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**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL** Brenda Smith shows off the recognition certificates which were recently presented to Plains ISD. See accompanying story.

## Plains Elementary School Receives Performance Awards

Plains Elementary School was recognized by the Commissioner of Education, Lionel "Skip" Meno, at the Texas Successful Schools Awards Ceremony in Austin just prior to the beginning of the 1992-93 school year.

Texas Successful Schools Awards System (TSSAS) identifies schools for performance gain and high performance. The Texas Legislature created TSSAS to identify and reward schools that demonstrate progress or success in achieving the educational goals of the

state. Only 750 schools out of nearly 6,000 across Texas were recognized.

Plains Elementary was one of approximately 90 schools receiving two awards - one for outstanding performance and another for performance gain. The award was accepted on behalf of the students and staff by their principal, Brenda Smith.

The awards ceremony was underwritten by a grant from Southwestern Bell Foundation.

## Plains ISD Swimming Pool Offers Public "Free Swimming"

Plains Independent School District has designed a program to provide the community with swimming instruction, individual recreation, family recreation, fitness training and rehabilitation.

All students of Plains ISD will receive swimming instruction during the school day as well as first aid, CPR, safe swimming practices and lifesaving techniques.

Community patrons are invited to use the pool at no charge during the following hours: Mondays, 5 to 8 p.m.; Tuesdays, 3:30 to 6 p.m. and Sundays, 1 to 4 p.m.

Women's classes, also free to the public, will be offered from 8 to 9 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Persons must be at least 17 years of age to participate in these classes.

The pool is available for anyone interested in using the facility for rehabilitation or physical therapy.

Private parties may be booked for a fee of \$30. The fee covers use of the pool and the services of lifeguards. Parties will be limited to two hours.

Persons wishing to book a private party should call Donna Hollensed at 456-7401.

Plains ISD sincerely hopes that the community will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity for fun, relaxation, fitness and health provided by using the pool, says a spokesman for the school board.

Please be aware that an individual does not have to be a swimmer to benefit and enjoy water exercise. A person trained and certified by the American Red Cross will always be on duty when the pool is in use for patrons' safety and for suggestions and instruction on water activities.

## Plains 4-H Club Begins New Year

Members of Plains 4-H Club gathered Aug. 27 to make posters promoting 4-H. The posters were displayed in local businesses, the school and the library.

Meeting to make posters were Maranda Box, Lesli Rowe, Elizabeth Clanahan, Grady McNabb, Casey Mayes, Taylor Gray, Dawn Garland, Donita Richardson, Jill Gray, Ky May, Leticia Canon, Tiffany Canon, Ashlei Mason, Kelton Mason and Israel Baca. Adult leaders were Cindra Box, Cindy Gray, Beth Clanahan and Dottie Mayes.

First regular meeting was Monday evening in the clubroom.

Any interested boy or girl is invited to become involved.



**4-H'ERS MAKE POSTERS** - Shown left to right, back row, Ashlei Mason, Dawn Garland, Grady McNabb, Casey Mayes, Israel Baca, Leticia Canon and Donita Richardson. Middle row, Tiffany Canon and Miranda Box. Front row, Kelton Mason, Elizabeth Clanahan, Taylor Gray, Lesli Rowe and Ky May.



## 11th Annual Octoberfest To Be Held At Lake Brownwood

The "Center" of attention! That's what mature adults 55 and over will be at the Texas 4-H Center on Lake Brownwood when hundreds will enthusiastically participate in the 11th annual Octoberfest during September and October says Joan Chandler, County Extension Agent - Home Economics, Yoakum County.

Sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, five weeks are offered from which men and women alike may choose:

Octoberfest I - Sept. 29-Oct. 2; Octoberfest II - Oct. 6-9; Octoberfest III - October 13-16; Octoberfest IV - October 20-23; and Octoberfest V - October 27-30.

Featured educational programs and "hands-on" learning centers offer a wide variety of topics to fulfill the highest expectations of all who attend. Energizing and relaxing recreational opportunities will stimulate enthusiasm while all will welcome great fellowship and new friends.

Boat rides and fishing on Lake Brownwood add popularity to your stay. Lighted tennis courts, horseshoes,

billiards, volleyball, shuffleboard, dominoes, and card and table games round out the event.

