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## Cross Plains Reaches Crossroad In History

By JACK SCOTT

Some small towns thrive and prosper while others fade and die. People in vigorous, growing communities are happy and life is good. Residents in a decaying environment have little to anticipate.

Cross Plains was at a crucial point 60-odd years ago. Like the rest of the nation, it was gripped in the Great Depression, said to have been the worst since Reconstruction following the Civil War. Banks were popping like balloons in a briar patch. Texas oil sold for ten cents a barrel, cotton for four cents a pound and peanuts at forty cents a bushel. Strong, honest men worked for \$1 a day and many could find no job at all.

Cross Plains had a young, 26-year-old schoolmaster named Nat Williams, who seized upon the adversities of the moment to put his school out front. He gave it a learning environment, installed hard, old-fashioned discipline and invited struggling, little country schools to consolidate here. Many did. Sabanno was the first to come in, acting mainly upon the suggestion of S.P. Collins, who pastored their church as well as the local Presbyterian flock. He told Sabanno parents in massed meeting that he believed such a merger would work to the best interests of all concerned and result in better educated children, more able to compete in a changing world. They took him at his word and have been proud ever since.

Today, thirty rural schools are a part of Cross Plains Independent District. It embraces 435 square miles, one of the largest in this section of Texas.

Success of the merged school idea sparked the uniting of a number of rural churches with those in Cross Plains. It is a known fact that where children go to school and their parents go to worship become the home-base of their families. Cross Plains is today the hometown of far more people than would have otherwise been true had not Williams and Collins passed this way.

Today, Cross Plains stands poised at another juncture in history. Citizens now must take a bold, ambitious step to keep apace with conditions on the move. Economic development, bringing new vigor, employment opportunities and promise of brighter tomorrows demands initiative. A group of citizens is endeavoring to give just that. They have named a committee of nine to outline a course of leadership.

That committee is proposing that Cross Plains follow the course of more than 100 other Texas small cities and increase the existing sales tax by one-half per cent, and using these funds for economic development. That means attracting new industry, assisting growth and expansion of existing commercial enterprises, and working constantly improve living conditions for those presently residing here. Members of this committee are: Billie Ruth Loving, Norma Evans, Melissa Richards, Gene Dillard, Ray Purvis, Bob Pipes, John Adams, W.G. (Wimpy) McCoy and Jack Scott. They will hold their second meeting Thursday, December 8 at noon in the Buffalo Room at the Local Dairy Queen.

It is hoped that the panel will be able to submit suggestions from which local people can ultimately choose a project that will enjoy the enthusiasm and support of all civic organizations, city government and the populace as a whole.

## Colonial Oaks Services

Temple Baptist will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, December 4, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

## School Board To Meet December 1

The Board of Trustees for Cross Plains I.S.D. will meet Thursday, December 1, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school faculty workroom.

The purpose of said session is to meet with an architect concerning a gymnasium.

Notice of the meeting was given by M. Lee Thompson, superintendent.

## Roping Club Meet Dec. 5

The Cross Plains Roping Club will hold the years end meeting at 7:30 p.m. December 5 at the Dairy Queen in the Buffalo Room.

All members are requested to attend.

It is pointed out that a number of smaller cities are already receiving benefits having begun economic development plans at earlier dates. Baird, for instance, was one of the first to launch an undertaking of this kind. That little city is enjoying spectacular success. They brought in a number of antique shops and are building a reputation for some of the finest marts of that kind in Texas. Vacant buildings are now occupied and the entire downtown section of the Callahan County seat is filled with attractive shops, many with bright, new storefronts. The town's principal street has and appealing, inviting new look.

The one-half cent increase in the local sales tax, more that 50 per cent of which would be paid by non-residents, would mean approximately \$25,000 annually. Those funds would be collected along with the existing sales tax by the State Comptroller. They would be periodically remitted to a Cross Plains Economic Development Corporation. The money could be used for no cause other than one approved by people here after public hearings.

Veteran residents have expressed the opinion that the present economic development movement could possibly mean as much to Cross Plains as did the school consolidations begun 64 years ago.

EPILOGUE: Sometimes as I pass the attractive, multi-million dollar campus on North Main Street, I think back to that night in the long ago, when as a 21-year-old country editor, I accompanied Messrs. Williams and Collins to that first school consolidation meeting at Sabanno. Little did I realize then how much it would ultimately mean to Cross Plains and several generations of fine, young school children. I genuinely wish that Nat and Brother Collins could have seen the fruits of the seeds they planted.

## Cowboy Christmas Village December 2-3 And December 9-10

Having a Rousing Good Time!



Santa Claus, invited by the Cross Plains Kiwanis Club, will arrive in downtown Cross Plains on December 2 at 6:30 p.m. accompanied by the high school marching band.

Following the Kiwanis program Project Pride invites you to visit other downtown

attractions, which include, Cowboy Christmas Village, Living Windows and Bakery at Higginbothams, Western Art Exhibit by Bob Golson at Citizen's State Bank, Pictorial Cancellation at the Post Office, and Collectors and Hobby exhibits at the Library.

The Village will be open again on Saturday, December 3, with Santa moving inside to Higginbothams and a Cake Walk at the Senior Citizen's Center.

The following weekend on Friday and Saturday, December 9 and 10, the Village will come alive with additional events including a Frito Pie Dinner at the Senior Center on December 9.

In keeping with a western theme a Sheriff's Posse will be on the streets all four nights. Christmas decorations using the Western theme will be evident throughout all downtown. Plan now to be downtown all four nights. There will be no admission charge. The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring business decorations and Project Pride home decorations.

## Pictorial Cancellation At Post Office Compliments Christmas Village

By NORMA EVANS

Keeping with the "Cowboy" theme for the Christmas Village, the Pictorial Cancellation being offered at the Cross Plains Post Office features cowboy boots, rope and saddlebag under the Christmas tree along with other gifts. Such a unique cancellation would be an extra gift if received from you on your

Christmas cards.

I urge you to get busy and mail your cards early, December 3 and 4, to receive this cancellation and be able to send them as regular mail. Also anything received after the mail leaves Friday, December 2 will receive this postmark. There is a 30 day window that allows you to receive the cancellation, however; it must be sent under cover after the actual postmark date.

Your local Post Office looks forward to seeing you during the Christmas Village. We will be open only the first weekend of the festivities due to our workload during this busy time of year, but refreshments will be served in the lobby and we are also offering several items that will make unique Christmas gifts. Along with the traditional Christmas stamps, we also have the Legends of the West stamps here if you really want to continue with the western theme. We look forward to seeing you and wish you HAPPY HOLIDAYS.

## AARP Christmas Meeting Dec. 5

By ESTER KERR

The monthly meeting of A.A.R.P. will be held on the evening of December 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the Cross Plains Multi-Purpose Center.

The officers for 1995 will be installed by County Judge, Bill Johnson, who will also be the guest speaker.

A Christmas buffet provided by the A.A.R.P. Chapter will be served to members and guests. Make your plans to attend and enjoy the holiday get-together.

Merry Christmas to all!

## Kiwanis Christmas Musical Program And Drawing December 2

The annual Kiwanis' Santa Claus and Christmas program is scheduled for Friday, December 2, at 6:00 p.m. in downtown Cross Plains in the area just south of Higginbothams.

The public is encouraged to visit the local merchants and register for prizes that are to be awarded following the musical program.

Winners must be present to win and will have 20 seconds to respond or another name will be drawn. The only exception being made is for persons working in windows etc. for Christmas Village. These persons may accept prizes if their name is on a list to be submitted by a Village supervisor.

Participants may win only once, but all are eligible for the final prize. Members of Kiwanis Club are not eligible.

Pictures may be taken with Santa Claus for \$1.00 each. Candy and goodies will be distributed to all children.

## Choirs To Perform Saturday

The Cross Plains Community Choir and Lake Brownwood Choir will perform inside Higginbotham's Saturday, December 3. Don Roath will direct both groups and his wife Betty will accompany on the piano.

The Lake Brownwood Choir is scheduled to sing at 6 p.m. followed by a performance at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. by the Cross Plains Community Choir.

