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LADY PATRIOTS NOTCH TWO MORE DISTRICT WINS

With wins over Silvertown and Mclean this past week, the Valley Lady Patriots were able to finish up the first half of district play with a perfect 5-0 district mark. The second half of district play starts Tuesday evening when Valley will be hosting Groom.



Monica Alanis-8, Shawna Davis-6, and Kodie Saul with 2 points.

Friday's game had the Kress Lady Roos come to town. Valley had another convincing win, coming out on top by a 88-18 score. Abby Hill led all scorers with 26 points. Monica Alanis and April Villarreal were also in double figures with 18 and 12 points respectively. Others scoring were Haley Wheeler-8, Emily Barrett-6, Makenzie Standlee-5, Kodie Saul-4, Shawna Davis-5, and Kennadee Buchanan-4.

Great job girls and keep up the good work!

Anne Chappell to Join the Hall County Historical Commission

The Hall County Commissioners met in regular session on December 14th at 10:00 A.M. with the following members present: Ray Powell, County Judge, Presiding; Winfred McQueen, Commissioner Precinct #1; Terry Lindsey, Commissioner Precinct #2; Gary Proffitt, Commissioner Precinct 3; James Fuston, Commissioner Precinct #4; Raye Bailey, County Clerk; Tom Heck, Sheriff; Maribel Gonzalez, Tax A/C; Gina Chavira, Hall County Appraisal District; Janet Bridges, County Treasurer; Joe and Bertha Dunn.

Following the Opening Prayer by Commissioner McQueen, the Court approved the minutes of the Regular meeting of December 14th, 2012.

The reports of the Treasurer, Sheriff, Road & Bridge, Tax Assessor/Collector, County and District Clerk, J. P. Precinct's 1, 2 & 3, Hall County Appraisal District and County Judge offices were presented and approved.

A motion was carried to pay Deputy Graham Carter \$24,500.00 a year and Deputy Jason Frye \$23,500.00 a year retroactive to January 1st, 2013 as presented in the Sheriff's Report.

Justice of the Peace Sherrie Stone was at school but had asked the County Judge to ask the Court on her behalf to approve the purchase of a printer with scanner and a laptop or a tablet from the J.P. Technology Fund as stated in the Judge's report. It is the Order of the Court to approve this purchase.

A motion was passed to add Anne Chappell to the Hall County Historical Commission.

All bills were paid as presented and a motion was passed to pay \$285.01 for Panhandle Regional Planning Commission membership dues for 2012-2013.

The Court had a discussion on use of equipment, purchases, work projects, and part time road employee help. Purchasing equipment and part time road help is allowed as long as the appropriate budget is funded. Work projects discussed were: Annual Commissioners' Road Report due in June, 2013; Traffic Sign Retroreflectivity Requirements by the Federal Highway Administration; and addressing the minor maintenance problems on county bridges over twenty feet in length as presented by Jimmy Bridges of TxDOT.

Public Comments: Bertha Dunn stated that the road and bridge expense report showed a total of all expenses for fuel. She asked if each precinct could be broken out separately. The answer was, yes, it could be done, but that it would take some doing to do so. It would be easy if each precinct had a separate budget but all precincts were under one budget.

After attending to regular monthly business, the meeting was adjourned.

Texas Plains Trail Region Hires New Executive Director

LUBBOCK - The Texas Plains Trail Region board recently named Barbara Brannon to the position of executive director. The heritage region is part of the Texas Historical Commission's (THC) Texas Heritage Trails Program, the nationally recognized regional tourism initiative that helps Texas communities promote tourism, revitalize local economies, and foster community leadership through historic preservation.

Brannon will serve as the program's contact from a Lubbock-based office, and will assist regional travelers, partners, residents, and businesses with heritage tourism development and promotion under the direction of the Plains Trail Region Board of Directors.

