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## Sheriff Jim Rice reports crime down in Yoakum Co.

According to statistics received from the Yoakum County Sheriff's Department, criminal activity in the county declined during 1993. The following categories of crime and the percentages apply to crimes occurring within the jurisdiction of the Sheriff's Department. The figures compare 1993's crime statistics with those for 1992.

Loss of personal property declined by 35% and burglary declined by 67%. In 1992, there were nine reports of burglary and 38 reports of theft. In '93, only three burglaries were reported and 28 theft cases. The dollar value of stolen property in '92 was \$63,000. In '93, the total was down to \$40,998.

Sheriff Jim Rice said he believes one reason there were fewer theft cases is because of a decline of activity in the oilfield, since many of the theft cases in '92 involved oilfield equipment.

Assault cases declined by 40% and acts of family violence decreased 65%. Five assault cases were reported in '92 and 17 family violence cases. In '93, the number of reported assaults was three, and the number of family violence incidents was six. Part of this decrease can be traced to new laws which are more stringent against assaults in the home, and a serious attitude toward enforcing the new laws.

The total number of arrests by all law enforcement agencies in the county also declined slightly in '93 over '92. The total number jailed in '92 was 616 and in '93 was 595. Fifteen criminal defendants were sent to prison in '92, and the number increased to 16 in '93. Sheriff Rice explained that Yoakum County has been allocated a quota of only one inmate per month for admission in a prison facility.

The Sheriff also reported that the number of DWI arrests was down in '93. He attributes this decrease to strong prosecution and more stringent laws against drunk driving. Rice said another factor is that many of the county's residents work for companies which require a clean driving record. More emphasis is being placed on intervention and treatment now, too, and there is increased public support for keeping drunk drivers off our highways and streets.

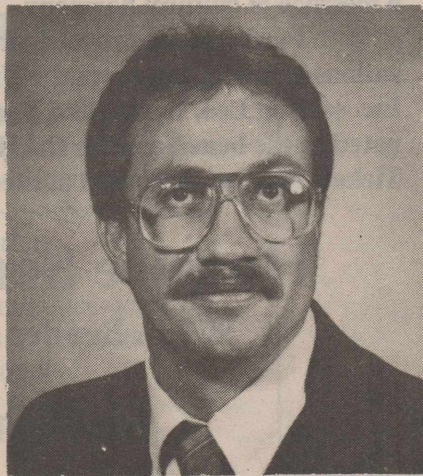
The Sheriff believes that a decrease in the crime rate is a source of pride for any law enforcement agency. He said while the process is a total community effort, the credit begins with the deputies on patrol who work to deter crime and the investigators who put the cases together for presentation to the Criminal District Attorney.

## Weldon Nelms named 'Coach of the Year'

Weldon Nelms of Wimberley was named Coach of the Year. His 1993 team posted a 13-2 record and advanced to Class 2A State Semi-finals, their finest achievement since the football program began in 1986.

Son of Dub Nelms and Faye Nelms, the honored coach took his team to a play-off entry in his first year, 1990, after taking over a losing program. They were area finalists in 1991 and 1992.

Nelms is a graduate of Plains High School and was an outstanding athlete during his high school and college years.



WELDON NELMS

## Fine Arts Club to sell potatoes

Plains Fine Arts Club will sponsor a fund raiser Tuesday, Feb. 8 prior to the Plains-Anton basketball games. Baked potatoes with a variety of toppings will be sold during the games which begin at 5 p.m. Proceeds will go toward the Vera Smith Memorial Music Scholarship which is given by the club each year to a graduating senior.



100 DAYS OF SCHOOL have come and gone with the calendar day, Jan. 20, 1994. The students, (pre-k through the first grade) anxiously counted the days, then celebrated with numerous activities.

## '100 Days of School'

Plains Elementary students in grades pre-K through first grade participated Jan. 20 in a One Hundred Days Celebration. Students have been counting the days since school began and were excited about the event commemorating "100 Days".

Thursday, children brought 100 items to eat and grouped them in sets of 10 and counted to 100; grouped them in sets of five and counted to 100. Then they shared the items to eat with classmates. During the day, 100 steps were taken to the cafeteria, 100 jumps were jumped and 100 pennies were counted.

Asked what they would be doing when they were 100, some answers were, "I will be playing golf." "I will be fishing." "I will be going to heaven."

