

# The Cross Plains Review

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CROSS PLAINS, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS

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## ANOTHER WAR QUOTA TOPPED

### Only 3 Students Make High School Honor Roll

HOWEVER 29 MORE HAVE ALL GRADES OF 80 OR ABOVE

#### Grammar School Honor Roll For Third Six Weeks Is Announced This Week

Only three students made the honor roll for the third six weeks period at Cross Plains high school, according to a copy of the list released from the office of Dee Burleson, principal, Tuesday afternoon.

The three students are: Bessie Foller, Rosa Mae Havans and Mary Helen Strong, all of whom had no grades below 90.

In view of the fact that so few fell in the honor rating, Mr. Burleson issued a list of secondary honor students who made no grades below 80. They are as follows:

First grade: Tommy Gautney, John H. Brown, Don L. Helberg and Herbert Hutson. Second grade: Sammy Drew Hill, Carl King, Johnny Wagner, Joyce Neeb, Delma Jean Newton, Ida Frances Shipp, Vesta Jean Erwin and Arthur Coats.

Third grade: Doris Wood and Corine Jones. Fourth grade: Johnny Adair, James Barr, Robert Reed, Billie Jean Taylor.

Fifth grade: Barbara Jean Ramsey. Sixth grade: None. Seventh grade: Roylene Arrowood. Eighth grade: Robert Smith.

#### VICTORY RALLY TO BE HELD AT SCHOOL HERE NIGHT OF DEC. 16TH

A victory rally program is to be held in the high school auditorium here the night of December 16, at which time an interesting musical program is to be presented. Admission charge to the program will be by the purchase of a defense stamp or bond.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Jackson, prominent residents of the Cross Cut community, received word this week that their son, First Lieutenant Charles Griffin Jackson, had recently been promoted to the rank of Captain in the United States Army.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Moore returned to their home in Fort Worth Tuesday, after several days visit here with relatives.

#### WAC Overseas



CPL. ARTIE COOK

Cpl. Artie Cook, first Callahan county girl to enlist in the Wac, has notified her parents Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Cook of Putnam, that she has landed overseas with a contingent of Wacs. She reported the trip across the ocean was made by plane, however, her location was not divulged.

Miss Cook is a sister of C. R. Cook of Cross Plains.

#### 27 FROM CALLAHAN INDUCTED RECENTLY

Royce Gilland, secretary of the Callahan county draft board advised the Review yesterday that the following men have been received in to the various branches of the service and are to be called to active duty very soon.

Army: Frank Tabor Beardon, Melvin Ben Payne, Leonard Weldon Lovell, Ralph Vernon Emerson, Leonard Leroy Gray, Frances Leo Dugan, Roy Spencer McBride, Walter Lee Corley, Henry Lloyd Billrey, Joseph Livingston Frances and Harry Thomas Carlile. Coast Guard: John Herman Abel, and William Cummings. Navy: Volvie Victor Monsey, Finis Ewing Neel, Barney D. Stockton, Alex Bowers Shockley, Murrell H. Medley, Clyde Reynolds Eager, Marion Monroe Sprouse, Frank Robinson, Robert Joseph Armstrong.

#### 43 DRYEST YEAR IN PAST SEVERAL

To date 1943 has been one of the driest of recent years. Only the fact that a good season was in the ground at the beginning of the year prevented a disaster for farmers and stockmen, say those familiar with the situation.

Ordinarily the Cross Plains area receives between 25 and 30 inches of rainfall annually, however, thus far this year only a fraction more than 15 inches has fallen. In 1939 the rainfall here was 25.92 inches, 1940 was 29.83, 1941 was 41.45 and 1942 was 39.61.

The first three months of 1943 netted only a fraction over one inch, then from then the rainfall has been recorded as follows: April .65, May 2.63, June 1.62, July and August none, September 5.78, October 1.07, November .61 December thus far 1.51.

#### Veteran Residents Have Fine Record And Eventful Life

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Nunn, old residents of this vicinity, have a record good enough for Ripley's "Believe It Or Not" column. They were married 45 years ago in Cross Plains and have resided most of that time within a few miles of this place. They have six children, 21 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren. There has never been a death in their family.

They know the rugged life of early settlers in the Western country. Mr. Nunn is 63 years old. They are very active and now reside near Baird. The many friends of these fine people extend their best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Nunn. They have two grandsons overseas. Harold G. Paschall is in the navy and Merlin Scanlon is in the 57th Engineers some where in the South Pacific. A third grandson is Cpl. James Paschall, who is stationed in the army air corps at San Marcos, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Don F. McCall were visitors in Dallas Tuesday.

