

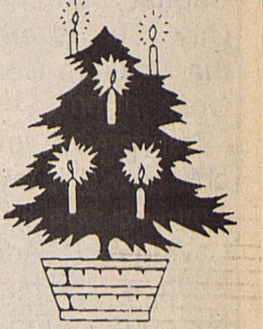
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Tree Lighting heralds Visit By Santa & Christmas Season



Santa gets a helping hand



The wonder in a child's eyes



Santa says 'Let's go get some candy'



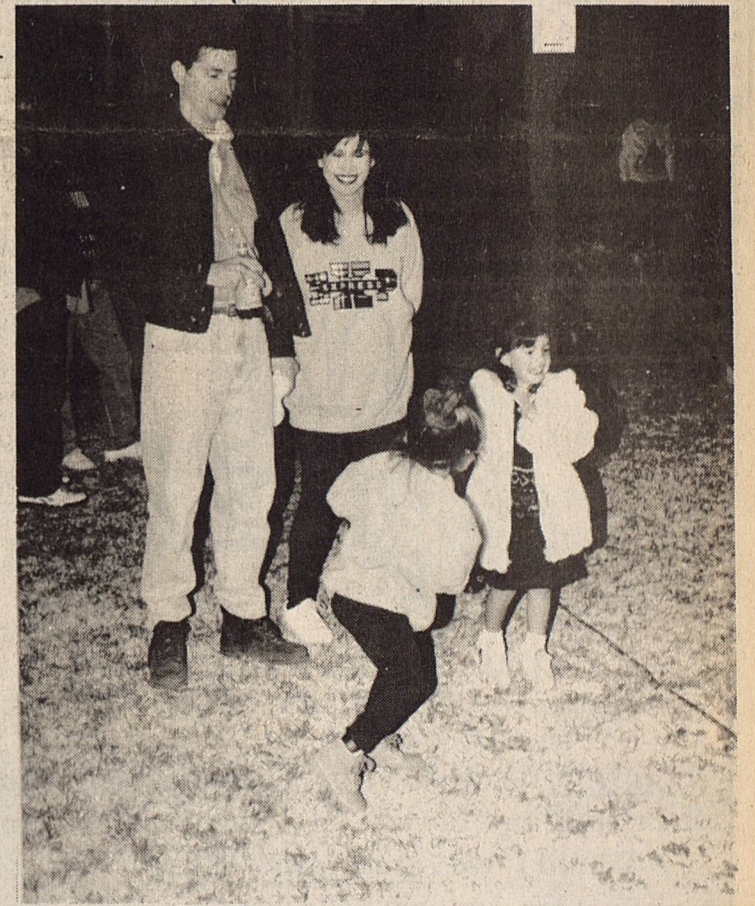
A Friesen family affair



The Lights come on at last



Happiness for young & young at heart



Delighted Banfield girls dance with joy

Alternative Financing Program Offered To Producers

A comprehensive program outlining alternative methods of financing will be offered to Agricultural producers from both Gaines and Yoakum Counties on December 12. The meeting will be held in the party house of Gaines County Park, located between Seagraves and Seminole. The meeting will start at 9:30 AM, and end about 11:00AM. Leading the discussion sessions will be David A. Luttrell, Director of Finance, and Dan Smith, Financial Analyst, both with the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority, an agency of the Texas Department of Agriculture.

They will offer information and loan packets on Loan Guaranty Programs, Farm and Ranch Finance Programs, Linked Deposit Programs, and Young Farmer Loan Programs. Richard G. Young, Ag Credit Manager with Farm Service Agency serving Gaines, Andrews and Yoakum Counties, will also deliver information and loan packets on Direct(FmHA) Loans, Guaranteed Loans, Subordination Loans, and 1951-S Servicing. Any producer concerned with their current financial situation is encouraged to attend.

The annual Christmas Tree Lighting program in Pioneer Plaza last Wednesday evening was well attended by scores of adults and excited youngsters waiting for the arrival of Santa Claus. The Chamber of Commerce event, with helpful assistance from City employees, helps launch the celebration of the Christmas Season each year. Rick Doyle, Pastor, First United Methodist Church, read passages from the Old Testament prophesying the future birth of a Savior child, and then read the Christmas story heralding the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, the birth of the Christ child, and the homage paying visit of the wise men from the east. The State Championship Cowboy Marching Band was on hand to play a medley of Christmas theme songs, and the crowd joined in singing along. When the band struck up "Here Comes Santa Claus", switches were thrown simul-

taneously lighting the tree and all the decorations on the Courthouse across the street. Apparently Santa had problems with his sleigh or reindeer, for he arrived on the scene riding on the back of the city's fire truck, lights flashing and siren wailing, a signal the kids had been impatiently waiting on. They swarmed around St. Nick, then followed him into the Community building to have their pictures taken if they brought canned food to be distributed to the needy. Something new this year was the wrought iron Nativity Scene located near the Christmas tree. The artful scene was constructed by Danny Steffens, and the material for it was furnished by the City. The yearly event was colorful and entertaining, and the faces of the smaller children made the work and preparation more than worthwhile.