A special "Let's Make A Deal" theme will provide a festive atmosphere to the facilities. Thursday's theme party will feature some unusual events and activities.

Octoberfest! 55 or older? It's for you! Each weekly event is limited to the first 165 participants at a nominal fee. Get away and learn to make the most of the best years of your life. Call your county Extension office today at 456-2263.

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## Melissa Welch, Jeffery Roper Pledge Double Ring Vows

Wedding vows were solemnized Aug. 8 in First Baptist Church for Melissa Jean Welch and Jeffery Lance Roper.

Officiating was the Rev. Glenn Harlin of Northside Baptist Church in Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. Kent Welch are parents of the bride. The groom is son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Roper of Seminole.

An archway, adorned with pink roses and ivy was the setting in the foyer of the church as guests registered. A pink ribbon swing hung in the center of the archway with a white iron table alongside and a bird bath that held floating candles.

Vows were spoken before an altar graced with 60-branch candelabra flanked by heart shaped votive candelabra, all entwined with ivy, emerald greenery, burgundy roses and light pink flowers with bows of white tulle and pink ribbons. The altar rail was lighted by 70 miniature tapers, similarly adorned. Bridal aisles were marked with pink bridal bows and votive candles in old-fashioned globes.

Chris Seaton, pianist, and vocalist Melba Crutcher and Kathy Harman presented nuptial selections. Seaton and Hartman sang "Love Will Be Our Home" as parents and grandparents were seated. Candles were lighted by Jennifer Earnest and Heather McDonnell as Seaton sang "In This Very Room". The couple lighted the unity candle as Seaton and Crutcher sang "Nobody Loves Me Like You Do".

Escorted by her father to the strains of "Trumpet Voluntary", the bride wore a contemporary gown of blush pink bridal satin fashioned with sweetheart cut bodice featuring a sheer Sabrina neckline and full length sleeves, all adorned with motifs of Schiffler lace enhanced with pearls and sequins. The slim fitting skirt was accented with a detachable train richly adorned with Schiffler appliques accented with pearls and sequins. A satin candybox bow accented the back waistline.

Designed by Vee Ann and Judy Fitzgerald, the wedding cake featured four single heart shaped cakes surrounded by three tiered layers and a the bride's table was highlighted with a bouquet of roses and baby's breath in a crystal vase. Forming a backdrop were lattice panels adorned with ivy, roses and jewel tone ribbons.

A double pouf of blush illusion and cascading veil was held by a vee shaped pearl band accented with lilies of the valley and pearls.

### Volunteer Tutors Are Needed

Persons willing to dedicate their time each week to work with the Plains Literacy Program are asked to contact Yoakum County Library for information.

The contribution of time and talent is rewarding when one helps another to learn to read and write.

She carried a cascade of Southern gardenias, heather, Queen Anne's lace, marshberries and sweetheart rosebuds, all in blush pink, with pearls and crystalline sprays and imported ribbons of white and pink with iridescent

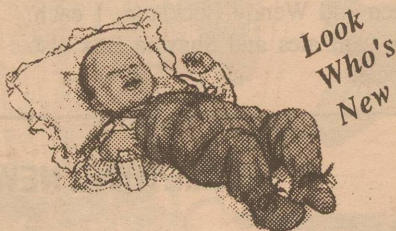
streamers and tulle. The bouquet was a custom design created especially for the bride by Ann Marrow of "Heartfelt Designs" in Brownfield.

Keeping traditions, the bride carried as "something old" the wedding ring worn by her great-great-grandmother. Her attire was "new" and she borrowed a bracelet from the mother of the groom. For the traditional touch of blue, she wore the garter worn by her mother in her wedding.

Krissy Bowen of Sioux City, Ia. was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Darla Welch, sister-in-law of the bride, Tana Romero of Lubbock and Kendra Welch, sister-in-law of the bride. They wore ankle length dresses fashioned with burgundy and emerald green bodices and emerald green fitted skirts. They carried cascades of burgundy roses, baby's breath and greenery accented with pink ribbons.

Chris Henderson of Lubbock was best man. Groomsmen were Kern Arrott of San Angelo, Doug Lowrie and Bob Wilkinson, both of Lubbock. Rings were carried by Jeron Park of Burkburnett, nephew of the groom. Guests were seated by Tracy Welch and Donnell Welch, brothers of the bride.

