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Heritage Village has a quilt and blacksmithing display all this weekend...page 2A

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While visiting Heritage Village this weekend, be sure to pick up your copy of the book "Ghost Town's Of East Texas," available at the village.



PLAYING HOUSE-Chris Durham, (left) one and one-half year old son of Harold and Jane Durham, and Jamie Marshall, (same age) daughter of James P. and Kathy Marshall find this small dollhouse to be life size for them.

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Wal-Mart Offering Scholarship

College-bound students who may have trouble affording college-but have impressive scholastic and academic achievements-may find part of a solution right here in the local Wal-Mart.

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\$1,000-Area Students Are Eligible

By applying with their school counselor or administrative offices for a \$1,000 Wal-Mart Foundation Community Scholarship.

The company recently announced that an area high school senior will be selected this spring as the recipient of the scholarship.

The scholarship will be

payable over a one-year period and awarded to a college or university bound student. It will be based on the student's scholastic and academic achievements, extra-curricular and work activities, and financial need.

"We are very pleased to offer this annual scholarship to a deserving area student on behalf of our store and the company," said Woodville Store Manager Al Adair. "Through Wal-Mart's Scholarship program, we can contribute to the quality of life in the Tyler County community, and to the opportunities of our area youth."

Adair further explained that a team of judges, consisting of area business and community leaders would be formed, to evaluate the applications and make a final selection during student interviews.

Interested students may obtain applications from their school counselor or administrative offices. Applications must be returned to the school by the third week in February.

The Woodville Wal-Mart scholarship is one of over 1,200 scholarships totaling over \$1.2 million being given by the Bentonville, Ark. based retail chain, throughout its 26-state, 1,237 store trade territory.



LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE-Noel Waggoner, right, and Lucy Rinsinger go over their notes recently as part of a leadership conference held within the school school system here.

Low Interest Rate Home Mortgages Will Be Made Available Soon

U.S. Senator Phil Gramm announced Saturday the State of Texas will make available low-interest rate home mortgages to qualified buyers of foreclosed properties owned by

the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. This state-led effort initiative was developed to reduce the inventory of foreclosed properties

in Texas, while enhancing the ability of low- and moderate-income families to qualify for a loan. Gramm said in a press conference in Dallas recently.

Thomas T. Deary, Federal Housing Commissioner, said the \$16.9 million Texas Housing Agency financing program will be offered exclusively to first-time

homebuyers of low-to-moderate income, who must buy one of 3,683 HUD-owned properties in Texas. The average purchase price of these properties is \$36,331.

Prison Unit

Better Economic Days Are On The Horizon

By ETTA PETTJOHN

The economic benefits that the GIB Lewis Prison Unit will have on Tyler County will become apparent immediately after construction begins and will have a long-term effect on local businesses, according to a Texas Employment Commission analyst.

Robert Crawley told Woodville Lion's Club members Thursday that although this county experienced a slight drop in the unemployment rate in 1988, it still has better days ahead.

According to Crawley, the county's population increased four percent from 1980 to 1987. He said that is a positive trend since numerous counties in the state had a population loss during that period.

But the population figures will continue to increase with the new prison unit here, as additional employees move into this area, and fewer leave the area seeking job prospects.

He added that economic benefits of the prison unit will be felt immediately, in the estimated 1,000 construction jobs that will be available, and in the long term sense with the \$6 million of annual payroll, that he said would turn over in the economy, generating about \$18 million in business activity.

Crawley said that TDC uses a central supply system for food, supplies, and maintenance items (which will be brought in from supply operations in Huntsville). But it is expected that minor office supplies and fuel (both gas and diesel) will be purchased locally.

Any Tyler County business interested in bidding on a state supply contract should contact Jim Watson, assistant director for purchasing and utilities, by calling (409) 294-6781, said Crawley.

"The good thing about all this is that these are outside dollars coming into this area," said Crawley. "The

businesses most likely to benefit will be trade, finance, insurance, real estate, services, transportation and public utilities."

