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UNDERCOVER OPERATION - The styling and features of John Deere's new tractors are concealed under a cover as the machines make their way to dealers. Texas Equipment, the local dealership, will be introducing the new tractors to the public during Open House scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 13 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

ALLTEL nears completion of project to provide Area Digital Switching

ALLTEL is nearing completion of a project which will provide new, digital switching equipment for customers in the Higginbotham (732) and Plains (456) exchanges. The conversions to the new digital switching equipment have been scheduled for 12:01 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 15, 1994, and will require an important change in dialing procedures for customers in those exchanges - the use of the complete seven-digit telephone numbers for local calling. After the conversions, Higginbotham customers will need to dial 732 plus the last four digits of the number they are dialing, and Plains customers will need to dial 456 plus the last four digits of the number they are dialing. These procedures also apply to multi-party customers trying to reach another party on their line. Higginbotham and Plains customers will no longer need to dial the special party codes that they previously dialed.

ALLTEL is investing approximately \$453,500 toward these projects, which involve the installation of Northern Telecom digital switching offices. The new equipment has features to protect against loss of service in the event of power outages and replaces mechanical, relay-type switching equipment.

"The digital equipment will provide improvements in local and long distance services, as well as reduce the potential for calling congestion during heavy calling periods," said Ken Barnes, manager-operations for the Higginbotham and Plains areas.

Additionally, ALLTEL will be able to offer a variety of new enhanced services which includes a complete selection of custom calling services. "One of the most exciting aspects of the new digital equipment is the availability of custom calling services to our custom-

ers," said Terry Beeler, vice president for Texas operations.

These custom calling features include Call Waiting (alerting a person on the phone that a second call is waiting), Call Forwarding (automatic forwarding of calls to another telephone number), Three-Way Calling (being able to add a third caller to a conversation without operator assistance), and Speed Calling (dialing one-digit codes for frequently called numbers).

ALLTEL employees are performing pre-cutover testing and will be responsible for placing the new digital switches into service. All efforts will be made to keep any service interruptions to a minimum during the installation of the switches. "We apologize in advance for any service interruptions that might occur during these projects," states Barnes.

Texas Equipment to hold Open House

There appears to be some truth to the rumors that have been circulating around the countryside that John Deere will introduce new tractors this fall that replace the company's 60 Series models. The accompanying photo confirms that the new modules are already on their way to dealers. We have learned that Deere plans to have its dealers introduce the tractors to the public during open houses scheduled for mid-September. Local dealership, Texas Equipment Co., Inc. plans to hold its "Open House" from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, inviting everyone to come and see "the revolutionary new John Deere 8000 Series Tractors." Refreshments will be served.

Seen coming into Plains on Friday, Sept. 2, the cover on the machines is doing what it was designed to do -- keep the features and styling of these tractors a secret, for the time being. It's interesting to note, however, that the cover doesn't conceal all of the tractor, which permits some distinctive green and yellow paint to proclaim, "there's a John Deere under here."

The company has been very quiet about the new tractors, preferring to let its dealers unveil them to farmers and other interested parties at their upcoming open houses. However, a company spokesperson did say that the tractors feature fingertip control, and maneuverability and visibility never before experienced in tractors this size.

Lions to conduct Mop & Broom Sale

The Plains Lions Club will conduct their annual Broom and Mop Sale Sept. 15, on the yard of the Old Courthouse. The sale will be held from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Merchandise for this sale is made by the blind and distributed by Caravan Sales for the Blind.

Advance orders can be placed by contacting David Brunson at 456-2288 or Harry Richardson at 456-8888. Proceeds from the sale will be used for the various service projects of the Club during the coming year.



PICKING AND HAULING...



UNLOADING



AND SORTING...



AND THEN OFF TO MARKET THEY GO! (photos courtesy of Bonnie Earnest)

Bountiful watermelon harvest now underway in Plains

Trucks filled with Yoakum County watermelons have been steadily streaming in from the west edge of Plains. Their destination, national markets.

Contracted by Anderson Produce, a south Texas produce marketing firm, the melons have proved to be a welcome change of pace for area farmers. The area's ideal soil, climate and water conditions are allowing melons to be a mainstay in the area's agricultural scene.

In order to keep up with demand, watermelon picking and packaging goes on seven days a week, averaging approximately 1300 tons of melons per day. The harvest is expected to go on for all of September and through the end of October.

Two of the main suppliers are Macky McWhirter and Eddie Earnest. McWhirter is in his tenth year as a watermelon producer with about 240

acres of irrigated crop. Earnest has 160 acres.

Prices have been holding at about 15 cents a pound for seedless; seven cents for seed melons. Those prices are to wholesalers.

Anderson Produce is based in Dilley, which is located between San Antonio and Laredo. The family operation has been in business three generations.

