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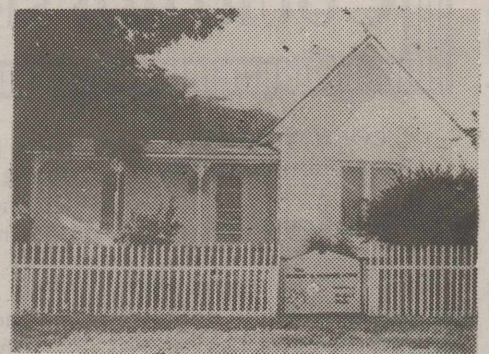
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DOWN HOME

EDITOR'S NOTE: Robert E. (Bobby) Lee sent me his feelings about the September 11, 2001 tragedy and the anniversary of the event seemed an appropriate time to publish it. This is a day that will never be forgotten in the history of the U.S.A. Let's all pay tribute to those who died and to the heroes born that tragic day. This day proved to be a wake-up call for Americans that we never take for granted our wonderful freedoms. Remember to attend the City Wide Worship Service at the First Baptist Church on September 11 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Vanda Anderson Creech

"Meet Me In the Stairwell"

By Robert (Bobby) Lee

You say you will never forget where you were when you heard the news on September 11, 2001. Neither will I.

I was on the 110th floor in a smoked-filled room with a man who called his wife to say, "Good-bye." I held his fingers steady as he dialed. I gave him the peace to say, "Honey, I am not going to make it, but it is O.K...I am ready to go."

I was with his wife, when he called, as she fed breakfast to their children. I held her up as she tried to understand his words and as she realized he wasn't coming home that night.

I was in the stairwell of the 23rd floor when a woman cried out to me for help. "I have been knocking on the door to your heart for 50 years!" I said, "of course I will show you the way home---only believe in Me now."

I was at the base of the buildings with the priest administering to the injured and devastated souls. I took him home to tend to his flock in heaven. He heard by voice and answered.

I was on all four of those planes, in every seat, with ever prayer. I was with the crew as they were overtaken. I was in the very hearts of the believers there, comforting and assuring them that their faith had saved them.

I was in Texas, Kansas and London. I was standing next to you when you heard the terrible news. Did you sense Me????

I want you to know that I saw every face. I knew every name---though not all know Me. Some met Me the first time on the 86th floor.

Some sought Me with their last breathe.

Some couldn't hear Me calling them through the smoke and flames, "Come to Me...this way...take My hand."

Some chose, for the final time, to ignore Me.

But, I was there. I did not place you in that tower that day. You may not know why, but I do. However, if you were there in that explosive moment in time, would you have reached for Me??

September 11, 2001 was not the end of the journey for you. But, someday your journey will end. And, I will be here for you as well. Seek Me now while I may be found. Then, at My moment you know you are "ready to go".

"I will be in the stairwell of your final moment," God.

City Wide Worship Service Set for Sept. 11

On September 11, there will be a Community Wide Worship Service for those who wish to remember and honor the victims of September 11.

The worship service is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church with many of the

churches and ministers from the community of Cross Plains and surrounding area involved.

It is hoped that you will be able to attend and be a part of this event, as we honor the lives of those who died on September 11, and remember the families that lost loved ones on that day.

Applications Taken For Helping Hearts and Hands

Cross Plains Area Housing Initiative has announced plans are underway for their annual project, Helping Hearts and Hands.

Applications are available now and the deadline for filing an application for assistance is October 1, 2002. Funds raised from the chili supper to be held September 17, will be used to purchase supplies and materials. Labor is donated. There will be NO COST to any person selected for assistance under this program.

Services to be provided will be for minor repairs (jobs that take

one day or less to complete), window washing, spring cleaning or whatever you might need. No job is too small, but some may be too big. If you wish to apply for these services, contact Kathy Anderson at (254) 725-6654 and she will be glad to assist you in completing the application.

In addition to accepting applications for assistance, CPAHI is also looking for volunteers to provide the labor for these projects. If you are interested in donating some time to help your neighbor, please see Bob Pipes, Bryan Bennett or Walter Thomason.

Kiwanis Charity Golf Tournament To Be Held

On Saturday, September 21st, the Kiwanis Club of Cross Plains will be holding a charity golf tournament at Rolling Oaks Golf Club in Rising Star. All proceeds will benefit the Children's Miracle Network and local Kiwanis projects.

The tournament is a 3-person best ball scramble. The cost is \$40 per person (does not include cart). Cart rental is available at the course for \$9 per person or bring your own cart.

The \$40 fee includes all of the following:

- *Eligibility for all hole-in-one prizes

- *Eligibility for closest to the pin prize

- *Eligibility for longest drive prize

- *One mulligan per player (3 max. per team)

- *Free food and soft drinks.

Cash prizes will be given for first and second place (other prizes possible based on number of entries). There will also be a \$10,000 hole-in-one prize.

Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a shotgun start at 10:00 a.m. Rolling Oaks Golf Club is 2 miles west of Rising Star on Highway 36. For information call Rolling Oaks at (254) 643-4563.

Services Held for Rev. Knox Waggoner

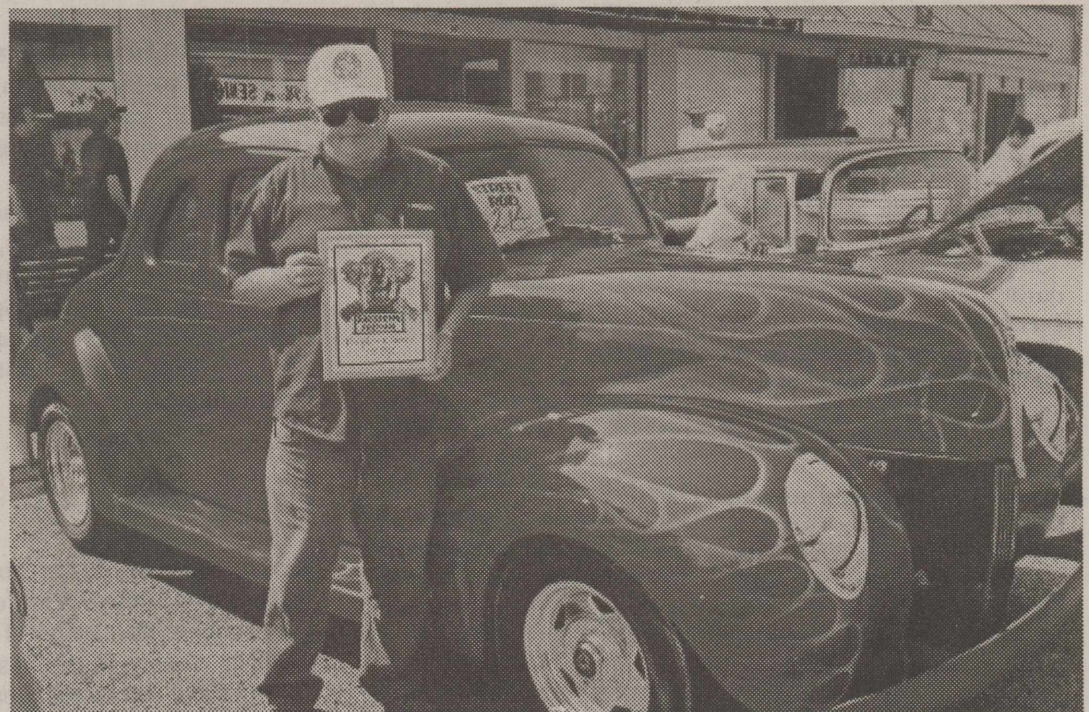
Reverend James Knox Waggoner, of Clyde, went to be with our Lord Thursday, August 29, 2002, at Hendrick Medical Center. He lived 71 fulfilled years as a loving husband, father, grandfather, pastor, businessman and sports enthusiast. His love of the Lord and love for others were evident in every aspect of his life.

