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Brief Sketch of All Students Who Have Finished Here In The Past Eight Years

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Have you ever attended a high school graduation and heard the class prophet foretell the future of his classmates, and then seriously consider how far wrong or how near right his humorous prophesies had been? 'Twas such a thought that prompted the editor of the Review to dig back through old newspaper files and list the names of all students who had graduated from Cross Plains schools in the past eight years and then set-out to learn what each and everyone is now doing. Findings of this undertaking are reported hereunder and short sketches of the 279 students are included therein.

Class of 1933

Twenty-one students finished with the class of 1933. Elizabeth McDermott, whose name was first to appear on the list, is now the wife of Warren Cunningham and the mother of a handsome son of about four years. The Cunninghams live at Coleman. Pauline Payne has finished college and is now teaching school near El Paso. This is her fourth year to teach and she is reported to have made an enviable record. Phyllis Chandler is living in Artesia, New Mexico, where she is secretary to Dr. Tom W. Brabham, outstanding Methodist minister. Wilma Jones is married and lives at Wilson, Texas. Leota Lovin has completed college work and is teaching at Comfort, Texas. Her work has been highly praised. Floyd Havens is employed by an oil company in New Mexico. Tommy Holden recently enlisted with the national guards and will be assigned to Camp Brownwood. Leota Jones is now the wife of Doyal Rhodes and the couple live West of Cross Plains. Alice Jordan is married and the mother of two children. She, her husband and family live at Ingleside, Texas.

Harlon Lacy is married and the father of a fine girl about three years of age. He operates an urban grocery and service station West of Cross Plains. Darwell Shuford, popular and brilliant member of the class of 1933 is deceased. Bruce Spencer is reported to be in California. Tommy Webb is employed by an oil company at Longview. He has been married less than a year. Leonard Davidson is married and lives at Abilene. Forrest Walker wood and won Helen Johnson and the couple live on the Cutbirth ranch West of town, where he is employed. Willie Gay Stacy is the wife of Vernon Baird and the couple live at Coleman where he works for a hardware concern. Oleta Swafford married Claude Beeler and is the mother of two children; they live West of town. Juanita Vestal is the wife of Claude Mayes, who operates a successful business here. Opal Young is married and she and her husband and son live at Dublin, where he is employed by a telephone company. Celesta Freeman is the wife of a Sweetwater druggist.

Class of 1934

Ruth Rumph, valedictorian of the class of 1934, which included 30 students, is the wife of Truett Doss, who teaches in the Burkett school system. Vida Armstrong is employed in the Citizens State Bank in Cross Plains. Blanche Duncan married Wade Clark. The couple have one child and live at Odessa. Frances Farr is the wife of Ed Kline and they live at Goldsmith. Freeda Freeman is the wife of Murrell Burkett and they live at Burkett where she was recently appointed postmistress. Helen Grace Gray is the wife of Hubert Freeman of Cross Plains and the head of the ladies ready-to-wear department of the local Higginbotham store. Georgia Gvathmey is the wife of Denver Brewer of New Orleans. Maxine Jones is married and lives in Abilene. Tommie Kate Mayes is the wife of Charles Campbell of Artesia, New Mexico, the couple have a two year old son. Melba Mitchell married Gordon Burns at Burkett and is the mother of one child. Clara Nell McDermott is the wife of Hulian Barr of Cross Plains, a local insurance man. Fanoria Neeb is married and lives near El Paso. Florine Pierce is the wife of Weldon Steele, who teaches in the Wink school. Zelah

Pittman, a very talented young lady, died suddenly about two years ago. Ovada Westernman is married and has one son. They live in New Orleans. Helen Younglove is now a registered nurse at San Angelo. Martha Scoggins, beloved by classmates, is deceased. Byron Wright is a graduate of Rice Institute and is now teaching in the University of California. Moreland Baldwin, a graduate of the University of Texas, is Eastland high school bandmaster. Wilburn Barr is married and the father of a fine son, he is associated with his father in the bakery business here.

