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On The Corner

Shady Dealers Strike Again

By DON TABOR
Publisher

The shady dealers have struck again through the mails.

Last week I got a release from M. Glyn Hammons, Social Security manager in Abilene, telling about it.

Hammons said the release was responding to numerous inquiries about a firm operating in the Big Country which solicits people through direct mail.

The firm is selling a service which is provided at no charge by every Social Security office, he said.

The company obtains information from local birth records and then mails new parents an offer to get a Social Security number for their child for a \$10 fee. This service can be obtained without charge at any Social Security office. In addition, the parent has to do everything for the company he or she would have to do if he or she contacted Social Security in the first place.

For a parent to obtain a Social Security number for a child, the parent needs evidence of the child's date of birth, citizenship, and identity. The parent will also need evidence of his or her own identity.

The direct mail advertisement indicates that new legislation may require that children be listed by Social Security number on the parents' tax return. There is no such legislation, Hammons said. In addition, Social Security does not provide counties with information about which children have Social Security numbers.

The release didn't name the firm involved but I imagine if you got one of its mailers you know who it is. Hammons' release said the Social Security office is at 142 S. Pioneer and the phone number is 698-1360, if you want more information on the matter.

Hammons did a good job in alerting us to this latest mail scam but the fact that we see such rip-offs more and more is the alarming thing.

You may recall I've written several columns about the ones I got through the mail.

I don't know what the solution is, other than to keep alerting the public to them, but it seems like it is awful easy for these shady dealers to use the U. S. mail.

I know this is a time when deregulation is in vogue in the federal lawmaking process, but maybe some more regulation would be in order here.

Center Use Rules Given

Anyone wishing to use the Cross Plains Multi-Purpose Center for any occasion such as reunions, homecomings, birthday parties, etc., must call at least one week in advance.

All reunions must call and confirm their dates on the calendar in January of the upcoming year.

No dates will be carried over from the previous year. Each family is responsible to reschedule their reunion yearly.

Malinda Winfrey, Center Director, stated that your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Up to 18 Inches Soak Area

Bridge Wash-Outs Isolate Several Families

By VANDA KING
Review Editor

The Turkey Creek Bridge was one of the major crossings out of commission following the steady down-falls over the past several days.

Friday morning another small bridge on the old Cottonwood road was swept away leaving Mr. and Mrs. Garmond Parrish and Kathy, Ruby Booth, Douglas Ingram, Mr. and Mrs. Carlis Swafford, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Voights and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Golson, Scot and Kala isolated between the two wash outs.

The County road employees were out repairing the smaller bridge to make it passable. They have been busy all over the county making repairs.

The Turkey Creek Bridge being out brought back memories of an old story Doug Ingram recalled. He said he had always heard that years ago some men who had robbed a bank were making their get-away when they found the bridge out. In their need for haste, they laid rails across the creek and drove their early model car across. That method is not quite sufficient in this day and time.

The Pioneer Farmers Co-op reported 18 inches from Thursday, May 29, until Friday morning, June 6. There has been so much moisture at this point that peanut planting will be postponed for quite a while. Farmers who have already planted may have lost their seed and will be contemplating replanting.

Cross Plains proper received 13 inches of rainfall as reported by Harold Hinkle. Several residents in

town have experienced some flooding and inconvenience.

Mrs. Stuart Sowell reported about 13 inches for the Cottonwood area. She said the reservoir near home rose to a higher level than she had ever seen, but they were not threatened by flooding.

Twelve inches of moisture was recorded by Randy Foster. He also stated that Jimmy Nash's house (use to be the old Armstrong home) was struck by lightning and was completely destroyed by fire early Thursday morning.

Mrs. Rufus Renfro reported 8.6 inches out west of town. She was thankful for the rain for crops and gardens.

Mrs. Howard Edington of Burkett stated that she received around 7.5 inches. About 15 families in that area were stranded by flooded roads and crossings on Thursday, June 5. There were four ways to drive from her place and all were impassable.

The Atwell community received 7 inches as reported by Mrs. B. F. Hutchins. She said the roads were washed some and the garden as well.

Most folks remember the last big rain in 1978, when Albany flooded. Cross Plains received about 12 inches at that time.

This continuous rain has been a new experience for some young children, who were born during the drought period. My younger children couldn't understand why it didn't stop raining. Then when it subsided, they wanted to know what that "spooky" noise was outside. Seems they hadn't heard so many frogs croak at one time.

Jones Wins Runoff

Rolan Jones outpolled Betty Lewis 325 votes to 223 to win the Democratic nomination for Justice of the Peace, Precinct 6.

This was the only county runoff and there is no Republican candidate in the November general election.

Six hundred eighty-six ballots were cast in Callahan County and 537 were cast in the Cross Plains precinct. Voter turn-out was excellent.

Other runoff election results statewide were John Sharp 335 votes and P. S. Ervin 87 votes for Railroad Commissioner

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 1, Oscar Mauzy 228 votes and Shirley Butts 166.

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 2, Jim Brady 191 votes and Robert M. Campbell 188.

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 4, Jay Gibson 341 votes and Raul A. Gonzalez 69.

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 1, Rusty Duncan received 308 votes and George "Jorge" Martinez 76.

The totals for state elections do not include absentee votes.

Retail Sales Still Up

Despite poor economic conditions Cross Plains increased the amount of taxes received on retail sales for the period ending 5-30-86, according to the figures released by Bob Bullock, Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Cross Plains paid \$29,518.82 sales tax for 1986 to date compared to \$28,234.42 in 1985. This represents a 4.55 percent increase.

Baird recorded a \$16,481.07 payment in 1986 and \$15,219.91 in 1985. Baird shows an increase of 8.29 percent, the greatest amount of increase in Callahan County for this period.