Services were held Saturday, August 31, at 3:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Clyde. The Rev. Riley Fugitt officiated, assisted by Mickey Fugitt and the Rev. Jerry Joplin. Services were under the direction of Parker Funeral Home of Baird.

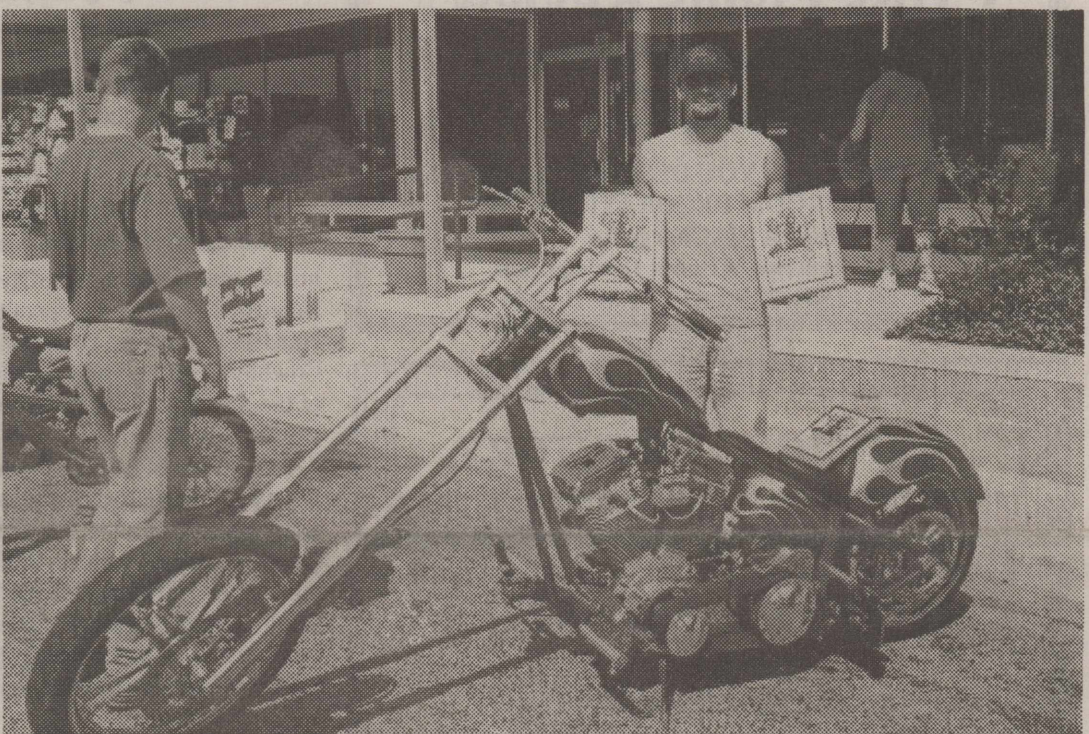
Born on March 23, 1931 in Baird, Texas to Alonzo "Jack" and Nona Waggoner, he attended Clyde and Baird schools, graduating from Baird High School in 1948. He then served in the U.S. Navy as a submariner aboard the U.S.S. Clamagore. On May 6, 1954, he married the love of his life, Wenona Meredith of Baird,

and shared 48 blessed years with her. He attended Hardin-Simmons University receiving his bachelor's degree in 1958. His bi-vocational career included Lone Star Gas Company, Child Protective Services and Commercial Credit before he established his own insurance business, Insurance and More, which has served the Clyde community for many years. His career as a pastor included 13 years at Denton Valley First Baptist Church, two years at West Side Baptist Church in Abilene, and 26 years at Cottonwood First Baptist Church. He had left retirement and was presently pastor once again at Denton Valley First Baptist Church. He had lived in Clyde since 1961.

Rev. Waggoner generously gave of his time and love. His many contributions to the community and church include serving as past president of the



CAR SHOW PEOPLE'S CHOICE—Garry Davis, Comanche



MOTORCYCLE BEST OF SHOW—Cody Childress, Abilene

BARBARIAN FESTIVAL Bigger and Better in 2002

The 2002 Barbarian Festival is history! It was a success even with the competition we had in Brady and at the lake, since this was the last "official" holiday of summer. Remember, the 5th Annual Barbarian Festival will be held during the same weekend as Robert E. Howard Days, June 14, 2003. Mark your calendars so you can join in the fun.

See if your picture shows up inside this issue as Vanda Creech and Ginny Hoskins took a bunch of pictures.

I want to thank those who helped make this year's festival possible. The volunteers, sponsors and donors are all appreciated and listed below. THANKS TO ALL OF YOU!

Sponsors: 36 West Motel; Barr Fabrication; Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce; Cross Plains Frozen Food Locker; Cross Plains Grain and Peanut; Food Plaza; Greenwood Agency; Higginbotham Building Centers; Mike and Ed's Smokehouse; Palace Drug; Richeson Companies (Dairy Queen); Rolling Oaks Gold Club; Taste of Texas; Texas Heritage Bank; and Village Market.

Donors: Patsy Harelick; Alton and Joan McCowen; Bobby Hinkle; Wayne and Bernice Smelly; Cross Plains Petroleum, Inc.; Dale Mitchell Building; Johnson's Dry Goods; Lawrence Farm and Ranch Supply, Inc.;

Cross Plains Review; Coyote Flat Bargain Barn; Ray Purvis; and Tim's Floral.

Volunteers: Charlene Fleming and Key Club Members - Rebecca Isbell, Claudia Rameriz, Amanda Rivard, Dani Rivard, Cole Koenig, Kevin Scott, Nathan Joy, Garrett Stephens, Marian Reed, and Remington Odell.

Other volunteers: Delmer and Sharon Pope, Tonya Spelbring, Betty Mathews and Robert Floyd.

Girl Scout Bed Raffle Salespersons: Brittany Stout - Winner - selling 38 tickets; Emily Harris - 20 tickets; Christi Burrhus - 10 tickets; Krista Phillips - 10 tickets; Hailey Biggs - 3 tickets.

Domino Tournament: Hollis Shults, Jr. and Cherry Shults, Alton and Joan McCowen.

Texas Army National Guard, Abilene --Sgt. Jerry Biggerstaff, Jr. and six fellow guardsmen Cross Plains EMS Deputy Sheriff Mark Goetz Merchants of Cross Plains.

