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DISTRICT 14-A ALL-DISTRICT FIRST TEAM SELECTIONS—Donnie Dillard, Senior Tight End (from left); Jody Fortune, Sophomore Run-

ning Back; Brock Walker, Senior Quarterback and Defensive Back; and Jeremy Barnett, Junior Wide Out.

## COME HAVE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA DEC. 9

Hey kids! You better watch out! You better not cry, better not pout, I'm telling you why... Santa Claus is coming to town! His reindeer will be pausing up on the housetop of the Homestead Restaurant in Rising Star, Saturday, December 9. He'll come down the chimney at 9 a.m. and hang around until 11 a.m. So kids, from one to 92, bring your

Christmas list to give to Jolly Old Saint Nick!

While you're there, enjoy The Homestead's breakfast buffet—\$3.50 for Adult, \$9.99 for Children—or try any of their new breakfast items.

Everyone is invited to come out for this Breakfast With Santa!

## 55 MPH National Speed Limit Repealed

WASHINGTON—The speed limit will rise to 70 mph on about 8,000 miles of Texas highways as the state takes advantage of the elimination of the 55-mph federal speed limit, which has been in effect for more than 20 years.

U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, supported the repeal of the 55-mile-per-hour national speed limits.

Gramm had argued that the Texas Legislature is fully capable of setting appropriate speed limits for Texas.

"It's illogical for politicians in Washington to impose the same speed limit regardless of whether it's on a 100-mile stretch of the Texas Panhandle or a crowded urban freeway," the senator said.

The federal speed cap comes off on December 8, ending limits that began in 1974. Texas law provides for the 70-mph speed limit to take effect when the federal law is repealed.

Speed limits are only one part of the legislation that designates 160,955-miles of roads across the country—primarily interstates and main highways—as the National Highway System and provides \$13 billion over two years to upgrade these roads, Gramm said.

Roughly \$440 million from the Highway Trust Fund will be spent in each of 1996 and 1997 to help improve and maintain Texas roads, the senator noted.

The bill also:

- Drops the requirement for use of the metric system of measurements on road signs.
- Exempts farmers from federal hours-of-service rules for truck drivers during harvest season.
- Establishes a "zero-tolerance" requirement for alcohol use by drivers under age 21.

## Christmas Open House Dec. 13 At Reba Lane's

Reba Lane will be hosting a Christmas Open House at her home Wednesday, December 13, beginning at 10 a.m. Refreshments will be served.

Everyone is invited to attend.

## Colonial Oaks Services

Pioneer Revival Center will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, December 10, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

## Chamber Of Commerce Open House December 8

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce will host an open house at its new office at 209 N. Main Street. The new office is located inside Susan Schaefer's CPA building.

This is the first official office for the Chamber and marks a year of great progress for the Chamber and the Cross Plains Community.

Chamber Board members will be available to greet you and visit with you at the open house. Refreshments will be served.

The open house will be between 6 and 8 p.m. on Friday evening, December 8 during Christmas Village. Please come and see the Chamber's new home.

## Share Your Christmas Through The "Texas Tree" Project

The Chamber of Commerce is again sponsoring project to provide gifts to needy children in the Cross Plains area. In the past they have had a "Dove Tree" at Citizens State Bank, but this year in keeping with the "Christmas in Texas" theme for the Christmas Village, there is a "Texas Tree".

The Christmas tree inside the local bank is decorated with Texas shapes bearing the names of the children. You may take one or more and purchase a gift for the individuals, or you may contribute cash which will be used to purchase the appropriate gift(s).

Monday, December 18, is the deadline to share your Christmas with a child in need. You may go by the Citizens State Bank or the Chamber of Commerce Office in Susan Schaefer's office.

**MAKE A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS SPECIAL!**

## Cross Plains Garden Club Plans Christmas Gala December 8

By KAY D. MOSLEY

The Cross Plains Garden Club members and invited guests will assemble Friday for their annual Christmas party.

The party will be at 5:30 p.m. December 8 at the Cross Plains Multi-Purpose Center. Each member should bring a salad for a salad supper.

A program "Christmas In Other Lands" will be presented by Pauniece Oglesby.

Each individual please bring a gift for the Christmas gift exchange. Merry Christmas!!



CHRISTMAS TOUR LEADERS—Deana Strickland and Dr. Travis

Summerlin have devoted their talents to the success of exhibit.



SANTA CAME TO CROSS PLAINS—Tatym Elyce Shaw is visiting with Santa for her first time. She is

the daughter of Shane and Blandye Shaw and the granddaughter of Vanda

King and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Butler.

## 1995 Christmas Village A Big Hit Friday and Saturday Final Showing

By VANDA KING  
Editor

Christmas Village opened on a beautiful weekend just perfect for all the activities. Cross Plains Kiwanis Club lit the huge tree lights in front of Dal-Mar Energy, Inc. and the Buffalo Band performed Christmas music enhancing the spirit of the season.

A long line of children awaited the arrival of Santa Claus. The siren on the fire truck alerted them that he was on his way. The fire truck delivered him to Higginbotham's to the delight of the children.

A large crowd gathered for the Kiwanis prize drawing. Gifts, gift certificates, food and cash were among some of the items won.

The Senior Citizens Center held a cake walk which is always successful. The seniors have lots of fun during this event and the homemade baked goods are always delicious.

Citizens State Bank displayed a collection of Babs Sherrill's original paintings. She is a very gifted local artist whose works you will enjoy.

The Post Office was open during the Christmas Village for a Christmas in Texas pictorial cancellation. Those who wished to mail letters, cards, etc. with this special cancellation brought their items by at this time. The Post Office

also had Texas Statehood T-shirts, lapel pins and posters for sale.

Higginbotham's, Johnson's Dry Goods, West Side Story, Koeing's Family Store, and Country Kin remained open for business during the Christmas Village.

Project Pride sponsors the Christmas Village, and community residents donate their time and talent to its success. Margaret McNeel serves as the coordinator for the event and committee chairmen are responsible for the various attractions.

The Living Windows featured Cross Plains' youth performing a skit to "The Night Before Christmas in Texas" sung by Gene Autry, and "Run, Run Rudolph". Elementary and preschool children were the characters, and they always get everyone's attention. Sheri Bennett is the committee chairman.

The Live Nativity Scene characters for Friday were members of the Living Water Ministries Fellowship, and Believer's Fellowship members performed Saturday. The First United Methodist Church will be the cast this Friday with Cross Plains First Baptist Church Saturday. Bettye Greenwood is the committee chairman.

The "Christmas in Texas" tour was the highlight of the evening. Deana Strickland has served as the chairman for the past two years. Her creative abilities

See VILLAGE p. 5

**COURTHOUSE NEWS**

**42nd DISTRICT COURT**  
John Weeks presiding

**Civil Filings**  
Meloye Tyron vs Raymond Hounstell, damages; motor vehicle.  
Divorce filed:  
Plunk, Billy Jack & Kimberly Ann, and in the interest of minor child.

**Civil Minutes**  
Gabriel Mark Duque vs David "Joe Pete" Forcher, dismissed with prejudice.

**Divorce granted:**  
Childers, Melinda Gay & Fred Gwin.

**COUNTY COURT**  
Bill Johnson presiding

**Misdemeanor Filings**  
Sabrina J. Sanders, prostitution.  
James Dodd, assault.  
Danny M. Cannon, DWI & deadly conduct.

Carl Britt Ancell, criminal mischief.  
Charged with TPC (theft of property by check): Kay Ancell, Wilda R. Lightfoot, Jimi L. McWhirter, Jeff Medley, Vickey Bell, Ada B. Sellers, Ismael Rodriguez, Frank Davis.

**Misdemeanor Minutes**  
Jack Ancell, TPC, \$10 fine \$195 court costs.

Larry Wiseman, TPC, \$10.34 fine, court costs waived.

Benjamin D. Covington, assault, fine waived, \$160 court costs.

Charles J. Mantooth, motion dismissed to revoke probation.

David M. Reed, probation revoked, sentenced to 120 days in jail.

In the matter of Regan Bryant Gamble, SOS Bail Bond allowed to withdraw as surety.

Elizabeth Lowther, TPC, \$10 fine \$195 court costs.

**MARRIAGE LICENSES**

Donna Michal Shelton, Clyde, David William Reisinger, Ft. Hood.  
Lori Lynn Voigts, Abilene, Tommy Joe Higgins, Jr., Baird.

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One of the finest accomplishments is making a long story short.

—Kin Hubbard



...Now, dear Children, continue in him, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming. I John 2:28  
Paid Advertising — Irma Miller

**OBITUARY**

**Cleo Edington**

COLEMAN—Cleo Edington, 87, died Thursday, November 30, 1995, in an Abilene hospital.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday in Stevens Funeral Home Chapel with David Ross Cathey officiating. Burial was in Burkett Cemetery.

Mr. Edington was born near Cross Cut in Brown County and attended school in Comal and Burkett. He was a farmer and married Ella Thate in 1927 in Coleman. He lived in the Crossroads area for more than 40 years and moved to Coleman about one year ago. He was a member of Burkett Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, of Coleman; two daughters, Lelia Cathey and Lavada Young, both of Coleman; one sister, Lucille Barr of Cross Plains; one brother, Carl Edington of Cross Plains; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to Holiday Hill Nursing Home, Glen Cove Route, Coleman 76834.

**RRC SUGGESTS SAFETY CHECK FOR PROPANE TANKS AS STATE ENTERS COLD WEATHER SEASON**

AUSTIN—With cold weather gripping the state, the Texas Railroad Commission suggests that homeowners who fuel furnaces and appliances with propane contact their local dealer for a safety check of their propane tank and regulator.

Although it doesn't happen often, safety officials warn that if the regulator vent ices over or is clogged by insect nests or debris, high pressure gas can be released directly to home appliances. Homeowners should participate with their propane dealer in a regular safety inspection program each year.

Regulators on most home tanks are located under a protective metal dome on the top of the tank, shielding them from weather and insects. On some tanks, however, the circular regulator is installed outside the dome cover. Owners of these tanks should make sure the regulator is properly installed and operating correctly by contacting the local dealer that fills and services their tanks.

Some Texans buy propane in portable tanks for use in barbecues or as a supplemental heat source. Colder weather may prompt such users to bring the portable cylinders indoors. But Railroad commission officials say all propane cylinders and containers must stay outside for safety, as required by the Commission's safety rules.

Propane is commonly used as a residential and commercial fuel throughout Texas.

**Coggin Avenue Baptist Church To Give a Gift To The Community**

Christmas. The time of the year when thoughts turn to holiday decorations, presents, visiting with faraway family and friends, and most likely engaging in a little too much fruitcake and pecan pie. People all around the area have begun their annual shopping treks, all the time wondering whether Uncle Bill would rather have a new fishing pole or a necktie. Doesn't Granny need another knick-knack for her mantle? And wasn't Cousin Tommy saying at Thanksgiving that he's dying for a new video game?