When asked what they would do if they had 100 things, replies were "If I had 100 oreo cookies to eat, I would share only a few." "I would have 100 puppies and would not give any away!"

The students formed the figure 100 with their bodies and later released 100 helium-filled balloons. The celebration concluded with refreshments of cake decorated with 100 candles forming the number "100".

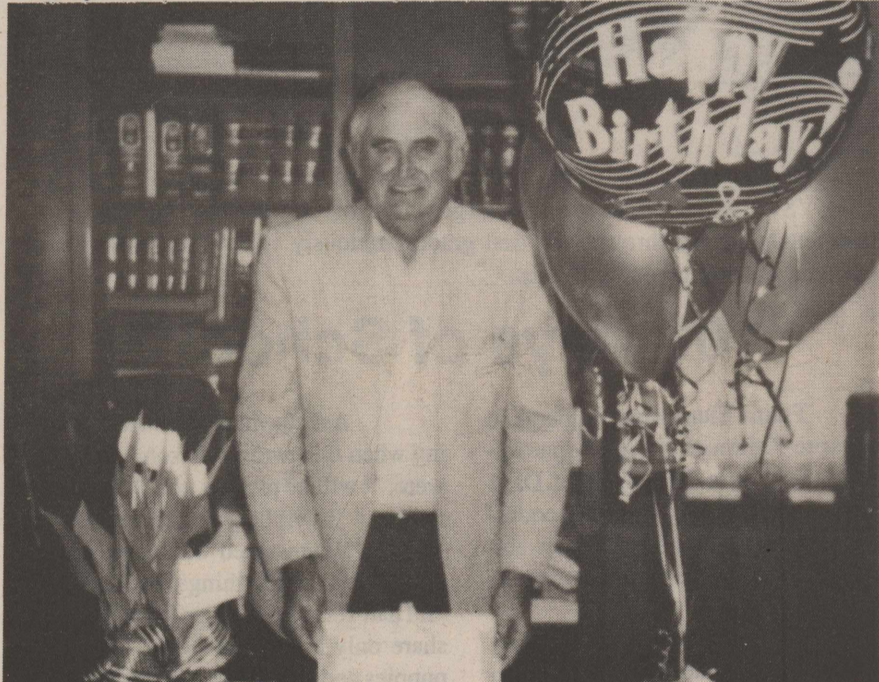


TALENTED YOUNG LADIES GIVE PIANO PRESENTATIONS at recent program of Plains Fine Arts Club. They are, seated, ltr, Emily Blair and Tessa St. Romain; standing, ltr, Lyndi Rowe and Valerie Blair.





MODEL AFGHAN/PLACEMAT JACKETS - Bea Pippin, Edith Tuggle, Maurine Smith and Sidney Murphey model jackets they made in a clothing workshop held recently.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DEAR JUDGE...HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU! - Yoakum County Judge Dallas Brewer celebrated his ?? birthday, Friday at the courthouse.

### Clothing Workshop conducted by FCE

Fourteen county residents attended a clothing workshop that was conducted by the Yoakum County Family and Community Education Clubs (formerly Extension Homemakers). Four participants made jackets from cotton afghans and placemats. Those completing jackets were Edith Tuggle, Gay Wilmeth, Sidney Murphey and Bea Pippin.

The workshop was presented by Bea Pippin, Yoakum County FCE Chairman. County Extension Agent, Joan Chandler, assisted.

For information about other FCE Club activities and meetings, call the Yoakum County Extension Office at 456-2263; Margaret Box, president of State Line FCE Club at 456-5681; or Bea Pippin, president of Turner FCE Club at 522-6420.



### Who's New

Jason and Deann Wilson are parents of a baby daughter, born Thursday, Dec. 23 at 12:27 a.m. in Yoakum County Hospital in Denver City. She weighed six pounds, 12 ounces and was 19 and one-fourth inches long at birth. She has been named Danielle Brooke. Darlene Wilson and Delores Arispe, both of Plains and Elias Arispe of Sterling City are grandparents. Billie McDonnell of Plains and Mary Martinez of Lamesa are great-grandmothers.

### Welfare Board meeting held

Yoakum County Child Welfare Board met Tuesday evening in the Heritage Room of Yoakum County.

Sheryl Russell, case worker from Lubbock, spoke. Members attending were Doris Snead, Debbie Smith and Teresa Howard. The board will meet Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. in Denver City.

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The cultural celebration "Living Legends" will be presented at Tydings Auditorium (Hobbs High School) on Monday, Feb. 7, 1994 at 7:30 p.m.

