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## Primrose School Historical Marker Dedicated

### History Recalled by Pioneer Family Members

Mr. Editor and Plainsman  
Ropesville, Texas

Dear Sir:

I am sending separately, information of the early settlers and the beginning of the Primrose School.

This material is some that was published in the Terry County Herald, by editor Jack Strickland. Mr. Strickland was a long time friend of the Cowan family.

With my 3 brothers here and sister, we have given the facts to the best of memory. This is first hand information. Would like to relate the actual happening of school and families but maybe another time in book form.

We learned of the Primrose reunion this Saturday, Sept. 14, but it is a little late for that distance.

Would you be kind enough to print this in your paper, then let me have a copy of it. Hope information will get to you soon. I'm sending by Air Mail.

Thanking you in advance.

Annie Laura (Cowan) Daniel  
Edna (Cowan) Branch  
Leo, Warren, and Weldon Cowan

### Pioneers & Primrose School

In 1901 Lee Cowan and family left Stephenville, Texas and headed for the west where land was plentiful just for filing and homesteading. After two years of illness (malaria) Lee shipped his stock, wagon, tools, household goods by box-car to Itan, Texas which was the end of the Texas and Pacific railroad at that time. Their destination was Lynn County, Tahoka being the largest town. He had a brother, Cass Cowan, living there. Lee bought a section of land and built a 16x16 foot box and strip house. This was a roof over their heads until other decisions could be made.

The Cowan children at that time were Grace, Clara, Charlie, Solon, Edna and Leo, the baby. The children born later on the new homestead were Warren, John, Weldon and Annie Laura.

Lee Cowan wanted more land for stock and farming, also grazing land. At this time a man named Jarrott was going to the east and bringing back new settlers to pioneer this area. The cattlemen did not like this, since they had had free access to this range land for some time. They grazed many thousands of cattle. This act of Mr. Jarrotts caused a feud between the cattle barons and the new settlers. In 1903, Mr. Jarrott was murdered by an unknown person. It was thought that he was sought by a hired killer, which proved true. Many years later a man named Morgan confessed on his death bed that he was the murderer.

Wanting more land, Lee Cowan went to Lubbock and filed on four sections of land. This was west and south, where Ropesville is today. Since Hockley County did not have a county seat, all this area was included in Lubbock County. This was a 45 mile drive in a wagon, to vote or to do official business. Our banking was done there.

Brownfield was to the south about 25 miles. This was our closest town for shopping. Most of the social activities and celebrating of holidays were in this area.

The first home on these four sections was a tent, built up about four feet with boards, then dirt was thrown all around for protection from wind, rain and snow. They needed more room, so Lee Cowan built a large wooden bed and nailed the wagon bows to the railings, then covered the bed with the wagon sheet. This was the extra bedroom for the older girls.

Later in the year, Mr. Cowan and four older children grubbed out land for planting. Then they dug a dugout and moved the 16x16 foot strip and box house on it from Lynn County, which he had reserved when he sold that section. He used large timbers to slide the structure over the dugout. After much repair and long hours of work chinking the cracks, the Cowans had a comfortable two rooms for living; bedrooms upstairs and cooking below. The mesquite grubbs were used in the wood and coal stove for heat and cooking. Coal was hauled from Big Springs and Lubbock.

When leaving Erath County, Mrs. Cowan brought all kinds of fruit and garden seed and what sprouts she could keep alive. Many years later her fruit and garden produce won Blue Ribbons at the Terry County Fair. Many jars were filled each summer to provide for the family during the winter months.

Mrs. Cowan was a wonderful cook and fed many a wayfarer who she never saw before or since. This family brought more than money, stock or bonds—they brought the love of God and an undying devotion to their neighbors and friends, and a desire to make their family good citizens. This home was always a gathering place for young and old. Mr. Cowan was an organist and many a Sunday afternoon was spent gathered around the organ and singing. The "welcome mat" was always out for everyone.

The Cowans helped many neighbors get a start and had much respect in the community. You always heard a lot of laughing when Mrs. Cowan was around and many of your troubles disappeared when she sympathized or advised.

If your family lived up in that part of the county in those early days you could hardly say "Dr. Stork brought me into this world", it probably was

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Scene of the unveiling of the Primrose School State Historical Marker last Tuesday morning. O.R. Watkins, Dr. Bob Roberts and Nathan Tubb, all of Levelland, took part in the ceremonies. The marker, located in the roadside park just south of Ropes, is approximately 1/2 mile north of the original site of the Primrose School.

### Symposium on Managing Energy Wisely In Cotton Gins Set in Lubbock Oct. 3rd

A symposium on energy management in cotton gins has been set for October 3 at the South Park Inn in Lubbock, according to Billy C. Gunter, district agent with

the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Purpose of the symposium is to bring to light some current developments related to the energy crisis which affect current and future operations of cotton gins, says Gunter.

This symposium also is designed to bring to the attention of ginners on the High Plains the newly developed "monoflow conveying system" and module building and feeding systems.

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service in cooperation with the Southwestern Public Service Company is conducting the one day symposium.

Topics to be covered in the event include air pollution, review of the electric power situation, care and maintenance of motors and motor controls, and voltage drop, energy use and motor operation.

The meeting gets underway at 8:30 a.m., Oct. 3, and a lunch will be provided, courtesy of Southwestern Public Service, Gunter explains.

Following the formal presentations a panel discussion will be held consisting of the speakers and Roy Baker, director of South Plains Ginning Research Laboratory.

### Eight Accidents Investigated in Hockley County

The Texas Highway Patrol investigated eight accidents on

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by O.R. Watkins

Primrose, the first public school in Hockley County, was built by pioneer farm families the first of whom came to the county as "homesteaders" in 1902 and 1903.\* A strip of land along the southern edge of Hockley County known as Public School Land was opened up for Homesteading by the State of Texas in 1902. Twenty-seven families filed homesteads in 1902 and 1903, however, only a few braved the rigors of pioneer life to become permanent citizens of the County.\* The farm community of "nesters" was firmly established by 1909 and the decision was made to build a school.

Lumber was freighted from Big Spring by mule team in 1909 and the people of the community donated their time and built a one-room school along with two outdoor privies. The site of this school was about one mile to the Southwest of the present town of Ropesville.\* The flower studded prairie prompted the people of the community to name the school Primrose.\* The first term of school started on December 13, 1909, with Miss Ozella Smith as the first teacher. Miss Smith gave this description of the Primrose School:\*

"There were 23 pupils in this school. There wasn't a desk in the little one room school house, and for five weeks, school was taught without a blackboard and chalk. There was no well at the school, so all had to bring drinking water in bottles or buckets from their homes. Mr. Blankenship built a table for the teacher later. School lasted seven months, ending in July."

