

## Founding Of Hall **County Celebrated**

A large crowd was present at the "Shoe Bar Ranch Headquarters" located North of Lakeview, Texas and the present home of Bobby and Dixie Barbee for the centennial celebration of the founding of Hall County. The activities were held Saturday, May 5, although the actual petition was submitted May 4.

John Deaver II served as master of ceremonies and gave a brief history of the events leading up to the establishing of the county as well as recognizing several "old timers" who were in

Frankie McWhorter, Barto Riley and Zip Durrett began the vestern music entertainment. McWhorter has been installed in "Western Music Halls of Fame" in Nebraska and California, featured in John Erikson's book. The Fiddlin' Fox. The Texas Tech press in Lubbock is publishing a series of three books concerning his accomplish-ments. McWhorter also played with the noted "Bob Wills Band" for three years. His music has a very distinct style.

The entire afternoon was a busy one with rides for everyone in a mule drawn wagon provided other events scheduled which by Doug Forbes of Silverton who will be announced throughout loaned the rig to Billy D. Bowman. Other activities included to make the year one to be re-Horse Shoe Pitching, yolleyball, membered. and wading in the Oaks Creek.

A special attraction featured a "Branding Iron Party." Gaylon Clark, chairman, burned ranch family brands, many several generations old, onto a board. This event ties the past closely to the present as many brands

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are still in use.

Another enjoyable event were tours through the ranch head-

Members of the Barbee Family who have occupied the home since 1928 conducted the tours. Authentic cowboys and their horses added to the "color" of the celebration. Souvenirs and commemorative items were available.

A "Texas Flag" was donated by state representative, Warren Chisum. Those attending the event were given the opportu-nity to sign their name on the flag which will be included in the items to be placed in the "time capsule" to be opened in the year 2040.

Members of the committee and others served the evening meal which closed the day's events. Many other people were involved to make the day a success including the Memphis Volunteer Fire Department who oversaw orderly parking of vehicles. Thomas Tippett served as auctioneer on the first five numbered commemorative belt buckles.

The committee has several the rest of 1990 which promises

### NOTICE

The annual meeting of the Turkey Swimming Club Association will be held at 7:30 Monday May 21. The meeting will be held at the swimming All members urged to atpool.

### Degree Awarded To Cliff Cooper

Fort Worth -- Cliff Cooper received the master of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary during commencement ceremonies May 11.

President Russell H. Dilday will award degrees to 447 students in Southwestern's school of theology, religious education and church music.

Cooper is the son of Ross A. Cooper of Lockney, Texas, and Kathryn Cooper, also of Lockey, Texas. Cooper is married to Cheryl,

whose parents are Truman Merrell of Quitaque, Texas, and Melba Jo Merrell of Quitaque. Slide Baptist Church, Slide,

Texas is Cooper's home church. Southwestern, one of six seminaries affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention, is the largest theological school in the world. Each year more than 5,000 men and women train for ministry at Southwestern.

### 4-H Advances To District

County 4-H members exhibited their public speaking skills at the 4-H speaking contests Monday night, May 7, in the Sil-verton school cafeteria.

Each of the 23 contestants will advance to the district 4-H Roundup on the Texas Tech University campus on Saturday, May 19, to compete with others good cause, they are urged to from the South Plains District call Carol Ramsey at 455-1278. in their respective categories.

Plaques for Best Junior Presentation went to Michael Reagan, son of David and Sheila Reagan and Trey Wyatt, son of John and Gail Wyatt for their method demonstration on "Surelocked Homes'

Winners of the plaques for Best Senior Presentation were Kami Martin, daughter of Dana and Dorothy Martin and Ashleigh Wyatt, daughter of John and Gail Wyatt for their food and nutrition demonstration, "Eat to Compete."

Other junior participants



### CLIFF COOPER Little League Begins May 21

Little League baseball will be in full swing beginning Monday, May 21 in the Valley area. Valley teams participating in the Memphis League this year include T-Ball, Rangers; Minor League, Royals, Twins, and Tigers; Major League Boys, Orioles and Braves; and Major League Girls Softball, Bluejays and Whitesox

Games will be played in Memphis and Quitaque this year.

