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## CAPROCK CANYONS RAIL-TRAIL GOES 'ROUND THE BEND

In this breathtaking view of the Caprock Canyon, a section of the new Caprock Canyons State Park Trailway rounds a curve through steep bluffs on the Caprock Escarpment. The trail has been developed along about 65 miles of abandoned rail corridor. (Photo courtesy Texas Parks & Wildlife)



Oscar Hewitt of South Plains drove this dump truck in 1927 and 1928 while working on building the railroad from South Plains to Estelline. Photo contributed by Mrs. Oscar Hewitt



H. E. Mullin driving an Indiana Truck, with Dee Smith, brother of Guy Smith on truck at Railroad Tunnel in 1927. Mr. Mullin began working for the railroad at the cut north of the Turkey Compress. Photo contributed by Mr. H. E. Mullin

## Men Who Built Railroads Recall The Early Days

(Courtesy of Comings, Goings, & Doings, 1992, by O.R. Stark)

Lon McKay, now 89, worked on the construction crew which laid out the track for the new railroad in 1927. He began work for the Ft. Worth and Denver in the spring that year, and worked on a seventeen-mile stretch of track that runs from Turkey northeast to the Weatherly community.

He started with three mules and a dump wagon, hauling dirt up and down the railroad right-of-way to make fills. Later he used an old iron-wheeled Fordson tractor, and he took time off to plant a crop on June 12 that year. Then he worked until all of the track had been installed in the fall of 1927.

There's also a sequel to Lon's railroad construction story, for today his youngest son, Trent McKay, is working for the Burlington-Northern Railroad, and picked up track along the same route where his father worked in 1927.

The railroad right-of-way has recently been acquired by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and is (now) developed into a scenic 65 mile trailway as an addition to Caprock Canyons State Park. Along this corridor, hiking, biking, and horseback riding will be featured.

E. J. Hamilton of Lubbock informed us that he worked in the railroad tunnel doing bridge work during August of 1927 and that he remembered a Mr. Russell was the foreman of the

project. He ended his letter by stating he was only 86.

Horace Elmer Mullin of Turkey worked for almost a year on the railroad while it was being laid out across this area. H.E. said he drove one of the Indiana

trucks during his employment, and that some of his work was on the site north of the railroad tunnel above Quitaque and on the cut that was made north of the compress in Turkey.

## New Rail-Trail To Open On National Trails Day June 5

Many Texans are expected to witness the transformation of a former railroad line into a hiking trail in Texas here on June 5th, National Trails Day. This is the first and only linear park in Texas. This trail is also the first rails to trails park in Texas.

The Caprock Canyons State Park Trailway dedication will feature an inaugural bicycle ride along the new 22-mile stretch of newly opened trail between South Plains and Quitaque, about 70 miles northeast of Lubbock. Other activities planned include hiking opportunities, visiting saddle clubs, buggy rides, tours to see a historic tunnel on the trail, entertainers in period dress, hay rides, a barbecue and a country western dance.

"Converting unused rail lines into hiking, biking and equestrian trails makes sense," said Kathryn Nichols, trails planner with Texas Park and Wildlife Department. "It's fun, it's healthy and the tourism it generates is good for the economy. This is the decade of conservation and the outdoors and Texans are hungry for new trails to blaze."

Various legislators and other state leader will attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new trail. Local leaders believe it will be an important force for economic development.

"We've already seen Quitaque become a travel stop for almost 150,000 people per year going to Caprock Canyons State Park," said Elgin Conner, mayor of Quitaque.

Quitaque's population, like others nearby was hit hard by a depressed farming economy in the early 1990's, but sales tax revenue in the area has been up for the last two years.

"I think that's directly tied to tourism," Conner said. "And the rail-to-trail project will provide a big economic boost to Quitaque, simply by having more people come through town. We are extremely excited by the possibilities."

National Trails Day is designed to focus public attention on building a system of protected trailways to link open spaces and natural areas across America. The Caprock Canyons project involves a three-way partnership between a government agency, a nonprofit conservation group and a private business to make possible a new public trail.

The Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, a national nonprofit group, was instrumental in acquiring the abandoned rail corridor from railroad company Burlington Northern. Money to buy the land, tracks and structures came from a salvage company that buys and sells salvaged rail materials. This win-win arrangement allowed TPWD to acquire the land at no cost.

"After being encouraged by community leaders to create the trail, we met with landowners in the area to discuss their concerns," said Rusty Sargent, Caprock Canyons State Park manager. "Based on their input, we believe this will be a good project for all concerned. We intend to be good neighbors."

"For the state park, I think it's going to be a tremendous drawing card. We'll now have almost 100 miles of trails in one location when you combine the rail-trail with our existing park trails."

The new trail will offer outstanding weekend trail rides to horseback riders. Mountain bikers will get extensive mileage where they can get away from it all into some rugged country. And Sargent said he's had numerous inquiries from Volksmarch walking groups.

Once complete, the entire trail will run about 64 miles from South Plains to Estelline, moving through the cultivated fields of the Texas high plains, dropping into the rugged canyons of the Caprock Escarpment and winding down into the famous Red River Valley.

A unique feature of the trail near the Caprock Escarpment is a 1,000-foot abandoned railroad tunnel, which is on the National Register of Historic Places as one of only a few such places.

The trail also moves through the Valley of the Tears, where Comanche Indians once traded white hostages, and it crosses the Mighty F Ranch, one of the first great ranches on the Texas plains.

Once completed, the trail head in South Plains is 73 miles from Lubbock and 95 miles from Amarillo. The eastern terminus at Estelline will be 127 miles from Wichita Falls.

For more information on the Caprock Canyons State Park Trailway dedication contact the Quitaque Chamber of Commerce at 806-455-1439 or -1179.

## Lions Serve Pancakes

The Quitaque Lions Club will be preparing a pancake breakfast on Saturday, June 5, 1993 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at Quitaque Fire Hall.

The menu will consist of pancakes, sausage, bacon, coffee and orange juice.

Entertainment will be provided during the breakfast by John Stephens, an accomplished entertainer from Eden Texas who is the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Winters.

Proceeds of the breakfast will be donated to Quitaque Chamber of Commerce.

## Calendar Of Events

- June 5**  
Caprock Canyons Trail Dedication  
Hal Ketchum Concert And Barn Dance  
Caprock Jamboree
- June 6**  
Attend Church Of Your Choice
- June 7**  
Quitaque Lions  
Quitaque City Council
- June 8**  
Turkey Senior Citizens  
Turkey Fire Department  
Flomot Do Gooders  
Quitaque EMT
- June 10**  
Turkey City Council

## THEN & NOW!

This Saturday is an exciting day for Quitaque and the State Park. A day that will long be remembered. Much activity will be happening all day and into the late night hours. However this is only the tip of the "ice berg". Many activities of a different sort have been happening in our area--The people of our town and surrounding area should receive a big pat on the back for all the hard work involved in getting a project of such magnitude as the opening of the first conversion in Texas of a rail road corridor to a hiking, biking trail. First you have to have someone with the vision. Someone that can take the heat of ridicule because "it's never been done before". The next step is knowing the right people to talk to so the ball will get rolling. Next there has to be financial help to make it happen. Then comes the day it is going to be a reality. This is when all the rest of the community can pitch in, clean up, paint, mend, wash, dust, rearrange windows, advertise and many other seemingly small things. But without the many hands to do these "small" things, nothing would ever be accomplished in our small towns.

After all the fun and festivity of the day are just a memory, the trail will still give joy to hikers and bikers for many years. Perhaps people who live in congested cities and never get to view the beautiful scenery that you and I take for granted every day.

So here's hats off to those with vision, those with stamina, those with connections and all those who worked so hard to make Saturday, June 5, Trail Opening Day at Quitaque a reality--Enjoy!

## Schedule of Events for June 5 Quitaque Trailway Opening

7 a.m.-9 a.m.	Pancake Breakfast	Lions Club
	At Fire Hall	
9 a.m.-6 p.m.	Arts & Crafts	Friends of Library
	At Community Center	
10 a.m.-?	Refreshment	We The Women
	At Senior Citizens Building	
10:30 a.m.	Parade	Chamber
	Form Across From Coop Gin	
11 a.m.	Dedication	Chamber
	At Old Depot Site West Edge Of Town	
11 a.m.-2 p.m.	Bar-B-Q Lunch	Chamber
	West of 1065 on Jones Street	
All Day	Antique Car Show	Chamber
	Main Street	
All Day	Rockin' Chair Storytellers	
	Main Street	
All Day	Main Street Bands	Chamber
All Afternoon--Free	Bus Tours of New State Park Trail	
	Trail Head At Old Depot	
4 p.m.	Dennis Gaines, Poet	Chamber
Evening Meal & Ranch Tour	at the Circle Dot	
6 p.m.	Compress Concession Stand Opens	
8 p.m.-1 a.m.	Barn Dance	Chamber
	Compress	
11 p.m.-?	Breakfast	Fire Department
	Fire Hall	

## Water Aerobic s Slated

Mary Woods will be leading water aerobic exercises at the Quitaque Quail Lodge beginning June 8, 1993 at 7:00 p.m.

Classes will meet at the lodge on each Tuesday and Thursday during the summer. If interested, please call Mary during the day at 455-1132 or at night at 455-1264, for more information about the exercise class.

## Run-Off Election To Be Saturday, June 5

Saturday, June 5, 1993, a special election run-off will be held for U. S. Senator.

The run-off will be between Kay Hutchison and Bob Krueger.

Quitaque voters will vote at Quitaque City Hall for both Precincts (2 & 6).

Turkey will be voting at Bob Wills Cafeteria.

