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On The Corner

We're Going To Make It

By DON TABOR
Publisher

We're going to make it.

I know things look tough right now, with the depressed oil and agriculture markets and all (and we could sure use good rain right now), but in the few weeks I've been here in Cross Plains since buying the newspaper, I've found out one thing — Cross Plains is a community in the true sense of the word.

And the true sense of the word is that a community is nothing but a big family.

And a family takes care of its members. I've seen a lot of that evident around here. You support your folks when they have hard luck (the number of cards of thanks we get in the newspaper is evidence of this), you support your school and your city and you support your business establishments.

Friday I was getting a much-needed haircut at Ray Purvis' barber shop. There were a couple of other fellows in there and we were discussing the fact that a few local businesses have closed.

One of them asked Ray if he was going to close up too.

Ray assured him he wasn't and I then told Ray that "I'll stay if you will." Thus originated an unofficial mutual pact that Cross Plains is going to have a barber shop and a newspaper in years to come.

In fact, I think I can assure you from what I've observed that Cross Plains is going to have just about every type of business it needs in years to come.

For not only is this town a big family, it's also a tough family.

We've got to keep the essential businesses here. There are many elderly here who can't drive many miles to make their purchases, and it's a waste of time and money for all of us to do so.

But there is one thing that all of us can do to assure that Cross Plains will continue to be a viable community, and that is to support our local businesses.

I know that "shop at home" is a trite expression, but when you really think about it, it makes a lot of sense.

C. P. Leads County In Sales Hike

Cross Plains continues to lead Callahan County in the percentage of retail sales tax increases over last year, according to the latest figures from State Comptroller Bob Bullock's office.

Cross Plains received a payment of \$4,339.73 for the 30-day period ending Feb. 28, bringing the total received so far this year to \$16,503.27, which is a 7.3 per cent increase over the total received during the same period of 1985.

Clyde's latest payment amounted to \$5,347.11, which brought its total so far this year to \$22,155.98, a 2.47 per cent gain over the total for the same period last year.

Baird's latest payment was \$2,044.64, which brought its total for the year to date to \$8,973.62, a 1.12 per cent increase over the same period of 1985.

Putnam's latest payment was \$1,019.12, bringing its 1986 total to date to \$3,106.29, a 16.68 per cent drop from the same period last year.

Office to Be Open During Noon Hour

Beginning April 1, the offices of tax collector-assessor and chief appraiser will remain open during the lunch hour at the Courthouse in Baird.

Callahan County Commissioners were told of the decision to remain open between 12-1 p.m. at the Commissioners' regular meeting Monday,

March 10.

New tax collector-assessor, Wauneta Estes, informed the Commissioners of the decision.

County Commissioners were pleased of the decision saying that will now be able to pay car registrations, etc. during the residents' own lunch period.

County To Sell 9 Blocks in Baird

The Callahan County Commissioners, in their regular meeting Monday, March 10, approved a motion to sell approximately 9 blocks of land within the Baird city limits for \$3,053.50 to several residents.

The land was acquired by the county for delinquent taxes. The motion passed by a 3-0 vote.

In other matters, Commissioners: —Passed by a 3-0 vote, a motion to contribute \$500 for the year to the Callahan County Historical Commission.

—Tabled consideration of a resolution supporting Department of Agriculture Field Staff.

—Discussed the County Commodity Program. Approximately 8,000 pounds of commodities were to have been given away on Wednesday, March 12, to the needy.

—Tabled consideration of a contract presented to the Clyde City Council by Callahan County Sheriff Bill Skinner concerning law enforcement for the city of Clyde.

—Passed a motion, by a 3-0 vote, to approve the 1985 County Audit performed by Jon Herod, CPA of Clyde.

6 Now in Trustee Race

Jackie Thomas filed before the March 5 deadline, becoming the sixth candidate for three places on the Cross Plains School Board in the April 5 election.

Candidates for the three three-year terms drew for places on the ballot March 6 and will be listed as follows:

1. Charles H. Payne 2. Donald Strength 3. Gregg Williams 4. Randy Foster 5. Jackie Thomas 6. Stephen R. Lipstraw.

'Spring Thing' May 17

Get your fiddles out, 'cause Cross Plains and the rest of Callahan County is gonna celebrate the Sesquicentennial in style! Yes sirree, we're gonna have a day you 'll never forget!

On Saturday, May 17th, the Beta Sigma Phi of Cross Plains will hold its First Annual Arts and Crafts Fair entitled "Spring Thing."

"Spring Thing", is being held in conjunction with the Callahan County Old Settlers Reunion which is being held in May instead of August in order that hand in hand we may celebrate the Sesquicentennial.

You can expect anything from Grandma's old fashioned sugar pies

Reunion With Arts & Crafts

On May 17, the Callahan County Pioneer Reunion & Texas Sesquicentennial Arts & Crafts show will be held in the City Park.

At 9:30 there will be a parade starting at the High School and turning at the blinking lights down 36 to the Rodeo Grounds.

Officials need lots of floats and entries. If you are interested in being a part of this Celebration, please contact Donna Merrick at 725-6141/6528, Lou Parrish 725-6206 or Sandy Callaway 725-7174.

They can us bicycles, old cars, horse clubs, anything that you want to

enter. Help celebrate Texas and our Callahan County Pioneers. Deadline for entering will be May 9.

Let's make this a special celebration.

Attention All Merchants

In conjunction with the Callahan County Pioneer Reunion and Texas Sesquicentennial, officials are urging all merchants and employees to dress in Celebration of the Pioneer Days on May 16 as well as on May 17th. So get your costumes together and let's celebrate.

to today's Modern Art. Folks from all over the Big Country will be exhibiting and selling their handmade crafts, painting, foods, drinks, and showing their talented skills.

Mark your calendars now and don't miss out on this exciting day.

If you are interested in renting a space for a booth contact Margaret Ann McNeel at work, 725-6100, or home, 725-6498. Deadline will be May, but hurry, it's first come first serve.

