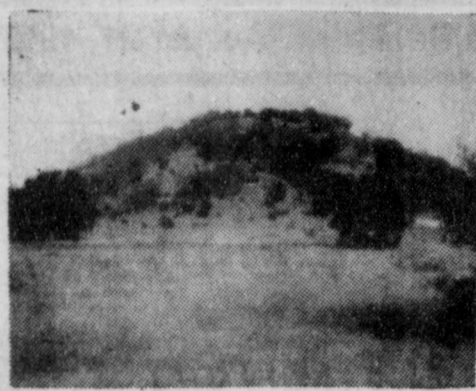


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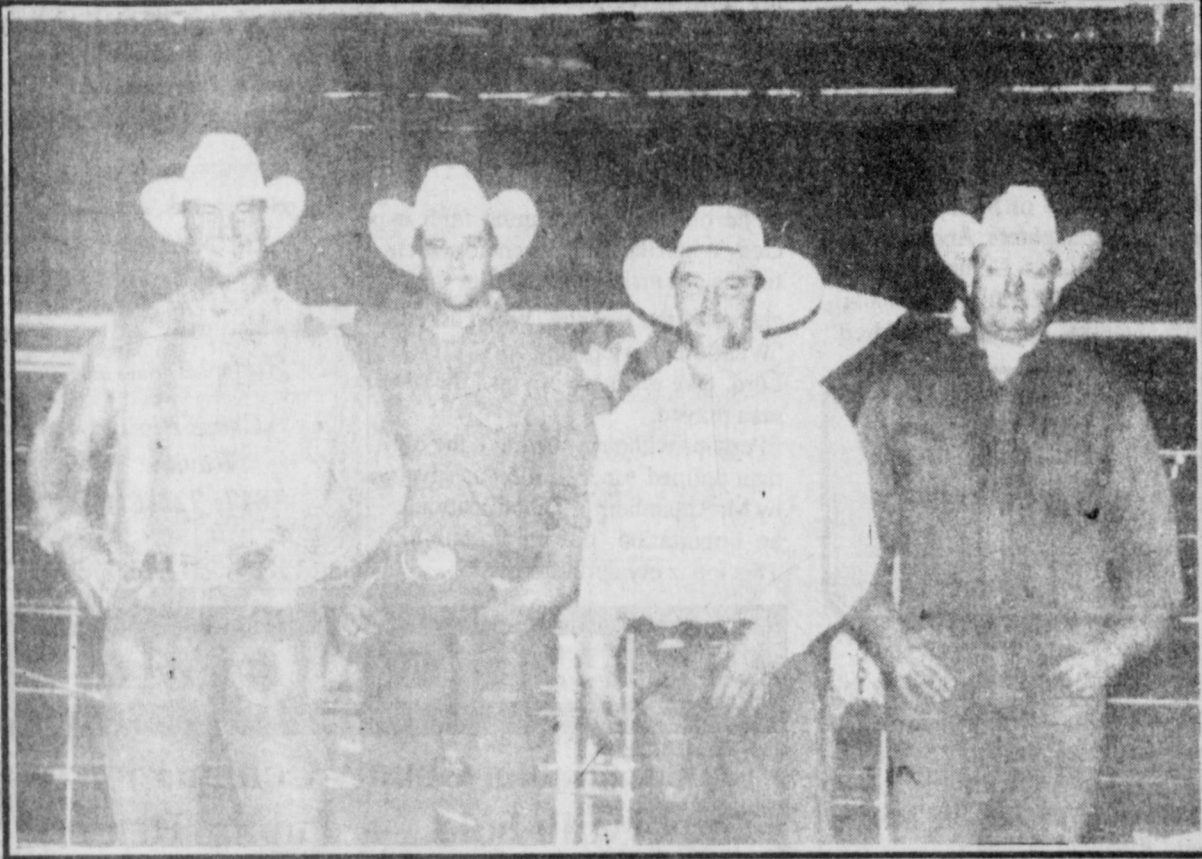


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CROSS PLAINS, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS 76443

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1ST PLACE-SILVERBROOK RANCH—Pete Moberly (from left), Richard LeMay, W.T. Miller, and Ted McCulloch. Not pictured Tommy Brown.

