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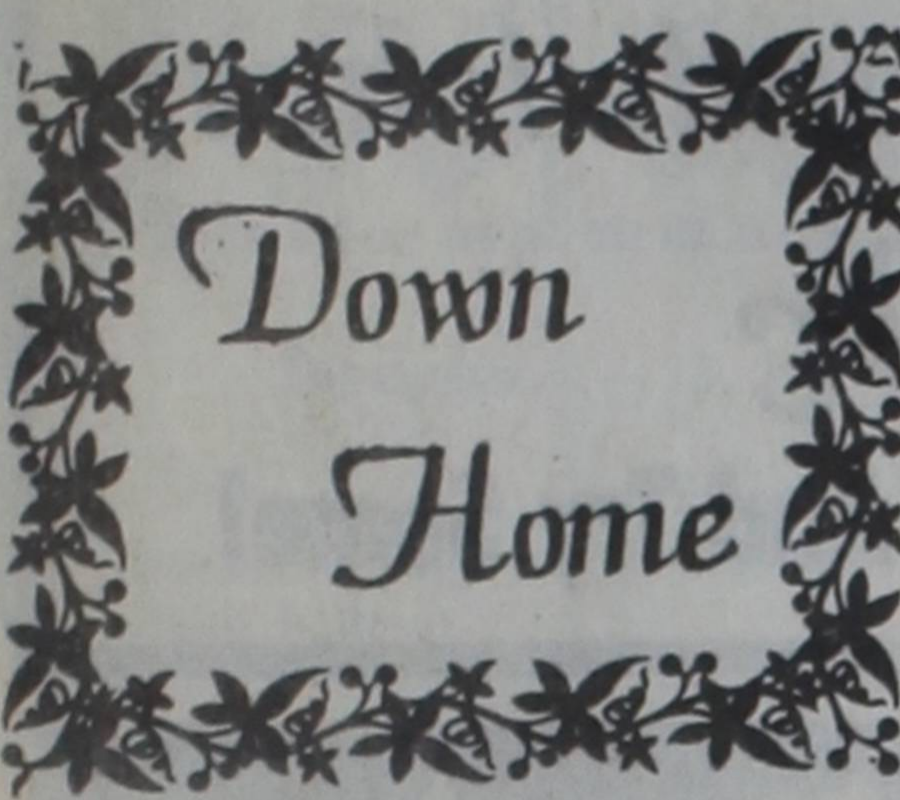
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CHRISTMAS

JOY TO ALL



Down Home

'Christmas Past'

By VANDA KING
Editor

The magical time of the year has arrived once again. Finding that special gift for a two-year-old on our Christmas list was more difficult than anticipated. We were planning on a stick horse that made some kind of noise, but they were sold out.

There were so many dolls which appear life-like, and others that do nothing at all. How do you decide?

It makes you feel like an antique when you learn that a doll you received when you were a little girl is now a collector's item.

My Terri Lee doll, made of wax, is now quite valuable. I'll never forget Santa bringing her, along with a little blue tin suitcase full of clothes. I thought it was neat that most of her clothes just happened to match mine.

Each year the doll requested also came with a wardrobe suitable for it. I still haven't figured out how Mom managed to keep things hidden so well.

Now they have little microwave ovens, washers, dryers, stoves, and everything for the miniature house. I remember Daddy built me a little stove and a cabinet, with shelves on top, out of apple boxes. He painted them pink and grey, a popular color of the late fifties. The burners were jar tops, and coke tops were used to turn up the flame.

My Granny Ethel still has the little stove and every child that ever visited her house has played with it. We even have a little metal doll bed received one Christmas which the side slides up and down like a real one. The decab still remains on the end.

Perhaps this was one advantage of being an only child. However, I would have loved to have had brothers and sisters. My aunts, cousins, and neighbors always had to take their place.

There was always a playhouse. One was a doghouse from a drilling rig and a larger one was an old Army barracks which my parents lived in when I was born.

I have had friends tell me they remember the big playhouse. It had huge sliding windows and it was just one large room. There was real furniture, including an antique cabinet, a piano, etc.

A large rack of old clothes provided plenty dress-up costumes, along with hats and old evening gowns. We had some grand times out there in our own little world.

I hope that today's children are enjoying their youth and using their imagination. So many toys now do everything for them to entertain the child. My kids use to have more fun with a discarded refrigerator box, making it into a playhouse, than anything you could buy.

We were tickled by some of the children's remarks overheard in the stores such as, "I told you I didn't want to ride in this basket!" It was the most often heard, and it sure sounded familiar to me! Their little faces were not happy, however. Maybe it was because of the presence of so many toys and they couldn't have them at the time. I'm sure Old Santa will change their expressions very soon.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!

Christmas Holiday Closing Announced

Local businesses closing Tuesday, December 24, at noon and Christmas Day, December 25, are the City of Cross Plains, Citizens State Bank, Cross Plains Auto Supply, Ellen's Closet and Hughes Upholstery, Cross Plains Grain and Peanut Company, and Mediplex. The Cross Plains Medical Center will close at 12:30 Christmas Eve and all day Christmas Day.

Closing both Tuesday and Wednesday will be Dal-Mar Energy, Inc., Cross Plains Frozen Food Locker, West Texas Utilities, Senior Citizens Center, and the Pioneer Farmers Co-Op.

Skeet Walker Trailer Sales will be closed Tuesday through Sunday. The Car Registration Office will be closed December 23, 24, and 25.

Businesses closed Wednesday, Christmas Day only, are Higginbotham's, Ray's Barber Shop, U.S. Post Office, Bryan's Variety, Johnson's Dry Goods, Neal Drug, Western Auto, Tim's Floral and Gifts, Greenwood Insurance, The Back Room, The Movie Store, Johnston Truck, Lawrence Farm and Ranch Supply, Buy-Rite Superette, Village Market, Cross Plains Petroleum, Lakeway Grocery, and the *Cross Plains Review*.

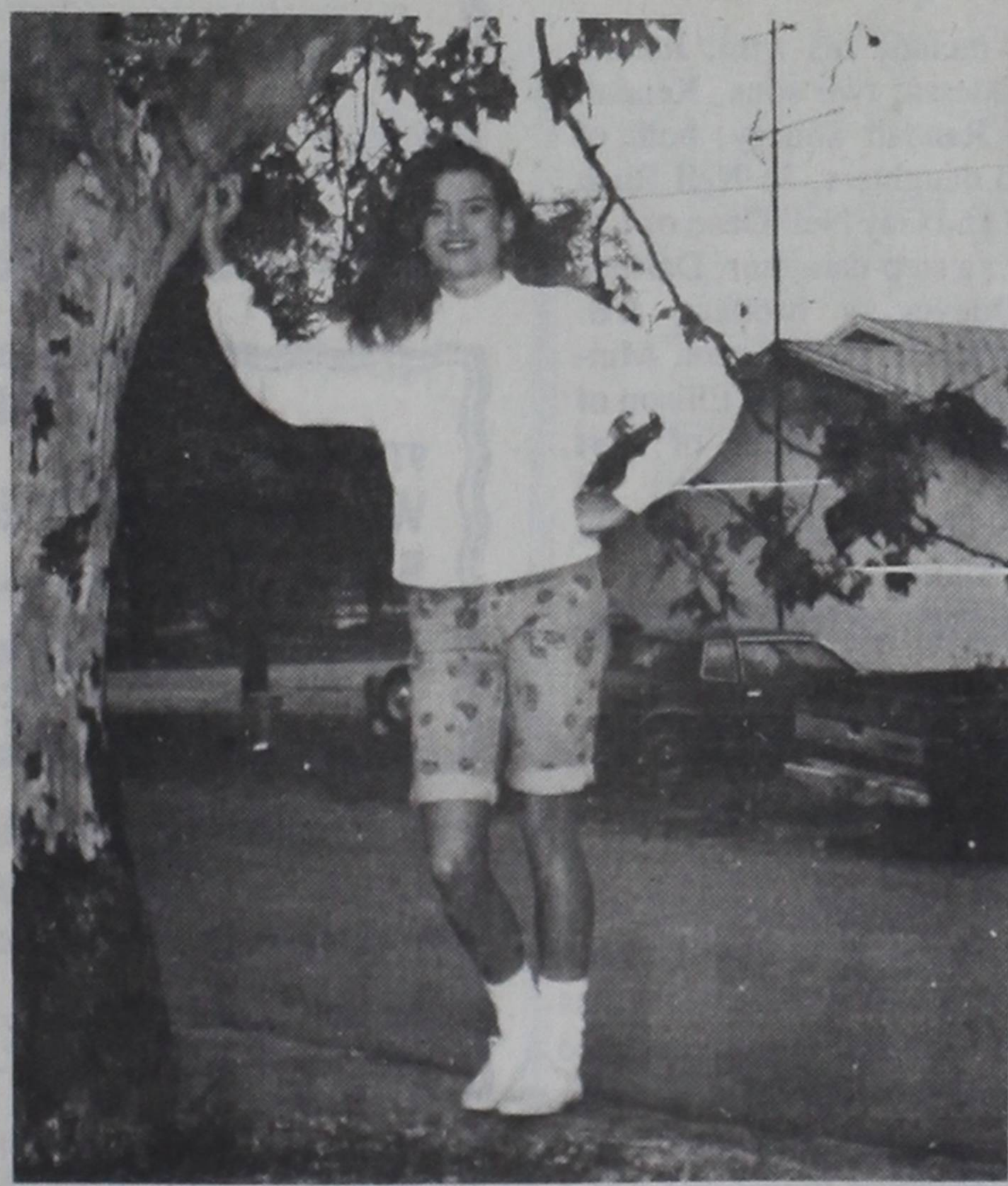
Holiday Deadlines For Cross Plains Review

Articles must be turned in to the *Cross Plains Review* by Friday. Classified and display ads deadline is Monday at noon.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated by the newspaper staff.

Open House At Colonial Oaks Sunday

Christmas Open House at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home will be Sunday, December 22, at 2 p.m. with the Garden Club hosting the reception and the First Baptist Church will have the program.



CONNIE STEELE
...all-state cross country runner

'All-State Steele'

By CA

Cross Plains Sophomore, Connie Steele recently was recognized for another honor in her young high school Cross Country career.

Larry Story, the author of the "Texas Track & Field News," has made his yearly selection of All-State Cross Country runners. He selected 15 girls from across the state for Division IA to "recognize and reward" outstanding runners. To determine his selections, he looks at regular season results (who beat whom), Regional and State results, and consistency of performance.

Mike Winfrey Elected Chairperson On County Agricultural Stabilization And Conservation Committee

Mike Winfrey, a well-known Callahan County farmer, was elected chairperson on the county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committee at the county ASCS convention, held on Tuesday, December 10, 1991.

Scotty Scott, a well-known county farmer, was elected vice-chairperson and Bryan Farmer, a wheat producer, was elected as a regular member. These

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SANTA'S CORNER



HOWARD HOUSE DINING ROOM — Alla Ray Morris of Ranger

(from left), Johnnie Bland, and Joyce McCoy are pictured.

Christmas Village More Elaborate Than Ever!

By VANDA KING
Editor

The 1991 Christmas Village, sponsored by Project Pride, was a huge success and bigger and better than before. With two weekends to view the beauty and creativity of local residents, more were able to visit.

We began the tour at the Robert E. Howard House where collections of every type were on display in each room. The refurbished house alone is unique, but the various collector's items from dolls to leprechauns added more interest.

Refreshments were served in the dining room, and Connie Swift was playing Christmas music on the beautiful antique piano. The feeling of Christmas was definitely in the air.

The next stop was kind of like going into a gingerbread house. Rows of suckers, candy sticks, and hard candy in giant size replicas lined the entrance, with a cute little granny, too. Inside was the ladies making divinity. How I would like to be a success at making candy. I usually have to throw away the plate and all.

Craft items were on sale, or you could place your order. Baked goods were available and beautiful quilts garnished the walls.

A special room was the story telling room for the little ones which also had

a very unusual talking tree. This tree fascinated even the adults. This was a very clever idea and entertaining.

Outside the third building was a live nativity scene featuring the First United Methodist Church this particular night. The costumes and natural look of the manager was dramatic.

The last building was like entering a warm, cozy home with a fireplace and antique furniture. A beautiful tree decorated in mauve accented the room, along with more antique treasures.

Then you stepped onto a sidewalk in the middle of a winter wonderland. Cedar trees, heavy with snow-covered mountains in the background were on one side, while a carousel with stuffed dolls highlighted the opposite side.

Christmas card style lamplights lined the walk keeping the path aglow. Benches added more charm, but the murals painted on the walls depicting children playing in the snow and store windows filled with toys were darling. The artistic talent involved was terrific.

Turning the corner you could look directly into the Santa's workshop. The elves, which consisted of Tom, Mary, and Blake Dunn, were busy at work in their cute red costumes and caps.

The North Pole, looking very frosty,

was naturally the next stop before Santa's place, which was decorated so cute. A wall mural showed Rudolph, with his Santa cap looking through the window. Lighting in the room was provided through huge hard candy-shaped lights with Christmas wrapping and ribbons everywhere. Here you could chat with Santa and his helper and have your picture taken, too.

The Christmas Village was a child's fantasy, which allowed all us adults to be children for a little while, too.

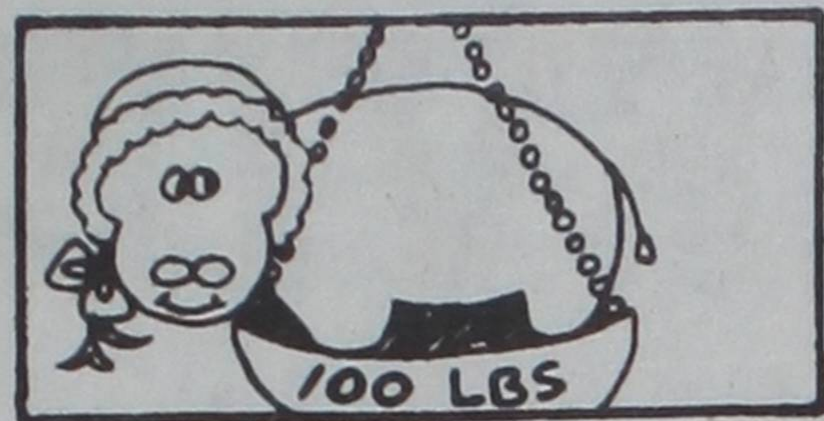
Congratulations to all the dedicated and creative workers who made the Christmas Village a beautiful sight. The brightly decorated businesses and homes, along with the village, is making Cross Plains a neat place to visit. The Kiwanis Hayride was also a success as they made tours to the lighted homes, etc. The community pride is shining brightly.

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Tax Assessor-Collector Office Closed Dec. 23-25

The Tax Assessor-Collector office at the Callahan County Court House will be closed Monday, December 23, 1991 through Wednesday, December 25, 1991.

Bob Shoemaker



A hippopotamus weighs about a hundred pounds at birth.

OBITUARY

Sam Sexton

Sam Sexton, 83, died Thursday, December 12, 1991, at a Brownwood hospital.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Michael Hale officiating. Graveside services followed at 4 p.m. in Terry County Memorial Cemetery near Brownfield.

Mr. Sexton was born in Mart. He was a farmer and owner of Hillcrest Motel in Cross Plains.

Survivors include his wife, Avis Sexton of Cross Plains; a daughter, Marge Floyd of Sunray; two sisters, Mattie Bostic of Denton and Opal Wilkenson of Katy; two granddaughters; four great-grandchildren; four stepchildren; ten step-grandchildren; and four step-great-grandchildren.

day at Stevens Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Ernie Kight officiating. Burial was in Coleman Cemetery.

Mrs. Avants was born in Callahan County. She attended school in the Dressy community and graduated from Burkett High School. She came to Coleman from Cross Plains in 1942. She was a homemaker and a member of Central Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, James Avants of Coleman; a son, K.M. Rider of Coleman; a step-son, Jimmy Avants of California; two brothers, Wilton McKinney of Echo and Carroll McKinney of Fort Worth; a sister, Hazel Rider of Coleman; two grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Congressman Stenholm Meets With Local Residents

While traveling through the 17th Congressional District, Congressman Charles Stenholm met with community residents for a brief visit on Tuesday evening at Collum's Restaurant.

Wimpy McCoy, local president of the Citizens State Bank, introduced Mr. Stenholm, who in turn presented his staff.

He gave a welcome address which included some remarks concerning the major changes in the Soviet Union,

which were encouraging.

Questions from the audience were taken concerning expenditures on the highway system, injustices to disabled veterans, burning of the U.S. Flag, interest rates, protection of the peanut program, and the general state of the economy. He discussed each issue and explained the complexity of some.

After serving for 13 years, Mr. Stenholm is asking for re-election as Congressman in this district.

Courthouse NEWS

COUNTY COURT Bill Johnson, presiding

Misdemeanor filings

Russell Allen Gibbs, possession of marijuana.

Charged with theft of property by check: Michael R. Mikeska, Thomas C. Robbins, Jackie L. Tutt, Sherri Lynn Hair.