In order to supply buying markets all over the country, Anderson has established producing areas throughout Texas. Beginning the year in the lower Rio Grande Valley, where melons are ready in the spring, the company moves on as the season progresses. Plains is their northernmost producing area. In the fall, they ship melons from Mexico in order to keep customers supplied year round.

(photos courtesy of Bonnie Earnest)

Yoakum County Co-op Gin holds annual meeting

Yoakum County Co-op Gin held their 32nd annual meeting Aug. 25. Some 166 members and guests were present for the meeting and a meal of fish, chicken and steak by Danny's Catering.

The year end audit by Williams and Company was reviewed. Reports were given by Rex McKinney, Farmers Coop Compress; Jimmy Nail, Plains Cotton Coop Association; Wayne Martin, Plains Coop Oil Mill; Terry Thrash, Associated Farmers Delinting Inc. and Mario Avila, Yoakum County SCS.

Randy Forbus and Kenneth Gibson were elected new directors for three year terms.

Women's names were called for door prizes given by sponsoring businesses including Zarita Winn, Neda Chambliss and Frances Bookout, towels, given by Yoakum County Coop Gin; Cindy Davis, cotton coverlet, Yoakum County Coop Gin; Mrs. Hartman, candle and holder, Yoakum County Coop Gin; Dolores Davis, farm decorated pillow, United Machine and Tool Company; Judy Deaton, candle in a bag, South Plains Industrial Supply and Ginger Anderson and Itoya pen, Script Office Supply.

Member door prizes and their winners and donors included Garland Swann, 12 bags top cotton seed, Levelland Delinting Inc.; J.H. Criswell, eight ounces Propoxy 20, Eddins-Walcher Company; Kenneth Gibson, \$25 gift certificate to Bill Price's Shop, Consolidated Cotton Gin Company; Reba McNabb, \$25 gift certificate to 50 Yard Line Restaurant, Chances Electric Service; A.D. Bearden, rechargeable flashlight, Texoma Gin Supply; Joe Crump, 20" mechanics tool box, Precision Gin Repairs; Wilma Powell, power ratchet kit, Prather Sheet Metal Works; Bruck Durham, cordless screwdriver, Belt Wide; Robert Morgan, Igloo ice chest, MTS-Module Truck Service; Brad McWhirter, buck knife, Smith Fans, Inc.; Sheila Stephens, surprise box, Dunn Delinting Inc.; Charles Oswalt, standard sprayer, Becknell Wholesale Com-

pany; Kenneth Powell and Wayne Lee Davis, clocks, Morton Delinting Inc.; and Jim Barron, six piece combo ice chest, Northern/Lucus Machine Shop and Gin Repair.

Also Yoakum County Gin gave \$20 bills to Bo Stephens, R.G. Hartman, June Anderson, Neal Newsom, Dolores Davis, Neda Chambliss, Florence Bookout, Yvette Ramos, Lee Roy McCrayell and Ben Anderson.

County adopts 1995 Proposed Budget

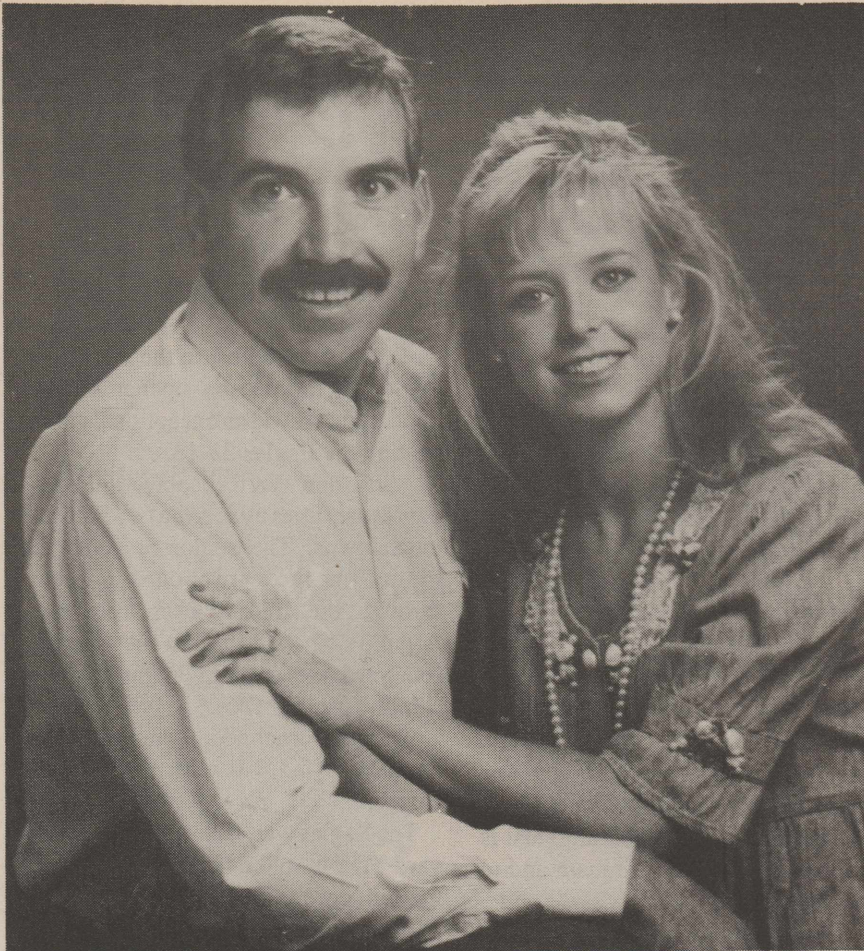
Yoakum County Commissioners met in a public hearing Aug. 31 to set the tax rate for 1994 taxes and to consider the proposed 1995 budget. Following a discussion of the budget, a motion to adopt the budget with changes on file with the County Clerk was unanimously approved.

