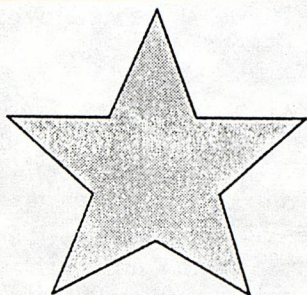


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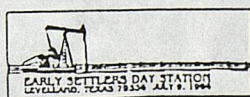
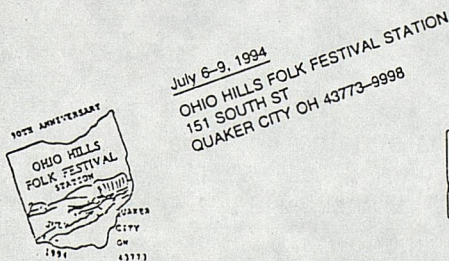
The Borden County Historical Society is sponsoring a cancellation postage stamp for Gail (or Borden County.) This stamp will be used around Christmas, 1994, and will be a collector's item. The stamp is a part of a Christmas celebration being planned by the organization.

Ideas and drawings are being requested from residents to assist with the theme and picture to be placed on the stamp. So put your ideas on paper and mail to Borden County Historical Society, P.O. Box 156, Gail, Texas 79738. A committee will then choose the picture to be used and have it printed.

This drawing needs to be 1" X 2" depicting a historical event. Some samples are enclosed in this letter. Among ideas suggested have been:

1. First Lighting Of The Star On Gail Mountain
2. Christmas in Borden County
3. An Old Fashion Christmas
4. Cowboy's Christmas
5. All Other Ideas Are More Than Welcome

SOME EXAMPLES OF OTHER CANCELLATION STAMPS



July 9, 1994
Levelland Chamber of Commerce
POSTMASTER
712 AVENUE G
LEVELLAND TX 79336-9998



July 16, 1994
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BUFFALO STATION
POSTMASTER
1218 LITEL
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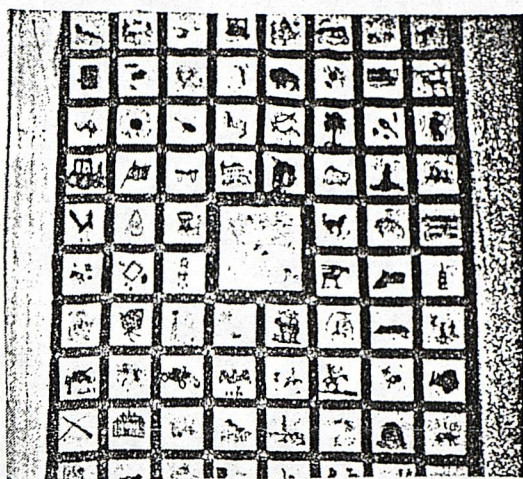
BORDEN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MAKE PLANS FOR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

The Borden County Historical Society met in the Community Meeting Room of the Borden County Courthouse on Thursday, July 21, 1994, at 7:45 P. M. Members present were Kenneth and Shirley Bennett, Sue Smith, Van and Barbara York, Fannie Flint, Dorothy Browne, Buster Taylor, Joel Dennis and Larry Smith. Terry Smith was also present on behalf of the Gail, Borden County, Post Office. The meeting was called to order by chairman, Kenneth Bennett. Van York gave the treasurer's report. Bills incurred in cleaning the museum were approved for payment.

It was approved by the committee to pay for half the cost of preserving the Borden County Bi-Centennial Quilt. It was noted that this piece of art is now hanging in the Courthouse and everyone is urged to come by and see it. The quilt was preserved by Bill Clements of Snyder, Texas. Mr. Clements said that the quilt is probably preserved for another 100 years. Judge York explained about the time, expense and labor that was put into preserving the quilt. The wood matches the paneling in the Courthouse making it a very attractive display. The quilt is mounted to acid-proof material for the most protection. It is tacked

THE BI-CENTENNIAL QUILT

Come by the Courthouse to see it.



The quilt as it was pictured at the 1976 Bi-Centennial Celebration. The quilt was made by the women of Borden County who embroidered and appliqued the squares, each one representing a scene from local history. Many thanks to Marilyn McPhaul and her father for the quilt, everyone is so very happy to have it preserved and displayed for all to see. THANKS AGAIN!

More next time about the quilt.