## Chamber Of Commerce To Sponsor Dove Tree

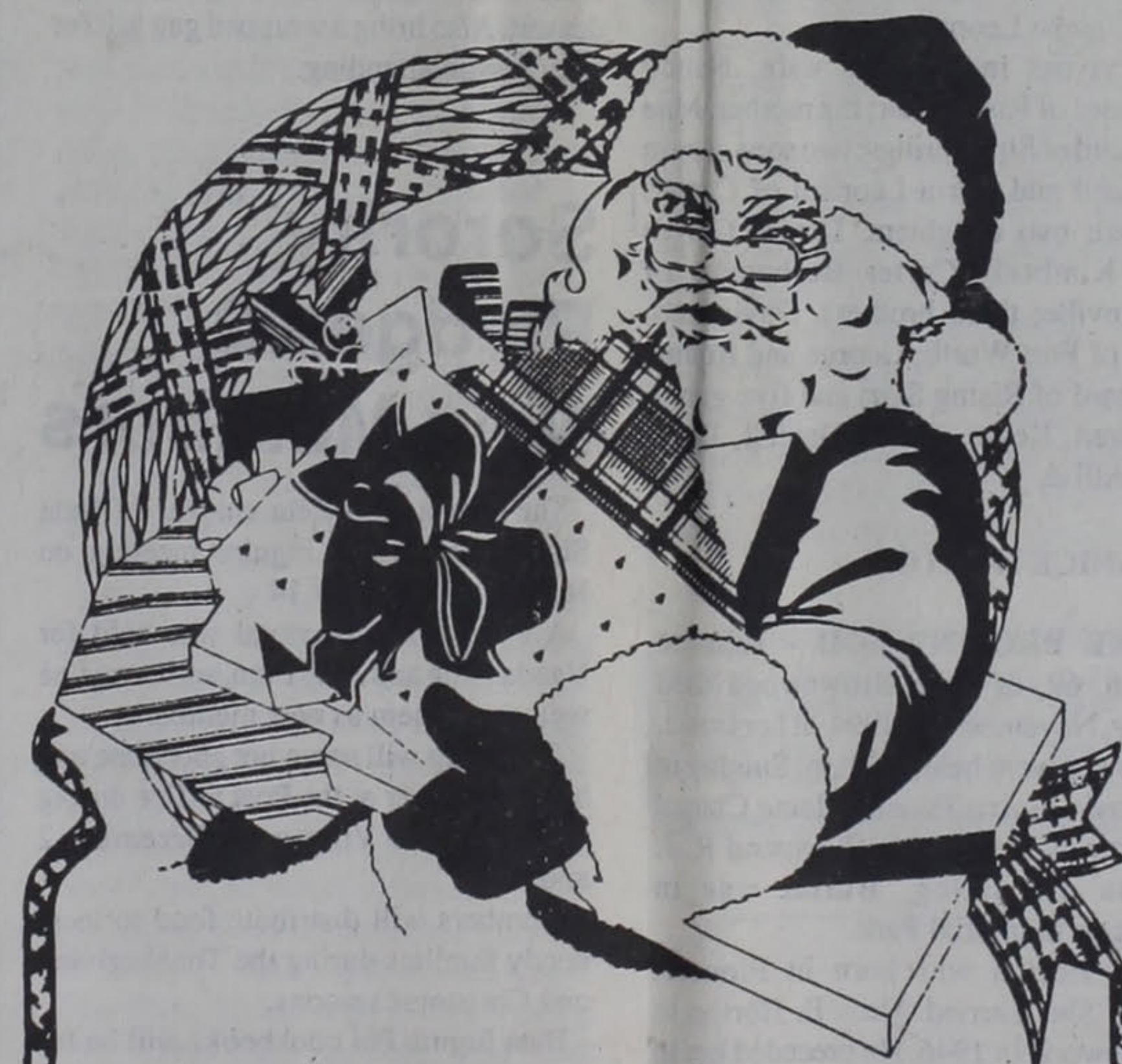
The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the Dove Tree which is located at Citizens State Bank.

This tree will have "doves" on it with the age and sex of the child who will receive your gift. The gifts should cost no more than \$20. If you prefer to not buy a gift, but wish to make a donation, the Chamber will use that money to buy gifts for the children. Please go by the bank

and choose a dove today. All gifts should be returned to the bank no later than Monday, December 19.

The Chamber needs your help to make this a brighter Christmas for all of the children of Cross Plains.

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



## It Is Time Again To Write Your Santa Claus Letters.

All pre-school children and students through 3rd grade may send your wish lists to the Cross Plains Review by noon December 9.

The children's letters will be forwarded directly to Old Saint Nick at the North Pole. Watch for publication in the December 22nd issue.

Mail To:  
Santa Claus  
c/o Cross Plains Review  
P.O. Box 519  
Cross Plains, Texas 76443



HOME HEALTH AIDE OF THE YEAR - Gail Shackelford was chosen by the Cross Plains Branch. Pictured with

her are Betty Vanderpool, (left), and Gladys Cantu, (right).

## Stephen's Home Health Recognizes Employee

In conjunction with National Home Care Week we would like to recognize our home health aides and the outstanding job they do. The Cross Plains branch of Stephen's Home Health would like to say "Thank You" to Vivian Joyner, Kerri Martin, and Gail Shackelford for a job well done. These girls are the backbone of the company and deserve such recog-

nition. Congratulations goes out to Gail Shackelford. She was voted home health aide of the year for the Cross Plains Branch. Gail is pictured above with Betty Vanderpool, RN-Home Health Aide Manager, and Gladys Cantu, RN-Skilled Nurse Supervisor. Gail was presented with a sweater, pin, and a check.

# OBITUARY

# Rowden News

## COURTHOUSE NEWS

### COUNTY COURT

Bill Johnson presiding

**Misdemeanor Filing**  
Kathy Carrillo, harassment.

**Misdemeanor Minutes**  
Michael B. Beeler, deadly conduct, \$1000 fine \$150 court costs, 30 days in jail probated for 1 year.  
Jerry D. Bennett, theft of property by check, \$100 fine \$160 court costs, 30 days in jail probated for 1 year.

### NEW VEHICLES

Joe C. Davis, Jr., Bedford, Chev PU.  
Kay & Brian Cheek, Abilene, Ply 4 dr.  
Laura Joy, Baird, GMC PU.  
Michael Gilliam, Cisco, Dodge Housecar.  
Wes Ferris, Abilene, Chev Blazer.  
Thomas & Merlene Williams, Albany, Chev Sub.  
Scott & Karen Berry, Clyde, Chev PU.  
Jack Smith, Arlington, Chev 4 dr.  
Adam Lopez, Jr., Ranger, GMC PU.  
Gene & Lynn Birch, Graford, GMC PU.

### 42nd DISTRICT COURT

John Weeks presiding

#### Civil Filing

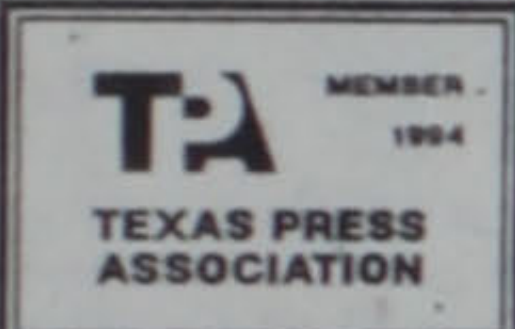
Divorce filed:  
Riddell, Rose Ann & Everett Lester, Jr., and in the interest of minor children.

#### Civil Minutes

Tommy Todd Hagar, found to be \$1400 in arrears on child support payments; new schedule began 11-1-94.  
Divorces granted:  
Henry, Rose & Daniel B. Stegall, Charlotte & Rodney Alan.

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## Coleman Musical 2nd Friday Of Each Month

A Musical is held on the second Friday of each month at the V.F.W. Post located on Gray Street (by the brick plant) in Coleman.

Musicians are welcome to participate. Concessions begin at 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

### J.T. BEGGS

J.T. Beggs, 73, of Cross Plains passed away Friday, November 25, 1994, at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday at First Baptist Church in Cross Plains with Dr. Jim O'Dell officiating. George Mack Taff presented a brief eulogy. Doris Goble and Eddie Fay Dillard performed two duets and Dorothy Reynolds two solos. Burial was in Cross Plains Cemetery under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Mr. Beggs was born in Comanche County on March 15, 1921. He attended school principally at Eastland. J.T. married Betty Russell on January 24, 1948 in Fort Worth.

He was a farmer and member of First Baptist Church at Cross Plains. Beggs was a veteran of World War II.

Preceded in death by a son, Troy Beggs on July 30, 1972.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Beggs of Cross Plains; three sons, Rusty Beggs of Canyon, Kim Beggs of Evergreen, Colorado, and Rex Beggs of Cross Plains; his father, Samuel D. Beggs of Eastland; two brothers, W.D. Beggs of Austin and S.L. Beggs of Eastland; six grandchildren, David, Nikki, Ashley, Tony, Charissa and Danyel; and one great-granddaughter, Jordan Jones. Memorials may be given to the American Cancer Society, c/o of Citizens State Bank, P.O. Box 699, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.

### Nonnie L. "Punkin" Leonard, Jr.

RISING STAR—Nonnie L. "Punkin" Leonard, Jr., 55, died Friday, November 11, 1994.

Services were held at 10 a.m. on Monday, November 14, at Higginbotham Funeral Home in Rising Star with Bro. Dick Williams officiating. Burial was in Sipe Springs Cemetery.

Punkin was born on July 1, 1939 in Gorman. He was raised in Sipe Springs and graduated from DeLeon High School. Mr. Leonard was a U.S. Army Veteran of the Berlin Crisis.

He married Nancy McKinnerney in 1964 in Rising Star. Nancy is an employee of Lawrence Farm and Ranch Supply, Inc. in Cross Plains. Mr. Leonard

was operations manager for Parker Drilling overseas, also Camdon Drilling and Frio Drilling Companies in Corpus Christi.

Preceded in death by his father, N. L. Leonard, and three brothers, Cecil, Don, and Damon Leonard.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy Leonard of Rising Star; his mother, Mae Leonard of Sipe Springs; two sons, Kevin Leonard and Darin Leonard of Corpus Christi; two daughters, Denise Graves and Kimberly Carter Beshansky of Nolanville; three brothers, Gayle Leonard of Fort Worth, George and Ronnie Leonard of Rising Star; and five grandchildren, Kevin, Mikel, Daniell, Derek and Allisa.

