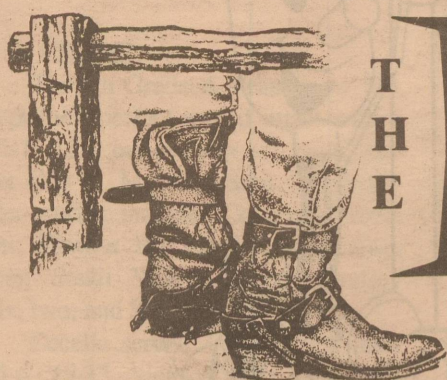


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HOMEcoming QUEEN CANDIDATES - Misty Willett, Darce Pierce and Jennifer Day.

McWhirter Chosen As Gold Star Winner

Blaine McWhirter, president of Plains 4-H Club, was the winner recently of the coveted Gold Star Award, highest honor achieved at the county level. Presentation was made at the annual Yoakum County 4-H Banquet.

A nine year member of 4-H, his projects have included sheep, swine, recreation, foods and nutrition, leadership, electricity and entomology. He has been a member of the entomology team that has advanced to state contests for three years.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Macky McWhirter, the new Gold Star 4-H'er also received the "I Dare You" Award. He is currently serving as a member of District 4-H Council.

Julie Hancock, daughter of Joni Hancock of Denver City, was also recipient of an "I Dare You" Award. She is presently serving as president of Denver City 4-H Club.

McWhirter and Miss Hancock served as master and mistress of ceremonies for the banquet.

Maranda Box, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Box, and Lyndi Rowe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rowe, were winners of this year's Outstanding Junior 4-H'ers. Each is a four year member of 4-H. Each has participated in clothing, foods and nutrition and swine projects.



GOLD STAR AWARD WINNER - Blaine McWhirter, second from left, is the winner of the 1992 coveted honor. Shown with him are Terry Millican, Yoakum County Extension Agent-AG, and his parents, Connie and Macky McWhirter.

Yoakum County 4-H Adult Leaders Association selected Yoakum County Commissioners Court as the 1992 Friend of 4-H. A plaque was presented to Commissioners John Avara, Bob Thurston, Jim Barron and Macky McWhirter and County Judge Dallas Brewer.

Honored as Outstanding Leaders for their dedication to the county 4-H program were Kenneth McGinty and

Queen Candidates Announced

Candidates for homecoming queen have been announced at Plains High School and this year's queen will be crowned during halftime ceremonies Friday night as the Cowboys take on the Hart Longhorns. Those nominated for the title are Darce Pierce, daughter of Joe and Joyce Pierce; Misty Willett, daughter of Jerry and Paula Willett; and Jennifer Day, daughter of Carl and Teresa Stroup.

Darce Pierce, a senior at PHS, has been a cheerleader for four years and is currently the student council president. Participating in the one-act play at Plains High, Darce is also a member of the Cowgirl volleyball team and a member of FFA. She will be escorted by Brad Ashburn, son of Stanley and Sheila Ashburn.

Misty Willett, a Plains High School sophomore, will be escorted by Jay Rushing, son of Morris and Debbie

Rushing. She is a cheerleader and a member of the Cowgirl volleyball and basketball teams.

Active in FHA, volleyball, cheerleading and basketball, Jennifer Day is a junior at PHS. Part of the one-act play, she was recently nominated for Class Favorite. Jennifer will be escorted by Ladd Winn, son of Tony and Lynne Winn.

Services Held For Lela Marie Box

Funeral services were held for Lela Marie Box in First Baptist Church, Thursday, Sept. 24 at 10 a.m. Rev. Glenn Harlin, pastor of Northside Baptist Church in Odessa, officiated.

Burial was in Plains Cemetery under the direction of Brownfield Funeral Home in Brownfield.

Mrs. Box was visiting in the home of her son and family, David and Shirley Box of Austin at the time of her death, Sunday evening, Sept. 20. She suffered a lengthy illness.

