



## Survey Work Nearing Completion On Pecan Bayou Flood Control

Preliminary exploration and investigation of the flood control plan on the Pecan Bayou water control project being planned by the Central Colorado Soil Conservation District is nearing completion and reports and recommendations will soon be forthcoming, it was reported this week.

Core drilling for the preliminary information on the Upper Pecan Bayou Watershed work plan is being carried on by the Soil Conservation Service with Ray C. Cunningham, Geologist, in charge of the preliminary investigation studies. Coring of potential floodwater retarding structure sites is a part of the assistance provided by the Soil Conservation Service to Sponsoring Local Organizations in development of watershed programs.

Core testing and drilling at various depths along center line and borrow area of proposed floodwater retarding structures is necessary to evaluate the thickness of rock strata and availability of building material. Preliminary investigation of building material has been found necessary because of anhydrite mineral and must be evaluated for safe construction, according to Cunningham.

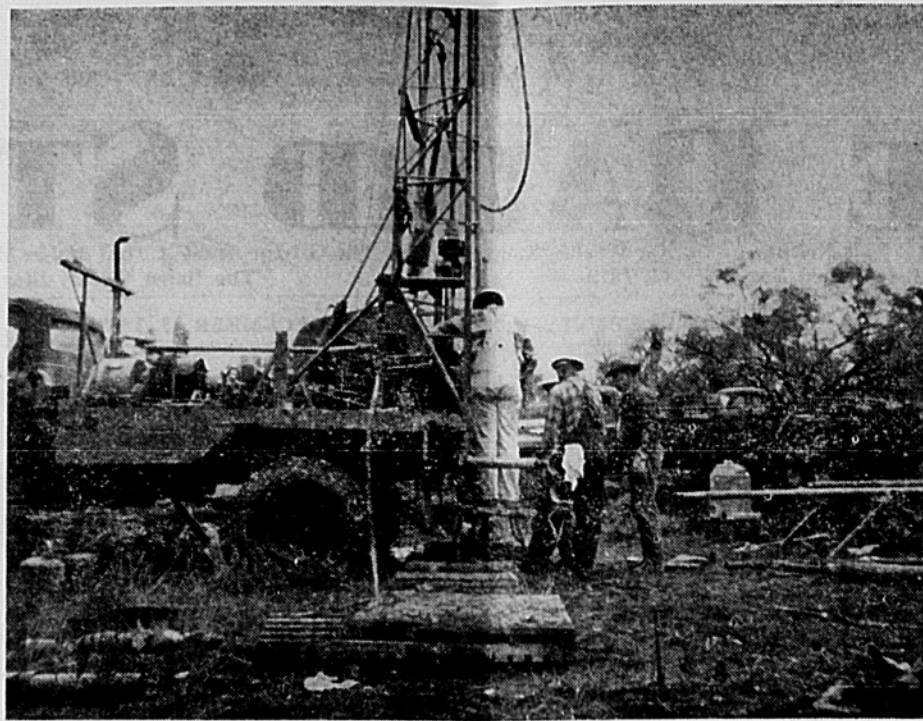
Personnel of the Soil Conservation Service Core Drill rig are temporarily headquartered at Baird. Dan R. Day is the Driller in charge of the crew of approximately seven men who operate

the core drill unit. Assistance is being provided through the Baird Work Unit of the Soil Conservation Service which is assisting the Central Colorado Soil Conservation District in developing the work plan, according to D. C. Cox, Work Unit Conservationist. It is estimated that approximately 75 per cent of the preliminary core drilling has been done on the Upper Pecan Bayou Watershed Work Plan and should be completed within the next few months, according to Mr. Cox.

## Lone Star Gas To Lower Rates On Gas Cooling

A reduction in natural gas industrial summer cooling rates available to Lone Star Gas Company's industrial accounts in Texas has been announced by L. T. Potter, President. He said the reduced rates will make natural gas for cooling available to smaller industrial consumers at approximately the same price as large consumers have been paying.

"The Company's policy of continued study of all areas of operation resulted in a recently completed analysis that projected potential additional earnings through increased use of gas air



Pictured above is the SCS Falling Core Drilling Rig in operation on the Upper Pecan Bayou Watershed project located south and west of the Baird-Clyde area. The drilling rig is being operated by Dan R. Day, the driller. Assisting him are Oliver Moore, E. S. Mauldin and Victor Reynolds. Water and service trucks are adjacent to the slush pits and pipe racks. The rig is designed to drill to at least 1,500 feet into hard or soft formations.

conditioning," Mr. Potter said. "The rate reduction was made because the study showed great potentials in the sale of gas under industrial rate schedules for cooling apartment houses, hotels, motels, dormitories and other large buildings used for living quarters, office building, nursing homes and hospitals, and other structures qualifying for such rates. Although use of gas by these customers for cooling has been available at spec-

ial industrial rates, the new rate reductions will be substantial and make the operating cost of gas air conditioning equipment even more economical. Public schools will also get a considerable reduction for summer cooling gas costs. Lone Star believes all school buildings eventually will be cooled as well as heated." Lone Star has adequate facilities to provide natural gas for cooling in summer, Mr. Potter said. He explained that, before the advent of gas cooling, the large pipeline capacity needed to meet the heavy demand for gas during the winter months was not fully used in summer. As the demand for natural gas has accelerated with increased summer air conditioning, more of the available pipeline capacity has been used, he added.