Yes, a part of the Christmas season is about giving and receiving. But it's not all about necktie or video game wrapped in a festive box with ribbons and bows. There's the gift of time, of friendship, of caring, of love, and of yourself. In all the hustle and bustle, all too many people forget to take the time to remember what Christmas is really all about—it's the season and celebration of our Lord's birth.

A gift is waiting for you, ready to be opened—three times if you like. Coggin Avenue Baptist Church is presenting a dramatic musical production entitled "A New King For A New Kingdom" the

**Democratic Primary Election Filing Begins**

Two incumbent commissioners were the first to file for the upcoming Democratic Primary Election in Callahan County, according to County Democratic Party Chairman Jon Hardwick.

Harold Hicks, Precinct #1 commissioner from Clyde, and Tommy Holland, Precinct #3 commissioner from Baird, both filed for the Democratic Primary Election on Monday, December 4, one day after candidate filing began.

Hicks, 55, has resided in the state 55 years and in Callahan County 23. He lists his address as 1472 FM 604 North.

Holland, 62, has resided in the state 62 years and in the county 31 years. He resides at 240 Vine Street in Baird.

Besides the positions of County Commissioner Precinct #1 and County Commissioner Precinct #3, other public offices which will be up for election in 1996 include: County Attorney, County Sheriff, County Tax Assessor-Collector and all three County Constable places in Clyde, Baird and Cross Plains.

Candidate filing for the Democratic Primary Election began December 3 at the offices of the Hardwick Company on West Highway 80 in Baird. Democratic Party County Chairman Jon Hardwick can be reached at (915) 854-1256.

Hardwick said besides being a resident of the county, a registered voter and over the age of 18, candidates are required to pay a filing fee to be placed on the primary election ballot. The filing fee for the office of County Attorney is \$1,000. The filing fee for County Sheriff, County Tax Assessor-Collector and County Commissioner is \$600. A filing fee of \$300 is charged for a candidate running for the office of County Constable.

Filing for a place on the Democratic primary ballot will continue until 6:00 p.m. on January 2, 1996, Hardwick said.

The Democratic Primary Election Day will be March 12, 1996 in Callahan County. Early voting for the primary election will take place from February 21, 1996 through March 8, 1996.

All individuals wishing to file for a county office position in the upcoming Democratic Primary Election are required to file a campaign treasurer form with the county clerk, according to the Texas Election Code. The campaign treasurer form may be obtained from the office of County Clerk Darlene Walker at the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird.

Individuals must file the campaign treasurer form with the county clerk before filing with the Democratic Party county chairman, Hardwick noted.

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He who does not live in some degree for others, hardly lives for himself.

—Montaigne

**CEU Training At Baird Tuesday, Dec. 12**

A CEU Training will be held in Baird on Tuesday, December 12. The training will be held at the Baird Activity Center from 12 noon until 5 p.m. Five CEU's will be given to all private, non-commercial and commercial applicators who attend the training. Two hours of Laws & Regulations, one hour in IPM and two in general course hours will be

offered to all applicators who need CEU's for license renewal. Fifteen hours are required for private applicators by December 31, 1995. Cost for the training will be \$3 per individual.

Another 5 hour CEU course will be offered in Brownwood on December 19. Contact person for this training is Kerry Shropshire at 915-646-0386.

**Bullock Praises President Clinton and Congress**

AUSTIN—Lt. Governor Bob Bullock today praised President Clinton and Congress for their actions in the Highway System Designation Act of 1995. Bullock especially pointed to the portions which link federal highway funding to stronger juvenile DWI laws.

This action comes in the wake of Bullock's appointment in September of the Senate Interim Committee on Juvenile DWI Laws, a five member com-

mittee chaired by Senator Royce West of Dallas, which is charged to make recommendations on ways to curb teenage drinking and driving.

"If changing these laws saves even one child's life, it's the right thing to do" Bullock said.

Bullock encourages the Senate Interim Committee on Juvenile DWI Laws to consider Congress' action as further evidence of the importance of this issue

**BURKETT NEWS**

By LOVERA STRICKLAND

Visiting Mike and Linda Brady for the Thanksgiving Holidays were George and Virginia Shewmaker, Mike, Jody, and Patrick Shewmaker of Texarkana; Ben and Lucille Creek, Audrey Wright and Tommy Perkins of Coleman; Wayne Burks of Grand Prairie; Russell and Alisa Gould of Abilene; Steve Kleiber of San Angelo; Whitney Kirkham of Cross Plains; Tim, Melinda, Stephanie, and Colton Bledsoe of Valera; Jackie, Sandy, and Nicholas, and Marty, Glenda, Brooke, and J. J. Callaway of Burkett.

Mrs. Elizabeth Goodvick and boys, John and Bryce of Eden visited Dr. and Mrs. Phil Newman Jr. last Saturday and also the Saturday before. Phil and Tiny enjoyed their visit very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Strickland, Deanna and Jared of Lake Somerville visited the Jack Stricklands over the

weekend. Darryl Tinney of Kingfisher Oklahoma returned home Saturday after spending several days visiting the Stricklands.

Melba Walker visited in San Angel the first part of the week.

Andrew and Doris Walker, Melba Walker, and Bill and Addie Walker o Burkett and Annie Merle Trent o Coleman met LeRoy and Dora Walke of Colorado Springs, Colorado at the Trade Winds for supper and a visit. LeRoy and friends came down to pick up some pecans.

Bro. and Mrs. Brumlow of Snook visited the Burkett Baptist Church Sunday. Bro. Brumlow is a retired Baptist minister and he brought the message Sunday morning. Everyone enjoyed his sermon very much. They were in this area deer hunting.

Mark Burkett of Midland visited his grandmother, Yuna V. Burkett Saturday night.

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By LINDA EDINGTON  
Activity Director

Several of our ladies are looking mighty pretty with their new perms, Annabel Vaught, Wonnie Walton and Lorena Wright. Thanks Lillie Dillard. Our appreciation to the Kiwanians for the fruit and candy, and to Joyce Cottrell for the cookies and popcorn.

Dorothy Thomas was our winner for a meal at Jack's Place.

Kate McCarty, Blanche Brooks and Mona Wilson from Abilene visited Gertie Powell and also visiting was Dru Eppard.

Leo and Jewel Thompson visited with Sylvia Smith.

Jesse and Hazel Bigbee from Cottonwood visited Mable Fann.

Frances Thornton visited Myrtle Wil-

son.

Avis Cross from San Angelo visited Clara Coburn.

Activities during the week:

**Monday:** Bingo winners were Dorothy Thomas (2), Mildred Ford, Mary Keele (3), Allie Dickson and Suma Dill. Exercise class.

**Tuesday:** Art class. Popcorn and Skip-Bo games.

**Wednesday:** Sing-a-long with Bob Wallace. Exercise class.

**Thursday:** Bingo winners were Mary Keele (2), Suma Dill, Gertie Powell, Allie Dickson, Midge McCall, Deen Haddox and Vera Belyeu (2). Afternoon singing with Ruby McCowen.

**Friday:** Singing with Bob Wallace.

Sit-down-basketball.

**Sunday:** Pioneer Revival Center.

JESUS is the Heart of Christmas.

**Quips, Clips & Comments**

By KAY DENNIS MOSLEY



JOYCE ODOM AND KAY MOSLEY

**COUNTRY WOMAN EXTRAORDINAIRE...**

The leaves were just beginning to show their fall colors as my husband and I drove into the countryside. After twice stopping to check with locals to be sure we were on the right track, we arrived at our destination. An afternoon at the home of Joyce Odom. It developed into one of the most fascinating afternoons I have experienced in a while.

We were greeted by Joyce and one of the friendliest brown and white puppies imaginable. Joyce was raking leaves and acorns from her front yard.

I brought her a start of fennel. She had ready for me something I have loved since childhood, a start of poke salet or poke salad as I have also seen it spelled. She even gave me some seed for it also in case the plants didn't survive. We toured her herb gardens and yard. She has a very green thumb as well as being artistically talented. She also is a craftsperson of distinction as well as an inventor of crafted items of useful necessities.

Her yard contained many lovely plants, some potted, some garden varieties. She had a lovely prolific creeping Jew potted plant. The loveliest I believe I have ever seen. She had poke salet plants as large as small trees, several herbs including oregano, a very pungent basil and all growing in glorious profusion. Among other plants, she has yucca, an African milk plant which is one of the tallest potplants I've ever had the occasion to see.

She has started a cactus garden, also collects bottles, rocks and petrified rock specimens. She has one large specimen which she mounted on slender wirelooking dowels which look like a large bird (a crane or pelican) standing on one foot with the other crossed over. Makes for a most fascinating statuette. She has several quite interesting birdhouses. She has both built and fashioned mounted in various locations in both back and front as well as side yards. One birdhouse she had fashioned as an Uncle Sam hat, another birdhouse she had just completed that morning, completely shingled and painted.

She and her family moved into her

present home in 1945. She married Sterling Odom in the mid-30s, he is now deceased. Together they raised three children, Jenny, Nancy and Ivan.

The house is every bit as fascinating as her gardens and yards. Almost every item and every piece of furniture plus each plant both indoors and outdoors has a story. Some of the furniture belonged to her late husbands parents and some of it belonged to Joyce's parents. Her parents died in the tornado of 1950 and some of the furniture suffered damage but Joyce took the pieces and made other items of furniture from them. They are very innovative as well as useful.

Joyce has worked with tin and also tin cans over the years, with which she has made some lovely items, such as punched tin cabinet doors, over the door punched tin decorative swags, curliques bird cages from strips of tin cans, as well as receptacles from tin cans. This past week she made me a spittoon from a 3 pound coffee can which is just the darlinest spittoon you ever saw. She has wooden candle holders about three foot high she made from pillars or colonnades from the old Callahan County courthouse. She made furniture both for herself and child sized ones for her childrens play when they were small. She still has them today.

Her home contains many antiques which bring back fond memories. Some which come to mind are button jars...brimful, beds, tables, chairs, a pump organ, toys, bottles, and a hand-made cradle to name just a few. Butterpresses, kerosene lamps, you name it she has it. It's a veritable treasure trove of crafts, quilts, plants, wreaths, antiques and memories. Memories of a life-style seldom equaled these days. This garden club member is cheerful, energetic, fun, talented and also innovative. Joyce Odom whose lovely face displays character and a love of life which is truly a pleasure to behold. A most enjoyable interview and visit and I made it home without getting lost.

