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Western Weekend Is Here

By ETTA PETTIJOHN

Woodville will roll out the red carpet this weekend when about 3,000 four-legged dignitaries visit town for the 23rd Annual Western Weekend.

Along with the 3,000 horses, Woodville will also play host to thousands of human visitors from throughout the state.

Parades, rodeos, arts and crafts, dances and more are included in the activities planned for Western Weekend, March 24 and 25.

For the second consecutive year, there will be a

two-night rodeo performance; Friday's beginning at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday's at 4 p.m., at the FFA/4-H Arena, off of U.S. 190, two miles west of Woodville. Tickets at the gate are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. Trailriders with proper identification will be admitted to these performances for \$1.

At 2 p.m. on Saturday, thousands of trailriders from all over East Texas will meet on U.S. 69 near Woodville-then head south to U.S. 190 through downtown Woodville in the Western Weekend Parade. Charlotte Kahla of Jasper,

the 1988 Western Weekend Sweetheart, will be the parade marshal.

Selection for this year's Western Weekend Sweetheart will begin at 3:30 p.m. at the rodeo arena, where contestants are judged on their horsemanship. During the second performance of the rodeo, at 4 p.m., the 1989 Western

Weekend Sweetheart will be announced.

Beginning at 9 a.m., Saturday, the Woodville Chapter of the Business and Professional Women will host an Arts and Crafts Fair in downtown Woodville.

The Western Weekend

Dance will be held from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. Saturday at the Woodville Inn. The cost for the dance is \$15 per couple and \$10 for singles. The music will be provided by a DJ, Roger Godeaux. Tickets to the event are on sale now at Judy's Laundry and Cleaners.



80 YEARS YOUNG-Is how Alabama-Coushatta Chief Fulton Battise said he feels as he celebrates his 80th birthday Saturday, during the official grand opening of the new Health Services Center at the reservation. Staff photo by MIKE MILLS.

Bluegrass, Egg Hunts Scheduled At Opera House

Tyler County is preparing for an early Spring when nature dresses up in her finest blossoms.

It is a season when the world comes to see and admire the gorgeous dogwood, jasmine, wisteria blossoms, and spring festivals abound.

This year, for the second time, the venerable Dogwood Festival's Western Weekend will have the added attraction of the Woodville Bluegrass Festival, to be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 24 through 26, on the Courthouse Square in downtown Woodville.

Since the last weekend in March also falls on Easter this year, the Bluegrass Festival Committee has planned a Bluegrass Worship Service, Easter egg hunt and toss, and East Bonnet Parade and contests, with "dinner on the grounds," covered dish luncheon spread on tables under the trees and in the street, and music all afternoon.

Another almost forgotten tradition being revived will be Hot Cross Buns served on Friday.

The Tyler County Children's Services Board is in charge of the Easter Egg

Hunt and Toss and other games. There will be prizes for all ages, an Egg Hunt for ages one through seven, and Toss and other games for ages eight through 80. Participants are urged to bring four hard-boiled, decorated eggs for each child and event entered.

Featured entertainers both Saturday and Sunday will be Simply Gospel, from Paris, Texas. This is a group of professional men who have been together since 1983, when they formed at the Grant's Music Festival in Hugo, Okla. Since then, they have

travelled four states performing at churches, bluegrass festivals, and many other events.

Members of Simply Gospel include Danny Martin-banjo, James Martin-mandolin, Joe Worley-bass, James Roberts-guitar, and Vas Barton-dobro.

The group has two tapes to their credit, "Simply Gospel with Grass" and "All the Time." They will perform twice on Saturday on the outdoor stage, on the South Side of the Square in Woodville, and twice on Sunday.

The Bluegrass Festival began two years ago at the

request of residents and week-enders who felt they had no place to go and nothing to do after the parade and neither rodeo nor dances appealed to them.

Bluegrass did. Monthly jam sessions and programs have been held for three years now at the Opera House in Woodville, with ever increasing popularity.

Bluegrass is essentially the old traditional folk songs that many persons parents and grandparents played and sang on the front porch in the evening and at church socials on Sunday.

All acoustical instru-

ments are used, with the exception of the electric bass.

Proving that Bluegrass is not just for "the old folks," is a new group that has taken regional monthly Bluegrass jam sessions by storm. Young Grass, made up of mandolin, banjo, two guitars and an animated bass, is composed of five young men from Comroe, none over 30, who played together for the first time and named themselves at

GSU Seeks Increase

Gulf States Utilities Company this week filed a rate case proposal with the Public Utility Commission of Texas and 67 cities, seeking a \$67.5 million net first-year increase after consideration of a proposed fuel refund.

The proposal also includes a cost reconciliation study of part of the com-

pany's investment in its River Bend Nuclear Power Plant.