Primrose, typical of many schools in West Texas during this era, soon became the center of community activity. Mrs. Mary A. Blankenship, one of the pioneer settlers describes the function of the school in this way:\*

"The school became our social center, serving both children and parents for school, church, singings, Christmas programs, Easter egg hunts, box suppers, prayer meeting, votings, baseball games, and community business in general. As our younger children became school age more than one teacher was needed so all hands threw in again and built a teacherage inside the school yard. Miss Ozella Smith married Walk Hendricks, another nester, and quit teaching."

Among the leading planners of Primrose School were Andrew A. Blankenship and Mary A. Blankenship. Mr. Blankenship was born in Erath County, Texas, in 1872 and died in Lubbock in 1952. Mrs. Blankenship was born in Bosque County, Texas, in 1878 and also died in Lubbock in 1955. The Blankenships moved to Hockley County in 1902 as homesteaders and sent both of their children, Wallace and Alma Doyle, to the school which they helped to build. Mr. Blankenship freighted the lumber for the school building from Big Spring and assisted the other men of the community in erecting the building.

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# Cooper School News

## Cooper Meets Morton

The Cooper Pirates meet the Morton Indians Friday night at the Cooper football field. The game will start at 8 p.m. Be sure and pick up a program at the gate before you sit down. If you don't you won't know the players are. Let's Go Red.

## Homecoming

Friday, Sept. 27th will be the Cooper Homecoming. You can buy your Mums now from the junior class. You can buy a hero mum or a ladies mum. Someone you love may want one.

## FHA

The junior chapter met Tuesday at 8 p.m. The mothers got acquainted with the officers and what they do. We also explained the emblem. We had cookies and punch. We thank those who brought the refreshments.

## Cooper Bond Fire

The Cooper Bond Fire is set for Thursday night, Sept. 26 just south of the elementary building in the field. Hope to see you there.

## Fair Day

Monday, Sept. 23rd is the day you get out at 2:30 to attend the fair. Have fun, but don't get sick. Bring something back to school to talk about.

## Mascot

Mrs. Pam Brown has not found a Cooper Mascot as yet. Homecoming is just around the corner and you haven't said "I'll do it". You will be our mascot won't you?

## Band

The Cooper Band has prepared a new show for Friday night and we are expecting you to come see the band at the half time show.

The band can also be seen Sept. 23 when they march in the Fair Parade. They will march to the tune of Standard of St. George.

## Freshman Spotlight

Eddie Tidmore, age 15, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Tidmore of Route 4. This is his first year at Cooper and thinks it is OK.

Eddie plays defense half back on the football team. He has 2 younger brothers, and in his spare time likes to ride motorcycles.

## Football Spotlight

Rodney Warlick, age 14, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Warlick. His favorite color is orange and favorite food is steak. His favorite car is the Datsun 240Z.

Rodney things Cooper is very nice and his most admired person is Coach Brewer. He plays defensive tackle and offensive center on the football team.

## Teachers Appear In Play

Pam (speech and drama teacher) and Jay (8th grade Lang. Arts) Brown will be appearing in the Lubbock Theatre Center production "Fiddler On The Roof". This is the fourth OTC production that they have appeared in.

Mrs. Brown plays the part of grandmother Tzeitel and Mr. Brown plays Durahm the bookseller. Mr. Brown is also a bottle dancer and has learned to dance balancing a bottle on his head.

Mrs. Brown won the Best Supporting Actress Award in 1971.

All seats are reserved. Adults \$4.50 and students \$3.50. Call the Lubbock Theatre Center box office, 744-3681 for reservations.

## Principal

Mr. D.N. Taylor, Cooper High School Principal, went to Levelland Schools and received his degree at Texas Tech.

He spent 4 1/2 years in the Navy during World War II, and has played football and basketball. Mr. Taylor has 9 brothers and 2 sisters.

He is married and has 3 sons, Dennis, Billy and Jimmy.

He has been a teacher for 27 years and principal for 21 years. He loves Cooper a lot.

## Football Games

Tuesday night was the junior highs first game. It started out good for the 7th grade, but we were sorry to hear that they lost to Post 6-8. The 7th grade Pirates are really going to get out there next Tuesday and win.

The 8th grade really started their game to win and they did 16 to 0. Way to go. They have a great team and plan to go all the way this year.

## Wanted

More school news for the paper. Give your reports to Martha Sport, Kathy or Norma Williamson.

# Look Who's New!



Thursday, September 12 at 12:57 a.m., a baby boy was born at Highland Hospital. The parents are Arlis and Tudy Wittie. The baby weighed 7 pounds 15 1/2 ounces. His name is Michael Eric Wittie. The father works for the City of Lubbock in the Tax Office.

# Seniors Take Step Down

The United Methodist women honored the senior class of 1975 with a banquet Saturday night, September 14th.

The theme was set as "School Daze" as the seniors came dressed as first graders. For "lunchtime" they were served sack lunches filled with fried chicken, sandwiches, potato salad, and a fried pie.

Rev. Tom Strother, presently residing in Waco, formerly of Shallowater, gave the "lesson". Mrs. Sally Sinclair, Tim and Tad entertained the class with numerous musical selections. Mrs. C.M. Thomas, president of UMW was school marm.

Special guests were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hohertz, Superintendent; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey McCasland, Principal; Mr. and Mrs. Michael Williamson, class sponsors; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cowart, room parents.

Chairman for the banquet was Mrs. Jeanie Woodruff.

# SPORTS

by Joe Kelly

BRECKENRIDGE—Tonight's (Thursday) paper carried the story that Rosy Leaks scrimmaged, asked to be hit, and is looking forward to playing for Texas this fall. And Darrell Royal gave the go ahead sign.

That's good news. The big fullback is more than the guts of the Longhorn attack. He is a great player, and not to be able to play, would deprive Southwest Conference fans of seeing him. Besides, as I said earlier, I want him well, strong and in the lineup when he and UT play Tech.

To borrow an expression from a former colleague, who just loved trite expressions, "storied old Breckenridge" isn't what it used to be. It isn't in football, at least. That's what one former Buckaroo told me. He said that a series of incapable coaches had all but ruined the Bucks. "Oh, they beat Stamford last week, 33 - 0, but Stamford has a sophomore team," he declared. "We've gone down a long way since we used to win the state."