Polls will open at 7 a.m. and remain open until 7 p.m.

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**OBITUARY**  
**Troy Bynum**

Services for Troy B. Bynum, 57, of Kress were at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 2, 1993 in the Kress Church of Christ with Merrill Pence officiating.  
 Burial was in Kress Cemetery under direction of Lemons Funeral Home.  
 Bynum died at 5:15 a.m. Monday at Plainview's Methodist Hospital.  
 He was born in Flomot and graduated from Flomot High School. On December 26, 1959 he married Jane Galloway in Kress. He was manager of the Swisher Co-op Gin for more than two decades. He was a Methodist.  
 He was preceded in death by a son, Danny Brian in 1963.  
 Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Shelly Melton of Plainview; a brother, Travis of Dumas; three sisters, Lou Nell Kanady of Kerrville, Veda Voyles of New Deal and Laquetta Herron of Paris, Texas; his mother, Othel of Kress; and a granddaughter.

**Local Church Declares Itself A "Zoo Zone"**

You can expect to see the ARK PARADE at the First Baptist Church in Quitaque, starting June 21-25, from 9:00 to 12:00 each day. The church has declared itself a "Zoo Zone" for Vacation Bible School.  
 Our VBS program features animals this summer. Like Noah, we'll be surrounded by God's wonderful creatures and every one of them has a story to tell about their Creator. It will be an incredible experience.  
 Games, crafts, songs, snacks and lots of life-changing Bible interaction is included for students ages 2 years through 6th grade. You won't want to miss a minute of this SON-filled adventure. It's better than terrific....it's zoo-rific!!!

**Happy Birthday**

- June 3**  
Keane Cruse  
Virgil George  
Era Heckerson
  - June 4**  
Leroy Stone  
Brittany Hamner  
Greg Ramirez
  - June 5**  
Gladys Wilson
  - June 6**  
Ruth McKay  
Laurie Harp  
Clyde Johnson  
Clema Johnson  
Keenan Kendrick Bell
  - June 7**  
Robin Harmon  
Julie Urey  
Katherine Pigg
  - June 8**  
Ryan Dickman  
Ruth Fuston  
Linda Browning  
Linda Purcell
  - June 9**  
Betty Thrasher  
Mary Fierro
  - June 10**  
Jean Cathey  
Ben Pigg  
Linda Lemons
- Happy Anniversary**
- June 5**  
Mr. and Mrs. Rod Hill  
Mr. and Mrs. Buster Chadwick
  - June 7**  
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce McFall  
Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Proctor
  - June 8**  
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Taylor  
Mr. and Mrs. Murry Morrison  
Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Johnson
  - June 10**  
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Saul

**June Clinic Schedule**

Immunization clinics offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases are scheduled for June. Protection is against polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps and HIB (haemophilus influenzae type B).  
 The Texas Department of Health is charging money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount of money charged will be based on family income and size and the ability to pay.  
 Texas Department of Health Office, Hall County Courthouse Memphis, Texas, June 8, 1993, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
 Texas Department of Health Office Medical Center, Highway 70 North, Clarendon, Texas, June 21, 9:00-12:00 a.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m.

**Dr. Davis To Begin Seeing Patients At Clinic**

Dr. Jeff Davis from Plainview will begin seeing patients at Briscoe County Clinic on June 8, 1993, Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Dr. Davis will be at the clinic on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.



Melvin Clinton, Steve Urey, Stuart Smith

**Memorial Services Held**

A patriotic and dedicated crowd attended the Memorial Service held at Dreamland Cemetery last Sunday afternoon.  
 Those attending were there to pay homage to the deceased veterans and especially to honor those who were killed during a war who are our fallen heroes. These men and women have helped keep the United States the wonderful country it is.  
 Rev. Melvin Clinton of Turkey Baptist Church, called the group together with the pledge of the flag and a prayer. Later, Rev. Clinton called on U.F. Coker to give a prayer in honor of the ones killed in action.  
 A very appropriate memorial message was delivered by Rev. Steve Urey, minister of Turkey and Quitaque Methodist churches.  
 The patriotic songs sung by the group were led by Rev. Stuart Smith of the Turkey Church of Christ. Rev. Smith closed the Memorial with a prayer.

**Caprock Public Library News**

The Grand Opening of the Rails to Trails here in Quitaque has generated quite an interest in the historical markers, Indian battles and just general knowledge of the area.  
 Caprock Public Library has good books to help you furnish information to our visitors on Saturday or to broaden your own knowledge.  
**Bad Hand: A Biography Of General Ranald S. Mackenzie** by Charles M. Robinson, III. From the commander of the 4th calvary through the battle of Palo Duro Canyon to his eventual mental breakdown--this is a comprehensive biography.  
**Why Stop?: A Guide To Texas Historical Markers** by Betty Dooley Awbrey and Claude Dooley. The new marker at Gasline isn't included but the Lake Theo Bison Kill site and the Trading Area of Jose Tafoya are.  
**Cyclin Texas: 25 Great New Bike Tours In The Lone Star State** with a foreword by Peter Nye. This book include techniques and basic information about bike riding as well as describing the Quitaque Canyon Loop Ride.  
 And finally **Adobe Walls Wars** by Bob Izzard. Most are familiar with Mr. Izzard's **Trails Of The Red River Wars** but this is the story of the last Indian war in Texas.  
 Don't Forget: New Hours At The Library:  
 Saturday-Closed  
 Sunday-Closed  
 Monday-Closed  
 Tuesday-Thursday-1:00-6:00  
 Wednesday-Friday-9:00-2:00

**German Youths Tour U.S. On Bikes**

Caprock Canyons State Park has many interesting visitors pass through it's gates. Wednesday, May 26, 1993 saw three young adults from Hanover Germany riding their bicycles into the Honey Flat Camping Area. Gerlinde Heim, 22 and her brother, Eckhard Heim, 21 and Tobias Plake, 22 had biked from Miami, Florida to Quitaque, Texas entering Texas by way of Mansfield, Louisiana. The trip began on April 1, 1993 in Miami, Florida.  
 The group had left Hanover on September 20, 1992. They biked through Switzerland, Spain, Paraguay, Argentina, South Africa and Bolivia to name a few spots visited. Tobias said that Bolivian roads were similar to our hiking trails only wider. There were no paved roads, making for very difficult riding. "Bolivia was the most exciting country we have visited", stated Tobias.  
 From Caprock Canyons they will travel west to view the Grand Canyon and Lake Powell in Arizona. They plan to reach San Francisco by August to fly on to Japan to begin their bike tour of Asia and on to India eventually. The trip will take 2 years to complete.  
 Tobias said that the wildlife of Texas was most exciting to him, racoons especially. This was a new creature to him as there are no racoons in Germany.  
 Gerlinde has finished her training to work with handicapped children and kindergarten children. Tobias and Eckhard will enter the University when they return home.  
 The group ended their tour of Caprock Canyons State Park Saturday.

**Arts and Crafts Show In Community Building**

The Friends of Caprock Public Library will sponsor an Arts and Crafts Show on Saturday, June 5th at the Quitaque Community Center.  
 Wood crafted items; sterling silver jewelry and crafts; painted T-shirts, short sets, pant suits; fabric bunnies and horse-shoe nail sculptures are some of the items that will be available.

It's called **"RESALE THERAPY"**  
 Give yourself a gift without the guilt!

**FRI 10am-7pm:** Hundreds of new arrivals held back for just this weekend. Already low prices- 20% off

**SAT 10am:** Doors open at 9:40 am for seating for delightful fashion show "GIRLS JUST WANT TO HAVE FUN!" It's action packed, cute, entertaining and modeled by our own customers. Refreshments & Door Prizes. Adults only for this one. (Kids will get their turn in August)

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BUY SELL TRADE

**WELCOME TO CAPROCK CANYONS STATE PARK TRAILWAY DEDICATION JUNE 5, 1993**

A unique historic feature of the new Caprock Canyons State Park Trailway is a 1000 ft. abandoned railroad tunnel. One of only a few such tunnels in Texas, it is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.  
 Photo Courtesy: Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept.

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**Notice:**  
 The Briscoe County Tax office will be closed the afternoon of June 15, while Tax Assessor attends Title School.

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**Letter to Editor**

Dear Editor,  
 My check for \$14.00. I do enjoy the paper as Quitaque was my home for 70 years. I grew up there. I arrived there Sept. 6, 1923 in two covered wagons at 10 oclock p.m. First nite was in the Hamilton home 1/2 mile west of Quitaque, now the Bruce Price home.  
 Sincerely  
 Vaughn Hall



**Six Good Reasons To Vote For Kay Bailey Hutchison For U.S. Senate**

1. Her budget as State Treasurer is down by 8%, yet she still earned more for the taxpayers than ever in the state's history.
2. As a small business owner, she will fight taxes and push for more spending cuts.
3. Her #1 priority is reducing the federal deficit by cutting spending, not by raising taxes.
4. She's for across-the-board cuts in the \$300 billion the Federal government spends for overhead and has a plan to save \$1 trillion by limiting the growth of spending.
5. Kay is a strong supporter of term limits and reform of Congress.
6. She wants to stop frivolous lawsuits that clog our courts and drive up health care costs.

**JUNE Saturday 5 Vote For Kay Bailey Hutchison!**  
 Paid For by Kay Bailey Hutchison for Senate Committee.

The Valley  
 Leslie  
 Mr. and Mrs. approaching m. Revs. of Arlin Baptist Church. The bride-to-be Proff and Jo Pa  
 Lackey's At Party  
 Approximat neighbors of Lackey gat evening. May Sargent home dinner was et attended and presented to the The group best of luck in Skellytown. T will pastor the Church.  
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**Leslie Monk And J. Todd Reves Announce Engagement**

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Monk, of Farwell, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Leslie Lynn Monk, to J. Todd Reves, of Arlington. The wedding plans are set for August 21, at First Baptist Church in Farwell, Texas.

