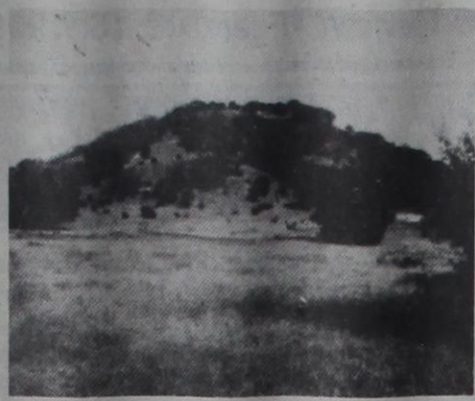


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BUFFALOES DISTRICT CHAMPS — Pictured from left are Head Coach Bill Boyd, Justin Richey, Benji Blackstock, Dusty Hargrove, Lee Wayne Wheeler, Donnie Dillard, Brock Walker, Jeremy Barnett, Joseph Turner, Brandon

Stover, and Coach Kevin McLean. The Buffaloes ended the 1995-96 basketball season with a 7-1 record and are headed to bi-district. They will play Sidney for bi-district on Thursday, February 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the Brownwood High School Gym.

Two practice games are scheduled: Friday, February 16 vs Knox City, Hamlin High School Gym, 7:30 p.m. and Monday, February 19 vs Throckmorton, Albany High School Gym, 7:00 p.m.

Senator Gramm Announces Loans To Small Business

WASHINGTON -- U.S. Senator Phil Gramm has announced that small businesses depending on farmers and ranchers in seven Texas counties (Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Concho, McCulloch, Runnels and Taylor) are eligible to apply for low-interest loans to help recover from agriculture damages.

Gramm said the areas were designated as eligible for disaster assistance by the Small Business Administration due to agriculture damages caused by beet army worm infestation which occurred August 1-31, 1995.

The closing date for loan applications is August 22, 1996.

The program covers small businesses which are without credit elsewhere. The interest rate available is 4 percent with a maximum of 30 years allowed for repayment.

The Small Business Administration provides these loans to small businesses which have sustained economic injury resulting from natural disasters.

Further details may be obtained by calling the SBA toll-free number, 1-800-366-6303.

Cottonwood Musical Friday, February 16

The Cottonwood Quilting Club is having their benefit for the Ben Richey Boys Ranch on February 16 at the Cottonwood Community Center.

The ladies will be serving barbecue sandwiches with all the trimmings at 5:30 p.m. The musical will begin at 6:30 p.m. with Smokey Callaway as emcee. Everyone is invited to attend.

Couple To Celebrate Four Years At Local Church

Bro. Bob Wallace and his wife Ruby are celebrating four years of ministry at Believers Fellowship on Highway 36 on Friday, February 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Bro. Evans of Brady Revival Center will be guest speaker assisted by Bro. Sam Tomlinson of The Worship Center in Brownwood will officiate.

Everyone is invited to attend and bring a friend or neighbor and help Bro. Bob and Ruby celebrate their four years in the ministry at Believers Fellowship.

Colonial Oaks Services

Cottonwood Baptist will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, February 18, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

First Day To Apply For School Board Candidacy Feb. 19

The first day to apply for a place on the ballot for the Cross Plains I.S.D. School Board Election is February 19.

Applications will be available in the office of the Superintendent at the high school from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday, with the exception of spring break March 11-15. Applications will be available March 11-15 by calling (817) 725-7458 Cliffadean or (817) 725-6426 Lurene. Last day to make application is March 20 at 5:00 p.m.

Monty Richards and Rex Beggs terms will expire this year.

C.P. Roping Club Meeting Monday, February 19

A special called meeting for the Cross Plains Roping Club will be held Monday, February 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Buffalo Room at the Dairy Queen. Making plans for the Bull Buck-Out is the main item on the agenda.

Early Voting Begins Wed., Feb. 21

Early voting in the Democratic and Republican party primary elections will begin Wednesday, February 21 at three locations in Callahan County.

Early voting for both the Democratic Primary Election and Republican Primary Election will take place in Clyde February 21 at the Justice of the Peace office on North First Street. Early voting will begin February 21 in Baird at the County Clerk's office in the County Courthouse and early voting in Cross Plains will take place at the Justice of the Peace office.

The early voting locations will be open during regular business hours Monday through Friday. Early voting will conclude Friday, March 8.

In the Democratic Primary Election, four offices will be contested in Callahan County.

Incumbent County Sheriff Eddie Curtis will face former Clyde Police Officer Rod Waggoner.

Incumbent County Attorney Allen Wright faces challenger W.L. (Dub) Burke.

Clyde voters will choose between incumbent Precinct #1 County Commissioners Harold Hicks and challenger W.H. Blackburn III.

The County Constable Precinct #3 position candidates include Tommy Cooper and Howard Bredehoff.

Other Democratic Primary Election candidates running unopposed include:

Incumbent Bun Barry for County Tax Assessor/Collector.

Incumbent County Commissioner Precinct #3 Tommy Holland.

Incumbent County Constable Precinct #1 David Blalock.

Kevin Weiss, candidate for County Constable Precinct #4.

In the Republican Primary Election, the only countywide candidate is Paul Jaworski, who is seeking the office of County Sheriff. He will face the Democratic Party's candidate in the General Election in November.

The Democratic Primary Election and the Republican Primary Election will both be held from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 12 in Callahan County.

MISS VALENTINE PARADE SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

DON'T MISS IT! Dream Catcher is the theme for the 1996 Miss Valentine Parade Saturday, February 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the Cross Plains School Auditorium.

The parade sponsored by Beta Sigma Phi is a great opportunity for boys and girls to acquire poise and self-confidence in front of an audience. It is also great fun as they get to dress up and have an extra special evening.

Even though there is a trophy presented to the top winner in each division, it is always stressed that all of the girls are beautiful and are winners

for having participated in the parade.

Several changes have been made this year. It is always the goal to improve the parade as more experience is obtained. One such change is that the boys will be receiving more recognition than in the past. Their effort in the parade is greatly appreciated by the Sorority and the girls whom they escort.

Another change is that the winners from last year will be announced after Round 1 of that division. The announcement of photogenic winners will be made throughout the evening. It is hoped that these adjustments will

make the parade flow more smoothly.

Video tapes of the evening will be available for \$10.00 each. They must be paid for in advance. Order forms and money may be given to Nora Odom or brought to the parade. Tickets for the event are \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children under 12.

Please come out and support the children. You will be enchanted by them.

For more information call Jamie Apple 725-6296, Nora Odom 725-6840 or Judy Luter 725-7222.

Art Contest For Robert Howard Postal Cancellation Underway

Local persons with artistic abilities are invited to participate in a contest being sponsored by Project Pride.

The Project Pride organization is seeking a drawing suitable for the 1996 Robert E. Howard Day Postal Cancellation.

Detailed information and specifications are available at the Post Office or the Cross Plains Public Library. Deadline for submitting entries is April 12. These should be submitted to the Postmaster at the Cross Plains Post Office.

A selection will be made by a panel of judges and a prize awarded.

Callahan Co. Commissioners Contribute \$1,000 To Clyde V.F.D.

Callahan County Commissioners voted to contribute \$1,000 to the Clyde Volunteer Fire Department so the department can make some urgent repairs to its fire trucks.

Johnny Turner and Billy Dezem, representing the Clyde Volunteer Fire Department, met with county commissioners Monday, February 8 to discuss the additional funding for the department.

The county commissioners voted unanimously to contribute \$1,000 in additional funding so the department can make those truck repairs.

Clyde V.F.D. Chief Rick Gilmore said the additional funding will be used to complete repairs to a 500 gallon booster truck of the department. Gilmore said another pump and bed is being added to the booster truck.

The fire chief said when the booster truck repairs are completed, the truck will respond to car, house fires and vehicles fire both inside and outside the city limits of Clyde. Gilmore said the truck will also be used to haul water for grass fires in the rural parts of the county.

In another agenda item, county commissioners voted to contribute \$250 this year to the Leon-Bosque RCED program of which Callahan County is a member of.

Paula Windham, representing the Leon-Bosque RCED, met with county commissioners requesting the same funding from the county as last year.

County commissioners also approved the minutes of the previous commissioners' court meeting and voted to pay all approved bills.

The next meeting of the Callahan County Commissioners will be held Monday, February 19 at 9:30 a.m. at the County Courthouse in Baird.

GTE Files Request To Recover Expanded Local Calling Expenses - Update On Expanded Local Calling

SAN ANGELO—On February 7, GTE applied with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) to recover from customers \$16.6 million for revenue losses resulting from the mandated expansion of toll-free calling areas to over 250 smaller communities across the state. The expanded calling areas were required by Senate Bill 632 passed by the 1993 Texas Legislature.

The legislation allowed the PUC to set rules for communities with less than 10,000 telephone lines, and outside of metropolitan areas, to expand local calling areas where there is a community of interest, such as county government, churches, a school district, hospitals and doctors. The service is called expanded local calling (ELC).

