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PLAINS, YOAKUM COUNTY, TEXAS

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JUSTICES ATTEND SEMINAR - Esther Holland, left, Justice of Peace of Yoakum County Precinct 2 and Melba Crutcher, right, Justice of Yoakum County Precinct 1, were among some 91 justices across Texas recently attending a seminar in Amarillo. Also shown, Frances Hansard, of Terry County and Phyllis Redman of Cochran County.

## Justices Attend Training Seminar

Esther Holland and Melba Crutcher recently attended a 20-hour seminar in Amarillo conducted by Texas Justice Court Training Center of Southwest Texas State University. The annual seminars are held in compliance with a Supreme Court rule and statute.

Topics included New Legislation, Texas Rule of Evidence, Advanced Civil Law, Alternate Sentencing, Judicial Ethics, Juvenile Law, Truancy, Family Violence, Forcible Entry and Detainer, Mock Civil Trial, Probable Cause and Financial Management of Court Costs and Fees.

## De Los Santos Rites Held Thursday

Last rites were conducted Thursday morning in Sacred Heart Catholic Church for Rudolfo De Los Santos, 76. Officiating was Father Jerome Calcagno.

Burial was in Plains Cemetery under direction of Singleton Funeral Home.

Mr. De Los Santos died Nov. 5 in Yoakum County Hospital.

Born Nov. 14, 1916 in Charlotte, he had lived in Plains 30 years. He was a farming contractor and member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Lupe, of Plains; four daughters, Gloria Gonzales, Lida De Los Santos, Elsa Lucio and Diana Guerra, all of Plains; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

## College Hotline Slated Jan. 11-12

Texas Association of College Admission Counselors and First City will co-sponsor a toll-free telephone Hotline for Texas residents Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 11-12 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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## Cowgirls Prepare For Play-Offs

Plains Cowgirls, now 26-10, rallied to defeat Amarillo River Road in a practice match in Levelland Tuesday night. Getting off to a slow start, the Cowgirls were down 2-10 in the first game before coming back to win the game 15-12. They grabbed an early six point lead in game two and held on for a 15-8 win.

Jo Lena Powell led all hitters with six kills. Amy Jones added four and Rena McElroy, Kemi Cobb and Brandy Lester finished the match with three each.

Saturday, the Cowgirls saw lots of action hosting Seminole and Midland High in dual competition. They split games with both opponents in lengthy matches and avenged a previous loss to

Seminole, surprising the Maidens 15-8 11-15 15-11. The Midland squad wore the Cowgirls down for a 17-15 6-15 15-8 triumph. Rena combined for 21 points in the two matches.

The Cowgirls traveled to Odessa, Saturday, Nov. 9 for a 3 p.m. Bi-District playoff match with Water Valley. The winner will advance to area competition scheduled Tuesday, Nov. 12.

## Yoakum County Conservationists Travel To Corpus Christi For Meeting

L.J. Sanders, chairman of the board of Yoakum County Soil and Water Conservation District, and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Livengood attended the 51st annual meeting of soil and water conservation districts Oct. 21-23 in Corpus Christi. Livengood is District Conservationist.

Featured speakers were James Owen, president of Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association; Robert Wetherbee, president of National Association of Conservation Districts; John Hall, chairman of Texas Water Commission; Jerry Clark, director of State Governmental Affairs, Associated Milk Producers Inc. land Wes Oneth, SCS State Conservationist.

Major issues were the reauthorization of Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act, federal wetlands programs and coastal zone management.

"Since soil and water conservation districts have the responsibility to assist farmers and ranchers develop conservation programs to meet specific needs, we were told that if we are going to maintain the credibility that conservation districts can work with people on a voluntary basis, we are going to have to make sure that we meet the Jan. 1, 1995 deadline for implementing conservation compliance plans established under the 1990 Farm Bill," Sanders says.