"As we keep our operating costs down so that maximum efficiency and economy are attained, increased gas sales will benefit all customers, including residential," Mr. Potter said. "With greater availability of gas air conditioning equipment from leading manufacturers, the considerable and continuing improvement in such equipment, and this rate reduction for industrial air conditioning customers, increased sales volumes are anticipated."

Local Manager, R. W. McKennon, said the new summer cooling rate will be effective in Baird on March 1, 1964 and was announced at this time by Lone Star so that customers planning to install gas air conditioning for use next summer can estimate future operating costs now.

### QUICKIE LESSONS IN GRAMMAR

By Lloyd D. Huff

A question signed "km" asks what is the rule for indicating the titles of newspapers, books, and poems.

A general rule, helpful at this point, is that larger portions of literature are underlined (italicized) and that section or di-

visions of those larger portions will appear in quotation marks. Now applying this rule, the titles of those books are underlined, but the name of chapter or sub-division in that book will be in quotation marks. The title of a newspaper is underlined (by the way, the name of the city or town is not underlined, just the actual name of the paper); the rule for poems is a little indefinite since the length of the poem apparently enters into our decision. For example, a long book-length poem like Browning's "Ring and the Book" would be underlined, but a shorter poem like Tennyson's "Crossing the Bar" would appear in quotation marks. Magazine titles will also be underlined, but a page or division or story in the magazine will be referred to in quotation marks. The title of a collection of essays will be underlined, but one of the essays in that collection will be referred to in quotation marks. A research paper or term theme, since it is not published, will be referred to with quotation marks around the title although the quotation marks will not appear around the title on the paper itself. The name of a play will be underlined; and I suppose going on the logic that so many motion pictures are based on books, the titles of picture shows should be underlined.

Maybe we can agree, km, that in general a large unit will be underlined (italicized), and any portion of that unit will be referred to in quotation marks.

If you have questions to ask or information to add, please write Lloyd D. Huff at McMurry College or in care of this newspaper.

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## McELROY'S - Baird

**A.S.C.S. News . . .**

The ASCS office in Callahan County is now accepting applications and certifications for the purchase of grain sorghums under the Emergency Livestock Feed Program. Eligible producers may purchase grain sorghum for eligible livestock at reduced rates, based on the type of livestock owned.

In general, eligible livestock means beef and dairy cattle, sheep, goats and swine; owned by the applicant at least six months and located in the emergency area on the date of designation, it was reported.

Grain will be available in two different amounts, depending on the classification of your livestock. Ten pounds per day per animal unit for certain livestock on full grain ration and five pounds per day per animal on others. The majority of live-

stock in this county will be classified for the five pounds per day ration. Also, two different sales prices will apply, again depending on the classification of your livestock. Based on number two or better grain sorghums they will be \$1.51 and \$2.02 per hundred weight.

All applicants will be required to sign a statement of need before the application can be submitted to the county committee for approval.

Prior to making an application, it is requested that owners prepare an inventory of your livestock such as the number of cows, ewes, nannies, sows, and their offspring, replacements and all other livestock on hand to help in preparation of the request.

Even though this county has been designated as an emergency area, permission to graze or harvest hay on Conservation Reserve (Soil Bank) acres or harvest hay from feed grain and wheat stabilization acreage must be secured from the county committee prior to use of this acreage.

A charge of not less than \$1.25 per acre per month must be agreed to and paid prior to grazing Soil Bank acreage. For haying designated acreage under any of the above programs, prior approval must be secured and a charge of not less than \$5.50 per acre paid. At the present time the final date that can be approved for grazing designated acreage is December 31, 1963. This date may or may not be extended.

Mr. and Mrs. Murry Brown Rutherford of Eula are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary with a reception and open house at their home Dec. 22 from 2 to 5 p. m. All friends and relatives are invited to come.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Huff of Cross Plains were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Simmons Monday afternoon.

**The Belle Plaine Story**

By Jean Williams

**CHAPTER V**

In December, following the election, Nelson M. Smith, and wife Eliza Smith, conveyed a three fourths interest in their title "To Callahan County, and To John D. Merchant, William H. Parvin and Claybourne W. Merchant", enabling the Commissioners Court to authorize the sale of the town lots in the now legalized county seat.

John Merchant acted as Commissioner for the county and William Parvin was Agent for the Court. J. E. Thomas who was the only practicing attorney in the county when it was organized, acted for the individual title holder while Mr. Parvin as agent for the Court, wrote most of the deeds which were filed.