Brannon recently worked as marketing manager for Texas Tech University Press, where she marketed books regionally and nationally, managed national campaigns and trade shows, and oversaw social media efforts. She also serves as a board member of the Lubbock Heritage Society, and is president of the Heart of Lubbock Neighborhood Association.

"Our region is brimming with cultural riches—every time you get on the road, there's a grand adventure awaiting in any direction," Brannon said. "I'm looking forward to sharing this excitement with the Plains Trail communities and helping them benefit from the economic impact of heritage tourism."

The Texas Plains Trail Region encompasses a sizable 52-county area that includes cities such as Lubbock, Amarillo, Dalhart, Pampa, Shamrock, Quanah, Big Spring, Muleshoe, and Canyon as well as many rural communities.

For additional information about the Texas Plains Trail Region, contact Brannon at 806.747.1997 or info@TexasPlainsTrail.com, or visit www.TexasPlainsTrail.com. For more information regarding the Texas Heritage Trails Program, contact the THC's Teresa Caldwell at 512.463.5755 or visit www.texastimetravel.com. To learn more about Texas travel events and vacation destinations visit www.TravelTex.com, or for a free Texas State Travel Guide call 1.800.8888.TEX.

Veterinary Medicine Program Offered to Panhandle Area Youth by AgriLife Extension

AMARILLO – Texas A&M AgriLife Extension's Potter County 4-H and Youth Development program is conducting a program to help youth begin a career in veterinary medicine, according to Brandon Boughen, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent in Potter County.

An orientation workshop to introduce the program will be held at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 28 at the AgriLife Extension office for Potter County, 3301 E. 10th Ave. in Amarillo. The meeting is open to area youth ages eight to 16 years, Boughen said.

Students who sign up for the program will be committed to a five-year study course and apprenticeship that is career-oriented and job-trained, which Boughen said means throughout the program they will work directly toward a career in veterinary medicine.

While completing the curriculum of 100 lessons and 50 activities, students will focus on the major careers of veterinary medicine: veterinary assistant, veterinary technician and veterinarian, he said.

The classes are geared to the grade level of the students, Boughen said. High school students will have the opportunity to accelerate the time frame of the curriculum to two, three or four years.

The students will be placed in a setting to work under the supervision of veterinarians and are expected to complete hours of observation and a minimum of 500 hours of clinical skills on the job, usually in the veterinary clinic, he said.

Students who successfully complete the study course and apprenticeship of clinical skill hours will receive a certificate of completion and the classification as a veterinary assistant, Boughen said.

The students will be qualified to apply for certification by examination as a certified veterinary assistant through the Texas Veterinary Medical Association, he said. Those planning to become a veterinary technician or a veterinarian will be counseled to pursue the required college degree programs.

Boughen said there is no charge for current 4-H members. If a student is not a member, they will need to join either in their home county or in Potter County and purchase the required program curriculum book for \$85.

To RSVP for attendance or more information, contact Boughen at 806-373-0713.

Old Fairview Cemetery to Receive Historical Cemetery Marker

The Hall Co. Historical Commission met Jan. 14, for their monthly meeting. In lieu of absence of president, Vice President Jim Mills presided. The opening prayer was given by Mike Hughes. The minutes were read by Mike Hughes & approved. Lera Kate Powell gave the treasurer's report. She mentioned that Texas medallions had been ordered for Newlin & Liberty Cemeteries. Old Fairview Cemetery had been approved for its historical cemetery marker. For old business Karen Crisman mentioned abt. the giant arrow being installed in Memphis in December. The members decided on which cemeteries, in Hall County, to gather the info on, & get historical cemetery markers for them. The two cemeteries picked were Estelline & Walls. The commission had 1 guest. Her name is Catherine Clark, & her name will be submitted to the county commissioners to be considered for membership.

Members present were Karen Crisman, Lera Kate Powell, Amanda Proffitt, Anne Chappell, Mike Hughes, Mollie Moffitt & Jim Mills.

