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THINGS THAT HAPPENED IN COUNTY IN 1979

COUNTY- In January of 1979, S.L. McElroy, a long-time Baird businessman sold his dry goods store to Carrol and Evelyn Gillit. Mr. McElroy opened his business in April of 1928. The Gillits have continued carrying the same kind of merchandise and have added a younger line of merchandise.

Eula voters called an election on a \$1.4 million bond issue to build a new elementary school and auditorium and cafeteria enlargement and moderation. The bond issue was axed. The tally showed 275 against and 56 in favor of the bond.

In May of 79, the Callahan Shackelford Farm Bureau office got a face lift. New signs were painted on the building by Don Stone, Clyde's Church of

Christ pastor.

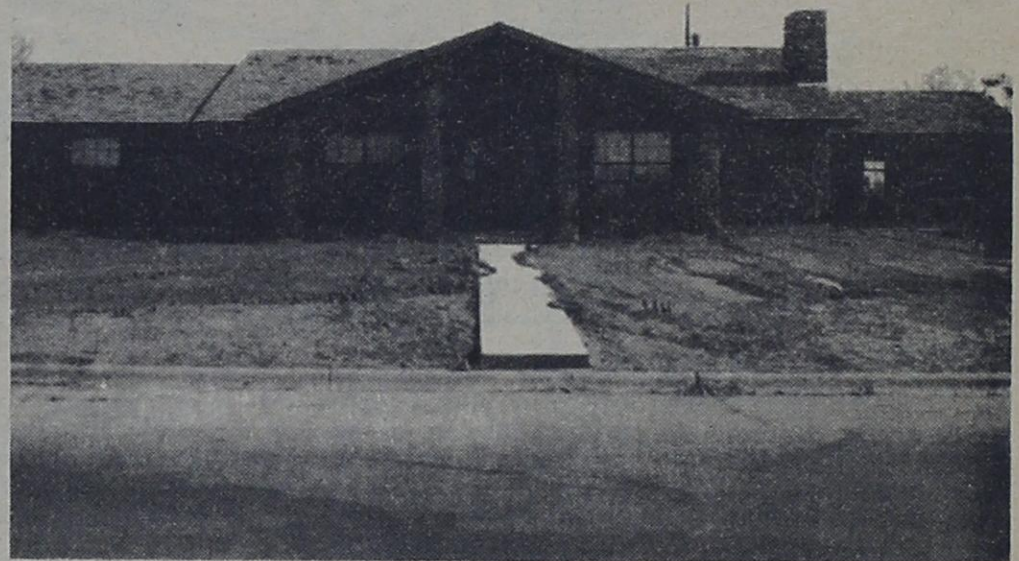
Also in May, the partnership of Morgan-Parker was dissolved and Roger (Skip)

Parker became the sole owner of the funeral home. Skip, and his wife Pat

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WHAT HAPPENED IN 1979— Phillips 66 distributor from Breckenridge opened up this self-service station on south access road in July, 1979.



MORE PROGRESS IN 1979— Don Wilson, county attorney completed this 2700 sq. ft. house located on Cherry Street.

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THE OLD GIVES WAY FOR THE NEW— In Sept. 79, Jerry Allen of Baird Electric Inc. starts clearing this lot to make way for a new building, which was Baird Electric Inc.

1979 Disaster Provisions

Producers that participated in the 1979 Program and met all eligibility requirements may be eligible for disaster or low yield

benefits if cotton or grain sorghum failed or was below average in production. A claim must be made while evidence of the crop is apparent but not later

than 15 days after the crop is harvested. Production records for low yield claims must be submitted on each farm on an individual basis.

