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SERVING THE ENTIRE COUNTY FROM THE COUNTY SEAT

Thursday, January 18, 1996

A Tribute To Bill Skinner Set For January 27th

There will be a tribute to Bill Skinner for 16 years of dedicated service as Sheriff of Callahan County at the Baird Activity Center Saturday, January 27, 1996. There will be an auction, dance and a barbecue.

The barbecue will be from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. The cost is \$5.00 per plate.

The dance will begin

at 8:00 p.m. featuring Jim Sadler and his band. The cost for the dance is \$5.00 per person.

The auction will be held during the dance.

To make donations or for more information contact: Chris Sadler; 893-5592;

Barbara Lawrence; 854-1313;

Ferne Lee; 854-1713.

Cottonwood Musical Set For January 19th

The Cottonwood Quilting Club is having their country and western musical on January 19, 1996 at the Cottonwood Community Center.

The musical will start at 6:30 p.m. The emcee for the evening will be Smokey Callaway. All country and western musicians are invited to attend.

Little League Baseball Meeting To Be Held January 25th

There will be a little league baseball meeting Thursday, January 25th, 7:00 p.m., at the Baird Housing Authority. The purpose of this meeting is to elect new officers and board members for the 1996

little league season. If you are interested in being one of the board of directors or an officer for the 1996 little league season, you should attend this meeting. Several board of directors will need to be replaced.

Plan Now To Attend The 1996 Baird ISD Coronation

The Headlight Staff is eagerly making preparations for the all-school Coronation. On Thursday, February 1st at 7:30 p.m., the auditorium will be turned into a scene from the romantic era as class favorites (Pre-K through 12th grade), organizational representatives, and other special awards

are recognized. BHS King and Queen, Kirt Harle and D'Neal Riney, will also be presented. Admission will be \$1 for both students and adults. All profits benefit the Yearbook Staff. See you on February 1st for "An Old Fashion Romance--Coronation '96".

House Damaged By Fire Monday Afternoon

Baird Firemen answered a call to a house fire Monday afternoon in the 400 block of West First Street.

An alert neighbor had noticed the fire and called it in about 2:24 p.m. Firemen found heavy smoke coming from the residence on their arrival. Baird Assistant Chief Gary

Franke said the fire had started around a drier in a washroom. It took about 15 minutes to control the blaze.

The washroom and a bedroom suffered fire and water damage with the rest of the house receiving smoke damage. Firemen had to cut a hole in the roof to ventilate the smoke and heat.

Baird City Council Donates Activity Center For Fundraiser

by Billy Harris

Baird City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 16th at Baird City Hall. Attending were Mayor Steve Bowman and Councilmen Rudy Rodriguez, Dale Brewer, Brenda Mitchel, K.D. Griffin, Pat O'Brien, and City Secretary Nancy Turnbow.

Bowman called the meeting to order and the minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Baird City Lake Keeper Art Blakeny presented the council with a report on the lake area. Blakeny stated the area was in rough shape when he took over but he had rebuilt the bait house and set up electric connections for eight camping spaces and also made water connections available. Art said he had experienced no problems with the public and would like to see a boat ramp installed. The Lake Keeper requested a lease renewal for another year. No action was taken. Ken Martin with Jacob

and Martin, the Cities engineers, gave an update on the sewer plant construction. Martin stated work on the plant was progressed well and is entering the finish stage. Problems have been discovered with some of the 30 year old equipment that was not evident until tanks were emptied and cleaned. A Clarifier rake and drive would need to be replaced and the steel cone in the Spire Injector was split. A city worker would attempt to repair the cone due to other area welders declining the job. Martin also discussed repairs to the sewer collection system to stop infiltration of rain water. When the new sewer plant equipment is in full operation capacity will be raised from 198,000 gallons per day to 400,000 gallons per day. A motion was made by Brewer and seconded by Mitchel to accept the proposal for repairs. The motion passed unanimously. Fern Lee met with the

council to request use of the Baird Activity Center for a benefit Bar-B-Que and Dance fundraiser. Motion was by O'Brien and seconded by Griffin to donate the BAC for the fundraiser. Motion passed unanimously.

Brenda Mitchel, acting on behalf of Bill Leach of Texas Department of Transportation, discussed a possible matching fund grant the City could apply for to do some needed repairs to the T&P Depot. Baird would need a representative at a meeting in Sweetwater on February 5th. The grant money could only be used for historical restoration and preservation. The grant would furnish 80 percent of the money with the City kicking in the other 20 percent. The City of Baird owns the depot and the Chamber of Commerce uses it as an office along with keeping the railroad museum open. A motion was made by Rodriguez and seconded by Mitchel to pursue the grant and be represented by Nancy Turnbow at the Sweetwater meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

City streets were next on the agenda for discussion. Rudy Rodriguez said he had done a survey of the streets. Rudy suggested cleaning drainage ditches on some streets and repairing others. He also recommended setting up a 3 to 5 year plan for street maintenance and repairs. On a motion by Rodriguez and seconded by Brewer the Council unanimously approved repaving East Third Street from Market to Lombard as funds were now available for the projected cost of the project. Rodriguez was appointed by the council to coordi-

nate the street projects.