The tax rate, also unanimously approved, was set at .02902, debt service, .30402, ad valorem maintenance and operation and .08817, farm-market lateral for a total of .42121 per \$100 valuation for the tax year 1994.

In an earlier meeting, Aug. 29, the Court approved the release of certain securities. A petition by Amoco Production Corporation for the authority to lay, construct, operate and maintain one pipeline under and across and 42 inches below a borrow ditch was approved.

Disbursements and part time salaries were approved for payment.

In an Aug. 22 called session, the court was asked by Denver City school board for help in funding the re-opening and operation of the school's swimming pool. It was discussed that the hospital might use the pool for therapy and that the pool might be used by the public. No action was taken.



TERRY JOE MILLICAN & BOBBIE ANN BAILEY

Marriage is announced

Bobbie Ann Bailey and Terry Joe Millican were united in marriage at 12:15 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27 at The Little Church of the West in Las Vegas, Nev. Rev. Jim Hamilton officiated.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Bailey of Seagraves and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbern Millican of Robert Lee.

The bride is a graduate of Seagraves High School and Texas Tech University.

Millican is a graduate of Robert Lee High School and has a Bachelor's and Master's Degree from Texas Tech University. He is employed by the Texas Agriculture Extension Service as the Scurry County Extension Agent. He formerly served Yoakum County.

Following a wedding trip to Las Vegas, Nev., the couple will live in Snyder.

Hillsiders sing recently for Fine Arts Club members

Home of Carolyn Culwell was the setting recently for the regular meeting of Plains Fine Arts Club.

Vernon and Debra Hise, Garret and Becky Blomstedt, Ray and Sonya Young, Jerri Ellis, Judy Fitzgerald, Martha Palmer and Christy Brink, a group calling themselves the Hillsiders, entertained with gospel songs.

Plans were made to sell baked potatoes as a fund raiser during home basketball games.

Assisting as hostesses were Mmes. Palmer and Brink. Other guests were Vaughn Culwell, G.W. Cleveland, Jack Palmer, Freddie Ramos, Eric Banfield and Vennum Fitzgerald.

Other members attending were Sue Banfield, Karen Baucom, Dolores Davis,

Sandra Ellison, Donna Friesen, Yvette Ramos, Linda Simmons, Allene Carnohan and Annette Cleveland.

Shower to honor Corrie Johnson

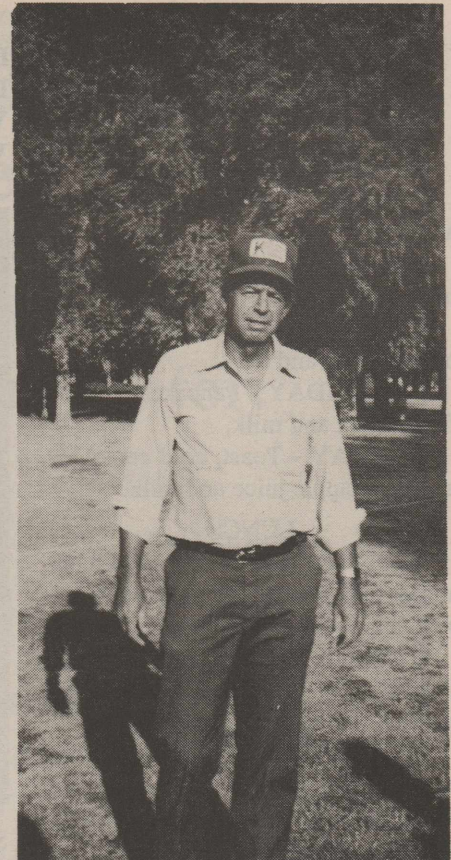
A wedding shower has been planned for recent bride, Corrie Spencer Johnson.

To be held Sunday, Sept. 18 in the Heritage Room of the Yoakum County Library, calling hours are from 3 until 4:30 p.m.

Gift selections have been made at Renaissance Flowers and Gifts, Jerri's Boutique and Bayer Lumber.