A reception was held in fellowship hall. Laid with white lace over pink,



Rosalie and Joe Rivera of Twentynine Palms, Ca. announce the arrival of a son born at 1:48 a.m. Aug. 28 in Twentynine Palms. Weighing seven pounds 11 ounces and measuring 20 and three-quarters inches long, he has been named Jordan Trinidad. He has a sister, Crystal Lie, seven, and a brother, Jacob Daniel, two. Grandparents are Rosemary and Trinidad Garcia and Maria Rivera. Teresa Trevino of San Antonio and Maria Vega of El Paso are great-grandmothers.

Alex and Susan Barrientes announce the arrival of a son born at 9:36 a.m. Aug. 30 in University Medical Center in Lubbock. Named Jeffery Ray, the little fellow weighed seven pounds six ounces and measured 21 and a quarter inches long. Grandparents are Rudy and Yolanda Gonzales and the late Rudy Ramos and Louis and Cuca Barrientes. Great-grandparents are Manuel and Juana Ramos and Marcela Amaya of Laredo. Eularia Amaya of Laredo is his great-great-grandmother.



MRS. JEFFERY LANCE ROPER

flowing fountain, all adorned with silk roses, baby's breath and dogwood blossoms made by the bride's mother. Punch was served from a crystal bowl.

Presiding at the table were Dana Miller, Tonya Reed and Juhree Stowe, all of Lubbock.

Serving at the groom's table were Wanda Carney of Hobbs, NM and Shannon Kreger of New Home. Members of the house party were Pat Bowlin, Glenda Hobbs, Gail McDon-

nell, Bonnie Earnest and Latrell McDonnell.

Following a wedding trip to San Antonio, the newlyweds are at home in Lubbock.

A graduate of Plains High School and South Plains College, the bride is employed with O & A Tex-Pack in Lubbock.

The groom is a December candidate for graduation from Texas Tech University.

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## SCHOOL EVENTS

Sept. 14 - Sept. 19

SUNDAY - Sept. 13, the 4-H Achievement Banquet - Cafeteria - 2 p.m.

MONDAY - Volleyball - Level-land - 7th/8th - There - 5 p.m.

TUESDAY - Volleyball - Brownfield/Pampa - JV/V - Brownfield - 5 p.m.; Farm Bureau Meeting - Cafeteria - 7 p.m.

THURSDAY - Football - Open - JV; Football - Open - Jr. High

FRIDAY - Football - Forsan - V - Here - 8 p.m.

SATURDAY - Volleyball - Colorado City Tournament - V - There; Volleyball - Lamesa Tournament - JV - There; Volleyball - Denver City Tournament - 7th/8th - There



## Plains Independent School District

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### Volleyball

Cowgirls avenged an earlier loss to the Lady Tigers of Snyder Tuesday in a lengthy match in which they emerged victorious, 15-13 9-15 15-13.

Rhonda Cowart recorded 11 service points. Darce Pierce and Shandy Willett finished the night with seven each.

The Cowgirls will compete this weekend in the Wink Wildcat Invitational Tournament and return to action Tuesday, Sept. 15 in dual competition

with Brownfield and Pampa at Brownfield.

Junior Varsity volleyballers lost to Snyder 10-15 11-15. Dusty Beckham posted six service points; Valerie Blair, five; and Misty Willett, four.

The JV girls will travel to Brownfield Sept. 15 for a dual match with the Lady Cubs and Pampa.

Snyder's ninth grade Lady Tigers handed the PHS ninth graders a loss in their season opener last week. Maria Moreno and Rachel Garcia combined for 23 points in the 6-15 15-6 5-15 defeat.

Other members of the freshman team are Heather McDonnell, Amanda Koncaba, Kelly McGinty and Becky St. Romain.

Eighth grade and seventh grade volleyballers swept Denver City in straight sets Thursday afternoon.

Kyley Bearden and Robin Squyres served 17 and 13 points, respectively, in the 8th grade 15-4 15-1 sweep. Other team members are Kristy McClure, Kristi Guetersloh, Bridget Bernal, Samantha Blake, Mary Morales, Sonja Avila, Dacia Humphrey, Tessa St. Romain and Lyndi Rowe.

