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## A Glance At The Past

The following was taken from the September 11, 1931, edition of the *Cross Plains Review*.

### Mail Service Pepped Up By Train Schedule; Spends Night Here

Cross Plains mail service was pepped up Tuesday when a different train schedule was thrust into operation by the M.K.&T. railroad here. The train now arrives in Cross Plains at 2:10 each afternoon and remains here for the night. It leaves again for DeLeon at 6:25 a.m. and make all mail connections that the former afternoon train did.

Letters deposited in the post office by five-thirty in the afternoon will make the morning mail.

One new family has already moved here as a result of the schedule change and three others have informed the local agent that if the new plan is to be used permanently they will also settle in Cross Plains.

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### Cottonwood's Two Leos Are Off To University

Cottonwood's two Leos are off to college. Leo Varner and Leo Thompson will enroll at Simmons University, at Abilene, next Thursday. They were in Abilene Wednesday and made arrangements for the fall session.

Young Thompson, who attended the university last year will be a sophomore while this will be Varner's first year.

### Paint & Palette Club to meet Tuesday

The Cross Plains Paint & Palette Club will hold their first meeting of the season on Tuesday, September 16, at West Side Store, beginning at 2 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend.

### Cottonwood School Reunion Oct. 11

The Cottonwood School Reunion will be held on Saturday, October 11, at the Cottonwood Community Center. The building will open at 5:00 p.m. Bring pictures and memories and have fun remembering the "good 'ol days."

### Everyone Is Encouraged To Enter Homecoming Parade

Homecoming Is Just Four Weeks Away! The Parade Committee would like to encourage all organizations, classes, bike riders, horse riders, car collectors or whatever you wish to enter in the parade, to get going and call us to make an entry. The parade is scheduled for Saturday, October 11, at 2:00 p.m. So don't wait, call now and let's make this the best Homecoming Parade ever. Contact Susan McNeel at (254) 725-6498 or Roxie Thomas at 725-6436 to make an entry.



A STRONG BUFFALO TEAM DEFEATS ROBERT LEE STEERS.

## Bufs Win Season Opener Against Tough Robert Lee Team

The Cross Plains Buffaloes used two key Robert Lee turnovers and two Jarad Richards touchdown passes to beat the Steers on their home turf 14-7 Friday night.

Richards threw second quarter touchdown passes of 31 yards to Zach Edington and 33 yards to David

Purvis and then added the extra points on both TDs to propel the Buffaloes to the victory.

Michael Munoz of Robert Lee scored midway through the third quarter on a short run for the Steers only score on the night.

Cross Plains finished with 295 total

yards, while Robert Lee finished with 218.

	Cross Plains	Robert Lee
First downs	14	15
Rushes-yards	178	156
Passing yards	117	62
Comp-Att-Int	7-19-1	4-8-0
Punts	2-37	4-39
Fumbles-lost	0-0	2-2
Penalties-yards	6-44	4-20

### School stories written by Clara Nell Spencer offered at homecoming

A collection of "before and after" school stories written by former Cross Plains teacher, Clara Nell Spencer, will be available at the cost of \$1.00 per copy during the 1997 Homecoming. Proceeds from the project will benefit the Homecoming

Fund. The stories will be available Saturday, October 11, either at the registration table or in the lunchroom.

Don't miss a chance to read Clara Nell's amusing recollection of days gone by.

### Have You Made Your Plans to Attend Homecoming 1997?

You are running out of time, if you haven't scheduled the 1997 Cross

Plains High School Homecoming on your calendar of important events. This year's schedule is a little different with the football game set for Friday rather than Saturday. Saturday will be dedicated to registration, business meeting, the parade, and lots of visiting.

Be sure to read the stories and look at the old photos on Page 5. The *Cross Plains Review* appreciates everyone who has sent in photos and their memories. Editors have enjoyed them and they bring back lots of memories you thought you had forgotten.

The detailed schedule of events for Homecoming - October 10 and 11, is also on Page 5.

### COLONIAL OAKS SERVICES

Old Time Gospel Mission will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, September 14, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

### Cross Plains Garden Club To Meet Sept. 12

By BOB POWELL, Reporter

Friday, September 12, at 11:30 a.m. marks the start of the Cross Plains Garden Club's year. This meeting will be a luncheon hosted by Julene Franke, Barbara Powell and Kay Mosley.

The 1997-98 yearbook will be presented by the 1st Vice President, Julene Franke, which is rumored to be full of new and exciting programs.

Friday's program will be given by Yvonne Peevy of Sweet Stuff.

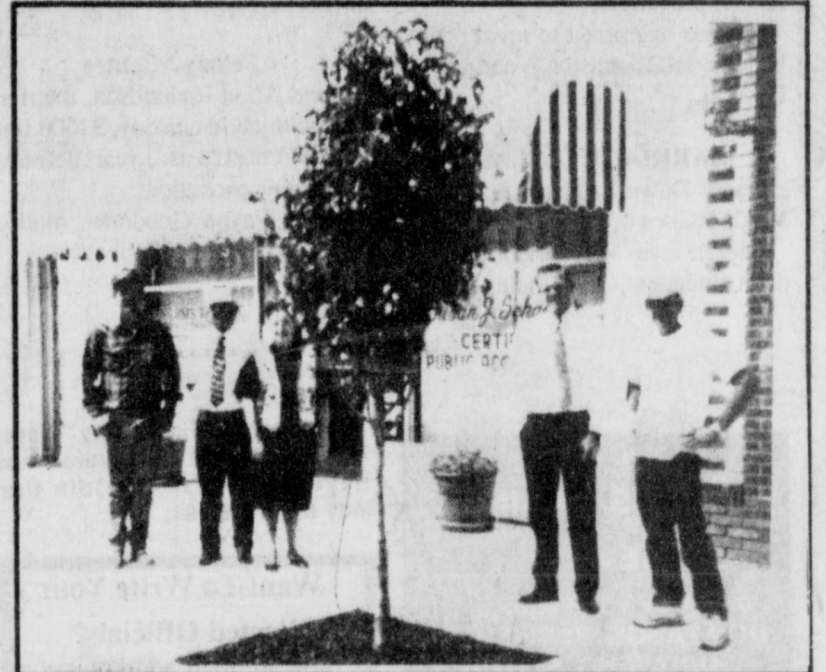
Anyone wanting to attend may do so by contacting any garden club member.

### Kiwanis of CP to hold golf tournament to benefit charities

Area golfers are invited to participate in a four "person" scramble on October 18 at the Rising Star Golf Club. Cash prizes will be awarded and a hole in one on #2 will win a new pick-up truck donated by Bayer Chevrolet. In addition to other cash prizes a raffle will be held to give away a "Great Big Bertha" driver. Area merchants and local businesses are sponsoring holes and providing special raffle prizes. Come out and

join the Kiwanis Club of Cross Plains on October 18. KIX 104 FM will be providing hamburgers for the golfers and Coke of Abilene is providing soft drinks. Ask any Kiwanian or check Cross Plains Merchants for more detailed information.

COME OUT AND SUPPORT THE CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK AND IODINE DEFICIENCY DISEASE.



NEW LOOK — The pear tree planted last Wednesday looks wonderful in front of the newly refurbished Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce office/Susan Schaefer, CPA building on North Main Street. Pictured are Keith Lawrence (from left), Rolan Jones, Susan Schaefer, Steve Mack and Bill Richardson.

### Trees and Benches Compliment Sidewalk Project

Wednesday, September 3, ten foot Bradford non-bearing pear trees were delivered and planted in spaces provided by Phase I of the Sidewalk Project. The trees will have white blooms in the spring and orange-red leaves in the fall. Plans include permanent shrubs which will be planted around the base of the trees.

Thursday park benches were installed beside the trees by Lynn Koenig. The benches face the street and provide a comfortable place for folks to sit and talking the downtown area.

Anyone who would like to donate a bench for the project, may purchase

one at Higginbotham's Brothers and Company. If you would like your name, in memory, etc., on a plaque attached to the bench, contact either Keith Lawrence, Steve Mack, Rolan Jones, Susan Schaefer, Julene Franke or Tim Dillard for details. Your contributions would be greatly appreciated.

All the new improvements look great -- just in time for the 1997 Homecoming set for October 10 and 11. Cross Plains continues moving in a progressive manner thanks to dedicated citizens who strive in a positive direction.