#### HONOR ROLL

\*\*\*\*\* Those who this week renewed their subscription to the Review for another year are as follows: Mrs. J. E. Hart, Chester Glover, Ben Pierce, Vernon Spencer, Mrs. Charles W. Coats, E. L. Bush, Maxine Morris, J. G. Varner, Doss Alexander, B. F. Hutchins, Garrette Fomby, M. B. King, L. W. Coppinger, Pvt. J. E. Coppinger, Emma Jane Williams, Mrs. J. C. Moon, J. M. Potter, Lt. Merle Wolfe, Dave Ingram, Mrs. Almata Wolf, Sgt. Bill Upton, N. L. Long, Tommie Harris, Mrs. H. A. Moore, John Sherman, A. B. McLeod, C. M. McAnally, R. C. Thompson, Roy Arrowwood, Mrs. C. E. Allen, George Cavanaugh, W. B. Hall, E. S. Cavanaugh, A. R. Cavanaugh, R. E. Edington \*\*\*\*\*

#### Instructor



PFC. RAYMOND DILLARD

Pfc. Raymond Dillard is stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he is an instructor in the Field Artillery. Raymond was made an instructor after finishing a special school at Fort Sill. Pfc. Dillard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Avritt Dillard, who reside East of Cross Plains, has been in the army since June 17, 1943.

#### Last Rites Friday For Early Settler Who Died Thursday

Charles W. Worthy, 71, who died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. H. G. Whitehorn, here Thursday night after an illness of several weeks, was laid to rest in the family plot of the Cottonwood cemetery Friday afternoon. Services were conducted from the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains with Rev. C. E. Poe, pastor, officiating.

Boys and girls teams have been invited from the following schools: Beattie, Sidney, DeLeon, Rising Star, Pioneer, Gorman, Sergeant, Burkett, Bayou, Eula, Baird, Mozelle, Centennial, Brownwood, May, Williams, Desdenonia, Cross Cut, and the Cross Plains teams, which will serve as hosts.

#### LOCAL MAN WOUNDED IN ITALY FIGHTING

Word has been received here that Pvt. Chase Adams, of Cross Plains was recently injured after two days of action in the combat zone with the 3rd Infantry in Italy. His wound, described as a foot injury, is not believed to be dangerous, however, he will remain in the hospital some time. His wife and parents in Cross Plains failed to learn the manner in which he was wounded.

#### L. T. JACK TUNNELL GOES BACK TO KANSAS FIELDS

L. T. Jack Tunnell has returned to Coffeyville, Kansas, where he is an aviation cadet flying instructor, after a furlough of several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Tunnell in Cross Plains.

#### CPL. GRANVEL PIERCE IS RECENT VISITOR IN CITY

Cpl. Granvel Pierce, who is with the Army Air Corps stationed at Atlanta, Georgia, visited friends and relatives in Cross Plains last week. He is to return to his base by December 15. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pierce, of Baird, and formerly of this city.

#### LOCAL WOMEN BURN MIDNIGHT OIL TO REACH ASSIGNMENT

9,000 Surgical Dressings Are Folded In Record Time By The Patriotic Workers

Cross Plains ladies have done it again. Faced with the task of completing 9,000 surgical dressings by Tuesday at noon to wind up their second quota on time, Cross Plains ladies worked Sunday and far into the past several nights, however, when the final tally was made by Mrs. Tom Bryant, chairman, Tuesday at noon the quota had not only been reached, but topped. No other quota for the local Red Cross room is expected until after Christmas.

Despite the fact that all dressings in the last quota were folded in great haste, supervisors point out that the work was excellent and that women of the Cross Plains trade territory have become very efficient in surgical dressing folding. Another quota is expected shortly after Christmas and all ladies of this locality are invited to come and have part in meeting the next assignment.

#### Popular 11 Year Old Daughter Of Finis Erwin Dies

Funeral services for Anna Lou Erwin, 11 year old daughter of Finis Erwin, who died in an Eastland hospital early Tuesday morning following an appendix operation, was to be held from the Presbyterian church at Sabanno Wednesday afternoon at 2:30, with Rev. W. A. Erwin, pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Ballinger officiating, assisted by Dr. J. L. Glenn, local pastor. Interment was to be made in the family plot beside the grave of the child's mother who died several years ago.

Anna Lou was a student of Cross Plains schools and was especially well liked by students and teachers. In honor of her memory all classes at the local school were dismissed Wednesday afternoon at one o'clock and a special bus provided to convey classmates to Sabanno for the funeral.

Survivors include the father, step-mother, two brothers and one sister: Glenn Erwin, who is in the navy stationed in the N.E. Eldon R. and Vesta Jean, as well as grand-parents and a number of close relatives and friends.

#### CROSS CUT TOURNAMENT WILL START FRIDAY

Cross Cut high school's annual invitation basketball tournament is to get underway Friday afternoon at four o'clock when Cross Plains boys tangle with Cross Cut boys in the curtain raiser. Other game for Friday afternoon will be between the Williams and Grosvenor boys.