WINNERS LIST: Ribbon Winners - Parade Decoration

Red Hat Society - Brownwood Maxine Tongate - Queen Mother

Parade - Wheels

1. Tony Skidmore

2. Austin Walker

3. Children of Aubrey and Kala Stout - Conan and Prisoners

Parade - Other

1. Callahan County Riding Club

2. C&J Miniature Horses

Hula Hoop Contest

1. Shasa Draper

2. Kathleen Terstegge

3. Brittany Stout

Motorcycle Show

Best of Show - Cody Childress, Abilene

People's Choice - Shawn Oxley, Cedar Hill

Car Show

Best of Show - Mike McClure, Cross Plains

People's Choice - Garry Davis, Comanche

Truck - Dan and Suzie Moore, Lake Brownwood

Antique - Bill Cantrell, Comanche

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Varsity vs. Winters
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8:00 P.M.
Home

J.V. vs. Winters
September 5, 2002
7:30 P.M.
Winters

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT
Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Luis A. Zuniga, driving while intoxicated (DWI).
Craig L. Miner, DWI.
Rickey L. Dukes, deadly conduct.
David C. Fuson, DWI.
Brian D. Casey, theft of property by check.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Augustine Leal, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Eastland Co. granted.
Johnie Smedley, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, 6 month probation, \$50 fine, \$293 court costs, \$85.18 restitution.
Johnie Smedley, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Dallas Co. granted.
Dana Bailey, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, 1 year probation, \$50 fine, \$267.25 court costs, \$1159.59 restitution.
Gerald Brown, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, 6 month probation, \$50 fine, \$292.25 court costs, \$65 restitution.
Susan Fleshman, motion to revoke probation granted.
Shawn P. Spinks, motion to

revoke probation granted.
Andre Allen, Jr., order discharging defendant from misdemeanor probation granted.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Michael Vernon Hargrove, Jr. and Raylynn Stephenson Hargrove, divorce.
Eddie Lawayne Rose, Jr. and Anita Jean Rose, divorce.

Civil Minutes

Michael Winfrey and wife, Staci Winfrey vs. Nationwide Property & Casualty Insurance Company, order of dismissal with prejudice granted.

Tiffany Dawn Nelson and Shane Dale Nelson, divorce granted.

Bank One, N.A. vs. Gerald Holcomb, agreed judgment, plaintiff to recover from the defendant the sum of \$24,718.15 granted.

Gayla Jane Covington and David Sirance Covington, divorce granted.

Criminal Minutes

Scott Tony Chavarria, plea of guilty to DWI, 4 years in prison.

OBITUARIES

Fay Jean Kendrick

Fay Jean Kendrick, 86, a retired elementary school teacher, died Tuesday, August 13, 2002, in Kerrville.

Funeral services were held on Friday, August 16, at the Southside Church of Christ in Mineral Wells. Burial was in the Cox Cemetery in Parker County, near Millsap, Texas.

Mrs. Kendrick was born September 11, 1915, in Millsap, the daughter of Marshall Lee and Janie Eliza Cox Byrd. She taught school for 27 years in Dennis, Millsap, Mineral Wells and Santo.

Survivors include her husband, John B. Kendrick; a daughter, Jo Ann Robinson; grandchildren, Kelli Linn Hendrickson and Specialist Brian Jay Robinson; and great-granddaughter, Tristan Jacob Robinson.

Ralph E. Erwin

Ralph E. Erwin, 72, of Hobbs, New Mexico, passed away September 1, 2002, in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 4, 2002, at First United Methodist Church with the Rev. T. Todd Dyess officiating. Burial was in Prairie Haven Memorial Park Cemetery.

Ralph was born March 24, 1930. He married Faye Caskey Erwin on April 17, 1993 in Hobbs, New Mexico.

Mr. Erwin moved to Hobbs, New Mexico in 1951 from Lubbock. He owned Reeco Well Service from 1975 until present time.

He was a Mason and Shriner, a member of the Hobbs Bass Club, Hobbs Moose Lodge #2084, enjoyed hunting, fishing and gardening. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include his wife, Faye Erwin of the home; two sons, Dickie Lee Erwin and Ron Edwin Erwin, both of Austin; three daughters, Donna Ree Adams of Lubbock, Belinda Jean Sharp of Hobbs, New Mexico and Denise Monk-Simmons of New Orleans, Louisiana; two sisters, Louise Foster of Cross Plains and Annette Ege of Smithville; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his second wife, Dolores Church Erwin.

Irene Heath

Irene Heath, 90, of Lampasas and formerly of Clyde and Cross Plains, died Sunday, August 25, 2002, at a Lampasas hospital. Graveside services were held Wednesday, August 28, 2002, at the Clyde Cemetery with the Rev. Sam Crosby officiating, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Mrs. Heath was born July 17, 1912 to Osco and Cora Thorn Flannagan. She attended school in Abilene, where she graduated as valedictorian of Abilene High School in 1928. She was the widow of James Emmet Heath who she married March 1, 1943 in San Antonio. She worked 16 years in logistics at Dyess Air Force Base, retiring in 1972. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Lometa.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews including Jerry Siewert of Abilene, Mary Ellen Glover of Tioga, James Plunkett of San Antonio and Diane Elrod of Haltom City.

Waggoner

Kiwanis Club of Clyde, board member of the Belle Plains Cemetery Association, member of the Callahan County Baptist Association, and executive board member of the Southern Baptist Texas General Convention. He received great joy from working with and encouraging our youth. He was a founding member and instrumental fund-raiser for the Clyde Community Park Board, past president of the Clyde Athletic Boosters, member of the China Spring Athletic Boosters, announcer for the Clyde Bulldogs Football and Softball teams each home game, member of the Clyde Board of Trustees, member of the Hardin-Simmons University Cowboy Club, and past member of the Abilene Christian University Wildcat Club.

As the pastor of the Cottonwood Baptist Church, Rev. Waggoner was well respected in the Cross Plains area and will be dearly missed. He officiated at many, many former resident's funeral services and provided wonderful words of comfort to their families.

Survivors include his wife, Wenona Waggoner of Clyde; a son, Butch Waggoner and his wife, Sharon, of China Spring; one brother, Charles Waggoner of Cottonwood; three sisters, Fannie Carver of Baird, Shirley Hughes of Colorado City, and Doris Brown of Baird; three grandchildren, Brian Waggoner and wife, Dee Dee of Albany, Dr. Bradley Waggoner and wife, Halle, of Little Rock, Arkansas, and Brooke Martel and husband, Eric, of The Colony; and countless others who have been touched and influenced by his life.

Pallbearers were Brian Waggoner, Bradley Waggoner, Eric Martel, Harold Hicks, Marc Case and Ron Meredith. Honorable pallbearers were the Clyde CISD Board of Trustees.

Memorials may be made to Hardin-Simmons University Cowboy Club or the Clyde Athletic Boosters.

Dressy School Reunion Planned for October 5

The annual Dressy School Reunion is scheduled for October 5 beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Multi-Purpose Center on 1st Street.

All ex-students, teachers, and anyone interested are encouraged to attend. You may call Tommie Harris at (254) 725-7254 for further information.