### Services for Lester Wyatt Held Tuesday, Sept. 9

Lester M. Wyatt, 62, passed away Saturday in Abilene Regional Medical Center.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, September 9, in Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Richard Chaffin officiating. Burial was in the Cross Plains Cemetery.

Mr. Wyatt was born in Brownwood, the son of C.W. and Katherine Wyatt. He married Betty Ann Seamans in 1954 in Coleman.

Lester was active in the Cross Plains community, serving two separate terms as a councilman for the City of Cross Plains. He was formerly the manager of Cross Plains Oil Field Supply and was employed as a driller for Phillips Drilling Company of Pioneer. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Lorene Anderson.

Survivors include his wife, of Cross Plains; three sons and daughters-in-law, Eddy Glen and Julie Wyatt, Tony and Terry Jane Wyatt and Curtis and Tina Wyatt, all of Cross Plains; one daughter and son-in-law, Leslie and Ken Horan of Cross Plains; one brother, Darrel Wyatt of Cross Plains; 15 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; two aunts, Gladys Barnes of Cross Plains and Evelyn McCabe of Arby; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Pallbearers were Allen Phillips, Erwin Clark, Roger Wilson, Bud Dillard, Steve Ray and Gaylon Pickett.

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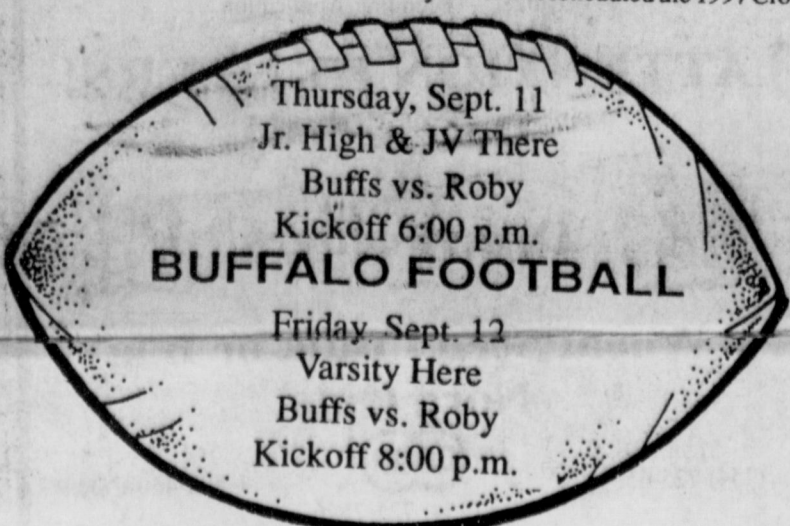
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## COURTHOUSE NEWS

**COUNTY COURT**  
Bill Johnson presiding

**Misdemeanor Filings**  
Galen Newton, evading arrest.  
Jay Dillon Odom, fleeing to elude police officer.

**Misdemeanor Minutes**  
Jorge A. Ordonez, theft of property by check charge dismissed due to restitution having been made.  
Deborah L. Bailey, motion filed to revoke probation.

Motions dismissed to revoke probations: H.T. Johnson, Woodrow w. Davis II.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

Brandi Dawn Cogburn & Steven Maxie Ramos of Clyde.  
Melanie Lyn Ware & Coby Brandon Childers of Cross Plains.

**42nd DISTRICT COURT**  
John Weeks presiding

**Civil Filings**  
Divorces filed:  
French, Terry Ray & Vicki D. Stoneman, Larry & Deborah Sue, and in the interest of minor child.

**Civil Minutes**  
Paul Lee Miller, found to be \$1750 in arrears on child support; court orders the \$1750 must be paid by 8-15-97.

**Felony Minutes**  
David Allen Richardson, interference with child custody, \$1000 fine \$179.50 court costs, 3 years deferred adjudication probation.  
Roger Wayne Goodman, motion dismissed to revoke probation.

The term "First Lady" dates from the time of Lucy Ware Webb Hayes, who was the 16th first lady from 1887-91.

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Here are their addresses:

#### Austin

George Bush, Jr., Governor, Room 200, State Capitol, Austin, TX 78711.

Jim Keffer, District 60 State Representative, P.O. Box 2910 Office #E2.802, Austin, TX 78768-2910 or call (512) 463-0656.

#### Washington

Bill Clinton, President of the United States, The White House, Washington, D.C. 20000.

Charles Stenholm, Congressman, 17th Texas District, 1211 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

Phil Gramm, U.S. Senator, Room 370, Russell Building, Washington, D.C. 20510-4302.

Kay Bailey Hutchison, U.S. Senator, Room 703, Hart Building, Washington, D.C. 20510-4301.

## OBITUARIES

### Gloria Tubb

Gloria Elizabeth Stevens Garms Tubb, 66, passed away Thursday, September 4, 1997, in a Brownwood hospital.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday in Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Knox Waggoner officiating. Burial was in Cross Cut Cemetery.

Mrs. Tubb was born August 21, 1931, in Alexander. She married William Tubb in 1967 in Fort Worth. She worked as a salesperson and was a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by a son, Berna Garms of Early, three brothers and a sister.

Survivors include her husband, of Cross Cut; three daughters, Linda Clark of Cross Plains, Cheryl Garrett of Santo and Lois Talent of Fort Worth; 14 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.  
Grandsons were pallbearers.

### Mark Curtis Smith

RISING STAR—Mark Curtis Smith, 81, lifelong resident, passed away Friday, September 5, 1997, in a Brownwood hospital.

Services were held at 3 p.m. Sunday in Rising Star First Baptist Church with James McLeod officiating. Burial was in Rising Star Cemetery, directed by Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Mr. Smith was born in Rising Star and served with the U.S. Army during World War II. He worked as a barber. He was a deacon at First Baptist Church and was the widower of Gertrude Smith, whom he married in 1933 in Brownwood.

Survivors include one son, Jack C. Smith of Tucker, Georgia; and two sisters, Waldeine Foster of Cross Plains and Maxine Chancey of Abilene.

### Hugh T. Herring

STEPHENVILLE—Hugh T. Herring, 93, passed away Monday, September 1, 1997, at Community Nursing Home.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Stephenville Funeral Home Chapel with Bill Nix and Dr. E. Richard Chaffin officiating. The burial at Gardens of Memory Cemetery was directed by Stephenville Funeral Home.

Mr. Herring was a member of Hillcrest Church of Christ in Abilene. He attended North Texas and Tarleton State universities. He lived his adult life in Stephenville and worked as a Realtor.

Survivors include his wife, Connie Herring; three daughters, Mary Ann Chaffin of Cross Plains, Ruth Blanton of San Antonio, and Joy Cooper of Combine; three brothers, Ted Herring of Mertens, David Herring of Seattle, and Ed Herring of Wichita Falls; one sister-in-law; seven grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

In 1860 tomatoes were still regarded so suspiciously that magazines recommended they be cooked for at least three hours.

## Stenholm Announces Latest CRP Sign-up

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The next Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) sign-up will be held from October 14 through November 14, according to U.S. Congressman Charlie Stenholm.

Designed to reduce soil erosion and improve water quality, the CRP is a voluntary program which enables landowners to enter into contracts with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to place environmentally sensitive cropland into long-term conservation practices of 10-15 years. In exchange, landowners receive annual rental payments and cost-share assistance for establishing those practices.

"This latest sign-up is a good opportunity for individuals whose contracts offers were not accepted in Sign-up number 14 last spring, and for those with contracts which expire this fall," said Stenholm. "In response to concerns I raised with USDA Secretary Glickman, the USDA has been educating their employees about how to more fully inform landowners regarding the options they have to enhance their Environmental Benefits Index (EBI), and I am hoping there will be less confusion than with the last sign-up."

The USDA will continue to evaluate and rank all eligible offers using an EBI based on the potential environmental benefits from enrolling the land in the CRP. Decisions on the EBI cutoff will be made after the conclusion of Sign-up 16. Those who have met previous EBI thresholds will not necessarily be guaranteed a contract this time around.

"I would strongly encourage interested individuals to meet with county employees just as soon as possible in order to discuss options, and hopefully improve their chances for inclusion in Sign-up number 16," advised Stenholm.

Interested individuals should contact their local Farm Service Agency (FSA) or Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office for additional information.



**FIVE GENERATIONS** — The McCowen family has been twice blessed with twins plus five generations. Pictured are J. D. McCowen (back, from left) of Early, Anna Marie Beaty of Odessa, and Jimmy D. McCowen of Lake Brownwood; Ruby McCowen of Cross Plains, Stephanie Beaty of Odessa and Abbigale Beaty of Odessa.

