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"Voice of the Caprock Canyons"



VOLUME 33 NUMBER 50 10 PAGES BRISCOE COUNTY QUITAQUE, TX 79255 THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 1994

## Calendar of Events

**June 2**  
 Quitaque Sr. Citizens  
 Robbie Hill at Turkey  
 Summer School Starts  
 Train Display

**June 4**  
 National Trail Day

**June 5**  
 Attend Church Of Your  
 Choice

**June 6**  
 Quitaque Lions  
 Quitaque City Council

**June 7**  
 Masonic Lodge  
 Briscoe Co Historical Society  
 Quitaque Chamber of  
 Commerce

**June 8**  
 Turkey Fire Department  
 Flomot Do Gooders

**June 8**  
 EMT's  
 Blood Pressure Taken-  
 Turkey

**June 9**  
 Quitaque Senior Citizen  
 Nuevo Study Club  
 Turkey City Council

## Chili Cook Off Begins 9 a.m.

The first annual "Trail Winds" Chili Cook-Off will kick off at 9 a.m. on Saturday on the vacant lot across from the Caprock Cafe. You may register for the cook-off on Friday night at the 7 p.m. hamburger supper for the chili cooks. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday morning. The cook-off is CASI Sanctioned. However you do not have to be a member of CASI to compete in the cook-off. For a small fee the public may enter the area at 1 p.m. when the showmanship begins. Awards will be given at 4 p.m.

## Antique Cars On Display At 11 a.m.

Antique cars will be on display in the area of the noon barbecue until 2 p.m. The cars will be in the parade at 10:30 a.m. and will go on display at 11. The Poker Run will begin at 2 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

## THEN and NOW!

by Eunice McFall

It has been said that there is only one thing for certain and that is that nothing is for sure and for certain. Change is a part of all of our lives. If we are living there is going to be a change just around the corner for us--some good, some bad, some we will like and some we will hate. That's life! We need to instill in our children the ability to change when it becomes necessary. Now I do not mean to just change because someone says the change is good. This is where you must start to think for yourself, to see if the change is necessary for you or if you can work around it and still accomplish what you would like to accomplish. Our lives are made up of many opposites: love and hate, sunshine and rain, happiness and sadness, childhood and adulthood, life and death, light and dark, hungry and full. Charles L. Allen states that in the morning of life, we prepare; in the afternoon of life, we achieve; in the evening of life, we are rewarded. He told the story about a lady of 86 years of age who had just planted a peach tree and was asked the question, Why? Her reply was quite simple-- Because I like peaches. We are never too old to plan. Don't give up just because you have reached a certain age that someone else might think too old to accomplish what you would like to accomplish with your time. Go forward and conquer whether you are 15 or 85. The choice is yours. So wherever we are in life we have something to look forward to, preparation, achievement or rewards. The town of Quitaque as a whole has worked many hours to prepare for this coming Saturday to celebrate the National Trail Day. By Saturday, you may see the results of their labors and by Saturday evening you will be able to see the rewards of all the many hours spent doing numerous jobs around town. \*\*\*\*\* We have several new faces in town. Let us greet them with a warm welcome when we meet them. Rev. and Mrs. John Hall, the new Baptist minister and wife; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Chambliss, the new WTU manager and wife; P. J. and Jerry Hayden are new business owners in Quitaque as are Don and Louise Brummett owners of the Caprock Cafe.

## Grand Prix Motorcycle Race

A Grand Prix Motorcycle Race is to be held in Quitaque during the Second Annual Trail Days Celebration. The race will cover a 4.7 mile course set on the northwest side of town. Racers will need to register at the old Quitaque Gin Building prior to the race. Registration will open at 1 p.m. and riders may register until the riders meeting at 3:30 p.m. The race will begin at 4:30 p.m. on June 4th and will run until 6 p.m. The race is A.M.A. (American Motorcycle Association) sanctioned and all interested persons who want to race may join the AMA that day at the race. Local people are urged to race if they would like. There will be a lot of action and different places for spectators to see the race. Prizes will be given in both the Expert and Novice classes. Experts will be riding for cash prizes and the other classes will run for trophies. Trophies will have the National Trail Day Logo on it. If you need more information about the race call Dale Ramsey at 983-0079 or Clint Deeds in Amarillo at 374-0151.

## Information Booth, Trail Day

The Quitaque Chamber of Commerce will have an information booth set up on the morning of June 4th. The booth will be located in front of J&K Insurance Agency on Main Street. Schedules of events and tickets for the barbecue and dance will be on sale at the booth as well as general information for the day's activities. National Trails Days t-shirts will also be available. Virginia Taylor will have tickets for the evening supper at Circle Dot Ranch at this location.

## Windsock, Kite On Display

At 10 a.m. weather permitting residents of Quitaque and visitors will be able to view a wind sock that is advertised to be the world's largest and a Octopus Kite that is 12 stories large. Both will be on display at the edge of town. It will depend upon which way the wind is blowing as to where the display will be put up. Come out and see this giant kite and wind sock.

## Hot Air Balloons Will Be Demonstrated

Weather permitting at 7 a.m. on Saturday, June 4, 1994 two hot air balloons will rise from the ground north of Quitaque. Floyd Richardson and Robert Pendleton of Amarillo will bring their hot air balloons down for a demonstration for National Trail Day. It will be quite thrilling to watch a balloon seven stories high rise and soar above our area. The demonstrations should take about 45 minutes.

## Kiddie Rides At Bank

Beginning at 11 a.m. on June 4 there will be some kiddie rides in the east parking lot of the First National Bank in Quitaque.

## McBride & The Ride Featured Saturday Night

To top off a day filled with excitement and lots of different kinds of entertainment, Quitaque visitors and residents will be fortunate to be able to sit back and enjoy a concert by McBride & The Ride, that is if you can keep your feet from dancing! At 8 p.m. Riverwind band will start off the evening's entertainment at the Trail Head at the west edge of town. Around 10 p.m. McBride & The Ride will come on center stage and give their fans a great concert of music.

## Pancake Breakfast 7 a.m Saturday

Start out your morning right with a great breakfast with the local Lions Club. The Lions will be serving a pancake breakfast Saturday morning, June 4, 1994 at the Quitaque Fire Hall. Pancakes will be served until 9 a.m.

## Scenic Trail Tours Available

For those who have not had the opportunity to "Go down the Trail", and for those who need to "Go down the Trail again", be sure and meet Joe and Virginia Taylor at the Quitaque Trailhead at 2:00 pm, for the guided tours.

## Show Time In Quitaque, Texas

Saturday at 11 a.m. the production of a Wells Fargo robbery will be presented by the "Outlaws" on the lot west of First National Bank in Quitaque. This group will also put on the Western Production at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. The show is sponsored by We The Women.

## Quitaque Quest Set For Saturday

The Quitaque Chamber of Commerce and the Caprock Bike Club is sponsoring a bike race on National Trails Day. Quitaque Quest will consist of three races, 40 miles, 18 miles and 6 miles. The races are for beginners as well as the experienced riders. Most registrants for Quitaque Quest will arrive and register on Friday or early Saturday. Several entries have already been received from such places as Canyon, Irving, Dallas, Quitaque, Lubbock and Amarillo. To register for the race on Saturday, you may register at the First National Bank from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday and on Saturday the books will be open at 6 a.m. at the ADM Paymaster Gin Yard. Participants for the race will gather at 7:30 a.m. Saturday for a pre-race meeting for last minute instructions. The race will start at 8:00 a.m. from the ADM Paymaster Gin Yard for the 40 mile event with other events following. The awards ceremony will be at 2:30 p.m. at the same location as the barbecue luncheon. Spectators are encouraged to be at the starting line for the send-off and to cheer the participants when they arrive at the finish. They will appreciate your support as they begin their grueling race which each and every one will enjoy--spectators as well as participants.

Caprock Public Library  
 Book Sale  
 Saturday, June 4, 1994  
 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
 Proceeds go to improve  
 your library

## National Trail Day Parade at 10:30

The time to get out your best costume, your favorite horse or bike, decorate your float or polish up the old car is here. Saturday at 10:30 the parade will be starting at the old Co-op Gin and winding down main street in Quitaque for the enjoyment of one and all. KKYN of Plainview is to MC the parade. Plaques will be given for first, second and third place. Anyone may enter without charge. However if you wish to compete for a plaque there will be a small entry fee. Come and join in all the fun of a great parade on a wonderful day.

## Train Display Previews Early

The Friends of Caprock Public Library will sponsor a Lionel Train Village beginning Thursday, June 2, from 2 pm until 9 pm at the Senior Citizens Center. This will give local residents an opportunity to preview this outstanding train and Dept 56 Villages. The display is especially appealing at night with all the lighted houses and streets. The exhibit will be open from 9 am-7 pm on Friday, June 3, and Saturday, June 4. Hours on Sunday afternoon are 2 pm til 6 pm. Proceeds from the display will go to Caprock Public Library.

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## Plan to Attend The Crafts Show

The Arts and Crafts Show on Saturday, June 4, will be held at the Community Center from 11 am until 7 pm. The show will feature varied artisans. The concession will be serving cinnamon rolls and coffee at 8 am, and will also be serving burritos and frito-pies, prepared by the local Catholic community, through-out the day.

## The "Fur-Traders Rendezvous"

One of the colorful events which will take place on June 4, will be the "Fur Traders" in full costume, setting up a rendezvous camp, complete with tents, hides and various cooking utensils. There is a possibility of Comancheros and Indians out of the Oklahoma territory riding in for the long awaited rendezvous. The United States 4th Cavalry, out of Lubbock, another important segment of our History, will be in full uniform and in attendance on the National Trails Day Celebration. If circumstance allows, they will bring a cannon and several wagons with them.

## Stop By and Visit "The Long Branch"

For a snack and a rest from a busy schedule Saturday, you are invited to stop by "The Long Branch" for a glass of ice-cold lemonade or a cup of coffee and cake provided by We the Women, in the Senior Citizens building from 9:00-6:00 pm. While there you may also see the latest "hand-quilted" quilt and a beautiful oil painting by Ernestine Payne.