The law, passed in 1993, allows the additional costs and investment, as well as lost long-distance revenues associated with ELC, to be recovered by assessing customers in the requesting community a monthly charge of no more than \$3.50 for each residential line and \$7 for each business line. Revision of the law in 1995 limited the number of distant areas that can be added to the local calling area for the \$3.50 and \$7 maximum charges to five. Additional calling

areas over the five limit will include an additional \$1.50 a month for both residential and business lines for each additional calling area.

Any revenue deficiency not recovered from the capped surcharges must be collected by a general surcharge on other customers across the state.

"GTE resisted passing the unrecovered costs and lost toll revenues to our customers; however, the losses have reached a point where we can no longer ignore the impact," said Kathy Harless, regional president of GTE.

When approved by the PUC, customers in areas with ELC service who are not paying the maximum \$3.50 residential or \$7 business rate will see charges for ELC increased to the maximum. Customers not paying an ELC charge will receive a \$1.06 monthly surcharge per line.

In 1995 eight cities were voted on for expanded local calling and all were passed. At this time the 817 area code cities (Eastland and Cisco) are pending and the 915 area code cities (Abilene, Baird, Clyde, Brownwood, Coleman and Patnam) are being held in Judge Green's court awaiting a final decision. No scheduled implementation for any of the eight cities is known at this date.

Deadlines For The Cross Plains Review Articles Must be Turned In Mondays By Noon (No Exceptions) Advertisements Must Be In Tuesdays By 5:00 p.m. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT
Bill Johnson presiding

Misdemeanor Minutes
Byron K. Kelley, motion filed to revoke probation.
Jean B. Vaughn, probation extended to 5-11-96.

MARRIAGE LICENSES
Becky Renee McKeehan & Randall Scott Bland of Cross Plains
Karen Renee Bodine & Richard Truman Holden of Clyde.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks presiding

Civil Filings
Divorces filed:
Loving, Burl Boyd & Lina S. Phillips, Dawn M. & Jeffery L., and in the interest of minor child.

Civil Minutes
Divorces granted:
Cortez, Amelia & Ernest.
Hall, Shawn Deniece & Larry Lee.
Plunk, Billy Jack & Kimberly Ann.

The following cases dismissed for want of prosecution:

Lora H. Butler a/k/a Lora Lesley vs Leroy L. Butler and Floyce Butler.

Weldon Edwards vs Wayne Gleghorn Trucking.

Kenneth Rogers vs John Tolbert & Birdie Tolbert.

First National Bank, Baird, vs Gregg Chittum.

Patricia Dyer vs Progressive Mutual Life Insurance.

United Energex vs H&R Resources

Preferred Risk Mutual Insurance vs Ray Elbert Hule.

Billy Jack Plunk vs Kimberly Ann Plunk.

Havner, Debra Sue & Michael W. Byrd, Rebecca L. & David Keith.

Felony Minutes
Ricardo Ruiz, possession of marijuana, 6 years at TDC.

Clyde Man Convicted For D.W.I. In Jury Trial

After a two day jury trial, a Callahan County jury has convicted a Clyde man of driving while intoxicated.

The jury took fifteen minutes last Wednesday to find Ronnie Dan Wills, 34, guilty of the offense. The charge stemmed from Will's arrest in Clyde in the early morning hours of September 4, 1995.

According to Clyde Police Officer Paul Jaworski and Callahan County Deputies Billy Myrick and Buddy Croft, Wills was observed spinning his tires and running two stop signs on North 1st Street between Cherry Lane and Hunt Street. When the officers stopped him to investigate they determined that he was intoxicated and placed him under arrest.

Callahan County Attorney Allen Wright stated that he was pleased with the swift verdict and commended the officers for their quick reaction at the scene and their professional presentation of the case to the jury.

The court set punishment at \$500 fine, court costs and 60 days in jail probated for two years.

OBITUARIES

Glenwood Shofner

Glenwood Shofner, 70, died Saturday, February 3, 1996, at his home. Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Dewaine Clower officiating. Burial was in Sabanna Cemetery.

Mr. Shofner was born in Lufkin and was a U.S. Navy veteran. He worked as a truck driver and married Falba Gordon in 1961 in El Paso.

Survivors include his wife, of Cross Plains; two sons, Eddie Glen Shofner and Louis Wayne Shofner, both of Houston; one daughter, Edith Hinesly of Cross Plains; one brother, Owen Shofner of Big Sandy; two sisters, Lura V. Small of Big Sandy and Florene Hoke of Houston; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Pallbearers were James Nelson, Bobby Lee, Lonnie Switzer, Elvin Goode, James Wolf and John David Foller.

Minnie Dickerson

MAY—Minnie Goldie Howton Dickerson, 93, died Tuesday, February 6, 1996, in a Brownwood hospital.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday in Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel in Rising Star. Burial was in Wolf Valley Cemetery in Brown County.

Mrs. Dickerson was born in Owens and was a homemaker. She was a Baptist and was the widow of John Cleve Dickerson, whom she married in 1919.

Survivors include two daughters, Alta Adams of Mercury and Wanda Dyer of Brownwood; one stepdaughter, Novella Stover of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; one son, John Dickerson of Brownwood; 16 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and three great-great grandchildren.

Ross B. Shaw

WOODVILLE—Ross B. Shaw, 87, of Woodville, died Friday, February 2, 1996, at Holiday Pines Manor Nursing Home in Woodville.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home in Woodville with burial at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.

A native of Scurry County and former resident of Cross Plains, he lived in Woodville several years and was a retired self-employed farmer.

Survivors include his wife, Junita Shaw of Woodville; two sons, Don Shaw of Woodville and Larry Shaw of Duncanville; one brother, Davis Shaw of Snyder; one sister, Nell Outlaw of Morton; and five grandchildren.

Joyce Ann Walker

MAY—Graveside services for Joyce Ann Walker, 48, of Rising Star were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 13, 1996, at the May Cemetery with the Rev. R.J. Elkins officiating. Davis-Morris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

She died at 1:47 a.m. Saturday, February 10, 1996, at Brownwood Regional Medical Center.

Born September 12, 1947, in Lubbock, she was a retired nurses aide. She had lived in Rising Star for the past few years and was formerly of Seminole and Cross Plains where she was employed at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include one daughter, Cassandra Yvonne Osterman of Beaverton, Oregon; one son, Dustin Phillip Ysasaga of Beaverton, Oregon; four brothers, Billy Don Walker of Denton, Jimmy Dale Walker of Azle, Stanley Wayne Walker of Yoakum and Scott Dwayne Walker of Fort Worth; four sisters, Evelyn Jean Beam of May, Connie Daun Oliver of Seminole, Kathy Sue Sims of Arlington and Shannon Seville Holden of Archer City; and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bill Myrle Walker and Wandine Elizabeth Moudy Walker; two brothers, Bobby Dean and Ernest Ray Walker; and two sisters, Wynona Fay and Patricia Kay Walker.

OIL NEWS

New Tests

Callahan

C&L Oil Co., Cross Plains, will drill No. 3 Charles Payne to 1,000 in the Regular 6 miles southwest of Cross Plains on an 80-acre lease. Spots 1,467 FNL and 365 FEL. CSL, Lot 43, A-107.

PUBLIC FAX AT THE CROSS PLAINS REVIEW

VETERANS NEWS

AID & ATTENDANCE—A Veteran on disability pension may be eligible for more monthly payment if that Veteran is confined to the home (housebound) or in need of care by another person (aid & attendance). A housebound Veteran with one dependent would receive slightly over \$1700 more per year while a Veteran on Aid & Attendance with one dependent would receive slightly over \$4600 more per year. A Veteran's widow on Aid & Attendance pension would receive an additional \$3100 over the regular Widow's annual pension.

Remember that Pension is subject to reduction if there is ANY other income, including Social Security. For example, V A presently pays \$460 per month as Widow's pension. If the widow receives \$360 from Social Security, then V A will pay only \$100 per month.

CANCER VS AIDS—A drug that normally is used to treat cancer patients also seems to prolong the survival of persons with AIDS, according to a new study by researchers at the Dallas VAMC. At a national medical meeting January 29 in Washington, D.C., Drs. Phillip Keiser and Steven Rademacher reviewed the cases of 152 AIDS patients at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas, and compared outcomes between those that had received granulocyte colony stimulating factor for prevention and treatment of a systematic bacterial infection and those who had not received the drug. They found that the patients who had received the drug lived more than twice as long as patients who had not received it. The longer survival, however, was not related to decreased incidence of the bacterial infection, the researchers noted.

HOME CARE—Now that folks are living longer, odds are you'll wind up needing to secure care for an aging friend or relative sometime soon. Today, 7% of U.S.

workers care for older or ill spouses, relatives or friends, according to the Families and Work Institute. Overall, seven million people are receiving home care at a cost of \$27 billion, according to the National Association for Home Care.

Studies by the American Association of Retired Persons indicate that seniors overwhelmingly desire to stay in their homes. That desire can be outweighed by safety concerns, unless you know how to find the right person to help the oldest person at home. If you think someone close to you might need home care soon, start doing research now. One of the biggest mistakes families make, experts say, is waiting until a crisis hits before seeking help.