Senior Boys League will play games in Memphis, Childress, Wellington, and Quitaque. The concession stand will be

open for all games with hamburgers, candy, and soft drinks, and home baked goodies. All proceeds from the concession stand are to go to the Little League.

If anyone wishes to donate help, time or baked goods to a

# Merrell Brings

The Valley Track Team par-ticipated in the State Track Meet at Austin Saturday, May 12. The team scored a total of 29 points to finish third in the meet.

Warren Merrell won the state championship in the 3200 meter run with a personal best of 9.51.8. Merrell stayed with the field till 300 meters were left and out sprinted the rest in for the gold medal. He came back to claim another gold medal in the mile with a time of 4.27.4 and was clearly the best in the state, winning the race by 30 yards. Clay Edwards ran a 49.4 in the 400 meter dash to finish fourth. He also claimed a sixth place finish in the 200 meter with a time of 21.7. Both times were personal best.

## Caprock Genealogical Society Organized

and weather warnings, 12 resi-dents from Floyd, Briscoe and Motley counties met Monday evening, April 23, at the Floyd County Historical Musuem in Floydada, to organize the "Caprock Genealogical Society"

Officers elected to serve for 1990-1991 were: Sharon Pigg, president; June Sherman, vice president and program chairman; Jane Bean, secretary/ treasurer; Carolyn Jackson, reporter; and Marisue Potts and Jackie Mercer, social co-chairpersons

"To Participate, Encourage and Share" was chosen as the motto of the Society, which will meet on the third Monday of each month with the exception of June, July and August.

Nancy Marble brought to the attention of those present the resources available in the Mary Lou Bollman History and Genealogy Center in the Museum. The Center contains two microfilm readers, one of which has a printer; Floyd County commu-nity and family files; microfilm rolls of early Floyd County newspapers and U.S. Census records; and a growing collec-tion of books, which have been donated to the Museum.

The next meeting of the Society will be at 7 p.m., Monday

The first grade through the

fifth grade will be presenting the musical A Pocketful cf

Dreams Wednesday, May 23 at

1:30 p.m. in the Valley Gymna-

First grade-Do-Re-Me and Pa-

rade of The Wooden Soldiers.

The program will consist of

Second grade-Mairzy Doats

Third grade-Candle On The

sium

Despite threatening clouds May 21, at the Court House in Silverton. Members are to bring 4-generation pedigree charts, as complete as possible, on each parent and a list of books they own which they would be willing to loan to other members of the Society. Anyone interested in genealogy is invited to attend.

Refreshments were furnished by June Sherman, Sharon Pigg and Jackie Mercer.

Present for the meeting were Nancy Marble, Mary Lou Bollman, Carolyn Sue, Jane Bean, Marisue Potts, Jackie Mercer, Sharon Pigg, June Sherman, Vera Jo Bybee, Janet Milam, Juanita Broseh and Carolyn Jackson

### GeneralChamber Meeting Upcoming

Quitaque Chamber of Commerce will hold a general meet-ing Thursday, May 17, 7 p.m., at the Comunity Center.

Purpose of the meeting is to review the Chamber's activities and gather the ideas and feel-

ings of the membership. Members are asked to bring a dish for the potluck supper. Tea, coffee, paper goods and plastic ware will be provided.

## AREA HAPPENINGS

#### Home The Gold Pocketful Of Dreams Daniel Reception

A reception and ice cream supper honoring former pastor Reverend Wesley Daniel and his wife upon his retirement from the Northwest Texas Converence will take place May 20, 1990 at 6 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 1001 West Seventh Street, in Plainview, Texas.

Reverend Daniel will preach his last sermon May 27 and will officially retire after this year's United Methodist Conference in

tures, there are about 6,000 words to a page. That, of course is 60,000 words for a 10 page paper.

We try to have something in it for everyone, so that is why we purposely put in misspelled words.

By Thelma Gafford

The following article by Alice Gilroy appeared in the Floydada

We sat down and tried to figure out how many words go into a 10

page paper. We couldn't. Because of ads and pictures, the words on a page will vary. But if you don't count the space for ads and

Very often (I mean every once in a while) we leave off paragraphs or rearrange them entirely. Sometimes we misspell children's names because their parents did not have the foresight to spell them the way we think they should.