## "The Bike Depot" Is Now Open

Mr. Jerry Hayden has opened a bicycle rental/repair shop at the corner of First and Morris in Quitaque. Jerry will assist you in choosing the right bicycle and safety equipment to fit your riding needs. While checking out the bicycles, ask P.J. about her special graphic designs for fliers, menus and signs. She will also do your resumes, term papers and business brochures. Give Jerry and P.J. a call at "The Bike Depot", 455-1272. Welcome to Quitaque.

## Bank, Site of Art Show And Sale

The doors for the Western Art Show and Sale will open at 8 a.m. on June 4th at the First National Bank of Quitaque. Local area artists will have their work on display in the bank lobby until 7 p.m. that evening. Special guests, Marjorie Bell and Fish Wilson will be there to recall experiences that are mentioned in Otho Stubbs' book, *Otho Stubbs A Lasting Legacy*.

## Little League Baseball Play Here Saturday

Little League baseball play begins Saturday, June 4 at 12:30 p.m. for Pee Wee boys. The schedule is as follows:  
 12:30- Padres vs Dodgers  
 4:00- Mets vs Pirates (t-ball)  
 2:30- Bluejays vs Indians, Minor girls  
 5:30- Rangers vs Tigers Minor boys  
 7:00- Cardinals vs Marlins, Major boys  
 Grilled hamburgers will be offered, sponsored by the Valley Little League.

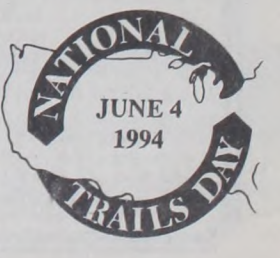
## Barbecue Lunch Available Saturday

The Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring a Cowboy barbecue lunch Saturday, June 4, 1994 beginning at 11 a.m. and serving until 2 p.m. Lunch will consist of barbecue beef and sausage, potato salad, beans and all the trimmings, (apricots, onions, pickles) and tea. The catered meal will be served under the trees at the west edge of town.

Love Fund  
 for Jarret Pigg  
 Turkey Branch  
 Memphis  
 State Bank  
 &  
 First National Bank  
 Quitaque

## Stamp Cancellation Is One-Time Event

Quitaque's special pictorial stamp cancellation commemorating National Trail's Day will be available from 11:00 am until 7:00 pm at the Quitaque Community Center across from City Hall on Saturday, June 4, 1994. Anyone not able to attend Saturday's event may order the cancellation by mail simply by sending an addressed 29 cent stamped envelope or 19 cent postcard inside a larger envelope to: Pictorial Cancellation, Caprock Canyons Station, Postmaster, PO Box 9998, Quitaque, TX 79255-9998. If you would like to have your cancelled envelope returned without going through the mailstream, please include another addressed large stamped envelope. Mail orders must be received no later than July 4, 1994. Pictorial cancellations are available for only thirty days, and the one time cancellation will not be available after that time. This will be Quitaque's first special pictorial cancellation. Requests have already been received from as far away as Colorado and California.



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**Jamboree June 4 At Silvertown**

Another big Jamboree is planned for June 4th. The last Jamboree was attended by a large number of people, over 450 enjoyed the night of music.

Pam Landis, the fiddler from Happy will be on hand this month to play. Jack Taylor of Lubbock and his band, the Walkers of Hereford will also be performing for the Jamboree. Both of the above groups have very good bands to back them. Roy Pilgrim from Dimmitt will be on the Jamboree for the first time and also The Three Baptist and a Nutt from Plainview will be in attendance.

The Silvertown Chamber of Commerce will be serving grilled mesquite hamburgers. Even if you don't like good country music and delicious mesquite grilled hamburgers, come out and you might win one of the door prizes donated by generous merchants and individuals.

See you there.

**June Immunization Clinic Schedule**

Immunization Clinics offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases are scheduled for June. Protection is against Polio, Diphtheria, Lock Jaw (Tetanus), Whooping cough (Pertussis), Measles, Rubella, Mumps and HIB (Haemophilus Influenzae Type B).

The Texas Department of Health is charging money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount of money charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay.

The Memphis Clinic will be held June 7, 10-7 pm at the Texas Department of Health Office, 1800 N Boykin, Memphis.

The Childress Clinic will be held June 9, from 7 am-6 pm at the Texas Department of Health Office, 801 Commerce Street, Childress.

The Clarendon Clinic will be held on June 20 between 9-12 and 1-4 pm at the Texas Department of Health Office in the Medical Center, on Highway 70 North in Clarendon.



The skeleton of an insect is on the outside of its body and is called an exoskeleton.

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**OBITUARY**

**Jean Martin**

Services for Jean Martin, 68, of Turkey, were held at 4 pm, Sunday, May 29, 1994, in the First Baptist Church of Turkey, with the Rev. Melvin Clinton, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in the Flomot Cemetery under the direction of Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Jean Martin died Thursday, May 26, 1994, at her residence.

She was born in Silvertown. She was a beautician, and she married Farris W. Martin on May 5, 1972, in Clarendon. She worked in the Ina Dale Cotton Gin office. She was a former member of the Elks Club in Sweetwater, and she was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband; a son, W. G. "Butch" Brannon of Abilene; five daughters, Gwynn Tucek of Amarillo, Sandra Steele of Thomas, Oklahoma; Sue Breedlove of Silvertown and Brenda Joyce Smith and Ginger Kay Mullin, both of Turkey; four brothers, Jake Strange, Norman Strange and Fred Strange, all of Silvertown, and Tommy Strange of North Carolina; two sisters, Sylvia Fowler of Smyer and Laura Mae Pitts of Alexandria, La.; 12 grandchildren; and six great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Lonnie Tucek, Dewayne Tucek, Kurt Steele, Hoyte Steele, Bryan Breedlove, Derek Mullin, Brandon Smith and Jason Smith.

The family suggests memorials to Flomot or Silvertown Cemetery Funds, Silvertown Ambulance Fund or a favorite charity.

**(On The QT. . .)**

The Quitaque Quail Lodge was the site for an 80th Birthday celebration for Melma Chandler last weekend. The celebration was hosted by Vinita Floye and Guss Hrcncr and Joy and Bill Lacy of Amarillo, daughter and son-in-laws.

Attending the two-day celebration were brothers and sisters of Mrs. Chandler from Ardmore, Oklahoma. They were W. T. (Dib) and Patay Shelton, Willie (Biddie) and Shirley Shelton, and Bessie and George Elliot. Grand children from Amarillo attending were Clay Gibson and Karin and Brent Lacy. Great grand children attending were Charly and Justin Gibson of Amarillo.

They had fun reminiscing, playing 42, playing tennis, swimming, fishing, gift and card exchanging and eating all the goodies that were prepared for the occasion. A fun time for all.

Lockwood McCracken drove to Dallas with the Rev. John Hall on Sunday evening. While in Dallas she visited with her sister-in-law, Olene Chandler and her brother and family, Duncan Chandler and family.

Her daughter, Mary Jo Polk picked her up on Wednesday and she visited with her at Austin for a few days. Saturday they attended the graduation of Lockwood's granddaughter, Linda Base from the University of Texas with a degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing.

Mary Jo accompanied her mother back to Quitaque on Friday of last week. Sunday they took Maudeen Richmond to the Peanut Patch for lunch. Tuesday, the ladies enjoyed a trip to Plainview.

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 Imagination is the eye of the soul.  
 —Joseph Joubert

**Public Notice**

On March 23, 1994, GTE and Contel ("The Companies") filed applications with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("PUC") to restructure the Companies' Switched Transport rate category and reduce the Carrier Common Line (CCL) charge of its Switched Access Service. The tariff sheets in GTE and Contel's applications, if approved, will bring the Companies' state access tariffs into structural parity with their interstate tariffs for the Local Transport rate category, which became effective on December 30, 1993.

GTE and Contel propose to implement the new tariffs on a revenue neutral basis. The Local Transport category of GTE and Contel's Switched Access Service is primarily for interexchange carriers.

Persons who wish to intervene should file a motion for intervention with the PUC by June 17, 1994 with reference to Docket No. 12866 (GTE) and/or 12865 (Contel). Requests for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757, or call the Public Utility Commission Public Information Office at (512) 458-0223 or (512) 458-0227 or (512) 458-0221 teletypewriter for the deal.

**GTE**

**Wayne D. Loury**

Services for Wayne D. Loury, 70, of Turkey were held at 2:00 pm on Monday, May 30, 1994, in the First Baptist Church of Turkey with the Rev. Melvin Clinton, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Childress Cemetery under direction of Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Loury died Saturday, May 28, 1994, in St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

He was born on Sept. 21, 1923, in Clarendon. He graduated from Memphis High School and he was a U. S. Army veteran of World War II. He was a sergeant, and he received two Bronze Stars and the Asiatic Ribbon. He worked for West Texas Utilities in Childress, and he married Mary Ellen Williams in 1955 in Wellington. He served as manager of West Texas Utilities in three different towns - in Sterling City in 1959, in Ozona in 1966 and in Turkey in 1971. He retired in 1988.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Tanya Bolt of Hamlin; and two grandchildren.

Pallbearers were U. F. Coker, Johnny Peery, Buck Blackney, Billy Wheeler, Bob Russell, Jesse Turner, Lowell Proctor and Ernie Lucero.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity.

**Happy Birthdays**

**June 2**  
 Corey Franks, Carey Franks, Barry Don Baird, Billy Wheeler, Randy Fuston, Walt Rice, Laverne Barnhill

**June 3**  
 Era Heckerson, Laura Payne, Keane Cruise, Virgil George

**June 4**  
 Leroy Stone, Brittany Hamner, Greg Rameriz

**June 5**  
 Gladys Wilson

**June 6**  
 Ruth McKay, Laurie Harp, Clyde Johnson, Clema Johnson

**June 7**  
 Robin Harmon, Katherine Pigg

**June 8**  
 Linda Purcell, Ryan Dickman, Ruth Fuston

**June 9**  
 Betty Thrasher, Mary Fierro

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 Activity is the only road to knowledge.  
 —George Bernard Shaw

**Severe Weather Takes Toll In Flomot, Whiteflat Area**

by Earlyne Jameson, Flomot  
 Sixty-mile winds accompanied a wall of dirt into the Flomot and Whiteflat region between 8:30 and 9:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 24, damaging cotton trailers, trees, farm structures and outdoor furniture.