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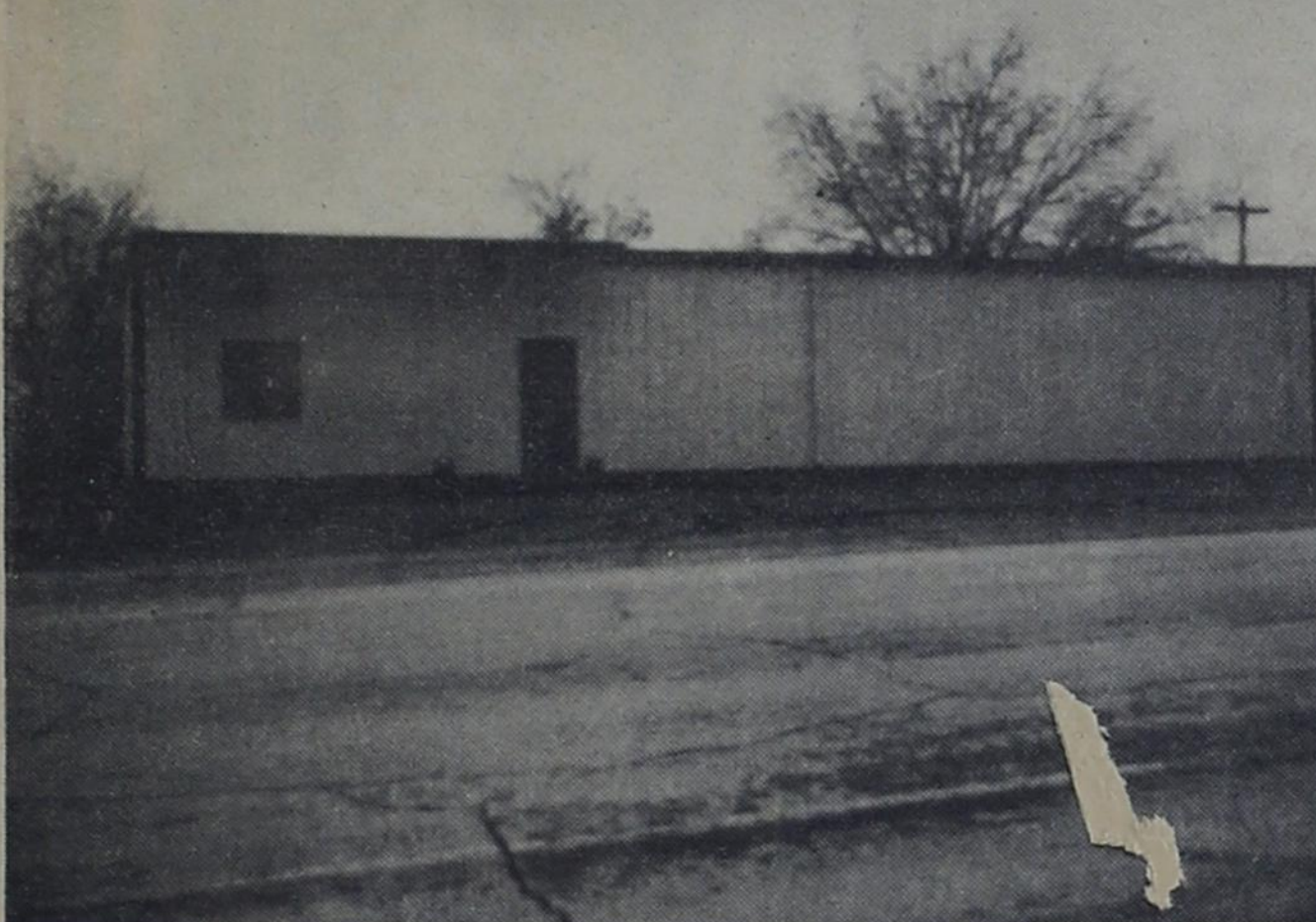
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NEW BUSINESS IN BAIRD IN 1979— Jerry Allen has almost completed his electrical building on the corner of 4th and Callowhill. The building, which will be Baird Electric Inc., should be completed by the end of 1979.