## Texas Section, Society for Range Management Meets at Abilene

ABILENE — The Texas Section, Society for Range Management's 47th Annual Meeting will be October 8-10 in Abilene's Clarion Inn (formerly Kiva Inn), 5301 South 1st.

The program features speakers from the state's ranching industry, professional and university personnel from the southwestern United States and environmental advocates. Invited speakers hail from Texas, South Dakota, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Washington, D.C.

Topics include ranchers' range re-

source management viewpoints, grazing management solutions, wildlife management solutions, brush management discussions, economic alternatives and environmental stewards' viewpoints.

Pre-registration ends September 20. Late registration continues until the meeting start-up the first day.

For further information and registration packets, contact Glen Killough, P.O. Box 3282, Big Spring, Tx. 79721 or call (915) 267-1871.

## Pneumonia vaccine saves lives

HOUSTON—Thousands of lives are being lost every year because people are unaware of a readily available vaccine.

It is the vaccine for pneumococcal pneumonia, an illness that annually claims thousands of lives, mostly adults older than 65 but also very young children and people with certain chronic illnesses.

Too few people even know about the vaccine, said Dr. Daniel M. Musher, an infectious-disease expert at Houston's Baylor College of Medicine and Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

"The sad fact is that many people whose lives could be saved by the pneumonia vaccine do not get inoculated because they are unaware of it and they are not pressured by their physicians to take it," Musher said.

Research has show that people are more likely to get inoculated against pneumonia if their doctors recommend it," he said, "and, though the numbers of those getting the vaccine are rising, there are still too many people who need it but are unaware of it."

The vaccine is also important,

Musher said, for people with lung disease, heart disease and any kind of immune-system disorder, including HIV infection.

"People who have had their spleens removed are especially susceptible to pneumococcal infection and must be vaccinated," he said. The spleen helps clear bacteria from the blood, and its absence leaves a person prey to pneumonia infections.

At one time it was widely believed that the beneficial effects of pneumonia vaccine persisted for a lifetime, but, Musher said, research at Houston's VAMC has shown that vaccination probably should be repeated at five- to 10-year intervals.

For people without spleens, Musher recommends revaccination every five years.

Young children are also especially susceptible to pneumonia, Musher said, but the vaccine is not effective in people younger than 2.

While pneumonia is not generally a major killer of otherwise-healthy people between toddler age and 65, Musher said, "I personally have had every member of my family vaccinated against pneumococcal infection. It can't hurt, and it may well save a life."

Has this guy lost his mind or what?



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## OH BABY

### CHARLES BRADLEY STRENGTH BIRTH ANNOUNCED

Chris and Angela Strength are proud to announce the birth of a son, Charles Bradley, born Wednesday, August 13, 1997, at Camden Medical Center in Kingsland, Georgia. He weighed 6 pounds, 2 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Dorothy and William McGrew and Donald Fillers of Roundo, South Carolina.

Paternal grandparents are Charles and Linda Strength of Cross Plains.

Charles Bradley has 6 great-grandparents including R.W. and Nell Purvis of Abilene; Mell Strength of Cross Plains and Troy Tomlinson of San Angelo.

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# NEWS

By  
**LINDA (EDINGTON) MERRITT**  
Activity Director

Lilly Alford our 11-7 LVN will be retiring soon. We all wish her the very best of luck. We will miss you.

Dorothy Thomas and Juanita Thornton sure look pretty with their new perms. Myrtle Wilson has a cute haircut.

Sheri Kitchens was chosen as the employee for this week. Congratulations Sheri.

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

Our appreciation to Shirley Snodgrass and Margaret Clark for the okra and to Charlie Grider for the canteloupe.

Brother Jim O'Dell was here visiting several.

Susan Schaefer visited with June Culvahouse and Bertha Kanady.

Lucille Koenig visited several.

Eddie II, Eddie III, Ashley and Mandy Rose and Ronnie Gregory visited with Verner Rose.

Robert and Dorothy Welch from Fort Worth visited Leila Montgom-

ery.

Amanda Kitchens visited everyone.

Roger and JoAnn Elston from Lingleville visited and Hazel Lee visited with Dixie and Bud Ingram.

Activities during the week were:

**Monday:** Bingo winners were Verner Rose (3), Louise Richardson (4), Falba Shofner and Ruby Harrell. Exercise class.

**Tuesday:** Sing-a-long with Bob Wallace. Popcorn and Skip-Bo games.

**Wednesday:** Art class. Exercise class.

**Thursday:** Bingo winners were Vera Belyeu, Minnie Swann, Verner Rose, Louise Richardson (3), and Dorothy Thomas. Skip-Bo games.

**Friday:** Singing with Bob Wallace and Jennifer Ames. Sit-down-basketball.

**Sunday:** Old Time Gospel Mission.

**Prayer is still the best support system in the world.**

## Clips, Quips & Comments

By KAY DENNIS MOSLEY

Most of us have memories, some dating back to childhood; of things or happenings that hold special meaning for us.

Memories of shared moments with parents, grandparents, friends, acquaintances, teachers, aunts, uncles, cousins and other relatives which we hold forever in our thoughts and in our hearts.

We seem to have a penchant to commit to memory those things which are most endearing to us.

Several occasions come to mind; in my past, of tender and meaningful events, of which I treasure the memory. The day when I was two years old and I went home with Aunt Opal (Opal Gattis) to their farm to help gather the eggs and when I came home, I had a new brown-eyed baby sister named Ann. She was born at home right here in Cross Plains, and was delivered by the late Doctor Eli Powell. Other recollections are: the first day of school, when our mother turns and walks out that door, the day you are baptized, your first date, your first car, our high school graduation, and the senior trip. I don't know what the senior trips consist of these days. I graduated in 1957 from Baird High School. Our class trip was to New Orleans, Louisiana for a week. While there, we enjoyed a tour which in part consisted of touring their very unusual place of burials. The ground there seeps water so they bury people above ground, in little cement cubicles stacked on top of one another. Most unusual. Our tour took us past many antebellum mansions, we saw many lovely old trees literally drip-

ping with lacy, Spanish moss. We traveled down the Mississippi River on a paddle wheeler, had lunch at the White House in Biloxi, Mississippi and swam in the Gulf of Mexico, visited Lake Ponchartrane and rode the huge roller coaster there. In New Orleans we went sight-seeing, among other unusual sights we saw were the many sidewalk artists and their paintings. We loved riding the old fashioned trolley cars with their louvered floors. We had dinner at the "Court of Two Sisters," took in some of the night-life (chaperoned of course) in the French quarter, had our fortunes told, took a tour bus through the French Quarter by day viewing some of the unusual old architecture and many, many other things. On our way back to Texas, we toured the state capitol building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

My sister graduated two years later and if I remember correctly her class went to Galveston, for a week of fun at the beach. Sometimes, however, my forgetter is better than my remember-er! How about yours?

Other fond memories are of the college years, your wedding day, your first job, the birth of each of your children and the cycle goes around; on and on to future generations.

Do you recall playing with your siblings in the sandbox or a precious moment with your Mother or Father; your "FIRST KISS," your first prom dress or the tuxedo you rented or the limousine? You know what----?? "WE'LL HAVE THOSE MOMENTS TO REMEMBER."



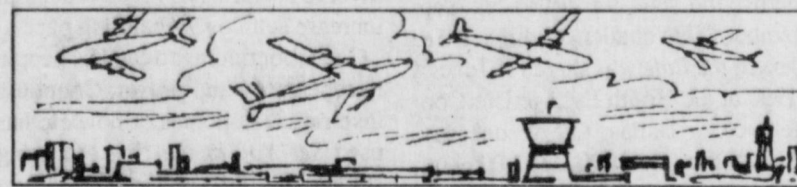
INFORMATIVE PROGRAM—Kim Hicks of Abilene Aquatics with a backdrop of Rolan Jones' water garden and waterfall.

## Rolan Jones Hosts Cross Plains Garden Club Fish Fry

By BOB POWELL, Reporter

August 16th, a special meeting of the Cross Plains Garden Club was called at Rolan Jones home. Twenty-one members, family and friends attended this event. Members brought salads and desserts and Mr. Jones prepared the fish fry. A short called meeting was held. A

Water Garden program was presented by Kim Hicks of Abilene Aquatics located at 17th and Butternut in Abilene. The program was on creating and caring for a water garden was quite informative even though her foreign language (i.e. the King's English) was a bit hard to understand by this Texas born writer.



