

The Baird Star

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CALLAHAN COUNTY, in Central West Texas, organized 1877; area 882 square miles, pop. 11,600. Rolling prairies and wooded areas of mesquite, post oak, live oak. Soil sandy to chocolate loam. Elevation 1800 feet. Annual rainfall about 24 inches.

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LET'S GET THE SHOW GOING—Curtis Allphin, left, and Floyd Wood, both Baird 4-H Club exhibitors at the Callahan County Fair, twiddle their thumbs Friday waiting for the show to start. Judging for the livestock and community exhibits was held Saturday.



WATCH OVER THE SLEEPING—Johnny Kniffen, left, and Joe Frazier, both Clyde 4-H Club boys showing swine at the Callahan County Fair Friday and Saturday, keep a watch over a friend's three fat barrows. This is the second time since the war that Callahan County has put on a fair, and the 1950 show contained three times as many entries as that of 1949. The barrows belong to Jimmy Hicks, Clyde. (Photos by Aubrey Shouse)

Callahan County Fair Success Points To Much Expansion

The Callahan County Fair held here Friday and Saturday was a striking improvement over last year's fair. More space for exhibits, more exhibits, more people working for the successful outcome, and greater attendance, marked this year's efforts. Directors are greatly encouraged and believe that an even larger fair can be held next year.

A meeting will be held at the courthouse Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock to which all the people of the county who are interested in seeing the fair grow are invited. This is an important meeting, and the fair's future depends on the interest shown at this meeting. Dates and location for next year's fair will be the chief topics of discussion.

Winners in the parade were: first, Baird FHA girls; second, Clyde Lion's Club; third, Sutphen Motor Company. In the commercial exhibits Premier Oil Refining Company and B. L. Boydston Hardware took first places.

In the swine exhibit, R. W. Robinson's Tamworth bacon hogs took first, second and third places. The Tamworths are just now being introduced in this area by Mr. Robinson, and he is making tests at the packing houses to determine their value on the market as compared to other popular breeds. The Tamworths are supposed to finish out in the same time as other hogs, but they have more lean meat and less fat.

Leroy English, Rowden 4-H Club, showed the grand champion boys' division gilt, a litter mate to the first place pen of three shown by Hulon Crawford, Oplin 4-H Club, and another high ranking swine. The show

also saw swine entries, the most competitive division of the fair.

M. E. Fry and Son, Putnam, swept the Hereford division, winning the grand champion heifer under one year old, the two year old ribbon, and first, second and third in the Hereford bull show. Rollie Ted Gunn, Baird FFA, won first and second in the light commercial feeder class, and W. B. Barton, won first and third in the commercial class over 500 pounds. Tommie Millhorn, Eula 4-H Club, won first and second in the club boy fat steer division, and Robbie Alice Farmer, Eula 4-H Club girl, came in third.

The Cross Plains FFA chapter made a clean sweep of the field crops and agricultural exhibits. The chapter won first in cotton, milo, hegar, wheat, corn, sweet potatoes, apples, dry beans, peanuts, oats, and the boys community exhibit.

Bill Edwards, Baird 4-H Club boy, won the rabbit show. He had the grand champion doe, a New Zealand Red; the grand champion buck, Chocolate Dutch and the first place pen of three fryer rabbits, Champagne D'Arments.

Judging results follow:

HEREFORDS
Open division: Heifers, under one year: M. E. Fry & Son, Putnam, first, second, and third. Heifers between one and two: M. E. Fry & Son, first.

Bulls under one: Fry, first, second and third.
Commercial feeder class, under 500 pounds: Rollie Ted Gunn, Baird FFA, first and second; George Sutphen, Baird FFA, third.

Commercial feeder class, over 500 lbs.: W. B. Barton, first and third; Rollie Ted Gunn, second.
Fat steers: Tommie Millhorn, Eula 4-H, first and second; and Robbie Alice Farmer, Eula 4-H, third.

SWINE
Duroc gilts: Leroy English, Rowden 4-H, first; Alton Payne, Baird 4-H, second and third; Hubert Donaway, Putnam 4-H, fourth; Gene Bush, Cross Plains 4-H, fifth.

Duroc boars: O. J. English, Rowden, first; Tom Glover, Baird FFA, second; J. W. Wiloughby, Denton 4-H, third and fourth.

Fat barrows: Hulon Crawford, Oplin 4-H, first, second and third; Edwin Huddleston, Eula 4-H, fourth; Jimmy Hicks, Clyde 4-H, fifth.

Pen of three fat barrows: Crawford, first; Jack McKee, Eula 4-H, second; Edwin Huddleston, third and Jimmy Hicks, fourth.

Open swine show boars: Tom Glover, Baird FFA, first; Mel Green, Clyde, second.

Tamworth gilts: R. W. Robinson, Baird, first and second.
Pudgy Young, Baird 4-H showed first and second ewe lambs, and the first place mutton lamb.

JERSEYS
Bulls: Hilton Tarrant, Eula, first.
Heifers, under 1: Douglas Tarrant, Eula, first; Jesse Tarrant, Eula 4-H, second.

Heifers, between one and two: Dale McIntosh, second.

POULTRY
Capons: M. L. Sampson, Baird FFA, first and second.

White Leghorns: Mrs. D. Young of Baird, first and third; Glenn Kerby, Baird 4-H, second.

White, Leghorn Roosters: Mrs. D. Young, first.

Turkey toms: Monroe Mosely, Baird, first; Bobbie Joyce Farmer, Eula 4-H, second; Jack Barnes, Baird 4-H, third.

Turkey hens: Jack Barnes, first; Bobbie Farmer, second and third; Mosely, fourth.

Highline hens: A. R. Dallas, first and second; Cecil Barron, third.

White Wyandottes: A. R. Dallas, first and second; Mrs. Ray Young, third.

Buff Orpington: L. V. Munson, first and second; Mrs. Will Young, third. Roosters: L. V. Munson, first; Mrs. Young, second.

Buttercup roosters and hens: Paul Shanks, first and second.

Rhode Island Reds: Miss Muri Gunn, first, second and third.

Silver Laced Wyandottes: A. T. Scroggins, first, second and third.

Ducks: Abe Johnson, first; Robert Barnes, Baird FFA, second.

FIELD CROPS
After it is sown: Cross Plains FFA, first; Gardner, Winford Gardner, Eula 4-H, third; Jack McKee, Eula 4-H, fourth.

Milo, ten heads: Cross Plains FFA, first and second; Gardner, third.

Milo, combined: Jimmy Higgins, Baird FFA, first.

Hegari, 10 heads: Cross Plains first and second; Gardner, third.

Wheat, seed: Cross Plains, first and fourth; Higgins, second, and Gardner, third.

Corn, 10 ears: Cross Plains FFA, first, Gardner, second.

Sweet potatoes, apples, dry beans and peanuts: Cross Plains FFA.

Oats, combined: Cross Plains FFA, first and third; Higgins, second; Jack McKee, fourth and Gardner, fifth.

Preserved products: Fay Faircloth, Baird FFA, first; Elizabeth Carroll, Baird FFA, second.

Best exhibits of ladies handicraft: Mrs. Frank Moreno, Girls' handicraft division; Zaida Price, Baird FFA, first; Fay Faircloth, second.

Community exhibits, women's division: Clyde HD Club, first; Eula HD Club, second; Enterprise HD Club, third.

Girl's division, community exhibits: Baird Girl Scouts, first; Baird FFA, second.

Boys division, community exhibits: Cross Plains FFA, first.

FUNERAL IN FORT WORTH FOR J. A. WALDROP

Funeral for John Allen Waldrop, 73, who was fatally injured when struck by an automobile near Arlington Saturday afternoon, was held at 11 a. m. Wednesday at the Ray Crowder Funeral Home in Fort Worth.

Mr. Waldrop, retired food broker, was the father of N. A. Waldrop of Pecos and formerly of Baird. He is also the father of John A. Waldrop of Abilene and William H. Waldrop of Monahans.

Mr. Waldrop died about 25 minutes after the accident in a Fort Worth hospital. A charter member of the Shrine of the Most Holy Mother and a member of the Fort Worth Masonic Lodge, Mr. Waldrop had lived at the Home for Aged Masons since July.



JAMES GIBSON, Houston colored cowboy, making a winning ride in the 1949 Championship Rodeo at Baird. This year's All Colored Rodeo is to be held September 30 - October 1, Saturday night and Sunday afternoon.

County Library and Museum To Hold Open House Friday

The annual open house will be held at the Callahan County Public Library and Museum today from 1 to 5 p. m. The library and museum, located in the basement of the courthouse, are sponsored by the Wednesday Club.

The library, which was begun in 1937 with only a few books, now has 3500 volumes. It serves 20 communities of the county and circulated 3,860 books in 1949 with an average of 300 readers per month. Books are free to any resident of the county.

Mrs. Rosa Ryan has served as librarian for a number of years. Her salary is paid jointly by Baird Municipal Light Plant and Callahan County. The photograph accompanying this article might give the reader an idea as to how Mrs. Ryan earns her salary. She assists hundreds of children regularly in selecting books for their reading enjoyment.

The library added 292 new books in 1949 and during that year 204 books were mended. Books and equipment were purchased by the Wednesday Club, of which Miss Isadore Grimes is president. The library board is composed of Mrs. Lee Ivey, chairman, Mrs. R. L. Alexander, Mrs. Clyde White and Mrs. Sam H. Gilliland. The museum board is composed of Mrs. L. L. Blackburn, chairman, Mrs. W. P. Brightwell and Mrs. A. E. Dyer.

The museum contains 370 articles which have been donated by early families of the county, and were used in the homes of the county. The museum and library are maintained as non-profit projects for the benefit of the entire county.

Hostesses for the afternoon will be members of the Wednesday Club. The general public is invited to attend.

VICES REPORTED STOLEN AT COUNTY FAIR

Sometime between 6:30 and 9 p. m. Saturday, three vases were taken from the Enterprise Club booth at the Callahan County Fair. The Enterprise Club had a beautiful booth that was admired by all who saw it. It was composed of flowers artistically arranged in vases.