According to a news release from the company, Board Chairman Linn Draper said at the Beaumont corporate headquarters this week that the

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DREAM COME TRUE-Dedication and ribbon cutting ceremonies (left) for the newly completed Alabama-Coushatta Health Services Center were held Saturday in tandem with Chief Fulton Battise's 80th Birthday. Tribal Council members and staff shown above during ribbon cutting ceremonies thought it important to mark both occasions at the same time. "As they are both important points of growth for the Reservation," Health Center Director Larry Morningstar (extreme left) has worked closely with the Tribal Council in developing the much needed Center. Chief Battise said that, "Even though I'm 80, I still feel like a young boy."

Woodville City Council Rejects Bids For Bank Depository

Woodville City Council rejected bids for the bank depository privilege from both the First National Bank of Woodville and from Citizens State Bank, according to City Manager Wall Davis.

There was some confusion in some of the specifications and we wanted to make sure the city was protected with the large amounts of money the city

would have responsibility for in the next few months.

City attorney Josh Wheat recommended that the council return the bid proposals and that the city re-advertise.

Councilman Billy Rose and Dr. Malcolm Redford initiated votes to cancel the bids and re-advertise.

In other business, the council agreed to sign the

city's already existing mobile home/recreational vehicle ordinance as a result of work completed by a committee headed by Councilman Doug Gilbert.

Councilman Doug Gilbert to study a recent request made by local entrepreneur Don Porco who wants to put in a Mobile Home/Recreational Vehicle Park. The question before the council was whether or not dump station facilities

should be required by the city for mobile home park operators to install.

Council voted to update the already existing ordinance with new plumbing requirements, driveway and pad requirements, and the addition of an annual licensing fee of \$25 to \$100 for each mobile home or recreational vehicle. The council agreed to

participate with Southwestern Bell Telephone representative Ken Wood in supporting of the First Texas Economic Development Program designed to reduce rates for rural areas.

City Engineer David Perrell, in discussing water and sewer development, advised that the city was in compliance with the state law that requires a sewer line to be installed by 1995. A representative of the

Texas Department of Corrections for the new prison and

Perrell said the plan would cause a six week delay in implementation. But that was a "canon" problem, he added.

An issue that came up during the council discussion was the city's responsibility for the maintenance of the city's water and sewer system. The council agreed to

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Part I - Regional Recovery Plan

GSU's Regional Recovery Plan is a recognition of present economic conditions for customers and that action is needed to improve them. One example is our present rate request.

What we are asking for: A request that, when coupled with a proposed fuel refund, would mean a net first-year increase of \$67.5 million. This would raise the average residential bill less than \$6 a month. Even with that, the bill will be less than it was four years ago. The request represents some River Bend-related costs, increases in normal operating expenses and a small net increase in fuel costs.

We are also asking for a \$7 monthly discount for low-income senior citizens to more than offset the proposed rate increase. Texans over 65 years old making \$10,000 a year or less will be eligible. Our research found that there are approximately 19,000 Texas customers who could be helped by this monthly energy discount. (This proposal must be approved by the Public Utility Commission of Texas, with action likely in late 1989 or early 1990.)

What we are not asking for: Rate relief to earn a return for shareholders on \$1.4 billion in River Bend nuclear generating plant construction cost increases that took place after 1979. Data justifying these costs are being filed but we will not ask for the costs to be put into the rate base at this time. It's a concession out of concern. The impact would cause a hardship on customers already hurt by economic conditions in Texas. It is our belief that if our customers prosper, the shareholders of GSU will benefit as well.

What customers can expect: Two additional increases, probably in 1991 and 1992, that will be the last River Bend increases. These requests will be considerably smaller than the current one -- and even less if the economy recovers.

What we are working for: Rate stability for customers into the 21st Century. We hope we have seen the last of big rate increases. Everyone hopes we have seen the last of big rate increases. Reduced rate requests are part of a bigger goal...

Part II - Business Development

Economic recovery is vital to everyone in our region. It is also everyone's job to help. Team City Texas is helping local communities attract new businesses and industries. GSU initiated the program along with offering discounted energy rates as an incentive to new and existing businesses that locate here or expand and create new jobs. That's what Team City Texas is all about. We're working closely with local communities to rebuild the economy.

GSU's Business Development Group has compiled the region's largest economic data center to assist companies in relocating. The group contacts businesses across the U.S. and the world to tell them about the investment and market expansion opportunities here. They aggressively promote our region through advertisements in national publications. They become a company's site selection team. We do it at no cost to the prospective

company. We do it to help bring new jobs to the people we serve. And to give us new customers. The more revenue we can get from economic expansion, the less we'll need in rate increases.