Texas Unemployment Rate Declines for Fourth Consecutive Month

2012 concludes with nearly 11 million jobs in Texas

AUSTIN — Texas' unemployment rate fell to 6.1 percent in December, down from 6.2 percent in November and from 7.4 percent a year ago. This marked the fourth straight month that the unemployment rate in Texas has declined. Texas employers added 4,100 total nonfarm jobs in December for a total of 260,800 jobs added over the year. In December 2012, Texas employers reported 10,904,000 total nonfarm jobs.

"In December, we saw annual growth in 10 major industries, for an overall annual growth of 2.5 percent in Texas," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chairman Andres Alcantar. "With those positive strides and 11,800 private sector jobs added in the past month, 2012 was a strong year for Texas and my hope is that the Texas economy will build on that success in 2013."

Six out of 11 major industries in Texas added jobs in December, led by 13,300 jobs added in Professional and Business Services—the largest over-the-month expansion for this industry since January 2012.

"I'm glad to see the unemployment rate has dropped by more than a full point over the course of the year," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. "Positive economic growth is good news for the workers of Texas, and TWC is committed to helping those still looking to get back to work."

Manufacturing added 3,000 jobs between November and December, while another goods-producing industry, Mining and Logging, expanded by 1,600 jobs during this time. Service-providing industries that also showed positive growth over the month included Education and Health Services, Other Services, and Trade, Transportation, and Utilities.

"Private sector employers in Texas added 257,400 jobs since December 2011 for an annual growth rate of 2.9 percent," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Tom Pauken. "Texas is leading the way in helping to make the United States energy independent. Our robust energy sector not only is creating good paying jobs for many Texans in that industry but also is spurring job growth in many other industries."

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) had the lowest December unemployment rate in the state at 3.1 percent. The Odessa MSA came in second at 3.7 percent, and the Amarillo MSA third at 4.1 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

FLOMOT NEWS

By Earlyne Jameson

Overheard

Live a good and honorable life, then when you get older and think back, you will enjoy it a second time.

Flomot and Whiteflat had good general rains Wednesday, Jan. 9. Rain totals reported of 1.50 to 1.85 inches. Extremely cold temperatures the rest of the week.

L.T. Starkey of Ralls visited Thursday with brother, Johnie Starkey.

Mrs. Janice Hughes attended the Livestock Show in Floydada Saturday, Jan. 12. Her two granddaughters, Reagan Hughes and Kendal Hughes were showmanship competitors. Visiting Janice Sunday were Roger, Brody and Kason Hughes of Floydada.

Clois and Kathy Shorter visited at Lake Kiowa Thursday until Saturday with daughter and family, Christi and Dwain Milam, Emily and Hayley. They enjoyed the basketball games in which Emily and Haley played.

Representative Ken King Joins House Energy Caucus

AUSTIN -- State Representative Ken King (R-Canadian) has been named a member of the newly created House Energy Caucus (HEC), a legislative caucus of the Texas House of Representatives, to focus on energy production and the issues facing adjacent communities.

"I'm tremendously honored to be named to the new House Energy Caucus," said Representative King following the news. "Considering how rich and diverse my district is in energy resources, it's important to be well versed on the issues in order to serve my district to the best of my ability."

The HEC will provide educational opportunities and information on policy issues regarding traditional energy production such as oil, gas, and coal, as well as alternative energy including biomass, wind and solar power, and emerging technologies like clean coal/coal gasification. In addition, the HEC will also identify, research, and build coalitions to help resolve social and infrastructure issues faced by areas of the state experiencing significant impacts from increased activity related to the energy industry.

"The Caucus will also help to educate its members on the impact to energy production of legislation addressing water, transportation and workforce development needs," the HEC Chair State Representative Drew Darby (R-San Angelo) said addressing the members during the organizational meeting. "This state's energy industry is revitalizing our state through innovative technologies and significant economic investment and I want to see that continue."