### JUANICE HORTON

LAKE BROWNWOOD - Juanice Horton, 69, of Lake Brownwood died Friday, November 25, 1994 at her home.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Davis-Morris Funeral Home Chapel in Brownwood with the Reverend R. J. Elkins officiating. Burial was in Eastlawn Memorial Park.

Mrs. Horton was born in Pioneer, Texas. She married Alton E. Horton in Brownwood in 1946. He preceded her in death.

She was a homemaker and had lived in Brown County for 19 years.

Survivors include a son, Kenneth H. Crandall of Hindale, Illinois; four daughters, Nancy J. Bates of Brownwood, Debra A. Williams of Bangs, Glenda G. Brumley of Centerville and Diana K. Brumley of Odessa; a brother, Kyle Teston of Brownwood, and two sisters, Laverne Drews of San Saba and Yreva Nelson of Devine; nine grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

### LYNDA GUERRY

LUBBOCK - Lynda Guerry, 43, died Monday, November 28, 1994 at a local hospital.

Services were held 10:30 A.M. Wednesday at Resthaven Funeral Home Chapel with the Reverend R. L. Kirk officiating. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Mrs. Guerry was born on Lubbock and graduated from Seminole High School in 1969. She attended McMurry College and Hobbs Junior College and worked for Duane Allen, C.P.A., for several

years. She moved to Lubbock from Snyder 11 years ago and was a member of Lakeridge United Methodist Church. She married Phil Guerry in 1973 in Seminole.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Kyle Guerry and Clint Guerry, both of Lubbock; her parents, Hollis and Lyda Shults of Cross Plains; and two brothers, Hollis Shults Jr. of Rising Star and Joe Shults of Cross Plains.

### KATIE LAURA STERLING

Katie Laura Sterling, of Brady, Texas, passed away at her home Thursday, November 24, 1994. Born June 21, 1913, to B.G. and Emma Ferguson Bolt at Whiteland, Texas, she had lived most of her life in McCoullough County. She was a homemaker. Survivors include two daughters, Jo Evans of Mason, Jean Summers of Midland, two sons, Wylie Leon Taff, Ruidosa, New Mexico, and George Mack Taff, Rising Star.

Services were held November 26 at Resthaven Cemetery in Brady, officiated by Reverend Dwayne Clower, pastor of Pioneer Baptist Church.

## 4-H Members Reminded Of Dec. 1 Deadline

All Callahan County 4-H members are reminded of the December 1 deadline for Project Certification. All current 4-H members received a project Certification Form in the last 4-H Newsletter mailed in late October according to Greg Gemgross, County Extension Agent.

The Project Certification Forms are required to be eligible to show in the County Show. 4-Hers who enrolled late and did not receive the Project Certification Form may call the County Extension Office for a copy.

Also, major show entries are due by Monday, December 5. For more information contact the County Extension Office at 854-1518.

## Lakewood News

Lakewood Christmas Party will be December 10th. Social hour will start at 5:30 p.m. followed with the Christmas dinner (covered dish), games, and party.

Members and guests are invited. Bring meat and vegetable or vegetable and dessert. Also bring a wrapped gag gift for each person attending.

## Sorority Pledges 2 New Members

The Alpha Rho Zeta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held a regular meeting on Monday, November 14.

A special Pledge ritual was held for Vanda King and Jody Finn, and everyone welcomed them as new members.

The group will serve hot chocolate and hot apple cider at the Post Office during the Christmas Village on December 2 and 3.

Members will distribute food to local needy families during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons.

Beta Sigma Phi cookbooks will be for sale at a booth in Higginbothams during the Christmas Village. The price is only \$5.00 and will make great Christmas gifts!

By MRS. N.V. GIBBS  
We have had so much to be thankful for, family, friends and being home for the holiday.

In the Roger Blackmon home, a new baby is born to their daughter and husband. Cara and Jeff Harting were spending the weekend in the Blackmon home.

Those visiting in the Gene Mauldin home last weekend were part of their children, Danny and Margie Brown, of San Antonio, Irene Masters of Snyder, also Carl and Mable Mauldin of Conroe and Roland and Fae Mauldin of Denton Valley.

Bob and Kathy Dye hosted Thanksgiving dinner in their home in the Rowden Community. Those present were Edna Dye, Brian and Julie Patterson and two children Breana and Justin of Baird, also Tommy Dye of Abilene and Ed and Ann Dye and daughter Lori Ann of Abilene.

Those visiting in the Tony Steele home Thanksgiving Day were his daughter,

Sandy, her husband, David Thalman and two children, Kadin and Kameryn of Carrigo. On Saturday, Lee and Jean Jernigan from Lake Proctor had dinner with the family.

Gundy and Nell Gunderson of McAllen will arrive Monday for a visit with her sisters, Claribel Gibbs and Joyce Odom.

Robert and Dorothy Watson attended the funeral of Wayne Dossy in Whitesboro Saturday.

Joyce Odom enjoyed a Thanksgiving meal and visit in the Charles and Nancy Palmer home in Clyde.

## Eastern Star Meets Dec. 5

Cross Plains Chapter Order of Eastern Star will meet Monday, December 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the Masonic Hall at 6th and Beech Street for a salad supper.

The regular stated meeting will follow. All members of the Order are urged to attend.

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Dr. Jim H. O'Dell - Pastor Tony Appuglies - MY Min. (817) 725-6530

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Sunday Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening ..... 6:00 p.m.  
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By LINDA EDINGTON  
Activity Director

Several residents reported having a wonderful time out with their families during Thanksgiving.

Zenovia Strickland had a joyful surprise visit from her son and his wife, Billy Dale and Karen, from Glenrose. She was proud to tell us about her great-granddaughter.

Our appreciation to Lois Henderson for the books, to Earl Montgomery for the turkey and to Pete Golson for the chips.

Jackie Evans, Esmeralda Monreal visited with Lona Milner.

Dorothy Welch from Ft. Worth and Betty Montgomery from Midland visited Leila Montgomery.

Clark Coburn and Linda Coburn from Midland, Mark Coburn and Tami Hartley from Kermit, Bobby Clarkston, from Irving, Charles Coburn, Teri Coburn, from Dallas, visited Clara Coburn.

Jodie Thibodaux, Melissa and Matthew from San Antonio, visited Doris Adams.

Vera Malsom, from Hemet, California, visited Mildred Ford. Also Beverly Brown.

Dan Ingram, from Ft. Worth, and Douglas Ingram visited Inez Ingram.

Barbara Baum, from Uvalde, visited

A.B. Rowan.

Jessica and Joshua Davis from Abilene and Kyle Davis from Stamford visited with Edith Dillard.

Activities during the week:

**Monday:** Bingo winners were Suma Dill (2), Zenovia Strickland, Mary Keele, Gertie Powell, Midge McCall, Dorothy Thomas (2), Bertha Wheeler, A.B. Rowan, Elsie Porter, Mildred Ford (2), and Allie Dickson. Exercise class.

**Tuesday:** Art class. Popcorn and Dominoes.

**Wednesday:** Sing-A-Long with Ruby McCowen and Clyde Linker. Exercise class.

**Thursday:** Bingo winners were: Gertie Powell, Allie Dickson (2), Midge McCall (3), A.B. Rowan, Bertha Wheeler, Dorothy Thomas (2), and Ressa Glover. Dominoes.

**Friday:** Sit-down-basketball. Afternoon singing with Sister Ruby and Bobby Jack McCowen.

**Sunday:** Temple Baptist.

If we search, He will guide. If we pray, He will hear. If we need, He will provide. If we reach, He will draw near.

## Defensive Driving Course Offered At CJC

Cisco Junior College will offer a Defensive Driving Course on Monday and Wednesday, December 12 and 14, 1994; at the Cisco campus. The class will meet from 6-9 p.m. in room 3 of Schaefer Hall. Fee for the course is \$20 and must be paid no later than 3 p.m. on the first day of class. Students are required to attend both nights of class and must bring a valid drivers license to class. Social Security number is needed for all forms. Cisco Junior College is an agency of the Texas Safety Association extension registration number CO228-199 TEA License #605.

For more information contact Anita Wheat at 442-2567, extension 122.

# BURKETT NEWS

Burkett News

By FREEDA BURKETT

Ross and Sue Brown of Grapevine spent the Thanksgiving Holidays with his mother, Mrs. Grace Green. They also visited his aunts and uncles, Beth and Bob Kleiber and Loraine and Liz Golson of Burkett.

Bill Burkett of St. Louis spent a few days with his father, Virgil Burkett and Freeda, and they all left Wednesday of last week for Tulsa, Oklahoma to spend Thanksgiving Day with Bill's son, Stephen and wife, Licia, and young son, Marshall. Bill's wife met them there Wednesday night. Virgil and Freeda returned home on Friday while Bill and Phyllis stayed over the weekend.

Lillian Brown is feeling better lately and it was good to have her back in church services Sunday.

