

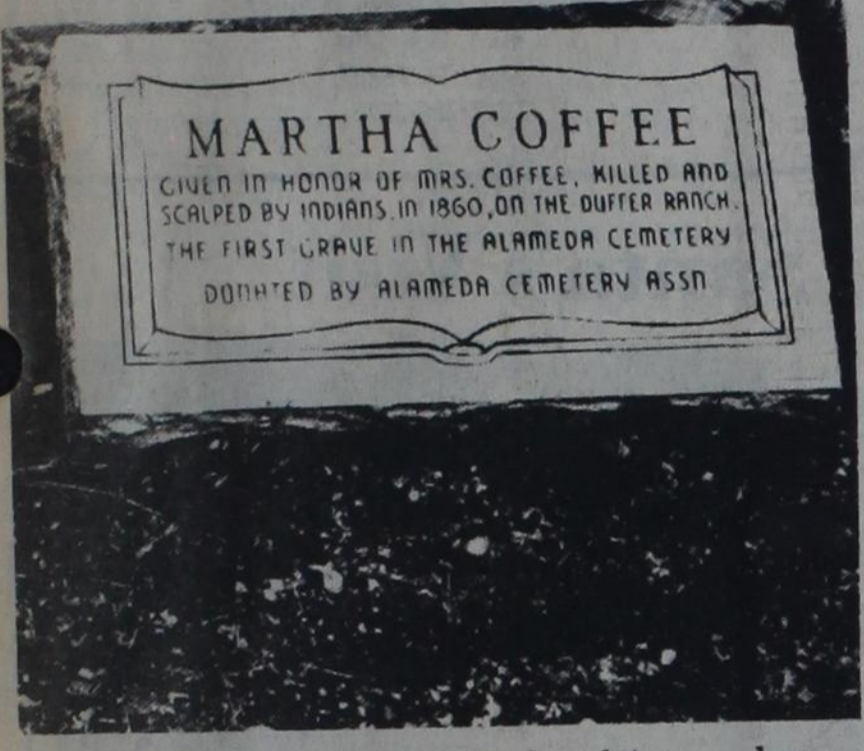
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ALAMEDA Past, Present, Future



The picture shows the headstone plaque donated to the memory of Martha Coffee by the Alameda Cemetery Association. This grave is a very historic site at Alameda Cemetery. Martha Coffee was scalped and killed by the Indians in 1860, and is the first known grave in Alameda Cemetery.

By Joyce Duggan
I am attempting at writing a history of Alameda and the surrounding communities. I have gathered facts and memories from a few local citizens, and will attempt to start from the early days and go on to the later days. If you have any thing you would like to have said about Alameda, Chaney, or any of the other surrounding communities, please jot down what you can recall, and give the *Ranger Times* office a call at 647-1101. I plan to do another history on Alameda and the other communities at a later date, and I would love to have what information you would like to contribute.

ALAMEDA
From about 1858-1871, raids on white settlers by Indians were frequent, especially in the light of the moon. The Texas Rangers rode day and night in defense of the white man.

In the late 1800's, the U.S. placed some Indians on reservations. There was still many more Indians roaming the country, including Eastland County. Those on the reservations were difficult to restrain and longed for freedom. They also missed the importance of bringing scalps back to camp to prove their bravery. Indians were almost as wild and much fiercer than untamed animals. The white man was trespassing on lands they had always hunted and roamed freely on.

Indians caused many problems in the area around Alameda, Chaney, Stephenville, Eastland, Ranger, Lone Cedar, and all points in-between and around. In talking to longtime area residents, an opportunity I thoroughly enjoyed, I spoke with Mr. E.E. (Elmer) Blackwell of Ranger.

Mr. Blackwell recalls hearing stories about the Indian raids on the white settlers in the area where he grew up, being born in Chaney. He has many memories of the area around Alameda. Mr. Blackwell told me about the first known grave at Alameda. It is the grave of Martha Coffee. Mr. Blackwell said the Coffee family lived about 2 miles north of the cemetery. This family had some valuable horses. Now, the Indians did love to steal horses, from all accounts I've heard. Mr. Blackwell said that Martha Coffee would stake the horses out in the afternoon and put them in the corral at night. Mr. Coffee was ill, leaving Mrs. Coffee to tend the stock. Late one afternoon, the Indians came after her horses, scalped and killed

solidated, more enemies than friends were made. Anyway, back to the schools, the Alameda area school was given up when World War II broke out; the district was broken up. People left the area to find work, and the citizens that stayed couldn't maintain the school. The school was shortly thereafter torn down.