The performance combines a stunning display of song and dance. The term "Lamanite" refers to the native peoples of the Americas and Polynesia. In a swirl of color, authentic costumes, haunting melodies and stirring dance; audiences are swept into a 90-minute extravaganza that bridges past and present into a message of cultural harmony.

Performance proceeds are donated to non-profit organizations as the group tours the United States. Hospice Services, Inc. serving Lea, Gaines and Yoakum Counties has been designated as the benefactor for the Hobbs performance. Tickets may be purchased at the following locations:

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## 'Family & Community Values' presented for Tsa Mo Ga Club

Three Plains seniors recalled highlights of their participation in citizenship events of the past year for members and guests of Tsa Mo Ga Study Club recently. Heather Bowlin spoke of her trip to Girls State; David Bitolas shared his experience as a HOBY representative and Tracy Bearden remembered his attendance at Boys State. The three were sponsored by Tsa Mo Ga.

Accompanying the three were Rick Doyle, minister of the First United Methodist Church; Richie Cullins and Steve Alldredge, senior class sponsors; Pat Bowlin and Rickey and Karen Bearden.

Doyle spoke to the group about their futures. He said, "God has given each of you total freedom to whatever you want to do." He challenged them to be the best they can be and said they must bear the consequences of what they do with their freedom.

He advised them to be willing to change their minds when necessary; willing to make new friends and to rely on other people. "Remember," he said, "friends trust friends or it isn't a friendship."

A committee was named to work with the City of Plains on deciding the future provisions for maintaining Pioneer Plaza. A reminder was given of the Chamber of Commerce Banquet March 3 and the Caprock District Convention March 27 in Lubbock.

Each graduating senior attending, told of their plans after graduation.

Members of the social committee served lasagna, tossed salad and millionaire pie. Next meeting will be Feb. 14 for a program on "Attitudes Toward Learning: Developing Leadership Skills". Members are to bring one valentine to be exchanged at the meeting.

### FILMTIME

Filmtime youngsters Wednesday were entertained with the films, "The Little Engine that Could" and "Little Toot". Story of the day was "A Regular Rolling Noah". They sang the ABC's song, "Ten Little Indians", "She'll be Comin' Round the Mountain" and "I've Been Working on the Railroad".

Attending were Amber Friesen, Lauren Hise, Nicole Culwell, Stetson Sellers, Landon and Dakota Earnest, Alfredo Martinez, Scott and Christopher Addison, Stephanie Addison, Holden Welch, Callie Howell, Rubi Castillo, Mandi Ramirez, Cody Mayes, Lexus Jimenez, Britnie Duran, Katie Winn and Morgan Willis.

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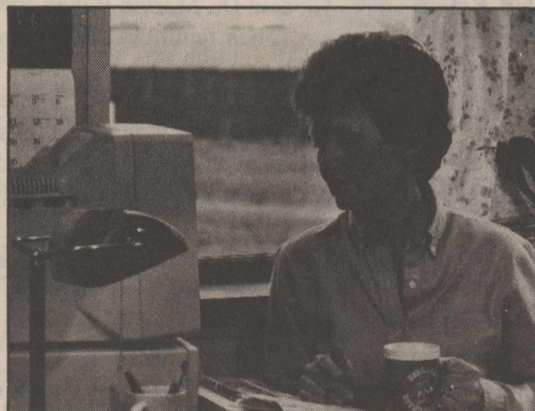


GUESTS OF TSA MO GA STUDY CLUB presented talks with fellow classmates and members of the study club. They are, left to right, Tracy Bearden, Lenny Morrow, Heather Bowlin and David Bitolas. Speaking to the senior class was Rick Doyle, minister of Plains United Methodist Church.

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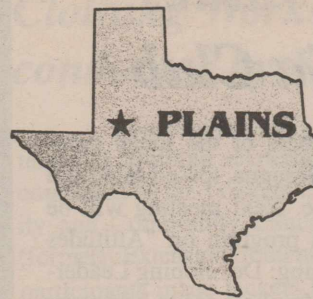
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STUDENTS CELEBRATE "100 DAYS" with balloon send-off. Participants were students in pre-kinder through first grade. The celebration was held Thursday, Jan. 20 in honor of attending "100 Days" of school since the school-year began in August.



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**What's Cooking**

**BREAKFAST**

MONDAY - Hot cereal, cinnamon toast, grape juice and milk.

