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HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Down Home

EDITOR'S NOTE: Harold Strahan's story of a lady who turns a tough break into a great opportunity is lighthearted and encourages hope. This humorous account from Strahan's imagination is fun reading. **VANDA KING**

"Destination — The Hombre Saloon!"

By HAROLD STRAHAN

Back in the good ol' days (1940s), when all the roads out West weren't paved with asphalt, cars, especially old cars made in the '30s, were inclined to shake to pieces. And it was during such a time as this that Miss Emma and her husband, Howard, who had a slight hearing problem, took a long and strenuous journey to Farmington, New Mexico.

Highway 44, a 168 miles of pure misery, had a trillion bone-shattering chuckholes. Its beginning began at Bernalillo, about twenty miles north of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and it aimlessly wandered northwest through an almost dry and barren desert. However, huge pine trees are marvelously abundant on the slopes of the Continental Divide, where water flows to the southeast on one side and to the southwest on the other. And it is 8,000 feet above sea level at the point where the highway crosses the Divide.

Nestling half-way up the mountain, just off the road in a grove of small pines, the Hombre Saloon set waiting, ominously, for the arrival of Miss Emma.

Very little life of any sort was seen alongside this road, except for the cowboys and Indians who patronized the saloon. The Indians, from the Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, and the cowboys, from the hundreds of ranches along the Divide, gathered each Saturday night at this establishment to relive the heydays of the Old West. And by closing time, it was usually a free-for-all...Indians against cowboys, Indians against Indians, or cowboys against cowboys. What a way to live! Fighting! Fussing! Quarreling! Killing!

The Hombre Saloon, with its cold, lifeless innards, loved every minute of the misery it brought to humanity. The old-timers say that the building was there when the first white man came into this "neck of the woods!" "Must have been built and nurtured by Satan, himself" is what many of them said.

And it was there at Bernalillo that Miss Emma and Howard watched in awe as the golden sun slid deftly behind the distant Rocky Mountains, setting the sky wonderfully ablaze with its rosy rays. The sight was magnificent and enchanting! It was there, too, that Miss Emma prepared for bedtime, while Howard drove onward — in silence.

Miss Emma, preparing herself a bed in the back seat, removed her daytime clothing and donned an old, white flannel nightgown. She, also, removed her glasses, wig, and teeth; said a short prayer and promptly went to sleep.

Meanwhile, Howard had to stop the car every 20 miles or so to make adjustments on the headlights so that he could see well enough to dodge the holes in the bumpy and perilous road.

Just beyond the midway point, across the road from the Hombre Saloon, Howard stopped to make another adjustment. It was there — right there — that Miss Emma grabbed her wig, put it on, opened the back door, shut it, and for some mysterious reason unknown to Howard, stepped behind the car. Now then, Howard, completing his task, stepped into the

car...and he zipped away, not hearing the ear-splitting screaming of his beloved wife.

Miss Emma stood looking upward, praying with great fervor for the quick return of Howard. She felt lonesome...very lonesome! And abandoned! And cold! Moreover, for a second, she theoretically made herself a proposition that she would never, never speak to Howard for the rest of her life, providing, of course, that he returned — and soon — before she froze to death.

The altitude, from where she stood, was 6,000 feet. In November the desert nights in the high-up mountains of the Divide could and would drop considerably below freezing. Because she was not attired properly, freezing to death was a probability.

She had already started the shivering process; and if she wasn't warmed soon, frostbite was likely to happen within minutes. A cold wind blew her across the road to the Hombre Saloon.

Believing herself to be unnoticed, Miss Emma floated through the batwing doors. But the building, itself, made a rumbling and menacing sound like it was warning her brood of imminent danger. For a moment there was absolute silence...then the feeling subsided...as everyone stared at the old newcomer — with their mouths agape!

With her missing teeth still chattering, Miss Emma squared her stooped shoulders so-so and walked semi-ramrod straight to stand before a fireplace that sent brilliant flames of warmth leaping and lunging toward her, threatening. Warming herself, with her wig askew, she stood barefooted, smiling and greeting all of the dumbfounded clientele of the saloon by a nod of her head, not a single person returned the acknowledgment. "All" was under a mute veil of disbelief.

Seeing a little piano, Miss Emma, unknowingly, leisurely walked across a blood-stained dance floor and seated herself before the instrument. "All things considered," she told herself, "this could be the greatest opportunity I have ever had to witness for Christ."

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Addresses Wanted For Locally Known Soldiers In Saudi Arabia

Following the article about the Yellow Ribbon Campaign in Cross Plains a request was made at the *Review* for the names and addresses of locally known soldiers in the Middle East. Residents in Cross Plains would like to correspond with these soldiers in an effort to support them and keep their morale.

Presently three young military personnel are known to be stationed in Saudi Arabia. They are Andy Walker of the Burkett Community and Melody McGough and Paul Truair, formerly of Cross Plains.

If you have names and addresses of these soldiers and any others from this community, please contact the *Cross Plains Review*. Their names and addresses will be published so others may contact these young people.

Students at the Cross Plains School are also working on various projects in connection with the Yellow Ribbon Campaign. An update on their activities will appear in the paper at a later date.

Remember the Yellow Ribbon Collection Center is at the Citizens State Bank if you would like to personally become involved in a sharing experience.



SCOUT FOOD DRIVE — Donnie Childers (front, from left) and Cody Reed; Charlie Cornett (back, from left), Leslie Reed, Todd Smith, and James Beaty served as volunteers. The Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts participated in a door to door collection of canned goods for the needy on

Saturday, November 17. Beta Sigma Phi will be distributing the food. A special thanks to each person donating the food. If anyone was missed, please take food to Debbie Reed at Higginbotham's. (Photo Courtesy of Kye King.)



FOOD FOR THANKSGIVING — Linda Edington (from left), Debra Childers, Joy Gerking, and Carol

Rogers of Beta Sigma Phi are shown with canned goods collected with the help of the Cub Scouts.

Sorority Provides Thanksgiving

By PATRICIA COOK

A knock, a face, a tear, a thanks. In these days of troubled times, food and money are very scarce. Beta Sigma Phi found those families and the elderly in Cross Plains, and provided an abundance of canned goods, meat, and a turkey.

Through the help of the Cub Scouts who collected cans on Saturday, to Village Market for the turkeys, and all the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority Sisters, we were able to share what we have with others. As we reflect on

Thanksgiving, let us remember, whatever we have to be thankful.