Seventh Grade A team outplayed Denver City A 15-2 15-3 with Cecilia Moreno leading all servers with 13 points. Lindsey Six had 7, Kassie Lowe, 6, Shyloh Winn, 2 and Sandi Warren and Wendy Beckham, 1 each. Dolly Gonzales and Shawna Box also competed.

Seventh Grade B girls won 15-12 16-14 with Tanya Hernandez scoring 15; Laura Flores, 7; Monica Lazos and Neomi Stewart, 4 each; and Vickie Bayer, 1. Also competing were Christy Ruiz and Melissa Asebedo.

### What's Cooking At School?



#### BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Toast, oatmeal, grape juice and milk.

TUESDAY - Donuts, toast, apple juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Toast, apricot preserves, orange juice and milk.

THURSDAY - Pancakes, syrup, butter, fruit punch and milk.

FRIDAY - Toast, cereal, pineapple juice and milk.

#### LUNCH

MONDAY - Hot dogs w/chili, French fries w/catsup, combination salad, pears and milk.

TUESDAY - Pizza, corn, tossed salad, hot rolls, peanut butter, honey and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Hamburgers, lettuce, pickles, onions, potato chips, fruit, peanut sandies and milk.

THURSDAY - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, black-eyed peas, coleslaw, hot rolls, butter, spiced applesauce and milk.

FRIDAY - Beef nuggets w/gravy, green beans, hot rolls, rice, peaches and milk.

## Swimming Pool Schedule

at Plains Independent School District

### ALL AGES WELCOME

(Free to Public)

Monday - 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Tuesday - 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday - 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

### Women's Classes

(Must be at least 17 years of age - free to public)

Monday - 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Wednesday - 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

### Private Parties

There is a \$30 rental fee for the use of the pool which will be limited to two hours. Lifeguards will be provided and are included in the cost of the rental fee.

The pool is also available for anyone interested in using the facility for rehabilitation or physical therapy.

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for additional information or to book a private party.

### SOMETHING NEW ON THE BLOCK

Plains Junior High is trying something new this year. It is called block scheduling. This schedule involves a very unique way of scheduling students. The plan calls for students to be scheduled into only two of the four academic classes (history, science, math or language) at one time.

With this type of schedule, each student would attend his/her two block classes for nine weeks then switch to the remaining two core classes for the final nine weeks of each semester. For example, if a student was placed in history and math for the first nine weeks, they would be placed into science and language arts for the final nine weeks. The "block" classes meet each day for two consecutive periods. This would mean that nine weeks now equals to a semester and each three weeks equals a traditional six weeks period. Grades for the "block" classes will be reported every three weeks and progress reports will be sent out every seven to eight days.

There are definite advantages to this type of schedule. First, is the reduction of class size. Since teachers only have half of the students for nine weeks, there is more time for individual help. This also means the teacher deals with half the paperwork and half the grades to average.

Second, is a reduction in the number of classes a student prepares for each day. Instead of the possibility of having "homework" for four core classes, the student realizes that he/she is only responsible for two core subjects at a time. Many times, test review takes place during class time, however, when this is coupled with the student's ability to study at home with less pressure, test scores should go up and more students will be successful.



## Birthday Events Honor Velma Dearing Recently

Velma Dearing observed her seventieth birthday Aug. 28 with a birthday supper in Brownfield hosted by her sisters, Willie Mae Engle and Thelma Cheatham.

The following day, she was surprised with a surprise buffet supper by her children, sisters, brothers, nieces and nephews.

Birthday cake, made by her daughter-in-law, Terri Dearing, was enjoyed by 38 family members including Raymond and Rachel Addison of Hico; Clistus and Mae Addison of

Snyder; Leon and Thelma Cheatham, Tokio; Kenneth and Willie Mae Engle, Claude and Phyllis Addison, Melvin,

Dawn, Jeremy and Cassie Dearing, Marvin, Terri and Wyatt Dearing, Tim, Judi, Scott and Christopher Addison,

all of Plains; Donna, Danya and Taryn Timmons, Brownfield; Kim and Laurie Harrelson, Crane; Mike, Judie, Jarrod

and Austin Cheatham and Garrick Engle, all of Lubbock and Steve, Peggy, Blake, Tyler, Mark and Mitchell Hicks of Denver City.