1980 Feed Grain Program

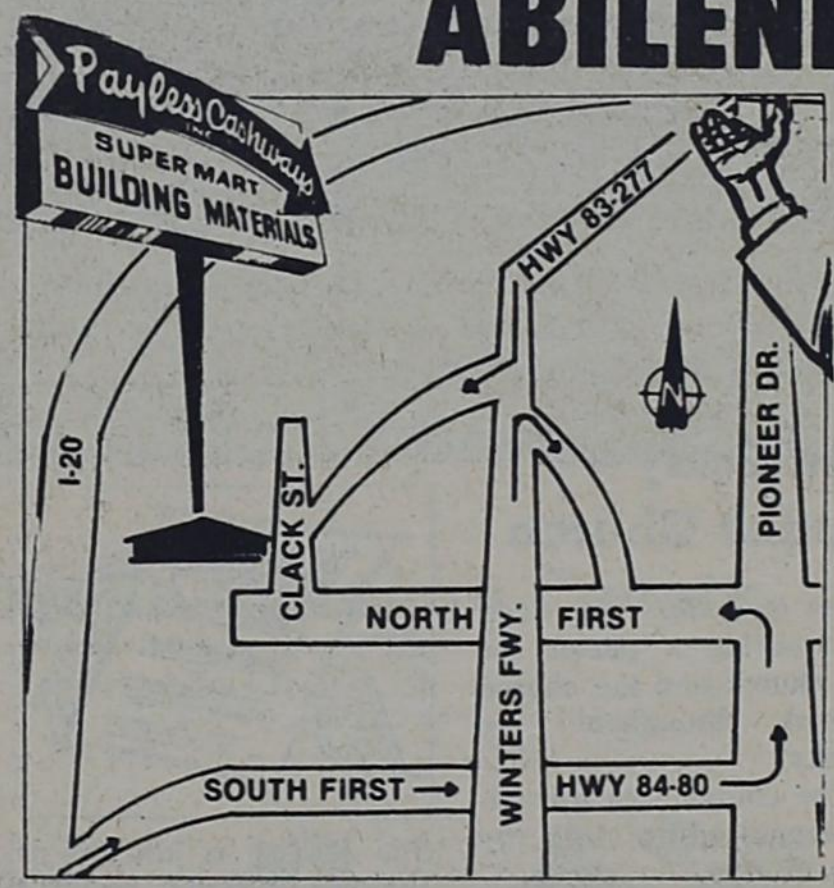
All corn, sorghum, and barley producers will be eligible for target price protection, loans, and the farmer-owned reserve program. There will be no set-aside requirement for the 1980 feed grain crops. Oats will be eligible for the loan and reserve programs. The Food and Agriculture Act of 1977 provides for a disaster payment program through the 1979 crop year. As of this time, there will be no disaster coverage for the 1980 crops unless new legislation is enacted. In the event that further legislation is passed to permit disaster coverage for the 1980 crops, you will be notified as the information becomes available.