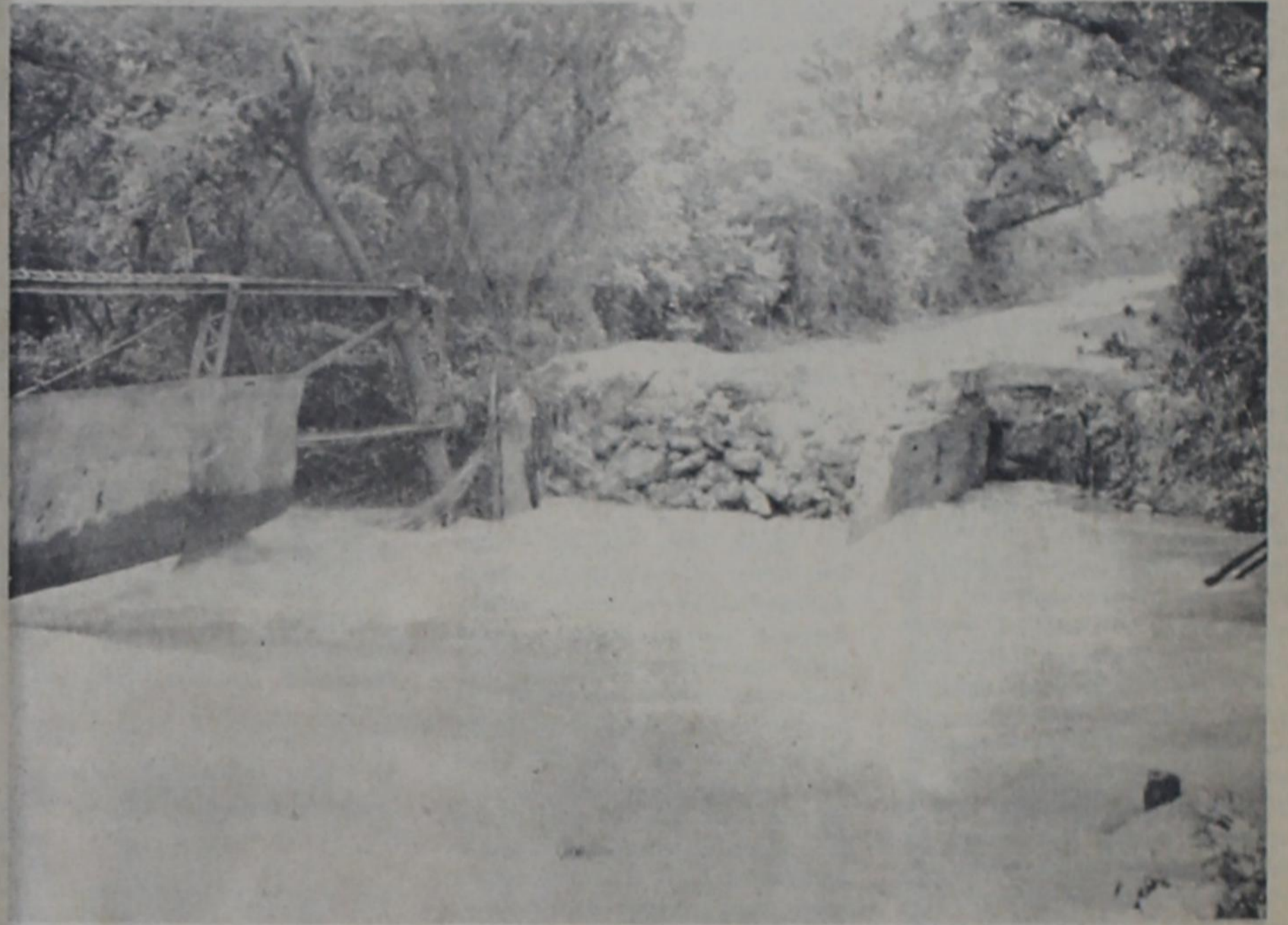
Clyde paid \$41,836.36 sales tax for 1986 to date as compared to \$41,289.47 in 1985. This represents a 1.32 percent increase.

Putnam recorded \$5,496.72 to date for 1986 payments. The 1985 figure is \$6,708.36 resulting in a 18.06 percent decrease.

Howard Event Sat.

Saturday, June 14, The Friends of the Cross Plains Public Library will be hosting an open house and reception between the hours of 2:00 and 4:00 p.m.

Glenn Lord, Literary Agent to the Howard Estate, and other fans of the late Robert E. Howard, author of 'Conan', will be present during the open house. Some Howard volumes will be presented to the library by



BRIDGE DESTROYED—The Turkey Creek Bridge on the Old Cottonwood Road was completely washed away Thursday morning following the unusually heavy rainfall.

County Oil Value Loss Totals \$25 Million

The Callahan County Appraisal District has completed its work for 1986 and recently mailed over 4,000 appraisal notices to taxpayers.

According to Chief Appraiser Rod Lewallen, the District anticipates hearing between 600 and 1,000 taxpayer protests between now and July 7th when the Appraisal Review Board meets to certify the appraisal rolls.

"We want people to understand that we are aware of the economic conditions in Callahan County and that property values have not risen in

the last year or two," Lewallen said. "We have simply gone back and looked at those properties we feel have been appraised below their value and adjusted them accordingly. Some values that we felt were too high have been adjusted downward also."

Lewallen went on to say that the drastic drop in oil values are going to hurt Callahan County taxpayers.

"The County itself lost \$25 million dollars in taxable value due to the drop in oil values and that means a

shift of the tax burden to homeowners and businesses", Lewallen said. "I hope most taxpayers realize this situation is something we have little or no control over and is not the fault of our local officials."

Lewallen said his office cannot help taxpayers with complaints about high taxes but anyone feeling that their property is not worth what it is appraised for can contact the Appraisal District at 854-1165 for an appointment.

Shot Silenced Author 50 Years Ago

By JACK SCOTT

It was 50 years ago this week that Robert E. Howard, the most widely-known person ever to call Cross Plains home, ended his life with a pistol bullet to the brain. He knew that his mother, who had been gravely ill for days, would shortly die. To him, life without her was unbearable.

There are dozens of local people who remember Robert Howard well and how different the country doctor's son was from his peers. They knew writing was his business and that he was doing well selling stories to national magazines but to most he was an enigma. The large swash-buckling 30-year-oldster reminded them more of a virile outdoorsman than an author. Too, most regarded

him as a loner, something of a recluse, aloof to things of local interest. His father, Dr. I. M. Howard, though, was a gregarious man, popular in the community and successful in the practice of medicine. Because of his father Robert enjoyed more respect than might have otherwise been accorded him. It was not that people disliked him. They did not. To them, though, he was strange. His interests and conversation was not about things with which they identified.

Robert Howard fired the fatal bullet into his head the morning of June 11, 1936, as he sat in his car parked in his parent's yard. Mrs. Howard died the following day. Funeral for the mother and son was held in an open-air tabernacle, just west of the First Baptist Church on North Main. A

Howard biographer later wrote, "Almost everybody in town attended. The Howards were held in high esteem. As a family they lent the town distinction; the doctor for his salty language and devotion to his patients, Mrs. Howard for her refinement and elegance of attire, and Robert for his lonely role as the town's lone intellectual."