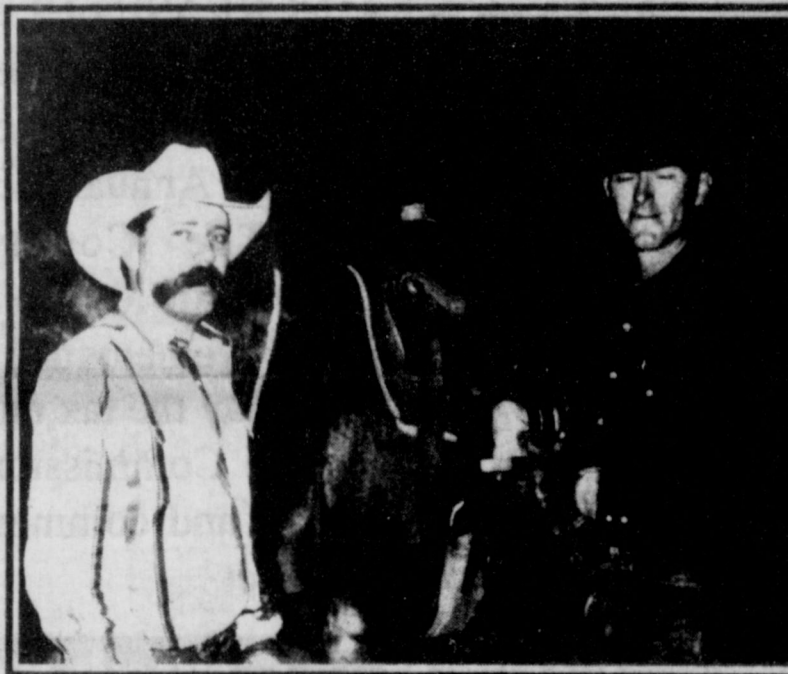
Ranch Rodeo Results Announced

The Cross Plains Roping Club Ranch Rodeo was enjoyed by a large crowd Saturday night as area cowboys roped, wrestled, branded, milked and penned steers and wild cows. We had some best rides and worse wrecks as the cowboys displayed their talents. The red wagon race and steer saddling provided more entertainment if the five basic events weren't enough.

The club would like to thank Sam Odum for the penning cattle, Billy Golsen for bringing the cows and Jerry Lindley for the other stock. An extra thank you to the ladies in the announcers stand for their help, Teresa Koenig, Brenda Switzer, Jean Harris, Dianna Stover, and Kelli Hyles, for staying to the bitter end. Special thanks to all those who helped with the stock and events, Cole and Clay Koenig, Dusty Hargrove, Billy Wyatt, Terry Harris, Rod Middleton, David Switzer, Frankie Hyles, Tammy Odom, Jed Pointer, Brittany Hinyard, Tonya Stover, and Benny Free. To our judge Clint Middleton, a big thank you.

Results are as follows:

1st place receiving Montana Silver Smith buckles and gift certificates for brush popper shirts presented by Johnson's Dry Goods was



TOP HAND—Cody Cochran is presented handmade spurs by Kevin Elkins. Cody is the grandson of James and Wilma Lawrence.

Silverbrook Ranch.

2nd place receiving jackets was Lawrence Farm and Ranch.

3rd place receiving headstalls was Johnson's Dry Goods

4th place receiving hand braided cattle whips by Tony Burns was West Texas Utilities.

5th place Red Lantern

6th & 7th place tie Rose Butane and Strength Paint and Body

8th place Cross Plains Grain and Peanut

9th & 10 place tie Village Market and Citizens State Bank

11th place Pioneer Co-op

12 place Cutbirth, Bonner and McWilliams Ranch

The Top Hand Award went to Cody Cochran, grandson of James

and Wilma Lawrence. He was presented a pair of handmade spurs by Kevin Elkins.

The Hard Luck Cowboy, Frankie Hyles, was presented with a gift certificate from Johnson's Dry Goods, compliments of Tye Brown and Strength Paint and Body.

Winners of the Red Wagon Race were 1st place Terry French and Tim Yates and 2nd place to Clay McGonagill and Frankie Hyles.

The steer saddling team of Loren Odell, Ronnie McWhirter and W.T. Miller took top honors in that division.

The roping club appreciates the Cross Plains business community for sponsoring teams and to the EMS who is always there to help.

American Legion Meeting Tuesday

The American Legion Post 0423 of Cross Plains will be meeting at Jean's Feed Barn on August 26, at 6:30 p.m. The District Commander will be here from Abilene.

If you are a Veteran and are interested, please attend. If you have any questions call (254) 725-7651.

Deadlines
Articles - No later than noon Monday
Ads - No later than noon Tuesday

Farmers Market in Baird Saturday

The historic stone arches in Baird are the location for the monthly Farmers Market and Trade Fair this Saturday, August 23, 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Every fourth Saturday of the month, as long as weather permits, area farmers, gardeners, and vendors are invited to sell their wares in Baird. Depending on location, both

spaces and parking spots are available for \$5, \$10, \$15, and \$20 rates for the day. Call the Baird Chamber of Commerce at (915) 854-2003 for details.

Shoppers enjoy a double treat. In addition to the Farmers Market and Trade Fair, more than a dozen antique malls and specialty shops are also open for business on Saturday.

New Texas Area Codes Required August 24

IRVING, TEXAS—Telephone users are reminded the new area codes assigned last May to portions of north and central Texas must be dialed to complete a call beginning August 24.

The metropolitan Fort Worth area retains the 817 code. Cities in the northern part of the state changed from 817 to 940, including Childress, Wichita Falls, Gainesville, Denton, Mineral Wells, Throckmorton, Haskell and Aspermont. Central Texas cities in 817 changed to the 254 area, including Waco, Breckenridge, Glen Rose, Hillsboro, Donie, Cameron, Killeen, Evant, May, Cross Plains and Cisco.

GTE reminds telephone users to reprogram automated equipment that uses the area code, such as storing or analyzing telephone numbers, security systems, business telephones systems, modems, speed call lists and automatic dialing.

Central and North Texas are two of 70 regions nationwide to receive new area codes over the last two years. The need for codes has increased due to population and business growth, entry of new competitors for local service, and the proliferation in use of fax machines, modems, cellular phones, pagers and additional phone lines.

In 1996, the 972 area code began serving the suburban areas surrounding Dallas, and the 281 area code replaced 713 for suburban areas surrounding Houston. In July of this year, the 830 area code was assigned to the part of the 210 area code north of Webb County, and the 956 area code was placed in service for the portion of the 210 area from Webb County south. The San Antonio metropolitan area remained 210. Mandatory use of the new south Texas codes will occur October 6. (See map on page 5.)