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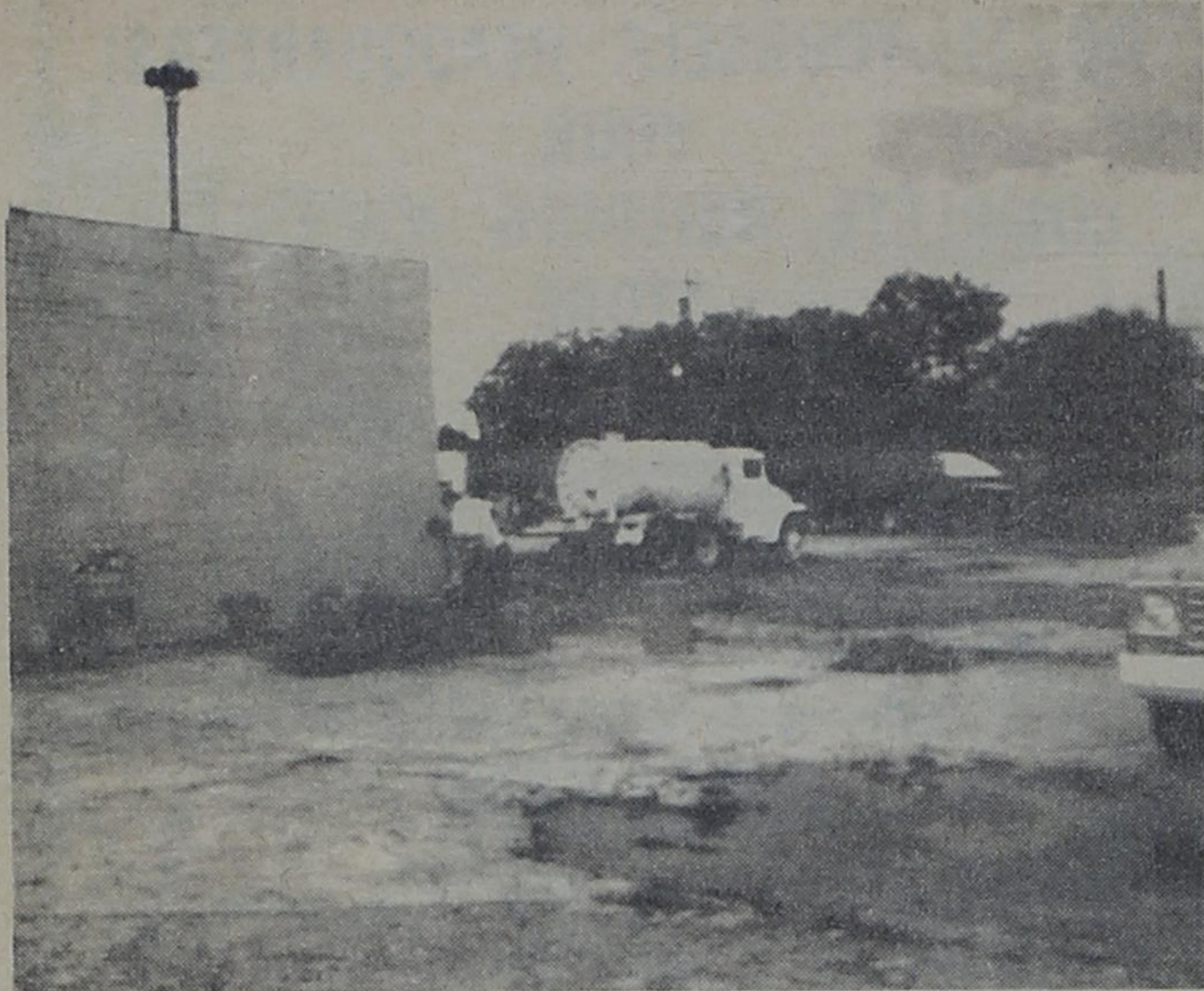
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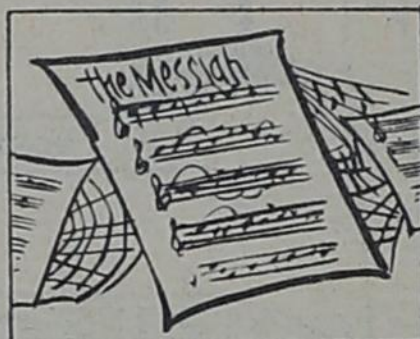
**Churches Organized Early—
Cross Plains Methodist Church**

In the 1880's Sunday School first met at the home of Mr. Charley Neeb near the banks of Turkey Creek. The families who met there were the Bonds, Baums, Neebes and Wrights. Then, they began to worship in the schoolhouse after its construction and attendance had increased

more than 50. This led to securing a pastor for the church and the church spread throughout the county.

The church was officially organized in 1886 by Rev. Wood.

In 1904 a church was built on the banks of Turkey Creek in Charley Neeb's pasture.



