

Local AARP Officers Visit Area Official

At the request of the Area Vice-President of AARP, a meeting for the present Chapter Presidents and the newly elected President of Chapter AARP groups was held at K-Bob's Restaurant in Eastland, Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, at which time Roy Cartee, Assistant State Director of Texas, gave timely instructions and information for the coming year.

Attending from Cross Plains were out-going President, John E. Miller and wife, Irma, and newly elected President, Vera Pearl Bunnell. It was reported that a very profitable time was spent and a good steak lunch enjoyed.

Mr. Partee was installing officers at the local chapter Monday, Dec. 5 of officers for 1984. He will also attend the January meeting at which time he will conduct a Cross Plains.

Incoming officers of AARP Cross Plains Chapter No. 3082 for 1984, all elected officers, are: President, Vera Pearl Bunnell; Vice-President, Troy Crockett; Secretary, Esthloy Dickson; Treasurer, Jewel Foster, and Chairman of Nominating Committee, Nova Jagers.

Board of Directors, also elected, all the officers plus the following: Irma Miller, Lila Webb, Aaron Jagers, Gilbert Williams, Ruby Williams and Allie Montgomery.

Brother Of Local Lady Buried Sunday

Funeral service for Henry Wallace Jones, 82, of Clyde, brother of Mrs. Ben (Hazletine) Odom of Cross Plains, was held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Bailey Funeral Home in Clyde.

Mr. Jones, a retired carpenter, died about 2:30 p.m. Friday at West Texas Medical Center in Abilene after a year's illness. Burial was at Clyde Cemetery.

Born Aug. 6, 1901, in Callahan County, he had lived in Callahan County most of his life, including seven years in Oplin.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and a sister.

Survivors include a son, Milton of Odessa; two daughters, Mary Brawley and Betty McKinley, both of Clyde; two sisters, Rosa McDowell of Abilene and Hazletine Odom of Cross Plains; 12 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Grandsons served as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were A. C. Vandell, Glen Swor, Robert Windham, Bill Windham, Ray Floyd and Guy Williams.

State Capital HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams

AUSTIN — Texas Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower won a political victory of sorts last week when the federal government agreed to release stored grain for sale to drought-stricken ranchers.

In the past few months, a very vocal Hightower has argued that the feds should release deteriorating corn in storage at Plainview granaries so that ranchers in the West Texas drought disaster area could feed their herds.

Last week President Reagan signed major dairy legislation into law which contains a provision allowing the grain to be sold at reduced rates, at about \$1.75 a bushel.

Hightower, who had the help of U.S. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen in opening the granary, said the sales may be too late to help many ranchers who have already liquidated their breeding herds.

At the beginning of the dispute, the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture refused to make the grain available, saying the quality grade legally prevented it. Hightower disagreed with the inspection results, and pressed the issue.

Finally, Bentsen stepped in to investigate discrepancies in the federal grain inventories, and last week the feds announced about 10 million bushels of the surplus corn was rated low enough to be released legally.

Veterans Loans

Texas Land Commissioner Gary Mauro announced last week the newly approved Texas veterans housing program is ready for a bond issue.

The first loans could be made in mid-January. Estimates of the interest rate range from 9.5 to 9.85 percent. Under the program, qualified Texas veterans can borrow up to \$20,000 at that rate for home loans, with the remainder coming from private lenders.

The program will be administered by a private enterprise firm, which Mauro says will allow the state to avoid creating an expensive bureaucracy. The private administrator will be paid from a service charge on veterans loans of about 0.01 percent.

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Location is on a 79-acre lease one mile southeast of Pioneer.

Site is 2,190 feet from the north and 2,200 feet from the west lines of Section 20, Block 2, ETRR Survey.

The action prompted one of Mobil's hired attorneys to suggest the lawsuit was motivated by revenge because of Mattox's indictment two months ago on a commercial bribery charge.

A pretrial hearing on the indictment against Mattox was postponed last week, and more delays are expected to occur before Mattox appears in court.