First, contact the National Association of State Units on Aging in Washington to refer you to the agency in the state where your relative lives. Their telephone is 202-898-2578. The Eldercare Locator, funded by the U.S. Administration on Aging, also is a good free resource. Their number is 800-677-1116.

If the elderly person doesn't need much help, you may find that existing community services can cover your needs. But for complicated cases, ask for a referral to a local geriatric case manager. An elderly person who needs help with basics like getting dressed and going to the bathroom requires round-the-clock care. Your best bet is probably going through a home-care agency.

Remember what you read in the first item of this column? A person needing the care described in this home-care item will most likely qualify for the housebound or aid & attendance benefit. Those extra payments can go a long way toward paying for the costs of home-care.

A THOUGHT—Most of us would be willing to pay as we go if we could just finish paying for where we've been!!!

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Baird A.D.D. Group To Meet Feb. 15
Baird A.D.D. will have their first meeting on February 15, 1996 at 6:30 p.m. at the Baird Cafetorium. For further information call Janet Roberts at 854-1865.

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 12, 1996.

For Callahan County Attorney W.L. (Dub) Burke
Pol. Adv. paid by treasurer, Dub Burke, 956 Cherry Street, Baird, TX 75604

Allen Wright
Pol. Adv. paid by Allen Wright Campaign, 8000 County Road 203, Clyde, TX 79510
All political calendar advertising for the Democratic Primary Election is payable in advance, at a cost of \$90.00. A free press release and photograph will be published one time with each announcement.

Clips, Quips & Comments

By KAY DENNIS MOSLEY

"I Planted a -----!"

The last thing I planted was a --uh--
--umm--m-----wel-l-l-l--ll--ll--ll--
It was late September, Marvin and I had
driven up to Crosbyton to pick up a
couch I was buying from my niece
and a chair. Also I was taking my
couch and chair to my daughter and
son who live in Lubbock.

The couch and chair I was bringing
home was loaded on Wednesday
evening late from the back of my
brother-in-law's office building.
Tied down and wrapped in plastic by
my husband and the men from the
furniture store next door, it all looked
very safe and sound but secure. On
Thursday morning we awoke early,
to a very cold, extremely windy, and
veritably heavy rainy day. We left
anyway; anxious to get back to Cross
Plains and home. Well, to say the
least the weather was bad enough but
the wind was just horrible. It
whipped around the back of the
pickup, flipping up the corners of the
plastic covering, struggling with the
ropes and the come-a-long. The wind
seemed like a giant monster-- it came
in gales seeming to get worse as we
traveled on. We had to stop at Silver
Falls for Marvin to tighten the ropes
and do some retaping. Less than
thirty minutes later we pulled into
Dickens and under an awning at a
store and station. The wind was just
tearing up the plastic, ripping it into
shreds as large chunks of the black
plastic flew away in the gusts of wind.
Marvin worked out in cold wind and
rain for almost an hour, resecuring
everything. The manager of the store

even furnished us with a roll of duct
tape. It was freezing cold and still
raining. When he got back in the
pickup we discussed whether to put
the couch pillows inside the cab. We
decided against it as he had already
tied it all down and didn't want to redo
it again as the weather was so cold and
bad. We left Dickens, turned the
corner toward Spur. As we turned the
corner, the wind whipped around us,
it seemed to almost be trying to pull us
back. We continued on through the
cold wind and rain, the wind gusting
about 30 m.p.h..

We passed through Spur, Jayton,
and Aspermont before we stopped
again, the weather seeming to worsen
the farther we traveled. We stopped
in Hamlin for lunch at the Hate-To-
Hoe. As we left Marvin gave our
furniture load a brief, cursory check
and deemed everything o.k.

The next time we stopped we were
in Cross Plains. Some of the gentle-
men from the peanut mill came over
the help us unload. When my hus-
band took off the plastic covering, we
discovered that somewhere between
Dickens and here ----- I planted a
COUCH PILLOW-----!!!! It was of
course; the center one. My brother-
in-law who travels swears that he's
ridden ever since with his head stuck
out the window looking for that
couch pillow. So as you ride along,
should you see a pink, baby blue and
gray couch pillow beginning to take
root, take notice. I planted it on a
cold, windy, gusty day.

My problem now-----what to
plant next. "C" "U".

GREETINGS FROM YOUR SENIOR CITIZENS

By THELMA LONG

Here I come your way again. Can
you take it for a few more months?
Since I am several months behind,
this may seem like old news.

Ophella Lawson visited in Louisi-
ana with her son from some time
before Christmas until up in January.
We wondered if she was ever coming
home. I think she was sondering too.
It's nice to visit but also nice to come
home.

Lois Garrett is back with us after
being out with her brother Jack
DeBusk, who has been seriously ill.
He spent some time in Brownwood
Regional Hospital also in Abilene
Regional. He is able to be at home
now. We are thankful. John Massey
is in Brownwood Regional Hospital.
He had a fall.

The spring like weather was a wel-
come sight after the bitter cold we
experienced recently.

Our crowd was up on Wednesday.
The weather has a lot to do with our
attendance.

Mrs. Jewel Foster and two of her
children were here. It is always nice
to have them.

Jay Jackson is enjoying her pretty
new house.

We have had a wedding since the

last news report. Doye McMillan and
Helen Wooten were married re-
cently. We wish them the very best.

Our little town has been saddened
with a number of deaths lately. We
really miss our friend and loyal
member Roy Tatom. We are made to
realize just how uncertain life is.

The "Skip-Bo" games continue to
go on daily as well as games of pool.
We all get a bang out of Jr. Key and
Marty when they get excited at the
pool table.

Then Fridays, we play games usu-
ally Skip-Bo and Chicken Foot. It
would be nice if more stayed for
games. We have fun. Try it. You
might like it.

Your reporter "ate out" in Abilene
on Thursday with her Bud and Ruth
and their daughter Kyril, who is
moving to Fort Lauderdale, Florida.
We will miss her.

Your reporter, also attended the
funeral of a long time friend on Friday
in Abilene.

Plans are underway to elect a Val-
entine King and Queen. Did you see
the pictures of Past Kings and Queens
since 1989? Interesting -- Until next
time -- Stay Happy!

COLONIAL OAKS NURSING HOME

NEWS

By
LINDA EDINGTON
Activity Director

Hub Freeman was surprised with a
birthday party from his wife Helen.
Everyone enjoyed cake and punch.
Ruby McCowen provided the enter-
tainment with some fine music.
Minnie Swann, Ruby Harrell and
Gertie Powell were also recognized
for having birthdays this month.

Thoughts and prayers for Archie
Aldridge and Mable Fann who are in
the hospital.

Allie Dickson was our winner for a
meal at Jack's Place. Thanks Wanda
and Jack.

Shirley Snodgrass visited Ruby
Harrell and Minnie Swann.

Rachel and Brennan Smelly from
Cross Cut visited with David Smelly.
Rev. Hubert Austin and Betty
Edwards was here visiting every-
body.

Betty Sue Adams visits daily with
Annabel Vaught.

Kate McCarty and Blanche Brooks
and Ray Curry visited Gertie Powell.

Dan Ingram from Fort Worth and
Douglas Ingram visited with Inez

Ingram. Also visiting was Marbra
and Derron Thompson and Michael
Ingram.

Pete Golson visits daily with Nora
Golson.

Teri Coburn from Dallas visited
Clara Coburn and Ritta Knight.

Activities during the week:

Monday: Bingo winners were
Ruby Harrell (2), Midge McCall,
Allie Dickson, Mary Keele, Sylvia
Smith and Mildred Ford. Bible study
with Bro. Jim O'Dell. Birthday Party.

Tuesday: Art class. Popcorn and
Skip-Bo games.

Wednesday: Sing-a-long with Bob
Wallace. Exercise class.

Thursday: Bingo winners were
Minnie Swann, Allie Dickson (3),
Vera Belyeu (2) and Dorothy Tho-
mas. Music with Colleen Anderson.

Friday: Singing with Bob Wallace.
Sit-down-basketball.

Sunday: Cottonwood Baptist
When Love Is In The Heart, Joy
Shines Everywhere!

PIONEER NEWS

By EARLENE BURGE

Has everyone thawed out from our
deep freeze this last weekend? Living
as I do, close to Highway 36 and the
old Cross Plains Highway, I could see
the traffic slowing due to the ice on
the roadways. It made me so thankful
for all the work that was done on my
house so I could sit inside and stay
warm by the fire.

Cowan and Laverne Hutton traveled
to Temple last week for Cowan's
appointment at Scott and White

Clinic. Sunday they share the noon
meal with Danny, Trisha, Robert and
Anthony Hutton. Robbie and Jason
Fortune were also present.

Laverne recently visited her sister
Betty Haslam and brother and wife
Bob and Nelda Dean of Clyde.
Cowan and Laverne were also busi-
ness visitors in Abilene.

The Pioneer Quilting Club finished
a beautiful pieced "Fan" pattern quilt
in black and white for Laverne. The
ladies were glad to be back quilting
following the holiday break. They
also finished a "Improved Wedding
Ring" for Jewel Foster. Everyone has
missed Tuesday's quilting.

John and Irma Miller are home from
a visit with their son in Florida. They
flew in and out of D.F.W. They had a
good time and wonderful visit with
their son and family, but were glad to
get back home.