Spaces available will be: 10 ft. X 10 ft. —\$15.00, 20 ft. X 10 ft. —\$25.00, \$5.00 extra if electricity is needed.

County Commissioners present at the meeting were: Eugene Kitchens, Lowell Johnson, E.F. Odom and County Judge Mack Kniffen.



NEW CROSS PLAINS FIRE TRUCK ... brand new pumper arrived Friday

Cross Plains Gets New Fire Truck

Cross Plains' brand new pumper fire truck arrived last Friday, almost two years ahead of schedule.

The city has known for two years it would have to have a new main pumper truck by Jan. 1, 1988, to comply with a State Board of Insurance underwriters regulation that a

fire truck cannot be more than 30 years old. The local volunteer fire department had had a 1957 pumper unit in service.

The new 1986 Ford diesel truck was purchased from W. A. Neel Associates of West, Tx.

The cost of the new truck was

\$59,000 and it was purchased by the city with the aid of the Pat McNeel Memorial Fund.

The new truck can pump, 750 gallons per minute at 150 pounds of pressure. It also has a 500-gallon storage area.

Bufs, Buffettes on Honor Team

The Cross Plains Buffaloes placed two players on the District 29-A first team all-district basketball team, while the Buffettes placed one girl on the first-team all-district team.

Cross Plains boys making the honor squad were Tony Evans and Elgin Katt while Dawn Strength made the girls' honor team.

Also, the local girls placed two on the second-team squad -- Michelle Prater and Melissa Montgomery.

Evans is a senior and Katt is only a sophomore. Dawn Strength and Michelle Prater are seniors while Melissa Montgomery is only a freshman.

Others on the first-team all-district boys squad were: David White, Rising Star; Chad Kilgo, May; Shannon Bond, Carbon and David Gibbs, Gorman.

Others on the girls' first-team all-district team were: Sissy Burnett, May, Jackie Harris, Rising Star; Amy Norris, Carbon and Sheryl Higgins, Sidney.

The Buffettes finished their season with the spirit and hustle that took them to a 26-0 season. Although coming three points short in the Bi-District game against Tolar, the girls fought back from a cold shooting first quarter and deficit of 25 points.

Highlights of the year included three tournament championships and scoring over a hundred points (123 and 117) in two games. The girls also set a new team scoring record at the Novice tournament. During this game, Dawn Strength tied the individual field goal record of 18.

The Buffettes averaged 70 points for the season to their opponent's average of 46. Individual scoring averages include: Dawn Strength-16, Suzie McClure-10, Beth Wood-9, Michelle Prater-8, Sheila Payne-7, Melissa Montgomery-7, Missy Wood 6, Pam Hutchins-4, Janice Campbell-4, and Deana Conlee-2. Stat leaders for the season are as follows: Scoring Average- Dawn(16), Assists- Michelle (5.4), Steals- Melissa (3.8), Rebounds- Dawn(10.5), FG%-Dawn (48%), FT%- Michelle and Suzie (62%), and Purple Hearts- Sheila.

The Buffs also finished their season with a cold shooting first quarter in

the first round of regional play after two exciting wins in Bi-District and Area. They finished with a 25-9 record.

Highlights of the year include a second, third, and consolation place in tournament play. The boys scored a hundred points in six games (106, 100, 107, 122, 111, and 105).

The Buffs averaged 80 points to their opponents' 61. Individual scoring averages include: Elgin katt-23, Tony Evans-21, Clay Richardson-10, Devin Koenig-9, Jerry Katt-8, and Paul Davis-6. Other members of the varsity that contributed to the Buff's fine season include: Dennis Aitchison, Troy Harris, Stacy Montgomery.

At Higginbotham's

Only Dry Goods Closing

Higginbotham's has announced that it is closing its Dry Goods Departments in the Cross Plains and Rising Star Stores.

Company officials at the general office in Comanche emphasized that only the Dry Goods Departments will be closed and that the Hardware, Housewares, and Furniture Departments will remain open.

The Lumber Yard in Cross Plains will also continue to serve area

builders and contractors.

Higginbotham's owns and operates stores and home centers in 18 locations in central Texas and the store in Cross Plains has been a part of the community since 1914.

Local Store Manager, Tom Stephenson, wishes to Thank the People of Cross Plains for their patronage and hopes that Higginbotham's can continue to serve the needs of the community.

Coach Katt said, "The Buffettes and Buffs should be proud of their fine seasons. Both the girls and boys worked hard and played hard. Our senior leaders will be missed next year. The teams and I would like to thank the community and school administration for their support."

Lawmen to Give School Programs

Cross Plains City Policemen Wendell Kelley and Deputy Sheriff Wayne Knowles will be conducting a fingerprint identification program March 19 at Cross Plains Elementary School.

Also the same day, Dept. of Public Safety officers will be conducting a

DWI program at the high school.

Kelley said the fingerprints will be made available to parents and also that arrangements can be made to have fingerprints made of pre-school age children.

Pancake Supper Thursday

The annual Kiwanis pancake supper is scheduled for this Thursday evening, March 13 at the school cafeteria.

Sausage and all the pancakes you can eat will be served between 5:30 and 7:30. Tickets are \$2.50, or if you choose to pay at the door, the cost is \$2.75. Pre-schoolers will be admitted for half price.

Tickets may be purchased at Citizen's State Bank, C. P. Discount, C. P. Locker, Lakeway, Greenwood Insurance, Johnston's Truck, W. T. U., Lawrence's, Olney Savings, or any local Kiwanian. Our local Kiwanis Club is community and service accredited and your support of this fund-raising activity is encouraged.

Joe Coppinger is Pancake Supper Committee Chairman.

LIVESTOCK SHOW BUYERS, BONUSES LISTED

The Cross Plains FFA would like to thank the following for purchasing or placing a bonus on an animal at the Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show:

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Thanks again for your support.