He said that the prison unit won't, however, end unemployment altogether. "When the prison system begins to staff the facility, both total employ-

ment and the number of unemployed are expected to rise," he said. "Total employment will increase as workers are added to the payrolls. More job opportunities will attract people who previously have not been looking for work and thus more unemployed will enter the labor force. This will be a temporary trend as hiring nears completion."

According to Crawley, the unemployment rate for

more people became employed in the county in 1988, so the economy has already shown some improvement. However, he added, not all sections of the economy showed positive gains.

For example, the mining industry (oil and gas exploration) lost jobs, while construction activity improved for special trade contractors.

Manufacturing gained jobs in lumber and wood products, but trade lost jobs in wholesale trade, durable goods and restaurants.

TDC Will Purchase Some Items From Local Stores

ment and the number of unemployed are expected to rise," he said. "Total employment will increase as workers are added to the

Tyler County was 10.9 percent in June, 1988; an improvement over the 14.2 percent recorded in June, 1987. He said that

Application Should Be Made

For Correction Officer Soon

By ETTA PETTJOHN

Persons waiting for the Texas Department of Corrections to start staffing the new Woodville facility better get moving.

According to the chief of recruiting and application processing at TDC, only about half of the correctional officers they hire will be inexperienced, which means the other half will most likely be transferred from other facilities.

The new hires, said Ken Johnson, must go through a training procedure before they are assigned.

Although the Texas Employment Commission is looking at the prospect of opening a temporary office in Tyler County residents interested in becoming correctional officers at the new prison need to be applying for these jobs in Austin, or at the TDC personnel office in Huntsville, now.

No definite plans have been made for a temporary TDC office, which would take applications for Texas Department of Corrections jobs.

"We can't staff a prison unit with all inexperienced officers," said Johnson. "So some experienced guards will be transferred, possibly as part of their promotion."

He added that many of the existing correctional officers were recruited from Central and East Texas, so TDC anticipates no problem finding enough experienced guards to transfer.

"Unemployed persons need to be applying for the positions now," he added. "So they can finish the training period and be ready for assignment when the new unit opens."

The pay scale for these jobs, according to Johnson, is \$1,234 at the beginning

of employment, but the pay can be as high as \$1,820 per month after 18 months on the job.

The starting salary for administrators, which will most likely be transfers due to promotion, is \$1,649 per month. The pay for these positions can also range as high as \$1,761 per month, depending on the particular position. It includes purchase, supply, fire safety and commissary officers.

Clerical positions range from \$997 per month to the

top of the line warden's secretary, who makes \$1,200 a month.

Correctional counselors make \$1,761 per month, while chaplains make \$2,144 per month.

An assistant laundry manager makes \$1,545 per month, and the food service manager, \$2,144.

Of course, TDC has a group insurance plan where the state pays \$115

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The Way We Were: Ginger Rogers And Turkey

In 1939 Tyler County residents were treated to a free matinee at Fain's Theatre in Woodville. They probably dreamed about the big city when they saw Ginger Rogers perform in "Fifth Ave. Girl." But in those days, when you went to a movie, chances are you enjoyed more than popcorn and soda. Take for instance the following advertisement from Fain's Theatre.

Below are some of the advertisements residents read in the "Tyler County Reporter" in 1939:

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Obituaries

Charles W. Pickett

Funeral services for Charles W. Pickett, 83, of Spurger, were held January 14 at Big Cove Baptist Church in Big Cove, La. The funeral was under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville. He died January 9 at the Tyler County Hospital. A native of Rome, La., he lived in Port Arthur and Bridge City most of his life before moving to Spurger 13 years ago, where he was a retired machinist for Texaco Inc., and was a World War II U.S. Army Air Corps veteran. Survivors include his wife, Julia B. Pickett of Spurger; nieces and nephews.

Roy E. Garner, Jr.