Part III - Continued Cost-Cutting

Cost-cutting played a key role in avoiding financial disaster at GSU. In 1985, we started a program that's working today. Project Save Cash brought together every employee's and department's efficiency efforts. It cut expenses and saved us \$70.4 million in one year. These are measures many businesses have had to take. Some of the guidelines and policies of Project Save Cash were:

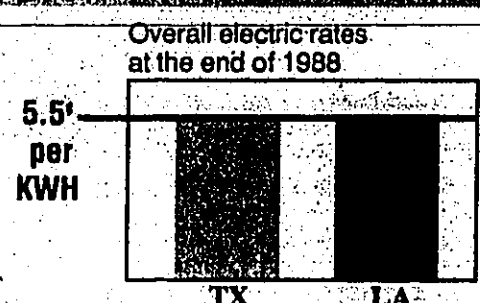
- Construction projects were deferred or canceled
- No new equipment, vehicles or materials were purchased unless absolutely necessary to do business
- Wages and salaries were frozen for over two years
- The company's non-nuclear work force was reduced by about 12 percent; an early retirement program reduced the work force by more than 300
- All GSU stock dividend payments were suspended and still are not being made

Among programs aimed at improving efficiency:

- An Energy Control Center that monitors and controls power generation for maximum efficiency
- A Management Reporting System to better inventory and utilize resources, materials and manpower across all five divisions of GSU

And our employees are continuing to formulate cost-saving procedures. Cost-cutting is not a temporary bandage. It's the only way we can remain in business. Our company's future depends on it.

Part IV - Rate Comparability



Rate parity between our Texas and Louisiana customers has been a concern and an issue with GSU for years. We have taken issue with rate decisions that created the disparity and have made substantial progress in that regard. As 1989 began, overall rates in both states were even at 5.5 cents per kilowatt-hour. Residential rates are also comparable. From time to time, one state may be higher than the other for a variety of reasons. But our goal is to keep overall rates comparable.

Write to us and keep the lines of communication open.

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To Our Customers,

The economy is still hurting in Texas. This isn't news to anyone, but no company is more keenly aware of and concerned about economic conditions than Gulf States Utilities. We realize the impact on our customers. We feel the impact through the loss of customers as businesses close and families move. Because we are concerned, GSU is putting increased emphasis on bringing new jobs to our region. This four-point economic goal is what we are announcing today.

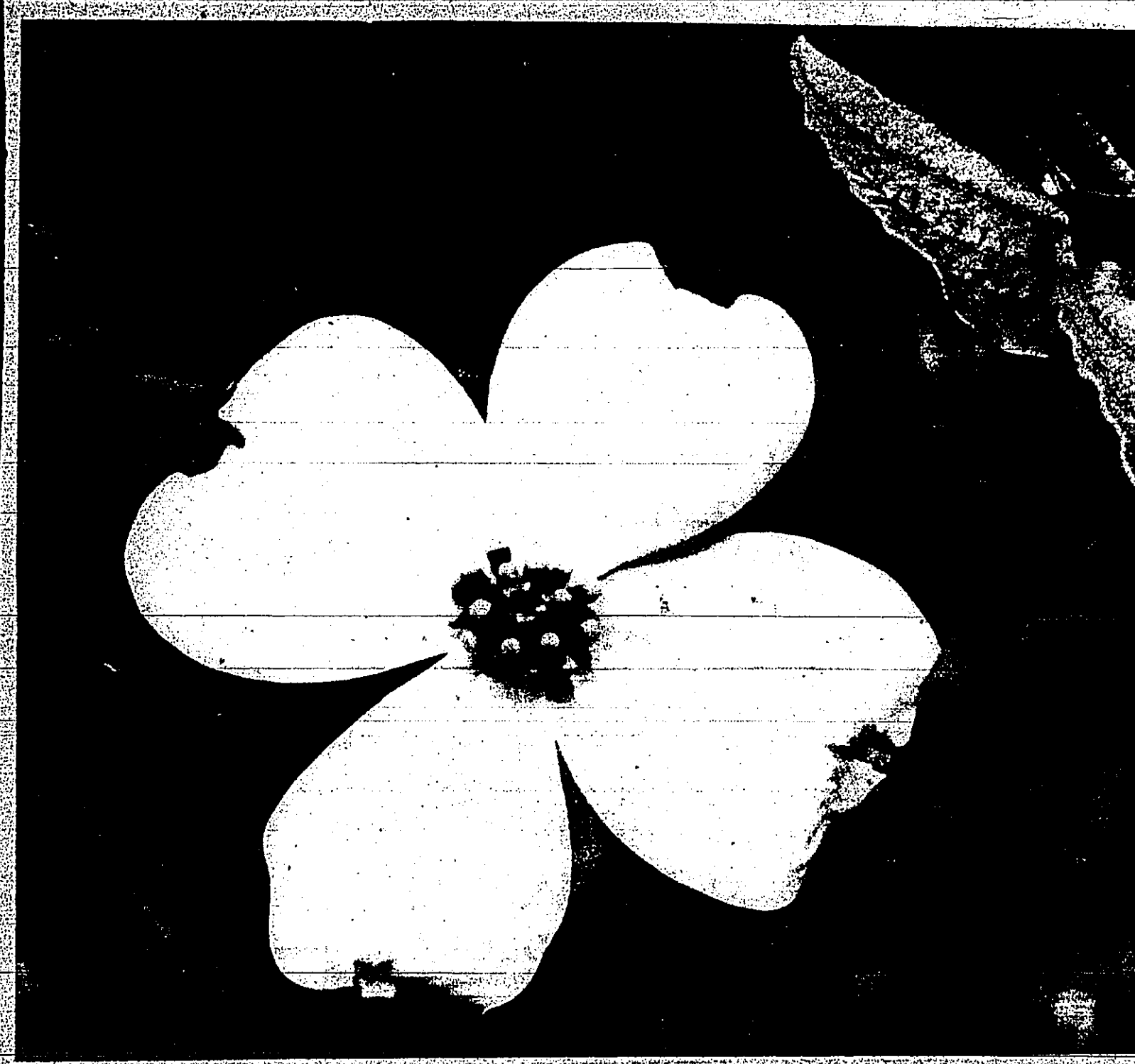
"In coming months there will be a lot of press coverage of our rate request. I think it's important that our customers understand this smaller, unique rate request and our reasons for it. You also should know this rate request is part of our economic goal to stabilize rates for the rest of this century for the people we serve in Texas and Louisiana."