Athletic Booster Club Host Ice Cream Supper

The Athletic Boosters Club will host an ice cream supper Tuesday, August 26, at the football field beginning at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Local Businesses Experience Break-Ins

Saturday morning, August 16, at approximately 5:30 a.m. Subway, Cross Plains Economic Development Corporation, Sweet Stuff, First Med, Collum's Restaurant, and C&C Service Center were broken into. Some cash was taken (hundreds of dollars), while the building and property of the businesses were damaged.

The Callahan County Sheriff's Department is investigating the incidents.

If anyone has information leading to the arrest and indictment of these cases, call Crime Stoppers at (254) 725-7456 local or 1-800-252-TIPS Austin. Up to \$1,000 reward and quick \$50 for tips are available.

Callahan County Student Enrollment

	Clyde CISD	Eula ISD	Baird ISD	Cross Plains
1991	1,488	512	472	446
1992	1,447	527	481	457
1993	1,511	511	491	451
1994	1,532	558	503	454
1995	1,528	568	490	449
1996	1,530	595	438	450
1997	1,539	575	454	470

Enrollment Up in 3 out of 4 Callahan County Schools

Student enrollment increased in three of the four Callahan County public schools during the first week of classes.

Enrollment in 1997 is up in Clyde ISD, Baird ISD and Cross Plains ISD. Student enrollment at Eula is reported down slightly from last year.

Cross Plains ISD reported the largest increase with 20 more students this year bringing the total to 470. Baird ISD reports student enrollment up 16 students to 454 district wide.

Clyde ISD reports first week enrollment at 1,539 students—nine students higher than the previous year. Enrollment at Clyde ISD still outnumbers the enrollment of Baird, Eula and Cross Plains combined—1,539 at Clyde and 1,499 at the other three districts.

Clyde ISD reports student enrollment jumps at Clyde Junior High and Clyde High School. Enrollment is down this year at Hamby Elementary, Clyde Elementary and Clyde Intermediate School.

Clyde Junior High reported 137

seventh graders and 136 eighth graders at school the first week of classes. Enrollment at Clyde High School is higher because of a freshman class of 134 students and a senior class of 102. If the senior class maintains the century mark in numbers it will be the largest graduating class ever at Clyde High School.

Baird ISD reported 218 students enrolled in grades 7-12 and 226 students in pre-kindergarten through sixth grade.

Cross Plains ISD reported elementary school enrollment for grades K-6 at 221 students. Junior high and high school (grades 7-12) enrollment at Cross Plains this year is 249 students.

Enrollment at Eula is down 20 students from last year, school officials report. Enrollment at Eula High School stayed steady at 185 students. Eula Middle School (grades 6-8) enrollment is down three students to 145. Eula Elementary School enrollment this year is down 17 students to 245.

Cross Plains Dairy Queen To Become Smoke-Free

As of September 1, 1997, the Dairy Queen store in Cross Plains will be all non-smoking, according to Doris Richeson, president.

Richeson states, "We have had complaints from our customers, especially families with children, who wish to be able to enjoy their meals in our dining room without being harmed by secondhand smoke. While we appreciate the right of our customers to smoke if that is their choice, we now ask that they abstain during their Dairy Queen visits. We have received requests from the American Cancer Society for a

smoke-free environment, and have had numerous positive comments from customers in our stores which are already smoke-free."

Currently, 78 percent of the American people do not smoke, and many of those are offended by smoke which is a part of a common ventilation area, as is the case in the Dairy Queen stores.

"This is a decision previously made by many foodservice operators, and by city councils in major cities, including Austin and Arlington, in which the entire city is non-smoking," said Pat Dial, vice president.

Cross Plains Cemetery Assoc. Report for June & July

June 1997
Donations & Earnings: Lota and Wayne Howser \$25; Mary R.L. Rucker \$100; Rolan and Sandra Jones \$50; In Memory of George and Viola Hutchins by The Hutchins Children \$100; Fanora E. Miller \$100; Earnings added to acct. \$5.39; Total \$400.39
Grave Opening Permits: 4 plots by M/M Frank J. O'Banion \$300; 1 plot by Ruby Tate Henson \$75 Total \$375.

July 1997
In memory Charlie and Alice Mayes by Claude and Wille Bishop \$50; Mel Strength \$20; Margaret A. McNeel \$25; Thelma Long \$25; Earnings to Acct. \$4.19 Total \$124.19
Grave Opening Permits: Higginbotham Funeral Home for DeWitt Newton Service \$75 Total \$75

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NEWS

By LINDA (EDINGTON) MERRITT Activity Director

The residents will be having their monthly birthday party tonight at 7:00.

Appreciation to Mrs. Buster Black for the crackers and cheeseball and to Ava Tollett for the peaches.

Peggy Escue was chosen as the employee for this week. Congratulations Peggy.

Louise Richardson was our winner for a free meal at Jack's Place. Thanks Wanda and Jack.

Billy Wright from Clyde, J.H. and Vida Balkum and Lori Hail visited Lorena Wright.

Dorothy Welch from Fort Worth and Betty Montgomery from Midland visited Leila Montgomery.

Mona Wilson from Abilene visited with Gertie Powell and Blanche Brooks.

