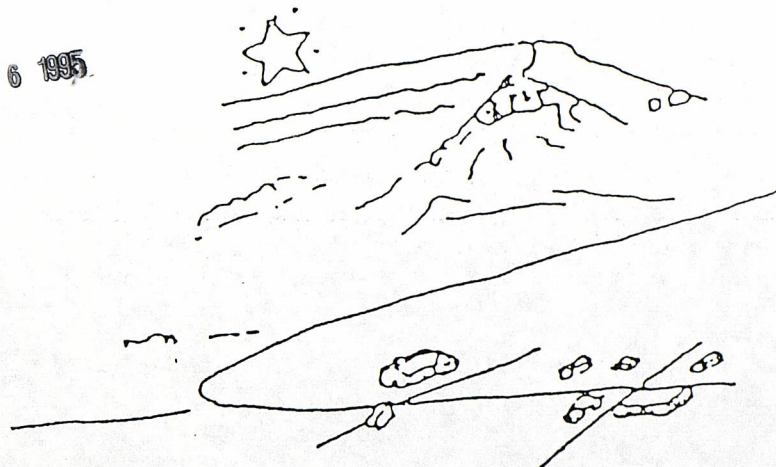


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SECOND ANNUAL LIGHTING OF THE STAR ON GAIL MOUNTAIN

NOVEMBER 24, 1995

The community of Gail is getting ready for the 2nd annual Lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain. The "STAR" will stand twenty feet in height and have several hundred light bulbs attached.

For a donation of \$5.00 you can sponsor a bulb for your family and loved ones. You may sponsor as many bulbs as you like. For a donation of \$25.00 you can sponsor the lighting of the "STAR" for one night. This can be in memory of or in honor of a special person, organization, business or day. You may choose a night to light up the "STAR" in this special way. The nights available are from November 24, 1995 through January 1, 1996.

A registry of names and/or events will be kept of those sponsoring bulbs and the lighting of the "STAR". This will be published in the Borden Star.

All contributions will be used for the lighting of Gail and the operation and maintenance of the "STAR" on Gail Mountain. Donations may be sent to:

LIGHTS FOR GAIL
P.O. BOX 312
GAIL, TEXAS 79738

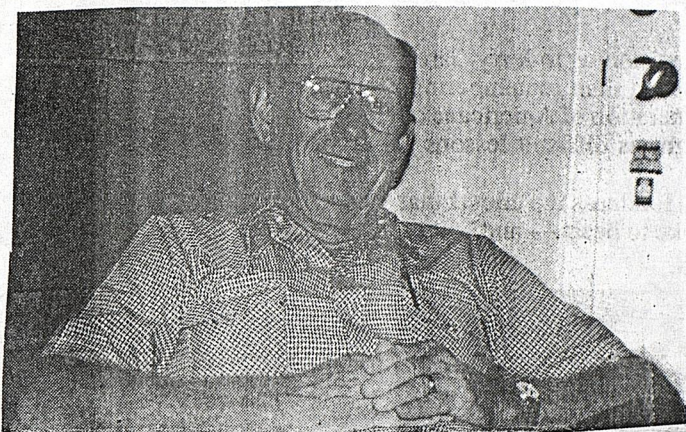
A lighting ceremony and program will be held at dark, November 24, 1995 at the Court House. The Museum will be open from Noon until after the program. The program will consist of local music, a live nativity scene, Santa and Mrs. Claus will make a stop and there will be refreshments.

THE SHINING STAR

If you didn't come to Gail on November 25, 1994 to see the lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain and attend the program you should make an effort to come for the lighting and other activities in 1995. The date is November 24, 1995. Plans are being made for more and better lights in town and more of the interesting activities that occurred last year. The town was all in lights, with the stores, Post Office, Courthouse and even the Ol' Mesquite Tree on the Courthouse lawn all lighted up. Nearly 300 people signed the register, and the crowd was estimated by some as being close to 500 people in attendance. Many were former residents who seemed to have a good time visited with many of their good friends who still live in the County. The museum opened at 5:00 and a temporary Post Office was set up in the Courthouse for people to have their letters cancelled with the commemorative postal stamp used in conjunction with the Lighting of the Star ceremony. Inside the Courthouse, sitting beside a beautifully decorated Christmas tree, were Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus. A long line of anxious, excited children were ready for Santa to hear their Christmas list wishes. Outside on the lawn as a prelude to the lighting program, music was played by Benny and Tim Taylor and harmonica music provided by Tommy Cooley, all being Borden County musicians.