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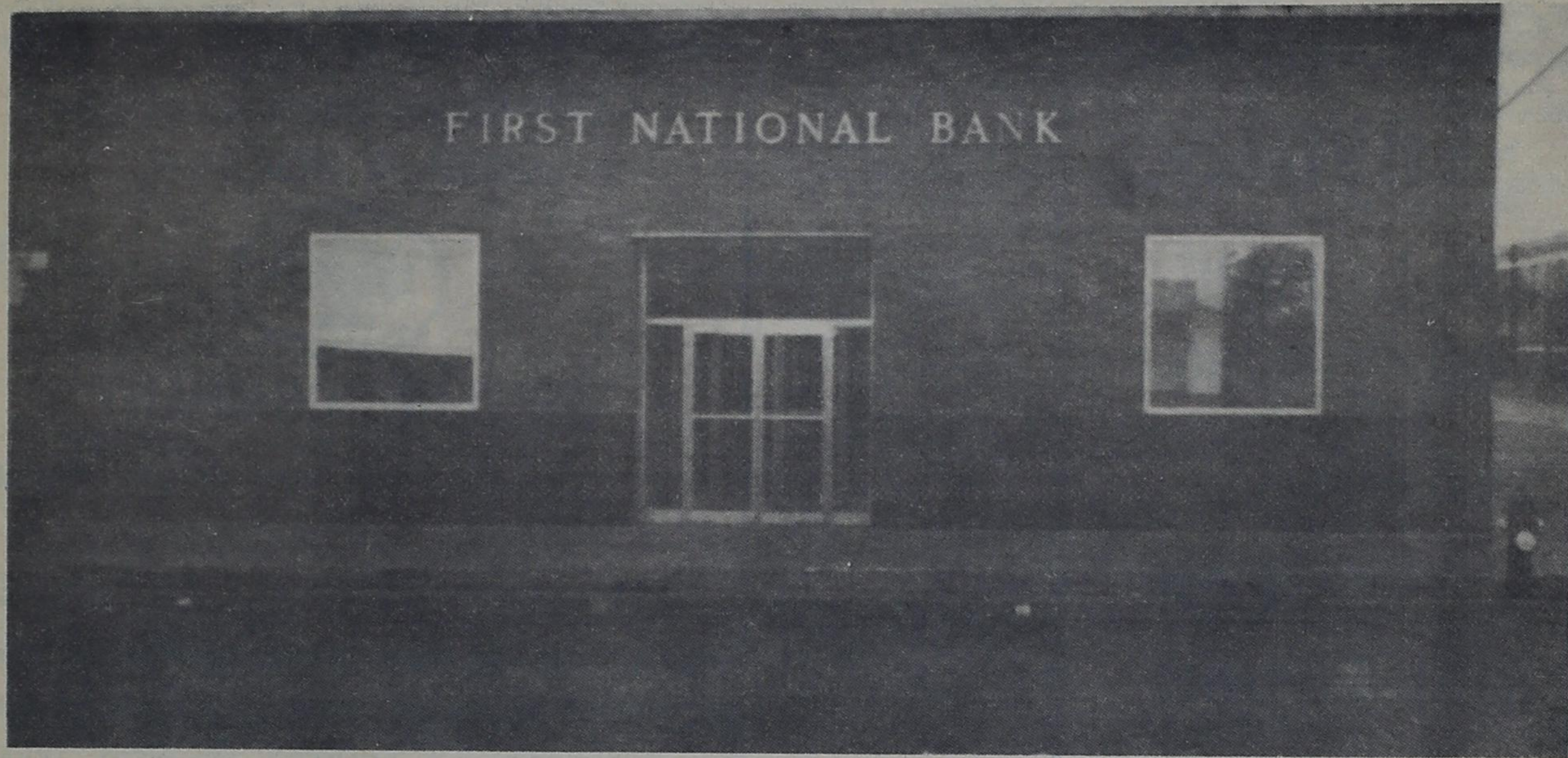


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Things That Happened In County In 1979

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 Scott, 16 and LeAnna, 13, moved to Baird in 1977. They have two children, A Phillips 66 self-service opened in July of 79. It

is owned by a Phillips 66 distributor in Breckenridge.

Cubs won the District Championship in football.

A new convenience store, Allsup's, opened in Dec. Allsup's remains open 24 hours a day. Manager for this new store is Carl Gun-

ter. The Clyde girls won their first Conference B girls state championship in Dec. The runners all placed.

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A law was change during 1979 regarding entering and leaving the main lanes. Cars on access roads now yield to cars on main lanes.