Bobbie Nell Brown spent the
weekend with her daughter Donna
Grider and family. They are all doing
well. The new grandson is growing
and doing great, as is the great-
grandson.

**Callahan Co.
Republican
Party Monthly
Meeting Tues.,
Feb. 20**

The Callahan Republican Party is
holding their monthly meeting,
Tuesday, February 20 at 7:00 p.m. at
the Dairy Queen in Clyde. Special
guest speaker will be Dr. Rudy
Izzard, candidate for the 17th Con-
gressional District.

Don't forget to vote in the Republi-
can Primary, Tuesday, March 12. For
your voting convenience there will be
three polling places this year: Precincts
1,2 and 7 - Eula Lions Club;
Precincts 3 and 6 - Clyde Lions Club;
and Precincts 4 and 5 - Cross Plains
Community Center.

Bro. Randy Estes of Abilene will be
preaching at the Pentecostal Church
in Pioneer on Thursday, February 15,
beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Ruby McCowen, pastor of the
church, invites everyone to attend.

Scranton Cemetery Report

The following persons gave
memorial gifts or donations for the
upkeep of the Scranton Cemetery
between July 1, 1995 and
December 31, 1995: Betty A.
Allen, Alma J. Tanner, Roy
Applewhite, David and Diane
Boland, Russell and Mary Ruth
Chatham, Willie Cozart, Gean
Sprawls Craig, Virginia Elam
Gilliam, Bob and Clara Hallmark,

Barbara Harlow Jones, Alvin and
Ruth King, Fay Marie King, Aubrey
and Charlotte Loper, Jerry and
Barbara Luster, Gertrude Reese,
Hugh and Joan Shrader, LaVelle
Stuart Speegle, Murl Hallmark
Stroebe.

Each gift was sincerely
appreciated by the Board of
Directors.

Avoid Magnesium Excess

Over-the-counter drugs containing magnesium are po-
tentially dangerous, especially for older people, if taken in
combinations or in excess. Many antacids, pain-relievers,
and laxatives contain salts of magnesium. Although these
products are safe when taken in recommended doses,
combinations or excess can cause toxicity. Magnesium
toxicity symptoms include lack of coordination, drowsi-
ness, confusion, and in severe cases, coma. Always tell
your doctor and pharmacist if you are taking any over-the-
counter medications.

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By Bob Pipes, preacher
Cross Plains Church of Christ
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A Sunday school teacher asked her class if they "said their prayers every night" -
and one little boy answered that he didn't have to, that his mother "said them for
him." "Says them for you?" she asked -- "What does she say?" "She says," the boy
replied, "Thank God, he's in bed!"

Well I wonder how many mothers do feel like saying that, whether they actually do
or not? It takes a lot of patience to make it through the day, day in and day out, taking
care of and rearing those little ones. But isn't it worth it, to have them put their little
arms around you, even occasionally, and say, "I love you." Or to see them growing
into manhood or womanhood, and becoming good citizens, contributions to
society?

Parents, in addition to "thanking God they're in bed," let's ask for His guidance as
we go about one of the most important businesses there is -- rearing living products
of our own lives, and developing souls for the future, yea eternity? One of the
inspired writers of the New Testament, Paul, put it this way: "Bring up your children
in the training and instruction of the Lord," Ephesians 6:4b. While that command
is directed most specifically to fathers, it is mothers' place to help -- and they do,
tremendously. "Thank God they're in bed" -- but thank God also that they exist --
and that we have the privilege of helping to shape their future. And by the way,
"Sunday school" is a good place and time to work on that...

Come share in time together with them, with God, and with us all in Bible study and
wotship on Sundays and Wednesday nights.

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

Friends & Neighbors Caring In Jesus

SPECIAL TAX CREDIT FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES

By PAUNIECE OGLESBY

The EIC (Earned Income Credit) is
a special credit for certain workers. It
reduces tax you owe, and it may give
you a refund even if you don't owe
any tax.

To be eligible for the credit, you
must meet the following situations:

- (1) Have a qualifying child under
18 years of age or 21 and a full time
student.
- (2) And your taxable income is less
than \$24,350 for one child and
\$26,650 for two or more children.
- (3) If you don't have a qualifying
child and yo (or your spouse if filing
a joint return) is at least 25 years old
but under age 65 at the end of 1994.
- (4) You cannot be claimed as a
dependent on another claim.
- (5) And you lived in the United
States more than half of 1994.
- (6) Your taxable earned income is
less than \$9,000.

This year there is a EIC available for
taxpayers without children if you
meet the guidelines stated above.

The credit can be as much as \$314 if
you don't have a qualifying child. If
you have a qualifying child, the credit
can be as much as \$2,094, and \$3,110
with two or more qualifying children.

The Earned Income Credit was
provided to give low-income parents
an extra incentive for working and
staying off welfare rolls.

Earned Income Credit is the only
credit that is refundable. That means
it can go to a family whose income is
so low that it owes no tax but can
receive a refund check of up to
\$3,110.

To find out about Earned Income
Credit call Pauniece Oglesby (725-
6772) to make an appointment with
an AARP Tax-Aide Counselor.

ANNA & ABIGAYLE BEATY

A FIRST FOR THE MCCOWEN FAMILY

Stephanie and Alvin Beaty, 1300 Douglass, Odessa are proud to
announce the arrival of twin girls born January 28, 1996.
Anna Marie Beaty was born at 7:40 a.m. She weighed 6 pounds 2
ounces and was 19 3/4 inches long.
Abigail Jean Beaty was born at 7:41 a.m. and weighed 5 pounds 11
ounces and was 18 1/4 inches long.
Grandparents are Jimmy Dwight and Pam McCowen of Odessa, great-
grandparents are Jimmy V. and Ida Mae McCowen of Early and great-
great-grandmother is Ruby E. McCowen of Cross Plains.

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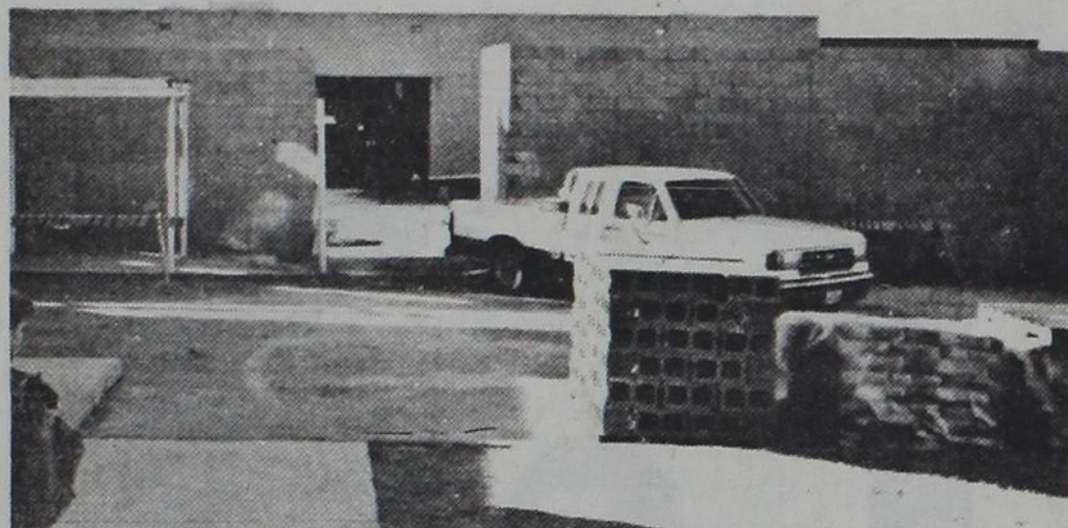
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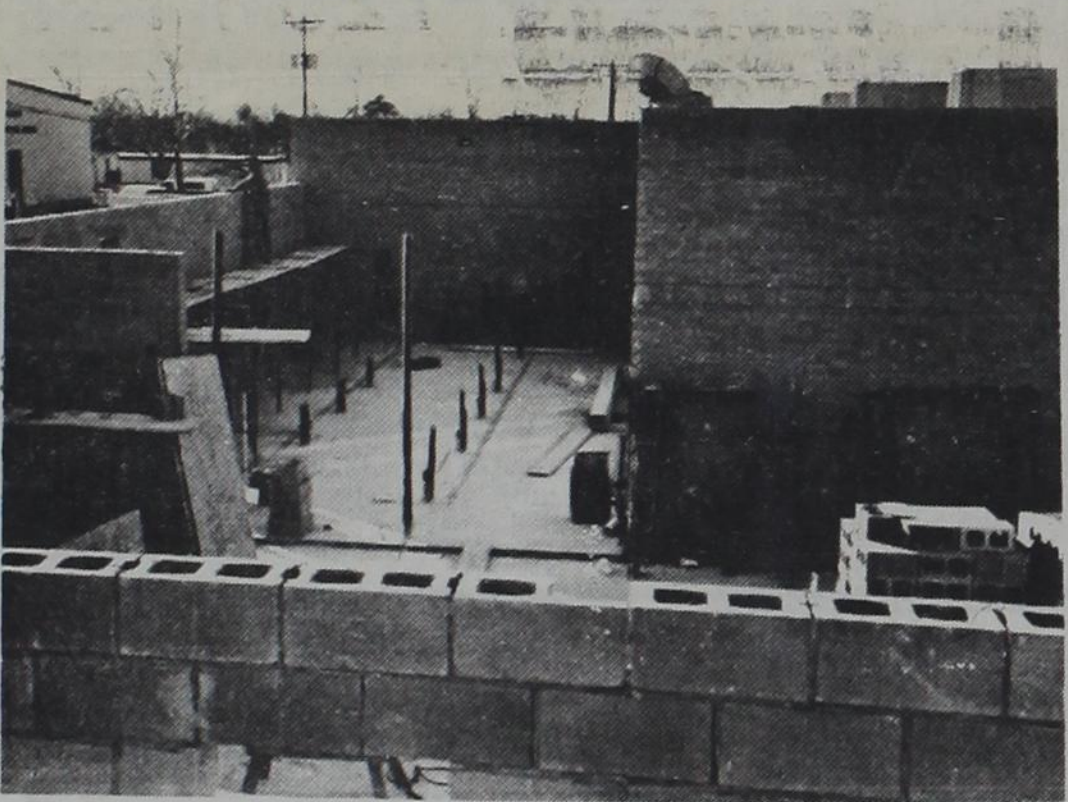
C.P. STUDENT REVIEW