Few, if anyone, realized as they left the funeral that hot June afternoon in the long ago that Robert Howard's fame would sweep the globe, that 50 years after his death his writings would be translated into many languages and critics would regard him as the world's most gifted author in the field of heroic fantasy.

Robert Howard belongs to the ages. Cross Plains can be proud that he was reared here.

Mayor's Howard Proclamation

WHEREAS Robert E. Howard is a world-renowned author, universally regarded as the originator of heroic fantasy,

and WHEREAS he is said to be the first American to create a new genre in literature,

and WHEREAS he spent most of his life in Cross Plains, Burkett and Cross Cut,

and WHEREAS the Cross Plains Public Library is hosting an open house on Saturday, June 14, 1986 to

commemorate the 50th anniversary of his death and to welcome the Robert E. Howard United Press Association, NOW THEREFORE I, Frank Robertson, by virtue of the power vested in me as Mayor of Cross Plains, do hereby proclaim Saturday, June 14, 1986 as ROBERT E. HOWARD DAY in his hometown. Signed this 6th day of June, 1986.

Frank Robertson, Mayor
City of Cross Plains

ROWDEN NEWS

By MRS. N. V. GIBBS

This past week has been like many years ago when spring rains lasted for days at a time. Before Highway 283 was built, the road to Baird from Rowden could almost become impassible. This week's rains have reminded us of those days in the 1920's. Some in the community gauged more rain than others, but it would be safe to say that 8 inches soaked and washed this area. Some country roads have washed terribly. Lora Fay Harris when called, reported that their combining equipment was under water in one of their fields. We are thankful for the rain which has filled all the stock tanks, even the tank on Pete Swafford's place that hasn't been full in years.

Robert and Dorothy Watson had made a trip or two to Ranger this week. Dorothy's mother, Mrs. R. B. Needham, has been hospitalized for medical care.

Dorothy Reynolds has worked all week in Vacation Bible School at the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains. She also sang Friday morning at the funeral service of Marguerite Sipes there in Cross Plains.

If you have been keeping up with the Sesquicentennial Wagon Train trip over Texas since January, you know that it has finally reached Abilene today. The tour came down Pine Street, then turned on South 11th to the Fair Ground where they spent the weekend. They were to have church services there on the grounds. Their trip will be completed next month when the train of wagons reaches Fort Worth and Dallas area.

Tony and Judy Steele and children, Tonya, Bill and Connie made a camping trip to the Big Bend area this week. Their first stop was at Seminole Canyon Historical Park to spend the night. They toured the famous Fate Bell Shelter where they viewed old picture-graph work done by Indians more than 8,000 years ago. Their second night was spent in the

Big Bend National Park, seeing the beautiful mountains and Rio Grande. Judy reported this park was overcrowded with people. Their third night was spent in the Davis Mountains at Ft. Davis Army Fort. It is being restored to its period of service during 1854-1891 when it was in full operation. When this writer was up at their house Saturday morning, their tent and sleeping bags were out in the sun to dry out, but they had a fun learning trip.

Joyce Odom visited Mrs. Ora Breeding last Tuesday afternoon. The Roger Martin family of Baird visited in the Robert Watson home last Sunday afternoon.

Maryana Harrell and daughter, Leigh, along with Maryana's cousin, Linda Schreiber and two children of Austin, attended Six Flags and also toured the Fort Worth Zoo. When Don was contacted Saturday morning, he was busy mowing their yard.

Lee McNutt and her son visited in the Lizzie Burks home during the week. Emma Johnson of the home said lightning had blown their electric switch out during the rains this week. Electricity was also off at the Sterling Odom place and on down the line south of them.

Vernie Belle Mauldin visited Ima Gibbs in Baird Wednesday night while Gene was in choir practice.

Vernie Belle Mauldin visited her former place of work while in Abilene Tuesday. She went to the Rita Barber's sewing business where burial garments are made. Mrs. Barber has been in business at this location for a number of years. Many of the ladies still work there that Vernie Belle knew. They had an enjoyable visit. She also reported that their trip to Portales, New Mexico was partly made in the rain. Irene Masters drove them to Vernie Belle's sister-in-law's funeral. They returned home Sunday night.

Evangelical Methodist Vacation Bible School

The Evangelical Methodist Church in Cross Plains will be conducting Daily Vacation Bible School June 16-20. The school will begin each day at 9:00 a.m. and close at 11:45 a.m.

The theme will be "Jesus, I Love You" based on the Scripture text, "We love Him, because He first loved us." (I John 4:19). The lessons for each day will be from the Gospel of John.

We invite all children age 3 through those who this year have completed sixth grade. This is Bible School so remember your Bible. We request that no shorts be worn to Bible School.

A closing program will be held Friday, June 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Courthouse News

NEW VEHICLES

West Texas Utilities, Abilene, Chev. Pu.

GMAC c/o Bill Smith, Abilene, Chev. Van.

Richard R. Moore, Abilene, GMC Jimmy.

D. L. Peterson Trust, Hunt Valley, M.D. Pont. 4 dr.

Jane R. Schoonsver, Abilene, Pont. 2 dr.

Jerry H. Corn, Dallas, Pont. 4 dr.

Isaac M. Camacho, Abilene, GMC PU.

Sue E. Ransberger, Coleman, Pont. 2 dr.

Burlington Industries, Inc., Greensboro, N. C., Pont. 4 dr.

Kenneth G. Douglass, Clyde, GMC PU.

A. W. Allen, Abilene, Chev. Sub.

R. Firkins, Dallas, Pont. 4 dr.

James E. Adams, Albany, Chev. 2 dr.

42nd DISTRICT COURT

Don Lane, presiding
Civil Filings

Elizabeth Carol Chambers and Dennis James Chambers and in the interest of minor children, suit for divorce.

Ava Lynn Cross and Larry Dean Cross and in the interest of minor children, suit for divorce.

Denrich Leasing, Inc., vs. Anita Buchanan dba the Hitch-N-Post, suit on lease agreement.

Beverly Jean Tubbs and Charles Vernon Tubbs, suit for divorce.

Callahan County Farmers Co-op vs. Charles Wood, suit on account.

Callahan County Farmers Co-op vs. Mrs. Hoyle Nix, suit on account.

Callahan County Farmers Co-op vs. Guy Curtis, suit on account.

Civil Minutes

Walter Johnson vs. Mercury Exploration Co., judgment reversed by 11th Court of Civil Appeals and rendered for appellant, Walter Johnson.

Felony Criminal Minutes

Joe Ben Covington, order overruling application for Writ of habeas corpus.

Callahan County Commissioners Meeting News

Callahan County commissioners are considering to purchase hospital insurance coverage for county employees from another company, according to county judge Mack Kniffen.