"Please take a few minutes to read this message. If you have questions or thoughts, I would appreciate your putting them in writing and sending them to me at the address shown."

E. Linn Draper Jr.

Chairman and President
Gulf States Utilities Co.

SPECIAL
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The Tyler County Booster
Thursday, March 23, 1989



"For all of these years, the faithful dogwood has proclaimed the passing of winter and the coming of Spring. Each succeeding generation has enjoyed its beauty and looked upon it as a good omen. From its opening the farmer has decided when to plant his crops, the sportsman when to go fishing and the politician when to announce for office. It has seen soldiers march off to war. It has seen them return, sometimes triumphant and sometimes defeated. It has seen the giants of the forest - the oak, the pine and the magnolia removed. It has survived the good years and the bad years, the successes and the failures of the people, their joys and their sorrows. Through it all, it has been among the first to burst forth in all its whiteness in the Spring." Judge James E. Wheat, founding father of the Dogwood Festival (invitation address written in 1941)



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1989 FESTIVAL THEME

JOHN HENRY KIRBY: Prince of The Pines

Pine Woods Home Was Special To Kirby

Editor's Note: John Henry Kirby, one of Tyler County's renowned citizens, is the subject of the half-hour to 45-minute historical pageant featuring beautiful music, and elaborate costumes and stage settings. The pageant will be at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 1, at the Dogwood Amphitheatre. Below is a biographical sketch of the man who inspired this beautiful dramatization, written and directed by Roxanne Babin, who conducted extensive research on Kirby's life for the pageant.

By Roxanne Babin
Pageant Writer/Director

John Henry Kirby was our first home-grown Texas millionaire. He was a lawyer, banker and legislator, although he is remembered chiefly as a lumberman. At one time, he owned more pine timber than any other man in the world.

For four decades John Henry Kirby was one of the leading industrialists of the U.S., a man of great wealth and influence. But throughout his colorful life he returned again and again to a small town in the deep pine woods of Tyler County, his childhood home, Peachtree Village.

John Henry Kirby was born in Peachtree at the beginning of the Civil War. He grew up in the long, lean years of reconstruction, the youngest of seven children. He learned the meaning of hard work at an early age. School being a luxury available only a few months each year, John Henry Kirby did not attend school full-time until he was 18.

At that time he went to Woodville to attend Professor Crow's School. There, he met and became the protégé

of Bronson Cooper, Texas State Senator. Several years later, Cooper was contacted by a Boston businessman named Silsbee about finding a caretaker for some land he intended for raising cattle along the Neches River. Cooper suggested John Henry Kirby. Kirby, in turn, suggested to Mr. Silsbee that growing timber would be more profitable than raising cattle.

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The rest is the history of East Texas. In the midst of his success Kirby never forgot his humble beginnings. He saw wealth only as a tool to use for others.

He bought Christmas presents for all the children in his sawmill towns, sent hundreds of promising young people to college and donated the money and land for the Kirby High School in Woodville.

John Henry Kirby lived to be 80 years old. He spent much of his time in his later years in the peace and tranquility of his home place at Peach Tree.

From the pine woods he came; from the pine woods he made his fortune, and, in the end, it was to the pine woods that he returned.

John Henry Kirby was a true son of East Texas and he will long be remembered.

Pageant Features Spectacular Costumes, Cast

Those spectators and participants who have seen the annual Dogwood Festival grow more spectacular throughout the past 46 years are in for a real treat this year.

The 46th Annual Dogwood Festival's historical pageant, "John Henry Kirby, Prince of the Pines,"

Kirby's story covers the 80 years that he lived and cherished his Tyler County home.

"This pageant includes a huge cast," said Roxanne Babin, "Of 175 people."

She added that in the 80 years that Kirby lived, there were many changes. Therefore, the costuming, under

the direction of Sharon Brown, was "a major undertaking."