Charged with DWI: Daniel Lynne Grissom, Jose Reyes, Santana Dwayne Hunter.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Charles Kelly Adams, theft, \$250 fine \$170 court costs, \$565 restitution must be made, 6 months in jail probated for 1 year.

Christopher Lee Harris, DWI, \$400 fine \$149.50 court costs, 60 days in jail probated for 18 months.

Fred Quinney, theft of property by check, \$10 fine \$145.20 court costs.

Richard Reyes, Jr., DWI, \$400 fine \$129.50 court costs, 60 days in jail probated for 18 months.

Traffic cases dismissed: Arthur C. Casey, Jerry Lilly \$173 bond forfeited.

Marriage Licenses

Brenda Lee Campbell, Clyde, Jeffrey

Lee Farley, Dyess AFB.
Stacey Ann Lehrmann, Clyde,
Michael Allen Humphrey, Abilene.

New Vehicles

Henry & Nancy Young, Abilene, Ford 2 dr.

Darrel L. Richey, Dallas, Chev 2 dr.

Billy R. Smith, Abilene, Chev PU.

Sammy Rippey, Albany, Chev Sub.

Philip Compton, Abilene, Pont 2 dr.

Mason & Mildred Gamble, Abilene, Chev PU.

42nd DISTRICT COURT Don Lane, Presiding

Civil Filings

Eula ISD vs Patsy C. Howard, workman's comp case.

Divorces filed:

Pazour, Lori Lynn & Robert Joseph, and in the interest of minor child.

Johnson, Lori Lynn & Jeffrey Alan.

Rockhill, Karen Ethel & Donald Ray, and in the interest of minor child.

Applewhite, David Lee & Marla Kay, and in the interest of minor child.

Civil Minutes

Divorces granted:

Mills, Charlotte Ann & David Jonahan

Felony Indictments

Charged with possession of cocaine: Patrick F. Demery, Edwin D. Coleman.

Charged with theft: Michael Ray Mikeska, David Carl Merritt, Joseph William Nixon, Timothy Eugene Sanders.

Carry Your Medicare Card

If you have Medicare, it's important that you keep your Medicare card handy. The Medicare card is your proof that you have Medicare protection, so keep it with you.

Doctors, hospitals, and other Medicare-service providers need to see your Medicare card in order to be sure that you have coverage and that the Medicare number is correct. Otherwise, Medicare payments may be delayed.

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It usually takes 4 to 6 weeks to get the new card. And, remember, there's no charge for the phone call or the replacement card.

Dr. Marvin Carrol McGowen

BAIRD — Dr. Marvin Carroll McGowen, 81, died Thursday, December 12, 1991.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Monday at First United Methodist Church with Bishop Alsie Carlton and the Revs. Daniel Moore and H.B. Terry officiating. Burial was in Ross Cemetery, directed by Parker Funeral Home.

Dr. McGowen was born and attended school in Baird. He graduated from Hardin-Simmons University and Baylor Dental College in Dallas. He practiced dentistry continuously in Baird, during which time he also served three years in the U.S. Navy during the early 1940s. Dr. McGowen was attached to the Marine Corps, served in the South Pacific and served as head dentist under General Shapley with Carlson's Raiders.

He was a Methodist and served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of First United Methodist Church, President of the Baird Lions Club, President of the Abilene Photographic Society, and Secretary-Treasurer of the Callahan County Sheriff's Posse.

Mr. McGowen was a member of National, State and District Dental Societies, as well as the International Academy of Orthodontics. Among his honors were being named as a Fellow in the American College of Dentistry and a member of the Pierre Fauchard Society.

Survivors include his wife, Ethelyn Clark McGowen of Baird; a daughter, Carol Lynn Mizell of Baird; a brother, Dr. M. Thaxton McGowen of Lake Jackson; a sister, Glenn Wylie of Fort Worth; and two granddaughters.

Helen Elizabeth Avants

COLEMAN — Helen Elizabeth Avants, 69, died Saturday, December 14, 1991, at an Abilene hospital. Services were held at 2 p.m. Mon-

Nadie Adeline Swann

WINTERS — Nadie Adeline Swann, 92, died Saturday, December 14, 1991, in a Lockhart nursing home.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Winters Funeral Home Chapel with Hollis Talley officiating. Burial was in Bradshaw Cemetery.

Mrs. Swann was born in Cross Plains and moved with her family to the Bradshaw community. She later lived in Abilene before moving to Austin in 1964.

She was a member of the Church of Christ and was the widow of John E. Swann. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include a son, Roy Earl Swann of Tomball; five daughters, Corean Kinsey of Lockhart, Orlean Talbott and Evelyn Hull, both of Austin, and Teola Little and Ethel Owens, both of Abilene; a brother, Naldie "Doolie" Hale of Abilene; 15 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Euwel C. Shirley

ODESSA — Euwel C. Shirley, 81, died Saturday, December 14, 1991, at a local hospital.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Monday at Sunset Memorial Gardens with Jimmy Braswell officiating.

Mr. Shirley was born and raised in Cottonwood. He moved to Odessa from Goldsmith in 1955. He worked for Gulf Oil Company in the West Texas area for 35 years and was a member of Eisenhower Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Juanita Shirley of Odessa; two sons, Kendall Shirley and Randall Shirley, both of Odessa; two daughters, Jo Nell Rude of Rockwall and Gay Nell Dean of Las Vegas, Nev.; a step-daughter, Darlene Lane of Odessa; a brother, J.B. Shirley of Wickett; four sisters, Minnie Cox of Odessa, Kathryn Ellison of Andrews, Avanelle Gibbons of Fort Worth, and Lemoime Hart of Midland; ten grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

MIKE WINFREY

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persons will serve for this coming year.

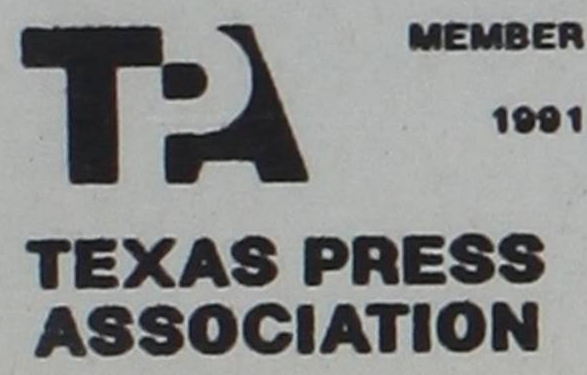
Winfrey, a thirty-two year old peanut producer from the Cross Plains area, has been involved in raising peanuts since he was in high school and consistently produces some of the best peanuts in this area. He also farms wheat and has a cow/calf operation. Winfrey will begin his third year on the ASC Committee this coming year.

Scotty Scott, from the Baird area, produces wheat and feed grains jointly with his brother, Barton Scott. In addition to the wheat and feed grains, he also operates a stocker calf operation. Scotty's farming roots run deep as he is farming land that has been in his family since the late 1800's. Scotty will begin his 2nd year on the ASC committee.

A newcomer to the ASC Committee, Bryan Farmer is a member of farming partnership, J & B Farms along with his dad, Jack Farmer. Together they farm wheat and feed grains in the Eula and Clyde areas of Callahan County. A cow/calf operation rounds out the partnership.

The county ASC committee is responsible for local administration of government farm programs such as the wheat, feed grain and peanut programs, conservation programs, including the CRP program and commodity loan programs.

Eligibility for participation in all programs administered by ASCS is established by law without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, marital status, physical or mental handicap.



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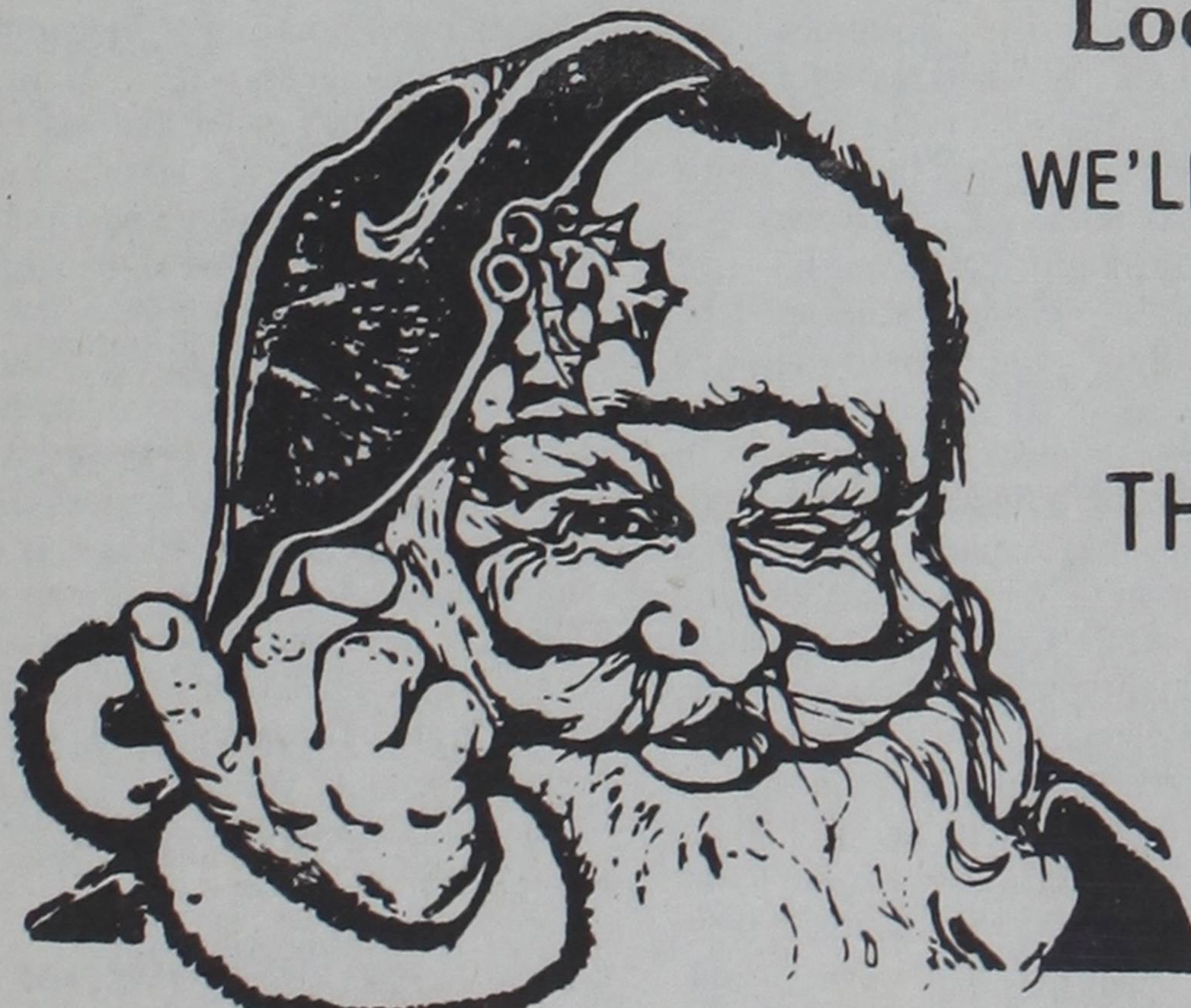
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Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.	
Church Training	6:00 p.m.	
Evening Worship	7:00 p.m.	
Wed. Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.	
Michael Hale, Pastor — 725-7556		

Located at 12th & Main	CHURCH OF CHRIST		Phone 725-4117
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	COME WORSHIP WITH US WHERE CHRIST IS HONORED		
Sunday Morning Bible Class	9:45 A.M.	Wed. Morning	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:45 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class	6:00 p.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 P.M.	(Seasonal) Bible Class	10:00 A.M.
Wed. Evening Bible Study	7:00 P.M.	Come now, and let us reason together" Isaiah 1:18	
WE WELCOME ONE AND ALL			

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Sunday School	9:45 a.m.	Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
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Sermon — Let It Be		
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Rev. Susan Trammell, Pastor 735-7377		

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BELIEVER'S FELLOWSHIP		
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EAST HIGHWAY 36		
Sunday School	9:30 a.m.	
Morning Worship	10:45 a.m.	
Evening Worship	6:15 p.m.	
Wednesday Night Family Bible Study	7:30 p.m.	
Charlie Fortenberry, Pastor 725-6607		

UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH		Cross Plains
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Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.	
Evening Worship	6:30 p.m.	
Wednesday Bible Study	7:30 p.m.	
Phillip R. Schaefer, Pastor 817-725-7140		

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH		
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Sunday School	10:00 a.m.	
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WTU Files Request For New Services

The West Texas economy could get a boost if the Public Utilities Commission of Texas approves recommendations made recently by West Texas Utilities Company. "WTU has filed a request to offer new services designed to attract and encourage business expansion in this area," according to Larry Cheshier, WTU's area manager for Cross Plains. The three new experimental tariffs will allow WTU to provide economic development service, curtailable service or interruptible service. These services will be available to customers that voluntarily request and qualify for one of the service options.

New or existing industries served by WTU which add ten new employees



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"People can lose their lives in libraries. They ought to be warned." (Saul Bellow)

LAP: 30 children.

Memorials:

Mr. and Mrs. R.T. Peavy in memory of Mike Cunningham.

Cliff and Connie Kirkham in memory of Ina McWilliams.

Books: Lottie Sooter, Nelda Holmes.

Circulation: 443

Cross Plains: 407

Abilene Extension: 26

Interlibrary Loan: 10

Cameras: 1

Christmas will be closed Christmas week, December 23-27. Stock up on books now! The Head Bookie

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 Christmas Sale 10% Off Everything In The Store Saturday, December 21 We Will Be Closed Christmas Week We'll Re-open January 2, 1992

and substantially expand their facilities could gain up to a 40% reduction in the demand charge portion of their electric bill for the first year. The reduction would gradually be phased-out over a four-year period.

New or existing customers of WTU that might qualify for the Economic Development tariff are businesses like manufacturing, warehousing, petroleum, agri-business and many others. "This is a great way to attract new business and encourage existing businesses to expand," Cheshier added.

The proposed curtailable and interruptible rates can significantly reduce certain existing industrial customer's bills. Under the new curtailable tariff a customer must be willing to shut down part of their electrical usage at any given time at the request of WTU.

A customer requesting service under the interruptible rate would agree to allow WTU to occasionally disconnect the designated load. The circumstances that could prompt the company to take this action, which might include unusually high usage of electricity or a power-system emergency, would normally occur only a few times each year. In return for his willingness to allow these occasional interruptions, the customer gets a year-round discount on his cost of electricity.

A good example of how the curtailable or interruptible rate could be helpful is in the case of a marginal oil field operation. By agreeing to have their electric service occasionally interrupted for a brief period WTU would discount their electric cost. By reducing the cost of pumping, the oil field operation could continue to operate at a profit when otherwise it might have to shut down.

The new tariff proposals, which the company has asked the PUC to approve by March 1, 1992, would be a benefit to all WTU customers because they would encourage new and existing businesses. In addition, the curtailable and interruptible rates can help delay the need to build new power plants in the future. WTU serves a 52,000 square mile area of Texas that stretches from the Red River to the Rio Grande.

A radio advertisement was once heard to offer: "Ladies and gentlemen, now you can have a bikini for a ridiculous figure."

Peanut Poundage Quota Told

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18--The U.S. Department of Agriculture today proposed a national peanut poundage quota for the 1992 marketing year of 1,610,000 short tons (3,220 million pounds), up 60,000 short tons (120 million pounds) from the 1991 level.

Keith Bjerke, administrator of USDA's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, said USDA is required by the 1990 Farm Bill to announce the final national poundage

COLONIAL OAKS NURSING HOME NEWS

By LINDA EDINGTON
 Activity Director

We would like to invite all family and friends to our annual Open House, Sunday the 22nd, at 2 p.m. During this time Rev. Michael Hale, pastor at First Baptist Church will tell the Christmas story for us, Bill Strickler, Cross Plains Band Director, will provide the entertainment, the residents will exchange gifts with Santa's help (Alton McCowen), and refreshments will be served by the Garden Club. Come help us share a little Christmas Cheer with our residents.

Two of our ladies have new perms and I must say look mighty pretty: Madie Chambers and Inez Ingram. A big thank you to Peggy Chambers from Brownwood Lake and Lilly Dillard.

Talk about some delicious goodies, cookies, cakes, and candy we have enjoyed this past week with no thoughts of the calories. Our appreciation to Fredene Hargrove, Joyce Lee, and Sabra Hicks.

We extend a warm welcome to our new resident, Goldene Ware.

Helen Wood is back with us from the hospital. Welcome home, Helen.

Oneitta Fortenberry was here visiting with Lucille Stone and Wonne Walton.

Dan Ingram from Fort Worth and Douglas Ingram were visiting with their mother, Inez Ingram.

Farrell and Carol Stephens visited Madie Fortney.

Clara Nell Spencer visited regularly.

Joe and Edna Bentley from Eula were here visiting Bertha Bentley.