500 Complains

Mattox's press secretary said the pollution suit was filed, not because of revenge, but at the request of the Texas Air Control Board, which she said received over 500 complaints from citizens about the emission.

The suit alleges, among other things, that:

Numerous local residents inhaled the fumes and suffered physical ailments because of them.

Mobil refinery officials deliberately misled an air control board investigator looking for the cause of the pollution.

Mobile eventually issued a press release explaining that an oil additive had been emitted during transfer from a tank car

Agent Dead

The first major casualty of the Sunset process, which requires that state agencies be legislatively renewed or abolished, occurred last week when the Texas Energy and Natural Resources Advisory Council ran out of time December 1.

TENRAC was a 22-member board of executive and legislative officials and private sector members which met to discuss energy issues.

Kubiak to Run

Former State Rep. Dan Kubiak, who recently moved to Bryan, announced last week he is a candidate for the congressional seat being vacated by Republican Phil Gramm.

A Democrat, he finished second to Gramm in a February special election after Gramm switched political parties.

Fort Worth State Sen. Hugh Farmer may announce this week whether he will challenge Kubiak for the party nomination. No GOP candidates have announced, although Fred Thornberry, who lost to Agriculture Commissioner Hightower in 1982, is reportedly considering the race. However, Max Hoyt of Conroe is seriously studying the race and some insiders believe an announcement will be made soon.

Kubiak served 14 years in the Texas House, concentrating mainly on educational, agricultural and energy issues.

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OSCAR TYLER FAMILY ENJOYS RECENT HOLIDAY

The entire Oscar and Faye Tyler clan, consisting of 24 members, spent a very enjoyable Thanksgiving Day in the Brownwood home of Jerry, Evelyn, Eric and Mark Tyler.

Those attending were Harold, Joyce, Rodney and Nathan Jones, Handy, Jamie, Josh and Westley Jones, all of Abilene; Scot, Lynda and Toni Edington, Howard, Debbie and Zach Edington, all of Burkett; Rusty, Debbie, Matt and Cody Reed and Oscar and Faye Tyler, all of Cross Plains.

For City Police or Emergency Medical Service phone 725-6663.

School Meal Menus

The following menus for lunch and breakfast will be served by Cross Plains School Cafeteria personnel providing correct supplies have been delivered.

Luncheon menu on designated dates calls for the following.

Thursday: Roast pork with natural gravy, creamed potatoes, peas, Jello with fruit, rolls, butter and milk.

Friday: Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, french fries, peanut butter cookies and milk.

Monday: Bar-B-Queed chicken, mashed potatoes, corn, sliced peaches, rolls, butter and milk.

Tuesday: Grilled cheese sandwiches, vegetable beef soup, crackers, apple wedge and milk.

Christmas holidays begin and run through Jan. 2, 1984.

Breakfast menu for the same period follows.

Thursday: Pancakes, butter-syrup, bacon, orange juice and milk.

Friday: Eggs, bacon, biscuits, jelly-butter, grape juice and milk.

Monday: Oats, toast, orange

N.E. BAIRD FIELD GAINS 51-BARREL FIELD PRODUCER

Thomas-Powell Royalty Inc. of Fort Worth has completed No. 1 Patricia in the Warren (Ellenburger) Field seven miles north-east of Baird.

Completed on a pump, it had a daily potential of 51 barrels of 35 gravity oil, plus 88 barrels of water. Production is from perforations at 4,093-97 feet, treated with 900 gallons of acid.

The 4½-inch casing is set at 4,245 feet, and the hole is bottomed at 4,944 feet.

CLYDE SAILOR EXTENDS DUTY TOUR BY 6 YEARS

Navy Electrician's Mate 2nd Class Wayne A. Culp, son of Wayne A. and Dortha D. Culp of Route 1, Clyde, has reenlisted for six years while serving with Personnel Support Activity Detachment, Idaho Falls, Idaho.

juice and milk.

Tuesday: Cereal, toast, grape juice and milk.