Bobby and Lori Haddox from Eastland, Deborah Griswold, Tim and Michael Curry visited with Deen Haddox.

Brenton, Byron and Lurene

McNutt visited Louise Richardson. Frankie Smith and Laquetta Ranken from Pioneer visited with Falba Shofner and Jo Boatright.

Nancy and Ken Felton from Weatherford visited Juanita Thornton.

Carol and Trey Bilbrey visited with Myrtle Owen.

Activities during the week were: Monday: Bingo winners were Dorothy Thomas, Falba Shofner (2), Inola Wilcoxon, Minnie Swann, Gertie Powell, Ruby Harrell and Vera Belyeu.

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

Wednesday: Singing with Bob Wallace and Jennifer Ames.

Thursday: Bingo winners were Minnie Swann, Falba Shofner, Dorothy Thomas, Louise Richardson, Vera Belyeu, Gertie Powell and Ruby Harrell.

Friday: Singing with Bob Wallace and Jennifer Ames.

Sunday: First Baptist Today is the tomorrow that worried you so much yesterday - doesn't look half bad, does it?

Clips, Quips & Comments

By KAY DENNIS MOSLEY

"Ode To Granny Annie"

Year before last; She retired from teaching! This year a new grandson! Now, ain't that a blast; She's taken up baby-sitting the grandson, which seems quite fitting.

I can see her now beaming with pride, she hasn't regressed! She's been greatly blessed! She isn't baby sitting; she's rocking, not sitting, that's fitting.

BBB Consumer Tips Prepaid Funeral Plans

According to the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), the purchase of a prepaid, also known as "preneed," funeral or burial plan is big business in the U.S. and it continues to grow.

A prepaid agreement consists of a contract for the future delivery of specific goods and services, and a funding mechanism to pay for the goods and services.

Among the abuses involved with prepaid funeral plans are: * Lack of portability. The plan can only be used to obtain goods and services at a single funeral home or cemetery.

preneed plans use high-pressure sales techniques. The seller generally tries to convince the purchaser to buy more expensive goods and services.

* Difficulty in detecting fraud. Because there is potentially a time lag of years between purchase of a plan and the purchaser's death, the more fraudulent sellers can and do vanish before their fraud is uncovered.

Before purchasing a prepaid funeral or burial plan the Better Business Bureau suggest the following tips:

* Be sure to compare prices. Costs for funeral merchandise and services can vary drastically. The Federal Commission's Funeral Rule requires itemized cost disclosure from funeral directors, though it does not cover cemetery sales.

* Review the plan carefully. Request a copy of the proposed contract and financial information about the trust itself.

* Visit the facility. Do not depend on the good faith of the person selling the plan, especially if it's door-to-door pitch.

* Investigate the seller's reputation. Check the company out with the Better Business Bureau, funeral boards, attorney general office.

If you suspect fraud, act fast. The quicker you act, the greater chance of regaining any funds you have invested in a prepaid plan.



DR. DON NEWBERRY AND COURTNEY KIRKHAM

Courtney Kirkham Graduates From HPU

Courtney Kirkham graduated with honors from Howard Payne University with a Bachelor of Science in Sociology.

Upon her graduation in May from TBI, she plans to work and then attend graduate school and get her Masters Degree in Sociology.

COLONIAL OAKS SERVICES

First Baptist will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, August 24, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

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NEAL DRUG PH. (254) 725-6424 CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS

JESSE WALLACE REED BIRTH ANNOUNCED Tim and Leann Reed of Arlington are proud to announce the birth of a son, Jesse Wallace Reed, born August 11, 1997, at Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth.

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Table listing cars and prices: 1993 Mitsubishi Eclipse Coupe \$9,000, 1991 Plymouth Acclaim 4-dr. \$4,750, 1991 Geo Prizm 4-dr. \$3,500, etc.

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By Bob Pipes, preacher Cross Plains Church of Christ 433 N. Main At 12th (254) 725-6117