After conducting extensive research on Kirby's life, she said "He was into everything almost from the beginning of his life. After reading about all of his accomplishments, it really makes you proud that he's from here."

The pageant features elaborate period costumes and a cast of 175 people, including children, men, and women of all ages.

not only features highlights from the life of one of East Texas' most renowned figures—it spans an 80-year period, rather than a decade.

In the past, according to this year's pageant writer/director, the pageants have chronicled a decade at a time. But John Henry Kirby, Prince of the Pines, the direction of Sharon Brown, was "a major undertaking."

"His influence didn't end when his life did," said Babin.

"Because of the aging of the character (Kirby) we have to change people playing Kirby," said Babin. "Kirby will be portrayed as a young child, a young man, a middle-aged man, and then as an older man."



Mr. East Texas

TDC Board Chairman Is Mr. East Texas

By this time next year, when the Grib Lewis Prison Unit is in full operation, the Texas Department of Corrections will be one of the largest employers in Tyler County.

And during the 46th Annual Dogwood Festival, Charles Terrell, chairman of the Board of the Texas Department of Corrections, will be honored as Mr. East Texas, "someone who best exemplifies the spirit and quality of leadership, which advances, shapes, and gives direction to the growth and progress of East Texas."

Dogwood Festival Committee members presented Terrell a plaque at his office in Austin recently, officially naming him as Mr. East Texas for 1989. As the esteemed Mr. East Texas he will participate in the Western Weekend and Dogwood Festival parades, scheduled for March 25 and April 1. He will be formally commended as Mr. East Texas during the Dogwood Festival Historical Pageant and Queen's Coronation at the Dogwood Amphitheatre, at 7:30 p.m. April 1.

Terrell, who is principle owner and chairman of the board of Unimark Insurance Companies of Dallas, has been chairman of the Texas prison system since 1987.

A native of Sherman, he graduated from high school in San Angelo, and received a BBA from Southern Methodist University.

He has served on the San Angelo and Dallas City Councils, has been chairman of the Texas Criminal Justice Task Force and the Mayor's Criminal Justice Task Force.

Awards Terrell has received include Dallas Crime-Fighter of the Year, the Bethlehem Award for Humanitarian Service, and he was named an Outstanding Young Man by both the cities of Dallas and San Angelo.

He has been featured in the "Wall Street Journal" as an outstanding SMU business student, has chaired the Parkland Hospital Bond Election Committee, and has served on the chambers of commerce in both Dallas and San Angelo. He was also president of the SMU Mustang Club, and is a former Academic All American football star.

Terrell and his wife, Beverly Kennedy Terrell, have been married for 29 years and have two children. He and his family live in Dallas.



Charles Terrell, Board Chairman, Texas Department of Corrections

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Recent Freeze

Little, If Any, Damage To Blooms Expected

The freeze that this area experienced this month will most likely cause little damage, if any, to the beautiful dogwood trees that will draw thousands of visitors to the 46th Annual Dogwood Festival April 1 and 2, according to the Tyler County agriculture extension agent.

According to Bob Almont, there is a chance that some blooms will be set back because of the freeze, but there will be little, if any, damage to the trees.

Almont added that area residents should watch their azaleas and dogwoods closely, because any damage that might occur to those plants won't show up until mid-summer.

"The bark will split horizontally down the limb," said Armentrout. "If the trees are damaged, it will green out and grow for a period of time, but then the split will appear."

calls last year as late as September, from concerned people who had experienced damage to their trees due to freezing.

"As far as the blooms being ready in time for the Dogwood Festival," said Armentrout added that the recent warm spell should

He said that his office got

Entry Forms Available For Fun Run

The Tenth Annual 5K Fun Run is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. April 1 at Hennigan Baseball Park. Pre-registration runners may pick up their numbers and T-shirt prior to the race at the Woodville Inn, Pineville. Woodville Inn will be open from 3 until 8 p.m. Friday, March 31.

The park is located two miles west of Woodville on U.S. 190. The fun run will end at the Courthouse Square. Room, on U.S. 69 North. Other runners may register the morning of the race if they come early. The registration office at the

Entry forms are available Holiman at Route 1, Box at all Woodville schools, 193, Woodville, Texas, the family clinic, or by 75979; (409) 283-2379. calling or writing Troy.

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"I don't feel that the freeze was late enough to do a lot of damage," he said. "And I don't think we'll see much damage to the ornamentals."