Special Service Co-Op Meeting Thursday, November 29

Parents and interested persons are invited to attend an organizational meeting for the Comanche Special Service Co-op Parents Association in Cross Plains on Thursday, November 29, at 2:45 p.m. in the Special Services Building.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect parent leadership, meet new special education personnel, receive information concerning ways to help your child with school work, and receive an overview of special education services in the Comanche Co-op.

It is hoped that you will be able to attend in order to begin to know other parents and have an opportunity to share concerns.

Light refreshments will be served and the session should be concluded in about an hour or less. Nancy W. Brown, Educational Diagnostician, cordially invites you to participate.

Used Toy Drive Begins

The Used Toy Drive has commenced and everyone is encouraged to gather used toys for children. They may be taken to the Senior Citizens Center where they will be cleaned and repaired.

Various other projects providing gifts for children are already in progress.

Please turn in the names of children to receive these toys at the Cross Plains Multi-Purpose Center, the Cross Plains School or contact Faye Chambers at 725-6270.

The DEADLINE for donating toys is DECEMBER 15! Remember these children and make their Christmas bright and full of happiness.



PROUDLY SHE FLIES — The Woodmen of the World Chapter 4242 graciously donated a United States flag to the new City Hall. A flag pole has

recently been erected to display the nation's symbol of patriotism. The City of Cross Plains would like to express their appreciation of the kind gesture.

Santa Claus Is Coming To Town

By ERNEST CORTEZ

Ross Gerking, President of the Cross Plains Kiwanis Club, has just learned that "Jolly Ole Saint Nick" will be making his annual visit to Cross Plains on Saturday, December 1. The red-suited, white-bearded, Santa will arrive at 6 p.m. via the Cross Plains Volunteer Firemen's beautiful, new fire engine. The engine will deliver Santa to the Community Tree of Lights across from Lawrence Farm and Ranch Supply on Main Street.

Santa has lots of goodies for the children. As he visits with each youngster, a photograph to commemorate the occasion will be available for \$2 each, courtesy of Project Pride. The Cross Plains High School Band, under the leadership of Mr. Bill Strickler, will kickoff the events of the evening by playing selected Christmas songs.

The Kiwanis Christmas tree will be lit by Mayor Ross Gerking. The center

of the community celebration, the Christmas story, will be read by Michael Hale.

If all of this hasn't convinced you to be there, how about this? There will be gift certificates, turkeys and hams to be given away, courtesy of the Cross Plains Kiwanis and the business community of the greater Cross Plains area.

Be sure to register at any of your local participating stores in town. Anyone can win, but you must be present to claim your gift. This year there will be only one gift per person. Let's all — family, friends — be there to welcome Santa and make the night a memorable occasion, not only for our children, but for all the community of Cross Plains.

If you're not into the "Spirit of Christmas," set your clock, get involved on Saturday, December 1. You'll be glad you did. Merry Christmas!

On Culture

By MARK A. DANIEL

About four months ago one of my great dreams came true. It wasn't a great love or great fortune, it wasn't even a contract for one of my many unpublished books (though any of these would have been nice). This great dream was a simple one which city folk often talk about, though seldom with sincerity; a home in the country.

For the past few years I have been saving for that day when I might quit my job in the city and move out to where life is simpler (so I thought), more peaceful, etc. Due to the nature of my work and a very understanding boss I was able to move out here to Cross Plains and keep my job in Dallas. It was something I hadn't really thought about as an option until a

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World War I Soldier
Documented Battles

Jesse L. Byrd and 27 Brown County men boarded a special train at the Brownwood depot on April 27, 1917. Their destination was Camp Travis, Austin to be inducted into the United States fighting forces. For many of these young men, the declaration of war on Germany on April 6, 1917, was the call to an unpleasant task.

Jesse Leroy Byrd, son of Jesse B. Jr. and Eliza R. Byrd, was born, grew up, married Atha Mason and raised his family in the Cross Cut area. He was the grandson of Jesse B. Byrd who settled in the area in the 1870s. In 1939 his daughter, Mrs. Oneta Hubbard of Early asked her father to write down his experiences while in the war. The following stories come from his handwritten story while in France from June 1917 to January 1918.

On one occasion he wrote: "I was put on guard out in no-man's land about 200 yards from the trench. I had just took my place when a big shell came roaring through the air and hit near me. It was a gas shell. It was damp and cloudy and the gas settled to the ground. All at once my eyes and nose went to burning. It scared me so that I forgot my gas mask and I jumped up and ran as fast as I could to the trench, but I did not get there for I was out of breath. I just fell down and laid there thinking every minute was the last, but I pulled through, somehow."

One time his division was sent back behind the lines for rest, baths and new clothes. They had worn the same clothes for 50 days. When they were sent back to the front lines they were given a canteen of water to last for the day's hike with the instruction not to drink any water from the streams. Just before dark they crossed a beautiful stream of water, a short distance from their trenches. Byrd writes:

"After the officers had left us we got about 50 canteens and five of us boys went to get some water and bring back to the trenches. That was the best water I thought I had ever tasted. The next morning when it got light enough for us to see there were 16 dead horses in the stream 50 yards from where we filled the canteens."

In November Jesse Byrd received a head injury that would require a steel plate to be placed in his head. This ended his fighting days. He received several medals including the purple heart.

He tells what happened: "On the morning of the first of November we went over the top on the Argonne forest front. This was sure bad. We lost several men before we started. We lost our men by the hundreds. Our platoon didn't have any officers so we had no orders where to go but we went on until there were 12 left out of 57."

"I was shot about 9:30 in the morning and came to about 4:30 p.m. I did not have anyone to help me so I took off my pack and gun and started back to the first aid station. I was paralyzed in my left arm and leg. I just used my right hand and leg to crawl about 400 yards. I had to climb a mountain side before I could get help. The Germans shot at me just as long as they could see me. When I started down the other side some of the boys saw me and came to help me. With their help I was able to walk the rest of the way. They dressed my head and washed the blood off my face and tied bandages over my head. There were two rows of wounded boys about 100 yards long. They could not carry them away fast enough. They said if I was able to walk about six miles I would get an ambulance at a little town, so me and two prisoners walked over there and got an ambulance. The Germans spit on me."

"We rode all night and just at the light of day we arrived. They took me to the operating table and the M.P.s took charge of the German prisoners of war. When I awoke the nurse gave me a piece of shrapnel the doctors cut out of my shoulder. I did not know I was wounded in the shoulder. My head hurt so bad."