Mrs. Alice Calvert and Mrs. Dorothy Underwood also spoke of memories of the school system in Alameda. Mrs. Underwood, of Ranger, attended school in Alameda. She said that at the time she graduated in 1942, people from the communities of Lone Cedar, Salem, School Hill, Triumph, and Brushy Point were among the different communities attending school at Alameda. At the time she graduated, Mr. Luther Cooksey was superintendent at Alameda.

Mrs. Alice Calvert, of Ranger, said that the 'school' that later became known as Alameda, first began in a small community called Young Springs, located between Alameda and Desdemona. She recalls a little country store called "Chanceyville", in the area. She can remember going to Chanceyville by horse and buggy to pick up the mail.

Mrs. Calvert said the school at Alameda began sometime around 1885. She recalled life "down on the Leon", (before Lake Leon), on her father's land, and she can clearly recall the heavy rains. She said the "creek would rise" and people in the area would get on one hill or another to get out of the high water. She said no people drowned, but they "did lose some stock".

Myrtle Duggan, of Rising Star, remembers going to Alameda to attend church. She said the Church of Christ at Alameda had a lot of members. She said she went to Alameda pretty often to visit her husband's, the late J.R. (Robert) Duggan, family.

Mrs. Duggan said that years ago, a cast of actors (amateur or professionals?) from the Lone Cedar area would travel around the different communities and put on plays. The actors ranged from children to adults. She remembers one play in particular in which her daughter, Frances Duggan Agnew of Rising Star, played the part of a "poor little rich girl". Gib Maddox played the part of "Uncle Charlie". The name of the play was something like "Here Comes Charlie". Mrs. Duggan said that as a matter of fact, she and her husband also par-

ticipated in some of the plays. She stated that everyone involved in the plays had a great time 'putting the plays on'.

Even though not many families live at Alameda anymore, and there is no longer a school there, doesn't mean that there is no activity.

Alameda Cemetery is still there, along with the 'tabernacle', and it is one of the best kept cemeteries around. When the cemetery association first began somewhere around the late 1800's, some of the prominent men in Alameda looked after it. According to Mrs. Dorothy Underwood, they were Joe Tucker, Joe Jones, John Brown, and Jim Blackwell.

Mrs. Underwood said that now that the cemetery association has grown into a recognized association, they have a board of directors. Claude Tucker is president; Morris Underwood is Secretary/Treasurer; other officers include Kenneth Brown, Clyde L. Lewis, and Sam Yancey.

The cemetery began with the grave of Martha Coffee, and Mrs. Calvert said that her grave is under a "Blackjack" tree.

According to Mr. Blackwell, the cemetery association has been in existence for more than 100 years. A large group of people, some that attended school in Alameda, some that had ancestors that attended school there, and some that have relatives buried there, attend a reunion, which is held in Ranger each year, on the 1st Saturday in May. This is called a workday for this group of people. The Alameda Cemetery Association has a fund, and besides people coming in May to work at the cemetery, they also hire the work done so that the cemetery will be maintained and will always look nice.

Another Ranger local, Jean Ratliff, has ties at Alameda. Her mother is Lena Jones, who attended school at Alameda. Mrs. Jones grandfather had some land at Alameda, and it is still in the family. The old Duffer place has been inherited by Mrs. Ratliff, and the state awarded the family a Heritage Plaque in 1983 because the land had been in one family for 100 years.

We shall now end this story about Alameda and the surrounding communities for the time being, but if you have any history on any of the area around here, or have any memories you would like to have included in a history of the different communities, please contact the *Ranger Times* office, and we will accept what you would like to say and we will include it in our next history 'story' about the different communities.

Local Livestock Raisers Meet Tonight

The Rising Star Livestock Raisers Association will meet in the school ag building at 7 p.m. Thursday, January 8. Topics under discussion will be the upcoming local livestock show, the county livestock show and planning fundraising events. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Commodities More Distribution

The commodities will be distributed in Rising Star on Tuesday, Jan. 20 at the Senior Center. The time will be 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Recertification was held Jan. 2 in Rising Star and will not be held on Jan. 9.