NAOMI GOODMAN, earns a five year award as District Clerk Deputy.



CARETAKER FOR STANFORD PARK - Roger Randall received his 15-year service pin from Yoakum County this summer. He is caretaker of Stanford Park. A lifetime resident of Plains, he obtained a barber's license and operated his own business for a time. He closed his business and went to work for the County, first as a driver of a maintainer, before being appointed to care for the park. He and his wife, Sue, live north of Plains. They have two sons, Steve and Kurt, and three grandchildren.

County employees given awards

Yoakum County employees were recognized for their service during the recent Annual Awards Picnic.


Five year service awards went to Claudia Thompson, Jessie Flores, Naomi Goodman, Caroline Rivas, Maurcene Lowe, Beverly Moreno, Julia Rodriguez and Joyce Rice.

Employees receiving ten year awards were Kenneth Upchurch, Hershel Smith, Ramon Diaz, Nancy Baize, Don Corzine, Leslie Efird, Bobbie Payne, Linda Horton, Ed Rogers, Linda Fausey and Carla Burns.

Walter Dulin, Dorothy Johnson, Betty Rivas, Toni Jones, Lois Holland, Royce Randall and Mary Yarbrough were awarded 15-year-honors. Wanda Smith was presented a silver tray for 20 years service.

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BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Cereal, toast, grape juice and milk.

TUESDAY - Donuts, toast, apple juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Hash browns, toast, orange juice and milk.

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

FRIDAY - Toast, cold cereal, orange/pineapple juice and milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY - Chicken sandwiches, lettuce leaf, sliced pickles, French fries w/catsup, vanilla pudding and milk.

TUESDAY - Taco salad w/cheese, shredded lettuce, chopped tomatoes, crackers, orange Smiles and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Hamburger, lettuce leaf, sliced tomatoes, pickles, potato chips, fruit cocktail, chocolate chip cookies and milk.

THURSDAY - Lasagna, green beans, tossed salad, hot rolls, pineapple tidbits w/marshmallows and milk.

FRIDAY - Chicken fry w/cream gravy, creamed potatoes, buttered carrots, hot rolls, watermelon and milk.

SCHOOL EVENTS

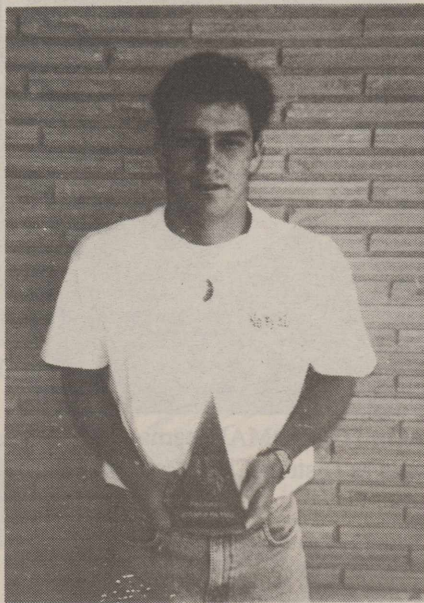
MONDAY - Volleyball - Levelland, 7th/8th A&B - here - 5 p.m.

TUESDAY - Volleyball - Brownfield - 9th/JV/V - here - 5 p.m.

THURSDAY - Football - Sundown - 7th/8th - here - 5 p.m.; Football - Sundown - JV - here - 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY - Football - Sundown - There - V - 8 p.m.

SATURDAY - Cross Country - Frenship Meet - Wolfforth; Volleyball - Denver City Tournament - 7th/8th; Volleyball - Lamesa Tournament - JV; Volleyball - Colorado City Tournament



STUDENT OF THE WEEK, nominated by his football coach, is Shannon Ward. Cited for his leadership ability, "this student is a leader by his actions, not necessarily by talk," says the coach. "He goes about quietly getting the job done with not a lot of fanfare. This young man reminds me of a Bible verse - taken from the book of James 1:19. *My dear brothers take note of this: be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger.* This fits our student of the week, James Shannon Ward. I know on the football field, Shannon listens well, and works hard to be the best he can be," commends his instructor. "He sets an example for the rest of the athletes and students by leading them with his good work ethics. Congratulations, Shannon Ward."



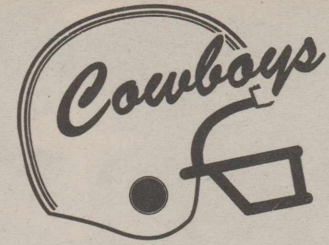
MRS. VERNON (DEBRA) HISE

Math teacher receives honor

Mrs. Vernon Hise, a fifth and sixth grade math teacher at Plains Middle School has been selected as Plains Middle School's "Teacher of the Month". She says her personal teaching goal is "to teach students to love math and to have fun with it!"