A hail-and-thunderstorm confined its route from north-west of Flomot traveling in a strip that ended north and east of Whiteflat. Two inches of pea-to-marble size hail covered the ground, and .65 to 1.00 inch of rain fell within fifteen minutes, stripping sprouting cotton, hay grazer, trees and gardens, smashing windows, and leaving washed-out fields.

Besides residents in the town of Flomot, others in the storm's path were D. M. Gilbert, Wilburn Martin, Ronald Clay, Doyle and Glen Calvert, Clois Shorter,

**Happy Anniversaries**

**June 2**  
 Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Clinton

**June 5**  
 Mr. and Mrs. Rod Hill  
 Mr. and Mrs. Buster Chadwick

**June 7**  
 Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Proctor

**June 8**  
 Mr. and Mrs. Walter Taylor  
 Mr. and Mrs. Murry Morrison  
 Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Johnson

**Did You Know?**

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You can get a 32-page activity book full of colorful new ideas and practical tips on the creative art of egg decorating by sending \$1.00 for shipping and handling to: "PAAS Great Eggpressions Activity Book," P.O. Box 964, Cleveland, TN 37364-0964.

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**Welcome To Caprock Canyons State Park**



A unique historic feature of the Caprock Canyons State Park T railway is a 1000 ft. abandoned railroad tunnel. One of only a few such tunnels in Texas, it is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Photo Courtesy Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept.

**NATIONAL TRAILS DAY CELEBRATION SATURDAY, JUNE 4**

**FIRST NATIONAL BANK**  
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Turkey Cemetery board members U. F. Coker and Buster Hanna and Secretary Treasurer, Arloween Williams.



Memorial Day Program presented by Scott Johnson, Melvin Clinton and Les Hall.

### Memorial Day Services Were In Dreamland Cemetery At Turkey

Memorial Services were held at the Dreamland Cemetery, Sunday, May 29, at 2:30. Between 50 and 60 patriotic citizens attended to pay a special tribute to the men who gave their lives for our country.

Bro. Melvin Clinton led the group in the pledge to the flag. Bro. Clinton also recognized the members of the Cemetery Board. Members are U. F. Coker, Buster Hanna, Betty House, Don House, Z. P. Polly and Lewis Eudy. Mrs. Arloween Williams is the secretary and treasurer. This group decided several years ago to enhance the beauty of the cemetery by cleaning it up, finding and uncovering graves that had been lost for years, ordering and planting trees.

Leading the singing of patriotic songs was Scott Johnson.

Bro. Clinton also delivered a very inspiring and comforting memorial address to the attentive crowd.

Bro. Les Hall read a fitting scripture and gave the prayer. Bro. Hall also gave a special recognition of the men from Turkey who did die while defending their country. Their names are engraved on a monument in their memory at the Bob Wells Center.

Those killed in World War II were: Glen E. Barker; W. (Buster) Buchanan; Glen Chesshir; R. Dennis Coker; Everett Crow; Virgil Faust; A. V. Hendrick, Jr.; Dueford W. Holland; Jake Parker; J. Paul Vinyard and J. D. Lyles.

Korean war veterans who were killed in action were Freddy Bockelman, Cecil Floyd, Raymond Nall and Wayne Robinson.

Twenty five miniature American flags were distributed to those present who had a veteran buried in Dreamland Cemetery.

### Southwestern Bell Makes Changes

Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. customers in West Texas and the Texas Panhandle will soon start including their three-digit area code when making long-distance calls within their own area codes, it was announced today.

The dialing change-- which will not affect customers' rate for basic telephone service, their long-distance rates or 911 services-- is a result of mandated modifications to the North American Numbering Plan, which were announced last fall. The new dialing pattern will affect customers in the 806 and 915 area codes.

The plan is administered in the United States, Canada, Bermuda and parts of the Caribbean by Bell Communications Research (Bellcore). Last fall, Bellcore and Southwestern Bell announced that the changes would begin in July 1994.

Local business and residential customers are being reminded of the change again later this month and in June through letters and bill insert notices. Additional reminders will be provided through newspaper ads, bill inserts and bill messages until the new dialing pattern becomes mandatory.

During the "permissive" dialing period beginning July 1, Southwestern Bell customers may start dialing their area code in long-distance calls within their area code region. Beginning January 3, 1995, customers must dial a "1" or "0" plus the area code and seven-digit number for all long-distance calls.

### Caprock Public Library News

by Arlene Hinkle

Rails to Trails Day is the celebration of a passing era, and yet most of us can remember what a special treat it was to ride on the train. For me, it was 1962, our Senior class trip went to Washington D.C. via train. Three days of walking from car to car-- visiting the dining car or the snack bar or just visiting with other students from all over the U. S. It was exciting and not nearly as confining as auto or air travel is today.

For nostalgia lovers: *The Story of the American Railroads* by Stewart H. Holbrook. The story of the men who built the railroads in a little over 100 years.

*Portrait Of The Rails from Steam To Diesel* by Don Ball Jr. Photographs of trains, trains and more trains. Great Book!

For Juveniles: A boxcar mystery, *Ghost Ship Mystery*, by Gertrude Chandler Warner.

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### Final Plans Made For Laney Dinner

Final preparations are now being made for the "Thanks Pate Laney Dinner" scheduled in Plainview June 7. Several hundred people, including state elected officials will be in attendance.

Speaker Laney said, "This is an opportunity for people from other areas of the state to become acquainted with our area and West Texas people."

"I urge the people of this district to turn out in large numbers to show their appreciation and support of Speaker Laney," Event general chairman John C. Anderson said.

The cornbread and beans dinner will be Tuesday, June 7, at the Ollie Liner Center in Plainview, beginning at 6 p.m. Complimentary tickets are available, from Rhonda Burson at 847-2321, or O.R. Stark in Quitaque, 455-1141, or tickets are available at the door.

### Vacation Bible School, June 13

The First Baptist Church of Quitaque invites all boys and girls from ages 3 yrs old to those children who have completed the sixth grade to their Vacation Bible School. This year's theme is "Trail of Treasures." VBS begins each morning at 9:00 am and will conclude each day at Noon. On Friday, the church has planned a special VBS program for the parents of those children who participate in VBS. The program will begin on Friday at 11:00 am and will be followed by a free hotdog lunch for parents and children.

A pre-Enrollment Watermelon Party is set for Sunday, June 12 at 7:30 pm at the park in Quitaque. Parents, come and enroll your children in VBS. For more information, please contact First Baptist Church at 455-1251.

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# Flomot News

## OVERHEARD

Courage, honor, commitment and sacrifice are memories of D-Day, June 6, 1944.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Baldwin of Santa Fe, NM are vacationing at their rural home here in Flomot. Visiting with them is her mother Mrs. Ruby Tooley of Plainview and other friends and relatives in the area.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and son Glen attended the Coronado High School graduation ceremony of their grandson and nephew, Keith Cook, held Friday night at the Lubbock municipal auditorium. They visited his prents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Foster and Mr. and Mrs. Tim Mandrell, Dustin and Shae. Dustin and Shae returned home with them to visit.

## BIRTHDAY AND GRAD FESTIVITY FOR KERI SHORTER

Keri Shorter was honored on her 18th birthday and MCHS senior graduation Saturday night May 28, with a party and all the trimmings hosted by her family, Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter, Cindy and Christi.

Attending the festivities and Keri's graduation in Matador were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rhodes and Russel of Southlake; Louis Shorter of Highland Village; Mrs. Joy Barham of Hart; Mrs. Lillie Tinner of Tulsa; Mrs. Cheryl Bynum and Bart of Ransom Canyon; Mrs. Bertha Moore of Matador; Mr. and Mrs. Kevon Kleibrink of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay and Julie, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clay, Tanner and Kelsey and her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Herb Martin and Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Shorter, all of Flomot. Others were Mrs. Brenda Davis and daughter Karla of Hart.

## ATTEND FUNERAL OF GRANDSON

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Stephens who were in Sayre, OK Friday, May 20, celebrating their wedding anniversary at a Blue Grass festival, with friends, received word of the death of their grandson Jack Lyons, 23, of Enid, Ok.

Lyons funeral was held Monday, May 23, at the St. Lutheran Church in Enid. He was a graduate of Enid High School, and was given a commendation for bravery while serving with the U.S. Navy.

Survivors include his father, Had Lyons of Cherokee, OK; mother Mrs. Ruth Lyons of Enid; a brother, Monty Lyons and a sister, Misty Lyons of Enid; Two half brothers, Chad and Patrick Lyons and a half sister, Jennifer Lyons of Cherokee.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Patton of Silverton celebrated their daughter

Tory's birthday with a party in their home, Sunday night. She blew out her four candles on a colorful cake as guests sang Happy Birthday. She provided entertainment when opening her gifts.

Attending were grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cruse of Flomot and Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Patton, and great-grandmother Mrs. Lallie Patton of Silverton.

Others attending were Mrs. James Gwinn and Fannin of Whiteflat; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clifton, Monica and Skylar of Matador, Alicia Patton of Austin; Mrs. Donnie Cruse and Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse, Leah, Keane and Derrick of Flomot; Mr. and Mrs. James Allen Patton, Eric Patton and her brother, Thor of Silverton.

A Mission program "Christianity Takes Shape" was held at the Flomot Baptist Church Wednesday night. They studied from years 300 to 800 A.D. Following the program, peanut butter ice cream and cookies were served with fruit punch.

H.G. Hunter of Quitaque and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter were in Plainview and Lockney Thursday for medical appointments. H.G.'s injured arms are healing just fine following recent accident.

They enjoyed a buffet lunch at Carock Cafe Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Hunter continued to Plainview where they met Mr. and Mrs. Roy Moss and daughters Shanna and Tonya of Decatur to visit.