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## COTTONWOOD NEWS

By BEVERLY BROWN

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group will meet on Tuesday, September 16, at 7:00 p.m. at the fire house. All members are urged to attend.

The Cottonwood Quilting Club members will host their monthly musical on Friday, September 19 at the Cottonwood Community Center. The country western music entertainment, emceed by Smokey Callaway, will start at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be available in the cafeteria beginning at 5:30 p.m. All area musicians are cordially invited to participate.

Barbara Batten of Charlotte, North Carolina has been here visiting with her mother, Mrs. John Purvis, during her hospital stay and since her return home. Tommy Purvis of Mt. Pleasant is here visiting with his mother and Barbara.

Mrs. Randy Trost and daughters, Ashleigh, Jami and Brandi of Lewisville visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Strahan over the weekend and attended the morning worship services at the Cottonwood Baptist Church.

On Saturday, Don and Faye Gilliam attended the wedding of their granddaughter, Lisha Gilliam to Jason Whitworth in the Pentecost Church at Comanche. Over the weekend visiting with Don and Faye were Roger and Carla Gilliam and Candy; Lisha and Jason Whitworth of Gillette, Wyoming; and Debbie and Walter Stewart, Christa and Megan of Garland.

David Weaver of Corpus Christi was here visiting with his mother, Mary E. Weaver, recently.

The Cottonwood Quilting Club members are busy getting their Dresden Plate quilt ready for their annual Turkey Supper Night to be held in October. The ladies quilt on Thursday, September 11 and Tuesday, September 16. The ladies of the community are welcomed to assist them in getting this quilt completed. A covered dish noon meal will be served. Their quilting hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## WE LAMINATE

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Some cartoons need no words. It's a case of "a picture is worth a thousand words." You've seen a dunking cage -- where someone sits on a precariously arranged seat -- over water -- with a bull's-eye on an arm at which you throw balls... You've probably thrown some balls at them, huh? Or maybe you have even been on the "hot seat" (wet seat?)

In this cartoon, the pulpit and podium are built over the water tank, the preacher is behind the pulpit (with a horrid look on his face), a large bull's-eye on an arm sticks out to the side, and each member in the congregation has a baseball. Need I say more? Doesn't the picture speak a thousand words? It's not just if he preaches too long -- he'd better not say the wrong thing. The more people he offends, the more chances he has of being dunked. Having preached, I know exactly how he feels...

But one doesn't have to be a preacher to be in that predicament. I have seen people be like that preacher, afraid to speak, afraid of being criticized by someone for something -- maybe a child, cowering from a parent, a wife from a husband (or vice versa); and employee from and employer -- afraid of saying anything, afraid of saying the wrong thing -- because they've "hit the water" all too often already.

No wonder James wrote: "Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath," James 1:19. And Paul wrote: "Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one," Colossians 4:6. In other words, "put the baseball down and remove the bull's-eye; replace it with some fruit of the Spirit: love, peace, kindness, goodness, gentleness, self-control," Galatians 5:22-23.

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# Cross Country Results

By COACH MACK  
MCCONAL

The cross country runners were in Abilene Saturday, September 6, for one of the larger races in this area. There were approximately 1400 runners after all the events were added up. The weather was hot and humid.

The results are as follows:  
7th grade girls - 1600 meters - 240 runners  
Rivard - 109th - 8:59  
8th grade girls - 1600 meters - 232

runners  
Stephens - 109th - 8:37  
Swift - 111th - 8:39  
Jr. high boys - 1600 meters - 147 runners  
Dillard - 46th - 6:54  
Nickerson - 47th - 6:55  
Butler - 60th - 7:12  
Jones - 90th - 7:25  
Jenkins - 110th - 7:50  
James - 111th - 7:41  
Norris - 121st - 8:22  
Beauchamp - 135th - 9:20  
High school girls - 1A - 187 runners - 3200 meters

Richey - 13th - 15:05  
Bennett - 19th - 15:21  
Turner - 35th - 15:59  
Besselaar - 39th - 16:06  
Clark - 61st - 17:11  
McCarty - 106th - 18:53  
Butler - 107th - 18:54  
Evans - 140th - 21:57  
High school boys - 1A & 2A - 4800 meters - 150 runners  
Ricci - 37th - 20:30  
Swift - 42nd - 20:48  
The runners will be in Tuscola Saturday, September 13 to run.

## See You At The Pole Wed.

See You at the Pole began as a simple prayer meeting of several high school students in the spring of 1990. These students gathered around their school flagpole as a rallying point to pray for their friends, their school, their leaders and their country. As the report of the prayer meeting was shared with youth leaders, a vision was birthed to challenge other students to pray at their school flagpoles across the state the following September. This challenge, dubbed See You at the Pole was shared in June of 1990 at the Youth Evangelism Conference in Dallas. On Wednesday, September 12, 1990, at 7:00 a.m., more than 45,000 young people met the challenge by praying on their campuses.

In 1991, the success of See You at

the Pole was shared with youth leaders at a national conference in Colorado. Dozens of ministries, denominations and Christians organizations enthusiastically united to promote SYATP nationwide. An estimated one million students took part in the first national day of student-led prayer on Wednesday, September 11. Since 1991, the list of students, countries, and ministries involved with SYATP continues to increase at an overwhelming pace.

God is continuing to call His people to repentance and prayer. Countless inspiring testimonies of how He has used See You at the Pole to bring students to Christ and to change lives affirm God's power to answer those who cry out to Him in humble dependence. Campus Bible clubs,

weekly prayer meetings and other ministries have begun on campuses where students participated in SYATP.

Join the millions from across our nation and around the world as they continue to pray that God would bring revival to our land and abroad. Whether you stand by yourself, at your school or next to hundreds who pray on your campus, know that you are part of a vast united movement of prayer. Don't be left out of what God wants to do with your campus, your city and our world through your prayers. Decide now that you will be a part of See You at the Pole which will be held Wednesday, September 17, at 7:00 a.m. at the local school campus.

## Club Pig Sale Oct. 6

The seventh annual Club Pig Sale benefiting West Texas Rehabilitation Center is set for Monday, October 6, at 7:00 p.m. at the Wylie FFA Showbarn, located behind the football field on Antilley Road in Abilene.

Don Richburg and Jimmy D. Smith of Roscoe are serving as co-chairmen for the event. Last year there were 107 pigs donated to the sale,

raising \$11,420 for the Rehab Center. Only pigs purchased during this sale are eligible for the WTRC Jackpot Show on Saturday, December 6. The show will be held in the Dorthea Griffin Arena at the Taylor County Expo Center.

Richburg and Smith are asking everyone to make plans to attend the sale and come early for beans and

cornbread and look over the pigs. Pigs that were donated last were extremely high quality pigs and they are expecting the same or even better quality this year.

For more information about the sale or to donate pigs call the West Texas Rehabilitation Center at (915) 691-7290 (Abilene) or (915) 949-9535 (San Angelo).

## Cross Plains First 4-H Meeting Sept. 30

The Cross Plains 4-H Club will hold their first meeting for the 1997-98 year on Tuesday, September 30, at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Enrollment forms will be filled out along with project selections. Enrollment fee will be \$5.00 per family. Other topics to be discussed are monthly programs, community service projects, fund-raisers, adult leaders and project leaders.

Anyone interested in joining 4-H is encouraged to attend the meeting. All parents are urged to attend. If you need more information please call the County Extension Office at (915) 854-1518.

4-H is open to anyone between the ages of 9-19 years of age regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

## Student Council & Class Officers Announced

The Student Council and Class Representatives for the 1997-98 school year at Cross Plains High School were recently elected. The results are as follows:

**Student Council Officers are:**  
Jolena Fleming, President; LeaJean Wyatt, Vice-President; Jessica Childers, Secretary; Amanda Dillard, Treasurer; Joseph Hopkins, Historian; and Whitney Giles, Reporter.

**Class Representatives are:**  
7th grade - Klay Wilson and Judith Hartman; 8th grade - Angela Swift and James Ross; 9th grade - Cody Reed and Ashley Harris; 10th grade - Jodi Payne and Marian Hix; 11th grade - Dusty Anderson and Dustin Hinkle; 12 grade - Kami Lewis and Justin Hopkins.