On Jan. 19, 1918, he sailed home: "We were 11 days coming back. When we landed the mayor of New York and the Red Cross came out to meet us and gave us candy, flowers and all kinds of good things. I sure was glad when I saw the Statue of Liberty holding out her hand as if to welcome us home."

Norma Jean Wilson of Lake Brownwood, Delmar, Odessa, and Ellowayne Laton of Cross Plains are also daughters of Byrd.

This article was written by Lorene Bishop and appeared in *Brownwood Bulletin*.

SAN ANTONIO — The Texas Farm Bureau will select state winners in the Miss TFB, talent find and speech contests at the organization's 57th annual meeting here November 24-28.

The participants will take home a total of \$39,700 in scholarship money.

Also the 1990 Outstanding County YF&R Committee awards will be announced the morning of November 26. The Outstanding Young Farmer & Rancher will be announced the morning of November 27.

The state finalists in the youth activities are all district winners in those three events.

The winner of the Free Enterprise Speech contest will receive a \$4,000 scholarship. The runner-up will receive a \$2,500 scholarship. Each of the four finalists will get a \$1,500 scholarship. Each district winner is assured of a \$1,000 scholarship.

The Miss TFB winner will receive a \$2,000 scholarship. The runner-up will receive a \$2,500 scholarship. Each of the four finalists will get a \$1,500 scholarship. Each district winner is assured of a \$1,000 scholarship.

The talent find winner will receive a \$2,000 scholarship. The first runner-up will receive a \$1,500 scholarship. Each district winner is assured of a \$600 scholarship.

The Free Enterprise district winners are: Camille Betzen, Hereford; Deette Darr, Levelland; Scott Whitaker, Bowie; and Coleburn Davis, Tolar.

Other speech contestants include: Clint Brian, Omaha; Raemi Fryar, Big Spring; Zach Brady, Abilene; and Jeffrey Clary, Lampasas.

Other speech entries include: Claire Kinney, Woodville; Shelley McDaniel, Bracketville; Jeff Cheshire, Palacios; Jennifer Garrett, Yoakum; and Meredith Wiesehan, Mission.

The Miss TFB contestants include: Mechelle Graham, Spearman; Robin Forbes, Spur; Stephanie Small, Decatur; and Brooke Leslie, Glen Rose.

Other Miss TFB entries include: Ginny Rebecca Dunlap, Grand Saline; Glenda Schniers, San Angelo; Amy Mansell, Ballinger; and Rhonda Wolfe, Lampasas.

Also seeking the Miss TFB title are: Jill McClure, Woodville; Laurie McFadin, Knippa; Wendy McCurry, Houston; Kimberly Duren, Cuero; and April Patricia Campbell, Oakville.

The talent find contestants include: Jagee Mel Crownover, Dumas; Sherry Goad, Spur; Judy Cantwell, Bowie; and Robin Deaver, Weatherford.

Other talent find entries include: Shelley Renee Crow, New Boston; Robie Phillips, Stanton; Brad Reynolds, Goldthwaite; Victor DeLeon, Lampasas; Derek David Spence, Tennessee Colony; Sherry Lynn Hahn, Voss; Tiffany Lynn Koudeika, Stafford; Stephanie Dubicki, Vanderbilt; and Jessica Jean Pena, Delmita.

Callahan Co. Unit Of
The American Cancer
Society Met Nov. 13

The Callahan County Unit of the American Cancer Society met November 13 at Putnam Community Center.

Rosie Holden, vice president, presided. Proceeds of \$560 were reported from the October 30 special event. A letter of resignation from Fannie Carver was read. Ruby Weathermon was elected secretary. Also, a letter was received from Robert Vitela, field representative, informing the Unit of his resignation.

Ruby Weathermon gave the Patient Services report in the absence of Chairman Mack Kniffen. She reported 7 patients served with a monetary value of \$2,229.

Floy McMullen reported that Great American Smokeout Chairmen had been appointed for communities as follows: Baird, Troyce Williams; Clyde, Bea Craig; Cross Plains, Leonard Wood; Eula, Joe Bentley. Smokeout material was distributed to chairmen. The Great American Smokeout was set for November 15. The county newspapers have given excellent publicity.

Mary Van Der Linden, Cottonwood, was welcomed as a new board member.

The next meeting will be January 8.

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MINUTE MUSINGS

By ESTHLOY S. DICKSON

When I arose this Monday morning, I could not see my gate at the highway. It is gradually clearing, and I'm looking forward to a good day.

I've been thinking a great deal, lately, about Abilene. We were very happy when we owned a home there — we have good memories of friends there. But now there are so many more people there — more problems, more of everything — I'm just glad I don't live there now.

While I was pondering over this on Sunday, my dearest friend there — Elvia Keck called me. Bless her heart — she cheered me greatly.

I received a letter (and a gift) last week from Mr. and Mrs. C.R. (Ray) Woody of ElCajon, California. I'm sure they have a lot of relatives here — I do remember them. He recalled the time when I worked for the Review with Mr. Jack Scott and Benny. That was such a long time ago!! They sent me a large redbird carved from wood — the wings are sort of like propellers, and they twirl when the wind blows. I have it on a tall stake in a flowerpot at the edge of my front yard.

Speaking of Jack Scott — I always read Mary Scott Nabers' column in the Abilene paper. She is so knowledgeable — and she is Jack's and Jaukana's daughter — that makes her 'special' to me. I also enjoy the writings of Mr. Jack Boyd — he is a whizz.

I missed Betty Beggs last week, and her friends missed seeing her news in this column. Last Saturday, Betty, J.T., and Rex attended a farm and household auction near Webb's store (near Coleman). They attended Tony Beggs' birthday party on Friday at the Dairy Queen in Cross Plains. There was a clown, food and gifts — all the works — quite an affair for everyone.

Sally Roady is improving nicely — seems very slow to her. Bobby visited his mother at the nursing home often. Joe and George called them during the week. Cindy called from Spokane, Washington. She hopes to be stationed closer to home soon.

Helen Tillotson didn't have any special news, but they are well and just thankful for good health. It is a pleasure to talk to her.

Sunday services at First Baptist were beautiful as usual. Special services are planned for Tuesday (tomorrow). We will write about them next week. I'm so grateful for that fine church and all the dear people there.

Bob Kirkwood Named County Co-Op Manager

Bob Kirkwood has been named new general manager of the Callahan County Farmers Co-op, Inc. located in Baird.

Kirkwood was introduced during the Co-op's annual stockholders dinner and meeting Monday, November 5.

Elections for four positions on the board of directors of the Co-op were also held.