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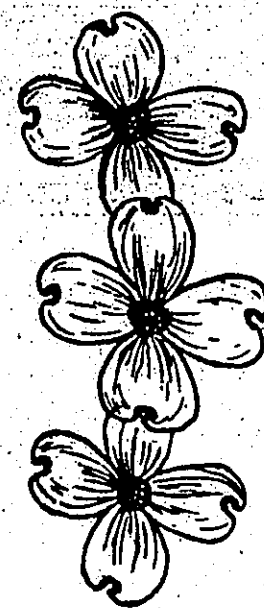
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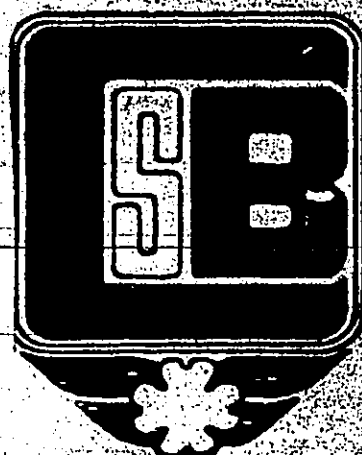
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While You're Here: Places to See In Tyler County

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Heritage Village Museum

This authentic museum features a collection of buildings and relics from the pioneer days of East Texas plus weekly demonstrations like spinning, weaving and blacksmithing. Be sure to visit the gift shop there for unique gifts such as quilts and woodwork.

Alabama-Coulshatta Indian Reservation

East Texas' only Indian Reservation is located between Woodville and Livingston on U.S. 190.

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A scenic tour and camp. Also, traditional foods such as Indian bread are available for purchase.

George Jones Country Music Park

An open-air country and gospel music park owned by renowned country and western singer George Jones and his wife, Nancy. Located north of Colmesneil on FM 255, the park features various renowned country and bluegrass singers from Spring until Fall.

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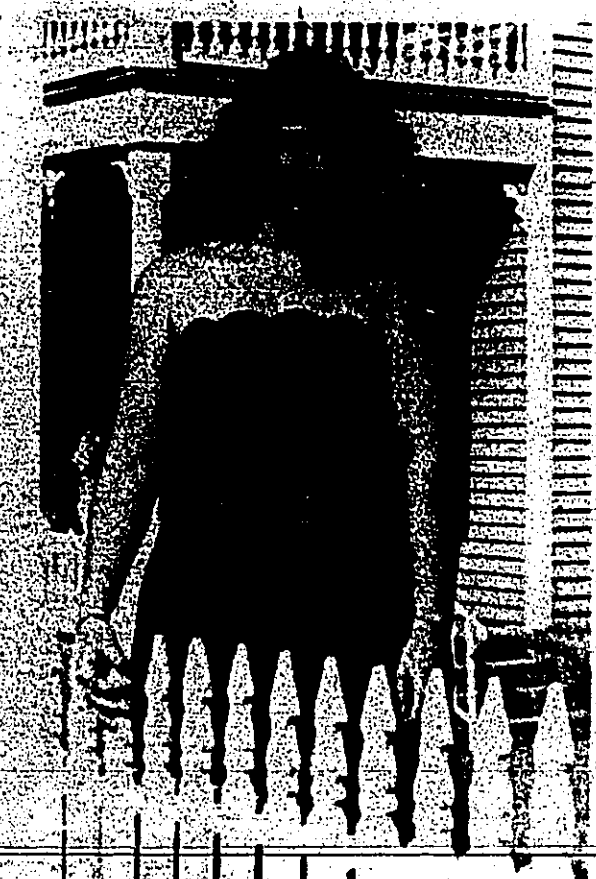
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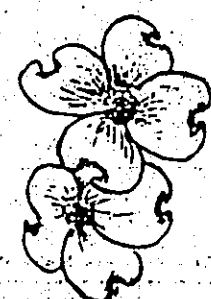
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Saturday, April 1
 8 a.m.-5K Fun Run (Hennigan Baseball Park)
 9 a.m.-5 p.m.-Woodville B&PW Arts and Craft Show-Courthouse Square.
 2 p.m.-Dogwood Queen's Parade (downtown)
 7:30 p.m.- Queen's Coronation and Historical Pageant
 9 p.m.-2 a.m.-Dogwood Festival Ball (semi-formal)
 9 p.m.-1 a.m.-Casual Dance (Lion's Den)



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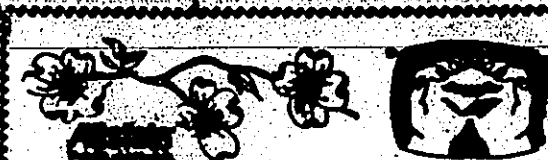


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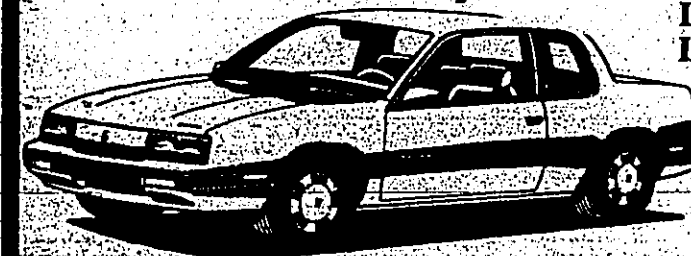
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Two dances are scheduled for Saturday, April 1, the grand finale to Dogwood Festival activities. required for this dance, and those attending must bring their own alcoholic beverages.

