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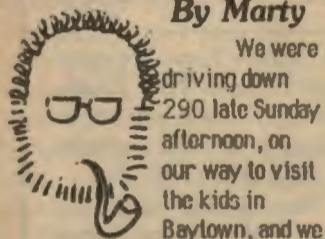
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VOL 1 NO. 28 WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1985



UP-N-DOWN 290 By Marty



We were driving down 290 late Sunday afternoon, on our way to visit the kids in Baytown, and we

had to take a place in the almost solid line of the typical Houston-bound, go-home traffic, just as has always been the case.

However, I noticed that a steady stream of traffic was coming out of Cypress, heading our way. Not just a spurt, but miles and miles of heavy traffic, made up of a general mix of cars, pickups, trucks and buses, all coming out to and through north Waller County.

Not too many years ago, the traffic on 290 was very predictable at any hour of any day. On weekday mornings, from about 6:30 to 8:30, you saw commuter vehicles with one, or maybe two people heading in to town to work. Their clothing told the story. Lots of work clothes and blue collars during the first part, followed by the white shirts, fancy blouses and dresses of the office workers. The outbound lanes? Deserted! The same group reappeared outbound, in the same order, from 4:00 til 6:30. The rest of the day produced very light traffic, and the nighttime traffic was nearly non-existent.

As the population of Waller, Grimes and Washington Counties increased, a 2nd wave was added. The home service and contractor trucks would appear outbound in the early morning, and inbound in the afternoon. Still, very predictable.

Weekends produced the Friday evening, Saturday morning "lets-go-play" crowds coming through, and Sunday evening saw them all in line returning home with their sunburns, ant bites, muddy tires and exhausted, but happy, "if-I-can-just-make-it-home" dispositions. There were the usual seasonal additions to these weekend crowds. Boats, trailers & campers in the summer, (See UP-N-DOWN, Pg 2)



Waller County Go Texan Committee members joined Houston volunteers last Thursday to sell tickets to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo in the parking lot of Winfree's Supermarket, Hempstead. By the time the volunteers left at noon to resume their weary way throughout Texas, they had announced that ticket sales for the event had doubled in Waller County and were up 10% overall. Fourteen buses are already booked for Waller County Day, Feb. 28, during which Conway Twitty will perform. Rumor has it that Twitty will only perform for Wallerites. In the above photo, from left are Danny Marburger of Waller, Ellen Hays and Jim Hoover of Houston, Travis Winfree of Hempstead, Madelon Brzychi and Jay Smallwood of Houston and Johnny Avery of Waller.

Stores Urged to "GO TEXAN"

The Waller Chamber of Commerce is encouraging all the businesses in the community to ask their employees to "Go Western" on Thursday, Feb. 28. This is Waller Day at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and to kick it off, the chamber thought it would be appropriate to go with the theme for the day. There will be seven chartered

buses going to the Rodeo from Waller that night. The buses are being sponsored by Guaranty Bond State Bank of Waller, Commissioner Richard Frey, Mayor Danny Marburger, Johnny Wayne Avery, First National Bank of Bellville and Waller Young Farmers. The buses are full at this time, but if someone or a business wishes to

sponsor other buses, they should contact Danny Marburger at 372-3880.

If you wish to follow the buses, they will be leaving late Thursday afternoon. Be watching for further details.

And remember, "Go Western" on Thursday, Feb. 28!



C & W bands like Marty Waters and Country Justice are playing at various dances around the area, as we all gear up to "GO TEXAN"

Chamber Collecting Business Data

Jo Shelton, chairman of the Waller Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee, is collecting data on all places of business in the Waller area for inclusion in the Waller Area Business Guide and for use by the committee. Statistics from the survey will be used by the Economic Development Committee to construct a community profile with the Texas Economic Development Commission in Austin. The commission uses this information to promote the Waller area to prospective new business-

es. All businesses will be included, whether members of the chamber or not, although members will be designated as such.

The questionnaires were mailed Feb. 4 and should be returned to the Waller Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 53, Waller, Texas 77484 by Feb. 15, if possible.

If your business was missed, please notify the chamber by stopping by the office or calling 372-9701 and giving the information to prospective new business-

es. Barbara Beaumont or Iris Sawyer.



Dan McBride of Jacksonville, Texas, both entertained and inspired the 190 people who attended the annual Valentine Banquet at the Waller Baptist Church Saturday evening, Feb. 9. McBride travels with his wife and two daughters, who share his music ministry throughout Texas.