Melba Walker spent Thanksgiving in Ballinger with a sister-in-law and her family, Louise Condra. Was good to see all the family and visit with them, plus a great meal. Then she went on to San Angelo to another sister-in-law. They shopped on Friday with all the rest of the crazy people; visited other relatives; also got in a little work of picking up pecans and raking leaves. The weather was great, food was good and they thanked the Lord for all of it, because so many people aren't blessed with as much as most of us. She had a good safe holiday, hope everyone else did.

Yuna V. Burkett and her granddaughter, Lydia, spent Thanksgiving in Abilene with another one of Yuna V.'s granddaughters and family, Dr. and Mrs. Al Kincheloe.

By LOVERA STRICKLAND

Visitors in the Andrew and Doris Walker home over the holidays were their two daughters, Merle Amos and family of Yellow Pine, Idaho and Kathy Wegrzyn and family of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Doris' sister, Thelma Wade, also visited them. Others there for Thanksgiving were Darrell Walker and son, Lewis of Nimrod, and Paul Walker. It was the first time in thirteen years that Kathy and Merle had seen one another. Doris and Andrew had a pleasant call from their son Andy, who is overseas.

Visiting Mike and Linda Brady over the Thanksgiving holidays were George and Virginia Shewmaker, Mike Jody and Michael Shewmaker all of Texarkana; Russell, Eli and Elisa Gould and friend Carolyn, Caroll and Nancy Burks, Tommy Burks all of Abilene; Ben and Lucille Creek of Coleman; and their children Kelly, Faith and Savannah Brady of Columbus, Mississippi; Tim, Melinda and Stephanie Bledsoe of Valera; and Jacky Dodgen of Burkett.

Phil Newman had welcome guests over the holiday weekend. His daughter, Monique came up from Orange, with a friend from Port Arthur. They thoughtfully brought along a Cajun fried turkey with all the other goodies. According to Phil, they were wise not to risk the experience of his cooking.

D.J. and Lois Turner enjoyed a family get-together during the Thanksgiving holiday at their ranch home. Those attending were: their sons and families, Mike, Janice and Cliff Turner of Blanket; Terry, Becky, Renee', Keith, Annette and Hoyley of Gainsville; Linda Miller of St. Louis, Missouri and another sister and family, Ramona and Johnny Lackey of Lubbock; and a nephew, Brad Coe of Stamford. All had a great time visiting and eating. Terry shot his "first" deer Saturday evening.

Lanette Burns spent this weekend in Round Rock visiting Caroline Sanders and family and Richard and Linda Burns and family.

Bob and Beth Kleiber had their children come in Friday night, Matt, Emma and Alice McKinney of Novice; Cody and Dawn Hill of Abernathy; and Steven Kleiber of San Angelo. They helped to fix the big Thanksgiving dinner Saturday for Grace Green; Low and Liz Golson of Burkett; Pete Golson of Rankin; Joe and Hope Golson, Tiffin and Jana Caraway of Coleman; Jake Golson and son, Wade of San Angelo and daughter, Misty of Bronte, and her friend, Greg Costa of Bristol; Tim and Suzanne Golson, Tyler and Lauren of Midland; and Michelle Wilkovich and children, Kelsey and Logan of Coleman. Everyone brought lots of food and enjoyed lots of food. Sunday's leftovers were put together at Low and Liz Golson's home and enjoyed by Jake and Wade Golson, Michelle Wilkovich,

Kelsy, Logan, Pete Golson, Grace Green, and Beth Kleiber.

Holiday visitors in the Jack and Lovera

Strickland home were: Don and Kathy Tinney, Johnathon and Jonelle of Lefors; Darryl and Kathy Tinney, Mindy and Linsey of Kingfisher, Oklahoma; Eureka and Jody Whitley, Buddy and Pam Whitley, Michael and Amy of San Saba; Lana Ketchum, Jason, Tim and Randy of Big Lake; Bill Strickland and Eddie Strickland. They all enjoyed a big Thanksgiving dinner Friday. Jerry Strickland came by and visited Darryl and Don.

Jim and Roberta Coffey of Mohave Valley, Arizona have been visiting in Burkett with their sister, Miriam Kuebler, also Henry and Martha Coffey of Amarillo visited with them last week.

## Greetings From Your Senior Citizens

By THELMA LONG

Welcome home straying pilgrims, Dick and Micki Dillard and Paul and Carol Greenwood. All report a good time.

Weston Jones recently had knee surgery. He is back with us, walking with a cane. We are glad to have him back. Ethel Sims had a fall. We are sorry to hear that.

Bill Sellus was a visitor on Tuesday. Hopefully, he will come again.

Children have come home for Thanksgiving. Isn't that a blessing. Helen Freeman's son Jim and family were here, Ophelia Lawson's son was here. Mary Bates had all her children here, except Darla. My niece, Janci and Jerry Martin brought my sister Gladys Breaux from San Antonio on Friday. We went to Abilene to eat out with my "Bud and Ruth". No cooking for us. Roger Watson had his family home. Carol Watson has been here all week. I'm sure there are others visiting family. That's one of our richest blessings.

The van loaded with eight ladies went to Abilene to Hobby Lobby on Tuesday. After a shopping spree, we went to the home of Tammy Worley, Fay Jackson's daughter-in-law and Vicki's sister-in-law. Tammy, with the help of her mother

and grandmother gave us a tour of her beautifully decorated home, then served delicious treats. It was indeed a beautiful home with Christmas decorations in every room, even the bath rooms. She is a very talented lady as she made all the decorations. When we left, she gave each of us a gift of fruit, wrapped in red cellophane paper, tied with gold ribbon. She was bubbling over with Christmas spirit. It must have been contagious, as we sang Christmas carols all the way home, from the Little Drummer Boy to Silent Night and Peace on Earth. We each named what we thought the most beautiful, and decided it was our gracious hostess. Thank you, Tammy Worley.

As we came through Potosi, Vicki caught sight of something. She turned the van around. We went back and saw about five of the cutest little Burro's (donkeys). The picked up their little ears and looked at us as if they thought we had lost our

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## Decorating The Holiday Season With Safety

Electricity plays an increasingly important role each holiday season as homeowners decorate with colorful lights and animated ornaments. Moving lights, musical figurines and ornamented trees provide pleasure for everyone, but each of us should pay particular attention to safety as we use electricity to enhance our homes and businesses during the holidays.

West Texas Utilities suggests a six-step electrical safety list to safeguard all holiday decorations:

\*Use safety-certified decorative lights approved by a testing agency, such as Underwriters Laboratory (UL).

\*Never use indoor lights in an outdoor display.

\*Do not overload wall outlets or extension cords.

\*Electrical cords should never be

placed under carpets or rugs.

\*Turn off all decorative lights before going to bed.

\*Disconnect electrical cords by grasping the plug base. Never pull or yank on the electrical cord.

"When decorating for the holidays, look for frayed wires, loose connections or broken sockets before placing lights on trees or in outdoor locations. Lights should be attached to trees with a non-conductive material such as string, cord, or ribbons. Do not allow any light to touch a branch or leaf. Never use wire that could cause an electrical short. This is especially important around decorated trees because pine needles ignite easily," said Paul Valdez, Safety Coordinator at WTU.

A few moments exercising caution with electrical equipment will help avoid accidents. Review the above safety tips and enjoy the many additional pleasures electricity provides during the holiday season.

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## BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes, preacher  
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A body came up missing from a morgue in Detroit once — a murder victim who went undiscovered until all that was left was his skeleton. His only identity became "Unknown Man #161." It was believed to be the remains of a James Parker, a transient from Alabama — but they really didn't know for sure...

Isn't it a shame that if there ever was a person by the name of James Parker that no one had made a sufficient enough attempt to find him to determine if this was him? Isn't it a shame that enough time had passed for him to be "just a skeleton" and still no one had missed him? When the chief medical examiner was asked about the "body's" disappearance, he said "What do you think I do — go into the morgue and count the skeletons every day?"

Let us determine to not let anyone around us be so unrecognized, so unknown, so unnoticed! Let us determine not to let anyone become "just a skeleton"! Not at all! And if you are seemingly so unrecognized, unknown, and unnoticed, remember that there is One who knows you and cares. He knows when even a sparrow falls, Matthew 10:29, and the very number of hairs of your head, verse 30. Smile: God loves you and cares!