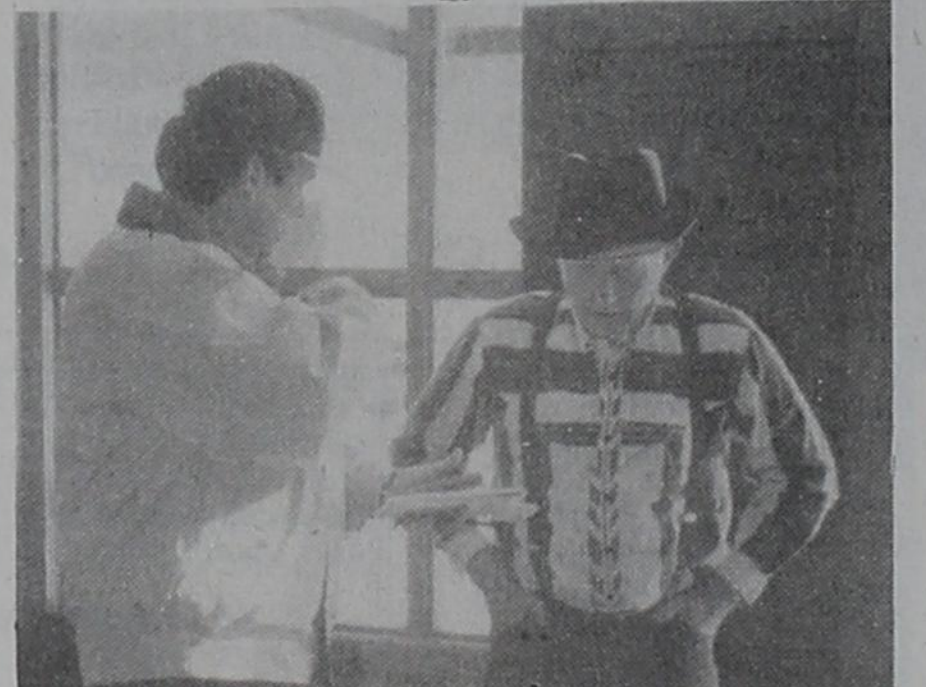
City Marshal Dale Coley met with the Council to discuss hiring of reserve officers. Coley explained that commissioned officers now have to be associated with a law enforcement agency to hold their commissions and be able to attend required continuing education classes. Reserves are also required to work 16 hours a month at no pay to be considered a reserve officer. The City would be free from liability for the officers except when they are on actual duty. Coley said he and City Marshal Sue Martindale would utilize the reserves as partners with themselves when they were on duty most of the time. Coley and Martindale both agreed that with the increased business in town extra officers are needed and the reserve program would supply that need with no cost to the City. The Council decided the City Marshals Department would administrate the reserve program, operating according to state guidelines, and report personnel changes to the Council.

The Council discussed a holiday schedule for City employees. A motion by Rodriguez and seconded by Mitchel for 12 holidays during 1996 with birth-days off if on a workday, amounting to a possible 16 days off passed unanimously.

The December Financial statement was reviewed. A motion to accept the financial statement was made by O'Brien and seconded by Brewer passed unanimously.

Bills were reviewed and paid.

Southern Living Editor Visits Baird



Gary Ford, Southern Living Editor, visits with Lyman Brigham at Brigham Livery Stable.

Baird merchants welcomed a special visitor to town last week. Gary Ford, Senior Travel Editor for "Southern Living" magazine, strolled along Market Street for three hours taking notes--lots of notes.

Ford has been on a mission for several months. He has been doing the groundwork for a special Texas travel edition of Southern Living coming out in April. His focus is on what travelers can find as they travel interstate highways. As "Antique

Capital of West Texas", Baird offered a special attraction along I-20.

With the limited time he had to spend in Baird, he visited with as many store owners as possible looking for that unique idea to share with his readers. We will all find out what caught his fancy when the April issue of the magazine comes out. As a followup to his visit, Ford will be sending a photographer in the next few weeks.

Needless to say, this kind of free publicity for Baird is priceless.

Baird ISD Superintendent's Contract Extended Another Year

On Monday, January 15, the Board of Trustees of Baird ISD met in regular session. As is done each January, the Board did an evaluation of the superintendent to determine his strengths and weaknesses, the state of the school in general as it relates to the superintendent. After this evaluation the vote was unanimous to extend Steve Maikell's contract for an additional year which makes his contract through the 1999 school year. All seven board members were present.

In addition, the Board approved the

hiring of an additional special education aid for the remainder of the school year. The 1994-95 AEIS report from TEA was discussed. A meeting will be held for the public on Thursday, January 18 to make their public aware of the report, which is basically the report card for the school as a whole. The elementary portion will be discussed at 6:30 p.m.; the high school at 7:00; and the district at 7:30. All will meet in the school cafeteria.

The next regular meeting of the Board will be at 6:30 p.m. in the school library on Thursday, February 15.

Commissioner's Court Spent \$6500 On County's First Jail A Little History Of Callahan County

In 1879, Callahan County officials called for bids to construct the first jail for the county. During the two years that the county had no jail, prisoners were housed in Shackelford County.

On January 9, 1880, contractors Martin, Byrne and Johnson of Comanche began construction on a new jail in Belle Plaine; estimated cost \$6500. These contractors were also building the Taylor County Jail in Buffalo Gap at the same time. Construction took over two months; delays resulted from lack of stone and one of the contractors being injured in a railroad accident.

The cut stone walls were twenty inches thick on the first story and eighteen inches on the second story with a covering of three-eighths inch jail plate. Every joint contained a cannon ball two and one-half inches in diameter. Flooring was two inch planking.

The building was 28x30 feet; the lower floor contained a three room apartment for the sheriff/jailer, and the upper floor had one cage, a misdemeanor room, and the main jail. Iron work for the construction came from Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Callahan

County Clarendon proclaimed that the jail was "built in the style of buildings already gracing our little city on the plains."