Debra received a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education with a minor in math from Lubbock Christian College. In the past, she has taught second grade, Algebra I, geometry, pre-school, and coached junior high volleyball and basketball.

She is married to Vernon Hise, the middle school science teacher. They have two children - Brandon, seven years old, and Lauren, two. Of great importance to Debra are activities involving her family. After school she enjoys cooking, shopping and making crafts. She is very active in church activities and in Plains Fine Arts Club.



PLAINS 23 - SEAGRAVES 13

Plains played host to the Seagraves Eagles in the season opener Friday, Sept. 2 and played an exceptional game, beating the Eagles 23-13.

Shannon Ward displayed his big-play capabilities by scoring two first half touchdowns. The senior receiver got Plains on the scoreboard midway through the first quarter, receiving Arguijo's 52-yard punt at the Cowboy four yard line, and ran 96 yards up the sideline for the score.

Victor Bernal added the PAT kick, and Plains led 7-0 with 7:44 on the clock.

The Eagles were able to score on a 66 yard TD run in the first quarter, bringing the score to an even keel, 7-7.

During the second quarter, Shannon Ward eluded blockers and ran a 50 yard touchdown in to put the Cowboys back ahead 14-7 before halftime.

In the third stanza, the Cowboys racked up nine more points, making the Cowboys stand out 23 to 7. The Cowboys remained scoreless in the fourth.

The Eagles were eager to put another six up in the fourth quarter, but were still ten points behind when time ran out. Final score Plains 23, Seagraves 13.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS:
RUSHING - D. Bitolas 25-116, S. Bitolas 4-24; Ramos 3-13, Ward 2-9, Hernandez 1-3.
PASSING - Bernal 7-15-110.
RECEIVING - Ward, 3-55, McMin, 3-25, Ramirez 1-21

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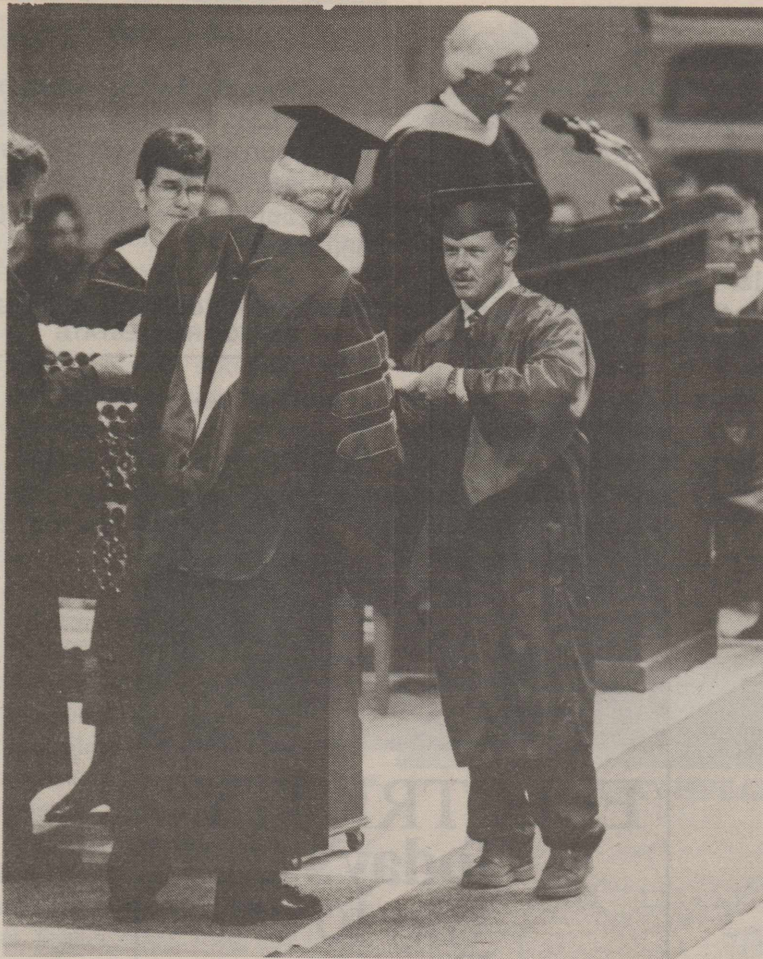
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CHAD WALL receives a Master's Degree in Agricultural Development from Texas A&M University at College Station. Graduating Aug. 12, 1994, he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree and teaching certificate from Texas Tech in 1993. A 1989 PHS graduate, he is the son of Dan and Linda Wall. Family and friends attending were his parents; a brother and sister-in-law, Ronny and Jalyn Wall of Seminole; grandparents, Nolan and Thelma Jones of Hereford; Jo Lena Powell of Plains; and Ben Baker of Lindsay, Okla.