Kniffen said that county commissioners, in a regular meeting Monday, June 2, are considering using another insurance company, after the old policy premium went up 20 percent. The county had received an earlier estimate from another company for about the same premium as the current policy. County commissioners took no

action. In other action, county commissioners:

—Voted 4-0 to give \$342 to the Central Texas Opportunities for distribution of the federal commodity giveaway. The CTO distributes the commodities for the Department of Human Service, whose funds are expected to be cut by state legislators. The funds will be used for ordering, record keeping and distribution of the commodities.

—Passed by a 4-0 vote, to let Taylor Telephone Cooperative Inc. to lay

telephone lines across road crossings in the Dudley and Oplin area of the county.

—Heard a report from Lawrence Keaton of Texas Association of Counties on a county safety program. Keaton showed areas the county could improve safety for county employees.

Present at the meeting were county commissioners, Eugene Kitchens, Lowell Johnson, Jiggs Shackelford, E.F. Odom and judge Kniffen.

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Thanks to the many people who worked long and hard throughout the campaign and to the people who gave me moral support and assisted in other ways.

I wish to express my admiration and respect for Betty and the people who also worked hard for her in getting people to the polls.

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COTTONWOOD NEWS

By BEVERLY BROWN

The community has received from 7 and 7/10th to 8 inches plus of rain fall during the first week of June. The heaviest rains fell Wednesday night during a severe lightning and thunderstorm. Roads were impassible in lower lying areas caused by over flowing of tanks and creeks. Damage was received to bridges and stock tanks. No complaints but praises, prayers and thankfulness to the Lord for the needed water to replenish the water well levels and drought conditions.

The Cottonwood Regional Community Association Board met on Wednesday, June 4, in the Cottonwood Community Center. Newly selected board members are Blanche Moore, Beverly Brown, Pauniece Oglesby and Darlene Stephenson. Hold-over board members are Virginia Callaway, Ila Stroud, Laura Williams and Joyce Ware. Officers elected for the upcoming year are Virginia Callaway, president, Joyce Ware, vice-president and Beverly Brown, secretary-treasurer. A general meeting for the association will be held on July 2 at 9:30 a.m. in the Cottonwood Community Center. A "get acquainted" and good morning coffee is planned for this meeting. All newcomers and residents to the area are cordially invited to attend. Further details as the date approaches.

Cookie and Bob Robinson and Brian of Clyde were down Sunday to see her parents, J. P. and Nettie Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jones of Lufkin came by late Saturday evening to visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Clark. On Sunday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Coats of Nebraska came by to see the Clarks.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Coats of Nebraska were here staying with Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Coats and visited with Mrs. Stella Davidson at the nursing home. They left Monday morning to see Mrs. Dutch Holley in Abilene and on to Paducah to visit with Mrs. Ida Pye enroute to their home in Nebraska.

Peggy Purvis of Austin came in Monday night to attend the funeral of Mr. Looney Johnson on Tuesday, June 3. Peggy was the solist at the services. She left Tuesday afternoon to return home after spending the night with her parents, John and Janet Purvis.

Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Bigbee and family of Bishop visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Bigbee last week. While here his sisters and family, Mrs. Melanie Clouts and boys and Pam and Jack Stanke of Brownwood visited with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Brown and Mr. and Mrs. James Brown and Kenney of Abilene went to see the Sesquicentennial Wagon Train

Saturday afternoon at the Taylor County Fair Grounds. We had an exciting and interesting day viewing the wagons and talking with folks on the train. We met T. R. and Virginia Dean and daughters of Moody who joined the train eleven days prior to Abilene. She reported they covered 11 miles a day and she cooked one meal during their travels, as everywhere they stopped the people furnished food for the train folks. The trip to Abilene Saturday or Sunday would have been educational and informative for any one attending a part of the new Texas history.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kelly and Mrs. W. B. Nickerson Sr. left last Sunday on vacation for Schertz and Corpus Christi. They visited with Mrs. Wanda Hammel in Schertz for several days. Wanda accompanied them on to Corpus where they stayed with Mary Weaver and son, David, and traveled to the beach. On Thursday they picked up Keith Kelly at Padre Island, who was there on the senior trip. The group returned home early Saturday morning.

Silver-Haired Election

Paul Dulaney, the Clyde resident running for the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature, took second place in District 3 in elections held last Friday at senior citizens centers throughout a 12 county area.

Dulaney, finished second to Delbert Downing of Snyder. Downing had 560 votes to 337 votes cast for Dulaney.

With the second place finish, Dulaney will become the alternate in District 3, in case Downing should not be able to fulfill his duties.

The election and vote counting was performed by the West Central Texas Council of Governments.

Dulaney won three counties in the 12 county area, Callahan, Knox and Mitchell Counties.

Dulaney won by the widest margin in his home county of Callahan, 167 to 27. The totals for each senior citizens center in Callahan County were: Clyde: Dulaney 122, Downing 1; Baird: Dulaney 20, Downing 10; Putnam: Dulaney 2, Downing 12; and Cross Plains: Dulaney 23, Downing 4.

In Knox County, Dulaney had 56 votes to nine for Downing and in Mitchell County, Dulaney had 25 to five for Downing.

Downing will represent a 12 county area including Callahan County, while Jerome Ray of Comanche won the at-large election and will also represent Callahan County.

The Silver Haired Legislature was authorized by a resolution of the 1985 Legislature.

The delegates, which were elected from 28 districts across the state, will meet September 29 through October 1 in a mock legislative session in the Capitol at Austin.

The senior lawmakers first will hold public hearings on a variety of issues and then will consider action on a series of bills.

Delegates at the special session will select the top five bills they want to see introduced by regular state legislators when the 70th Legislature meets in January.



NEW SORORITY MEMBERS — The Beta Sigma Phi has recently inducted three new members and they are (from left) Joy Dillard, Pauniece Oglesby and Margaret Ann McNeel.



TAP DANCERS — The advanced group of Bonnie Lasses include (from left) Wyandi Watson, Kathy Parriah, Bonnie Potter (instructor), Shelley Key, Blandye Harris, Kathy Hudson and Kim Laws.



JAZZ DANCERS — A younger group of performers at the Bonnie Lasses Recital were top row (from left) Heather Wright, Leah King and Misty Strickland and bottom row (from left) Ashley French, Jill Potter and Jacey French.

Bonnie Lasses Recital Held June 7

The Bonnie Lasses Dance Troupe performed at their 2nd Annual Recital on Saturday, June 7, at the High School Auditorium before a large crowd. Bonnie Potter is the instructor for the group.