Born Jan. 9, 1912 in Mullins, she married Hayden David Box July 29, 1946 in Coleman. They moved to the Plains area in August of 1946, where she was still a resident. A charter member of State Line Extension Homemakers Club, she was a homemaker and a Baptist.

Mrs. Box was preceded in death by a daughter, Barbara (Bobbie) Harbour Mills, July 13, 1961; and by her husband on Sept. 1, 1990.

Survivors include two sons, David Lee Box of Austin and Arthur Wayne Box of Plains; two brothers, Arthur Walton of Sarasota, Fla. and Winfred Walton of Coleman; seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Tommy Guy Box, Donnie Maines, Ron Craft, Paul Mills, Robby Strong and Dunk Brian.

School Calendar Changes Noted

Plains ISD has revised the 1992-93 school calendar to provide for a school holiday Feb. 12 in conjunction with Yoakum County Stock Show.

Students will be dismissed from classes and faculty and staff will be in staff development Oct. 5-6; Nov. 9-10 and May 10-11. (See Revised School Calendar on page 4)

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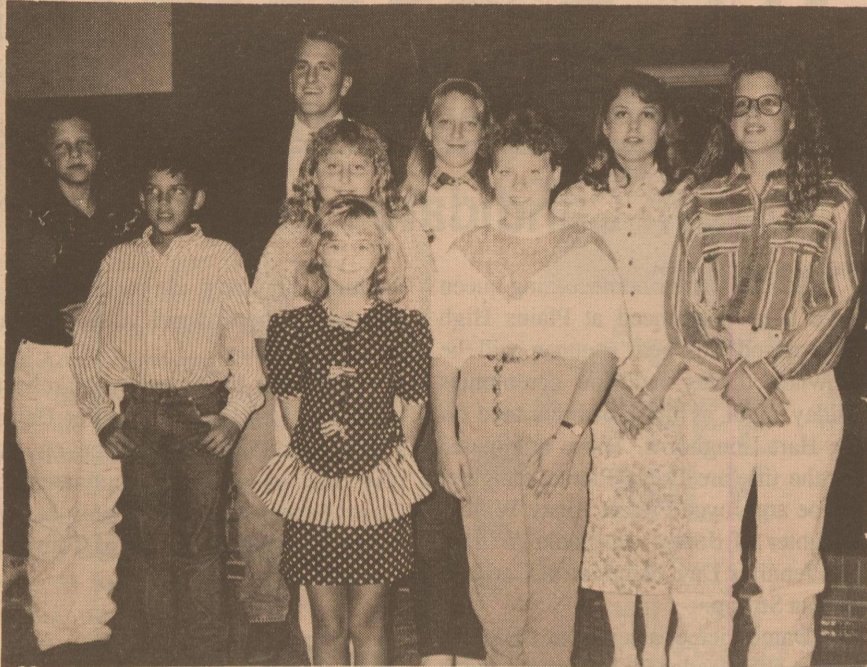
Banquet... Continued from Page 1

Local youth receiving project pins included Kelly McGinty, Beef; Casey Mayes and Donita Richardson, Rabbit; Stacy Tuggle, Swine; Shawna Box and Maranda Box, Clothing; Blaine McWhirter, Entomology; and Lyndi Rowe, Taylor Gray, Lesli Rowe and Wendy Beckham, Foods and Nutrition.

All other members were presented year pins.

Stacy Gilbert, Texas Tech University Ag Ambassador, was guest speaker. Yoakum County Extension Homemakers entertained with a fashion show of "Recycled Fashions".

Other 4-H'ers assisting with the banquet were Kelly McGinty, Chase Clanahan, Brian Chandler, Stacy Jones, Jessica Dulin, Katrina Hart, Shawna Box, Jinger Hancock, Sarah Jones and Tessa St. Romain.