TUESDAY - Donut, toast, apple juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Scrambled eggs, toast, orange juice and milk.

THURSDAY - Pancakes w/ syrup, fruit punch and milk.

FRIDAY - No School

**LUNCH**

MONDAY - Chicken fillet sandwich, French fries w/catsup, lettuce, pickles, orange juice bar and milk.

TUESDAY - Taco salad w/ taco sauce, corn, lettuce, tomatoes, crackers, chocolate pudding and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Hamburger, lettuce, pickles, onions, bean dip, Fritos, fruit, peanut butter cookies and milk.

THURSDAY - Mr. Rib, pinto beans, coleslaw, peaches, cornbread and milk.

**SCHOOL EVENTS**

MONDAY - Basketball - Whiteface - 7th/8th Girls and Boys - here - 5:00 p.m.

TUESDAY - District Basketball Game - Anton - JV/V Girls and Boys - Here - 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY - LERAN on campus to assist seniors in applying for college financial aid

THURSDAY - Early Release - 1:15 p.m. - Stock Show

FRIDAY - No School - Stock Show; District Basketball Game - Whiteface - JV/V Girls and Boys - There - 5 p.m.

SATURDAY - Yoakum County Stock Show Buyers Lunch - Cafeteria at noon

**Plains students named to lists**

Four students from Plains have been named to the President and Dean's Honor Lists for the fall 1993 semester at South Plains College.

"We commend these students for their academic achievements and hard work during the past semester," said Dr. Marvin Baker, SPC president. "Their families should be very proud of them."

Students named to the President's Honor List must maintain a straight A or 4.0 grade point average while carrying a minimum full-time load of 12 semester hours.

Students named to the Dean's Honor List must maintain a minimum 3.25 GPA while carrying at least 12 semester hours.

Students represent the Levelland and Lubbock campuses and extension program at Reese Air Force Base.

Named to the President's Honor List are Betsy C. Blair and Karon A. Willis.

Named to the Dean's Honor List are Zane V. Johnson and Jason L. Smith.

**COWBOY BASKETBALL UPDATE**

DEC. 14

Plains 96, Amherst 49

Scoring: Brian Wilson, 26; Ladd Winn, 21; Brad McMinn, 14; Stoney Garland, 11; Victor Bernal, 7; Shannon Ward, 5; Ken McAdams and Lenny Morrow, 4; Shea Baucom and Jay Rushing, 2.

DEC. 16

Plains 92, Lazbuddie 62

Scoring: Garland, 19; McMinn, Winn and Wilson, 15; Morrow, 10; Pete Flores, 6; Baucom, 5; Bernal, 4; Ward, 3. First round of Meadow Tournament.

DEC. 17

Plains 66, Wellman, 46

Scoring: Garland, 14; Wilson and Winn, 12; McMinn, 10; Flores and Ward, 6; Morrow, 4; McAdams, 2. Second round of Meadow Tournament.

DEC. 18

Plains 67, Seagraves 49

Scoring: Wilson, 25; Garland, 18; McMinn, 14; Winn, 9; Ward, 1. Championship game of Meadow Tournament. Winn, McMinn and Wilson were named to the All Tournament Team.

DEC. 21

Plains 89, New Home 65

Scoring: Winn, 32; Garland, 29; Wilson and McMinn, 14 each.

DEC. 28

Plains 64, Denver City 60

Scoring: Winn, 24; McMinn, 18; Wilson, 10; Garland, Morrow and Ward, 4 each. First round of Lovington, NM Tournament.

DEC. 29

Plains 54, Lovington, 65

Scoring: Winn, 22; McMinn, 14; Wilson, 11; Garland, 5; Ward, 2. Second round of tourney. Plains' first loss.

DEC. 30

Plains 64, Grady 60

Scoring: Winn, 22; McMinn, 15; Wilson, 11; Garland, 8; Ward, 6; and Morrow, 2. Cowboys take third place in Lovington Tournament. McMinn and Winn named to All Tournament Team.

JAN. 4

Plains 77, New Home 56

Scoring: McMinn, 18; Wilson, 17; Winn, 15; Bernal, 13; Morrow, 6; Garland and Ward, 3 each; and McAdams, 2.

JAN. 11

Plains 79, O'Donnell 44

Scoring: Winn, 21; McMinn, 14; Morrow, 10; Bernal, 9; Baucom, 8; Wilson, 7; Ward, 4; Garland, McAdams and Rushing, 2 each. First District Game.