Cross Plains Review
Deadlines
Ads Noon on Tuesday
Articles Noon on Monday

Revival Coming to First United Methodist

Howard Family from Gorman. The Howard Family is a group of singers who know how to sing those old time Gospel hymns, as they did at the Robert E. Howard Festival in Cross Plains. Many of you heard them and marveled at the talent they displayed.

This 3-day Revival will touch your hearts and souls. They hope you will come and join us at First United Methodist Church, Cross Plains on September 8-10 at 6:30 p.m.

If you want to hear great preach-

ing from an old hometown boy and hear inspirational Gospel singing, come to First United Methodist Church in Cross Plains for a wonderful spirit-filled Revival, September 8-10, Sunday through Tuesday starting 6:30 p.m.

Leading the revival will be the preaching of Victor Pena! Victor is a longtime resident of the area and the pastor of First United Methodist Church in Gorman.

The singing will be led by the

Cross Timbers Rally Monday, September 9

Highland Baptist Church in Sweetwater will host the Cross Timbers Southern Baptist Association Rally on Monday, September 9th.

An information meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. Supper will be served at 6 p.m. and the evening program will commence at 7 p.m.

Robert Haynie of Lubbock will be bringing the special music.

The guest speaker for the evening will be Larry Taylor, a Southern Baptist evangelist from Bandera.

Highland pastor, Keith Clower, invites you to come hear Bro. Taylor's dynamic preaching.

For more information concerning Cross Timbers Southern Baptist Association, contact Dwaine Clower at (254) 725-7574.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

"Whatever Became of Don Beeler?"

I'm sure that sports enthusiasts, especially football fans, in Cross Plains must ask themselves almost daily...where is Don? He has been sighted in the small town of Ponder, where he holds court almost every morning at "Bev's", the local coffee shop and fount of knowledge, probably similar to the Dairy Queen in Cross Plains. We have really heard some stories from the "edge"--most of which supposedly happened in your fair community.

Does anyone in Cross Plains know of a now deceased dog named "Wally" and if you know of such a dog, could he really predict the scores of football games? Please explain what is purported to be the last scat from Wally. Why Don has this memento is still a mystery. Maybe some reader can help clear this up?

Don also has this fixation on the "UT Longhorns", the poor guy seems to seriously believe they will beat the Aggies and be National Champions. Obviously if they beat the Aggies, they will

be National Champs. Oh, by the way, while we are on this tender subject, it is rumored that Don has a grandson who is bound for A&M. This might be why he left Cross Plains to avoid the embarrassment.

Last, but not least, is this story I wish someone could confirm for us here at Bev's. Don tells of a football game he attended at Tarleton State in the early 60's. He swears that a reserve fullback was called into the game in the last minute of the fourth quarter, fourth and goal, ball on the five yardline. The quarterback handed him the ball up the middle and when the dust settled the goal line had been crossed and the mighty fullback lay unconscious on the ground at the foot of the goal post that was bent almost in a "C" shape. He still had the football clutched to his chest. They took him to the emergency room where he woke up an hour later, still gripping the ball. Can anyone in Cross Plains verify this story?

Sincerely,

Phillip Henderson
P.O. Box 177
Ponder, Texas 76259

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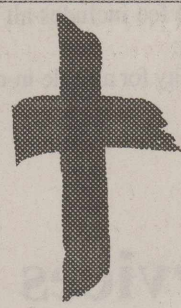
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7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting

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RIISING STAR NURSING CENTER

BY MACK WATSON-BUSH

Though many say they see it not, portents of autumn enter these eyes and wistful melancholia pours through the spirit. Early morning dew covers all and the fog wanders about the countryside around us all; shadows of you, of me and of days gone by. Like a child anticipating the candy through the glass of the confection shop, this longs for the cool breezes that he knows will surely drift his way. Alas, this moment will stay in the heart.

Foremost, apologies to Angela Morrow. Angela, too, has began her training in LVN school in Brownwood and was omitted here last week. Angela has done a great job at the center and we wish her the best of luck.

Resident Ellie Elliott has returned home. Welcome Ellie. The Labor Day weekend saw many visitors here at the center and the residents enjoyed that very much. A handful left with family and friends for a few days as well. The patio/porch sale was a success and quite a stipend was collected

for the residents' fund. Debra, Linda and Johnnie did a fine job coordinating the event. The funds raised will be used for Christmas, possible field trips, and various craft enterprises. We want to thank all those who contributed their time, baked good, donated items and efforts in helping us. Sincere thanks from the staff and residents to all of you.

Lydia Nixon, daughter of employee Mary Nixon, has been volunteering at the center. We are so glad to have her and appreciate her. Thanks Lydia.

Destinee, the great-great-granddaughter of resident Bulah Ferguson, is doing well as of this writing. Her parents are Daniel and Tonya Cooper of Morgan. The proud great-grandmother is Kitty Propest of Cross Plains. Congratulations Kitty.

Please keep our friend Willie Royster in your thoughts and prayers. Willie has been a good friend to many in this community and we miss him. Get well soon Willie.

BURKETT NEWS

BY LOVERA STRICKLAND

The Burkett Baptist Church hosted a 92nd birthday party for Mrs. Willie Phillips Saturday afternoon, August 24th. Addie Walker made the birthday cake that was decorated with yellow roses, and others provided finger food for snacks. Miss Willie enjoyed playing 42 with her friends. Those attending the celebration were: James and Sara Stout; Laura Dean, Chance and Ian; Bro. and Mrs. Price; Bill and Addie Walker, Ryan and Jory; Andrew Walker; Hazel Campbell; Lydia and Wayne Hanson; Daniel and Mary; Shirley Hunter; and Lovera Strickland. Everyone enjoyed Miss Willie's birthday party.

Visitors in Lovera Strickland's home were Jackie Strickland of Somerville, Mark, Marsha, Jon and Matt Turney of Santa Anna, Bill Strickland, Eddie Strickland and Shirley Hunter.

Linda Brady, secretary-treasurer of the Burkett-Adams Cemeteries, reports more donations: Dorothy Odom \$15; Dumas Beeler \$20; Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Williams \$25; Mike and Linda Brady (In Memory of Joe Hanke, Jr.) \$20; Joan Fisher \$30; Russell Gould \$40; Era Lee Hanke \$40; W.C. Henderson \$100; Phil Cowan \$100; Roy and Lela Young \$100; Estelle Nielson (In Memory of Harry and Edith McFerren and Patsy McFerren Hicks) \$25; James Young Love \$30; Verda Odom (In Memory of Elsie Porter) \$20; Al and Jackie Godwin \$25; Bruce and Ginger Adams (In Memory of Tammy McDorman) \$20; Tommy Mac Connelly \$25; John Stovall \$50; Mrs. Melvin Jones \$25; and Neal and Tedra Ulmer \$100. The Burkett-Adams Cemetery Board wishes to thank each one for their generous donations.

COTTONWOOD NEWS

BY WALLACE BENNETT

Knox Waggoner Buried at Clyde

Relatives and friends in Cottonwood are saddened over the death last Thursday of Knox Waggoner, former longtime pastor of the Cottonwood Baptist Church. Rev. Waggoner served as the Cottonwood pastor for almost 26 years. He was buried in Clyde, where he made his home. (See a complete obituary on Page 1 of this edition of the *Cross Plains Review*.)