Games for Friday night will pit Burkett girls against Pioneer girls, Cross Plains and Grosvenor girls, and Williams and Cross Cut girls. Finals in all divisions will be played Saturday night.

Read the Review Ads!

#### BERG MADE ANT IN THE AIR CORPS

Helberg, who is stationed at United States Army Airfield, Virginia, promoted to the rank of sergeant, has been in service for several months, and received training at Goodfellow Field, and in Salt Lake, prior to being assigned to Langley Field.

Helberg is the son of Fred Helberg, of Burleson, and sons are making a name for themselves in Cross Plains.

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#### Home Town Gossip

What's got the goat? The Chamber of Commerce club's goat, which has been in the hands of the club for some time, has been reported to have been stolen.

After numerous games and tests, refreshments of hot late and cookies were served following girls in attendance.

Misses Mary Jo Autry, Faye Webb, Margaret Ann Velma Merrell, Barbara G. Mary Jo Harris, Genevieve and the hostess, Mrs. Coppinger.

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**DELTA KARDA BRIDGE CLUB MEETS IN HOME OF MRS. H. FREEMAN**

Mrs. Herbert Freeman complimented members of the Delta Karda Bridge Club with two tables of contract bridge in her home Monday evening, December sixth, from eight until ten o'clock.

Mrs. Edwin Baum, Jr., won the prize as high score winner of the evening.

Refreshments of fruit cake topped with whipped cream and coffee were served to the following guests: Mrs. O. B. Edmondson, Mrs. Jack Scott, Mrs. Fred Cutbirth, Mrs. Ava Walker, Mrs. Edwin Baum, Mrs. H. H. McDermott, Jr., Mrs. C. E. Alton and the hostess, Mrs. Freeman.

Mrs. H. H. McDermott, Jr., will be hostess to the club next Tuesday evening when the group meets in the home of Mrs. O. B. Edmondson.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Jones were business visitors in Gustine last Thursday evening.

Pvt. Roy Rooks, of Camp Hood, was in Cross Plains for a few hours visit the past week end.

Harold D. Prescott, formerly of Los Angeles, California, now an instructor of tanks at Fort Knox, Kentucky, visited his grandmother, Mrs. McDougald and aunt, Mrs. Gene Adams, of Cross Plains. He was a senior in Hardin-Simmons University when he volunteered for the army. He was captain of the University football team during his senior year.

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**Interest Keen In Basketball Here; Good Teams Seen**

Interest in basketball is running high at Cross Plains high school and aspirants for both the boys and girls teams are so numerous that coaches expect to have to cull their squads within the next few days.

Reporting to A. J. McQuin, boys coach, are the following candidates for this year's team: Aaron Jones, Delbert McWilliams, Etzel Henson, Ernest Clark, Oran (Todd) Newton, Ray Plunee, Billy Mack Copping, Coleman Pillans, Herman Moore, Edward Laminsk, Cletus Miller, Roy Lee Mitchell, Dick Vesal, Lane Glenn, Roy Neal Tatum, Ralph Clark, Ralph Erwin, N. L. Long, Jr., Donald Joy, Edgar Sess, J. D. Riffe, and Arvin Bra-sher.

Candidates for coach Hubert Kelley's girls team are: Ella Mae Riffe, Doris Rouse, Dixie Respass, Selma Thompson, Mildred Coats, Wanda Miller, Vernelle Westerman, Alvie Cogkins, Frances Westerman, Viola Champion, Nelda Weedy, Ruth Ramey, Betty Ruth Oliver, Opal Mae Underwood, Verna Lee Montgomery and Della Davis.

**AVIATION CADET BOB PYLE NOW IN BASIC TRAINING IN ARIZONA**

Aviation Cadet Robert (Bobby) Pyle, 20, recently completed the Army's Primary Flight Training Course at Thunderbird Field, No. 1 near Glendale, Arizona, and has now commenced his Basic Flight Training at another air field.

A. C. Pyle, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl W. Pyle, of Cross Plains, is a graduate of Cross Plains high school. When he entered the armed service February 1, 1943 at Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, he was employed by United States Engineers. Bobby served at Sheppard Field, 353rd College Training Det., Denver University and Santa Ana, California Preflight School. (Pilot) At Thunderbird Field he was an Aviation Cadet Major.

**MRS. JAMES HALL AND BABY RETURN TO HOME IN PLAINVIEW, TEXAS**

Mrs. James Hall and baby have returned to Plainview after a visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ira H. Hall here. They were taken to Plainview by Mr. Hall and Doris and Wanda, who also visited in the homes of relatives near Plainview before returning home Sunday afternoon.

**PERSONALS**

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Underwood, of Gorman, were in Cross Plains Sunday. While here they visited Sgt. Bill Upton and other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Lane had as their guest the latter part of last week, Mrs. Jim Ray Cox of Okra.