Also the Class Officers of the 1997-98 school year were elected and they are as follows:

7th grade - Shanda McClure, President; Keali Eppard, Vice-president; Chris Harris, Treasurer; Emily Winfrey, Secretary

8th grade - Erin Stephens, President; Joseph Dillard, Vice-president; Sarah Nixon, Treasurer; Jason Beauchamp, Secretary

9th grade - Nicholas Dimitri, President; L.D. Whitehead, Vice-president; Jennifer Turner, Treasurer; Tessa Wyatt, Secretary

10th grade - Jody Pancake, President; Brittany Bennett, Vice-president; Norma Gonzales, Treasurer; Tabitha Clark, Secretary

11th grade - Chandra Heath, President; LeaJean Wyatt, Vice-president; Matt McGowen, Treasurer; Dustin Martin, Secretary

12th grade - Nathaniel Swift, President; Jarad Richards, Vice-president; Natasha Webb, Treasurer; Kimberly Ratliff, Secretary.

## Callahan Co. 4-H News

### AWARD PROGRAM

The 1997 4-H Award Program will be held Saturday, October 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the Baird Activity Center. Each family is asked to bring two covered dishes; a main dish and a vegetable or dessert.

If you plan to attend, you need to call the County Extension Office by October 7 and let them know which project completion certificates you are eligible. If you cannot attend the awards program and want your project completion certificate, please call us and we will make sure you receive your certificates. Remember to RSVP by OCTOBER 7TH!

### BROILER ORDERS

Broiler orders for the County Show are due October 1. Cost will be \$1.00 each with minimum of 15 birds per order.

Broiler orders for the Houston and San Antonio Shows are due by October 8. A standard order is 50 birds at a cost of \$55.00 plus entry fee. Two orders must be purchased if you want to show in both shows.

### CALF SCRAMBLE

Calf scrambles will be conducted at all major shows with the deadline as follows: Fort Worth, September 12 Age 14-16; San Antonio, October 3 Age 12 by 1-1-98; San Angelo, November 1 Age 13 by 3-1-98.

All youth will be expected to fully complete their obligation for each scramble. Youth wishing to participate need to have prior experience with beef projects.

### SWINE AND GOAT TAG ORDERS

Those 4-H'ers which are planning to show swine or goats at the county show need to have their tag orders to the Extension Office (915-854-1518) by September 19. Cost of tags are \$2.50 for goats and \$3.00 for pigs. When placing swine orders please indicate barrow vs gilts. They need to know how many will be going to major shows.

### LAMB, GOAT and SWINE VALIDATION DATES

Lamb and Meat Goat Validation will be Tuesday, October 28, from

4:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the County Show Barn at Cross Plains. If you haven't ordered your goat tags, please do so prior to September 19.

Two dates have been set for Swine Validation. November 4 at the Eula Ag Building and November 24 at the County Show Barn. Tagging will take place from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. on both dates.

### DISTRICT FALL COUNCIL AND ADULT LEADERS MEETING

The District 7 4-H Council and Adult Volunteer Leaders Meetings will be held on Saturday, October 4, at the Research and Extension Center in San Angelo. Registration will be at 9:30 a.m. Registration fee is \$7.50 per person and will cover lunch, refreshment, insurance and material cost. The registration is due by September 19, 1997. All 4-H members and adult leaders are encouraged to attend. If travel arrangements need to be made, contact Robert Pritz, County Extension Agent (915) 854-1518.

## Board of Trustees Met Monday

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees held a public hearing on the tax increase Monday, 8, at 7 p.m. at the Cross Plains High School.

Notice of the meeting was given by Jackie Tennison, Superintendent.

## SCHOOL MENU

SEPT. 15 - SEPT. 19  
(Subject To Change)

### BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Cream of wheat, toast, grape juice and milk.

TUESDAY — Donuts, apple juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Hash brown, sausage w/gravy, orange juice and milk.

THURSDAY — Cereal, toast, grape juice and milk.

FRIDAY — Breakfast pizza, apple juice and milk.

### LUNCH

MONDAY — Sloppy Joes, potato wedges, spinach, orange sections and milk.

TUESDAY — Ham slices, scalloped potatoes, green beans, rolls, apricots and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Beef enchiladas, pinto beans, cornbread, cinnamon apple slices and milk.

THURSDAY — Pizza, corn, salad, cherry crisp and milk.

FRIDAY — Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickle, fries, cookie and milk.

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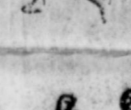
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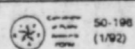


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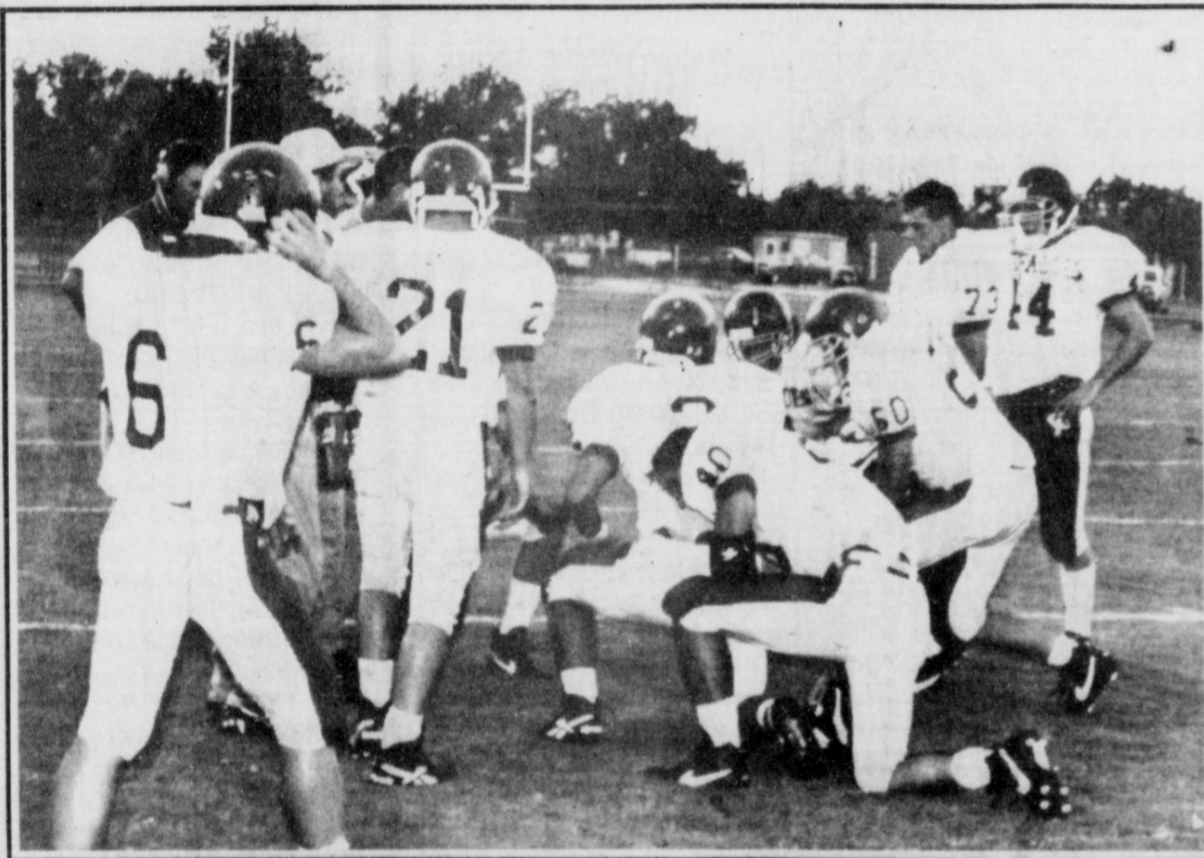
## Notice of Vote on Tax Rate

The Cross Plains Independent School District conducted a public hearing on a proposal to increase your property taxes by 9.04 percent on September 8, 1997 at 7:00 p.m.