According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, Texas is first in the nation in production of oil, natural gas, and wind energy. Texas coal and lignite production is also a key supplier for energy demands. As technological capability and demand has increased, the growth and expansion of these forms of energy production has affected all areas of the state.

"There are many complex challenges to engage with during the 83rd Session regarding energy policy", Rep. King continued. "Being a member of this caucus will give me the opportunity to roll up my sleeves and get to work on meeting these challenges head on and utilizing all of our energy resources to create a better Texas."

Texas' Unemployment Rate At Or Better Than The National Average for Six Years Straight

2012 Concludes With Nearly 11 Million Jobs in Texas

Today's Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) unemployment report is further proof that the Texas Model of doing business leads to prosperity, according to the Texas Public Policy Foundation. The TWC reported that Texas' unemployment rate fell to 6.1 percent in December, down from 6.2 percent in November and from 7.4 percent one year ago. This marks the fourth straight month that the unemployment rate in Texas has declined and, more impressively, the 72nd consecutive month that the rate has been at or below the national average.

"It is not surprising that Texas continues to lead the nation in job creation and growth," said Talmadge Heflin, Director of the Foundation's Center for Fiscal Policy. "According to the report, in December alone Texas saw annual growth in 10 major industries, for an overall annual growth of 2.5 percent. As the saying goes, 'Everything is bigger in Texas' - obviously that proves true for prosperity, too."

"While other large states, including California, are raising taxes and fees to balance their books, Texas is focusing on the spending side of the ledger," said Chuck DeVore, former California Assemblyman and a Foundation Vice President. "Texas' refusal to raise taxes last session means more money was left in the hands of the private sector to do productive things, like create jobs and be invested. Based on the data, Texas is all the better for it."

In addition, six out of 11 major industries in Texas added jobs in December, led by 13,300 jobs added in Professional and Business Services—the largest over-the-month expansion for this industry since January 2012.

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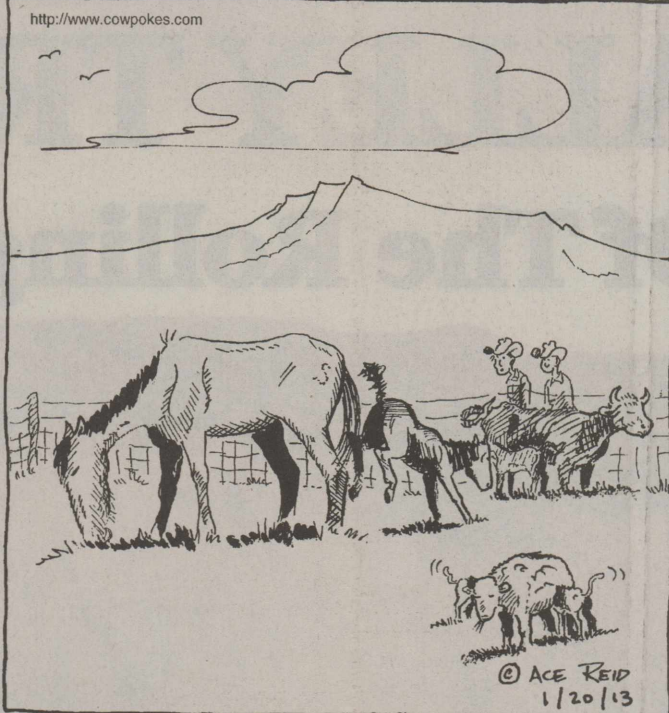
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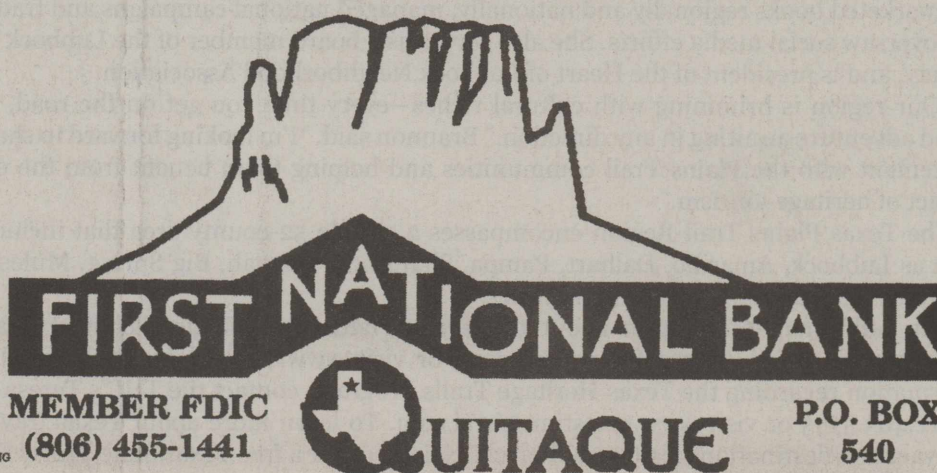
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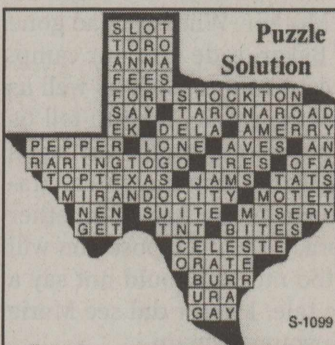
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Things That Make You Go Hmmm.... By Laura Griffin