New Cross Plains High School Gym Construction Progressing — The new facility is located just west of the Buffalo Dome (the old gym) and is expected to be complete for next year's basketball season.



Additional Classrooms Under Construction — The Cross Plains High School building is being enlarged to accommodate more students.



New Classrooms Extends High School Building on North — A look from the top reveals current progress.



SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

FEBRUARY 19 - FEBRUARY 23
(Subject to Change)

BREAKFAST

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

TUESDAY — Doughnuts, apple juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Pancake, sausage, grape juice and milk.

THURSDAY — Choice of dry cereal, toast, orange juice and milk.

FRIDAY — Oatmeal, toast, apple juice and milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY — Chili dog on bun, ranch style beans, tator rounds, chocolate cake and milk.

TUESDAY — Country steak w/ gravy, creamed potatoes, carrots, peas, pineapple slices and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Cheese nachos, pinto beans, salad, pear halves, cornbread and milk.

THURSDAY — Turkey w/gravy, sweet potatoes, green beans, fruit cocktail, rolls and milk.

FRIDAY — Hamburger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, fries, cookie and milk.

HELP!

Cross Plains School gets 5 cents for every blue Pepsi School Cap collected from specially marked Pepsi-Cola products. It's money that can be used to buy anything the school needs.

BRANDS: Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Mountain Dew in 2 liter, 3 liter, and 20 ounce bottles.

Save the blue bottle caps and send them to school through May 31. The caps will be redeemed in June for a check issued to the school.

You may send the blue bottle caps to the elementary school office. Your help will be greatly appreciated by the students of Cross Plains Schools.

C.P.I.S.D. School Board Meets Tonight

The Board of Trustees for the Cross Plains I.S.D. will have a called session at 6:30 p.m. in the faculty room of the high school. Superintendent applicants will be interviewed at this time.

The regular meeting of the board will commence at 7:30 p.m. and the following agenda will be addressed:

- PRAYER
MINUTES
1. OPEN FORUM
2. CONSIDER ADDITION TO STUDENT HANDBOOK
3. CONSIDER USE OF GYM FOR PEE WEE BASKETBALL
4. REPORT ON NEW FACILITIES
5. FINANCIAL REPORT/PAY BILLS
6. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)
7. ACTION TO FOLLOW EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)
8. PERSONNEL
A. Athletic Director Contract
B. Principal's Contracts
C. Other Personnel as Necessary
9. AMEND 95/96 SCHOOL CALENDAR
10. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF POWER WASHER FOR BUSES
11. ADJOURN

M. Lee Thompson

Texas State Technical College Welcomes VICA Participants

WACO—Texas State Technical College welcomes Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) participants to the Waco campus for District Semi-final competitions during February and March. TSTC will host competitions in areas ranging from welding to drafting and design. TSTC not only provides facilities for the skill competitions, but also assists with judging and volunteering. These events draw more than 500 Texas high school students from each VICA district together with teachers, sponsors and volunteers to showcase student talent in various

vocational areas.

TSTC's participation in VICA boosts the Waco-area economy as visitors from throughout the state bring their business to Central Texas. Students from VICA District 10 will visit February 16-17. Students from District 6 will compete February 23-24. District 4 competition runs March 1-2, and District 5 visits March 29-30. Winners from the competition will go on to represent their districts in state-level contests. For more information about TSTC's involvement in VICA, at both the

Host Families Needed For Exchange Program

ASSE International Student Exchange Programs (ASSE) is seeking local families for boys and girls from Scandinavia, France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Germany, Holland, Britain, Poland, the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Switzerland, Mexico, Brazil, Japan, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand, 15 to 18 years of age, coming to this area for the upcoming high school year. These personable and academically select exchange students speak English, are bright, curious and anxious to learn about the USA through living as part of a family, attending high school and sharing their own culture and language with their newly adopted American host family.

The students are sponsored by ASSE, a nonprofit, public benefit organization founded by the Swedish Ministry of Education. ASSE also cooperates with the Canadian Provincial Ministries of Education and is approved by the Australian and New Zealand Departments of Education. ASSE is the only organization with these credentials.

The exchange students arrive from their home country shortly before school begins and return at the end of the school year. Each ASSE student is fully insured, brings his or her own personal spending money and expects to bear his or her own share of household responsibilities, as well as being included in normal family activities and lifestyle.

The students are well screened and qualified by ASSE. Families may select the youngsters of their choice from a variety of student applications, family photos and biographical essays. Students and families are encouraged to begin corresponding prior to the student's arrival.

ASSE is also seeking local high school students to become ASSE exchange students abroad. Students should be between 15 and 18 years old and interested in living with a host family, attending school and learning about the lands and people of Scandinavia, France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Germany, Holland, Britain, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Switzerland, Canada (French or English speaking), Mexico, Brazil, Japan, Australia, or New Zealand. Students should have a good academic record and desire to experience another culture through living with a warm and giving volunteer family. Academic year or shorter summer vacation programs are available.

Those persons interested in obtaining more information about becoming a host family, or becoming an exchange student, should contact your ASSE local representative Eula Miears at 817/734-2517 or call 1-800-473-0696.

high school and post-secondary levels, contact Sam Williams at (817) 867-2054.

Texas State Technical College in Waco, with an extension in Marshall, is part of the only state-supported technical college system in Texas. Other campuses are located in Harlingen and Sweetwater. With more than 40 instructional programs of emerging technologies, TSTC is preparing a workforce to meet the demands of industries and businesses. For more information, call Texas toll free 1-800-792-8784.

Energy Saving Tips You N.E.E.D. To Know

- * Replace conventional tires with radials.
Radial tires can improve your car's gas mileage by three to five percent in the city and seven percent on the highway.
- * Keep the oil and air filter clean.
Clogged filters waste gasoline.
- * Remove unnecessary weight from the car.
A heavier car uses more gas to reach its destination. The lighter the load, the better the gas mileage will be.

- * Check tire pressure every two weeks.
Properly inflated tires help maintain good gas mileage. Under inflated tires decrease fuel economy by as much as one mile per gallon.
- * Have the car's engine tuned regularly.
A well-tuned engine can improve gas mileage as much as 10 percent.
- * Select the correct gasoline octane and grade of oil for your car.
If you change the oil yourself, take the used oil to a service station for recycling.

Water 2000 Initiative Will Have Big Impact In Texas Says RECD State Director

TEMPLE—President Clinton's Water 2000 Initiative has had a big impact in Texas, said George Ellis, State Director for USDA's Rural Economic and Community Development (RECD). "In the last three years, we have provided loans and grants totaling \$172.8 million to 274 Texas communities serving more than 180,500 Texas households. In addition, we have completed a six-month assessment of the state's most pressing safe drinking water investment needs."

The Administration's Water 2000 aims to deliver safe drinking water to the estimated one million rural Americans currently living without water piped directly into their homes. The assessment results show that the state's rural communities have come a long way in solving their safe drinking water problems over the past quarter century, but there are still a lot of gaps to fill. "According to the results, the 68 Texas communities with the most pressing needs require a combined investment of \$122.1 million to reach approximately 65,000 households that still have critical drinking water quality or dependability problems," said Ellis. The Water 2000 initiative assessment was conducted by USDA's Texas-based personnel, together with state and local government agencies, and non-profit organizations including the Texas Rural Water Association.

USDA loans and grants have been a primary funding source for rural communities seeking to improve their water and sewer systems necessary for health and economic development. The USDA, under Water 2000, has begun to target its loans and grants to rural communities with the nation's most pressing water and waste water problems. The USDA's water and sewer loan program, in its 55-year history, has loaned out \$14 billion nationwide. Wally Beyer, Washington-based Administrator of the RUS, said that Texas rural water and sewer projects had \$34.9 million in loan funds and \$21.1 million in grant

funds available in fiscal year (FY) 1995 from this federal source. Approximately 60 percent of those obligated funds were invested in safe drinking water projects. According to Beyer, based on funding cuts recently approved by the Congress and signed into law, Texas will lose approximately \$12.1 million in loans and \$7.6 million in grants for water projects in FY 1996, which started on October 1, 1995.

