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PLAY THAT FUNKY MUSIC



photo by Gina McGivnis

Nonie and Charles Chance in a disco move at the Coppel Gala, held February 25 at the Texas Stadium Club. (See more photos on page 12.)

City Awaits First North Lake Decision

By Jean Murph

Last week, Coppel City staff spent time in the courtroom on procedural issues related to the North Lake-Billingsley development proposal for thousands of new dwelling units just south of Coppel. Now, the issue awaits a decision of the judge. Judge Sally Montgomery took two matters under advisement and will notify the City in several days, according to Deputy City Manager Clay Phillips, who attended the proceedings. The City and School District are opposing the development, which could result in more than 10,000 dwelling units, most of which fall in the Coppel ISD. Areas of concern are traffic congestion, access, strain on roads and City in-

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City, CISD Call for May Bond Elections

By Jane Moore

before voters in a May 13 election that will also include candidates for City Council and School Board.

The Coppel School District and the City both called this week for bond elections to go

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Two New Old Coppel Projects Surface

Economic Development Results in 2.6 Million Square-Foot of Space

By Jean Murph

townhomes just north of W. Bethel Road on the east side of S. Coppel Road.

In work session Tuesday, City Councilmen heard about eight development projects in old downtown Coppel, including a new proposal for a seven-acre tract on S. Coppel Road, across from the Carter-Crowley tract, and a new proposal for

The new proposal, Coppel Commons, for 39 townhomes, requested by Jay Khorrami, owner of Coppel Deli and Deliman Grill, is set to go before the Planning and Zoning Commission.

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Special Ed Draws Concern

By Jane Moore

Ten parents of kids who receive special education services told School Board members Monday night that they are concerned about pending changes

in the special ed department and want to be included in the decision-making process.

"We are waiting for the door to open and we are asking for it to open today," said Mary Lynne

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Robber Held, Drug Arrests Made

By Jane Moore

Police news this week included more drug arrests, and an aggravated robbery at Sonic

Drive-In on MacArthur that was followed by a car jacking in Carrollton and the eventual arrest of a man wanted in a string

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CHS Grad in OSU Drug Bust

By Jane Moore

A 2005 Coppel High School graduate was one of 13 Oklahoma State University students arrested last week in Stillwater,

Oklahoma for alleged distribution of drugs, mostly marijuana, from locations near or inside dormitories or apartments in the college area.

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A Series on Coppel's Early History, Part XXXX

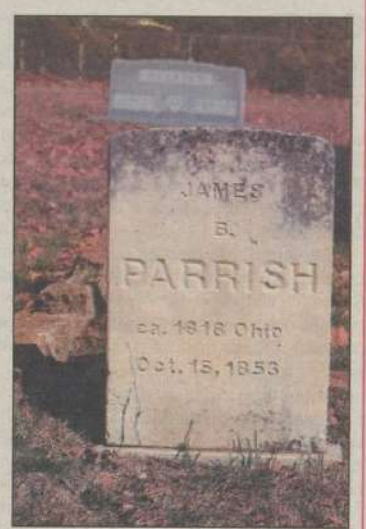
Moore Cemetery Tells Sad Tale

By Jean Murph

In a second instance, an infant's death appears to have initiated a Coppel cemetery. Moore Cemetery, called Stringfellow Cemetery by some, began as early as 1882 with the burial of the infant daughter of A. T. and A. J. Crow, according to records compiled on the cemetery. The unnamed child was born on July 12, 1882, and died on July 30, 1882. But she was just the first of many infant and child burials in the cemetery. Three other Crow children are buried there, none of them living past the age of six, according to the records. The first of the four Crow children was born in 1882. Four of them were buried within nine years, by the year 1891. In addition to the first infant, S. R. Crow lived to be five; Gracie and Bessie Crow lived to the age of six. No information about the cause of death is available.

Another infant, Mary R. Bennett, infant daughter of Jil and M. A. Bennett, was born March 14, 1892, and died 10 days later on March 24, 1892. Mary A. Bennett, mother of the infant and wife of Jil, is also buried in the cemetery. James T. Benson, son of W.

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James Parrish received the first land grant in the Coppel area.

Moore Cemetery Tells Sad Tale

First Landowner Buried in Parrish Cemetery

Even though James Parrish had already developed Bethel Cemetery for passersby, family and friends, when he died, his wife Eliza set aside a separate half-acre of land for a family burial ground. James Parrish, who received the first 640-acre Peters Colony land grant in east Coppell, settled on the land in 1853 but died less than a year later. Eliza buried him at the new site.

After her husband's death, Eliza Record Parrish married Henry Parrish, her husband's brother. They, six of their seven children and their descendants are buried in Parrish Family Cemetery. The earliest burial is James Parrish, who was born in 1820 and died in 1853. Other members of the Parrish family

were James A., Richard, H. S., Mary, Almeda, Joseph, Cornelius, James Anderson, Jessie, M. H. and a grave without a name.

Today, Parrish Family Cemetery sits in a neighborhood in the 700 block of Cardinal Lane, east of Moore Road. More than 35 members of the Parrish family have been buried there, according to the historical marker at the site. With several burials since the marker was installed, family members believe that between 35 and 50 persons are buried in the cemetery.

The historical marker states that Eliza's father, Josiah Record, and two of her brothers, John and Silas Record, are buried in the cemetery. Information on Bethel Cemetery, compiled by the late W. T. Cozby,

records that John and Silas Record, who were both hanged in 1869, were buried in Bethel Cemetery along with others who were hanged. However, grave markers for the two men lie in Parrish Cemetery. Perhaps the fact that James Parrish provided land for both cemeteries accounts for the confusion or graves could have been moved to the family cemetery.

Other family names in Parrish Family Cemetery are Griner, Byers, Askey, Bennett, Record, Petty, Moore, and Crow. According to the records, many dates on gravestones are known to be incorrect.

Coppell firemen have volunteered upkeep of the cemetery for a number of years, according to local residents.

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D. and Lora Benson, was born on January 23, 1903, and died on August 6, 1904. A large granite stone with no writing marks the grave, according to

Other graves read like an early Coppell history roster. Amanda E. Stringfellow, wife of T. J., no dates given; Laura Ollie Thweatt, wife of W. K., born in 1884, died in 1900; George Parrish, born in 1882, died in 1947; Harry C. Moore, born in 1856, died in 1948; his



Moore Cemetery contains many graves of infants and children.

the records.

One of three cemeteries on Coppell's east side, Moore Cemetery is nestled on a hill behind two large homes on Carter Circle off of Moore Road. Barely visible from the road, the small cemetery is accessed by an easement between the homes.

wife Mary O. Moore, born in 1861, buried in 1922. Also buried in the cemetery are Godfrey and Auguste Wilhelmine Dollgener Thom; Fred and Florence Garrett; Harry Lee and Edna Warren.

Additional burials have occurred but were not included in the records.



Above, Parrish Family Cemetery arch entrance



Parrish Family Cemetery headstone and statuary



Between 35 and 50 persons are believed to be buried in Parrish Cemetery.

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