WHAT HAPPENS IN HEAVEN WHEN WE PRAY?

I dreamt that I went to Heaven and an angel was showing me around. We walked side-by-side inside a large workroom filled with angels. My angel guide stopped in front of the first section and said, "This is the Receiving Section. Here, all petitions to God said in prayer are received."

I looked around in this area, and it was terribly busy with so many angels sorting out petitions written on voluminous paper sheets and scraps from people all over the world.

Then we moved on down a long corridor until we reached the second section.

The angel then said to me, "This is the Packaging and Delivery Section. Here, the graces and blessings the people asked for are processed and delivered to the living persons who asked for them." I noticed again how busy it was there. There were many angels working hard at that station, since so many blessings had been requested and were being packaged for delivery to Earth.

Finally at the farthest end of the long corridor we stopped at the door of a very small station. To my great surprise, only one angel was seated there, idly doing nothing. "This is the Acknowledgment Section, my angel friend quietly admitted to me. He seemed embarrassed.

"How is it that there is no work going on here? I asked."
"So sad," the angel sighed. "After people receive the blessings that they asked for, very few send back acknowledgments."

"How does one acknowledge God's blessings?" I asked.
"Simple," the angel answered. Just say, "Thank you, Lord."
"What blessings should they acknowledge?" I asked.

"If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep you are richer than 75% of this world."

"If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy, and if you have your own computer, you are part of the 1% in the world who has that opportunity."

"If you woke up this morning with more health than illness... You are more blessed than the many who will not even survive this day."

"If you have never experienced the fear in battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation... You are ahead of 700 million people in the world."

"If you can attend a church without the fear of harassment, arrest, torture or death you are envied by, and more blessed than, three billion people in the world."

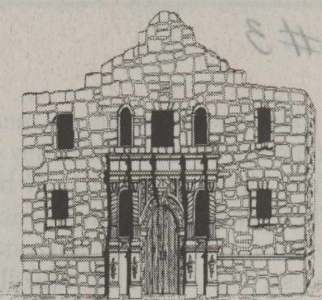
"If your parents are still alive and still married.... you are very rare."

"If you can hold your head up and smile, you are not the norm, you're unique to all those in doubt and despair....."

"Ok," I said. "What now? How can I start?"

The Angel said, "If you can read this message, you just received a double blessing in that someone was thinking of you and you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world who cannot read at all."

Have a good day, count your blessings, and if you care to, pass this along to remind everyone else how blessed we all are.....
HMMM...