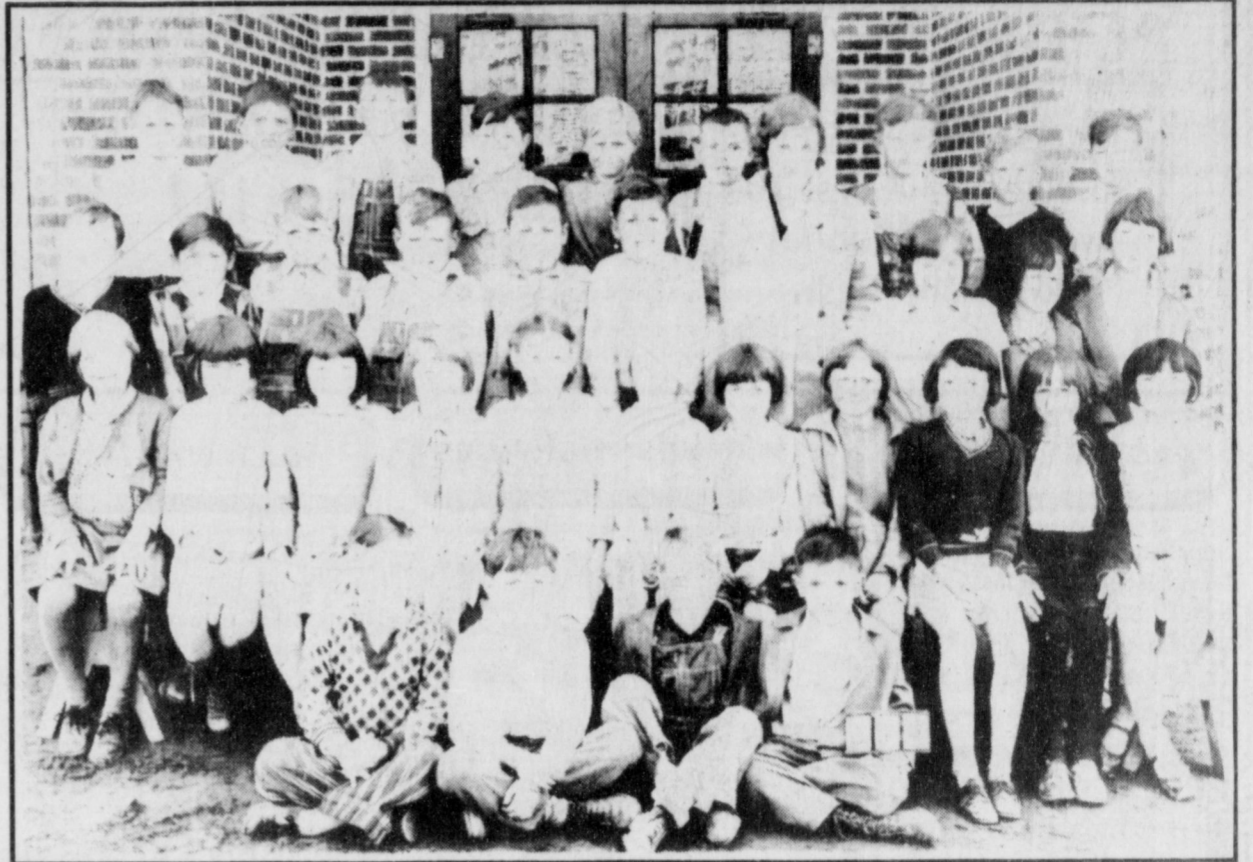
The Board of Trustees of Cross Plains I.S.D. is scheduled to vote on the tax rate at a public meeting to be held on September 16, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. at Cross Plains High School Board Room



LINEMEN HOLD BACK STEERS ON BUFF OFFENSIVE PLAY



BUFFALOES PREPARE FOR THEIR NEXT MOVE — Football photos courtesy of Greg Turner



ANNA MAE (MCNEEL) WHITMIRE IS THE TEACHER PICTURED WITH HER CLASS AROUND 1931.



CLASS OF 1967 ON SENIOR TRIP — Sam Balkum (back seat) and Larry Smith; Joe Pierce (middle seat), Vanda (Anderson) King, Wanda Anderson (sponsor) and Randy Walker; Terry (Baum) Rogers (front seat) and Mike Ingram.

## Memories Of Yesteryear Shared

By Peggy Koenig

This is a true story that happened back-in the mid forties. At that time

P.T.O. was called P.T.A. (Parent-Teachers Association) and we had very active membership, consisting of about 35 or 40 women.

A few of us decided to liven things up a bit by giving a "come as you are" breakfast. A place was selected for the party. Several ladies were chosen to secretly pick up the other members and deliver them to the appointed place. Mozelle Richardson and Maxine Crockett were two of the ones to do the dirty work. I cannot remember the others.

The idea was to catch the mothers after they had sent the children to school, but before they had time to dress for the day's activities. Any items that they put on or took off before leaving their home would cost them a fine of 5 or 10 cents.

The ladies were delivered one by one in an assortment of "morning dresses." Each added to the hilarity of the morning. There was one, could it have been Zora Mae, in a pretty little pink night gown? She apologized over an over because she did not have enough safety pins to close the rips in her gown. She only had seven safety pins!

Then came Rosa Lee all dressed and ready as usual. I do not know what she was wearing when the pick-up ladies arrived at her home, but she insisted on dressing completely from head to foot -- including hair and lipstick. That really cost her as the fines added up.

About mid-way through the breakfast some one yelled, "Here comes Mr. Kelley, our much respected school principal. He knocked on the door and when I opened it, he said, "I hear you are having a P.T.A. Breakfast, so I thought I would drop by." He was invited in, but I never knew whose face was more red -- his or ours. Well, needless to say, he did not linger very long over his coffee, but it was nice that he came by.

I do not remember how many attended our party, but we had a great time. Things like that are what "memories are made of."

I was one of the hostesses and at whose house the breakfast was served.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Vanda,

So that we won't be outdone by the Class of '58, here is a picture from our Senior trip. Do you remember? I had

forgotten even taking these pictures (obviously, I didn't take this one, since I am in it!)

Nancy found it among her stuff. Don't know if it will reproduce in the paper, but, if so, please feel free to use it -- otherwise, you might get a laugh

out of it.

Regards to you and all the folks back in C.P. Hoping to be there for Homecoming.

Larry Smith

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### ANNUAL STAFF NEWS

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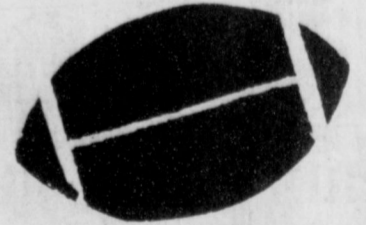
Unfortunately with time some traditions must change also. The football game will be held on Friday this year. Come and join old friends and classmates and help us make this the best Homecoming ever.

The scheduled events for the weekend are as follows:  
Friday, October 10, 1997

4:30 p.m. Pep Rally downtown

7:30 p.m. FOOTBALL GAME

Cross Plains Buffaloes vs Evant Elks



Saturday, October 11, 1997

9:00-11:00 a.m. Coffee & Registration Gymnasium Foyer  
Tour of Campus Facilities

11:00-11:30 a.m. Business Meeting-Gymnasium  
Classes Sectioned by Decades  
Election of Coming Home King & Queen  
Lunch in Lunchroom Sponsored by the  
Band Boosters

11:30-  
Parade Downtown (Coming Home King &  
Queen will be Honored)

2:00 p.m. Class Meetings

3:30 p.m. Coffee Gymnasium Foyer

8:00 p.m. Dance (Behind Treadway Park Weather  
Permitting) or Winfrey's Warehouse

We will take one candidate per decade for King and Queen nominations from the '20-'90's. Be thinking of who you would like to nominate. We will do this during the business meeting.

Ex-Student Association:

Greg Turner, President

Rusty Reed, Vice President

Debbie Tyler Reed, Secretary/Treasurer

Doris Rouse Goble, Invitations

Dannes Dickson Turner, Registration

Susan McNeel and Roxie McConal Thomas, Parade

Charlou Richardson Cowan, Class Meetings

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# PRESIDENT CLINTON'S LINE-ITEM VETO OF FARMER COOPERATIVE TAX PROVISION

By CHARLES STENHOLM

Obviously, I am very disappointed that the President chose to exercise his line-item veto on the provision of the tax bill that would facilitate the sale of agricultural processing and refining facilities to farmer cooperatives. I am particularly disappointed that this decision was apparently based on the incorrect impression that this provision was enacted in order to benefit one individual. This provision applies broadly and generally to the agricultural cooperative community. That is why this provision is supported by the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, the American Farm Bureau, the National Farmers Union, The Farm Credit Council, the National Grange and several commodity groups. I regret that political considerations have jeopardized a provision that will be extremely beneficial to the future of U.S. agricultural policy.