John Carlile purchased the first lot in the townsite on Antelope Street in the residential section of the town. James P. Flores, John W. Fields, Nathan P. Rice, James Hart, Charlotte Parvin, Rufus R. Brown, Henry H. Allen, Hezekiah H. Hutchinson, Thomas J. Austin, J. E. M. Hedley, W. J. Westmoreland, Thomas Russell, C. W. Merchant, William Parvin, Nelson M. Smith headed the list of the many who bought lots on the beautiful plain which had become the county seat.

Tom Russell was busy getting rock hauled in to start construction of more buildings on the town square adjoining the "Court House" as it had become known since the Commissioners Court had leased the second store of the Merchant McCoy Store on December 10th 1877, as the large room could be easily divided into offices and a court room at little expense to the county.

John Merchant and Judge J. R. Brown were designated to superintend the construction of partitions for the court house at the January meeting of the Commissioners Court, also after much discussion were duly appointed to survey and locate the site of the privy. The Court approved S. L. French to handle the construction which was to start immediately. Six dollars was allowed for the purchase of twenty-four spittons and a lock for the court room door, benches and tables were ordered "constructed" then payment of seventeen dollars and forty-five cents was ordered to take care of freight charges on the first set of county record books which had arrived from Fort Worth. The Oddfellows were granted the use of the court room for their monthly meetings, the session

concluded for the day after John Merchant was given authority to make, execute and write deeds of lots in the town of Belle Plaine.

The next day when the Commissioners reconvened, they appointed five men as "viewers" for the county roads. These men were selected from the different precincts of the county to inspect their area for possible road locations and submit their recommendations and petitions signed by the residents in their precincts for these roads at the February session of the court.

The County Road Law, put into effect at this time, stated that road overseers would be appointed by the Court for the five precincts of the County. These overseers would be responsible for recruiting all the able bodied men between the ages of eighteen and forty-five within their precinct who would be required to give five days labor on the roads with their designated precinct or would be subject to fine and placed under armed guard while doing their time on the road crew.

A fine was to be levied on any of the Commissioners of the court who failed to make appearance at the monthly meetings unless good and substantial reason could be given for their non-appearance.

All professional men, doctors and lawyers had to apply for permits before beginning practice in the county. Gambling was prohibited, no liquor could be sold without a license, or could any peddler of merchandise, books, etc., make sales in the county without first obtaining a permit for same. Butchering reports had to be filed with the court on any cattle sold for that purpose, the brand on the animal, as well as the marks, color, age and "sect", seller, buyer and the date were deemed necessary data to protect both parties in the transaction.

The Commissioners concluded on the third day of their session that the rollicking rowdiness which was beginning to flourish in the town might be more easily curbed by Sheriff Tom Norrell if he had the authority of the Governor to back him up in the performance of his duty.

Isaac Shaw was authorized by "Order Fourth" to write a letter to the Governor asking for a

proclamation stating "that the Governor of the State of Texas be requested to issue his proclamation that the county is in no danger of incursions from hostile Indians, and no necessity exists for the bearing of pistols and Bowie knives".

After the Governor "obliged", the proclamation could be posted, the Commissioners would then be able to pass a law against the carrying of firearms and Bowie knives in Belle Plaine, then Sheriff Norrell would be duly authorized by state and county to arrest any of the boys who got out of hand and decided to shoot up the town or "commit assault with a deadly weapon."

Three pair of shackles were ordered from W. L. Henry the blacksmith, whose golden earrings reflected the sparks from his forge as he fashioned horse-shoes, plowshares and the like for the citizenry.

The sheriff would put the shackles to good use since no building was available in the town to be used as a temporary jail, the miscreants taken into custody were placed under guard of a deputy. In some cases, householders were "deputized" to guard the prisoners and reimbursed by the county for their room and board. Those guilty of misdemeanors would usually stay in Belle Plaine while awaiting trial, felons would go under guard to the jail in Shackelford county to be incarcerated while waiting their turn in court.

Sometimes friendship between "deputy" and prisoner would result in the deputy being fined for allowing his charge to escape. If the lawbreaker was being held in custody for a minor infraction of the law, such as "unlawful display of firearms" or drunkenness, well, it was worth a fine to oblige a friend, since such a thing could happen to any one in those days, but such a display of informality is not recorded against any of the temporary minions of the

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law, even for friendship's sake, when the culprit in their custody had committed a felony.

The Sheriff was a kind and friendly man, but could assume the full authority of his badge when some one stepped out of line. Though he lost his right hand in the Battle of Atlanta, his left more than sufficed when he apprehended some ruffian who had broken the law. Culprits would find him right behind them while those in need or destitute would find no bounds to his generosity.

Little cash was on hand in the Treasurer's office, since the allotment to Eastland county had taken most of the tax money collected, but the sale of lots in Belle Plaine, the issuance of permits to business, professional men and traveling peddlers who were beginning to come to the county, as well as fines that were being collected were beginning to add up and soon the Commissioners would be able to authorize less use of Callahan County Script and pay their bills in cash.

