bonds for the construction of buildings.

In 1898, the court ordered that Callahan be changed from the Community System to the District System. New districts were created and Cross Plains became District 23.

The first school was located west of the cemetery. In 1900 the population had increased to 235.

The one room school building was replaced in 1888 by a two story building.

With the survey of the present town site in 1910 and the coming of the railroad in 1911-12, the town began moving from the "old town". Eighteen brick buildings were created on the present site in 1911. A two-story brick school was built and used in 1927.

According to Lindsey Tyson, a

local citizen who grew up with the "new school" the building had a difficult time staying up. Twice it partially erected and toppled over. It was never too sturdy.

When a strong wind would blow, the building, a two story structure with a basement, would sway slightly. The parents would come to take the children home. Lindsey remembers that one girl became frightened with the swaying and jumped out the window, breaking her leg.

The oil boom of the 20's swelled the enrollment and fears appeared that the building might crash. During the tenure of T.R. Haggard, a new school at the site of the present elementary and high school was under construction.

From 1927-1981, the brick high school and elementary school were in use. Disaster occurred in 1972 when the elementary school burned, three days after the sudden death of its beloved principal, Jack Watkins. Classes K-5 were held at the Baptist Church, while grades 6-8 were housed in the high school gym, band, hall or any other available place.

With the faculty, parents and the whole community working together, the building was rebuilt in 1972.

After T.R. Haggard's tenure, in the late 20's was Nat Williams. He remembered the discipline of the early teachers, and he revolutionized the Cross Plains School.

He and the high school principal, Lewis Norman, brought much needed ideals and qualities that turned out many exceptional graduates.

Consolidation from other schools took place from 1932-1959. They were as follows: Sabanno-1932, Burnt Branch-1939; Turkey Creek-1941; Dressy-1941; Caddo Peak-1941; Deer Plains-1942; Atwell-1947; Pioneer-1948; Bayou-1950; Cross Cut-1953; Cottonwood-1953; and Burkett-1959.

Following Nat Williams as superintendent were Lewis Norman, Leo Varner, A.J. McQuin, Newell O'Dell, Paul Whitton, Wayne Ford, Frank Rundell and Dr. Scot Edington.

Amid tears for the memories of the high school building, along with the beautiful trees, was torn down for the present building which was opened in 1981 with Lee Thompson as superintendent. Under his tutelage, the school has continued to progress.

Without the efforts of civic-minded men and women who placed the education of children above self, the opportunities offered to today's young people would not be available. These trustees since 1884 to the present day have given uncountable hours of their time, money and themselves to making this a better world. This has all been done with no pay.



HOMEcoming PARADE FLOAT— C.P.H.S. Homecoming is a well attended event every three years. It will be held this September 19, 2009 when hundreds of ex-students return home.



CROSS PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM OF 1927— Stanley C. Clark (front row, from left), Stinky (Ernest) Davis, Geo Bennett, Dorlan Cross, Claude Mayes, Roger Watson, Chester Glover (middle row, from left), Stanley Carmichael, Benny Wayne Adams, Art Carmichael, Jack Scott, Oran Williams, Chase Adams, Tom Upton (Superintendent), Brother J.H. Hunt, Brownie Baum, and Harvey Dennis.