190 ATTEND VALENTINE BANQUET

Nearly 200 people turned out for the annual Valentine Banquet at the Waller Baptist Church on Saturday evening, Feb. 9.

Those attending not only enjoyed a delicious dinner and warm fellowship, but they were both entertained and inspired by the music and ministry of Dan McBride.

The Jacksonville, Texas resident tours with his wife and two daugh-

ters, who share in his music ministry.

In Waller on Saturday night, McBride spoke before the 190 people in attendance and shared his thoughts on the all too human instinct which leads us to try to be someone else. McBride pointed out that God simply wants us to be ourselves and let His spirit work through our lives uniquely.

UP-N-DOWN 290...By Marty

(From Page One)

camouflage clothing, towed jeeps & 4-wheelers in the fall, and the "to Grandmothers house we go" group with lots of packages, around the holidays. All normal stuff.

You used to get a little lonely driving in to Houston at noon on any day, and if you happened to be coming out after 9:00 pm, for whatever unusual reason, you could have counted the headlights between Cypress and Waller on one hand; going either way.

Those days are gone forever, or so it seems. Now you can count on somewhat heavy traffic almost any hour of the day or night, any day of the week, going

both ways.

My question is: "where are they all going"? They don't all live here. There are no huge subdivisions to the northwest of us around Brenham or Navasota; no big industrial complexes along our stretch of 290. You can't tell their destinations by their clothes or their vehicles, as the mix is too general now. And yet, if you hope to cross the highway in Waller, you need to go around to the light and wait your turn, or you'll never get across.

Something is changing out here, and changing fast. I hope that most of it is for good, and that each of you is able to shift your mental gears to keep up

with it. We are not being given the choice as to whether or not we want the change to take place. We can drag our feet, bury our heads in the sand, mutter and cuss, and remember the "good old days" all we want, but that isn't going to stop the change. To quote Willie; "It would be easier to try and stop the rain".

Seems like our best choice is to try and mold the change as it happens. Try to make it fit what we view as a good future for our area. We might also have to do some molding of our own minds too, as they are usually the hardest things of all to change. Good luck.

See you up-n-down the road.
Marty.

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Headed Straight To The Top

By Sallie Planty

The idea wasn't that unique, there were other companies doing the same thing when three American citizens born in India decided to try their hands at the rental business. They called their firm "Quality TV Rental" because they intended to give their customers only quality merchandise and a chance to buy or rent without having to undergo intensive credit checks. They decided to give people options and allow them to have such creature comforts as color televisions, stereos, washers and dryers, stoves and refrigerators - even furniture for as short a time as a week or until such time as the merchandise was paid for.

So, Bill Briar, who has a degree in engineering; Dave Purwald, whose experience had been in contracting; and Jas Sethi, an attorney, opened their first store on Telephone Road in Houston. That was in April of 1983 - only 20 months ago.

Quality TV is now located in four Texas cities: Houston (8 stores), San Antonio (4 stores), Gonzales (one store) and Hempstead (one store). The chain employs more than 70 and serves more than 6000 customers.

Needless to say, Quality is considered the fastest growing and most aggressive rental company in the country. Aspiring businessmen and businesswomen can learn much from this success story because the owners and managers all down the line have followed some basic tenets of business life: 1) Know your market, 2) Appeal to as broad a range as possible, 3) Offer options where none have existed before, 4) Offer a service or a product that people want and

need, and 5) Give them a service or product they cannot produce themselves and are not ones many able to produce in the same market area.

The growth of the Hempstead store can be attributed to these factors and to its savvy new manager, Kathi Hare. A Hempstead native with lots of drive and energy, Hare started with Quality six months ago as a part-time secretary. Her knowledge of the area and its people proved to be invaluable as the store went from 126 to 190 units, increasing its income from \$9000 to \$13,000 a month.

When the original manager was transferred, Hare was the logical choice to replace him and repaid her company's faith by increasing volume to 200 units in two weeks. At her insistence, the Hempstead store acquired VCR rental units and some 300 rental tapes. The company also agreed to move her and her stock into larger quarters.

"The other store was so dismal," Hare points out. "It was out of the high traffic area and there wasn't room enough for all I wanted us to carry. For only \$75 more a month, we were able to move into the former Art Style Gallery and right now I've got more room than I know what to do with."

Don't you believe it. Hare wants to double her store's inventory of VCR equipment and tapes within the next couple of months and new releases are already starting to come in.