Mrs. Frank Potts of Floydada visited Mary Ellen Barton and Viola Stinson Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Gilbert met Merrell family members at Gray Mule Cemetery Monday for a clean-up day. They enjoyed visiting and a picnic lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin visited in Floydada Monday with Mrs. Bessie Martin. They attended to business in Plainview Tuesday.

Mrs. Jill Taylor of Ft. Stockton visited during the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Louvaine Scaff of Matador and with her granddad John Barton, and sister Mrs. Jane Cartwright. Jill and Jane enjoyed the day in Plainview Saturday.

Art Green and Mrs. Kathryn Martin of Whiteflat visited in Sunday Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Gilbreth, Kathy and Susan. They attended the 8th grade graduation of Kathy. Mrs. Gilbreth and Kathy visited here Friday and Saturday. The families visited in Matador with Mr. and Mrs. Hal Martin and attended the 8th grade graduation of their son Ryan Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Martin and Shanon of Clarendon visited her

parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Stephens, Sunday. They attended the funeral services of Mr. Martin's aunt Mrs. Jean Martin, in Turkey Sunday afternoon. They also visited in Lockney with Mrs. Juddie Stephens.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Luckenbach of Silverton and Mrs. Laverna Sams of Lockney visited Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Turner, Cobey and Heather. They attended the 8th grade graduation of Cobey in Matador. He was salutatorian of his class.

Mmes. Syd Pipkin, Karen Cox, and Deidra Clifton of Matador and Mrs. Irene Stephens accompanied the MCS 4th grade class to Lubbock May 17 where they enjoyed the film, "Antarctica" at the Omnimax Science Spectrum. It was an educational experience for them.

## Closed-Captioned News Available

KLBK-TV, with the help of Methodist Hospital and Fields Living Center, have joined forces to provide local news closed-captioned for the hearing impaired.

With state-of-the-art technology, NewsCenter 13 will now broadcast its entire program closed-captioned. This service will allow the hearing impaired community of the South Plains to receive up-to-the-minute local news, weather and sports information. About 30 percent of all West Texans are hearing impaired to some degree.

"Channel 13 viewers all across the South Plains will benefit from this new technology," said News Director Terry Graham. "A special vote of appreciation should be given to Methodist Hospital and Fields Living Center for helping make this possible."

After providing local news each weekday morning in sign language and months of anticipation, NewsCenter 13 is excited to offer this service in every newscast. Because of its commitment to better serve South Plains viewers, KLBK-TV is proud to be the first station in Lubbock to offer its local news closed-captioned.

Now, more than ever, NewsCenter 13 is keeping an eye on the South Plains.

## Local Tech Students Make Honor Lists

Some 2,700 undergraduate students qualified for the academic honor lists at Texas Tech University at the end of the 1994 spring semester.

Students on the president's list earned a perfect 4.0 grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours of classwork. Students finishing 12 or more hours with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9 qualified for the dean's list.

Texas Tech, the largest comprehensive university in the western two-thirds of Texas, has an enrollment of 24,000.

Christi Anne Shorter, Flomot majoring in Finance, made the Presidents List.

Genie Leigh Seymour, Turkey, majoring in Finance, also made the President's List.

Tina Jo Clay Carson, and Kacey Gayle Fuston, both of Turkey, and both majoring in Food Technology, made the Dean's List.

Jason Scott Johnson of Turkey, majoring in Restaurant, Hotel, Inst. Mgmt., also made the Dean's List.

## Central Bail Bonds Host Seminar

Kenneth Knowles, owner of Central Bail Bonds, hosted an educational seminar for the professional bondsmen of Texas at the Harvey Hotel in Amarillo, Texas on April 30, 1994. The seminar was conducted by Dr. Gerald Monks, Director of American Bail Research Institute, Houston, Texas. Dr. Monks is the leading educational authority regarding bail in the United States.

Bondsmen from Amarillo, Wichita Falls, Lubbock, Borger, Pampa and Plainview were in attendance.

The main subject matter was the pre-trial release program in the region and the correct procedure to rearrest a defendant along with legislative laws that pertain to the bail bond industry. Kenneth Knowles has been a member of the professional bondsmen of Texas for seventeen years and is on the Board of Trustees. He is active in legislation for both the State and National Associations and is a founding member of the professional bondsmen of the United States.



## SPELUNKING, ANYONE?

This sink-hole in the middle of a cotton-field in Hall County just keeps getting bigger. Already 95 feet deep and 388 feet across, the fascinating geological cave-in was caused primarily from underground springs (which provide the lake in the lower foreground).

The photo is taken from one rim (in lower left corner) across the sinkhole to the other rim. In the upper photo is the flat field in which the big hole suddenly appeared.

(photo anonymous)

## Gardening News & Notes

**Test Your Knowledge** (NAPS)—Here are some gardening questions you may want to dig into:

1. What is the name of the small tree or shrub found on riverbanks that bears loose drooping clusters of white flowers?



## GARDENING DICTIONARY OF HORTICULTURE



2. What is the loose ring around the stem of a plant used for?

3. What's a fruit dot? According to *The National Gardening Association Dictionary of Horticulture* (Viking, \$29.95) the answers are:

1. Fringe tree and it's found on riverbanks from Pennsylvania to Texas.

2. It's used to prevent cutworm damage and you'll see them a lot on tomato plants.

3. In botany they are the reproductive clusters of ferns.

Those who have looked through the dictionary say it is the first to explain every gardening term in language that even the layperson can easily digest and put to use. Compiled by a distinguished panel of garden writers, entomologists, garden historians and dirt gardeners, this user-friendly sourcebook of horticulture includes over 15,000 entries and 5,000 cross references which are arranged alphabetically.

Printed in a muted green text and enhanced by over 1,500 line drawings of plants, implements and techniques, this beautifully bound dictionary is perhaps the most accessible, accurate, reliable and practical guide to gardeners available, according to critics. It can now be found in bookstores nationwide.

## FREE THINGS TO SEND FOR

(NAPS)—For a free brochure of job hunting tips, call Day Runner, America's leading personal organizer maker, at 1-800-232-9786, ext. 149.

For a free brochure to help you get a grip on arthritis, call the Arthritis Foundation toll-free at 1-800-283-7800.

To receive a free carpet care booklet from the experts at Resolve Carpet Cleaners, write to: "The Quick & Easy Guide to Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning," P.O. Box Y-6874, Young America, MN 55558-6874.

## Extension Is For Everyone

by Ronda Alexander

Do you have questions about setting up a monthly budget, what to fertilize your grass with, how to lower your utility bills or any other questions? If your answer was yes to any of those questions, then you need to visit the Briscoe County office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The Texas Agricultural Extension Service educated Texans in areas of agriculture; solid waste management; health, diet and nutrition; leadership; community economic development; youth and adult life skills; and much, much more.

Each of the 254 counties in the state of Texas have a county Extension office, staffed with county Extension agents. The Extension Service is a cooperative effort between County Commissioners Court, the Texas A&M University System and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

County Extension agents, (both agriculture and home economics) serve as educators and local resource persons. We offer a variety of services to our clientele, which is made up of every resident of the county. These services include educational publications, computer programs, video tapes, workshops, demonstrations and seminars. We provide expert, reliable and current information about hundreds of subjects and issues in the categories of nutrition, home economics, community development, agriculture, horticulture, natural resources, 4-H and youth development.

As a county resident, it is up to you to use the services offered by the Briscoe County Extension Service, as they fit your individual needs. Educational programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

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## NEWS FROM TURKEY

Things Seen or Heard  
by Ann Coker

The fishermen are back home! Reddell and Dollie Irby and Billie and Maurice Fuston traveled to Lake Whitney on May 10th and returned last week.

While there, Dennis, Peggy and Alana Irby, and Richard Irby visited with their parents and the Fustons. Also visiting with the group was Olga Mohan, a former Turkey resident and W. L. and Fay Armstrong, the former Pastor family of the Turkey Methodist Church. Olga, W. L. and Fay sent a message by the fishermen to tell everyone in Turkey hello for them.

They reported the wild flowers were abundant and gorgeous. The lake was rising due to all the heavy rains.

They also enjoyed the eclipse on the way down. Due to the low clouds and the eclipse, they had to drive with their lights on and in all the towns they passed through the street lights were on.

Visiting with Clema Johnson this week is her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Gary (Sue) Johnson, Sue's daughter, Margie and Margie's baby, Natalie. The group flew into Lubbock last weekend and were met at the airport by Rita Guest and Clema Johnson.

Visiting in the home of Virginia Degan one day last week was her daughter, Betty Schnieder. Betty lives in Amarillo.

Linda Ferguson and Laura Stewart traveled to Wichita Falls last Friday to attend the graduation of Linda's granddaughter, Michelle Ferguson. Linda's daughter and family, Connie, Bob and sons Benjamin and Matthew Dvorak, of Arlington, also attended the High School graduation of Michelle. Mrs. Ferguson and Mrs. Stewart returned home Sunday.

Fay Huffine and her daughter, Hilda Laurence of Dripping Springs have been in Turkey staying at Fay's home. The two ladies remarked it was good to be home, even for a short time.

Visiting with Rita Guest last weekend were her brother and family, Olen, Margaret and Lee Ann Lane of Midland. Also guests in Rita's home was Jack and Jeanette Case of Amarillo. They were all here to attend the 50th anniversary of J. T. and Tooty Mullin.

Arriving at the home of Dot Arnold for Memorial Day weekend was Lavern Mullin of Tulia.

Enjoying last weekend in Turkey were Harvey and Betty Williams of Canyon. They were guests in the home of Harve's mother, Arloween Williams.

Daphene Lane returned to the home of Zona Lane last Friday for

two weeks. She was brought home by her daughter, Dodi and Dodi's daughter, Lacey. Lacey stayed for a few days to be with her grandmother and great grandmother.

I enjoyed visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Carroll last Sunday at church. They were in Turkey, traveling and stopped for church. The Carrolls, from White Deer, knew a good friend of mine so we had a nice visit.

Norman Mullin was in town last Sunday doing some visiting. Norman lives in Amarillo.

Our daughter Brenda Coker, was here with us last week. She returned to her home in Harper on Friday. She and some friends had a camping out planned for the week-end down close to Uvalde. Surley enjoyed her visit.