Ambulance Fund Receives Donations

Since our last published list of December 11, memorials have been made to Frank Winchester, T.L. Brooks, Olive Schaefer, Myrtle Tyler, Ed Witt, Ruby New, Jack Roach, Scott Bradley, Ted Cawley, Bertha Whitlock, Elbert Yoes, and Earlene Tyler Huntington. Donations have been received from Marie Morgan, Angela and John Derickson, Cecil and Mamie Joyce, Rada King, Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Huddleston, Rick and Delyn Purvis, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Long, Manon Cox, Elza Witt, Homer Green, Mr. and Mrs. Curt Smith,

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Ambulance Runs

Star; Tom Grisham from Rising Star Emergency Medical Service, our volunteer ambulance service, made the following runs during the month of December:

Ellen Mayes from Rising Star to Brownwood; Robert Lawson from Brownwood to Rising Star Nursing Center (RSNC); Louis Martin from Rising Star to Brownwood; Tom Grisham from Rising Star to Abilene; Garland Bibby from Brownwood to RSNC; Willie Womack from Abilene to Cross Plains; Robbie Henderson from RSNC to doctor's office; Woodie Chambers from Rising Star to Brownwood; Woodie Chambers from Brownwood to Rising Star; Ted Tharp from Rising Star to Brownwood; Louis Martin from Brownwood to Rising

Star; U.S. Cooper from Rising Star to Abilene; Garland Bibby from RSNC to Brownwood; Clyde Thurman from Brownwood to Cross Plains; Annie Walters from RSNC to Brownwood; Ruby Hancock from RSNC to Brownwood; Edward Donning from Rising Star to Brownwood; Lester Mayes from Rising Star to Brownwood; Mrs. Bill Johnson from Rising Star to De Leon; Mrs. H.A. Witt from Okra to Brownwood; Brent Holden from Rising Star to Brownwood; Willie Bearden from Rising Star to Brownwood; T.T. Barnes from Rising Star to Brownwood; Dalton Lee Hughes from Rising Star to Abilene; Joseph Andrew Chance from Rising Star to Abilene.

Support Our Ambulance

Rising Star's new ambulance has been delivered and is awaiting state certification before it can be put to use.

This is a reminder to all that our volunteer ambulance service operates the year around on donations. We're hoping that maintenance will be lower in the future but the already high insurance rate continues to climb.

The continued support of each and every citizen is needed to continue the volunteer service. Many of our citizens have signed pledge cards to give regular contributions, providing part of the funds needed for regular monthly expenses. If you wish to pledge monthly you can make deposits to the

Operating Fund (55-483-9) or to the Savings Account (05-630-6) at First State Bank of Rising Star.

Donations on the gun given away in a drawing recently added \$800 to the ambulance fund and donations are being taken on a quilt donated by Mrs. Ruby Ezzell and on an afghan contributed by Mrs. Betty Fisher. Tickets for these items can be obtained from any member of the Saturday Club which is sponsoring the effort.

A special "thank you" goes to each citizen who is making it possible for Rising Star to have this wonderful life-saving service. Rising Star can and will continue to have a volunteer ambulance service.

by Irene Mayfield

Ambulance Volunteers Will Hear Speaker

On January 13, 1987, Dr. John Dunn who is head of the Emergency Room at Brownwood Regional Hospital, will be here to speak to the Volunteer Am-