"These cuts will hurt rural Texas communities that need to invest in very basic community drinking water improvements for their residents," Beyer said. "At the level of funding the Congress has provided for 1996, it will take at least 10 years to solve Texas' most critical rural drinking water problems identified in the just-completed Water 2000 assessment."

The USDA has funded several projects in all regions of the nation under the guidelines of Water 2000. "Almost without exception, urban and suburban residents I speak with are surprised, concerned, even startled to learn that such a large group of Americans - larger than the combined populations of Wyoming and Vermont - still live without something the great majority of us considers so absolutely basic," Beyer stated. "The problem is not isolated to any particular part of the country," he said. "We see it even in middle America, in New England, and within 200 miles of our nation's capital."

According to 1990 Census data and reports from state and local agencies involved in building, operating and monitoring drinking water systems, at least 400,000 households nationally have no in-house water supply, or suffer from such severe quality and dependability problems that their in-house water is seldom if ever drinkable. Those Census numbers show that 26,028 of these households (approximately 70,000 people) are located in Texas.

St. Jude's "Wheels For Life" Bike-A-Thon To Be Held March 30

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital has announced plans for the Cross Plains "Wheels For Life" Bike-A-Thon to be held on March 30. Coordinator for this year's event is Mrs. Janet Purvis who encourages all residents and businesses to support this community effort.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, founded in 1962 by the late entertainer Danny Thomas, is the largest childhood cancer research center in America in terms of the number of patients treated and treatment success. Treatment is provided at no cost to the family and all findings are shared freely with doctors and hospitals all over the world.

Thanks to St. Jude Hospital, children who have leukemia, Pediatric AIDS, sickle-cell anemia, and other life-threatening diseases now have a better chance to live.

Ten-year-old Jason Ferguson of Richmond, Virginia, represents all the patients who have received the benefits of St. Jude's research. Jason was diagnosed with melanoma skin cancer in February 1994. He underwent surgery and a series of chemotherapy treatments and is now cancer free. Jason feels well and loves to ride his bike. Thanks to everyone who supports events such as the "Wheels For Life", St. Jude Hospital will always be available for children like Jason.

TEXAS 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS

The Callahan County 4-H Shooting Sports will hold a two day coaches training on February 24 & 25 for rifle, shotgun and archery. Anyone interested in this training should call Bob Robinson at 915-893-5625 for more information.

The Callahan County 4-H Shooting Sports will hold their organization meeting on Saturday, February 17, at 2:00 p.m. in the County Courthouse. All 4-H members currently enrolled in shooting sports, their parents and any other interested persons should attend this meeting. We will discuss practice scheduling, upcoming shooting events, coaches and leaders training as well as range rules. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

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50 YEARS TOGETHER—Ruby and James Clark

Mr. & Mrs. James Clark Celebrated Golden Anniversary

James and Ruby Lee (Holcomb) Clark of North Lake Brownwood celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary February 3, 1996.

Their children are Jimmy and Mary Clark of Clyde, Robert and Patricia Beckold of Early, and Bobby and Judy Clark of Beeville. They have 6 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

James was born in Santa Anna. Ruby was born in Jud in Haskell County.

The couple met in Cross Plains at

the ages of 7 and 8 and were married in Wichita Falls where James was stationed in the Air Force.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark lived in Clyde for 30 years before moving to Lake Brownwood where they have resided for the past 5 years. James retired from Holsum Bakery. Ruby was employed in various retail businesses.

Ruby is the daughter of Daisy Holcomb and the late Wes Holcomb of Cross Plains. James is the son of the late Bill and Vera Clark of Cross Plains.

Clyde Man Wins \$30,970 Cash 5 Payout Jan. 26

A Clyde man recently became the winner of Cash 5 payout in the Texas Lottery in the amount of \$30,970.

Lawrence Valdez of Clyde, was one of eleven winners in the Cash 5 drawing of the Texas Lottery held Friday, January 26. He purchased the winning ticket at Howle's Kountry Store in Clyde.

According to his wife, Rhonda, her husband purchased one Cash 5 "quick-pick" ticket at the convenience store in Clyde the night of the Cash 5 drawing January 26.

Valdez picked up his Cash 5 winnings at the Texas Lottery Claims office in Abilene "the first thing Monday (January 29) morning," Rhonda said. Lottery officials took 28 percent of the \$30,970 winnings for federal income tax purposes.

Rhonda said the winning Cash 5 prize was used to pay-off the couple's two vehicles. "We took the check to the bank and paid both cars off," Rhonda said.

For selling the winning Cash 5 ticket, Rhonda said Howle's Kountry Store received one percent (\$300) of the winning amount.

Lawrence and Rhonda are lifelong residents of Clyde. Both attended Clyde schools. The couple

has three children, Donald, Greg and Ashley.

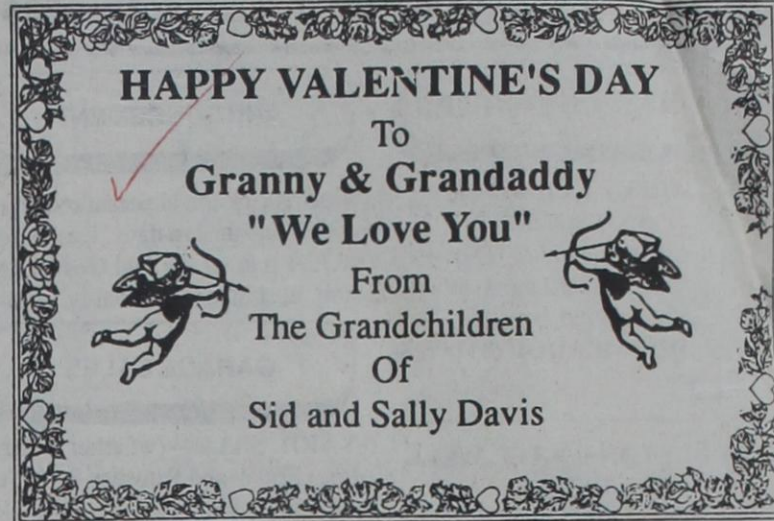
Lawrence is employed at Franklin Recreational Vehicles in Abilene. Rhonda currently attends TSTC where she's majoring as a medical transcriptionist and in medical billing.

She said her husband rarely plays the Texas Lottery. It was only the second time he had played the Cash 5 drawing when he won the jackpot.

The couple can thank their son Greg for talking Lawrence into going to the convenience store that night. Rhonda said Lawrence had hesitated three times about going to Howle's that night before their son finally talked him into going to pick up a grocery item. "It's not like Lawrence to do something like that," Rhonda said of him purchasing a Cash 5 ticket.

She said their lives will not change because of the jackpot winning. "He (Lawrence) went to work the next day and I went to school," Rhonda said after they won the \$30,970 jackpot.

It is believed the \$30,970 jackpot is the largest single winning amount a Callahan County person has received since the Texas Lottery began.



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Unemployment Rate Rises

Callahan County's unemployment rate rose five-tenths of one percent to 5.0 percent in December 1995, according to unemployment figures released Friday, February 2 by the Texas Employment Commission.

The county's unemployment rate for December stands at 5.0 percent, an increase from the 4.5 percent rate reported in November.

Of the 6,013 civilian labor force in Callahan County, 5,712 had jobs during December 1995, and 301 didn't, giving the county a jobless rate of 5.0 percent.

Callahan County's unemployment rate was 4.5 percent in November 1995. Of the 6,109 civilian labor force in the county during November, 5,837 had jobs while 272 or 4.5 percent did not.

The county's unemployed rate one year ago, in December 1994,

UNEMPLOYMENT		
Callahan County Unemployment	Nov. 4.5%	Dec. 5.0%
Total Labor Force	6,109	6,013
Total Employed	5,837	5,712
Total Unemployed	272	301

was 4.0 percent.

Previous monthly jobless rates in Callahan County include: 4.2 percent in October 1995, 4.8 percent in September, 4.2 percent in August, 6.1 percent in July, 6.1 percent in June, 4.4 percent in May, 3.8 percent in April, 4.2 percent in March, 3.6 percent in February and 4.7 percent in January, according to the unemployment figures.

Big Country area counties, bordering Callahan County, and their unemployment rates for December 1995 include: Brown, 6.7 percent; Coleman, 8.1 percent; East-

land, 5.9 percent; Jones, 4.2 percent; Runnels, 3.1 percent; Shackelford, 3.1 percent; Stephens, 5.2 percent; and Taylor County, 5.4 percent.

The unemployment rate in Texas for December 1995 was 6.1 percent, up from the 5.9 percent jobless rate in November.

Of the 9,654,900 civilian labor force in the state, total employment was 9,064,300 in December. Total unemployment in December 1995 was 590,600.

The state's unemployment rate one year ago in December 1994 was 5.8 percent.