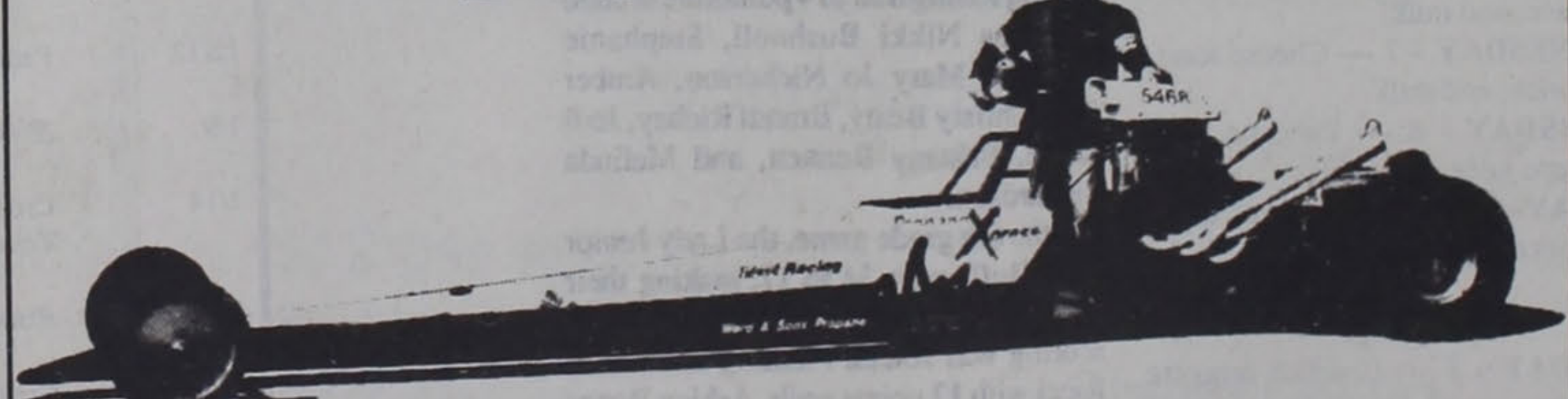
Join us at the "caring place" as we strive to better acquaint ourselves with the caring One. We really do care about you, too!

Sunday Morning Bible Class ... 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship ..... 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Evening Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.

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## Lady Buffs Grab First Win

With sheer determination not to fall victim to defeat, the Cross Plains Lady Buffs took a 48-43 victory from the undefeated May Lady Tigers November 22. Using a balanced scoring attack, Cross Plains slowly disabled the Lady Tigers defense having a 12-point lead at one time in the third quarter. "I really think the girls wanted this one to prove to themselves we can win," said Lady Buffs coach, John Starcher. "They set their own goals and captured them along the way."

Senior Tonya Stover, in her first game back since a knee injury November 11, tallied eleven points and five assists to lead Cross Plains. Sophomore Amanda McGuire scored ten points and gathered ten rebounds in the contest. Nine different players added to the point total including: Amy Strength, six; Whitney Kirkham, five; Renee Atchley and Jaonna Harris, four each; Amber Williams and Karen Dunn, three each; and Malysa Sowell, two. Terri Hardwick paced May with 24 points.

The experience-young Lady Buff team is getting better with each outing. "Our younger players (three sophomores and three juniors) are getting the playing time needed before district play starts in January," said Starcher. "I hope it helps us with our bench later on." Junior Misty Strickland is still out of action due to a severe knee injury in the first game against Early (November 15). Starcher said, "Strickland may be back in 1 1/2 to 2 weeks, depending on her mobility. It may be Christmas before Amy Strength has time to heal her back.

December brings on the tournaments for Cross Plains. This weekend, the Lady Buffs will participate in the Rochelle Invitational. Their first game is against Eden Thursday at 12:30. December 10 has the girls in the Rough Creek Classic in Novice with Blackwell the first opponent. The Coleman Bluekatt Classic will be held over the holiday break.

Come out and support these determined go-getter players!

## BUSY TIME FOR LOCAL BAND

By PEGGY BRAME

The Cross Plains Junior High and High School Band students are in the process of selling "The World's Finest Chocolates". This is an annual fund raiser that has always boosted the financial status for the band.

Our weekly Pizza sells are still available with delivery on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. If you wish to order a pizza, contact any high school band member.

On Friday, December 2, the high school

band will be performing at the annual tree lighting beginning at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come to this Christmas event and enjoy the musical talents of our young people.

The Annual Christmas Concert will be held on Thursday, December 8, in the school auditorium at 7:00 p.m. The concert will be performed by students from grades 4-12, and is free to the public.

Monday, December 5, will be the next scheduled Booster meeting. It will be held at 4:30 p.m. in the Band Hall.

## 4-H News

By KRISTEN HUNTER

The November meeting was opened by Ashlee Harris, Lindsey Barnett, and L. P. Whitehead.

Congratulations to Ashlee Harris, (1st) and Toni Mae Wyatt (3rd) place winners at the county food show. Ashlee went on to district at San Angelo, but did not place.

I also want to say that the 4-H club won 1st place on their float for the Homecoming parade. A special thanks goes to Glenn and Peggy Winfrey for letting us use one of their warehouses to decorate and store our float. Also Glenn Heath for letting us use his trailer.

We are still selling tickets for the quilt. The tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The materials for the quilt was donated by Bobbie and Noah Johnson. We would

like to thank both of you for your help. On Saturday, December 3, 1994, the 4-H club is having a Christmas party from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. The girls are to bring a girl's gift. The boys are to bring a boy's gift. The gifts should be \$5.00 or less. Girls are asked to bring sandwiches, dip and cookies, boys are asked to bring paper plates, napkins and chips. Members, please bring any board games you may have. We will be visiting the nursing home. Members are to make a greeting card to be given to a resident. Bring card to party.

4-H meetings are every second Tuesday of every month. Cole Kocing, Erin, and Janeal Stephens and Kevin Wilson need to try to attend the next meeting. Anyone that wants to join or have questions, call Lanitta at 725-6634.

## Lady Buffs J.V. Victory

The Cross Plains Lady Buffs J. V. Basketball team traveled to May November 22 for a re-match with the Lady Tigers and captured a hard-fought 29-22 win. The C.P. squad had lost to May November 17 in a tournament at Richland Springs by a 28-21 count.

Amanda McGuire led the Lady Buffs attack with 14 points and a whopping 25 rebounds. Karen Dunn poured in nine points and scoring two each were Hillary Giles, Kim Ratliff, and Donna Besselaar.

Coaches Mitchell Atchley and John Starcher are proud of the way the team is coming together. Starcher stated, "They are getting the ideas of what we want accomplished, and they are working hard to win".

The J.V. girls tentatively do not have a game with Blanket December 6 due to Blanket's small numbers. However, if a game can be found, an announcement will be made later.

## Varsity Buffs Off To Slow Start

By COACH BILL BOYD

The Cross Plains Buffaloes traveled to May last Tuesday and were defeated by the Tigers 69-53. The game was a re-match between the same two teams who squared off in the area round of the playoffs last March.

The Buffs took an early 16-10 lead but could never regain the lead after the end of the first quarter. Brock Walker led C.P. with 23 points followed by Matt Reed with 16 points. We shot a miserable 29 percent from the field and May is too good of a ball club to shoot that poorly and win. We have a lot of youth on this team and it is going to take us probably the whole month of December to play up to our potential. The Buffaloes travel to

Evant to take part in the Evant tournament this Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The Junior Varsity Buffaloes upped their season record to four wins and one loss with a convincing 67-16 win over May J.V. Bay Kirkham led all scorers with 17 points followed by Hugo Mauricio, 11.

If you get a chance, come to our next home game on December 6th, when we test Blanket.

## Junior High Girls Basketball Results

The 7th and 8th grade girls journeyed to Rising Star last Monday night for two ball games.

The 7th grade girls lost to Rising Star 17-16 in a close game. The game was tight most of the way, with Rising Star hanging in for the win. Scoring for the Junior High girls were Jennifer Brame with 6 points; Tabitha Clark, 3 points; Ann Stephenson, 4 points; and Vanessa Webb, 3 points. Also playing a part in holding Rising Star to 4 points the second half was Nikki Bushnell, Stephanie Childers, Mary Jo Nickerson, Amber Taff, Christy Beaty, Brandi Richey, Jodi Payne, Brittany Bennett, and Melinda Richardson.

In the 8th grade game, the Lady Junior High Buffs won 34 to 17, making their record 2-0 in district. Leading the way in scoring was Jolena Fleming and Laura Ricci with 12 points each, Ashley Beggs with 6 points, Mindy Mitchell with 4 points and Amanda Dillard with 2 points. Adding a good defensive effort in the victory was Lea Jean Wyatt, Jessica Childers, Liz McCarty, Whitney Giles, Brandi Hutton, JaDena Nolan, and Robin Harris.

The girls continue to work hard and are improving each week. They play Gorman at home the 28th and the play Eula at C.P. on the 5th of December. So for fun and excitement, come out and cheer for the Junior High Lady Buffs.