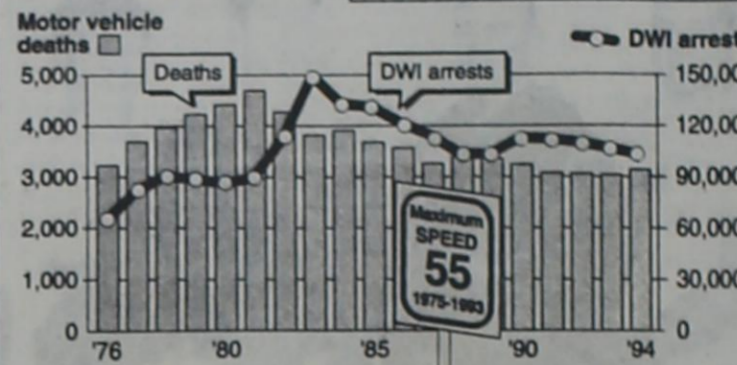
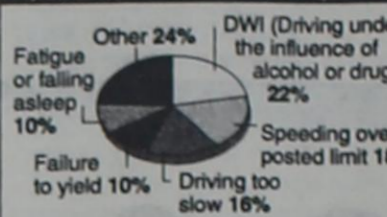
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**Keeping an eye on Texas**

**DWI leads cause of traffic deaths**

Alcohol and drugs contributed to more traffic deaths in 1994 than any other cause. Traffic deaths decreased in Texas as DWI arrests rose after 1981.

3,142 fatal auto accidents, 1994



SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and Texas Department of Public Safety.

**PUBLIC FAX AT THE CROSS PLAINS REVIEW**

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**GUEST SPEAKER AND SURPRISE VISITOR**—J. T. Smith, popular and very capable Farm Editor for the Abilene Reporter-News, was the guest speaker for the local Kiwanis Club December 5. The club was also honored to have Lawrence Winkler, District Kiwanis Governor, as a surprise visitor.

Pictured with J. T. are O. B. Edmondson, long-time acquaintance of the speaker, and Don Clark, program chairman for the week.

Guests are invited to attend the noon meetings each Tuesday at the local Dairy Queen.

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By Bob Pipes, preacher  
Cross Plains Church of Christ  
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The German poet, Goethe, said: "I respect the man who knows what he wishes. The greatest part of all mischief in the world arises from the fact that men do not sufficiently understand their own aims. They have undertaken to build a tower, and spend no more labor on the foundation than would be necessary to erect a hut."

Please notice that last sentence again: "They have undertaken to build a tower, and spend no more labor on the foundation than would be necessary to erect a hut." It doesn't take much (if any) of a foundation for a hut -- but who wants a "hut of a life" -- or a "hut" of anything, whether it be an education, job, home (and I don't mean a house), marriage or whatever? Jesus said that it is a foolish person who builds on the sand, without any foundation -- and when the storms come, that which is built, falls -- and how it falls! The wise man builds upon a rock-of-a-foundation, and though the storms do come, his building stands firm. (Matthew 7:24-27)

If you are really wanting to build a tower (house), take enough time, money and effort to lay a good foundation. If you are really wanting to build a life, take enough time, money and effort to lay a good foundation. That may include proper education, practice, study, sweat, tears, even blood. And when it comes to spiritual things, the foundation is already laid, Paul says. It's Jesus Christ, I Corinthians 3:11. Who would want to build on anything less than the Rock anyhow?!

Come build with us, on the foundation of Jesus Christ.

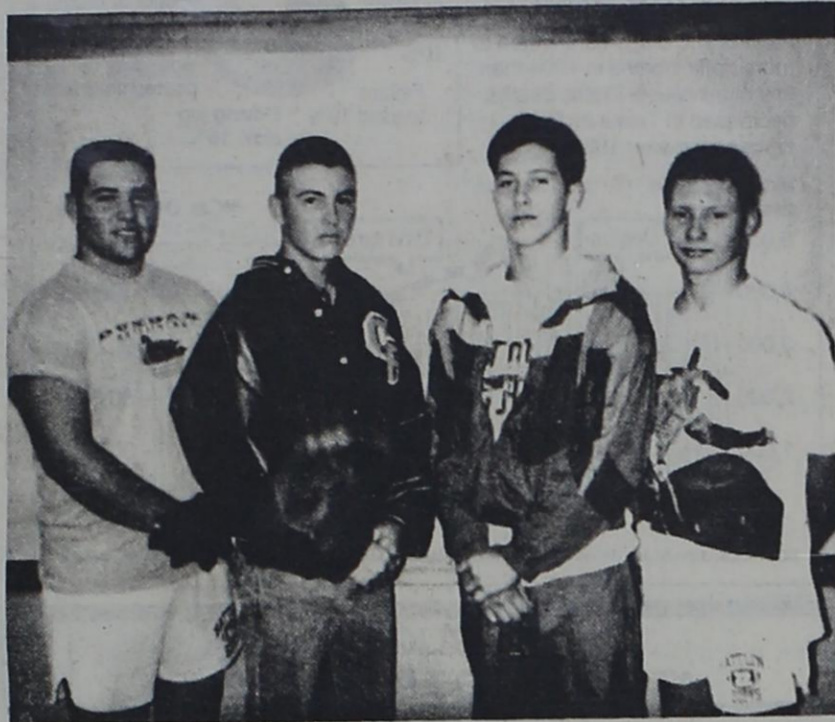
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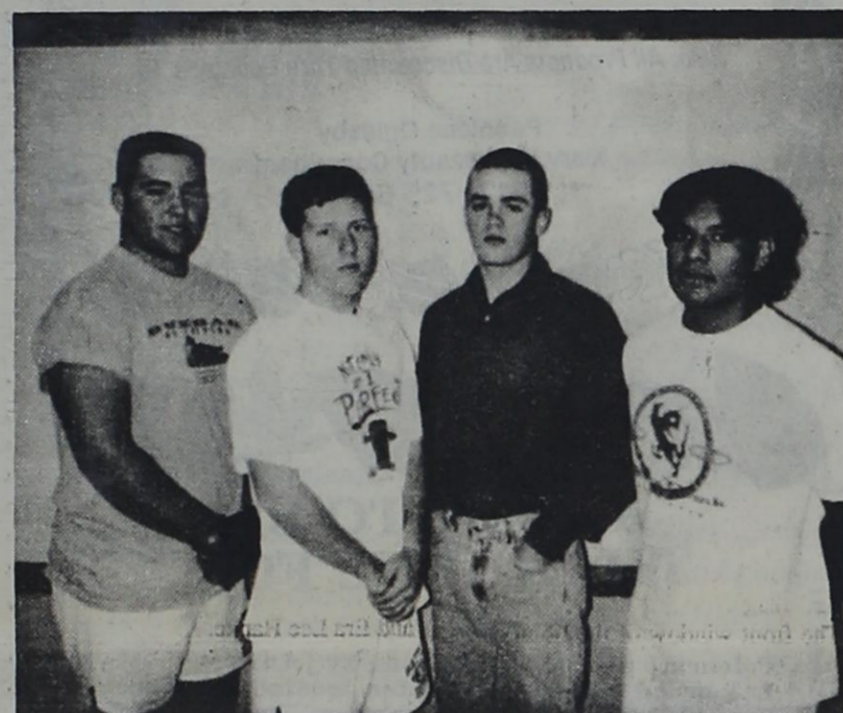
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**ALL-DISTRICT SECOND TEAM OFFENSE AND DEFENSE**—Michael McClure, Sophomore Offensive Lineman (from left); Joseph

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**ALL-DISTRICT HONORABLE MENTION SELECTIONS**—Michael McClure (from left); Jeff Brown, Senior Defensive Lineman;

Jarad Richards, Sophomore Defensive Back; Hugo Mauricio, Junior Linebacker; and C. J. Parham (not pictured), Senior Offensive Lineman.

## LADY BUFFS PLAY IN ROCHELLE TOURNNEY

The Lady Buffs Varsity basketball girls participated in the Rochelle Invitational from November 30 to December 2. The team found some stiff competition but gained some valuable learning experience.

The opening round pitted Cross Plains against the Eden Bulldogs. Very poor shooting by Cross Plains during the second half allowed Eden to take away a 19 point Lady Buffs halftime lead, but Cross Plains prevailed 56-48 in overtime. There were 59 fouls and 78 free throws done in the contest (compared to 68 and 72 last year!) Malysa Sowell burned the nets for 17 points. Whitney Kirkham and Jaonna Harris scored 14 and 12 points, respectively. Harris also had a big night rebounding with 19 boards. Misty Strickland scored seven points while Nikki Beggs and Mindy Mitchell added two each.

On Friday, Cross Plains suffered a mild upset by the hosting Rochelle Hornets, 46-41. Poor shooting (24%) and turnovers (23) spelled doom for the Lady Buffs. Strickland had 13 and Kirkham scored 11 to lead Cross Plains,

followed by Sowell with eight; Harris, four; two each by Mitchell and Jolena Fleming, and one by Ricci who also had seven blocks on the night.

Saturday saw Cross Plains take on Cherokee. Though the game was very tight through the fourth quarter, turnover again led the way for a 46-40 loss. The Lady Buffs committed 31 turnovers in the game. "I don't know why we have played this way lately," Coach Starcher admitted. "We must re-focus ourselves on the game because District 29-A is right around the corner!"

Malysa Sowell scored 12 points to head the way for Cross Plains. Laura Ricci had a good outing with nine points, eight steals, eight blocks, and 10 rebounds. Misty Strickland scored eight, Jaonna Harris put in six and had 12 rebounds, and Whitney Kirkham added five points with seven assists.

The Lady Buffs will play in two more tournaments. The Rough Creek Classic in Novice is December 7-9 and the Ranger Christmas Classic is December 28-30.

## Junior High Boys Travel To Eula

By LARRY WHITEHEAD

Cross Plains Junior High Boys traveled to Eula Monday night to meet a very tough non-district opponent in Eula. The boys played hard but came up short. The eighth grade score was 32-12. Scoring for the boys were Jody Pancake, 5 pts.; Jaden Winfrey, 4 pts.; and Coby Richards, 1 pt.

In the seventh grade game, the score was 49-17 in favor of Eula. Scorers for

the seventh grade were: Landon Hill, 6 pts.; Nate Hawkins, 4 pts.; Jake Merryman, Brandon Gilliam, and Chris Kitchens, 2 pts. each; and Ryan Atchison, 1 pt.

The boys are working hard and need your support in every game, so come on out and enjoy the action.

Our next game will be December 11 against Panther Creek in Voss.

See you at the Game!

## Buffaloes Remain Undefeated!

With home wins over DeLeon and Abilene Christian High School, the Cross Plains Buffaloes stayed undefeated in their '95-'96 campaign.

Cross Plains met DeLeon on the 21st of November and walked away with a hard fought, 63-58, win. This game saw four Buffs in double figures. Jeremy Barnett had 13, Dusty Hargrove and Brock Walker earned 12 each, and Joseph Turner added 10. Donnie Dillard led the Buffs in rebounds with 10, Hargrove led in steals with 2 1/2, and Walker had six assists.