ANOTHER 100 YEARS

Lowell Johnson and Mrs. Winona Johnson accepted the Texas Family Heritage certificate for the Lowell Johnson Ranch in Callahan County from Agriculture

Commissioner Jim Hightower at ceremonies recently at the Capitol. The program honors properties which have maintained a continuous agricultural production for 100 years or more by one family.



CAPITOL CEREMONIES

Mallie Johnson and Maxine Johnson accepted the Texas Family Land Heritage certificate for the Mallie Johnson Ranch in Callahan County from Agriculture

Commissioner Jim Hightower at ceremonies recently at the Capitol. The program honors properties which have been maintained in continuous agricultural production for 100 years or more by one family.

NO. 1 PILLANS IS PROPOSED AS WILDCAT OIL PROJECT

Eight miles north of Cross Plains, Atwell Oil Co. Inc. of Abilene will drill No. 1 Pillans as a proposed 4,250-foot wildcat in the

Mis Raizes (Duffer) Field. Site is on a 122-acre lease, spotting 4,900 feet from the south and 2,400 feet from the east lines of A. T. Branley Survey, R-10.



PLES IS PLEASED

— Ples M. Ray and Aline E. Ray accepted the Texas Family Land Heritage certificate for the J. J. Ray Farm in Callahan County from Agriculture Commissioner Jim

Hightower at ceremonies recently at the Capitol. The program honors properties which have been maintained in continuous agricultural production for 100 years or more by one family.

Willing Workers News Notes

By Lessie Baum

We had a very nice day Thursday with all our members present except one.

Wils and Sam Baukum from Brownwood, Bob and Fefa Hefner from Lake Brownwood visited Alma Hefner.

Raymond and Helen Hounshell from Cisco visited Blanch Hounshell.

Dick and Donna Wagner and Alma Hefner were in Brownwood visiting one day last week.

Roy, Connie and Shaun Carter from San Angelo visited his parents Eric and Jessie Carter this week end. Other visitors with the Carters were Linda, Terri and Steven Pringle, Dutch Barnett and Lessie Baum.

Kathryn Wyatt was shopping in Eastland Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Turner and family spent the week end with Kathryn Wyatt.

George and Eunice Pointer visited Jim and Lessie Baum Saturday night.

Linda Pringle visited Frances Irwin Saturday morning.

Mildred and W. M. Stansbury visited their daughter, Sharon and Jack Fry and children in Abilene Tuesday. Another daughter, Marlena and John Paul Cowan from Hawley visited them.

Lessie Baum and Jessie Carter were in Brownwood shopping Tuesday.

Eunice Pointer attended the Christmas party at the Pioneer Quilting Club Tuesday.

Jim and Lessie Baum visited Jake and Reba Green and Bill and Katie Kilgore Wednesday evening.

Visiting Jay and Myrtle Kirkham this week were George and Eunice Pointer, a nephew Happy Washburn from Anson. Bonnie Davis, her mother-in-law, Violet Davis and Estelle Kirkham from Elm Dale.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Thate visited Jim and Lessie Baum Friday evening.

HIERHOLZER SINGING CHANGED TO DEC. 16

The singing held at the home of Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Hierholzer has been changed this month to Friday, Dec. 16, in order to miss the conflict with the holidays. Mrs. Hierholzer said everyone is welcome and hopes for a good turnout.

COTTONWOOD QUILTERS THANK ALL DONORS

All donations to the Cottonwood Quilting Club for their annual Turkey Supper were greatly appreciated. About \$300 was cleared and will be used for the upkeep of the Cottonwood Community Center. "The participation was wonderful, and the club thanks everyone for the support," a spokesman said.

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Roy Harding, 75, Is Buried In Abilene

Funeral service was held at 1 p.m. Monday for Roy L. Harding, 75-year-old oilman who was active many years in the Cross Cut area oil field and was well known in the Cross Plains area, in Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home Chapel, U. S. Highway 277 at Abilene.

Mr. Harding, oilman, investor and real estate broker, was active in the oil business in this area from the early 1950's to the late 1960's, spent a lot of time locally. Eddie Petty of this city was the first person Mr. Harding hired in the oil business locally in the 1950's.