A memorial service for Roy E. Garner, Jr., 59, of Houston, will be held today (Sunday) at North Central Baptist Church in Houston. Graveside services were held January 14 at Austin Memorial Cemetery in Austin. He died January 13 at his home. A native and longtime resident of Port Neches, he lived in Houston four years and was minister of music at North Central Baptist Church. Survivors include his wife, Marilyn Garner; daughters, Jani Mills and Sarah Sutton; and a son, Dickey Garner, all of Houston; a sister, Jo Ann Garner Weldon of Woodville; and a granddaughter.

John U. Chapman

Funeral services for John U. Chapman, 91, of Uvalde, were held January 10 in Lytle Cemetery in Uvalde under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville. He died January 7 at Tyler County Hospital. A native of Benton City, he lived in Uvalde most of his life and was a retired self-employed salesman. He was a 50-year member of the American Legion Post #65 of Uvalde and a member of IOOF Oddfellows Fraternal Organization. He was also a World War I U.S. Army veteran. Survivors include a daughter, Mary Rita Kingston of Corpus Christi; a son, James B. Chapman of Woodville; four grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

No Arrests In Break-In Of Doucette Business

By LISA RAWLS

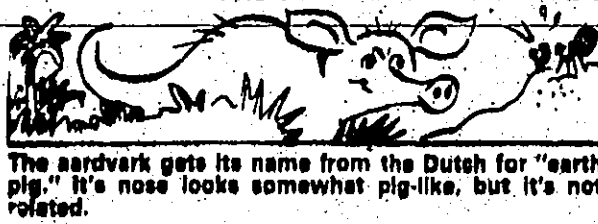
prised open a front door. Taken in the break-in was \$500 in checks, cash and food stamps. Also taken were some rings and knives. According to Chief Deputy Sam Bible the burglary occurred some time between 9 a.m. January 14, and 6 a.m. January 15, when employees reported the incident. The store was burglarized January 14, when someone

Career Day Scheduled

By LISA RAWLS

colleges, and all armed forces representatives, according to LaVern Hutton, Warren Independent Activities director at the School District will be school. Also planning to attend Career Shopping Day, on the Career Shopping Tuesday, January 24, at Spruce, will be the Junior 9 a.m. in the Warren High and seniors from Spurger School gym. The public is invited to attend 45 different attend.

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Film Shows Quilts As Art Form, Female Expression

Heritage Village Museum cordially invites the public to view an award-winning 60-minute documentary film "Hearts and Hands," which will be shown, free at the Allan Shivers Library at 11 a.m.

on Saturday, January 28. Subtitled "A Social History of Nineteenth Century Women and Quilts," the film not only showcases 300 period quilts, but places them in a fascinating social context, showing how they satisfied a woman's need for personal expression and reflected her political convictions at a time when she was supposed to have none.

Stitched into the film, which is part of Heritage Village's mounting tribute to the art and history of quilting, are the biographies of three fascinating women of the times and their quilting, which seem to prove that women

didn't wait until they had the vote to be politically active. They sewed their convictions into their quilt designs and thus spoke their piece quietly, but firmly, for posterity.

Members of the Library Staff will be on hand to conduct tours through the Allan Shivers Museum both before and after the movie, and Heritage Village Museum invites you to see the historically significant display of quilts, on display at the Village through January 31.

Woodworking Show Features Seminars, Lunch Menus

The North Texas Woodworking show, February 17 through 19, will feature machinery, power

and hand tools, supplies, demonstrations, seminars, free workshops and more, according to Lisa Dunn, trade show coordinator.

For the woodworking enthusiast, homebuilder/remodeler or

carver at all levels of expertise - beginner, advanced or professional there will be features of interest.

The show will be at the Dallas Convention Center, 650 S. Griffin Street, Dallas. For more information contact 213-477-8321 (in California) or 1-800-826-8257.

Quilters, Blacksmiths Displayed At Village

The beauty of intricately designed quilts, on display, and the sound of the anvil ringing out from the Blacksmith Shop will each tell its own version of history all during this weekend at the Heritage Village Museum, Highway 190, one mile West of Woodville.

While the Museum Store continues its month-long tribute to the art of quilting, the Village Blacksmiths will host the first official gathering of the East Texas Blacksmith Alliance, on Saturday and Sunday, January 28 and 29.