USDA'S NEW CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM ENDS MARCH 14

The sign-up period for USDA's new Conservation Reserve Program ends March 14, Scotty Odom, County Executive Director reported. The program takes highly erodible land out of farming for 10 years and places it into trees or other permanent vegetative cover.

Classification or erosion levels of land will be determined by the Soil Conservation Service, according to Odom. "All Class 6, 7 and 8 land is eligible for the program, along with any land in Classes 2 through 5 that is eroding in excess of three times the tolerance level." Odom said producers who place highly erodible land in the program will receive annual rental payments, based on a bid per acre. A producer may receive a maximum of \$50,000 per year in cash or commodities and 50 percent cost-sharing on conservation practices. "This maximum is separate and apart from the maximum established under the annual commodity programs."

To sign up, Odom said producers will submit a bid for the annual rental payment for the designated acres, and provide a cropping history covering the years 1981 through 1985. The land must have been planted or considered to have been planted 2 of the 5 years during that period, including land in the Acreage Conservation Reserve or set-aside programs, or land that was in the prevented-planting category. "The acreage designated for the Conservation Reserve Program is not eligible as designated acreage to qualify for price support under the annual commodity programs," said Odom.

He said bases, quotas and allotments will be reduced by the ratio of cropland on the farm to the acres put into the program. The producer will choose which bases, quotas or allotments will be reduced over the life of the 10 year contract and this history will be preserved for this period, the ASCS official said.

Additional program details may be obtained from the Callahan County ASCS and SCS offices.



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NEW ARRIVALS

SAVANAH JO KOENIG

Sam and Kim Koenig of Cross Plains are happy to announce the arrival of their first child, a daughter, Savannah Jo. She was born Feb. 20 in Hendrick Medical Center, Abilene, weighing 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Jim and Judy Mazuch of Silt, Colorado.

Paternal grandparents are R. D. (Dick) and Sharon Koenig of Cross Plains.

KIMBERLEY MELISSA KOENIG

Kim and Darron Koenig of Rowlette, are happy to announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Kimberley Melissa, born Feb. 22. She weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Martin of Abilene.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James Oscar Koenig of Cross Plains.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Martin of Abilene and Mrs. Peggy Koenig of Cross Plains.

LANDON CHACE WESTERMAN

Mandee Nicole Westerman is proud to announce the arrival of her new baby brother. He was born Monday, March 3, at 8:10 p.m. in Hendrick Medical Center. He weighed 6 lbs. 10 oz., and was 20 inches long. Mandee has named him Landon Chace.

Proud parents are Gary and Betty Westerman of Rising Star. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Noel King of Cross Plains. Paternal grandmother is Mrs. Sybil Westerman of Rising Star.

Great-grandmothers are Mrs. Ruby Brooks of Cross Plains and Mrs. Nina King of Bangs.

PERSONALS

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. M.F. Dill this past week were Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Breeding, Mr. and Mrs. Skeet Walker, Pete Golson, Jay Kirkham, Marvin Dickson, Louise Buckner, Ella Dean, Mr. and Mrs. Alton McCowen, Juanita Thornton and Mr. and Mrs. S.E. Paige all of this community.

LIBRARY NEWS

The second book review in the "Texas Voices" series at the Cross Plains Public Library will be held on Monday, March 17, at 7:30 p.m. Lou Rodenberger will present Elmer Kelton's "The Wolf and the Buffalo."

Kelton is a novelist known for his Texas Books. He has earned Spur Awards from Western Writers of America, the Western Heritage Award from the Cowboy Hall of Fame, and the Levi Strauss Golden Saddleman Award from Western Writers of America for his contributions to western literature.

"The Wolf and the Buffalo" tells the story of two men during the days when Texas was being settled and the Indians were fighting to keep their way of life. It deals primarily with two men: the Wolf, an Indian believing that he is invincible because he has received the medicine from the Great Spirit; and the Buffalo, a Negro who joined the army a few days after leaving the only life he had ever known—that of a slave.

Dr. Rodenberger got the series off to a great start on March 3 with a presentation relating to stories passed from one generation to another. As a part of that discussion she reviewed Elithe Hamilton Kirkland's "Love is a Wild Assault", based on the long-forgotten manuscript of Harriet Potter's life in early Texas. Thirty persons attended the first review and stayed for group discussions and coffee. All are invited to attend the "Texas Voices" Series.

Donations to the Library include the following:

Memorials for Benny Glover: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Turnnell, I.B. and Billie Loving, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Childress, Mrs. Susie Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harris. For Lela Gibbs, Susie Smith; for Mrs. I.J. Crawley, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Childress.

Books: Paula Bond, The Baptist Church, Sayra Fox.

Membership: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Purvis.

SCHOOL MENU

MARCH 13-19 BREAKFAST

THURSDAY— Pancake, bacon, syrup/butter, orange juice, milk.

FRIDAY— Cheese toast, grape juice, milk.

MONDAY — Waffles w/syrup & butter, grape juice, milk.

TUESDAY— Buttered rice w/cream & sugar, toast, orange juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY— Pancake w/syrup & butter, grape juice, milk.

LUNCH

THURSDAY — Grilled cheese sandwich, Veg-beef soup, crackers, cobbler, milk

FRIDAY- sloppy Joes, Pinto beans, salad, cookie, milk

MONDAY- Burritos w/chili & cheese, spinach, sliced buttered potatoes, applesauce, milk

TUESDAY- Submarine sandwich, shredded lettuce, carrot sticks, potato chips, fruit juice bars, milk

WEDNESDAY- Spagetti w/meat sauce, fried squash, pears, cornbread, green beans, milk

AARP MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Cross Plains AARP was held Monday, March 3.

The room was attractively decorated in Easter fashion. There was 46 people in attendance.

County Judge Mack Kniffen was guest speaker, he gave information on how to protect ourselves and our property from schemers.

Game night will be Tuesday night, March 18.

The elderly and shut-ins may call these numbers, 725-6516, 725-6575, 725-6440 on March 19 and 20 for a fish plate to be delivered to them on Friday, March 21.

COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT Mack Kniffen, presiding Misdemeanor Filings

Howard Ray Beasley, DWI.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

Haskell Murphy Jr., Clyde, and Barbara Jean Drain, Clyde.

NEW VEHICLES

Jon McLain, Abilene, Chev. 2 dr. GMAC, c/o Charles L. Horn, Abilene, Chev. PU.

42nd DISTRICT COURT Don Lane, presiding Civil Filings

Betty LaDean Henson and Weldon Melvin Henson, suit for divorce. Robert Max Lambert and Tresa

Rence Lambert, suit for divorce. Southern Farm Bureau Casualty Ins. Cos. vs. Amber Lewis, suit for damages.

State of Texas vs. Randolph Jones, petition for reimbursement of Public assistance.

First National Bank of Baird vs. following, suits on notes: Charlotte & Floyd Bolton, James C. Burgess, Joyce Jay, Howard & Joan Macky, Ismael Rodriguez, Diana McClain, Brian Miller, Helen Haight, Kenneth & Leatta Chittum Davidson, David Collins.

Felony Criminal Indictment

Vickie Taylor, address listed as Box 1285, Abilene, indecency with a child.

Felony Criminal Minutes

L.L. Hanna, plea of guilty to theft, 10-year probated prison term.

HOMESTYLE Hungr-buster

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OBITUARIES

REBA JOE CHILDERS

CROSS PLAINS — Reba Joe (Red) Childers, 61, died Friday in a local nursing home.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday in the Higginbotham Funeral Home with Burlie Taylor officiating. Burial was at Burnt Branch Cemetery.

A native of Callahan County, he was an oil field worker and member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Bill Childers of New Mexico; five

brothers, J. C. Childers of Cross Plains, Blanton Childers of Cottonwood, G. W. Childers of Odessa, John W. Childers and Bill D. Childers of Midland; a sister, Hallie Harley of Cross Plains.

Nephews served as pallbearers.

NURSING HOME SERVICES

Sunday afternoon services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home will be conducted by the Jesus Name Pentecostal Church, March 16, at 3:30 p.m.

ROWDEN NEWS

By Mrs. N.V. Gibbs

Two light rain showers came through this area this week, each measuring two tenths. That helps, but good, general rains are needed on grain fields and pastures.

Some trees in yards are leafing out, the Fruitless Mulberry and Elms in the Gibbs yard. A neighbor reported hearing a dove this morning and geese are migrating back up North. N. V. Gibbs plowed some in the garden to day and this writer tried to hoe in the berry and peach row. The ground was clean last fall but winter weeds and wild rye grass couldn't be worse, and equally as hard to hoe up.

Walter and Lorene O'Dell of Abilene were by the Gene Mauldin home Friday afternoon for a visit. They had been to the Burnt Branch Cemetery where his mother is buried. They found the grounds in need of care.

Gene and Vernie Belle Mauldin visited Velma Shelton in Baird one day this week and Vernie Belle and Ima Gibbs visited in the Baird rest home Sunday with Ruby Russell and other people they knew.

Anthony Sikes, a former Rowden resident has been in the hospital twice lately and also spent a week or so in the Baird rest home.

Dorothy Reynolds was in Brownwood Saturday where she met her daughter, Janet Flippin for a visit.

Dorothy also reported the radio station KGNZ, located on Butternut Street in Abilene, was playing gospel songs now. The station has gone to 88.1 F. M. She thought some might like to tune in for the programs.

Nancy Palmer of Clyde was out to visit her parents, Joyce and Sterling Odom, Saturday morning.

Lora Faye Harris visited her mother, Mrs. Ivon Odom, in the Cross Plains Nursing home Saturday morning.

Brock Watson, student of Texas Tech of Lubbock was home over the weekend.

Bob and Kathy Dye visited her mother, Mrs. Douglas Dendy, at her home near Mason last Sunday.

Edna Dye attended the State Porcelain Painters Convention in San Antonio this week.

Visitors in the home of the Don Harrell family were her sister, Melissa Andrews and son Billy of Austin.

Michael Tennyson of Baird spent the weekend with Wyatt Watson. Last Sunday visitors in the Watson home were the Roger Martin family of Baird.

Jewel Swanzy and Anna Belle Tabor of Clyde visited in the N. V. Gibbs home Sunday afternoon.

This writer was in Abilene last Monday on business and also attended the District VIII Judges Council Meeting at the Abilene Garden Club Center. The Cross Plains Garden Club was represented by five members, Mrs. Leo Franke, President of the Judges Council, Mrs. J. P. McCord, Mrs. Glen Payne, and Mrs. Hadden Payne. Title of the program was, "Creative Showcase." Designs were made and instructed by guest, Mrs. C. L. Sparkman of Odessa. She is a National Counciler of Design and an instructor who does programs over the state. Refreshments were served by the Abilene Garden Club Members.

ROPING RESULTS AT GOLSON ARENA

Roping events started last week, March 2 for the 1986 season with a large crowd of ropes and spectators.

Area teams were from: Abilene, Baird, Brownwood, Cisco, Coleman, Gorman, Lawn, Hodges, and Cross Plains.

In the first jackpot, 107 teams entered. Winners were as follows: Go-round 1st team John & Joe Templeton. 2nd Randy Burdick & Danny Armstrong. 3rd Gary Sutton & Armstrong. In the average 1st place team was Alan Key & Randy Strickland. 2nd John & Joe Templeton. 3rd was Ron Bagley & Deany Dillard. 4th was Randy Burdick & D. Armstrong.

54 teams entered the second jackpot. Go-round winners were: 1st Billy Golson & D. Armstrong. 2nd Gary Rust & D. Armstrong. Average winners 1st Clint Middleton & Cody

Odom. 2nd Danny Armstrong & Sammy Cochrell.

85 teams braved the high winds and blowing sand to rope Sunday, March 9 at Golson Arena. Either the guys are very dedicated ropers or they don't have much sense, I can't say which!