Glynn Nickerson of San Antonio paid a brief visit to his mother, Dena Nickerson, last Saturday while en route to attend Rev. Waggoner's funeral service.

Wendel Draper Wins "Name the Buffalo" Contest
Cottonwood's own Wendel Draper submitted the winning suggestion of "Tatonka" for the name of the Cross Plains Buffalo, a statue standing near the fountain in the Cross Plains park adjacent to the City Hall.

Tatonka is a Sioux word for buffalo and Wendel was very excited about winning the contest, according to his wife, Jean. "I couldn't believe he was going to submit a name for the contest in the first place," said Jean. "Then I couldn't believe he won the contest." But Wendel believed he could, and did. Congratulations Wendel.

Cottonwood Cemetery Consolidates Property Along Street

In an agreement with Roger Hinkle to exchange acreage along Center Street in Cottonwood, the Cottonwood Historical Association has consolidated its property for an addition to the new cemetery. The exchange was a win-win situation for both parties, according to Albert Lovell, President of the Association. Mr. Hinkle received a little more acreage in the exchange and the Historical Association received more frontage along Center Street to provide better access for the cemetery.

Cottonwood Historical Quilt Gets 3rd Place at Quilt Show

The Cottonwood Historical Quilt won 3rd Place as an entry in the Viewer's Choice Awards category in the Cross Plains Quilt Show last Saturday. The quilt is unique in that it depicts pictorial scenes of old Cottonwood, such as the Post Office, School Building, and the Methodist Episcopal Church South. The quilt was produced several years ago by the Cottonwood Quilting Club and auctioned off as a fund-raiser. It was won by Mrs. Hugh Purvis who donated the quilt to the Cottonwood Community as an object of historical memorabilia.

The show was part of the annual Barbarian Festival in Cross Plains and displayed over 90 quilts submitted by individuals from the surrounding areas. Several of the other entries were submitted by Cottonwood quilters.

LIBRARY NOTES

AUGUST 19-30

Whew! Were you on the highways over Labor Day weekend? The highways through our town were seething. Now is a good time to settle in with some good books. And the Cross Plains Public Library is the place to come. If we don't have what you want, we can get it through Interlibrary Loan. Parents, encourage your children to get the library habit. Start them in LAP, the preschool program. They'll love it. We'll be

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QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

BY KAY MOSLEY

Note: Flowers of the month for September are: Asters and Morning Glories.

REMEMBER PLEASE: The Cross Plains Garden Club will hold their first meeting of the season on Friday, September 13, at the Multi-Purpose Center at 2:00 p.m.

"Mama Tried to Raise Me Better"

Traditionally, most mothers in the 40's and 50's, when I was a young girl, customarily taught their daughters to cook, clean and sew. What can I say? But....."Mama tried, Mama tried." She had great success with my sister Ann. As for myself, well-I-llllll...that was a totally different saga. As far as the cooking, I loved that. House cleaning...is not my cup of tea. As for the sewing...hm-m-mm-mm...well-ll-llll. I could take it or leave it. Mostly leave it was my choice. The sewing machine made me nervous! Everything I sewed was crooked and I had to take out the stitches and try it again. Then, when I finally got it all sewed up, no matter what it was, it always wound up looking like a night gown! Really!!!

Two things Mama tried to teach me and I never could do was cook with an apron on and sew using a

thimble. And...I still don't cook in an apron, nor do I sew with a thimble.

I do very little sewing even yet. I gave my sewing machine to my daughter back in 1992. I like to put in hems by hand and embroidery; though I used to enjoy making button holes by hand. It's been so long since I did that, it's very doubtful I could do them now with any success and without practice.

So my solution to that was to work outside the home and buy my little girls and boys clothes already made. Of course, I couldn't go to work looking like I was wearing a night gown, so I had to buy me some clothes, too.

You gotta believe though, I still like to cook. Several dishes that I make were and are favorites of my children, their friends, and my relatives and friends. These include deli-style potato salad, creamy chicken and rice casserole, tropical chicken and rice, fried chicken, enchiladas (Santa Fe style), homemade crunch breaded potatoes with rosemary, oven baked 6 hour great northern beans, cherry-chocolate and marshmallow delight, cottage pudding (cold-bread), butter roll deep dish pie, chicken and dumplings and noodle salad with sour cream.

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By Bob Pipes
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I'm sure you've heard the saying, "What you don't know won't hurt you." That may be true in some respects but I believe it's what you don't know that will hurt you more often than not!

Whoever lifted the three words, "Ignorance is bliss," from Thomas Gray's poem, "The Bard," missed the context. If you take the complete phrase, "Where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise," an entirely different meaning arises. I'm sure there are times when it's best not to know all the facts, but we must not let that lead us to believe that in every case -- or even in most cases -- "what you don't know won't hurt you." Try applying that to not knowing the speed limit is fifty-five miles per hour when the highway patrolman "takes your picture" doing seventy. Or try telling the judge, "What you don't know won't hurt you."

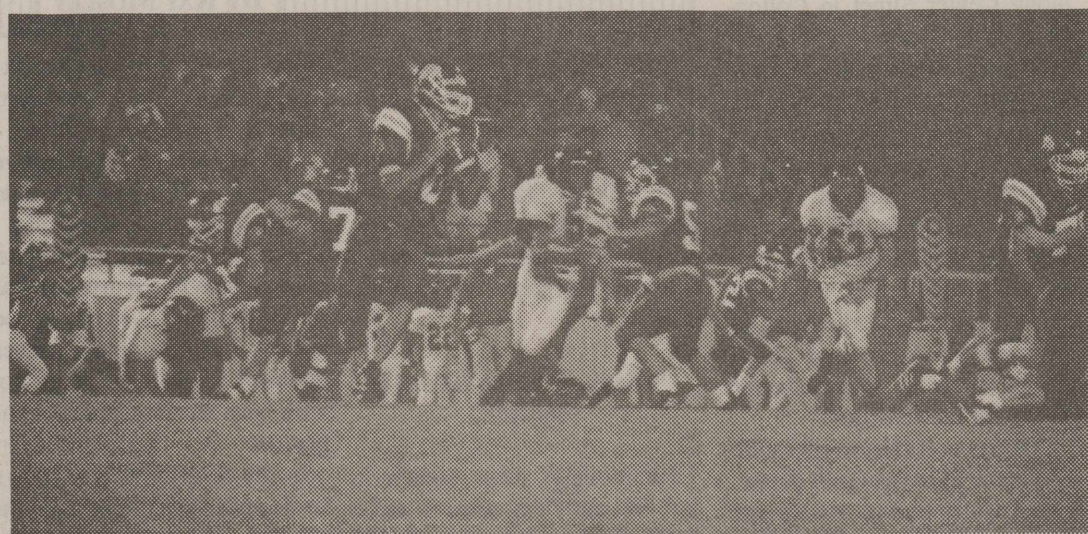
What's really serious is that it seems this idea is applied to religion in so many ways and in so many areas. So many rush ahead toward eternity uneducated in regard to the Bible as if "what you don't know won't hurt you." I hear the apostle Paul telling some people in Athens who were ignorantly worshipping many false gods: "In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now He commands all people everywhere to repent. For He has set a day when He will judge the world with justice by the Man He has appointed and He has given proof of this to all men by raising Him from the dead," Acts 17:30-31.