You can't come here without thinking of Eck Curtis, later a coach in Lubbock, on the Texas staff and now retired in Abilene. The Bucks really hit the top when Eck was coaching and the Bucks were the scourge of West Texas, to say nothing of the state.

I talked this morning with an Abilene businessman, Wesley Cox, and he queried me about G.B. Morris. He and Geeber were team mates at Breckenridge and both played for Eck.

Then, in the afternoon, I talked to another man here who had played under Eck. He reminded me of the time that Breckenridge, then in Class B, beat Abilene, then in Class A, but both went on to win state titles. Needless to say, that was years ago.

The Bucks have had a proud tradition of winning and it's bound to turn around. You can't keep quality down, and they have had it here for too many years. They'll be back.

Have you all been noticing the number of veterans that have been cut by the NFL teams? It's amazing. Usually, three or four rookies making an NFL team is about par. Way more than that number is being chosen this year.

Look for a lot of the vets to land with WFL teams, which will improve those clubs, without making them good. It's the logical place for them, now that they are through in the NFL.

How much did the strike have to do with it? That's a fair question, and the answer probably is—a lot. The older the vet, the longer it takes him to round into shape.

Meanwhile, the rookies were in camp, being trained, gaining experience. When the vets did report, they were behind. Too, the rookies this year must have been an unusual grade, otherwise they would not have displaced the pros.

I was glad to see Mac Percival traded by the Bears to the Cowboys. Now Mac can live at home and a lot of his old Red Raider basketball friends, supporters and fans will have more chance to see him.

I hope Mac does well. He was being shunted to the side by the Bears last year. The change of scenery ought to help both his morale and his kicking. He could be a big asset to the Pokes this year. It's so ironic. Eight years ago the Cowboys had him and let him go. Now, in the twilight, he's still capable of helping them.

What, you haven't been watching the major league baseball races? How could you not follow these exciting struggles? It's been a long time when four divisions had such great battles.

Almost lost, but not quite, is Lou Brock, who is having a sensational year. Lou stole a record breaking 105 bases with a heap of the season left and that's no mean achievement. It could well be that he'll go down in history as the best thief in major league history.

But back to the races. No one has a secure grip on first place, unless it is Oakland—and I don't know at this time what happened in the crucial three game series in Arlington last weekend. The Rangers have been hot of late, too.

Anyway, it promises to be a great battle down to the wire and no team can afford to start printing World Series tickets. If I had to bet on one team, it would be the Dodgers, of what I've seen.

When Tech played Iowa State last Saturday, it was the first opening game, at home, that I had missed in 26 years. And it hurt all the way down to my toes not to be on hand for that battle.

Indeed, in 16 full years of covering the Raiders, a mild case of pneumonia caused me to miss only one game in that span. I lost count of how many Raider games I've seen, but in 27 years, at home and on the road, it sure mounts up. Hope I don't miss any more.

Coming here from Albany, I drove right by Hubbard Creek Lake. Despite a cloudy day, there wasn't a boat to be seen on the lake. Conditions looked good for some topwater fishing.

There isn't much talk of fishing that I've heard, but one man was hoping for rain. He'd been dove hunting several times, found success the first day or two and then the birds had thinned out and all but disappeared. He was hoping for rain, which came Thursday afternoon.

The Southwest Conference has always prided itself on running a good, clean operation and has resented, in a gentlemanly way, any outside groups, official or otherwise, trying to rock the boat.

Generally, the conference has taken care of its own problems, usually by stern reprimands, sometimes with punitive action. And it has been looked up to as a conference that ran a good operation.

Conditions haven't changed, but the NCAA action on SMU did cause a few ripples. And one man, formerly closely associated in an executive position with the conference, said that it might be a good thing the NCAA acted.

"If the truth were known," he declared, "the conference has been lax in punishing wrongdoers. There have been plenty of cases that could have been acted on and should have been. I hope that Cliff Speagle is a little more inclined to crack down. Howard Grubbs wanted to more or less sweep everything under the rug." There are several coaches who will echo that thought.

## Another Fine Texas Recipe

### TEXAS PEANUT PIE

- 2 Tbsp. flour
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 cup cold water
- 1 cup dark corn syrup
- 3 eggs
- 2 Tbsp. butter
- 1 cup salted peanuts
- 1/2 cup coconut
- 1 unbaked 9-inch pie shell

Combine flour, sugar and salt. Add water and syrup, blending well and boiling gently 3-5 minutes. Slowly pour mixture into slightly beaten eggs, stirring continuously. Add butter. Spread peanuts and coconut over bottom of pie shell. Pour filling into crust. Bake at 425 degrees 10 minutes. Reduce heat and bake at 350 degrees 20 minutes.

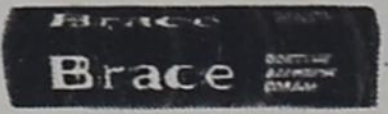
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**Lucks to Celebrate Golden Anniversary**



Mr. and Mrs. F.L. Luck will observe their Golden Wedding Anniversary on September 28, 1974, at the Rocky Creek Baptist Church, near Lake Brownwood, Texas. The reception will be given by their children, Mrs. L.D. Williams, Plainview; Charles Luck, Lubbock; George Luck of Waco; and their daughters and sons in law and grandchildren. The former Dau Simmons and Foy L. Luck were married in

Cleburne, Texas, October 1, 1924. They were born and reared in Hill County, Texas. They lived there until 1925 and moved to Shallowater, Texas, and lived there until 1971 when they moved to Lake Brownwood.

He is a retired barber and still has a little shop at his home at Brownwood.

All their friends are invited to the reception.

**Hobby Turns Into Fun Business For Wolfforth Resident Kenneth Charles**

Every once in a while you meet a person who has changed a hobby into a business that he really enjoys, and one that can supplement his income. Such a person is Mr. Kenneth Charles, or Church as he is more widely known. His hobby of Locksmithing began only as a diversion from boredom while he was stationed at Chanute Field, Illinois. He and several other men, who had nothing of interest to do in the evenings, went to Locksmithing school.

After Church graduated from Locksmithing Institute of Little Falls, N.J., he and his wife used a spare bedroom for his little business. Now the garage has been converted into a shop. He is working only part time now, but the business will become a full time job after he retires from the military.

Chuck's wife Edna has become a helper in the business. She has learned to duplicate the keys, thus making her a partner in the business.