Rice Intends To Run Again

In an interview last Friday, Yoakum County Sheriff Jim Rice announced his intentions to file for a spot in the 1996 election seeking reelection to the office he has held since December of 1981. Rice, a 23 year law enforcement veteran, said he wants to continue his career in the field. "There is a great deal of unfinished business in law enforcement, and a great deal of it right here in Yoakum County. I enjoy the profession. It seems like everyday brings something new, a different challenge", he reported.

The Sheriff said his experiences serving the people of the County have been rewarding. "The people here have been very generous and kind to us all these years, and I want to continue serving them". Rice began his career as a deputy in Lovington for Lea County in 1970, and two years later was promoted to Administrative Captain. In early 1978, He temporarily left government law enforcement, serving as a special investigator for a large law firm with offices in Lubbock and Beaumont. The lure of working as a Sheriff officer again brought Rice to Denver City in 1979, where he served as a deputy under Joe Deaton. In February of 1981, he was offered the

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job of City Administrator, which he accepted. In December of that year, when Joe Deaton resigned from the Sheriff's position, Rice was appointed in his place. It was necessary for him to run for office for the unexpired portion of the term of office, and he won the subsequent run-off election in 1982.

Jim and his wife Vivian are members of the First Baptist Church in Denver City. She is employed by the Yoakum County Credit Union here.

They have four married children; Jimmy is in the oilfield service business in Lovington. Another son, Keith, is Commander of the Narcotics Department in the Hobbs Police Department; a daughter, Debra North, of Mesquite, who is married to a Sergeant in the DPS Narcotics Division; another daughter, Tonya of Austin, who works for the Travis County Sheriff Department and whose husband is finishing his Masters Degree at U.T.

Rice has served on a multitude of law enforcement organizations and associations, including past Chairman and Co-Chair of the Permian Basin Drug Task Force, the Task Force of the Women's Protective Assn., the Board of Court Residential Treatment Center, Brownfield, the Board of Teen Court in Yoakum County, Vice Chairman of 911 Committee, Lubbock, and numerous committees

of the State Sheriff's Association.



County JP Court

The following is a summary of cases heard in County Justice of Peace Court, Precinct One, with Judge Melba Crutcher presiding:

- 55 traffic cases filed
- 1 public intoxication
- 1 felony case filed

Bonds Set:

- Motion to revoke probation held until hearing
- Credit Card abuse (Ector County) \$2,500 bond
- Issuance of bad check \$1,000 bond
- Public Intoxication \$232 fine
- 4- Driving while intoxicated, 1st offense, \$1,000 bond
- Fugitive from justice, Delivery of forged checks (Oklahoma) \$20,000 bond
- Failure to identify \$1,500 bond
- Fugitive from justice \$20,000 bond.

District Criminal Court Cases Heard

Two revocation of probation cases were held Monday, November 27 in District Judge Kelly G. Moore's Court, with Richard Clark, Criminal District Attorney representing the State.

Defendant Sylvia Michelle Ochoa, 21, plead true to the charge of possession of marijuana. She was ordered confined in a substance Abuse Felony Treatment Facility (SAFPF) for a six month period, but not more than one year, or until successful discharge from the program, and any continuing care recommended by SAFP. She will be confined 180 days in the Potter County, or until space is available in SAFP. Monthly payments of fines and probation fees shall begin 30 days after her release. She was represented by Attorney Warren New.

Julio Coronado Martinez Jr., 19, pled true to a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. His previously granted deferred probation was revoked. He was sentenced to three years in a TDCJ Prison. All costs of the prosecution shall be paid by the defendant. He will also be placed in the Special Alternative Incarceration Program (SAIP) for at least 75 and no more than 90 days. He was represented by Attorney Thomas Wilkins Jr.

NAFTA Routes Pose 'Weighty Problems'

Interstate Highways 35 and 10 have served as Texas' primary transportation arteries for years, according to the Texas Dept. of Transportation (Tx-DoT). Growing traffic, especially commercial truck generated by NAFTA trade, will require substantial investment in maintaining and improving these highways, as well as US Highway 59. Tx-DoT has earmarked \$761 million in state and federal funds to be spent on the three main trade arteries over the next two years.

Tx-Dot planners say traffic on I-35, running north from Laredo and terminating in Duluth, Minnesota, has increased as much as 88% along certain stretches in Texas. They say similar increases in traffic has occurred on I-10, crossing Texas from El Paso to Beaumont. Their projections indicate traffic along US 59, from Laredo to Houston and Texarkana, could increase 35 to 90% by the year 2011 from NAFTA trade.

A major concern of Tx-DoT and the National Highways System is the huge influx of commercial truck traffic from Mexico. The NAFTA agreement will allow their trucks to operate in interstate commerce in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California starting December 18.

The Mexican weight limit for six axle trucks is 101,400 pounds, compared to the US limit of 80,000. It appears the US will not relax its weight standards, and the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) will be hard pressed to enforce these standards. DPS currently has less than 20 weight and safety inspectors working in the valley, and estimate they are currently inspecting only about ten percent of all trucks entering the state from Mexico. An estimate by the Mexican transport ministry itself admits overloaded five axle trucks may weigh as much as 108,000 pounds, and six axle trucks as much as 130,000.