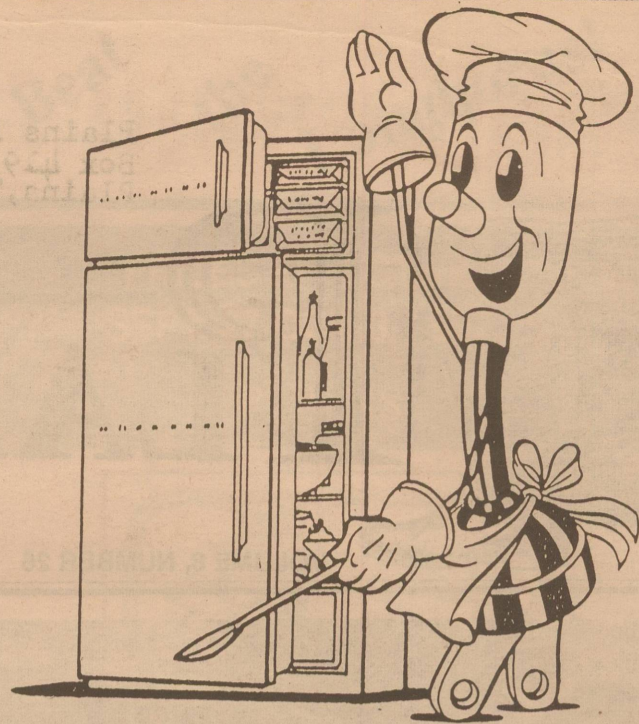
PROJECT AWARD WINNERS applauded at the annual 4-H Awards Banquet were, left to right, front row, Taylor Gray, Donita Richardson, Lesli Rowe, Staci Tuggle and Shawna Box. Back row, Maranda Box, Blaine McWhirter, Lyndi Rowe and Katrina Hart.



NAMED "OUTSTANDING" - Maranda Box and Lyndi Rowe, Plains 4-H'ers, were honored at the recent 4-H Awards Banquet as Outstanding Junior 4-H members.



ADULT LEADERS RECOGNIZED for their contribution to the 4-H program were Dottie Mayes, Kenneth McGinty and Joni Hancock.



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7TH GRADE

The 7th Grade A Team, now 7-0, kept their perfect record intact with a 15-13 15-9 out of town win over Denver City A, Monday, Sept. 21. Wrangler scoring included Cecelia Moreno, ten; Shawna Box, six; Kassie Lowe, four; Sandi Warren, three; Lindsey Six, two; and Shyloh Winn, five.

Cecelia served 15 points in their 15-6 15-13 victory over Levelland Monday, Sept. 14. Kassie came through with nine; Shyloh, three; Shawna, two; and Dolly Gonzales, one.

The 7th Grade B Team outplayed Denver City B 15-6 15-4. Tanya Hernandez led all servers with nine points. Neomi Stewart added eight; Vicki Bayer, six; Laura Flores, six; and Monica Lazos, one. Tanya, Laura and Neomi combined for six points in their team's 5-15 1-15 setback to Levelland B.

Plains 7th Graders hustled to a First Place finish at the Denver City 7th Grade Tournament, Saturday, Sept. 19. They opened play with a 16-14 4-15 17-15 decision over Lamesa, and stopped Seminole 15-11 8-15 16-14 in semifinal action. They overcame a one game deficit to defeat Levelland 7-15 15-1 15-7 for the championship.

8TH GRADE

The 8th Graders improved to 5-2 with their 15-4 15-1 victory over Denver City, Monday, Sept. 21. Individual scoring included Kyley Bearden, 16; Kristy McClure, eight; Samantha Blake, four; Tessa St. Romain, one; Lyndi Rowe, one.

Rallying from a 13-15 first game loss against Levelland, Monday, Sept. 14 Plains claimed the match by winning the next two games 15-9 15-6.