He died at 11:15 p.m. Thursday at Baylor Medical Center in Dallas after a brief illness.

Dr. Charles Fisher, pastor of Brook Hollow Christian Church, officiated. Burial was at Elmwood Memorial Park.

Pallbearers were Chuck Schroeder, Jim Colvin, Doug Byrne, Brian Brooks, Al Espasito, Dr. Jack Herman and Lewis Chase.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Dill here during the past week included Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Cade, Wanda Walker, E. K. Coppinger and L. A. Richardson, all of that community.

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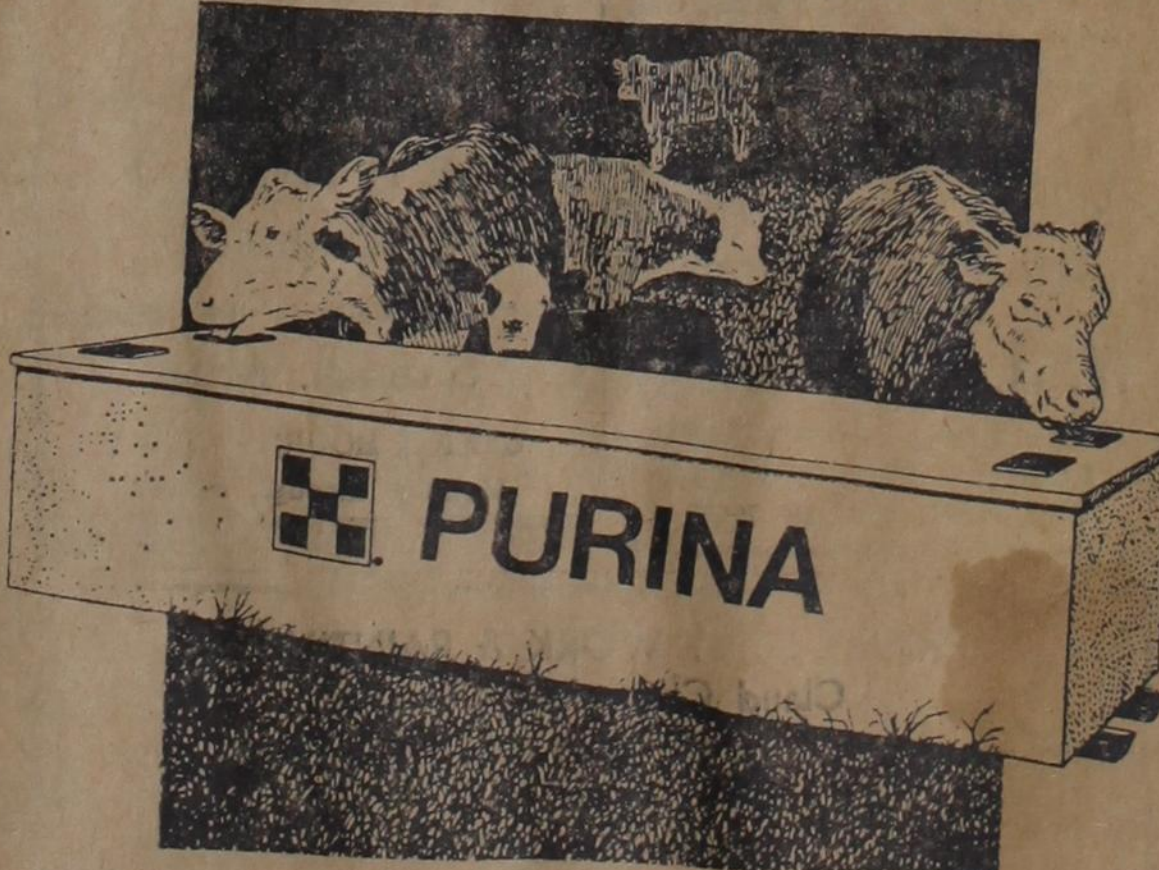
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Social Security Benefits Subject To Tax In '84

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Some of your Social Security benefits as taxable income. The amount of your benefits to be included in taxable income will be the lesser of: —One-half of your Social Security benefits received for the year, or —One-half of the excess of your combined income (adjusted gross income plus one-half of benefits) over the base amount.