Kirkwood began his duties on Monday. He and his wife Lucy have three children and two grandchildren. Their three children are Jan, who is married with two girls ages three and one; Nikki, who is attending college in Minnesota; and a 16-year-old son who is a junior in high school.

Kirkwood comes to Baird from Grand Rapids, Minnesota. He is originally from Kansas.

"I'm glad to be here and am very interested in making the Co-op a place the membership can be proud of by providing service and quality products to all of our patrons," Kirkwood said. "We plan to develop a business in Baird that everyone can be proud of," he said. He added that as a cooperative and believing that the co-op way of doing business has definite advantages, that Callahan County Farmers Co-op, Inc. will be looking to expand their business. "We would appreciate all the support that anyone in the area can give us," said Kirkwood.

Four new board of directors were elected during Monday's stockholders meeting. Those elected to the board of the Co-op were: Iky Akers of Clyde, Steve Goldsmith, Tom Ivey and Tom Windham, all of Baird. They replace Blan Odom, W.P. Stephenson, Oran Bains, and Gary Varner.

The four new directors will join the other five board members still serving on the nine member board. They include: Lowell Johnson, Charlie Tom Straley, Doug Fry, Barton Scott, and Joe McWilliams.

Retiring board member Blan Odom was recognized for his many years of service on the board. Odom was one of the founding members of the Co-op, which was established in 1945. He served 38 years on the board, beginning in 1952. He also served for many years as chairman of the board. Odom cited health reasons for his retirement from the board.

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Junior High Girls Basketball



By COACH MITCHELL ATCHLEY

Cross Plains Junior High beat Santa Anna 29-20. Evens record at 1-1.

Girls Scoring:
Amber Williams 6
Misty Strickland 5
Tonya Stover 4
Kristy Webb 4
Whitney Kirkham 4
Amy Strength 2
Amanda Clausen 4

Other team members are:

Deanna Besselaar
Malinda Strickler
Janel Stephens
Rachelle Bishop
Allison McGowen
Sheryl Glover
Brandi Adams
Karen Dunn

The girls travel to Cisco Monday the 27th. There will be 2 girls games with 7th grade playing at 4 p.m. and 8th grade girls playing after the 7th grade boys.

All the girls did a tremendous job, as team work was displayed in the team victory.



Weathermon Wins Award

Sidney Weathermon, Boulder, Colorado, son of Sid E. Weathermon of Putnam, has won the Nation's richest award for educational excellence. He will receive a check for \$25,000 for leadership and contributions to Kindergarten through 12th grades in education in Colorado.

The program is administered by the Department of Education and Colorado State Board of Education. Funding for the award is provided by Milken Family Foundation of Los Angeles, California. Colorado is one of 13 states participating in this program.

This funded award is administrated in the same manner as other prestigious awards, such as the Nobel Prizes and MacArthur Fellowships. Candidates cannot apply for awards, and do not know they are being considered.

Professor Weathermon's comment when learning of the award was, "I am flabbergasted."

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Lady Buff's Best

By COACH ELAINE SHEDD

Tuesday, November 13, was OPEN HOUSE for the Cross Plains Schools and open house is exactly what the Lady Buffs did against Rising Star. The Ladies trailed the wildcats all night. With approximately 2:30 minutes left in the 4th, the girls finally pulled ahead but even that didn't last long. It came down to the last 4 seconds. With 4 seconds left on the clock and 2 points behind, Terri Abernathy threw up the game winning shot.

Game Summary:

Score by Quarters

Rising Star	8	16	8	13	45
Cross Plains	5	11	11	19	46

Points

Shana Bagley	16
Terri Abernathy	9

Assists

Sherry Williams	4
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Steals

Williams	6
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Rebounds

Heather Montgomery	11
Jennifer Wheeler	9

J.V. Score — Cross Plains 29, Rising Star 15.

Samantha Newman — 11 points.

The Lady Buffs ended the week with a dominant victory over Santa Anna on November 16. All the girls saw action. Girls will have traveled to Panther Creek by press time.

Score by Quarters

Santa Anna	0	7	6	11	24
Cross Plains	28	8	27	17	80

Points

Wheeler	17
Bagley	15
Abernathy	14

Assists

Abernathy	4
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Steals

Bagley	7
Angie Purvis	7
Montgomery	5
Brenda Franke	5
Abernathy	6

Rebounds

Wheeler	12
Franke	8
Montgomery	6

J.V. Score — Santa Anna 22, Cross Plains 52.

Points

Mandi Sowell	15
Newman	14

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

NOVEMBER 26 — NOVEMBER 30

(Subject to Change)

BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Pancake, sausage, grape juice, milk.
TUESDAY — Cinnamon toast, cheese stick, orange juice, milk.
WEDNESDAY — Bacon, egg, biscuit, jelly, grape juice, milk.
THURSDAY — Choice of ready to eat cereal, peanut butter, honey, orange juice, milk.
FRIDAY — Oatmeal, sausage, toast, grape juice, milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY — Corn dog, mixed vegetable, salad, peach slices, milk.
TUESDAY — Chicken nuggets w/gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, mixed fruit, milk.
WEDNESDAY — Tacos w/taco sauce, lettuce, tomato, Mexican corn, Jello w/fruit, milk.
THURSDAY — Spaghetti w/meat sauce, celery sticks, garlic bread, dessert, green peas, milk.
FRIDAY — Hamburger, French fries, lettuce, tomato, pickle, cookie, milk.

Bufs Basketball Report

By COACH GLENN HARTSON

The boys basketball season started off with a win over Albany Tuesday. The Buffs won by a score of 58-51. Outstanding players for the game were Colby Walker 18 points and Kyle Foster 11 points. The boys did a good job considering that they only had two days' practice.

On Thursday the Buffs ran into a strong Coleman team that outscored the Buffs 53-33. The Buffs had a bad night from the field by shooting only 22%. The only bright spot in the game was Matt Sowell's play on defense and his hustle. The Buffs will host Dublin Tuesday, November 27, so come out and support the Buffs.



Mites Basketball

By COACH MACK McCONAL

Santa Anna beats Mites 34 to 23 in season opener.

Score by Quarters:
Cross Plains 2 14 3 4 23
Santa Anna 10 2 11 11 34

Boys scoring for the Mites were:
Matt Reed 4
Brock Walker 6
Don Dillard 1
Jim Lee 3
Scott Cheshier 2
Chris Potter 5

They will travel to Cisco next Monday night. There will be 2 boys games and 2 girls games, starting at 4 p.m.