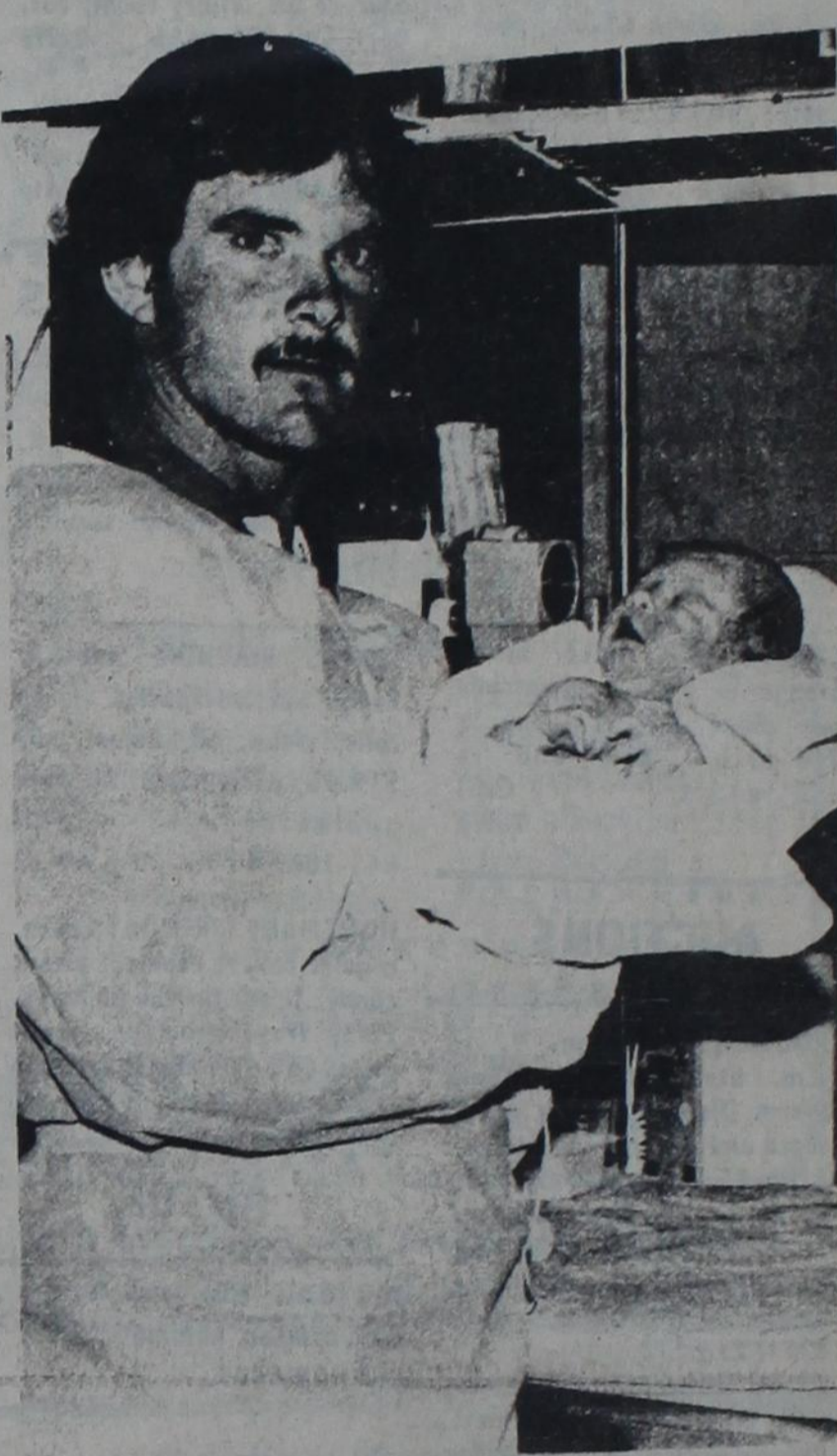
bulance personnel. The meeting will be at the City Library at 7:00 Tuesday evening the 13th. The public is invited to attend.

County Art Meeting

Eastland County Art Association invites members and non-members to a demonstration on coordinating art colors and accessories in the home. Non-members will be charged a \$1 fee at the meeting in the Texas Electric Reddy Room in Eastland at 7 p.m. Thursday, January 8. Ann Folsom of Ann H. Folsom Interiors in Eastland will be guest demonstrator,

showing her audience how to tie together art colors with home furnishings and accessories, including paint, wallpaper, drapes and upholstery. Both artists and homemakers can profit from tips gained through Ann's experience and expertise in interior decoration at the Art Association's meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, January 8, at Eastland's Texas Electric Reddy Room.

New Year Baby Has Surgery



The winner of the Brownwood Bulletin Baby Derby was Zachary Matthew Rust, first baby born at Brownwood Regional Hospital at 9:41 a.m. New Year's Day. The 6-pound, 11-ounce baby is the first child of Jeff and Regina Rust of Rising Star.

The new baby had spinal surgery Friday morning at Fort Worth Children's Hospital where he was airlifted by helicopter Thursday. Born with an open spine, little Zachary was placed in neo-natal intensive care unit after the one and a half hours of surgery. Defined as a meningocoele, the defect is a soft spot leading the the baby's spine.