The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of L.B. and Elizabeth Monk and Proff and Jo Patrick.



**Keeley Burson and Kraig Cox Announce Engagement**

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Burson of Silverton announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Keeley Burson, to Mr. Kraig Cox, son of Ms. Tena Tiffin of Quitaque and Mr. Lynn Cox of Lubbock. July 17 has been chosen as their wedding date. Miss Burson will attend Texas Tech University and work at Lubbock Federal Credit Union. Mr. Cox is a graduate of Texas Tech University and is presently employed by Crosbyton ISD as a history teacher and coach.



**Twyla Dawn Lemons Engagement To Brian Scott Gallaway Announced**

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Lemons of Quitaque, would like to announce the engagement of their daughter Twyla Dawn to Brian Scott Gallaway, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Gallaway of Plainview.

Twyla is a 1989 graduate of Valley High School and attended Amarillo College. She is employed at Hi-Plains Day Care in Hale Center.

Brian is a 1987 graduate of Plainview High School. He is assistant manager of Lowe's Pay-n-Save in Hale Center. The couple plan a garden ceremony in Plainview on July 17, 1993.

**Lackey's Honored At Party**

Approximately 50 friends and neighbors of Rob and Terri Lackey gathered Tuesday evening, May 25, at the Rusty Sargent home. A covered-dish dinner was enjoyed by all who attended and a money tree was presented to the Lackeys.

The group wished them the best of luck in their new home at Skellytown, Texas, where Rob will pastor the First Baptist Church.

**Hanna Family Reunion**

The Hanna Family Reunion was held on Memorial Day weekend, May 29 and 30th, at the Senior Citizens Room in Turkey, Texas.

Those enjoying the fun were: Jack and Opal Cooper of Pima, Arizona; Buster and Gladys Hanna, Turkey; Jay and Shirley Pessell, Plano, Texas; Bob and Lou Hanna, Vernon; Lowell, Carol and Bridgett Hanna, Wichita Falls; Laura Hanna, Wichita Falls; Brad, Daina and Whitney Rainer, San Angelo; Carrie and Chris Wilcox and Stanley and Pauline Crome of Victoria; Lance and Shelly Logan and Logan and Landry Wells, Lubbock; Edwin and Violet Barket, Plainview; Glenda Butley and children, Victoria; Fay Dell and Tracy Butler, Hereford; Kevin Hanna, Wichita Falls; E.J. Browning, Donna Browning, Royce Lyles and Rick Mullin all of Turkey.

He who praises every-body, praises nobody.

-James Boswell

**June 5th Caprock Jamboree**

June 5th promises to be a "big day" for Briscoe County. With the run-off election and the State Park activities in Quitaque going on **Don't Forget About The Caprock Jamboree in Silverton.**

Be sure you go vote and go to Quitaque and take in their activities then get back up to Silverton to the showbarn and eat a nice, big, juicy, mesquite-grilled hamburger with all the trimmings prepared by the Caprock Cowboy Camp Meeting Association, beginning at 6:00 P.M.

Then settle back for another great night of entertainment beginning at 7:00 p.m. for the 49th show for the **Caprock Jamboree!!!**

Remember!! No door fee! Good family entertainment! Toe tapping, hand clapping, sing along fun!!!!

Bring your lawn chair, if you have one, if not come on anyway to the **Caprock Jamboree!!**

Some special out of town guests who attended were the mother of the groom, Mrs. Roberta Carson of Clint, Texas; two aunts of the groom-Rosemary McIntyre of Midland and Nell Stanford and daughter, Sally, from Lubbock. A special friend, LaTronda Maines of Lubbock also attended.

Hostesses were: Susie Shannon, Vicky Lindsey, Janice Hughes, Bettie Green, Joan Helms, Ann Chadwick, Lacy Shannon, Ginger Mullin, Cindy Lane, Ann Coker, Peggy Woods, Velma Lacy, Koree Price, Laura Davidson, Gelene Proctor, Margie Pinkerton, Cathryn Conner, Susie House, Wilda Fuston and Delores Lacy.

Holmes made many years ago when he said: "I find the real thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving."

These same statements could be repeated today in 1993, over 20 years later, about the community of Quitaque and be just as true as they were in 1969.

**Bridal Shower Honors Mrs. Pat Carson**

A bridal shower was held last Saturday morning, May 29, for Mrs. Pat Carson, the former Tina Clay. The shower was held in the home of Mrs. Hubert Price.

The guests were greeted and registered by Mrs. Susie Shannon. Many beautiful and useful gifts were displayed in the bedrooms. The hostess gift was a set of dishes selected by the new bride.

In the dining area the serving table was covered with a country blue cloth topped with an ecru lace cloth. The centerpiece was composed of silk flowers arranged in a crystal dish. The flowers were taken from the bride's wedding bouquet. Chocolate mousse cake, coffee cake, blueberry bread, sausage balls and fresh fruit were served in crystal and china serving pieces. Coffee and punch were also served. The guests were served by Robyn Lane and Audra House.

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Photo courtesy of Wilburn Leeper

Bikers ready for the Quitaque Quest on May 22, 1993. The group rode up the caprock to Highway 256 and traveled to Highway 70 and connected with Highway 86 to return to Quitaque and spend the night Saturday night in the Caprock Canyons State Park. Sunday morning they journeyed from the park to Highway 97 and across to Flomot and then down Highway 599 and back to Quitaque. They had traveled around 85 miles for the weekend.

**HATS OFF TO QUITAQUE!**

Thanks to the Chamber of Commerce and all the good people of Quitaque for allowing me to share in your Trailway Celebration.

**COWTOWN WESTERN WEAR**

107 E. 6th Cecil Bramlett, Owner Plainview, Tx

**NOTICE OF ELECTION**

The Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) county committee election this year will be held on June 28, 1993. The ballot below must be filled out, detached and mailed and received or returned in person to the Swisher County FmHA office at 219 N.W. 2nd in Tulia, Texas not later than June 28, 1993. If you do not vote in person you should mail your ballot inside a blank envelope marked "BALLOT" to ensure a secret ballot. This blank envelope should be placed inside the envelope you use to mail your ballot. Your name and address must be legible on the outer envelope. Failure to provide this information will render your ballot invalid. Only one ballot may be voted in person or by mail by any voter. Votes in envelopes containing more than one absentee ballot will not be counted. Ballots and envelopes may also be obtained from your local FmHA office.

The slate of nominees for Briscoe County are listed in the ballot below. The qualifications of persons voting are described in the "Voter Certification Statement." For further information regarding voting and voter eligibility, see the County Office listed above. FmHA elections are open to all eligible voters without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, age, political affiliation, marital status, sex, and/or handicap.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION  
BALLOT FOR COUNTY COMMITTEE MEMBER(S)

STATE TEXAS COUNTY BRISCOE

\* CANDIDATE (S)

- Ross Herrington

\* ONLY VOTE FOR 1 (ONE) CANDIDATE

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# Quitaque -- Queen City Of the Valley



This was part of the huge crowd that attended the official opening of the Caprock Canyons State Park near Quitaque in 1982.

## Caprock Canyons State Park To Have Official Opening

The Valley Tribune, October 7, 1982  
From the files of the Valley Tribune, dated January 30, 1975, came the following surprise news release: "Announcement was made Sunday, January 26, 1975 that a State Park will be formed out of the area around Lake Theo north of Quitaque." The announcement came simultaneously from the offices of U.S. Representative Jack Hightower of Vernon, State Senator Ray Farabee of Wichita Falls, and State Representative Phil Cates of Pampa. The area from which the state park was to be formed was better known as the Theo Geissler Ranch.

The creation of a new state park in Briscoe County of the Texas Panhandle, located approximately 95 miles from Amarillo and Lubbock, was at first known as the Lake Theo State Park. It was later changed to Caprock Canyons State Park.

Instrumental in acquiring the designation of the site as a state park was former State Senator Jack Hightower, who was then serving his first term in the U. S. Congress.

Now, after seven years of anticipation on the part of local residents, a beautiful new state park, the second largest in the state (13,960

acres), will be officially opened Saturday, October 9, 1982 with ceremonies beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the group shelters located northeast of Lake Theo.

A large group of visitors, including Parks & Wildlife officials, state legislators, TV and news media, and many other interested local and area residents will gather there for the big occasion. Expected to be here is former Governor Preston Smith, State Representative Foster Whaley, State Senator Bill Sarpalius and State Representative Mary Jo Polk, who grew up in Quitaque and now represents the El Paso district. All have indicated they will be in attendance. In addition, U. S. Representative Jack Hightower is reported to have said that if he could break an earlier commitment, he will attend the opening.

Following the opening ceremonies, a barbecue dinner will be provided for those who wish. The meal will consist of barbecued beef, prepared under the direction of W. E. Hawkins, and according to Warren Lee Merrell, he is the best.

Following the meal, you may wish to drive into the bottom of the canyon to view some of the most spectacular scenery to be found anywhere.

Visitors planning on coming to the park will turn north at the intersection of Highway 86 and FM 1065. From that point, it is 3.9 miles to the park headquarters. Continuing north from the headquarters building, the road crosses the Lake Theo dam and carries one to a fork in the road. Visitors should take the left fork to the group shelter.

Six miles of paved road carries the visitor through the park and gives him an opportunity to see the canyon's unmatched beauty. It has been said that in driving through West Texas, all you would see is "miles and miles of miles and miles." Driving down the caprock is a very pleasant drive, indeed, but that does not prepare the visitor for the sights in Caprock Canyons State Park.