## Cross Plains High School 1994-95 Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time	Girls	Boys
11/8	Winters/Hawley	Winters (scrimmage)	5:00	JV, V	
11/12	Coleman/Bangs	Coleman (scrimmage)	TBA	JV, V	
11/12	TBA (scrimmage)	TBA	TBA		JV, V
11/15	Early	Cross Plains	4:00	JV, V	JV, V
11/17&19	Richland Springs				
	Tournament	Richland Springs	TBA	JV	JV
11/18	Sidney	Sidney	6:30	V	V
11/22	May	May	4:00	JV, V	JV, V
11/29	Evant	Cross Plains	4:00	JV, V	JV, V
12/1-3	Evant				
	Tournament	Evant	TBA		V
12/1-3	Rochelle				
	Tournament	Rochelle	TBA	V	
12/6	Blanket	Cross Plains	4:00	JV, V	JV, V
12/8-10	Rough Creek				
	Classic	Novice	TBA	V	V
12/13	DeLeon	DeLeon	4:00	JV, V	JV, V
12/16	Priddy	Priddy	5:00	V	JV, V
12/20	Godley	Godley	1:00	JV, V	
12/20	Hawley	Cross Plains	5:00		JV, V
12/28-30	Ranger Tournament	Ranger	TBA		V
12/29-30	Blue Katt				
	Classic	Coleman	TBA	V	
12/31	Irion County	Lohn	1:00	JV, V	
1/3	Panther Creek	Voss	4:00	JV, V	JV, V
1/6	Santa Anna	Santa Anna	4:00	JV, V	JV, V
1/10	Rising Star	Rising Star	4:00	JV, V	JV, V
1/13	Gorman	Cross Plains	4:00	JV, V	JV, V
1/17	Eula	Cross Plains	4:00	JV, V	JV, V
1/20	Lipan	Lipan	6:30	JV, V	
1/24	Santa Anna	Cross Plains	4:00	JV, V	JV, V
1/27	Rising Star	Cross Plains	4:00	JV, V	JV, V
1/31	Gorman	Gorman	4:00	JV, V	JV, V
2/3	Eula	Eula	4:00	JV, V	JV, V
2/7	Roscoe	Abilene Wylie	4:00	JV, V	JV, V

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## Cross Plains Jr High School 1994-95 Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time	Girls	Boys
11/10	May(8)/Rising Star(7)	May(scrimmage)	6:00	7,8	
11/14	Santa Anna	Santa Anna	4:00	7,8	7,8
11/21	Rising Star	Rising Star	4:00	7,8	7,8
11/28	Gorman	Cross Plains	4:00	7,8	7,8
12/5	Eula	Cross Plains	4:00	7,8	7,8
12/10	Santa Anna	Santa Anna	TBA	8	8
	Tournament				
12/12	Panther Creek	Cross Plains	4:00	7,8	7,8
1/9	Santa Anna	Cross Plains	4:00	7,8	7,8
1/14	Cross Plains	Cross Plains	TBA	7	7
	Tournament				
1/16	Rising Star	Cross Plains	4:00	7,8	7,8
1/21	Cross Plains	Cross Plains	TBA	8	8
	Tournament				
1/23	Gorman	Gorman	4:00	7,8	7,8
1/30	Eula	Eula	4:00	7,8	7,8

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## Club Scouts Monthly Meeting Held

Webelos Den presented an opening on "ships" for the Pack Meeting Monday night. Each boy read a few lines about his "ship". These included scholarship, sportsmanship, fellowship, workmanship, friendship, and statesmanship. The boys also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following business items were discussed:

1. All popcorn orders must be turned in to Linda Reed no later than Saturday, November 26, 5:00 p.m. Scouts should also turn in the prize incentive sheet with their choice of prize qualified for circled at this time.

2. December Pack Meet will be on the 12th. This is so as not to conflict with school Christmas Vacation time. The meeting will start at 6:30 instead of the normal 7 p.m., to allow time for a potluck dinner. Each Scout is asked to bring a meat dish and their choice of either a salad, vegetable or dessert.

3. There will be a suggestion box available for anyone with possible problems or ideas to help our organization run smoothly and find new and exciting things to do. Linda Reed, Cubmaster stated that ideas for the boys' summer field trip are also welcome.

Patricia Cook led the group in a Johnny Mix-up. She passed out cards with various nouns on them to the audience, then read a story while everyone took turns filling in the blanks from their cards. The boys had loads of fun with this and it seems Johnny is indeed mixed up. He lives in a house painted like a railway car, with banana skins decorating every window, washed his face with a block of cheese, and wears a cactus plant on his head.

Debbie Wilson and Evelyn Hariss presented the following awards to the Webelos Scouts: A.J. Carouth, artist, outdoorsman, readyman; Jon Beauchamp, artist, outdoorsman, readyman; Chris Sleiger, artist, outdoorsman, readyman; Chris Hariss, aquanaut, artist, handyman, outdoorsman, readyman. Kevin Wilson, readyman, one compass point device; Jason Beauchamp, artist, outdoorsman, readyman, handyman, one compass point emblem and device.

These boys also recently attended Webelos Woods camp, where they earned part of the awards for this month. Special guest was Dewayne Stephens, District Scout Executive. Mr. Stephens presented a challenge to all Cub Scouts.

Anyone bringing a guest to the December Pack meet, which results in that guest joining cub Scouts will be treated to a medium sized pizza, compliments of Mr. Stephens. We appreciate the work he does and his travelling to Cross Plains to attend.

Emily Harris drew Cory Beauchamp's name as door prize winner. Then Linda Reed led the group in closing prayer.

If you ordered Trail's End Popcorn Products BE ON THE LOOKOUT. Cub Scouts will be delivering popcorn orders starting DECEMBER 3 AND CONTINUING THROUGH DECEMBER 9. Thanks to all purchasing the product. This is the main fundraiser for the organization and the funds go a long way in helping to keep it operational.

## SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

DEC. 5 — DEC. 9  
(Subject to Change)

### BREAKFAST

MONDAY - 5 — Bacon, egg, toast, orange juice, and milk.

TUESDAY - 6 — Blueberry muffins, grape juice, and milk.

WEDNESDAY - 7 — Cheese toast, orange juice, and milk.

THURSDAY - 8 — Pancake, sausage, grape juice, and milk.

FRIDAY - 9 — Cream of wheat, toast, orange juice, and milk.

### LUNCH

MONDAY - 5 — Chicken nuggets with gravy, creamed potatoes, mixed vegetable, rolls, honey packets, and milk.

TUESDAY - 6 — Vegetable beef soup, grilled cheese, crackers, apple-sauce, and milk.

WEDNESDAY - 7 — Pizza, corn, salad, Jello with fruit, and milk.

THURSDAY - 8 — Barbecue, pinto beans, pickle, mixed fruit, rolls, and milk.

FRIDAY - 9 — Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, fries, cookie, and milk.

# IRS Tax Law Changes

The tax law burden for household employers has been drastically reduced by new legislation. "This new law means that many employers who previously were required to file quarterly reports with the IRS will no longer have to report employment taxes for their household employees", said Bobby E. Scott, Dallas District Director of the Internal Revenue Service. The quarterly filing and payment requirements have been eliminated by the new law, and the \$50 per quarter threshold has been raised to \$1,000 per year (an amount that will be indexed for inflation beginning in 1996).

Household employers and their employees are eligible for refunds if the paid Social Security and Medicare taxes on 1994 employee wages of less than \$1,000. Employers can obtain their refunds with interest by filing Form 843, "Claim for Refund and Request Abatement." Alternatively, employers who file a fourth quarter Form 942, "Employer's Quarterly Tax Return for Household Employees" can reduce their liability on that return by the amount of any overpaid household employment taxes. In December, the fourth quarter Form 942 package will be mailed to employers; this package will contain special instructions and a simplified version of the Form 843 for use in claiming refunds.

Employees who are affected by this change should request reimbursement from their employers for any Social Security and Medicare taxes withheld from their pay. However, employees who are unable to obtain refunds of these taxes from their employers can receive them by filing the Form 843 and attaching a copy of their Form W-2, "Wage and Tax Statement." A simplified version of the Form 843 will be available after January 1 by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM. Also, Publication 926, "Employment Taxes for Household Employers", and Publication 553, "Highlights of 1994 Tax Changes", will provide more details on how employees can file for their refunds.

Employees who receive refunds will nevertheless receive Social Security wage credits on their 1994 wages. To ensure proper posting of these credits, the new law requires employers, for 1994 only, to issue a Form W-2 to household employees who were paid more than \$50 in any quarter. The fourth-quarter Form 942 package and Publication 926 will contain special instructions for preparing these Form W-2's.

Another provision of the law, beginning in 1995, exempts household employees under 18 from any Social Security and Medicare taxes, regardless of how much they earn, unless household employment is the worker's principal occupation.

For the 1995 tax year, household employers are no longer required to file Form 942. Instead, they will use their 1040 income tax returns to report Social Security, Medicare, and Federal Unemployment (FUTA) taxes along with any income taxes withheld from their household employees.

Even though the new law simplifies the reporting and payment of household FUTA tax by allowing it to be reported on the employers 1995 Form 1040, it does not affect the wage threshold for FUTA liability. Mr. Scott warns "This new law does not directly affect any state unemployment tax filing requirements. Household employers may still be subject to quarterly filing requirements for these state taxes."

Finally, under the new law, household employers are not required to make household employee Social Security, Medicare, and FUTA tax payments throughout the year until 1998. Mr. Scott encourages household employers to either increase their withholding or make estimated payments to avoid a large balance due on these taxes when they file their income tax returns. Beginning in 1998, withholding or estimated tax payments must be sufficient to cover these taxes. If not, these underpayments could be subject to estimated tax penalties.

## Prussic Acid Warning

The average first frost date in the Fall for Callahan County is November 10 and at first frost, cattle producers should remove cattle from forage sorghum and johnson grass fields because of the danger of prussic acid poisoning.

With the lush growth conditions the past 6 weeks a freeze will most likely set up conditions for prussic acid to develop in sorghum or johnson grass plants. After a heavy frost, cattle should be removed for 10 days. Before turning back in a field, plants should be checked for new growth at the base of the plant. Occasionally if a frost is not very severe, plants will sucker at the bottom of the plant and this new growth can cause prussic acid problems also.