In good condition, the baby will remain in the Fort Worth hospital for two weeks. The baby's mother, Regina Rust, was dismissed from Brownwood Regional Hospital Monday. The parents will go to Fort Worth as often as possible to be with little Zachary.

The Rusts had no prior indication that the baby would have a problem at birth. The young couple, both graduates of Rising Star High School, do not have insurance coverage for the baby's surgery and hospitalization or for the C-section Regina had at the baby's birth and her hospitalization.

However, with Zachary being the first baby of the year born at Brownwood Regional Hospital, the couple is entitled to numerous prizes.

Regina's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Larry White of Rising Star and Jeff is the son of Bob and Norine Rust of Early and the late Sue Rust.

Rising Star residents, concerned for the couple and their baby, were relieved to learn the baby is in good condition and that doctors are optimistic about his future. Prayers on behalf of the Rusts will continue to be said.

Validate Livestock Entries January 10

Attention all 4-H and FFA members! Validation for market livestock entries for the Eastland County Livestock Show is Saturday, January 10, at 10:00 a.m., at the Eastland County

Showgrounds. All market livestock animals must be validated to be eligible to show. This does not include breeding animals. If you have any questions contact Crystal Akers Wilbanks at 629-1093.

community calendar...

- 2nd MONDAY School Board**
- 2nd TUESDAY City Council Chamber of Commerce**
- LICENSE TAGS**
License tag renewals may be obtained the second Wednesday of each month at the office of the Justice of the Peace, S. Main St. in Rising Star.
- 2nd THURSDAY Masonic Lodge**
- MAY COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CLUB**
Quilting, music, 42 and a covered dish luncheon are activities carried on each Wednesday at May Community Center. May Improvement Club invites everyone to attend
- May Meeting**
The May Housing Authority Board of Directors will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, January 8, 1987, from 6 to 7 p.m. in the May Community Center.

Thursday, January 8, 1987

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Area News Briefs

EASTLAND
A break-in at the Sheriff's office early Saturday morning was reported in Sunday editions of area newspapers. Chief Deputy Sheriff Jerry Heflin said that the building was broken into between 1 a.m. and 8 a.m. Four bricks were thrown through a glass door on one side of the building, and several offices were ransacked. Money amounting to \$195 was taken from a desk in the reception room, but noise made by the intruders apparently failed to disturb the jailer or inmates in the jail. An intercom system in the building was not on at the time, Heflin said.

Plans are moving ahead to utilize the Majestic Theatre building as a showplace for the area. John Berry is chairman of the Fine Arts Association, and organizational efforts will begin by this group immediately. The public is invited to share thoughts concerning use of the center by writing letters to the Editor of the *Eastland Telegram*, H.V. O'Brien. A number of ideas will be considered by the Fine Arts Association.

Two new Super Six Convenience Stores will open in Eastland in the spring, one on Highway 80, next to the Texas Highway Dept., and one on South Seaman Street where the old Super Save grocery was located. The Super Six stores will carry a full line of groceries and health and beauty aids. They will also sell Phillips gasoline. Gary Barnett and Lanny McCullough, owners, will add the Eastland stores to other Super Six stores they own in Albany, Graham, Jacksboro and Breckenridge.

The January program for the Eastland County Art Association will be on Jan. 8, at 7 p.m. in the Texas Electric Reddy Room. Ann H. Folsom, interior designer, will present a program entitled "Incorporating Art Into the Home". A Texas Tech University graduate with a major in Interior Design, Mrs. Folsom has had eight years experience in this profession. And she has

operated Ann H. Folsom Interiors in Eastland since 1979. Everyone is welcome to attend her instructive program, and there will be a \$1 admission fee for persons who do not belong to the Art Association.

A training meeting on farmers' income tax will be held at the Eastland National Bank Community Room Friday, Jan. 9, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The morning session will deal with the 1986 tax laws, while the afternoon session will cover the 1987 tax changes. Dr. Ashley Lovell, Area Extension Economist, will be in charge of the program. All interested persons are invited to attend this educational program sponsored by the Extension Service.