But with change of the county seat to Baird in 1883, commissioners decided to move the jail rather than build another one. On July 16, 1883, J.H. Milliken and Company received the contract to move the jail on a bid of \$2000. Citizens of Baird paid the cost of removing the jail from Belle Plaine.

Today, the county's first jail is still standing, having served its original purpose for less than twenty years. It is located across the street north of the courthouse. After one hundred fifteen years, the building is still in remarkably good condition.

The Taylor County Jail which was constructed at the same time is part of the Buffalo Gap Historic Village and is similar in style and materials.

The Callahan County Historical Commission is actively working to record and preserve our county's heritage.

submitted by: Lee Abernathy, member of the Callahan County Historical Commission

50 And Alive Defensive Driving Course Set For February

A "50 & Alive" defensive driving course will be held February 19th and 20th at the Baird Housing Authority Office, 4th & Chestnut. The driving course will begin at 5:30 p.m.

The cost is \$8.00 and you must be 50 years of

age or older. The defensive driving course is sponsored by AARP and the Wednesday Study Club.

For more information contact Inez Wylie at 854-1387 or Lucibel Manion at 854-1263.

No School January 26th County Stockshow Begins January 26th In Cross Plains

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Canterbury Villa News
By Johnnie Plunk

It's our pleasure to welcome two new residents to our home since our last news letter. Mr. Sidney E. Weatherman is a long time Putnam, Texas resident. He is a member of the Methodist Church. Mr. Weatherman is currently in room #18B.

Ann Mayfield is a long time Baird, Texas resident. A member of First Baptist Church. She is currently in room #20A.

We extend a welcome to these two and invite their family and friends to come by to visit with them often.

Bro. Jack Willoughby came Monday morning for our early in the week singing and Bible message. Thanks.

Margie Robinson came Tuesday afternoon for the music and sing-a-long time. Thanks.

Skip Hodges and Margie Robinson came Wednesday morning for our middle of the week music, singing and Bible message.

Elna Adams, Gertrude Epperson, and Bobby Strickland were our black out bingo winners Monday afternoon and Dwain Warren won on Thursday afternoon. Other residents who played bingo those two days were Georgia Williams, Alyne Jackson, "Twin" Flores, Billy Holly, Cordie Brame, Earl Sessions, Judy Kehrer, Clarice Black, Juanita Senter, Xantha Teeters, and Elizabeth Hanson.

Alyne Jackson won the play off black out bingo game early this month and enjoyed a meal of choice from our local Dairy Queen. My thanks to Jeraldene Brumbaugh for doing this each month.

We enjoyed having the Cisco Senior Citizens Rhythm Band here Friday afternoon. This is a great group of senior citizens and we always enjoy their program. They are at our facility the second Friday of each month. Come down and visit the next time they are here. I promise you'll enjoy their program.

Members of the 48 Study Club hosted the January birthday party at our facility last Monday night. Residents who have January birthdays are Eulless Corn, Jo Boatright, Katherine Hinds, Ludine Thornton, Billy Holly and Ruth Miller. Each one received a nice gift from the club members. Joann Vestal played the piano and the group of

ladies sang several songs for entertainment during the party. Homemade cookies and red punch was served to everyone attending the party. Our thanks to these ladies for a very nice party.

The February birthday party is scheduled for Saturday the 10th at 3:00 p.m. and will be hosted by Masonic Lodge #522 of Baird members.

Louise Joy was here and taught Sunday School for 19 residents this week. Thanks.

Members of First Baptist Church were here for the afternoon worship service. Thanks.

Minnie Swann has transferred to the nursing home at Cross Plains to be close to her family members. We'll miss her and wish her well at her new home.

We wish everyone happiness and good health in this new year.

Come visit with us often. We're always happy to have you visit with us.

Remember The Boys In Gray
by Eddy Brumbaugh

Abril W. Booth was born March 31, 1844 at Kentucky. He came to Texas in 1851 to Lamar County, Texas and to Callahan County in 1878.

Abril married Josy A. Booth March 5, 1876 in Coleman County, Texas. She died September 11, 1936 at Jones County, Texas. She was born at Pike County, Alabama in 1859.

The records show Abril W. Booth, private, Company K, 9th Regiment (Young's) Texas Infantry Confederate State Army, enlisted September 28, 1861 at Lamar County, Texas. Age 20 years. Muster Roll for September and October 1863 shows him present, and present April 5, 1864. He surrendered with his Regiment at Mobile, Alabama May 4, 1865.

Abril was in the Battle at Shiloh April 6-7, 1862, Chickamauga September 19-20, 1863 and Franklin November 30, 1864.

The 9th Texas Infantry gave two Texas generals to the Confederacy, Samuel B. Maxey and William H. Young.

Abril W. Booth died July 18, 1916 and was buried in the Cottonwood Cemetery, Callahan County, Texas.

"Happy Birthday" General Robert E. Lee born at Stratford, Westmoreland County, Virginia on the 19th of January, 1807.

The idol of the South to this day, General Lee had some difficulty in adjusting to the new form of warfare that unfolded with the Civil War, but this did not prevent him from keeping the Union armies in Virginia at bay for almost three years.

A letter from Robert E. Lee to Senator Louis T. Wigfall of Texas, dated September 21, 1862;

"I have not heard from you with regard to the new Texas regiments--I need them very much. I rely upon those we have in, all tight places--They have fought grandly and nobly, and we must have more of them--With a few more such regiments as those which Hood has now, as an example of daring and bravery, I could feel much more confident of the results of the campaign."