Miss Juanita Burks, who is employed in Abilene, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Burks, last week.

Mrs. Weldon Stewart and baby son have returned to their home in Abilene after a weeks visit here in the home of her mother, Mrs. Della McAllister.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hill of Abilene, visited relatives here the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Smith have as their guests this week, Mrs. G. S. Dunn and sons, Jackie and Billy Bob, of Galveston.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Atwood and son have returned to Cross Plains after a visit with relatives and friends in West Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Ballard had as their guests last week their daughter and her husband, Cpl. and Mrs. James Paschall, of San Marcos.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Atwood, of Kermitt, were recent visitors in the home of Mrs. C. E. Atwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Jones and family, of Abilene, visited in the home of Mr. Mont Jones and Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Belyen recently.

Mrs. Lula Havener has returned to her home in Cross Plains from Spur, Texas where she visited a son, Obie Havener and family.

Jay Garrett, of Cisco, was a business visitor in Cross Plains Tuesday.



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Member of the Womens Missionary Union of the Cross Plains Baptist church met Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon of this week in observance of the Lottie Moon Week of Prayer. An interesting program was rendered each day and the Baptist Young People presented a program at the church Wednesday evening.

"Everyone is invited to attend services at the Baptist church Sunday morning and take part in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, for Foreign Missions. The offering will be taken after church services on Sunday morning, December 12", stated a member of the W.M.U.

**Mrs. Don R. Helberg and friends in Burkett and man.**

Mrs. Adam W. Jones and family, of Blanket, spent Thanksgiving Day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Jordan.

Mrs. Henry O. Jordan and mother, of Fort Worth, spent Thanksgiving Day with Mr. and Mrs. R. Jordan.

Chas. F. Hemphill, of Dallas, was in Cross Plains first of week attending to tax matters a number of local firms and individuals.

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**COTTONWOOD**

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 Bessie McMillan and child, Anna Jewel, H. T. Buel and Mrs. of Lawn, visited in the home of Mrs. W. O. Peavy Sunday. Mrs. Peavy has returned to her home after an extended visit with relatives in Houston. Mr. and Mrs. Malge Arvin and Mrs. R. S. Peavy were Abilene visitors Thursday. Miss Eunice Hembrer, of Abilene has been visiting friends in Cottonwood the past week. Mr. and Mrs. Andy Hudson of Cross Plains, visited Judge Roberson the past week end. Mrs. R. G. Coppinger, of Abilene recently visited relatives and friends here. Review Ads Get Results

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verely ill the past several days is  
now slowly recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Coffey  
returned to their home Friday af-  
ter spending several days in Okla-  
homa City.

Mr. and Mrs. Arvin and daughter, Jo-  
Ann, of Baird, visited Mrs. H. S.

Varner here the past week end.  
Mr. and Mrs. Norman Coffey vis-  
ited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C.  
T. Davis in Putnam Sunday.

Mrs. Roy J. Clark and son, Gay-  
lan Coppinger of Littlefield, are  
visiting in the home of her parents,  
Mr. and Mrs. George Clifton.

Mrs. Weaver has returned to  
her home after an extended visit  
with relatives in Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Maige Arvin and  
Mrs. R. S. Peavy were Abilene visi-  
tors Thursday.

Miss Eunice Hembree, of Abilene  
has been visiting friends in  
Cottonwood the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Hudson of  
Cross Plains, visited Judge Rob-  
son the past week end.

Mrs. R. G. Coppinger, of Abilene  
recently visited relatives and  
friends here.

**CROSS CUT**

Billy Paul Baucum, who is em-  
ployed in Brownwood, spent the  
week end here with his parents, Mr.  
and Mrs. A. Baucum.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Kelley are  
visiting in the home of their daugh-  
ter, Norine Cox, in Royalty.

W. A. Prater has moved to Cross  
Plains, where he will make his  
home.

Homer Johnson has returned to  
his home from Stamford, after sev-  
eral days visit with his sister.

H. T. Hill has returned here  
from California to make his home  
with J. D. Hill.

Announcement was made recent-  
ly of the promotion of First Lt.  
Charles Griffin Jackson, son of Mr.  
and Mrs. C. A. Jackson, to Captain.  
He is stationed in Greenland.

Mr. and Mrs. Zoe Smith visited  
their son, Tommy, in Eastland last  
week.

Billy Joe Sheppard and James  
Hill spent the week end in Brown-  
wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sheppard and  
Billy Joe are moving to Leonard  
Jennings place, which was former-  
ly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Cren-  
shaw and family.

The Cross Cut choral club gave  
a religious program at the Baptist  
church Sunday night. The program  
was enjoyed by a large crowd in  
attendance.