Next Monday, June 6, will be D-Day. That day was when the Allies stormed Normandy Beach and marked the beginning of the end of World War II.

Visitors in the home of Louis and Oleta Randell over the Memorial holiday were Don and Anne Herriage and granddaughter, Michelle of Irving. Also, local visitors with the group were Horace Elmer and Lillian Mullin.

John and Maybelle Francis of Silvertown visited in the home of Louis and Oleta Randell Monday night. They invited Louis to play guitar in Clifton Stodgills place Saturday night with the band, "country Sounds" at the Caprock Jamboree.

Lewis and Mozelle Eudy enjoyed visiting Hugh and Juanita Eudy of Midland Sunday.

Raymond and Sylvia West visited Lewis and Mozelle Eudy last Friday. They were amazed at our beautiful cemetery; the last time they saw it was before the fence was built and trees planted, toward which they had given a donation. Sylvia's parents Mr. and Mrs. Jim Payne, former rural mail carrier, and her grandparents are buried in Dreamland Cemetery. The Wests reside in Childress, and both attended Turkey High School in Turkey.

**VALLEY HOMEMAKERS**

The Valley Homemakers Club met recently in the home of Whitney Saul in Quitaque. A program was presented by Melissa Carpenter, a representative of Beauticontrol Cosmetics. The program covered clothing and make-up preferences.

There were eight members present and everyone brought their favorite snack.

The U.S. Congressional Medal of Honor was authorized on July 12, 1862.

## Drama Presented "Wild Plum Moon"

"The summer of the Wild Plum Moon", an outdoor drama, will enjoy its second season under the West Texas stars at Copper Breaks State Park on June 10-11, 17-18, and 24-25 at 8:15 pm.

The musical drama tells of the beginnings of a new Texas country known to some as a barren wasteland that would produce nothing but rattlesnakes and prairie dogs and to others as a great spiritual center providing vital Holy and medicinal powers.

A young Indian princess tells her poignant tale of the pioneers she encounters who settled a land, loved a land, and survived. The musical drama takes the audience to this period of Texas history when the land demanded the most of its inhabitants. This dramatic retelling of local myths and legends gives new light to what had to be done to survive in an untamed country.

Set in the mid-1800's, the story traces the history of the land that is now known as Copper Breaks State Park. The audience gathers for a night of theatre under the stars in Copper Breaks State Park just south of Quanah and north of Crowell on Highway 6. The Summer of the Wild Plum Moon was written by Foard County native Jerry Ayers.

The Comanche Breaks Heritage Foundation was formed to promote the cultural, recreational and historic resources of Foard and Hardeman counties. "We are proud to bring legitimate theatre to the heart of the Comanche Breaks area of Texas. We look forward to the construction of a permanent outdoor theatre at Copper Breaks State Park as well as other beneficial projects," said a foundation spokesman.

"Texas Legacy," a group which features four native Texans performing western-flavored original music about their heritage, will provide musical entertainment for the play. The members are Keith Reimer on lead vocal and guitar, Jerry Hill on vocal and bass guitar, Wendell Callaway on vocals and rhythm guitar, and Thornton Selby on fiddle.

## The Trial Of A Horse Thief

Courtesy of the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon

(Editor's Note: The following was submitted by Gary Dunavant of Floydada. It appeared in the American Family Association newsletter and was written by Dr. Donald E. Wildmon, President of the Association, based in Tupelo, Mississippi.)

"A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly..." Proverbs 18:24 KJV

A man in the old west was being tried for stealing a horse. You need to remember, now, that stealing a horse in the old west was a very grave and serious offense. A person could be hanged if found guilty of such a deed.

It so happened that the man was accused of stealing a horse from another man in that town whom no one liked. The man whose horse had been stolen had always made it a point to get the best of any person with whom he had any dealings. He had never tried to do anything good for anyone other than himself. Consequently, the man whose horse had been stolen didn't have a single friend in the entire town.

The case was tried and presented to the jury. The evidence against the accused man was pretty strong. After about thirty minutes of deliberation, the jury returned to the court chambers. "Gentlemen of the jury, have you reached a verdict?" the judge asked. The chairman of the jury stood up. "Yes, we have, your honor," he replied. "What is your verdict?" inquired the judge. There were a few moments of silence and then the chairman spoke. "We find the defendant not guilty if he will return the horse."

After the judge had silenced the laughter in the court room, he admonished the jury. "I cannot accept that verdict. You will have to retire until you reach another verdict," said the judge. The jury went back into their room to deliberate toward another verdict.

Now no member of the jury had any particular liking for the man whose horse had been stolen. At one time or another he had gotten the best of each of them.

About an hour passed before the jury could reach another verdict. They re-entered the courtroom. They took their place in the jury box and the courtroom grew silent.

"Gentlemen of the jury," began the judge, "have you reached a verdict?" The chairman of the jury stood up. "Yes we have, your honor," he replied. "What is your verdict?" asked the judge.

A barbecue plate will be served nightly from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. by Masons from the 90th District bodies, with the proceeds benefitting the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in Dallas. The area Masons and Masonic bodies participating include Quanah, Vernon, Crowell and Thalia.

Special recognition will be given to groups each night of the play. Planned are the following:

June 10-Senior citizens and their guests.

Volunteer organization (groups of all ages) such as volunteer firemen, hospital auxiliaries, civic workers, etc.

June 17-Youth groups and their sponsors, such as Sunday school groups, 4-H, FFA, Boy and Girl Scouts, etc.

June 18-Church groups, youth and adult church organizational groups, Bible study groups, etc.

June 24-Social and civic clubs such as square dance clubs, arts and crafts groups, Lions, Masons, Rotary, etc.

June 25-"The Battle of the States and Counties". The State having the most representatives and the foreign country with the greatest representation.

Groups who are not listed above may contact one of the addresses below to be scheduled for the correct evening.

For ticket information, contact one of the following: Comanche Breaks Heritage Foundation Office (817) 684-1485; Quanah Chamber of Commerce (817) 633-2222; Crowell Chamber of Commerce, (817) 684-1670; or Chillicothe Chamber of Commerce (817) 852-5297.

Motel and RV parking information can be obtained by calling one of the above representatives.



The courtroom was totally silent. You could have heard a pin drop. Everyone eagerly awaited the verdict. The chairman read the decision reached by the twelve good men, tried and true. "We find the defendant not guilty, and he can keep the horse!" The courtroom burst into laughter!

Well, I guess the moral of the story is that it pays to be interested in people other than yourself. If you spend your life trying to take advantage of others, never caring about them, in any way except what you can get from them or what they can do for you, you will end up a loser like the man who lost his horse.

If you desire a friend, then you had better be a friend. If you desire for other people to help you, then you had better help other people. If you desire justice at the hands of others, then you had better practice justice toward them.

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The slate of nominees for Hall County Committee are listed in the ballot below. The qualifications of persons voting are described in the "Voter Certification Statement." For further information regarding voting and voter eligibility, see the County Office listed above. FmHA elections are open to all eligible voters without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, age, political affiliation, marital status, sex, and/or handicap.

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BALLOT FOR COUNTY COMMITTEE MEMBER(S)

State (Name) Texas County (Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
\*Candidate(s) ARGIE LEE MCKAY

\*ONLY VOTE FOR 1 CANDIDATE(S)

Please detach this notice before voting ballot

### VOTER CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

Subpart W of Part 2054 of Title 7, Code of Federal Regulations requires that all eligible voters for FmHA county or area committee elections meet the following eligibility requirements: (a) be farmers or spouses of farmers; and (b) have their principal farming operation within the county or area for which the election is being held.

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The family of Jean Martin wishes to express our heartfelt appreciation for the many acts of kindness during our time of sorrow. The food, flowers, memorials, words of comfort and concern, and especially the prayers, will remain with us always.

A special "Thanks" to those who responded so quickly in our hour of need.

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(NAPS)—Lyme disease is a potentially serious bacterial infection that has afflicted over 50,000 Americans since 1982.



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Humans generally contract Lyme disease after being bitten by an infected deer tick. Initially, victims may notice a red, expanding rash and experience flu-like symptoms. If not treated early with antibiotics, Lyme disease can sometimes result in heart problems, arthritis, and serious neurological disorders.

Most Lyme disease infections occur during June, July and August. To reduce your risks while outdoors this summer, apply insect repellents to clothing and footwear. Follow packaging instructions, especially if applying to children.

If hiking in heavily wooded areas, wear long pants tucked into socks. After returning indoors, shower and thoroughly inspect yourself for ticks.

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## Don't Let Your Children Play Around With Cuts And Scrapes

(NAPS)—Running, jumping, skipping, hide-and-go-seek or playing ball...there are probably thousands of ways that kids can cut and scrape themselves while playing. Children will always be children—but we can make sure that when they do hurt themselves, their minor cut or scrape will get better instead of worse. Here are some simple steps to ensure that your child's small "boo-boo" will heal quickly:



Help remove bacteria from cuts and scrapes by washing with a mild antibacterial soap such as Liquid Lever 2000™. Use an antiseptic to prevent infection!

- **Wash your hands first.** Use a mild antibacterial soap like Liquid Lever 2000™ to remove bacteria from your hands before you care for your child's wound.

- **Clean the injured area.** Carefully wash the wound immediately with a mild antibacterial soap to remove bacteria and any foreign matter. Be sure to rinse with water.

- **Blot the area dry.** Dab the wound with a clean cloth or a sterile gauze pad. Apply antiseptic to prevent infection.

- **Cover the damaged area.** It's best to cover the wound with a porous, dry, sterile bandage—air can get in, but bacteria will stay out. Replace the bandage as necessary.

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## Yesteryear

(taken from "Echoes of the Valley," August 1, 1987)

### Historical Marker Dedicated at Folsom Kill Site

May 4, 1978—Sunday afternoon, April 30, at 4:00 o'clock a historical medallion was unveiled and dedicated at the Folsom Kill Site in Caprock Canyons State Park north of Quitaque.

Mrs. Edwin Dickerson of Silverton, chairman of the Briscoe County Historical Survey Committee, was in charge of the program which opened with the presentation of the colors by Boy Scout Troop 262. This was followed by the group singing of "America the Beautiful," led by Elgin Conner, minister of the Quitaque Church of Christ. He also led the opening prayer.