As the sky darkened, the crowd grew larger in anticipation of the lighting of the STAR ceremony. The program began at 7:00 P.M. with prayer from Mr. Thomas, school superintendent, and singing by Glynda Akins, former Postmistress, and by Kim Thomas. Rev. Richard Laverty, minister of the First Baptist Church of Gail read scripture as the crowd began to feel anticipation of the lighting of the STAR. As everyone turned to face the mountain, the STAR was set aglow and sounds of joy were heard from the crowd. The ceremony ended with prayer by Randy Adcock. Walter Buckle, owner of the Lamesa Press-Reporter commented: Hurray for the folks at Gail for climbing the mountain to erect that hugh star--- that we hope gets bigger as the years go by. It's a great idea and if we had a mountain in D. Dawson County, I would be screaming to put a star atop it. But when you have only one bridge it's hard to find a mountain too. Nevertheless, we commend the folks in Gail and Borden County for starting a project that may grow bigger and better in the years to come. Watch for the star.

YES, we had a wonderful time in 1994. Hope you can join us on November 24th, 1995. Many people donated to the STAR on Gail Mountain. The lists of people who donated and the names of those who have gone on to their reward and were remembered on that night were published in THE BORDEN STAR NEWSPAPER, were much too long to be reprinted here, but many memories came to mind as these lists were read. We truly hope to see you with us this year!



MASTER FRAMER — During 14 years as part owner (along with wife, Rosie) of B & R Frame Shop, Bill Clement framed a little bit of everything, but his biggest challenge was the BORDEN COUNTY BECENTENNIAL QUILT. Due to his ill health, their shop is now closed.

This picture and article was taken from THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS. Thanks.

CLEMENT RECALLS FRAMING

BORDEN COUNTY QUILT

Bill Clement has no idea how many custom made frames he designed and built during 14 years as the "B" in B&R Frame Shop, but he does know which one was the biggest - Borden County's Bicentennial quilt. Bill and his wife, Rosie, the "R" in the shop's name, worked together on the project, completing it last summer. Bill, who never turned a framing job down, accepted the quilt challenge without having any idea how to do it. From the beginning, Bill wanted the frame to compliment and enhance the quilt, but not draw attention away from it. Besides it's queen size, Bill said another difficulty was that "quilts were never designed to be framed," they usually are laid on beds. Blocking the quilt proved as challenging as designing the frame. Hanging the quilt in the Courthouse in June of last year required three people to work eight hours to get it "just right." It measures 7½ feet wide and 9½ feet long.

As he created his design he was determined to avoid the problem of dust and debris collecting in the bottom of the frame. He decided that the quilt's frame should be loaded from the front. The front can be easily removed for cleaning.

Working after business hours and on weekends, Bill spent some 85 hours designing and building the frame. The frame was so large that Bill said they hauled it to Gail on a 16 foot trailer, adding, "We took every tool we owned with us because we did not know what we would need." G and G glass provided the acrylic covering for the framed quilt. Bill's philosophy about framing is a simple one, but it fueled his creativity during his many years on the job. Realizing that "people want to frame things that are important to them, he always strived for the best. Often a trailblazer, Bill did not know anyone to consult with when he and his wife began the Borden County project. Later, he told a friend, "Now I know what to do if I ever do another one like it".