Buster Gary purchased Downtown Supermarket and turned it into A&G Automotive. Ronnie Abernathy is his partner.

In Sept., Jerry Allen tore down an old historical marker and built his new shop. The shop is Baird Electric Inc.

The ambulance service for Baird changed hands in 1979. It is now in the hands of the Clyde Police Department. Some of the funding was cut from their budget. The EMS was run by paramedics. They couldn't meet their budget without having extra money, so it was turned over to Clyde Police Department.

The Clyde Lumber and Supply burned to the ground in 1979. The lumber yard had been in operation since 1957. Clyde townspeople referred to it as a landmark.

In Nov. of 1979 20 train cars derailed south of Baird. There were no injuries. One of the train cars was carrying sulfuric acid and it spilled out. Most of the derailed cars were empty. One carried new Chevrolets and Pontiacs, but only one vehicle received any damage.

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THE HILLS OF BAIRD Churches Organized Early—

By Jeff Day

There is a place I like to go. It isn't far and I enjoy going there alone or with friends. It is the hills of Baird. They are small, rolling hills, and have a quiet, peaceful way about them.

I once read a poem entitled "There's Gold in Them Thar Hills". It was written about the hills lying around the city of Baird; it spoke of the beauty you see while driving down old Highway 80. When coming down the hill around the first bend, you get your first view. Off to the right of the second bend you are treated to one of the most beautiful sights you may ever hope to see. When the sun is setting, it is an even more beautiful sight.

When the night is darker than hell itself, the coyotes are howling, and while hunting in the hills, you can see the lights of Baird twinkling in the distance snuggled down in its own little valley, like a tiny kitten snuggled in its own little blanket looking at the world through big frightened eyes. It looks so quiet and peaceful, and sort of lonely with all the lights twinkling and winking at you.

Never will you discover the feeling I get while sitting under an oak tree with the wind whistling down through the leaves, listening to a nearby creek's water splashing on rocks and running over falls, hearing frogs croaking, birds twittering, squirrels chattering, coyotes howling, bees buzzing, rabbits bouncing off down a nearby trail, a racoon sitting on the bank of the creek or up in a tree. All these things make life better, and seem to give a meaning to the world.

At night when sitting round a warm campfire with beans cooking, meat

frying, potatoes and corn roasting, everything else seems so far away—just you, your friends and the animals. You can almost forget the city with its cars, crowds, trains, airplanes, barking dogs, five o'clock rush, and busy freeways. All these things of the civilized world seem so far away, almost in another

Clyde Methodist Church . . .

This church was organized shortly after the construction of the railroad and it was from this church that its membership that the Bethlehem, Union, Eula and Denton Valley Methodist churches were later organized.

During the early years,

Rev. Thompson served as pastor of the church.

The Methodist parsonage was destroyed by fire in 1914 and another was built.

The church celebrated its 50th anniversary in November 1953.

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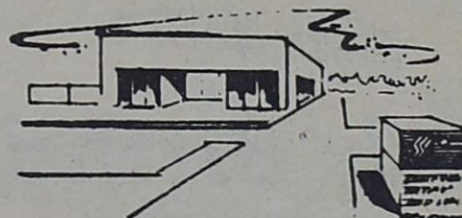
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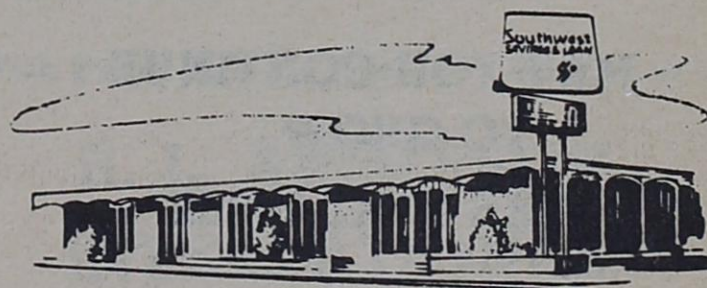
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NOT A NEW BUSINESS, JUST MOVED TO LARGER QUARTERS— A&G Automotive moved to the old supermarket building on Market Street in Sept., 1979.