If we had men like Lee in our government today, we would not have to feel or cause to feel uneasy or troubled.

The Callahan Co. Star works hard to promote our town, schools and the citizens here.

WEDDING BELLS

Marsha C. (Odgers) Wall and John T. Blackstock were united in marriage Monday, January 1, 1996 at 9:00 a.m. in the United Methodist Church, Sublette, KS.

The bride is the daughter of Marvin C. and Barbara M. Odgers, Sublette, KS. The groom is the son of the late John and Geraldine Blackstock, Stamford, Texas.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her son, Eric L. Wall, Baird, Texas. The witnesses for the wedding party included all three of the brides siblings and their families.

The Rev. Dr. Norman Simmons officiated.

The brides brother-in-law, Allen Zimmerman, Sublette, KS, served brunch to the wedding guests following the ceremony.

The couple are now at home in Baird where they are both employed by the State of Texas.

In honor of their recent marriage the couple invite all of their friends to a come and go celebration, Sunday, January 21, 1996, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church fellowship hall, 238 Race Street, Baird, Texas.

The couple requests in lieu of gifts that you will continue to remember them with your friendship and prayers.

Baird School Menu

For Week of January 22-25	Salad
BREAKFAST	Fruit
MONDAY	Milk
Donuts	TUESDAY
Juice	Vegetable Soup w/Meat
Milk	Cheese Sticks
TUESDAY	Crackers
Sausage & Biscuits	Applesauce
Bananas	Milk
Milk	WEDNESDAY
WEDNESDAY	Roast Beef w/Gravy
Cereal	Green Beans
Toast	Creamed Potatoes
Raisins	Hot Rolls
Milk	Applesauce
THURSDAY	Milk
Hot Rolls w/Gravy	THURSDAY
Applesauce	Sloppy Joes
Milk	Tator Tots
FRIDAY	Celery & Carrot Sticks
NO SCHOOL	Chocolate Cake
LUNCH	Milk
MONDAY	FRIDAY
Burritos w/Chili & Cheese	NO SCHOOL
Rice	

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★ Doctor of Jurisprudence University of Texas - Austin - 1966
★ Admitted to Practice Law - Texas Supreme Court - 1966
★ Assistant Abilene City Attorney - 1967
★ Private Practice since 1968
★ Instructor at McMurry University in Texas & United States Government - 1968 - 1969
★ Former Director, Abilene YMCA

★ Special Prosecutor - Taylor County
★ Admitted to United States Supreme Court - 1974
★ Represented Clients Before
Texas Justice of the Peace Courts
Texas County and County Courts of Law
Texas District Courts
Texas Court of Appeals
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Clockwise from left, Rene Russo, John Travolta, Gene Hackman and Danny DeVito star in the MGM comedy "Get Shorty." The film is about a Miami loan shark who goes to Hollywood to collect on a gambling debt and winds up in the movie business.

MGM Comedy 'Get Shorty' Opens Friday At Majestic

A comedy will be showing at the Majestic Theatre in Eastland this weekend. "Get Shorty", a Jersey Films production and presented by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Pictures.

The opening will be Friday, Jan. 19, 7:30 p.m., and the picture will show at the same time nightly through Monday, Jan. 22.

Admission will be \$3.50 at the box office, with balcony seats available at \$5 to persons over 21. The movie is rated PG-13.

In the picture John Travolta plays Chili Palmer, a Miami loan shark who's sent to Los Angeles to collect on a gambling debt from film producer Harry Zimm, portrayed by Gene Hackman.

Harry's luck may have changed, through - Chili is an avid movie fan - even of the B Movie screamers that Harry turns out. So instead of breaking Harry's legs, Chili tosses

him an idea that could be the break of Harry's career.

Chiliso discovers that loansharking was the perfect training ground for making movies - that you have to be ruthless to make it in Hollywood.

Enter Karen Flores (Rene Russo) a former B-movie scream queen. Director Barry Sonnenfeld observes, "The reality is that Rene is just a wacky, hilarious woman who also happens to be a top model. She has great comic strength and she's beautiful. So what's great about this role for her is that she gets to look gorgeous and be funny."

Karen is so inspired with Chili's ideas that she agrees to help persuade an ex-husband, Mega Star Martin Wier (Danny DeVito) to star in Harry's movie in exchange for a producing credit on the film. With Chili in tow, Karen arrives at Martin's

palatial Beverly Hills home. But, in a hilarious exchange, it is Chili who captivates Martin.

Production designer Peter Larkin was excited about making a movie about the movies. He notes, "In deciding many of the locations, we looked for places that are true Hollywood icons to most Americans."

The exterior of Harry's office, for example, was on Hollywood Boulevard, directly across the street from Fredrick's of Hollywood.

The site of Karen Flores' house was the exclusive Carbon Canyon in Malibu. An upscale retreat, it featured spectacular views of the Santa Monica mountains rolling to the Pacific. There were other Hollywood locations, also a Westside Los Angeles area which doubled as Miami.

"I loved 'Get Shorty' enough to stick with the project for three years to see it get made," remarks Sonnenfeld.

Others will like this new movie too.

Free Seminar To Provide Information About A.D.D.

A free seminar focusing on the different stages of Attention Deficit Disorder will be conducted Friday and Saturday, Jan. 19 and 20, at the Abilene Civic Center Convention Center. The seminar is open to the public.

Admission to "Ages and Stages of A.D.D." will be free to the public, and professionals can earn continuing education hours by attending and paying a registration fee of \$10.00.

Edward M. Hallowell, M.D., will speak. He is a nationally-recognized lecturer, author and professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School.