Blanche Moore visited with E.K. Coppinger and Helen Wood.

Activities during the week:

Monday: Bingo winners were Vera Belyeu (2), Madie Chambers (3), Anabel Vaught (3), Lucille Stone, Bertha Hoyt, and E.K. Coppinger. Exercise class.

Tuesday: Art class. Bible study and music with Jeanell Purvis.

Wednesday: Sing-a-long with Ruby McCowen, Sally Roady, Sarah McCowen, Ernestine Watson, Pearl Greenwood, and Vera Pearl Bunnell. Exercise class.

Thursday: Linen folding. Domino games. Beautiful Christmas caroling by the United Pentecostal Church.

Friday: Bingo winners were Midge McCall (2), Bertha Hoyt (3), Clevia Ringhoffer (2), Lucille Stone, Anabel Vaught, Juanita Rhodes, and Vera Belyeu. Afternoon singing with Sister Ruby, Bobby Jack McCowen, and Daisy King.

Wherever you go, whatever you do, this is our holiday wish for you - May you hold in your heart a star from above, may it bring to you Peace and Light and Love.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

quota for 1992 marketing year peanuts by December 15. The quota may be no less than 1,350,000 short tons.

The Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended, requires the national poundage quota for the 1992 crop of peanuts to be equal to the quantity of peanuts that the Secretary of agriculture estimates will be devoted to domestic edible, seed and related use in the 1992 marketing year. The marketing year for peanuts begins August 1. It is also stipulated that the quota may be no less than 1,350,000 short tons.

All available information will be

Aid For Texas Farmers Provided

COLLEGE STATION--Congress has approved a \$1.75 billion disaster assistance bill that will provide payments throughout Texas for farmers who suffered losses in 1990 or 1991, says U. S. Senator Phil Gramm.

"More than 125,000 Texas agricultural producers suffered losses from flooding, freezes and drought," Gramm noted. "They will be able to file for claims under this legislation, which will be administered at the local level by the Texas Agricultural Stabilization Conservation Service (ASCS)."

According to Jerry Harris, Chairman of the Texas State ASC Committee Texas cotton farmers were among the hardest hit by the weather-borne agricultural disasters of 1990 and 1991.

Harris noted that in excess of 40,000 cotton producers suffered damage valued at more than \$326 million in 1991 alone. In addition, producers of wheat, grain sorghum, corn and hay had extensive losses.

Gramm noted that part of the funding, \$995 million, will be available for payments on either of the two years, at the producer's option. An additional \$755 million is also available, subject to a budget request by the President.

Natural disasters that caused the widespread losses were the 1990 flooding along the Red and Trinity rivers, droughts in the Panhandle and the Rio Grande Valley and freezing temperatures that caused widespread damage to winter wheat production in the Panhandle, North Texas, and Blackland Prairie areas.

considered prior to the final determination. Bjerke said.

Notice of the proposed determinations will appear in the November 21 Federal Register.

Comments concerning the determination must be received no later than December 9 by the Director, Commodity Analysis Division, USDA-ASCS, Room 3741, South Building, P.

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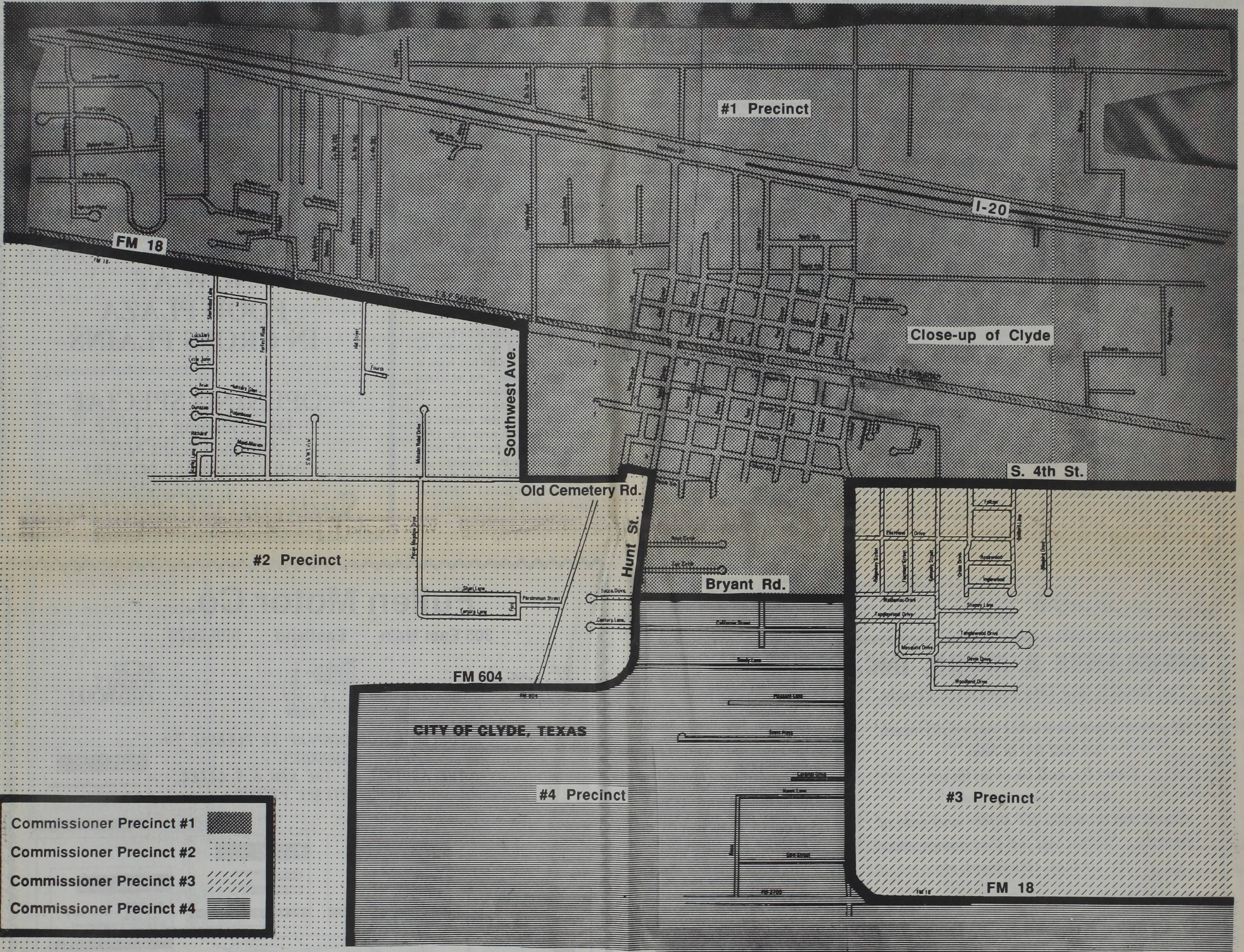
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County Commissioners Divvy Up Clyde



ON THE CORNER They've Stuck It To Clyde, What Else Is New?

By DON TABOR
Publisher

I guess I'm like the 14-year-old boy who had been mute all his life. He had never uttered a word.

Then one day his mother prepared him a new dish, and set it before him.

He tasted it, screwed his face up and said: "This tastes terrible."

"Praise the Lord," his mom exclaimed, "you can speak. Why, oh, why haven't you said anything before?"

"Well," the boy answered, "up to now everything's been okay."

Maybe that's why I haven't written this column for the past few months. Everything's been okay.

But that's about to change when the county commissioners' precinct redistricting takes effect January 1.

All together now, class, let's say "gerrymander."

Again, all together, let's say "stick it to Clyde."

For several months we've been trying to get an advance copy of the map of the changes to let the public study it prior to final approval on the redistricting. We had no success, a public hearing was held, the map presented for the first time, and only two people attended.

Now, we have a copy, and, boy, I can understand why they didn't want any advance perusal of it.

I hardly know where to begin, it's so bad.

For starters, all four county commissioner precincts come into the Clyde city limits. Try this one on. One line goes down the middle of heavily-populated Bryant Rd. People on the north side of that street are in the Clyde precinct and people on the south side are in, get this, the Cross Plains precinct.

Oakview and the Tanglewood additions in southeast Clyde are in the Baird precinct. The west part of town south of F-M 18, including the elementary school, are in the Eula-Oplin-Denton Valley pre-

inct. You might say this is all okay, that Clyde voters will have an effect on all four commissioner elections, maybe even get a Clyde resident elected to one or two of the other three commissioner spots. Forget it. It's not going to happen. They fixed the precincts to where the "homefolks" still outnumber the Clyde folks by roughly two to one.

It was reported to me on good authority that the first thing the Austin lawyer who redrew the precincts for commissioners asked them was "Where do you live?"

This indicates to me that preserving the precincts for the incumbents was uppermost in the lawyer's mind. And, it was done by chewing up Clyde four ways, thus diluting any political power it might have had to next to nothing.

If you think this is a monstrosity, wait till you get a load of the voting precincts, which were also redrawn to go along with

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Redistricting Effective Jan. 1

After much anticipation, Callahan County officials have released new County Commissioner Precinct boundaries and new Voter Precinct boundaries.

In the new Commissioner Precinct boundaries, all four precincts will reach up inside the city limits of Clyde.

The county commissioners redrew the commissioner and voter precinct boundaries after large population growth around Clyde created two large voter precincts.

County officials hired a law firm in Austin to redesign the new commissioner and voter precincts boundaries based upon the 1990 census population count.

According to the new commissioner boundaries, all four precincts will include Clyde residents.

Commissioner Precinct #1 includes most of the Clyde community north of the railroad tracks, except for a portion south to Bryant Road. Under the old Commissioner Precinct #1 boundary, the number of persons living in the

County Voting, Commissioner Precinct Map On Page 2

precinct was 4,159. Under the new precinct boundary, the population of Precinct #1 is 3,075. Roy LaFoy of Clyde is currently Commissioner of Precinct #1.

Commissioner Precinct #2 includes the southwest portion of Clyde and most of Eula and the communities of Denton Valley and Oplin. Before the redistricting of the boundaries, 3,819 residents lived within the precinct. Under the new precinct boundary, 2,864 residents reside in the precinct. Lowell Johnson of Oplin is Precinct #2 Commissioner.

The new boundary lines for Commissioner Precinct #3 includes the eastern and southeast portion of Clyde, including the Oakview addition of Clyde and all of the Baird community. Under the previous Commissioner Precinct boundary line, 1,923 residents resided inside the precinct and under the new redistricting, 3,003 residents are in Commissioner Precinct #3. Tommy

Holland of Baird is current Commissioner of Precinct #3.

The new Commissioner Precinct #4 boundary includes the southern portion of Clyde between FM 604 and FM 18 south of Bryant Road, and all of the Cross Plains community. The old Commissioner Precinct #4 boundary had a combined population of 1,958. Under the new boundary lines for Commissioner Precinct #4, 2,917 residents will reside within the precinct. Joe Ingram of Cross Plains is currently Commissioner of Precinct #4.

According to the law firm hired to perform the redistricting, 2,965 persons within a Commissioner Precinct was the ideal precinct size based upon the 1990 census count in Callahan County of 11,859.

Precinct #1 Commissioner Roy LaFoy said that although he is gaining all of the Shalimar housing division, an area north of Eula and a portion in south Clyde, he said that he is still losing more voters

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CALLAHAN COUNTY TEXAS

- Commissioner Precinct #1
- Commissioner Precinct #2
- Commissioner Precinct #3
- Commissioner Precinct #4

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the comish precincts. Visualize, if you will, the nightmare of trying to print up ballots for commissioner elections, and then getting them to the right locations. Think of the mass confusion in the minds of Clyde people who might actually want to vote in these elections.

(Incidentally, these voting precincts will be in effect for ALL future elections, not just commissioner elections.)

You might ask after reading all this complaining if I have a better plan. Yep, I do.

If you draw a line from the north boundary of Callahan County to the south boundary somewhere in the vicinity of Union Hill Rd., you have roughly 75 per cent of the population living west of that line and 25 per cent living east of it, or about 9,000 people on the west side and 3,000 on the east side.

Then, you draw east-west lines in that western part, putting 3,000 people in each of three precincts. That way you would have the immediate Clyde area electing two commissioners, which is only fair considering that the bulk of the county's people live in that area. The Eula-Oplin-Denton Valley area would

elect one commissioner. So would the Baird-Cross Plains-Putnam area.

You might argue Baird and Cross Plains don't have much in common. I say they do. They are both about the same size, have the same type of economy and the same social background. There are many Baird people who have kinfolks in Cross Plains and vice versa. They even play each other in football.

The only problem here is that you would have two incumbents running against each other. That was what the Austin lawyer was trying his dandest to prevent.

I don't know what can be done about this mess at this late date, but something should be.

What's that? Did I hear somebody say "court suit?"

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Redistricting

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than previously. LaFoy said that before the redistricting he was representing more than 4,000 people, while the Baird and Cross Plains Commissioners represented only 1,900. He said that while he represented a population as much as Baird and Cross Plains combined, he still had only one vote of the four commissioners in the court meetings.

LaFoy said that he was generally pleased with the redistricting, except for one point. Under the new precinct boundary lines, Commissioner Precinct #1 will receive only 22 percent of the county funds for road maintenance, while Commissioner Precinct #2, #3 and #4 will receive 26 percent each for county road maintenance. The money distribution will change along with the county commissioner precinct boundaries because of the difference in the size of the commissioner precincts. Under the redistricting boundaries, Cross Plains will have the highest county road mileage, while Clyde's precinct will have the fewest miles of county roads. However, LaFoy surmised that there is a difference between a precinct with a lot of county road miles that are less travelled than a few miles of heavily travelled county roads. LaFoy said that he will determine in several months if he must have more county funds to maintain the county roads in his precinct.

LaFoy said that when the Austin law firm was beginning the redistricting effort, the attorneys asked where the county commissioners currently lived.

The Clyde commissioner said that he even offered to move his residence within another precinct in the county, but that the law firm was against that — that apparently the redistricting could be accomplished without the four commissioners moving. The redistricting was also performed without any of the current county commissioners running against each other.

Still, LaFoy believes the redistricting to be the best solution. "Yes I do," LaFoy said when asked if he thought the redrawn boundaries were fair to all.

LaFoy said that although he serves most of Clyde, when given the oath of office as a county commissioner, no where did it say he must represent only a portion of the county. "Our oath of office is to serve all of Callahan County and the State of Texas. No where does it say anything about County Commissioner Precinct #1," he noted.

Both LaFoy and Callahan County Judge Bill Johnson said that under the new redistricting, they believe that more than one commissioner could possibly be from Clyde.

Judge Johnson states that the redistricting is also most fair to the county needs. Johnson said that county residents were given an opportunity to voice their opinion on the county commissioner and voter precinct boundaries during a public hearing in Baird and that only two people showed up for the hearing. Johnson said only one public hearing was needed to comply with federal and state laws.

LaFoy said that under state and federal guidelines for precinct boundaries, all that is asked is the one man, one vote theory be adhered to. LaFoy and Johnson both feel that is provided by the redistricting.

Commissioner LaFoy and Judge Johnson both said that under the new redistricting of voter precincts, they were concerned that many residents in Clyde would have to travel to Eula to vote and several more Clyde residents would have to travel to Baird to cast votes.

Johnson concluded by saying the county commissioners approved accepting the redistricting pending approval by the Justice Department. He said the Justice Department has given its okay.

The new voter and commissioner precinct boundaries will take effect January 1, 1992 in time for the March 10 Democratic primary election.

SOCIAL SECURITY REPRESENTATIVE AT EASTLAND

The Federal Budget has affected the Social Security Administration in several ways. One is less travel expenses. The closest representative for his area will be in Eastland at the Park Hill Senior Citizens Center on Mondays, January 13 and 27; February 10 and 24; and March 9 and 23 for your convenience.

You are encouraged to use the 1-800-772-1213 number any weekday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Annual Garden Club Christmas Dinner Held December 13

The Garden Center was the setting for the annual Christmas dinner on Friday, December 13, for Garden Club members and their guests. The tables were decorated with vine wreaths and red candles in hurricane globes. A large wreath arrangement centered the serving table.

President Pauniece Oglesby welcomed the group and each one present introduced themselves. Rolan Jones gave the invocation.

Entertainment, following enjoyment of the delicious meal, was provided by soloist Sheila Eisenbach, and Bill and Debbi Strickler as a duet, with Bill playing guitars. Christmas season selections were chosen. Melyssa and Bryan Strickler were also guests.

Members and their guests attending were Lois Garrett, Claribel Gibbs, Opal Jernigan, Roland and Sandra Jones, Maurine McCuin, Joyce Odom, Pauniece and Joe Oglesby, Gretna and Hadden Payne, Bob and Barbara Powell, Marie and Roy Stambaugh, Helen and Cole Tillotson, Dorothy and Bevo Webb, and Exa and VOLLIE Joe Williams.

Gretna Payne, Chairman of the club social committee, was in charge of the preparations and decorations.