The January meeting of the Commissioners Court ended with much having been accomplished for the good of the county, leaving Isaac Shaw and his deputy, J. E. M. Hedley much to transcribe in their new record books.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Sparks and Jimmy of Midland visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. McElroy over the week end.

**Ronnie Elliott Winds Up Basic Training**  
SAN DIEGO, CALIF. (FHTNC) — Ronnie Elliott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace E. Elliott of 219 Vine St., Baird, Tex., completed basic training Nov. 22, at the Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif.

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# NEWS OF MORAN

## HONOR ROLL

The following is the honor roll for the second six weeks of school at Moran:

1st grade - A, Bobby Tubbs, James Garrett and Tianay Boyd; B, Roger Rexroat, Helen Cook and Cindy Crews.

2nd grade - A, Rosie Ochoa, Connie Benda, Necla Green, Ellen Parrish, and Connie Moore; B, Charles Chancellor, Mike Moore and Stevie Miller.

3rd grade - A, Donna Dennis, Roger Tonne and Janelle Smith; B, Kathy Hagar and Debra Moore.

4th grade - A, Amy Moore; B, Kay Tubbs, Alice Parrish, Donnie Robinson, Debbie Stovall and Mary Anna Garrett.

5th grade - A, Pamela John-

son, Annell Miller, Delnita Garrett and Randy Hudson; B, Sammy Snyder, Morris D. Snyder and Grant Robinson.

6th grade - A, None; B, Ann Fite and Bert Jones.

7th grade - A, Kathy Miller, Tommy Boyd, Debbie Hudson, Babley Tonne, Charlene Hagermann, Lynda Moore and Jim Cottle; B, Glinda Weir.

8th grade - A, Troy Lee Hatcher, Jerry Cottle, Kenneth Tubbs and Lynda Jones; B, Larry Woolsey.

9th grade - A, Wesley Odell and Darlene Robinson; B, Nancy Fuller.

10th grade - A, Mike Hudson and Donna Fuller; B, Danny Stovall, Joan Martin, Marsha Rexroat and Judy Cottle.

11th grade - A, David Bills and Dixie Dennis; B, Harold McKelvaln and Glinda McLemore.

12th grade - A, Sarah Stapp; B, Tommy Edgar, Janie Midkiff, Charles Tubbs and Annie Jo Wiloth.

## THE AMITY CLUB

Mmes. Lynn Williams and Morris Snyder hosted the Amity Club in the Williams home, Dec. 3, 1963.

Mrs. Morris Snyder, president, presided over the business meeting, with Mrs. Oscar Wise acting as Secretary Pro-tem in the absence of Mrs. Floyd C. Pool, Secretary.

Mrs. Wiley Williams announced that a box would be sent to the Veterans Hospital in Big Spring the following day.

Cards of thanks were read from the Pool family, also from Mrs. Albert Thompson for flowers.

The Club voted to buy a \$5.00

Christmas Seal Bond to Texas Tuberculosis Association.

Mrs. Alton Burton, Treasurer, reported that dues and subscriptions to the Texas Club Woman had been paid, also, a donation to the Musical Penny and Penny Art funds had been sent.

Mrs. Pearl Roach, Federation Counselor, conducted a Parliamentary Avery.

Mrs. Morris Snyder, announced the following program, "A Parade of People through Youth. Roll call was "Summer Projects for School Children". Topics assigned to Mrs. Warlick Jones and Mrs. Floyd Hamilton were "What's In Your Child's Cultural Future" and "The Free Child's Personality". After dismissal prayer by Mrs. Oscar Wise, the club adjourned for the social hour.

Those present were: Mrs. Emma Cottle, guest, and members, Mmes. C. S. Barrow, Alton Burton, Glen Cottle, Richard Dress-

er, Floyd Hamilton, Robert Hunt, Warlick Jones, E. O. Kinnison, J. D. Meredith, Pearl Roach, Garland Shelton, Morris Snyder, Ralph Snyder, J. M. Townsend, Lynn Williams, Wiley Williams, Fred Wylie and Oscar Wise.

## PIANO RECITAL

On Monday night, Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the First Baptist Church in Moran, Mrs. Garland Shelton will present her piano and organ students in a recital.

The students who will play are Necla Ann Green, Amy Moore, Donna Dennis, Cindy Crews, Patti Phippen, Robbie Baughman, Jim Cottle, Cynthia Hagar, Connie Moore, Kathy Miller, Delnita Garrett, Marle Young, Connie Benda, Glinda McLemore, Jerry Cottle, Jr., Debbie Hudson, Lynda Jones, Ann Fite, Wesley Odell, Marsha Rexroat and Sheila Brewster.

The public is invited.

## EASTERN STAR LODGE

Mrs. Mattie Henry, Deputy Grand Matron, District 3, Section 4, Order of the Eastern Star, Grand Chapter of Texas, made her official visit to Moran Chapter, No. 591, at the regular meeting of the chapter, Monday night, Dec. 9. Mrs. Henry brought greetings and instructions from the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Greathouse.

Mrs. L. B. Jones, Worthy Matron, presided over the meeting.