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On Friday, the seminar will start at 7:30 a.m. and continue until 4:45 p.m. On Saturday it will start at 8:30 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. Registration is necessary for continuing education credits. To register, call 670-2425.

Dr. Hallowell has authored four books, including *What Are You Worth?*, *Driven to Distraction*, *Finding the Heart of the Child* and *Answers to Distraction*.

He has contributed articles to numerous professional journals about A.D.D., and he has appeared on several television shows.

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Cisco Junior College's Dean of Admissions, Olin O. Odom III, reminds area residents that registration is under way and will continue through Jan. 24 at the Cisco campus and the CJC Abilene Educational Center. Though there will be no problem in registering as late as January 24, Mr. Odom urges those who wish to take college credit courses to register now in order to begin attending classes. Classes began on January 17 and a minimum amount of missed time is beneficial to the

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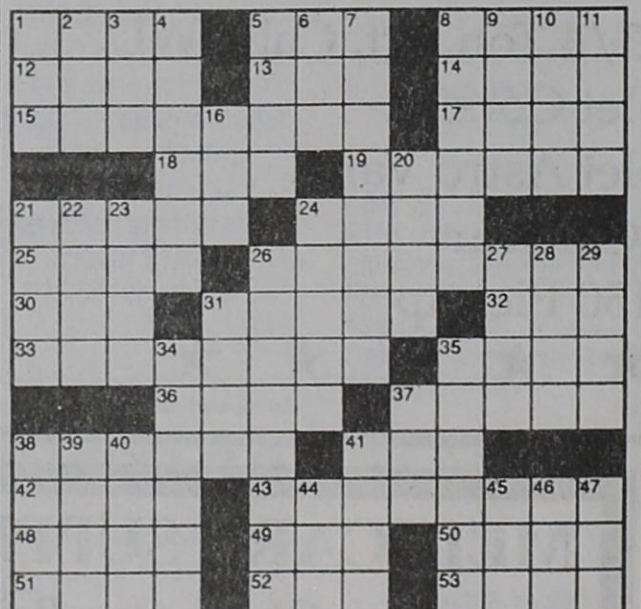


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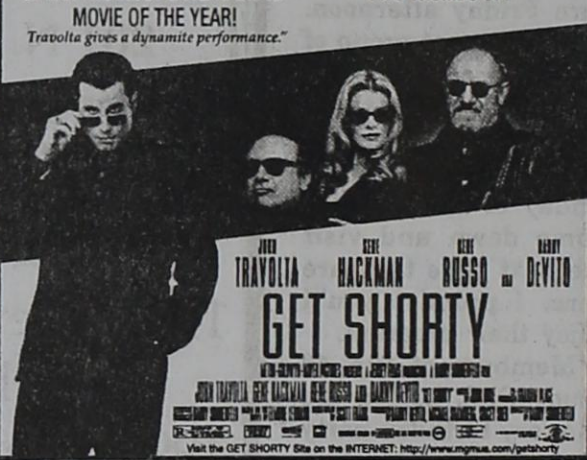
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Dorothy Byrd Honored With Birthday Party

Dorothy Dobbs Byrd was honored with a surprise party December 9, 1995 on the occasion of her 70th birthday at the Budget Host banquet room in Eastland. The event was hosted by her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren who presented her with a "This is Your Life" history, a slide presentation set to music with pictures covering events of almost seventy years and climaxing with her children presenting her a handmade memory quilt.

Each square of the quilt was individually created by her three children, nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren depicting an event or memory that was especially memorable to each including their name and date of birth. After months of planning and individual work, the quilt was pieced together around a center square that was embroidered to read, "To Mother on her 70th Birthday for all the love, beauty and values you have sewn into the fabric of our lives."

The history and slide presentation began with her birth to Aaron and Ivy Lee Dobbs in rural Limestone County near Marlin, Texas, and chronologies her years to present with her recent move back to Eastland where it all began.

Born in Limestone County in the city of Kossee, Texas, to Aaron Ellis Dobbs and Ivy Lee Dobbs you are the first born child. The country is at peace after World War I, and the 20's are considered prosperous years with new industries like the automobile, investment banking and the movies. Agriculture is the only sector of the economy that is in reverse. And when you are the daughter of sharecroppers working for poor land owners, prosperity, to be sure, is spread unevenly. Learning to pull a cotton sack before you ever start first grade you learn the way to eat, is to work. A work ethic that carries you through a long and prosperous career.

You moved to Eastland County in the early 30's and live in a small garage with a dirt floor insulated with cardboard and newspaper. Your mother embarks on a career cooking in local cafe's and eventu-



ally builds a large following of customers for her employers. Your father becomes a rock mason and today many landmarks in town bear his handiwork. The land you move to is owned by Judge Leslie and later your father builds a home there which still stands today in Eastland at the crest of Hillcrest Street west of town.

You have two little brothers now, one close in age and an inseparable playmate. The other four years younger, and the baby, whose care often falls in your hands.

You meet a tall, dark, handsome farm boy from down Carbon way and the twinkle in his eye and that crooked grin captures your heart and on April 15, 1943 you are married to James Ford Byrd. Instead of two brothers, he has two sisters - Bobbie, close to his age and a baby sister, Patsy, just 4 years old. You would come to love them over the years as if they were your own sisters. The next year your oldest daughter is born and you settle into a routine on the farm as a new mother when you are faced with separations. The 2nd World War takes your husband to Hawaii and your loving, handsome, eighteen year old brother Wallace's life while manning a gunner on the U.S.S. Enterprise.