MathCounts

AUSTIN — NCNB Texas has committed \$150,000 to MATHCOUNTS, a statewide mathematics program for junior high school-age students, bank President Robert B. Lane said today.

"Students who take more math in high school are more likely to go to college and do better there," said Lane. He announced the contribution at Kealing Junior High Magnet School in Austin.

"We believe that MATHCOUNTS is a great project to support because it leads to a sound education. And a sound education for every child means that everyone wins."

Administered by the Texas Society of Professional Engineers, MATHCOUNTS is an extracurricular, competitive math program for seventh- and eighth- grade students. Its goal is to help improve math literacy in the United States. At the same time, the program creates an awareness of career opportunities in math.

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Burkett News

By LOVERA STRICKLAND

Andrew and Doris Walker had a very nice surprise Sunday morning. Their daughter, Merle Amos and her family of Yellow Pine, Idaho drove up. Also visiting them Sunday were their son, Darrell Walker and his family of the Nimrod Community. Kim Webb also visited. The Walkers are planning an early Thanksgiving since the Amoses are planning to go to East Texas to visit Gene's family.

Doris and Andrew Walker had lunch with Andrew's sister, Annie Merle and her husband, H.O. Trent of

Coleman last Tuesday. Friday, they were in Brownwood on business and while there they went by the Yellow Ribbon Center to talk to the people. The Center is mailing packages to our service people.

Al and Merle Hill of Big Spring spent several days with longtime friends, D.J. and Lois Turner. They also attended the Baptist Church with the Turners Sunday morning.

Russell, Eli, and Alisa Gould of Abilene spent the weekend with Dalton and Lucille Gould. All the Gould clan plus Mike Brady of Coleman were luncheon guests of Dalton

and Lucille. Visiting them Sunday afternoon were Dick, Carolyn, and Larry Devany of Melrose, New Mexico.

Elvin and Glenda Hutchins, Lula Havner and Peggy of Bangs, and Marie Strawn of Grosvenor visited Montie Jennings Sunday.

Leroy and Doris Walker of Colorado Springs, Colorado spent Thursday through Sunday with Walter and Melba Walker. They visited other relatives while here.

Callahan Divide SWCD Announce Windbreak Tree Program

"The Callahan Divide Soil and Water Conservation District will be taking orders for windbreak trees for the next two months," said Tony Baeza, Range Conservationist for the Soil Conservation Service in Baird. Baeza added that due to an increasing interest in windbreaks, trees are in short supply and anyone interested in ordering windbreak trees should order them as soon as possible to assure they get what they want.

Evergreens which are presently

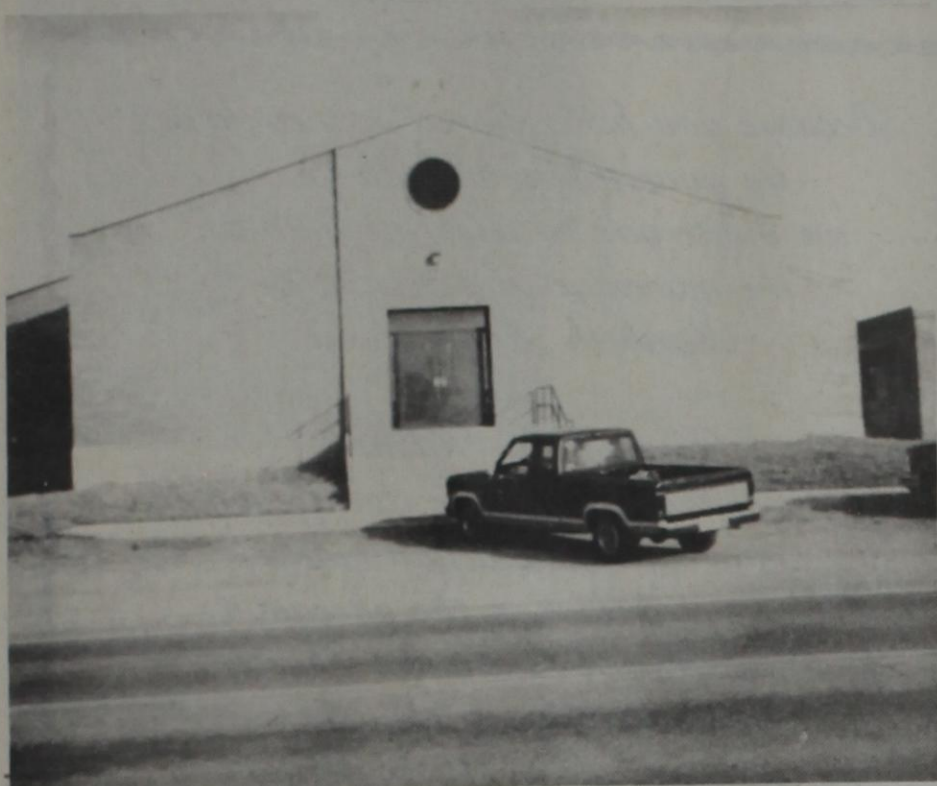
available are Afghanistan pine, eastern red cedar, and Arizona cypress, in various sizes and prices.

Afghanistan pines are the fastest growing windbreak trees and are well adapted to this area. If properly watered and fertilized, trees may grow from 3-4 feet a year.

In addition to evergreens, bare rooted hardwoods are available. These hardwoods not only make good windbreaks but also provide food for wildlife. Hardwoods which are

presently available are green ash, honey locust, desert willow, Russian olive, little walnut, red oak, pecans, sandcherry, American plum, and catalpa.

For more information on windbreak trees, contact the Soil Conservation Service, on the third floor of the county courthouse in Baird, or a member of the Callahan Divide Soil and Water Conservation District.



PRIMARY BUILDING

Open House At School Huge Success

By VANDA KING
Editor

Cross Plains Elementary School hosted an Open House last Tuesday evening for parents and community residents to view the new Primary building along with the Elementary

facility. Student's work was also on display. A large crowd attended the reception and visited the individual classrooms.