Among the vases reported stolen were two belonging to Mrs. R. E. Hansen and one belonging to Mrs. Wes Patton. An ivory colored vase with yellow and blue flowers on its sides was of much sentimental value to Mrs. Hansen, but would probably not be worth much to anyone else. Another vase belonging to Mrs. Hansen was blue. Mrs. Patton's vase was tall and represented a yellow swan. She liked the vase and would appreciate its return.

The vases might have been taken by a friend who plans to return them within the next few days, but it is believed that they were stolen. Mrs. Hansen says she will never give up the search for her ivory vase until it is found. "I would know it anywhere," she said, "and I think I know about where to look."

If the person will return the vases to the owners, or bring them to The Baird Star, it will be appreciated and nothing will be said or done about it.

W. J. COOK SERIOUSLY ILL
W. J. Cook is in a serious condition at Callahan County Hospital. Mr. Cook became ill at his home early Sunday morning and was taken to the hospital. He will be 85 years old October 20.

Gene Swinson was taken to Veterans' Hospital at Big Spring Wednesday, after becoming ill Tuesday. Rev. A. A. Davis took him to the hospital.

Star Contest Opens Monday

The Baird Star's popularity subscription contest you have been hearing about will open on Monday, October 2nd. At 6 p. m. November 29th, the contest will close and the three leading contestants will be given their choice of three beautiful prizes. The prizes, provided by The Baird Star, Morgan's Appliances, Black's Farm Store, and Anderson Appliances, are the best available. From Morgan's we have a 10-foot Norge Refrigerator. From Black's we have an automatic Hotpoint electric range. Anderson is providing a handsome combination Philco radio. The three prizes are on display at the Baird Star office, and you are invited to see them at any time.

There are no strings attached to this contest. Simply, the contestant who gets the most votes will get first choice of the prizes, the second best will select his or her choice from the other two prizes and the third winner will take the prize that is left.

We are publishing the rules of the contest elsewhere in this issue of The Star so everyone will know definitely how the contest will be run. Study these rules. If you would like to devote your spare time soliciting new or renewal subscriptions to The Star, the Abilene Reporter-News and Fort Worth Star-Telegram, fill in the nomination coupon and mail it to The Star today. You will receive 100 votes upon becoming a contestant. For each subscription to these papers you will receive 200 votes, or 500 votes for a combination of The Star and either one of the dailies. Clip the coupon good for 10 free votes each week and cast them for your favorite contestant. Everybody can play this game whether you are a subscriber or not. We invite you to take part and help make this contest interesting all the way through.

Luncheon Opens Year For Delphian Club

Mrs. C. B. Snyder, Jr., newly elected president, was principal speaker when the Delphian Club opened its year's work with a luncheon on Tuesday, 12:30 p. m., at the American Legion Hut. Mrs. Tee Baugh gave the invocation and Mrs. M. L. Stubblefield, chairman of the advisory board, presented the speaker, whose subject was "Building Our Clubhouse." She likened the clubhouse to our physical being. The four walls of the clubhouse were compared to the four walls of our physical selves, which are slowly built by good health and proper guidance, education, good citizenship and proper recreation.

Marigolds in a brass container formed the center piece and the table was laid with a white cloth. Tiny corsages of marigolds tied with black ribbons formed the club colors of black and gold. Mrs. M. L. Stubblefield presented the yearbooks to the members.

Present were: Mmes. L. L. Blackburn, Lea Macdonald, John McGowen, guests, and the following members: Mmes. R. L. Alexander, K. H. Rowland, Brice Jones, Frank Gardner, Bob Norrell, M. L. Stubblefield, L. C. Cash, C. H. Slatous, Irving Corn, E. C. Fulton, W. P. Brightwell, C. B. Snyder, Tee Baugh.

NEWLYWEDS

Miss Barbara Boyd and Buddy McWilliams, pictured above, were married Saturday of last week. (For details of the wedding see last week's Baird Star.)

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By Curtis Sutphen



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ONE OF TEXAS' TOP COWHANDS WAS A LONGHORN STEER

By ROSS PHARES

One of the top cowhands of Texas was a longhorn steer named Old Blue. For eight years he led over 10,000 cattle from the Charles Goodnight ranch on the Texas panhandle to the shipping pens in Kansas. He knew the route to Dodge City better than most cowmen and was often worth a dozen of them on the drives.

Blue was born in South Texas in the shade of the mesquite during the spring of 1870. At an early age he was driven over the trails to the northern plains.

And once in the northern clime he traveled for the rest of his life in fast company — the elite Cattleland society of his day. He was owned in succession by the two outstanding cattlemen of that day — John Chisum and Charles Goodnight.

Even in that remote era, before the day of "baby beef," a steer had to show his talents early to stay on the hoof. Old Blue convinced Goodnight that he was worth more than his weight in steaks. He was broken to the yoke. And when he was run into a herd for a drive he promptly horned his way to the lead and no herd from then on disputed his leadership.

When the long drives from Palo Duro to Dodge City began, Charles Goodnight strapped a bell on Blue's neck; and across the wide plains, compass straight, the procession followed the rhythmic ring of the bell timed to his long, steady stride. At night a leather strap was placed around the bell's clapper, or the bell was stuffed down in peace. So well was Blue's leadership recognized that if the clapper, perchance, came loose in the night the herd would be on its feet immediately ready to travel.

If there was an icy river to cross Blue was the first to shoulder in. He was a reliable Indian alarm. In his early days the Apaches stuck an arrow between his ribs. And from that day on no savage ever slipped up on the Indian-hating old steer. If the herd stampeded the wizen old ox saw no point in rampaging around like mad through the night. He would step aside and bawl as if to

Old Blue was the aristocrat

of the trail, conscious of his importance. He did not spend his leisure hours with the common herd. At night he pushed his way to the campfire to chew his cud with the other cowhands. And he "grazed" with the privilege becoming his position, among the pots and pans on biscuits, fruit, and other chuck wagon specialties.

Inside the shipping corrals Blue would step aside to a corner and rest while the cowboys pushed the beeves up the chutes and into the railway cars.

At the end of the trail the old steer had his celebration along with the boys. He was treated with special hospitality at the livery stable, where he indulged his taste on such rare delicacies as red and blue corn.

Once the return trip started he seemed as eager as the cowboys to get back home in Texas. He trotted alongside the horses, sometimes traveling thirty miles a day.

During the season between drives Blue had homework to do. Unruly stock that balked at the idea of being rounded up were easily convinced of the futility of their ways once necked to Blue's solid fourteen hundred pounds. This task often angered the old veteran. But once he was yoked with an outlaw he hit a beeline for the corral gate—and his charge might as well come along quietly.

The old steer's last days were spent in retirement at Palo Duro, enjoying the attention and admiration due a patriarch. Old Blue died of age and idleness after "twenty years of adventure such as few men and no other steer experienced."

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Mitchell were Mrs. Wade Sutton and Mrs. Marian Smith of Odessa. They were enroute to Jisico to see their father in the hospital there. He was injured in a car wreck.

Mrs. W. T. Pope of Sweetwater arrived Thursday of last week to visit her daughter, Mrs. O. P. Thompson, and Mr. Thompson, for a week.

Mrs. Ashby White and Mr. and Mrs. John Bryant left Thursday of last week for Washington, D. C., where Mrs. White attended the Women Quarter Million Club. The Bryants visited their son, John Harold Bryant, Mrs. Bryant and daughter in New Jersey.

Taxes and Waste In Government Worry Texans

By JOHN REDDITT State Chairman Texas Economy Commission

(Editor's Note: This is the second in a series of articles on the Texas Economy Commission.)

You who are worried (or should become worried) about the ever-increasing demands for taxes to run your Texas state government, you have three choices before you:

(1) Pay more taxes and grumble about it. (2) Pay lower taxes and undergo a reduction in public services. And grumble some more. (3) Examine your state government for inefficiencies and waste; then, on the basis of your factual findings, improve service without increasing taxes, or lower taxes without cutting service.

The first and second choices appeal to no one. The third choice clearly is the one to make. The Texas Economy Commission has undertaken to make the third choice. But our eyes are open to certain pitfalls that must be avoided if we are to succeed in bringing economy and efficiency into our government.

THIS REQUIRES some explaining: In 1929, the Legislature created the office of State Auditor and Efficiency Expert to look into the government. This new office, after nearly a year of study, reported that inefficiency, waste and disorganization were growing as the government's expansion continued unrestrained.

Alarmed, the Legislature named a joint committee of both houses to give thorough study to the problem. This committee employed an impartial, professional staff of experts in government management, Griffenhagen and Associates, which had been doing this sort of thing successfully for a generation.

The Griffenhagen firm made an exhaustive study and presented a detailed report calling for extensive reorganization of the government. One hundred and thirty-one more or less independent state agencies would have been consolidated into two executive branches: one with six "departments having administrative functions," and the other with 14 "departments rendering direct public service."

This was logical. It was efficient. It brought order and responsibility under economical control. And it fell flat in the Legislature.

WE NOW KNOW WHY it fell flat. We know why the past two decades have brought more disorganization, more inefficiency and waste to our state government. The \$455,200,000 not enough popular demand for change.

The second problem that faced them, now opportunity to examine the proposed reforms. Lacking this information, they did not demand passage of the reforms. Lacking this demand, the reforms were not made.

Today we have, not 131 separate state agencies, but nearly 200. In 1930, the Texas state government spent \$103,100,000. In 1940, \$165,700,000. This year the state is spending \$500,000,000. That's half a billion dollars!

This amounts to \$1,370,000 per day, including Sundays and holidays, seven days a week! What's more, this vast sum is spent, not through logically and carefully controlled means. It is spent out of more than 230 separate, disconnected checking accounts. Many of these accounts are earmarked for special purposes and no other purposes. Thus, if some accounts should have a surplus while other accounts are exhausted, more taxes must be raised to replenish the exhausted accounts. That's silly, I know. But that's how it is.

WE KNOW that a new structure of efficient and economical public service, provided through intelligent taxation, cannot be erected without the public's understanding of its need.

The people of Texas, through this series of newspaper articles, through public discussion and debate, through their local county branches of the Economy Commission, will be advised of and take part in every stage of the Economy Commission's work. If you don't like a certain recommendation that has been submitted to you, and if you come up with a better suggestion, the substitution can be made.