The guest speaker was Curtis Tunnell of Austin, a former resident of Turkey, who is the State Archaeologist. He brought some interesting notes of history on the Folsom Site. It is thought that the bison kill was probably 10,000 years ago, and that when the Bison Kill took place, the men who were here probably dressed in skins of animals. They killed great numbers of bison near the site of the historical medallion. They probably spent months there, dressing and preparing the meat for food.

At the close of Mr. Tunnell's address, he asked Mrs. C. L. McWilliams of Silverton, the Briscoe County Historian who is also with the State Archaeological Department, to read the inscription on the medallion.

It reads:  
**Lake Theo Folsom Bison Kill Site**

"Some tool fragments were discovered in 1965 and 1972 on the shores of Lake Theo, named for former landowner, Theodore Geisler.

Archaeological testing in 1974 revealed a campsite and bison butchering and processing area dating back to the age of Folsom years ago. Projectile points and scraping tools were found at a depth of four feet, along with over 500 bones from an extinct type of bison. Ponds in Holmes Canyon, now covered by Lake Theo, probably attracted prehistoric men to this area. 1978."

Mr. Tunnell also introduced Bill Harrison, curator of the Panhandle-Plains Museum at Canyon, and Henry Smith of the West Texas State University archaeological department.

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Genius is the capacity for seeing relationships where lesser men see none.

—William James

## Safe Boating Week June 5-11 Texas

Texas boaters are prepared to kick off the summer season at a time when law enforcement and education efforts significantly have diminished accident rates on our state's highways.

Although our moderate climate makes boating a virtual year-round activity, Texas Safe Boating Week June 5-11, as proclaimed by Governor Ann Richards, is a timely opportunity to focus on safety issues as families begin their summer recreation on the water.

This year's national Safe Boating Week theme is "Boat Smart, Boat Safe, Boat Sober." Last year in Texas, boat accidents dropped by one-third and boating fatalities decreased by two dozen to 47, the lowest total in several years.

The problem of boat operators who have had too much to drink is effectively being addressed by the Boating-While-Intoxicated law sponsored by Senator Carl Parker (D-Port Arthur) in 1989. That law has given Texas Parks and Wildlife Department game wardens and other officers an effective tool in getting irresponsible boaters off the water.

"I am very pleased with our state's progress in getting tough on BWIs" Parker said. "The ongoing training of game wardens and other officers in proper and effective enforcement of this law is working, and we are seeing very positive results. I am proud that our officers have an effective tool to fight drunken boat operators, and I believe the majority of Texas' half

million boat owners who are responsible on the water support this crackdown."

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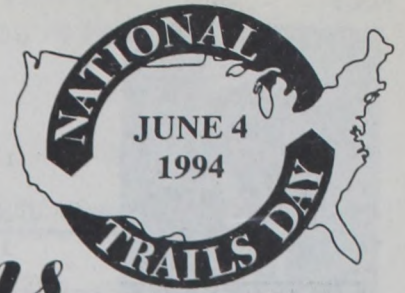
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## To Caprock Canyons State Park

### McBride and the Ride Riding Down the Trail to Quitaque

Riding the crest of a #1 single from their "Sacred Ground" album and a series of top 5 hits from their current release "Hurry Sundown," McBride & the Ride has a unique artistic opportunity with their fourth MCA album that is currently being recorded. With the addition of three new band members at the end of 1993, McBride & The Ride has the enthusiasm and determination of a fresh new group with the maturity of musicians that together have more than 30 years of musical experience.

Joining McBride and current members Gary Morse, steel guitar and Jeff Roach, keyboards are Keith Edwards, drums; Kenny Vaughn, guitar and Randy Frazier, bass. "I am thrilled to be able to work with these guys. I have admired the work of each in the past, and feel very fortunate to have them join McBride & The Ride," McBride stated.

Edwards joins the band after years with Ricky Skaggs;

Vaughn most recently toured with Patty Loveless; and Frazier is a former member of Palomino Road.

Lead singer/songwriter McBride, who is the only remaining original member, was born in Austin, Texas, and grew up 60 miles down the road in the small ranching community of Lampasas. He started playing guitar at the age of nine, and by high school, he had gotten a sort of graduate school education in both traditional and "progressive" Texas music. After high school, he spent three years on the road with his father, Dale McBride, who had 11 chart hits on independent labels. He followed with a two-year stint in Delbert McClinton's band. After leaving McClinton, he began to concentrate on his songwriting and making regular trips to Nashville to pitch his material.

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- 7:00 - 9:00 A.M. - PANCAKE BREAKFAST - Fire Hall
- 7:00 a.m. - Launch Hot Air Balloons
- 8:00 a.m. - Art Gallery Opens - First Nat'l Bank
- 8:00 - 2:00 p.m. - Quitaque Quest Mountain Bike Race - Caprock Canyons Trail
- 2:30 p.m. - Awards Ceremony
- 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Lionel Train Display and "Long Branch" - Sr. Citizens Bldg.
- 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Chili Cookoff - across from Caprock Cafe
- 4:00 p.m. - Cookoff Awards
- 10:00 a.m. - Kite Display - Edge of town
- Fur Traders (west End of Town)
- Caprock Library Book Sale - Public library
- 10:30 a.m. - Trails Day Parade
- Showtimes 11:00, 2:00, 4:00 & 6:00 -
- Outlaws Western Productions -W. bank lot
- 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Cowboy's Barbeque lunch - West end of town
- 11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. - Antique Car Show, and Poker Run - West end of town
- 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Arts & Crafts Show - Community Center
- Pictorial Postal Cancellation
- Kiddie Rides - East Bank lot
- 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Country Music - Main Street
- 2:00 p.m. Trail opens for tours
- 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Grand Prix Motorcycle Race - NW of city
- 6:00 p.m. - Drawing for quilt and painting.
- 6:30 p.m. - Circle Dot Ranch Tour and meal
- 8:00 pm. - Concert & Dance - RIVERWIND, followed by
- 10:00 p.m. - McBRIDE & THE RIDE - at Trail head, depot area

nominations for Vocal Group and two nominations for the Country Music Association's Vocal Group of The Year. "Cashbox Magazine" also named McBride & The Ride the Top New Group of 1991.

McBride & The Ride has also gained raves from music critics nationwide as their live, energetic stage performance presents a side of the group that has never been captured on record. "The Orange County Register" says, "When Terry McBride applies his sweet vocals and fresh scubbed looks to songs, he conjures visions of those quintessential '70s soft-country-rock bands." In a "Los Angeles Times" review, "During a rousing set at The Crazy Horse, the vocal blend was so perfect that these guys could have been singing together since boyhood." "Entertainment Weekly" refers to the current album "Hurry Sundown" as "a barn-burner of an album, filled with catchy hooks, tight hillbilly harmonies, and soulful songs."

McBride & The Ride also makes their movie debut this year in 8 Seconds, the life story of rodeo icon Lane Frost. The group appears as themselves performing their current single "No More Cryin'" from the MCA soundtrack.

Terry McBride and band members are taking a new approach on this fourth album project with veteran producer Josh Leo, who has also produced Alabama and Restless Heart. "This is the first time that we have worked with a producer that is also a premier songwriter and musician. It is unique for me because I have been able to write songs with my producer," McBride added. The new McBride & The Ride album is due out in June.



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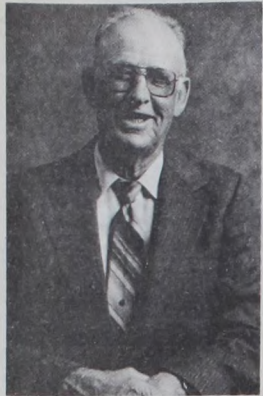
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**Wyatt Recall Memories Of Building Caprock Railroad**

Jim B. Wyatt of Spur helped prepare the road bed for the railroad (now Caprock Canyons Trailway) when it was being cleared in 1926 and 1927. Mr. Wyatt, 86, is a farmer born in Dickens County and has lived there most of his life. He and his wife raised three sons and a daughter on their farm near Red Mud.