As the ranking member of the House Agriculture Committee and a long-time supporter of agricultural cooperatives, my motivation in advocating and cosponsoring this proposal has been the benefit that it would have for small farmers and ranchers facing an increasingly competitive marketplace. The real losers with this veto are the farmers who would have benefited if their cooperatives were able to purchase processing facilities. This provision will make it easier for farmers and ranchers to become involved in the value-added process through cooperatives. Refining and processing of commodities represents an ever increasing share of total profit in agriculture. Farm commodities represent less than 25 percent of the cost of the final product purchased by the consumer. It is imperative for the American

farmer to increase his ownership stake in processing and refining in order to survive in an increasingly competitive market.

Farmer cooperatives allow small farmers and ranchers to improve their bargain power and benefit from economies of scale. Strengthening farmer cooperatives will provide a counterweight to the increasing concentration of U.S. agriculture in large corporations. Few small farmers and ranchers would be able to compete against agricultural corporations without the increased leverage that cooperatives provide.

This provision makes sense both as a matter of tax policy as well. It is similar to the tax treatment available to the owners of businesses that sell to Employees Stock Ownership Plans (ESOPs). The provision granting preferential status to sales to ESOPs over twenty years ago has helped produce a tremendous increase in the number of ESOPs in this country. The growth of ESOPs, which allow workers to have a greater share in the profits resulting from their labors, has been extremely beneficial to working men and women. I believe this provision will have the same benefit for small farmers and ranchers.

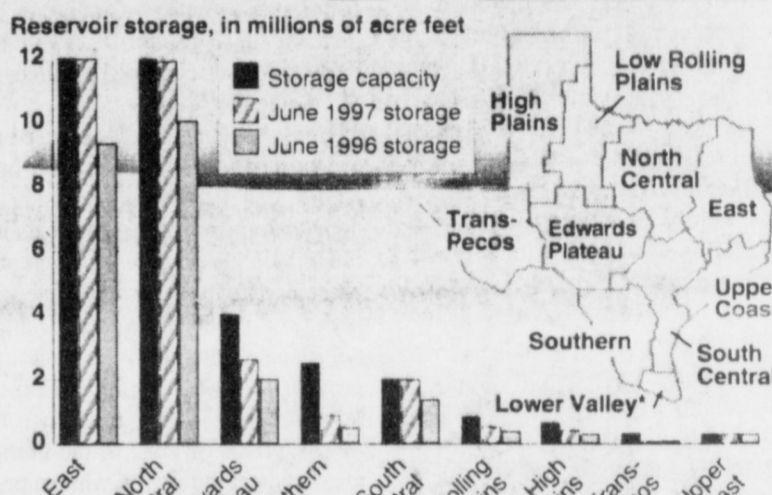
In intent to work extremely hard with other members who share my support for small farmers and ranchers to convince my colleagues in Congress to reverse the President's action. If this provision is preserved, I am confident that, ten years from now, we will all look back and see that this was one of the most beneficial actions that Congress took to help our farmers.

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# Abused Women Make Strides During the Legislative Session

AUSTIN—Women and children who are abused should be safer and may have greater protections as a result of state legislative changes this year according to the Texas Council on Family Violence.

"We got more money for direct services for abused women and their children, a new stalking law, and protective orders are now more accessible and enforceable," says Donna Medley, Executive Director of the Texas Council on Family Violence. "I'd call it a very productive session."

The Legislature increased funding for family violence shelters and for battering intervention and prevention programs. The Texas Department of Human Services' Family Violence Program, which will contract with 67 shelters across Texas beginning September 1, will receive \$2.3 million more per year during the 1998-99 biennium. With this increase an estimated 10,000 more women and children will receive services, such as emergency shelter, legal advocacy, emergency transportation and medical assistance, crisis counseling, child care and educational arrangements, housing assistance, and job information. In addition, new money is available for direct services like legal advocacy, crisis intervention, and job counseling provided by nonresidential family violence programs.

A \$389,048 biennial increase for the Battering Intervention and Prevention Project, administered by the Community Justice Assistance Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ), means more programs across the state will be able to intervene with perpetrators of family violence. However, even with this increase, only 4 percent of the reported family violence offenders in Texas will be reached.

Protective orders can be an effective tool to protect victims of family violence. Several changes were made to the protective order statutes intended to make them easier to obtain, more enforceable, and provide greater safety for abused women and their children. The bill, SB 1253, provides for the enforcement of out-of-state protective orders in Texas, directs law enforcement to recognize protective orders from other areas of the state when the victim presents a copy of the order, and clarifies that the abuser must stay away from a victim and prohibits stalking and threatening a victim protected under an order. If a protective order is in place against a batterer, it will be illegal to knowingly purchase, rent, lease, or receive as a loan or gift a handgun under the new law.

Three provisions were added to the Magistrate's Order for Emergency Protection, a new type of order (created in 1995) that is criminally enforceable as soon as it is issued and is available to victims the first time the perpetrator appears before a judge. The bill, SB 550, clarifies that victims are not required to be in court when the order is issued; specifies that the court must notify the victim that the order is in effect, if she's not in court when it is issued; and adds information about the order to the Victim Notification Card that law enforcement agencies are required to

distribute.

Civil legal services, such as divorces and custody hearings, are extremely important to abused women. Nearly half of the cases handled by legal services programs in Texas involve family violence and/or children in need of support. SB 1534, assesses additional court filing fees, so these funds can be distributed to nonprofit organizations to provide civil legal services to the indigent.

Family violence cannot be used as a factor when life insurance and health benefit providers issue or deny coverage or set rates as a result of HB 839. "While abused women in other parts of the country have experienced problems with insurance companies, this new law should prevent it from happening in Texas," says Medley.

Now, prison officials or the sheriff must contact the victim when a perpetrator convicted of a family violence offense, stalking or violating a protective order or a Magistrate's Order for Emergency Protection is released or escapes. The bill, HB 156, also requires TDCJ to notify local law enforcement officials of the escape or release of the perpetrator.

Victims of violent crime, including victims of family violence, will have more benefits and time to file a claim through the Crime Victims' Compensation Fund. HB 3062 also allows battered women, in certain circumstances, to file for loss of support payments, if a result of reporting a family violence crime is a loss of financial support for her or her children.

A new stalking law passed and took effect just 14 days (January 28, 1997) after the Legislature convened. SB 97 prohibits on more than one occasion, following; placing a person under surveillance; making threats; restraining; confining; or behavior or threats that cause the victim to fear immediate or future injury, death, or damage to property. The first conviction is a Class A misdemeanor, but the penalty is enhanced to a third degree felony for subsequent convictions.

"Despite these accomplishments, more work needs to be done," says Medley. "We'll be providing training and generating awareness about these new laws and monitoring their implementation, so we're ready to recommend changes when the Legislature convenes in January 1999." Family violence is one of the most common and least reported crimes in our state. In 1996 in Texas, 178,389 incidents of family violence were reported to law enforcement. That same year, 116 women were killed by their intimate male partners in Texas according to the Texas Department of Public Safety. This represents 38 percent of all women killed in Texas and is higher than the national average of 28 percent, reported by the FBI.

The Texas Council on Family Violence is a statewide nonprofit membership organization of family violence shelters, battering intervention and prevention programs, and concerned individuals working to end violence against women.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

SPECIAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 4, 1997

**PROPOSITION NO. 1 ON THE BALLOT**  
Senate Joint Resolution 36 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow a person to hold the position of municipal judge in more than one municipality.  
The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:  
"The constitutional amendment to allow a person who holds the office of municipal court judge to hold at the same time more than one civil office for which the person receives compensation."

**PROPOSITION NO. 2 ON THE BALLOT**  
Senate Joint Resolution 43 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to limit the maximum annual increase in homestead appraisals for each year since the most recent tax appraisal. The amendment would also permit the legislature to allow the governing body of a school district to elect to apply the law providing for the transfer of the age-65-and-older school property tax freeze to the person's new homestead, if the move to the new residence homestead occurred before the law took effect.  
The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:  
"The constitutional amendment to authorize the Legislature to limit increases in the appraised value of residence homesteads for ad valorem taxation and to permit a school district to calculate the school property tax freeze applicable to the residence homestead of an elderly person or the surviving spouse of an elderly person in accordance with the law authorizing the transfer of the school property tax freeze to a different homestead regardless of whether that law was in effect at the time the person established the person's homestead."