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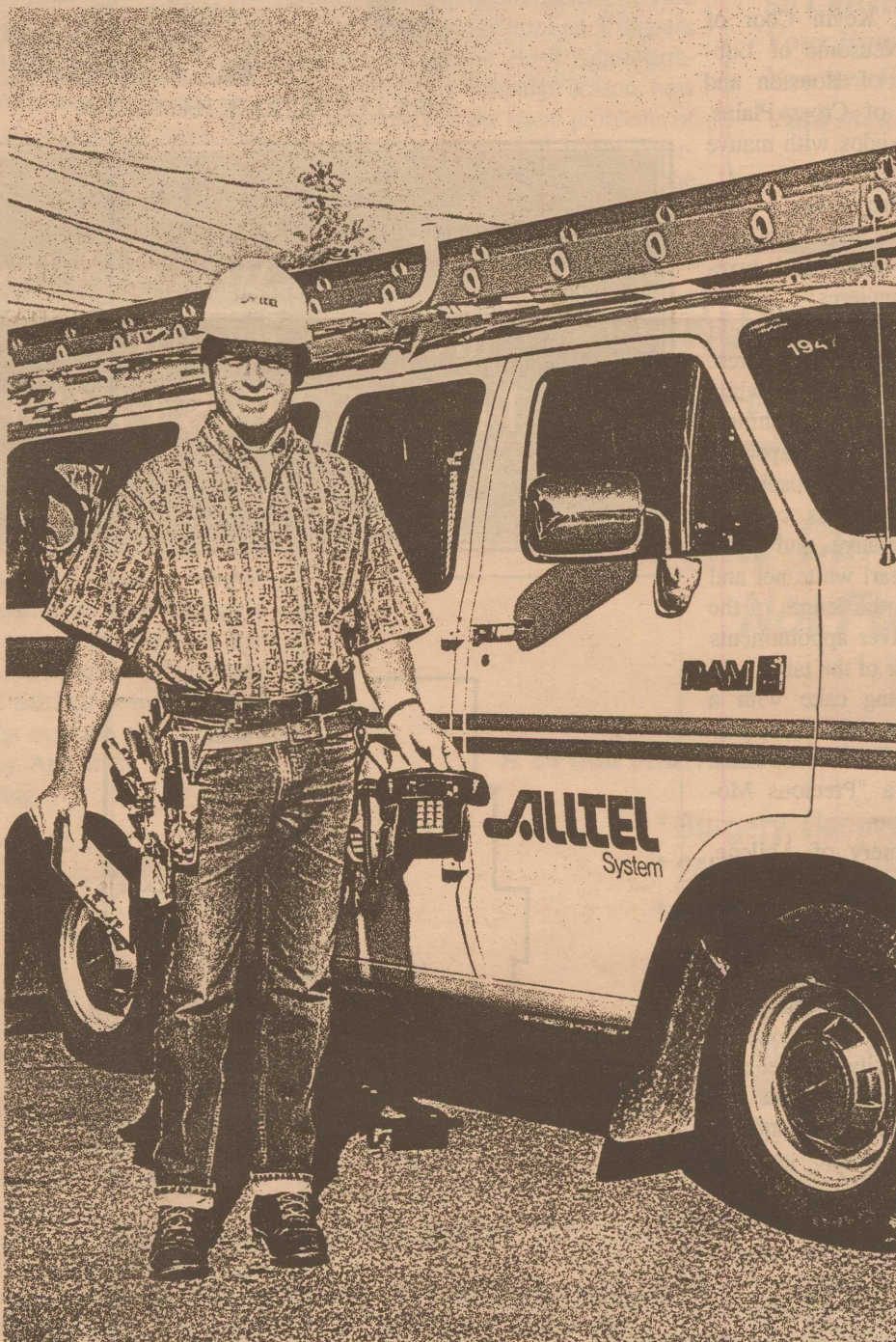
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## First Baptist Music Minister Weds Recently In Cross Plains

Melissa Ann Montgomery and Lee Patrick Hamilton were married Aug. 15 at 6 p.m. in First Baptist Church of Cross Plains with Rev. Michael Hale officiating.

The parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Randy Montgomery of Cross Plains. She is the granddaughter of J.D. Montgomery of Cross Plains and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy McCowen of Early; and the great-granddaughter of Ruby McCowen of Cross Plains.

The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. G.L. Hamilton of Jayton. Grandparents are Ocie Ford and Thelma Hamilton, both of Jayton.