Coming off of the Thanksgiving Holidays, Cross Plains hosted ACHS and ran away with a 73-47 victory. Donnie Dillard and Joseph Turner had career highs in points with 25 and 18, respectively. Leaders in other categories were Walker with nine assists and 3 1/2 steals; Hargrove, Dillard, and Lee Wayne Wheeler each with six rebounds.

The Cross Plains J.V. Buffs were beaten in a well-played close game by DeLeon J.V., 44-42. Bay Kirkham was the leading scorer for Cross Plains with 12 points, followed closely by Nathaniel Swift who scored nine. The J.V. Buffs routed ACHS J.V. by a score of 36-19. Kirkham and Swift once again led in the scoring column with 12 and 8, respectively.

This J.V. group plays very hard, they just need to find the gym and play. Come out and support the Buffaloes at their next home game which will be December 12 when Baird comes to town.

## Lady Buffs Split Home Games

Cross Plains High School Lady Buffs basketball team split their home games with a win and a loss this past week.

On November 21, the DeLeon Lady Bearcats came to town as one of the highly regarded AA teams in North Texas. The Lady Buffs used a patient offensive attack and kept the game within a four to six point difference most of the way. However, DeLeon pulled away at the end for a 52-42 win. The Lady Buffs were led by Malysa Sowell's 14 points, followed by Whitney Kirkham and Misty Strickland with five points each, Laura Ricci with eight points, four points each for Jaonna Harris and Mindy Mitchell, and two points for Whitney Giles.

On November 28, the Cross Plains Lady Buffs played Abilene Christian High School in the Buffalo Dome and survived a late rally by the Lady Panthers to win, 57-53. Coach John Starcher stated, "We almost let them (ACHS) back into the game with our turnovers and mental mistakes, but our kids kept their heads on to win." Sowell had a career night, hitting 7 of 7 two point shots, 1 of 1 from the three point line,

## Gifted/Talented Nominations Accepted

Cross Plains Independent School District offers a program for intellectually gifted students who display potential in academic and creative-productive thinking skills areas. Each year the district identifies students who would benefit from being in such a program. The district is currently accepting nominations for the program. If you would like to nominate a student, you may do so by going to the high school or elementary principal's office and completing the proper forms. Deadline for nominations is December 16, 1995.



**VARSITY BUFFS**—Justin Richey (from left), Brandon Stover, Benji Blackstock, Head Coach Bill Boyd,

Dusty Hargrove, Lee Wayne Wheeler, Barnett, Joseph Turner, Coach Kevin McLean, and Jarad Richards.

## BUFFALOES WIN EVANT TOURNAMENT

For the fourth time in four years, the Cross Plains Buffaloes walked away with the Evant Invitational Tournament title, the Runnin' Buffs are off to their fastest start in years with seven wins and no losses.

The Buffs met the San Saba Armadillos in the first round at the tournament and survived a 57-56 double-overtime win. Brock Walker led Cross Plains with 22 points and 10 assists. Fellow Senior, Donnie Dillard, followed with 16 points and 10 rebounds. Jeremy Barnett tied Dillard with a team high 10 rebounds.

The second round of the tournament saw the Buffs run away from Jonesboro, 67-36. Walker and Dillard once again

led in scoring with 16 and 14, respectively. Dillard was the leading rebounder with eight, and Walker had nine assists. Sophomore Joseph Turner led the defense with five steals. Our bench accounted for 24 of our points this game!

The finals saw the Buffs defeat a once-beaten Evant Elk team 64-57. This game saw four Buffaloes in double figures: Walker, 20; Turner, 12; Dillard, 11; and Barnett, 10. Dillard led in rebounds with 15, and Walker had six assists, and Turner had three steals.

As mentioned previously, the Buffs have made the long trip to Evant for the last four years and have never lost a game there! This tournament champi-

onship showed our depth and poise (especially in the second overtime on Thursday). This group has a chance to be a good ball club if we improve our offensive and defensive rebounding as well as our free throw percentage.

Congratulations goes out to Donnie Dillard and Brock Walker. Dillard had an excellent tournament with great offensive numbers as well as taking six charges. Walker was named MVP of this tournament for an unbelievable third time in a row! Walker was the leading scorer and assister in each game. With his first assist of the tournament, Walker went over the 500 CAREER ASSIST Mark!

## J.V. Lady Buffs Report

The Cross Plains Junior Varsity Lady Buffs basketball team continues to improve for the '95-'96 season. On November 21, in a game much closer than the score indicated, the J.V. girls took on DeLeon, losing by a 44-28 count. The girls played well but could not overcome the Bearcats quickness. Ashley Beggs had a good night with 10 points, followed by Ricci, Shanna Hutton, Nikki Beggs, and Harris. Ricci also had five blocks on the night.

The varsity girls will play in the Rough Creek Classic this weekend (Dec. 7-9), then host Baird (Dec. 12), Richland Springs (Dec. 15), and Star (Dec. 19) in the Dome.

Everyone keep up their support for these young student-athletes!!

convincingly, 37-13. The ACHS girls' coach is Angie Ricci, daughter of Ron and Connie Ricci of Cross Plains.

All players did well during the contest, helping to get the victory. Beggs led the Cross Plains' charge with 12 points and 12 steals. Other performances were: Davis with eight points and 14 rebounds, Dillard with six points, Anderson with four points, Radliff with three, and Lea Jean Wyatt and Brandy Hutton with two points each. The J.V. girls now stand at 2-4 on the season.

The schedule includes Baird at home on December 12, and Richland Springs (here) on December 15.

## Junior High Basketball Results

This past Monday, the seventh and eighth grade girls traveled to Eula for two games. The girls lost their first district games of the year to go 2-1 in district. The seventh grade score was Eula 34, Cross Plains 17. Scoring and playing for the seventh grade was Jennifer Turner, 6 pts.; Lindsey Barnett and Ashley Harris, 4 pts. each; Kristin Hunter and Amber Wilson, 2 pts. each; Ashlee Hutchins, 1 pt.; Alisea Hail; Lindsey Merion, April Weaver, Toni Wyatt, Amanda Goble, and Elizabeth Cary.

The eighth grade game score was Eula 25, Cross Plains 17. The game was close until the fourth quarter, then Eula out-

scored Cross Plains 10 to 4 to build up their lead and win the game. Playing and scoring for the girls were Stephanie Childress, 4 pts.; Mary Jo Nickerson, Vanessa Webb, and Tabby Clark, 3 pt. each; Jennifer Brame and Dani Preisman, 2 pts. each; Misty Kelly; Brandi Richey; Jodi Payne; Ann Stephenson; Christy Beaty; Melinda Richardson; Amber Taff; and April Potter.

The eighth grade girls will play this Saturday in the Santa Anna Tournament. They play Blanket at 11:30 a.m. and will play two games in the tournament. Then Monday, both girls' teams travel to Panther Creek to close out the first half of their season.

## SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

DECEMBER 11 - DECEMBER 15 (Subject to Change)

### BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Oatmeal, toast, orange juice, and milk.

TUESDAY — Pancake, sausage, orange juice, and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Creamed rice, toast, orange juice, and milk.

THURSDAY — Choice of dry cereal, toast, juice, and milk.

FRIDAY — Bacon, egg, toast, juice, and milk.

### LUNCH

MONDAY — Burrito w/chili & cheese, salad, crackers, pear slices, and milk.

TUESDAY — Sloppy Joes, chips, corn, pickles, dessert, and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Vegetable-Beef soup, grilled cheese sandwich, crackers, pineapple slices, and milk.

THURSDAY — Turkey, gravy, dressing, green beans, cranberry sauce, fruit salad, sweetened yams, rolls, and milk.

FRIDAY — Hamburger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, fries, peanut butter cup, and milk.

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# Local 4-H Sock Hop A Big Hit!

By ALLISHA BRANHAM

The Sock-Hop/Dance was a huge success for the 4-H Club! There were many games and prizes enjoyed by all. Some of them were: Limbo, Twister, Balloon Race, and Steve Erkel Contest. Winners of these events received prizes. Prizes were graciously donated by the following: Johnson's Dry Goods, Neal Drug, Tim's Floral Service, Higginbothams, Cross Plains Review Office, Jack's Place, The Movie Store, Village Market, Dairy Queen, and Jean's Feed Barn. The Cross Plains 4-H Club Members would like to thank all these businesses for donating prizes or making a donation. "Thank You." We would also like

to thank the school for letting us use the gym and P/A system. A big thanks to Willie Merryman for playing the music, and to Michael McClure for the use of his stereo. Thanks also to the kids that came. Also we would like to thank Charlotte Biggs and Shirley Davis for their time and help. "Thank You." A very big thanks goes to our 4-H leader, Lanita Sturgill; without her, it could not have been a success. Thanks to everyone! If you have any questions or comments about 4-H, please contact Lanita Sturgill at (817) 725-6634.

## CISCO JUNIOR COLLEGE CHORUS PRESENTS "CHRISTMAS TOGETHER" DECEMBER 7 & 8

Christmas is the yearly celebration, on December 25, of family and friends, home and hearth. The celebration of the birth of Christ. Please join us on December 7 and 8 as Director Donna DeLuca, the Cisco Junior College Chorus, and special ensemble proudly present "Christmas Together," a musical journey through the joy of family and friends celebrating past and present Christmases together. Journey with us as we then follow the star to Bethlehem and rejoice in the birth of the Christ Child.

The Cisco Junior College Chorus and ensemble will be presenting both secular and religious selections with solos from Paula Harris of Cisco, Christy Gregory of Mesquite, Mandy Senterfit of Cisco, Dawn Mann of Roscoe, and Dion Davis of Dallas. We will also be expecting a very special visit from Santa Claus making the evening a special event for people of all ages. So please join us on December 7 and 8. For dinner reservations, please call (817) 442-2567.

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# THE FIRST REAL TEST OF NAFTA IS ONLY DAYS AWAY

By ATTORNEY GENERAL DAN MORALES

The future of Texas' highways is at a crossroads. Because of NAFTA, our state has been presented with an historic opportunity for economic growth. Yet that same opportunity carries with it significant risks.

Because most NAFTA trade with Mexico goes through Texas, our state could soon become the testing ground for a dangerous experiment—the massive influx of oversized, unsafe Mexican trucks on our roads and highways. This experiment will use our roadways, our cars, and our citizens as guinea pigs, with potentially devastating consequences. A single accident between an overweight Mexican truck and a Texas school bus or family car would be as tragic as it is unnecessary.

While the full implementation of NAFTA will not be completed until early in the next century, the first milestone comes on December 18, 1995. The treaty stipulates that on that date, trucks from Mexico will have complete access to Texas roadways. In other words, they will soon begin to travel through our largest cities and on some of our most congested highways.