**First Baptist Church Music Program Offers Age Group Instruction Here**

The Music of Ministry of Shallowater's First Baptist Church offers a program of weekly music instruction for all age groups. Enrollment in the activities offered is open to the entire community. Instruction offered by the church includes music theory, church music history, choir rehearsals and performance in worship services.

The sessions for the age group are as follows:

Grades 1-3, Music Makers, Thursday, 3:30 to 4:30, Room 33-S. Grades 4-6, Young Musicians, Thursday, 3:30 to 4:30, Room 39-W. Grades 7-8, Jr. High Choir, Friday, 3:30 to 4:30, Choir Loft. Grades 9-12, Sr. High Choir, Sunday, 4:00 to 5:30, Choir Loft. Adults, Church Choir, Wednesday, 8:45 to 9:30, Choir Loft.

The sessions are open to all

persons and the church invites all interested persons to participate on a regular basis. Allan Cartrite is pastor of the church and Larry Shields is Minister of Music and director of the Music Program and Ministry.

**Wolfforth Area News**

**Frenship Tigers Tramples Horns**

by Lucy Stokesberry

The Frenship Tigers defeated the Lockney Longhorns in the season's second game at Lockney last Friday night.

The Horns scored first making it 6 to 0. It didn't stay that way for long. Eddy Prather evened the score and Melvyn Wright added the extra 2 points giving Frenship the lead.

The Tigers final score was made in the third quarter by Roy Turnbow's run of 35 yards for a touchdown. The Horns made another TD in the last quarter but no extra points.

Jay Hart did a fantastic job for Frenship's defense.

The final score was a victorious 14-12 for the Frenship Tigers.

The Tigers play the Tulia Hornets Friday the 20th at Tulia.

**Open House Set For New Parsonage**

Open House is to be held Sunday, September 22nd at the new First United Methodist Parsonage in Wolfforth.

The new house is located at 815 7th Street. The open house will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Rev. and Mrs. Pittman invited you to come.

**Wolfforth Home Demo Club Meets**

The Wolfforth Home Demonstration Club met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Raymond Coleman. Serving as co hostess, as well as delivering the

program, was Mrs. Chester Alexander. Her very interesting program was "Household Cleaning Products".

Other members attending were Mrs. Bill Baker, Mrs. George Cope, Mrs. Alice James, Mrs. J.F. McGinnis, Mrs. Sam McWhorter, Mrs. Donnie Morris, and Mrs. Bob Rich. One visitor, Mrs. Roger Clarkson, also attended.

**Frenship Weekly Football Schedule**

Frenship 7th grade football team plays Littlefield here Tuesday, Sept. 24 at 5:30 p.m.

8th Grade team plays Littlefield here Tuesday at 7 p.m.

The Freshman team plays Littlefield there Thursday, Sept. 26 at 5:30 p.m.

Junior Varsity plays at Littlefield Thursday, Sept. 26 at 7 p.m.

The Frenship Tigers varsity team will be in Tulia Friday. Their battle begins at 8 p.m.

**Frenship School Lunch Menu**

Monday, September 23

Boston Surprise  
Tossed Salad with dressing  
Sliced Peaches  
Devils Food Cake, Milk

Tuesday, September 24

Beef Ravioli, French Fries  
Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Butter  
Apple Pie, Milk

Wednesday, September 25

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Thursday, September 26

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Friday, September 27

Sliced Turkey  
Mashed Potatoes  
Broccoli with Cheese Sauce  
Mandarin Orange Whip  
Hot Rolls, Butter, Milk

**Homecoming Set At Roosevelt**

Roosevelt High School has set Friday, September 20th as Homecoming. They will be honoring the classes of 1944, 1954, 1964 and 1969.

Registration will be from 7 to 8 p.m. preceding the football game with Seagraves at 8 p.m. A reception will follow the game in the Roosevelt Club House.

During halftime ceremonies a home coming queen and a coming home queen will be crowned. All exes are urged to attend.

**Dairying Situation Termed "Critical"**

You've heard the old cliche about being caught between a rock and a hard place! Well, that's just where dairymen are finding themselves, and the future offers little encouragement.

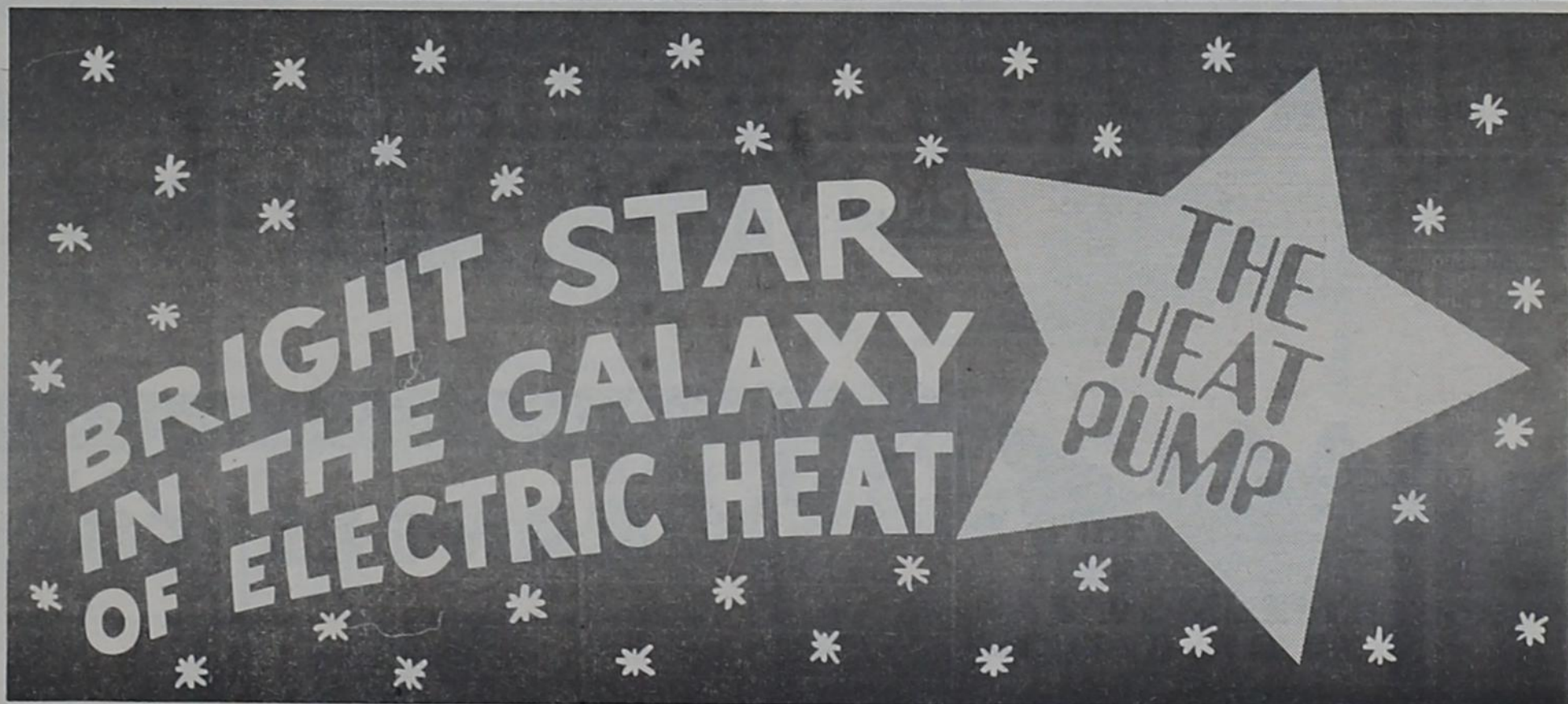
"Texas dairymen are really in a critical situation," points out Dr. Randall Stelly, economist for the Texas Agricultural Extension