When we make mistakes around here, everybody knows it. It is in print. It's not like your ordinary everyday screw ups in your office where the only ones who know about it are the people you work with. HERE-EVERYBODY KNOWS!

Here are some of our favorite mistakes about which we still New Caprock manage to laugh:

One of our marriage headlines untied a couple, instead of having them united. The groom laughed. I'm not sure about the bride

ride. In the Lamplighter column we had a woman on welfare living in Society will meet Monday, May a tree bedroom house instead of a three bedroom house

In the Senior Citizens menu, we had oven fried children instead of oven fried chicken. Lowell Bilbrey, the justice of the peace, pointed that out to us and told us he was filling out a warrant for our arrest.

My dad told me about a story in the Cuero Record (years ago) in which the marriage of a very influential couple their honeymoon, the typsetters dropped the "s" in the Mrs. and described the beautiful trousseau that Mr. so-in-so left in. They were not amused.

Jeremiah Brooks and Jarrett Pigg, horse; Krisse Pigg, Mandy Pigg, and Briana Sperry family life; Shannon Weaver and Molly Bomar, farm and ranch economics; Lindsey Weaks and Dara Ramsey, companion ani-

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# Society To Meet

21 at 7 p.m., in the Court House at Silverton, Texas. Those attending are reminded to bring a 4-generation pedigree or ances tor chart on each of their parents, and also of their spouse's partents. Anyone interested in genealogy, beginner or professional, is encouraged to attend.

Kirk Garner placed fourth in the 300 hurdles with a time of 39.2 his best

Bubba Clardy placed eighth in the 200 with a personal best of 22.7. Garner, Clardy, Edwards and Jason Smith ran the sprint relay but were disqualified in the race because of running out of the exchange zone.

This was a great season for our boys, they all worked very hard all year to accomplish these things. Warren Merrell was our only senior at the meet so another great season is expected out of the team next year."

Water and At The Top. Fourth and Fifth-Freedom and A Pocketful of Dreams

and This Train.

Everyone is encouraged to attend.

### Wheat Field Day

The Briscoe County Extension Service is sponsoring a Wheat Field Day on Friday, May 18 beginning at 1:30 p.m. The tour will begin at the Gary Weaks farm 10 miles west, 11/4 miles south, 1/4 mile west of Silverton.

Dr. Brent Bean, Extension Agronomist, from Amarillo will discuss variety differences, weed control, and other aspects of wheat production. Mr. Wayne Powell from Quantum Seed will also be on hand.

For more information please contact the Extension office at 823-2131.

Midland June 4-6.

The public is encouraged to attend

### Range Field Day

The Briscoe County Extension Service and the Soil Con-servation Service are co-sponsoring a Range Field Day, Monday, May 21, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Quitaque Community Center.

The tour will include chemical weed and brush control and prescribed burning of rangeland.

Following the tour, lunch will be served at the Quitaque Community Center. Representa-tives from Dow Chemical, Dupont, and Sandoz will present a short program.

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EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Don Mills

closed (a bit early). Thanks so much!

Lee Hays

Happy Anniversary:

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May 18: M/M Bruce Ferguson

May 24: M/M Billy Pinkerton

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May 15: Dick Taylor, Rachel Monk, Jess Yeary, MarilynLeal May 16: Rex Morgan, Holly Gafford,Devona Smith May 17: Wallace Johnston, Danene

Lane May 18: Betty Farley, Stella Davis,

May 19: Bill Griffin, James Kim-bell, Vance Price, Author Beck May 20: Trey Gearn May 22: Bradley Price, Lori leeAnn

May 23: Darlene Wilks, Sam Ross May 24: Ruth Proctor Mona Wheeler, E.G. Reed, Will Sperry, Veronica Barrios, Amanda Rapp