Kelly Clay of Seminole played the pre-wedding music and the traditional Wedding March. Bobette Hettick of Abilene played the guitar and sang, "This Is The Day" while mothers and grandparents were escorted into the church. The bridesmaids entered as Kelly Clay played "Jessica's Theme". Melissa Montgomery sang "I'll Be Here" (presented on tape) for the groom. After the bride was given by her father, the groom sang, "Cherish the Treasure" to the bride.

During the lighting of the unity candle, Melba Crutcher of Plains and Jeff McCoy of Dallas sang "The Commitment Song". The wedding procession left to the music of "Hallelujah", accompanied by Kelly Clay and performed by the First Baptist Church of Plains.

The mother of the groom carried a lighted tapered candle as she was escorted to the unity candle by her son, Patrick Hamilton, and seated.

The mother of the bride carried a lighted tapered candle and was escorted to the unity candle by her son, Stacy Montgomery of Cross Plains, and then seated.

The altar was decorated with brass candelabra extending the length of the platform. Pearl white net was draped from the candelabra. The middle cathedral for the candelabra was decorated with large yellow silk magnolias, and mauve and burgundy day lilies filled with purple jade greenery. Below the cathedral candelabra was a large open family Bible belonging to the bride's great-grandmother.

Pews were marked with mixed yellow and white magnolias, burgundy, mauve and pearl white day lilies. Six single pew candelabra marked the family section.

The bride wore a form fitting fully hand-beaded lace dress adorned with sequins and pearls. It featured Victorian puff sleeves with cascading pearls. A satin train was attached under a large satin and lace bustle bow. The bride's veil was attached to a pearl band and the iridescent veil extended the full length of the train.

Heather Montgomery was her sister's maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Kathy Parrish of Brownwood, Jennifer Ritchey of Lubbock, Stephanie Stamps of Odessa, Traci Hamilton of Abilene and Denise Montgomery of Cross Plains. They

wore floral burgundy, mauve and pearl white dresses, which featured an off-the-shoulder sleeve and drop scalloped waist. The skirt was fully gathered pearl white net. Bridesmaids carried bouquets of white magnolias with large pearl white bows.

Stephanie Edington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Edington of Cross Plains, served as flower girl and wore a replica of the bridesmaids' dresses. She carried a small white wicker basket decorated with small burgundy and mauve silk rosebuds and mauve ribbon streamers.

The ring bearer was Colter Hettick of Abilene. He was dressed in a black tuxedo and carried the traditional satin ring pillow.

Candle lighters were Shana Bagley of Cross Plains and Carol Morgan of Abilene.

The groom wore a black full tuxedo with a mauve silk boutonniere.

The best man was Jay Whitlow of Olney. Groomsmen were Lane Turner of the Dallas area, Kevin Coor of Greenville, Bryan Neusome of Lubbock, John Elmore of Houston and Stacy Montgomery of Cross Plains. They wore black tuxedos with mauve boutonnieres.

Serving as ushers were Chad Bagley of Cross Plains and Craig Martin of Abilene. They wore black tuxedos and mauve boutonnieres.

The wedding reception was held in the Fellowship Hall at the church. The room was decorated with white lattices and white wicker furnishings. Greenery and flowers were draped on lattice to give an out-door atmosphere.

The bride's table was covered with a burgundy, mauve and pearl white floral cloth. Pearl white net and bows were cascaded the length of the table. Crystal and silver appointments were used. The center of the table held a three-tiered wedding cake with a nosegay of pink roses and lace, prepared by Sandy Yates of Cross Plains. The cake top was a "Precious Moments" bride and groom.