HISTORY OF THE QUILT

As Borden County prepared for its Bicentennial, May 29-30, 1976, committees were appointed for each activity. The Arts and Crafts Committee decided to ask the women of the community to make a quilt that would commemorate the County's history as well as present-day happenings. The quilt project began in May, 1975 with Dorothy Dennis serving as chairman and Karan Key as co-chairman. The queen siza quilt is made of 76 blocks, eight inches square, with a center block 16 inches square that is a detailed map of Borden County. Marilyn McPhaul did the designs,

County women did the embroidery and applique work, and Barbara Farmer and Christeen Ledbetter were in charge of construction. In 1976, chances to win the quilt were sold for \$1.00 each. Grant Teaff drew the winning name, W. P. Carmack, the father of Marilyn McPhaul. After Mr. Carmack died, Marilyn acquired the quilt and donated it to Borden County when they moved to Lamesa. Now, nearly two decades later, the quilt is framed, and can be viewed in the Courthouse in Gail.

RICK PERRY RECOGNIZES SCURRY COUNTY FAMILY

More than 100 years ago , D. A. Jones of McClellan County, rode a one horse cart in search of a new home. Some of his descendants are still living on and wotking the land today. Part of the original homestead, now owned by D.A.'s son, C. D. "Pat" Jones, 95, was recently honored in Austin by Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry as part of the 21st annual Family Land Heritage Ceremony. The family, represented at the ceremony by James Aaron, grandson, was recognized for having kept their land in continuous agriculture production for at least 100 years. The family will receive a plaque, which they hope to erect at the site where D.A. first arrived in Scurry County. Odyne, 92, Pat's wife, said she sought the recognition for her husband, father-in-law and grandson.

D.A.'s younger brother W.C., accompanied him on that fateful trip to find land and the flat land near Fluvanna, dotted with cow trails, apparently appealed to them. They encountered two cowboys camped on the land and obtained permission from them to settle there if they returned. That was in 1892. The cowboys worked for the Jumbo Cattle Company which ran lots of cattle in those days.



ODYNE AND C. D. "PAT" JONES

of Scurry and Borden Counties

house was considered rather fancy for its day as it had a bathroom and other conveniences. The "Big House" was more like a hotel as D. A. and Annie wre very hospitable. They later added corrals and barns, including a big red one.

Cattle was the best money maker in D.A.'s time. By 1915, he had established the first Heredord herd in the County, He liked those "white-faced cows. D. A. died in 1952 in Snyder. Annie lived until 1965. Mert and his wife Ruby were killed in a car accident in 1967. Mert's children are Don Jones and Janie Williard. Wallace died in 1987. His children are Wallace Jones, Jr. and Bill Jones. Pat and Odyne's only daughter, Patsy Fee, died in 1984 at the age of 55. She loved the farm and ranch and was the first woman to graduate from the animal husbandry program at Texas Tech University. Patsy's son, James Aaron lives on the old home place and is a good worker with the Fluvanna Fire Department and The Borden County Emergency Medical Society. The Jones family has been honored for 100 years of continuous land ownership but BORDEN COUNTY claims this family as OUR OWN.

THANKS TO SNYDER DAILY NEWS, April 16, 1995.

MARY CATHEY, 82, of Gail passed away September 23, 1995 in Big Spring. She was born in O'Donnell and was a lifelong resident of Lynn, Dawson, Howard and Borden Counties. Mary moved to Gail some years ago and brought a sunny disposition and a cookie recipe that made everyone love her. Survivors include two sons, Buster Taylor of Gail and Denver Taylor of Tucson, Ariz., seven grandchildren and twelve grandchildren.

JIM SMITH, 67, died April 25, 1995 in a hospital in Lubbock. He was born in Borden County to Ned and Lucy Smith. He graduated from O'Donnell High School in 1945 and farmed and ranched all his life in Borden County. He worked for the Clayton, Muleshoe and Coleman Ranches. Survivors include his wife, Joyce Wilson Smith, a son, Monte of Borden County; a daughter, Paula Tate of San Angelo; a brother, Rube Smith of Borden County; two sisters, Ruth Branch of Meadow and Sadie Ludecke of Borden County; and five grandchildren.

EDITH BENNETT CLARK, 86, of Big Spring passed away June 21, 1995. She moved to Borden County as a child, grew up on the Munger Ranch and married Virgil Clark in Gail. Among her survivors are two sons, Weldon Clark of Platte City, Mo. and Norman Clark of RichARDSON, Texas; and three grandchildren.

