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YARD OF THE WEEK, (sponsored and selected by Plains Chamber of Commerce) - Chosen the week of Sept. 17 was the home of Wilma McDonnell.

## County Treasurer Attends Annual Lubbock Conferences

Toni Jones, Yoakum County Treasurer, was one of 150 county treasurers and guests attending the 41st Annual Texas County Treasurers Conference Sept. 18-21 in Lubbock.

Guest speakers included Ann Richards, State Treasurer; Jim Mattox,

Texas Attorney General; Sam Seale, Executive Director Texas Association of Counties; J. Robert Brown, Executive Director of the Texas County and District Retirement System of Texas; Judge J.Q. Warnick, U.S. Magistrate Northern District of Texas and Fred Anderson, president of the National Association of County Treasurers and Finance Officers.

Treasurers received an update on the 71st Legislative Session, information on investing county monies, cash management, dealing with stress and projecting yourself as a winning professional.

New officers and board members were installed at the annual banquet. Ms. Jones was installed as director at large from Sector 1, Vesta Leonard, Coryell County Treasurer, was named Outstanding County Treasurer of Texas.

## Chamber To Meet Tuesday, Oct. 3

Plains Chamber of Commerce directors will meet at 7 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3 in Johnnie's Restaurant.

Interested persons are invited.

## Flower Show Set For Oct. 6

Martha Guetersloh was hostess Monday afternoon for a meeting of Plains Dirt Gardeners.

Ruby Bilbrey, yearbook chairman, presented new yearbooks and calendars. All members were present.

Plans were completed for the club's annual flower show to be held Friday, Oct. 6 from 3 to 5 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Guetersloh. Refreshment chairmen are Ita Young and Edna Chambliss.

Sandwiches, chips, dips, cakes, Cokes and iced tea were served. Other members attending were Ola Layton, Mary Lou Parks, Burve Overton, Dean Richardson, Velma Dearing and Wilma McDonnell.

Next meeting will be at 3:30 p.m. Oct. 16 in the clubroom. Visitors will be welcomed.

## Election Set Oct. 2 To Name Director To Soil/Water Board

An election has been set for Oct. 2 to name a director to serve in Zone 5 on the Yoakum Soil and Water Conservation Board. David Turnbough, chairman of the board, announces the election will begin at 8:30 a.m. in Johnnie's Restaurant.

State law decrees that eligible voters in a soil and water conservation district director's election must own agricultural land within the district. The person must also live in the county in which all or any part of the district is located. A voter must be 18 years old or older.

Legal qualifications for serving as a candidate for election are to own land in the zone to be represented, be 18 years old or older and be actively engaged in farming or ranching. A candidate must also live in the county.

Soil and water conservation district directors serve a four-year term of office. Zone 5 includes an area 12 miles square with Plains at the center.

Current members of the board of Yoakum County SWCD are Turnbough; L.J. Sanders; A.E. McGinty; R.M. (Bob) Jones and Robert B. (Bobby) White.

Purpose of Yoakum SWCD is to promote sound soil and water conservation programs on farm and ranch lands within the district and to serve as

a voice for farmers and ranchers on conservation matters.

District board of directors coordinates the conservation efforts of various local, state and federal agencies and other organizations and has authority to enter into working agreements with these governmental agencies and private concerns to carry out its purpose. All conservation programs managed by the district are of a voluntary nature to the landowner or operator.

## Council Meeting Slated Oct. 2

Annual meeting of the Extension Program Council will be at 7 p.m. Oct. 2 in the party house of Yoakum County Park. New officers and five directors will be elected.

Texas Rep. Jim Rudd of Brownfield will be special guest. He will discuss legislative matters facing the upcoming special session of the Texas Legislature, emphasizing those with special significance to the Yoakum County area.

An invitation is extended to the public to attend. Each family is asked to bring a covered dish to complement barbecue.

## Bikers/Sponsors Needed For Successful Bike-A-Thon

Paula McMinn, Bike-a-Thon coordinator, invites Plains residents to join in the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital "Wheels For Life" Bike-a-Thon Oct. 8 in Stanford Park.

"The ride honors Ellen Marie, a solid tumor patient at St. Jude's," says Mrs. McMinn. "With every turn of the wheel, riders become 'spokes' men for all kids with cancer. The ride is a vital part of the fight against childhood cancer. Riders are needed - they make or break a bike-a-thon," she adds.