Let us not wait to learn what we really need to know. What we don't know may very well hurt us!

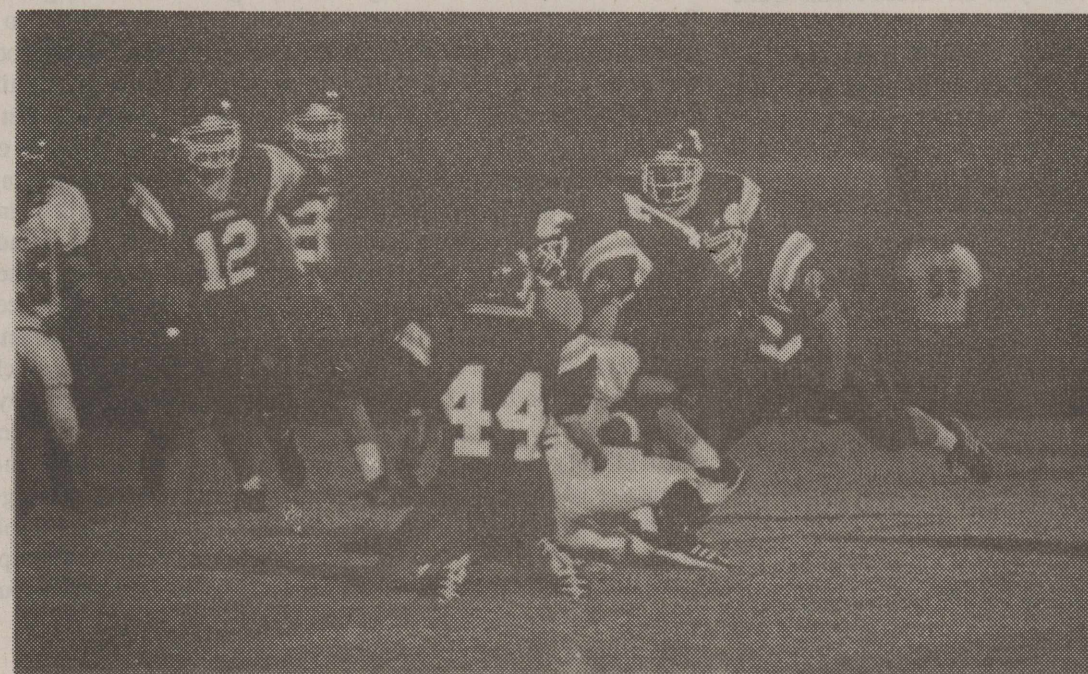
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BUFFALO QUARTERBACK DUSTY DICKSON PREPARES TO PASS



BUFFALOES SCRAMBLE FOR THE PIG SKIN

Buffaloes Open Their 2002 Football Season

The Buffaloes fought a tough battle as they lost the home opener to Robert Lee 40-0. The Buffs are starting the season with several new faces in the line up. The Quarterback position is being split between two juniors, Russell Allen and Dusty Dickson. There are also many new faces that are carrying the load at running back. These include: senior Colby Barton and Michael Allen. Senior Dusty Purvis and Junior Jose Mauricio both Return as Running Backs.

Lewis, Chris Sliger and Troy Westbrook. The junior lineman include Casey Pack, Jared Wooten, Sammy Gardner and Dustin Snell. The sophomore lineman include: Brenton McNutt and Aaron Isbell. The receivers include retuning senior Chris Harris, Juniors Andy Bennett, Marcus Williams and Randy Duncan. The sophomores include Thomas Dimitri. The offensive line is lead by six seniors Kevin Scott, Cole Koenig, Remington O'Dell, Aaron

Buff's have been working hard and learning each day.

INDIVIDUAL STATS

RUSHING:

Colby Barton 9-27
Dusty Purvis 14-93
Michael Allen 11-8
Dusty Dickson 7-16
Russell Allen 2-2
Jose Mauricio 2-20,
Chris Harris 1-2

PASSING:

Russell Allen 0-3-2/0
Dusty Dickson 1-4-2/-4

RECEIVING:

Dusty Purvis 1-(-4)

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

August 27, 2002

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a called meeting with the following members present: Vicki Dillard, Donnie Dillard, Byran Bennett, Jim Cook, Monty Richards and Tony Wyatt. (Susan Schaefer was absent.)

The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Superintendent Jackie Tennison, High School Principal Leonard Wilson, and Elementary Principal Margie Sowell.

Prayer was led by Donnie Dillard.

Review bills.

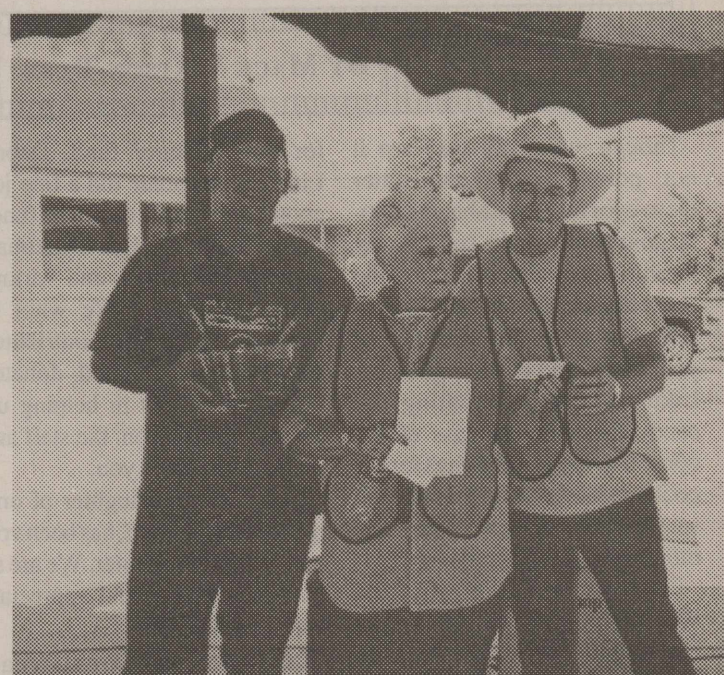
Motion was made by Cook and seconded by Bennett that we approve amendments for the 2001-2002 budget. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by Cook that we approve 2002-2003 budget. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by V. Dillard and seconded by Richards that we approve the ordinance to adopt the tax rate of \$1.2644 for the purpose of maintenance and operations at \$1.1587 and the payment of bonded debt at .1057. Ordinance is incorporated in the August 27, 2002 minutes. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by Bennett that we agree for the education of non-resident students between Calhoun County I.S.D. and Cross Plains I.S.D. For 6 Against 0

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BUFFALO NAME WINNER— Wendel Draper (from left) won with his suggestion of "Tatonka". Bobby Hinkle and Bill Richardson are pictured.