"I might add that the development of a coastal zone management program for Texas was another issue discussed

at the conference. We were told that the General Land Office is pursuing federal approval of a state coastal zone management plan. The program would include enforceable provisions for application of best management practices which would include agriculture," adds Sanders.

Sanders said that John Hall, chairman of Texas Water Commission, indicated that the majority of Texas farmers and ranchers, as well as businesses, are doing everything possible to comply with the state's environmental laws. "He said there is a small group who ignore the standards and endanger the public. As a result the TWC is pursuing a set of strategies that will ensure compliance with the law," says Sanders.

## Woman Receives Guilty Verdict

Jurors deliberated just 23 minutes Thursday before reading a guilty verdict in the trial against Lucy Cervantes. Ms. Cervantes was charged with a false report to a peace officer.

The jury was composed of five women from Denver City and a Plains man. Presiding judge was The Honorable Dallas Brewer.

Jack Stoffregen of Lubbock was attorney for the defendant. Linda Shoemaker Lowrey, Criminal District Attorney of Yoakum County, represented the State of Texas.

The trial began Tuesday, Oct. 29 with court participants working until 8 p.m. Tuesday evening and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday evening. Sentencing is scheduled for late November. The defendant is currently on felony probation for the offense of Organized Crime/Theft from Anthony's in Denver City.

## Recent Farm Tour Labeled 'Success'

The 1991 Yoakum County Farm Tour was held on Wednesday, Sept. 29. The tour began from Stanford Park in Plains at 9 a.m. Approximately 100 people from Yoakum County and surrounding areas were in attendance for the day's activities. The event began with a tour of agriculture production in Yoakum County. Randy Forbus presented the first program on the agenda where participants gained knowledge about catfish farming practices. The tour then proceeded to the Larry Morrow farm where he explained many aspects of peanut production and Gary Walker visited with participants about the procedures involved in capping abandoned wells and moisture monitoring. The final stop on the tour was at the Dallas Brewer farm where cotton production practices were discussed by Ken Snider.

Several new events were incorporated into the Farm Tour this year. A small Farm Show was held, where those attending could walk around and gain information about agriculture products through informational booths and displays, equipment and demonstrations.

The Awards Program was held prior to lunch where Judge Dallas Brewer presented Rex Swann with the Farmer of the Year Award. This is a new award presented to outstanding Yoakum County farmers. Tim Addison presented Don Parrish with the Yoakum County Young Farmer of the Year Award.

The 1991 Yoakum County Farm Tour came to an end with the final event of the day, a Jackpot Trap Shoot. The trap shoot was sponsored by the Yoakum County Young Farmers.



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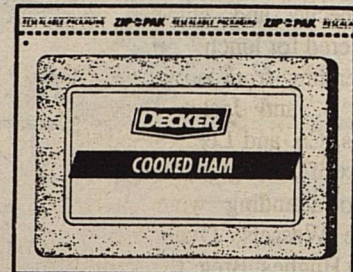


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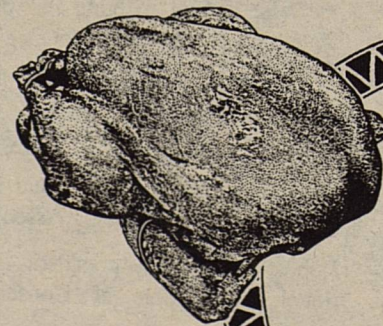
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Mrs. Box shared funny excerpts from the book, "Go-Devils, Flies and Blackeyed Peas" a book written by a cousin, George Hancock of Corsicana, formerly of New Home.

Barbecue and chicken nuggets were catered for lunch.

Attending from out-of-state were Hughes B. and Jackie Brown, Los Alamitos, Ca. and Lee Roy and Carol Beth Box of Lovington, NM.