C.P. STUDENT REVIEW

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School Board To Meet Tonight

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees will meet in regular session on Thursday, December 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the faculty room of the high school.

- The agenda will include:
1. Public hearing
 - A. Academic Excellence Indicator System 1990-91 Report (Annual Performance Report)
 2. Open Forum
 3. Annual Audit Report
 - A. Colyer & Lowry, C.P.A. — Brownwood, TX.
 4. Consider Approval of Insurance Bonds
 - A. Property
 - B. Personal Liability
 - C. School Bus Liability
 5. Request for Facilities
 6. Hospitalization Insurance Bankruptcy
 - A. Consider to Resolve Claims
 7. Superintendent's Report
 8. Financial Report
 9. Pay Bills
 10. Personnel
 - A. Part-time Custodial Help
 11. Executive Session (if necessary)
 12. Return to Open Meeting
 13. Adjourn.
- Notice of the meeting was given by M. Lee Thompson, Superintendent.



1991 CHRISTMAS VILLAGE — A section of the mural painted by the art classes, under instruction of Carol Atchley.

Mural For Project Pride

By DENESE WHITELEY

Several of the Cross Plains art students spent nearly 6 weeks working on a project for the Project Pride Christmas Program. The 34' X 8' mural shows a combination of store

front windows and an outdoor snow scene. It is on display as part of the fascinating and beautifully done Christmas Village at the old Robertson Tire building.

The students who worked on the mural were Jamie Brown, Brittany Hinyard, Jamie Jones, Earl Meroney, Chris Potter, Kevin Switzer, Colby Walker, Bucky Williams, Jody Brown, Jennifer Jones, Robert Lee, Shawn McKeenan, Cory Pope, James Reed, Bill Steele, Justin Whitsitt, and one Art II student, Leslie Reed.

The students received two grades for their efforts on the painting project assignment. They learned about mixing and blending colors using values, and texture, and color relationships. The other grade was for an enlargement project in which they learned to enlarge an original drawing by using a scale. The design for the mural was a product of brainstorming and various drawings done by the students.

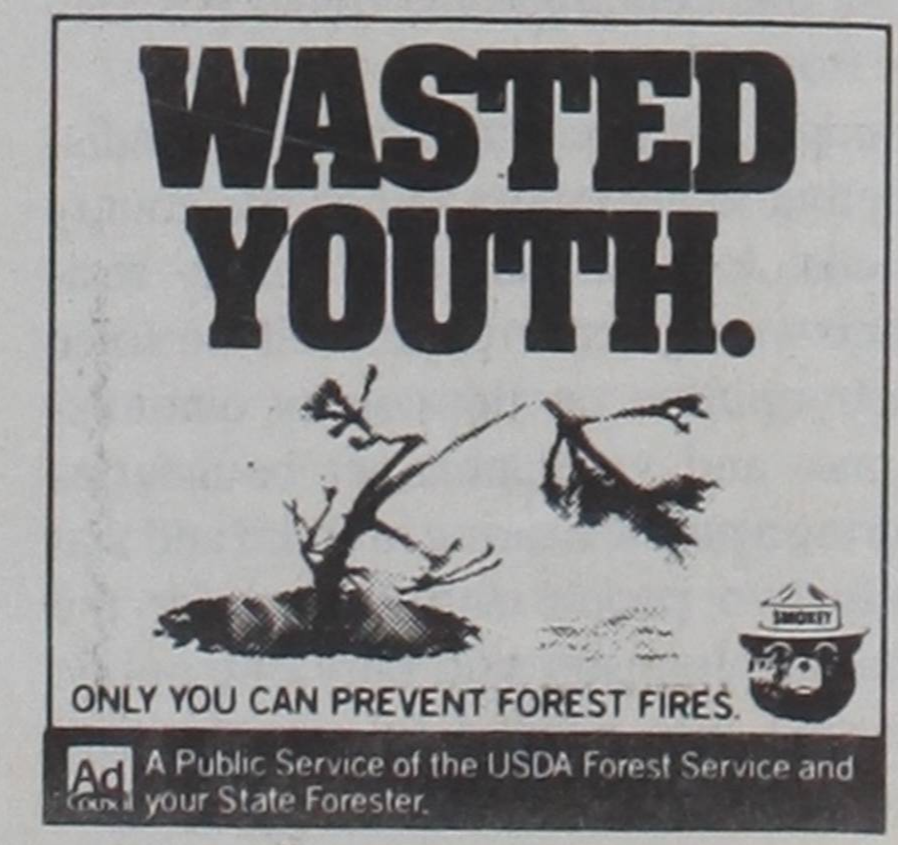
When asked if she thought the project went well, art teacher Mrs. Carol Atchley replied, "I am extremely impressed with how well the students worked and what they have accomplished and how much their work improved, considering so many had never painted like this before." This was the second year the Cross Plains High School art students have worked on a Christmas project for Project Pride's Christmas display, and are looking forward to an opportunity again next year.

Athletic Scholarships Available

Over 100,000 collegiate athletic scholarships are available each year to male and female high school and junior college student athletes. Contrary to popular belief, students don't have to be All-State to qualify.

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Cross Plains Exam Schedule

By BRANDI EPPARD

As a student at C.P.H.S. I decided to do a survey on the new final exam schedule being tried for this first semester. The Administration decided to give this schedule a try to see how it would go. In the past all exams (except one) were given the last two days of the semester. This year the two principals (Leonard T. Wood and Lisa Flood) arranged the schedule so that there would be only one or two on any day during the last week. The idea was to give students more time to better prepare themselves for the exams and create a less stressful situation of having to take three major exams in one day. Under the new schedule for example, on certain days the classes having their exams meet one hour in the morning and two hours in the afternoon. On two other days the students have a two hour block of time to use for study time, make-up work, unfinished projects, etc., or they may go to one of three designated rooms to watch a movie.

In asking some of the high school students and teachers what they thought of the new schedule, it was found that 100% of the students asked liked the new schedule, but only 25% of the teachers did. The most common positive response the students gave was that it would be easier and would give them more time to study.

The most common response made by teachers who were asked, showed a mixed reaction. They like having the exams spread out, but felt on some days there was too much free time. They felt it was a waste of good class time which could be used for review or needed work.

In conclusion, Mr. Wood said, "We will try this and see how it works, and if it is successful we might use it again in the future."



PTO OFFICERS — Dana Dimitri (from left), Dannes Turner, Lisa Flood (elementary principal), Roxie Thomas, and Mary Dunn presented the new bench and plant to the elementary school.

PTO Presents School Gift

By RENETHA CAROUTH

At the Elementary Open House on November 18, 1991 the Cross Plains PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) presented the Elementary School with a beautiful bench and an artificial plant to help decorate the lobby of the Main Entrance of the Elementary Building. The bench and plant were purchased

from the Cross Plains Citizens State Bank. The bench was then re-upholstered by Tim Hughes here in Cross Plains. It was finished in time to be presented at the Open House. The beautiful embroidery-looking floral pattern is not only very attractive, but the bench and plant now provide a pleasant and comfortable place for visitors to sit.

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AG STUDENTS AT WORK

Another Small Facelift

By RENETHA CAROUTH

The Cross Plains School Gym has received three new sidewalks. There will be one in front of each door on the west side and one sidewalk in front connecting the two.

The General Ag Mechanics class, with the help of Ag teachers, Chandra Scott and Roy Richey, built the sidewalks. The following is a list of the people who helped: Thomas Bomar, Eric Blanton, Rickey Box, Mike Eppard, Cody Pancake, Lowell Clark, and Robert Lee.

The total cost was approximately \$545. The supplies came from Higginbotham's in Cross Plains, Payless Cashways in Abilene, and some materials came from the Ag Shop. The cement mixer was borrowed from Jim

and Charlene Fleming.

The project was done, as much as possible, during third and fourth period classes. Although they did have to take a couple of mornings and afternoons to get it all poured. They started pouring the first one about the second week of November and they finished the second sidewalk before Thanksgiving.

According to Miss Scott, this project and a couple of others will be included in an application for the students to apply for a FFA award called Building Our American Communities (BOAC).

Cross Plains Superintendent, Lee Thompson, also wants to have a sidewalk put in front of the north side of the Ag Shop and possibly on the side of the art room.

Health Care Profession Opportunities

Rural Texas communities, challenged by the need to fill vacancies in all health care professions, can now take advantage of a unique state-supported program, the Outstanding Rural Scholar Recognition Program administered by the Center for Rural Health Initiatives. The Center is accepting applications until February 14, 1992, for the academic year beginning September, 1992.

Under the program an organization in a rural community acts as a sponsor to a student in a health care field. The sponsor agrees to contribute financial support for the student's educational and living costs. In turn, the student agrees that he or she will work for the sponsor as a health care professional upon graduation.

Students who are selected as an Outstanding Rural Scholar based on academic records and recommenda-

tions are also eligible for loans under the Outstanding Rural Scholar Recognition Program. State funds are available through this program to match the rural sponsor's contribution. For each year that the student works for the sponsoring community organization after graduation, one year's principal and interest on the loan is forgiven.

There are now 10 rural Texas communities sponsoring students in the program in such health care fields as medicine, nursing, occupational therapy and physical therapy.

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Card Of Thanks
At this time we would like to express our gratitude to the Colonial Oaks Nursing Home and to Dr. Billy Carpenter for the wonderful care Jean received.
A special thanks to Pete Golson for his assistance and the Cross Plains E.M.S.
The faithful neighbors who cared for her were so thoughtful.
All the flowers, food, cards, and calls were appreciated during the loss of our loved one.

Card Of Thanks
We wish to thank all the friends, neighbors, and relatives for the prayers, cards, flowers, food, and expressions of sympathy during the loss of our dear one.

The Family of Jean McFerrin

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Card of Thanks
"Christmas Village A Big Success"
Thanks for coming to Christmas Village. We hope you enjoyed it.
I would like to thank everyone who helped in anyway with our Christmas Village this year. I know you have put in much of your time and talent in making this year's Christmas Village a big success. It takes people working together to make things happen, and we have proved this true. God Bless and looking forward to next year.
We appreciated the publicity the Cross Plains Review provided.

Card Of Thanks
The Cross Plains Kiwanis Club would like to thank every merchant who donated cash, gifts, etc. to the Christmas Program. Everyone who assisted in any manner contributed to its success.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHEPARD'S BARBER SHOP will be closed from 8 a.m. Monday Dec. 23rd until Saturday, Dec. 28th. 37-2p

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice
The Cross Plains Independent School District will conduct a public hearing on December 19, 1991, 8:00 p.m. in the high school to present the results of the 1990-91 Academic Excellence Indicator System. The statistical report, prepared by the Texas Education Agency, is required by state law and presents demographic and student performance data at the district and campus levels. Parents and community citizens are invited to attend.
The Academic Excellence Indicators include student performance on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS), Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP), average daily attendance and drop-out rates, graduation rates, percent of students in advanced courses, and percent of seniors expected to graduate with the "advanced" or "advanced with honors" seal affixed to the transcript. 38-1c

PUBLIC NOTICE

The board of directors of the Central Appraisal District of Callahan County will consider proposals for performance of the 1991 fiscal year financial audit conducted pursuant to Section 6.063 of the Texas Property Tax Code. The audit must be performed by a certified public accountant and comply with accepted governmental accounting standards. Proposals are due

in the appraisal district offices no later than January 13, 1992. Further information can be obtained by contacting the Chief Appraiser at (915) 854-1165. 38-1c

Public Notice

As of today, December 13, 1991, the Cross Plains E.M.S. will no longer make calls to Rising Star. The Texas Department of Health recommended this fact be publicized.

Due to personnel and wear and tear on our ambulance, we cannot continue to answer non-emergency calls this far out of our area of responsibility.

In the event your ambulances are on an emergency run or you have an accident (MVA) and cannot get help from an Eastland County Unit or MEDEVAC, we will help.

It is our opinion that it is yours and Eastland County's responsibility to provide an ambulance service for your area.

By recommendation of the Cross Plains E.M.S. Board.
Sincerely,
Rolan Jones
Coordinator,
Cross Plains E.M.S. 38-1c

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All hardware should include installation, training and one year on-site maintenance and/or warranty on-site if manufactures warrant does not meet or exceed one year.

Complete specifications can be pickup up at the County Clerk's office at the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird.

Proposals will be considered by the Commissioner's Court on Monday, December 30, 1991. 8c

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FOR YOUR MARY KAY PRODUCTS call Pauniece Oglesby, 725-6772. Have all Mary Kay Cosmetics line in stock - ladies and men's skin care, body and fragrance items. Free delivery, Gift Wrapping. 11-4c

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YARD SALE - Thursday & Friday (if no rain). 8:30 a.m. til 5 p.m. Christmas special on Rolling Rulers, \$6.00. My regular \$1.00 earrings; 3 pr. \$2.00; 1 lb. bag of Pot Pourri \$5.00; small bag \$1.25 in 5 scents; also liquid Pot Pourri; lots of necklaces \$2.00 and \$3.00; unique coin jewelry for a different gift, starting at \$2.50. Lots of good stocking stuffers. **Dorothy's Jewelry, across from Lakeway.** 38-1c

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PUPPIES TO GIVE AWAY - Part English Springer Spaniel and Labrador. Call (817) 725-7440. Nine available! 38-1p

346.8 AC. on Hwy. 206 at Burkett with 3 BR, 2 B, BRICK HOME, 3 tanks, lots of DEER and TURKEY, \$412.70 A. 38-2c

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- * 10.5 acres, house, well, 2 miles north of Cottonwood, \$76,900. Slashed to \$10,000.
- * Remodeled 3 bdrm., 2 large lots, corner 7th & Ave. A, Reduced to \$20,000. Owner finance.
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- * 2 br., 1 1/2 bath, extra den, dining, garage, storage, 2 large corner lots, corner of 13th & Ave. E, \$22,000.

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* LETS TALK! Several properties, 2 and 3 BRs properties. \$10,000 to \$20,000 price range - Owner financing.
* IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY! Beautiful brick. All amenities of city, close in. Owners anxious, other interest outside area.
* REDUCED AND OWNER CARRY! 3 BR, den, 1 1/2 bath, fenced corner lot. Fruit and Pecan trees, storm cellar, and water well.
* LOOK MR. INVESTOR! Put those CD's with Low Bearing Interest into Real Estate at 10 percent or more. Qualified buyers need affordable older homes lending institutions rejects.
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* PEANUT FARM! Nicest little peanut farm in area. 102 acres with 80,000 lb. peanut allotment. 3 BR, single bath, double carport, 20x40 shop bldg., 20x30 implement shed, 2 miles out. Good financing. NEW FENCE.
* BEAUTIFUL Tree shaded 100'x100' lot w/hook ups for house or trailer, double carport.
* 6.19 ACRES, 4 miles out Coleman Highway. 8x12 storage, electricity hook up. Nice retreat. Will trade for good Ranger or Toyota Pickup.
CALL ME TO SELL OR APPRAISE YOUR PROPERTY. FREE CONSULTATION. FULL-TIME BROKER.
(817) 725-7157 36-1c

City Council Minutes

Submitted by the
Cross Plains City Council.

November 5, 1991

This was a regular meeting of the Cross Plains City Council. Members present were Mayor Ross Gerking, Ted McKeegan, Betty Lewis, Edwin Weiss, and Gary Childers. Joe Holland was absent.

Gary Childers moved to accept the minutes as read with the exception of adding Edwin Weiss to the minutes of October 25th as being present. Ted McKeegan seconded and motion carried.

Sam Durdin met with the council to discuss the Evergreen contract with the city. He stated that BFI would consider a 2 year evergreen instead of a 3 year if that would suit the city. Ted McKeegan, spokesman for the council, asked if the city went with the evergreen contract, would BFI consider a 2% increase this year and a 2% next year. Sam advised the council that he did not have that authority to make that decision, but would contact Dave Casebolt and would in turn be back in touch with the city as to their decision.

If their decision was to allow this contract, then Ted McKeegan moved to enter into a 2 year Evergreen Contract with BFI with a 2% increase this year and a 2% increase next year. Gary Childers seconded and motion carried.

Billy Jacob, city engineer, met with the council to discuss the change order on the sewer farm needed at this time. See Attachment for details of changes. Ted McKeegan moved to accept this change order. Betty Lewis seconded and motion carried.

Susan McNeel met with the council to ask permission to post signs at the Treadway Park used for the homecoming dance activities. The council advised her that since the Roping Club has that property leased that it would be up to them, but if they didn't mind, it is all right with the city.

Edwin Weiss moved to add "Cash on Hand" to the budget to reflect a positive net worth. Gary Childers seconded and motion carried.

Betty Lewis moved to allow "New" employees a year to take their first week's vacation. Ted McKeegan seconded and motion carried.

The sewer farm project was discussed at length. Ted McKeegan moved to put up a fence between the city property and Bobby Dillard with no gates. Betty Lewis seconded and motion carried.

Ted McKeegan moved to give the yearly clothing allowances. Edwin Weiss seconded and motion carried. \$250.00 cash for water department and Police Department. Motion carried.