Vernon Baird, as related above is the husband of Willie Gay Stacy, and is employed by a hardware concern at Coleman. Milton Bessire is married and attending Baylor medical school studying to become a physician. Harold Clark is married and lives in California. Elmer Farr is reported to be employed in California. Tommy Harris is a prosperous farmer near Rowden; he is married. Charles Frank Hemphill is attending the University of Texas law school and has made an enviable record thus far. Roy Lee Little is the husband of "Betty" McAdams and the couple have a young daughter, James Anna. Roy Lee operates the Red Top Service Station here. James Paterson was last reported to be in Sweetwater. Bill Payne holds a responsible position with the A.A.A. at College Station. He is a graduate of Texas A & M and doing fine. Socrates Walker is a graduate of Daniel Baker College and now coaches athletics at Cross Plains high school.

Class of 1935

Twenty-four students finished with the class of 1935. Billy Mae Adams is now a book-keeper of a large produce company at Longview. He is the husband of Earnestine Sipes, also a graduate of the class of '35. Loyd Bryan is married and the father of a fine girl. The Bryans live at Cottonwood but he works in Cross Plains.

Floyd Halbert is said to be in Lubbock. John Lackey is married and lives in California. W. N. Long recently enlisted in the United States marines and is stationed at San Diego, California. Beryl Lusk married Ruth Gary and the couple live at Plainview, where he is employed in an oil field. Jimmy Lusk recently enlisted in the United States marines and is stationed at San Diego, California. W. J. Mayes is married and is at present in Cross Plains. Jimmy Settle is reportedly engaged to a local high school teacher. He is employed in the capacity of salesman by Cross Plains Motor Company, Inc. J. T. Porter is married and holds the position of N.Y.-A. supervisor at Bastrop.

Melba Burnside is reported to be living at Tyler. Lorene Childs is the wife of Vernon Lane. The couple live in Artesia, New Mexico, and have one child. Rosalie Cutbirth is the wife of J. L. Bonner, Anson merchant. The couple have an eight month old daughter, Jane. Lettie Harlow is married and lives in Fort Worth. Jennie Laura Jackson is married, mother of one child. Cheryl Lutgens is a graduate of Trinity University at Waco and now lives at Rising Star. Mary Elizabeth "Betsy" McAdams, as previously reported is the wife of Roy Lee Little and the mother of a baby girl. Marie McVelia is reported to be living in Breckenridge. Beatrice Minton was last reported to be in Coleman. Majorie Steele married M. West. The couple live in Rising Star and have one child. Bobbie Lee Westernman married O. B. Edmondson, who teaches Vocational Agriculture at May. Doris Westernman yet lives at Sabanno. Roma Young is married, mother of one child and lives in Oklahoma.

Class of 1936

Twenty-nine students finished with the class of 1936. Elwin Williams is now at Lowary Field, Denver, Colorado, in the U.S. air base. Paul Brashear is married and the father of one child. The Brashears

live at Abilene. Lessie Bell Marshall, "Peggie," lives near Rising Star. Lucille Steele is at Trickham. Alta Mae Kilian is at May. Ida Nell Williams is attending Texas State College for Women at Denton. Tylene Usrey is a beauty operator at Brownwood. Melvin Placke is assistant postmaster in Cross Plains. I. B. Lovin, Jr., is employed in the dry goods department of the Higginbotham store here. Helen Johnson, as reported above, is the wife of Forrest Walker. Katherine Harlow yet lives here. Bobbie Lee Hise is a graduate of Abilene Christian College and lives here. Jimmie Lee Payne has been married less than a year and is one of Cross Plains more prosperous young farmers. Oleta Thate married Cleveland Griffin and the couple live in Brownwood. Jolly Faye Stephens married Oscar Tyler. The couple live here and have one child. Malcolm Steele married Wailena Barclay. The couple live at Spur. Hadden Payne married Gretta Wright and the couple live nine miles west of Cross Plains. Bobbie Neel married Donald M. Weaver and the couple live at Fort Worth. Dixie Little married Buster Atwood, the couple live here and have one child. Clarine Freeman lives here and is employed at Catton's Variety Store. Ruth Barr married Clois Clark. Cross Cut postmaster. R. E. Duncan married Dolie Hall and lives at Odessa where he works for a gas company. Oral Ray married Blondell Montgomery. The couple own and operate a cafe here. Durward Varner, graduate of Texas A & M married a Waco girl and the couple now live in Houston where he is employed by the federal land bank. Bevo Webb is a local cattleman. Edna Mae Hamilton is married and lives at McCombey. W. S. Bingham is working at Luling. James Moore is married and the father of one child. The couple live at Borkett where he operates a filling station.