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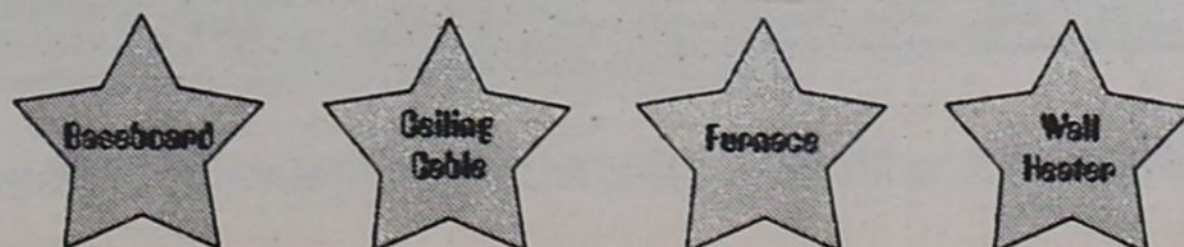
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# Karla Watts to Compete In International Finals



On July 27th, Karla Watts of Ropesville, was crowned "Miss Texas Dixieland" and the 1974 Tri-State Talent division winner, 10-12 years old, which includes Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana. The state finals were held in Ft. Worth this year. Each contestant was judged by three sets of judges, and all scores were tabulated out of pageant headquarters. She is entitled to two scholarship awards for being a double state winner. She will compete for the international finals in November. The Southern States Pageant consists of 13 southern cotton producing states, and Karla is very proud to represent Texas.

The pageant system is a rewarding experience. Each child whether they win or lose, has made many new friends, and the experience teaches the girls poise, good manners, good grooming, and personality. Even though it is

a hard but rewarding task, they go home with the feeling that something has been learned.

Karla started dancing lessons at the age of four and appeared on stage for the first time when she was five, at a local talent show. At the age of six, she won first place in a talent show in the elementary division. At seven she won first place in a talent show and later was entered in a children's beauty pageant. Each contestant 7-12 years had a talent routine along with modeling a party dress, sportswear, and interview with the judges. This was the first title Karla won, at seven she was the first "Little Miss South Plains". She went on to compete at a state level that year.

The next year, at age eight, she won third place in a talent show and was second runner up in the "Little Miss Lubbock" pageant.

When she was nine, she won

first place in her division in talent and was first runner up in the "Little Miss Lubbock" pageant and then won "Little Miss Levelland Talent", which entitled her to compete at state for the second time. This was her first win of a state title, "Best Personality" in talent competition. Due to illness in the family, she didn't get to compete in the world finals in New Orleans.

At 10 she won "Star of Dance" at the annual VFW talent show. Next she was entered in the "Texas State Talent Review" sponsored by the Southern States Judges Association. She won her division and was entitled to compete at state for tri-state talent. After this she entered the Southern Belle pageant, a local preliminary to state level. She won "Miss Dixie Talent" of Lubbock which was the all over talent winner throughout the divisions. She had her entry fee paid to state finals held in Ft. Worth this last July, which she won.

Ropes is proud to have such a talented young lady representing Texas and even more proud that she hails from Ropesville. Let's all back her as so many from Ropes and West Texas have done so far. The response has been tremendous.

Her greatest need now is financing for her wardrobe. Mr. Jim Beavers of ABC Bank of Wolforth is handling The Karla Watts Fund. Any interested parties may contact Mr. Beavers.

## Home Highlights

by Jewel Robinson  
Hockley County Extension Agent  
OLD JARS

Mrs. Mary Lou Williamson, Director, Consumer Service, Ball Corporation shared with me the following information on old jars:

To the best of our knowledge, there is no way to determine the exact age of early home canning jars. Certain factors such as color, markings, etc, might enable one of our older glass workers to affix a date to some of our jars. However, even he would be guessing for in the early years of manufacture, few detailed records were kept.

Our museum is filled to capacity with samples of canning jars manufactured by the Ball Corporation through the years, but as far as we know, they are not considered antiques.

It is our understanding that dealers in old glass are often

## Ropesville Area News

Visitors in the home of Mrs. Ruby Drake were her children, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Drake and sons of Lubbock, Saturday afternoon and Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Forbis of Denver City, Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Drake visited in the home of his mother, Mrs. Ruby Drake Sunday.

Mrs. Martha Franklin of Ft. Worth is visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Smith, this week.

Randy Carter who is attending Wayland Baptist College, was at home over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Sally of Colorado City visited Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Carter last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harris recently returned from a vacation in Kansas, Arkansas and East Texas.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Watson this week were his brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Watson of Carlisle and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Watson of Whiteboro.

Most early jars were some shade of green or blue, and those colors were used until the 1930s. Amber jars date from the last half of the 19th century to about 1917. The first colorless glass jars were made in the late 1800s but did not become the standard until around 1930. Purple and lavender jars were originally a colorless glass, made before World War I, that became tinted through exposure to sunlight.

Mason jars are at their most attractive displayed in a sunny window. Wash them with a mild detergent and wipe with tissue paper to achieve a special shine. A matched set makes distinctive canisters for kitchen staples.

### Hockley Accidents

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rural highways in Hockley County during the month of August, 1974, according to Sergeant H.E. Pirtle, Highway Patrol supervisor of this area.

These crashes resulted in no persons killed and three persons injured.