A 1993 report by the UT Center for Transportation Research found heavier trucks can easily double

damage to highways and lead to an increase in traffic accidents. Research by the Texas Transportation Institute last year showed that a truck only 4,000 pounds over the 80,000 pound limit would accelerate pavement damage five-fold; A highway designed to last 40 years would have to be replaced in just eight.

Incredibly, a pair of bills that would have significantly increased fines for violations of commercial

vehicle weight limits failed to win support in the 1995 Legislature.

If the NAFTA agreement results in the huge traffic increases predicted, the current 28 scale equipped weigh stations, and the 250 man DPS examiner force will be woefully inadequate. Funding has been authorized for 8 new weigh stations, with four of them in the US-Mexican border areas.

PISD Trustee Meeting

The Plains Independent School District Board of Trustees met in a called meeting on Tuesday, November 28, 1995, at 7:30 p.m. in the board room of the administration building. Board members present included; Tim Addison, Stanley Ashburn, Danny Bell, Dwayne Canada, Anna Gonzalez, Brad Palmer, and Randy Tuggle. Also present were; Pete Simmons, Superintendent, and Eric Banfield, Business Manager.

The meeting was called to order by the board president, Brad Palmer.

The board met in a work session to develop local policies for later adoption in the areas of employment,

employee leaves and absences, and investments.

Under the employment policy Mr. Danny Bell moved and Mr. Stanley Ashburn seconded that, "although the Superintendent has sole authority to make recommendations to the Board, the Board retains final authority for the selection of all contractual personnel. The Board delegates to the Superintendent the final authority for the selection of noncontractual personnel." The motion carried 5-2, with Addison, Ashburn, Bell, Gonzalez and Palmer voting for the measure, and Canada and Tuggle voting in opposition. All other policy choices from the TASB worksheets were approved by consensus.

Some Things Never Change

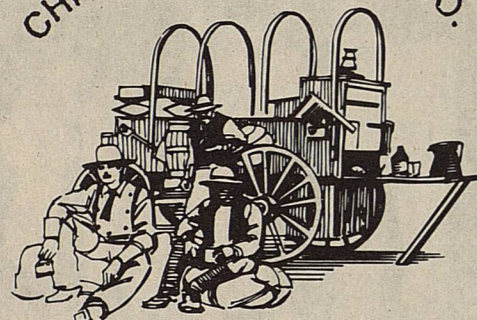
"The tax rate had risen in two years from fifteen cents on \$100 property valuation to \$2.175, not including occupation taxes, city taxes, the \$2 poll tax, or livies to retire railroad bonds voted by the legislature, the levies amounting to another sixty cents per \$100. Approximately 21% of Texans' income went for taxes. This would have been extraordinary in the 19th century, but supportable if the taxes were evenly applied.

They were not. They fell almost completely on property holders, and not levied with great justice. Planters and farmers were being ruined, businessmen generally. Reports indicated \$700,000 would adequately support the state government rather than \$6 million the taxes raised."

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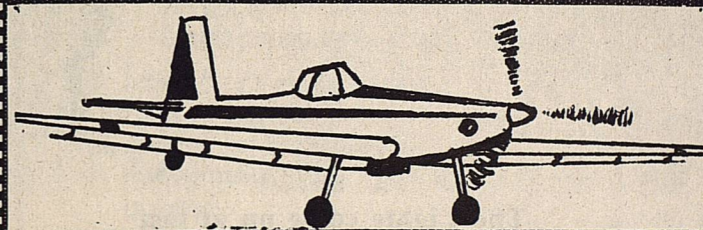


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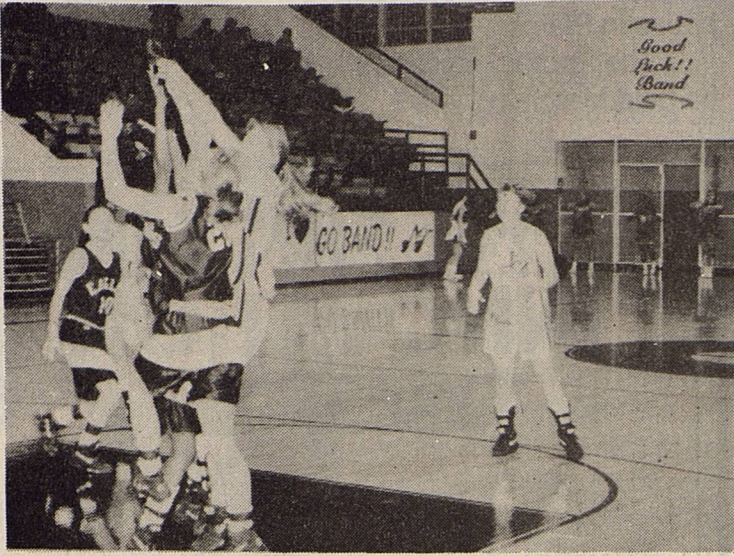
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Cowgirls Battle Under The Net