# Comancheros

Santa Fe newspaper, blasted its native citizens with this item: There is a species of stealing and robbery more contemptible and cowardly than the midnight depredations of the common burglar. We allude to the practice of certain capitalists, who, by the potency of the funds they control, enlist the aid of savages, the scalping knife and the faggot, in adding yet more to their ill-gotten wealth, while they, lying about fashionable hotels, smoking cigars, and enjoying all the comforts of security, smile in gloated satisfaction at the murder and theft that are the inevitable co-comitants of their illicit business. These reof their finite business. Inese re-marks apply to that class who en-courage the Comanches....to steal cattle from Texas...with the offer to buy from them all they can obtain. These men hire ignorant creatures to go out and meet the Indians on the plains and bring...the stolen stock to market where bona fide purchasers become the suffers. This kind of traffic is what has led the Texas raids in San Miguel and other counties...The people of Texas...have arisen to protect themselves. They are retaking their stock whenever they find it. We cannot deny the justice of the Texans' claim."

The Santa Fe New Mexican probably analyzed the Comanch-eros best with those terse words, "ignorant creatures," pawns in the hands of the rich. Though they braved the rigors of the lonely Llano, risking their scalps and what estates they owned, it is doubtful if any of them earned, after all re-turns were in, more than beans and chill. At least the testimony of three former Comancheros and a man who ought contraband livestock from them did not indicate substantial affluence when they talked about their former vocations many years later

On June 26, 1893, three former traders, Jose Piedad Tafoya, Julian

In 1872 the Daily New Mexican. Baca and Jose Medina along with that from Quitaque they drove the Manuel Gonzales, a cattle trader, appeared in Las Vegas, N.M., and they gave depositions in a lawsuit brought by Goodnight and Sheek against the United States and the Comanche Indians. These old and wrinkled men, bent with the years in and out of the trade for a quarter of a century, gave, perhaps, the best account of the Comanchero trade that has been left, either written or spoken. They spun intriguing tales of long, slow trips from their ran-chosin San Miguel County, N.M., to the dark canyons along the Qui-taque Creek in Texas, of long waits for the Indians to appear, how thin the cattle looked after long, brutal drives, and the loneliness of the region. Jose Piedad Tafoya was among

the wealthiest and most aggressive of all the Comancheros. Jose might have been a lone burro man when started, but it wasn't long until he was a long train patron with many empleados who rode alongside the caravans in squeaking saddles and wearing high crowned sombreros. They were the meat hunters, camp makers and cowboys.

Vegas that day explained how they carried on their trade with the Indians. Their trading grounds were at Quitaque, Yellowhouse Canyon, Rita Blanca, Hardwood, Tierra Blanca, Blanco Canyon, Puenta de

stolen livestock in a northwesterly direction for 100 miles to the Fort Smith road, then followed it west into New Mexico. Evidently they struck the Fort Smith road near today's Adrian, Texas. There were no people or any signs of civilization in the Panhandle at that time, only the silent, endless land shimmering with mirages in the day and sleep ing under a glistening dome of stars at night.

Tafoya further swore that in 1864 he was trading for Major Bergmann "in charge of the military at Fort Bascom" and in 1865 for a merchant compared that is the start of the start named Jennings at Hatch's ranch on the Gallinas River. Jose Tafoya did not mention guns or ammuni-tion as trade items but did list such things as paint, cloth, beads and bread. One wonders what Major Bergmann furnished Tafoya in return for cattle. According to Tafoya, he ceased trading in 1867 and became a scout and guide for

GRADUATES

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Mackenzie). He held this position from 1875 to 1882. R.N. Stevens, assistant attorney for the Department of Justice in Las Vegas in 1893, tried to press Julian Baca into admitting that some of

Third In A Series

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the Mexicans were raiding under the guise of Indians into central Texas, but Baca swore that he didn't know of any such instance.

### Dinner Honors Area Clergy

In celebration of Soil Steward. ship Week, the Caprock and Tule Creek Soil Conservation Districts hosted a dinner in honor of the Swisher and Briscoe clergy.

On Friday, May 4, a group of about 30 clergy persons, directors and SCS employees and their wives left at 10 a.m. to tour the Caprock Canyons State Park. Narration was given by Park Superintendent, Mr. Sargent. Following the tour every-General Hatch, Colonel Davis and at the Quitaque Community Cen-General "McKinsley" (probably ter.