Your husband returns and settles into farming again. In 1946 a son is born and shortly after you move to Odessa, Texas after farming depletes the savings and crops are bad. Ford gets a job in a trucking firm and you meet lifelong friends, one of whom is here today.

Circumstances return you to Eastland where Ford gets a job with Victor Cornelious, you go to

work for Singer Sewing Machine Company and have your second daughter, Deborah born in 1949. You both return to night school hoping to find a way to secure a better future for your kids than you had. More friends, more kids, more debt and finally your baby brother, Bobby, talks you into coming out to Jal, New Mexico to see about working for El Paso Natural Gas. He's been there almost a year and it seems like a pretty good deal.

You take the job starting in Jal and that is the beginning of a love affair you have for west Texas and camp life, a place you've said over and over was a perfect place to raise kids. You move around the panhandle and west Texas like gypsies in a circus for five years and then settle in a remote, small town near Odessa, Goldsmith population 350, where you stay until Ford retires.

You meet people here who you form lasting friendships with and still see on a regular basis. Your kids, ruled with a firm hand and a loving heart, bloom into full adult-

hood. You install in them values, morality and the grace of a loving God.

Your kids are growing up and you take great pleasure in their achievements and development. Your oldest goes to college and meets her soul mate and marries in 1963. Your son after high school enters the service and takes three tours in the Viet Nam conflict. Your youngest marries a local boy and the nest is empty, but the life is full. The grandkids start coming in 1965 one is born every year for nine years, each more welcome than the other and filling your coffee with your most precious jewels.

You work now as a bookkeeper for Hubbard Kelly Funeral Home where you enjoy a 20 year career. You purchase your home in Odessa when Ford retires and plan to stay there forever. Then in 1986 Ford suffers a severe heart attack and passes leaving a void that only a life long mate can fill. Two years later another sorrow when your dear Bill is diagnosed with cancer and dies in 1990.

You soon become con-

sumed with caring for your ill mother until her death in 1991. Then steps in a gentle, caring, considerate gentleman whom you find charming and attentive. And now, back to where it all started in Eastland, you continue a loving relationship with that gentleman, Connard Ellis. You settle into a life of joy with a new man in your life, grandchildren whom you adore and are so proud of for having that love of learning. You see all of them now either graduated from college or still in college working toward something you so wanted. Sadly your baby brother dies last year leaving you the matriarch of the family.

But when one door closes with a sorrow another opens joyfully. Three granddaughters have married and you now have two great grandchildren added to that circle of love with the promise of more to come. They, no doubt, will be greatly influenced by your constant love and commitment to family.

Written 12-7-95 for Dorothy Neel Dobbs Byrd's 70th birthday 12-12-95.

The special event was hosted by children Darlene Mullenweg from Richardson, Texas, Derrell and Margaret Byrd from Hemphill, Texas, Deborah and Denny Roach from Katy, Texas; grandchildren, Lynn and Chad Davenport from Denton, Texas, Jay Roach from San Antonio, Texas, Mike Mullenweg from Richardson, Texas, Carrie Roach from San Angelo, Texas, Jeannie Doucet, Groves, Texas, Tressa and Blair Clarke from Beaumont, Texas, Kelley Roach from Houston, Texas, Eddie Byrd from Groves, Texas and Jennifer Roach from Austin, Texas and great grandchildren Sarah Davenport from Denton and Austin Ford Doucet from Groves.

Out of town guests included Mr. Ellis and his two sons Gary and Terry and their families from Odessa, Texas; sister-in-law, Eloise Dobbs and her son, Allon and his family

from Jal, New Mexico; niece, Vickie and Bobby Peppenhorst from Silsbee, Texas; Debbie Haack from San Antonio, Texas, Clarence and J.C. Lindley from Athens, Texas; Stella Davidson and Sharon Irvin from Odessa, Texas, Barbara Davenport, Stephenville, Texas; Royce and Jimmie Kinard, Cisco. Local guests included sister-in-law, Bobbie and husband, Luce Pittman, Betty and Troy Cross, Catherine Bond, Lee Carleton, Rosalie Loreto, J.C. and Lorene McCulley, Marjorie Young and many from her Dorcas Sunday School class at First Baptist Church.

Dorothy was completely surprised by the event planned in her honor thanks to a host of family and friends who wanted to make it a special day. She said "I can't believe this is happening" and

later said "I have been so honored by my kids and really don't know why." But the kids will tell you that they appreciate their mother for her unwavering discipline and love. They each are eternally grateful for the positive impact she has made in their lives and this was an opportunity for them to say thank you and to honor her with a gift of love.