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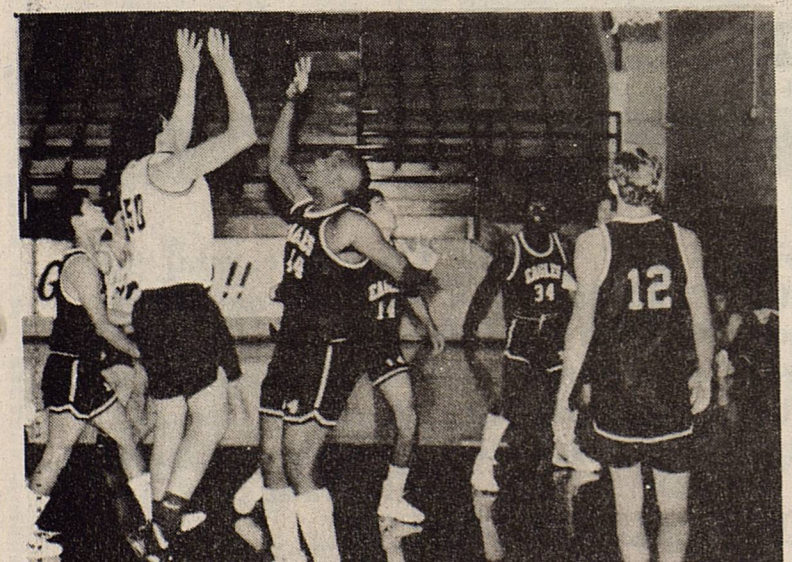
Warming Up



JV Cowgirls Huddle Up



Watch the Ball!



Adam Gets One Off Against Eagles

Basketball Scoreboard

PHS Cowgirls

On November 28, the Cowgirls took on the always tough Seagraves Lady Eagles, and were downed 54-38. The girls had ample scoring opportunities, but could make only 20% of their shots fall. Scoring was lead by Tessa St. Romain with 9 points, followed by Sandi Warren and Kassie Lowe 7, Kyley Bearden 5, Shyloh Winn and Kayla Redman 3 each, Robin Squyres and Jolyne Burgess 2 each. Lowe led the rebounding with 5, followed closely by Redman with 4.

The Cowgirls next met Amherst Dec. 2, soundly thrashing them 66-27. Their shooting efficiency improved to a 33% level, and they scored 22 points off of turnovers. Warren had the hot hand with 11 points, followed by St. Romain and Redman 10, Lowe and Bearden 9, Squyres 8, Burgess 5, and Stephenia Allsup 3. Top rebounders were Redman 8, Squyres 7, St. Romain 6, and Warren 5.

Plains JV Tournament

The JV Cowboys and Cowgirls hosted a roundball tournament here last weekend. Competing teams included O'Donnell, Morton, Lazbuddie, Sundown, Seagraves, Sands and Tatum. Following is a recap of both team results.

Cowgirl JV

The Cowgirls play produced some exciting action and gave the fans glimpses of the future of their varsity program. Despite a great showing, the Cowgirls fell just short of their goal, losing to Sands in the Championship game, 68-32.

Plains weren't cordial hosts in their initial tourney game as they trounced O'Donnell, 39-27, behind Lisa Parrish's 11 points. Mary Morales and Lindsey Six each added 6 points in the victory while Wendy Beckham tossed in 5 points. Head Coach Cheryl Horne praised the team effort, indicating it was an, "Overall well-rounded game...the girls played well."

The Cowgirls second game was a thriller with Plains mounting a last minute comeback over the Lazbuddie Lady Longhorns, 31-30. Lindsey Six led the Cowgirls in scoring with 9 points followed by LaCresha Johnson 8, including the free throws sealing the win. Coach Horne complimented Wendy Beckham on her "outstanding defense", and on the teams attitude and effort.

The clock finally struck midnight on the Cowgirls in the championship game, as Sands rolled to a 68-32 victory. Plains trailed by only 8 at the half behind strong performances by LaCresha

Johnson and Marcey House, but couldn't stop Sands inside Game over the Last two periods. Johnson led the Cowgirls with 8 points followed by House and Lindsey Six 6 each, Ceckia Moreno and Tandy Jones 4 points each, Lisa Parrish and Mary Morales 2 each.

Cowboy JV

The Cowboy JV got off to a fast start in the tournament, downing O'Donnell 72-50 in their first outing. Leading scorer in the contest was Adam Dominguez with 18 points, followed by Jason Redman 13, Eric Luna 11, Yancey House 8, Shawn Cullins 7, Travis Bennett 6, Will St. Romain 6, and Allen Ward 3.

They faced stiffer opposition in game two, losing in the final period to Lazbuddie 41-39. Jason Redman had 11 points, followed by Dominguez 10, Cullins 7, Bennett 5, Ward 4, and House 2.

The Cowboys clinched third place with their 52-29 win over Morton. House had 11 points, Cullins 10, Bennett 9, Dominguez 7, Redman 6, Will St. Romain and Luna 4, and Ward 1.

Freshmen Cowboys

The 9th grade boys had rough going in their tournament, losing to Three Way in game one, 45-25, and 46-26 to Tatum in the second game. In game one, Matt Morgan had 16 points, Dustin Brunson 5, Cosme Casillas and Mike Bell 2 each. In game 2, Bell had 12, Brunson, Tony Lazos and Clint Burrus had 4, and Jesus Gandara scored 2.

8th Grade Girls

The 8th grade Wrangler "A" basketball girls took on Seagraves in the first round of the Denver City Tournament Friday, losing 44-25.