It was the first time for some to view the new Primary building which is spacious and designed with private rooms for each teacher kindergarten

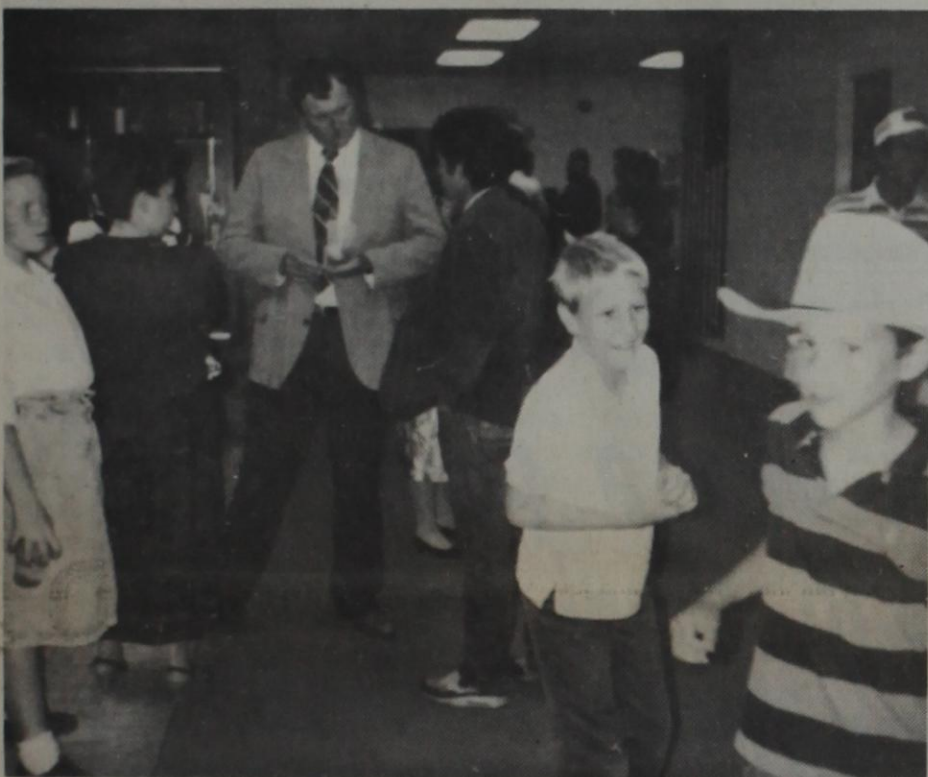
through second grade.

Art work was displayed in each room demonstrating the creative abilities of the children. A variety of ideas were presented, including many Thanksgiving holiday themes.

The teachers were available to greet guests and answer questions concern-

ing students.

The number of visitors indicated the interest and concern local parents have for the education of the youth. The nice facilities provided for students is just another indication of community progress.



GREAT CROWD — Parents and children enjoyed viewing the various classrooms.



STUDENT COUNCIL SERVING — Whitney Kirkham (from left), Leah King, and Lori Erwin served refreshments at the Cross Plains Elementary School Open House.



COMPUTER ROOM — This impressive room allows students to learn modern technology.



NEAT PROJECTS — Cam Morgan's sixth grade class has been corresponding to American soldiers in

the Middle East and a clever display exhibited their kind efforts. Mrs. Bacon is pictured.



CREATIVE KIDS — Peggy Golson's fifth grade class showed ingenuity in recreating the homes and lifestyles of the Indians of North America.



WHAT KIND OF WEATHER IS THIS? — The second grade class taught by Billie Clausen is currently

studying about the weather and a bit of humor made it more interesting.

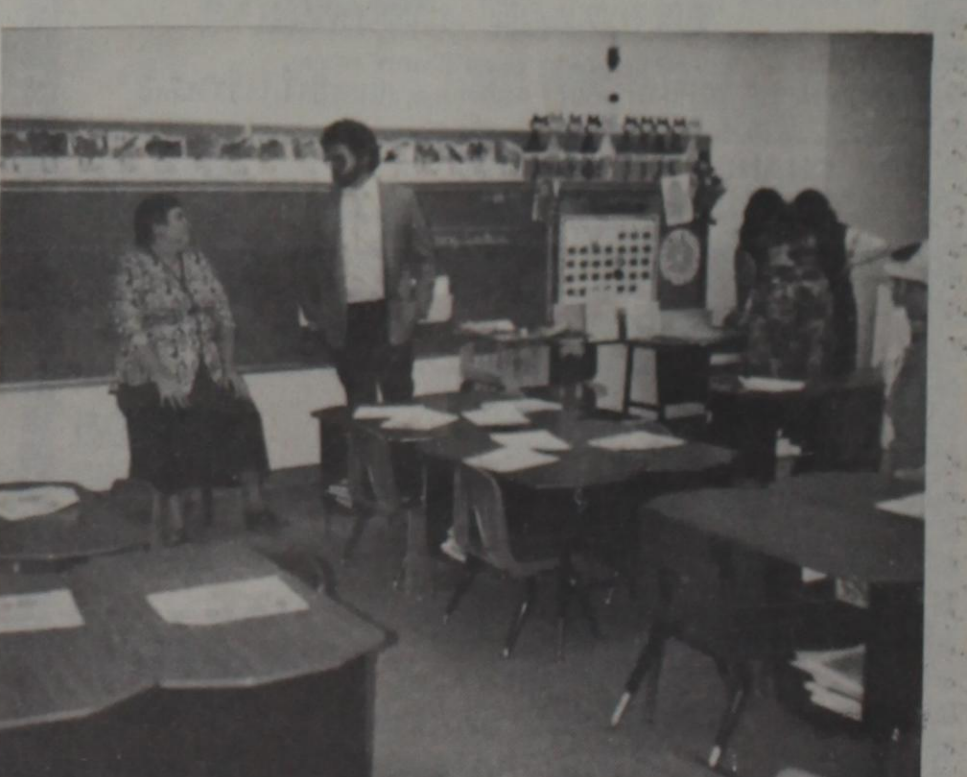


PUMPKIN PATCH — Debbie Bacon's sixth grade class

demonstrated artistic abilities in giving pumpkins individual personalities.



GOBBLE, GOBBLE — Fourth graders under the instruction of Diana Stover and Kathy Purvis created these Thanksgiving Turkeys.



LOTS MORE ROOM — Mattie Fay Wilson's first grade have plenty space

and wonderful child-size facilities.



OPLIN FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES CHECK — The Callahan County Insurance Association presented a check for \$100 to the Oplin Volunteer Fire Department. Shown accepting the check from Don Boles, Germania Insurance Agency, is Tarlton Woodard, Chief of the Oplin

Volunteer Fire Department. The other members of the association are Lloyd Welch, Clyde Insurance Agency; Knox Waggoner, Insurance & More; Bill Faircloth, State Farm Insurance; and Ron Bagley, Farm Bureau Insurance.