TAX TIME 1996

DALLAS—The Internal Revenue Service announced today that walk-in taxpayer service will be reduced due to budgetary constraints, effective January 2, 1996. Listed are the offices in the Dallas District and the level of service to be provided.

FULL SERVICE

Amarillo, Dallas (Downtown), Northwest Dallas, Fort Worth, Lubbock, Midland, Texarkana, Tyler, Wichita Falls

FORMS ONLY

Abilene, North Dallas, South Dallas, Euless, Longview
 NO WALK-IN
 Lufkin, San Angelo
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Taxpayers are encouraged to use services listed below, and may also want to seek assistance through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE), and other local programs.

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Grave Opening Permits: Vera Ferrell, \$75; Mattie Peevy Service, \$75; Austin Peel & Son Funeral Home, \$75; 1 plot Mr. H.D. Hill Sr., \$75 **Total:** \$300 **TOTAL DEPOSITS:** \$756.58

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Gifts & Earnings: Eva Byrd, \$25; Thelma Long, \$25; I/M Forrest Walker, by Helen Walker & Family, \$50; Marie Christie, \$50; I/M Jack Howser & E.M. Long by Leota & Wayne Howser, \$25; Wilda Edington, \$25; Jay & Jane Hughes, \$200; Anonymous, \$100; Glen & Lucille Payne, \$50; Earnings added to acct. \$7.35 **Total:** \$557.35
Grave Opening Permits: Galbreath-Pickard Funeral Home, \$75; Paul Greenwood, \$75; N.S. Griggs Funeral Home, \$75; Zenovia Strickland, \$75 **Total:** \$300 **TOTAL DEPOSITS:** \$857.35

January 1996
Gifts & Earnings: I/M Sterling Odom by M/M Ralph Trevey, \$25; M/M Roland G. Howell, \$50; Theodore Milner, \$20; I/M J.A. Woody & Wife by Chuck Woody, \$50; Vesta Bond, \$25; I/M Leona Swafford by Nita Rawson, \$30; CD Interest Payment CD# 7374, \$75.67; Earnings Payment added to acct. \$7.40 **Total:** \$283.07
Grave Opening Permits: Mel Streng, \$75 **Total:** \$75 **TOTAL DEPOSITS:** \$358.07

Stenholm Praises Senate Bipartisanship In Passing Farm Bill

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Congressman Charles Stenholm (D-Stamford) praised the Senate and its leadership for passing a farm bill Wednesday, February 7. Many federal farm programs expired at the end of 1995, leaving the nation's two million farmers without guidance about how to proceed with their 1996 planting.

"By staying in Washington and working until they reached an agreement, the Senate should be commended for passing a farm bill and for doing so in a bipartisan manner," said Stenholm. "The House should have done the same, instead of leaving town without agreement and then making speeches about who is to blame for the current stalemate."

The Senate's "Agricultural Market Transition Act" would replace traditional crop subsidies with a system of fixed payments and is similar to the budget package vetoed by President Clinton last autumn.

On January 30, the House Agriculture Committee passed similar legislation on a nearly party line vote. "Last week's mostly partisan vote in committee gave signal that the full House would probably consider this bill under a closed rule, thus eliminating the possibility of amendments," observed Stenholm.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), only 50 of the 435 Congressional seats represented in the House earn 10 percent or more of their income from agriculture. "If the committee's Democrats and Republicans are not totally together in supporting a farm bill, passing it out of the full House becomes nearly impossible," added Stenholm.



TRIAD GROUP FORMED—Texas Attorney General Dan Morales, seated at left, was on hand in Baird Friday, February 9 to witness the signing of the Callahan County TRIAD organization. Those county TRIAD organization members attending the signing ceremony include: Callahan County Sheriff Eddie Curtis, seated at left; Don Griffith, Cross Plains Police Department, standing at left; Willie Cheek, Clyde Police Department, standing at center; and Sue Martindale, Baird City Marshal's Office, standing at right. The Callahan County TRIAD organization is a group of concerned law enforcement agencies and senior leaders committed with protecting senior citizens from crime.

TRIAD Partnership Signed February 9

A joint effort from three groups in Callahan County has formed a partnership committed with protecting senior citizens from crime. Texas Attorney General Dan Morales was guest speaker during a signing ceremony in Callahan County forming the Callahan County TRIAD organization. Morales spoke at the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird Friday, February 9.

TRIAD is a partnership among three groups concerned with protecting senior citizens from crime. The groups are local police departments from Clyde, Baird and Cross Plains, the county sheriff's department and senior citizen leaders, including members of the AARP chapters in the county.

The local groups will be sponsoring a variety of projects in the county including crime prevention and education initiatives, as well as volunteer and victim-witness assistance programs.

The TRIAD partnership has been formed in some 20 counties in Texas.

Attorney General Morales called protecting senior citizens from crime as "one of the more important challenges facing Texas."

Morales said an alarming trend in Texas is the number of white collar crimes against seniors. He said senior citizens make up 12 percent of the state's population, but 33 percent of all fraud victims are those over 65 years of age.

Morales said white collar criminals will prey on the isolated, trusting and desperate people in the state and many of their victims are senior citizens.

The attorney general said nationwide, illegal tele-marketing groups take some \$40 billion per year from its victims. Morales said those same tele-marketing companies just "love senior citizens."

Morales said two things which must be done to prevent tele-marketing fraud includes local and state law enforcement agencies must share information and the second is to subject the owners of tele-marketing companies responsible for fraud to criminal prosecution.

The state attorney general said by forming this TRIAD organization, senior citizens in the community will become the eyes and ears for law enforcement groups to prosecute tele-marketing fraud.

Morales said the state attorney general's office is determined to resolve these types of concerns. He said if there is any segment of the state's population which deserves protection, its our senior citizens. "They're (senior citizens) the reason Texas is the great state it is," Morales said.

Anita Buchanan, Callahan County TRIAD coordinator, said the county TRIAD organization will be the voice of senior citizens in Callahan County. She said news releases will be published in the county's newspapers by the countywide TRIAD group.

WeCTOGA 63rd Annual Meeting February 25 & 26

West Central Texas Oil and Gas Association's 63rd Annual Meeting for WeCTOGA members and their guests has been scheduled for Sunday Evening, February 25 and Monday, February 26.

There will be a reception Sunday evening from 6:30 - 8:30 at the Abilene Civic Center. On Monday, February 26, breakfast will be served at the Abilene Petroleum Club from 7:00 - 8:30 a.m. and the membership meeting will follow from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. with Charlie Ross, Director of Field Operations Railroad Commission of Texas - Austin talking about the new policies at the Railroad Commission and Brian Walter, Basin Geophysical - Dallas "No 3-D, No Deal" as speakers. Luncheon will be served at the Abilene Civic Center at 12:00 noon with Kent Hance - Former Congressman and Chairman of Railroad Commission of Texas as the keynote speaker.



CATCH-22 SITUATION—Dan Johnston at Kiwanis meeting. Barger (right) was guest of Dan

KIWANIS PANCAKE SUPPER SET FOR MARCH 7

Dan Barger was the guest of Dan Johnston at the Kiwanis Club of Cross Plains' February 6 weekly meeting. Mr. Barger is Board President of the "Catch-22 Living and Learning Center" in Brownwood. He shared information concerning the history of the State of Texas' care for delinquent juvenile boys and girls. He had worked for TDC for several years before retirement and becoming a volunteer to work with "Catch-22," a supervised living program for young men, ages 15 1/2 - 17+ years. The facility provides living skills training and access to technical schools and other learning institutions in the area.

The Kiwanis Club has set Thursday night, March 7, for their annual Pancake Supper fund-raiser. The Pancake Supper will be in the Cross Plains School Cafeteria, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m., and tickets will be \$3 each. The club looks forward to the usual support of the community in raising moneys to help with various projects, especially those pertaining to youth.

The Kiwanis Club invites everyone to attend the weekly meetings on Tuesday at noon at the Dairy Queen in the Buffalo Room.