Mrs. J. B. Easterling of Clyde, Chapter 308, was guest. Mrs. Henry is a member of the Clyde Chapter.

After the meeting the members adjourned to the Moran Community Building, where they enjoyed a Christmas Program, singing Christmas Carols and exchanged gifts.

Home made candy, nuts, and hot tea were served from a table decorated in the Christmas theme.

## MORAN LUNCHEON CLUB

Mrs. Floyd Bills and her group served a delicious steak dinner to 68 members and guests of the Moran Luncheon Club, last Wednesday, Dec. 4.

Guests were Mrs. Allie Rutledge of Rialto, California and Mrs. Oscar Rosson of Sweetwater.

Karen Dennis, Wilda Brewster, Betsy Rose, Carolyn Riley and Martha Chism of Albany sang several beautiful songs.

Wiley Williams, Oscar Wise and Garland Shelton were appointed as a Nominating Committee to submit names for officers for the coming year and report at the next meeting.

Dec. 11, Mrs. Tim Hamilton and her group were the hostesses for the luncheon.

This was the last meeting of the Luncheon until Wednesday, January 8, 1964, at which time the luncheon will be served each Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Williams and baby spent the week end in Irving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Burns.

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Brooks were Mr. and Mrs. Oran Scholl of Buhl, Idaho, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Spaulding, and Mr. and Mrs. Troy Ritchey, Linda and Janice of Ft. Worth, and Mrs. Roy Rogers of Springtown.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Gore of Brownwood spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Weir.

Bart Snyder spent the week end in Killeen with his sister, Mrs. Jessie Morris and with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mashburn and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Mashburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Harper, Jr. and children of Abilene visited with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Harper, Sr., and Mrs. A. T. Crews, Sunday.

Mrs. Ross Don Odell of Abilene spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Midkiff.

Danny Rexroat of Tarleton College spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvie Rexroat.

Raymond R. York of Venezuela visited with his uncle, E. M. Raymond, last Tuesday and Wednesday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Taggart of Irving spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Burton. Tammi Taggart returned home with her parents after visiting with her grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Simmons and daughter of Lovington, N. M., spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Simmons and Mr. and Mrs. Barnie Midkiff.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Morris spent Friday in Bedford with their son, Pete Morris, and family. Mrs. Morris remained for a longer visit and to get acquainted with her new grandson.

Mr. and Mrs. David Raymond and baby of Bryan spent the holidays with their parents, Mrs. F. R. Raymond and Mr. and Mrs. Rueben Coats.

Mrs. S. W. Strain and children of May visited with friends in Moran Friday.

Cindy Davis and Scott Cain of Abilene spent last week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Cain.

Mr. and Mrs. Spoon of Cisco and James Harold Smith of Abilene were recent visitors with Mrs. John Pritchard.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Chaney, Jerry and Gayle and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Douglas Chaney of Bangs spent Thanksgiving Day with their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Chaney.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Hammons and Linda of Jefferson spent the holidays with their parents, Mrs. John Rice and Urie Hammons and other relatives in Moran.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest McKelvaln of Bloomington spent the week end with his brother, Kay McKelvaln, and family.

Robert Charles Green of Texas University spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ford Green.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Allen visited with their son, Billy Allen, and family in Fort Worth during the holidays and attended the TCU and SMU Football game.

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# NEWS ITEMS FROM PUTNAM

## FIRST & SECOND GRADES

Tana and Sheri Price spent Friday night with their grandmother Grace in Baird.

Tim Ferguson went with his father to the Plains to get some hay. He told our class some interesting things he saw on this trip. He also visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ivey in Baird.

Jerry Foster told our class that they have a new TV that they are really enjoying.

We are working words we use with the Christmas season as an extra unit in spelling.

In our art we are working at decorating Christmas stockings made by our room mothers.

## COMMUNITY CLUB

Putnam Community Club will meet December 19, 1963 in the Putnam school auditorium.

Mrs. Travis Chapman, the president, urges all the community to try and come to this meeting.

One project for the year is painting the auditorium. Several have donated paint and labor for this project.

Supt. R. W. Reynolds the program chairman announced that a Christmas program will be presented by the students of Putnam elementary and high school.

After the business session and program refreshments will be served by Mrs. R. B. Cunningham, Mrs. F. P. Shackelford, Mrs. Vernon Donaway and Mrs. Bill Feely.

## PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Buford Allen of Merkel were Saturday visitors with her mother, Mrs. L. B. Moore and daughter, Eva.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Varner and family of Clyde were Sunday visitors with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee White.

Doris Lee Donaway spent the week end with his grandparents,

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Speegle, near Gorman.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Shackelford Jr., attended a funeral of a friend in Seymour Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Higgs of Nugent were Sunday guests of their daughter, Mrs. R. W. Reynolds, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Taylor and son, Gary, of Weatherford were week end visitors with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Blakely of Eula, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Taylor shopped in Abilene Saturday.

Mrs. Naomi Heyser spent most of last week at her home south of Putnam.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Clinton spent Sunday in Knox City visiting her father, Mr. E. L. Park and Mrs. Neil Logan and family.