Riders sign up sponsors who promise to make donations based on each mile completed. Riders turning in

money will receive a certificate. In addition, those who raise \$25 will receive a St. Jude tee shirt. When \$75 is raised, the rider will receive a barrel tote bag, tee shirt and certificate.

Sponsor forms may be picked up at the elementary and junior high school offices or at Yoakum County Library.

"The general plan is to have a good time while helping a wonderful group of children counting on our support," says Mrs. McMinn.

For further details and information, Mrs. McMinn may be contacted at 456-3111.



## Plains Independent School District

'Home of the Cowboys & Cowgirls'

### From The Superintendent's Desk

Dean Andrews



When I began writing this weekly column in April 1985, or some 231 articles ago, I wanted to share information with each of you concerning our school and things that are beneficial to all who have an interest in our school.

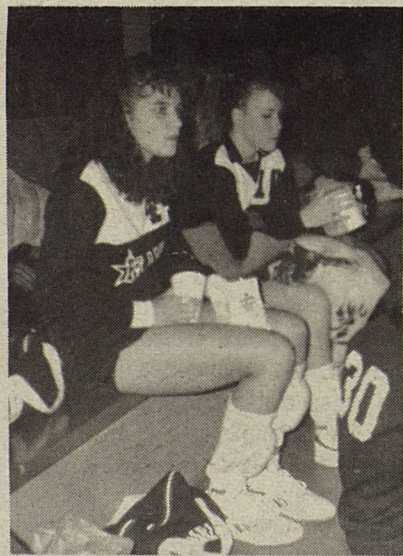
During the next eight weeks I want to share with you the most important research findings that I have seen recently. These findings, if put into practice, can make a real difference in your student's life. The information I will share comes from research publications at The University of Texas. After studying this report I am convinced that you are ready, willing, and able, to join with educators to improve our school and to assist your children in learning, whether you are a parent, grandparent, neighbor, or friend.

The first article in this series is as follows:

#### Research Finding:

Parents are their children's first and most influential teachers. What parents do to help their children learn is more important to academic success than how well-off the family is.

Parents can do many things at home to help their children succeed in school. Unfortunately, recent evidence indicates that many parents are doing much less than they might. For example, American mothers on average spend less than half an hour a day talking, explaining, or reading with their children. Fathers spend less than 15 minutes.



Due to limited space, a volleyball and football wrap-up will be printed in next week's issue.

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They can create a "curriculum of the home" that teaches their children what matters. They do this through their daily conversations, household routines, attention to school matters, and affectionate concern for their children's progress.

Conversation is important. Children learn to read, reason, and understand things better when their parents: 1) read, talk, and listen to them; 2) tell them stories, play games, share hobbies, and; 3) discuss news, TV programs, and special events.

In order to enrich the "curriculum of the home", some parents: 1) provide books, supplies, and a special place for studying; 2) observe routine for meals, bedtime, and homework, and; 3) monitor the amount of time spent watching TV and doing after-school jobs.

Parents stay aware of their children's lives at school when they: 1) discuss school events; 2) help children meet deadlines, and 3) talk with their children about school problems and successes.

Research on both gifted and disadvantaged children shows that home efforts can greatly improve student achievement. For example, when parents of disadvantaged children take the steps listed above, their children can do as well at school as the children of more affluent families.

#### Exercises:

1. Plan to talk and listen to each child. Combine this with chores and activities: take walks, exercise, dry dishes, wash the car, do yardwork. Let grandparents and older brothers and sisters help. Plan special reports: "Remember everything your teacher wears tomorrow so you can draw me a picture." "Let's trade memories of what we think about at lunch."

2. Plan family conversation at mealtime. (A) Watch television for 10 minutes, then turn off the set and discuss what you saw. (B) Take turns telling something you learned: the price of tires, a neighbor's name, how to add fractions.

3. Treat school, homework, and activities like important jobs your child is doing. Let your child hear you tell others how much you admire her teacher, her work, her school, her friends.

# Homecoming

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DONNA MILLER HONORED RECENTLY WITH BRIDAL COURTESY - left to right are Sherrie Melecki, Betty J. Nicholson, the honoree and the honoree's mother, Mrs. T.J. (Lois) Miller.