The rural traffic accident summary for this county during the first eight months of 1974 shows a total of 57 accidents resulting in no persons killed and 33 persons injured.

### Job vs Work

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Mrs. Emory Hobbs and Mrs. Hobbs visited nephews of Mrs. Emory Hobbs last Wednesday who are in hospitals. G. Hickson in St. Mary's and Leo McCarty in Methodist.

Mrs. Emory Hobbs and Mrs. Hobbs visited Mrs. Emory Hobbs sister, Mrs. Ollie Grace, Thursday. She is in the hospital Denver City. On the way back visited Mrs. Hobbs' son, Dan and family, near Wellman.

Sunday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Emory Hobbs, Lomas and Mrs. Hobbs, visited a sister, Mrs. A. McCarty, who is in a hospital Littlefield.

Mrs. Vera Bridwell visited in home of her daughter, Mr. Mrs. Tommy Staples and Rhoda of Lubbock over the weekend. Visiting there Sunday was her Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Bridwell daughters.

Visitors in the home of Mr. Mrs. Allen Watson this week were his brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Watson of Carlisle and Mr. Mrs. Ernest Watson of Whiteboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Watson visited in the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Halford and family of Minnie Wells over the weekend.

Mrs. Tula Mae Roberts visited in the home of her parents, Mr. Mrs. A.H. Turner of Levelland Sunday. While there her sister brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Beaty of Brownfield visited their parents.

The Tops Club met Monday night with six present. One member, Louise Baker. Inez Price was able to be back for the first time in quite a while.

Mrs. Minnie Fewell returned Sunday from a 10 day vacation New York and Washington D.C.

## Ropes School Lunch Menu

Monday, September 23  
Meat Loaf with Tomato Sauce  
Pork and Beans  
Creamed Potatoes, Salad  
Rolls, Butter  
Cookies and Milk

Tuesday, September 24  
Hamburger on bun  
Onion, Pickle, Lettuce, Tomato  
Potato Chips, Apple Pie, Milk

Wednesday, September 25  
Fried Chicken and Gravy  
Scalloped Potatoes, English Peas  
Buttered Corn, Plain Jello  
Peanut Butter and Crackers  
Rolls, Butter, Milk

Thursday, September 26  
Burrito and Chili  
Pinto Beans, Salad  
Corn Bread and Butter  
Banana Pudding, Milk

Friday, September 27  
Ham Slice, Potato Salad  
Blackeye Peas, Buttered Spinach  
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Rolls, Butter, Milk

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## ACTUAL USE REPORT

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| CATEGORIES (A)                     | ACTUAL EXPENDITURES |                            |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
|                                    | CAPITAL (B)         | OPERATING/ MAINTENANCE (C) |
| 1 PUBLIC SAFETY                    | \$ 387.00           | \$                         |
| 2 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION         | \$                  | \$                         |
| 3 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION            | \$                  | \$                         |
| 4 HEALTH                           | \$                  | \$                         |
| 5 RECREATION                       | \$                  | \$                         |
| 6 LIBRARIES                        | \$                  | \$                         |
| 7 SOCIAL SERVICES FOR AGED OR POOR | \$                  | \$                         |
| 8 FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION         | \$                  | \$                         |
| 9 MULTIPURPOSE AND GENERAL GOVT.   | \$ 628.00           | \$                         |
| 10 EDUCATION                       | \$                  | \$                         |
| 11 SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT              | \$                  | \$                         |
| 12 HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT | \$                  | \$                         |
| 13 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT            | \$                  | \$                         |
| 14 OTHER (Specify) Water Supply    | \$ 554.00           | \$                         |
| 15 TOTALS                          | \$ 1,569.00         | \$                         |

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| has received General Revenue Sharing payments totaling                     |             |
| during the period from July 1, 1973, thru June 30, 1974                    |             |
| ACCOUNT NO.  |             |
| V(D) TRUST FUND REPORT   |             |
| (1) Balance as of June 30, 1973  | \$ 2,862.18 |
| (2) Revenue Sharing Funds Received from July 1, 1973 through June 30, 1974 | \$ 3,829.00 |
| (3) Interest Earned  | \$ 93.43    |
| (4) Total Funds Available  | \$ 6,784.61 |
| (5) Total Amount Expended  | \$ 1,569.00 |
| (6) Balance as of June 30, 1974  | \$ 5,215.61 |

NONDISCRIMINATION REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET  
 (E) CERTIFICATION: I certify that I am the Chief Executive Officer and, with respect to the entitlement funds reported hereon, I certify that they have not been used in violation of either the priority expenditure requirement (Section 103) or the matching funds prohibition (Section 104) of the Act.  
 Howard Johnson — Sept. 13, 1974  
 Signature of Chief Executive Date  
 Howard Johnson - Mayor  
 Name and Title

(F) The news media have been advised that a complete copy of this report has been published in a local newspaper of general circulation. I have records documenting the contents of this report and they are open for public scrutiny at City Hall, Ropesville, Texas

### Rites Read Monday for Willie Scott

Services for Willie Winfield Scott, 68, of Shallowater, were at 2 p.m. Monday at the Bible Baptist Church, with the Rev. Paul Earp, pastor, officiating.

Burial was at Idalou Cemetery, under direction of Sanders Funeral Home.

Scott died at 10:55 p.m. Friday in Methodist Hospital following a two week illness.

Born in Dodd City, Scott had been a resident of Lubbock County 43 years. He was a well puller prior to his retirement.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Shallowater, and was a World War II veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Lena Scott of Shallowater; his daughter, Miss Tamie Scott of the home; two sons, Edward Sharp of 4606 35th, and Charles Scott of Shallowater; a



sister, Mrs. Tom Larson of 2631 77th; two brothers, Charlie Scott of Smyer and Byron Scott of Searcy, Ark.; and five grandchildren.

### Services Held for Mary Schwertner

Mary Schwertner, 79, of Route 2, Slaton, died at 9:10 a.m. Thursday at Mercy Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Services were at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, with Monsignor Peter Morsch, the Rev. Timothy Schwertner of Muleshoe and the Rev. Curtis Halfman of Grace Catholic Church of Lubbock, officiating.

Rosary was at 8 p.m. Friday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Burial was in Englewood Cemetery.

She was born Feb. 4, 1895, in Czechoslovakia. She came to Granger March 15, 1909, moved to Shallowater in 1931, and to Slaton in 1946.

