

ROWDEN NEWS

By MRS. N.V. GIBBS

Dark, cloudy days with light rain still lingers in this area. The country roads have chug holes and washed out places since all the rains. Two maintainers are parked in the area until better conditions for doing road repairs. The stock tanks are all filled with water, and fields are muddy.

Family with Joyce Odom on Christmas Day were Ivon Odom of Stephenville, Ginny and Ralph Trevey and children, David, Scott and Jennifer of Snyder, and Nancy and Charles Palmer and Michael of Clyde.

Claribel Gibbs, along with Opal Steele of Clyde and Lee and Jean Jernigan of Lake Proctor, had Christmas dinner in the Tony Steele home. Tonya Steele was home for the holidays.

James and Dorothy Reynolds had all of their family home for Christmas. Jim and family of Midland, Ellen and son from Azle, and the Tan Flippin family of Ruston, Louisiana. James and Dorothy Reynolds attended the wedding of Al Joye and Virginia Martin in Clyde at the Cherry Heights Baptist Church Friday night.

All of the grandsons of May Bell Odom served as pallbearers for the funeral in Cross Plains Friday morning. Mrs. Odom had been a resident of the Cross Plains nursing home long before her death. Her grandsons were Ivon Odom, Gary Odom, Don Harris, Terry Harris, Jimmy Harris, and Nicky Harris. We extend our sympathy to Lora Fay Holloway, Franzel Odom, and Joyce Odom, widow of Sterling Odom, and all of their families.

Those from the community attending the funeral of May Bell Odom were Marian Scott, Gene and Vernie Belle Mauldin, James and Dorothy Reynolds, and this writer.

Part of Gene and Vernie Belle Mauldin's family were home for the holiday. They were Irene and Willie Masters, Charlotte and Rod Clifton and children, Bryan and Stacy, all of Snyder; also Roland and Faye Mauldin of Denton Valley and sons, Kenneth of Abilene and Douglas of Dallas, who was there earlier in the week.

Emma Johnson and Lizzie Burks' company was Mr. and Mrs. B.J. Anderson of Rising Star. Emma reported her daughter, Pansy, spent the holiday in Cabolla, New Mexico with her brother, W.R. Johnson and family.

Edna Dye served a seafood dinner in her home Christmas Day for her company, a cousin, Glenna Mangino of Albuquerque, New Mexico; Ed and Betty Sayre of Breckenridge; and Frank and Mildred Sayre of Eastland. Later in the day, Bob and Kathy Dye and Tommie and Erlene Dye and son, Douglas of Abilene and Rowden, joined the family.

Gene and Vernie Belle Mauldin attended funeral services for Dorothy Shellnut in Baird Saturday. They also visited with Dorse and Lee Harris in Baird.

Dorothy Watson reported that all their children had spent this week at the family home. Brad and Michal Watson of Arlington, Brock Watson of Duncan, Oklahoma, and Kile Watson of Austin spent the time with Cody, Wyatt, and Robbie. Robert's father, R.G. Watson of Baird, had Christmas dinner with the group.

My New Year's wish for all who read this column each week is that 1992 will be your best year, spiritually and otherwise.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

JANUARY 6 - 10

(Subject to Change)

BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Oatmeal, toast, grape juice, milk.

TUESDAY - Pancake, sausage, orange juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY - Choice of ready to eat cereal, grape juice, milk.

THURSDAY - Bacon, egg, biscuit, jelly, orange juice, milk.

FRIDAY - Cinnamon toast, grape juice, milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY - Fish wedge w/tarter sauce, cheese stick, French fries, black-eyed peas, corn bread, pineapple chunks, milk.

TUESDAY - Tacos, salad, corn, Jello, milk.

WEDNESDAY - Steak fingers w/gravy, creamed potatoes, garden peas, rolls, peaches, milk.

THURSDAY - Enchilada casserole, green beans, crackers, pear halves, milk.

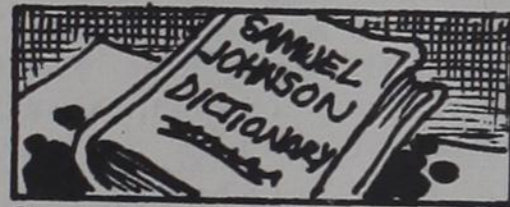
FRIDAY - Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, cookie, French fries, milk.

Political Calendar

The Cross Plains Review is authorized to publish the following political announcements for the Callahan County office filings in the upcoming Democratic primary election set for Tuesday, March 10, 1991

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Letters TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

This letter is written on behalf of the Sabanno Cemetery Association in response to a recent letter to the editor from Evelyn Coker of Cisco.

1. The Sabanno Cemetery Association has been in existence since September 18, 1920, when the land for the cemetery was deeded to J.S. Erwin, J.L. Brown and T.N. Minix as Trustees for the Sabanno Cemetery Association. There are currently six members of the board, although our meetings have usually been attended by 20 to 35 people.