Also attending were Betty and Clarence Wessels, Ovalo; Brad and Chandra Hughes, Breg, Beau and Brea, Sonora; Ronnie and Cathey Davis, Henrietta; Robert Davis, Graham; Linda Washington and Cody, Midland; Lanny and Robin Hughes, Lamesa; Billy Smith, Littlefield; Kyle Hughes, Round Rock; Gayle Drennan, Rhonda, Kari and Arin, Lubbock; Lovelle and Vergil Zoth, Buffalo Gap; and Starr and son, Austin.

From Seminole, there were Guy and Brenda Hughes, Chelsea and Dakota; Edwin Castleberry, Marlina, Ginger and Katie; Roger and Billy Hughes Pool; Jimmie Williams; Amon and Debra Castleberry, Kyria, Douglas and Mathew; Karl Don and Sandra

Hughes; Don Castleberry; and Amy Castleberry and Melissa Oliver.

Plains residents attending were Tommy Guy and Cindra Box, Shawna and Maranda. Paula Hughes of Welch also attended.

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## Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Cross Honored On Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Cross were complimented Sept. 27 with a sixty-fifth wedding anniversary dinner in their home. Hosting the event were their children, Lajuana Burke of Sanger and Donald Cross of Brownfield.

Cross and the former Muriel Moreman were married in 1926 in Haskell County.

The couple has six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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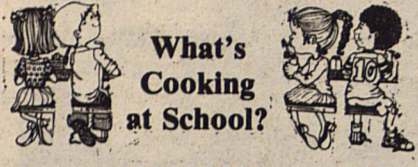
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WEDNESDAY - Toast, orange juice and milk.

THURSDAY - Pancakes, syrup, butter, tomato juice and milk.

FRIDAY - Toast, cereal, pineapple juice and milk.

### LUNCH

MONDAY - Barbecue on bun, French fries w/catsup, lettuce, pickles, pineapple, cheese and milk.

TUESDAY - Nacho w/meat and cheese, pinto beans, lettuce, tomatoes, cornbread, peach cobbler and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Hamburgers, lettuce, pickles, onion rings, potato chips, fruit, date cookies and milk.

THURSDAY - Burritos w/taco sauce, Spanish rice, lettuce, tomatoes, peanuts, peaches, crackers and milk.

FRIDAY - Roast w/gravy, hot rolls, green beans, lettuce wedge, Jell-O and milk.

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"Fiction is fact distorted into truth."

Edward Albee

## Plains Cowboy Band Slated For State Marching Contest

Plains Cowboys Band will compete in the State Marching Contest Monday in Memorial Stadium on the University of Texas campus in Austin.

The Band earned the right to compete in the State Meet with their performance Saturday in the Area A contest at Texas Tech. The PHS band was

selected as the top 1A band out of 13 bands from the Lubbock, Amarillo and Midland areas. Their state performance is slated for 10:36 a.m.

## 4-H Members Do Well At Fair

Yoakum County 4-H members competed in the South Plains Fair held in Lubbock on Sept. 20-28. Yoakum County was well represented in many divisions, bringing home many high placing honors.

In the Steer Division, 4-H'ers competed against 4-H and FFA members from 25 counties across the South Plains. In the British Division, Kelton Mason placed his Angus steer second and continued by placing his crossbred steer third. Other crossbred steer placings were: Class I, Marcey House, sixth; Class II, Ashlei Mason, sixth; Class III, Marcey House, seventh and Kelly McGinty, eighth.

In the Sheep Division, Yoakum County 4-H'ers competed against over 600 entries from across the State of Texas in what is considered the toughest summer and fall show in the state. Yancey House placed his light weight medium wool lamb fifth and his medium weight crossbred 13th while younger sister Marcey House placed her medium weight fine wool sixth and her heavy weight medium wool lamb 14th.

In the Swine Division, Kelton Mason exhibited his heavy weight crossbred barrow in a tough field of over 500 entries from across Texas and Oklahoma.