The local boys basket ball team  
journeyed to Brooke Smith Wed-  
nesday night for a game with the  
Brooke Smith Cagers.

**POULTRY SHOW HELD  
AT C. M. GARRETT'S  
SATURDAY AFTERNOON**

W. M. Meador Callahan county  
agent and O. B. Edmondson, local  
Vocational Agriculture Instructor,  
were in charge of the poultry meet-  
ing held Saturday afternoon, De-  
cember fourth, at the C. M. Garrett  
farm, located South of Cross Plains  
on the Cross Cut road.

First speaker on the program was  
C. R. Fry, of Abilene, field man for  
Purina Mills experimental farms.  
Mr. Fry discussed "Diseases of  
Poultry" and gave a demonstration  
of the posting of fowls. He has had  
wide experience with poultry and  
gave a very interesting discussion.

A. C. Forrester, hatcheryman of  
Clyde, talked on "Care and Manage-  
ment of Poultry". Mr. Forrester  
stressed cleanliness and sanitation  
in the care of baby chicks.

Concluding the program was a  
demonstration on culling, given by  
J. W. Reed, Vocational Agriculture  
teacher of Baird high school. He  
pointed out the importance of  
strict culling of the laying flock.

After refreshments of chicken  
salad sandwiches, olives, pickles,  
stuffed celery, potato chips and  
coffee were served to some fifty  
people attending the meeting, a  
motion picture, "Feeding Twenty  
Fighting Men", was shown by Mr.  
Fry.

Those attending the meeting  
were: Mr. and Mrs. Sam Plough-  
man, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Wright,  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Spencer, Mr.  
and Mrs. E. P. Watson, Mr. and  
Mrs. O. B. Edmondson, Mrs. Bill  
Pope, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Meador,  
of Baird, Mr. and Mrs. Earl W. Py-  
le, Mrs. Luke Westerman, Mrs. L.  
F. Neeb, Miss Hallie Peters, Lon  
Haley, Henry Williams, Paul Lut-  
zenberger, John Baum, Hubert Kel-  
ley, Olan Wilson, O. W. Gray, Tom  
Lee, O. M. Smith, J. W. Reed, of  
Baird, C. R. Fry, of Abilene, Miss  
Bobbie Wright, Mrs. W. E. Connel-  
ly, A. C. Forrester, Clyde, Dick  
Vestal, N. L. Long, Jr., Harold Bax-  
ter, Bobby Illingsworth, Charles  
Coburn, Billy Wright, Tommie Con-  
nelly, and Carroll Smith, Billy Ray,  
John Henry and Early Hinds, of  
Baird.

**PERSONALS**

Mrs. Don Helberg was a business  
visitor in Coleman Monday.

Jack Reid, who is stationed at  
Camp Bowie, visited friends here  
Sunday.

Sgt. Bill Upton and A. D. Fincher  
were visitors in Cisco Saturday  
evening.

Ray Tyler, who is employed by  
an oil company in Breckenridge,  
visited his family here the first  
part of this week.

Cpl. Raymond McAnally, of Camp  
Carson, Colorado, is visiting his  
parents and relatives and friends  
here this week.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to take this means of  
thanking all our friends and nei-  
ghbors for the comforting words  
and expressions of sympathy and  
deeds of kindness shown us dur-  
ing the recent illness and death of  
our loved one. We especially want  
to thank the ladies for the food  
and Mrs. Scott for the use of her  
home; also for the beautiful floral  
offering.

May God bless each of you abun-  
dantly, is our prayer.

The Worthy Family

**ANNOUNCING!**

— AN ADVANCE IN MILK PRICES —

Due to the Increased cost of feeds and other items  
essential to the operation of a dairy, we are forced to  
raise the price of milk as follows:

**Quarts . . . . . 14c**

We sincerely trust that you will appreciate our posi-  
tion in this matter and realize that without the high-  
er price it would be impossible for us to continue in  
the dairy business.

**E. C. [Ed]**  
**Koenig's Dairy**  
CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS

**Choice Dresses  
REDUCED  
for Quick Sale**

for the Holiday Season and  
the winter—All New Styles  
ly selected and of choice mater-  
d clever details.

ARE YOURS AT GREATLY  
DUCED PRICES—SELECT  
THEM NOW!!!

No Approvals, Lay-Aways or  
s.

Dress Values now only \$2.95

and \$14.95 values to clear at-  
**3.95**

and \$4.95 values to clear at-  
**\$3.95**

and \$19.95 values to clear at-  
**2.95**

and \$7.95 values to clear at-  
**\$6.95**

**Dress Up For The Holidays  
Sturges-Gibbs Pre Holiday Clearance**

**DRESSES**

10 to 20 Percent Discount

No Approvals. This is a Cash Sale and a  
slight charge will be made for alterations.