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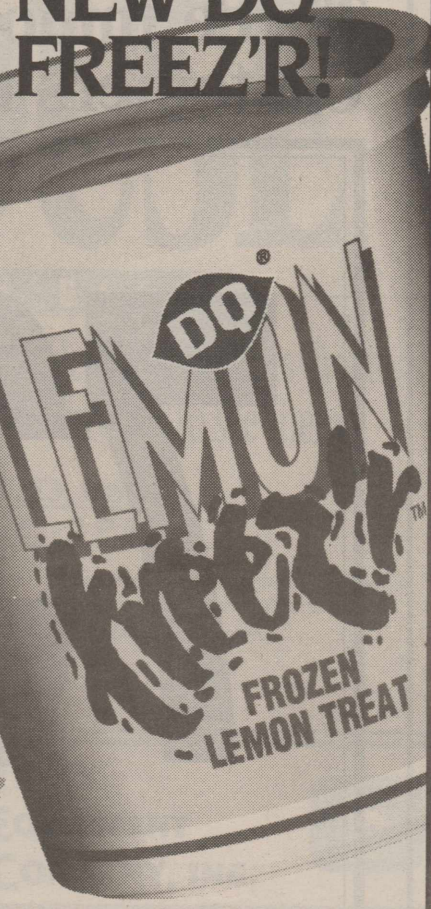
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Candi Seaton's mother is buried in Pennsylvania

Phyllis Elaine (Lindell) Branstrom, 71, of Oxnard, Calif., died at her home, Aug. 30, 1994 following a lengthy illness. Born in Lander, PA, Jan. 4, 1923, she was the daughter of the late Paul and Helen (Eckman) Lindell.

Mrs. Branstrom was a graduate of Lander High School and Indiana University of Pennsylvania, with post-graduate studies at University of Michigan, San Jose State University and Fullerton Community College.

She served in the U.S. Navy/Waves during World War II, as a medical corpsman. She married Donald F. Branstrom on Feb. 6, 1946 in Cattaraugus, NY. They made their home in Michigan, Wash., Ohio, California and Maryland, then returned to California in 1963. Mrs. Branstrom had been a resident of Oxnard since 1969, having moved from Buena Park, CA. She was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Oxnard-Port Hueneme Christian Womens' Club, Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery, Warren County (PA) Historical Society, and Ventura County Genealogical Society. As a Deacon, she devoted much of her life to visiting shut-ins and leading Bible studies in her home.

She is survived by her husband, Donald F. Branstrom; three daughters, Candi Seaton of Plains, TX, Darlene Chirman of Davis, CA, and Donna Branstrom of Oxnard, CA; three grandchildren, D'Shan Seaton, Brad Seaton and Sarah Chirman; a sister, Bernice Van Meter of Anaheim, CA; and two brothers, Byron Lindell and Roy M. Lindell, both of Russell, PA.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Helen (Eckman) Lindell; a brother, Donald Lindell in



PHYLLIS BRANSTROM

1927; and a grandson, Burke Seaton in 1971.

Memorial services were held at Westminster Presbyterian Church of Hueneme, CA on Friday, Sept. 2 at 10:30 a.m. with the Reverend Dr. Timothy Fearer officiating, and at Lander United Methodist Church, Lander, PA on Sunday, Sept. 4 at 2 p.m. with the Reverend Dr. Delbert Jolley officiating.

Interment was at Foster Cemetery in Lander, following the services.

The family suggests memorial contributions, in lieu of flowers, may be made to:

Livingston VNA Hospice, 1996 Eastman Ave, Suite 109, Ventura, CA 93003;

Deacons' Fund, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 755 Bard Road, Port Hueneme, CA 93041; or

Foster Cemetery Association, c/o Mrs. Arden Walter, Sec/Treasurer, Route 3, Box 138, Sugar Grove, PA 16350.

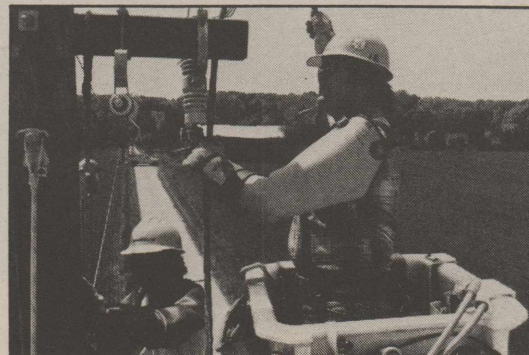
FREE

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK
Plains residents are encouraged to take advantage of a free blood pressure check to be held Thursday, Sept. 8. Blood pressures will be taken from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Plains Clubroom. This is being conducted by Yoakum County FCE Council and the South Plains Nursing Center.

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Three Important Numbers for Higginbotham Customers to Remember

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ALLTEL is in the process of installing new digital switching equipment in the Higginbotham exchange which will improve service for telephone customers.

As part of ALLTEL's commitment to consistently bring you the latest benefits in telephone technology, **effective at 12:01 p.m. on September 15, 1994**, all Higginbotham customers will need to dial the full seven-digit telephone number when making a local call.