Then the revised recommendations will truly be your recommendations. You will know what is needed. The Legislature will know what you want, and you, by your own effort and understanding, will succeed.

The next article in this series will discuss how the Economy Commission operates at the local level close to every Texas home. The writer will be Mrs. Charley Ward, of Louise, state vice-chairman of the Texas Economy Commission.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Nixon have returned to their home in Gainesville after a weeks visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Ross.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gray of Snyder attended the Rothmore Show at Abilene and came to their Baird Style Shop Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kerby moved from Abilene to Winters on Tuesday of last week. Mr. Kerby, a son of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Kerby, of Baird, is employed by the Hodge Theatre.

Rowden Round-Up

Irene Mauldin Community Activities Reliably Reported by The Star Reporter.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stephens Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stephens and son, Lynn, and Mr. and Mrs. Ford Baldwin and daughter, Jo, all of Abilene.

Rev. and Mrs. Charlie Myrick had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Miller and children Sunday.

Spending Sunday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jones, were Donna and Alvin Odell of Admiral.

Those attending the singing at Oplin Sunday were Rev. and Mrs. Charlie Myrick, Mr. and Mrs. Oran Bains, Cordelia and Sue, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Mauldin, Marjorie and Irene, Mr. and Mrs. Odie Smedley and Mrs. Annie Miller.

Gerald Stephens and Harlene Davis had supper Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Claude Stephens.

Mr. W. F. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Gibbs, Mr. and Mrs. Odie Smedley and Pearl visited Mr. and Mrs. B. Crow and family Saturday night.

Ludie Carol, who has been visiting relatives here, has returned to her home in El Mirage, Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. Blan Odom and Mike visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Tatum in Putnam Sunday.

Visiting in the Gene Mauldin home Tuesday night were Mr. and Mrs. Chief Horner, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Blan Odom and Mike.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Smedley of Comanche spent the weekend here visiting relatives.

Dannie Myrick visited Sonny Bains Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Granville Gibbs visited his mother, Mrs. Lella Gibbs, Sunday.

Cordelia Bains had Sunday dinner with Marjorie Mauldin. Visiting Grandpa Smedley Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Barney Gibbs, Jimmie Smedley, and Lester Smedley.

C. R. Steele of Crowell stopped by the Rowden Store one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Farmer and daughter, Phyllis, of Weatherford spent from Thursday until Sunday visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Farmer and Mrs. Rosa Ryan.

Cross Plains Had Four Names Before One Finally Struck

By Jack Scott

CROSS PLAINS — Although Cross Plains did not become an incorporated city until 1911, there has been a thriving community here since the early seventies.

Mont Jones, who came to this locality in 1873 and is Cross Plains' oldest citizen from the standpoint of continuous residence here, remembers the community had a general store, grist-mill and blacksmith shop.

No one name was used for the settlement until the early nineties. It was at various times called Turkey Creek, Green Briar, Schleicher and Cross Plains. Turkey Creek and Green Briar were derived from alternate names of a small stream which winds through the Southwest part of the present city of Cross Plains. It was near the banks of this stream that the first stores were located. The name Schleicher came from an early day jurist by that name who helped to settle many families in this locality.

The name Cross Plains, which finally caught on, came from the crossing of the Brownwood and Belle Plain road here with a commonly used route leading to the Chisholm Trail. The country was then virtually unwooded and carpeted with Buffalo grass, resembling a great plain. From the road crossings and plain terrain the name of the town was derived.

Probably the most eventful day in Cross Plains history was January 12, 1911, when the Texas Central Railroad ran its first train here. The occasion had been widely advertised and people came from hundreds of miles to witness the celebration and attend a town lot sale in the afternoon.

S. F. Bond, Cross Plains merchant and only surviving member of the Townsite Company, recalls that more than \$70,000 worth of town lots were auctioned to new owners that day, and that as a result much building began near the railroad station, resulting in the removal of the village from the banks of Turkey Creek to the present location.

The town was officially incorporated shortly thereafter. The first council was composed of: Walton Wagner, Mayor; Taylor Bond, Joe H. Shackelford, Dr. S. P. Rumph, G. E. Pryor and Dodd Price, aldermen.

Diversified agriculture has contributed heavily to the growth of Cross Plains and today the little city is the principal trading center for an estimated 8,000 people. A total of 106 business concerns operate here.

Cross Plains independent school district, embracing 250 square miles and with a taxable valuation of well over \$2,000,000, is one of the largest in this section of Texas. Present enrollment exceeds 600 and indications are that a building program will be necessary in the next few years to accommodate still further growth.

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Trip To Chicago Is Educational

Baird is the kind of a town where it would be easy for any business man to find himself completely satisfied, following the line of least resistance. Few of our firm heads, however, have allowed themselves to fall into such a groove. This bit of thinking came to our mind recently when we were invited to accompany D. P. Russey and his son, Tommy, and H. V. Chapman, of Abilene, to Chicago to attend the Sixth Educational Graphic Arts Exposition. We readily accepted the invitation from these gentlemen and met them on the T&P Eagle Saturday at noon, September 9th, bound for Chicago. Returning to Baird the following Saturday about noon, we realize more than ever that this was a truly educational trip.

H. V. Chapman is a bookbinder and paper ruler located in Abilene. He is a progressive, open-minded man, who is keeping abreast of the modern trend in the Graphic Arts in general and in the modern methods of bookbinding in particular. In our estimation Mr. Chapman ranks with the few best bookbinders in Texas. He can make an old book, with the back gone and pages yellowed with age, look like new again. He preserves many valuable Bibles and other old books for people of this area.

D. P. Russey, commercial printer, is one of the leading job printers of Abilene. Mr. Russey is ever studying new printing and passes his knowledge on to his customers. In his search for more modern ways of manufacturing printed office forms he is keeping up with the industry. His son, Tommy, also went on the trip and took notes to make a report to his school teacher.

We believe the people of our town and county deserve the very best in the way of good printing, and we must keep up-to-date on the modern trend in printing and publishing a newspaper. Good printing is the most difficult of all crafts because printing combines so many different arts and sciences. Shape and proportion, pressure and color, accuracy and taste... the chemistry of the printing inks... the mechanics of presses and stereotyping and type-setting machines... each of these a life-work for many people... all of them an everyday job to the printer and publisher of the county town. That is the reason we so readily took advantage of the chance to go to Chicago and see the whole printing industry set up for us to see.

Our trip on the T&P Eagle was one of the chief points of interest. The Eagles are smooth, clean and modern, and the courtesies extended by the trainmen far surpass that of other trains. We sailed along at a fast clip, slept through Arkansas going and returning, and changed trains only once and that was at St. Louis. When we left Dallas, I thought that was probably the biggest town on our route, but St. Louis was more than I expected. Now I can understand why almost everything we buy comes from St. Louis. In passing through the city I read signs on the big buildings and just about every manufacturer I know anything about was represented there. The train sheds at the depot would sure make a good barn to store Callahan county's peanut crop in.

The country we passed through in the daytime cannot compare with ours. Between St. Louis and Chicago the hills are rolling and lots of vegetation is growing on them. Corn fields were about the prettiest scenery we saw.

People at the Union Depot in Chicago told us there wasn't much going on there on Sunday, but that's not the way it looked to us. When we reached the up-town district, the streets were quiet, stores closed, no work going on. Monday morning the whole world seemed to be bubbling with activity. Traffic was terrific until after five o'clock when again the streets were de-

serted. People swarm in Chicago like wild bees.

Among the most interesting places we visited was the Chicago Board of Trade and witnessed the scramble on the trading floor. After seeing how smart men act when it comes to a dollar we do not wonder that prices are pyramiding every day. We visited the Natural History Museum, the Aquarium and the Planetarium. As interesting as these places was our visit to the Chicago Art Institute. This is where our brother, Warren Hunter of San Antonio studied art and graduated with honors.

Mr. Russey had the right connections and obtained tickets to the Breakfast Club one morning. Don McNeil and his gang put on a good show and we enjoyed seeing them.

When we had walked until our legs felt like they were sinking down into the concrete, we took a sight seeing trip over the city. We saw the fine residential district, Lincoln Park, and the monkey house where the gorilla, Bushman, lives. The largest gorilla in captivity, Bushman is now 22 years old and has been a captive since he was a year old. We then saw the slums and Chinatown. Gypsies, negroes, whites, scramble for their lives at the slum market place. This is the spot we hear about and wonder if people do live under such conditions any where in the world. There it was right before our eyes, and still hard for us to believe. Tumbling down shacks with four and five people to each room make the homes for thousands.

We saw enough of Chicago to find out for sure that we wouldn't live there on a bet. It is a sight for Texans to see once, but after that they will never want to leave home again. Baird is a sparkling, clean, little city, and we are proud to call it home.

The Graphic Arts Exposition is held once every 10 years, and thousands of people gather to learn what's new in the industry. Eleven million dollars worth of printing equipment was on display at the International Amphitheatre, all under one roof, covering three city blocks of space. Printing machines were there from many parts of the world. German and English machines were very prominent. The exposition was extremely educational and that's where we came in for a big slice. For 10 hours each day we viewed the exhibits and witnessed demonstrations. We asked questions and had the professionals to explain and to show how certain effects were accomplished. After having gone through the week of learning, we believe we gained the "know how" that will enable us to do a better job of printing for the people of this area. We could write for days and not entirely cover the details of our trip, but as time goes on, we hope the experiences we had at the big printing show will be of greater benefit to us and to our customers.

STOP BEFORE PASSING A SCHOOL BUS

Did you know that you are required to stop your car immediately before passing a school bus which is discharging children. If that bus is on a highway outside of a business or residence district? After having stopped, you may then proceed at a prudent speed not to exceed 10 miles per hour, until you are safely beyond the bus. This is required of you whether you are meeting or overtaking the school bus. This Law was passed in 1947 by the 50th Texas Legislature as a part of the Uniform Act of Traffic Laws.

If you will notice within the next day or two, you will see in operation some of the approximately 6,000 school buses which carry tens of thousands of Texas children to and from school every day. The Law stated in this Article is one of several which have to do with the operation of a motor vehicle in the vicinity of a school bus which is loading or discharging children.