Mrs. Wilkerson of Cisco visited Mrs. Leta Graham Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Val White, who is moving from California to Merkel spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. John D. Isenhower.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Taylor spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Morgan and family in Cross Plains.

Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Pfeil and family of Tyler spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Hamric.

## Union Usuals And Unusuals

By Veda Yarbrough

My neighbor, is the wind blowing over your way? Sure is blowing here, like a storm. Been cold too, we had a sand storm Saturday and Sunday. The weather man said it might rain by Tuesday night, this is Monday night. Burette and Johnny May Ramsey just got in from church, was youth night in Putnam Baptist Church. We had some fifty some odd, we really enjoyed their program.

Mark and Ollie Burnam and Burette and Johnny May Ramsey and attended the funeral of Mrs. Ezell Mitchell in Baird Monday afternoon. Mrs. Mitchell was the aunt of the Pruet boys and Mrs. Lillie Eubank, and

Reba Francisco. Our deepest sympathy to her family.

Linda Hughes and Johnny May Ramsey visited a while Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Joe Hurley also visited with Mrs. Grady Pruet a while.

I visited Friday and Saturday in Cisco with Fay and Emmitt Wood, they both had a bout with a bad cold and sore throat, both are able to work.

We saw the Santa Claus parade Saturday in Cisco, was good.

Visited a while last Wednesday afternoon with D. A. Yarbrough. I had bought some little rope to bottom a chair for him so he and I got it bottomed, wasn't too good a job, but it will hold you up so guess that is the main thing. Put a cushion in the chair so it was just fine.

You who missed going to Putnam High School last Thursday night to see and hear Pop Whitaker and his string band perform, really missed something, I thought they were real good just wish there had been more out to hear them, we thank Mr. Whitaker and his band and singers for coming over.

Can't think of any thing to write so be good so Santa will come to see you. Hope to see you next week. Cloudy this Tuesday morning but not raining yet.

## IT'S THE LAW In Texas . . .

### TRIBAL LAW

American Indians are the only 100 per cent native Americans. Indian matters come under Federal law and the terms of some 3,900 Indian treaties which are also the law of the land.

Thus long ago Rev. Samuel Worcester, preaching to the Cherokees, refused to take out a license, and to swear allegiance to the State of Georgia. When Georgia jailed him for not taking a loyalty oath, the U. S. Supreme Court freed him: The Court would allow no state to interfere in United States Indian affairs which our treaties governed.

In 1834 Congress set up the Bureau of Indian Affairs to make and carry out rules made under these treaties.

Until the Civil War, the Federal government regarded Indians as wards and dependent nations — foreign nations, yet under U. S. control. In 1871, however, Congress declared that Indian nations were no longer independent. Indians still ran their own affairs for the most part, as illustrated in a case titled "In Re Crow Dog".

In 1883 Crow Dog killed another Sioux for stealing a friend's wife. Crow Dog made amends under tribal law, and the tribe closed his case. Soon afterwards federal officers sought to try him for murder. Such cases did come under tribal law and this one had been settled.

Shortly afterward Congress gave Federal courts jurisdiction over most criminal cases on Indian territories. Accordingly, just the other day, the U. S. Supreme Court invalidated the conviction of a California Indian for murder. He must face trial in a Federal court instead.

Indian tribal courts still try some criminal cases; and within the tribes, tribal law still holds. For example, they can tax and license traders on reservations.

Recently, a tribal adoption ceremony was confirmed even though it took place off the reservation. In another case the Federal courts recognized a tribal divorce by mere voluntary separation.

The land, which included the McBride place and the Franklin place, sold recently, and it was necessary for Harry Irby to move. Harry moved to what is known in our community as the Leon Dickson place.

Four year old Carol Hudson of Abilene was visiting the first of this week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Zack McIntyre.

Oh, yes, I heard that congratulations are in order as Mike Odom and Joan Windham repeated their marriage vows last Saturday night. Joan is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Windham and Mike is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Blain Odom of Baird route.

Everyone is invited to attend a Christmas tree at the Baptist Church next Sunday night, Dec. 15. There will be a short unrehearsed program before the exchange of gifts from the tree.

Something tells me that this will be a happy Christmas for Leon and Sue Barr, as they have moved into their new home at Clyde last week.

I stuck my head out the door early Tuesday morning and discovered a little drizzle was falling. Boy, oh, boy that is what we like to see around Oplin!

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Park and Kimberly were visiting Mrs. Frank Cunningham Sunday.