The Hempstead area was selected for a Quality TV outlet because it was far enough away from Houston so that it wouldn't interfere with that market and because there was nothing like it presently on the

scene. It didn't start off with a true bang, but it did well enough to convince the owners that interest was there. The old store on Austin Street wasn't particularly attractive and couldn't hold much in the way of rental units. When a customer ordered a television or a stereo, someone would have to drive down to Houston in the blue Quality TV van, pick it up and deliver it.

Even with these drawbacks, the store attracted customers. The new store is attracting even more.

"Our customers include people on fixed incomes and people with a television in every room," says Hare. "People rent a television to watch a special event, to tide them

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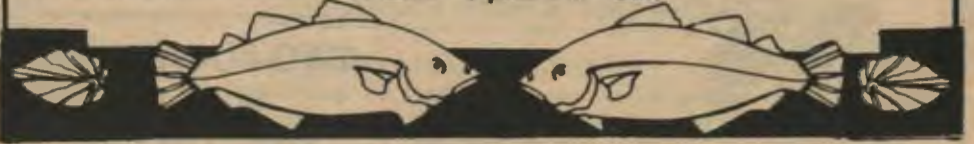
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ANTIQUES: Yesterday And Today

By Kathleen

I decided on another one or two of the most popular pottery companies. Last week was on the famous "Roseville." I believe the local collectors in this area prefer "McCoy" next to "Roseville."

The J.W. McCoy Pottery Co. was incorporated in 1899 in Roseville, Ohio, under that name. During the early years, McCoy produced kitchen wares, jardinières, umbrella stands and cuspidors. In 1903 they had begun in the field of art pottery. They produced several art lines of merit.

The first line was Mt. Pele. It is very rare today. Two types of glazes used were matt green and an iridescent gray. Though the art line was mostly molded in straight lines, some pieces showed evidence that while the clay remained wet and pliable, it was formed by fingers on some of the rims to form

crests and peaks.

In 1904, the company was rebuilt after being destroyed by fire.

Then, other art was designed. The third generation McCoy potter in the Roseville, Ohio area was Nelson McCoy. With the aid of his father, the Nelson McCoy Sanitary Stoneware Co. was established in 1910. They manufactured churns, jars, jugs, foot warmers and poultry fountains. By 1925, they included vases, jardinières and cuspidors. These were in a blended brown and green matt glaze.

From the late 1920s through the mid-1940s, a blue and white utilitarian stoneware was produced. This is very popular today.

In 1933, the company changed to Nelson McCoy Pottery Co. It began making novelty art wares, cooky jars and dinnerware. To this date, over 200 cooky jars of every description have been produced.

More than a dozen different marks have been used by this company. Nearly all incorporate the name McCoy. Many collectors are always on the search for McCoy pottery and are willing to pay the good price it brings. Maybe this information will help someone with dates and marks.

Hull Pottery

Another popular pottery was formed in 1905 in Zanesville, Ohio by A.E. Hull. In the early years this company produced stoneware specialties. In 1907 the company expanded and added another plant, employing over 200 workers. By 1920, they were manufacturing a

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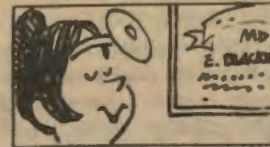
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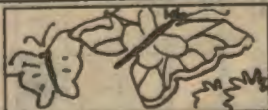
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The North Waller County Republican Women's Club is planning an event which they hope all area women will attend. An elegant tea-brunch and style show will be held on Saturday, March 2, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Hempstead Heritage House, Hwy. 290 and 12th St. in Hempstead.

The club has enlisted the help of several boutiques in the area and many lovely models of various sizes and ages. The show will present a good sampling of new spring fashions which are available in local shops.

Since March 2 is Texas Independence Day, Dr. Mildren Abshier of the Waller County Historical Society will give a historical introduction, with information regarding Waller County and this significant day.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend what may prove to be the social event of the year. Tickets are available from any member of the club, participating merchants and at Hempstead Printing and Office Supply for a \$5 donation.



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Older Adult Group Meets Mondays

By Helen Graves
Program Aide

Waller County Extension

The Waller County Older Adult Group meets every Monday at 10 a.m. in the Courthouse Assembly Room. The group is involved in many activities - educational pro-

grams, craft projects, fellowship and socialization.

The morning begins with exercise and games for the older adults. Craft projects include canvas needle point, macrame, quilt making, and other creative ideas by group members. Educational programs

are conducted by the Extension Agents and resource persons.