Rowden Sector News

By Mrs. N. V. Gibbs The community supper will be this Saturday night at the Center. Time set for the meal is 6:30 p.m. Come with your family and enjoy visiting and games.

spent the week end in Midland with their son, Jim Reynolds, and family and attended church services with them Sunday morning. On Thursday night they attended her Sunday School Class social in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Hearon.

Library News

By Lee McNutt The Friends of the Library met Monday, Dec. 5. We approved new officers as Chairman-Juanita Shaw; Vice-Chairman-Janet Purvis; Treasurer-Lois Garrett; Secretary-Lee McNutt and Publicity-Clara Nell Spencer.

29 4-H'ers Compete In Co. Food Show

Thirty-four 4-H'ers completed the Foods and Nutrition Project and 29 participated in the County Food Show held Saturday, Dec. 3, in the Clyde Elementary School cafeteria.

Class Officers, Student Council Delegates Told

Officers of the top six grades at Cross Plains Schools and Student Council officers and class representatives of the freshman through seniors have been announced by school officials.

Local Lady's Kinfolk At Rising Star Dies

Pearl Lava Criswell of Rising Star, 77-year-old sister-in-law of June Culvahouse of Cross Plains, died at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, at Kendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

12 BAPTISTS LADIES MEET FOR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Twelve members and ex-members of the T.E.L. Sunday School Class at First Baptist Church met on Monday for a luncheon and Christmas social.

S. W. BURKETT FIELD DUE PAIR NEW NEFF PROBES

Nordic Petroleum Inc. of Dallas, will drill two projects in the Gayle Field seven miles southwest of Burkett on a 70-acre lease.

L. E. BELLAR LOVE FUND REMAINS OPEN AT BANK

The love fund established by friends to help L. E. Bellar is still open, and donations may be made in person or by mail.

BAND'S YULETIDE CONCERT SET SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Cross Plains Buffalo Band will present its Christmas Concert Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at the school auditorium. There is no admission charge.

RE-ENTRY PROJECT SLATED IN FIELD N.W. OF HERE

HOFCO Inc. of Abilene will re-enter to 2,100 feet No. 1 McDonald, et al, abandoned Callahan County Regular Field project 12 miles northwest of Cross Plains.

Local Varsity Teams Defeat De Leon J.V.

Necessary substitution of opponents found Cross Plains varsity basketball teams matched against DeLeon Junior Varsity Tuesday of last week. The two games were played at neutral site, Rising Star.

WORSHIP THIS WEEK WITH Cottonwood Baptist Church

SERVICES: Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Training Union & Youth Choir 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship 7:00 p.m. Wed. Evening Prayer Service 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Choir Practice 8:00 p.m.