**PROPOSITION NO. 3 ON THE BALLOT**  
Senate Joint Resolution 45 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to authorize counties, cities, towns, and other local taxing entities to grant exemptions or other forms of ad valorem tax relief on property on which approved water conservation initiatives have been implemented.  
The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:  
"The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to permit a taxing unit to grant an exemption or other relief from ad valorem taxes on property on which a water conservation initiative has been implemented."

**PROPOSITION NO. 4 ON THE BALLOT**  
House Joint Resolution 104 proposes an amendment to update the Texas Constitution by deleting duplicate numbering in its provisions and removing certain of its obsolete portions.  
The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:  
"The constitutional amendment eliminating duplicate numbering in and certain obsolete provisions of the Texas Constitution."  
**PROPOSITION NO. 5 ON THE BALLOT**  
Senate Joint Resolution 19 proposes an amendment to allow the Supreme Court of Texas to hold sessions at any location in this state. Currently, the court is limited to holding sessions only at Austin, the seat of state government.  
The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:  
"The constitutional amendment authorizing the supreme court to sit to transact business at any location in this state."  
**PROPOSITION NO. 6 ON THE BALLOT**  
Senate Joint Resolution 39 proposes a constitutional amendment to repeal the current provision which provides that the board of the Texas Growth Fund may not invest money in a business unless the business has disclosed to the board whether it has any direct financial investment in or with South Africa or Namibia.  
The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:  
"The constitutional amendment allowing the Texas growth fund to continue to invest in businesses without requiring those businesses to disclose investments in South Africa or Namibia."  
**PROPOSITION NO. 7 ON THE BALLOT**  
Senate Joint Resolution 17 proposes a constitutional amendment to create the Texas Water Development Fund II as a fund separate and distinct from the Texas Water Development Fund. The amendment would authorize the Texas Water Development Board to administer the fund and issue general obligation bonds for purposes of the fund under guidelines set forth in the amendment.  
The amendment would also allow the Board to use loan repayments coming into the fund after the end of the fiscal year to make bond debt service payments, and would provide certain conditions for the flow of funds for repayment of Texas agricultural water conservation bonds.  
The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:  
"The constitutional amendment relating to the authorization to the Texas Water Development Board to transfer existing bond authorizations for water

supply, water quality, flood control, or state participation from one category of use to another category to maximize the use of existing funds and relating to more efficient operation of the bond programs."  
**PROPOSITION NO. 8 ON THE BALLOT**  
House Joint Resolution 31 proposes a constitutional amendment which would authorize home equity lending, in which a loan could be secured by a lien against the borrower's homestead. The amendment would also establish several provisions providing for consumer protection in the home equity lending process.  
The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:  
"The amendment to the Texas Constitution expanding the types of liens for home equity loans that a lender, with the homeowner's consent, may place against a homestead."

**PROPOSITION NO. 9 ON THE BALLOT**  
House Joint Resolution 96 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the legislature to authorize a property tax of five cents for each \$100 valuation in rural fire prevention districts which are located in Harris County. The constitution currently authorizes a property tax of three cents for each \$100 valuation in rural fire prevention districts regardless of what county they are in.  
The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:  
"The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to authorize an ad valorem tax rate in rural fire prevention districts located in Harris County of five cents on each \$100 of taxable value of property."

**PROPOSITION NO. 10 ON THE BALLOT**  
Senate Joint Resolution 33 proposes a constitutional amendment to permanently dedicate monies from the Texas (Crime Victims) Compensation Fund (and its auxiliary fund) so that they are used only for assisting victims of crime and not for any other purpose. If an episode of mass violence occurred, however, money from the funds could be used to assist victims of the mass violence if all other sources of authorized emergency assistance were depleted first.  
The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:  
"The constitutional amendment designating the purposes for which money in the compensation to victims of crime fund and the compensation to victims of crime auxiliary fund may be used."

**PROPOSITION NO. 11 ON THE BALLOT**  
House Joint Resolution 59 proposes a constitutional amendment to prohibit the Legislature from authorizing additional state debt payable from the general revenue fund if the resulting annual debt service (the amount needed each year to make payments) would exceed five percent of the annual general revenue available over the last three fiscal years, excluding revenues constitutionally dedicated for purposes other than payment of state debt.  
The term "additional state debt" does not include bonds that, although backed by the full faith and credit of the state, are reasonably expected to be paid from revenue sources other than the general revenue fund.  
The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:  
"The constitutional amendment limiting the amount of state debt payable from the general revenue fund."  
**PROPOSITION NO. 12 ON THE BALLOT**  
House Joint Resolution 55 proposes a constitutional amendment to provide that if the Texas Supreme Court does not act on a motion for a rehearing within 180 days of the motion's filing, the motion is denied.  
The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:  
"The constitutional amendment to establish a deadline for supreme court action on a motion for rehearing."  
**PROPOSITION NO. 13 ON THE BALLOT**  
House Joint Resolution 8 proposes a constitutional amendment to establish the Texas Tomorrow trust fund dedicated exclusively to the prepayment of tuition and fees for higher education. The amendment would guarantee that if there is not enough money during any fiscal year to pay the appropriate tuition and required fees, the needed money will be appropriated out of the first available money coming into the state treasury each fiscal year.  
The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:  
"The constitutional amendment to encourage persons to plan and save for young Texans' college education, to extend the full faith and credit of the state to protect the Texas tomorrow fund to prepay higher education tuition program, and to establish the Texas tomorrow fund as a constitutionally protected trust fund."  
**PROPOSITION NO. 14 ON THE BALLOT**  
House Joint Resolution 83 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to set the official qualifications for constables.  
The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:  
"The constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to prescribe the qualifications of constables."  
*Estas son las informaciones explanaatorias sobre las enmiendas propuestas a la constitucion que apareceran en la boleta el 4 de noviembre de 1997. Si usted no ha recibido esta informacion en su correo, podra obtener una gratis por llamada al 1/800/252/8683 o por escrito al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, Texas 78711.*

# Nasal flu vaccine effective and safe

HOUSTON—A nasal influenza spray is safe and effective in preventing flu in children, say researchers at Baylor college of Medicine in Houston and nine other U.S. sites.

The result is a breakthrough in the battle to immunize children against flu without the fear or pain of a shot. Only one percent of the 1,070 children who received the nasal vaccine in the national trials developed culture-confirmed influenza during last year's flu season versus 18 percent of the 532 same-age children who received placebos.

"This spray could well have widespread public-health implications," said Dr. Pedro A. Piedra, a pediatrician in Baylor's Influenza Research Center and an attending physician at Texas Children's Hospital, also in Houston.

"We recognize that children are major carriers of flu," he said. "Every year influenza sweeps through schools, and the children take it home to their parents." Because this new vaccine is more

easily administered, it could help control flu in school-age populations and thus control it in the adult population, Piedra said.

The large field trial enrolled 1,602 children from 15 months of age to 6 years. The Baylor portion of the trial was conducted primarily at Houston-area Kelsey-Scybold clinics.

The study targeted healthy young children because they experience the highest incidence of influenza and are an important source of its spread. Most children have had flu two or three times by the age of 5.

The new vaccine, made from weakened virus, cannot cause influenza. It is designed to stimulate antibodies in the upper airways that protect against naturally acquired infection. Influenza affects as many as 50 million people a year in the U.S., mostly between late fall and early spring. More than 20,000 people, most of them elderly, die annually from flu and its complications, and an estimated \$4.6 billion is spent each year on direct medical costs related to flu.

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# Big Country Havoc Needs Sponsors

By BEATRICE INGRAM

Big Country Havoc is an 18 and under fast pitch tournament team. The team is made up of girls from all over this county. Big Country Havoc is registered with A.S.A. and A.F.A. Associations. This team will be competing in tournaments with national level teams. This will be a great opportunity for these young women to be seen by many college scouts at tournaments all over Texas.

In order for these young ladies to compete at this level they need good sponsors. This would help cover the funds necessary for equipment, uniforms, travel expenses, entry fees, meals and motel rooms. To receive

sponsors would help the team to focus on the game and not on how to pay for the trip.

You won't meet a harder working, nicer group of 18 and under girls than "Big Country Havoc." These young ladies are working hard to earn a spot for themselves. Won't you consider sponsoring this team. Big Country Havoc would like to thank Wilks Masonry, Eastland and Breckenridge Wal-Mart, Brookshire and Sonic for all their contributions.

For future team try outs and sponsor/donation information call Joel Prickett at (254) 442-4095.

Good luck Big Country Havoc at your next tournament in Austin October 4-5.