WILEY BERT DENNIS, 84, of Borden County died February 1, 1995 in Snyder. He was born in Farmer's Branch, Tx. and moved with his family to Borden Co. in 1942. He was a rancher and worked with the Sheep & Goat Raiser's Assn. He loved all sports and filmed games for many years at the Borden Co, schools. Among his survivors are his wife, Dorothy of Gail; 2 sons, Steve of Odessa and Joel of Gail one daughter, Lisa Mahler of Edna, and four grandsons.

PAULINE CLARK, 80, passed away May 13, 1995 in Snyder. She was a member of the Dorward Methodist Church and was a long standing member of The Borden County Historical Society and spent many hours working in the museum, working for the Historical stories of Borden County and writing articles for this Newsletter. She is survived by three nephews.

AZLEE REEDER, 84, of Fluvanna died June 10, 1995. She was a member of The Border County Historical Committee and spent many hours keeping the Museum and helping with Borden County History. She is survived by a son, Weldon of Lovington, N.M. and a daughter, Barbara Preston of Snyder, 4 grandchildren & 6 greats.

L. A. BROWNE, 84, of Cuthbert passed away July 6, 1995 in a Midland Hospital. He was a farmer. He is survived by one daughter, LaRue Rankin of Big Spring; one sister, and two grandchildren, Valencia Ditto of Big Spring and Teresa Cox now of Milsap, Tx., formerly of Gail; and four Grandsons.

L. D. SMITH, 71, died July 15, 1995. July 15, 1995. He was a lifetime resident of Borden County. He is survived by his wife, Juanita; two sons, Edward of Gail and Don of Big Spring; two daughters, Judy Hagins of Bridgeport and Carolyn Foster of Stanton; five brothers, Lee Ovid of Odessa, R. A. of Phoenix, and Alvin, J. A. & Everett, all of Big Spring; 3 sisters, Velma Knowlton of Big Spring, Evie Marie Pounds also of Big Spring and Lola Mae Foster of Duncan Okla.; ten grand-children and 4 great grandchildren.

MAE OLA BRADSHAW, 84, of Lamesa passed away August 26, 1995. She graduated from Mesquite High School in Borden County and lived here for many years. She is survived by a son, Alvin of O'Donnell; two daughters, Dorothy Barrington of Lamesa and Margaret Ray of Big Spring; a sister, Missouri Ormsby of Olney and a brother, Isaac Ledbetter of Tahoka, 6 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

WILLIAM FAGAN JOHNSON, 85, of Lamesa, died June 9, 1995 in Amarillo. Fagan owned and operated the Texaco in Gail for several years. He is survived by his wife, Flora of Lamesa; a daughter, Jane Stone of Lamesa; a sister, Bernice Jennings of Oklahoma City and 2 brothers, Cone and Reggie, both of Happy & 2 grandchildren

FLOSSIE EVERETT JOHNSON, 92 of Crosbyton September 18, 1995. She attended West Texas State College in Canyon and was a teacher. Survivors include a son, Dan of Dumas; two daughters, Margaret Thompson of Crosbyton and Billie Jane Rantz of Abernathy; a brother Glynn Everett of Oceanside, Calif; 8 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren and 7 great great grandchildren.

DR. FRANKLIN B. PRUITT, 68, of Snyder, passed away August 19, 1995 in a Lubbock Hospital. Dr. Pruitt was born in Waco and earned his bachelor's degree from Baylor University, his masters from East Texas State and his doctorate from Texas Tech in 1978. He was a teacher in Snyder Public School and Western Texas College. He was a lover of history and gave of himself in telling the history of Texas, and especially West Texas and strived to kindle a love of history in his students

I am sending my check for "The Borden Citizen". I really have enjoyed their newsletter for 10-12 years now.

Frances McKee, Escondido, CA.

I am enclosing a check for the newsletter. I have not received it lately and truly hate to miss it.

Marguerite Faver

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