The master of ceremonies was Brad Harris, local attorney, whose wit kept the show rolling along.

The costumes were beautiful and the routines well prepared.

Sixty students performed in the recital. They were from Cross Plains, Coleman, Rising Star, May and Eastland. Dancers from Ranger also entertained.

A comedy style dance was performed by Shelley Key and Bonnie Potter to the music of "I Wanna Be A Cowboy". It was a great hit with the audience.

Following the grande finale Bonnie presented each student with a trophy

15 Oil And Gas Operators Were Penalized Monday

AUSTIN — Fifteen oil and gas operators received a total of \$29,500 in administrative penalties Monday for problems under the Railroad Commission's pollution and well plugging rules.

Four companies were penalized for well plugging violations after they failed to appear at hearings called by the Commission. Gary Butcher of Fort Worth received \$6,000 in penalties for one unplugged well each on the H. T. Wagley and Wagley leases in Callahan County. Both wells have been inactive since September, 1983.

PIONEER NEWS

By ESTHLOY S. DICKSON

It is difficult for me to get my "feet on the ground" this Monday morning - I was literally "up in the air" all weekend.

My daughter, Joan Stewart, of Cleburne came here on Thursday evening, and on Friday took me and my sister, Bernice Carter of Cisco to Crockett, in deep East Texas. There we met with dozens of other Satterwhites in a fantastic reunion. My father was born there in 1876.

It was really a unique gathering - there were more West Texans than East Texans - sixteen from the Breckenridge, Cisco, Weatherford area - also my son and family from Nacogdoches. It was he who really instigated this reunion.

Artie Frances and Jim Mitchell of Necessity brought me home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Brown's visitors the past week were Rev. Jasper Cook, Methodist pastor, Rolan Jones, Lou Grider, Jimmie Lee Payne, all of Cross Plains, a niece and friend, Mrs. Olene Simmons and Mrs. Yvonne Williams of Rising Star, also Mr. and Mrs. Cole Tillotson.

Mr. and Mrs. Kim Beggs and David of Stephenville had dinner on Sunday with J. T. and Betty Beggs. David stayed for the week. Friday J. T. and Betty visited with Rex Beggs and family in Cross Plains. Rex, Ashley and Nikki were out at the farm on Monday. Betty said the floods had washed out several fences across the farm.

Bob and Sally Roady visited last weekend with Gitti and N. A. Roady in Anson. Ms. Nettie Roady, also an aunt and uncle, the E. L. Jetters of Lubbock visited them.

Joe and Nell Fleming went with Jim Fleming and family to Abilene to see the Wagon Train. Their recent visitors included Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pavlov of Corpus Christi.

Bob and Sally came to check on me while I was away. When I did not pick up my Abilene paper up town, where they pick up theirs, they were worried about me, bless their hearts!

Brown Completes Basic Training

Army National Guard Private Danny J. Brown, son of Billie Brown of 2705 Clubburne Street, Brownwood, Texas, and Dale Brown of Cisco, Texas, has completed basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Mark A St. Peter In West Germany

Army Pvt. 1st Class Mark A. St. Peter, son of Frederick E. St. Peter of Rural Route 1, Cross Plains, Texas, and Kitty M. Crabtree of 2382 N. Seventh B., Abilene, Texas, has arrived for duty with the 10th Engineer Battalion, West Germany.

St. Peter is a combat engineer.

Lakewood Scramble Sunday, June 15

Lakewood Recreation Center is having their 3rd Sunday Golf Scramble June 15. Tee time will be 1:30 p.m.

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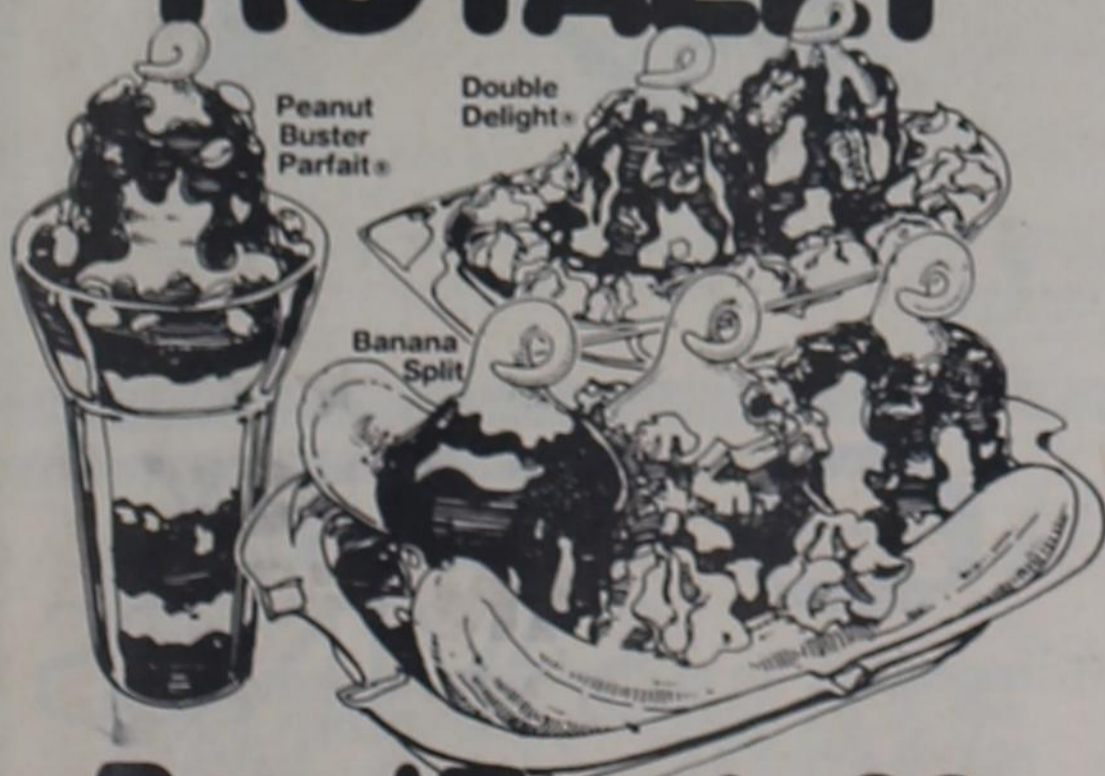
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The Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) is accepting nominations for area committee elections for Callahan, Eastland and Stephens Counties. This notice is issued to inform eligible voters of the Right To Nominate Candidates By Petition. Copies of the petition and instructions on its completion can be obtained from your local FmHA Office. Persons nominated should be currently engaged in the operation of a farm, have their principal farming operation within the county or area in which activities of the county or area committee are carried out, derive the principal part of their income from farming (that is more than 50 percent of their gross income must come from agricultural production), be a citizen of the United States or an alien lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence, not have an FmHA Insured or Guaranteed Loan, and be well qualified for committee work. Nominations must be received in Eastland County Office no later than June 10, 1986. FmHA Committee Elections are open to all eligible voters without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, age, political affiliation, marital status, sex and/or handicap.