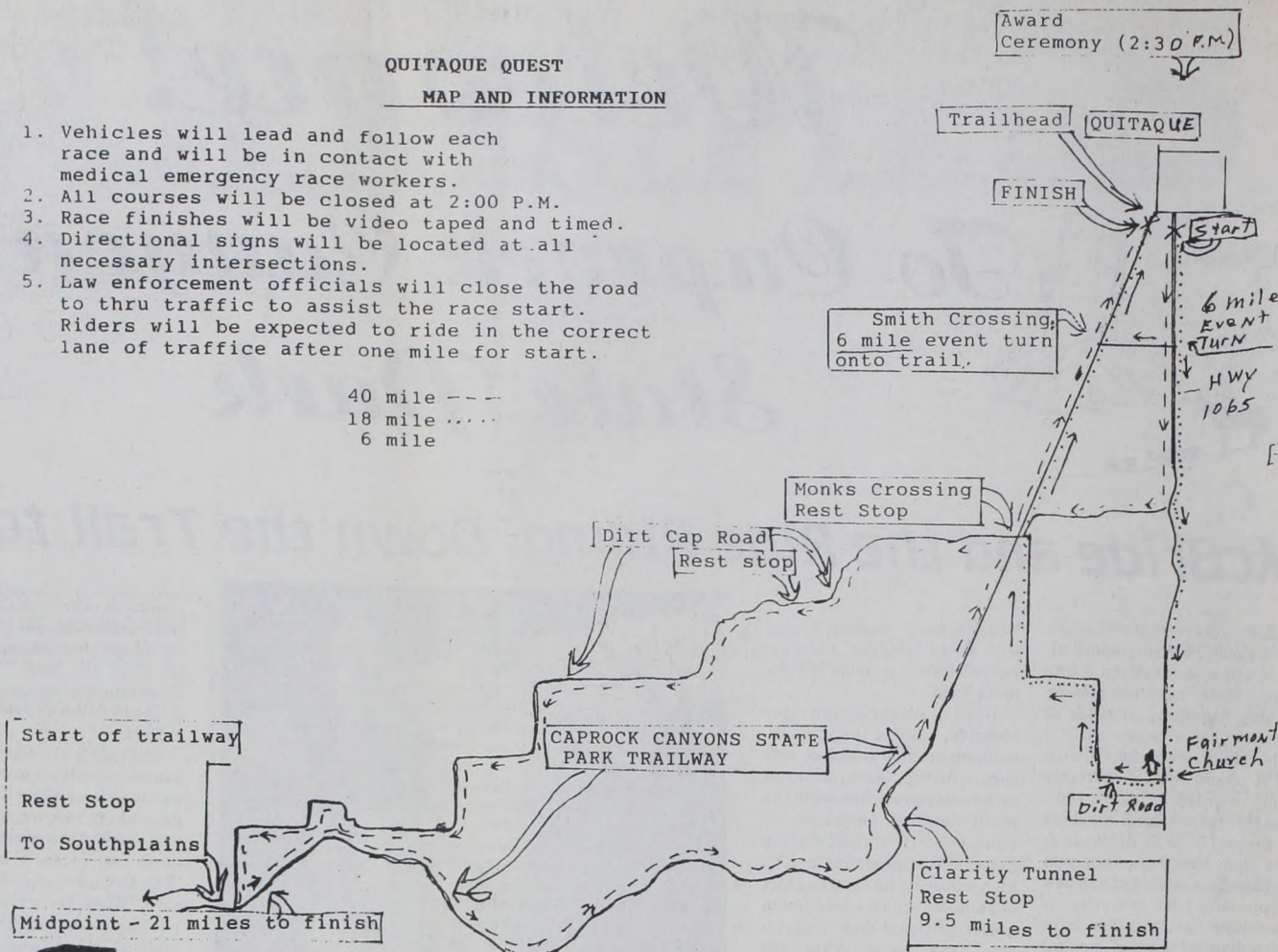
Wyatt said he helped Bill Meeks, who was the powder man blast the rocks from the side of the mountain to prepare it for the tracks. A small hole would be drilled and dynamite placed into the holes which were about eight feet apart. In the resulting holes 50 pounds of black powder would be packed to blast the rock formation out. The rocks, some as large as four feet square, would then be hauled away to help brace the road bed where needed. Mules and dump wagons were used for this hauling.

They camped near a good spring and good grass for the animals. The going wage for a day was \$3.50

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2. All courses will be closed at 2:00 P.M.
3. Race finishes will be video taped and timed.
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5. Law enforcement officials will close the road to thru traffic to assist the race start. Riders will be expected to ride in the correct lane of traffic after one mile for start.

40 mile ---  
18 mile .....  
6 mile - - - - -



**Quitaque Area History Today And Yesterday**

The newly formed Caprock Canyon Trailway that is being enjoyed by many visitors to the Quitaque area either by bike, horseback, hiking or by van has opened up many beautiful scenes that before were only available to the Indian, the lone cowboy, rancher or seen from the train window as they whizzed around a curve.

Possibly Francisco Vasquez de Coronado, the Spanish explorer-treasure hunter who was only 28 or 29 at the time, traveled some of the same territory when he crossed the Panhandle in 1541. Historians all agree that he did travel in the Panhandle but his exact route is in doubt. Perhaps he even camped by Los Linguish Falls where the horses could eat green grass and have

plenty to drink of the fresh clear water while his men recuperated from their rough ride to the area.

Coronado was befriended by the Teyas Indians while in this area according to history.

This area was said to have been inhabited by an Indian tribe known as the Quitaques.

In the 1850s the Comanches would bring their captive white women and children to a spot southwest of Quitaque to keep them until they could trade them for cattle or goods, thus the area became known as the Valley of Tears because of the many wails heard from mothers and children wrenched from each other forever.

Up until 1875 the Comancheros drove through this rugged Caprock

country on their way to New Mexico to sell and trade their cattle and captives either to the Indians or to settlers in New Mexico.

By 1877 ranchers began to try their luck in the area around Quitaque. Some ran cattle over the very land that later the railroad would lay rails on to carry not only produce to market but people to larger settlements.

Today the Caprock Canyons State Park covers in addition to the Trailway, 13,906 acres of scenic land where canyon walls are varied in color and are in awesome shapes

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# Caprock Rail Trails

## After the Trains Are Gone

Reprinted from May 1994 Southern Living by Joe Rada

It can get mighty quiet along a railroad track just after a train rumbles past. As peaceful as walking along a country road, but without cars. As remote and scenic as a hiking trail, but wider and never very steep.

So what happens when trains stop traveling certain stretches altogether? Many abandoned rail corridors—with the tracks and ties removed—are becoming linear parks cherished for outdoor recreation.

An exciting variety of users shares them. In cities, thousands jog, bicycle, roller-skate, or walk daily on former railroads paved and marked into lanes. In small towns that withered when train service stopped, reborn inns, cafes, and shops cater to trail users. In rural areas, people on horses, mountain bikes, or (where it snows) cross-country skis revel in nature and solitude.

The Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, a nonprofit group that helps communities negotiate a labyrinth of barriers to create such trails, counts 567 successes and as many more currently in the works. The South is well represented, with dozens of rail trails ranging from just under 1 mile to more than 200 miles long.

One distinctive Southern trail where train whistles no longer blow but is quite alluring and a tribute to those who created it is Caprock Canyons Trailway.

The closest this trail in the Texas Panhandle ever gets to crowded is when two parties riding horses or mountain bikes come within sight of each other. And just like outlaw bands who raided settlers heading west through these red-rock canyons in the 19th century, you can see 'em raising dust a long way off.

Located about 100 miles southeast of Amarillo, the Caprock Can-

yons area marks a dramatic geological break between high plains to the west and lower Hill Country to the east. Comanches called the flint-rich escarpment around Quitaque Canyon home. You might call it Marlboro Country, and indeed, this canyonland has been used as a setting for cigarette and beer ads, state lottery promotions, and scenes from an Indiana Jones film.

Burlington Northern Railroad called it quits in 1992 due to high maintenance costs. This left 64 miles of track, 54 bridges, and one chiseled tunnel between the tiny towns of Estelline, Turkey, Quitaque and South Plains. With the rails and ties removed, the stretch has been reborn as a rugged recreation trail.

So far, 22 miles of the Caprock Canyons Trailway have been opened to hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding and primitive camping. Juniper bushes, mesquite, cactus, honey locusts, yucca plants, and cottonwoods cling to the rocky terrain. In June and July thick stands of wild plum bushes ripen. Keen eyes spot mule deer, golden eagles, red foxes, coyotes bobcats and quail.

Quitaque, population 500, is a fine example of how a popular rail trail can quickly affect the towns it touches. Its one older restaurant sees more customers, and new businesses catering to trail users include a second diner, three bed-and-breakfast inns, a horse stable and guide service, an RV campground, and a tour service that drives vans of less-athletic visitors to points of interest.

Unlike the marauders who preyed on westering wagons here in the past, these folks welcome trail travelers with genuine hospitality, glad to share the area's wild beauty.

# Quitaque Welcomes Popularity

by Brian Cofer, Lubbock Avalanche Journal  
Visitors to Roy Pigg's Sportsman Cafe had better come early if they want a table.

"It astounds me," Pigg said, reflecting on the recent crush of business he is experiencing. "I never thought it would be like this."

Pigg isn't the only one surprised by the sudden flurry of activity in this once-faded agricultural town. Formerly a well-kept secret among weekend travelers, Quitaque is attracting visitors from as far away as Germany.

By appearances, it seems like a most unlikely spot for that. A visitor standing at high noon on Main Street can almost hear the silence. Little stirs except the breeze and an occasional passing car.

But take a closer look. At the Allsup's Convenience store, upscale cars and recreational vehicles are parked in front. Sometimes 10 speeds and mountain bikes seem as common a sight as pickup trucks.

Quitaque is in little danger of turning into a teeming resort mecca; people seeking a miniature Six Flags or Las Vegas had best keep driving. Instead, visitors are treated to a vast open country with outdoor pleasures and lots of space.

"People come out here from Dallas and Fort Worth, and they can't believe it," said Rusty Sargent, superintendent of nearby Caprock Canyons State Park.

The park features 14,000 acres of unspoiled, rugged country, as well as a lake, several hiking trails and camping areas.

Visitors also can hike or cycle the recently opened Caprock Canyons Trailway, which passes through ranch country and up the Caprock on a former railroad bed.

The trail, which covers 22 miles between Quitaque and South Plains in Floyd County, ascends gradually, passing at one point through a 742 foot tunnel. Eventually, the trail will run east to Turkey and Estelline.

According to Sargent, about 100,000 people have walked the trail since it opened; he expects that number to triple in 10 years.

Times haven't always been so heady for Quitaque, the town had been in decline for several decades and population shrank substantially.

When the Burlington Northern Railroad decided in 1989 to abandon the rail line through town, many regarded it as another nail in the coffin.

The turning point came with the idea of turning the railroad right of way—once the old Fort Worth & Denver route to Lubbock—into a hiking trail. Townspeople also agreed to undertake such projects as a "sidewalk museum," in which abandoned storefronts are turned into display cases showing antiques and historic memorabilia.

The efforts have begun to pay dividends, prompting people such as Lee and Pearl Tapp to relocate to Quitaque and invest.

The Tapps, formerly of Garland, are restoring the 1920s vintage Quitaque Hotel, which had been abandoned for several decades. They came across it last year while attending Mrs. Tapp's high school reunion in Lakeview.

"We bought it before we left," Tapp said.

They still face much work and are unsure when the hotel will open. But in response to demand for rooms, they have begun putting up people in two units in back of the hotel. So far, there have been plenty of takers.

Although visitors are pouring in with money, many residents wonder what will be price paid for economic success. In a town where everyone knows everyone else, the prospect of a tourist invasion can be unsettling.

"A lot of these people are on land they've called home their entire lives, Sargent said, noting that some of the land could become prime real estate. "What happens when they're offered more for their property than they make farming? Some families are going to have to make some tough decisions."