This Week In Texas History

Jan 22, 1883

The "fifty-cent act" was repealed by the Texas Legislature. The act provided for the selling of Texas land at 50¢ per acre with the proceeds split equally between the permanent school fund and a fund to pay off the public debt.

Jan 23, 1837

Gen. Santa Anna left Washington D.C. for Vera Cruz. He left behind lodging and food debts totaling over \$2000 which the Republic of Texas was forced to pay.

Jan 24, 1871

Kiowa Indians killed Britt Johnson and his three partners in a fight at Salt Creek. Johnson's family had been killed earlier by the Indians in a raid on Elm Creek, Oct 13, 1864.

Jan 25, 1839

The Texas flag was approved by the Republic Congress for the second time. The first featured a gold star on a blue field, the second, a white star on a blue field.

Jan 26, 1839

The Texas Congress approved the Homestead Act which allowed settlers a set amount of land if they moved to the new republic. They also appropriated land for public schools in each county.

Jan 27, 1892

A petition was given to the Potter County Commissioner's Court requesting an election to incorporate Amarillo as a city. The election was called for Feb. 20, 1892.

Jan 27, 1833

Elizbet Ney was born in Munster, Germany, later settled in Austin, where she was a sculptor, she was credited with bringing art culture to Texas.

Jan 28, 1923

Drilling started on the Santa Rita #1 oil well in the Permian Basin.

Jan 28, 1861

Texas seceded from the Union and joined the Confederacy.

Jan 28, 1839

Republic President Mirabeau B. Lamar (1838-41) signed a bill creating the Texas Patent Office. A Texas patent was good for 14 years and when Texas joined the Union in 1845, only 14 had been issued.

Jan 28, 1817

John Coffee "Jack" Hays, the most famous Texas Ranger of the Republic era, was born in Little Cedar Lick, Tenn.

SCHOOL BREAKFAST HELPING MORE TEXAS CHILDREN LEARN, BE HEALTHY

State still leaving at least \$64M in federal aid on the table

AUSTIN – The Texas Food Bank Network and CHILDREN AT RISK joined together today to highlight a report released by the Food Research and Action Center (FRAC). The report found that school breakfast programs in Texas reach sixty children for every 100 who qualify for subsidized school lunch, ranking the state seventh in the nation. Boosting these programs to reach seventy out of every 100 needy students would generate an additional \$64M in annual, federal aid.

Research has found that school breakfast participation improves school attendance and behavior, boosts learning and test scores, and improves student health. State legislators seeking to help school children realize their goal of becoming "fit and ready" Texans should pass legislation aimed at spreading in-class breakfast strategies piloted in Houston and elsewhere in the state.

"Texas has done a good job making this program available, but we can do much more," said Celia Cole, CEO of the Texas Food Bank Network. "In-class breakfast strategies have the potential to significantly improve student learning and health at no cost to the state."

Having breakfast as part of the school day overcomes a primary barrier to breakfast participation—getting to school early enough to eat.

"There is no reason for a child to go hungry. The struggle to obtain a nutritious breakfast every day before school particularly affects low-income households," said Bob Sanborn, President and CEO of CHILDREN AT RISK. "Numerous families, regardless of income, find that early morning school bus schedules, long commutes to jobs, and nontraditional work hours make it difficult to find time to prepare and eat a nutritious breakfast at home."

Over 3 million, or 60 percent of Texas school children, are low-income.

"Anything we can do to boost the academic performance of children from low-income families is going to have a significant pay-off for the state," added Cole.