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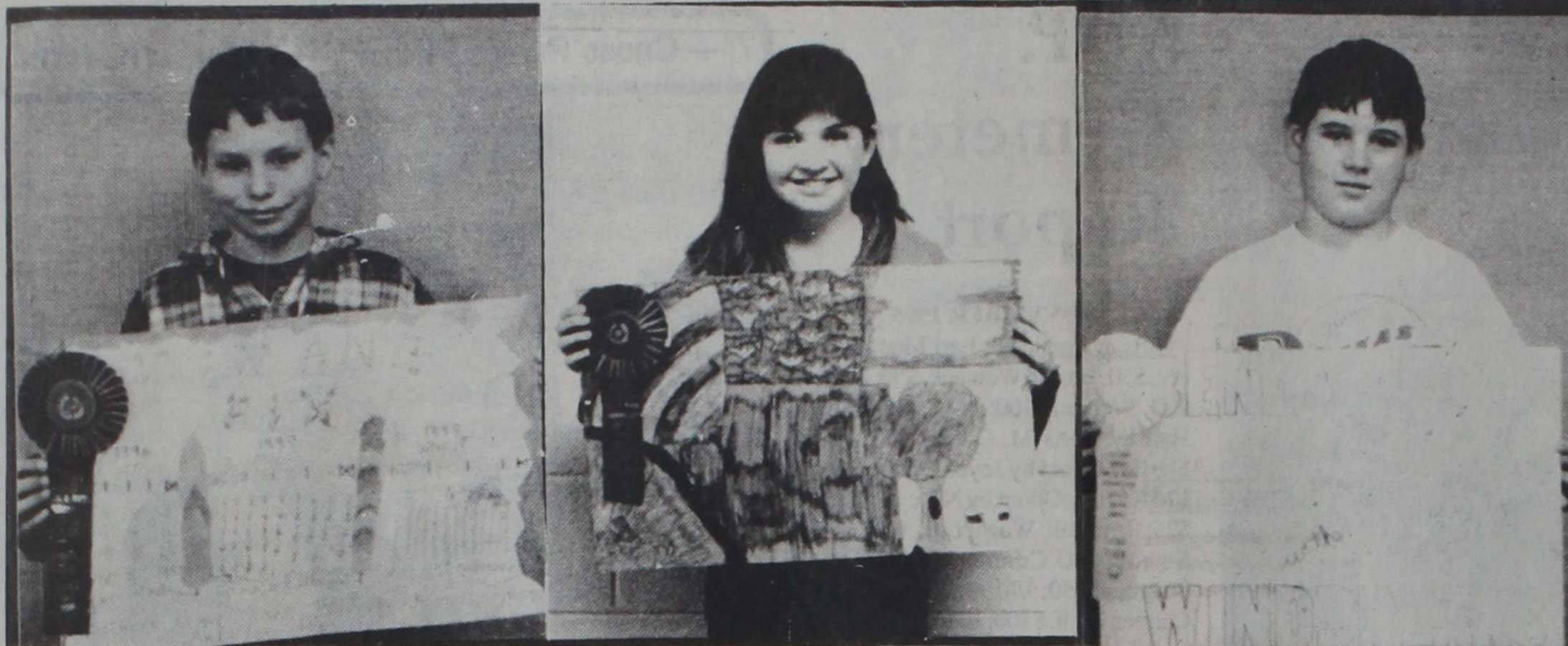
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COUNTY POSTER WINNERS—Winners in the Callahn Divide Soil & Water Conservation District Poster Contest recently held include from left to right: Josh Hopkins, first place, Cross Plains sixth grade; Kylie Elston, second place, Eula fifth grade; and Jason Beauchamp, Cross Plains sixth grade.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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Callahn Divide Soil & Water Conservation District Poster Contest Winners

The Callahn Divide Soil & Water Conservation District held their 6th annual Conservation Poster Contest recently. The contest was open to all 4th, 5th & 6th graders from all the Callahan County elementary schools. "The purpose of the Conservation Poster Contest is to promote conservation awareness of all our Natural Resources", says Clint Rollins, District Conservationist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Baird.

There were approximately 80 students participating in this years poster contest. Each school is required to judge their own students by each grade then submit their top three posters for county competition. The following is a listing of individual winners by school and grade: Eula 4th grade - Tobin Smith, 1st place, Jessica Stanton, 2nd place, Rebecca Flowers, 3rd place and Samuel Martin, 4th. Eula 5th grade - Kylie

Elston, 1st place, Hal Hoogstra, 2nd place, Kristin Loudemilk, 3rd place and Sara Dove, 4th. Cross Plains 6th - Josh Hopkins, 1st place, James Ross, 2nd place, Jason Beauchamp, 3rd place and Allisha Branham, 4th place. The top 2 Callahan County posters by Josh Hopkins and Kylie Elston will go on to Temple, Texas for the Texas Soil and Water Conservation District Region 5 competition. These 2 posters will

represent Callahan County in competition with 60 other counties in north central Texas. Each of these counties will submit two posters. Winners will be selected sometime in May, 1996. The Callahan Divide SWCD would like to thank all the students and teachers that participated in this years Conservation Poster Contest and a hardy congratulations goes out to all the winners.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In observance of National Engineers Week, February 18-24, I would like to salute all engineers who have made our world a safer, better, more exciting place to live.

Every day our lives are affected by the work of an engineer. The roads we travel, the places in which we fly, the cars we drive, the computers we use, even the soles of our sneakers are products of engineers. They build magnificent skyscrapers that enhance the beauty of our cities, ocean tankers that travel all over the world and space shuttles that orbit the earth. With the wonders of science and math, these people have transformed inconceivable ideas into reality.

As president of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials

(AASHTO), I know first-hand the importance of engineering in our society and how engineers directly affect our nation's transportation infrastructures. As TxDOT executive director, I know TxDOT engineers work diligently to provide Texans a safe, effective and efficient transportation system.

While there is a great variety of engineering specialties, there is a commonality that all engineers share. It is knowing their work not only makes a difference in the world in which we live, but also has a lasting value that opens doors to innovations for the future.

Wm. G. Burnett, P.E.
AASHTO President and
TxDOT Executive Director



INFORMATIVE PROGRAM ON SADDLE MAKING—Jim O'Dell (right) Kiwanis Program Chairman, introduced Ray Blair owner of Blair's Saddle Shop. Ray, wife Mary Ann and son, Clay make western saddles and tack, as well as repairs. The also train cutting horses. Ray presented an interesting and in-

formative program of saddle making to 29 members and guests.

The Blair's live on Rt. 1, just East of Cross Plains.

Kiwanis meet each Tuesday, 12:00 noon at the Dairy Queen. Everyone is invited. Remember the Kiwanis Pancake Supper is Thursday, March 7 at the high school.

RECYCLING WORKSHOP

Recycling coordinators, facility managers and administrators from public school districts, universities, companies and public agencies interested in starting or enhancing an office waste reduction and recycling program should plan to attend a workshop offered by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) and West Central Texas Council of Governments (WCTCOG).

There will be two half-day workshops, each from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The first, open to public and private school districts, will be held Tuesday, February 20, at the Region 14 Education Service Center, 1850 Hwy. 351, in Abilene. The second workshop, open to all commercial businesses, higher education institutions and public agencies, will be held Wednesday, February 21, at the WCTCOG offices, 1025 East North 10th, in Abilene. There is no charge for these workshops. No reservations are required, but since seating is limited to the first 40 registrants, reservations are recommended.

Participants will be offered the opportunity to learn more about starting a cost-effective and sustainable recycling program. Participants with existing recycling programs can learn how to improve them, find out what information and resources are available from TNRCC and WCTCOG, and share ideas with recycling coordinators from other facilities.

Presentations will cover topics from how to implement a program to finding markets for materials, and will show how some successful programs work. Discussion of the specific needs and problems of individual companies will be an important part of the program.

For more information, or to reserve a seat, contact Brian Noble at 512/239-6780 or Alison Benton at 915/672-8544.

44% Of County Deaths Caused By Heart Diseases

Sixty-four deaths in Callahan County in 1994 resulted from cardiovascular diseases, according to data released by the American Heart Association (AHA), Texas Affiliate. The AHA compiled these statistics using 1994 mortality information recently released from the Texas Department of Health.

The AHA reported 64 of 145 total deaths in Callahan County in 1994 resulted from cardiovascular diseases. Cardiovascular diseases claimed the lives of 44.1 percent of all deaths in the county in 1994.

In 1993, the AHA reported that 69, or 51.5 percent, of the 134 total deaths in the county were attributed to cardiovascular diseases.

In 1992, 68 of the 143 deaths in Callahan County resulted from cardiovascular diseases. Cardiovascular diseases claimed the lives of 47.6 percent of all total deaths in the county for 1992.

On an average day in Texas, 149 residents die from cardiovascular diseases. Cardiovascular disease (CVD) remains the number one killer of Texans, claiming the lives of 54,362 people in 1994 (40 percent of the 135,870 Texas residents that died). That translates into two of every five deaths. As a comparison, in the same year cancer was the state's second leading cause of death, claiming 31,378 lives. Accidents accounted for 6,300 deaths and 2,742 people died of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection in 1994.

Nationally, statistics show that from 1983 to 1993 the number of deaths from cardiovascular disease has declined only 3.8 per-

cent. One reason for this small decline is that the total U.S. population, and particularly the population of middle-aged and older people, is increasing. Another reason is that recent advances in medical treatment have allowed more people to survive previously fatal cardiovascular events, and now these people are dying of subsequent cardiovascular illnesses.

The mission of the AHA is to reduce disability and death from cardiovascular diseases and stroke. To accomplish this, the association concentrates its efforts in three areas: education, community service programs and research. Last year the Texas Affiliate of AHA reached five million people in Texas with interactive programs and awarded over \$6.7 million in research funding in Texas.

To reduce the risk of heart attack and stroke, the AHA recommends having your blood pressure checked regularly, not smoking, eating nutritious foods in moderate amounts, having regular medical checkups and exercising. If you feel that you might be one of the more than 60 million people in the United States who has some form of cardiovascular disease, please call the American Heart Association at 1-800-AHA-USA1.

A non-profit health organization funded by individual and corporate donations, the American Heart Association, Texas Affiliate is the state's largest voluntary health organization dedicated to reducing disability and death from heart and blood vessel diseases.

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