2. The Association was reorganized on November 4, 1989, due to the deaths and resignations of long-time trustees. The date, place and time of the meeting was published in area newspapers. The 30 to 35 persons present elected the current six officers of the Association and established bylaws and regulations of the Association. At this meeting, by unanimous vote, the members of the Association agreed that there would be no more curbing of any type, gravel or any covering on graves in the cemetery after that date. It was the feeling of the persons present that this would facilitate and ease keeping of the graves in the cemetery and is virtually identical to rules and regulations that have been passed by other cemetery associations in this area. All of the people present at that meeting were in favor of the imposition of these new rules.

3. At the next meeting of the Association on September 25, 1990, Evelyn Coker was in attendance and participated in the business of the Association. At this meeting, the minutes of the previous meeting on November 4, 1989, were read and approved, as well as the bylaws setting up the new restrictions. No objection to the new rules was made by anyone in attendance, and they were approved unanimously.

4. In May, 1991, two of the directors and officers were informed that bricks were stacked at the gravesite of L.J. Coker. Evelyn Coker was called and reminded that there is a bylaw against curbing in the cemetery. Mrs. Coker acknowledged that she was aware of the restrictions and asked that her daughter be contacted. Her daughter, Linda Strickland, was notified, and she also confirmed that she was aware of the bylaw against curbing and putting gravel on graves. Mrs. Coker and Ms. Strickland were asked to delay doing anything further until the next meeting of the Association, which had already been called at that time. They were advised that they would have the opportunity to present a proposal requesting a waiver of the bylaws against curbing. Linda Strickland assured us that they would be in attendance since the meeting was only about ten days away. Instead, the curbing was installed prior to the meeting and neither Linda Strickland nor Evelyn Coker came to the subsequent meeting of the Association, nor were any of the officers or directors of the Association contacted further. The installation of the curbing and gravel on the grave was done approximately one and one-half years after the bylaw was passed.

5. At the meeting of the Association, the members present voted unanimously to uphold the bylaws that were in effect. Certified letters were sent to both Evelyn Coker and Linda Strickland. Both letters were returned unclaimed.

6. We were advised by legal counsel that the officers and directors of the Association have the right to set reasonable rules and regulations governing the use of the property which belongs to the Association.

7. In December, 1991, letters were sent by regular mail to both Evelyn Coker and Linda Strickland requesting that the curbing and gravel be removed from the grave and stating that the Association would remove it unless it was removed by December 23rd.

8. A letter of response was received from Evelyn Coker dated December 10, 1991, advising the officers and directors that, should they remove the curbing and gravel, she, Evelyn Coker, would file criminal mischief charges against the officers and directors.

9. Never has any attempt been made to acquire the removal of the body of L.J. Coker nor removal of anything else from the grave of L.J. Coker except for the curbing and the gravel.

10. The Sabanno Cemetery Association has plans to erect markers on the graves of some of the unknown persons at the cemetery, as well as straighten the monuments in the cemetery. It is planned to do this all at the same time.

11. The cemetery was mowed six times this past year. The problem with grass burrs in 1990 was due to a restriction on use of herbicides on the cemetery property. At the meeting on September 25, 1990, this bylaw was

amended to allow the use of herbicides to control grass burrs.

12. At the September 25, 1990 meeting, there was discussion of the installation of a flag pole, and it was the consensus of those present that they did not wish to do that.

13. It is our intention only to operate the Sabanno Cemetery in such a manner so that it will benefit the needs and best interests of all concerned. In order to do that, we feel that it is necessary to establish certain rules and regulations, by a majority vote, and once enacted, to enforce those regulations to the best of our ability. The regulations imposed are reasonable and appropriate in order to allow easier and better maintenance of the entire cemetery. They were enacted after discussion with other cemetery associations and various recommendations being made by persons associated with the Sabanno Cemetery.

This has been a rather lengthy response, but the officers and directors feel that the facts, according to the records of the Sabanno Cemetery Association, should be presented to the public. They can be verified by the minutes of the Association, as well as those persons who attended the meetings. The Sabanno Cemetery Association certainly does not have anything against the family of L.J. Coker. We have only asked that they comply with the bylaws that the community has approved. We have tried in every way possible to approach this in a reasonable manner and to resolve it in good faith.

This is a public request of plea to the family of L.J. Coker to please comply with the bylaws of the Sabanno Cemetery Association. Let's all work "together" for the good of the community, the cemetery and each other. We need to discuss our problems in the meetings of the Association, not in the newspaper or television.

At the time of the death of L.J. Coker, no fee was being charged for the opening and closing of graves. At the September 25, 1990 meeting, a bylaw was passed requiring the payment of a \$50.00 permit fee for the opening and closing of a grave. The fee was imposed to help offset the operating cost of the cemetery.

We will continue to work to the best

of our ability to provide a good, clean, properly run cemetery for the benefit of our deceased loved ones and for the benefit of those who will be buried there in the future. If we can help in any way, please contact one of the officers or directors or all of us regarding burial plots, information or anything else concerning the Sabanno Cemetery.

Thank you,
Sabanno Cemetery Association
Randy Foster, President
Sally Roady, Treasurer
Gene Hicks, Vice President

CROSS PLAINS REVIEW
Thursday, January 2, 1992

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