Included within the park are more than 100 campsites, but only a limited number are equipped with electrical hookups and water; therefore, reservations are advised, especially for the weekends, if you want to be assured of a camping site.

There are some 16 miles of hiking trails in Caprock Canyons State Park, and several wilderness campsites are located in the far reaches of the park. Hikers who use these trails into the depth of the park may see the many changing colors, the many cliffs with natural outcroppings and much of the wildlife of the area. The hiker might spot a herd of exotic Aoudad sheep which inhabit the park. This wild animal has come to be the hunters' most sought-after trophy in the last few years.

Other attractions located in the park include a 130-acre lake where swimming can be enjoyed, and where fishermen may try their luck. On opening day, August 13, catfish, weighing up to ten pounds, were caught by anglers. Also caught were bass and crappie. Just two weeks ago, local fishermen whose pictures appear elsewhere, caught a pair of bass weighing five and seven pounds. The lake will definitely be a drawing card.

The area is rich in history. In earlier days, Indians roamed this part of Texas. It has been reported that Quanah Parker roamed this area, and it is known that Comancheros headquartered and were active in this area.

Since the park was founded, a group of West Texas State University students and professors explored the area of the banks of Lake Theo and uncovered remains of kill sites of what they labeled Folsom Man, a civilization which lived some 10,000 years ago. They found skinning tools at the site. Since that time, a marker has been erected at the site.

taken from Electric Times, October 1969

Nestled in a fertile valley, surrounded by hills on three sides, is the town of Quitaque in Briscoe County. It is located in the Panhandle of Texas just under the rim of the Caprock in the extreme edge of the county. Its surrounding hills are an extension of colorful Palo Duro Canyon on the north, and in the area of six or seven miles from the tip of the Plains to the floor of the valley, the elevation drops almost 700 feet.

The history of Quitaque and its surrounding territory is steeped on tradition, and long before there was a town of Quitaque, there was a vast area known as "Quitaque Territory." It bordered on the north from Palo Duro Canyon to the headwaters of the Pease River on the south, and from Tulia on the west to the other side of the town of Turkey on the east. In the early days when people reached that area it was commonly accepted that they were then in Quitaque.

No one seems to know for sure where the name Quitaque originated. Even today many strange and interesting stories are told about the area, but none is founded on fact or documentary evidence. The name Quitaque was first found by Dr. Robert L. Hill in a list of Indian names which Juan Mendoza found near the mouth of the Concho River in 1860. The Quiticas, an unidentified tribe of Western Texas or Eastern New Mexico, accompanied Juan Mendoza and Juan Sabeata on their expedition from El Paso to the interior of Texas. It is believed that these Indians, the Quiticas, gave the name, Quitaque, to the English language.

History reveals that for many years the area southwest of the present town of Quitaque in the scenic Caprock country was the favorite meeting place in North Texas for the Indians and the famed Comancheros. Even today the Comancheros are colorful, elusive figures in our history and first-hand accounts of their activities are very rare.

It is known, however, from documented testimony that during the 1860's, the Comancheros traded for thousands of cattle that had been stolen by the Indians. After trading for them, the Comancheros drove them through the rugged Caprock country across the Plains to New Mexico to be sold in the settlements.

In later years Jose Tafoya, a retired Comanchero, in a cattle-rustling lawsuit, described Quitaque in the 1860's as being "on the eastern breaks of the Staked Plains, a broken country of great many deep canyons, table land covered with a growth of mesquite." In his deposition he also told of trading for 2,500 stolen cattle in September of 1865, and he said almost all of his activities in the earlier days had been at Quitaque.

Just west of the present town of Quitaque is spot known as Linguish Falls. There in the side of a bluff, surrounded by sheer rock ledges overlapped with giant cedar trees, is a small waterfall. It is called Linguish Falls since the spring-fed flow originates at the head of the Los Lingos Creek.

Tradition says that in this picturesque spot Cynthia Ann Parker grew into womanhood after she was captured by the Comanche Indians. But let's hear what the Denver Post had to say about the event in its issue of

November 26, 1961: "But the Indians had taken Cynthia Ann to a place that no white man ever saw... and lived. It is the ancient and most secret hiding place of the Comanches. It is the lost and inaccessible valley where a stream comes down, between war-paint canyon walls, from the breaks of the Caprock. That stream was called the Rio de las

Lenguas -- the river of tongues--- for the many tongues that were spoken there. Into that blackness vanished Cynthia Ann."

And so Quitaque has remained over the years a region steeped on tradition, with a hardy pioneering spirit of independence, but with an air of determination to leave something better for future generations that follow.

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# FLOMOT NEWS

by Earlyne Jameson

## OVERHEARD

Washington is a place where hot air always rises to the occasion!

Victor and Donna Bond of Tulsa, Oklahoma were Memorial holiday guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bond.

Mrs. James Monk visited from Thursday until Sunday in Tulsa with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Cannon. Mrs. Cannon accompanied Mrs. Monk to Amarillo, Friday for an optical medical appointment. En route home, they visited in Hereford with Mrs. Millie Maupin.

Jim and Carla O'Neal and children, Dustin, Jamie and Ashley of Guthrie, Oklahoma and Rodney and Billy Stewar of Levelland visited Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Jeff Sperry.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey met her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moon in Fritch in Durham, Oklahoma, Friday, and visited until Sunday. They attended the Durham Alumni Homecoming, Saturday.

Jake Merrell and grandson, P. J. Merrell of Quitaque and D. M. Gilbert enjoyed good fishing from Thursday until Saturday at Miller Creek.

Mrs. Mollie Burleson of Floydada and Viola Stinson and Mary Ellen Barton were in Lubbock, Monday for Miss Stinson medical tests and treatment.

Guests in the home of Art Green, Sunday were daughters and families, Jean and Don Lewis and grandchildren, Amanda and Matthew Kiser of Vernon and Joan and Joe Edd Helms, local residents. Of interest to local residents, Mr. Green's son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Green moved from Scottsdale, Arizona to San Marcos this week.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Morris Stephens and his mother, Mrs. Juddie Stephens, a patient in General Hospital in Lockney following a stroke, during the week were Mr. and Mrs. Pete Jones of Henrietta; Mr. and Mrs. Doc Cross of Plainview; Mrs. Marilyn Watson of Friona; Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Brandon of Kingston, Oklahoma; Mrs. Artie Dennis and Chad Stephens of Lubbock; Mrs. Scottie Martin of Clarendon; Mrs. Nola Anderson of Tulsa; Olen Potteet of Lockney; Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Stephens of Matador and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brandon of Roaring Springs.

H. G. Hunter of Quitaque and son, Wayne Hunter attended the Triple L Club luncheon held at the Baptist Church in Quitaque, Thursday. They were in Plainview, Thursday afternoon for H.G. Hunter a medical appointment. Mr. and

Mrs. Wayne Hunter attended to business in Matador, Wednesday and continued to Floydada for medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin met their daughter, Marilee Pilcher

of Fritch in Amarillo, Friday and visited until Sunday in the home of Mrs. Leona Bell. They, also visited Mrs. Opal Vanaterri and Margaret and Woody Graham of Amarillo. Mr. and Mrs. Graham are former Quitaque residents.

Mrs. Louvaine Scaff of Matador and her holiday houseguests, daughters, Mrs. Jill Taylor of Fort Stockton and Mrs. Joyce McCarty of Odessa visited her father, John Barton, Sunday. They visited the Gray Mule Cemetery and toured the Caprock Trail. Enroute home, they visited Mary Ellen Barton and Viola Stinson.

Mrs. Laverna Sams of Lockney and Mrs. Joe Luckenbach of Silverton visited Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Turner, Heather and Cobey, Friday. They attended the Awards Assembly Friday morning held at the Motley County School in Matador.

Deidra and Brent Clapp, employee of the Matador Ranch, transferred recently to Reece, Kansas where they have ranching operations. New residents where they formerly lived, southwest of Flomot, are Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Martin.

Mrs. Gwen Reed, Dustin and Shae and Tim Mandrell of Lubbock visited during the Memorial holidays with her family, Mr. and Mrs. Dopyle Calvert and Glen. Dustin and Shae remained to visit.

Ronnie Rogers of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers and Donnie Rogers attended the outdoor Western wedding ceremony of Lynetta Rogers and Jim Williamson at 11 a.m. Saturday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rogers of Mority, NM. They visited overnight Saturday in LaLumas, NM with Jerry Rogers returning to their respective homes, Sunday.

Kasey Parks of Roaring Springs, Dodie Morris and Leah Cruse and their Lane's Stars teammates competed in the AAU basketball tournament held this weekend at Monterey High School in Lubbock. Their team won Friday 62-35 but lost Saturday 51-50 and Sunday 57-50 in close games. Attending games during the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse, Keane and Derrick, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Morris and Rebecca and Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Morris of Flomot and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Parks of Roaring Springs.

## News From Turkey

**Remember D Day—June 6, 1944—The storming of the Normandy Beach—Beginning of the end of World War Two!**

Traveling to Wheeler recently for a few days was Beth Mills and Iona Lane. Beth visited with her cousin and wife, Joe and Mary Weatherley and Iona with her daughter, Jeanette Judd.

While there, Beth and her cousin, Joe, planned a Weatherley reunion to be held at his home this summer.

Beth reported she also enjoyed riding the fox-trotters her cousin raises and riding in a buggy to a great fishing pond.

Rusty Matthews called the other day and shared with me a phone call her husband, Allen, had recently received. It was from Burl McGlothen of Cacatille, California. He is a former resident of Turkey and Quitaque. Rusty said Allen and Burl talked for about an hour. Burl asked about some of his old friends. Evidently, Burl either takes the Tribune or had seen one as he told Allen he had read something about him in the paper.