Each year a number of accidents occur which usually involve a passing car and one of the children getting off of the bus. These accidents are of the most heart-breaking kind because they usually mean that some young, happy school child has either been killed or possibly maimed for life.

Each driver of an automobile should know and follow the rules concerning motor vehicle traffic around school buses, because these rules were made in an effort to protect the children who ride them. It is often a hardship for some of these children to get ready in time to ride the bus many long miles into school each day. Certainly if these boys and girls will put forth that much effort, the drivers of automobiles on our streets and highways can exercise enough care to protect their safety on the way to and from school.

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From the time the theatre-restaurant opens at 11 a. m. until it closes around midnight, patrons will be entertained by singing waiters and hand-bar mustaches, piano players with a "backroom" touch and top talent doubling as actors in the old-fashioned melodrama and as entertainers.

Located at the "top of the Midway," directly across from the sensational new Sky Wheels thrill ride, the spacious Diamond Garter will contain 400 tables accommodating 1,600 patrons. From the 100-foot bar, sandwiches, soft drinks and other beverages will be served at reasonable prices.

The Diamond Garter will be operated by R. G. McElyea of Amusement Enterprises in Ft. Worth, and the show will be produced by Charles R. Meeker, Jr., managing director of the Starlight Operetta and the State Fair Auditorium, in cooperation with McElyea. Decorations for the refreshment center will be designed by Peter Wolf, scenic designer for the Starlight Operetta.

McElyea said that the show to be produced at the Diamond Garter would be of top quality and that entertainers would be the best talent available.

He plans to employ actors for the Melodrama, "The Drunkard's Daughter," who can also sing and otherwise perform, and a brace of good masters of ceremonies will keep things moving at a fast pace continuously.

The Diamond Garter is the first theatre-restaurant of its type to be located on an exhibit at the Fair since the International and Pan-American Exposition in 1936-37.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cook of Dallas were called here Sunday evening because of the illness of Mr. Cook's father, W. J. Cook.

HEALTH FACTS

AUSTIN — Venereal infections, notably syphilis and gonorrhea, will probably increase sharply in cities and towns near military centers in the near future, State Health Officer Geo. W. Cox has predicted.

He urged all cities, especially those in which greater numbers of military personnel were expected, to intensify their efforts to control venereal diseases.

Experience during World War II, the health official said, indicates that unless civilians become as concerned about the venereal disease problem as are military and public health authorities, there will "most certainly" be a great increase in venereal disease infections among men in uniform and in the civilian population as well.

"That doesn't mean all soldiers are destined for VD infection," Dr. Cox declared. "It means simply that vice conditions, poorly supervised recreational facilities, and an indifferent attitude on the part of the public are inevitable around military posts and all contribute to higher VD rates."

"These young men were only recently civilians," he pointed out. "They worked or went to school in communities no different than yours or mine."

He urged that they be provided with wholesome recreational facilities while "in your town. It will help make their lives in uniform a little less drab and monotonous."

The State Department of Health has been working for years in close cooperation with the military in controlling VD and other diseases affecting men in uniform.

"It's a very important part of the civil defense program," he said. "Disease can incapacitate a man quite as effectively as a bullet."

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CLUB PRESIDENT'S DINNER HELD IN ABILENE

The Corinne Blackburn Wednesday Club opened its 1950-51 session with the annual President's Dinner September 20th, in the Banquet Room, Hotel Drake, Abilene.

Invocation was given by Mrs. Terrell Williams, who also presented the yearbooks. The course of study for the year is "Travel Course."

The President's Address was given by Miss Burma Warren, president of the Club.

Mrs. Roland Nichols, Mrs. Buster Hatchett and Mrs. C. M. Gunn were welcomed as new members of the Club.

Other members present for the dinner were Mrs. Bessie Mae Borden, Mrs. J. L. Ault, Mrs. M. M. Caldwell, Mrs. N. L. Dickey, Mrs. C. M. Peek, Mrs. Conley Pruitt, Mrs. Margie Ray, Mrs. J. V. Thompson, Miss Edith Bowls, Miss Helen Settle, Miss Jewel Sims, and Mrs. L. L. Blackburn, honorary member.

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PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY ENTERTAINS

The Presbyterian ladies met with Mrs. Sallie Eastham at the home of Mrs. Joe McGowen Monday at 3 p. m. After singing a song, Mrs. R. L. Elliott led a prayer. Mrs. Willie Barnhill read the scripture lesson using the 23rd Psalm, Mrs. V. F. Jones gave a report of overseas sewing. The society voted to send cookies to the orphans home on October 4th. All church members are asked to donate to this cause. Mrs. R. L. Alexander gave an interesting talk on women of

the Bible. The Lord's Prayer was the closing prayer. A social hour followed and delicious refreshments were served to Mrs. R. L. Alexander, Willie Barnhill, H. N. Ebert, Mary Kahrer, V. F. Jones, Lee Estes, Arthur Johnson, Sam Smith, Richard Danielson, Joe McGowen, Virgil Hughes, E. C. Fulton, R. L. Elliott.

Frank Bearden went to Fort Worth Sunday to go through a clinic. He was accompanied there by Mrs. Bearden.

Oplin Observations
Joretta Gwin
Odds and Ends Opportunity Offered in Open Order.

A large crowd attended the Callahan County Singing Convention Sunday at the Oplin Baptist Church.

Mrs. Mae Brooks is reported to be recovering in the Callahan County Hospital from a heart attack suffered at her home here several days ago.

Mrs. Maurine Atwood has returned to her home from Hendrick Memorial Hospital where she underwent surgery recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell McIntyre of Brady are the parents of a boy, born in the Hendrick Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Zack McIntyre of Oplin are the grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Floyd and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ruthland visited Mrs. Glen Duncan and family last week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Gwin, Mrs. Ernest Gwin and Mrs. W. R. Johnson attended the Baptist Association meeting in Cross Plains last week.

Rev. Dan Gaines of Abilene filled the pulpit at the Oplin Baptist Church Sunday.

"THREE CAME HOME" HAS COLBERT IN TRUE STORY

Claudette Colbert in "Three Came Home" has been announced by the Rio Theatre at Clyde as its next attraction. It opens Sunday. Miss Colbert, whose triumphs in comedy and romantic dramas are more familiar, essays one of her infrequent straight dramatic parts in "Three Came Home."

The role is that of Agnes Newton Keith, writer, who with her family is captured by the Japanese invading North Borneo during the early days of the Pacific War. Interned in a Jap prison camp throughout the war, Mrs. Keith undergoes brutality and savagery that test a woman's mettle and try her courage. There is a happy ending in family reunion to Mrs. Keith's true, brave story.

With the long-celebrated star are to be seen a number of important players. Patrick Knowles has the male lead. Also featured are two unusual players—a new face in comedienne-singer Florence Desmond, who enters films in quite a different mood; and an old face in silent screen star Sessue Hayakawa, who returns to the American screen after passing the war years in Europe to play a Japanese prison camp director. Though he will be new to the present generation, to its parents he is a legend of international renown.

Absolute authenticity was the watchword in Twentieth Century-Fox's preparation of "Three Came Home," staged under the personal supervision of production head Darryl F. Zanuck. Mrs. Keith's autobiographical novel, dramatizing only the true events she endured under the Japs, tells of the most intimate adventures and personal experiences of war, as seen through the eyes of a woman. This is a very off-the-beaten-path approach for war films, and should throw new light on the whole subject.

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NEW BAIRD - CISCO U. S. 80 OPENED AT 6 P. M. THURSDAY

A stretch of newly completed highway on U. S. 80 between Cisco and Baird, representing an expenditure of more than \$1.3 million in Callahan County alone, was opened to the public at 6 p. m. Thursday.

Total length of the new construction is 17.7 miles, built at a total cost of \$1,391,118.93—an average of \$79,580 per mile.

The new route cuts the distance from Baird to Cisco by 1.2 miles. On the old route, the distance from the courthouse in Baird to the Victor Hotel in Cisco was 26.6 miles. By the new route it is 25.4 miles.

District Engineer Treadaway explained that cost of the new highway was higher than usual due to extensive cutting through hills, heavy fill-ins and one overpass over the Texas and Pacific mainline, which cost \$131,000. The new road also includes eight major bridges of steel reinforced concrete.

Out of Baird, where the old route wound through hills, the new highway cuts straight through, one cut in a hill being 51 feet deep. A fill-in between two hills is 53 feet high.

A large percentage of the excavation work was in rock which also increased construction costs.

Under the major fill-in are two concrete culverts, one being 6 by 6 feet in depth and width and 295 feet long, the other being 7 by 6 feet and 229 feet long.

Treadaway explained that a wider road bed than older highways has eliminated the need for guard rails except on bridges.

Base of the road bed, he said, is well compacted gravel and rock 12 to 13 inches thick and 44 feet wide on top. This is finished with a one-course treatment of asphalt 4 of an inch thick.

After three or four years of use, according to Treadaway, plans are to put asphalted concrete about two inches thick over the present topping.

Completion of the new highway construction has been delayed several years by World War II. Preliminary work started in 1942 but the project was abandoned during the war and was not resumed until after the war ended.

The first contract, for 8.8 miles just east of Baird, went to Harry Campbell of Ft. Worth February 9, 1948, at a cost of \$494,831.39. Work started June 7, 1948 and was completed July 23, 1949.

Contract for the flexible base and asphalt surface was awarded to Harry Campbell, Fort Worth, August 9, 1949, at \$441,025.74. Work started under this contract September 12, 1949 and final work is now completed.

The engineer added that it has been necessary to station deputized armed guards at both ends of the stretch under construction to prevent motorists from driving over the roadway before work was completed.

Hospital Notes

Miss Jane Hall, who was admitted the 23rd, shows no improvement at this writing.

Mrs. Mae Brooks, Oplin, is resting much better.

Barbara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Higgins, underwent tonsillectomy the 25th.

W. J. Cook, who was admitted the 24th, is very ill.

Born the 24th to Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Horner, a girl, weight 6 lbs., 12 ozs.

Born the 25th to Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Moran, a boy, weight 7 lbs., 7 ozs.

Eric, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lovell, Cross Plains, was a patient the 23rd.