In the Sewing and Craft Division, Marcey House received Honorable Mention with her blouse and play clothes and first with her purse. Marcey also did exceptionally well in the Creative Arts Division, receiving the third Best of Show award for her pastel painting.

Yoakum County was also well represented in the Fine Arts Division. In the High School Oil Painting Class, Kimberly McClure placed second with her oil painting, while Kristy McClure placed third.

### SCHOOL EVENTS

MONDAY - Band - State Marching Contest

TUESDAY - Volleyball - Area Playoff - Aspermont - 6 p.m.

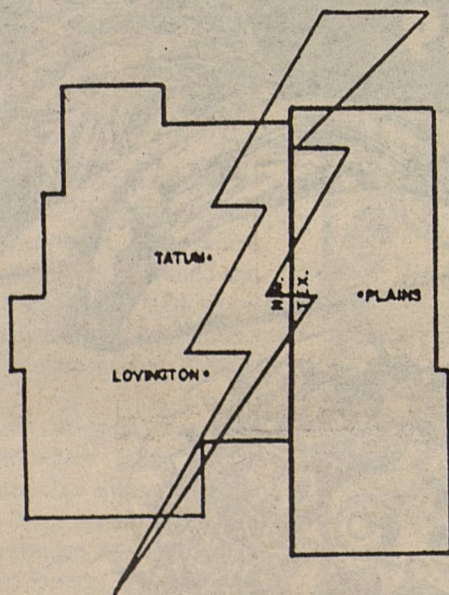
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# 911 Emergency System Topic Of Program

Sheriff Jim Rice and Chief of Police Joe Hester of Denver City presented a program recently for members and guests of State Line Extension Homemakers Club. The system was implemented in Yoakum County Sept. 17.

## Time To Control Weeds & Grasses

"Most annual winter grasses and weeds that plague lawns in late winter and early spring are ready to germinate now," says Terry J. Millican, Yoakum County Extension Agent - AG. The best way to stop them in the lawn is to apply a pre-emergence herbicide promptly, before their seeds germinate.

One of the worst pest plants that needs to be targeted now is henbit - a common lawn invader that brightens up the lawn with blue, but seldom-appreciated blossoms in late winter and early spring. Winter grasses, including winter rye, also germinate now. Most of our most beautiful spring wildflowers also sprout in the fall and need to be targeted now if they are considered top be "weeds" in a well manicured lawn.

Pre-emergence herbicides are chemicals that kill weed seedlings as they germinate. They are ineffective against weeds and grasses once they grow beyond the seedling stage. Apply a pre-emergent herbicide as a uniform, broadcast treatment to problem areas of the lawn. At least one-half inch of water - irrigation or rain - is needed after application to move the herbicide into the soil where it is activated.

Labeled pre-emergence herbicides for lawns include XL, Betasan, Balan and Princep. All of these materials will do a measurably good job of stopping winter weeds and grasses if applied accurately and in time.

All of these herbicides are available in granular formulations while Betasan, Princep and other pre-emergence herbicides labeled for lawn use also are formulated for spray application. Most home gardeners can do a more accurate job by using a granular formulation and broadcasting it as they would fertilizer. Spray application of a pre-emergence herbicide should be attempted only if you have a sprayer that is capable of applying a uniform, blanket spray (a hand pump-up sprayer is not acceptable). The sprayer also must be accurately calibrated.

Read and follow herbicide label directions carefully. Under application can result in no weed control while over application may risk damage to the lawn.

Remember that pre-emergence herbicides can't distinguish "good seed" from "bad seed". Don't use them in a lawn or garden where you intend to plant seed this fall or next spring. The rate of the herbicide breakdown varies. Balan deteriorates rapidly and seed can be planted within two months after application, while XL deteriorates slowly and can prevent seed germination as long as a year after application.

Roads and streets are numbered in the county so that each resident can be easily located by telephone for the emergency system, they explained. A video was shown to help explain the services provided by the new system. Chief Hester extended an invitation to everyone to visit the police station in Denver City to see the system in operation.