Robin Squyres led all servers with 18 points. Other scoring included Kyley and Tessa, eight each; Mary Morales, four; Lyndi, three; Kristy and Bridget Bernal, one.

The Wranglers won their first match of the Denver City 8th Grade Tournament, taking Seminole 15-9 15-10, but suffered a 6-15 3-15 setback to Lamesa and an 8-15 14-16 loss to Levelland.

9TH GRADE

Rachel Garcia came through with 11 service points in the 9th Graders' out of town loss to Lamesa, Tuesday, Sept. 22. Becky St. Romain added five. They defeated Brownfield 15-6 15-13 in out of town action, Tuesday, Sept. 15. Maria Moreno recorded 13 service points followed by Amanda Koncaba with nine.

JUNIOR VARSITY

The JV brought home the Consolation Trophy from the Lamesa Junior Varsity Tournament, Saturday, Sept. 19 with a 15-11 0-15 15-12 come back win over Abilene High. Jennifer Cowart and Misty Willett served 11 and seven service points respectively. A 2-15 3-15 first round loss to Seminole sent the Cowgirls to the consolation bracket. They squared off against Sweetwater and took the match 15-12 15-3 to advance to the consolation round. Dusty Beckham notched eight service points and Valerie Blair added seven.

The Cowgirls were upset by the Lamesa Tornadoes 15-9 15-11 in out of town competition Tuesday, Sept. 22. Jennifer Earnest contributed seven service points.

VARSIITY

The Cowgirls, now 13-9, went

three games with the Lamesa Tornadoes, Tuesday, Sept. 22 before losing the match 5-15 15-7 12-15. Ogla Ramirez and Brandy Lester finished the match with eight service points each. Shandy Willett added six.

Plains defeated Miles, Knox City and Water Valley en route to the Championship of the Lone Wolf Tournament held Saturday, Sept. 19 in Colorado City. The Cowgirls eased by Miles 15-5 15-3 in first round action. Amy Crutcher and Ogla combined for six kills in the offensive attack. Rhonda Cowart notched 16 service points in their 17-15 15-6 semifinal victory over Knox City to advance to the championship match against Water Valley. They fought to a 15-12 first game win but let the Cats come back in game two with a 10-3 lead. They rallied to avoid a third game and notched the win for the championship with a 15-14 triumph. Individual championship statistics included Amy Crutcher, eight kills, one block; Ogla Ramirez, one dig; Rhonda Cowart, four kills, one dig; Brandy Lester, four kills, one dig, one ace; Darce Pierce, three kills; Kara Holder, two kills, one dig; Shandy Willett, one dig; and Stacey Jones, one kill, one block.

Go Cowgirls!!

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School Board Meeting Held

School board members met in regular session Wednesday, Sept. 23 to set the 1992 ISD tax rate at \$.2376 per \$100 value. The 1992 tax roll of \$700,174,070, prepared by Yoakum County Appraisal District, was accepted.

Trustees nixed the proposed school housing plan and voted to maintain the employee housing plan in effect last year. Career ladder appointments were approved as presented.

The school calendar was amended to allow for a school holiday Feb. 12 to coincide with Yoakum County Stock Show. The holiday had previously been scheduled for Feb. 5.

The Plains ISD Site-Based Management Plan was adopted and a contract okayed with Four County Special Services Co-op for the 1992-93 school year.

Financial report was accepted and administrative reports were given by J.B. Wilson, Jimmy Conner, Brenda Smith and Pete Simmons.



"HUGS NOT DRUGS" - Texas ALLTEL Telephone Company promotes drug awareness by distributing book covers to students in Plains ISD. Shown are, left to right, back row, Travis Jones, Joel Gallegos, Rose Marie Loya and Brenda Smith, Elementary Principal. Front row, Emily Blair, Briana Garza, Ragan McGinty, Becky Coronel and Krystal Gonzales.

Community Offered Education Courses

Plains Independent School District is continuing to offer community education courses for persons interested in woodworking, calligraphy and women's water aerobics.