KYLE MATTHEW CARAWAY and JENNIFER NAN PANCAKE

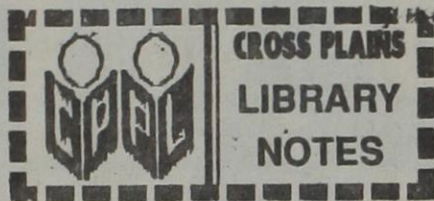
Pancake-Caraway Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Pancake of Brownwood have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jennifer Nan Pancake, to Kyle Matthew Caraway, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.M. Caraway III of De Leon.

The bride elect is a 1988 graduate of Brownwood High School and is currently a sophomore at Tarleton State University where she is majoring in social work. Jennifer is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. L.D. Koenig of Cross Plains.

Her fiancé is a graduate of De Leon High School and is also a sophomore student at TSU. He is majoring in agri-business.

The wedding is planned for December 29 at the First Baptist Church of Brownwood. The Rev. Charles McClure will officiate.



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She prayed for courage, for love, for empathy, and for God's Spirit to guide her.

Goosebumps were spread all over her body; and she was beaming with enthusiasm and purpose, as she played: "America, the Beautiful," then softly, "The Old Rugged Cross," "Sweet Hour of Prayer," and the gentlemen and ladies were mesmerized by the ingenious, skillful, and clever ability of Miss Emma. And the old lady's hands danced and glided over the keyboard.

A big, burly-looking cowboy with a tenor voice came and stood beside her, requesting "Amazing Grace." Then, a frail, small man with a deep voice joined the tenor in singing, "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart." What a duet! Others came forward to sing! And an Indian came forward to sing, in the Apache tongue, as Miss Emma played, "Softly and Tenderly." This was musical therapy at its best.

The people were still singing, and the little lady, exhausted, went and warmed herself by the fireplace, contemplating, as embers from the burning logs spit at her, maliciously. She decided that things are not always as they seem to be, for good men are not all good and bad men are not all bad. The melodious voice of the piano was now silent, but the singing continued — and it was great! If only Howard...

Miss Emma moseyed over to the bat-wing door and looked out into the night; and there was Howard coming up the steps of the saloon. With an unabashed feeling of relief, she rushed out to greet him. Stumbling over a "loose board" on the porch, she fell into his arms; and they both miraculously landed safely on the ground.

Looking into each other's eyes, they both, simultaneously and emphatically, uttered the same words, "Where have you been?"

Out on the highway, Miss Emma prayed that God would help the people who go to the saloon.

Hours later, the sky was dancing with huge columns of zigzag lightning smashing to the ground with a thunderous upheaval of sound. And the quivering voice from the heavens was saying: "Destination — the Hombre Saloon!"

Pvt. Paul Truair Deployed To The Middle East

Pvt. Paul F. Truair II has deployed to the Middle East with American military forces participating in Operation Desert Shield.

Operation Desert Shield is the largest deployment of U.S. military forces since Vietnam. The operation is in response to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait and threat to Saudi Arabia.

"It is the presence of dedicated military people like Truair that brings America's principles to life and gives them strength and meaning," President George Bush said.

He is the nephew of Jesse D. and Susan Sibley of Cross Plains.

The soldier is a combat engineer at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

The private is a 1989 graduate of Cross Plains High School.

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CJC Offers Defensive Driving Course

Cisco Junior College will offer a Defensive Driving Course on December 10 and 12 (Monday and Wednesday) from 6-10 p.m. The class will meet in room 3 of Schaefer Hall. Fee for the course is \$20. Enrollment fee must be paid by 3 p.m. on Monday, December 10.

Students must complete both nights of the course in order to receive certification. Students must bring a valid drivers license to class.

For more information contact Charlotte Speegle at (817) 442-2567, extension 122.

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Texas Comp Law Seminar December 4

The Job Service Employer Committee, The Big Country Personnel Association, The Texas Association of Businesses and The Abilene Chamber of Commerce are hosting a luncheon covering The Texas Workers' Comp Law and the New Rules featuring guest speaker Joe L. Hanson, Vice President of Financial Services of Frito Lay, Inc. from Dallas, Texas. Hanson is one of the three Employer Commissioners on the Texas Workers' Comp Commission. This seminar will inform you of the current law changes effective January 1, 1991.

Tuesday, December 4, registration will be held between 11 and 11:30 a.m. with the catered lunch from 11:30 to 1 p.m. The guest speaker will address the group and questions will be acknowledged from 1 to 1:30 p.m.

Abilene Christian University McGlothlin Campus Center/Main Room on North Judge Ely Blvd. in Abilene will serve as the seminar location. The preregistration deadline is November 30 and the cost is \$10 (pay-

ment must accompany registration and includes cost of lunch). For more information call Dorothy Coffey at (915) 691-5330.

Abilene Regional Pecan Show Nov. 29-30

The Abilene Regional Pecan Show will be held on November 29 and 30 in the Abilene Mall. An entry consists of 42 nuts of any variety and growers may enter as many varieties as they wish.

Producers or homeowners who want to enter pecans can bring their entries to the County Extension office by noon on November 28. For more information on the pecan show, call the County Extension office at (915) 854-1518.

The Texas Pecan Profitability Shortcourse will be conducted on January 28-February 1, 1991 at Texas A&M University at College Station. Registration fee is \$125. A complete agenda of activities for the shortcourse is available from the Extension office.

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EARLY YEARS — Pauline and Richard Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Smith Surprised With Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Smith of Cottonwood were honored at a 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration Saturday, November 17, 1990 at 2 p.m. There were friends and family from as far away as Topeka, Kansas and Lubbock waiting at the Cross Plains Community Center to surprise them.

The event was kept a surprise to the very last second. The couple was told that there was to be a community fund raiser in the form of bingo games. They love to play bingo, so they were prepared for a good time. As they walked in the door, everyone shouted, "Bingo! Happy Anniversary!"

As they looked around the room, they saw decorations of white and gold streamers and balloons everywhere. The east wall of the Center had a collage of photos from youth to the present. There was a beautiful three-tiered cake decorated in white roses

with gold metallic leaves, which was served with punch, peanuts, mints, and finger sandwiches.

After refreshments and gift opening, there was special music presented by the ladies trio from Cottonwood Baptist Church (Janey Blackstock, Tracy Dillard, and Sandy Wheeler), accompanied by Norma Strahan on the keyboard. Then a "jam session" of musicians in the family finished off the event.

The celebration was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Smith's children, Vickie Anguish of Topeka, Kansas; Sandy Wheeler of Cottonwood; and Larry Smith of Oplin.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith were married November 22, 1940 in Chillicothe. They have been residents of the Cottonwood Community since 1970 where they are members of the Cottonwood Baptist Church.