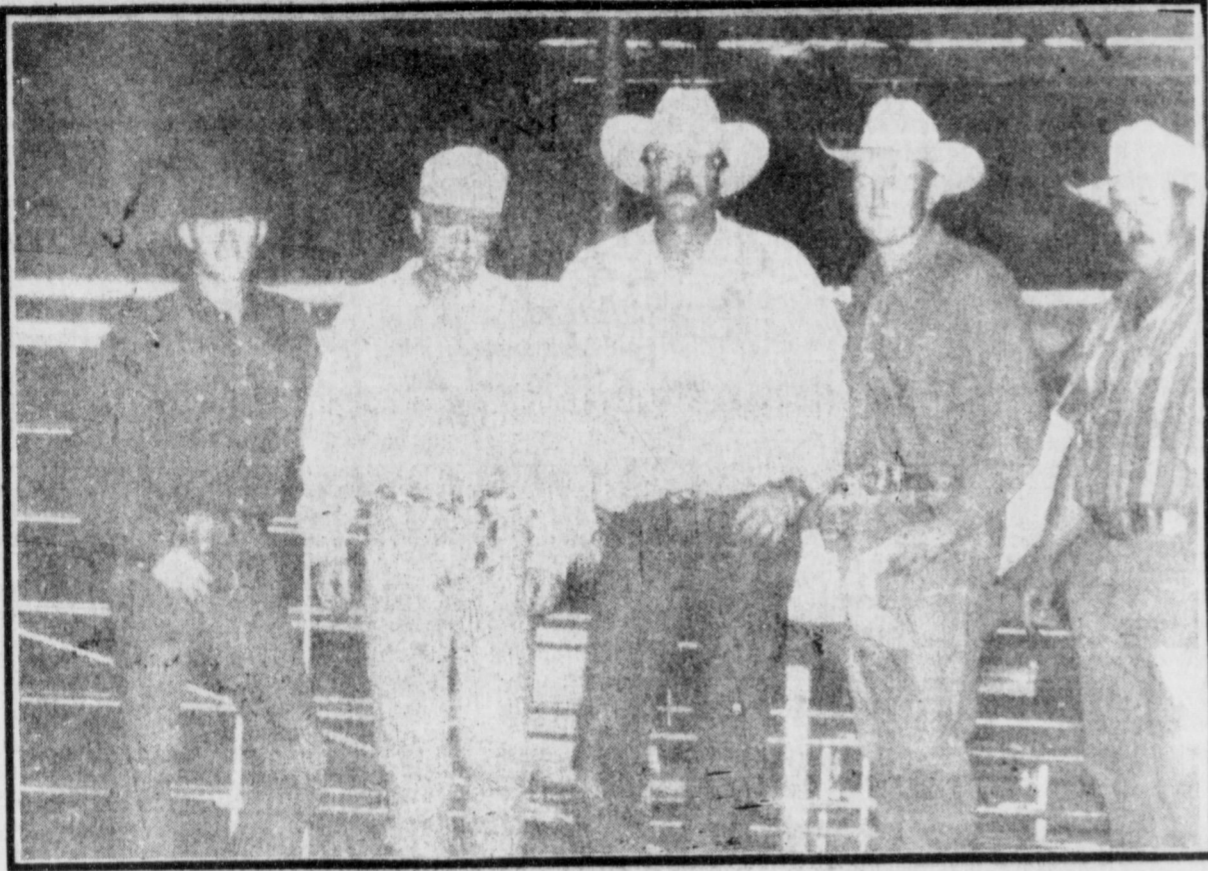
The Bible class teacher had put up with the "class clown" and general disrupter as much as he could. Little did the teacher know that this student had been to the principal's office at the public school so many times that he should have been the assistant principal -- but it would not have surprised him.

Seriously, have you thought much about the devil lately? Perhaps you have heard of the upswing in "Satan worship." It's frightening! It's suppose to be very prevalent in this area. That's more frightening!! I hope it will at least cause us to reconsider Satan's power and subtleness.

Let us indeed be careful of who has hold of us! Come join us in allowing Christ to have charge of our lives...

Sunday Morning Bible Class ... 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship ... 6:00 p.m. Sunday Morning Worship ... 10:45 a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study ... 7:00 p.m.