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Disappearance of Shackelford County Child in 1860 Remains Yet An Unsolved Mystery

BY CLAY CHRISMAN

Associated with the early history of this section of the state is the story of the disappearance of a child in 1860. The child, a boy named George Greer, was taken from his home near the Salt Prong of the Salt Creek. The disappearance of the child is one of the most mysterious incidents in the history of the county.

The ordinary precautions he had always taken in defense of his family and property.

The months rolled by, and there was every indication that the Indians had abandoned the Salt Creek Trail forever, and Judge Ledbetter allowed his family more liberty. With the help of other ranchmen, Judge J. C. Lynch established a school at his ranch home on Hubbard creek, and those living too far away to ride to and from school during the day, boarded their children with the Lynch family.

Frontier School

Among those who made up the borders, was Johnny Ledbetter, the son of Judge Ledbetter of the Ledbetter Salt Works. He had a peculiar habit of wandering off by himself, notwithstanding the admonition of his teacher and Mrs. Lynch. One evening he slipped away so quietly that he was not missed until nearly night, and when searched for, no trace of the boy could be found.

A courier was immediately dispatched to inform Judge Ledbetter and his family, and Judge Lynch summoned all available men on the ranches.

It was midnight when the messenger arrived at the Salt Works with the news of the disappearance. He continued on to other ranches and notified the Reynolds, Mathews, George Greer, Maxwells, Collins and Mauldins.

The probability that their son had been killed or captured by the Indians gave a load of grief to them but there was no time for grief, for there was the possibility that their son might be found wandering on the prairie. The commander at Fort Griffin was notified with instruction to send out a scouting party.

After the arrival of the courier at the Ledbetter home, hasty preparations were made for an early start to join the party at the Lynch ranch. At the time, there were only three available men at the Salt Works for the journey—Ledbetter, Thornton and Reynolds. It was agreed that Ledbetter and Thornton start the journey at daybreak and that Reynolds would remain behind and guard the women and children.

Searching Party

Preparations were made for a journey of several days, and at the first break of today in the east, Ledbetter and Thornton struck a beeline for the ford on Hubbard's creek. So preoccupied was Mr. Ledbetter with his thoughts, that he and Thornton had ridden a number of miles in an easterly direction when they were startled by the report of firearms. This firing came from a ring of trees that bordered Hubbard creek. The two men reined their horses and kept a sharp lookout in the direction from which the firing came. Intermittent firing was kept up for a few minutes, then a man was seen to break cover and dash across the prairie for a liveoak tree which was surrounded by a thicket.

The fight between the white man and the Indians was now on in earnest. After he had gained the shelter of the ticket, three puffs of smoke arose from the trees on the bank of the creek and three painted warriors dashed into the opening and began to circle the liveoak thicket. At this phase of the fight, Ledbetter and Thornton forced their horses to a run, and at the risk of their lives, dashed down the hill to the rescue of the lone white man. When within range of the Indians, they opened fire, the Indians taking alarm and making their escape up the valley of the creek. Ledbetter and Thornton hearing and seeing nothing in the liveoak thicket, dismounted and entered, where they found George Hazelwood dying from a wound in the breast.

He did not gain consciousness after their arrival, and in a few minutes drew his last breath, and one more name was added to the long list of victims who blazed the path of civilization in West Texas.

Having no instruments with which to dig the grave, Hazelwood's body was tied to Thornton's horse, which he led, moving slowly to the place where Judge Lynch and his cowboys were cooking their noonday meal over a campfire.