Winners in the first jackpot were: Go-round- 1st team Buck Shirley & Jay Davis- 2nd team was Joe Kemp & Allen Phillips. Average winners were: 1st James Hopkins & Randy Burdick- 2nd Ron Bagley & Rex Martin.



In the second jackpot- Go-round winners were: 1st James Hopkins & Randy Strickland. In the average 1st team was Jim Bob Cozart & Ricky Ingram. 2nd was James Hopkins & Randy Strickland.

Bob & Sandy invite everyone out to watch each Sunday afternoon about 2:00 if weather permits.

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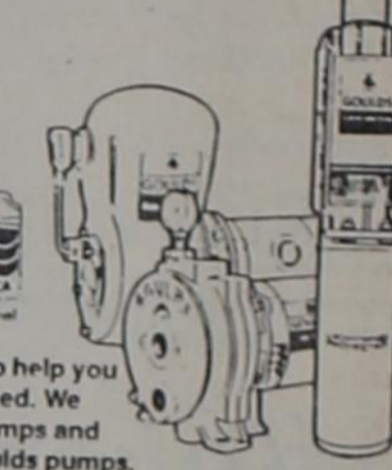
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COTTONWOOD NEWS

By BEVERLY BROWN

For three consecutive years this spring, we have had a red cardinal, who makes his presence known by flying at our kitchen window, pecking on it, and peering into the house. Some days he keeps this ritual going for several hours at intervals, then he will skip a day. His timing is never the same, as we are awakened as early as 5:30 a.m., when the time changes, by his clowning around. Spring must be here, as "Red" is back.

Jack and Pam Stanke of Brownwood had lunch with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Bigbee here last Sunday.

Pricilla Anderson and son, James, and her nephew, Ellis Anderson, and Dylan Williams all of Abilene spent the weekend with her parents and boys' grandparents, Laura and J. O. Williams and visited with their grandfather and great-grandfather, Mr. John Crawley.

Smokey and Virginia Callaway had their children and friends in their home over the weekend; Mr. and Mrs. Gil Harriage of Cedar Creek Lake; Bill Long of Fort Worth, Blake Long of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Bateman of Cedar Creek Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Varner of Clyde visited with Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Clark last Wednesday evening. Cookie and Bob Robinson and Brian of Clyde were down over the weekend at her folks.

Rod Renfro of May and Gerry and Rufus Renfro came by Ethel Anderson on Thursday to see her. Mrs. Anderson took Rufus home later that afternoon while the family went fishing, and stayed with him.

On Wednesday, Daisy and Wes Holcomb were at Ethel Andersons. On Saturday, Rod and Beth Renfro brought their grandmother some fish. Darwin Anderson of Abilene spent Saturday night with his mother and on Sunday, Wanda, Darwin, and Ethel all had dinner with Vanda King and family in Cross Plains.

Family and relatives in the home of Mrs. Ethel Anderson over the week-

end were Joe and Teresa Martin and son, Blake; Stuart and Barbara Sowell and children, Mrs. Imogene Brooker, her sister, and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Soto and children all of Abilene. This Friday evening, Mathew, Mandi and Mayssa Sowell had dinner with their great-grandmother.

Mr. John Edgar Crawley of Denver, Colorado arrived here Saturday to spend a few days with his father, Mr. J. I. Crawley and his sister and her husband, Dr. and Mrs. J. O. Williams.

COLEMAN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT GETS CHECK

The Coleman Volunteer Fire Department received a check for \$150.00 recently from Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies as an expression of thanks for the department's work on the property of Bill Dillard, Route 1, Box 26A, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.

The money will be used for their loss prevention program.

The Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies pay fire departments this amount when the department works at a fire in rural areas, involving property insured by them.

The Insurance Company believes fire departments have contributed to reduce the amount of loss involved by fire and more importantly, to prevent fires. It is their hope this money will help the Coleman Volunteer Fire Department in their program.

Mr. Dillard is a member of the Callahan/Shackelford County Farm Bureau.

FARMERS MAY RECEIVE BOTH COMMODITY CERTIFICATES AND CASH

When farmers sign up for the 1986 wheat and feed grain acreage reduction programs, Scotty H. Odom, County Executive Director, said they may receive both commodity certificates and cash payments for participating in the programs.

"Farmers may request all of their land diversion payments and 40 percent of their projected deficiency payments in advance," Odom said. Thirty percent of the projected deficiency payments will be issued in cash during sign-up, and 10 percent in commodity certificates beginning April 30. Land diversion payments will be issued in commodity certificates.

"The certificates will not specify a particular commodity," said Odom, "and they may be redeemed for specified commodities under regular, special or farmer-owned reserve loan."

Producers will have until September 30, 1986, or until the maturity date of their loan, whichever is earlier, to redeem loans needed to satisfy advance deficiency and/or diversion payments.

Odom said farmers who have commodity loans outstanding after sign-up closes April 12 must redeem the loan to satisfy program payments. He said the quantity of the loan collateral that must be redeemed will depend on the value of the crop, as determined by the Commodity Credit

Corporation, at the time the loan is repaid to satisfy program payments.

"Farmers who do not have commodity loans, or those whose commodities under loan are insufficient to meet their certificate value, will be issued negotiable certificates for the remaining monetary amount due them."

The ASCS official said commodity certificates may be sold to others. Acquired certificates may be used to redeem outstanding loans or for commodities owned by the CCC. Producers who accept advance payments but fail to comply with the 1986 farm program provisions, must refund the amount of the advance payment with interest.

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Cross Plains Garden Club will meet for the regular monthly session at 2 p.m. Friday, March 14, at the Garden Center at 664 Beech.

The topic for the meeting will be "Reaching Out For Designs In The Oriental Manner."

Mrs. Roger G. (Rete) Parker, a member of the Violet Crown Garden Club in Austin will present the Program "Oriental Designs."

Hostesses for the meeting will be Mrs. A. J. McCuin, Chairman, Mrs. Joe Oglesby and Mrs. Sam Henderson.