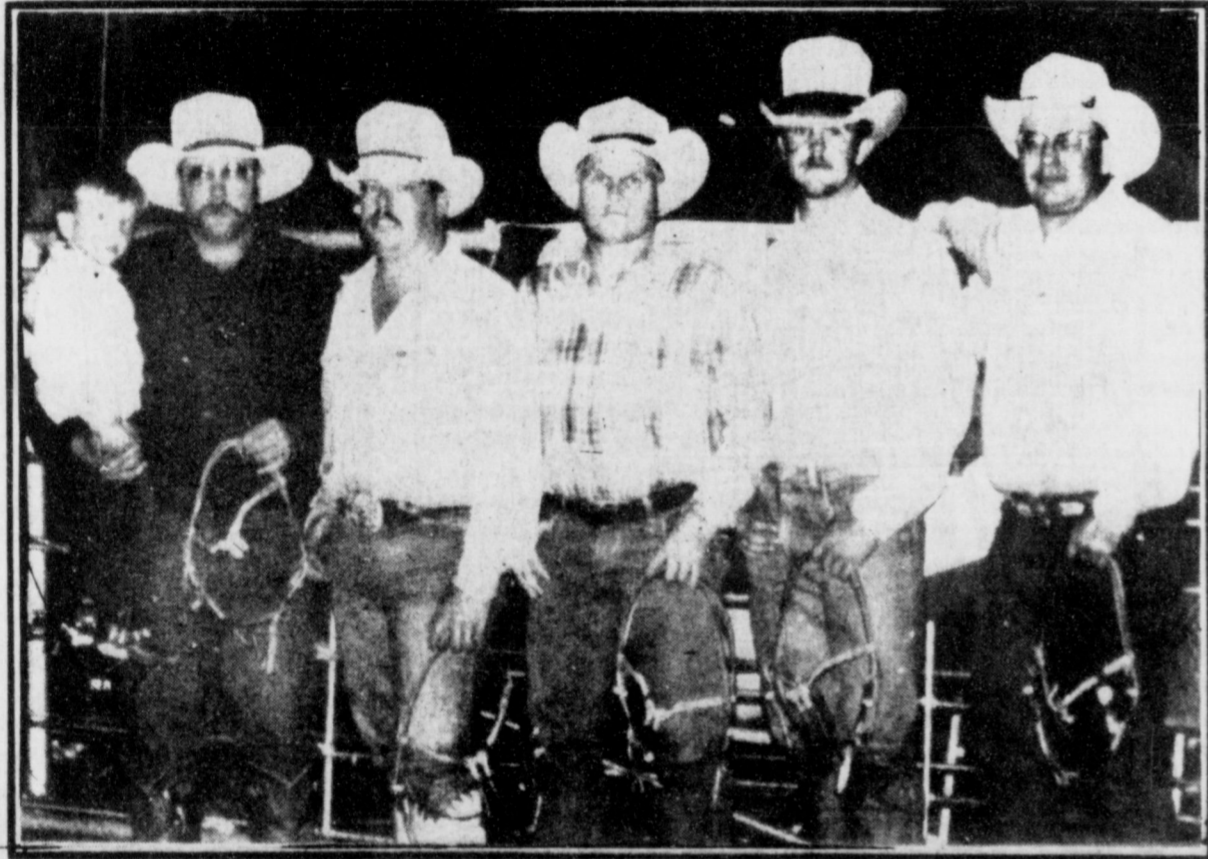
Friends & Neighbors Caring In Jesus



2ND PLACE-LAWRENCE FARM & RANCH—Cody Cochran (from left), Danny Brown, Royce Lawrence, Mike Roberts, and Doug Akers.



4TH PLACE-WEST TEXAS UTILITIES—Tim Yates (from left), Bob Golson, Sam Seider, Glenn Golson, and Billy Golson.



3RD PLACE-JOHNSON'S DRY GOODS—Jerry Williams (from left), Derek Shires, Jim Hook, Jody Hook, and Ronnie Barr.

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HARDLUCK COWBOY—Frankie Hyles received a gift certificate from Johnson's Dry Goods donated by Tye Prown and Strength's Paint and Body.

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SAVE \$2675
'97 F-150 REG. CAB
 #5124, air, speed control, tilt wheel, AM/EM cassette, P235 OWL tires, floor carpet, two-tone paint.
 MSRP \$17,670
 Factory Discount -1,100
 Dealer Discount -1,575
\$14,995



SAVE \$3,930
'97 EXPEDITION
 #9499, XLT, V8, 16" chrome wheels, air, speed control, cassette, all power.
 MSRP \$29,925
 Factory Discount -720
 Dealer Discount -3,210
\$25,995



SAVE \$3185
'97 MUSTANG
 #4872, air, V6, rear spoiler, CD player, power windows, power locks, speed control.
 MSRP \$19,180
 Factory Discount -1,390
 Dealer Rebate -1,000
 Dealer Discount -795
\$15,995

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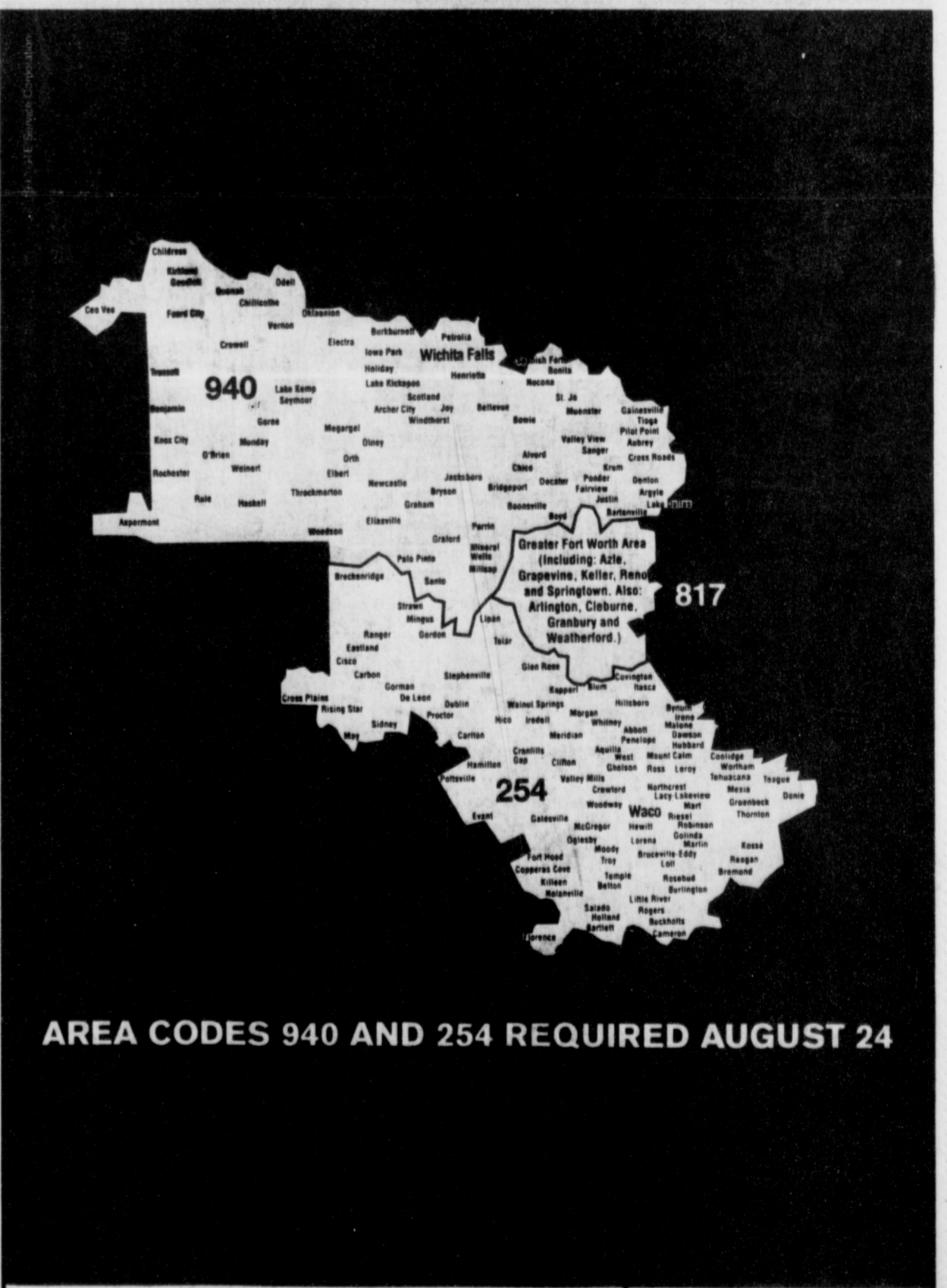