An ad will be run in the Borden Star (It is in the square, at the first of this publication.) and The Historical Newsletter inviting persons to draw a 2" by 1" picture portraying a theme to be used on the cancellation stamp. (The picture may be drawn larger and then reduced to size.) The cancellation stamp will be used during the Christmas season and will be a very special keepsake. (Please send yours in as soon as possible.)

It was voted to have the next meeting of the Historical Society on August 25, 1994, at 7:30 P. M. in the Community Room of the Borden County Courthouse.

THE STAR ON GAIL MOUNTAIN

If you were not in Gail during the Christmas Season last year, you must plan to be here during the Christmas Season this year. Or better yet, come join us on November 25th, 1994. The Lights for Gail Committee worked last year to get lights on most buildings and businesses in Gail and they have continued their work during all of 1994. A large, lighted, five point star will be placed on Gail Mountain.

The Star on Gail Mountain will make it's debut to Light Up Borden County, on Friday, November 25, 1994. The ceremonies will start at 7:00 P. M. with Santa Claus, along with a few of his elves. Everyone is invited to bring your blankets and lawn chairs and watch the mountain light up. There will be caroling, cookies and hot drinks. REMEMBER, Friday, November 25, 1994 at 7:00 P. M. You'll Come!!

LIGHTS FOR GAIL COMMITTEE MEETING

The Lights for Gail Committee met on Monday, July 25, 1994. It was decided that light bulbs for the Star would be sold for \$5.00 each. Anyone may purchase a bulb, one for the family and one for each member of the family. Approximately 600 lights will be on the Star.

Also, donations of \$25.00 are being taken for lighting up the star one night, in memory of or in honor of a special person or day, or for a special organization or business. You may choose a night to light up the star in this special way. Some examples could be: Warren and Betty Beaver would pay to light up the star a certain night in honor of Sterling Williams at a cost of \$25.00. Or someone might like to light up the Star one night in honor of The Borden County Sheriff's Posse and the trophies it won, cost \$25.00.

Donations are also being accepted just to help get the Star on the Mountain. You may send your donation to: LIGHTS FOR GAIL, P. O. Box 312, Gail, Texas 79738. If you are interested in sponsoring the Star one night, or need further information, you may contact: Kenny or Shirley Bennett at 806-756-4326 or Edward or Terry Smith at 806-756-4437, Ross or Sarah Sharp at 806-756-4393, Warren or Betty Beaver at 806-756-4462, or Joe or Nanette Belew at 915-573-7718.

REMEMBER!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR NOVEMBER 25, 1994 at 7:00 P. M.
GAIL, BORDEN COUNTY, TEXAS

with thread every few inches to distribute the weight of the quilte qually so the material will not be "pulled" in just one area. A list is being compiled by Marilyn McPhaul showing who finished each square of the quilt. Each family living in Borden County during the year of the Bi-Centennial was represented by one square. Members voiced their appreciation to Marilyn for her generosity in donating the quilt to Borden County so that it may be enjoyed by many generations.

The members also voted to have a cancellation stamp designed and used during the Christmas season depicting the lighting of the new star on the top of Gail Mountain or another theme if desired by the majority of the residents. The community will be asked, and we are asking the readers of THE BORDEN CITIZEN, to have an input into designing and choosing the theme for the cancellation. Other plans for the Christmas season are the opening of the Museum to serve cookies and coffee, singing of Christmas carols, community lights, showing a video of the town of Gail during a snow and a celebration culminating with the lights to the star on Gail Mountain being turned on for the first time.

KATIE OLA JACKSON, 90, of Snyder, passed away Dec. 22, 1993. Born Aug. 29, 1903 in Tioga, Tx., she married Alvin H. Jackson on June 6, 1926 in Fluvanna. He died in 1965. She had lived most of her adult life in West Texas. She taught school in Fluvanna and at the Grapeland School in Borden County. Survivors include a sister, 3 sisters-in-law, Buena Jackson, Lois Jackson and Blanche Jackson, all of Snyder; one brother-in-law, Louie Jackson of Big Spring; several neices and nephews.

MAMIE LEMON, 79, OF Fluvanna died January 31, 1994 in Snyder. Born March 9, 1914 in Bosque County, she married H. B. Lemons on Dec. 24, 1936 in Snyder. Among her survivors are her husband, two sons, Hurston Lemons of Borden County and Bobby Lemons of Colorado City; a daughter, Darlene Jacob of Abilene; a brother, J. W. Pylant of CA.; five grandchildren & five great-grandchildren.