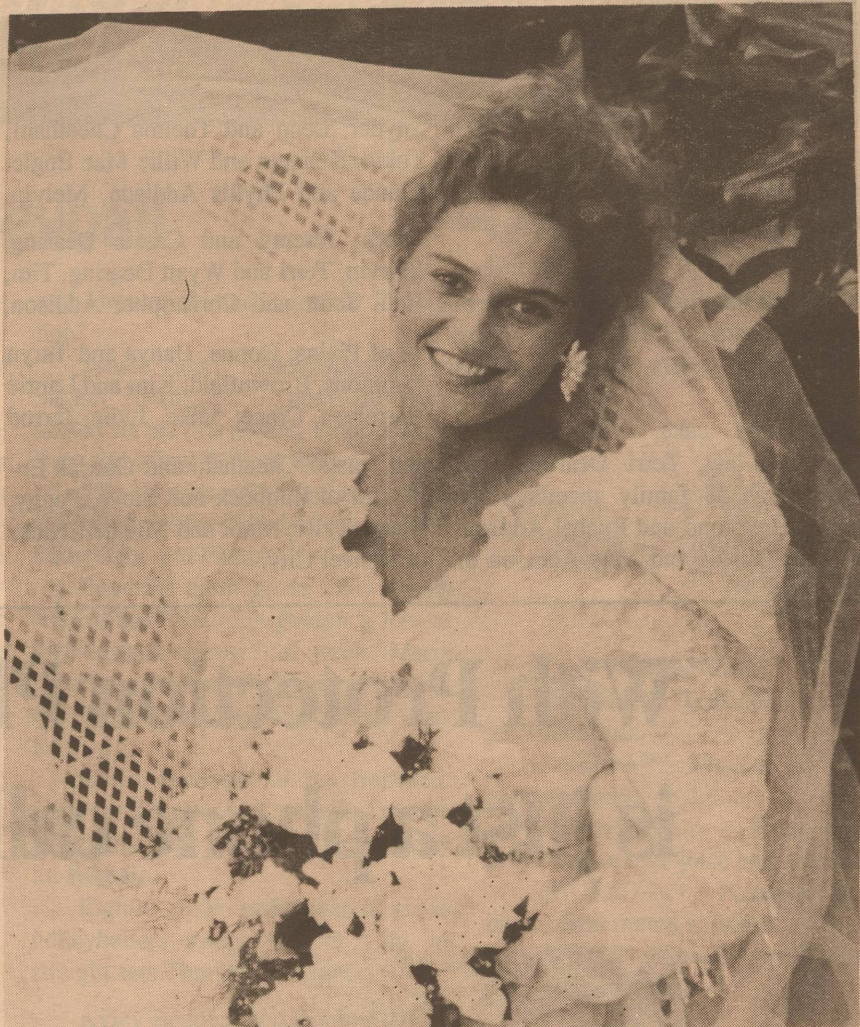
Sherry Montgomery of Abilene, Marie Stambaugh of Cross Plains, and Cindy McCaghren of Meriden, KS served at the bride's table.

The groom's table was covered with off-white lace over burgundy cloth and held a cream iced chocolate cake. Nuts, mints and silver coffee service completed the setting. Erin Everett of Lubbock and Khristi Hamilton of Lubbock served at the groom's table.

Following a wedding trip to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, the couple will make their home in Plains.

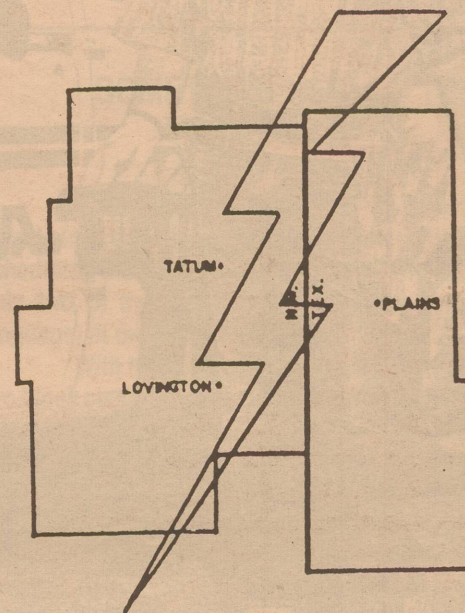
The bride is a 1989 graduate of Cross Plains High School and is presently attending Texas Tech University. She is employed at Plains State Bank.

The groom is a 1986 graduate of Jayton High School and is a graduate of Texas Tech University. He is the minister of music at First Baptist Church in Plains.



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## BEHIND THE LINES

By Philip C. Clark

The state of California is in big fiscal trouble. And how its state government handles the crisis could provide some lessons for lawmakers in Washington.

Gamblers call them markers. Banks call them promissory notes. California officials call them registered warrants. Most of the rest of us know them by their three initials I.O.U.

These registered warrants in California then are the state government's way of saying to its employees and contractors, I owe you - for your paycheck for services rendered, or your doctor's bill if you're poor and ailing.