Several days later Allen received another long-distance call. This one from Bertha Shelton from Corpus Christi. Mrs. Shelton lived in Quitaque many years ago. Her husband was Olen Shelton. Mrs. Shelton reported to Allen she hadn't been in the Quitaque area in sixty years. She couldn't believe all the changes that had taken place in all those years. Mrs. Shelton's maiden name was Hollis.

Todd and Paige Mills were here recently as visitors in the home of Todd's mother, Beth Mills. They were on their way to Dallas to visit with Darren and Lisa Edwards. Darren returned to Turkey with the Todd Mills and visited with his mother, Margie Edwards. Darren was to attend the wedding of Neal Edwards of Silverton and Dr. Bob Stafford's daughter in Amarillo last week-end.

Truman Young is a patient in the Plainview Methodist Hospital. His brother, Byron, entered him last week. Truman had just recently returned from an extended stay in Tres Ritas, New Mexico.

Truman has been diagnosed as having pneumonia and other problems. He will probably remain in the hospital most of this week.

A patient in Hall County Hospital is Beatrice Russell Baker. She is there for medical treatments.

Beth Mills reported a narrow escape that her son, Garrett, and nephew, Jody Edwards, recently experienced. They are both employed on a ranch in Jordon, Montana.

other grandparents, Squint and Betty House.

Enjoyed visiting with Hal Fuston recently. Hal is the son of Hazel Fuston. Hal is employed by Delta Air Lines in Atlanta, GA. He was here not only to visit with his family but to take his daughter Sara, of Clarendon, to a specialist in Wichita Falls.

Received a very pleasant phone call from Vera Guest the other day. She expressed her appreciation of the Valley Tribune and wanted to send it to her son and family in Arlington, Don and Sue (Lusk) Guest. Glad to have the Don Guests as new readers!

Allen and Rusty Matthews spent last week-end in Amarillo with Allen's sister, Lola Anderson. On Friday night Allen attended the graduation of his granddaughter, Jonanna Madden. She is the daughter of LaDonna Matthews Madden.

Visiting in Byron Young's home is Sybil's daughter and family, Michelle and Steve Anderson and son Colin. Steve had to return home last Monday but Michelle and Colin will remain for a longer visit. While in

this area they will visit with her aunt and uncle in Amarillo and relatives in Plainview. The Anderson's live in DaKalb, Illinois.

Memorial Day has come and gone. A day to honor those who gave their life so we could live in a country of so many freedoms. I attended the Turkey Memorial Day Service which was quite impressive.

I also attended the Memorial Services at the Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean on Monday morning. This is always an emotional experience for me. At the back of my parents Cemetery plot there is a monument with three white crosses behind it. Each cross stands for a cousin that did not return from World War II—one killed in the air over England, one on land in Germany—and one, a 23 year old radioman on the USS Indianapolis, at sea. The Indianapolis was sunk by the infamous Japanese, after it had delivered the atomic bomb!

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—Alain



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# From the Pages of History

By O. R. Stark

A few days ago we received a copy of the November 8, 1934, issue of the old *Quitaque Post*, which had been provided by the late Dora Scott. A big headline across the top of the page read, "Quitaque Canyon Park Assn. Formed". We had always heard that a united effort had been made sometime in the thirties to get a state park located in the Caprock area near Quitaque, but this was the first time we'd ever seen anything about it in print. Unfortunately when the Quitaque Post building burned in 1960, all of the local newspapers prior to that date were destroyed with it --so this newspaper link to a state park effort in the 1930's was of **Real Historical Significance**. A few days after we saw this article we showed it to Virginia Taylor, and she headed for Floydada to see what could be found in the files of the *Floyd County Hesperian* about the efforts made toward a state park for Quitaque almost seventy years ago. The material she gathered there pieced together a **Very Exciting Story** that we'd like to share.

The kick-off meeting for a state park was held in Quitaque on November 2, 1934, and 64 civic leaders from seven towns met for the purpose of securing a site for a state park near "beautiful Quitaque Falls". The towns represented at the meeting were Plainview, Floydada, Silvertown, Gasoline, Lockney, Dimmitt and Quitaque. The group met in the historic Los Lingos Hotel. Some of the men from Quitaque who attended the first meeting were: J. B. Russell, H. G. Gardiner, E. G. Rice, P. O. Woods, H. J. Bailey, J. T. Persons and C. R. Badgett. Out-of-town visitors included Col. R. P. Smyth of Plainview, J. B. Jenkins and J. M. Willson of Floydada, Judge W. Coffee of Silvertown and Judge W. M. McGehee of Lockney, among others. All spoke highly of the proposed park, and were of one accord that plans be intensified for securing a state park.

As a result of the meeting in Quitaque, the "Quitaque Park Association" was formed, and its officers and an eleven-man steering committee were elected for the new organization. Col. R. P. Smyth of Plainview was elected president of the new group and C. B. McDonald of Quitaque was the secretary. The new organization wasted no time in getting things underway, for there was a tremendous enthusiasm, and momentum continued to mount among residents throughout the area. Many who viewed the spectacular scenery near the Quitaque Falls for the first time were awed by its beauty, and Park Association members felt very confident that state officials would be equally as impressed when they viewed the potential state park site south of town.

Interest from Austin for a new state park site was **Quick In Coming**. By late November of 1934, State Park Commissioner D. E. Colp had agreed to bring a party from Austin to inspect the site at the "earliest possible date". Park Association members were elated. H. S. Hillburn, newspaper publisher from Plainview said, "Nothing is more important to this section of the state in which we can engage than this park project." President Smyth, who was a veteran engineer, said in part, "The Quitaque Park site

chosen is the most beautiful and logical for a recreation ground of any point in this country."

On November 29, 1934, Commissioner Colp of Austin informed the press that he and his party would spend "as many hours as necessary" to inspect and view Quitaque Falls and the adjoining land that was proposed as a site for a new state park, and they would journey to the site on an inspection car provided by the Fort Worth and Denver Railroad. They felt in this way they could get a "full panorama of scenic beauty surrounding the proposed site". Official approval of the park site came almost immediately after the on-site inspection. Official news releases were very scarce, however, after that date, indicating that something below the surface was holding up final proceedings. Engineers estimated that a dam could be built about a mile below the falls that would impound enough water to create a shoreline of approximately eight miles.

Other news releases contained pictures that portrayed the area in all its glory. Two photographs showed the upper and lower falls. The upper falls at that time plunged over a jagged rock wall approximately ten feet high, with the lower falls cascading down from a height of about twenty feet to stream-bed level. News releases said the scenery was "almost unbelievable until one has seen with his own eyes the vastness, color and primitive beauty of the canyon."

No indication was given publicly until March of 1935 as to what was the real problem, and then it was disclosed that an out-of-state eastern seaboard family with absentee ownership had thwarted all efforts toward a state park for this area. Thus from the *Floyd County Hesperian* on March 7, 1935, came this caption, "Give Up Plan of Quitaque Creek Parks". The article went on to point out that approval for the state park had been given by state and national authorities, and that all details of acquisition, financing, management, supervision and maintenance had been provided for, and **Only One Thing** kept it from becoming a state park. The **Howard Brothers**, who owned the tract, as well as thousands of other acres in this vicinity, had adamantly indicated an "adverse attitude" toward the park proposal. The land was needed, they said, to "carry out leasing arrangements with cattlemen in this area."

Thus ended with this simple, final article the efforts to secure a state park for Quitaque. There is absolutely no way of telling what a state park here in the 1930's would have contributed to Quitaque and this entire portion of the state over the ensuing 60-odd years. But there is no need to reflect and dwell on "what might have been". Today we have the third largest state park in Texas, and while it doesn't include majestic Quitaque Falls and some of the other unique attractions that are prevalent along our scenic Caprock, it is nevertheless still one of the **Most Beautiful** parks in the entire system. We need to count our blessings; first, for what the Lord has given us; secondly for what He has taken away, and finally, we need to thank Him for what He has left us.

## Summer Of The Wild Plum Moon'To Debut At Copper Breaks State Park

"The Summer of the Wild Plum Moon," an outdoor musical drama, will debut at Copper Breaks State Park on June 10-11-12 and June 17-18-19 at 8:00 p.m. each evening.

Copper Breaks is located 13 miles south of Quanah on Texas Highway 6.

Written by Foard County native Jerry Ayers, "The Summer of the Wild Plum Moon" is the musical retelling of the Cynthia Ann Parker legend, giving new light to what must be done to survive in an untamed land.

Set in the 1880's, the story traces the history of the land that is now known as Copper Breaks State Park. A young Indian princess tells her poignant tale of survival and the pioneers she encounters who settled a land, loved a land and survived.

The land between the two rivers (Red and Pease) demanded many things of the people who decided to live on the land. The pioneers who came to the area faced a rough and demanding existence. They had to learn what the Comanche knew about making peace with a wild and rugged land. "The Summer of the Wild Plum Moon" takes the audience to the period of Texas history when the land demanded the most of its inhabitants.

The two-hour performance will feature a cast of professional actors who have performed at leading theaters and ballets throughout the United States and Europe. Professional stage, lighting and sound personnel and equipment will contribute to the production.

The drama is being sponsored by the Quanah and Crowell Chambers of Commerce. Tickets are available from the Quanah Chamber of Commerce by calling 817-663-2222. To order by mail, write P.O. Box 158, Quanah, Texas 79252. Indicate which nights you plan to attend.