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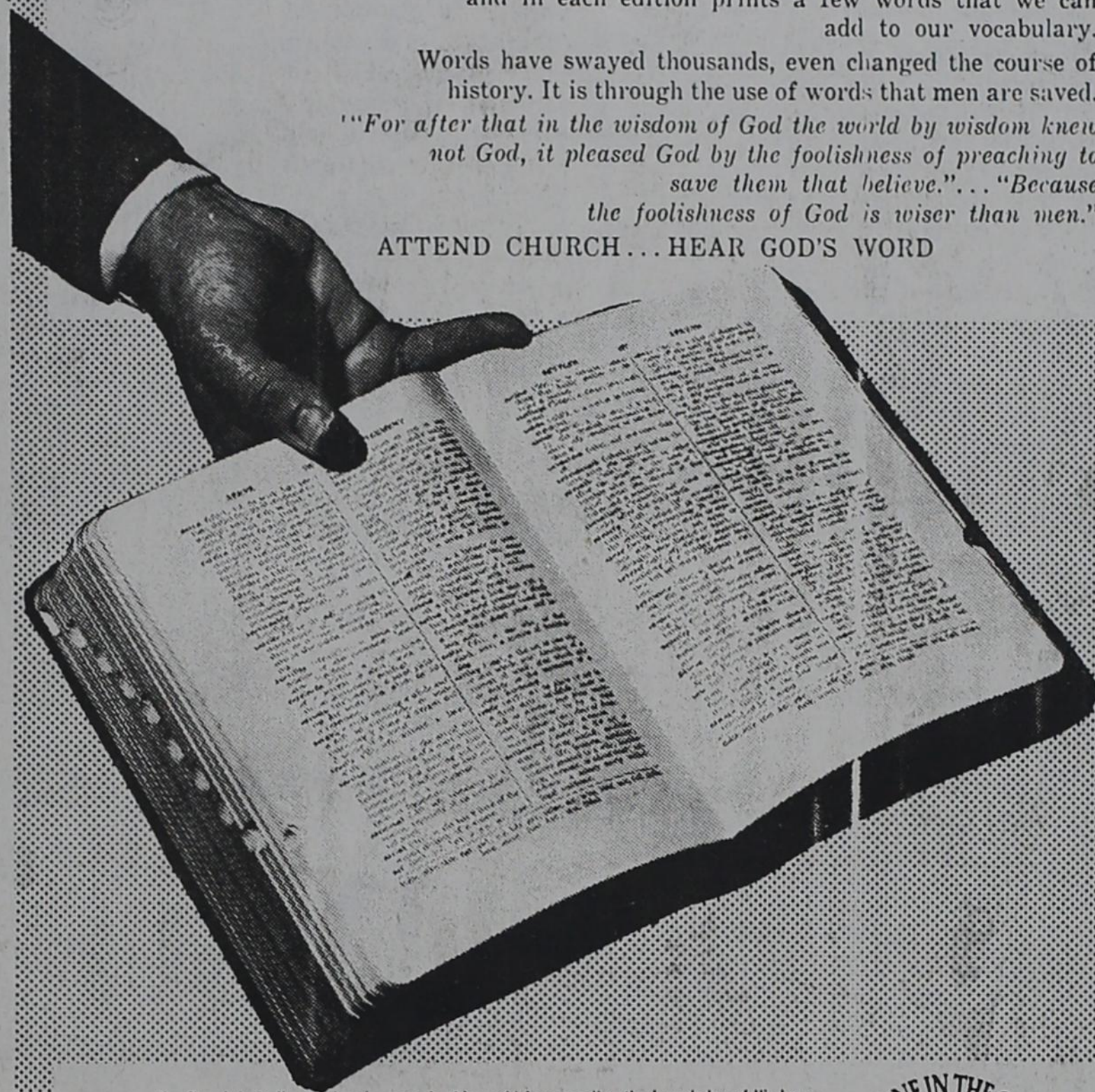


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Wednesday: Ladies Bible Class,
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Class, 7:00 p.m.

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Skip Hodges, Pastor
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.;
Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.;
Youth Group, 5:00 p.m.; Eve-
ning Worship, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday: Youth Meeting,
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a.m.; Worship Service, 10:50
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High Youth, 7:00 p.m.; Tues.
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day: Choirs (all ages); Wednes-
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SOUTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
Ronnie Tumms, Pastor
S. 604 California
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Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Sun-
day morning worship, 11:00
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APOSTOLIC UNITED PENECOSTAL CHURCH
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Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Sun-
day morning worship, 11:00
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nesday Evening, 7:30 p.m.

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a.m.; Discipleship Training, 5:00
p.m.; Sunday evening worship,
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7:00 p.m.; Wednesday Bible
Study, 7:00 p.m.

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day worship, 10:55 a.m.; Sun-
day evening worship, 6:00 p.m.;
Wednesday evenings, 7:00 p.m.

AREA CHURCHES

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Sunday morning worship, 11:00
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Wednesday evening, 6:00 p.m.

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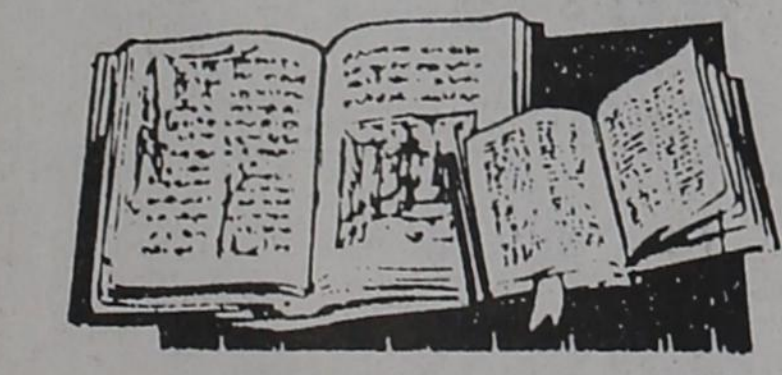
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Obituaries

GLENDA CHANDLER

Cross Plains-Glenda L. Chandler, 72, died Tuesday, January 9, 1996 in a nursing home.

Services were at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, January 11, 1996 in Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Jim O'Dell officiating. Burial was in Cross Plains Cemetery.

Mrs. Chandler was born in Electra and was a homemaker. She was a member of First Baptist Church and married Max Lee Chandler in 1942 in Wichita Falls; he preceded her in death.