Calligraphy classes got underway Sept. 28 and continue evenings from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Resource Center. Mary Pettigrew is teaching the three-week course.

Women's water aerobics will be offered with classes beginning Oct. 12 and running through Nov. 6. (The pool will be closed until Oct. 12.) Instructor will be Donna Hollensed. Classes will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8 to 9 p.m. There is no fee.

Robert Canon will be instructing the woodworking classes. The ten weeks course will meet from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursdays in the high school shop. Fee is \$30.

Plains Independent School District School Calendar 1992-1993

REVISED SEPTEMBER 10TH

What's Cooking At School?



BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Student Holiday
TUESDAY - Student Holiday
WEDNESDAY - Toast, peanut butter, orange juice and milk.
THURSDAY - Waffles, syrup, butter, fruit punch and milk.
FRIDAY - Toast, cereal, pineapple juice and milk.

LUNCH
WEDNESDAY - Barbecue on bun, French fries w/catsup, combination salad, peaches and milk.
THURSDAY - Mexican casserole, pinto beans, Kosher spears, onion rings, cornbread, apricot cobbler and milk.
FRIDAY - Pork chops w/gravy, green beans, lettuce wedge, hot rolls, Jell-O and milk.

Reporting Periods	Days
1st Six Weeks	29
2nd Six Weeks	28
3rd Six Weeks	26
4th Six Weeks	29
5th Six Weeks	30
6th Six Weeks	32

Total School Days:	174
Staff Development Days:	6
Preparation Days:	3

Total Days:	183
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Holidays	Days
Labor Day	Sept. 7
Thanksgiving	Nov. 26-27
Christmas	Dec. 21-Jan. 1
Stock Show	Feb. 12
Spring Break	Mar. 15-19
Good Friday	Apr. 9

1st Semester: 83 Days
August 17 - December 18

2nd Semester: 91 Days
January 4 - May 21

Staff Development Days are Oct. 5th and 6th; Nov. 9th and 10th; May 10th and 11th.

Preparation Days are Aug. 14th, Dec. 19th and May 22nd.

High School Graduation is May 21st.

Weather Days are scheduled for April 9th and May 22nd.

CODES:

- Teacher Preparation
- Holiday
- Begin Six Weeks
- End Six Weeks
- Staff Development/Student Holidays
- Weather Day

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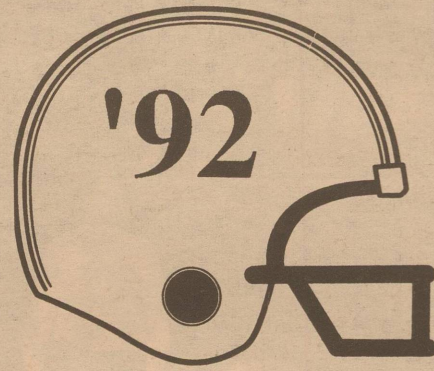
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Homecoming



Schedule:

Bonfire - Thursday, October 1, between 7:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Students continue to work on the bonfire Wednesday from 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. and Thursday from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Points will be awarded by the Booster Club. The winner will be presented the Dick McGinty Silver Spur Award by Rodney Garland, president of the Booster Club.

Pep Rally - Friday, October 2, 2:30 p.m.

Game - Hart vs Plains - 8:00 p.m. (halftime activities will include the crowning of the Homecoming Queen) Renaissance Flowers & Gifts will be donating the queen's bouquet and flowers for the attendants.

Class of 1977 - will meet in the home of Brad & Charlotte Palmer immediately following the game. Class members will sit together at the game.

Ex-Students - will meet in the clubroom immediately following the game for coffee, hot chocolate and cookies.