Following the program, a business meeting was held. Members approved \$200 scholarships to the 1992 graduating children of State Line members. Plans were also made for a catered Christmas dinner to be held Dec. 12

for Lea County Electric.

Announcement was made of a council and yearbook committee planning meeting at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12 in the clubroom. Suggestions will be welcomed.

Dolores Davis will present a program on "Birth Order in the Family" for the Nov. 23 meeting. Guests are invited.

Guests attending were Ita Young, Martha Palmer and Maurine Smith. Members attending were Darlene Wilson, Margaret Box, Carol Beth Box, Jeannette Wood, Sidney Murphy, Dolores Davis and Sheri McGinty.

**Filmtime**  
at Yoakum Co. Library

Filmtime youngsters at Yoakum County Library Wednesday enjoyed the films "Ducks" and "The Greedy Frog". Book of the day was "Jesse Bear What Will You Wear?". The flannel board story was "The Three Bears".

Attending were Jose Luis Flores, Marysol Garcia, B.J. Lester, Micah Clay, Alisha Wauson, Michael Crump, Daniela Lazos, Chris Loya, Todd Williams, Callie Howell, Kody Porterfield, Clayton and Katie Oswald, Cade Arnett, Dustin Davis, Gary and Grady Herrera, Cynthia Reimer, Breck Hamm and Christopher and Scott Addison.

Wanda Welch is a realtor at Carlsbad Insurance and Real Estate, Inc. in Carlsbad, New Mexico. Her story is one of many, conveying the advantages of cellular communications.

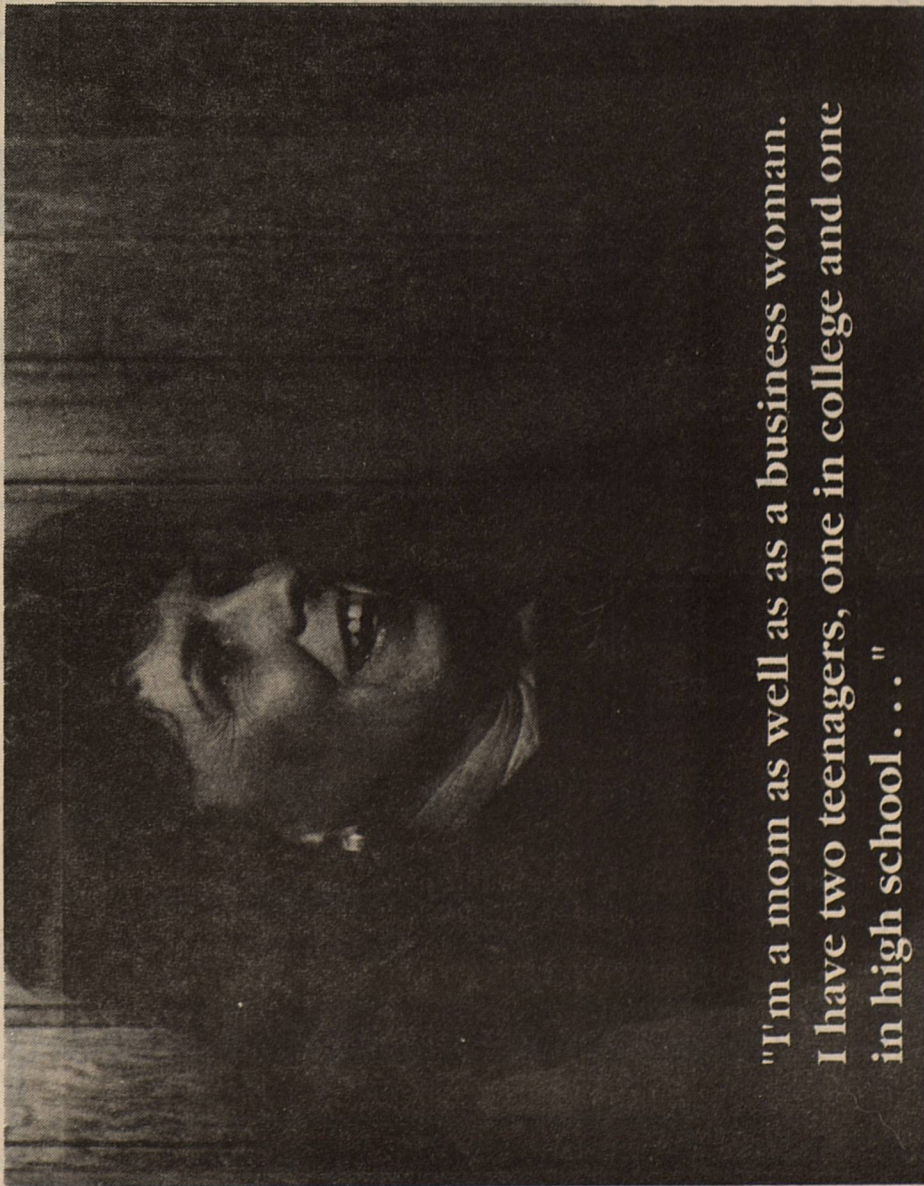
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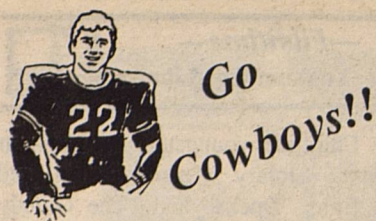
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Plains Varsity  
Against Whiteface  
Oct. 25, 1991