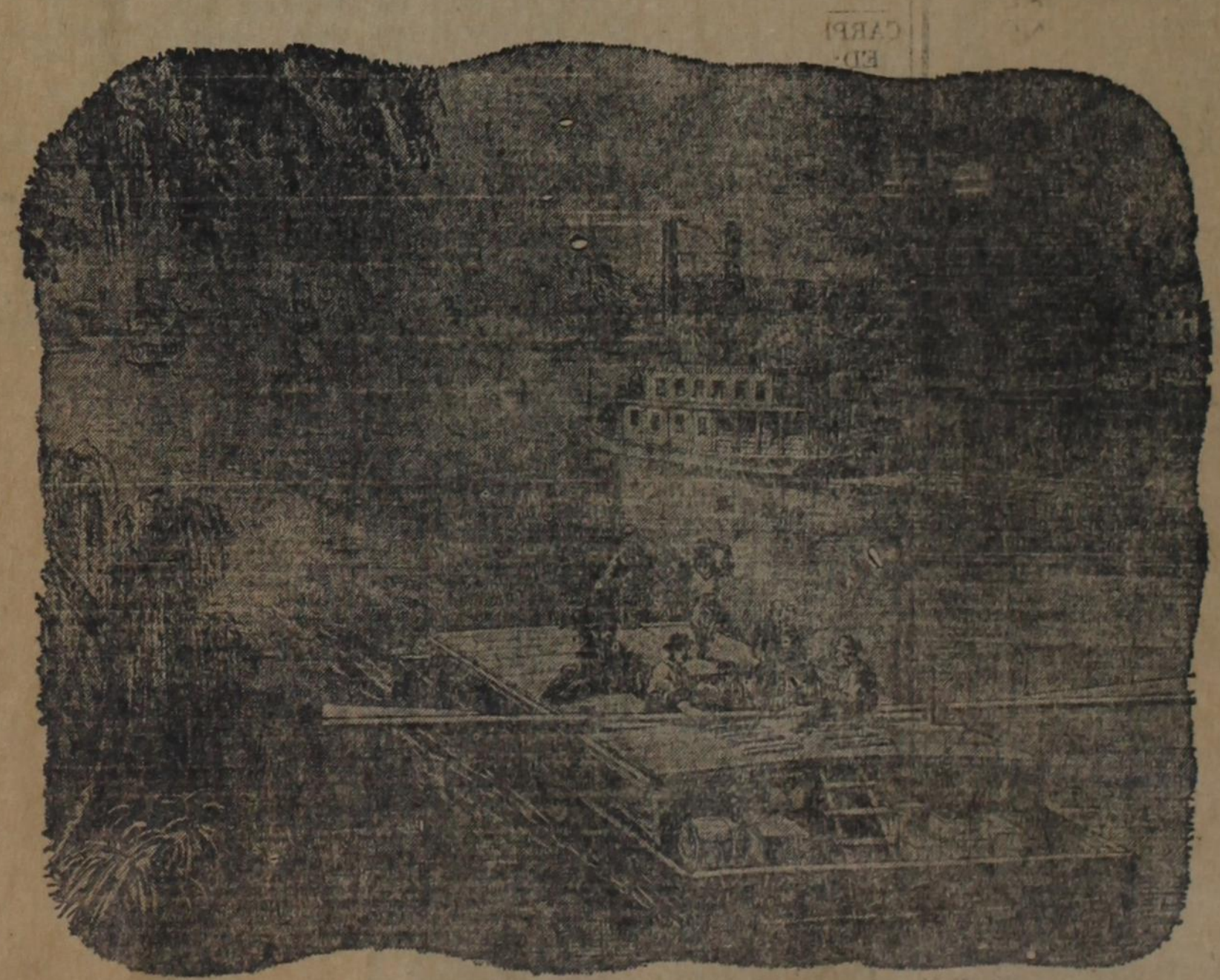
PIONEER CEMETERY GETS \$120 IN GIFTS IN WEEK Pioneer Cemetery Association received \$120 in donations this week according to Irma Miller, secretary for the organization.

etcetera

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DECEMBER 16
 Kathy Jo Woody
 Rosa Lee Rouse
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 Alicia Kirkham
 Kathy Reed
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Retired Librarian Buried At Baird

Funeral services was held Thursday at 2 p.m. at Parker Funeral Home in Baird for Rosa Ryan, 87, of Baird who died at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, at Golden Holiday Nursing Home in that city.

Burial for the retired longtime librarian of Callahan County Library was in Ross Cemetery at Baird.

Officiating the final rite for Mrs. Ryan was the Rev. Dan Woodrige, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Baird.

Officiating the final rites was Charles Butler, minister of the Cross Plains Church of Christ. Burial was at the Clyde Cemetery.

Born April 30, 1896, in Batesville, Ark., she had lived in Baird since 1925. She worked as librarian at the Callahan County Library from 1933 to 1977. She was a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Rosalee Farmer, in February of 1981.

Survivors include a son, Joe H. Ryan of Artesia, N. M.; a sister, Billie Bailey of Baird; a brother, Erwin Warren of Odessa; a sister-in-law, Pauline Warren of Baird; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Gilmore of Clyde were business visitors in Cross Plains briefly Saturday.