The Dogwood Ball will be held at the Woodville Inn from 9 p.m. until 2 a.m. The Dogwood Dance will be held at the Lion's Den on U.S. 190 East, from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

Attendance to the Dogwood Ball will be limited to 200 people, and by reservation only. The cost of admission is \$20 for couples and \$15 for singles. Reservations may be obtained by calling (409) 283-2876. Reservations can also be made by mailing or bringing by a check to Judy's Cleaners, 518 South Magnolia Street, Woodville, Texas, 75979. Persons attending must bring their own alcoholic beverages, which will be allowed until 1 a.m. The dance is semi-formal, and gentlemen are required to wear suits or slacks and coats.

The Dogwood Dance is casual, and admission is \$15 for couples and \$10 for singles. No reservations are

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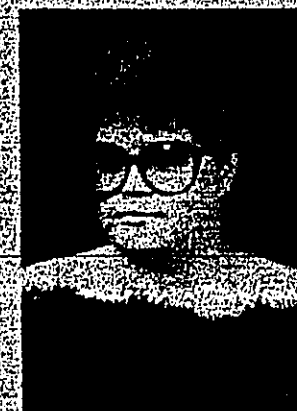
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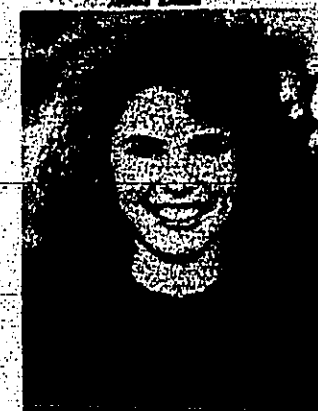
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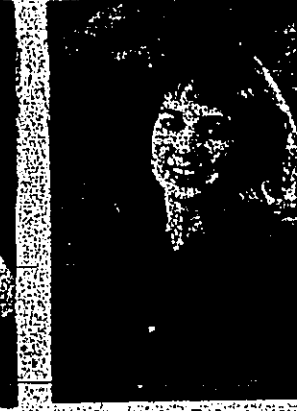
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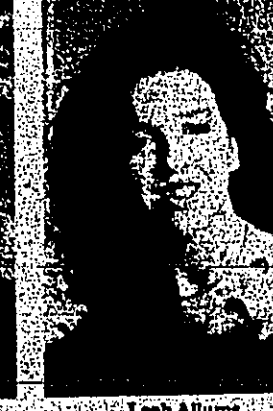
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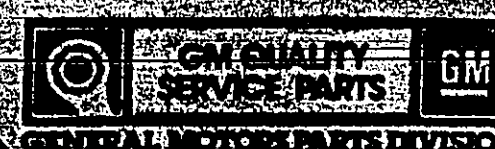


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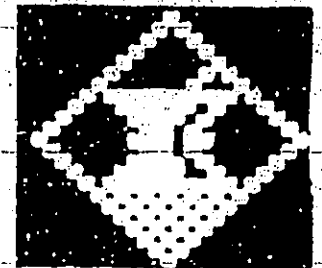