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Thursday, January 24

Breakfast: Muffin, Oatmeal, OJ/Milk
Lunch: Baked Potato w/ BBQ, Broccoli, Fresh Fruit, TX Toast, Milk

Friday, January 25

Breakfast: Biscuit, Sausage, OJ/Milk
Lunch: Chicken Parmesan, Green Beans, Breadstik, Oranges Milk

Monday, January 28

Breakfast: Oatmeal, Cinnamon Toast, OJ/Milk
Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, French Fries, Carrots, Hot Roll, Strawberries/Bananas, Milk

Tuesday, January 29

Breakfast: Waffles, OJ/Milk
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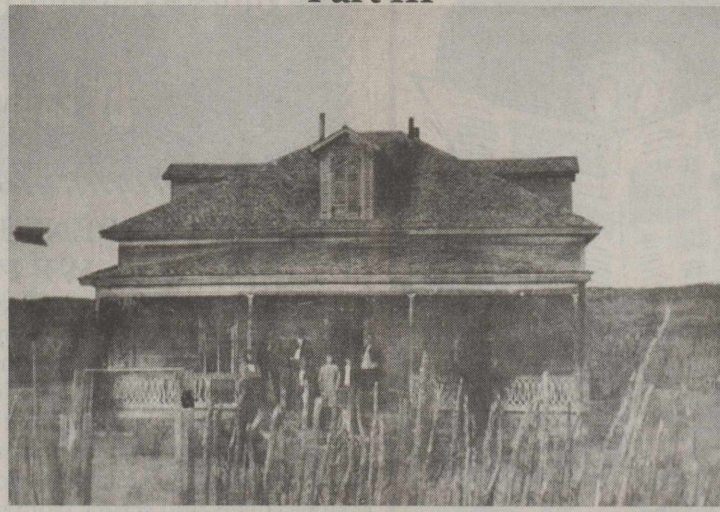
The Dora Merrell Stroup Story

Part III

One man that always penned his herd there will always stand out in my mind. They did not live many miles from us. They always brought their bedding packed on a pack horse. Their food and cooking utensils packed on a burro. We usually heard the pots and pans rattling before the burro got to the house. We were always thrilled. Mother was not the happiest for the burro would make for the yard gate which had bars you had to push on one after the other til the gate could be opened. The man would come and get the burro and take him out to where they had decided to make camp. He would tell us children that we could play with him until he was ready to leave. The burro would always go to the camp as they made preparations to leave. He ate most everything we gave him to eat. He didn't care how many got on him for he wasn't leaving anyway as long as we fed him. We were always sad when it was time for him to go and mother was just as happy as we were sad.

As time went on things became worse. Mother said, "Alex, you and Bill will be among the ones killed. What will Roda and do with these children?" She had six, cousin Roda had five. So Billy Merrell and Father left for the plains with some of the cattle. This was a free range. They came to the Yellow House Canyon south of where Floydada is now. Bill was just a little boy but he could ride a horse well and knew how to drive cattle. They came back and Father gathered the rest of his cattle and sold his land and old home to a nephew named Jim Neil. Jim had been a sheep man but the big cattlemen had put him out of business. They moved in the house with us and helped Father and Mother make preparations to come to the West.

Around the first of April in 1888, we left the home we loved so well. It was hard to say goodbye to so many of our good friends and neighbors. Father had four men to help drive the cattle. Bill drove the horses. We had two wagons and a two seated hack. One man drove one of the wagons and father drove the other. Of course he took the lead. We spent our



first night on the river. While mother was cooking supper, she told us to take a good look at the river as we might not see it again. We went down and broke some limbs off the dogwood trees and took it back to camp for Mother. When we had gone three days, a good neighbor, Jim Baker, rode into our camp. He said that the reason he didn't come out to wish us well as we left was because he didn't think he could stand to tell us good-by. But he had since found out that he could not let us leave without saying good-by. He had a little daughter, Marie. She and I were almost the same age. We played together so much of the time. He said, "Dora, do you suppose you will ever see Marie again?" That was too much. I could not say a word, but the tears I shed told the tale. I never did see Marie anymore. She died while she was a young woman.

It was a slow and tiresome trip. Many times water and grass were scarce for the cattle and calves. Some people did not want anyone to go over their land with a herd of cattle. Some did not want them to drink their stock water. Some were

nice and reasonable. Sometimes Father would have to reason with the men, but he always drove on. Some would say, "I know you have to go on. While it hurts me, move on as fast as possible." Father always did.