Ted McKeegan moved to have the Christmas party on December 12, 1991. Betty Lewis seconded and motion carried with all voting aye except Gary Childers abstaining.

Bids were opened for the sale of the old safe owned by the City. John Adams submitted a bid in the amount of \$51.00, James Wilson \$302.72 and Tony Winfrey \$302.33. Bid was awarded to high bidder, James Wilson, with Gary Childers making the motion, Ted McKeegan seconded and motion carried.

Ted McKeegan moved to pay the bills. Gary Childers seconded and motion carried.

It was noted that the City has received a copy of a letter addressed to Susan Holland and Jean Vaughn from the Attorney General's Office in regards to allegations made against the city. The City Council requested the minutes be published including the letter as follows:

Mrs. Susan Holland
P.O. Box 68
Cross Plains, Texas 76443

Mrs. Jean Vaughn
P.O. Box 701
Cross Plains, Texas 76443

Dear Mrs. Holland and Mrs. Vaughn:

On September 30, 1991, I met with you, along with Guy Evans. We were later joined by Jack and Kathryn Tunnel and, a short time later, by Joe Holland. At that meeting you mentioned several possible violations of law by the City Council of Cross Plains. I said that I would write to you responding to these various charges after looking into all available information. Before I begin, let me summarize. You said that you have reason to believe:

- 1) that the City Council purchased a new pickup truck, at a cost of \$11,888, without advertising the purchase for bids,
- 2) that the City Council purchased a new 1991 Ford Taurus police car, at a cost of \$12,933, without advertising

the purchase for bids,

3) that the City Council contracted with Mike McClure to haul road materials (caliche), at a total cost in excess of \$20,000, without advertising the contract for bids,

4) that the City Council purchased a tire cutter, at a cost of \$12,775, without advertising the purchase for bids,

5) that a special meeting of the City Council was held without notice being given to Joe Holland, a duly elected member of the council,

6) that the city budget is illegal as prepared because it creates a deficit, without establishing a taxing plan to compensate,

7) that citizens who protest illegal activity are in danger for their lives and property,

8) that bonuses have been paid to municipal employees in violation of Article III, Section 52 of the State Constitution,

9) that city secretary Debbie Gosnell has hired her relatives and paid them city funds without authorization by the City Council,

10) that the city overcharged for copies of records, in violation of the Open Records Act,

11) that Debbie Gosnell fraudulently holds herself out to the public to be a city manager when, in fact, she is a city secretary, and

12) that the City Council regularly holds secret meetings under the guise of "executive session," in violation of the Open Meetings Act.

I will take these in order and, for the sake of brevity, I may refer to them by number. Chapter 252 of the Texas Local Government Code requires that cities with a population less than 50,000 (which I assume includes Cross Plains) must put out for bids any purchase over \$5,000. Enclosed with this letter please find the "public notice" clipping from the newspaper of October 4, 1990, saying that the city of Cross Plains is accepting bids "for the purchase of a new or used pickup." It is acceptable for a city to advertise in the alternative like this and to accept the lowest bid by category. In the case of the pickup there were two bids, one for a used pickup and one for a new pickup. Each bid was the lowest within its category. The city chose to go with the new category of bids, selecting the lowest (only) bid within that category. I've enclosed copies of these two bids with this letter.

I don't understand why you feel the police car was purchased without bidding. It was advertised, and three bids were submitted (copies of these bids are enclosed). Weatherby Ford of Brownwood bid a Taurus with police package for \$13,315, Bayer Chevrolet of Cross Plains bid a Caprice with police package for \$15,455, and Johnston Truck and Trailer of Cross Plains bid a Taurus with police package for \$12,933. The city took Johnston's bid, which was the lowest.

The situation with Mike McClure hauling road materials involves a fairly unusual situation. There were heavy rains in Callahan County in 1989 and the city had originally planned to fix only the worst roads that had washed out. During this road work the County Commissioner for Cross Plains notified the city that the county had been declared a federal disaster area and would be eligible for federal emergency funds for road work. That being the case, the city told McClure to fix all the road damage and to do a first rate job (since the city wouldn't be paying for it).

The situation above is covered by an exception to the usual rule governing bids. According to the Local Government Code, Section 252.022 ("General Exemptions"), paragraph (a) (1):

This chapter does not apply to an expenditure for:

(1) a procurement made because of a public calamity that requires the immediate appropriation of money to relieve the necessity of the municipality's residents or to preserve the property of the municipality.

From what I have been able to determine, the City Council did not meet and adopt a resolution to proceed with the road work under this particular provision of the Code, and according to our experts in municipal procedures here at the AG's office they should have. On the other hand, if a prosecutor were to bring charges under Section 252.062 ("Criminal Penalties") charging that the members of the City Council intentionally and knowingly contracted with McClure in violation of Section 252.021, then under these facts the jury would be given an instruction saying:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE JURY:

If you believe that the defendants made this expenditure because of a public calamity requiring the im-

mediate appropriation of money to relieve the needs of the residents of Cross Plains or to preserve the roads and other property of Cross Plains, or if you have reasonable doubt thereof, you will find them not guilty.

As a prosecutor, I can tell you that it wouldn't take much of a defense lawyer to get a jury to go along with this defense. Besides, the City Council did have the authority to spend the federal government's money the way they did, they just didn't hold a meeting and tell the public they were proceeding under Section 252.022 (a) (1). There's no way the City Council could be successfully prosecuted for the contract with McClure.

Before discussing the tire cutter expenditure, let me say something about the exercise of discretion in deciding whether or not to prosecute a violation of the law. In the last century there was a dean of the Harvard Law School named Pound. Dean Pound used to give a speech on criminal law which began:

One hundred per cent law enforcement in this country would be an absolute disaster. There would not be enough people left at large to build and staff the prisons in which the rest of us would reside...

Before a person is prosecuted there must be evidence that he has violated a criminal law and a prosecutor must decide that the case is worth prosecuting. In deciding whether to prosecute, a prosecutor considers a great many factors. Among these are:

- 1) the seriousness of the offense,
- 2) the mental state of the offender (what was the motive?),
- 3) the harm done, and
- 4) the attitude of the community.

With this in mind, let me tell you that, yes, the City Council of Cross Plains did violate Article 252.021 by failing to advertise for bids in a newspaper for a tire cutter. It is a Class B misdemeanor. The reason they did not advertise is because nobody in Callahan, Taylor or any nearby county sells tire cutters, and they thought it would be a waste of the county's money to advertise in a local newspaper for something not sold locally. Instead, they sent letters to three vendors of tire cutters and asked for bids. Enclosed, please find two such bids which they received. They accepted the lowest of these bids.

I was not aware that this was a violation of Texas' bid laws until I consulted with our bid law expert here at the AG's office, and I've been a member of the Texas Bar for more than twenty years. I am convinced that the City Council was unaware that they were violating the law. I can't see how any harm was done to anyone, and none of the sellers of tire cutters have complained. Frankly, I expect it would be very difficult to get a Cross Plains jury to agree that their City Council "intentionally and knowingly violated" the law in this case. All city council makes mistakes.

With respect to item 5 on the above list, I asked Debbie Gosnell if she had notified Joe Holland about the specially called meeting of the City Council and she assured me that she had. This, of course, contradicts what Joe Holland told me. This is a classic example of a "swearing match." I inquired about what had transpired at the meeting and it appears that no important decisions were made. I then asked if it would be possible to record telephone conversations in the future when council members were being notified, and Debbie said that it would be. I asked her to record all future telephone notices for specially called council meetings. This should preclude the problem from recurring in the future. If it does not, please contact me.

Turning now to the budget, there appears to be misunderstanding on both sides. Article II, Section 7 of the Texas Constitution prohibits cities from creating debt without making some taxing provision that will pay the principle, interest, and 2% in addition for a sinking fund. The budget for the current fiscal year appears to violate this provision because it indicates a "net loss" of \$68,720.00. On the other hand, Section 102.003 of the Local Government Code of the Local Government Code says:

(b) The budget must contain a complete financial statement of the municipality that shows:

- (1) the outstanding obligations of the municipality;
- (2) the cash on hand to the credit of each fund...

The problem with the budget as it is now written is that it does not include "cash on hand." This should be brought to the attention of the city and corrected. From what I know of the city's finances, once the cash on hand is properly reflected in the budget the city will show a positive net worth and Article 11, Section 7 of the Texas

Constitution will be satisfied.

Item 7 on the list of concerns is of major significance. Every citizen has the right to blow the whistle on crime and corruption. Whenever whistleblowers are injured, we are all injured. If you, or any of your family, suffer from violence or the threat of violence, or if your property is damaged, call the police. If you are not satisfied with the response of the police, call me at once. If there are "dirty tricks," which fall short of violations of the criminal law, please be aware that several multi-million dollar civil judgments have been reported in the newspapers lately which have been awarded to whistleblowers who suffered from retaliation.

You told me that you suspect that bonuses have been paid to municipal employees. Everyone else I have talked to has denied this allegation. If this office were to do an audit of the city, it would be very unlikely to turn up evidence of such bonuses (there's probably not a check on a city account which indicates "bonus paid to so-and-so" on it). Because there are so few employees of the city of Cross Plains it would be most difficult to track down a violation of this type. Usually these cases are brought to light by the testimony of an employee who is disgruntled because he did not get a bonus and knows of someone who did. Without the testimony of someone "in the know," or some piece of direct evidence, I cannot act on this allegation. Joe Holland is in a good position to scrutinize future expenditures by the city to prevent this sort of thing.

As far as Item 9 is concerned, Debbie Gosnell makes no secret of the fact that her brother and sister have occasionally worked as temporaries in the city office. She says that the total paid, so far, is less than \$500, and that they were specifically authorized to work as temporaries and specifically authorized to be paid from city funds by the City Council. If these facts are incorrect, then the Council needs to conduct its own investigation to determine what's going on. There is no nepotism violation, because the nepotism laws refer to relatives of members of the Council, not to relatives of employees of the city.

There have been overcharges for copies made and furnished under the Open Records Act; however, you must first request a refund before further action may be taken. If the city refuses to refund the money they overcharged you, please let me know.

Item 11 raises the question of whether Ms. Gosnell may properly refer to herself as a "city manager." She has a written contract with the city which bestows that title on her, even though the city of Cross Plains does not have a city manager form of government. I have checked to see if there is a licensing board in Texas for city managers and there is not. Consequently, she is not violating state licensing regulations. The other issue is the possibility of fraud. Fraud is defined as a misstatement of fact by one person, which another person relies on and because of such reliance suffers a loss. If you know of anyone who has been damaged because they thought Debbie Gosnell was functioning as the head of a city manager form of government, please let me know who that person is and I will interview him or her. Otherwise, if no harm is done, Ms. Gosnell is not violating the law.

The final item has to do with possible abuse of the "executive session" exception to the Open Meetings Act. The reason we have an "executive session" exception to the law is because the U.S. Constitution guarantees a right to privacy for all citizens. Whenever a governing body is inquiring into matters which touch upon the private lives of individuals (such as the job performance of a particular city employee), such individuals have the right to keep the details of the inquiry out of public view. From what I can tell, Debbie Gosnell has been the focus of considerable criticism, and the Council has talked with her on several occasions about this criticism. It is entirely appropriate that these discussions with Ms. Gosnell about her job performance be conducted in executive session in order to afford her the right to privacy guaranteed by our U.S. Constitution.

I hope I have addressed all the concerns you presented to me last week. As I mentioned to you then, our office is not given the power of general oversight. When public officials err in their official duties, it is the citizens who should respond, at the ballot box. Although I and my office are always open to any new information about criminal wrongdoing, this concludes my investigation into the twelve issues we discussed.

Very truly yours,
Bart Cox
Assistant Attorney General

cc: Mr. Brad Harris
County & District Attorney,
Callahan County
Callahan Co. Courthouse,
2nd Floor
Baird, Texas 79504

The Honorable John Cook,
State Representative
64th Legislative District
212 W. Elm Street
Breckenridge, Texas 76424

Ms. Debbie Gosnell
City Hall
P.O. Box 129
Cross Plains, Texas 76443

Betty Lewis moved to adjourn. Gary Childers seconded and motion carried.

BURKETT NEWS

By FREEDA BURKETT

(Intended for Last Week)

The weather has been chilly and some rain the past week. Our gauge measured .9/10" during the last week and .4/10" Sunday evening and night, totaling 1.4".

Latest donations to the Burkett-Adams Cemetery Association are as follows: Joan and Paul Fisher sent \$30; Virgil and Freeda Burkett \$20; and one gift from Lucille Bohnstedt, Hollis Adams and Archie Adams in memory of their parents, V.C. and Rita Adams \$75.

Each and every gift to our cemetery fund is appreciated very much.

It is always sad to report the death of those we love, and this one is especially sad, but we do want to report the passing of Mrs. Eula Hunter, age 96, at Ranger Park Nursing Home at Santa Anna Friday, December 6. Services were held at Walker Funeral Chapel in Coleman at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, December 8, with Britt Farmer officiating. Interment was at the Burkett Cemetery.

Sympathy goes to her family, other relatives and friends.

Those visiting Mike and Linda Brady over the weekend were his brother, John Brady of Waco, and their father, Barney Brady. Mike and Linda went to Alamogordo, New Mexico and moved his father back to this area.

LeRoy Walker of Colorado Springs, Colorado was here last week visiting his brothers, Andrew and Bill Walker and their families and his sister-in-law, Melba Walker. He visited his sister and husband, Annie Merle and H.O. Trent in Coleman, and other relatives and friends here.

Thanksgiving Holiday guests of Jack and Zora DeBusk were their son and wife, Pat and Suanna and children, Andrew and Amy Kate of Houston, and their friends, Joe Parrish and sons, Luke and John.

Guests this week of Jack and Zora were their friends, Robert and Ledell Martin of Beaumont and friend, Gary Waddell of Galveston.

Guests of Montie Jennings during the weekend were her grandsons, Wesley Hutchins of Stephenville and Brent Hutchins of Bangs, and Lucille Gould and grandchildren, J.J. Callaway, local, and Elisa Gould of Abilene.

Clay and Karen Garland of New Braunfels spent the weekend with her parents, Virgil and Freeda Burkett.

Mrs. Virgie Adams went to Comanche to be with her two daughters and husbands during Thanksgiving week. While there she became ill and was hospitalized a few days for tests and medication. Her daughter, Peggy Bradford of Lake Proctor, brought her home Monday of this week and they are staying here until Thursday and they will go back, and Virgie plans to stay until after the Christmas holidays. She is going to her other daughter's, Mattie Bradford of Comanche, and stay a while. She will be checking with her physician and spend time with both daughters.

Lillian Brown is feeling better and was able to attend church services Sunday.

Wilda Tomlinson is on the sick list this week. She was taken to the Emergency Room at Brownwood Regional Hospital a week ago and is recuperating at home, but doesn't seem to improve much.

Jo Davee and her sister, Lois Garrett of Cross Plains, attended the funeral of their cousin, Nona Prater (her maiden name) in Brownwood Monday. They came back by way of their brother's home, Jack DeBusk, and spent a pleasant evening with him and Zora.

Wilda Tomlinson, Jo Davee, and Mrs. Lee Thomson visited Mrs. Birdie Helms Saturday of last week. Lucille

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Morgan of Coleman is visiting her today, Monday.

Billy and June Stalcup spent Thanksgiving at the home of their daughter, Judy Bittner and family of Plano. Other family members present were Deborah Cox and family of Coleman, David Stalcup of Tarleton, and Donna ad David Crawford of Allen, Texas.

I visited Wilda Tuesday morning. Gail Podlevsky was there. We enjoyed the visit together and Wilda was feeling some better, but it will take more time for her to get back to normal.

The Burkett Community Center received a contribution of \$50 from Nicky Knox. Lucille Cross and the entire board of directors wishes to thank all of those who are interested and help in the upkeep of our Center.

Tom Byers of Ranger, brother of Velma, Esther and Dan Byers, of Burkett, has been dismissed from Humana Hospital, but will be going back three days each week for therapy.

Mike Brady's father of Brownwood was hospitalized last week. Mike and Linda visited with him each day and Sunday evening.

Those visiting Grace Green Tuesday were Cliff Baucum and Elaine Avance of San Angelo.

Word was received that Stanley Parsons of Amarillo passed away last Monday. Our sympathy is extended to the family.

Mary Dunlap underwent surgery last week at Brownwood Regional Hospital. She is doing well and returned home Sunday evening and is recuperating at home. Get well wishes to Mary.

Cleo Porter is recuperating from knee replacement recently, and it is very painful and it will be a while before she is able to be up and about. She is staying with her daughter and husband, Roy and Lela Young and grandson, Andrew. We send get well wishes to Cleo.

Virgil and Freeda Burkett and her sister, Clairene Edgar, are spending a few days this week in Arlington with David and Celesta Young. He is hospitalized here.

Ken and Jan Baker spent Sunday afternoon and evening on a sightseeing trip to Fredericksburg and planned to do some shopping.