Special Spirit Days:

Monday - Bandana Day

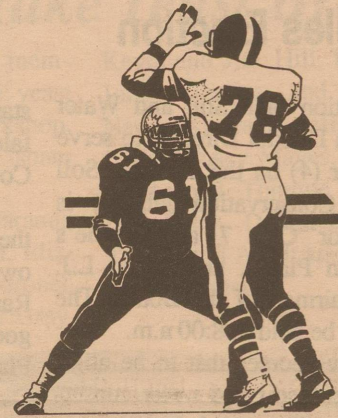
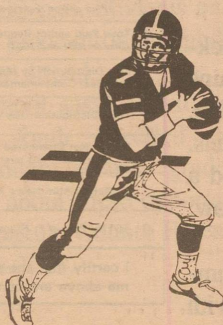
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Wednesday - Twin Day

Thursday - Trash Bag Day

Friday - Black/Gold/White Day

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VAUGHN CULWELL, local John Deere dealer and owner of Plains Farm Supply, Inc. of Plains and Denver City recently attended a product training meeting in Waterloo, Iowa and was photographed standing next to the new John Deere 7800 Series tractor.

Plains Farm Supply, Inc. Attends New Tractor Training Seminar

Vaughn Culwell, president at Plains Farm Supply, Inc., recently attended a product introduction and training meeting on the new John Deere 6000 and 7000 Series tractors in Waterloo, IA.

The two-day meeting included classes on the totally new 66- to 145-HP tractors and field demonstrations. "Stick time" was provided so each participant could operate the tractors and experience first-hand many of the new features discussed in class.

Training sessions also covered some new seeding and tillage equipment (and a new self-propelled sprayer) that Culwell says he plans to mention when he shares his newly acquired tractor knowledge with area farmers in the weeks ahead.

Approximately 4500 John Deere dealers and dealer sales personnel

mostly from the U.S. and Canada participated in the 11 two-day sessions in Waterloo from Aug. 16 through Sept. 12.

Conservation District Sponsors Contest

The Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District is again sponsoring an essay writing contest for senior students at Plains and Denver City High Schools. All senior students are eligible to enter the essay contest. The contest winner from each school will receive a \$1000 scholarship to the college of their choice.

The topic of the essay should relate to an elevation of the water situation in our area at the present time and contain proposals for future conservation of that water. The criteria for the contest is 1) a minimum of 1000 words; 2) typed and double spaced with footnotes or endnotes; 3) references must accompany paper in the form of a bibliography page; reference material may be acquired from the Sandy Land U.W.C.D. office located in Plains; 4) cover sheet containing: student's name, essay title, local high school and date; and 5) essays are due no later than April 12, 1993.

For further information, please contact the District Office at 806-456-2155.

Yoakum SWCD Schedules Election

An election of a Soil and Water Conservation District Director to serve in Zone Four (4) on the Yoakum Soil and Water Conservation District is scheduled for Oct. 7 at Johnnie's Restaurant in Plains, announced L.J. Sanders, Chairman of the Board. The election will be held at 8:00 a.m.

State law decrees that to be eligible to vote in a soil and water conservation district director election, a person must own agricultural land within the district (county) where the election is being held. Both husband and wife are considered owners. The person must also live within the county and be 18 years of age.

Legal qualifications state that a candidate for the office of a soil and water conservation district director must own land in the zone he/she represents, be 18 years of age and be actively engaged in farming or ranching. He/she must also live in a county, all or part of which is in the district. Soil and water conservation district directors serve four-year terms of office.

Zone Four (4) of the district includes all of the northeast 1/4 of Yoakum County excluding a square six miles by six miles on the Southwest corner.

SCHOOL EVENTS

MONDAY - Student Holiday - Staff Development; Volleyball - Levelland/Tatum - 7th/8th - Here - 5 p.m.

TUESDAY - Student Holiday - Staff Development

THURSDAY - Football - Brownfield - 7th/8th - Here - 5 p.m.; Football - Petersburg - JV - Here - 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY - Football - Open Date

SATURDAY - Volleyball - Andrews - JV/V - There - 11 a.m.; Volleyball - Lamesa Tournament - 9th; Cross Country - Plains Meet

Football

The Cowboys are off to their best start in several years. The Forsan Buffaloes were the third team to find the Cowboys too much to handle.