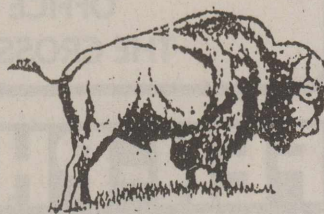


ARTS AND CRAFTS BOOTH—Phyllis Pancake (from left), Sylvia Switzer and Kelli Brown are displaying their handywork.

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WEDNESDAY-- Waffle, Sausage, Assorted Juice

THURSDAY--Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice

FRIDAY--Breakfast Bread, Assorted Juice

MONDAY-- Burrito w/chili & cheese, Crackers, Salad, Pineapples

TUESDAY-- Chicken Strips w/ gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Rolls, Honey

WEDNESDAY-- Grilled Cheese, Beef-Vegy Soup, Crackers, Mixed Fruit

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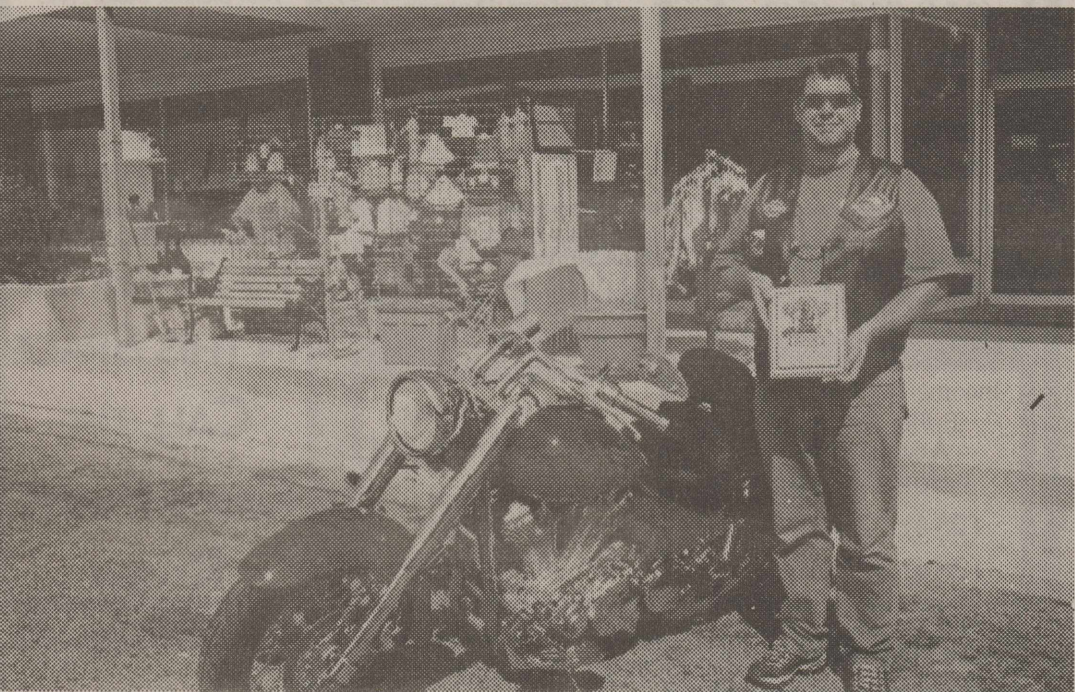
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The Cottonwood Quilting Club would like to thank everyone in the community who made the annual West Texas Rehab supper a great success. We are grateful to those who contributed money to this good cause and a special thank you to Greg Hutchins and the Cross Plains Frozen Food Locker for the hamburger meat, Subway for the ice, Village Market for the lettuce and tomatoes and all the ladies in the community who donated spaghetti sauce, salad dressing or bread. Thank you for your continued support of our fund-raising dinners and musicals.

CARD OF THANKS

Our heartfelt thanks to everyone for their expressions of caring through flowers, cards, calls and visits. It meant so much to us during the passing of our loved one. Your presence at the service was comforting to our family.

The meal provided at the First Baptist Church was delicious and we are grateful to all who prepared the food and served it. The family is very grateful to Ronnie White for the beautiful service.

The professional services of Higginbotham Funeral Home and Tim's Floral truly was appreciated.

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The Rising Star Nursing Center wants to thank the communities of Cross Plains and Rising Star for their support at our porch/bake sale this past Friday. Thanks to these caring people our sale was a huge success.

Thanks to Dorothy Tuttle for her generous donation, Betty Thomas, Debra Green, Reba Lyons, Dot Maxwell, Jackie Childress, Carmon Alexander, Von McMahan, Barbara Wright, Betty Rayburn, Dicie Adams, Ava Dodd, Zola Fish, Margaret Clark, Pat Huber, Johnnie Elliot, Rachel Riley, Toni Stoudemire, and Patty Davis. If I have left anyone out please know that you are appreciated very much.

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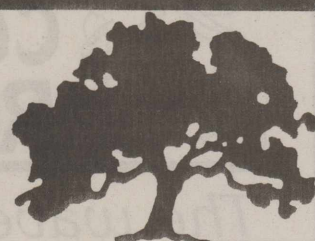
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COUNTY ROADS by Ginny Greene

The wave...

"Who was that?" I asked MyKeeper. He said he didn't know and kept driving. So I wondered out loud, "Then why did he wave?" Brought up in a sparsely populated area, MyKeeper was familiar with the neighborly wave up and down country highways and byways, so he explained it to me.

Through the windshield, I learned about nods, shakes, and salutes. Some wavers crook a finger or unwrap fingers from the top of the steering wheel. Whatever the style, it is an automatic gesture. It never gets in the way of driving or conversation with passengers. Each wave is a fingerprint, a signature in motion.

In small towns, the greetings go to people from your neighborhood, or people you run into at the grocery store, the hardware store, school Open House, an auction or garage sale. It's inevitable that some along the highway will be people you've never met, but it doesn't matter. The waves from drivers on infrequently traveled roads are a visitor welcome.

At some point it dawned on me I needed to work out my own trademark wave. I handed out samples. The first couple times were nearly as embarrassing as being caught singing to myself at the top of my lungs while driving down the road with the windows rolled up.

Learning the subtleties of the wave came over time. There's a special kindred wave between drivers of certain vehicles. And drivers of beat up pickups give recognition to a vehicle that has

probably hauled kids, dogs, furniture, livestock, hay, lumber, and trash in its bed - same as their's has.

By now, I'm comfortable hailing neighbors with a wave. In fact, driving around on vacation this year, I found myself waving at people who didn't wave back. They'd look at me funny, kind of like I did when first transplanted from city to rural roads. It made me realize how much I missed the Small Town America wave.