Regular \$7.98 dresses only \$5.98

We are a jump ahead in Jumpers. One lot  
Now Only \$2.98

**INFADORABLES**  
For 'Junior Mothers To Be'  
REDUCED 10 PER CENT

Whatever you want, whether its big or  
small, high priced or low priced you'll find  
the finest names in the country right  
here at our store. For, we believe now, as  
always, that quality wins friends, keeps  
friends. Today particularly, we are deter-  
mined to bring you merchandise in which  
you trust. . . merchandise that will carry  
you proudly through the war.

**FUR TRIMMED COATS AND SUITS**  
20 Percent Off  
Priced From \$19.98 to \$189.00

One Lot Of Tweed Coats  
10 PERCENT OFF

10 PERCENT OFF  
FUR COATS — For Cash  
New Shipment of Coats just Received  
Choose One For Her Christmas

**SUITS**  
All three Piece Suits are reduced 10 Per-  
cent and some as much as 20 Percent.



**LADIES SKIRTS**

\$1.95 value ladies skirts now \$1.00  
\$2.95 value ladies skirts now \$1.95  
\$3.95 value ladies skirts now \$2.95

**LADIES HATS**  
All of our stock of ladies  
hats are going at half  
price! Come in and se-  
lect several of these nice  
hats and berets.

**Bros. & Co.**  
Coleman Texas

**WEST TEXAS UTILITIES CO.**

**NAZI "Supermen"**  
—the morning after

These captured members of "The Master  
Race" are bitter and disillusioned.

Hypnotized by the promises of power and  
glory they gave up all human freedom, all  
personal privileges, all individualism to fol-  
low the fanatic paperhanger.

With ruthlessness and savagery they fell  
upon a world unprepared for war . . .

a world geared only for peaceful produc-  
tiveness. With their practice of total war  
the world was all but crushed. The democ-  
racies of free people rallied to the support  
of liberty. The production miracles of free  
people working under business "know-  
how" applying the dynamics of free enter-  
prise to the grim business of war bring the  
minions of the swastika up against a force

they cannot master and scarcely compre-  
hend.

Independence . . . the right of every Ameri-  
can within reasonable limits, to enjoy the  
rewards that his own work may bring. . .  
is the force that made America! Today, it  
is devoted to all out war. It must not be  
lost when the war is won!

**West Texas Utilities  
Company**

Nutshell Advertising

FOR SALE: Lot just North Foster's Grocery on Main Street. See Dr. Mary L. Shelman, Cross Plains (2tp)
WANT someone to haul 20 acres of peanuts from field and stack. Also same for bundled fodder. Have 1/4 section farm to lease to someone. Seed oats, wheat, and wheatland maize and cotton seed for sale, as well as residence property and stove. B. K. Eubank (1tp)
FAIRM FOR SALE: 102 acres 1 mile North of Cottonwood. See Mrs Roy J. Clark at G. H. Clifton's 2tp
STRAYED from my place at Sabanno, big bay horse with front legs scarred by wire cuts. Anyone knowing whereabouts of this animal please notify Howard Hicks. (2tp)
FOR SALE: farmall tractor, full equipment; a four disk dry land plow; 8 foot McCormick-Derringer binder-Seed. O. Warren, at Ezell place 4 miles South Scranton. 2tp
PECAN TREES Big enough to bear Paperhells acclimated. A grove of paperhells means good income. Visit us for pecan trees, fruit trees, Fat Hogs, Fine pigs cheap, Shanks Nurseries & Hog Farm, 1/2 mile North of Clyde, Texas. (2tp)
FARM FOR LEASE OR SALE: 182 acres- fair improvements, with good well and windmill, pecan orchard near Sabanno. Mrs. A. J. Olson, Cisco, Texas (1tc)
FREE! If Excess acid causes you pains of Stomach Ulcers, Indigestion, Heartburn, Belching, Bloating, Nausea, Gas Pains, get free sample, Udas, at Smith's Drug Store. (10 t p)
FOR SALE: Good Jersey heifers and milk cows. Some milking and heavy springers ready to calve. At my barn all time. Also some shoats and piggy sows for sale. H. L. Hamilton. tfe

ATWELL

Mrs. Harold Morgan has recently joined her husband, who is a sea Bee stationed in Virginia. She will remain with him until he is transferred.
Mr. and Mrs. Blanton Childress and boys spent the week end with his mother in the Burnt Branch community.
Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Tatum, of Putnam spent Monday night in the W. C. Rouse home.
Mrs. Louis Purvis of Sweetwater, spent Thanksgiving in the home of J. P. Purvis.
Mrs. Sallie Kincaid, of Snyder, is spending this week with her sister, Mrs. Minnie Hutchins and other relatives.
Misses Lois Gayle Lovelady, Doris Rouse, Ella Mae Riffe, Mildred Coats and Coleman Pillans, J. B. Riffe attended skating at Scranton Friday night.
Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Purvis and Dogie, accompanied by Mrs. Louis Purvis, spent part of the Thanksgiving holidays with relatives in Brownwood.
Mrs. Ben Riffe spent the Thanksgiving holidays with Ruby Nell in Fort Worth.
Mrs. J. C. Nance and baby, of Cisco, spent the week end with relatives.
Mr. and Mrs. George Morgan and son, of Baird, spent Sunday in the Ben Pillans home.