Claude Johnson was dismissed the 25th after a couple of days hospitalization.

Mrs. W. O. Wylie, Sr., was admitted the 25th as a medical patient.

Mrs. Emily Clark, who was admitted the 22nd, is feeling some better.

Among recent dismissals are Mrs. J. M. Caldwell, Mrs. John S. Presley, Mrs. R. H. Sedberry, Mrs. Maggie Brown and Kenneth Childers.

Guy W. Moore, Fairfax, Va., is getting along nicely.

B. W. Lofton is feeling fairly well.

EULA FFA ORGANIZES MONDAY NIGHT

The Eula Future Farmer Chapter held its first meeting on Monday night, September 25th, at the Eula High School for the purpose of electing officers and outlining a program of work for the school year.

This meeting was of importance due to the fact that it was the organizational meeting of the Eula Future Farmers. This is the first year that Vocational Agriculture has been offered at Eula High School.

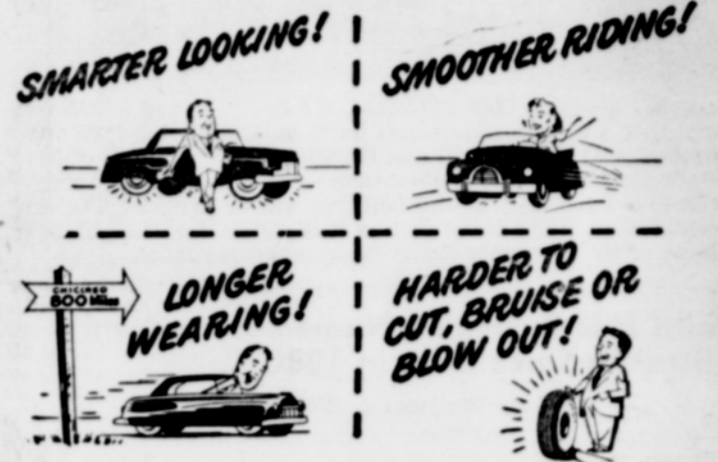
Officers elected to guide the new chapter are as follows: President, Burl Loving; Vice-President, Billy Jess Tarrant; Secretary, Waylan Warren; Treasurer, Bud Logan; Reporter, Bob Favor; Parliamentarian, Curtis Spurrier; Historian, Hulien Spurrier; Sentinel, Niel Goodman; Adviser, Claude Rock.

The chapter is looking forward to a successful year in the promotion of leadership and community activities that will help build the farmers of the future.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Cozby and Mrs. R. M. Jones of Fort Worth spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hammonds, Mrs. Jones, a sister of Mr. Hammonds, resided here until 1928. Mrs. Cozby lived in Baird when she was a little girl.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Waggoner received a letter from their son, Pfc. Charles A. Waggoner, in the Marine Corps in Yakosuka, Japan. Another son, James K. Waggoner, is still stationed at Key West, Fla. He is in the Navy aboard the submarine USS Clamagore.

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BID RECEIVED ON REROUTING STRETCH OF 80 Low bids were submitted to the State Highway Department in Austin Wednesday on five West Texas highway projects, among which was the rerouting of U. S. Highway 80 from Cisco to Eastland.

The new route between the two cities will be 6.5 miles, from 0.9 miles east of Cisco, east to intersection with Hillcrest Avenue in Eastland. The project calls for grading, structures, flexible base and asphalt concrete pavement.

Low bid was made by T. C. Cage Co. of San Antonio at \$381,509.

Among other projects on which bids were received were: Callahan County-Farm Highway 1078, 9.4 miles from Clyde to 9 miles south; grading, structures, flexible base and one-course surface treatment. Low bidder was Wendel Construction Co., El Campo, \$79,709.

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Outboard motorboat racing has taken a unique turn at Algonac, Mich., whose waterfront used to echo with the roar of "Speed King" Gar Wood. High school students build their own trim little craft in a shop class as part of the curriculum, then race them on the St. Clair River in the summer. This year, 18 student-built boats "graduated" from school to the water and here Pilot Dick Rex makes a hairpin turn in front of a Chevrolet station wagon which his friends drove to the water's edge.

Marlin VA Hospital Dedication



Marlin, long Texas' leading health resort, is adding another hospital to its facilities with the dedication of the new 200-bed Veterans Administration hospital September 16. General Carl R. Gray Jr., administrator of Veterans Affairs of Washington, D. C., highlights the formal ceremonies with the dedicatory address. Dr. C. R. Miller, native Texan, is the manager of the Marlin facility. First patients at the hospital are expected before the end of September. It was built at a cost of approximately six million dollars.

Just 'Round About

As we walked up and down the street * * * E. C. Fulton was supervising work that is being done to modernize his barber shop. He is making the place look clean and nice * * * On up the street we saw another business firm taking up the march toward making Baird more attractive. That was Ashlock Insurance Agency. With the interior freshly painted, office furniture prettied up, that is one of the nicest looking firms in town * * * Folks were talking about the wonderful success of the fair held Friday and Saturday. We were quick to give credit to the fair president, John Berry of Clyde, and Oliver West, fair secretary and county agent, who, with the help of the directors, did a wonderful job * * *

SHEPPARD AND HARRISON TO SPEAK AT CONVENTION

ABILENE - John E. Sheppard, Secretary of State, and Hubert M. Harrison, General Manager of the Texas Chamber of Commerce, in view, will be the speakers during the annual convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce in Mineral Wells, October 19-20, according to announcement by J. M. Willson, Sr., Floydada, WTCC President. Sheppard, former president of the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce, will address the luncheon meeting, October 20. Harrison will address the banquet or barbecue the preceding evening, at which local chamber managers in the West Texas region, and their wives, will be honor guests.

Sheppard is a member of the State Tax Board, Texas representative to the board of managers of the Council of State Governments, is secretary of the Texas Economy Commission. Now 34 years of age he was named "Outstanding Young Texan" by the Young Democratic Clubs of the state and was selected one of the nation's "Ten Outstanding Men of 1949" by Future magazine. Sheppard is a former chairman of the board of the First Christian Church at Gladewater, former president of the Gregg County Bar Association, past president of the Gladewater Chamber of Commerce and has held high offices in the Lions International and American Legion.

Harrison, long-time chamber of commerce executive, has served as General Manager of the East Texas Chamber of Commerce for more than 20 years. He went to the post from his former position as General Manager of the Wichita Falls Chamber of Commerce. He has headed a regional organization in East Texas which has been acclaimed one of the most outstanding in the nation. He is widely known in commercial organization circles throughout the United States.

Clyde C. Westfall, Stamford, chairman of the convention program committee, says the 1950 WTCC convention program promises to be the most outstanding in many years. He says citizens all over the region have begun to make reservations for the two-day meeting in Mineral Wells, October 19-20.

The 1950 convention is designed toward establishment of the pre-war type of three-day convention which the organization used to sponsor. Members of Westfall's committee are Buell Orr, Graham; L. D. Aston, Cleburne; Anthony Fenoglio, Nocona; and J. B. Thomas, Fort Worth.

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The Baird Star Popularity Subscription Contest Begins Monday, Oct. 2; Closes Nov. 29, 6 p. m. Sharp

All subscription orders must be made out on subscription blanks provided by this office, and must be accompanied by cash.

100 free votes given when contestant is nominated.

A coupon, good for 10 votes, will appear each week in the Baird Star, and may be clipped out and voted within the date shown on said coupon. These are free votes and will be counted for contestant whose name in written on the coupon.

Subscription votes will be issued as follows:

- For subscription to Baird Star 200 Votes
For subscription to Frontier Times 200 Votes
For subscription to Abilene Reporter-News 200 Votes
For subscription to Ft. Worth Star-Telegram 200 Votes
For combination subscription, Baird Star and one of these publications 500 Votes

No subscription taken for above named publications for more than one year. Votes will be given for new or renewal subscriptions alike.

Votes will be counted each Wednesday afternoon by three disinterested parties, and the standing of each contestant will be published in the Star weekly.

This contest will begin Monday October 2, and will end at 6 p. m. sharp, November 29, 1950.

Contestants with less than 1,000 votes on October 18 will be automatically dropped off.

Ballot box will be placed at The Baird Star office.

Employees at the Baird Star office and their families, and the publisher and his family are not eligible to enter this contest. County correspondents to the Baird Star or either of the daily papers are eligible to enter contest.

Contestant receiving the largest number of votes by the time the contest ends at 6 p. m. November 29, will take first pick of the prizes; the contestant receiving the next highest number of votes will take second choice of the prizes, and the third high contestant will receive the third prize.

Prizes are a 10-ft. Norge refrigerator, a Hotpoint automatic electric range, and a combination Philco radio.