JAN. 14

Plains 73, Smyer 66

Scoring: Winn, 34; Wilson, 15; Morrow, 8; McMinn and Ward, 6 each; Garland, 4.

JAN. 18

Plains 118, Ropes 31

Scoring: Winn, 22; Wilson, McMinn and Garland, 16 each; Ward, 15; McAdams and Rushing, 11 each; Bernal, 9; and Morrow, 2.

JAN. 21

Plains 49, Anton 53

Scoring: Winn, 19; Wilson, 17; McMinn, 9; Garland, 4. First district loss.

JAN. 25

Plains 92, Whiteface 23

Scoring: Bernal, 19; Ward, 16; McMinn 14; Wilson, 10; Garland and McAdams, 8 each; Winn, 7; Morrow, 5; Baucom, 3; and Rushing, 2.

An error was made earlier in the season when it was reported that the Cowboys won the New Mexico Tournament, Dec. 9-11. The Cowboys won their own tournament with a victory over Lovington, NM.

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# PHS Math/Science Teams preparing for UIL contests

## SPC MEET

On Saturday, Jan. 22, the Plains Math/Science Team won the sweepstakes trophy at South Plains College from over 22 teams around the area with a score of 2056 to the second place team of Tulia that had 1363.

Plains also won first in number sense, math and calculator during SPC's 10th annual competition in the Math and Engineering Building.

Tulia won the second place sweepstakes award and also won second place in number sense, math and science.

Individual science awards went to Daniel Gibson from Tulia, biology; and Jarred Busby from Springlake-Earth, chemistry and physics.

Friona won first place in science and second place in computer science. Seminole won first place in computer science and second place in calculator.

A total of 23 area schools and 200 contestants competed in the small school's category. The contest is sponsored each year by SPC's math and engineering department to help high school students prepare for University Interscholastic League competition.

Participating were Lenny Morrow, Tammy Lowrey, Jay Rushing, Tracy Bearden, Brian Wilson, Shae Baucom, Brad McMinn, Ken McAdams and Valerie Blair.

In the senior division, Lenny was first in Number Sense, first in Calculator and first in Math; Tammy was third in Calculator; Jay was second in Number Sense, seventh in Calculator, fifth in Math and fourth in Science; Tracy was sixth in Number Sense and fifth in Calculator; and Brian was tenth in Calculator.

In the junior division, Brad was first in Number Sense, second in Calculator, first in Math and third in Science; and Ken was ninth in math and seventh in Science.

In the sophomore division, Valerie was first in Number Sense, ninth in Calculator and second in Math.

## MIDLAND MEET

The Plains Math/Science Team traveled to Midland on Saturday, Jan. 15. Participants included Lenny Morrow, Tammy Lowrey, Tracy Bearden, Jay Rushing, Brian Wilson, Brad McMinn, Ken McAdams, Valerie Blair, Jeremy Dearing, Marcey House, Cassie Dearing and Maranda Box.

The students did an outstanding job against the larger schools. The high school team won the sweepstakes trophy with a score of 2408 to Crane's second place 1918. Plains High School also won Number Sense, Calculator and Science and placed second in Mathematics.

In the senior division, Lenny Morrow was first in Number Sense was first in Number Sense, second in Calculator, second in Math, third in Science and he was also the "Top Gun" which entitled him to receive a \$250 scholarship. Tammy was fourth in Calculator, Tracy was seventh in Calcula-

tor and fourth in Science. Jay was fourth in Number Sense, fifth in Math and second in Science. Brian was eighth in Number Sense, tenth in Calculator and tenth in Science.


In the junior division, Brad was first in Number Sense, sixth in Calculator, first in Math and first in Science. Ken was ninth in Calculator, tenth in Math and fourth in Science.

In the sophomore division, Valerie was ninth in Number Sense and tenth in Calculator. Jeremy was seventh in Science.

In the seventh grade division, Marcey was second in Number Sense, eighth in Math and fourth in Science. Maranda was seventh in Number Sense and seventh in Science.