Survivors include two daughters, Latricia Chandler and Linda Chandler, both of Cross Plains; her mother, Minnie Swann of Cross Plains; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be sent to Cross Plains Emergency Medical Service; First Baptist Church Building Fund; or Cross Plains Public Library.

ROY TATOM

Cross Plains-Roy Tatom, 87, died Tuesday, January 9, 1996 at his home.

Services were at 10:00 a.m. Friday, January 12, 1996 in Cross Plains First Baptist Church with Dr. Jim O'Dell officiating. Burial was in Atwell Cemetery, directed by Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Mr. Tatom was born in Atwell and was a farmer. He was a member of First Baptist Church and married Leta Marie Foster Tatom in 1928 in Atwell; she preceded him in death.

Survivors include one son, Roy Neil Tatom of Atwell; one sister, Jessie Odom of Baird; two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to Activity Building Fund at First Baptist Church.

TROY WATSON

Cross Plains-Troy Watson, 92, of the Sabanna area, died Tuesday, January 9, 1996 at his home.

Services were at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, January 11, 1996 in Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Dwaine Clower officiating. Burial was in Cross Plains Cemetery.

Mr. Watson was born in Indian Territory and married Myrtle Potter in 1924 in White Deer. He worked as a telephone repairman for Contel and was a member of Pioneer Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Myrtle Watson of Sabanna; seven sons, James Robert Watson of Tuscola, Everett Burl "Buck" Watson of Crockett, Donald Watson of Rising Star, Johnnie Watson of Beaumont, Harry Watson of Kaufman, Jerry Watson of Lufkin, and Troy Watson of Lampasas; four daughters, Bobbie Casey of Sabanna, Helen Humphries of Lake Charles, La., Barbara Kanady of Rising Star and Norma Tucker of Southlake; 32 grandchildren; 51 great-grandchildren; and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

MYRTLE ELDRIDGE RUTHERFORD KENNEDY

Clyde-Myrtle Eldridge Rutherford Kennedy, 89, died Saturday, January 13, 1996 at a hospital.

Services were at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 16, 1996 at Clyde Church of Christ with Rick Cunningham officiating. Burial was in Putnam Cemetery, directed by Bailey Funeral Home.

Mrs. Kennedy was born in Apache, Okla., and moved to Putnam in 1943. She moved to Tulia in 1972 and to Clyde in 1985. She was a homemaker and a member of Clyde Church of Christ. She married A.A. Rutherford in 1926 in Tulia and Ben Kennedy in 1972 in Clyde; both preceded her in death.

Survivors include three sons, Kenneth Rutherford of Spicewood, Delmus "Lefty" Rutherford of Abilene and Dale Rutherford of Trent; one daughter, Mary Anita Boyd of Clyde; one stepson, Tomy Kennedy of Flint, Mich; four stepdaughters, Billie Sandage of Brownfield, Mary Paden of Lubbock, Sara McDougal of Clyde, and Nell Keith of Eastland; one brother, Artie McBride of Amarillo; four sisters, Luella Edwards of Amarillo, Cleora Moore of Shamrock, and Mary Pope and Lenora Pope, both of Duncan, Ariz.; 11 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; 20 stepgrandchildren; 43 step-great-grandchildren; and two step-great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

JESSE DONALD 'DON' RUTLEDGE

Clyde-Jesse Donald "Don" Rutledge, 60, of Pecos, a survivor of the 1938 Clyde tornado, died Monday, January 15, 1996 at a Midland hospital.

Services were at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 17, 1996 at Bailey Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Ross Cemetery Annex in Baird, directed by Bailey Funeral Home.

Mr. Rutledge was born in Clyde and moved to Pecos from Goldsmith in 1973. He was employed by El Paso Natural Gas for 36 years and a member of the Church of Christ. He married Mary Walker in 1954 in Baird.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Rutledge of Pecos; one son, Donald Rutledge of Odessa; one daughter, Elaine Marble of San Angelo; one brother, Darryle Rutledge of Joshua; and three grandsons.

MARY E. COOKSEY

Mrs. Mary E. Cooksey, 94, passed away Saturday, January 13, 1996 in Houston, Texas.

Graveside services were at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 17, 1996 at Ross Cemetery in Baird, where she was buried next to her husband and two sons.

She was preceded in death by her husband Hugh Harry, and two sons, Cameron Alton and James Thomas.

Survivors include four sons, Major Hugh Harold Dean, Alvin Eugene, and Larry McPhail; two daughters, Jo Ann and Martha Mae; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Visitations were held Monday, January 15, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. at Santana Funeral Director's Chapel near her present home in Houston, Texas.

DAVID JOSEPH "JOE" BLACK

Clyde-David Joseph "Joe" Black, 68, died Monday, January 15, 1996 in a Waco hospital.

Services will be at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, January 18, 1996 in Bailey Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be in Clyde Cemetery.

Mr. Black was born in Cisco and married Joyce Carlile in 1950 in Eastland. He worked as a truck driver and moved to Clyde in 1980 from Abilene. He was a member of First Christian Church.

Survivors include his wife Joyce Black of Clyde; two sons, Charles Black of Clyde and Bill Black of Abilene; three daughters, Reba Joy Griffith of Houston, Belia Charlene McNabb of Carlsbad, Texas, and Teresa Irene Ingram of Cisco; one brother, Derral Black of Clyde; one sister, Charlene McFarland of San Antonio; 15 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

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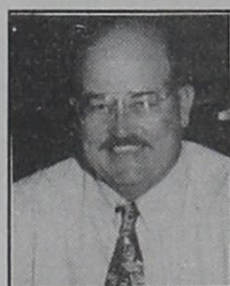
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