## Donna Miller Complimented With Bridal Courtesy

Miss Donna Miller, bride-elect of K. Paul Holt, was complimented Saturday with a bridal courtesy in the home of Mrs. Macky McWhirter.

Honored guests were the honoree's mother and sisters, Mrs. T.J. Miller, Sherrie Melecki and Betty Joy Nicholson.

The party table was highlighted with an arrangement of navy silk flowers accented with baby's breath and three candles. Hot apple cider, coffee, doughnut holes and fruit plate were served from silver appointments.

Hostesses presented the honoree with a corsage of white silk roses and cookware.

Assisting with hostess duties were Mmes. Jimmie Bayer, J.B. Ashburn, Preston Murphy, G.W. Cleveland, John Nance, Billy Bagwell, William Worsham, B.D. McDonnell, Bob White, Lee Roy McCravey, Jackie McDonnell, Alfred Bearden, Wayne House, Leon Cheatham, Jack Cobb, Dwayne Canada, Kenneth Engle, Everett McAdams and Mary Dale Williams.

## State Line Homemakers Club Hears Convention Reports

State Line Extension Homemakers Club met Saturday morning in the clubroom. Pam Redmon presided.

Highlights of the state meeting were shared by Sidney Murphy and Jeannette Wood. They represented the club at the annual convention in Corpus Christi.

Plans were made for a luncheon in Seminole Dec. 9.

Announcement was made of national meetings in Wisconsin in 1990, Oregon in 1991 and Maine in 1992. The state meeting in 1990 will be held in Amarillo.

Jerry Corbin, Denver City attorney, will present a program on wills and estates at the Oct. 28 meeting. An invitation is extended to interested persons who might like to attend.

The annual Extension Program Council meeting will be at 7 p.m. Oct. 2 in the Yoakum County Party House.

An all-day crafts meeting has been set for Oct. 10 in the clubroom. Anyone interested in attending may do so.

A sack lunch is planned for the 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. gathering.

Announcement was made there would be no October council meeting.

### Miscellaneous

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### NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING

A hearing will be given and held by the City Council of the City of Plains, Texas, on Monday, October 23, 1989, at 4:30 p.m. in the City Hall, 601 11th Street, for all owning or claiming interest in abutting property on Lots 16 & 17, Blk 11, Evans Addition to the original Plains. First Baptist Church is requesting a variance from the zoning ordinance to build a painted steel building to store church bus. Posted this 27th day of September, 1989. s/Ruth Murphree, City Administrator. 26/3tc

### WATER PUMPS AND ELECTRIC BILLS

If the pump on your water system starts every time a faucet is opened and stops soon after it is closed, the pressure tank is probably too full of water. This is the result of what is called a waterlogged condition. And it can cause your electric bill to be higher than necessary.

To function correctly, a pressure tank must have a cushion of air above the water. As the water is pumped into the tank, the air is compressed. And as water is withdrawn, the air expands. The larger the air cushion, the more water the tank can deliver between any given extremes of pressure.

The size of the air cushion does not remain constant. Water absorbs the air, and eventually the air cushion becomes so small that even drawing a small amount of water causes the pump motor to start and stop.

Manufacturers have devised various methods to solve the problem. One method calls for an air valve that is controlled by a float, either inside or outside the pressure tank. When the water level in the tank rises too high, the float opens an air valve and permits the pump to "sniff" the air which is carried into the tank with the water. Should the valve core begin leaking, it should be replaced with another valve core. It should never be replaced with an automobile tire core. The springs in a tire core are too strong to permit the pump to suck air through the water. A new pump valve core may be obtained at stores that handle pumps and pump supplies.

The frequent starting and stopping of a waterlogged pump causes undue wear on the pump motor and other pump parts. Allowing a pump to continue operating in a waterlogged condition means unnecessary trouble, inconvenience, maintenance expense - and a higher electric bill.

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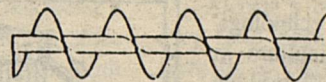
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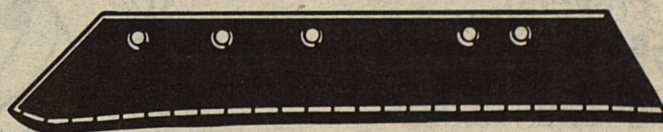


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# Obituaries

## WALLACE RANDOLPH

Services were conducted Thursday in First United Methodist Church for Wallace Randolph, 74.