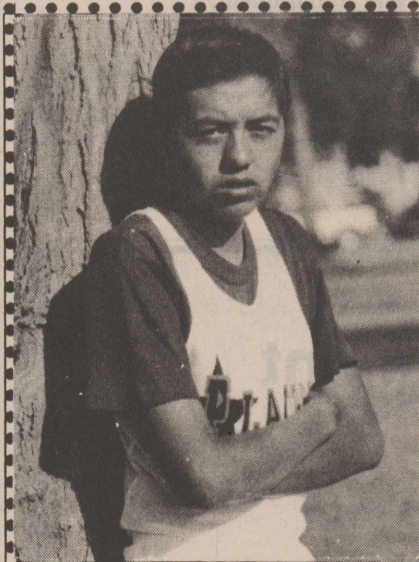
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## Introducing the 1993 Cowboys & Cowgirls



**EDWARD ESCOBAR**, is a sophomore and the son of Paul and Janie Escobar. He participates in cross country and track, likes Country Music, Pizza and Geometry class. His goal for the immediate future is to help his team win the State Cross Country title next year.



**VALERIE BLAIR**, fifteen-year-old daughter of Royce and Cynthia Blair, plays volleyball and tennis, enjoys Country and Rock Music and says her favorite foods include lasagna and snickers. Listing her favorite class as Math, she plans on becoming a physical therapist.



**JASON ROBERTSON**, fifteen-years-old, is the son of Jim and Alice Robertson. He is a sophomore who participates in basketball, cross country, track and tennis. His favorite class is Band, his favorite dinner is chicken fried steak and he enjoys listening to both Country and Rock Music.

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## Tsa Mo Ga Study Club's first meeting of '94

Tsa Mo Ga Study Club held its first meeting of the new year in Yoakum County Library Monday, Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. with Martha Palmer and Betty Rushing serving as hostesses.

The serving table, covered with an ecru lace cloth, held a centerpiece of mauve silk flowers in a crystal glass bowl.

Mary Jo St. Romain, president, called the meeting to order; Secretary Wilma Powell gave the roll call and read the minutes of the last meeting. Treasurer Dolores Davis gave a report on finances and project results. Federation Counselor's report was given by Louise Goehry.

The program on conservation entitled Soar, The Greening of Planet Earth, was given by Latrell McDonnell. An introduction was given and a video owned by Jack Cobb was shown. The video, "The Greening of Planet Earth," gave a very pleasant look toward the future of the planet earth.

(So many depressing statistics are seen and heard, and the Study Club members expressed their enjoyment of seeing an encouraging video that showed how nature works together and how the future environment for the modern age can be good.)

Results from controlled studies show how a doubling of CO-2 in the atmosphere, which is expected to occur

over the next century, will increase crop yields by 30 to 40 percent, double the water-use efficiency of most of the earth's vegetation, and possibly triple the productivity of forests. The impact and implications of such changes are far reaching.

Members were reminded that earlier in 1993 a good start on environment was made by the Yoakum County citizens receiving 10,000 free trees to be planted over the county.

Extended plans for disposing of garbage and unwanted articles have been determined as effective.

Mrs. McDonnell said, "Cleaning our water is one of the most essential things that we can do in the world. I believe lacking of pure water could be our top tragedy. Man must have pure water to survive. We must work to keep our underground water clean, our rivers clean and always planning and building new water sources; preserving pure water and their sources.

"Australia is proof with one-third of their country being burned, that we cannot keep the environment of air clean and pure by man-made rules. Fires happen and the smoke and smog drift into space. The ozone is damaged by unexpected things happening. Man still must try to preserve the well-being of nature.

"Ships are being wrecked and oil and other chemicals being dumped.

These things cannot be foreseen, but cleaning up should be enforced; and trying to keep the earth as clean and safe as possible is our burden to bear and most importantly, it is our responsible to our future generations."

A display of books on environment was set up by Dottie Mays, which showed the time of discarded materials existence, "which are informative and eye-opening. It should help make us aware of the environment problems we face," commented Mrs. McDonnell. Helen Hunter prepared bulletin boards for the viewing pleasure of the members.

The meeting closed with the voting and acceptance of new officers for the new club year. Officers are Sit Jones, president; Sarah Jane Shelton, vice president; Ann Graham, secretary; Toni Jones, treasurer; Mattie Field, critic; Mary Jo St. Romain, Federation Counselor; Zareta Winn, parliamentarian, Chris Edwards, corresponding secretary; and Diane Wilson, reporter. The meeting was closed with the Club Collect and adjournment.

The next meeting will be held Jan. 24 in the Tsa Mo Ga Study Club House, honoring the graduating seniors of Plains High School.