Ticket-holders will not be required to pay the park entrance fee unless staying overnight. Parking assistance will be available, with handicapped parking and shuttle service. Seating will be provided or you may bring your own lawn chair.

A fully stocked concession stand will also be available.



Looking southward into the canyons through the tunnel, this photo by Trent McKay, contrasts the darkness of the tunnel with the beautiful scenery outside.

### Hill Family Reunion

E.L. and Bonnie Hill enjoyed a family reunion over the Memorial week-end beginning Friday evening and continuing through to noon Monday.

Back yard cookouts, swimming, games, video and photo sessions, relaxing and reminiscing was enjoyed by Bob, Cathy and Kristi Hill of Friendswood, Sheri, Lori and Josh Wooten of Baytown, (Sheri's son David and his wife Michelle were unable to attend); Rod, Diana, Bobby and Chris of Claude; Carol and Jess Weatherly of Memphis; Lex Weatherly and friend, Misti of Amarillo; Wiley, Lynn, Hunter and Sheridan Davis of Memphis; Jana Payne of Plainview. Jan and Joe D. Payne of Plainview joined the group Sunday evening. Bob Russell and Charles and GERALD Daniel visited intermittently. Jewel Meacham of McLean visited on Friday evening.

This was a grand get-together for all!



This deer is an example of the wildlife you might see when traveling through the Caprock Canyons State Park.

### Mammography Unit At Silvertown June 8th

On Tuesday, June 8, 1993, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and High Plains Baptist Hospital Mobile Mammography Unit will be in Silvertown at Briscoe County Clinic, 701 Commerce. Exams are done by appointment only. For information on cost or to schedule an appointment call 1-800-377-HOPE (4673) or (806)-359-4673. Funding has been provided by the Texas Department of Health to allow for free breast screenings for women who qualify.

Early detection is best done by following the guidelines recommended by the American Cancer Society for breast cancer screening for women who have no signs or symptoms of breast cancer. The guidelines are:

1. Learn and perform breast self examination every month.
2. Have a physical examination every year.
3. Have a mammogram according to the recommendations by age:
  - 35 to 39 One baseline mammogram
  - 40 to 49 A mammogram every 1 to 2 years
  - 50 and over Yearly mammograms

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W.E., Shirley & Jay Hawkins

Have a Good Time at our Trailways Opening!

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**From The Unpublished  
Autobiography Of Dr.  
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Henry Martin Baker, the first born of the nine Baker children, taught school from 1913-1917 in rural, country, Panhandle schools before joining the U. S. Air Force for World War I. While teaching at one of these schools (the Rushing School organized by and named after Mr. Rushing, who owned seven sections in the area), Henry boarded and lived on the ranch in the ranch house.

One time, the daughter of Mr. Rushing, Lula Bell, had a good friend whom she had roomed with at the Missouri School of Music come out to a visit at the ranch house. That visitor, Cleo Grundy, thus met Henry Baker. Later on, eventually, they would marry.

First, Henry served in the new Air Force, after which he returned at mid-term and taught school, finishing the year out at the Sunset School in the Panhandle. The following year, 1919, Henry went to teach at Quitaque, receiving \$150.00 per month. He hired brother Obed to teach under him, and they batched together. Obed was paid \$80.00 per month. Henry also hired Cleo Grundy, who had kin folks in Quitaque, to teach music.

When the year was over, Obed went back to WTSNC that summer and while there, the Follett school board member came to Canyon and hired Bry Baker and G. H. Jones to teach that fall in Follett. Sunset, at Henry's suggestion, hired Obed to teach that fall, for the year, (1920-21), paying him \$133.33 per month.

Thus, Obed was at Sunset, Bry at Follett, and Henry was at Quitaque. During that year, Henry and Cleo got married and Bry came to the wedding by train, while Obed came over by bus. Also in 1920, Obed decided to visit Henry and Cleo, and so on Friday after school, Obed caught the bus down the Caprock to Quitaque for the weekend. During the weekend, it rained and stormed, and Sunday afternoon, Obed found that he had no way to get back to Sunset. Henry loaned him his Ford Coupe automobile and on Sunday afternoon, Obed headed for the base of the Caprock. However, the dirt road up the Caprock was too muddy, and after three "runs" at the mountain, Obed gave up and parked the car at a ranch house at the base of the Caprock and about dark, started walking.

Obed followed the road up the mountain then headed cross county. He walked all night and most all day to get home to the ranch house where he boarded at a school board member's house two miles south of the school. He arrived about 3:00 p.m. on Monday, having missed the day of school. The school board member whose house Obed stayed at, had called to cancel school when Obed did not show up. During his walk, Obed had nothing to eat but maize head grain in the field. It was quite an experience and probably a 25 mile walk.

**Spanning The Years**

by O. R. Stark  
The year of 1927 was a monumental year in Quitaque's history. The town was incorporated, construction began on the new railroad, new water wells were drilled for the city and enthusiasm and excitement was at an all time high. An editorial on the front page of the newspaper read in part: "We live in Quitaque, we believe in Quitaque, we boost for Quitaque and we are for Quitaque 100% and would be for Quitaque more if it were possible, but when anything is full it is full and you can't get improvement in it."

**Sunset School Of 1895**

The Sunset School was built in 1895 and located two miles east of South Plains, the present location of the late L. T. Wood residence. It was a neat frame one-room building; as the enrollment increased, it was added on to two times.

Some of the very first students were Roy Childress and Lee Pearson. The children came to school by hack, buggy, klondykes and when it snowed sometimes by sleds. Some lived near enough to walk and some rode a horse or burro. I understand Murry Julian even rode a burro.

Frank Nix taught in the early days of Sunset School for \$30.00 per month.

A few of the other teachers were Mr. Ragle, Mrs. Hughes, Dave Hopper, Fannie Wilson, Mrs. Looney, Mr. Duck, Price Scott, Joe Weaver, Mrs. Joe Hanes, Hubert Oneal, Grayson D. Tate, Mrs. E. O. Nicholes, Mr. White (who had no legs but did not let this handicap hinder him, for he later became tax-assessor in Floyd County), Mr. Grubs, Belva Solomon, Obed Baker, Mrs. Blanch Phegley, Mrs. Verna Snodgrass and Bessie Wood. I am sure there were more and not in the order as they taught.

Sunset was noted for its ice cream socials. Syble (Covington) Teeple told me she could remember the squeaking of 15 or 20 ice cream freezers while the children ran and played.

**Dear Editor,**

Dear Editor,  
We are so happy to hear about the upcoming dedication of the Rails to Trails Hiking Park on June 5th. My uncle Dr. James Obed Baker, age 94 3/4 years, will be there for the celebration. We brought him to Turkey and Quitaque last August and now we will bring him again. He is still in good health and mind.

He taught school in Quitaque one year around 1919 and then also at Sunset near South Plains about the same time, and is kin by marriage to the Grundys. Cleo Grundy married his brother Henry Baker and all three taught at Quitaque.

Obed Baker is looking forward to riding in one of the "vehicles" to see the "Path" from Quitaque to the tunnel. It may well be his last chance. Also, if possible, he would like to ride in the parade, should there be a spot for him. Perhaps there could be a car, or some conveyance, designated for "Old-Timers" in the parade. I would think that there would be several "Old-Timers" that would enjoy being a part of such a celebration of such an important event as this. Anyway, he will be there and we are sure enough looking forward to it.

I thank you that you are providing motorized conveyance on the new trail-path that day for all of those who couldn't see it otherwise.

If he can be in the parade, please let me know when and where to be and I'll get him to that spot.

Obed is of excellent mind and remembers the day that the mule freight wagons brought the cotton gin "down the caprock."

Thanks,  
Dr. John T. Baker

Construction was underway on a new railroad that would run through Quitaque in April of 1927, but there was still no rail service anywhere in this area. So the Cannon Ball Stage Line was making its last-ditch appeal, with an invitation to ride comfortably at low cost.



Speaking at the dedication of the new Caprock Canyons State Park at its opening in 1982, were (L. to R.) O. R. Stark, Quitaque banker, Bill Sarpalius, State Senator at that time; Mary Jo Polk, State Representative, a native of Quitaque; and Charles Travis, Executive Director, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department.

**Memorial Ride Winds Up In  
Caprock Canyons Park**

Saturday, May 29, horsemen gathered at the Figure 3 Ranch some 14 miles southwest of Claude, Texas for an early chuckwagon breakfast before beginning the Panhandle Heritage Memorial Trail Ride. The spectacular view atop the mesa was awe inspiring to the 29 riders as they dropped off into the rocky, cedar covered slopes to the canyon floor 600 feet below as this began the first leg of their 65 mile trip.

Before they left the Figure 3 Ranch at 6:30, Dr. Bob Dow of Norman, Oklahoma had a unfortunate fall from his horse which broke his hip. He was immediately given treatment by Dr. Howard Berg, an orthopedic physician of Amarillo, who came with Dr. Carl Hudson of Borger to give any medical assistance needed by the riders. Dow was transferred to High Plains Baptist Hospital by Claude Ambulance.

Dr. Hudson has been on the ride each year for 10 years, always in a medically equipped vehicle. This year in addition to Dr. Berg, Br. Bob Tucker of Amarillo joined the medical team. Dr. Hudson persuaded the National Guard to loan a Duce and half truck along with 2 guardsman for the ride. This is an all terrain vehicle. A Humde, all terrain vehicle was in use this year also.

Becca Glaser of Decater, Texas was the only woman to travel all of the 65 mile trail. Eleven year old Austin Blake of Canyon, was the youngest to travel the whole trail, followed by Jason Bunyan of Clarendon. The Long Rider Award went to Wayne Reynolds of Clarendon, Second Long Rider Award went to Bruce Jassmann of Amarillo.