Officiating were the Rev. Harmon Meixner, retired Methodist minister of Hawley, and the Rev. Ken Peterson, pastor. Burial was in Plains Cemetery under the direction of Brownfield Funeral Home.

Mr. Randolph died at 9:30 Sunday in Humana Hospital-Medical City in Dallas after a lengthy illness.

Born May 15, 1915 in Winnsboro, he lived in Oklahoma and Lubbock before moving to Wilson in 1927. He married Floriene Ratliff June 2, 1940 in Lubbock.

A graduate of Texas Technological College, he taught agriculture in Plains High School from 1942 until his retirement in 1957. He farmed in Terry, Yoakum and Gaines counties until 1987 and was owner of Randolph Flying School in Denver City two years.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Pam Murrah of San Diego, Ca., Tonya Patton of Dallas and Karen Olson of Albuquerque, N.M.; four

grandchildren; three brothers, Roy D. of Dallas, Walter of Lubbock and Dale of Friona; and a sister, Pauline Bell of Lubbock.

Pallbearers were Rex Swann, Vaughn Culwell, Keith Addison, Ty Earl Powell, Reggie Martin and Douglas Patton.

The family suggests memorials to MDA-ALS, in care of University of Texas Health Science Center, Aston Clinic, 5303 Harry Hines Blvd, Dallas.

## MILDRED ANDERSON

Last rites were conducted Saturday in the Baptist Church of Mesilla Park, N.M. for Mildred Jane Anderson, 86. Officiating was the Rev. Larry Barlow.

Burial was in Masonic Cemetery in Mesilla Park.

Mrs. Anderson died Sept. 14 in a Las Cruces, N.M. hospital after suffering a stroke.

Born March 2, 1903 in Parker County, she married Willie Anderson. They ranched in Yoakum County many years before moving to New Mexico in 1952. He died Feb. 17, 1964. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include a son, Bert Anderson; a daughter and son-in-law, Billie and Paul Sullivan of Mesilla

Park; two daughters-in-law, June Anderson and Dorothy Anderson; seven grandchildren, including Ben Anderson, Bill Anderson and Ginger Wilson; and 14 great-grandchildren.

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

We are taking sealed bids on a 1977 Electra travel trailer 32 ft. self-contained. Bids will be opened at Board of Director's meeting Oct. 18, 1989. See at Yoakum County Federal Credit Union, 808 Brownfield Rd. in Plains. We reserve the right to reject any or all bids. 26/3tc

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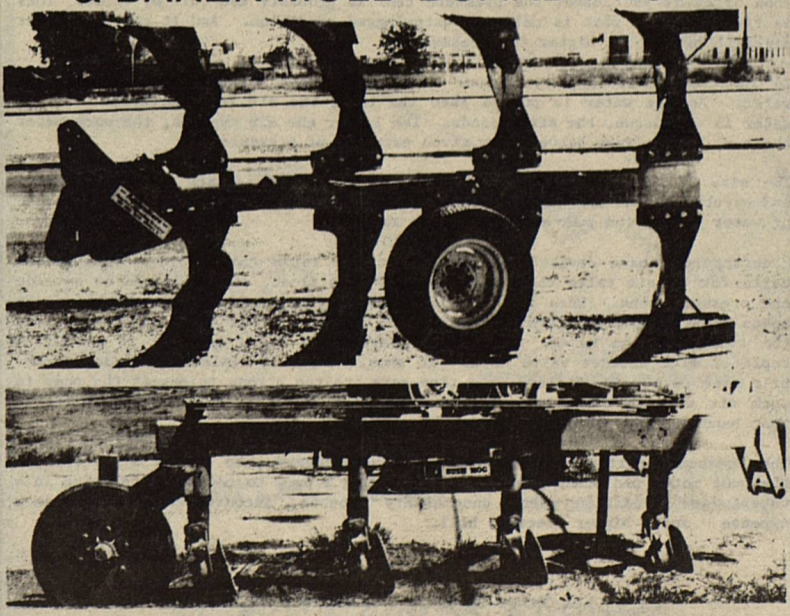
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