Survivors include eight sons, Hubert of Slaton, Rudy of Wilson, August of Floydada, Joe of Texoma, Bruno of Stratford, Lawrence of Big Lake and the Rev. Schwertner of Muleshoe; five daughters, Mrs. Ella Knapek of Jerrall, Mrs. Kermina Kahlig of Veribest, Mrs. Mary Kitten and Mrs. Agnes Kitten both of Slaton, and Sister Martha CSJ of Lubbock; one brother, Jerry Kuka of Altair; four sisters, Mrs. Agnes Fiola of Granger, Mrs. Wilma Kubala of Jarrall, Mrs. Filamena Woldemar of Los Angeles, and Miss Geraldine Kuba of Dallas; 61 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

### Rays of Hope

by Pat Stanton

I had the privilege of spending last weekend in Longmont, Colorado. I was asked to participate in a Lay Witness Mission at Trinity Baptist Church. I was much too busy to go and didn't need to be away from home,

but I felt strongly impressed to go.

I soon discovered just one reason for being in Longmont. The pastor asked my friend, Ann, and me if we would consider staying with a young woman named Vicky. He told us that she worked at the Wine Cellar, which was a local bar. He also said that she was just recently divorced, had two children and desperately needed spiritual help. Vicky had told the pastor that she would let someone stay in her home, but she couldn't afford to feed them anything. Also she worked until 2:30 a.m. and said she would leave the door open.

Well, Ann and I didn't figure we had come to Colorado for a picnic, so we volunteered to go and just be available if the woman wanted to talk.

We went to the home not knowing what to expect, but well assured that God was our strength and guide. We were supposed to sleep on the big bed, but we found three little girls asleep (one was the 12 year old baby sitter). We soon found the children's room and slept on bunk beds. I had a very interesting night sleeping on the top bed and wondering how long it would hold me.

To be brief, we got to visit with Vicky on Saturday afternoon and enjoyed getting to know her. She was very friendly and she knew exactly what she was lacking in her life. She had many fears about giving herself completely to God and knew that her lifestyle and habits would undergo a drastic change if she submitted to God.

On Sunday morning, she was in church services and heard many testimonies about God's love. She responded to the altar call and came weeping and giving herself to the Lord Jesus completely. Later, she said that she was so tired of trying on her own to live and that

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she was inviting Jesus Christ to sit on the throne of her heart.

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### Dairy Situation . . .

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Service and the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. "Feed costs continue to jump while the price they receive for milk is dropping. The uniform price per 100 pounds of milk has decreased more than \$1.30 since May."

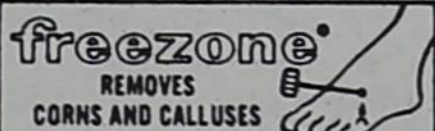
With this situation, dairymen across the state have been actively culling their herds since the first of the year. Cow numbers are down 6,000 from 1973. However, increased milk production per cow has kept pace with production levels last year. Production per cow averaged 810 pounds in July, up 40 pounds from the same month last year.

However, Stelly notes that milk production for the United States during the first seven months of 1974 was off 2 per cent from the same period a year ago. Cow numbers nationwide also reflect a 2 per cent decrease.

What about the price situation? "Prices received by Texas dairymen are determined by a formula," explains the Texas A&M University System economist, "since the milk is marketed under federal market order rules and

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regulations. The base price is directly related to the price paid by processing plants in Minnesota and Wisconsin for manufacturing grade milk."

As far as the low prices are concerned, Stelly notes that some people blame the heavy imports of dairy products, which have tripled during the first part of 1974 compared to last year. A weakened consumer demand for milk and cheese has also affected prices.

"Although the October price for milk has been set at 10 cents per 100 pounds above the July price, producers see little relief from the cost price squeeze that seems to be getting tighter," adds Stelly.

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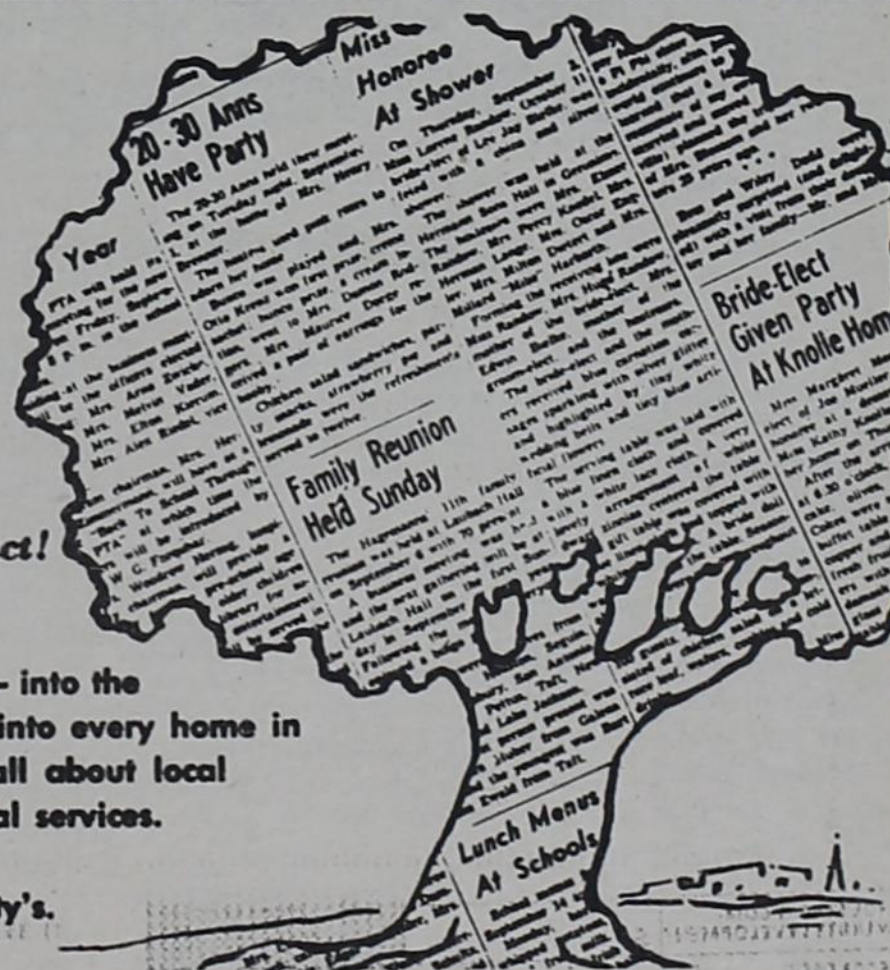
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**Primrose School**

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Among the other families who sent their children to Primrose School were: Cowan, Ardis, Brown, Timmons, Carter, Dixon, Witherspoon, Rose, Baker, and Perritt.