Garth and Andy Anderson of Amarillo were the recipients of the Top Hand Award while Harlen Hutchenson of Sunray was responsible for raising the most money for the foundation. Jack Roper of Canyon, who won the award for the Oldest Rider, broke his wrist on a fall from his horse at the Cloverleaf ride. The terrain was not accessible by vehicle so a gentle horse was made available for him to ride out to meet the Tulia Ambulance which transported him to St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

Thirty-six new riders joined the ride for the foundation. After an overnight stay at Coon Creek Camp the group pulled out bright and early for the ride to Caprock Canyons State Park. A brief rest period with Cowboy Sunday Worship services broke the morning ride.

Eighty-eight riders, helpers, promoters and guests closed the trail ride for another year at the Equestrian Camp in Caprock Canyons State Park with the chuckwagon "Trail's End Dinner".

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We're Glad You're Here!

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Welcome, Folks --  
It's A Great Day  
in the Canyons!

TURKEY DRIVE IN

DON'T MISS IT!  
Caprock Canyons  
State Park Trailway  
Grand Opening  
June 5, 1993

FLOMOT GIN

Have Fun!  
Enjoy Your Visit  
to Quitaque

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Jack, Debbie, Angie, Sue

THANKS FOR COMING!

STATE PARK  
TRAILWAY OPENING  
JUNE 5, 1993

VALLEY FARM STORE  
Jim & Barbara Saul

Welcome to  
the Canyons!  
We're Glad  
You Came!

TURKEY AUTOMOTIVE  
Turkey, TX

Welcome  
To Quitaque!

MAYFIELD & ASSOCIATES  
DANNY MAYFIELD PAT CARSON

Caprock Canyons Park  
Welcomes You to  
State Park Trailways  
Opening June 5  
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Caprock Canyons  
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Welcome, Folks --  
We're Glad You Came

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**Unique State Park Taking Shape Near Quitaque**

*Courtesy Lubbock Avalanche-Journal, July 1, 1979*  
Written by Raynie Hardesty  
A state park located along the rugged terrain of the Caprock just north of Quitaque "has potential to become the most unique park in the state," according to Marquis Robertson, park superintendent.

As master planners designing Caprock Canyon State Park continue to study the 14,000 acre area, a growing wealth of history, wildlife, scenery and recreational value is being discovered.

Most Texas parks have been designed primarily for recreation, said Robertson, and others have been reserved as a wildlife sanctuary, but no state park has the characteristics and space to provide both such as the park near Quitaque.

The unique landscape "eventually will be fully developed as an overnight state park with trails, camping facilities and an interpretive center," said Robertson.

State officials hope to complete the master plan this summer, indicating development should begin within two years, according to the park superintendent, who added that several factors could slow or speed progress toward opening the park.

While exploring the interior of the park land, state officials have sighted endangered species such as the bald eagle and bobcat along with other West Texas natives including porcupines, raccoons, skunks, hundreds of bird species and rattlesnakes. A rare species of Wood Fern also has been discovered thriving along a crevice in the northern edge of the park.

Also thriving in the almost humanly undisturbed area are the Auodads, a species of sheep introduced to the Caprock from North Africa, and a wild herd of Spanish Goats.

The Auodad sheep were successfully introduced to the West Texas area about 20 years ago as a game animal, and since have spread south from the Palo Duro Canyon to near Silverton, said Robertson, who pointed out that the sheep cannot be stalked inside state park boundaries which are designated as game preserves.

Vegetation coating the Canyon floors and walls include wild plums, wild berries, wild grapes, Salt Cedar, Cottonwood, Junipers, Mesquite and Texas wildflowers.

Unique and breathtaking sand and rock formations loom along canyon walls inside the park that reach up to 800 feet. Natural trails and caves carved into the walls by the Little Red River which is fed by springs and runoff waters, also exist in portions of the park.

The landscape in the park is constantly changing, said Robertson "erosion is a continuous thing here, wind erosion is faster than water erosion, although water carved these canyons."

Although the park area is relatively untouched, according to Robertson who has supervised and maintained the park almost since the land was purchased by the state, traces of man's presence in the area date back to 10,000 years and stretch into the days of the pioneers.

Archeologists have unearthed the campsite and work grounds of Folsom man at a site just a few feet from Lake Theo, a 100 acre lake located near the entrance of the park.

Archeologists are hoping to find bones of fossils of Folsom man at the site, said Robertson, but so far only have found tools, points and equipment. The site alone, however, is a very important find, according to area archeologists, said Robertson.

More recent history is told by the flint working sites of Indians who made tools near the walls of the canyons.

Along the same walls, many layered with quartz and sand formed by the oceans even earlier, occasional trails can be sighted where pioneers worked their wagons up steep walls in the rugged area.

Sky High Roadside Park, located on the north edge of the park on Hwy 256, looks out over a caprock ridge which reveals the remains of Schott Cap Road, a wagon trail used by most pioneers to crawl out of the Caprock.

History also can be seen in the fossils of ocean shells, palm wood, and other petrified forms present in the caprock.

The park, formerly a ranch owned by Theo Geissler also features occasional corrals and holding pens for cattle used in early ranching days as well as a small dugout the rancher lived in much of his life.

Although most of these features now stand behind locked fences where state officials are planning future uses for the area divided into three sections--a north prong, south prong and lower canyons--the department has opened about 300 acres surrounding Lake Theo for day use to the public.

The 100-surface acre lake and surrounding area is open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. May 1 through September 30 and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. October 1 through April 30.

The day use area is available for picnicking, swimming, hiking and fishing while the lake, stocked with crappie, bass and catfish is available to boats 19 feet long and shorter, with motors up to 12 horse power.

Park visitors, however, trespassing beyond fence lines which mark closed off areas of the park are subject to fines imposed by the state.

**FW&DC Says Trial Pullman Service Fails To Pay Off**

*Taken from The Quitaque Post July 27, 1950*

Announcement was made today by Robt. L. Hoyt, General Passenger Agent, Fort Worth and Denver City Railway, that an application to the Railroad Commission of Texas for authority to discontinue passenger train service between Childress and Lubbock will be filed within the next day or two.

"The experimental overnight passenger service between the Lubbock-Plainview area and Dallas-Fort Worth, inaugurated last March, has produced deficits exceeding the former motor car operation," Hoyt said.

An application for authority to discontinue the motor car operation was filed in January, but the case was dismissed because of a decision to try out an overnight service providing coach, pullman, and dining car service.

It was pointed out by Hoyt that during the period March 5th to June 30th the direct out-of-pocket operating loss on the experimental service was more than \$14.00 per passenger handled.

Mr. Hoyt, accompanied by Guy C. Victory of Lubbock general agent of the FW&DC, was in the area Tuesday. He paid a visit to the newspaper office and left with the editor a memo showing the result of the test operation of the South Plains line from March 5th to June 30th, 1950. The memo shows an average of 9-plus passengers per trip. Total revenue (passenger, mail, express, dining car, and other revenues) was \$29,208.39, total operating expenses \$61,181.39. This reveals a loss of \$31,973.18.

**Depot Agent Retiring**

*Taken from The Quitaque Tribune on August 30, 1962*

After 43 years of railroad service, C. E. McElyea is applying for his Railroad retirement upon the advice of Chief Surgeon of Fort Worth and Denver Railway, Fort Worth and local surgeon, Dr. J. J. Westenberg, because of physical disability and being unable to gainfully pursue any further work.

Mr. McElyea has been the Fort Worth and Denver Agent here since early 1960.

Mr. McElyea started his railroad career with the Santa Fe R. R. Co., at Temple, Texas as a telegrapher. He worked for several different railroad companies all over the country before starting to work for the Fort Worth and Denver in Childress in 1929. He stated that Clarendon, Hedley and Hart are the only stations here in West Texas that he has not worked in his long career with the company. He has also worked at Quanah, Ft. Worth, Henrietta and Iowa Park on the eastern end of the Denver road.

Mr. and Mrs. McElyea plan to continue to make their home here in Quitaque.

R. M. Martini of Wichita Falls is presently taking care of the local station. He returns to his home at Wichita Falls over the weekend.



Audra House



Bradley Price

**Price Chosen For Greenbelt Bowl Game**

The 44th Annual Greenbelt Bowl Football All-Star Classic is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Saturday at Bobcat Stadium, Childress.

Fifty-six players are scheduled to compete in the game, including two players from Italy and four more from the six-man football ranks. Players must have been seniors during the 1992 season, and graduated this year.

Among those players from the six-man ranks will be Bradley Price, of Quitaque, Valley High School's standout running back. Price's nominee for Greenbelt Bowl queen is Audra House, of Turkey, whom he will escort at the game.

**Depot Agent Back**

*Taken from The Quitaque Post July 17, 1958*

Mr. J. C. Blackburn of the Quitaque Depot, who has been confined to his home in Clarendon for the past three months recuperating from an illness which required hospitalization and a long period of rest, has now returned to Quitaque. He has assumed his responsibilities as manager of the depot. Accompanying Mr. Blackburn to Quitaque was his grandson Larry of Amarillo, who will visit here for awhile.

**Comings, Goings, & Doings**

*Courtesy First National Bank*

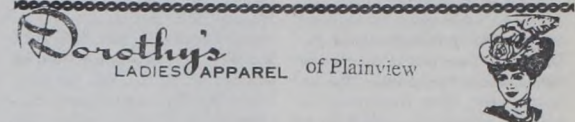
On Friday, May 30, 1975, the 13,500 acre ranch that belonged to the late Theo Geisler officially became a State Park. On that date Loyd Booth, of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, delivered a check to B. F. Sammann, Executor of the Theo Geisler Estate, which climaxed many months of negotiation and hard work.