Jon Turney of Santa Anna and Daniel Strickland spent the weekend with Jack and Lovera Strickland.

Marsha and Matt Turney and Lat Mountain visited Saturday afternoon.

Raymond and Lucille Cross and the Virgil Burketts spent last Friday at Snyder to visit Delbert and Emma Boyle and Tom and Bonnie Strickland and two of their daughters, Mrs. Debra Bock and Daphne Blevins, both of Snyder, came by to join in on the family get-together.

Lucille and a life time friend, Zella (Strickland) Thompson of Snyder enjoyed a lengthy telephone visit while there.

Delbert returned to Burkett with the visitors and Tom and Bonnie came the next day to get the things he needs and get his home here in good condition to close up for the winter months and he went back home with them.

Melba Walker had an appointment with her physician Wednesday. She is suffering a lot with a blood clot below her knee. She was improving, but was told to stay off her feet at all times possible. Her daughter, Charlotte Pickett, and small daughter, Hannah of Colorado, is taking care of her.

Paul Walker visited his parents, Andrew and Doris Walker, Sunday and part of Monday.

The Burkett Baptist Church is having a Fourth Sunday Dinner and singing instead of the usual fifth Sunday dinner. It will be December 22, 1991. Dinner will be served after the morning services and everyone is invited to bring their favorite food and come enjoy the fellowship and good food. There will also be a singing afterwards to finish the afternoon.

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Jerry Roden Files As Republican Candidate For County Sheriff

Jerry L. Roden has filed as a Republican candidate for the office of Sheriff of Callahan County. Jerry was born in Waco, Texas on December 19th, 1938, and attended public schools in Temple, Texas. He entered the military service in May 1956, and married Virginia (Sunny) in November 1959. They had two sons; David, who resides in Wichita, Kansas, with wife Koni and daughter, Jessica, and Adam (deceased) who is survived by his wife Jody and daughter Debra Jo of Clyde.

In December 1975, while Jerry was still in the military service, he was transferred to Dyess AFB, and the family made their home in Callahan County. He retired from the USAF in October 1981, after 26 years of service to his country. His military career included tours of duty in Hawaii, Midway Island, Korea, Europe, and several tours of duty in Southeast Asia. He is currently a farmer/rancher in Callahan County, residing 10 miles south of Baird.

Jerry is a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, life member of the disabled American Veterans Association, and is an Elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Baird. He



JERRY L. RODEN
...Republican candidate for Sheriff

feels that his vast experience as resource manager, administrator, supervisor, and First Sergeant while in the military, makes him more than qualified to administer the duties of the Sheriff of Callahan County.

Political adv. paid by Jerry L. Roden, HC 86 Box 20, Baird, Texas 79504.

ROWDEN NEWS

By MRS. N.V. GIBBS

Ten more days left to do your Christmas shopping, how fast the time flies by. We have had another week of warm weather with a nice rain the first of the week. The gauge here measured nearly two inches of moisture. All the fields had lakes of water which will benefit the grain fields.

Joyce Odom and Claribel Gibbs attended the funeral of Sam Sexton in Cross Plains Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Ingram of Cross Plains were in the community Friday where he hunts for rattlesnakes. He found 8 snakes on the James Reynolds hillside, where they den up for the winter. They visited with Joyce Odom.

Visitors of Gene and Vernie Belle Mauldin this week were Kenneth Mauldin and his friend, Johnny Hamilton of Abilene. Also, Roland and Faye Mauldin visited in the home.

People in the community were not home to answer their phones Saturday, so this column will be short.

Dorothy Reynolds sang in the funeral service of Sam Sexton Saturday. We all enjoy hearing her sing with her clear voice giving meaning to every word.

Visitors of Joyce Odom during the week were part of her children, Ivon Odom of Stephenville and the Charles Palmer family of Clyde.

THE PIONEER PATCHWORK

By IRMA MILLER

There has been sickness in quite a large segment of the population of this community the past week.

Jean Fore's visitors were Paul and Juanita Harlow and Vi Harlow, who arrived on Monday and stayed until Thursday.

Frankie and Oliver Smith and Jean Fore visited in Ranger on Saturday with Frankie's father.

Donna Pickett took her granddaughters, Ashlee and Jarrah Hutchins of Cross Plains, to view the Living Christmas Tree at Wylie Baptist Church on Sunday night, and it was quite spectacular.

Nell and Joe Fleming were visited by Kate Watson of Cross Plains on last Sunday afternoon. Nell and Joe accompanied JoVeda and Bill Watson, of Lake Brownwood, to Brownwood on Tuesday, just a pleasure trip, Nell noted. Sam Fleming of Cross Plains visited them on Wednesday morning. Thursday, JoVeda and Bill came over for lunch.

Barbara and Bob Powell attended the Garden Club Christmas party in Cross Plains on Friday.

Ruby and Lynn Daniel report that their youngest daughter, Bonnie Sue Neel of Big Spring, was there visiting on Monday.

Elaine Pancake accompanied her son, Mikey Ratliff and his family, to Alabama for a tour of meetings. She later visited them for a week in their home.

Saturday night, Cowan Hutton's sister, Ruby Bush of Shamrock, his sister, Mabel Lee of Lubbock, and his brother, Horace Hutton of Muleshoe, visited with Cowan and Laverne. They were here to help Cowan and Laverne celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday in Cross Plains. Other relatives and friends came from Shallowater, Fredericksburg, Denton, and as far away as New Jersey to attend the celebration.

Irma Miller was in Coleman Friday visiting her brother and his wife, Dean and Carol Brannan.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

I once was so happy to be a part of the little country community of Sabano, having lived here 24 years with my beloved husband, lovely daughter, grandson, and son-in-law. Two years ago on February 6, 1990 we lost our precious loved one, our little cowboy, to the most cruel disease known to man, a disease called ALS.

The terrible grief of watching the one you love wither away, having ALS is like living in a glass coffin. You can see and hear life going on around you, yet you can not participate in it.

For two long years we watched and grieved, but the grief did not stop with his death. For the past 2 years my family and I have been harassed by the President of the Cemetery Association and his trustees.

Because we wanted so much to make the place where Jeff lies at rest a place of beauty, as best we could, now we receive a letter saying on the 23rd day of December, 1991 they will remove everything at the gravesite. They say we have broken the rules, but indeed we have not.

This is a group of people who are against me and my family for why, I wish I knew. Our whole world is in turmoil, and yet here in this quiet countryside there are bad things going on. You can hardly believe what is happening. These people, I believe, profess to be Christian, God-fearing people, so to prove it at this most Holy time of the year are planning to desecrate my husband's hallowed spot.

This cemetery is completely covered in grass burrs, it is mowed about twice a year. The Association was offered free professional help by a local monument company to straighten up the monuments that are about to fall over. They didn't want the help. They were offered a flag and flag pole and they didn't want it.

Yet, they are so determined to make the little plot of ground where our loved one lies, an ugly dirt covered spot covered with grass burrs which will match the others. Maybe they don't want to care for their loved ones as much as I do. I'm sorry but I do care. I care very much, and I can't believe this is happening. It grieves me terribly, and I have had enough grief, for I am very ill, and coping with this has just about finished me off. Will there ever be any peace? I think not. So sad, so shameful here in this small community that our neighbors are imposing on me and my family an injustice that is hard for me to conceive. Hey, people, get yourselves a life. Set out and do something good for someone, and please leave me and my family in peace.

To think my husband, L.J. Coker, WWII Navy Veteran, died of a service connected disease so that you and I can live in a free country. Shame on everyone of you. Let him rest in peace, that's not much to ask. Remember Pearl Harbor? It can happen again! Remember most of us believe in trying to make other people happy — only if they can be happy in ways which we approve.

A real friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out! I am proud to say I do have many friends who I can call real friends, and I love you all.

Respectfully,
Evelyn Coker
Rt. 4
Cisco, Texas 76437

Well, Citizens of Callahan County, we really did a number on ourselves this time. We let apathy take over and look where it took us. I don't know about you, but I don't care for this re-districting plan. I live in Clyde, but will have a County Commissioner from Cross Plains. I don't know a soul in Cross Plains, including the commissioner.

In all fairness to our County Judge I would like to say that he told me if any one could come up with a better plan to divvy up the county, he would be glad to listen and re-submit to the U.S. Dept. of Justice for their approval.

Also, I don't know where I'm supposed to vote any more, and I surely do want to vote "for or against" these incumbents. Heaven forbid that they should run unopposed!!!!

Let's not be guilty of sitting on our duffs any more and get involved in what goes on in our county. Let's get to know the people who make decisions that affect all of us, and voice our opinions about those decisions. The County Commissioners Court meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 9:30 in the courthouse in Baird. The agenda for those meetings are posted at the courthouse. I would also like to see newspaper coverage of what transpires at these

meetings. Or would that just make it too easy for us to sit at home and then wonder why we got the shaft?!!!

Beth Davis
Rt. 3 Box 518
Clyde, TX 79510

MINUTE MUSINGS

By ESTHLOY S. DICKSON

This is a beautiful Monday morning — but I'm not 'in the mood' to compose this 'epistle' — so there! Beware! I've arranged and re-arranged by Christmas card list two or three times — it's about time for me to settle down and really work on my cards.

Services at First Baptist were beautiful and inspiring this Sunday morning. Our music-youth minister is a very talented young man, and always has splendid numbers planned for the program. Bro. Michael's message on "Why We Celebrate Christmas" was very interesting and inspiring. I did not attend the evening services.

Betty Beggs stated that she went with J.T. and Rex to Brownwood where they had a couple of cows treated by the veterinarian. Betty and Jeanette Mitchell attended a Sunday School social on Monday evening.

Ms. Jewel Foster didn't have any special news — she was in Sunday School and church on Sunday.

Sally Roady stated that she had visited Ms. Nettie at the nursing home nearly every day, and with Mr. Mack Childers in Cross Plains often. They visited one day with Gene and Nancy Hicks at Rising Star. Cindy and Jim called in one day — they were on a road-trip.

George Mack and Marianne Taff were in Abilene on business one day this past week. They attended a school play with Amber and Andrew one evening. She attended a Sunday School class party in the home of Frances Wolf one evening last week.

I talked to my son and my daughter and also to my sister, Opal, confirming our Christmas plans.

Christmas Eve Service Tuesday

The United Methodist Church is offering a special Christmas Eve service of scripture, song, and candlelight to all who wish to celebrate anew the birth of Our Savior. By 5:30 on Tuesday evening, all the social preparations will have been finished: the last school and community obligation will have been met; the last card sent; the last gift purchased; the last trip to the grocery store completed.

What a perfect time to enter the quietness of a sanctuary and to allow the final preparations of the Advent Season to happen — that of receiving the ultimate gift into our hearts.

The doors of love are open to all.

Locally Known Young Man Joins Marines

Trampas Lee Belew left Monday, December 9, for Camp Pendleton at San Diego. He signed up for a six-year tour with the Marines and will finish his basic training in March of 1992.

Trampas is a 1991 graduate of Mansfield High School. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Belew of

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Clovis, New Mexico and Debby Scott of Mansfield. Mr. and Mrs. Hubert M. Belew of Cross Plains are his grandparents.

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Colonial Oaks Services

First Baptist Church will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, December 22, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

Political Calendar

The Cross Plains Review is authorized to publish the following political announcements for the Callahan County office filings in the upcoming Democratic primary election set for Tuesday, March 10, 1991

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Santa Letters



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Thank you
Love,
Jonathan Nelson
2 years old

Ho-Ho-Ho!
Love,
Thomas Dimitri
5 yrs. old

Dear Santa Claus,
I hope this is my lucky day! I wish I had a pair of saddle bags for when I ride my horse, Sugar. I would also like an electronic survivor shot and Nerf fencing. I hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Dear Santa Claus,
I think I have been a very good boy this year — most of the time anyway! I wish I had a Robin Hood and Sherwood Forest Playset. I also like a cowboy guitar and a pair of little saddle bags so I can put stuff in them when I ride my horse, Candy. I will leave you some cookies and milk on Christmas Eve. Tell Rudolph hello.

Love,
Nicholas Dimitri
8 Yrs. old — 3rd Grade

P.S. I have been a super, great kid — I think!

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy this

year, and I would like to have a real 4 wheeler, 20 gauge shotgun and Santa I would like a 4 wheeler for my sister to and a stereo with headphones my sister and I can share. Please bring a John Deer tractor for my little brother Clay.

There will be milk and cookies for you.

Thank you
Cole Koenig
1st Grade

P.S. Please bring my Daddy a Deer feeder and mom something nice.

Dear Santa,
I would like a Steve Urkel doll, a little Miss Sing Mermaid, a Magic Nursery baby, a Go Go my walking Pup and a big real ice cream maker. I would also like a Baby Wanna Walk. I will leave you milk and cookies.

Love,
Shene

Dear Editor,
The magic of Christmas is upon us and in a very short time I will begin my



Thank you
Karen Scott
3 yrs. old

Dear Santa,
My name is Tiffany Nicole Lam-bright. I have been a good girl. Please bring me a white baby, a green baby, a horse, Ninja Turtle game, and Michaelango. I am 3 years old. Thank you.

I Love You,
Tiffany

journey to deliver joys to the good and the not-so-good children!

My patient gray-haired wife has fed me very well this past year and my 'ole' red suit is a teeny-weeny bit tight this season. The sleigh bells have been polished with sparkling star dust and the reindeers have frivously perfected their flight antics.

Those mischievous elves have been very busy making toys and having a delightful time making sure they all operate well.

Letters from children are arriving daily and those who have not written this 'ole' gent need to do so quickly.

I am always blessed upon my arrival in your community. The bright and festive decorations bring joy and excitement to young and old alike. The presentations of the Christmas programs by each church and the live nativity humbles the entire community to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The many helpers who provide food baskets to the needy make this season merry for one and

all.
The clothing and toy donations and deliveries to the less fortunate brighten a child's face and softens a broken spirit within. Each helping heart and hand is truly blessed with the Spirit of Christmas. People of all ages and walks of life bonding together to help others — uniting to provide the true meaning of Christmas.

I plan to arrive in Cross Plains about midnight on Christmas Eve, give or take a few snowflakes. I hope that all the children will be snuggled in their beds fast asleep; and that there will be a snack laid out for me as I certainly do get hungry on this worthwhile journey!

Until Christmas Eve I wish each and everyone of you a very Merry Christmas and a well deserved Happy New Year!

Ho-Ho-Ho!
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Thank you, Santa Claus
William (Willie) Christopher Clark
Anna Marie Clark

Dear Santa,
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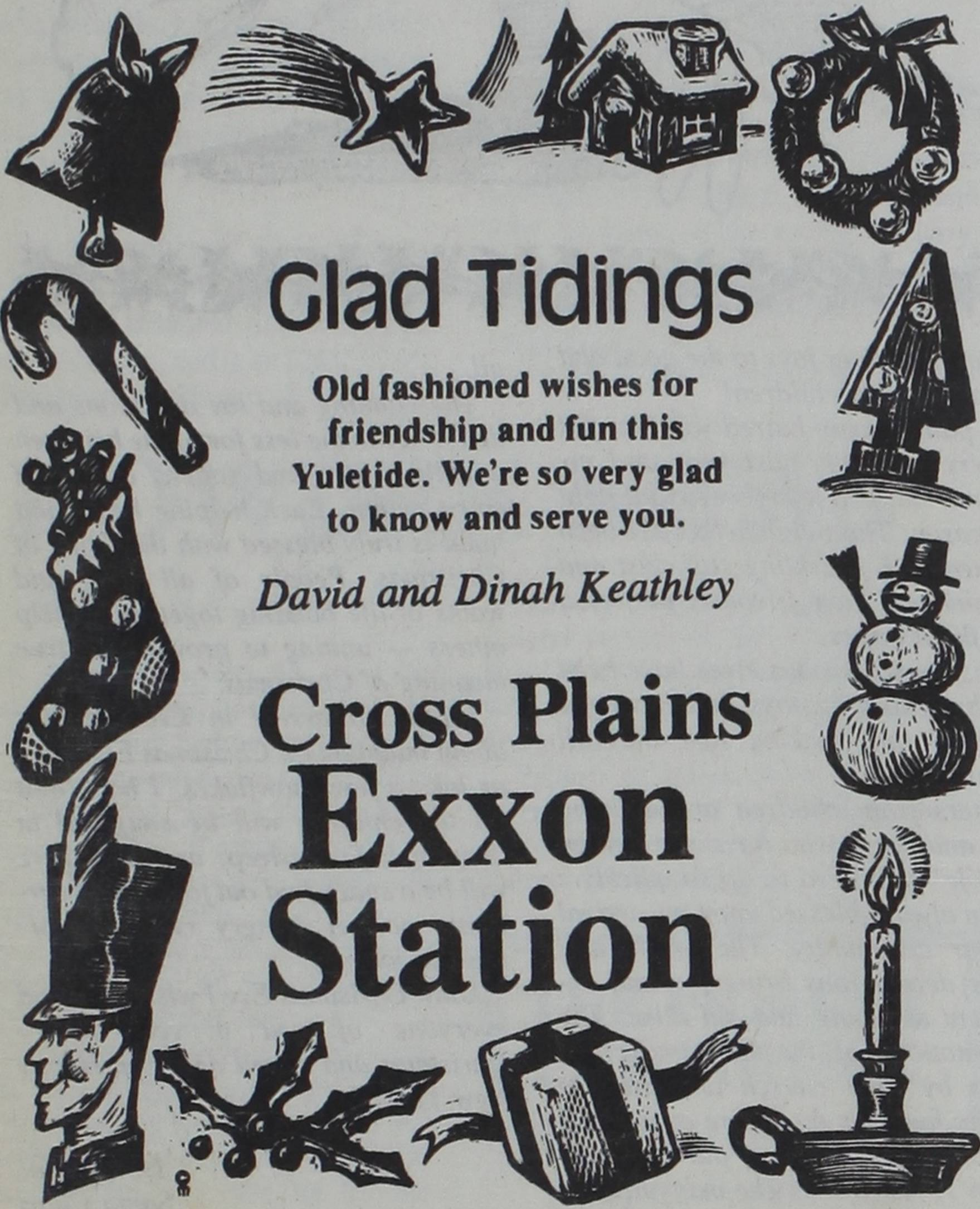
Dear Santa,
I would like to have a washer, dryer, a pink Sparkle dress, some more clothes, and a brand new Barbie with a pink dress. Tiffany, A.J., and I will leave you some cookies and milk. I love you.