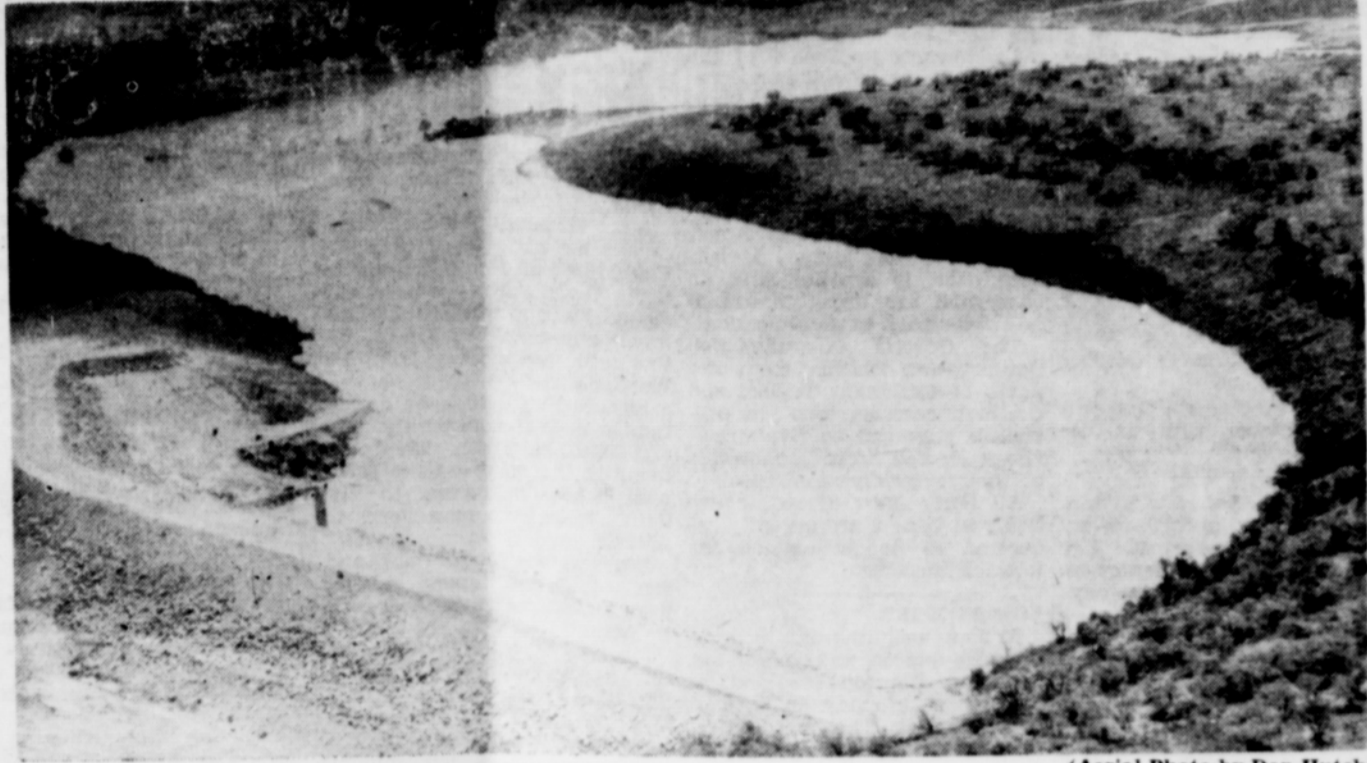
Denton Doings
Jerry Whitley

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Whitley visited relatives in Big Spring Saturday and Sunday.
Jerry Whitley spent the past weekend with Ann Gotcher.
Mrs. Jessie Coffman spent Monday with her mother Mrs. J. M. Whitley.
Mrs. Harlan Davis is in the hospital and is to be operated on this week.
Mrs. C. C. Shipman and baby girl are doing fine.
Mr. and Mrs. Boug Connel, Beth and Sherrie visited Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Williams Saturday and Sunday.
Ruth Connel visited the Osheas of Lawn Saturday night.
Several people from Denton attended the Callahan County Singing Convention at Oplin Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyl Whitley of Palo Alto, Calif. have a new baby boy.

Tecumseh Topics
Wilma Armor

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Campbell of Hatchel visited friends in Dudley Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Hawk Roberts and Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Coughran visited Mrs. Allie Betcher of Aspermont Sunday.
Howard Barton and Norma Farmer of Baird and Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Wise and Darla visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Barton Sunday.
Carolyn Hodges visited her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Hodges over the weekend.
Betty Lou Coughran spent Sunday with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Johnson.
Roy Armor and Wilma visited in Brownwood Sunday. Mrs. Roy Armor who had been visiting a sister who is ill returned home.
Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Barnard of Abilene visited their son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Barnard, Jr., this week.
Visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Burks Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Burks of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Patterson and children of Lubbock.
Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jim Coffman Sunday were: Mrs. Hancock and girls of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Fathergall of California, Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Coffman and Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Windham and Elaine.
John Armor and Mr. and Mrs. Troy Chrane, Peggy, Leon and Linda visited Mr. and Mrs. Leo Chrane, Gary and Kathy.
A great number of people from Dudley attended the singing at Oplin Sunday.



(Aerial Photo by Don Hutcheson)

Baird's New Mahair Lake Ready

It's a long road that never turns. This is the turning point in Baird progress—an abundance of soft domestic water.

Baird has suffered as much or more than any town in West Texas due to the lack of water, but now the town is doing something about her condition.

Some of the first issues of The Baird Star tell about the great need for water here, and that was more than fifty years ago. The Star continued to cry, editorially, for something to be done about the town's water supply all down through the years. On every page of Baird's history is told the serious need for more water. Old timers like to tell of the "good old days" when water was hauled to the residents for 25 cents a barrel.

Baird's first municipal source of water came from shallow wells along the right-of-way of the T&P Railroad some three miles west of town. Capt. W. C. Powell, an engineer who helped lay out the route for the railroad, had an idea that sounded good, but failed to work. That was to lay tile gathering lines in the water-laden sand around the wells and make them produce more water. The plan was abandoned after much work and expense, over 40 years ago.

The only time in Baird's history that we have any record of the demand for water declining was when the badly decomposed body of a Negro hobo was taken from one of those city wells. The dislike for water soon ended and thirsty Baird people again turned

to the use of more and more water.

In an effort to take more water from the Clyde basin, the city purchased 75 acres of land adjacent to the T&P right-of-way and the wells from Dr. H. H. Ramsey, now a resident of Abilene, and this is the water field from which Baird gets its supply today.

The field will be abandoned when water from the new city lake is flowing to town. Numerous wells have been drilled at the water field, many that never proved successful. The good ones were equipped with electric pumps and their valuable supply of water was dumped into a huge underground reservoir and from there it flowed down the hill to town.

To assist the gathering power of the wells, coal miners were brought here from the Thurber mines to dig a tunnel connecting several of the best wells and the reservoir. This idea, like that of the old gathering pipes, did not prove to be successful, even after a great amount of money had been spent to try it out.

The city spent more than \$400,000 in its efforts to make the water field produce a sufficient

quantity during the past fifty years.

For several past summers Baird has called upon its good neighbors—Abilene and Cisco—for help when the water supply ran low. They had their water problems too, but never failed to help us. Even with their help, hauling water by tank truck or

railroad car, the expense mounted higher than \$2 per thousand gallons.

Consequently, the town watched its shrubbery die and rationing of water enforced. At times many of the townspeople went to the nearby railroad lake to bathe. There was not enough water on hand to fight a fire in that event, and the town property was exposed to complete destruction.

During those long years, the days before inflation, the city council worked hard to build up Baird's financial standing. They were men with vision, and they seemed to know that the day would come when Baird's credit rating would be brought to a test. Mayor H. Schwartz and Mayor Hugh Ross, Jr., and their aldermen were planning for the future, and their farsightedness has been the key to the successful outcome of the new water project—a thing that will mark the future growth of this little city. It fell to the lot of Mayor B. H. Freeland and the present city council to perform the task of seeing the lake project through.

To devise a plan to give Baird water was not easy. For even when

STATE FAIR TO BURY TIME CAPSULE

The 1950 State Fair of Texas will mark the Mid-Century point in history for future generations by burying a Time Capsule with instructions not to open until 2050 A. D.

The Time Capsule, containing data of historic interest about life in Texas during the first half of the 20th Century, will be sealed and buried on the final day of the 1950 State Fair Mid-Century Exposition.

Disinterment of the hermetically sealed metal cylinder 100 years hence will probably be a high point of the next Mid-Century Exposition. Its contents will enable Texans at the 2050 Fair either to marvel or smile tolerantly at the way we live in 1950.

Prominent among exhibits to be included in the Time Capsule to give a true picture of Texas in 1950 will be copies of the front pages of virtually every newspaper, daily and weekly, in the Southwest. The front pages will be photographed on microfilm, which will be specially treated and sealed in an air-tight container of its own.

Other items will include documents and photographs pertaining to the history of Texas and the State Fair and a description of the everyday life of today. The Atomic Age Science Show of the 1950 State Fair also will be described in great detail.

"The Science Show at the 1950 State Fair will present a graphic picture of the near-miracles which have been accomplished by Science in the first half of the 20th Century," said James H. Stewart, executive vice president and general manager of the Fair.

"At the next Mid-Century Exposition, when the Time Capsule is opened, who can predict what unimaginable marvels may be revealed at the Science Show of that far-in-the-future Fair? At any rate, it may be amusing to our descendants to see how we today are at the Atomic Age accomplishments which then will no doubt be something from the realm of antiques."

The Time Capsule will be buried at an impressive ceremony at 3 p. m. Sunday, Oct. 22. Officials of the Fair are consulting engineers concerning the type of cylinder to be used and how best to preserve it in its resting place for the next 100 years.

Dates of the 1950 State Fair are Oct. 7-22.

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Mr. Henry Angel, RD No. 1, Springfield, Ohio. "I used to suffer great pain from neuritis aches in all parts of my body, especially in my legs, arms and shoulders. I never got any real relief until I tried HADACOL. After taking several bottles, my pain is all gone. And I'm working every day." (Now there's a smart man! Mr. Angel took HADACOL and his neuritis pains because of their were due to such deficiencies. HADACOL is helping thousands upon thousands of grateful men and women troubled this way. Why don't you give HADACOL a chance to help you? Start taking it today!)

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Gloria Yates and Claire Stewart, WFAA radio and television stars, will appear four times daily at 1:45, 2:45, 4:45 and 6:45 p.m. at the Natural Gas Building on the grounds of the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, October 7 through 23. Among the many features in the building will be a model kitchen complete in every detail just as it is pictured in the October issue of the Woman's Home Companion magazine.

Baird Has Overcome Numerous Obstacles Since Birth in 1880

By Mrs. Leslie Rickerson

Baird, county seat of Callahan County, has grown from a struggling little frontier town to a bustling, progressive city in its 70 years of existence.

Modern churches and schools are found there, an up-to-date hospital, and business firms whose aims are to give to the people of the city and community the most complete service and merchandise they require. But underneath all the "big city" ways can still be found the charm and simplicity, the down-to-earth neighborliness of a small town that endears it to the inhabitants.

The year 1880 marks the beginning of the town of Baird. The name came from Matthew Baird, an official of the Texas and Pacific Railway, who is said to have driven a stake on the proposed route of the railroad in 1876 when it was being surveyed by engineers.

At the close of the year 1883, Baird was a typical frontier town with a population of 1,200. Though only three years old, it had become an important shipping point on the Texas and Pacific.

On January 8, 1884, a disastrous calamity befell the young city. Twenty-three business houses and the school were destroyed by fire.