DANNY, JANIE & QUADE

### Danny Crawford family to move

Highway Patrolman Danny Crawford has been transferred to the car theft division and the family will be making their home in Harlingen.

Danny and Janie have lived in Plains for the past six years and have a new baby son, Quade.

The people of Plains "will miss their family and hope for them the very best, and especially a safe journey in Danny's profession."

#### SUBSCRIPTIONS TO BE PULLED THIS IS YOUR LAST WEEK

November:  
Billy Guetersloh  
New-Tex Gin  
Sellers AG Supply  
Brenda Smith

December:  
Evertt McAdams  
H.N. Parks  
Melisa Rogers  
Jack Spears  
James Warren  
Tony Winn

#### SUBSCRIPTIONS TO EXPIRE:

January:  
Pat Henard  
Jerry Parrish  
Gilbert Pierce  
Tracy Welch  
David Alexander  
David Lollar  
Sen. Teel Bivins  
Rick Doyle  
Linda Cole  
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## Funeral services held for Mrs. Clark

Funeral services for Elizabeth Powell Clark, 84, of Dallas were held Dec. 27, in Sparkman-Crane Funeral Home. The Rev. Lee Hunt, associate pastor of First Baptist Church in Dallas, officiated.

Mrs. Clark died Dec. 22, 1993 on the eve of her wedding anniversary.

She graduated from Lufkin High School at the age of 16 and received her bachelor's degree from Mary Hardin Baylor University in Belton and her master's degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. She was a retired Dallas school teacher. She also taught school in Canadian, Kenedy and Amarillo.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Edward L. Clark, in 1973.

Survivors include three children, Edward B. Clark of Cedar Hill, Anne Clark Logan of The Colony and Richard Clark of Denver City; and four grandchildren.

The family suggest memorials to the Alzheimer's Association, 919 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 1000, Chicago, Ill. 60611-1676, 1-800-272-3900.

## Rachel Smith dies in Houston

Rachel Alcorta Smith, 41, of Katy, sister of Rico Alcorta of Plains, died Dec. 28, 1993, in a Houston Hospital.

Services were held Thursday, Dec. 30 at 2 p.m. at Pioneer Baptist Church with Drs. George Gaston and Jack Riddlehoover officiating. Burial was in Elmwood Memorial Park, under the direction of Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home of Abilene.

She was born in Olton, March 29, 1952 and attended school in Olton up to the eighth grade. She received her high school diploma from Abilene High School and then earned a bachelor's and master's degree in Education from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. She taught school in Abilene at College Heights Elementary and Crockett Elementary, since beginning her career in 1983.

A recent survivor of a year long bout with leukemia, Mrs. Smith had just months ago, returned to her classroom. Weakened, she fell ill with the flu and died of pneumonia complications.

A lifelong member of the Baptist Church, she taught Sunday School and was a member of the choir at Pioneer Baptist Church and Ambler Baptist Church while in Abilene.

She was preceded in death by her father, Richard Alcorta Sr. in 1988.

Survivors include her husband, Gene Smith of Katy; one daughter, Rachel Jeannette Smith of Katy; one son, Rozino Smith of Katy; her mother, Maria Alcorta of Abilene; six sisters, Irene Garcia of Garland, Sarah Smith, Martha Garcia and Julia Gloria, all of Abilene; Luisa Anzaldua of Cuero and Margaret Greaves of Houston; and three brothers, Sammy Alcorta of Groves, Dr. Joe H. Alcorta Sr. of Abilene and Richard Alcorta Jr. of Plains.

## Gussie McElroy services held

Funeral services for Gussie McElroy, 77, of Brownfield, mother of Max McElroy of Plains, were held in Bethel Baptist Church Wednesday, Jan. 19 at 10 a.m. The Rev. Clay Lewis, pastor, officiated.

Burial was in Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring under direction of Brownfield Funeral Home.

Mrs. McElroy died at 10:15 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, 1994 in South Plains Nursing Center.

She was born Feb. 15, 1916 in Minter. She graduated from Luther High School and married S.W. McElroy June 23, 1935 in Big Spring. He died June 19, 1981. She moved to Brownfield from Big Spring in 1982. She was a member of Bethel Baptist Church.

Other survivors are two daughters, Jane Johnson of Weslaco and Sue Cabe of Burley, Idaho; a stepsister, Emma Crawford of Port Arthur; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

## Eugene Payne Jr. services conducted

Services for Eugene Payne Jr., 90, of Clovis, N.M., brother of Dick Payne of Plains, were held Thursday, Jan. 13 at

10 a.m. MST in Steed-Todd Funeral Home Chapel in Clovis with the Rev. Terry Anderson officiating.