This procedure also applies to multi-party customers trying to reach another party on their line. You will no longer need to dial the special party code that you previously dialed.

That means all Higginbotham customers must dial 732 plus the last four digits of the number they are calling.

It may take a little getting used to, but the effort will be worth it! Our new equipment will mean that we can offer you some exciting new services, like Call Waiting, Call Forwarding, Three Way Calling, and Speed Calling.

Remember, this change will take place at 12:01 p.m. on September 15, 1994. Please call your ALLTEL business office if you have any questions about seven-digit dialing.

ALLTEL

Filmtime begins a new 'school year'

Filmtime at Yoakum County Library began a new year Wednesday with 35 children attending. The story hour is held each Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. Pre-school children are invited each week.

Each week, the day's program begins with the children reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and the pledge to the Texas flag. Songs of the day Wednesday were the ABC song, Ten Little Indians, Jesus Loves Me and Old MacDonald Had a Farm.

The children were taken on a film trip to the farm and viewed a video about the Little Red Hen. Sharon Willis presented each child with a cellophane wrapped cookie baked in an animal shape. Children were also given balloons and a picture of Minnie Mouse to take home to color.

Children attending were Kimber Williams, Jacob Brink, Morgan Willis, Britnie Duran, Lepus Jimenez, Derek Garza, Ryan Crump, Joani and Jaaron Bell, Landon and Dakota Earnest, Kevin Gass, A.J. Martinez, Katie Winn, Holden and Hunter Welch, Brandon Craft, Danika Cerna, Wyatt and Lee Dearing, Amber and Cody Friesen, Lauren Hise, Christopher and Stephanie Addison, Kenyon Powell, Jason Durham, Hannah Crump, Magdalena and Greg Andazola, Christopher Gonzalez, Jonathan Penner, Rhaela Stahl, Lauren Davis and Cody Mayes.

Library personnel extend thanks to mothers and sitters who brought their children to filmtime. They state that visits by the Fire Department and Police Department are in store for future filmtime hours.



Who's New

Keith and Nancy Whitzel would like to announce the arrival of their daughter, Jasmine Christen, born Aug. 24 at 9:10 p.m. in the Seminole Memorial Hospital. Weighing eight pounds, seven and 6/10 ounces, she measured 19 and a quarter inches long. She has a three year old sister, Lydia Marie. Grandparents are Mary Fuentes of Colorado City; Luis Martinez of Loop, Ken and Pat Whitzel of Colorado City and Jim and Ann Wright of Seminole. Great-grandmothers are Edna McKinney of Aztec, NM and Marcelina Martinez of Colorado City.

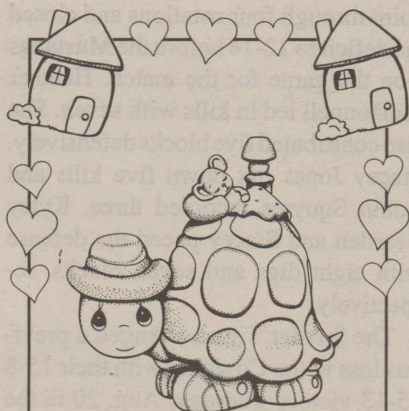
Courtesy to be given to Gonzales couple

A courtesy honoring Shannon and Herman Gonzales will be held Sunday, Sept. 18 in the home of David and Sarah Guetersloh, three miles north of Plains on Airport Road.

Calling hours are from 2 until 3:30 p.m. Selections have been made with local merchants and JCPenney's in Lubbock.



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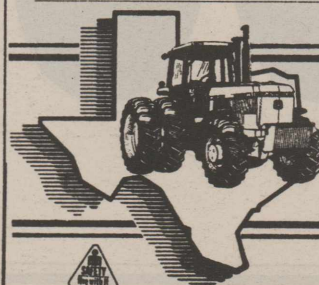
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SEE YOU AT OUR OPEN HOUSE

Telephone customers to choose their long distance carriers

Beginning in November, Texas ALLTEL, Inc., customers in the Plains (456) and Higginbotham (732) exchanges will have to make an important choice about their long distance service. Customers will be asked to choose which long distance company they wish to provide them with long distance service. The choice is important, said company officials.

Customers in Plains and Higginbotham now have to dial lengthy access codes to use other long distance companies. With equal access, however, those customers will be able to use the long distance company of their choice simply by dialing "1" plus the telephone number.

Beginning in late November, ALLTEL will mail ballots so each customer can choose which long distance company will handle their calls. Although the companies that wish to serve the area are not known at this time, customers will have at least three long distance carriers from which to select.

Equal access is a result of the divestiture of AT&T in 1984 and of later agreements with other long distance companies. When the Department of Justice ordered the breakup of AT&T and the Bell System, they ordered Bell to put all long distance companies on the same footing and offer equal access to a majority of customers.