SYBIL KATHRYN HOLMES, of Temple passed away Jan. 20, 1994. She was born in El Paso and married J. Wiley (Jake) Holmes on Aug. 2, 1947 in Van Horn. She was a beautician, piano teacher, pianist in four different Baptist Churches, and worker in 4-H activities. She was a deputy in the Borden County Clerk's Office but above everything else, she was a caring and understanding County Agent's wife, helping the kids of Borden County in every way that she could. She also worked with and typed THE BORDEN CITIZEN NEWSLETTER. She is survived by her husband of Temple; one son, Gene Holmes of Belton; a daughter, Kathryn Smith of Laredo; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

NICOLAI JANE LACKEY, of Midland, died Feb. 15, 1994. She was born in Beaumont and married there in 1945. They moved to West Texas in 1950 and lived in Goldsmith, Mentone and Gail before moving to Midland in 1990. She was the Postmaster in Gail. Among her survivors are her husband, two sons and two grandchildren.

CLARENCE ISAACS, 82, died Feb. 16, 1994 in Lubbock. He was born in Fannin County and married Gertrude Kropp on May 23, 1931 in Borden County. She died on Nov. 10, 1980. He married Lyrtille Rierison on Nov. 7, 1981 in Lamesa. His brother, Leonard Isaacs of Borden County preceded him in death on 1985. Among his survivors are his wife, 2 sons, 2 stepsons, 2 step-daughters, a brother Elmo of Big Spring and a sister, Kathleen Rhodes of Dallas.

WAYNE CROW, 62, of Snyder passed away Feb. 24, 1994. Born in Fannin County, he married Rosa Lee Franklin on April 23, 1955 in Borden County. He had been a farmer in Borden and Scurry Counties since 1952. Survivors include his wife; two sons, James Wayne Crow of Wicks, Ark. and Kenneth Lee Crow of Anson; one daughter, Melynda Ann Sturdevant of Amarillo; five brothers; eight grandchildren; and three step-grandchildren.

EDITH McBRIDE, 83, of Vealmoor passed away March 5, 1994. Born July 29, 1910 in Polar, Tx, she married Otis McBride in Mammoth Springs, Ark. They moved to Borden County in 1936 from Arkansas. She taught on the Miller Ranch, in Vealmoor, Ackerly and at Airport Elementary in Big Spring. She taught school for 39 years. Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Donna Kruse of Ira, and Kay Leek of Vealmoor; and 4 grandchildren.

NELLIE WILLIAMS, 78, of Borden County died March 17 in a Lubbock hospital. She grew up near Cove, Arkansas and moved to Texas in 1930. She married Harlin Durant Williams on February 17, 1934 in Dickens, Tx. They moved to Brownfield and then to Borden County in January, 1941. She was a member of Berry Flat Baptist Church for over 30 years before joining First Baptist in O'Donnell. She was a homemaker, beloved wife, mother and friend. Survivors include her husband; two sons, Ralph of Lamesa and Kenneth of Borden County; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

CLAUDE "TOOTER" SWAN, 74, of Gail died April 15, 1994 in Lamesa. Born Jan 16, 1920 in Loraine he married Glenn Scott May 23, 1942 in Sweetwater. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He was a foreman of the Spade (Dean Ranch Lease) for 20 years. He retired from the Texas Highway Department. Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Iris Smith of Lamesa and Claudia Ogden of Midland, a sister, and three grandchildren.

OTIS McBRIDE, 86, of Vealmoor passed away April 26, 1994. He was born July 2, 1907 in Camp, Ark. and married Edith Clanton on Sept. 7, 1928 in Ark. She preceded him in death on March 5, 1994. Mr. and Mrs. McBride moved to Borden County on the Miller Ranch in 1936. They later moved to Vealmoor (Borden County) in 1944. Mr. McBride farmed and ranched all his life. His daughter, Donna Kruse of Ira preceded him in death in 1994. Among his survivors are a daughter, Kay Leek of Vealmoor, 3 granddaughters and one grandson.