Megan Thomas
4 years old

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been real good this year. I would like to have some guns, movies, tools, and tapes of my favorite songs. Please remember all the boys and girls this year and be good to Roger and Michelle, too.

Love,
Brenton McNutt
Age: 4 yrs.

Dear Santa,
I want three teeth to replace the ones I have lost. I also want some real tools, a farm set, guns, and some games.



Glad Tidings

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Byron McNutt
Age: 7 yrs. — 1st Grade

P.S. Please don't forget to bring something special to Roger and Michelle.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 4 years old and have been a good girl. Would you bring me a Velveteen Rabbit, a Sebastian toy, a Cheerful Tearful, a Dreambuilders Shopping Mall, a Lil' Miss Singing Mermaid, a Cupcake doll, a baton, a Stacy Two Wheeler doll, a Magic Bottle Baby Doll, and a ballerina doll? There will be cookies and milk on the table for you.

Love,
Karen Ross

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I have helped my Daddy and been pretty nice to my sisters. I would like a fishing game, a remote controll truck, and some Ninja Turtle things. Please remember my two sisters.

Thanks,
Garrett

Dear Santa,
I love you and Mrs. Santa. How are the reindeer and elves? I've been a good boy. I am 7 years old. Please bring me a Nintendo, all the Ninja Turtles and their trucks and weapons, bow and arrows, race car, all the swamp things. Have a Happy and Merry Christmas.

Love,
Bubba (Leighton) Wyatt

Dear Santa,
I would like a monster truck, Blue bean bag, a Case International tractor and a plow for my versatile tractor. Please don't forget my brother and sister.

Thank you
Love,
Chris Harris

Dear Santa,
I want a 10 speed bike and the video tape Ninja Turtles Part II or Rescuers Down Under. Don't forget to bring my big brother Claren and my new baby brother or sister something.

Love,
Chris Sliger
1st Grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a Velveteen/Taffeta Dress Black and Purple and a Mock Turtleneck Top, Printed Cotton and Versatile Rib Knit Turtleneck Pullover and Floral Corduroy Circle Skirt, it is a suit, Electronic Mall Madness and Heart Throb and Prefect match Santas. Will you bring Derck Joe some 2 piece Romper.

Amanda Joy Goble
P.S. Please bring thime.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Ringin' our good wishes to you and your family. We thank you for your continued patronage.

from
Amelia's House of Beauty

Amelia Cortez
Linda Strength
Susan Maxwell

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I would like a new tire for my bike, a toy gun for Kay, so she will leave mine alone, a football, basketball, B.B.'s for my gun, and a Piggy Bank. Have a safe trip.

Billy Jones

Dear Santa,
I want a scope for my BB gun and road shredder in the wish book and big foot crunch arena, and some BBs for my BB gun and a red wagon, and don't forget my little sister and my brother.

Thank you, Santa
Love,
T.J. Harris

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I would like a truck and a Ninja turtle.

Thanks,
Christopher

Christmas Blessings

Hope your Christmas is bright with love and joy. We thank you for your support.

DALE CRAWFORD Water Well SERVICE
(817) 725-7535

Greeting from...
Dale and Betty

Winter Wonderland

May every day of this holiday be filled with joy and happiness.

Sewalt Butane Company
Local Representative — Herman Epley
(817) 725-6310 or (817) 725-5853

Merry Christmas

Sending warm wishes for a bright and beautiful Holiday Season.

Pioneer Farmers Co-Op
Closed All Day December 24
And 25 for Christmas
Closing at Noon December 31
And all day January 1st, New Year's.

Happy Holidays

In fond hopes of a warm and wonderful Noel. Thank you for your support!

Comanche County Electric Cooperative

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I would like a gun and a bike.

Thanks,
James

Dear Santa,
I would like a Walking dog and a Walking Santa, a Barbie doll. I have been a good girl this year.

Thanks,
Wanda

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I would like a Magical Barbie and some new clothes.

Thanks,
Amanda

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. All I want for Christmas is a Barbie. My brother, Robert, would like a dog.

Thanks,
Mary Ellen

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like a real B.B. gun, a play gun and some shells. I also would like some play money and a play cobra.

Thanks,
Ben Faries

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like a remote control jeep, a sword, a toy Santa that talks, and a push jeep. I also would like a BB gun.

Thanks,
Jason Boren

Thanks,
Mike Lee

like an Ariel that talks, Cabbage Patch Doll and a little puppy. I also would like a little rabbit.

Thanks,
Renee

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like a machine gun, a gun that goes back, two bombs, and a remote control airplane.

Thanks,
Billy

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like a Barbie Doll set, Baby Doll, and a play gun.

Thanks,
Raynell

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would

SILENT NIGHT

Season's greetings and sincere good wishes for the best of holidays! Thank You for Your Patronage.

Dale Mitchell Building
Dale, Myrna, Justin, and Mindy

Have A Safe Holiday!

We're happy to be of service to the folks in our area, and wish you our best this holiday season! Have a merry!

Bayer Motor Co., Inc.
Comanche, Texas
1 (915) 356-2541
Dale Bishop

Peace · Love · Friendship
Wishing you and yours a world of peace this Christmas.

NUTTY ACRES
DAN AND NANCY CHILDRESS

Season's Greetings
Wishing All My Customers And Friends A Merry Christmas And A Happy New Year

You Are Invited To Come By And See My Display. Also, All Products Are Discounted Thru December 31. Please Call For Appointment

Pauñe Ogleby
Mary Kay Beauty Consultant
(817) 725-6772

PK's

We're wishing you a generous serving of good health, good cheer and happy times to last the year through! Thanks, friends.

Jean & Dwayne Wilson
Deana & Shana Strickland
Debbie & Nikki Wilson
Sissy Worley

Good times, good friends, good cheer... we hope that you'll experience them all this Christmas and throughout the coming year. Thanks to all our customers.

Pickett's Pioneer Store
PeeWee And Donna

Joy of the Season
May the Spirit of Christmas embrace you and yours.

Skeet Walker Truck & Trailer Sales
Skeet, Mike, and Wanda

A Special Star A Special Night

Great expectations for a great Christmas... this year and every year. To our customers we wish a wonderful holiday!

Romine's Automotive
Jerry and Ann, Douglas and Lacy

NOEL

Thanks, friends, for the support you've shown us in the past. It is our special wish that your Christmas be merry in every way.

Dairy Queen

From All The Folks At Your ...

Cross Plains Dairy Queen

Happy Holidays

We wish you a season of Beautiful Christmas moments - lasting memories to treasure always!

B&B Fina
Cross Plains, Tx.

Merry Christmas

The best of wishes for a Happy And Prosperous New Year. We want you to Know that we appreciate Your patronage and the Opportunity you've given Us to serve you!

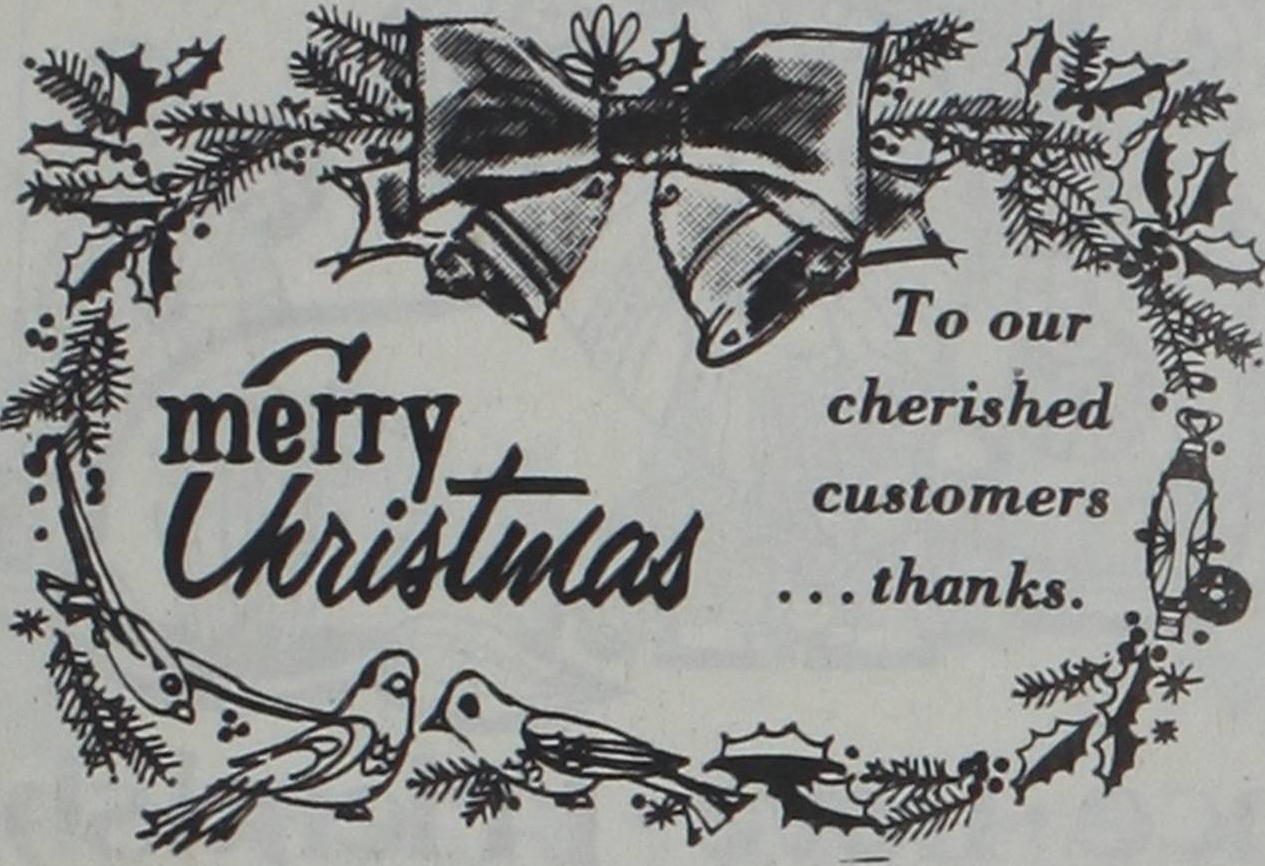
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Bill and Barbara Young

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**Fast Results in
the Classified**



THE BURKETT STORE

Pecan Bayou Grocery
(915) 624-5483

May the



of this holy day
and the joy it
brings stay
with you
throughout
the year.

Odom's Motel
Nell Bowden



An old-fashioned
wish for health,
wealth, happiness!

Season's Greetings
from all at
Bryan's Variety



Away in a Manger

As we celebrate His triumphant birth,
may we take this time to express our
joy and faith in all mankind.

Bob & Sally Roady
725-6394

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would
like a race car, a fake gun, army
clothes.

Thanks,
Roger

Dear Santa,
I have been good this yer. I would
like a radio, dirt bike, M.C. Hammer
tape and an electric train.

Thanks,
Danny

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would
like Ninja turtle car, a Ninja turtle van
and a stereo.

Thanks,
Brian Kelly

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I
would like a new truck, a 3 wheeler, a
train, a wheel barrow, new boots and
some new hearing aids.

Thanks,
Jonathan

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I
would like a new baby doll, some
markers and some pretty clothes.

Thanks,
Britta

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I
have helped my Dad and Mom and I
try to be nice to my brother and sister.
I would like a Baby Upps-e-Daisy,
the mall legos, and some new clothes.

Thanks,
Erin

Dear Santa,
How are Rudolf and the other
reindeer doing?
I have been a good girl this year.
I would like to have All American
Barbie, a Barbie Nintendo tape, Little
Mermaid purse, some Little Mermaid
clothes (size 7), Little Mermaid Eric
doll, Little Miss Singing Mermaid,
and a pretty Christmas shirt.
Don't forget all the other boys and
girls.
I'll leave you some milk and cookies
by the fireplace.

Love,
Emily Winfrey

Dear Santa,
I am 7 years old and I am in the first
grade.
I would like some Barbie and Ken



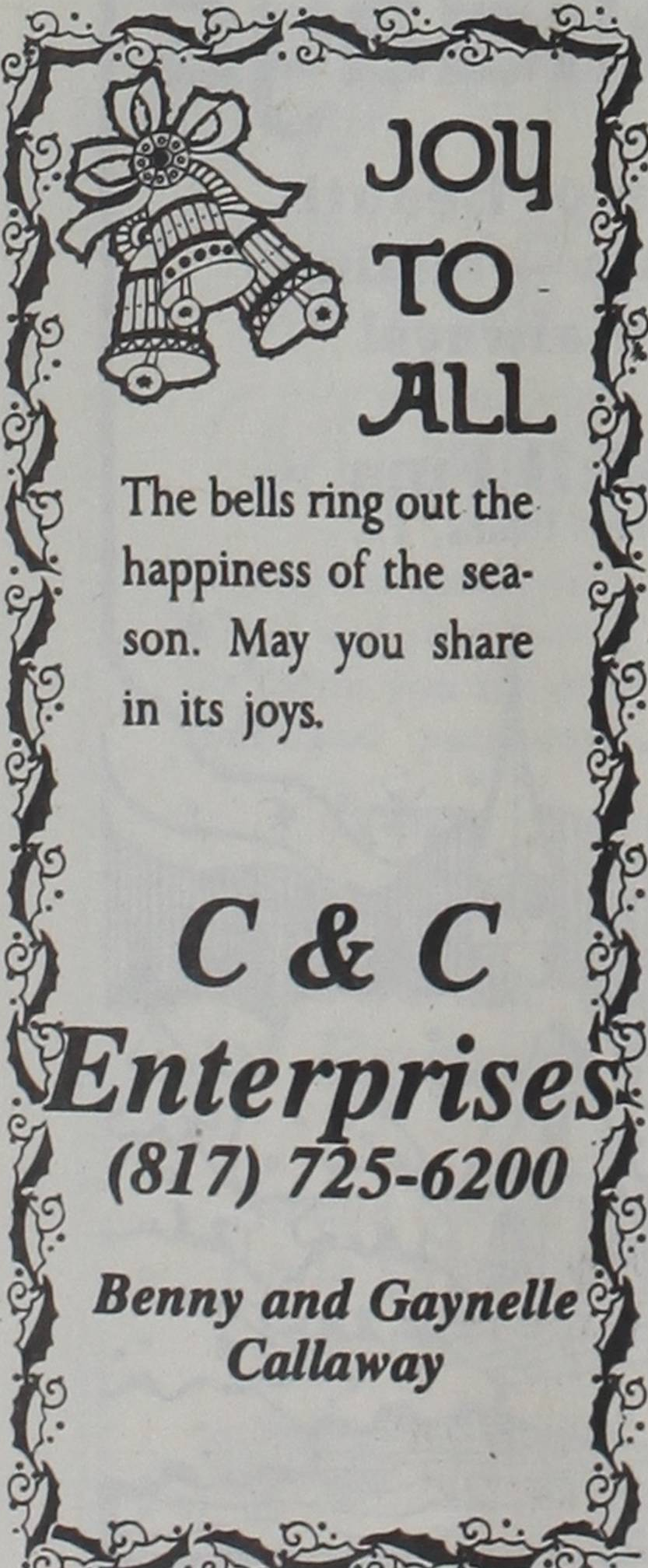
**Having a Rousing
Good Time!**

Best times to be
had by all this
Christmas
season. To all our
wonderful
patrons we say
Thanks!

**Russell-Surles
Tile, Inc.**

(915) 854-1115

Baird, Texas



The bells ring out the
happiness of the sea-
son. May you share
in its joys.