ELROD REUNION

The Thirteenth Annual Elrod Reunion will be held June 20-22 at Sand Beach, Brownwood Lake. A Meal will be spread on Saturday night with everyone bringing a covered dish. This will be preceded by the business meeting. All friends and relatives are invited to attend. Come and have a good time.
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**Savings Bonds Sales Up
16 Percent In March**

During the first quarter of calendar year 1986, Texas sales of U. S. Savings Bonds amounted to \$94,802, 245, an increase of over \$13 million over 1985 for 16.4%, T. J. Morrow, District Director for U. S. Savings Bonds Division in Dallas, announced today. These sales represent 25.6% of the state's assigned dollar goal of \$370 million. March 1986 sales of Series EE Bonds were \$33,634,254, an increase of 15.1% over March 1985.

Sales of Series EE Bonds amounted to \$5,654 during March 1986 in Callahan County, James Eubanks, Volunteer County Chairman, said. Total sales in the County during the period January-March, 1986 were \$18,406, which represents 25% of the County's 1986 assigned dollar goal.

Nationally, March sales of U. S. Savings Bonds totaled \$600 million, 40% above March a year ago and the highest sales for any March since 1979. Sales of U. S. Savings Bonds for the first half of Fiscal 1986 increased 40% over the same period a year ago. Savings Bonds held by the American public reached an all-time high — over \$81 billion for the first time ever — to \$81.42 billion.

Much of the sales growth can be attributed to the new market-based rate which was effective November 1, 1982. The current rate in effect during the time of these sales (November 1985 thru April 1986) for Bonds held five years or longer is 8.36%. The average rate since November 1, 1982 is 9.69 percent. Bonds held at least five years earn 85 percent of the average rate on five-year Treasury marketable securities during the holding period or 7.5 percent, whichever is more. Bonds held less than five years earn a fixed, graduated scale.

Information on rates, including the new semiannual rate as soon as it is available, can be obtained by calling toll-free — 1-800-US BONDS.

BURKETT NEWS

By LUCILLE GOULD

The greatest news we have to offer now is the abundance of rain that has fallen the past few days. Our Pecan Bayou is out of its banks and swiftly covering the country nearby. Several reports have come in. Bill Hunter reports over 16 inches since the rains began May 6. Four to five inches fell in Burkett Wednesday night and three to four inches a few days earlier. The people of this area are very thankful for the good rains that have fallen.

Maurine Clark, secretary-treasurer for the Burkett-Adams Historical Association reports the following contributions recently. Mrs. Lois Garrett \$10.00 in memory of Betty Adams, Mrs. Zora Mae Bryant \$10.00 in memory of Betty Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Watson \$25.00, and Vera Pearl Bunnell gave \$25.00.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Campbell and granddaughter of Odessa visited with Montie Jennings Saturday afternoon. Elvin and Glenda Hutchins, Wesley, Kenneth and Brent of Bangs visited Montie Saturday evening.

Russell Gould and Alisa of Abilene spent Friday night and Saturday with the D. R. Goulds. The Goulds, Russell and Alisa attended the Commencement Exercise at Mozelle Friday evening. Our grandson, Jackie Dodgen was one of the graduates. We are very proud of him.

Mrs. Ted Bigham visited with Montie Jennings Sunday afternoon. Leta Vallier of Abilene, Alvin Hutchins of Cross Plains and Lula Havner of Bangs visited with Montie, Monday.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Boyle during the weekend a week ago included Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Boyle of Emory, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Strickland and three of their grandchildren, Melissa, Erica and Jessica all of Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Golson, Scotty and Kayla of Cross Plains, Kathy Denney of Whitehouse and Raymond and Lucille Cross of Burkett.

Sympathy goes to the Bruce Adams family at the loss of his wife, Betty, recently, and also to Mrs. Billie Adams, and the Ricky Adams family and other relatives and friends.

Bill Davee lost a golf cart in the fire at the Coleman Country Club Tuesday night of last week.

Virgil and Freeda Burkett returned home last Wednesday evening after spending two weeks in Missouri with their children and grandchildren. They attended the wedding of a granddaughter at St. Louis May 24 and graduation exercise of another granddaughter of Festus, Missouri, May 30, at DeSoto High School. They report rain fell almost every day while there and a great part of the trip home.

Visiting with Lillian Harris over the Memorial weekend was her nephew, George Campbell of Lubbock, her son, Grady Harris and wife, Theda of Aransas Pass, and Theda's sisters and their husbands, Madie and Marvin Burton of Lake Brownwood, Mary and J. L. Trammell of Lubbock and Thelma and Gene Cox of Coleman. Grady and Theda are here to build a fence on their farm south of Burkett.

Visitors in the Lat Mountain home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sanders of Texarkana, Arkansas, Mr. and Mrs. Jody Whitley of San Saba,

Mr. and Mrs. Don Tinney and Johnathon of Lefors, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Strickland.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Tinney and Johnathon of Lefors are spending a few days visiting Jack and Lovera Strickland and Lat and Eunice Mountain.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Turney and Jon visited Mr. and Mrs. Jack Strickland Sunday evening.

A continuation of the list of donors to the Burkett-Adams Cemetery Association for the upkeep of our cemeteries.

Mrs. W. H. Hoover, R. D. and Barbara Golson, Betty Faye McCasland and Pearl Burkett each gave \$10.00; Jim H. Coffey and Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Russell sent \$20.00 each; Judge J. Curtiss Brown, "Skip" and Paula Nichols, Sheila and Jerl Teeters and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Cross and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Burkett gave \$25.00 each; Rita Helberg contributed \$50.00, C. E. Bearden gave \$15.00 and Edith Copeland \$10.00; L. R. Golson, Jr. Gene T. Garrett, Donald and Ruth Newton, and Lula (Walker) Stutts (in memory of the Walker family) each donated \$25.00; Don and Kathy Tinney gave \$50.00 and Harold and Verda Odum \$100.00; J. C. Boyle, Virgie Morgan, Opaline Pope, Madie (Edington) Wenetschlager, Carl Dennis Boyle, Charles B. Mason, Helen (Key) Waitas, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Strickland, and one anonymous donor contributed \$10.00 each; Iwarney Walker gave \$5.00; Olene C. Johnson, S. Jeanette Smith, and Richard Klarfield sent \$25.00 each, Mrs. A. L. (Maydell) Godwin sent \$20.00, and Charles B. Stanphill gave \$100.00.