Wanted To Help

While partaking of the meal, Ledbetter and Thornton related the details of the last stand of George Hazelwood in the liveoak thicket. No one seemed to have any idea as to why Hazelwood was in that locality at the time. Hazelwood was engaged in cattle raising, with his headquarters located on Sandy Creek in the northwestern part of Eastland county, his range extending into Callahan, Shackelford and Stephens counties. It was suggested at the time that he was in the locality hunting horses, but after it was found out that Ed Tucker, who had carried the news of Johnny Ledbetter's disappearance to the Salt Works, had by request of the parents rode on to the Clear Fork, and had met Hazelwood returning

from Fort Griffin and had informed him of the lost boy, Hazelwood had expressed a determination to join the Lynch party on the Hubbard, and was on his way when attacked. With a mattock and shovel, carried in case they found the remains of the lost boy mutilated by the Indians, the body of George Hazelwood was buried.

Following these events, the entire party set out for the deep water hole on the Gonzales ranch in order to arrive at that place before darkness set in. Here they were joined by Jie Mathews and Ben Reynolds. Before night fall, Lieutenant Turner, with five Tonkawas, including Chief Johnson, accompanied by Ed Tucker and Luke McCabe arrived in camp. The chief subject of conversation for the night was the disappearance of Johnny Ledbetter. Had he been captured and carried off by the Indians or had his body been mutilated and left on the prairie?

After the noonday meal, the journey was resumed, and several miles from the Greer home, Chief Johnson found pony tracks of the Comanches. These were followed up the North Prong for a number of miles, where the accumulation of tracks indicated the party had been

joined by a party from the south-east, coming from the direction Hazelwood had been killed. Following several days of search after the disappearance of Johnny Ledbetter, the friends of Judge Ledbetter assembled at the Salt Works. No trace of the boy had been found. The last Comanche had left the country, and as the party was not prepared for a long journey, the search was abandoned. Years passed by and no tidings ever came to the parents of the lost boy, and his fate is a sealed mystery to this day.

On one occasion, years after, an attempt was made by some one to establish a claim of being the long lost son.

Later, in 1879, Judge Ledbetter abandoned the Salt Works, and one of the kettles used at the works for a number of years may be seen at the present time on the courthouse lawn at Albany.

Judge Ledbetter served as the first county judge of Shackelford county, and I understand his descendants still reside in the neighborhood of Fort Griffin.

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new and beautiful country, described by the ever-moving of dissatisfied Americans, Wright moved his belongings, and built a home on the outskirts of town. The history is obtainable in that the first business establishment in what was later to be Cross Plains, had its beginning. Ironically, the names of Cross Plains' first storekeepers fail to even mention the name of Cross Plains.

Phantom Hill. Another was from Fort Belknap to Fort Grogan. Through here came the circuit rider, the horse trader, the cattle driver; and at the crossing of their trails in the midst of the plains lived the first citizens of Cross Plains. The crossing of those trails meant life to a struggling settlement. It is no wonder that they held fast to the name Cross Plains with its obvious significance.

Powell, Bond First Bankers
The gradual moving of Cross Plains came during the time about 1878. That first store, owned by "Uncle" E. Roberts, was located nearly due west of the old Renfro place. Later a Fort Worth firm took charge of the store and still later it belonged to Bill Brooks. Years afterward, a bank came into being. S. F. Bond was the first cashier. It's owner was T. E. Powell of Baird.

It was in 1911 that the town moved off Turkey Creek to its present site. There came to be about twenty houses along Turkey Creek in the old town, including three or four business firms. Along Main Street were the establishments of Coffman and McGowan, Wagner, the Bonds, E. Roberts, and Gilbert and Sons.

Mail came to Cross Plains in the early days from Brownwood or Belle Plain. The latter route lay across Mont Jones' farm; soil erosion indicates the exact spot. "If a fellow wanted a biscuit, he went to Fort Worth," said Mr. Jones. Flour was hauled from this trade center in ox wagons. About two weeks were required for one trip. In about 1877, the Derringtons came to Cross Plains and established a corn mill which was located in what is now the Northeast corner of the Bryant estate. This was a tread mill, pulled by oxen.