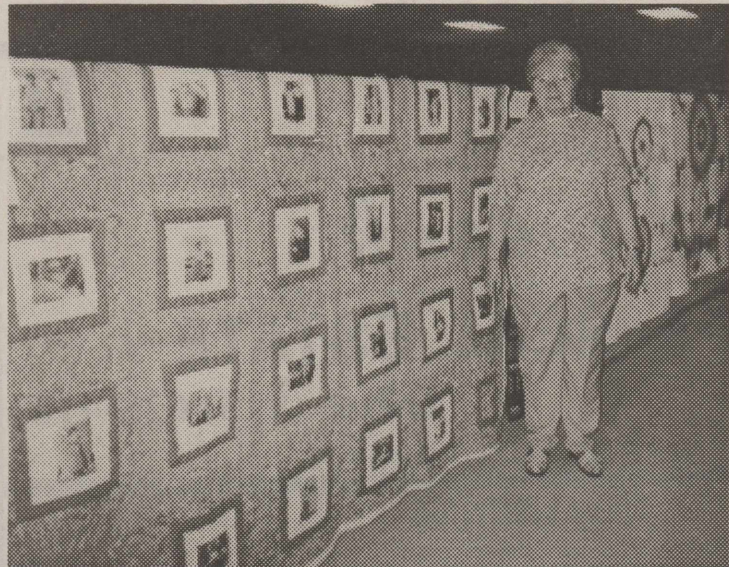
It took it as my duty to teach the tradition as I made my way across the nation. I offered the silent gift that says to a passerby, "Hello if I know you, and if I don't, then happy to share the road with you."

Beginning in Kentucky, I hailed people who repeatedly crossed my path. They were people from my daughter's neighborhood, going to the laundromat, the grocery store, heading for their jobs, or home again. A few caught on. One, I'm just sure by his reaction, must have been a former small town waver who had lived in the city long enough to almost forget.

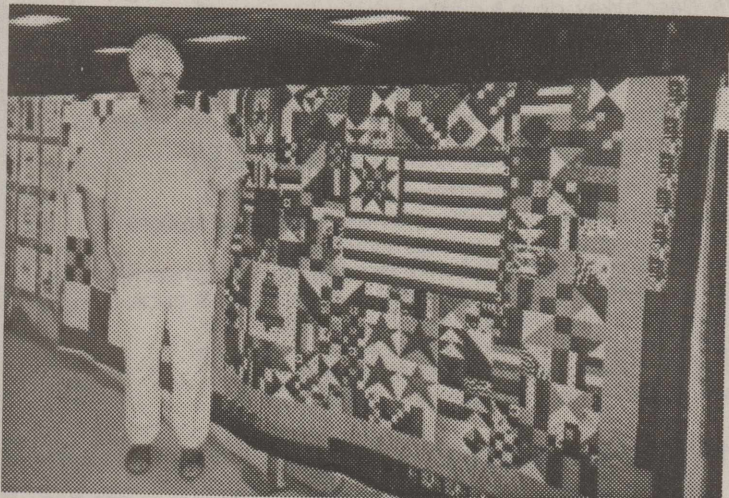
One wave will always be my favorite. A pickup looms into view. Even in the distance, something about it is familiar. At 50 mph the gap between us closes fast. I notice the wave, a wild wave that uses the whole hand, the whole body, and carries a smile with it. It is Deenie's wave, and it says, "There you are! It's YOU! You've made my day!" It's the best wave in the county, because it makes my day, too.

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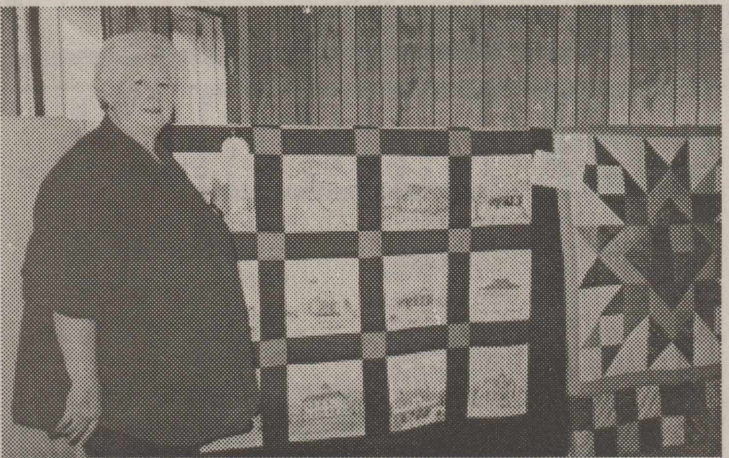
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"Free" Chili Supper

The Cross Plains Area Housing Initiative is hosting a "FREE" Chili Supper and Annual Meeting on Tuesday, September 17, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Cross Plains Community Center. Everyone is welcome.

While the chili is free, donations to the CPAHI are appreciated and needed to offset the cost of the chili supper and to provide operating funds for the organization. The CPAHI has begun making

plans to assist approximately a dozen applicants to obtain minor repairs to their homes through Helping Hearts and Hands. Anyone interested in applying for these services may contact Kathy Anderson at (254) 725-6521 or (254) 725-6654.

So, mark your calendars for September 17th and come enjoy a bowl of Connie Kirkham's homemade chili.

Fretag-Bratton Engagement and Upcoming Wedding Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fretag of Temple are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacie Marie Fretag of Temple, to Josh Jordan Bratton of Troy. Josh is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Bratton of Troy.

Stacie is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. I.W. Gage of Cross Plains.

The couple plans an October 12th wedding at Tenroe Ranch in Salado.

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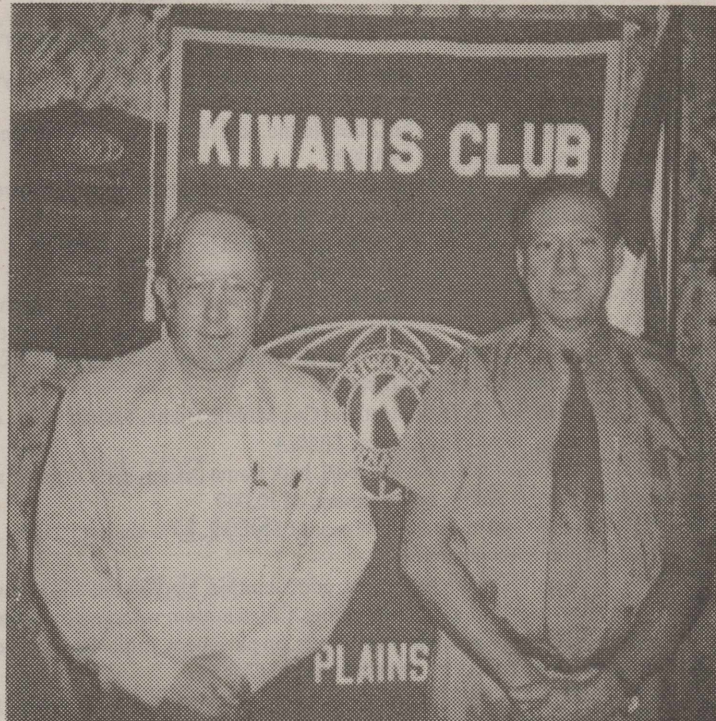
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INFORMATIVE SPEAKER—Allen Wright, Callahan County Attorney (right), was the guest of Kiwanian Rodger Hart (left) at the August 27th meeting. Wright presented an update on the criminal justice system and plea arrangements. The Kiwanis Club meets each Tuesday noon at Jean's Feed Barn.

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