SAVE \$3845
'97 RANGER REG. CAB XLT
 #9609, air, super cooling, HD battery, P225 OWL tires, power steering.
 MSRP \$14,840
 Factory Discount -1,625
 Factory Rebate -1,000
 Dealer Discount -1,220
\$10,995



SAVE \$3970
'97 RANGER SUPERCAB
 #7458, XLT, air, super cooling, HD battery, 60/40 split seat, P225 OWL tires.
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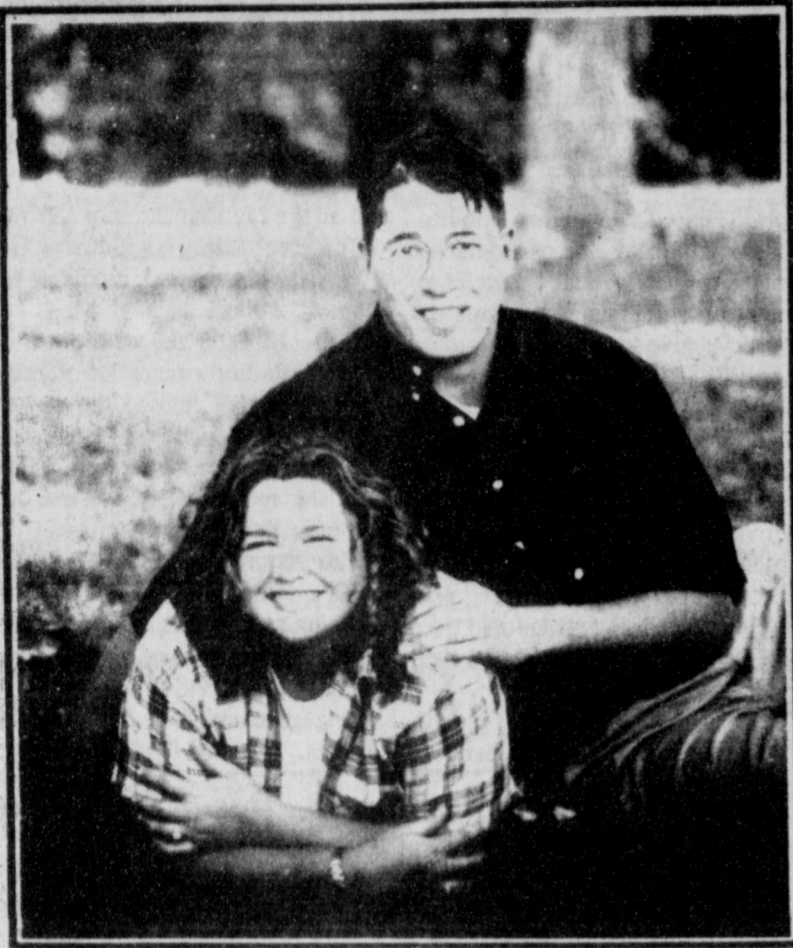
Because population growth, business expansion and growing technologies are rapidly changing the pool of available telephone numbers, the 817 area code split into three area codes earlier this year. But little else has changed. Just remember, you must use the correct area code when calling. If you are located within the new area codes, be sure to inform callers from other areas of your new area code. While the new area codes are an industry requirement, we at GTE are helping to simplify the process.



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MAYCE NANNY AND DANIEL BURKETT

Nanny - Burkett Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Nanny of Gouldbusk are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Mayce Leann, to David Daniel Burkett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burkett of Burkett and Sandra Moore of Pioneer. The bride elect is a 1992 graduate of Panther Creek High School and is currently a senior English major at Angelo State University. David is a 1991 graduate of Coleman High School. He holds a degree in airplane mechanics and is currently an employee of 3-M in Brownwood. Mayce is the granddaughter of Mozelle Williams of Gouldbusk and Helen Sargent of Tolar. Her great-grandmother is Flora Monsey of Mozelle. David is the grandson of Yuna V. Burkett of Burkett and Mr. and Mrs. Burl Lusk of Cisco. The couple plans to be married in late August of this year.