The new State Park is right in Quitaque's front door, for the Park's south boundary is only two miles from the Quitaque city limits. People here are tremendously excited about the new park and what the future may hold as it is developed and expanded--and it is truly the fulfillment of a dream that began many years ago as Theo Geisler viewed and absorbed the striking beauty of the country that he loved.

The Lake Theo State Park is the third largest State park in Texas, and at this time the planners are already at work formulating a master plan that will cover all works of improvement.

Lake Theo and the area around the lake will remain open each day from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., but the rest of the Park will remain closed to the public until all improvements have been made. It is anticipated that these improvements will take from two and one half to three years, and it is believed that when completed the Lake Theo State Park will be one of the best in the entire state.

More children's books have been published during the 1900s than in all the previous centuries combined.



STATE PARK TRAILWAY OPENING JUNE 5, 1993



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JUNE 5, 1993 A GREAT DAY!

Glad You Came To CAPROCK CANYONS TRAILWAY OPENING

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# Train Derailment Damages Quarter-Mile Tunnel Near Quitaque

Taken from *Globe News* August 4, 1973. Written By Steve Hogner. Thirteen cars of a Burlington Northern freight hopped the tracks inside a quarter-mile tunnel, west of Quitaque Saturday morning, smashed 90 feet of support beams and were buried underneath 50 feet of solid rock.

Burlington officials said the derailment may mean that the 45-year-old tunnel, the only railroad tunnel still in use in Texas, will have to be dismantled at a cost in excess of \$1 million.

The cars that jumped the tracks were in the mid-section of the 98-car train, hauling cotton, milo and wheat from Lubbock to Childress and eventually to the Seattle, Washington area.

J. D. Logan of Childress, engineer of the train, said, "We were going through the tunnel at 5 a.m. when one of the big grain hoppers climbed the tracks and the walls of the tunnel."

He said the cars behind the hopper followed in line and ran alongside the walls until the tunnel "just fell in."

C. J. May, Burlington spokesman in Quitaque, theorized that the cars first hit the guard rails which sent them barreling into the support beams.

"Of course, we will not know the exact cause of the accident until we can dig into the tunnel and see the condition it is in," May added.

Most of the cars inside the tunnel are empty except for one hauling a load of wheat and another with a load of cotton.

E. T. McCliney, yardmaster for Burlington in Amarillo, said no one was hurt in the mishap.

Logan said the 13 cars were near the end of the train's mid-section with 50 cars already through the tunnel. He added that 18 cars were blocked on the west side of the tunnel, including the caboose which was occupied by two men at the time.

In describing the derailment, Logan said, "At first, there was a little tug, and then another small tug and then the tunnel fell in."

He said he did not hear the cave-in since he was far out in the open when the tunnel collapsed.

Donald Lauer, trainmaster for Burlington in Amarillo, announced Saturday afternoon that freight shipments to Lubbock would not be interrupted. Freight runs will come through Amarillo and then over Santa Fe lines to Plainview where shipments will again join Burlington lines there.

Lauer said the company's main concern at this point will be saving the tunnel which he said was the last such tunnel in actual operation in the state.

seen daily in the park such as mule deer, quail, wild turkey and over 120 species of birds over a 12 month period. These species have been recorded by Panhandle and South Plains bird clubs. Rattlesnakes also call this park home.

Fishermen are reporting good catches of crappie and channel catfish and bass are becoming more numerous on stringers leaving the lake.

Anglers or boaters wanting to put their craft on the lake are restricted to boats less than 19 feet in length and motors under 12 horsepower. This rule applies to all state lakes under 225 acres in size.

All regulations pertaining to a Texas fishing license, boating safety requirements and rules will apply to Caprock Canyons Lake. Visitors are reminded that all flowers, plants, rocks, artifacts and wood (including firewood) are to be left as they are found in the park.

The park gates will be locked at 5 p.m. and later this year at 9 p.m. each evening. Anyone left in the park will have to contact park headquarters or walk four miles to Quitaque for help.

Visitors can find the new park by driving to Quitaque and turning north at the intersection of Highway 86 and FM 1065. Approximately three miles north, a colored sign saying Lake Theo will be seen. Turn left and go one mile to the park entrance.

A tunnel in the Big Bend Area has not been used for a number of years.

Lauer estimated that the operation to either save or "daylight" the tunnel could cost the company more than \$1 million.

"But we will not know until Monday night what we will have to do," He explained, saying that at present a road is being bulldozed to the area which is only accessible by train or helicopter.

"When the road is completed, we will then send in our big crews to excavate and see exactly how far the damage extends and if that damage is repairable without having to sacrifice the tunnel," he said.

The tunnel is approximately seven miles west of Quitaque at the Caprock escarpment where it was erected in 1928 under 50 feet of the Caprock shelf.

Bob Monzingo, trainmaster for Burlington in Lubbock where the shipment originated, was less optimistic about saving the tunnel.

"The tunnel will not be rebuilt," he said. "It will be the end of the tunnels in Texas. The company will more than likely daylight the tunnel by cutting the top of it."

Monzingo described the area where the tunnel is as "the most beautiful view you can imagine from the Caprock."

Monzingo added that regardless of whether the company chooses to save the tunnel or dismantle it, the line will be closed from two to three weeks.

May said the tunnel will be hard to repair since there is little room to work in the quarter-mile long tunnel and "movability," as he described it, is at a minimum.

"Right now a third of the area that composes the tunnel looks like a great big hole in the ground," he said.

May added that the tunnel sets one mile from another tunnel Burlington had to daylight five years ago when another train derailed and sent timbers crashing down on cars.

The other tunnel had been partially dismantled in 1957 but the present tunnel was "much as it was when it was first built in 1928."

The tunnel rests on the north side of Quitaque creek on the sides of the canyon walls of the caprock.

It was completed in 1928 at a cost of \$100,728.

It was originally built as part of a branch line to connect Lubbock with the Burlington branch at Estelline. It is maintained by the Fort Worth and Denver Railroad, a sub-branch of Burlington in the Panhandle.

It was originally built as a road-bed through steep walls of the creek

canyon where the caprock literally plunges a hundred feet to the rolling prairies region that stretches to the hill country.

The tunnels were opened with much fanfare when six special FW&D trains traveled the route from Lubbock to Estelline.

Except for a small prairie trail carved in the early 1950's, the tunnels are only accessible by train, horseback or foot.



This view of the south entrance shows the depth of the tunnel. No light at the other end can be seen from either end. (Photo courtesy of Trent McKay)



**IN THE PLANNING STAGE**  
Texas Parks and Wildlife staff meet with local officials to plan the new Caprock Canyons State Park Trailway. From L. to R.: Rusty Sargent, Caprock Canyons State Park superintendent; Elgin Conner, Mayor of Quitaque; Steve Ulrey, president of the Quitaque Chamber of Commerce. (Photo: Courtesy Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept.)

## Canyon Scenery Prompted Renaming of Lake Theo

Taken from *The Quitaque Tribune* April 29, 1976

The surrounding habitat of caprock, canyons and scenery prompted the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to rename Lake Theo, the Caprock Canyons State Park. The new park is located four miles north of Quitaque in Briscoe County.

The new 13,600 acre park is open to visitors without charge from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily at the present time. These hours will be changed later this spring and extended to 9 p.m. each evening.

Only the lake area is open to day use with several picnic tables and some good fishing in the 120 acre lake.

The clear lake is located in one of the park's deep ravines and it stays clean because there is another lake upstream that catches all the

silt and debris," said Dennis Wynne, park superintendent.

A master plan has been devised to develop and open the area to full use by 1980 and this would include overnight camping, hiking throughout the park, photography and other park activities, said Wynne.

Construction is underway at the present time on the face of the earthen dam which will dress-up the structure and riprap will be placed along the water level to stop erosion by wave action.

One of the most interesting residents of the new park is the aoudad sheep. This animal, an African import, has increased its range in the rough country along the caprock with as many as 60 sheep being spotted in one group on the park.

No hunting or firearms will be permitted on the park as all state park lands are wildlife sanctuaries. Many other Texas natives are

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## ON QT

Jannelle and Joe Edd Smith and Truman Merrell drove to Amon Carter Lake at Bowie, Texas on Friday to join Mary Joyce and Butch Bacca of Fairfield at their cabin. Jimmy and Clara Ruth Davidson also joined the group on Friday. Kim and Matt Horn and children, Heather and Trey of Burkburnett visited with the group. They returned to their respective homes on Monday reporting an enjoyable trip. Jimmy Davidson drove on to Abilene for Annual Conference for the United Methodist Church.

We can only pay our debt to the past by putting the future in debt to ourselves.

—John Buchan, Lord Tweedsmuir

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## From Turkey

George and Veta Colvin have returned from a visit with daughter and family, Anthony and Susie Ham, Rusty and Mollie in Andalusia, Alabama. While there, they attended the high school graduation of Rusty. They were very proud that he had received an advanced diploma and a scholarship to Auburn University. Granddaughters, Destiny and Suzanna Wood from Big Spring accompanied them on the trip. 51 1tc

### NOTICE

The U. S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service and Soil Conservation Service in Briscoe County, is seeking a new office location within the city limits of Silverton, Texas, as described in the bid information. This office requires 2944 square feet of net usable, high quality office space on the first floor.

Anyone interested should call Earlyne Hutsell at 806/823-3421 or come by the Briscoe County ASCS Office at 501 Main Street, Silverton, Texas for a copy of the solicitation. 49 3tc

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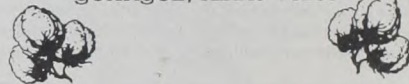
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