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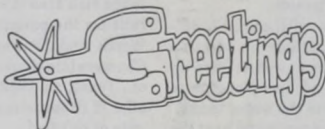
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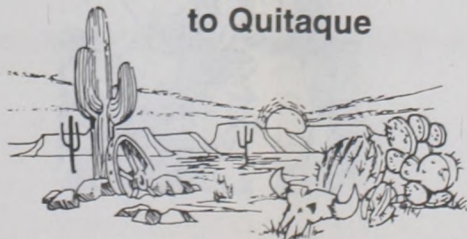


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## Trail Features Railway Tunnel For Bikers and Hikers Railway Tunnel Has Intriguing History

*courtesy Lubbock Avalanche Journal by Gerry Burton*  
Rails gleam in a silvery curve through archways etched with light from beyond, then straighten to reach eagerly for oncoming daylight. A few seconds more and the picturesque countryside is bathed in bright sunlight—and the dark mouth of the railroad tunnel grows small, disappearing as its counterpart to the north has appeared—around a curve.

The thrill has come and gone in a moment's time, a thrill once part of everyday life for any train passenger, but now know only to road employees of the Fort Worth and Denver Railway Co.

To others, the Quitaque tunnel may be the only operating railroad tunnel in Texas which was placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

To Charles Gullege, it represents a way of life—his—and he wouldn't have it any other way. His father helped build the South Plains track from Quitaque to Lubbock in 1927-28 and watched a contract crew create a 790 foot tunnel (now down to 582) and another shorter one which has since been daylighted.

His parents met at the tunnel which was the community gathering place for celebrations and family picnics.

Gullege was born in a section house at Barwise and grew up in another at Edgin, so-named by the railroad but known as Grey Mule to everyone else. "Railroading made my family a living and is making me a living," Gullege, who makes his home in Childress, said.

But there's a lot more to it when the FW&D roadmaster rides the rails and tells how it was to be a rail-roader's son when Quitaque country was growing up.

A love of the country around and the railroad life shows with each wave of the hand at a historic landmark or favorite spot, with each tale of life alongside the tracks which was all he knew for 19 years.

All the farmers and their mule teams worked at construction jobs while the line, destined to become one of the most profitable ventures in the system, was being laid. Actual track-laying, his father who was the first section foreman often said, was done by a Chinese work gang. The tunnels were made by two crews boring through from each

end with barely enough space for a man to crawl. Calculation was such that the two crews came within bare inches of each other. Then the area was dug out to proper proportions for a train's passage. The tunnel area curves as naturally as the creek winding around the hill through which it goes.

A curve leads to the tunnel, a curve accents the dramatic ride inside and a third curve leads to deep cut which once as a second tunnel.

There are easier routes for rails from Quitaque to Lubbock, Gullege noted. The one twisting through springed valleys and across trickling streams was chosen, he believes, as an excursion route to tempt settlers.

Grey Mule, once with a store and school as well as homes, now is marked only by a lone windmill and crumbling foundations hidden in a covering of mesquite bush.

There were other settlements of section houses along the route, accessible only by the tracks which furnished livelihood and way to entertainment.

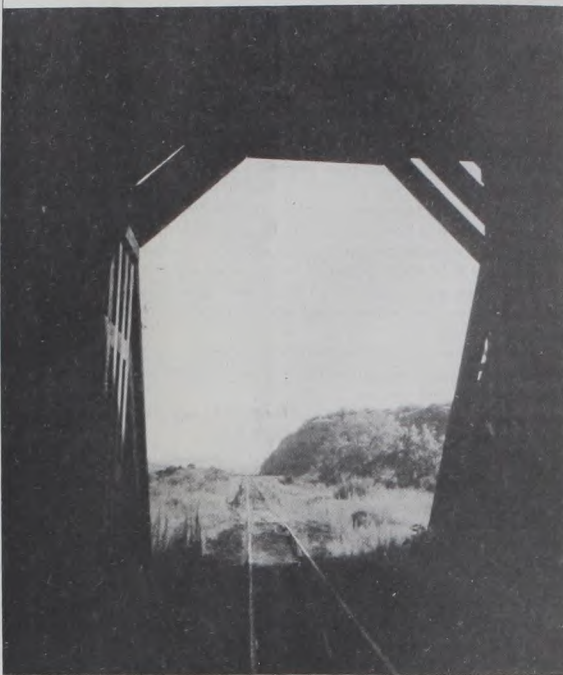
Wild plum thickets drew families for annual picking parties to furnish jelly for the year. A ways up one little creek from the tracks was an apple orchard which puzzled all but didn't daunt appreciation of its harvest.

Regularly, there were the dances, many happening in the Gullege section house. "We'd already be in bed and there'd be 30 or 40 people in the front room moving out the furniture, getting ready for a dance. They had their own musicians."

For a boy, there was the whole outdoors for fishing, hunting, camping and just roaming. By trailing up Los Linguish Creek, he could find the fabulous dark canyon with very high walls and barely room to crawl through.

Any overnight camp site had a trickling stream and tall trees for comfort when the coyotes howled nearby. Snakes had to look out for themselves in the path of adventuring boydom. Some days he rode the

track car with his father, dropped off at the abounded, then hopped aboard to go home with his catch that night. The fishing hole, once 10 feet deep is dried up now as is the deep swimming hole just below a tumbling waterfall. The fall now



Quitaque Tunnel - the only remaining tunnel in the state.

trickles picturesquely, but the fishing hole fell victim to stock-tanks futher up the creek.

A metal pipe his father drove into the side of the right-of-way to guide a spring for a gushing water supply for track workers now is only a gentle flow like a lazy windmill drain. Springs on the right-of-way caused early track problems like a "doublefall" which happened before railroaders discovered three underground springs which ate away the ground and caused cars and supporting rails to sink.

Rain was another threat, handled by a special rain gauge which spilled over to trip an alarm in faraway offices. "They'd call my father and tell him there'd been heavy rain by a certain milepost, and he'd go look at the track. Sometimes, he went ahead of a train to check for wash-outs." Progress of trains through the uninhabited region was checked by use of whang doodles located at regular intervals, setting off a whanging sound in the office as wheels went over them.

The trains brought the only ice to the country, dropping off 200 pound blocks as the train went by. "I didn't want to be anywhere in the country when the ice came bouncing down the tracks. Sometimes, it rolled half a mile."

As long as Gullege can remember, he took care of the cows, hogs and chickens before he was free to roam the countryside.

His first job—with pay in his father's name because he was too young to be hired—was to "fire up the old hot head diesel engine to pump water into the water tanks." He would take a torch and heat the plunger and the engine fired off its own heat. Then he had to be handy to oil the bearings every four hours.

Sometimes I'd get the tanks full and have plans for the weekend. Then they'd run a double-header and drain it dry." Many times his plans included going over to the gravel company town "where all the girl population in the country was."

The company, which had about four dozen company houses for employees, was located on a spur a few miles from the tunnel on the Quitaque side. The company flourished during the 1930's and 1940's

shipping gravel all over Texas and neighboring states.

The tunnel continued to be the biggest spot for school outings—for Lubbock and Plainview as well as other smaller communities—as long as "the doodlebug" carried passengers. Passenger service is now only a memory, like the life Gullege once knew along the tracks. Cottonwood trees his father set out now are bare logs along the way, and a terrace-like mound of dirt through a plowed field is the only sign of a spur to the gravel loading towers still rising above the land around to tease the curious mind. Only the cement foundations are left of the water towers Gullege kept filled for thirsty trains making the run from and to Lubbock.

The Fort Worth and Denver South Plains Railway Co. was chartered on March 6, 1927, with the main route finished in 1928 with branches from Plainview to Dimmitt and from Sterley to Silverton. "The 204 mile triple-pronged stretch into the South Plains embraces some of the most scenic country in Texas," a company history notes. It opened for business Nov. 20, 1928, with "six big special trains making up the celebrating entourage," it continues.

"From the beginning the Fort Worth and Denver South Plains line has been a busy and profitable one, and has grown in value and service to the rich area it traverses." First rails for the parent company, Fort Worth and Denver City Railway Co., were laid shortly after the State of Texas, in 1882, withdrew its offer of 16 sections of land for every mile of railroad.

Towns along the way moved to the rails or faded away. A Ragtown, "first water west of Clarendon," became Amarillo, dealing a death blow to a number of surrounding hopeful settlements.

The FW&D, through a train wreck near Quanah where railroad officials suggested farmers plant spilled wheat, is credited with starting the winter wheat grazing practice so popular today.

A number of branches to many sections of the state were chartered—some completed, some sold and some lost as unfulfilled dreams or opportunities lost to other lines.

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The South Plains line proved successful, it has weathered cost and inconvenience of tunnel cave-ins—including the 1957 rainy season collapsing the short 390 foot second tunnel and three tunnel wrecks during Gullege's tenure with the line. After the last, in 1973, the tunnel was shortened to 582 feet and the line closed about 18 months to allow upgrading of the area including heavier rail. Lubbock traffic was rerouted by way of Plainview with a lease arrangement with the Santa Fe Railroad Company.

Even with the lease cost added to the tunnel work, the tunnel was saved at a small fraction of the cost daylighting would entail, Gullege noted.

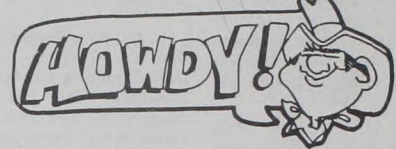
Currently, Gullege is working as special roadmaster during work on the main line, but as soon as that is done he will return to the South Plains line.

When he's riding the rails, looking after the welfare of the right-of-way, the country around is his—has been since he can remember. Marks of man are few along the way. The land, with the tunnel, remains much as it was when Gullege first saw it as a boy.



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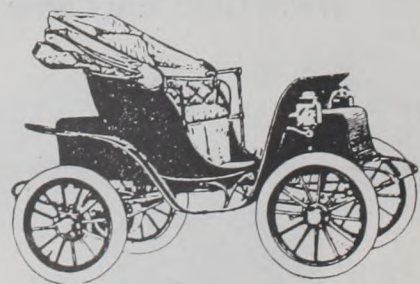
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