There were some instances that still stand out in my mind. One was crossing Salt Fork. Father had lost some cattle there before. Father told the wagons to go on and stop at the creek and wait for the cattle to come. He told us children to be ready when the cattle came. We helped the men rush the cattle over the water so they would not drink it. For one time we thought we were being helpful and the men gave us credit for being so. We moved on to Gip Creek. There we drank our first gip water. There we stayed over to see if the men could find some of the cattle they lost on the other trip. That morning Mother reminded us that we had not had any red beans since we had been on the road. She put on a big cast iron kettle of beans. She cooked them til noon. She told us children we could go and fill our plates with beans and eat our lunch. We took the beans out in our tin plates and they were just like they were when she set them on the fire that morning. She said she would cook them some more. About sun down when the men came, she told them about the beans. They weren't done even then. Father said, "Mary, I forgot to tell you that you cannot cook beans in this gip water." She was so disappointed that everyone felt sorry. But we learned gip water made good coffee. The men began to tell Mother the interesting things they had seen that day and she soon forgot the pot of old beans.

Then we camped on Crawfish Creek. I never did see so many crawfish. We stayed there a few days on account of the swollen streams. The old man that drove one of the wagons caught crawfish and dressed them. He talked Mother into cooking them for him. He talked Ernest, our little brother into eating some of them. They were such a nice pink color. They looked delicious. I suppose they were as Charley and Ernest said so. **To Be Continued...**

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ON THE QT

By Pasty Herrington

The Tri-County building on East Main, Quitaque was further enhanced last week by the addition of a large cross donated by Rex Johnson. Also adding to its beauty is a black wrought iron bench and an ornamental black steel fence around it all!

Texas Country Reporter of TV is one of the most watched and well known programs of this area. One of its features last week was Randy Stark, Vice President of First National Bank here "Leading the pack" on his bicycle. Randy rides miles almost every day after work. He used to be joined by deceased Wilburn Leeper and Deloy Myers, but most of the time now rides alone or with a few others. I see him often riding out at Caprock Canyons State Park.

The Briscoe County Stock Show was held this last Saturday, Jan. 19 at the Vance Price Memorial Building in Valley. Events included Pee Wee Showmanship sponsored by Happy State Bank, gilt and barrow divisions, goat/lamb and heifer/steer divisions. The Buyers' Appreciation Supper was held Monday Jan 21 at the Valley School cafeteria. Also, the 27th Annual Don Burson Memorial Herdsman Award was announced. Large crowds attended.

Joyce King Price recently moved into her mother's home (Ruby King's, who is Lockney Care Center) and has done an outstanding job of redecorating the entire home! It is simply lovely! Another home on my "must see" list is the abode of Ronnie and Jana Carpenter which people are raving about!

Former resident, Mike Baird sends word that his brother, Tommy of Waldron, Arkansas is very ill and on Hospice Care in his home there. His wife, Glendell Morrison Baird is at his side as is one of his sons.

Jill Johnson and her companion, Robin visited with Henryetta Finney Price and son, Bob briefly Saturday. She was in good spirits and according to Librarian, Aleta Netherland Sperry, is reading again! I think we have just discovered the secret to Henryetta's intelligence!

Last Saturday, Buck Chadwick was driving his small tractor out by the old Browning place. Somewhere along the way a small chain was lost. He'd appreciate its recovery, if anyone finds it!

With any big construction project there are always some dangers. Sadly, one of the trucks involved in the new Super Highline project turned over in our area and the driver was killed. The local funeral home in Quitaque handled part of the arrangements. He was from out of state.

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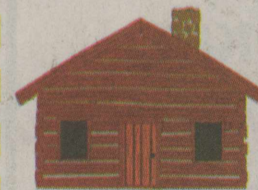
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