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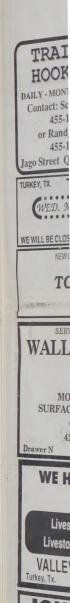
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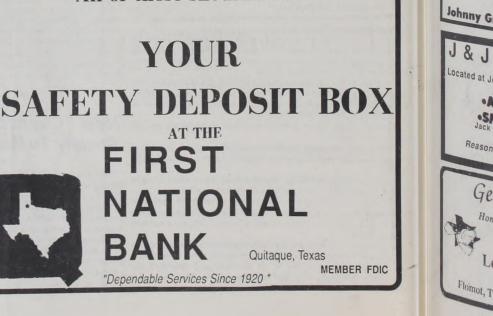
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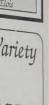
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of Quitaque will receive Bids for repairs to the exterior of the Quiue Community Center until 5:00 P. M. on the 11th day of June, 1990, at the City Hall in Quitaque. Bids will be opened at that time and place and be publicly read aloud. Repairs will include painting, siding repair, door repair, awning

repair, and various other repairs. repair, and various other repairs. A Copy of the specified repairs can be picked up at the City Hall in Quitaque between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through

Friday. The City of Quitaque reserves the right to reject any or all Bids or to waive any informalities in the

bidding. Bids may be held by the City of Quitaque for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days from the date of the opening for Bids for the purpose of reviewing the Bids and investigat-ing the qualifications of Bidders, prior to awarding of the Bid. 50-1tc

### THANK YOU

To Valley Employees:

A very special thanks to each of you for my great retirement reception on Sunday, May 6. The entertainment was delightful; the refreshments were excellent, and the gift was just what I wanted, but the love you showed me was something I shall treasure always. I appreciate all of you. Teaching for 34 years has been my life. I'll miss it and I'll miss each of you.

Valley is a great school and I feel quite fortunate to have been a part of

Love you, Ann Coker

On The Q. J. W. and Jo Lacy went to Lub bock Saturday to attend Randy's graduation from Texas Tech. They were joined by Jimmy Lacy from Addison; Betty Williams, Kelley, Brittany and Mike Kelly from Can-yon; Don and Betsy Moreland, Billy, Mindy and Lauren Smith from Levelland and Stacy Moreland, Doyle and Nancy Lacy, Ryan, Tamala and Logan Brown from Lubbock.

\*\*\* Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Allen Matthews Monday were her sister and friend Nada Starkey and Lillie Spears of Flomot.

Nada Starkey spent the day with her sister Rusty Matthews Wednes-day while Allen Matthews and Ray

Estelle Davidson attended a lunch at Silverton last Saturday with Mr. day and in honor of Mother's Day.

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## **4-H Winners**

Continued From Page 1 mals; Christina Stephens and Carrie Baird, consumer life skills; Kimmie Blazier, horse; Molly Brooks and Lacy Brunson, natural resources; Brandi Brunson and Holly Nance, clothing; and George Pigg,

public speaking. Also entered in the senior division were Josh Brooks in beef cattle and Cecilia Castillo in clothing.

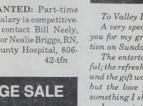
Josh Brooks was master of cere-monies for the program, and Ash-leigh Wyatt extended the welcome. Jeremiah Brooks led the pledge of allegiance, and Kami Martin led the 4-H motto and pledge.

Adult leader Janinne Brooks and the Extension agents presented the plaques and ribbons at the awards ceremony. Barbara Finch and Glenda Gibson, 4-H leaders from Swisher County, judged the con-

Whittaker went to Plainview for Allen to keep doctor appointment. Mrs. Floye McCracken and Mrs.

and Mrs. Alvie Francis. Others at the gathering were Mr. and Mrs. Stewart McCracken, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Edwards and family from Muleshoe, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie McCracken and family from Lub-bock, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Drew and family from Coppell, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Francis and family of Silverton. The lunch was to cele-brate Stewart McCracken's birth-

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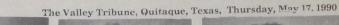
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