Mexican trucks routinely carry up to twice the lawful U. S. weight. Maximum weight on U. S. trucks is 80,000 lbs. Mexican trucks weigh as much as 170,000 lbs.

These trucks pose risks to Texas citizens through accidents due simply to their larger size. But, they also pose significant risks because they are allowed to operate at maintenance and safety standards far below those required in the United States.

Additionally, Mexican truck drivers receive less training, and operate under lower safety standards. For example, U.S. drivers are limited to 13 hours. Mexican drivers are not limited at all.

Texas Department of Public Safety officers stop and inspect approximately 150 trucks a day. But there are about 5,000 truck crossings every day along our 1,200 mile border. The DPS finds that less than 5% of those Mexican trucks have adequate brakes, shocks, tires, wheels, and other equipment necessary to operate the vehicle safely. Soon there will be 10,000 truck crossings a day.

These trucks carry more than televisions, stereos, and computers. They carry corrosives, chemical, explosives,

jet fuel, poisons, toxic waste, pesticides and illegal drugs.

Today the Mexican drug cartels are producing a large supply of very potent heroin, and this so-called "black tar" Mexican heroin is vastly more profitable to export than Colombian cocaine. The additional border truck crossings will present more opportunities for the Mexican cartels to put heroin and other illegal drugs on our streets. Without thorough inspection of Mexican trucks, the cartels will feel like NAFTA means the North American Free Trafficking Agreement.

Not only do these trucks pose risks to Texas citizens through accidents, illegal drugs, hazardous waste spills and inadequate insurance, but they also threaten to seriously damage our highways. Engineers have shown that it takes 9,600 cars to equal the road wear of one 80,000 pound truck. Highways built to last 40 years could be worn out in 12 years or less. Large trucks will do more than shorten the life span of our highways. They will damage them. At a minimum of \$350,000 a mile for repairs, such trucks are an expensive proposition.

The simplest and most direct way to reduce the threat is for Texas elected leaders to demand that Mexican trucks comply with all Texas and U. S. laws and standards. I recently traveled to Washington D. C. in an effort to gain the cooperation of the federal government in maintaining these safety standards.

We asked the President to issue an Executive Order that would allow Texas law enforcement entities access to all border-crossing facilities, so that they can work with U. S. Customs officials to keep unsafe Mexican trucks off Texas highways. We think this is a necessary step that must be taken between now and December 18.

We also are seeking a somewhat longer term solution. We have requested federal funds to build prototype "one-stop facilities" near our border wherein trucks can be inspected for drivers licenses, registration, weight, narcotics, hazardous waste and valid insurance.

By working together, we can enjoy the benefits of NAFTA without sacrificing the health and safety of Texas citizens or the multi-billion dollar investment in our roadways. We must ensure that the worthy goals of trade expansion under NAFTA and continued concern for citizen safety are not mutually exclusive.

## American Lung Association Seeks Entries For 1995 Christmas Seals Kids Drawing Contest

AUSTIN—The American Lung Association, in partnership with the National Education Association and Triaminc Parents Club, invite children ages six to 15 to enter the 1995 Christmas Seals Drawing Contest by drawing what "Feeling Good at the Holidays" means to them.

For every contest entry form submitted, Triaminc will donate \$1 to support the American Lung Association's programs for children, helping more than 19 million children who live with breathing problems every day, including asthma.

"The Christmas Seals Kids' Drawing Contest is a child's own special way of having fun while helping other children at the same time," said Edward Carter, President of the American Lung Association of Texas.

Artwork of the 1993 contest first prize state winners are featured on the official Christmas Seals that will be mailed to 30 million homes nationwide during this

holiday season. Christmas Seals have been a primary source of support for the American Lung Association since 1907.

"Donations to the Christmas Seal Campaign help support the American Lung Association of Texas' educational programs, advocacy efforts and scientific research", said Carter.

Contest participants must be between the ages of six to 15 years old. All eligible drawings must be in color on a sheet of 8 1/2 x 11 white, unlined paper. Children will compete on the state level for a My First Sony Personal electronic sketch pad. The Grand Prize winner will receive an Intel Personal Computer, color inkjet printer and graphics software. Winning drawings will be chosen from each of the 50 states, plus the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, U. S. Virgin Islands and from the American military families living abroad.

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## Village

"The Substitute Wife" including signs, hitching post, jail door, etc. which may viewed. His wife, Keeka Byrd, prepared Santa's covered wagon.

Carol Greenwood, a local artist, painted signs for the upstairs display. She also had a profile sketch booth at Country Kin.

Evelyn Harris and Ila Gilliam were responsible for the jail scene which is a new addition. Justice of the Peace Rolan Jones was helpful by locating original jail keys, wanted posters, hangman's noose, and jail cot.

Jeanell Purvis, Sandy Hutton, Laverne Hutton, Trisha Hutton, Kathy Chesshir, Melissa Richards, Alma and Flo Faulkner, Beverly Ross, and numerous children helped to prepare the school room. The character of Robert E. Howard was incorporated into the script since he is Cross Plains' most famous resident.

Joy Dillard and Vicki Dillard set up the barber shop which told the story of Bob Young and his political convictions. A collection of bottles belonging to Vera Wilson was used to decorate. Ray Purvis, local barber, contributed a razor strap, mugs, and other items which enhanced this section.

Marlene Sanders and her family decorated the church section. Antique pews from the First United Methodist Church were used along with stained glass windows belonging to John Adams and Scott Byrd.

The kitchen and living room were decorated by Deana Strickland. The dry sink, dining room table, jars, and other

antique items were contributed by Connie Kirkham. Diane Hail's home-making class prepared the homemade cookies that were served.

The living room scene exhibits a wicker back sofa belonging to Deana which is over 150 years old. The fireplace mantel clock is also Deana's, along with old photos, lamps, quilts, and accessories. The Longhorn furniture is owned by Dean Dillard.

Other items contributed by Dean Dillard include several stuffed wildlife, and the alligator mouth rattlesnake. He also assisted with the preparations of the exhibit. Deana contributed the remainder of the stuffed wildlife.

Deana decorated the Indian, blacksmith, and depot scenes. All the Indian artifacts were handmade by Randy Strickland. These included bows, spears, tepee, etc.

The saddle and tack in the blacksmith shop belong to Randy Strickland. John Adams contributed the leather vice grip and related items. Scott Byrd provided the hitching post.

Gene Dillard completed the electrical work and assisted in many other details.

The Christmas Village weekends speak well of the cooperative efforts of this community and never cease to amaze me. I would like to apologize if I have missed thanking anyone or giving credit where it is due. Everyone's contributions to making Christmas Village a success are deeply appreciated.

Just remember, you can still attend the second weekend this Friday and Saturday from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m.

## Library Displays Exhibits & Collections of Local Residents

During the Christmas Village, December 1 and 2, the Cross Plains Public Library was open from 6-9 p.m. in order to display various exhibits and collections of area residents. These collections will be on display again next week during the final weekend of the Christmas Village.

The front window of the library was hung with beautiful wreaths made and displayed by the local Garden Club.

In Room 1, pictures of children from the following families (some with several generations) were shown: Margaret McNeel, Lois Garrett, Vanda King, Dorothy Petty, Billie R. Loving, and Rosalea Bonner. Also exhibited was a collection of over forty hats from several decades which is owned by Melissa Richards.

In Room 2, there were several different collections on display. Matthew Sowell showed his clown collection, Amanda Sowell presented a Panda Bear collection, and Barbara Sowell displayed her collection of over fifty roadrunners. Billie Ruth Loving also exhibited her collection of cats. In addition, there was a 3-D Puzzle, owned by Jack and Kathryn Tunnell, and a series of pop-up books, belonging to the library, on display.

Found in Room 3, is a Milkglass collection owned by Janet Purvis, needle point and crochet (some old and some new) by Deloris Garrett, and an exhibit of quilts made by various ladies of the community: Peggy Koeing, Paunice Oglesby, Lois Garrett, Margaret McNeel, Susan McNeel, Jeanell Purvis, and Era Lee Hauke.

In Room 4 there is a display of New Pictures of Old Buildings, taken and framed by James Nichols. There are letters and documents from the 1800's and 1900's displayed by Joe Coppinger and Dorothy Petty. On display in a glass case, is Margaret McNeel's collection of plates, each hand-painted with the face of an Indian child. Another exhibit is that of Avon Dolls (prizes for top sales) and Bells owned by Florence Faulkner. The last exhibit in this room is that of Photographs by Bobby Jack McCowen. Included in this display are ones from Victor Talking Machine Co., 1915; Silverstone 1920's, Electric RCA 1941 Anniversary Model; and Victor Talking Machine Co., 1910 (with speaker horn).