On Feb. 4, 1985, the group was involved in making their own soap.

On Monday, Feb. 11, Veronica Polk from Bryan presented a program on weatherstripping the home, giving senior citizens an

opportunity to sign up to have their homes weatherized.

The last Monday of each month is birthday celebrations and recreation. The group is open to all adults 55 years of age and older, without regard to race, color, sex, socio-economic level, national origin or handicap.

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THIS WEEK IN *Country* MUSIC



By Jennifer Hyden

News From Nashville: Singer Mark Gray (who is known for his "Diamond In The Dust" hit) has just finished a duet with Tammy Wynette and it should be out soon. About two weeks ago, Reba McEntire had a hit on the charts with "How Blue" and is headed that way again with her new single, "Somebody Should Leave."

Speaking about heading up the

charts, Lee Greenwood's "You Got A Good Love Coming" is rising up fast, too. He has another single with Barbara Mandrell called "It Should Of Been Love By Now."

This Week's Top 10

John Conlee stays at the top of the charts with:

1. Years After You
2. How Blue - Reba McEntire
3. Fire In The Night - Alabama

4. Me Against The Night - Crystal Gayle
5. Place To Fall Apart - Merle Haggard
6. Something In My Heart - Ricky Scaggs
7. Make My Life With You - Oakridge Boys
8. Got No Reason For Going Home - Gene Watson
9. Ain't She Something Else - Conway Twitty
10. Best Year Of My Life - Eddie Rabbit

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See how much you know about country music:

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(Answer: Johnny Cash)

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Waller County History

The First Cotton Gin?

By Mildred W. Abshier

Waller County is one of several counties that lay claim to having had the first cotton gin in the state. Dates vary from place to place, but according to *Cotton Gins of Waller County*, a book published by the Waller County Historical Commission in 1981, the Waller County gin was built in 1825, when Texas was yet a possession of Mexico, and well before the county was organized.

The gin was built on Bernardo Plantation, some four miles south of the present town of Hempstead. In the early 1820s, Jared E. Groce, one of Stephen F. Austin's Old Three Hundred settlers, established his Bernardo plantation on this site along the Brazos River.

Groce had been a successful cotton plantation operator in Georgia and Alabama and when he came to Texas to settle, he brought farming equipment and materials with him.

And, though he brought along many cattle, sheep, hogs and horses, along with numerous wagons and farming equipment, perhaps the most important thing he brought to the area was cotton seed. This began the development of cotton farming in what is now Waller County.

In spite of the fact that Waller County was once an important cotton growing area, not one bale is now grown commercially here.

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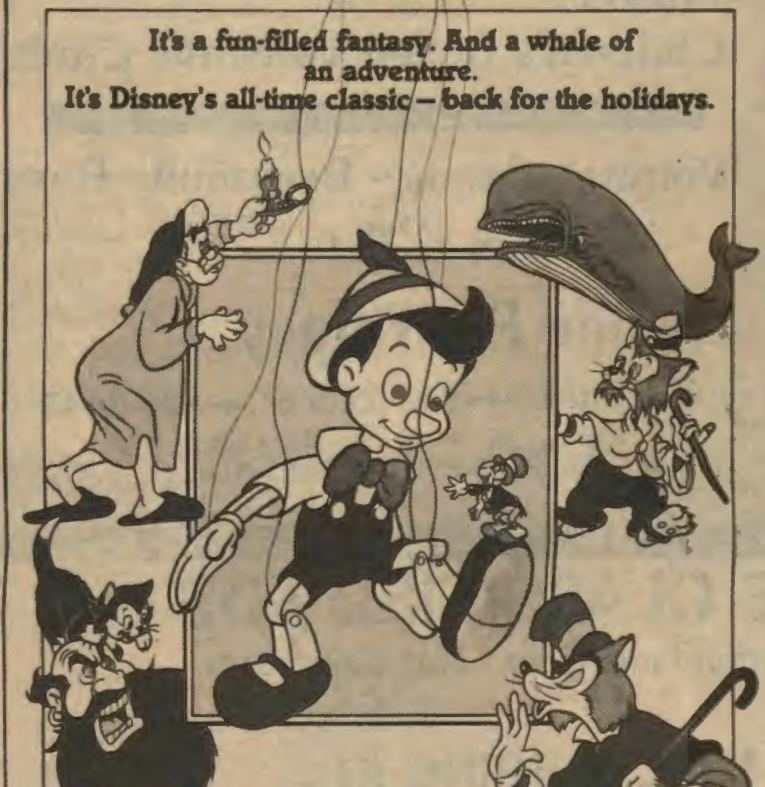
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Jane Hardy