Graveside services were held at 3:30 p.m. CST in Terrace Cemetery in Post.

Payne died Tuesday, Jan. 11, 1994 in the Retirement Ranch in Clovis.

He was born in Colorado City and was married to Catherine Francis Custis in 1929 in Post. She died Jan. 29, 1988. He was a rancher and a member of First United Methodist Church of Clovis.

Other survivors include a son, Tom of Santa Rosa, N.M.; two daughters, Helen Fortenberry of Waco and Francis Clewein of Encino, N.M.; a sister, Francis Sanders of Clovis; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

## C.E. 'Jack' Wisener funeral rites held

Funeral services for C.E. "Jack" Wisener, 90, of Stamford were held Monday, Jan. 10 at 10 a.m. in the Kinney Funeral Home Chapel. Officiating was the Rev. Phil McClendon.

Burial was in Belvieu Cemetery in Rotan under direction of Kinney Funeral Home.

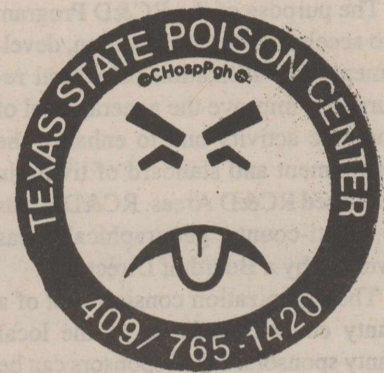
Mr. Wisener died Friday, Jan. 7 in a local hospital.

He was born Dec. 26, 1903 in Nacogdoches and attended Stephen F.

Austin College. He married Mattie Levens March 11, 1933 in Rotan. He was a welder and a farmer.

He lived in Nacogdoches before moving to Stamford in 1948. He was a lifetime member of the Masonic Lodge No. 956 in Rotan and a member of Goyens Hill Baptist Church in Nacogdoches.

Survivors include his wife; five sons, C.E. Wisener Jr. of Burnett, Leon Wisener of Grand Junction, Colo., Royce Wisener of Hobbs, N.M., J.T. Wisener of Blue Ridge and C.R. Finch of Odessa; three daughters, Jean Armstrong of Nacogdoches, Sue Randall of Plains and Betty McDougal of Stamford; one sister, Frances Rodgers of Fort Worth; 22 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.



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### Wedding courtesies to fete Mrs. Diaz

Mrs. Michael Diaz, nee Vicki Williams, will be honored with a wedding shower Saturday, Feb. 5 in the home of Mrs. Vaughn Culwell at 1002 First.

Calling hours are 10 to 11:30 a.m. Gift selections have been made at local merchants and Dillards in Lubbock.

### What is Resource Conservation & Development?

Resource Conservation and Development better known as RC&D, is a program administered by the Soil Conservation Service (SCS). The program was approved by Congress under Public Law 97-98 in 1962.

The purpose of the RC&D Program is to accelerate the conservation, development, and utilization of natural resources to improve the general level of economic activity and to enhance the environment and standard of living in authorized RC&D Areas. RC&D Areas are multi-county geographical areas governed by a Board of Directors.

The organization consists first of a county council made up of the local county sponsors. Local sponsors can be any individual or group interested in promoting the activities of the RC&D Program. The role of the county council and sponsors is to provide leadership in collection and solution of the needs of the county.

Each county council selects a member to serve on the RC&D Board of Directors. The Board of Directors manages the affairs of the RC&D Area with the assistance of an Area Coordinator, if one has been assigned by the SCS.

On the county level the local SCS District Conservationist works with the county council to carry out and promote the local RC&D Area and meets once a month, according to Avila. He added that the council is currently working to get funding on eight different projects in Plains and Denver City.

For more information on the RC&D program or other programs of the SCS call your local Soil Conservation Service office at 456-3703.

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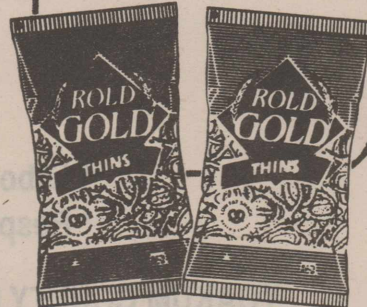


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