After taking the opening kickoff the Cowboys started their drive at their own 42 yard line. Ace Williams, Jose Ramirez and David Bitolas all made good carries, moving the ball to the Plains 33. Brian Wilson threw a pass to Dan Partin that took the Cowboys to the 16. Wilson connected with Brad McMinn on the next play for six points. Victor Bernal's kick was true. With 8:08 left in the first quarter the Cowboys lead by seven.

Shortly after the beginning of the second quarter, Plains was forced to punt from deep in their own territory. The snap was high and the Cowboys turned over the ball on the nine yard line. Forsan scored on their third try. The kick was no good.

Jerry Dominguez took the kickoff and moved the ball to the Cowboy 27. Wilson carried for 12. He capped off the drive with a 22 yard pass to Shannon Ward for the touchdown. Bernal's kick was good.

Williams forced the Buffaloes to fumble on the kickoff. Brian Wilson suffered an injury recovering the ball. Bernal came in as quarterback and on the first play threw a 31 yard pass for a TD to Ward. Bernal's extra point try was good.

Plains scored on an eight yard throw from Bernal to McMinn just before the half. PAT was good. Halftime score stood Plains 35, Forsan 6.

Forsan took the second half kickoff. They are forced to punt. Plains took over on their own 38 yard line. Williams and Ramirez have good runs. Bernal carried to the 13, then tossed a touchdown pass to Lenny Morrow. PAT was good.

Jamie Vasquez recovered a fumble at the 10. Bernal connected with

Dominguez on a bootleg for the Cowboys final score. The extra point was good.

Final score was Plains 49, Forsan 6.

The win was a costly one for Plains. Quarterback Brian Wilson suffered a broken collarbone and receiver Dan Partin a broken finger. Both will be out of the line up for several weeks.

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Information On Texas Penal Code Given By Criminal District Attorney

During the last session of the legislature, the entire Texas Penal Code was repealed effective Sept. 1, 1994. In the meantime, a 25-member group called the Texas Punishment Standards Commission has been appointed to re-draft the penal laws of our state. NONE of the 25 members is a sitting prosecutor. You can expect new categories of felonies and many other far-reaching changes in our criminal justice system.

One reason for this overhaul is the problem of prison overcrowding in Texas. There are currently 17,000 state prisoners being housed in county jails while awaiting transfer to the penitentiary. You might wonder how this has affected us in Yoakum County. The answer will almost certainly frustrate you as it has frustrated me. As part of the legislative overhaul in criminal justice, the name of the prison system was changed to Texas Department of Criminal Justice of the prison system was changed to Texas Department of Criminal Justice (Institutional Division). Those folks sent Sheriff Rice a letter in late October of '91 which described a new "Allocation Formula" and "Inmate Reception Calendar". Yoakum County is allocated 12 prisoners per year. In 1991, we sent 25 prisoners to the penitentiary. This simply means that some other county did not send its calling the penitentiary about a new inmate we propose to send. Then we are given dates when the inmate can be transported and received by TDCJ (I.D.). Therefore, if our day for calling is Aug. 17 and a defendant is sentenced on Aug. 18, we will have to house the defendant in our county jail until the day rolls around for calling in September!

The Punishment Standards Commission will also be looking at our pattern of sentencing in Texas, with an eye toward "truth in sentencing". In the current situation, a jury cannot be told that a defendant never serves the number of years actually sentenced. For instance, on a 99-year sentence for aggravated sexual assault, a defendant must serve only 15 years before being eligible for parole. On a shorter sentence, such as five years, the defendants are occasionally paroled out of the county jail without ever going to the pen.