Cottonwood News

By BEVERLY BROWN

A surprise fiftieth wedding anniversary reception was held for Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smith on Saturday, November 17, at the Cross Plains Community Center. The reception was hosted by their children, Vickie Anguish of Topeka, Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wheeler of Cottonwood; and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Smith of Oplin. Grandchildren, families, relatives, and friends from around the state and locally were in attendance to help celebrate the couple's fiftieth anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kelly, Keith; Mrs. Bill Nickerson Sr.; Rickie Potter; and Mr. and Mrs. Craig Rogers and children were at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Max Byrd and family in Keller over the weekend for the gathering of the Weaver clan's

Thanksgiving festivities.

Those visiting from Stamford with Mrs. Ethel Anderson last week were: Elizabeth Jordan; Bart Fraiser and Odie Fraiser; and Ethel's niece and husband, Margie and Thomas Falls of Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Mrs. Joe Martin of Cisco came on Friday to pick up Mrs. Ethel Anderson to spend the weekend with Mrs. Ruth Conger and the Martin family. The Conger family had their Thanksgiving dinner and gathering at Ruth's home in Cisco over the weekend.

Reverend and Mrs. Jesse Bigbee spent Tuesday evening with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hughes in Fort Worth. On Wednesday they attended the funeral of their dear friend, Mrs. Dorothy Mundlin in Burleson.



GOLDEN YEARS — Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smith.

Rowden News

By MRS. N.V. GIBBS

Each week we talk about fall and all the beautiful fall colors. This past week has been even more beautiful, the Sumac and Spanish oak have outdone themselves. This writer took a walk on the Tony and Judy Steele place Wednesday morning and a ring of autumn colors greeted the day. The wheat field added to the sight.

Joy and Chief Horner and Chris West families were saddened Sunday by the news of the sudden death of a daughter and sister, Cindy McCleskey of Stephenville. She died in her sleep Sunday afternoon in her home. Cindy grew up in the Rowden Community and attended school in Baird. She met and married Richard McCleskey in Stephenville. Two teen-age children and her husband, Richard; her mother, Joy Horner; and Chris West, her brother, are her survivors. The community extends deep sympathy to all the family.

Those from here attending the funeral were Blan and Jessie Odom, Marian and Miller Scott and little son, James and Dorothy Reynolds, and Gene and Vernie Belle Mauldin.

R.G. Watson of Baird, father of Robert Watson, underwent surgery in Humana Hospital this week. Robert

Sorority Welcomes New Members

By PATRICIA COOK

The Alpha Rho Zeta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held the November 12 pledge ritual at the home of Dora Smith. After the opening, members welcomed our newest members. They are Vikki Dillard, Joy Gerking, Judy Luders, and Judy Phillips.

The minutes were read and approved. Treasurer's report was given by Janice Buckner. Joyce McCoy informed members of the sudden death of Pat Stephens' brother-in-law. A card will be sent conveying the sorority's sympathy.

Janice Phillips issued membership book to new members. Linda Edington, of Service and Hospitality, will be distributing food baskets and turkeys to families in Cross Plains.

The Cub Scouts had a food drive on Saturday, November 17, to assist in sorority's efforts.

Jamie Apple announced photogenic portion of the Valentine Parade will start before Christmas.

Dessert-of-the-Month was delivered to Brandon Smith. New members, Joy Gerking and Judy Phillips, will provide the dessert for the month of December.

The Annual Christmas party will be a covered dish on December 17.

Janice Phillips read the calendar, and secret sister gifts were shared.

The next meeting will be at Linda Edington's home on November 26. The meeting closed in regular form.

Those sisters in attendance were Jamie Apple, Vernelle Bishop, Sarah Brashear, Janice Buckner, Debra Childers, Kim Childers, Patricia Cook, Mary Dunn, Linda Edington, Bobbie Johnston, Melissa Kemp, Joyce McCoy, Margaret McNeel, Wanda Merryman, Nora Odom, Janice Phillips, Carol Rogers, Dora Smith, Tammie Stroud, Vikki Dillard, Joy Gerking, Judy Luders, and Judy Phillips.

and Dorothy Watson have been visiting him each day. Other family members visiting him were Mrs. Bill Beck of Ranger and Mary Norsworthy of Easye, Virginia. Mrs. R.G. Watson is a resident of the Baird rest home.

Leigh spent Friday night with her grandparents, Ted and Joan Newberry, in Abilene. They attended a program of ballet dancing.

Joyce Odom and this writer were in Clyde Sunday afternoon visiting Anna Bell Tabor and Jewel Swanzy. In Baird they had short visits with relatives, Faye White and Nila Towler.

Edna Dye attended the Abilene Porcelain Art League meeting in Abilene Saturday morning.

Roland and Faye Mauldin of Denton Valley area and their son, Kenneth of Dallas, visited Gene and Vernie Belle Mauldin during the week.

Visitors of Emma Johnson and Lizzie Burks this week were the nurses that check on Lizzie each week. Also relatives of the two were Wayne Burks of Granbury and Carroll Burks, his son-in-law, Sandy Bullock, and grandson, Cody, all of Abilene.

The Contel telephone company has workers in this area running wiring under roads and pavements. When it all is finished each family will have private phones. Some in the community have had poor phone reception. When it rains or cloudiness, the lines go out for awhile.

PERSONALS

Visiting in the home of Vanda King and children Saturday were Alfred and Dorothy Anderson. Roland and Joyce and son, Sheldon Anderson, all of San Angelo. They came to the 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration of Richard and Pauline Smith of Cottonwood.

Visiting in the home of Suma Dill were Wanda Walker, Blanche Moore. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Thompson, and Carlos Zumiga of the community.

Out-of-town guests were Howard Shanks of Big Spring, R.G. Coppinger of Abilene, and her son, Fred Dill of Irving.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Morris of Birmingham, Alabama visited Thursday afternoon, November 15, with Mrs. Kathryn Morris and family.

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Weekly Health Tip

HEALTH PROGRESS

The death rate from stroke has declined from 89 per 400,000 people in 1950 to 34 in 1984 — with an unusual annual decline of 5.7% since 1973. Medical care has improved. But public awareness and better living habits — non-smoking, reduced fat and cholesterol in the diet; more vegetables, fruit and whole grain bread and cereals, also exercise, are responsible for lowered death rates from heart problems, as well as stroke. Cooperate with your medical team by having a healthful lifestyle.

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