For additional information on prussic acid, contact the County Extension Office at 854-1518.



HOME CARE WEEK PROCLAIMED - Mayor Gene Dillard signs the proclamation as Kathy Patterson, QA Tech, and Faylene Brown, Scheduler, Nurse (from left), Tammy Odom, QA look on.

## Proclamation

# Home Care Week 1994 By The Mayor Of The City Of Cross Plains

Cross Plains' citizens of all ages and economic levels are concerned about high quality, affordable health care. Home care provides a wide range of these needed health and supportive services, to the ill and disabled of all ages. These services include preventative, acute, subacute, rehabilitative, and long term care. The concept of home care is the oldest and most enduring tradition of health service delivery in Texas and the Nation.

## Period Music Featured At 1994 Winter Rendezvous

Several groups and individuals will bring their musical talents to the 1994 "Winter Rendezvous" on the Fort Concho Parade Field during this year's Christmas event on December 2, 3 and 4. All musical entertainment as well as the Rendezvous itself are open to the public with every grounds admission.

Returning to Fort Concho after their successful visit last year is the 97th Regimental String Band from Florida. This three-man band plays music from the mid-late nineteenth century interspersed with story telling, historical yarns, the witty pun, and the ever hazardous play on words. Their special performance in the candle-lit soldiers barracks in 1993, according to one observer, was "nothing short of magical." The 97th will play on Friday evening, four times on Saturday and three times on Sunday at various locations throughout the fort.

A new musical group comes to the fort from Oklahoma City: the Prairie Land String Band, a five-person group dressed in 1890's style featuring traditional American music. Their family-oriented program with period props recreates music and entertainment from another century for all to enjoy. Audience interaction is encouraged! A related program, "Doc McGillicuddy's Miracle Cure Medicine Show," will combine "magic, music, and snake oil!"

A hit at the Children's area last year, Bill Ramsell of Austin will return with his versatile array of music, story-telling, and demonstrations. Bill also set up camp in the Rendezvous and was available to chat with visitors throughout the weekend. Christmas at Old Fort Concho for the Prairie Land group that also promises to bring along its famed medicine show! Both groups are well known for their exciting brand of music, history, and entertainment. Also returning to the Rendezvous is cowboy singer and poet Bill Ramsell of Austin who was a big hit in the Children's Area in 1993.

A dozen traders and sudlers will line the Parade Field offering quality replica and original items at all price levels for adults and children. All traders will dress in period style and many offer a free history lesson with every sale!

The Rendezvous will operate continuously over the three-day Christmas weekend with special drills, activities, and performances each day. Check the schedules posted on the ticket booths, listen for the announcement, or drop by the Rendezvous Headquarters Tent at the east end of the Parade Field.

Surveys show most people prefer to receive medical care and related supportive services in their own home. There is also a significant and growing body of evidence that home care services are more efficient, cost effective, and stimulate quicker and full recoveries and improvements than comparable services within institutions.

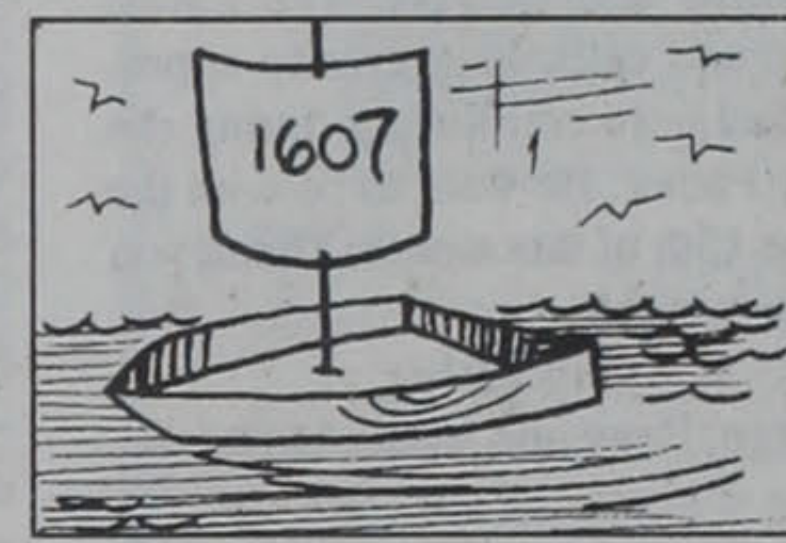
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NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gene Dillard, Mayor of Cross Plains, do hereby proclaim November 27, through December 3, as "Home Care Week" in Texas. I urge citizens to recognize the efforts of home care providers, and the families and friends of the elderly and disabled, who provide such important services in the

home.  
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed this 25th day of November, 1994, and affixed the Seal of Cross Plains.

Gene Dillard  
Mayor of Cross Plains



The first ship built by English colonists in America was launched on Maine's Kennebec River in 1607.

## Section 16 Grant Request Due To TxDot December 15

The Texas Department of Transportation has issued a request for applications to nonprofit organizations which provide transportation services to elderly and/or disabled persons, or applications which might provide equipment for eligible transportation programs.

Applications are being requested for Section 16 grants which provide for eligible capital expenses to include the replacement of buses, vans, trolleys and other vehicles used to transport elderly and/or disabled persons. Also included are the purchases of vehicles for service expansions, purchase of radio equipment and necessary auxiliary equipment. The funding is appropriated by the Federal Government under the Federal Transit Act.

To be eligible for consideration, each proposal must include a completed Section 16 grant nomination form. Forms for organizations in the Abilene District are available from Joe Clark, P.O. Box 150, Abilene, Texas, 79604. He may be reached by telephone at 915/676-6812.

Written proposals must be received in Clark's office on or before December 15, 1994.

For information, contact Mary Beth Kilgore, District PIO at 915/676-6806.

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**MINUTE MUSINGS**

By ESTHLOY S. DICKSON

The weather is ideal this Monday morning, and I am glad. However, we are saddened by the death of our long-time friend, J. T. Beggs. He is very dear to my family. Betty and the family have our sincere sympathy.

Services at First Baptist were interesting, as usual, and fairly well attended. Dr. Jim's message was taken from Isaiah 44. "The Empty Man" was his topic title.

I always enjoy my chat with Sally Rody. She is only fairly well, however, she always makes a good report. Bob visited his mother at the Rest Home nearly every day. Their son, George, spent several days with them. Cindy, Charlie, Allie, and Ann came in from Springfield, Missouri for the weekend.

I enjoyed my brief chat with Helen Tillotson. They had a host of family and friends in their home during the holidays. They visited in all the different homes in the community and enjoyed all the dear ones present.

I want to report my visit at my sister Opal's home in the country, south of Breckenridge. Those attending came from Cleburne, Cisco, Hawley, and Longview, maybe other places I can't recall. I listed at least twenty-four names. We had a great day!

**Cottonwood News**

By BEVERLY BROWN

Mr. and Mrs. John Purvis return home on Monday from Charlotte, North Caro-

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**Special thanks** to Higginbotham's for a case for Howard first editions; to John Adams for a fence for the window, and to all who are going to help get ready for Friday and Saturday.

lina, where they visited with their daughter Barbara Batten and their granddaughter and husband, Brooke and Chuck Melinde of Tampa, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nickerson Sr., Porcius and Rickey Jo Potter, Amie Franke of Clyde, Mrs. Bill Kelly, and Mrs. Wanda Hammel of Schertz attended the family Thanksgiving dinner on Saturday, November 18, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Max Byrd in Keller.

Mrs. Edward G. Malsom of Hemet, California is here visiting with her niece, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Brown, and her sister, Mrs. Mildred Ford in the Colonial Oaks Nursing Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Champion Sr. and Calvin were at his brother's, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Champion in Tuscola on Thanksgiving Day.

Family members in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Purvis for the holiday were Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Purvis and family of Mount Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Prell and family of Houston.

Mrs. Wanda Hammel of Schertz is here visiting with her sisters, brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nickerson Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kelly and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Weaver.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Rogers Sr., Craig Jr., Charlie and Carrie Beth of

Colmesneil were at her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Weaver, over the Thanksgiving holiday.

Family and kinfolks in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nickerson for dinner on Thanksgiving Day were: Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Hines and family of Clyde; Connie Potter and family of Cross Plains; Wanda Hammel of Schertz; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Nickerson and J. J. of Buffalo; Mr. and Mrs. Randy Nickerson of Houston; Dennis Kelly of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kelly, locally; Jim Kelly and Mr. and Mrs. Craig Rogers and family visited with the families.

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Childers and Todd of Cisco were at his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Blanton Childers, on Thanksgiving Day and had dinner with the folks.