Candace Bowers was high point for the Wranglers with 7, followed by Rebecca Robertson 6, Jessica Flores 5, Anne Palmer 4, Patty Ruiz 2, and Krystle Blundell with 1.

Plains met Brownfield in the Consolation game, with Brownfield winning 37-19. The game was much closer than the score indicates. Rebecca Robertson led the scoring with 5 points followed by Patty Ruiz 4, Kristen Gray 3, Krystle Blundell, Anne Palmer and Candace Bowers 2 each, Jessica Flores 1. The girls played without injured Kelli Osborn in the Tournament.

The 8th grade Wrangler "B" basketball girls also played in the Tournament, losing the opener 34-17. Shay Allsup led this group in scoring with 8 points, followed by Staci Tuggle 6, and Laura Morales 3.

In the consolation game Den-

ver City defeated the Wranglers 31-28. With about three minutes left in the game, Shay Allsup fouled out. The Wranglers did a great job keeping the score close with only four players to Denver City's five. Shay Allsup led the scoring with 16 points, followed by Staci Tuggle 5, Elizabeth Casillas 4, and Laura Morales 3.

Both teams got valuable playing time during the tournament. Coach Haragan was well pleased with the girls team effort.

7th Girls:

The 7th grade girls, divided into two teams, played in the Denver City Tournament this past weekend.

The Black team consisted of Amanda Garcia, Elva Ruiz, Donita Richardson, Dawn Garland, Lisa San Filippo, Angelica Hernandez, Adrienne Ramoz, and Tanya Vasquez. They played Seminole on Thursday, losing 13-41. Elva Ruiz scored 4 points followed by Donita Richardson 3, Amanda Garcia, Angelica Hernandez and Adrienne Ramoz each with 2. They advanced to the Consolation game on Saturday against Denver City. The girls played a close game all the way through two overtimes. The final score was 34-36. High point was Tanya Vasquez 17 followed by Elva Ruiz 8, Angelica Hernandez and Adrienne Ramoz 3 each, Lisa San Filippo 2, and Amanda Garcia 1.

The White team consisted of Lensey Cullins, Lesli Rowe, Machaela Traweek, Lexi Warren, Kari Guetersloh, Kimbe Jones, Kim Willis, and Frances Cordova. They played Seminole Friday losing 13-36. Kimbe Jones was high point with 8 followed by Frances Cordova 3, and Kari Guetersloh 2. On Saturday they lost to Brownfield 9-20. High scorer was Kimbe Jones with 5, Kim Willis 3 and Kari Guetersloh 1.

** We did not have the following information in time for the last issue **

JV BOYS:

The Cowboy JV started their season the hard way, losing to Seagraves 51-46. The stats showed they played well except for a very cold second period, being out scored by the Eagles 19-8. Shawn Cullins had 14 points, followed by Yancey House, 11, Adam Dominguez, 8, Eric Luna 6, Allen Ward 5, and Will St Romain 2.

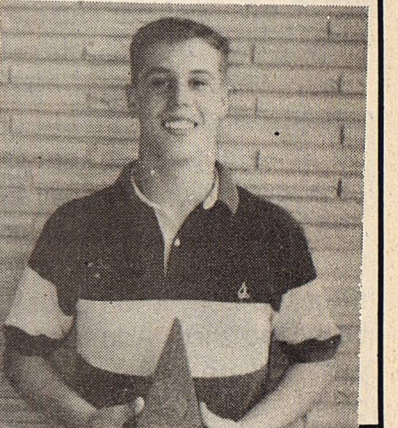


JV Warmup

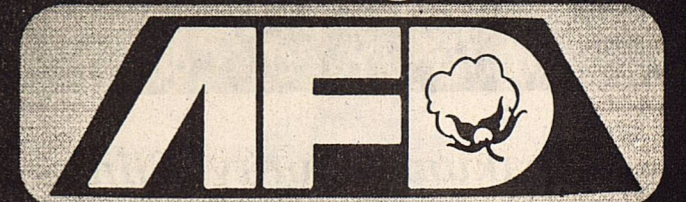
Student of the Week

Heath Bowlin, son of Pat McGuire, is a Sophomore and was nominated to be Student of the Week by Mr. Alexander.

"I overheard a teacher say the other day that this student is like a tape recorder- everything that is said is picked up and applied in class. What better words can be said about anyone. If all students would treat their classes this way, we would have no tardies, no dropouts and no failures," stated Alexander.



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CRP Fire Danger And Liability

Producers in Yoakum County need to be aware of not only the danger but the liability incurred when burning CRP grass. The County was fortunate only a small percentage of CRP grass was burned this past Spring. Some of the burning was planned, but most was burned without the landowner's permission under less than ideal conditions.

At a time when much is being written about property rights, producers are reminded that CRP owners have property rights also. Producers are encouraged to talk to their neighbors about the boll weevil problem before burning their grass. If a producer has the CRP owners permission to burn their grass, they should consider the following:

1; Many acres planted to grass are on very fragile soils and burning in February is too early. The grass can be burned in March, before greening, and still kill the weevils without permanently damaging the grass or creating a blowing problem.