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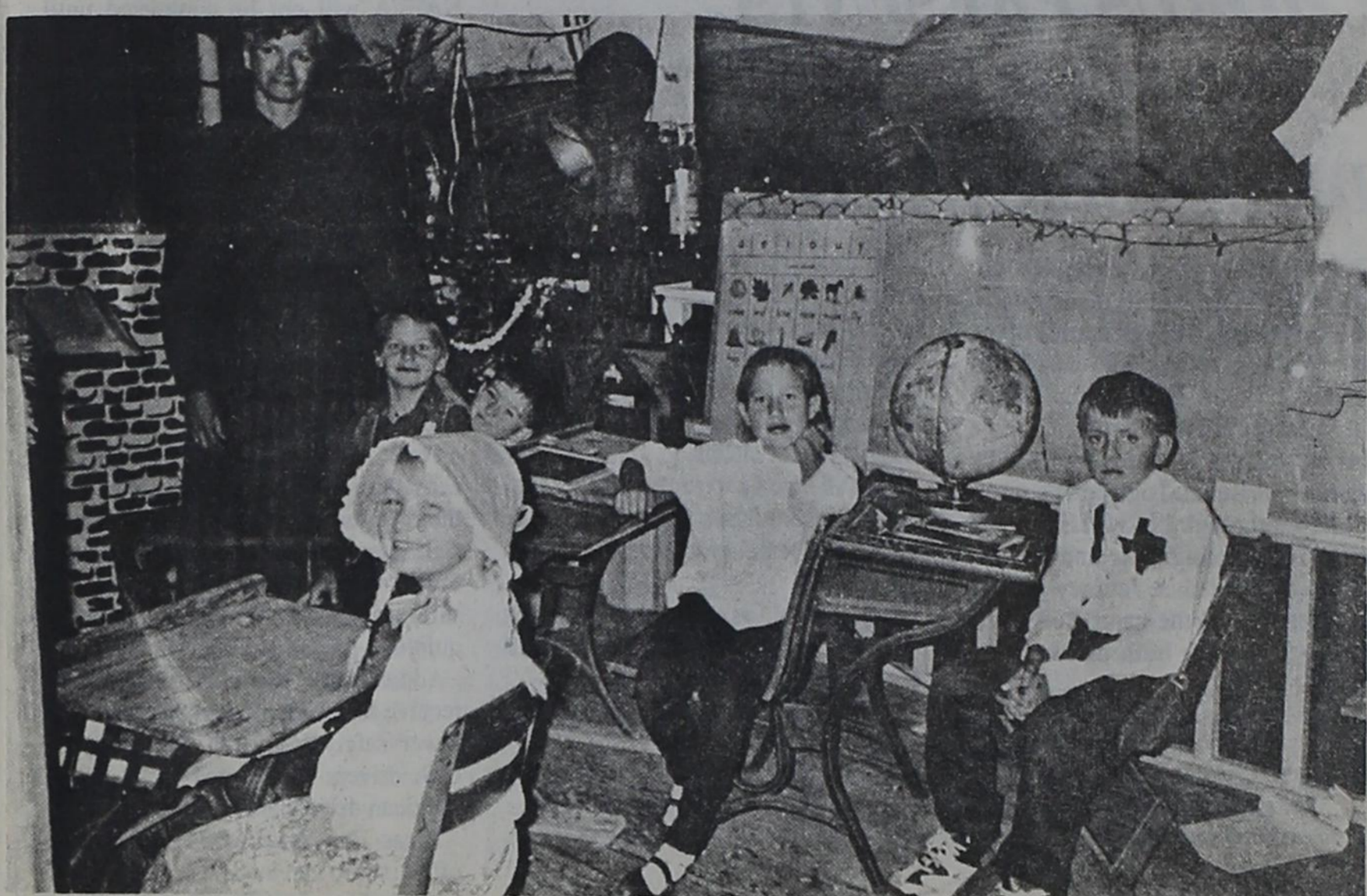
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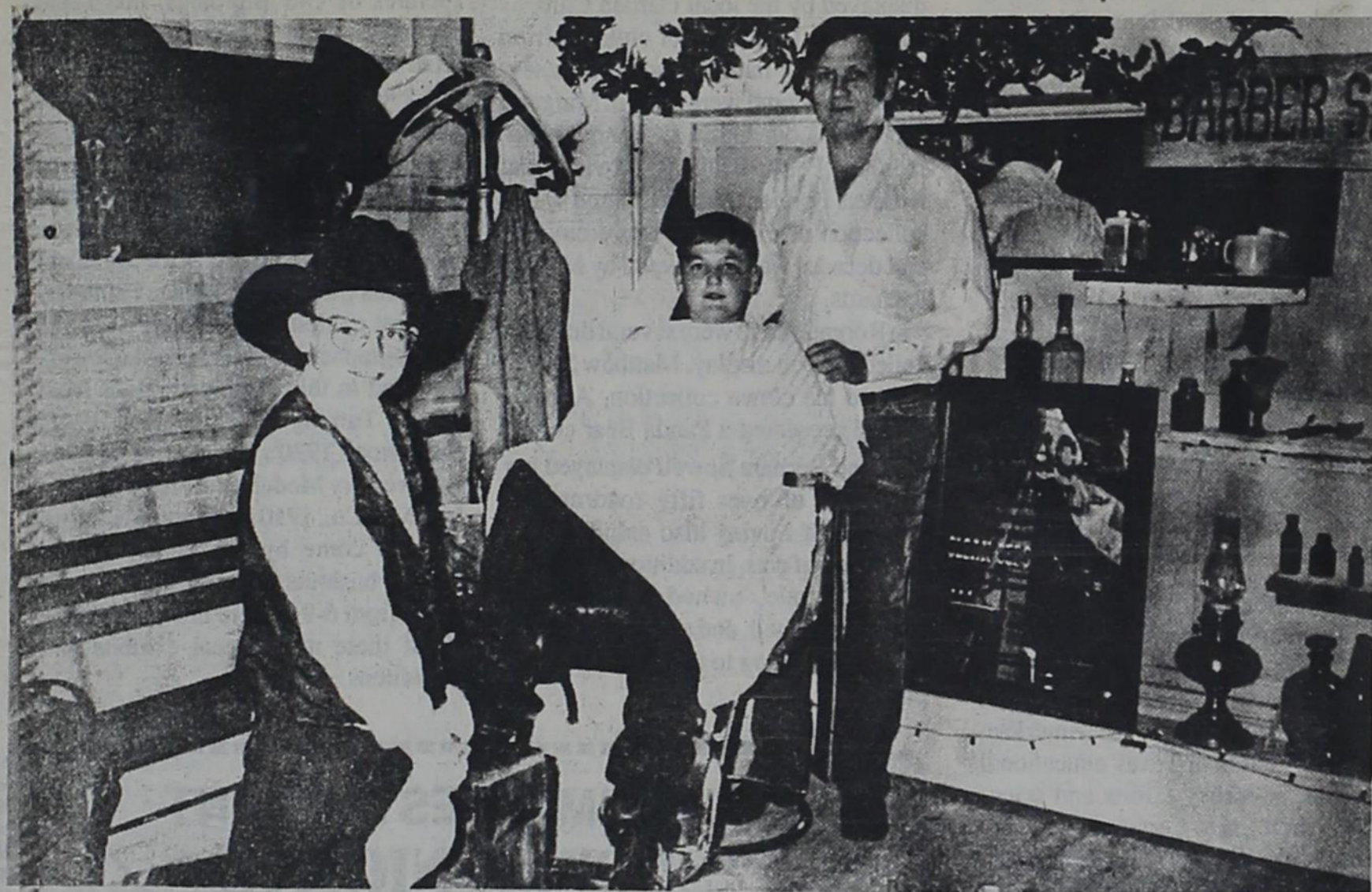
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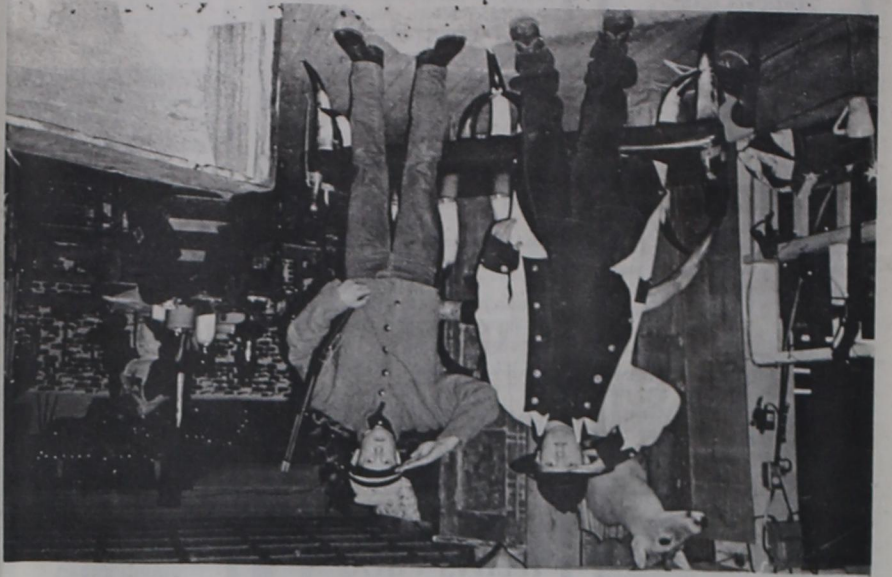