The Cowboys took on the Whiteface Antelopes at home on Friday, Oct. 25.

Plains' first drive featured several good runs by Sterling Lovelace and a 33 yard carry by Ace Williams. Brian Wilson's 19 yard touchdown pass to Jason Smith completed the drive. Justin Stowe's kick was good.

Wade Redman covered the ball on the kick off, after Whiteface let it sail pass them, to gain the ball for the Cowboys on the seven yard line.

Lovelace ran the ball in for the Cowboys second TD of the quarter. Stowe's kick was good.

Whiteface's Jasn Mamantou broke away from the Cowboy defense and ran 71 yards for the Antelopes first score. The kick was good. The first quarter score was Plains 14, Whiteface 7.

Whiteface dominated the second quarter. They scored on a 10 yard pass from Juan Hernandez to Mamantou. The kick was good.

Just before halftime, the Antelopes scored again on a 24 yard field goal by Oren Peden that put Whiteface ahead at halftime 17-14.

The third quarter neither team was able to put the ball in the end zone.

Plains' final score came in the fourth quarter on a drive that saw Williams carrying the ball twice for 27 yards and Jr. Lira completing a 24 yard pass to Smith. The TD came on a 21 yard pass from Wilson to Smith. Stowe's kick was good. Plains was on the Whiteface 11 yard line when time ran out.

Offensively, Williams carried 7 times for 104 yards, Lovelace, 24 for 64 yards and Redman, 6 for 32 yards.

Wilson threw 17 times with 7 completions for 131 yards, 1 interception and 2 TDs.

Smith had 8 receptions for 155 yards and 2 TDs.

Defensively, Redman was the leading tackle.

Plains Varsity  
Against Sudan  
Nov. 1, 1991

Plains went into Friday night's game with high hopes for a victory over the Sudan Hornets. A victory would have kept Plains in the thick of the district race.



The Cowboys scored in the first quarter on a 19 yard pass from Brian Wilson to Jason Smith. The kick went wide.

Neither team was able to score again in the first half.

Sudan scored with 3:55 left in the third quarter following a Cowboy fumble. Shannon Fisher carried the ball in on a quarterback sneak from two yards out. The kick was good.

The Hornets added one more touchdown on a 17 yard dash by Tim Williams in the fourth quarter to put the game out of reach for the Cowboys.