2; CRP owners and producers are reminded that if the grass was burned last spring it is not necessary to burn it again this spring. The grass needs more than one year to produce enough litter for the weevil to overwinter in.

3; CRP owners should get a statement from their neighbor releasing them (CRP owner) from liability if they allow the neighbor to burn their grass. The liability agreement should be in writing, and address at a minimum who will be responsible if the grass stand does not recover after the burn and needs to be reestablished. Additionally, who will be liable in case of injuries, death, damage to houses, barns, fences, utility poles, etc.

4; Producers who have permission to burn CRP grass must be aware of wind direction and speed. Burning grass in high winds is unsafe, and the grass may burn too fast to kill the weevil. If the wind is in the wrong direction, the burn could put smoke on a road and cause an unnecessary tragedy.

5; CRP owners who wish to burn their CRP grass should contact the Farm Service Agency first. CRP contracts must be modified prior to a prescribed burn, but the FSA must request the modification from the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

6; CRP owners should take appropriate action to protect property from loss. A fireguard may be needed around buildings. If the grass is shredded around buildings, it will give firefighters a better chance to protect the property from a wildfire.

7; **THINK SAFETY; FIRE IS VERY VOLATILE AND UNPREDICTABLE EVEN UNDER PLANNED AND CONTROLLED CONDITIONS.**

* Material for this article furnished by Mario Avila, District Conservationist, NRCS.

County Court Meets

Yoakum County Commissioners Court met Monday, December 4. The following agenda items were discussed and acted on as follows;

The Court heard from Sharla Mitchell and F.E. Shaheen on the role South Plains Emergency Medical Services, Inc. (SPEMS) continues to play in this area. Now representing 23 area counties, the association is the only one in the state with an emergency Trauma Plan approved by the Texas Department of Health. Both the

Denver City and Plains Volunteer EMS units belong to SPEMS, and the two representatives gave both groups high praise for their role providing County residents excellent emergency services. They reported the three major hospitals on the South Plains, Methodist, St. Mary's and University Medical Center are actively supporting SPEMS, and have endorsed the statewide recognized trauma program utilized in physical injury cases.

Tax Assessor-Collector Wanda Smith reported receiving a request from Attorneys representing Mary F. Halmecy, one heir of the Chatterton estate, to waive interest and penalty charges assessed Halmecy for 1992-93 unpaid taxes. She explained the request was made because no tax statements were received by Halmecy due to a clerical error of the law firm responsible for maintaining mailing addresses at the time. She recommended waiver, providing Halmecy pays taxes now due for 1994-95. The bulk of the delinquent interest and penalty fees would have gone to the Denver City I.S.D. and following Judge Brewer reporting DCISD Superintendent Howard Pollard had agreed to any Commissioners Court recommendation, The Court approved the waiver on condition the current due taxes are paid.

Precinct Two Commissioner Bob Thurston moved to accept the low bid of \$29,914 from West Texas Equipment Company for the purchase of a new Caterpillar grader and loader. The figure was the difference after trade in of six other pieces of Prec. 2 equipment. The motion was approved.

WALKER SAYS HE WILL RUN AGAIN

State Representative Gary Walker, (R)-Plains, filed for re-election to his District 80 seat in Austin today.

"I believe that I have provided the solid, conservative vote that my constituents want," he stated. "I hope to continue to provide that vote for another two years."

The 74th Legislature rewrote the Education Code, tackled tort reform, welfare reform, property rights, and balanced the state budget with no new taxes.

"The feeling among most legislators from around the state is that the legislature has been working hard and accomplishing real goals the past few years," said Walker. "I'm proud to be a part of that effort."

Gary Walker represents District 80, which includes Andrews, Dawson, Gaines, Hockley, Loving, Martin, Reeves, Terry, Winkler, and Yoakum counties.

Wanda Smith Announces For Re-Election

Wanda Smith announced Monday she is running for re-election to the office of Yoakum County Tax Assessor-Collector.

Wanda has worked in the tax office for 22 years, 17 of those years as the Tax Assessor-Collector.

Wanda collects taxes for Yoakum County, City of Plains, Sandyland Water District, Denver City I.S.D. and Plains I.S.D. The Tax Office is now a computerized operation. All taxes, voter registration, and motor vehicle registration are processed by computer programs.

Smith is certified with the Board of Tax Examiners, and received her RTA designation (Registered Tax Assessor) in 1985. She received her CTA designation (Certified Tax Administrator) in 1995, and served as past Vice-President and President of the Lubbock Region of TACA (Tax Assessor Collector Association).

Wanda and her husband Kenney, are 30 year residents of Yoakum County and Denver City. They have one son Chad, a beautiful daughter-in-law Blanca, and a two month old grandson, Tyler Rohn.

Smith hopes the residents of Yoakum County will continue to have confidence

in her ability to be the Yoakum County Tax Assessor Collector another 4 years, and encourages all eligible voters who have not registered, to register either at the tax office in Denver City, or the courthouse in Plains.

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Engagement Announced

Jo Lena Powell of College Station and Chad Wall of Plains announce their engagement. They will marry at 2:00 PM on December 30, 1995, at Plains Methodist

Church. All friends of the couple are invited to attend the ceremony, as no local invitations are being sent.