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PROGRAMS APPLICATIONS

"We will be accepting applications for the 1986 wheat and feed grain programs through April 11," Scott Odom, CED, of the Callahan County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, said. Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block recently announced a 25 percent acreage reduction program for wheat and a 20 percent reduction for feed grains.

In addition to price support loans and deficiency payments, Odom said farmers who sign up and comply with the acreage reduction program requirements will be eligible for land diversion payments on an acreage equal to 2-1/2 percent of the crop acreage bases. "Farmers may request 100 percent of their land diversion payments and 40 percent of their projected deficiency payments when they sign up."

Land diversion payment rates are \$1.10 per bushel for wheat, \$.73 for corn, \$.65 for sorghum, \$.57 for barley, and \$.36 per bushel for oats. The 10 percent additional paid diversion option for winter wheat producers is \$2.00 per bushel.

Odom said program participants will be eligible to earn deficiency payments on the acres planted within the permitted. "Those who plant at least 50 percent of the permitted acreage to the program crop and plant the remaining permitted acreage to a non-program crop, other than soybeans or extra long staple cotton, will be eligible to receive deficiency payments on 92 percent of the permitted acreage."

Estimated per bushel deficiency payment rates are: wheat, \$1.83; corn, \$1.03; sorghum, \$.98; barley, \$.95 and oats, \$.45.

He said winter wheat producers who reduce the acreage planted to wheat so that it does not exceed 65 percent of the farm's wheat base will be eligible to receive diversion payments of \$2.00 per bushel on an acreage equivalent to 10 percent of the wheat base.

According to Odom, 75 percent of the advance deficiency payments will be paid in cash during sign-up, and the remaining 25 percent will be paid as payment-in-kind beginning April 30. "Farmers will have from April 30 through September 30 to request the PIK portion of their advance deficiency and/or diversion payments."

Farmers with commodity loans outstanding after sign-up closes must redeem their loan with their PIK. Farmers who do not have commodity loans, or whose commodity loans are insufficient to meet their PIK entitlements, will be issued negotiable certificates in the net remaining monetary amount due them.

The ASCS official said contracts signed by program participants will be considered binding and will provide for liquidated damages for failure to comply with program regulations.

Further clarification of the 1986 acreage reduction programs may be obtained by contacting the Callahan County ASCS office.

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PIONEER NEWS

By ESTHLOY S. DICKSON

About a dozen ladies from my Sunday School class were taken to Abilene last Friday evening to witness the Easter pageant at the Civic Center. Our teacher, Mrs. Burlie (Jerri) Taylor, drove the van. She was aided and abetted by Mrs. Jewel Newman.

We ate early at Furr's Cafeteria. The pageant, "Come Celebrate Jesus", was presented by the Pioneer Drive Baptist Church, their Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra. It was incredibly beautiful performance. "Jerri's Kids" (ranging in age from 75 to 95 years) thoroughly enjoyed the outing.

Visitors with Joe and Nell Fleming the past week were Mr. Sam Fleming of Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Conner and boys of Rising Star, Mr. and Mrs. Bo Emmory Allen and Children of May. Also Mr. "Speck" Conner visits with Joe regularly.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Beggs enjoyed the weekend "Spiritual Awakening Seminar" at First Baptist Church. So did I, and it was very inspirational.

Mrs. Ethel Brown has not been well the past week, but was a bit improved on Monday morning. Marie Pancake and Blanche Brooks visited her, and her good neighbors were in to see her several times.

Allison McGowen spent last Saturday in Cross Plains with Mrs. Ruby McGowen and Naoma. Leslie spent Saturday with Ms. Ila Carlock in Brownwood. David, Sara and the girls visited his mother, Charlene, in Brownwood during the weekend. His father, Howard, is in a hospital at Kerrville for tests and a thorough check-up.

Many of my friends know that I am an avid bird-watcher - and I've been amused this week watching the little birds "test" the temperature of the water in the bird-bath before they actually get in to flutter and wash their little bodies. Also, I saw a pair of chaparral (roadrunners) cross the highway this morning.

My "favorite" daughter-in-law, Karen, called me on Saturday morning. She "made my day". Then my one and only daughter, Joanie, called me on Sunday - what more could one ask?

HOSPITAL NOTES

JESSIE C. CLARK

Jessie C. Clark is still in Humana Hospital in Abilene. Mrs. Clark says he is not doing too well.

CHILDBIRTH CLASSES

E.L. Graham Memorial Hospital in Cisco is currently sponsoring prepared childbirth classes.

The Lamaze method is being taught to help prospective parents through the labor process. The classes are designed to allow the expectant father to play an integral part in this process.

Interested parties may call Fay Stephenson, R.N., instructor, for details at (817) 442-1921. Information may also be obtained by calling Helen Orr or Sharene Richardson at the hospital (817) 442-3951.

Couples should begin attending the sessions at the beginning of the eighth month of pregnancy. The cost is minimal.

OIL NEWS

Powder River Oil Co., Fort Worth, will drill No. 1-232 Gibson as a proposed 4,000 foot wildcat 20 miles south of Baird.

Located on a 650-acre lease, it spots 610 feet from the north. 1,879 feet from the west lines of R.A. Pace Survey 232.

Robert B. & B.K. Eubank, Houston, filed application for No. 19 R.O. Eubank, proposed 550-foot venture four miles southwest of Cross Plains in the regular field.

Located on a 160-acre lease, it spots 150 feet from the south, 1,150 feet from the west lines of Subdivision 48, Comal CSL Survey 181.

RR Production 3 from Cross Plains will drill No. 3 James Jones in the Turnaround (Gray Sand) Field three miles southwest of Oplin.

The planned 4,700-foot venture is located on a 304-acre lease and spots 928 feet from the south, 2,635 feet from the west lines of G.W. Denton Survey 384, A-154.

Spotted in the regular field three miles east of Cross Cut was Burl Pillows, Midkiff, No. 3 Wilson-Keeler, slated for 1,400 feet.