The legislature has blamed prosecutors and judges for overcrowding the prisons! Their theory is that we send too many defendants down for less than serious offenses. Because of this thinking, pressure is being placed on us to use alternatives to incarceration whenever possible. Therefore, you have probably seen that many defendants are being placed on probation. If there is a drug or alcohol problem, the defendant can go to the Court Residential Treatment Center in Brownfield as a condition of his/her proba-

tion. It is far less expensive to treat a defendant at CRTC than to send him/her to Huntsville. Also, probation has at least one advantage. A defendant rarely ever stays very long at the prison and is quickly released on parole. It has been my experience that defendants are more closely supervised on probation. This comment is not intended to be critical of the parole system. The difference may be primarily attributable to case load. We are also very fortunate to have a very conscientious staff at our Yoakum County Adult Probation Department, now known as Community Supervision and Corrections Department.

This information is provided to let you know why probation is being used in more and more cases. Until we have additional prison beds or treatment beds, fewer inmates will receive prison sentences. If you have comments on any of this information, you are urged to contact my office or our legislative representatives.

FILMTIME

Filmtime fun for Plains youngsters continues each Wednesday morning at Yoakum County Library. Wednesday's films were "Whazzat" and "Sorcerer's Apprentice". Books of the day were "Noisy", "Hearing" and "Listen To Me".

Attending were Alisha Wauson, Seth Cypert, Alice and Nicholas Curtis, Casson Curtis, Abel and Zachary Ramos, Blake Parrish, Lauren Davis, Kimberly Jackson, Britnie Duran, Todd Williams, Callie Howell, Chris Loya, Lucas Brink, Cade and L'Shae Arnett, Landon Earnest, Holden Welch, Scott and Christopher Addison and Jacob Brink.

Plains 4-H Club Starts New Year

Plains 4-H Club began a new year Sept. 8. Blaine McWhirter, president presided.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kirk Parrish. Kelly McGinty led the 4-H motto and pledge.

A balloon game was played for recreation. Refreshments were served.

Adults who assisted Joan Chandler, Yoakum County Extension Agent, with the workshop were Dean Richardson, Gay Wilmeth, Cecilia Knight, Cindy Gray and Cindra Box.

Another foods and nutrition workshop will be held on Saturday, Oct. 10 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Students enrolled in the third grade through eighth grade are invited to attend.

Four after-school sessions will be conducted for youth enrolled in kindergarten through second grade. For more details about these opportunities, call the Yoakum County Extension Office at 456-2263.



MAKING BREAD - 27 4-H members and friends recently made yeast breads and took the finished products home to share.

4-H'ers Make Yeast Bread

Twenty-seven Plains 4-H members and friends recently made yeast bread at an after-school workshop. Each took their loaf home to share with their families.

Participants included Maranda Box, Leticia and Tiffany Canon, Elizabeth Clanahan, Becky Coronel, Christina Eppler, Jill and Taylor Gray,

Kevin and J.D. Hill, Kimbe and Tandi Jones, Jessica and Rustin Knight, Nancy Koncaba, Jeffrey and Jennifer Lollar, Casey Mayes, Ragan McGinty, Grady and Tommie McNabb, Elizabeth Perry, Donita Richardson, Staci Tuggle and April; and Becky and Elizabeth Wilmeth.



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In making the declaration, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Edward Madigan named Terry County a primary disaster area.

In addition, Cochran, Dawson, Gaines, Hockley, Lubbock, Lynn and Yoakum Counties were declared contiguous disaster areas.

These declarations allow family-size farm operators in both the primary and contiguous areas to apply for emergency assistance from the Farmers Home Administration.

To be designated as a primary disaster area, the Farmers Home Administration determines whether a sufficient number of farmers in each county suffered losses of 30 percent or more. The counties designated as contiguous disaster areas were declared as such because they were adjacent to the primary disaster area but suffered fewer losses.

Each loan application will be considered on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available, repayment ability and other requirements.

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