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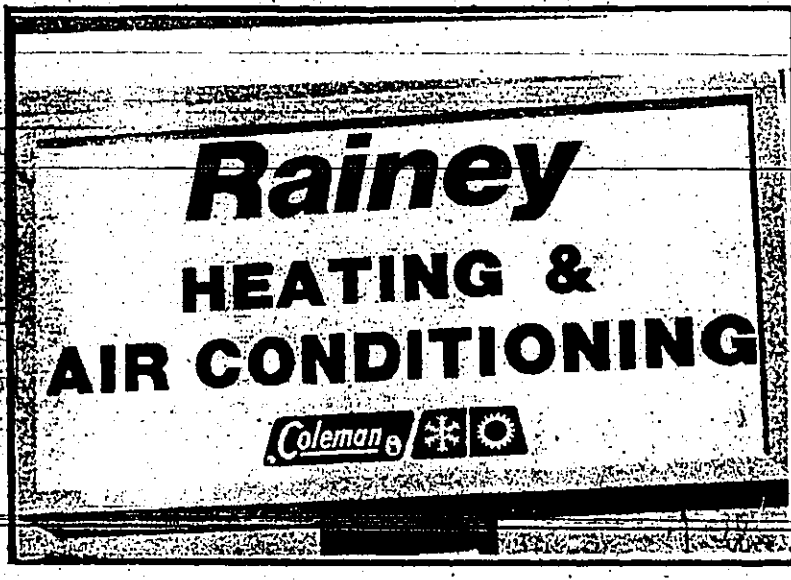
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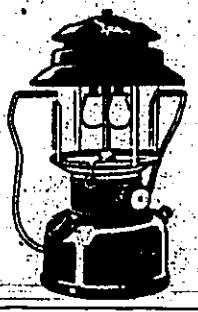
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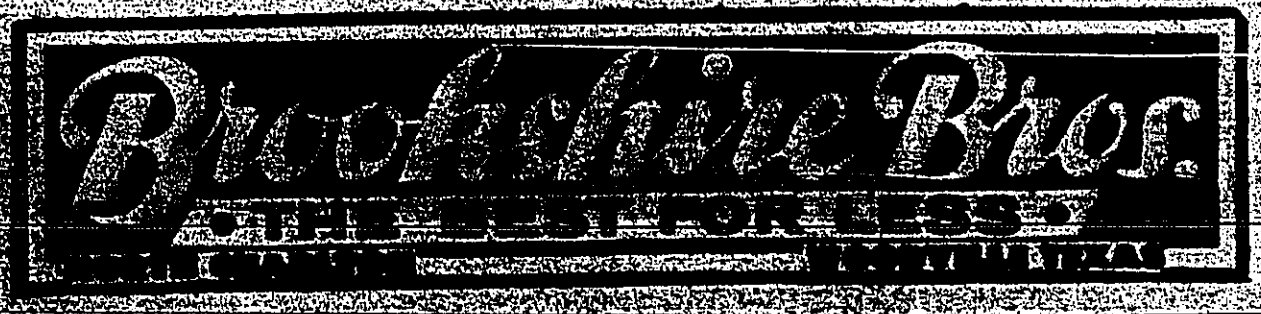
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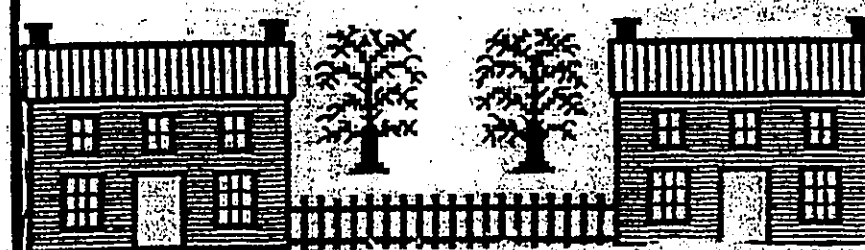
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Legend of the Dogwood

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"Because of your regret and pity for my suffering, I make this promise: Never again shall the dogwood tree grow big enough to be used for a cross. Hereafter it shall be slender and bent and twisted, and its blossoms shall be in the form of a cross—two long petals and two short petals—and in the center of the outer edge of each petal will be a nail protuberance, brown with rust and stained with blood. And in the center of the flower there shall be an image of the crown of thorns and all who see it will remember that it was upon a dogwood tree that I was crucified, and this tree shall not be mutilated or destroyed, but cherished as a reminder of my death upon the cross." Author: Unknown.

Annual Dogwood Festival Began As Celebration Of East Texas Springtime

The idea to present the Dogwood Festival originated in 1938, when citizens of Tyler County met with officials from the state Highway Department near the Tyler-Polk County line, to make arrangements for the construction of U.S. 190.

County Judge James E. Wheat made a suggestion that the beauty of East Texas in Springtime should be publicly celebrated in some way so that visitors from all over the state might be able to enjoy the sight of the dogwood trees in bloom.

The suggestion led to the first festival, held on April 6, 1940, under the sponsorship of the Tyler County Chamber of Commerce.

At the first festival, in 1940, Judge Wheat established a longstanding tradition when he walked onto the stage of the amphitheater and announced "It's dogwood time in Tyler County."

Since the first Tyler County Dogwood Festival Queen was crowned on April 6, 1940, the festivities surrounding the blooming dogwood have increased in both the number of visitors and participants in the events.

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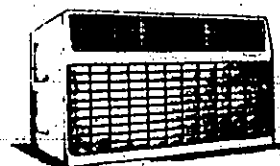
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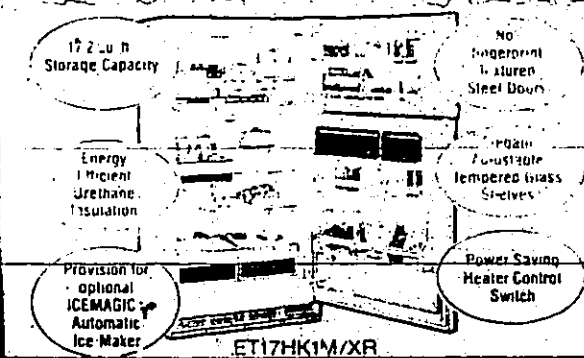
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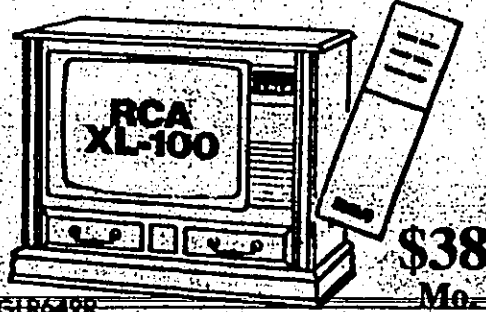
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