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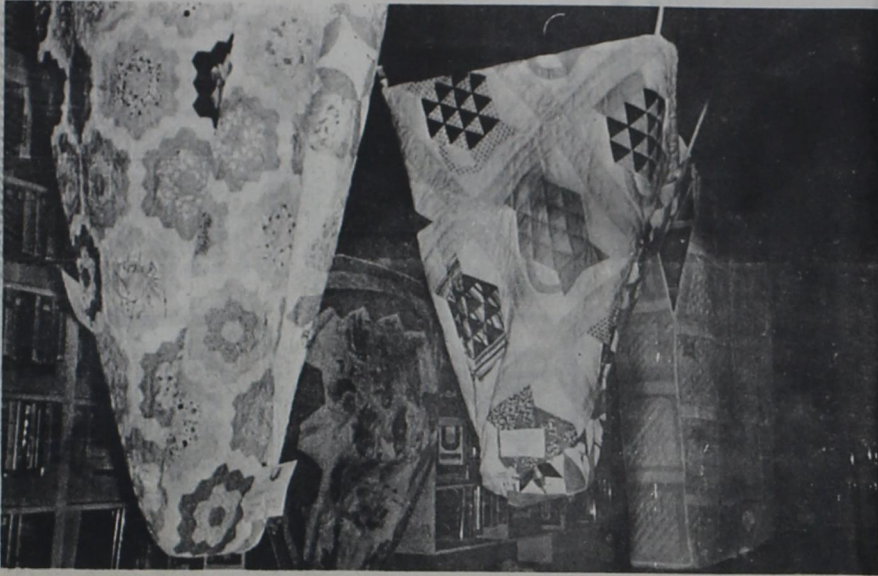
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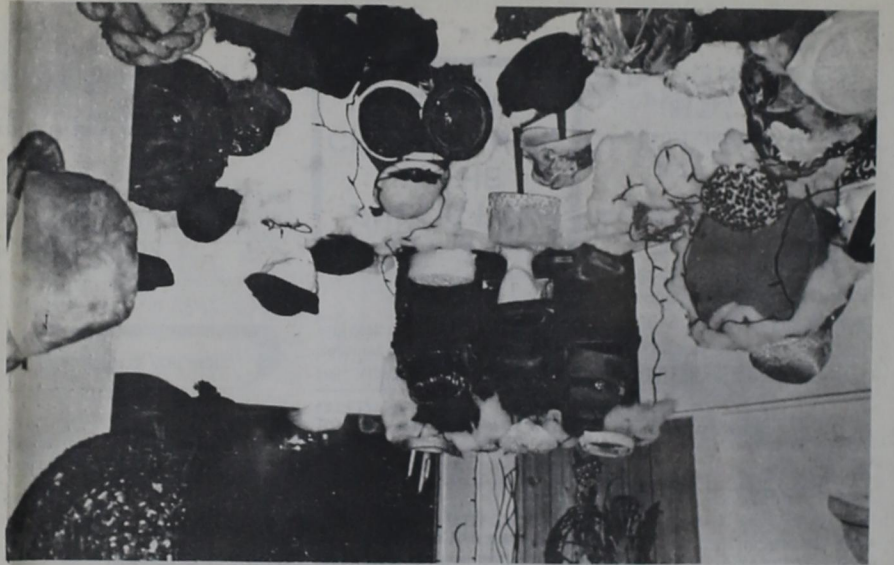
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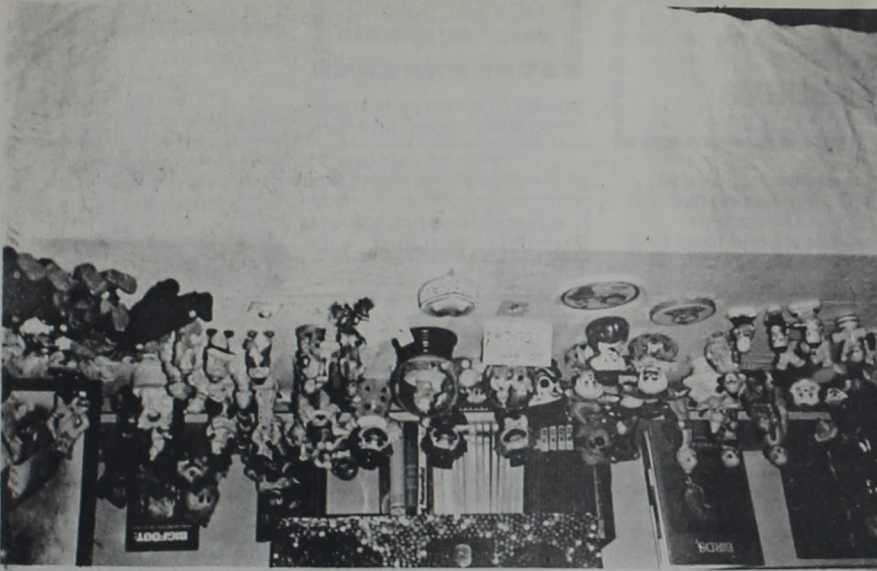
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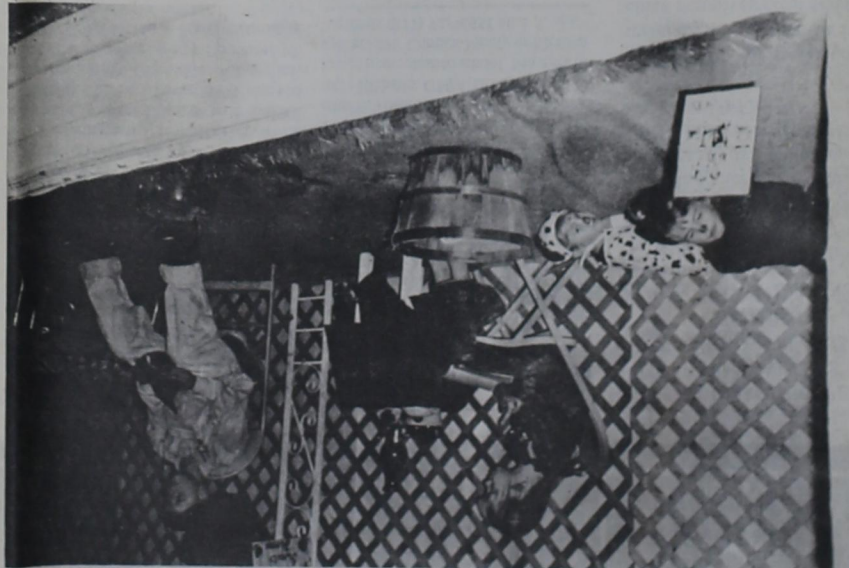
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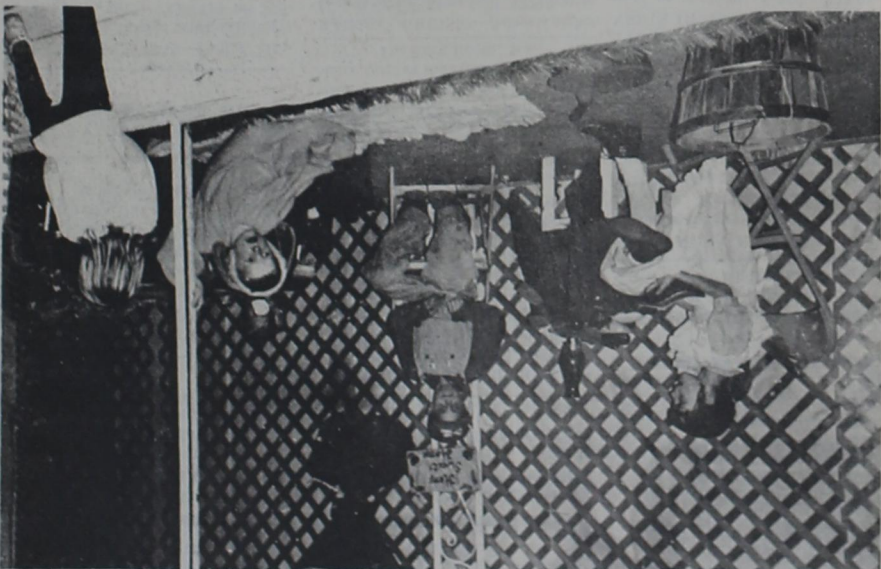
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Carlisle "Carl" Albrecht M. M. 3, U. S. Navy, was home on leave between his transferring to his new location. Carl was stationed at Diego Garcia, British Indian Ocean Territories and will be leaving the first part of December for Souda Bay, Crete in Greece. He is here visiting with his mother, Barbara Albrecht, Andrew and Emma, his dad, and Eddy Albrecht of San Angelo, and friends.

Family members, relatives and friends in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nickerson, Sr. over the Thanksgiving weekend were: Mrs. Randall Franke, Amie and Kellie and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Hines, Jeffrey and Julie from Clyde; Connie Potter, Rickie Jo, Porcius, and April and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nickerson, Jr., Willie, Kevin, Mary Jo, Jaonna Harris; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kelly and Mr. Jim Kelly of this area; Mr. Dennis Kelly of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Nickerson of Buffalo and Mr. and

Mrs. Max Byrd of Keller.

Teri Brown and Gilbert Ibarra of Houston were at her parents, the Wayne Browns from Friday through Sunday visiting.

Carl Albrecht and Barbara Albrecht visited with Wayne and Beverly Brown last week.

Family members traveling from Cottonwood to Jacksboro to the home of Charlotte and Alon Hastin and family for Thanksgiving Day were: Barbara, Andrew, Emma, and Carl; Eddy Albrecht, Gayla and Lea Creamer and family, and Eddy Albrecht and Jody Foster of Austin.

In the home of Blanton and Lillie Childers for Thanksgiving Day were: R. D. and Sharon Childers of Cisco; Todd Childers of Fort Worth; Shane Childers and family of Dallas, and Aubrey Childers from Potosi.

Ethel and Glenn Champion were at the home of Claud and Jo Champion in Tuscola on Thanksgiving Day. Other family members attending the day's festivities were Calvin Champion; Rocky and Tammy Champion, Tyler and Ryan and Hayley and Roy Underwood all of Abilene and Robert and Murt Champion of Denver City.

Reminder to the public. There will be no musical at the Cottonwood Community Center in December.

## Breakthrough Proposal Holds Promise For Notch Victims

ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA—A breakthrough proposal for resolving the "Notch" problem is gaining support among Notch Babies and their allies in Congress.

The Notch issue emerged in 1977 shortly after Congress passed a series of amendments to the Social Security Act intended to correct a flawed benefits formula. As a result of these amendments, a benefits difference developed between beneficiaries born during the years 1917 through 1926 and persons born on either side of this age group.

Beneficiaries born in 1917 through 1926 receive lower benefits than retirees with similar work and earnings histories and who were born before 1917 or after 1926. When charted on a graph, the benefits differential appears as a notch, thus giving rise to the name.

The concept of a one-time, \$5,000 Lump-Sum Settlement for those affected by the Notch was proposed in the fall of 1994 by TREA Senior Citizens League, a senior advocacy group and affiliate of The Retired Enlisted Association (TREA). The idea has spread like wildfire since then among the extensive and fervent grassroots network maintained by Notch Victims, and is now attracting the attention of Notch Reform supporters on Capitol Hill.

The Lump-Sum proposal came about as a way to resolve opponents' questions concerning the long-term costs of Notch Reform. These questions constitute the single biggest roadblock that Notch Reform legislation faces in today's Congress, because opponents claim the final cost of increasing the monthly amounts received by Notch Victims is impossible to predict. These opponents claim such an uncapped expense on the

Federal budget or the Social Security Trust Fund is unaffordable.

Claims about the cost of correcting the Notch have been responsible in the past for the failure of more than 100 Notch Reform bills.

Advocates say the significantly lower cost of a single Lump-Sum payment of \$5,000 per Notch Victim has a better chance of winning support in Congress where reform has widespread bipartisan support. With a fixed cost there would be no surprises for the Federal budget in the coming years.

Mr. Michael J. Zabko, National Legislative Director of TSCL, cites various precedents for such a one-time payment and points out that the government has settled other types of claims in the past by making a single "Lump-Sum" payment. For example, a \$20,000 settlement was given to Japanese-Americans who spent time in U.S. internment camps during World War II. Congress made the settlement in the Civil Liberties Act of 1988.

Notch Reform advocates who support the one-time Lump-Sum Settlement proposal stress they have not yet given up on the idea of total reform, but fear there are not enough votes for complete restitution.

Despite big changes in Congress, and equally big campaign promises by many politicians of balancing the Federal budget without touching Social Security, some ten million Notch Victims still expect the lawmakers to fulfill what they view as government's obligation to make up these lost monies. The one-time Lump-Sum Settlement of \$5,000 may offer both sides a satisfactory way to finally resolve the Notch.

## Meeting Set To Streamline Section 18 Process For Texas Cotton Farmers

ABILENE—Officials with the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Inc. will meet with representatives of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Texas Department of Agriculture and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service December 8 in Dallas to iron out the details of streamlining the Section 18 process for Texas cotton producers.

In a November meeting with Foundation officials in Washington, D. C., the EPA agreed to streamline the process to give Texas cotton producers quicker access to chemicals necessary to combat such devastating cotton pests as the beet

armyworm, tobacco budworm and aphid.

Under the Foundation's agreement with the EPA, the Texas Department of Agriculture will develop the paperwork necessary for the usage of Section 18 chemicals such as Confim, Pirate and Furadan by mid-January. These documents will contain provisions for EPA issuance of Section 18 exemptions based on predetermined thresholds.

The Dallas meeting will address these thresholds and other details. Streamlining the Section 18 process is considered vital to the Texas cotton industry.



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## Board Includes 3 From Baird

The five member board of directors of the Central Appraisal District of Callahan County is now made up of three Baird men, one member from Clyde and a fifth member from Cross Plains after recently elections were held by all the seven taxing entities which use the local appraisal office.

This is the first time since 1989 the appraisal district board does not include two Clyde men. The board of directors of the Central Appraisal District are elected every two years by the taxing jurisdictions served by the appraisal district.

In previous years, Clyde CISD was able to elect one member to the board and would cast its remaining votes for the City of Clyde's nominee.

This year, Clyde CISD did the same thing, casting 760 votes for its nominee Curtis Watson. Watson has served on the board six years.