**C & C
Enterprises**
(817) 725-6200

Benny and Gaynelle
Callaway



Greetings of the season to you and yours.

Gene and Bettye Greenwood
Margaret McNeel

Greenwood Insurance Agency



Although it's
been said many
times, many ways
...Thank you and
Merry Christmas!

**Freddy Tatom
Repairs**
725-6370

dolls for Christmas, also Little Mer-
maid electronic game and doll.

Love,
Kaci

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a rock polisher and a new
bike and a new skates and a new train
and a new little play house and that's
all.

From Mary

Dear Santa,
I would like a bike, ball and
anything else you would like to bring
me. Please bring my little brother
Cory a bike and my baby sister Cristy
a doll. We will leave you cookies by
the tree.

Love You,
Jon Beauchamp



**Atwell Oil &
Gas Inc.**
Cross Plains, Tx.



With all good thoughts for a holiday of sheer joy and
unbounding love. To all our customers we say "Thank You"!

Hinkle TV Service
Cross Plains, Texas



Santa's on his way to fill your hearts and homes with the
joy of Christmas. Our sincere good wishes to everyone.

Sylvia's Hair Shack

Sylvia Switzer, Owner

Phone 725-6333

Dear Santa,
I love you.
I want some make-up and a magic copier, a bicycle and a candy cane.

Love,
Tiffany Burditt

Dear Santa,
I would like a sipping baby and my stocking full and lots of stuff.

Your friend,
Charlie Bell

would like a Little Miss Magic Hair.
Thank you.

Love,
James Clark
Kindergarten

wheeler and Bugle Boy clothes. I also would like Nintendo Games. I have been a Good boy. I love you Santa Claus.

A.J. Carouth

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas this year is a drum set, a scope for my b.b. gun, microscope, race and chase car set. Please don't forget the b.b.'s and pellets for my guns. Please bring my sister a nursery baby.

Thanks alot,
Clint Bailey

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control car, a play gun, and little cars that you roll with your hands.
Bye. I love you.

Love,
Aaron Isbell

Dear Santa,
I want a Jenie from Wall-Mart.

Love,
Roger Carey

Dear Santa,
I am a good girl. I eat all my spinach. I would like new pencils, colors, a new baby doll, a Table for my dolls, a puppy dog and a walking doll. And a Merry Christmass for Uncle A.B. and Daddy.

Wanda Jones
Kindergarten

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas this year I want a VCR, .22 cal rifle, a real bow and arrow, a Turtle blimp, a big bb gun, the movie of Robin Hood. Also I would like an electric blanket. I promise I have been a good boy this year, especially when I am sleeping.

Love,
Kevin Cheshier

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year and for Christmas I would like a Nursery Baby, a Christmas Barbie, Singing Mermaid, Susie Snap Shot and the Christmas Mermaid. Please bring my brother Clint a drum set and race car set.

I'll leave you some cookies and milk by the Christmas Tree. Say "Hello" to all your elves and Mrs. Claus for me.



I love you,
Candice Bailey
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
Hi, my name is Amber Wilson. I am nine years old. I have been very good this year. I would like this for Christmas a Glamor Barbie, baby alive, computer, piano, rings, watch, clothes, shoes, bows, purse, barbie doll house, horse, Ice cream maker, pottery work shop, telescope, microscope, color blaster, Bath time Barbie, Barbie magical mansion, Cinderella. I have a brother that is eight years old. He would like a traxx, and a foot ball and clothes.

By Santa have a merry christmas.
P.S. Santa I will have milk and cookies for you.

Love,
Amber Wilson

Dear Santa,
I have been pretty good this year. All I want for Christmas is a skateboard, walkie talkies, nerf bow and arrow. And my sisters want new baby dolls. And I would like to send some food to the hungry.

Love,
Brandon Phillips
Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I wish I could have a baby shivers and barbie, and high heels and I wish I could live in Toys-R-Us. Please Please.

Thank you.

From Falon
Merry Christmas

Dear Santa,
My name is Keali. I am 7 years old. For Christmas I would like a shelf for my Barbies and a cheerleader suit. Please don't forget my sister and my brother. Please bring my Mikie love and kindness. I'll leave you some goodies by the fireplace.

Your dear friend,
Keali

Dear Santa,
I've been trying to be a good girl, but you know how hard that is for me. Please bring me a Christmas Little Mermaid doll, a little Miss Singing Mermaid, and a Mermaid doll that dips her tail in the water. I would also like a secret surprise baby. My Barbie needs a blue car, and if you have some extras could you bring me a Miss America Barbie?

I Love you,
Carrieth Rogers

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo and a tape for it. Also I want a Mermaid doll and a walking doll. Some new clothes in the Sears catalog. Stacy two wheeler.

From,
Lacy J. Koenig
Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I want an armour suit and a camera and a gun case.
Thank you Santa and your reindeer that have worked so hard. Thank you all. Ho! Ho! Ho!

Love,
John Russell Combs

Dear Santa,
I want a singing miss mermaid, a hawaiian ice party set, a little mermaid tent, a bath time fun Barbie and a sewing machine. I have been a good girl this year. Merry Christmas.

Love,
Ashley Cook

Dear Santa,
How are you doing, Santa? I hope you are doing fine. I wish for a microscope, a farm, a truck with a bulldozer.
I love Santa!

Thanks,
Cody Reed
3rd Grade

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing?
I am doing fine.
All I want for Christmas is a piano and a puppy.
Thank you.

I love you,
Ashlee Hutchins
8 yrs. old

Would you also bring my Mamaw a VCR.

Dear Santa,
This year all I want for Christmas is a Barbie Car and a baby. I will leave you some cookies out when you come see me.

Thank you,
Jarrah Hutchins
4 yrs. old

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Santa doing? I'm doing fine. I have been a good girl this year. I would like to have a bike, a baby with a bottle that cries, Ice game, Tummy talk and clothes. Oh and tell Rudolph Hi!

Love ya,
Nicole

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I would like to have a gun and a bike. And my sister

- Dear Santa i would like
1. skates
 2. clothes
 3. 4 Barbies
 5. toolset
 6. radio
 7. shelf
 8. Bike
 9. Books
 10. Boots
 11. Pony
 12. Jacket

Love,
Marissa Black

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Gameboy and Gameboy Games, DuckTales, Ninja Turtles' Fall of the Foot Clan and Super Mario Land. I would also like Giant Turtle Raphael and a four



Happy Holidays
Warmest greetings of the season to all our fine patrons.

Hillcrest Motel

Mrs. Sam Sexton

JOY
Here's a very special wish for you at Christmas.

Thank you for your patronage

T&K Tire and Alignment

Tommy Webb & Family
Randy Baker & Family




HO! HO! HO!

May the joy of peace, love, health and prosperity be yours this holiday time. Thanks to all our wonderful customers!

CROSS PLAINS BUSINESS SERVICE
and
THE BACK ROOM
(817) 725-7712

Next Stop... Christmas!

Old fashioned wishes for friendship and fun this Yuletide. We're so very glad to know and serve you.

R. L. and Billie Barnett

Barnett Garage




SEASON'S GREETINGS



May peace, love and happiness be your gifts at Christmas and throughout the coming year. Thank you for your patronage.

Texas Farm Bureau
Ron Bagley, Agency Manager


SILENT NIGHT

... holy night. We pray for the blessings of the Infant Jesus upon you and your loved ones at Christmas.

Callahan County

Bill Johnson — County Judge
Wauneta Estes — Tax Assessor-Collector
Darlene Walker — County Clerk
Dora Hounshell — County Treasurer
Rolan Jones — Peace Justice, Precinct 6

Bill Skinner — County Sheriff
Cubelle L. Harris — 42nd District Clerk
Brad Harris — County Attorney
Joe Ingram — Commissioner, Precinct 4



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Dear Santa,
I want a remote control airplane and a Nerf Bow and Arrow.

Kevin Scott

Oh and thank you for the presents last year.

Dear Santa,
How are you I am fine.
My name is Kevin and I am 8 years old. I hope you have been very well this year and also your wife Mrs. Clause. Well Santa what I would really like for Christmas is a Traxx Remote Control Car and also Turbo Track race car set. Please bring me some clothes and some shoes. My dog Kwondo, that's his name, would like a bone and a collar. I have a sister, her name is Amber, she would like a Baby Alive and a Cinderella. I hope all the children get what they want. Santa I have been pretty good this year. Well Santa I'll be sure to leave Oreos and

Dr. Pepper out on the T.V.
See you soon.

Love,
Kevin Wilson

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas this year is a Baby Alive, and a Bathtime Barbie and anything else you would like to drop off at my house.
Please remember my brothers Jarad and Coby. They've tried to be good for you this year and believe me it's really hard for them with me. We all love you very much and have a safe trip.

Love Ya,
Kelsee D'Nea Richards

Dear Santa,
I wish I had two dolls, and some play horses, a Barbie house, and Barbie clothes and some Barbies.

Rebecca

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? How have you been doing? Would you please bring me a Barbie house and some barbie dolls. Also I would like a Baby face doll that is happy, and I would like some clothes for me. I have a big sister Rick Ann. Would you please bring her a P.J. Sparkles doll? I have a little sister Kendra. Would you please bring her a Waterbaby? I have a little brother Zack. Would you bring him a truck? Daddy would like a gun and Mommy would like a clown.
We will leave you cookies and milk.

Love,
Tessa Winters

Dear Santa Clause,
I've been pretty good this year and I haven't been bad. I would like to have a skateboard like my sister's, a sword and armor suit with a belt and scabbard for the sword, helmet and shield. I want a game genie for my nintendo so I can play Mario better, and a swamp thing.
Don't forget my little brother Jonathan. He wants a sword, shield and armor suit too so we can play sword fighting.

Thanks Santa!
Love,
Joshlin Nelson
Kindergarten
5 years old

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a Barbie Motorcycle, Bumping Ice Game, Robin Hood Movie, pink stuffed animal pony, Ked Boatshoes, in tan, Talking Donald Duck. That's all.

Love,
Jennifer

Dear Santa,
I want some Ninja turtle toys, new shoes and new clothes. I want a Fast Track, new horse and a new saddle and anything else that you want to bring me.

Love,
Wesley Price

Dear Santa,
I want Legos and remote control car.

Love,
Jordan Hataway

Dear Santa,
I've been a very good girl this year. I want a bicycle and a baby doll for Christmas. My brother would like to get a tractor and an airplane. My baby sister would like to have a doll and rocking horse. Thank you, Santa.

Andrea

P.S. Tell Rudolph hi!

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy this year. I would like a Fort Apache, a wrestling ring with wrestlers, and an armor suit. Thank you for the toys you gave me last year. I hope you and your reindeer have a safe trip.

Love,
Gary Combs

Dear Santa,
I Love You!
I'm trying to be good this year. Have a good Christmas. If your not busy, I would like to have a bike. A 20 inch would be nice. And for everybody to have a good Christmas.

Love,
Sammy Gardner Jr.

Dear Santa,
I want a Stacy two wheeler, a baby that goes to the bathroom in her pants, and a baby that eats food. I want a

singing mermaid and a crowned queen.

Love,
Brittany Apple

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie doll, a walking pup-

Love,
Kim Mosier

py, a mermaid that talks underwater, a new pair of shoes, a new dress, another little doll and a real puppy and cat.

JOY

A cheery hello to all our many friends, with warmest wishes for a very happy Christmas season.

Susan J. Schaefer
Certified Public Accountant

Phillip, Susan,
Tonya, & Starla
Schaefer

Happy Holidays

It's a time of joy and cheer, and we're happy to share it with you.

RR Operation Inc
Wilson Well Service Inc.

Rodney McCarty Howet Wilson
Richard Wilson

With thoughts of thanks for your very kind support, go our hopes for a very special holiday, abundant in love and good cheer.

Taylor County Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Merkel, Texas

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Wishing you a bright and glowing Holiday Season, filled with warmth and good feelings.

Judy's Hair Place
725-6665

Joyous Holidays

Chiming in with this expression of our hopes for you at Christmas — joy to all!

From Dub Meador & Family
D&B Carpet and Carpet Cleaning
725-7720

Joy

We extend to each and every one of our customers our bouquet of Christmas hopes: peace and love and prosperity to one and all!

Tim's Floral & Gifts
(817) 725-6220
Tim Dillard

Holiday Roundup

Have an ol' fashioned Christmas and a grand ol' time! Thanks for your support, pardners!

Johnson's Dry Goods
725-6211
Noah and Bobbie



Have you read a good book lately?

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Cross Plains Public Library

Dear Santa,
My name is Mykea Shyenne Douglass. I am almost three years old and have tried to be a good girl this year but at this age its very hard. My Mommy and Pa say I have been very good though. For Christmas I would like to have a Barbie bike, pink please, a Little Tikes Vanity Set, Fisher Price Medical Kit, Singing Mermaid, a new baby doll and baby bed, Fisher Price Camera and some new clothes.
Have a safe trip and don't forget all the other boys and girls.

Love,
Mykea

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a pink bike, a Posy Snapshot, Ice Cream Maker, Magic Copier, Barbie-in-the-Bath, Princess Mermaids.
I'll leave you some milk and cookies.

Love,
Nici Higginbottom
2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a baby alive and some barbies and some barbie clothes and some barbie shoes and a clean bedroom. Thank you Santa. Please bring me all them things.

I Love You, Santa,
From Nikki Callaway

Dear Santa,
I want a Scatch, Tornado Rex, Sorry, Hot Potato, Perfection, Domino Rally, Square 1, and Splat. I am 8 years old. I am in Second Grade. I have been a good boy this year. I will leave some cookies and some milk.

From,
James Ross

P.S. And I want a JI Joe Battle Wagin, And a Electronec Survivir Shot.

Love,
Charlie

Dear Santa and Mrs. Claus,
How are your reindeer? Is Rudolph ready for Christmas?
Please bring me a pretty, clear stone ring, a Li'l Miss Singing Mermaid doll and a Starbrite Sparkles doll. Thank you!

Melanie Chesshir

Dear Santa,
I would like a tournament table, a play gun, a string for my bow and some arrows. Please bring me some GI Joes. I want a new baseball glove and a Texas Rangers cap. I want some X-men and some clothes. Please put some baseball and football cards in my stocking. I will leave some cookies out for you.

Dear Santa,
I would like a bike with a radio and a watch that has a game of Mario 4 and a hockey ninga and turtle game.

Thank you!
Sean Higginbottom

Happy Holidays

To All My Mary Kay Cosmetic Customers and Friends.

Sue Taylor Enterprises
(817) 725-7643 1060 N. Main
Cross Plains, Texas



Deck The Halls
Your friendship and support mean a lot to us. Have a very, Merry Christmas!

The Movie Store

Dear Santa Claus,
I love you. How have you an Mrs. Claus been doing.
I want a PJ Sparkles and a Barbie house and a baby face. Will you please bring Tessa a Barbie. Will you please bring Kendra a water baby. Will you please bring Zack a car. Will you please bring daddy a gun. Will you please bring mommy some clows.

From Rick Ann Winters

I will leaves you some cookies.

Dear Santa,
I want a radio bike. Also a football helmet. And a football suit. And a football. I'll leave you some milk and cookies. Please bring Cory a bike. Bring Cristy a doll.

Your friend,
Jason Beauchamp

Dear Santa,
This year for Christmas I want some boots and a kitten.

From Angela Swift

Merry Christmas

In appreciation of knowing and serving you, we're proud to extend our wishes for a happy, healthy holiday.

Robert E. McCool
Attorney At Law

235 Market Street
Baird, Texas 79504
(915) 854-1016

Merry Christmas

With warmest greetings, we send to all, our dearest hopes for peace and joy!

Season's Greetings From Mrs. Ray Lee, The Staff and Residents At

Colonial Oaks Nursing Home



At Christmas, and throughout the year, we extend our thoughts of peace and brotherly love to all. Our customers are the best!

Ellen's Closet & Hughes Upholstery
725-6322
Jim and Doris Hughes

Peace & Joy

A happy, holy holiday to all. Many thanks.

Morris Printing & Stationery

155 East 8th St. - P.O. Box 324
Cross Plains, Texas 76443

Best Wishes

Best wishes to all for a happy and joyous Christmas!

Dr. Billy T. Carpenter

and staff —
Pat

Debbie Sherry
Frances Norma



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Dear Santa,
I want a Ten speed please, Ninja
Turtles please, Arrow turbo hopper
please, 792 baseball card set please,
T.V. please, V.C.R. please, dic-
tionary please. Merry Christmas, San-
ta.

Love,
Aaron Norris



PEACE
The best gift at Christ-
mas time is the gift of
love! Merry Christmas!

**Stroud
Shamrock**
Guy & Elsie
Stroud



Happy Christmas!

Happy gifting time is
near! So-o-o — better
be good for goodness
sakes, when Santa
Claus is here!

Thank You For
Your Patronage!

**Connie's
Cuts & Curls**
Connie Kirkham
Lillie Dillard
Janice Kelly
725-6318

**Cliff's
Texaco**
725-7445

Have a
**Merry
Christmas**



Best Wishes From
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