BABY SON BORN TO LOCAL COUPLE IN COLEMAN HOSPITAL

Mr. and Mrs. Hadden Payne, who reside West of Cross Plains, are the parents of a baby boy, born Monday afternoon, November 29, about five o'clock in a Coleman hospital. The child weighed seven pounds and six ounces at birth and has been named Charles Hadden.
The latest reports were to the effect that both mother and son are doing nicely. Mrs. Payne is the former Miss Gretna Wright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wright of Cross Plains.
ARMY SHOW RE-SET FOR NIGHT OF JANUARY 5TH
The picture, "This Is The Army" originally scheduled at the Liberty Theatre here Thursday night of last week, will show the night of January fifth, according to an announcement from George Watson, local manager.
The film was not shown Thursday night as advertised due to a shortage in the number of films, which prevented one being sent here. All proceeds from the showing will go to Army Relief.
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BURKETT

Basketball games between the Buffalo and Burket teams were played here Friday night. Burkett won both games.
The fifth grade elected the following new officers for their English club. President, W. C. Strickland; Vice-President, Joe Gibson; Secretary, Jammie Burkett. Retiring officers were: Carline Burns, Bonnie Sue McKinley and Alleen Hunter.
The Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. E. G. Adams Tuesday afternoon, which was the final meeting for the year.
Each member of the club had drawn a name for Christmas gifts and brought gifts for their special friend. The gifts were placed under a beautifully decorated tree. The retiring president, Mrs. Lillian Brown, was surprised with a gift from every member. Mrs. Reta Adams will be president beginning January first and the next meeting will be in the home of Miss Fannie Strickland, January 4th.
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FORMER ROWDEN YOUTH DIES IN AUTO CRASH NEAR BAYOU TUESDAY

Weldon Baggett, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Baggett, of the Denton community, former long time residents of Rowden, was instantly killed and Calvin Williams, about 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Williams of Denton, was critically hurt Tuesday night, December 7th, when the automobile in which they were riding, ploughed into the rear of a parked truck on highway 36 between the Bayou high school and Denton. The accident occurred shortly after 10 o'clock.
Other occupants of the car, Odell Davis, 17, and Glenn Shrum, 15, riding in the back seat, received only minor lacerations. They told investigating officers they were returning from Bayou where Denton had played basketball Tuesday night. The boys said they were going downhill, were blinded by the lights of an approaching automobile and rammed into the truck.

EARL STRONG RECEIVES COMMISSION AND WINGS

Earl Strong, son of Mr. and Mrs. Houston Strong, of Cross Plains recently received his commission and silver wings at Ellington Field, Houston, where he has been named the post several months in the United States Air Corps.
Second Lieutenant Strong is a graduate of Cross Plains high school, having finished with the class of 1938.
Pfc. and Mrs. Garland Lilly, Camp Hood, are visiting in mothers home, Mrs. Havner. He turned to camp last Wednesday and Mrs. Lilly and Virginia returned for several day visit.
Review Ads Get Results

Nothing but the United States mint can make money without overprinting.

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Home Town Gossip

Few people will experience a greater regret in the loss of the railroad than will this community. Through the years we've "plugged" and "pulled" the line in most every conceivable manner, hoping to stave off the possibility of its abandonment. Somehow, to us, it seemed to represent the things that made the West a vast, important empire from what was but a wasteless prairie.
But before we shed crocodile tears over the loss of the line we should consider a few facts. Cross Plains will not be seriously hurt by removal of the line. For years very few shippers have used themselves to the line's service. Merchants and farmers have had to haul their goods over the road for decades. Too, this city is served by two fast rail lines. The very fact that the line is so convenient is the reason for the railroad's loss of business.
Cross Plains will not waste money to a cross roads stop simply because the railroad leaves at Johnson City, Fredericksburg, Ozona, Mason, Hamilton, Junction, Throckmorton and Fort Lee. None of these cities has rail facilities but all are prosperous, growing places. Hamilton claims to have grown directly from the loss of the railroad. For as two railroad families moved out, seven families of newly formed motor line company moved in.
The loss of the railroad is resented by everyone but it will stop the normal functions of our community or retard our growth. It's like the passing of a friend; sad but not joyful for the rest of us.