MARSHALL DAVIS, 90, of Purmela, Texas died April 9, 1994. Born Dec. 28, 1903 in Borden County, he married Ethel Matthews on March 26, 1926 in Borden County. She died June 12, 1989. He farmed for many years in the Murphy Community, farming land that is now under Lake J. B. Thomas and land that is now lake shore property. His six children were born on his place in Borden County. He taught Bible Class in the Murphy Baptist Church and continued to teach after moving to Coryell County, teaching for more than 50 years. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Nora Buchanan, three brothers and three sisters. Survivors include two daughters, Ertis Kulla of Purmela, Mae Addison of Snyder; three sons, Marvin and Calvin of Brownsboro and Carl of Clinton, OK.; a brother, Melton Davis of Borden County; four sisters, Mildred Skelton and Lura Perry of Borden County, Esther Peveyhouse of Midland, and Della Brooks of Loop; 12 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

R. C. "BABE" UNDERWOOD, 70, of Gail, died May 15, 1994. He was born in the "cedar breaks" in Kent County. He grew up and worked in Kent County for awhile, then moved to Loving, N.M., where he worked for the Cotton Oil Mill. There he met and married Patsy Ware on Dec. 12, 1953. He moved back to Kent County and then moved to Borden County in 1969. He worked on ranches and raised four children who attended Borden County ISD. He worked as a welder for Borden County ISD until 1990 when he retired. Survivors include his wife; a son, Ray Don of Gail; three daughters, Patricia Zant and Kathy Goodman of Vealmoor, and Connie Hart of Gail; two brothers, two sisters; and four grandchildren.

VADA FOSTER, 66, of Lamesa passed away May 15, 1994. She was born Oct. 16, 1927 in Borden County and married Cecil Foster on Dec. 21, 1945. She and her husband owned and operated Allen's Galley Restaurant for 10 years in Lamesa. She had previously owned other shops. Survivors include her husband; a son, Gregory of Arlington; two brothers, Jack Smith of Lamesa and Johnny Smith of Pyote; four sisters, Irene Creighton of Borden County, Nig Watkins of Lamesa, Joey Ballew and Pat Hubble of Seminole, and four grandchildren.

NELL SCOTT, 58, of Lamesa died May 17, 1994. She was born March 5, 1936 in Loraine. She lived in Borden County before moving to Lamesa. She married Butch Scott on Dec. 20, 1957. She owned and operated Nell Scott Agency. Survivors include a son, Clint of Houston, a daughter, Janette Menix of Lamesa; her mother, Bonnie Kingston of Lamesa; 3 brothers, Bobby of Visalia, CA, Glenn of Garden City, and Jerald of El Paso; 2 sisters, Pearl Armstrong of Ackerly and Ollie Holmes of Borden County and four grandchildren.

IVA REEDER, of Dublin passed away May 26, 1994. She was a longtime resident of Gail and was buried in Gail Cemetery. She was born Feb. 9, 1909 in Luling, Young County, Tx. She was the widow of Sid Reeder, long-time Sheriff of Borden County, that she married Sept. 23, 1934 in Snyder. Sid died in office on May 11, 1963 and she finished his term as Sheriff which lasted until Dec. 31, 1964. She moved from Gail to Dublin 7 years ago. Among her survivors are two sons, Larry of Ft. Sumner, NM, and Borden Reeder of Dublin; one daughter, Sidney Pharr of Cisco; one sister, Azlee Reeder of Borden County, 9 grandchildren & 7 greats.

MAURICE D. DORWARD, of Clifton, Tx., died on _____. Mr. Dorward was born Jan. 27, 1906 in Gail. He married Margaret Vaughn on Dec. 23, 1928. He was a Methodist and a Mason. He moved from Gail many years ago but never forgot his roots. He was always interested in the Museum, Historical Society and Cemetery in Gail and supported them in all ways. He was a rancher and real estate developer in Clifton. Survivors include his wife; three sons, Don Dorward of Dallas, David Dorward and Russell Dorward of Clifton; seven grandchildren and a great-grandson. (Editor's Note. We are sorry we do not have the date of Maurice Dorward's death.)

DONATIONS AND MEMORIALS

Enclosed is my check in memory of my parents, William Henry and Alva Johnson. They are buried in Snyder Cemetery. I enjoy the Borden Citizen very much, and maybe one day soon I will visit Gail and Fluvanna again. Good Luck, Alva Lee Johnson, Marietta, Ga.

This check is sent in memory of Iva Reeder. Her son Larry thought she would have been proud of the museum and the history it has preserved. Mrs. Beverly Carter, Powhatan and Renee' Carter and Charlie and Beverly Overton, Ft. Sumner, NM.

Memorials, gifts to the Museum or Subscriptions (\$3.00) may be mailed to THE BORDEN CITIZEN, %Dorothy Browne, Box 23, Gail, Texas 79738. Donations, subscriptions, or gifts may be sent to the same address. Appropriate cards are mailed and names are placed in THE BORDEN CITIZEN.

THE BORDEN CITIZEN still needs your memories or stories about the time you spent in Borden County. We enjoy your letter very much. They will be published.

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