The first gin was down in the old town, northwest of Coffman's. At this gin an accident occurred that evidenced the people's management without real medical attention. Marion Moore's hand was virtually cut to ribbons in the gin. A doctor never saw the hurt. Young Moore washed it daily in Castile soap and

plastered it with lincseed oil and turpentine. Dr. Whitlock was perhaps the first doctor in Cross Plains. He was followed years later by Dr. R. Robertson and Dr. Cockran. The latter was here near '83 and '84.

Never Had Open Saloon
Even back in the days in which Cottonwood had three saloons, Cross Plains never had an open saloon. For many years there was no organized system of enforcing the law. Their's was a law of fair dealing and mass punishment in case the unwritten law was disobeyed. A man who tried to take another man's property was soon expelled. . . and none too gently. . . from the country. It seemed a hard law, but the people were big-hearted and neighborly. Illness brought immediate aid from the neighbors.

The country was very sparsely settled and very little land was in cultivation. Homes had to be built quickly and there was no time and money to be spent on them at first. Commonly, homes were built by standing logs up around a pit which was dug about 3 1/2 feet deep. In the logs, holes were bored with an auger, they were pegged, spliced and then the top was covered with sage grass. Over this dirt was thrown. Some board houses were eventually built. George Frank, second postmaster, hauled lumber from Fort Worth and built a house on J. P. Henderson's place.

First Schools
School days early found their place in settlement life. The first school was a little log house on the old John Acock place, north of the bridge on Turkey Creek, and west of the old Harlow place. The next school was built west of the city cemetery. It was a box house facing west.

Fifteen or twenty acres was a rather large farm to have in cultivation at that time. The rest of the range was open and free pasture. Few families lived in the entire county and they were miles apart. Among those people who settled around here between about 1875 and during the '80s are the following: Three McDonald brothers, John, Dave and Sevier settled north of Turkey Creek. Charlie McDermott came to his ranch about 1877. The Babbe family settled in the same part of the country. Little and Big Bill and Cav Gillian and the Youngs settled on the Bayou. That was the extent . . . almost of the population along the creek until up on the head of the Bayou or in Belle Plain. Cliff Westerman and his father had a store in Cross Cut. Three DeBusk boys, Lydes, Chris, and one other, and the Barnes—Bill and Dick—lived south of Cross Plains.

Below the McDermott ranch lived Dave Clark and John Ware and Negro Andy. Champions came in and settled at the mouth of the Little Pecan. Oscar and Greer Gray settled on the old Gray Ranch. They came in about '79 or '80 along with the Brightwells, the Gillians.

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gest shallow oil "plays" in the state. In 1924 the city voted bonds to build a water system and recently completed one of the most modern public school buildings in the state. The building is equipped with the latest sound systems, something very few public schools have.

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Putnam Was Once Widely Known As A Health Resort

The town of Putnam was established in the late 70's, and was first called Catchaw, later Brennan, and when a postoffice was applied for, the name was changed to Putnam, the town being named for a pioneer ranchman, John Putnam.

The city was incorporated in 1922. F. P. Shackelford, pioneer merchant, was elected mayor, who served two terms. He was succeeded by Y. A. Orr, a pioneer druggist. The present mayor is J. S. Yeager, who at intervals has served nine years as County Commissioner, president of the West Texas Ginners Association and the Texas Ginners Association. Mr. Yeager, who is associated with his daughter in the publication of the Putnam News is regarded as one of the most widely read men in this part of Texas.

The first general mercantile business was established by E. H. Taber and two sons, Frank and Therrian Taber, about 1881.

The first bank, the Farmers State Bank was established about 1905. The late W. C. Lasley as cashier and the late Leslie Biggerstaff as assistant cashier.

About 1910 a Townsite Company was organized by Judge B. L. Russell of Baird, J. H. Surles of Putnam and a number of others to promote the sale of Putnam mineral water and build a health resort. They succeeded in building the Mission Hotel, one of the best in West Texas at that time. For a time Putnam thrived as a health resort.