Dear Jane,
Vision therapy is a treatment program prescribed to improve conditions like crossed-eyes or "lazy eye" and to help persons learn, relearn or reinforce certain vision skills. Sometimes, perceptual skills training will be lumped into this broad category of vision therapy. Perceptual vision skills can be evaluated in a child to determine just how he or she may "perceive" the world through his eyes. Certain disorders, such as dyslexia (an intelligent individual who cannot understand the written word), can be worked with under perceptual skills training. In most cases, a child with perceptual skills prob-

lems will be under the supervision of a psychologist.

Each vision therapy program is individually designed by the optometrist. It consists of prescribed visual tasks that are practiced under controlled conditions, usually in the office.

Some college and professional athletes find vision therapy helps sharpen their playing, because it improves eye movement and eye-hand-foot-body coordination. I have worked with a couple of University of Houston baseball players to improve their batting averages.

Vision therapy is used most often to help children with their eye movements to increase learning efficiency. If the two eyes do not work as a team, it only adds to the difficulty of learning in reading, spelling and math.

Waller Gatherings

by Kathleen

The First United Methodist ladies attended a coffee in the home of Sandra Jones. These busy bees are always making plans for ways to help support mission work and the church.

This same group plans to have a chili supper Feb. 15 at 5:30 to 7:30. The menu will be chili, rice, beans, cornbread, dessert, coffee and tea. Tickets are \$3.50 for adults, \$2 for ages 6 to 12 years, under six for \$1.50. They will also be taking orders to go. The dinner will be served at the First United Methodist Church, corner of Cherry and Smith Streets.

Remember that the first Friday in March is World Wide Prayer Day. Here in Waller, it is a community project and this year will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church at 7:30 p.m. All churches are invited.

I would like to correct an error from last week's column. I referred to the beautiful new Lions and Lioness building as being available for civic and social affairs. My error was that I suggested calling Tim Phelan or Lenny Saladino at the Waller Chamber of Commerce for more information. That was supposed to be Hershell Blackwell at 372-5847. Thanks to Tommy Albert for calling this to my attention.

ion. I know the members have worked hard to accomplish this. Congratulations to the Lions and Lioness.

I wonder if Arnold of "Showtime Video" has thawed out yet. Lana (my granddaughter) went in to pick up some new films and he told her he was about to freeze. Just looking outside makes a person cold. That "Showtime" shop sure brings lots of pleasure to Waller people. I hear that business really boomed during these blizzards. Folks being cooped in were looking for entertainment. I hear lots of good compliments about Arnold and his wife. Thanks for helping Waller grow in the right direction.

I would like to toss my bouquets to the people in our Guaranty Bond State Bank of Waller. Every employee inside and at the drive-in window is just wonderful and very efficient at his or her job. No matter how dumb I am or how many mistakes and phone calls I make, there is always a kind and friendly answer. Oh yes, and I know two of the very nicest gentlemen from there. You know that Valentine's Day is the 14th of February. Well, John Ferguson bought his "Peggy" a French cupboard and a cherry washstand you would have to see

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WALLER GATHERINGS BY KATHLEEN

to believe the beauty - both from France. Well, Jeffrey Smith helped John pick them up and he just up and bought his lovely Sharon an American solid oak table with two

pedestals and 10 pressed back, barley twist chairs. Big ??? Big !!! Beautiful !
Man, that is what I call sure enough good Valentines. No, they

just couldn't wait until Feb. 14. Happy Valentine's Day to all. The bank will be closed Feb. 18 in honor of President's Day.

Our mail service certainly deserves to have our appreciation shown to them. They *really* have a pressing job. Did anyone miss their rural mail delivery during our blizzards? No sir! Those determined little mail carriers slipped, froze and slid right to our mail boxes. We do appreciate you all. The post office will also be closed Feb. 18 for Presidents Day.


Our little friend Sue from "Antiques and Things" has gone on a buying trip to St. Louis. I bet she has a ball. She is fortunate to have fill-in Marjory to keep things rolling. Have a blast, Suzy. I'm betting on you

Maxie O'Neal and daughter Donna are having mighty good sales, so I hear. They have used furniture and some antiques (all good) next to Bill's Dollar Store. Sure nough proud of you
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Kathleen

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