THE HILLS OF BAIRD—

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Unfortunately, not many people have the opportunity to know this feeling. It is difficult to find a place so peaceful and quiet where you are content and wish never to return to the problems of the world.

Yet, there is still a place a person can go and experience these things. That place is found in the hills surrounding the little city of Baird. There one can forget the problems of civilization for a while, content without people, cars, tall buildings, and

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If we are fortunate, we will see sights like this forever; if not, never again will we be content, for we will feel we have lost an important part in life's meaning.

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The past year has been another of progress for Callahan General Hospital. Changes and new equipment have been added to virtually every department.

One of the most visible changes has been the repainting of the exterior part of the hospital. We at the hospital feel this has been a pleasant change from the previous white walls. The Hospital Auxiliary has purchased more supplies of paint and interior halls and patient rooms will be started soon. Landscaping improvements have made the grounds much more attractive also.

The x-ray department has a new chief technician, Mr. Eddie Bull of Abilene. Eddie has nearly 30 years of experience as department head of radiology at Hendrick Medical Center. The department has been reorganized and new equipment has been purchased to facilitate the operation of the x-ray department.

The laboratory has seen several major additions of equipment. Recently added was an arterial blood gas analyzer. This will aide the physician in the treatment of chronic lung problems, embolisms and is useful in oxygen therapy. Also purchased this year was a Gilford System 5 Analyzer. This machine can do several blood chemistries in a more automated manner which results in much time

as well as money saved.

There have been additions to the medical staff as well. Dr. J.P. Jones of Coleman is a consulting surgeon on staff now. Also a recent addition has been Dr. N.M. Bakdash, a con-

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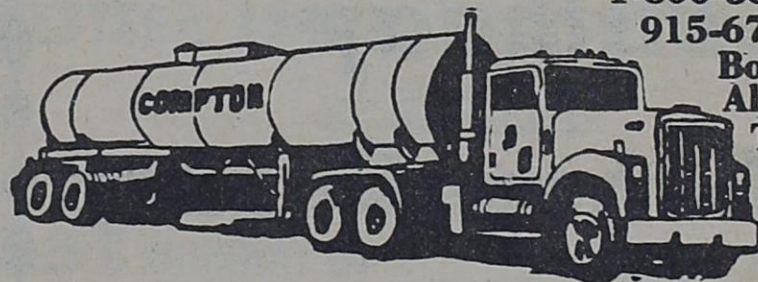
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TRAGEDY ALSO HAPPENED IN 1979— Bill Works lost his dry goods store by fire in August, 1979.

CALLAHAN GENERAL HOSPITAL—

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sulting endocrinologist.

Contract negotiations are currently underway to bring a new obstetrician-gynecologist practicing now in New York, to the Baird-Clyde area. Hopefully, this will be in the very early part of 1980.

The Hospital Auxiliary

also had a very productive year. A musical was held early in 1979 to help purchase a new stretcher for donation to the hospital. A used book sale was recently held to finance future projects. Plans are underway for a Sunday Potluck luncheon to serve the public.

Mr. Rene Donato arrived in May as the new administrator of Callahan General Hospital and he has implemented various changes in the business office. The past year has been one of growth and change for the hospital. We sincerely hope this will enable us to better serve the needs of our community.

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First National Bank Strong Institution

The First National Bank of Baird will celebrate its 95th birthday on Wednesday, January 2, 1980, "doing business as usual". The bank is the oldest

continuous business institution in Callahan County and is one of the oldest banks in this area. The first bank in the county was the Callahan County Bank started in 1881 and was a private bank. Later, in 1883 General F.W. James in association with A.G. Wills founded the Baird Bank which was later chartered as the First National Bank of Baird on January 2, 1885 with General F.W. James as President and A.G. Wills as cashier.

Judge Otis Bowyer was the bank's first depositor and also served as the bank's first attorney.

At the end of the first year, deposits totaled \$26,799.66. As of September 30, 1977, deposits were \$12,801,568.65 and total assets were \$14,805,874.63.