CISCO
Battle Creek has done very little running since the railroad mishap last week, but city officials are checking their pump station reservoir and watching for signs of contaminated water. City Manager Mike Moore ordered the pumps shut down after the accident that caused several railway tank cars to rupture and leak. EPA officials remained on the job several days to make sure there was no problem. Battle Creek, which heads in the general area of the railway accident east of Putnam, is an alternate source of water for Lake Cisco. City officials believe the creek will be in good shape by the time rain returns to this region.

The Howard Payne University Tour Band will be

in concert on Jan. 12 at the Cisco High School auditorium, beginning at 7 p.m. The concert will consist of traditional Christmas music, and will last about an hour. East Cisco Baptist Church is sponsoring the program, and there will be no charge to the public. Of special interest to Cisco residents are two of the Cisco young people with the group - Paul Wright and James Deadman. Wright is a former CJC student, and led the CJC Band as the drum major during the 1985-86 school year. Deadman is a 1986 graduate of Cisco High School, and plays the trombone.

Plans are being formulated for Trey Kendall, son of the Billy Kendalls, to be presented in a piano concert at the Hilton Community Center in late spring. The Hilton Center's official board is working on plans to obtain a grand piano for the center, and this would be used in the concert. A good piano is needed for the center, and donations to a piano fund would be appreciated, reports Eris Ritchie, president of the Hilton Board.

Traffic will soon be headed up College Hill again, as CJC makes final plans to begin the 1987 Spring Semester. Registration will be in the Harrel Fine Arts Building, Jan. 12 and 13. Registration is assigned by the last name, and it is important that individuals register at the assigned time. Classes will begin Jan. 14 at all locations, but late registration will continue through Jan. 23.

RANGER
A Ranger High School girl, Sherry Nail, has been selected as a winner of the United State Achievement Academy Award in Cheerleading. Sherry was nominated for this national award by Mrs. Karen Clifton, her cheerleading sponsor at the school. The Academy selects USAA winners upon academic performance, leadership, enthusiasm, and a number of other outstanding traits. Sherry, an attractive brunette, will be pictured in the Achievement Academy yearbook, which is distributed nationally.

The Ranger Volunteer Fire Department wishes to thank some more area citizens for generous donations on behalf of the new fire station. Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Walker of Cisco donated \$3000 in honor of Wesley's father, the late Hall Walker, a lifelong resident who loved Ranger. Walker served as the town's Mayor in the early 1940's, and was associated with Commercial State Bank for many years. Mr. and Mrs. B.J. (Bill) Ogden also gave \$200 to the RVFD. Bill has been a member of the Volunteer Fire Department for many years. He and his wife, Nancy, own Ogden's Car Wash

and Laundromat on Highway 80 and Blackwell Road.

Ranger Fire Department members have been working every chance they get to finish the work on the new fire station. Dale Gwilt, Charlie White, and Buck Casey have also contributed a lot of time. The department hopes to have a "workday" each Saturday until the building is completed inside and out.

Western Manor Nursing Home residents will be entertained by the Cisco Rhythm Band on Thursday, Jan. 8 at 6:30 p.m. This group is one of the many volunteer groups which furnish music for the home. Mary Langford, activities director, says that she has a lot planned for 1987, and invites western music players, clubs and churches to come set a date when they will play for birthday parties. Groups who will furnish refreshments for these parties are also invited to call and finalize dates. These events mean a lot to the residents.

BAIRD
A kidnap suspect, Gary Don Parks of Fluvanna, has been transferred from Hen-

drick Medical Center in Abilene to Callahan County Jail in Baird. Parks is charged with aggravated robbery and kidnapping in connection with an incident at Howie's Pharmacy in Clude on December 13. He also faces robbery charges in Mitchell County and probation violation charges in Scurry County. A Callahan County Grand Jury will convene sometime in January and decide on whether or not to indict Parks. He could be transferred back to Mitchell or Scurry County to face trial before he faces the charges in Callahan County.

Lynn and Eulala Ault of Baird were honored with a reception to celebrate their 50 years of marriage on Saturday, Jan. 3, at the Baird Church of Christ. The Aults met in Abilene, where he worked for a printing company and she was in nurses training at Hendrick Hospital. After WWII Ault went to work for the Baird Star. He owned the Baird and Clyde papers for a short time, and continued to work there until his retirement in 1974. Mrs. Ault worked as Callahan County school nurse for 36 years. The couple have a son, Edwin, a daughter-in-law, Merle and four granddaughters who live in Galveston. One son, Joe Lynn, died in 1976.

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