About 1920 the first oil wells were discovered in the Putnam area and Putnam has had one of the big-

Cross Plains High School Grads Are Scattered Over Wide Area

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Class of 1937
Twenty-eight students finished with the class of 1937. Dale Bertrand now lives at Houston. Henry Black is located near Carbon. Gene Blitch recently completed a course in aviation and is now attending Howard Payne College at Brownwood.

Class of 1938
42 students finished with the class of 1938. Mozelle Atwood is attending John Tarleton at Stephenville. Waitena Barclay as previously reported, is married to Malcolm Steele and lives at Spur.

Class of 1939
Forty-five students were graduated with the class of 1939. Tom Arrowood is attending college in Brownwood and is agent for a Fort Worth newspaper. Harold Barclay is attending John Tarleton, Frenchy Bennett is a student at Texas A. & M. Nolan Bryant is employed at Smiths Drug Store here.



J. M. McMILLAN
When B. H. Freedland, who has served this precinct as commissioner for the past six years, assumes the duties of County Judge on January first, he will be succeeded by J. M. McMillan.

Erwin and Mamie Jordan are here. James Clyde Lane is the wife of Jay Mayes. Laverne Loyd lives at Atwell. Wanema Marshall lives at Pioneer. Adon Miller is married and lives at Big Spring. Lora Faye Odum is the wife of Tommy Harris. Christine Petterson is here. Billie Porter lives at Sabanno. Mary Sauder is attending Draughtons Business College at Abilene. Evelyn

Wrinkle is married and lives at Ranger.
Inhabitants of farms and communities of less than a thousand population travel 61 business miles as compared to 36 for recreational and social purposes. Residents of urban communities travel 51 business miles to 49 recreational and social. The combined comparison of automobile use last year per cent for business purposes, social purposes, according to Public Roads, Administration.
Farmers account for one out of every four trucks in use, are one-million motor trucks valued from 1,401 in 1928 to 250 in New York.

The Cross Plains Review

Home Town Gossip

Mr. and Mrs. R. Cross Plains, recent their golden wedding at the home of Mrs. C. B. Gregory. All five of their present and assist the completion of a tury of married life memorable occasion. The accompany shows the popular couple seated with reading from standing behind: Jr., Waco; Mrs. C.

New Lounge Adorable Supremely Wearable! Velvalux ROBE by Luxite 6.95
Distinctive because of its simplicity in beauty of line and fabric... Fashioned in luxurious Velvalux, a new non-mussable fabric created by Luxite. Cheerful colors: royal blue, light blue, dusty rose, maroon. Sizes 12 to 18, \$6.95—larger sizes, \$7.95.

This Section's Newest Industry FROZEN FOOD LOCKERS
6th and Oak Streets, Abilene
Invites You To Visit Its Plant
Located at the Independent Ice and Refrigerating Company. Now farmers and townpeople alike can effect enormous savings in annual food bills and at the same time enjoy a better living.

The oldest institution in Callahan county pays tribute to the memory of those early settlers who blazed the trail in pioneer days
Western-Visioned They Were Men and Women Whose Abiding Faith In West Texas and Her Ultimate Development Made Possible The Establishment of This Bank.
The First National Bank BAIRD, TEXAS
Officers: TOM WINDHAM, President BOB NORRELL, Cashier.

SEARS TOYLAND NOW OPEN! America's Favorite Toy Store
DEPENDABLE QUALITY ALWAYS REASONABLY PRICED
Steel Wagon \$1.98 Value 1.29
Auto Transport \$1.39 Value 1.00
Steel Rocker \$1.69 Value 1.39
Typewriter \$1.39 Value 98c
26 in. BABY DOLL She Cries, She Sleeps Actual 2.98 \$2.29 Value
Mechanical Train Famous Commodore Vanderbilt reliable mechanical train set. \$1.00
Steel Automobile A bargain for thrifty Santas! Sturdy all steel auto. \$5.98
Boys Football \$1.00 Value 89c
Machine Gun \$1.19 Value 1.00
Tractor Trailer \$1.19 Value 1.00
\$10.00 OR MORE ON EASY TERMS Sears Roebuck & Co. 358-66 PINE ST. ABILENE, TEXAS