Headed by Village Blacksmith Charlie Schulte, the two-day meeting will start with a coffee and doughnut reception and registration at the Village at 9 a.m. on Saturday, followed by a 90-minute video, entitled "Shared Traditions," on loan from the Artist Blacksmith Association of North America.

All members of the East Texas Blacksmith Alliance and those interested in becoming members are urged to attend this important get-together.

For additional information, call Heritage Village Museum (409) 283-2272.

Gov. Clements Pushing Prison Expansion

Austin-Governor Bill Clements has recently declared legislation authorizing the sale of general obligation bonds for the construction of the new prison facilities an emergency, so that the Texas Legislature can immediately begin to work on the issue.

Clements said general obligation bonds could be used to construct

nearly 11,000 new beds in the Texas Department of Corrections.

"The critical need for new space is witnessed day in and day out by the judges and jurists who hand down sentences only to have them served out on the street because of a lack of prison beds," Clements said.

"This simply must not continue."

Correction Officer

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per month for the life and health premium for each employee. The correctional officers eat free meals while on duty, and have their uniforms supplied and laundered free. "When we transfer some of our experienced people (correctional officers) to Woodville," said Johnson, "it will create vacancies in other areas. Tyler County residents who apply and are accepted as correctional officers may go to another unit at the beginning, but they can always transfer to Glib Lewis later."

He added that there are many applicants on file at the present time, and to fill TDC's needs with the new units here, at Dayton and Snyder, hiring will probably continue through 1990. Hiring for these units will begin as early as June of this year, he said.



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"OVER AND BEYOND" Pam Lewis, a Woodville Intermediate School teacher, teaches sign language to a couple of students on the kid's spare time, so they can communicate with hearing-impaired fellow students.

Club Officer's Training Session Slated

Millie Morrison announced at the January 18, Beech Creek Extension Homemakers Club meeting that County Extension Agent, Janie Marquis, will conduct a District Officers Training Session on Tuesday, January 24.

The inaugural theme used for the meeting, hosted by the club's officers, was emphasized by the reading of a poem by Henry Van Dyke, entitled "America for Me."

Both sessions will be held in the meeting room across from her office in the basement of the County Court House.

Morrison also reminded members to pick up their forms from the Computerized Health Risk Appraisal to be held at the Woodville Intermediate School on January 31.

Morrison, who is president of the club, presided over the January 18 meeting at the Spurger Lions Club.

The state has allocated \$1,600,000 in Texas Community Development Program funds. The amount that the 19 applicants are requesting is \$10,660,452, according to a news release from DCCO.

The regional committee has a maximum of \$50 points for each applicant. The state will score each applicant for another \$50 points. These two scores will be added together in order to determine the grant awards.

Approximately six grant awards will be made in the Deep East Texas Region.

The committee members are Knappe, George Campbell, chairman, and Neagoches City Commissioner, Lufkin, Mayor Louis Bronaugh, Crockett Mayor John McCall, Ft. Neagoches City Commissioner, Carylie, Newlin, Mayor Charles Glover, Houston County Judge Charles English, Angelina County Judge Dan Jenson, Corrigan Mayor Ed Bailey, Livingston Mayor Ben Ogilvie, Neagoches City Commissioner, James Roney, and Jasper County Judge Richard Ward.

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Chance, Kier To Marry In March

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Chance, of Fred, announce the engagement of their daughter, Dawn Chance, to David Kier, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Kier Sr., of Warren.

The wedding will take place Saturday, March 18, at First Baptist Church in Village Mills. The bride is a graduate of Warren High School and is employed by J.C. Penny's in Beaumont. The groom also is a graduate of Warren High School, and is employed at Weatherford, in Dayton.

Gazzaway In All-Region

Billy Gazzaway, eighth-grade tuba player at Woodville Middle School, earned a position in the All-Region Honor Band recently. Tryouts were held in December, but due to computer error Gazzaway wasn't named until one month later. He joined eight other middle school students and two high school students, in a two day clinic and concert held in Orange on January 20 and 21.

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
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