You see, California is flat broke and can't meet its payroll. So in lieu of checks, the state has sent out these so-called registered warrants to some 324,000 of its citizens to the tune of \$507 million. And that's just the first go-around. The total could go much higher, into the billions of dollars, say state officials. And while state banks are honoring the IOU's it's not clear how long they will do so.

These IOU's aren't the only economic problems California faces. For example, in a state which had been creating 200,00 to 300,00 new jobs every year during the 80's, California has now lost 750,000 jobs in the last years. And, reflecting the poor economy, California's bond ratings have dropped to double-A and A-plus levels, just barely above those of so-called junk bonds.

How did California reach this state of affairs? On the surface, the answer is that Republican governor, Pete Wilson, and the Democratic legislature, led by Assembly Speaker Willie Brown, are deadlocked over this year's budget. And indeed the political impasse is there for all to see. But beyond just the usual partisan politicking is a deeper division over the proper course of fiscal policy. And at the heart of the issue is spending.

Right now, the state is facing a \$10.7 billion deficit which it must close in its 1993 budget, according to the state's constitution. Republican Governor Wilson has identified spending cuts worth that amount, but the Democrat-controlled legislature won't go along with him, preferring instead a tax increase, combined with some spending cuts, to close the gap. A look at the state's fiscal record suggests that Governor Wilson has the more sensible approach.

For example, throughout the 80's, California consistently ran budget surpluses. The only exception was in budget year 1982-83, which was in the middle of a recession. These surpluses apparently convinced state lawmakers to open up the state treasury for more spending programs. California's welfare payments, for example, are among the highest in the nation. In addition, many of these health and welfare programs are adjusted annually for inflation. These COLA's or Cost-of-Liv-

ing-Adjustments, were automatic boosts to state spending levels. With these two policies in effect, it's small wonder that the welfare rolls have been

increasing four times faster than the population. As Governor Wilson has pointed out, California's high benefit levels "are a magnet," encouraging poor people to move to the Golden State.

But the free-spending ways of state lawmakers got a cold dose of reality in the 90's. The state began running budget deficits, increasing from a \$3 billion shortfall in 1990 to \$10.7 billion deficit last year.

Wilson has apparently learned his lesson. Vowing to oppose all tax increases, the governor was quoted recently in the Washington Times as saying: "Unless the Democrats finally agree to cut spending...unless we pass a budget that is balanced without new taxes...I'd rather go into the November elections without a budget than to take this terrible misstep from which I think the state will never recover."

Sounds a lot like what's been happening in Washington, doesn't it? And as the Democrat-controlled Congress and the Republican Bush Administration go into this campaign season, how each approaches the fiscal problems of federal government will likely determine their chances of success at the polls.

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*You say you're no preacher?  
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Senior Companions from Bailey, Cochran, Garza, Hockley, Lamb, Lynn, Terry and Yoakum counties met recently in Levelland. Lt. Tony Cowan of Levelland PD was program leader.

He showed slide presentations concerning home security measures, neighborhood watch programs and fraud awareness.

Cowan stated that most police departments have electric engraving tools which may be borrowed by the public to mark their belongings for identification if stolen.

He stated persons are encouraged to use their Texas Driver's License Number as their identifying number. If one does not have a Texas Driver's License, he or she may apply for an identification card through the local Driver's License Bureau. This ID card resembles a license, the number is kept on file and can be assessed by computer through local law enforcement departments within minutes as a license number can.

## Library Lists

### Parent-Help Books

Yoakum County Library in Plains has a number of books which parents might find helpful in aiding their children to succeed and overcome problems that arise with growing up.

Among those are:

"Parenting Isn't For Cowards" by Dr. James C. Dobson; "Yes, I Can Say No" by Manuel J. Smith, PhD; "The Difficult Child" by Stanley Turecki, M.C. and Leslie Tonner; "Positive Discipline" by Jane Nelson, EdD; "Dare To Discipline" by Dr. James C. Dobson; "Smarter Kids" by Lawrence J. Greene; "The Strong Willed Child" by Dr. James C. Dobson and "Raising Self-Reliant Children" by H. Stephen Glenn and Jane Nelson EdD.

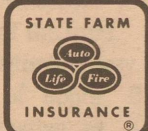
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