Parents of Jo Lena are Ty Earl and Linda Powell of Plains. Her grandparents are Lloyd and Maxine Grau of Grady, NM, and Wilma Powell and the late Bill Powell of Plains. Chad's parents are Dan and Linda Wall, also of Plains. His grandparents are Nolan and Thelma Jones of Hereford and Aileen Wall and the late Raney Wall of Dalhart.

The bride-elect is a Senior student at Texas A & M University, majoring in Genetics. The prospective groom is a graduate of Texas Tech with a Bachelors degree in Ag Education, and a graduate of Texas A & M University with a Masters of Agriculture degree in Ag Development.

Menu Dec. 11 - 16

- Monday**
Breakfast: cereal, toast, grape juice, milk
Lunch: hot dogs w/chili, tossed salad, French fries, applesauce, milk
- Tuesday**
Breakfast: c. rolls, toast, apple juice, milk
Lunch: burrito, baked beans, crackers, combination salad, pear halves, milk
- Wednesday**
Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, orange juice, milk
Lunch: All American cheeseburger, chips, mixed fruit, coconut cookies, milk
- Thursday**
Breakfast: pancakes w/ syrup, fruit punch, milk
Lunch: taco salad, pinto beans, lettuce & tomatoes, crackers, blueberry cobbler, milk
- Friday**
Breakfast: cereal, toast, pineapple juice, milk
Lunch: baked ham, macaroni & cheese, green beans, hot rolls, peach halves, milk

Library Film Time

Twenty children attended Film Time at the Library on November 29. They were: Kevin John Gass, Brett Hawthorne, Jonathan Penner, Alex Penner, Katelynn Young, Lydia Whitzel, Chris Addison, Landon Earnest, Holden Welch, Haley Welch, Isaac Doyle, Brandon Craft, Ashley Hainer, Heather Penner, Taylor Banfield, Jasmine Whitzel, Stephanie Addison, Dakota Earnest, Hunter Welch, Kelsey Curry.

After saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag and the Texas Flag the children sang songs, played games, watched a movie and heard a book read.

Wedding Shower

A Wedding Shower honoring Lea Ann Stephens of Panhandle, bride-elect of Jody Wood was held in the home of Linda Wall on October 15th.

Hostesses were: Linda Harris, Hazel Lowrey, Mary Dale Forbus, Jean Patterson, Bobbie Payne, Linda Lowrey, Trucene Clare, Diane Wilson, Cindra Box, Judy Fitzgerald, Phyllis House, Ann McGinty, Melba Fitzgerald, Martha Palmer, Ruth Murphree, Carolyn Culwell, Dolores Davis, Jeanette Head, Sheila Stephens, Melissa Garcia, and Serena Elmore.



L to R: Mackie Wood, Lea Ann Stephens, Sonnie Stephens

Wedding Shower

A Wedding Shower honoring Jo Lena Powell, bride-elect of Chad Wall, was held in the home of Ann McGinty on November 4.

Hostesses were: Mary Dale Forbus, Brenda Canada, Sarah Shelton, Sarah K. Burrus, Linda Harris, Linda Kennedy, Frankie Walker, Hazel Lowrey, Sonnie Stephens, Sharon Smith, Sandra Ellison, Cindra Box, Jeannette Head, Phyllis House, Ann McGinty, Sheila Ashburn, Connie McWhirter, Sarah Guetersloh, Melba Fitzgerald, and Sheila Stephens.



L to R: Linda Wall, Wilma Powell, Jo Lena Powell, Maxine Grau, Linda Powell



Renaissance Open House

Well Attended

Owner Linda Powell said she was well pleased with the many visitors at the Open House celebrated by Renaissance last week. She reported a steady stream of visitors enjoyed her new displays and sale items. Door prize drawing winners included Jennifer Beckham, a decorated basket, Hope Moreno, a gingerbread display, and Dolores Davis, a Christmas Poinsettia.

National Honor Society News

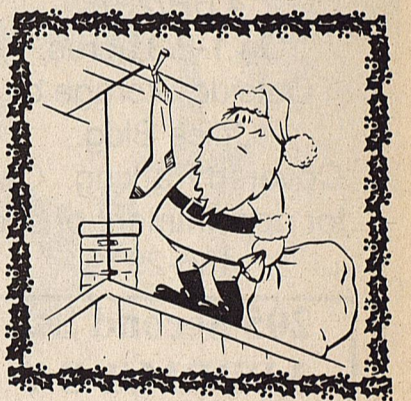
Wednesday, November 13th, the National Honor Society met. The members are Valerie Blair, Jeremy Dearing, Kirk Parrish, Johnny Don Davis, Brad Seaton, Josh Traweek, Steve Vasquez, Chase Clanahan, Mary Morales, Yancey House, Jacob Lester, Tessa St. Romain, Sonia Avila, Lyndi Rowe, Robin Squyres, Kyley Bearden, Stephen Bitolas, and Allen Ward.

The agenda was to elect new officers and to discuss the upcoming induction of new members.

The officers are: President Jeremy Dearing, Vice-President Valerie Blair, Sec-

retary Kyley Bearden, and Reporter Mary Morales.