Located on a 118-acre lease, it spots 1,462 feet from the north, 3,324 feet from the west lines of Patrick Curlong Survey 151, A-196.

SPRING FORAGE PRODUCTION DECISIONS

With the arrival of spring, forage producers with improved pastures should make plans for two very important production decisions; how much fertilizer should I apply and do I need to control weeds?

Weed control is one of the most economical pasture management practices to improve forage production, says Greg Gerngross, County Extension Agent. For every pound of weeds produced, a pound of forage is lost. Weeds use valuable soil nutrients and moisture. Chemical weed control works best in the spring before weeds produce weed and is more economical than shredding.

Several chemicals including 2, 4-D and mixtures of other chemicals are cleared for use on improved pastures. Extension bulletins are available on this subject from the County Extension office in Baird.

The next production decision to be made is how much fertilizer to apply. A soil test is the most useful tool in deciding how much fertilizer to apply.

Most forages are growing on former cropland as well as land that has been subjected to severe erosion. Such land often has little topsoil and is nutrient poor. Furthermore, forages have an extended growing season, so the need nutrients over a longer period of time.

Fertilizer will not only increase the amount of forage produced, it will increase the quality of the forage.

Fertilizer will also help forage make better use of available Nitrogen. As a general rule of thumb, 100 pounds of Nitrogen (300 pounds of ammonium nitrate) will increase production 3,000-4,000 pounds per acre on coastal bermuda.

For more information on soil test information, contact the County Extension office located on the 1st floor of the Courthouse in Baird.

LILLIE MAE WILKS

Mrs. Lillie Mae Wilks, who has been a patient in Humana Hospital in Abilene for over a week, remains in the intensive care unit at this time, however, she was improved.

GIRL SCOUTS 74TH BIRTHDAY

BROWNWOOD- March 12, Cross Plains Girl Scouts will join their more than two thousand sister Scouts in Heart of Texas Council and approximately three million Girl Scouts nationally in observance of the 74th birthday of Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. Girl Scout week will be celebrated by the Girl Scouts of our community from March 9 to March 15.

Seventy-four years ago the first Girl Scouts learned to raise chickens and spin wool. Today, their descendants may learn to change the washer on a faucet, rewire a lamp, style hair, develop photographs, clean and set a gap on a lawn-mower spark plug, or write a computer program.

In communities all over the country — and all over the world where Americans are stationed — almost three million girls and women are busy helping themselves even as they help those around them.

They are planting trees and shrubs to beautify and preserve the environment — theirs, as well as their neighbors. Everybody benefits, and the girls learn about the relationship between living things even as they master some practical skills.

They are "adopting a grandparent" — sharing their lives and even their pets with older people, for whom they often fill a great void. In the process they gain understanding, love, and the joy of being needed.

They are exploring all kinds of careers — from acting to dancing to flying to computer technology to business management. They are also simply having fun — playing games, hiking, camping and much more.

In a sense, today's Girl Scouts are following the trail blazed by Juliette Gordon Low in 1912 when she started the Girl Scout movement in the United States, although Girl Scouting has constantly changed and evolved to meet changing needs and interests.

More than ever, Girl Scouting is for girls of all ages, especially since the inauguration of Daisy Girl Scouts for kindergarten age. The program grows with them as it helps them grow.

Schoolmen Of The Past Strong, Dominant Breed

By JACK SCOTT

The little, red school house has long since faded from the American scene. It lives only in legend and in memories of older citizens. The influence of these quaint, little educational centers, though, and the "scholars" they spawned proved a vital force in making this a great and cultured country.

Most of the schoolmasters who laid the groundwork for today's public school systems were products of that beginning. Many of them "plied their trade" in this area and left deep imprints upon the character of the children who came under their tutelage.

At least a half-dozen — as dedicated a group as you could possibly imagine — were active in and around Cross Plains. At Cottonwood there was Harry S. Varner. Dressy had Raymond Steele. Burkett's man was Walter Chambers. W.T. Hughes was at Cross Cut and at Pioneer there was Lawson C. Cash. The man of that era in Cross Plains was Nat Williams. All were schoolmasters of a rare breed. Each was a disciplinarian, qualified to teach any subject and was genuinely respected in the community.

Harry Varner was a smallish man with a penetrating voice. When he spoke people listened and by so doing they generally learned something. His purpose was to run a good school and to motivate his students. He did both well. His youngest son worked his way through Texas A&M and finished as one of the 10 most honored graduates ever to come out of Aggieland. He was president of his junior and senior classes, captain of the basketball team, cadet colonel (highest ranking officer in the corps of cadets), valedictorian of his graduating class and winner of a campus popularity contest over an All-American football player. The kid from Cottonwood

became a staff officer of General George Patton during World War II, was later vice president of Michigan State University and finally chancellor of the University of Nebraska. His father had motivated him well and Harry Varner's old saying, "A man can go as far as he can imagine if he's willing to work to achieve it" was conclusively proved.

Raymond Steele headed the Dressy school. That community now has only a cemetery to mark its presence but it once had a general store, a cotton gin, a blacksmith shop, two large church buildings with resident pastors and a three-teacher school with about 120 students. The schoolmaster made it his life's work to see that every youngster learned and was properly taught. He stressed penmanship and turned out a lot of men and women who wrote far more legibly than most.

Down at Burkett, Walter Chambers served as school superintendent for 30-odd years. He demanded discipline and ran a "tight ship". He taught classes, supervised teachers, meted out corporal punishment to errant students and coached the basketball teams. He was a respected leader in the community and taught a Sunday School class at the Methodist Church despite the fact that he was never a member of that congregation. As he retired after a long and illustrious career, Chambers cited the thing of which he was most proud was the fact that no Burkett student had ever been convicted of a felony. Walter Chambers taught citizenship by example.

Cross Cut had W.T. Hughes who also served a stint at Scranton. He was a natural-born teacher and remained in the classroom until about 90 years of age, finishing up as an instructor in the Texas prison system. His record of accomplishment among hardened criminals won wide acclaim.