In the past, if a customer dialed "1" + the number their call was automatically routed over the AT&T network. To use other long distance companies, customers had to dial up to 23 digits. With equal access, all a customer has to do is choose one company per line to be their long distance company. ALLTEL will program its equipment to recognize the customer's

number and the call will be routed through the long distance company they have selected.

"Equal access represents a terrific opportunity for customers to choose the company with the rates and the services that are the best for them," said Pat Rotunno, supervisor-customer services. If a person does not return his ballot or choose a long distance company, "the law says we must randomly assign them to a long distance company," she said.

Customers who fail to make a selection will be assigned to companies based on the proportion of business each company receives from people who made a choice. If 25 percent choose company "A", then company "A" would be assigned 25 percent of those who did not choose.

The long distance company a person selects will carry only the long distance calls made to locations outside the area code. Toll calls made within the customer's area code will not be affected.

Residents will probably receive marketing information about rates and services from long distance companies that decide to serve the area. The companies' telephone number also will be listed on the ballot and customers can call to inquire about their rates and services. After customers receive their ballot, they will be asked to make a choice, sign, date, and return it. The postage is paid.

There is no charge for your initial selection of a long distance company. Also, you may change your selection as many times as you desire at no charge before your area code is converted to equal access on or about Feb. 22, 1995. After this date, there will be a \$5.00 charge per line should you de-

cide to change your long distance companies. A person who did not return their ballot and who has been randomly assigned to a company will have six months to change companies free of charge.

If a person does not return the ballot, a final ballot will be mailed to the customer. The final ballot will state the name of the company the person will be randomly assigned to if they

fail to choose. The number of long distance companies a person may choose depends on the number of lines (not telephones) a person has. For example, a person with two lines can select two companies to serve their long distance calls or one to handle both lines.

Under law, ALLTEL is not permitted to recommend the selection of a long distance company.

volleyball

VARSITY

The Varsity slipped to 7-6 with their 3-15 15-6 12-15 loss to Andrews in out of town competition last Saturday. The Cowgirls regrouped following a one sided first game to outplay the Lady Mustangs in the second and force a third game. They held their opponent at game point through four rotations and closed the deficit to 12-14 before the Mustangs won the game for the match. Heather McDonnell led in kills with seven. She also contributed five blocks defensively. Stacey Jones put down five kills and Robin Squyres recorded three. Kyley Bearden and Stacey paced the defense with eight digs and seven blocks, respectively.

The Snyder Tigers avenged a previous loss to the Cowgirls with their 15-8 15-13 victory Tuesday, Aug. 20 in the Cowgirl gym. Individual statistics include Stacey, eight kills, five blocks, two digs; Kyley, three kills, five digs; Heather, one kill, one block; Robin, three kills, six digs; and Valerie Blair, one dig. Misty Willett recorded ten service points.


JUNIOR VARSITY

The JV, now 6-0, outlasted Snyder 11-15 15-7 15-9 in homecourt action

Tuesday, Aug. 30. Sylvia Tarango served 12 points. Individual statistics include Sandi Warren, one kill, two aces, four digs; Kassie Lowe, one kill, one dig; Lindsey Six, three kills, one block; Bridget Bernal, one kill, one ace, three digs; Tessa St. Romain, five kills, four aces, two digs; Lyndi Rowe, three kills; Sylvia, one kill, two aces, three digs; Maria Moreno, one ace, nine digs.

NINTH GRADE

The Ninth Graders fell short in a three game match with the visiting Snyder Tigers, Tuesday, Aug. 30. Individual statistics in the 8-15 15-9 3-15 loss included: Wendy Beckham, two kills, three aces, 10 service points; Shawna Box, one ace, one dig, two points; Dolly Gonzales, two kills, one ace, one dig, six points; Cecilia Moreno, one kill, one ace, two digs, two points; Laura Flores, one kill; Neomi Stewart, one kill, two aces, three points; Christy Ruiz, three points.

Cowgirl Volleyball 

Three Important Numbers for Plains Customers to Remember

456-

ALLTEL is in the process of installing new digital switching equipment in the Plains exchange which will improve service for telephone customers.

As part of ALLTEL's commitment to consistently bring you the latest benefits in telephone technology, **effective at 12:01 p.m. on September 15, 1994**, all Plains customers will need to dial the full seven-digit telephone number when making a local call.

This procedure also applies to multi-party customers trying to reach another party on their line. You will no longer need to dial the special party code that you previously dialed.

That means all Plains customers must dial 456 plus the last four digits of the number they are calling.

It may take a little getting used to, but the effort will be worth it! Our new equipment will mean that we can offer you some exciting new services, like Call Waiting, Call Forwarding, Three Way Calling, and Speed Calling.

Remember, this change will take place at 12:01 p.m. on September 15, 1994. Please call your ALLTEL business office if you have any questions about seven-digit dialing.

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