Golden's Opera Company arrived early on that fateful day and were scheduled for a performance that night. The citizens of the town were eagerly anticipating the night's entertainment. The S. L. Robinson store, near the present location of the Jones Dry Goods Company store, had been rented by the opera company for the troupe to use to dress in. Because of the time of the year, a

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HEALTH TALKS

A physical examination actually begins the minute you walk into your doctor's office. When he first looks at you, he starts piecing together bits of information which fit together into the jigsaw puzzle that makes up the picture of health.

The color and texture of your skin may be important signals to his practiced eye. A tanned, ruddy complexion, a weather-beaten skin associated with outdoor life would be out-of-place in an office worker who seldom ventured into the elements, just as a pale skin wouldn't fit into the picture of a farmer, laborer, or athlete. Such misplaced coloring might be indicative to your doctor of illness, with pallor, or paleness of the skin, due to anemia, fright, faintness or nausea, while a reddish skin may be the result of an excess of red blood cells or alcoholism among other things.

Other colors of the skin are sometimes a sign of one specific disease or physical upset. A definite yellow tinge is associated with jaundice; a deep bronzing of the skin is characteristic of Addison's disease; a silvery or bluish gray coloring may arise from drug poisoning.

Changes in the color of the skin are always important, whether it be spread over the whole body or in spots. Liver spots, moles and scars that undergo a change in color should always be checked to be safe. Other spots, those that come and go like acne, hives, or any fleeting rash or eruption will also be checked by your doctor. Sometimes the cause of such eruptions is quite clear to him be the distribution, size and contents of the "sores", and at other times the cause may defy detection.

Swelling of puffiness of the skin, whether in just one or two spots or over the whole body, may be one of the more significant hints your doctor picks up during a physical examination. Sometimes swelling is caused by fluid, sometimes by air and sometimes by gas. The texture of the skin over the puff is usually indicative of how long the swelling has been present with a new spot covered by smooth and shiny skin and an edema of long standing covered with fleshy, hardened skin. Wrinkles develop when the fluid starts disappearing and the skin, which has been stretched, becomes slack.

One of the most common "skin tests" for health signs is the touch of the hand on the forehead to see if you have fever. Not entirely reliable, this traditional maternal gesture seldom comes alone. Mama will usually resort to this test for fever only after an unexplained outburst of temper or a complaint of a tummy ache or maybe just a "different" look in the eyes.

To your doctor a number of

less obvious signs may be a hint that the body temperature is higher than normal, a signal that all is not well with you. He may not always take your temperature during an examination but if he gets an idea, a hint, that your temperature has a bearing on your general physical condition, the thermometer is popped into your mouth.

Normal temperatures may vary from 96.6 to 99.5 degrees with variations of a degree and a half during the day, usually higher in the evening than in the morning. After an extended illness the temperature may be subnormal and after very strenuous exercise it may go up as much as three degrees.

You run different kinds of fever with different diseases; sometimes the fever goes up and stays up during the illness until it suddenly breaks and returns to normal. That break in the fever is known as the crisis. Some illnesses are marked by fevers that go up and down during the day and this type, called intermittent fever, frequently is marked by chills when the fever starts up and heavy sweats

as it breaks and starts down to normal. A less common type of fever is one that stays up for a certain period of days, then drops to normal for a period, only to return to a higher mark again and so forth; this is remittent fever such as is common in the disease called relapsing fever.

Fever is a very definite signal, sort of a stop light that warns you to take stock of your health, and it may play a significant part in the periodic physical examination.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hart and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ebert left Wednesday for Claremont where they attended the big barbecue honoring Dr. and Mrs. W. M. McLaury on their 40th wedding anniversary. The affair took place at the Davis Rodeo Grounds at Claremont on Thursday. Mrs. Ebert and Dr. McLaury are cousins.

Mrs. Emma Glass and Mrs. Henry Weathers of Sweetwater, arrived Tuesday to be with their brother-in-law, W. J. Cook, who is seriously ill, and their sister, Mrs. Cook.

T. F. B. F. TO CONDUCT SERIES OF MEETINGS

Texas Farm Bureau Federation will conduct a series of sub-district meetings throughout the State during September according to announcement today by J. Walter Hammond, Federation president. A meeting is scheduled for Coleman, Tuesday, Sept. 19 in the Recreation Building, and another will be held in Llano, Monday, September 25 at the District Court Room. Mr. Raymond McElrath of Coleman state Farm Bureau director, will preside. Meetings will start at 10:00 A. M. and will be concluded 3:00 P. M. State and national Farm Bureau officials will be in attendance, Hammond said.

Farm Bureau policies are developed by the membership, Hammond asserted and the series of meetings has been scheduled so that state and national officials may have the benefit of the thinking of farmers and ranchers throughout the state, and at the same time for officials of the organization to give farm people more needed information on the program of the Farm Bureau, its aims and ac-

complishments. Every day the business of farming becomes more complicated, Hammond declared, and the need for a stronger Farm Bureau more necessary. If rural people want a democratic government, fair prices, good roads, a fair tax program, improved educational facilities for their children, and a better rural health program, then they want a strong Farm Bureau in Texas and the Nation, he concluded.

All farmers and ranchers of the area are urged to attend their nearest sub-district meeting.

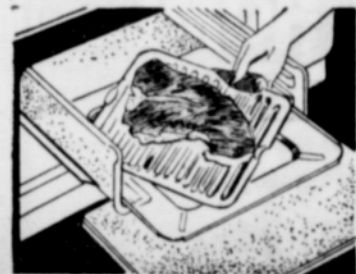
Mrs. Ben Ross, Mrs. Jimmy Nixon and Miss Susie Walker visited Mrs. Cora Gamble of Abilene last Wednesday.

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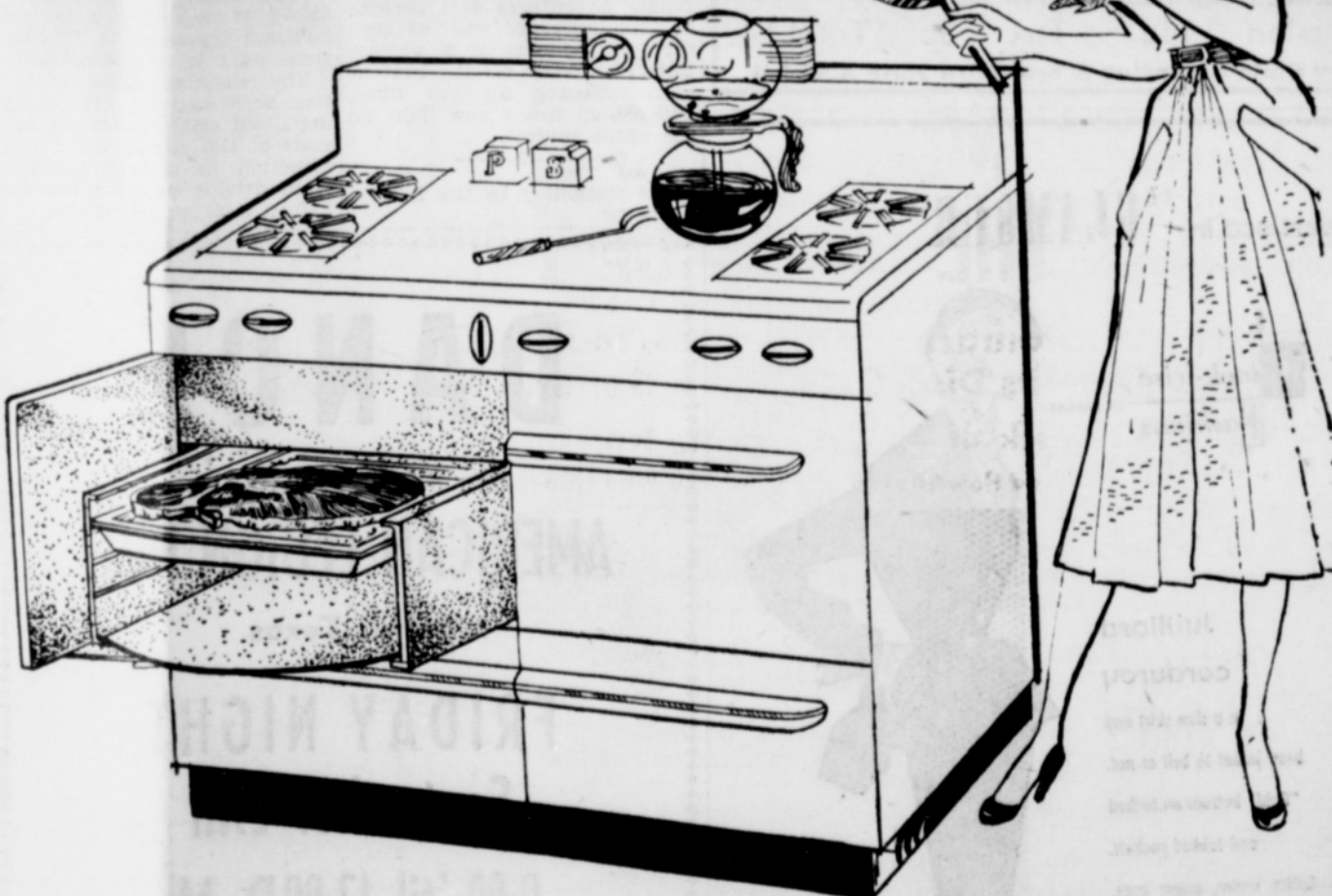


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Baird Churches

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The First Methodist Church

E. L. Yeats, Minister

SUNDAY: Church School—9:45 A. M. Morning Worship—11:00 A. M. Evening Worship, 8:00 P. M. MONDAY: Woman's Society of Christian Service, 3:00 P. M. THURSDAY: Choir rehearsal—7:00 P. M.

Church of Christ

Leslie Rickerson, Minister

EVERY LORD'S DAY: Bible Study—10:00 A. M. Worship Service—10:45 A. M. 7:30 P. M. TUESDAY: Ladies Bible Study—9:30 A. M. WEDNESDAY: Midweek Service—7:30 P. M. The public is cordially invited.