The site of Primrose School officially became a public school

when a three acre tract of land was deeded by R.A. Stallcup to Judge John R. McGee of Lubbock County for School District No. 13 to be located in Hockley County. The transaction was made on June 21, 1911. The tract was described as being located in the Southwest corner of the North one-half of Section 2, Block 0, Public School

Land.\* Since Hockley was not an organized county at that time, it was necessary that all administrative and judicial functions be performed in Lubbock, the county to which Hockley was attached.

The Original Grantee of Section 2, Block 0, Public School Land was Lee Cowan who filed a homestead on this tract on May 22, 1902.\* On



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Right now, we want you to think very long, very hard and very deeply about advertising and about the good it does in America. We want you to think about its effect on business, on your own entertainment, on radio, television, newspapers and magazines, on your right to know.

We want you to think about the effect advertising has on your company's sales, and how the sales of your company affect your own life-style.

Right now, we want you to think very long, very hard and very deeply about the issue of free speech. Then we want you to write Governor Dolph Briscoe, State Capitol, Austin, Texas 78711, and your legislators and your friends and tell them how you feel.

The ball is in your hands. It's up to you not to drop it.

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Mrs. Cowan, who was a mid-wife and delivered many babies. She delivered three babies in one family and a set of twins in another. The weather never got too bad for her to go, or the distance too far. In real cold weather, when the father came for her, rocks were heated, sad irons and jugs of hot water were used to keep feet from freezing. She never required a fee, but occasionally she was given a commodity of some kind like a pig, chickens or a yearling calf. She never refused a call, rain, snow, or wind. This was a "must" which she impressed upon her daughters. She was a good seamstress and "hand me downs" were worn and remodeled to fit the next one until it was threadbare.

Mr. Cowan took care of the "doctoring". He saw that teeth were pulled at the right time. He administered the Black Draught Tea for the laxative, calamia for the high fever and made a cough syrup of honey, vinegar and red pepper. All were well in no time. All the shoes were half soled and fixed from the dried cow hides he had hanging on the plank fence. Not one of the ten children had an operation or a broken limb. Very few times was a doctor called. The last three children were delivered by Mr. Cowan with the older daughters assisting with the washing and dressing. Forty-five or twenty-five miles was too far for a doctor to come when the need was at hand.

Lee Cowan was a very humble man and not very out spoken, but lived his Christianity every day. He was noted for his honesty and patience with his fellowman. He had convictions for Christian principles. Many said he was good good for his own good as many failed to repay the loan he provided for them.

When Hockley County was organized he was in charge of the voting boxes and tallying the votes. His name was placed on the ballot for two terms as County Commissioner and he served well. Many times when disputes or quarrels arose, he was called on to help settle the issue.

Lee Cowan was the first charter member of the First Baptist Church and the only Deacon for many years. It was never too cold for him to go an hour early to build a fire in the schoolhouse where the church services were held. He continued to do the same when the First Baptist Church was built.

For many years he served on the jury, when he was called to do so. Some of the earlier settlers and families were Holdens, Cowans, Blankenships, Longs, Ways, Tinklers, Clifford, Dixsons, Bakers and Rose.

In 1902, W.N. Copeland had a post office in his home. He was located south and east in Terry County. In later years he became County Judge of Terry County. In 1904 the post office was located in the T.S. Jackson store. This was later called old Meadow. The mail was carried by horseback and a "hack buggy" from Fort Worth by the way of Sweetwater, Colorado City, Big Springs, Tahoka, then on to old Meadow. This post office was the furthest from a railroad than any other in the United States at that time.

The above named settlers did not have a school in their area so they got together and built one on land donated by Mr. Clifford. Hiland was more centrally located in the community. The first school was taught by Belinda Clifford, a niece of the donor, who later married Otis "Oat" Copeland, the oldest son of Judge Copeland. This school building was later moved to Meadow, but shortly afterwards was burned. Many wanted it to stay on the old location.

After this happened, Mr. Cowan gave five acres in the south east part of his land. Lumber was hauled from Colorado City, and they named the school Primrose. A two room house was built for the teachers abode. The families that supported this school were: The John Browns, Cowans, Blankenships, Herschel and Hope Timmons, the Oscar Boyds, Ellingtons and later years, the Carters. Some of the teachers were: Miss Smith, Babor, A.K. Huckleberry, Edd Thorpe, Mr. Leslie Faw, Mr. and Mrs. E.R. Haines, Mr. and Mrs. Tarlton, Mr. Wilson, and Miss Lillian, a niece of Hope Timmons.

In 1917 and 1918 the railroad surveyed a right of way through this area. Primrose School was found to be situated on surplus land that was not included in any local ownership. This took in most of the five acres of school land. Mr. Blankenship had land to the north and east and Mr. Hope Timmons land to the east and south. They filed on the surplus land and added it to their adjoining land.

In the year of 1920 and 21 a new town site was platted which was called Ropes. Later the name was changed to Ropesville because a town of similar name was on record. A two story red brick school was built in Ropesville and later the old Primrose building was moved to Ropesville and became the first grocery store owned by J.R. Evans and Sons.

Lee Cowan died July 17, 1933; when Mr. Elwood (land owner to the north) learned of his death, he sent word that he would give ten acres for a cemetery so that his old friend, Lee, could be buried close to the home and land that he loved. He was buried on the highest knoll and his grave could easily be seen from the homeplace. Mrs. Rebecca Cowan followed him in death two years later, May 4, 1935. We lost two dear, courageous pioneers, but the community was made a better place to live because of their example and Christian spirit.

October 31, 1903, Lee Cowan sold Section 2 to R.A. Stallcup who kept it until 1914. W.J. Teaver bought the tract from Stallcup on February 21, 1914. A few months later on May 18 Teaver sold the North one-half of Section 2 to A.W. Blankenship except for the

Southwest 3 acres which had already been deeded to Hockley County School District No. 13 (Primrose).\*

Primrose continued to serve as the community center of the farm settlement until 1917 when a railroad was built from Lubbock to Seagraves in Gaines County. A depot was erected at the present site of Ropesville and a small town sprang up almost overnight. The birth of Ropesville rang the death knell of Primrose School and Community.\*

Although Primrose had a relatively short span of life, it was the first public school in Hockley County. It is typical of many schools in pioneer farm communities across the Texas Plains and exemplifies the character of such life.

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