CROSS PLAINS, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS

JAIL R Local Man

Decorations Made For Saving Life Says News Report
Corporal G. W. Childers Is Recipient Of Award With Other Heroes Of The 36th
From Italy comes a news dispatch telling of Corporal G. W. Childers, of Cross Plains, being decorated with the Soldiers Medal for saving life. He was presented with the award along with other heroes of the 36th Division who distinguished themselves on the beaches of Salerno.
The Italian has railroad pedigree from Cross Plains. He began his career in the railroad business in 1917. Only recently he has been promoted to the position of file proctor.
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CPL. G. W. CHILDERS

CLOSING OUT!

WE WANT TO SELL OUR ENTIRE STOCK THIS WEEK AND HAVE REDUCED PRICES TO MAKE THEM MOVE.
SAVE MONEY ON WHAT YOU BUY AND HELP US TO GET OUT.

Butler & Son Grocery
CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS

ANNOUNCING WEEK-END VALUES

- BOLOGNA, PER POUND 22c
COFFEE, Red and White 1 lb. pkg. 32c
FLOUR, R&W 25 LB. \$1.05
PURE LARD, 4 pound carton 68c
SUGAR, THE BEST 10 LB. 65c
OLEO, Blue and White pound 20c
MILK, R&W 6 SMALL CANS, 25c
KRISPIE CRACKERS, 1 pound box 18c
ORANGES, TEXAS GROWN, LB. 8c
CORN, Red and White No.2 cans 2 for 29c
RAISINS RAISINS RAISINS
CABBAGE, Choice heads pound 5c
MEAL, WHITE 10 LBS. 46c
MOTHERS PREMIUM OATS, 3 lb. pkg. 28c
BACON, DECKERS OR ARMOURS LB. 35c
SPUDS, In mesh bags 10 lbs. 44c
CORN FLAKES, Red and White 3 for 24c

We will forego our usual custom of decorating our store elaborately during Christmas, for with so many of our boys away at war the season can not afford its usual happiness. We're having a little surprise at our store each Saturday afternoon at 5. We invite YOU to be with us for these occasions.

Red & White M.E. (Happy) Howell
CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS

Have You Renewed

If Not You Should Do So At

OFFICERS ELECTED BY BURKETT LODGE

The Burkett Woodmen Circle met at the home of Hattie Adams last Friday. Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: Lillian Harris, Guardian; Leng Thate, Post Guardian; Emma Gibson, captain; Leslie Newton, Secretary; Stella Watson, Chaplain; Hattie Adams, Banker; Lillian Brown, Attendant; Media Ramsey, Assistant Attendant; Lydia Harris, Advisor; Maggie Harris, Auditor; and Mervel Chambers, Musician. Gifts were exchanged. There were ten members present.

CLASSIFIED

STRAYED-White bob-tailed bull dog with few white spots. Anyone knowing whereabouts please notify E. A. Haley (1tp)
FOR SALE OR TRADE: One bay work horse, 12 years old. See C. E. Tension, in NE part of town (2tp)
"BARGAINS" in Farms, Ranches, City property, 30 years of knowing how helps us find the buyer for you or the property you want. List yours. SHANKS' LAND OFFICE, 809 Oak, Abilene, Texas (2tp)
WE FIX TUBES that appear to be unrepairable. All tube work is absolutely guaranteed. Walker Respers, Tire and Tube Repair (tfe)
BOOKING BABY CHICKS NOW for delivery date wanted next Spring. R.O.P. Sired U. S. Approved, at no higher price than ordinary chicks. Simpson Electric Hatchery, Coleman, Texas

LIFE'S Little TROUBLES - CAN'T SLEEP - No need to lie in bed... SMITH'S DRUG STORE

LIBERTY

Come On Folks Relax And Enjoy A Movie!
- Thursday -
See History in the making from El Alamein to Tripoli!
"DESERT VICTORY"
Also Short Subjects

Friday & Saturday

Your famous singing, shooting and fighting star in-
"THE PIONEERS"
STARRING
TEX RITER
Arkansas Slim
RED FOLEY AND HIS "SADDLE PALMS"
Chapter No. 12 of the "SECRET CODE"
Cartoon and Comedy

Sunday & Monday

A Picture You'll Love!
"MORE THE MERRIER"
Starring
JEAN ARTHUR
JOEL MCCREA
Also
Cartoon and Latest War

Tuesday and Wed.

A Great Picture In TECHNICOLOR!
RODDY PRESTON
McDOWALL FOSTER

'MY FRIEND FLICKA'

With RITA JOHNSON
Also Short Subjects War News

COMING SOON

"Lady of Burlesque"
"Stage Door Canteen"
"Jitter Bugs"

Our Christmas Picture Will Be "THE DESPERADOES"

REDUCED PRICES ON ALL WORK COLD WAVES \$4.75 TO \$7.75 MRS. EDNA MAULDIN