Each and every one of these generous donations are appreciated and will be used for the every day upkeep of our cemeteries.

**LVN Program Held At
Cisco Junior College**

Cisco Junior College is now accepting applications for the September 1986 Licensed Vocational Nursing program at Cisco.

In accord with certification requirements, applicants must make application in advance and pass a pre-entrance physical and examination. Prospective students must be 17 years of age and must be in good physical and mental health. Students must be high school graduates or have successfully taken the GED examination establishing high school equivalency.

Satisfactory completion of the 12 month course entitles the student to a certificate from the college, and qualifies him/her to take the State Board of Vocational Nurse Examiner's examination.

The pre-test for the September class will be given on June 30, 1986 at 9 a.m. in the Vocational-Technical Building I, room #30. Cost of the test will be \$12.50.

For full information interested persons (male or female) should contact Vocational Dean, Gerald Bint or Program Instructor, Mrs. Wanda Wheatley, R.N. by calling (817) 442-2567.

**Forbes Reunion
Held June 8**

The Forbes Family Reunion was held June 8 at the Multi-Purpose Center in Cross Plains with 20 members present.

After a delicious covered dish meal, good visiting and a business meeting was held. After much discussion, it was voted to make no plans for future reunions. This was due to lack of interest. Hopefully, the younger members of the Forbes family will be inspired to carry on the reunions.

Attending from out-of-town were J. B. and Mazie Shirley, Wickett; Maure and Leon Woods, Brownwood; Lyn and Zona Mosley and children, Jenia, Darell, Freddy and Becky from Graham; Iris Dennis, Lubbock; Vera Forbes, Rising Star; Sheila Randolph and children from Lubbock; Tommy and Pauline Forbes, Grandbury; Cheryl Barley and children from Hobbs, New Mexico.

Attending from Cross Plains were Opal Gattis, Dora Champion, Wayne and Wilda Dennis.



**LOCAL
4-H NEWS**

The local 4-H Club met May 19, at the High School Library. New officers were elected and they are President - Carrie Renfro, Vice-President - Holli Shults, Treasurer - Kala Kupit, Secretary - Donna Erwin, Assist. Secretary - Tonya Stover, Recreation Leaders - Jennifer Wheeler and Brenda Franke, Reporter - Sonya Renfro, Hospitality Chairman - Tracy Erwin and 4-H Council Delegate - Colby Walker.

Program ideas for next year were discussed and suggestions made.

There will be no schedule for summer other than a Day Camp scheduled for July 8, at the 4-H Center at Brownwood Lake.

This will be for all 4-H members and leaders in Callahan County. Officer training, club yearbook planning and recreation will be the activities of the day.

**Colonial Oaks
Services**

First Baptist Church is scheduled to conduct the Sunday afternoon service, June 15, at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home. Starting time is 3:30 p.m.

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN—Capitol architects trying to put the recast Goddess of Liberty back on top of the Capitol have an easier task than the next wave of lawmakers who will balance the state budget.

The architects briefly tried using a Texas National Guard helicopter to lower the Goddess onto her post, but winds and wet weather aborted those attempts.

The day before, Texas House members convened in their Chamber for a special one-day meeting where Comptroller Bob Bullock warned them the budget deficit could hit as high as \$2 billion.

Bullock said slumps in construction, retail, and manufacturing industries have compounded the problems caused by low oil prices, and a rapid turnaround in oil prices won't solve the problem.

He suggested the way out is to broaden the tax base, which perhaps would allow a lower tax rate.

Broadened Sales Tax

Bullock's news startled legislators, and in his speech he jabbed the cold, hard facts, including the reminder that some wouldn't be reelected. Naturally, with Election Day just a few short months ahead, many favored cutting the budget to meet available revenues without a tax hike.

Some, like Texas Education Commissioner Bill Kirby, urged a tax increase to avoid loss of state services.

Kirby asked lawmakers not to retreat from the reforms which, along with growth in enrollment, are driving up the price of public education. His preference was to raise taxes and make no budget cuts in education.

Bullock, Hobby

But look for budget cuts to

be made everywhere, and for the sales tax base to be broadened when the Legislature meets next January.

That's the path recommended at this point by both Bullock and Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, who together are probably the two figures most respected inside state government.

In fact, if all state officials took a detailed test on Texas government, Hobby and Bullock would be valedictorian and salutatorian, but who could say in what order?

Both have served some 16 years in office. Hobby controls the state budget while it's in the Legislature. Bullock controls it out in the real world. In the real world, Hobby is opposed for reelection; Bullock is not.

Clements' Alternative

An alternative plan is pushed by former Gov. Bill Clements, a Republican, and his plan could pick up some voter support.

Clements is for cuts, not taxes. But he also wants to use dedicated funds, not taxes, to balance the budget after cuts are made.

His plan means changing state law to undedicate those funds, particularly for highways and education. While Hobby, a Democrat, hasn't commented on Clements' plan, he is thought to have no great love for dedicated funds.

Prison Construction

An unusual plan to issue bonds for prison construction was approved last week by the Board of Corrections to help the state immediately build a prison without going into debt.

Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox must still approve the legality of the plan.

The new, non-profit Anderson County Development Corp. will issue \$78 million in bonds to build a prison on state land in Anderson County. The Legislature will decide next session to lease or purchase the prison.

The directors of the corporation are three county commissioners of Anderson County.

The procedure is modeled on the legal one for building state health facilities.

Mattox, by the way, revealed last week he is continuing to be harassed by an unknown source, the latest incidents being a dead cat someone left on his doorstep and veiled threats left on his answering machine.

Some months ago, two fires, both suspected acts of arson, broke out almost simultaneously in Mattox's state offices in Austin and Fort Worth.

Last week his home was picketed by a religious group opposed to state licensing of children's homes.