First Baptist Church

A. A. Davis, Pastor

Geo. D. Jones - Training Union Director

SUNDAY: Sunday School—10 a.m. Preaching Service—11 a.m. - 7:15 p.m. Training Unions—6 p.m. MONDAY: W. M. S.—3:30 p.m. Brotherhood—1st and 3rd. Monday Nights—7:15 p.m. WEDNESDAY: Mid-week Bible Study—7:15 p.m. Junior Choir—4:30 p.m. FRIDAY: Junior G. A.'s—4:00 p.m.

Presbyterian Church

Rev. C. H. Akins, pastor

Sunday School, 10 a. m. Morning Worship, 11 a. m. Evening Worship, 7:30 p. m. MONDAY: Woman's Meeting at 3 p. m.

W. R. STROOPE CELEBRATES 95TH BIRTHDAY

W. R. Stroope, of Abilene, celebrated his 95th birthday September 24th at Denton Valley Park, with six of his eight children present. Children present were Mrs. J. O. Sargent, Baird; Mrs. Vida Lunsford, Abilene; Mrs. Henry Jones, Oplin; Mrs. George Gillit, Ozona; Bill Stroope, Baird; Mrs. J. J. Bockman, Merkel; J. R. Stroope of Abilene were unable to come.

There were 101 friends and relatives present for the big day. Music for the day was furnished by Nelma, Neoma and Vaughn O'Shields of Lawn; also little Ronnie Snyder of Oplin, a great-grandson of Mr. Stroope.

Mrs. Corrie Neithercutt spent from Friday until Tuesday in Laredo visiting her son, Sam Driskill and family.

GARDEN CLUB TO MEET OCTOBER 3RD

The Old Fashioned Garden Club will meet October 3rd at the home of Mrs. Leslie Ricker-son.

BELLE PLAIN CLUB MEETS

Belle Plain Club met September 26th, at the Community Center, with Mrs. W. R. Stroope as hostess. Ten members and one visitor, Mrs. Stroope's mother, Mrs. Gillit, were present.

The Club will have a party at the Community Center October 3rd, at 7:30 p. m.

The next regular meeting will be held October 10th at the Community Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Black were here Wednesday and Thursday visiting Mrs. O. B. Jarrett. They had been fishing at Freepport on the coast for the past ten days and report good catches.

SOIL CONSERVATIONISTS TO ELECT SUPERVISOR

Landowners in Zone 2 of the Central Colorado Soil Conservation District, comprising areas around Eula, Oplin, Rowden, Denton and Cross Plains, will gather at the Baptist Church at Rowden Tuesday evening at 7:30, October 3, to elect a supervisor for that zone. The 5-year term of R. A. Miller, present supervisor, is expiring and all concerned are urged to attend and take part in this election.

The Central Colorado Soil Conservation District comprises parts of Callahan, Taylor, and Coleman counties, and the district is managed by five supervisors elected from landowners of their respective zones.

All landowners of voting age living in Zone 2 are urged to be present at the Rowden meeting.

SON IS BORN

A son, weighing six pounds, fourteen ounces, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Blanton Freeland, at 11:30 a. m. Monday, in an Abilene hospital. The new arrival has been named Roger Craig. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Freeland and Mr. and Mrs. John H. Shrader. Mother and baby are getting along just fine.

WE WILL SEND IN SUBSCRIPTIONS TO DAILIES

The Baird Star is agent for the Abilene Reporter-News and Fort Worth Star-Telegram, and we will appreciate sending in new or renewal subscriptions to these daily newspapers. The Star will give votes for each subscription we handle during the big subscription contest, October 2 to November 29. Rates: Reporter-News, \$9.95; Star - Telegram, \$13.95; Baird Star, \$2.

Mrs. J. A. Jackson and her daughter, Mrs. W. P. Haley, are visiting Mrs. Jackson's daughter, Mrs. Johnny Walsh and daughter, in New Orleans. They also planned to visit Mrs. Haley's daughter, Mrs. Jimmie Laverett in St. Martinsville, and on their return Mrs. Jackson will stop over at Marshall for an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. L. T. Renfro.

LUNCH ROOM MENU FOR OCTOBER 2 - 6

In order that the mothers of school pupils served by the Baird School Lunch Room may know how to plan meals for the day, the Bear Facts will publish lunch room menus each week.

Monday - Barbecued Wieners, Mashed Potatoes, Cut Green Beans, Bread, Butter, Oatmeal Cookies, Apple Sauce, Iced Chocolate Milk.

Tuesday - Macaroni and Cheese, Creamed English Peas, Carrot Strips, Peanut Butter Sandwiches, Chocolate Cup Cakes, Orange Juice.

Wednesday - Steak, Cream Gravy, Sliced Tomatoes, Baby Lima Beans, Buttered Rolls.

Thursday - Meat Balls in Tomato Sauce, Hashed Browned Potatoes, Mixed Vegetable Salad, Bread, Apple Cobbler.

Midway Musings

Mrs. Joel Griffin Miscellaneous Musing and Minor Mention of Men and Women.

Gene Faircloth of Kermit visited home folks Friday until Sunday.

Mrs. Edmund Webb accompanied her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Faircloth and Mr. Faircloth to Fort Worth Sunday where she visited Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hallbrook and children. The J. W. Faircloths are moving from Ft. Worth to El Paso.

We are happy to have a new family in our community, Mr. and Mrs. Patterson. They are living in the house on the Bowman place, belonging to the Griffins. Mr. Patterson works in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cook and son, of Cactus, spent several days visiting relatives here and in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Griffin of Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Jones, Bob and Mrs. Griffin visited Mrs. H. C. Foy and children in Brownwood Sunday evening.

The Carl Cooks are moving some things to their new home in Hamilton County this week. They hope to get moved in a short time. The community will miss this very fine family, as this is their first move since they were married, 13 years ago.

The Merry Quilters met Monday with a large attendance, and made two quilts. Present were Mmes. Carl Cook, Parish, Faircloth, Jones, Alexander, Roberts, Best, Griffin, Patterson. We will meet next Monday and make quilts for Mrs. Alexander and Mrs. Parish.

Mr. and Mrs. Selan Canada and children visited the Canadas in Abilene Sunday evening.

MRS. ELDON VINES PARTY HONOREE

Mrs. Eldon Vines was honored with a pink and white shower at the home of Mrs. O. P. Thompson Tuesday night, Sept. 19th. Other hostesses were Mmes. Spencer Price, Clarence Price, Mart Poindexter, W. A. Robbins, Justin Anderson, Roy Bryant, and Jim Allphin.

Arrangements of rose buds and petunias decorated the reception rooms.

Russian tea, sandwiches and cookies were served to the following guests: Mmes. J. N. Harris, W. T. Payne, Uthell Saunders, W. J. Malby, Fred Hart, Hubert Ross, Fred Harris, J. T. Bristow, B. B. McPherson, G. E. Hughes, D. E. ... Hugh Dickson, John Towler, Ben Ross, Jimmy Nixon, H. E. Bullard, Roy Bryant, J. W. Patton, Kelly Avery, W. V. Walls, Preston McIntosh, T. L. Hopkins, B. H. Freeland and C. Z. Anderson. Twenty-three were represented by gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Boydston of Bakersfield, Calif. arrived Wednesday to visit Mr. Boydston's two brothers, W. D. and B. L. Boydston, and other relatives.

BAIRD LADIES ATTEND TEA

Mrs. Raymond Pfluger's home in Eden was the scene of a lovely tea honoring Mrs. Carl Pfluger, the former Mrs. Ima Ruth Konczak of Baird.

A fall theme was used throughout, the dining table was covered with handmade cut work linen cloth, and appointed in crystal and silver and centered with Bird of Paradise. Approximately 150 guests called.

Among guests from Baird were Mmes. C. T. Childs, C. L. McCleary, J. A. Brashear, Everett Hughes.

PRESBYTERIAN BAZAAR

The Presbyterian ladies will hold a bazaar and cooked food sale on Friday and Saturday, November 24 and 25, before Thanksgiving.

CARD OF THANKS

We want to thank our friends and neighbors for their thoughtfulness and kindness to us during the illness of our son, Conrad Allphin. We are especially grateful to the doctors and nurses for their splendid services. This kindness will always be appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Allphin.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Alexander Sunday, Sept. 24th, were Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Walker, all of Breckenridge.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. McClellan

visited Mr. and Mrs. Dingwall at Austin during the weekend.

C. S. McClellan went to Dallas Tuesday and drove back a Catalina Pontiac.

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Lettuce, head .. 7c
- TOKAY
Grapes, lb. 10c
- Cabbage, lb. 3c**
- FRESH
Tomatoes, lb. 10c
- NO. 1's
Spuds, lb. 3 1/2c
- SWEET
Potatoes, lb. 4c

BAKER'S PREMIUM
COCONUT, 4 oz. box 15c

LIBBY'S Tomato Juice 46 oz. can 29c	RED & WHITE FLOUR 25 lb. sack \$1.69
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SUN SPUN
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RECIPE OF THE WEEK
By Mary Lee Taylor

Tamale Corn Bake
Broadcast September 30, 1950
2 tablespoons fat 1/2 cup liquid oil or lard
2 tablespoons hot 1 slightly beaten egg
shortening 1 1/2 cups drained, whole kernel corn, soaked or canned
4 1/2 teaspoons flour 1 1/2 cups canned tomatoes, drained
1/2 teaspoon salt
few grains pepper
1/2 cup Fat Milk
Turn on oven; set at slow (325°F.). Grease a quart baking dish. Cook onion slowly 5 min. in shortening. Blend in flour, salt and pepper. Stir in slowly mixture of milk and corn liquid. Cook and stir until thickened. Remove from heat. Stir into beaten egg. Add corn. Put into greased baking dish. Cut tamales in inch slices and arrange on top. Bake about 35 min., or until firm. Serve hot from baking dish. Makes 4 servings.
You Will Need:
Whole Kernel Corn, Tamales, Fat Milk and Shortening.

- Kimbell's No. 1 1/2 can
Tamales, 21c
- Del Monte, Whole Kernel
Corn, 2 cans 33c
- PET 2 tall cans
MILK 25c
- Swift's 3 lb. can
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KIMBELL'S SLICED
BEETS, 2 No. 2 cans 25c

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