# The Churches of Baird and Clyde Welcome You

- BAIRD**
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Bob Eklund, Pastor
- Sunday:  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 10:55 a.m.  
Training Union ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday:  
Prayer Meeting ..... 7:30 p.m.
- FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Walter G. White, Pastor
- Sunday:  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
MYF ..... 5:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday:  
Choir Practice Wed. 7:30 p.m.
- CHURCH OF CHRIST**
- Sunday:  
Bible Study ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 10:45 a.m.  
Training Classes ..... 5:15 p.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday:  
Ladies Class ..... 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday:  
Mid-Week Service ..... 7:00 p.m.
- CHURCH OF GOD**  
Rev. Ben Killingsworth
- Sunday:  
Bible School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday:  
Prayer Meeting ..... 7:30 p.m.
- SPANISH BAPTIST MISSION**  
Rev. Leonard Gallegos, Pastor
- Sunday:  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Training Union ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday:  
Prayer Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m.



- METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
Rev. Frank Waggoner, Pastor
- Sunday:  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
- ST. JOACHIM'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
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- Sunday:  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Mass ..... 8:30 a.m.

- CLYDE**
- CLYDE CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Owen Cosgrove, Minister
- Sunday:  
Bible Study ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 10:50 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday:  
Ladies Bible Class ..... 10 a.m.  
Mid-Week Service ..... 7:30 p.m.
- CLYDE METHODIST CHURCH**  
Merriell Abbott, Pastor
- Sunday:  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Junior Fellowship ..... 6:15 p.m.  
MYF ..... 6:15 p.m.  
Worship Service ..... 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday:  
Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.
- CLYDE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Harold Watson, Pastor
- Sunday:  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Training Union ..... 6:30 p.m.  
Worship Service ..... 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday:  
Prayer Service ..... 7:30 p.m.
- Cherry Heights Baptist Church**  
Rev. Ronnie Bostick, Pastor
- SUNDAY:  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 7:30 p.m.
- Clyde Missionary Baptist Church**
- SUNDAY:  
Sunday School ..... 10 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 11 a.m.  
Training Union ..... 6 p.m.  
Worship Service ..... 7 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY:  
Prayer Meeting ..... 7:30 p.m.
- Four Square Gospel Church**  
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# History Of Camp Pecan, Located Near Baird In Civil War, Given

After the beginning of hostilities in the Civil War, the Confederate Government professed great concern over the protection of the Indian frontier in Texas and on the same day that Lincoln was inaugurated, L. P. Walker, Confederate Secretary of War, directed Ben McCulloch to raise a regiment of ten companies of frontier guards for the protection of the West Texas frontier. Colonel H. E. McCulloch accepted the commission and mustered the troops already under his command into the Confederate service and set about raising five additional companies and the major portion of the frontier defense was furnished by these units, the

brunt of which fell upon the "Texas Frontier Regiment", as it was officially known. On January 29, 1862, Colonel James M. Norris was appointed by Governor Lubbock to command the regiment and while the companies were being enlisted Lieutenant Colonel Obenchain and Major J. E. McCord were ordered to make a tour of inspection for the purpose of selecting the sites for a line of posts. On March 17, he stationed one-half of Captain Cureton's company at a point where the Gainesville and Fort Belknap road crossed the west prong of the Trinity River in Archer County. On the 21st the other half of the company was

stationed at Fort Belknap, near Fort Belknap in Young County. Soon after he placed one-half of the company under Captain John Salmon in Stephens county near the present town of Breckenridge in Stephens county. For the other half under Captain T. N. Collier a site was selected and designated Camp Pecan. This camp was located on the Pecan Bayou a few miles south-west of the Caddo Peaks in Callahan County. The exact location of this camp was at a point where the military road from Camp Cooper to Camp Colorado crossed the Bayou, the site being in the south-eastern part of Callahan County. This was the first line of defense to be established after the Federal troops had been withdrawn from the West Texas frontier just one year before. On the whole, the work of the "Frontier Regiment" was effective and only a very few depredations by the Indians were reported during the two years it was maintained for the protection of the West Texas frontier. It has been recorded that life in the regiment was hard, especially during the first few months of its organization. The men were not properly armed, each man being required to furnish his own weapons. They were poorly mounted and in most cases the horses were only grass fed. Much sickness prevailed and at one time measles broke out and spread through all the companies. This was in April and May of 1862. The men usually had no shelter and were without medical and surgical aid and in many cases were without cooking utensils. Subsistence for the men and forage for the horses had to be gotten anywhere it could be found. Later the men fared better as some tents were provided and also during the summer some rude huts were constructed. In speaking of the deficiencies, Colonel Norris stated: "At this time we could not make a successful defense if attacked by the Indians for want of ammunition, the principal lack being caps and lead. Although a great part of the powder sent to us would not kill a man ten steps from the muzzle of the gun loaded with all the powder that could be forced in the cylinder." The Indians were quick to discover the weakness of the line of camps and began to make numerous raids and with greater boldness. It also fell upon the "Frontier Regiment" to protect the Ledbetter Salt Works in the southwestern part of Shackelford County not far from the Callahan County line. An abundance of salt was manufactured from the saline waters of the south-prong of Hubbard creek. In the last years of the Civil War another duty was assigned the "Frontier Regiment", that of rounding up the draft dodgers from the eastern part of Texas who fled to West Texas for the purpose of escaping military service. Beginning in the early part of 1864 and continuing until the close of the Civil War, the at-

tion of the regiment was principally directed to jayhawkers and deserters. The surrender of General Kirby Smith on June 2, 1865 ended the Confederate resistance in Texas and following this event, the officers and men of the "Frontier Regiment" were paroled until the proper exchange or release could be made by the Federal authorities.