The First National Bank has always been located on the corner of Market and Third Streets. The present building was remodeled in 1942 and expanded and

rebuilt in 1961.

Fred Goble became the bank's seventh President in 1973. Others who have served the bank as presidents are F.W. James (1885-1907), J.B. Stokes (1907-1909), J.B. Harmon (1909), J.F. Dyer (1909-

1929), Tom Windham (1929-1951), and Bob Norrell (1951-1973). Other current officers are James Eubanks, Executive Vice-President and Jerry Barron Cashier.

At one time Callahan County had nine banks. The First National Bank has absorbed banks at Cottonwood, Oplin and Baird.



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COUNTY- Orange safety vests have saved hundreds of lives during hunting season. But unadorned telephone wires and cables still fall victim to hunter's bullets each year.

"It's hard to believe," said Alan Armstrong, Customer Services Manager for Continental Telephone. "but some hunters sharpen their skills by using telephone wires, glass insulators and cables for target practice."

"Shotgun pellets and rifle bullets can easily penetrate the protective sheathing around a telephone cable, sever individual phone wires and shatter glass insulators," Armstrong said. "A careless shot can put an entire community out of service." Armstrong also said that the telephone is the only way some people, including hunters, can summon help in an emergency.

Sometimes phone lines damaged during hunting season will not affect service until the winter months when melting ice seeps into damaged cable. This compounds the problem as weather conditions prevent prompt repairs.

Armstrong stressed that these problems have a very simple solution. "Please don't shoot at or near telephone lines."

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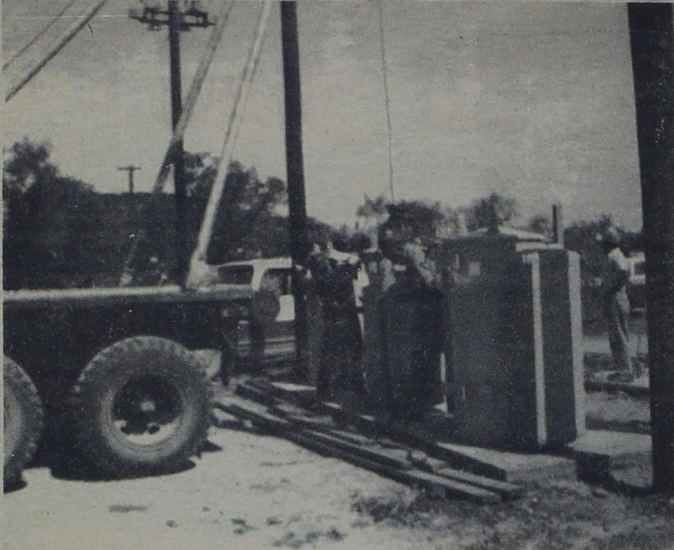
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WHAT HAPPENED IN 1979— In July of 79, the first transformers were installed in west Baird. This was the first phase in a 3 step program for WTU to furnish power to the City of Baird. The last phase is to be completed in early 1980.

Community Election

Ballots were counted Friday, Dec. 7, 1979, electing the following new Community Committee: Community A- Eugene Kniffen, Chairman; Walter Stephenson, Vice-Chairman; Jack Ball, Member; Jack Landers, 1st. Alt., & J.S. Bent-

ley, 2nd Alt.
Community B- Gene Finley, Chairman; Kenneth George, Vice-Chairman; T.B. Scott, Member; Charley Tom Straley, 1st. Alt., and Tommie Harris, 2nd Alt.
Community C- Arlie

Breeding, Chairman; Glenn Winfrey, Vice-Chairman; Charlie Sowell, Member; Rolan Jones, 1st. Alt., and Jimmy Joy, 2nd Alt.

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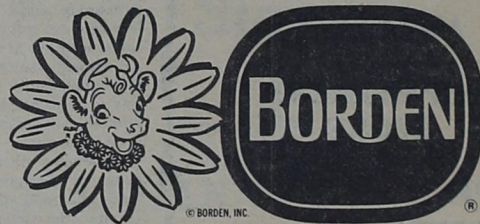
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