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EXES FLOCK HERE FOR BANQUET AND GRIDIRON CLASSIC
Melvin Placke Chosen To Head Former Students In '41; Mrs. H. Barr Manager
Flocking here to view the Buffaloes-Wildcat football game and attend a get-together and a banquet, hundreds of former Cross Plains high school students took part in the second annual homecoming of the school Wednesday and Thursday of last week. Festivities began Wednesday night with the get-together in the high school gym, when an amateur hour was on the program for entertainment.
W. R. Chambers and Hoyt Byrd won first prize on the amateur program.
Thursday afternoon the "exes" attended the football game between Cross Plains and Rising Star, the victory of the Buffaloes adding much to the success of the homecoming.
Banquet for the exes was held Thursday night in the basement of the Methodist church. Melvin Placke was toastmaster. Program was opened by the ex-students singing the old and new school songs, Buff Buffaloes, and "C.P.H.S."
Helen Gray Freeman welcomed the exes.
The exes then related what had happened in the intervening years since they had attended Cross Plains High school.
"There's a Gold Mine in the Sky", was sung by the "Old Quartet".
Flois Lane rendered a vocal solo.
J. E. Barrington talked to the group on "The Spice of Life."
"Reminiscences," were given by superintendent of schools, Lewis C. Norman.
A piano solo was rendered by Mrs. Paul Taylor.
A business session was held and officers selected for the ensuing year. Melvin Placke was elected president of the organization; Wilburn Barr, vice-president; and Clara Nell Barr, general manager.
Registering in the Exes book at the ball game were: (Those whose address is not indicated live in Cross Plains): Tommie Holden, Camp Bowie; Mr. and Mrs. Jay Mayes, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Chandler, Coleman; Teddy Walker, Robert Anderson, Tarleton Station; Jim Hutchins, Winnie Lee Baum, McAdoo; Benja Pillans, Billie Ruth Aiken, Ceno; Louise Hayes, Mrs. Jack Scott, Mrs. O. B. Edmondson, May; Mrs. H. C. Freeman, Jr., Patricia Ruth Irvin, Lenora Lucy, Mrs. Lester Barr, Nadine Copeland, Dorothy Sauder, Ida Nell Williams, V. J. Williams.
Mozelle Atwood, John Tarleton, College; R. L. Little, Mrs. Buster Atwood, Mrs. Buster Richardson, Mrs. Donald L. Flahie, Deel Edington, Tom Arrowood, Daniel Baker, Gravel Pierce, Margaret Browning, John Tarleton, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Stone, Brownwood.
Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Webb, Burkett; Doris Nell Gray, Phil Anderson, Jr., Harold Barclay, Phil Bingham, Jr., Ford, Brownwood; Horace Smith, San Antonio; Jack Scott, Basil Lusk, Burbank, Calif.; Patsy McNeel, Billie Ruth Loving, Earlene Smith, Ida Mae Hudson, Mary Sauder, Abilene, Chase Adams, J. M. Haden, Coleman; D. C. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Hulan Barr, D. C. Hargrove, Howard Payne, Brownwood.
Attending the banquet were: Claude Mayes, Juanita Mayes, Johny Frances Baldwin, Roland G. Howell, I. B. Loving, Robert G. Howell, I. B. Loving, Mary Anderson, Harold Barclay, Mary Stephenson, R. L. Little, Mrs. R. L. Little, J. E. Barrington, Mildred Browning.
Fred Tunnell, Jr., Garland (Salt-ty) Smith, Moreland Baldwin, Eastland; D. C. Hargrove, Brownwood; Earlene Smith, Winnie Ruth Payne, Lenora Lucy, Doris Nell Gray, Mozelle Atwood, Leo McDermet, Donald Strahan, Patsy McNeel, Eloise Lane, Billie Ruth Loving, Charlie Stone, Georgia Cecil Stone. (Continued on page 6)