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**Rowden News**  
By Mrs. B. Crow

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Adair Bobby and Gina of Cross Plains spent the day Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Adair.

Mrs. L. L. Cutbirth and Dub Cutbirth of Clyde, mother and brother of Mrs. B. Crow, spent the day Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. B. Crow.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Thompson of Baird were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Skies.

Mrs. Vonelle Gibbs and Judy and Virginia and Nancy Odom attended the beauty contest at Cross Plains Thursday night.

Virgil Smedley of Big Spring and Dale Gibbs were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Price last week.

Frank Crow of Baird visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Crow Monday night.

Mrs. Gene Mauldin is spending some time with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Brown and girls in Colorado.

Rine Gary of Cross Plains spent Sunday with Judy Gibbs, this being Judy's 14 birthday.

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Mrs. John Adair spent Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. B. Crow.

Mr. and Mrs. Clois Smith, Mark and Cindy of Temple and Frank Beck of Midland spent the Thanksgiving week end in Baird with Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Smith.

**Callahan County Library Receives L. L. Blackburn Book Collection**

The Callahan County Library Decimal Coins," by T. V. Buttery; "The Standard Catalogue of Canadian Coins, Tokens and Paper Money," by J. E. Charlton; "Las Monedas Decimales Mexicanas," by Buttrey; and "A Guide Book of English Coins," by K. E. Bressett.

Also Mr. and Mrs. Paul Washburn have made it possible for the Library to have membership in the Texas Numismatic Association for 1964, and thus to receive the official publication "The TNA News."

Anticipating a demand for information about every phase of the Christmas observance, Mrs. Ryan has prepared an attractive display of Christmas stories, articles, poems and carols. Included also are the holiday issues of many magazines, both religious and secular.

Included in the titles are ten sets of reference books on history, biography, mythology, English literature and American literature. These will be of great value as additional sources of material for thesis preparation.

For the Texas Shelf two titles just received are The Texas Almanac for 1964-1965, and "Rebel in Blue", a novel of the Southwest Frontier 1851-1864, by Herman Toepperwein. The "Yearbook of Agriculture - A Place to Live, was presented by Congressman Omar Burleson; and a biography of Carr P. Collins, "Man on the Move" by Dorothy Neville was given by his son, Carr P. Collins, Jr.

Reports from the librarian, Mrs. Rosa Ryan, indicate increasing interest in numismatics or the study of coins. Mr. A. G. Mire, owner of the Abilene Coin Shop, has given five books to the library: "Handbook of United State Coins" by R. E. Yeoman; "A Guide Book of Mexican

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Mrs. Black, president, called the meeting to order and presided over the business meeting.

Plans were made for the December Birthday Party and a Christmas Party for the residents of the Golden Holiday Nursing Home to be held Dec.

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December 14th, members will entertain their children at 3:00 p.m. with a party followed at 7:30 p.m. with a social for members and their husbands. Both parties to be held in the Odd Fellow Hall.

Mrs. Stanley Harris and Mrs. Dick Vestal presented the program for the day entitled "Our Home".

The delightful atmosphere of the Museum of the City of New York offered a perfect setting for the slides shown of fabrics and model rooms.

Fabrics and model rooms were shown to demonstrate fabrics dating from olden times to modern prints and how they are used in interior decorating.

Mrs. James Herring was hostess for the social hour. She served coffee, cokes and Christmas cookies.

Present for the meeting and social hour other than Mmes.

Black, Harris, Vestal and Herring were Mmes. Todd Newton, Mike Young, R. L. Smedley, Jr., Winn Talley, Kenneth McPherson, Robert Barnhill and Jon Hardwick.

Also present was Mrs. Frank Windham, social director and Mrs. Homer Driskill, sponsor.

### TO PEARL HARBOR

Mr. and Mrs. Don Dix and daughter Cindy left Sunday aboard the SS Mastonia for Hawaii and Pearl Harbor where Mr. Dix will be stationed for three years with the Naval Air Force. Mrs. Dix is the daughter of Mrs. Bruce Brown of Baird. While in Hawaii, Mr. Brown plans to attend the University of Hawaii where he will work on his Masters degree.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Purvis and children, Lindy and Leslie, of Irving spent the week end in Baird with his aunt, Mrs. Elva Smith.

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COTTAGE CHEESE 12 oz. carton 19c

DR. PEPPER

6 Bottle Carton Plus Deposit 29c



GREEN CRISP LETTUCE 2 heads 29c

CELLO CARROTS 2 packages 19c

SWIFT PREMIUM BACON pound package 49c

GOOCH'S BLUE RIBBON WIENERS 12 ounce package 39c

HEY KIDDIES! Don't Miss BORDEN'S ELSIE TRAIN - Will be here Monday at 1 P. M.

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