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 Darrell Collier  
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 Tracy Erwin

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 Dana Jean Dimitri  
 Mrs. J. D. Moore  
 Bobby Porter  
 Darin Apple

**DECEMBER 4**  
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 Paul Perkins  
 Rhonda (Wilcoxon) Fritz  
 Wayne Bishop  
 Scott Odum  
 Leelan Nunn  
 Larry Blankenship  
 Judy Casey  
 Lynn Hutton  
 Clifton Bay Kirkham

**DECEMBER 5**  
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 Christy Rene Spoon  
 Bobby Harris  
 Darwin Breeding  
 Annette Roberts

Kathy Sohns  
 Jenna Kay Teague  
 Cheryl (Franke) Hollis  
 Jimmy Glenn Kelly  
 Mary Ann Reed  
 Mindy Melissa Watson  
 Jeffery Calhoun  
 Delbert Tennison

**DECEMBER 6**  
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 Johnny Johnson  
 Mrs. J. E. (Eddie) Wood  
 Debbie Jean (Potter) Gosnell  
 Phillip Perry  
 Frances Mote  
 Katerina Ring  
 Shawn Weathermon

**DECEMBER 7**  
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 Imo Jeane Clark  
 Mrs. Anne Burris  
 Michael Dean Wilson  
 Roy Richey  
 Jim McDonald  
 Estaline Gilmore  
 Allan Clark  
 Glen Lawrence  
 Maurine Strahan  
 Jimmie Reynolds  
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## Efficient, Clean Propane Flame Weeding Making Comeback

Many people have an old flame from years ago still burning in their hearts. Now some Texas agricultural producers are rekindling one old flame in particular: propane flame cultivation to clear fields of cotton, vineyards and row crops.

"We see this new interest in a proven technology as a key growth market for propane sales," said James E. (Jim) Nugent, chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission. The Railroad Commission regulates the Texas oil and gas industry.

Before chemical weed-killers were in widespread use, many farmers relied on propane-powered flame machines to control weeds in row crops. Harry Garretson, a propane dealer in Hale Center, said that in 1964, 21 farmers around that town used high-clearance tractors equipped with flame cultivators. "They kept us running from sunup to sundown supplying propane and service," he said.

But competition from inexpensive chemical weeding agents that became widely available in the 1960s caused the demise of the technique. Mr. Garretson said he knew it was the beginning of the end for propane flame weeding when he saw a farmer spraying a new product called Treflan on his crops. Propane was then selling for 10-15 cents a gallon. "It was just too expensive to compete with the new, cheaper chemicals," Mr. Garretson said.

Now that many farmers face strict environmental protection guidelines and rising production costs, propane flame cultivation is again a practical option. "We saw a need for more uses for this environmentally friendly farming procedure," said Railroad Commissioner Mary Scott Nabers.

For example, Jim Crawford of Muleshoe farms 1,200 acres of organic cotton. Last year, his weed-control cost for "hoe hand" labor got up to nearly \$80 an acre. This year, he tried an eight-row flame unit, which cost him \$3.50 per acre, per application. Learning to use the unit effectively took some trial and error, but it paid off - some of his cotton this year should produce more than two bales per acre.

How do farmers like Mr. Crawford avoid harming their crops? A row of special burners mounted across a tractor tool bar directs a blast of heat at the base of the plants. The high temperatures cause delicate plant cells to rupture, destroying weeds without injury to cultivated crops. That's because row

crops can take more heat (when properly applied) than most grasses, weeds and vines. The heat penetrates more completely through tender vegetation than through woody stems and tightly rolled stalks.

Extensive testing done in the 1960s with various kinds of equipment and crops still yields valuable information. Besides cotton, crops on which flame weeding has been used successfully include corn, grain sorghum, soybeans and potatoes. The best time to flame cultivate is while weeds are small, and damp conditions after rain or irrigation are ideal for the treatment. But, naturally, many farmers want to know more about flame weeding before committing to it.

The commission's Alternative Fuels Research and Education Division is cooperating with Texas A&M University to study flame cultivation and herbicides to determine the best combination for effective, safe weed control. Areas of focus this year were sugar cane and aloe vera crops in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, as well as cotton and grapes on the South Plains.

Several West Texas farmers trying the old methods have agreed to track their results for the Texas A&M Experiment Station in Lubbock. The data, combined with controlled experiments at the station, should prove interesting to farmers considering alternative kinds of weed control.

"An increase in propane use through propane flame weeding would benefit the Texas economy," said Railroad Commissioner Barry Williamson. "Texas produces 35 percent of the nation's propane supply. Thus, as new propane gas technologies develop, so does that economic sector."

Flame weeding is environmentally benign, as well. Propane burns clean and will not contaminate soil or water. As one farmer put it, the only residue propane flame weeding leaves behind is dead weeds.

The ultimate test of flame weeding will be its acceptance by farmers as an effective economical technique. Some farmers have already made up their minds. "I wouldn't take a million bucks for my machine now," Mr. Crawford said. He plans to build a second flame weeder for next season.

Levelland farmer Preston Turner also

## Bach To Britten — A Christmas For All Time

Christmas is a time for good music and good friends. Both can be enjoyed on December 4 at 4:00 p.m. at the Cisco Junior College Auditorium. The members of Eastland County Community Chorus and Cisco Junior College Singers have combined to perform two favorite works of the Christmas season, J.S. Bach's *Cantata #142* and Benjamin Britten's *Ceremony of Carols*.

Bach's *Cantata #142, To Us a Child is Born*, was originally composed in German but will be performed in English. Steve Zell will accompany the choruses

on the organ. The soloists, Leann Westmoreland, Cory Hull and Chris Spangler will be accompanied by Barbaradon Brooks of Abilene on the harp. The soloists in this piece are Lori Harris, Paula Harris, Mandi Senterfitt, Sally Callan, Michelle Osburn and Adrian Sheppard.

This Sunday afternoon concert which is free to the public promises to bring in the Christmas season with beautiful sounds across the centuries that can be shared with friends and family.



RECIPIENTS FROM CALLAHAN COUNTY—Kent Stennett, 12 years (from left); Rudy Rodriguez, 16 years; Bob McNeil, seven years; Mikey Santos,

nine year; Don Davis, 21 years; and Ray Ramos, 16 years. (Photo by Mary Beth Kilgore, TXDOT)

## Seven From County Receive Transportation Safety Awards

Seven Callahan County Maintenance Section employees were among 172 Texas Department of Transportation

workers in the Abilene district who recently earned safe driving awards. The Callahan County employees earning awards were: Marvin Rogers, section supervisor, and Don Davis, 21 years; Rudy Rodriguez and Ray Ramos, 16 years; Kent Stennett, 12 years; Mikey Santos, nine years; and Bob McNeil, seven years.

The highest award in the Abilene district was presented to Tom Jones, a mechanic in the Jones County Maintenance Section. He had completed 31 years of driving without an accident.

To be eligible for an award, employees must have completed a minimum of four years of accident free driving.

An awards banquet to recognize the district achievers was held at the Stone-wall County Activity Center in Aspermont. There, honorees received a Certificate of Appreciation, or a plaque if their safe driving record was 25 years or more.

The combined total of safe driving years for all district employees was 2446 years.

Presenting the awards were: Maribel P. Jaso, Abilene District engineer; Daffney Henry, assistant executive director, Human Resource Management, TXDOT; and Jerral Wyer, occupational safety, TXDOT.

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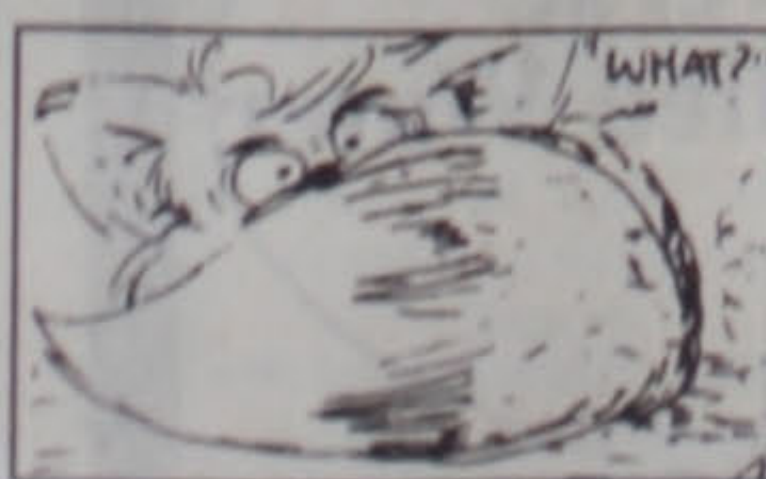
## State Senator Sims Announces Intern Program

AUSTIN—State Senator Bill Sims, D-Paint Rock, would like to announce that he is sponsoring an intern program again this next session. The program will be for the 74th Legislative session which begins January 10, 1995 and runs through May.

"This session promises to be very interesting," says Senator Sims. "We have had a good response in years past, and I am looking forward to having even more of my constituents involved in the legislative process through the 24th district."

Because of limited space in the Senator's office, internships are restricted to residents of the 24th Senatorial District which includes the following counties: Bell, Brown, Burnet, Callahan, Coke, Coleman, Concho, Coryell, Lampasas, Llano (partial), McCulloch, Menard, Mills, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, San Saba, Shackelford, Stephens, Taylor (partial) and Young.

Residents of the 24th Senatorial District who are interested in being a part of this program for a few days during the legislative session may call Delta Haffelder at 512-463-0125. Effective January 1, 1995 the telephone number will change to 512-463-0124, or you may write to P.O. box 12068, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711.



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