Plains played a good defensive game, holding Sudan to about half their normal average per game, but their own miscues proved too costly to overcome.

Offensively, Sterling Lovelace carried 28 times for 130 yards; Ace Williams, 6 for 32.

Wilson threw 10 times with 3 completions for 35 yards, 1 TD and 1 interception.

Smith had 2 receptions for 26 yards and 1 TD. Justin Stowe, 1 for 9 yards.

Defensively, Stoney Garland was leading tackle with 13 tackles and 3 assists.

*Good Luck Cowgirls!!*

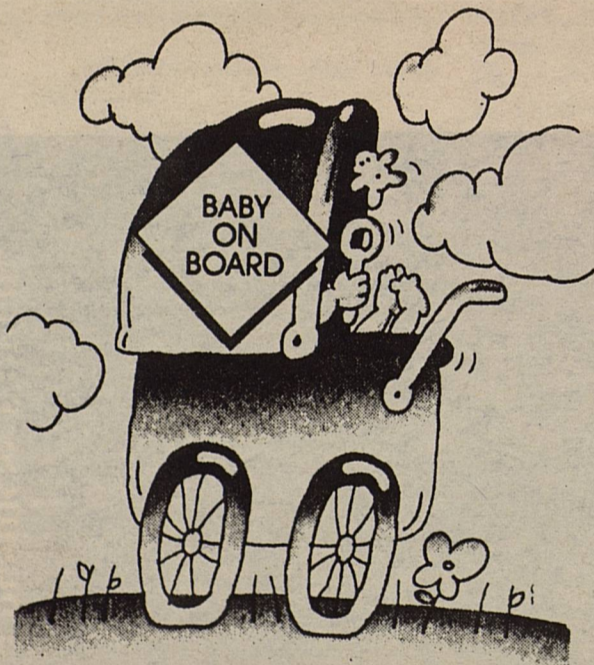
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## Suggestions Offered For Gopher Control

One of the best ways to control the gopher pest problem is fumigation, according to information obtained from Plains Library.

Location of all entrances to the gopher's tunnel system must be made. Find a piece of hose material that can be attached to the exhaust of a power lawn mower. One end of the hose should be placed into the gopher tunnel, then seal the opening with soil. Next drop some oil onto the inside of the hot exhaust pipe to create smoke, attach the other end of the hose to the smoking pipe. After a few minutes, smoke can be seen coming from all other entrances to the tunnel system.

Once the entrances are located, they may be sealed with piles of soil. Continue to blow exhaust from the power mower into the tunnel, killing the inhabitants with carbon monoxide fumes.

Or sulphur may be placed in the holes. Again seal the entrances. One of the cheapest sources of sulphur is an emergency highway flare that comes with auto safety kits or may be purchased in auto supply stores. Cut through the emergency flare with a sharp knife (not saw). Dig into the tunnel runway, pour the flare powder directly into the tunnel. Cover this hole, as well as all exit holes you have discovered. The more airtight the tunnel system is, the more anxious gophers will be to leave. Once the gophers have fled, seal the tunnels with soil. You can know the gophers are gone when there are no longer fresh mounds around your property.

Still another option is to place small, ammonia-soaked sponges into each gopher hole, then seal them all. Gophers will abandon their burrows quickly.

The best time to use any of these controls is early spring when the gopher tunnel complex is least developed.

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS  
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Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, November 15, 1991 for the purchase of two (2) New Loaders, with trade-in of one (1) Caterpillar 926E Wheel Loader and one (1) Caterpillar 936E Wheel Loader. The bids will be reviewed at this time and acted upon in Commissioners' Court on Monday, November 18, 1991. The Loaders are to be paid for from 1991 budgeted funds.

Specifications may be obtained from Precinct #2 Commissioner Bob Thurston, 700 W. Cedar, Denver City, Texas 79323 (telephone # 806-592-3287).

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