Again, Clyde CISD cast its remaining votes for the City of Clyde's nominee Pete Fischer. However, the number of

remaining votes from Clyde CISD and the City of Clyde's 344 votes wasn't enough to elect Fischer again. It takes 756 votes to elect a nominee to the appraisal district board and Fischer received 726 votes.

Now the appraisal district board includes Bruce Williams, Scotty Mitchell and Hugh Shrader, all of Baird, Curtis Watson of Clyde and Don Harris of Cross Plains.

Williams was nominated to the board of directors by Callahan County, Shrader is Baird ISD's nominee and Mitchell is the City of Baird's nominee. Harris is Cross Plains ISD's nominee on the board.

The City of Baird wasn't able to place its nominee on the appraisal district board without the help of Callahan County.

Callahan County, which has 1,377 votes, placed 756 on its nominee, Williams, and cast its remaining 621 votes on the City of Baird's nominee. Together, Mitchell was elected to the board

with 757 votes.

Callahan County Judge Bill Johnson said City of Baird officials approached county officials requesting their votes. Johnson said since the City of Baird has never had a representative on the appraisal district board, the county commissioners agreed to cast their remaining votes for the City of Baird's nominee. The county judge said no one from the City of Clyde or Clyde CISD approached the county about casting any of its votes for the City of Clyde's nominee.

Judge Johnson stated he didn't realize Baird would have three representatives on the board because Baird ISD uses its votes to elect its own nominee. Johnson said if any Clyde residents are upset about three Baird men on the board, the county would be willing to cast its remaining votes for the City of Clyde's nominee in two years, when the board of directors voting takes place again.

There are several ways to rectify the situation in the future, including having

a seven member board, with each taxing jurisdiction placing one nominee on the board. That way, the Clyde, Baird and Cross Plains school districts would each have a member as well as the cities of Baird, Clyde and Putnam, along with one representing Callahan County.

The way votes are split among the taxing jurisdictions could be changed as well. Votes among the taxing jurisdictions are now split according to the amount of taxable property within the entity. Callahan County, with its \$250 million in taxable value, now has the largest number of votes.

Votes instead could be split according to how much tax money is collected by the jurisdictions. Clyde CISD now accounts for 40 percent of taxes levied in the county.

Judge Johnson said either way would be fine with him.

The county judge said Callahan County pays more money to the appraisal district than any other taxing entity in the county. He said last year Callahan County paid \$55,423 to the appraisal district, which accounted for some 28 percent of the appraisal district's total budget. "Callahan County would gladly give up paying less money for less votes," said Judge Johnson.

The board of directors of the Central Appraisal District have the authority to hire and fire the chief appraiser, approves the appraisal district's yearly budget and can set general policies concerning operation of the appraisal office.

The five member appraisal district board shouldn't be confused with the Appraisal Review Board. That three member board, which includes one member from Clyde, one from Baird and one from Cross Plains, has the authority to review and set tax appraisals in the county. The three members to the Appraisal Review Board are appointed by the five-member appraisal district board.



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**CAPITOL COMMENT**



U.S. SENATOR  
**KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON**

*Prescription For Medical Savings Accounts*

**M**ost Americans have a common-sense notion of the kind of health care reforms they'd like to see their government initiate.

They want health security, but through reforms that ensure they won't lose their health insurance if they move, get sick or lose their jobs — not through government-provided health care enforced by a new and intrusive bureaucracy.

They want cost controls, but through market reform and flexibility — not through government-imposed spending limits that would restrict their choices and inevitably result in rationing.

They want access to health insurance expanded, through beneficial tax policies and free-market reform — not through trillion-dollar government entitlements financed by an ever-increasing payroll tax.

One way to meet those expectations is to create medical savings accounts (MSAs), a provision of the Balanced Budget Act approved by Congress this month.

Under this provision of the act, individuals and their employers would have the option of making tax-free deposits to MSAs, which become the property of the individuals and can be used to pay for medical expenses or health insurance premiums. Money not spent for those purposes accrues interest. It can be used for medical expenses after retirement, or rolled over into an IRA or pension plan, or left as part of the individual's estate.

With MSAs, people can choose catastrophic health insurance coverage (for example, coverage that takes over when

their expenses exceed \$3,000), reduce their monthly premiums and make tax-free deposits to a medical savings account. Their insurance would then pay for infrequent but expensive treatments, and individuals would pay smaller, routine bills from their MSAs.

Legislation already enacted in some states exempts certain MSA assets from state income taxes, an exemption that would be extended to the federal level under the Balanced Budget Act. This would provide a tax break for everyone who purchases health insurance individually — including the self-employed and employees who do not receive health insurance from their employers.

This is an issue of basic parity. Under current federal law, those whose employers pay for their insurance pay no tax at all on their premiums, while the self-employed get only a 30 percent deduction for such expenses, and other individual purchasers of insurance receive no tax deduction whatsoever. When the Balanced Budget Act is signed into law, it will extend this exemption to everyone. This would make federal law more equitable by removing the federal tax bias that currently favors employer-based health care.

The Balanced Budget Act allows the self-employed and other individuals to deposit up to \$2,000 per year in an MSA free of taxes (up to \$4,000 per family); employees with employer-provided insurance could receive \$2,000 toward MSAs from their employer (up to \$4,000 per family), with which they could purchase a high-deductible policy.

MSAs offer a number of attractions. They would make it easier for employees to pay premiums during periods of unemployment or job transition. Personal, tax-deferred savings accounts such as this would encourage people to put aside money for routine medical care or insurance premiums — and encourage participants to become savvy consumers of health care services. Letting people keep MSA funds they haven't spent would encourage a higher rate of savings.

The United States offers the best medical care in the world. I believe we can create a world-class method of expanding its availability without an overly intrusive government presence in the process. MSAs, as outlined in the Balanced Budget Act, offer us a way to meet Americans' expectations.

**Need CEU's?  
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Coyote  
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Dec. 13-14**

SAN ANGELO—Procrastinators scrambling for CEU's (Continuing Education Units) can nab 12 at the upcoming symposium, "Coyotes in the Southwest: A Compendium of Our Knowledge". The national conference is set for December 13-14 at the San Angelo Convention Center.

Registration runs from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. December 12 at the Holiday Inn next door to the Convention Center. Opening ceremonies begin at 8:00 a.m., December 13 and at 8:30 a.m. December 14. The registration fee is \$50 per person and includes symposium proceedings, three meals, and refreshments.

The symposium has been approved for 12 CEU's for all persons with Private, Commercial, or Noncommercial applicator's licenses with the Texas Department of Agriculture. Eight CEU's will be offered in the "General Category" and four CEU's will be offered in the "IPM" category.

The symposium is being sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service; Texas Animal Damage Control; Texas Chapter, the Wildlife Society; Berryman Institute, Utah State University; Texas Department of Agriculture; Texas Parks and Wildlife Department; Texas Sheep and Goat Commodity Board; and the Welder Wildlife Institute.

For further information, contact Dr. Dale Rollins, Extension Wildlife Specialist at San Angelo at (915) 653-4576.



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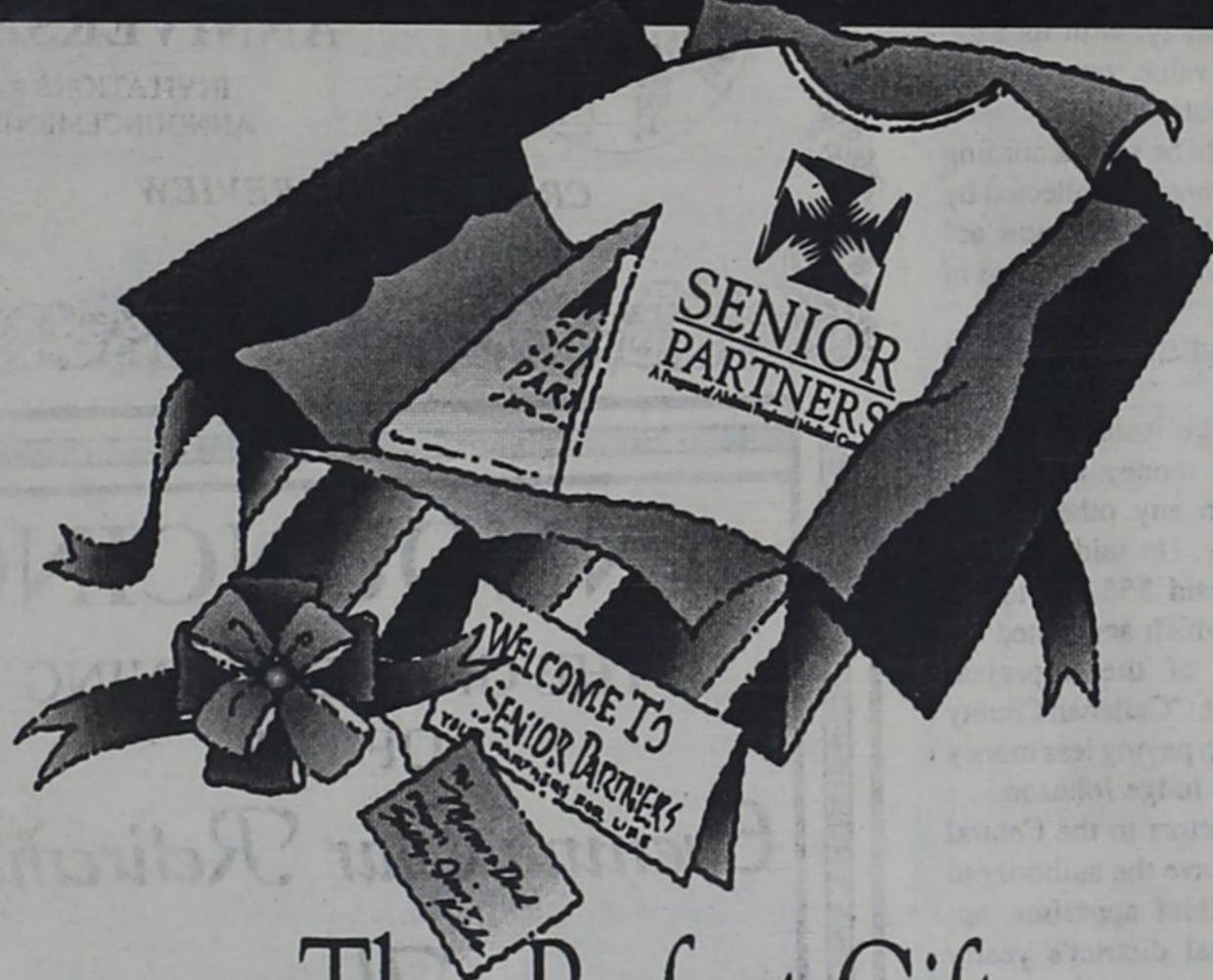
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