Happy Birthday

JUNE 12
Mrs. Alma Hefner
Ellen Simpson
Vernon Falkner
Dwayne Lee
Brandon Kent Smith
Ray Parrish

JUNE 13
Glenda Carlisle
Billy Anderson
Jackie Cantrell
Johnny Covington
Robin Merrill Poteet
Cheryl Merrill McClure
James Weiser
Russchelle Wise
Lisa Wheeler
Wayne Brown
Bill McCowan

JUNE 14
David Reed
Eddie Burkett
Clay Kinnard
J. C. Claborn
Carla Strength
J. H. Balkum
Lydia Albrecht Williams
Linda Michelle Little
Nikki Wilson
Mrs. W. A. Balkum

JUNE 15
Nancy Jane Stovall
James Robinson
Scot Edington
Janice Baldwin
Carol Ann Simpson
Duke Mitchell
Ray Haackonsen
Gail Ann Covington
Gayla Joyce Woody
Ronnie Walton
Randy Strickland
Robert Stevens

JUNE 16
Mary Duncan St. Peters
R. T. Watson
Mrs. Buster Richardson
Howard Edington
Thebert Foster
David Strahan
Linda Cade Bartlett
Kellie Anne Rogers

JUNE 17
Terry Baum McKinney
Sissy Barr Weise
Mrs. Ed Petty, Sr.
Jack Little
Hollie G. Boyle
Bryan Bull
Andy Rutledge

JUNE 18
James Chesshir
Annette Erwin Ege
Mary Bennett
Benja Pillans
Bette Wagner
Rex Maxwell
Ruth Rutledge

OIL NEWS

J & M Petroleum Inc., Abilene, will drill the No. 4 Pope, to 4,250 feet in the C. Parkiss (Duffer) Field eight miles north of Cross Plains on an 80-acre lease.

It spots 720 feet from the north and 660 feet from the west lines, A. Burney Survey, A-10.

Little League Results

The Cubs broke their losing streak in PeeWee baseball action last week. They charged past the Giants 1 to 0. The Angels held their own over the Braves 1 to 0.

The games scheduled for Thursday night were called off due to the weather.

The first game in Little League play saw the Bluejays victorious over the Buff's with a score of 31 to 2. The Cats topped the Killowatts 10 to 9 after a very exciting 4 innings.

PeeWee	W	L	T
Angels	5	0	0
Giants	3	2	0
Braves	1	4	0
Cubs	1	4	0

Little League	W	L	T
Bluejays	5	0	0
Cats	3	2	0
Killowatts	1	4	0
Buff's	1	4	0

OBITUARIES

Marguerite Sipes

CROSS PLAINS — Marguerite Sipes, 72, died Wednesday at a Brownwood hospital.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Friday at First Presbyterian Church in Cross Plains under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home. Burial was in Burkett Cemetery.

She was born in Coleman County and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Cross Plains.

She was the widow of W. J. "Son" Sipes.

Survivors include two sons, Bill Sipes of Charlotte, N. C., and Bob Sipes of Cross Plains; one daughter Rita Franks of Irving; and three grandsons.

Pallbearers were L. D. Koenig, Lynn Koenig, Eddy Koenig, Walter Kitchens, J. C. Bowden, Dick Wagner, and Mike McClure.

Etta Mae Potter

CROSS PLAINS — Etta Mae Potter, 92, of Midland died Wednesday in a Stanton hospital.

Services were held 1 p.m. Friday at Higginbotham Funeral Home, with the Rev. Danny Potter officiating.

Burial was in Cross Plains Cemetery.

Born in Marietta, Ga., she was the widow of Marvin Potter and a member of the Pentecost Church.

Survivors include a son, J. C. Potter of Midland; a daughter, Eula Fay Jewell of Coleman; two sisters, Mattie Potter of Purdon and Lillian York of Fort Worth; 23 grandchildren; 50 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Grandsons were pallbearers.

41st McDermott Reunion Met June 7-8

Descendants of Thomas Hadden McDermott met at Buffalo Gap's Presbyterian Encampment June 7-8. This was the 41st reunion held at Buffalo Gap.

Mrs. Clara Coburn received a certificate for not missing a reunion for ten years.

Other descendants of J. C. McDermott, son of Thomas Hadden, attending from this area were Mr. and Mrs. Jack DeBask, Clara Nell Spencer, Ritta Knight, and Susan Andis, Coleman.

The reunion is an annual affair attended by relatives from Ralls, Marton, Snyder, Crane, Abilene, San Angelo, Oklahoma and Washington as well as many other places.

CONSUMER ALERT
by
Jim Mattox
Attorney General

Swimming Pool Rip-Offs

Summer is coming and it's the season when most people who want swimming pools will get them installed. You can have a lot more headaches than you ever imagined.

TYPES OF POOLS

There are at least three different types of large pools. The oldest type is the *custom-built, concrete-poured* pool. This is generally the most expensive kind. *Fiberglass* pools, which are made of molded fiberglass and installed in much the same way as the concrete pools, have become popular recently.

Also requiring excavation is the *metal pool* with a vinyl liner inside steel or aluminum walls. And, of course, there are less expensive *above-ground* pools.

FLIM-FLAM SALES

According to a study by the Federal Trade Commission, the swimming pool business has had more than its share of bad operators, with many using the old "bait and switch" routine.

•The first rule to remember in choosing a swimming pool is to pick a reputable local business. Don't be taken in by a salesman who tries to talk you into purchasing a larger and more expensive model than you had originally wanted. My Consumer Protection Division recommends that you shop elsewhere if you suspect you are being lured into a more expensive purchase than you had planned.

•One inducement that the seller may offer you to switch to a more ex-

pensive model is a longer guarantee. Your best guarantee, however, is a business that will stay around long enough to answer your complaints if you have them. Too often, consumers find that their guarantees cover only specific (and unlikely) problems, such as a defective liner seam.

•Ask your swimming pool dealer for the names of some satisfied customers and talk to them. Try to find someone who bought the pool a year or more ago. That way, you can judge whether your pool will make you happy in the long run.

SAFETY

If you are planning on having a pool, of course, you will have to make some provision for safety of children. Many communities require that swimming pools be surrounded by fences. You should also plan to use non-slip materials around the pool and on diving boards and ladders. Finally, shop carefully and read a little bit about pool ownership before signing your contract.

FOR MORE HELP

If you have a consumer problem, contact your nearest Attorney General Consumer Protection Office (in Austin, Dallas, El Paso, Houston, McAllen, Lubbock, and San Antonio). Listen for *Consumer Alert* on the radio, and write for our free consumer-help information, including the *Consumer Protection Handbook*. The Attorney General's Office is the people's law firm. We're here to help you.

Thank You

To all of my wonderful friends and supporters who voted for me in the Runoff Election.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO EACH ONE WHO WORKED SO HARD FOR ME AND HELPED ME IN MY CAMPAIGN. We ran a good clean race and I am proud of each one of you.

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