NICOLE HEINS AND TIMOTHY MCCOY

Heins - McCoy Announce Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald "Jerry" John Heins of Silver Creek, Nebraska would like to announce the engagement and upcoming wedding of their daughter, Nicole Lynette Ann Heins, to Timothy Lynn McCoy, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.G. McCoy of Cross Plains. The couple will be united in marriage on September 13, 1997, at 2:00 p.m. in St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Silver Creek, Nebraska. Miss Heins is a 1993 graduate of Silver Creek High and attended Peru State College for 1 1/2 years. She is presently employed as a sales clerk at Tooley Drug in Columbus, Nebraska. Mr. McCoy is a 1988 graduate of Cross Plains High School and a 1993 graduate of Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics. He is an adjuster for Farmers Mutual of Nebraska in Columbus, Nebraska. Friends and relative of the couple are cordially invited to attend the ceremony.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

AUGUST 22
 Sheri Kunkle
 Cordelia Wilson
 Rev. Gordon Dennis
 Mrs. Arlie Thate
 Zena Graham
 Mrs. Jimmy Nichols
 Byron McNutt
 Mrs. Edward Markham
 Robert Lewis

AUGUST 23
 Kenneth Givens
 George Morgan
 Mrs. Elvin Hutchins
 Andy Meiron
 De Anna Uvyone Besselaar
 Brandon Self
 Steven Nickerson
 Bransford Eubank
 Roy Larkin

AUGUST 24
 Bobby Dale Payne
 David Morales, Jr.
 Debra Ann Hollis
 Inola Wilcoxen
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 Mrs. Herbert Freeman
 A. S. Harlow
 Barbara Ann Black
 Mrs. Lester Mannering
 Eddie Neitzke
 Sherry Sheryl Erwin
 Harold Reed
 Dr. Toby Irwin
 Cory Barron

AUGUST 25
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 Dorothy Johnson
 Mrs. James W. Lindsey
 Belinda Hefner
 Rick Hines
 Danyelle Johnson

AUGUST 26
 Mrs. James Hall
 Charles Lee
 Dee Perry
 Mrs. Edwin Weiss
 Brenda Lewis
 Rocky Callaway
 Kevin Shane Singleton
 Bertis Letney

AUGUST 27
 Elizabeth Jane Cavanaugh
 Michael Cowan
 Mrs. Doyle Lovell
 Minnie Wrinkle
 Monty Champion
 Vicki Dillard
 China Dillard

AUGUST 28
 Rex Tackett
 Aaron Jason Pope
 Billy Dolgener
 Wade Odom
 Dawn (Strength) Hilburn
 Mrs. Freddy Tatom
 Kim Gregory
 Marcia Hoover

Pvt. Johnson Completes Basic

Marine Pvt. Victor T. Johnson, son of Virgil G. and Vita E. Johnson of Cross Plains, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Johnson successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Johnson and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Johnson spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Johnson and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values -- honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Johnson and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem solving evolution which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits were presented the marine Corps Emblem, and were addressed as "Marines" for the first time since boot camp began.

Johnson joins 41,000 men and women who will enter the Marine Corps this year from all over the country.

He is a 1995 graduate of Midlano High School of Midlano, Texas.

CROSS PLAINS NEWS

By TOM IVEY

36th Division Reunion -- Word comes from Larry Powell's column in *The Dallas Morning News* that Veterans of the U.S. Army's Texas 36th Infantry Division known as T-Patchers will reunite in Dallas on August 27-31. Call (214) 363-9244 for reunion information.

The 36th Division was called up on November 25, 1940, more than a full year before Pearl Harbor. Camp Bowie at Brownwood was headquarters for most, if not all, of the Division. The 36th was in the heaviest of the fighting in North Africa, Sicily, Italy and Europe.

General Sam Houston organized the Washington Guards on March 7, 1836, the day after the fall of the Alamo. From their humble beginning at Washington-on-the-Brazos, the 36th has brought honor to Texas throughout the world. Hats off to these brave troops.

Gulf War Exposures -- The Pentagon is notifying nearly 100,000 Gulf War Veterans that they may have been exposed to Iraqi poison gas, but apparently in amounts too small to have caused health problems. While insisting that no U.S. troops encountered dangerous levels of chemical agents, Pentagon officials said they would use new computer-generated estimates of troop exposure to study long-term health effects.

Shriners Hospitals and V.A. -- The Department of Veterans Affairs has announced an agreement with the Shriners Hospitals for Children to provide the best available medical care to children of Vietnam Veterans who are suffering from spina bifida.

Under the agreement, Shriners Hospital will evaluate children with spina bifida whose entitlement has established by VA, a process initiated by calling 1-800-827-1000. For those accepted for treatment, Shriners will provide outpatient or inpatient care for this diagnosis up to age 18. Shriners will accept no reimbursement for this care.

Beginning in October 1997, for children older than 18, VA will reimburse Shriners and non-Shriner facilities. This procedure is too lengthy for discussion here and information may be gained by calling 1-800-827-1000.

There are approximately 600 Vietnam Veteran's children with spina bifida known to VA. Estimates of the total number of children who might be using these benefits range between 1,000 and 3,000.

Currently, approximately 5,000 children afflicted with spina bifida are receiving treatment at Shriner facilities, the largest number of such patients treated by one hospital system throughout the world.

Over its 75 year existence, Shriners Hospital for Children has provided medical treatment to more than 500,000 children and has done so totally free of charge, accepting neither government, insurance or family reimbursement. Our thanks to the Shriners!!

TAPS -- World War II Veteran Lee Bowman of Denton Valley answered the last call on August 12. Our condolences are extended to the family of this Veteran, a man who served his country well.

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