Pioneer had Lawson Cash, a slow-

moving man, who had the ability to do well at just about anything he undertook. He brought order out of chaos to Pioneer schools and turned out many outstanding students. He was instrumental in consolidating Pioneer school with Cross Plains and during World War II taught here and coached basketball and football. Although he had never played football, he led the Buffaloes to a district championship. Cash concluded his career in education with a lengthy tenure as Callahan County School Superintendent.

Nat Williams came to Cross Plains to head local schools in the late 1920's. He was only 25 years old at the time. If he lacked anything in experience, he more than made up for it in masterful handling of every problem that came his way. Almost overnight he straightened-out the bullies on the local campus, let one and all know that he was running things and that it would be done on a business basis. He tolerated no foolishness and both students and teachers quickly got the message. Under his leadership Cross Plains schools became about the best in this part of the state. Rural schools chose to consolidate here and the local district grew to over 400 square miles in size. It was largely because of Nat Williams' school system that this town is today one of the better little, inland cities in this area. Rural churches followed their schools in consolidating here and Cross Plains became the focal point of an expansive trading area. Williams went on to head school systems at Baird, Ballinger, Longview, Abilene and Lubbock. He now lives in the South Plains city, the only surviving member of those six great schoolmen.

They were a strong, dominant breed, those old schoolmasters of yesteryear. This is a better country because they passed this way. They should not be soon forgotten.

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BURKETT NEWS

By FREEDA BURKETT

The third Saturday night supper at the Community Center will be this Saturday at 7:00 p.m. It will be the first one this year and those interested are urged to be present and get our suppers off to a good start. Bring a salad and sweet or a vegetable and meat and enjoy a delicious meal and visitation together.

Entertainment will be furnished. The committee in charge of arrangements for this event are Virgil and Freeda Burkett, chairman, Raymond and Lucille Cross, Sterling and June Walker, Lillian Brown, and Buddy and Nita Thate.

Lucille Cross reports two gifts to the Burkett Community Center Fund. The Cross Plains Volleyball team gave \$6.00 and Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Trent of Coleman contributed \$10.00. These gifts are appreciated very much.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Trent of Coleman visited relatives here Sunday afternoon.

Yuna V. Burkett, Jo Davee and Wilda Tomlinson attended the program at the Cross Plains Library Monday night. They enjoyed the presentation by Dr. Lou Rodenberger of the book "Love is a Wild Assault" by Elithe Hamilton Kirkland.

The Cross Plains Library was chosen recently by the Texas Library Association as one of the 45 libraries throughout Texas to present a series of five book discussion programs entitled "Texas Voices: 1836-1986 in celebration of the Texas Sesquicentennial.

TWO NEW PATIENTS AT NURSING HOME

Two new patients are now residents at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home.

Mrs. Jess (Willie) Womack, a Cross Plains resident, was released from Humana Hospital in Abilene last week and entered the local nursing home. Mrs. Ella Miller also entered the nursing home last week and was transferred from a San Antonio Care Center.

Mrs. Geneva Gray of Melvin spent Tuesday of last week with Mrs. Billie Adams and Mrs. Nita Thate. They all spent the day in Abilene where they visited Betty Adams, a patient at Hendrick Medical Center, enjoyed pizza for lunch, did some shopping and thoroughly enjoyed the day together. Bill and Geneva and his mother moved from our community several months ago and are missed by hosts of friends and especially by the local Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Thate of Denver, Colo. visited friends and relatives in Burkett, Coleman, and Cross Plains last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carey Hightower and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Hightower, Jason, Mandy, and Chris all of Cisco visited Mr. and Mrs. Jack Strickland Last Friday a week ago. David Strickland, Pete, Carey, and Jack spent the evening rattlesnake hunting. No luck on this hunt, but on a hunt last week it was different — they caught and brought in 42 of the live venomous reptiles.

Sunday visitors of the L. E. Mountains were Henry Fox of Brownwood and son, Clinton Fox of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Jody Whitley of San Saba and Jack and Lovera Strickland.

Mrs. Clairene (Newton) Edgar of Millersview, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Virgil Burkett, attended the grave side services of Albert Stone, at the Cross Cut Cemetery Saturday afternoon. Others from Burkett present were Jack and Zora DeBusk.

Virgil and Freeda Burkett spent Wednesday and Thursday of last week at Millersview with her sister and husband, Clint and Clairene Edgar, where they enjoyed a family reunion. Others present were Eldon and Allyne Freeman of Whittier, Calif., Mrs. Carl (Marguerite) Freeman of Albuquerque and Mrs. Celesta Young of Zephyr and John Edgar of Early, grandson of the Clint Edgars.

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NEW TIME FOR COMMODITIES

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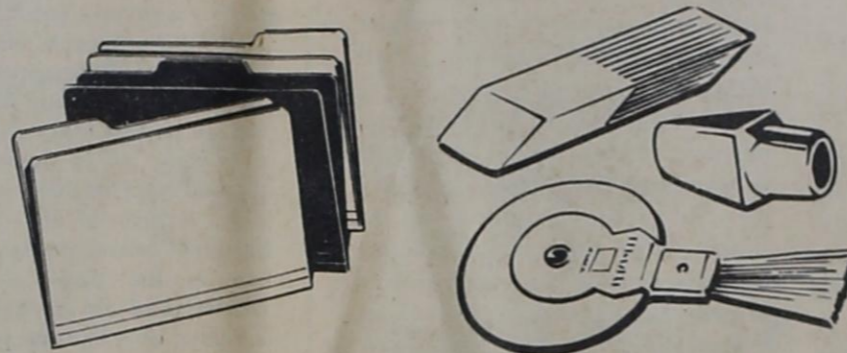
Jennings is a plumbing technician at Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, with

the 96th Civil Engineering Squadron. His wife, Diana, is the daughter of Shelby J. Mello of Sunnymead, California.

He is a 1974 graduate of Cross Plains High School, Texas.

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