The induction of new members is tentatively set for December 13th. In order to be selected, a student must maintain the scholarship criteria of an 8.00 or 88.0 average apart from having leadership, character, and service qualities. A person then must receive a unanimous vote from a five member faculty council appointed by the principal.



Thought for the Week

Hebrews 4:16 (KJV)

Prayer Concerns
Doug Childress
Frankie Sanders
Louise Goehry

PISD Bulletin Dec. 11-16

Monday: Basketball, Smyer, 7th; 8th Girls/Boys There

Tuesday: Basketball, Tahoka, JV; V Girls/Boys There, 4:00 p.m.

Thursday: Basketball, Meadow Tournament, V Girls/Boys, (continues through Saturday)

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From The Hack



I am very glad we covered the recent Xmas Tree Lighting affair last week. Ever since, I have really started to get the Christmas spirit. Seeing all those tiny, young, shiny faces of the kids waiting for Santa's arrival got me to thinking about my own list of things I intended to write him for. I rushed home and began to compose my annual epistle; "Yo, Santa, Babe; "I would really appreciate a reply from you as to why you didn't leave all the stuff I asked for last year. You know, I have been doing this thing pretty regular, almost 64 times now, and it looks like you could get it right at least once! "I would really appreciate you intervening some way in helping us beat Sudan on the football field at least once in my lifetime. Coaches McMinn, Brink, Baucom, Mc Adams, and Davis are all sending you this same letter, too. Pete Simmons is sending you a separate plea by Fed Ex. He really wants to make sure you get his. "It would be really super neat if you could also find some way to sort of overlook and forgive all those guys who take savage advantage of me on the local golf course. Or better yet, bring me a 'How To' book on non-discoverable methods of cheating

at the game. Yeah, that's it, forget the forgiveness bit. That would undoubtedly require Divine Intervention anyway. Just drop the cheat book down the chimney!

"Santa, I hope you will once more bring all the Table of Wisdom Gurus continued knowledge and genius. In the same vein, please, Santa, help those with learning disabilities, like Wayne House, who unfortunately visited there last week and referred to it as the table of 'Knowledge'.

"You know what would really be super cool? I hear you pay your visits to all the little kids around the world; Why don't you do this for all us good kids here at home; Make Washington D.C. your last U.S. stop- when you empty your bag, stuff both Clintons', Robert Dole and Newt the Nit in it, and deposit them somewhere in Outer Mongolia. I'm positive those poor tykes there have never seen live clowns like those four.

"Our irregular brother in law in East Texas would sincerely appreciate a case or two of pitted prunes, and you might consider another case of blackberry wine for the bride. She hasn't made a wine cake in about 17 hours now. And while you're at it, toss in a case or two of Crown for me... I've got some really super recipes of my own, but blackberry wine won't work in them.

"You know I have been super good this year, Santa, so I'll be expecting your visit in a few weeks. Thanks in advance for all my stuff"

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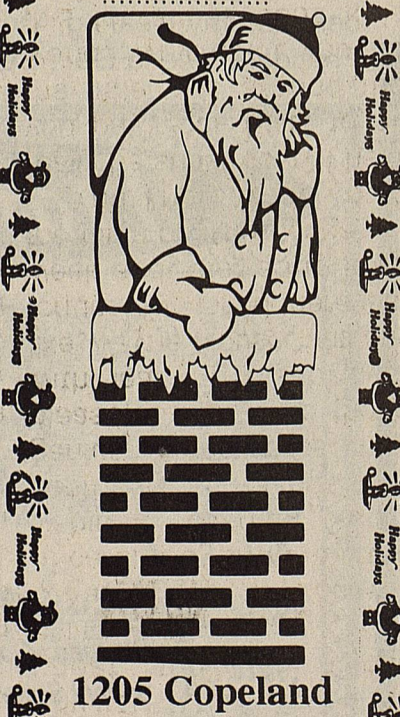
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A very large contingent of standing so long at an Plains Rodeo fans flew to Las Vegas last weekend to be on hand for the National Rodeo Finals in Sin City. For some reason, it's pretty hard to get a coherent, reliable report from the attendees about their big trip.

We hear un-substantiated rumors about a number of interesting events occurring on the excursion; Mike Blount, who freely admits to a fear of flying, was said to have thrown up three times before he got thru the security gate at the LBK International Airport. Another unconfirmed report had Morris Rushing

developed a severe case of phlebitis, and had to be assisted to the nearest bar for emergency treatment. It is rumored Shari Swann, Deb Rushing and Steph Blount found some hot slot machines in the MGM Casino, hit four consecutive jackpots, and poured every last dollar back into the same three machines.

Isn't it strange how you can get together, thrilled to the point of silliness, board a plane, laugh, joke, tell tales, enjoy life, get off the plane, and three days later come back like a group of Zombies?

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Residents Garland War II.

Swann and Bud Forbus called on County Judge Dallas Brewer Monday, December 4, asking his assistance in County observance of 'National Pearl Harbor Day' each December 7. Judge Brewer said officially recognizing the War. Forbus, also a Marine momentous day would be on-going County policy, and would in a small way show the counties citizens respect and gratitude to both those who died, and the survivors of the attack which launched America into almost four years of the bloody World



L-R; Bud Forbus, Judge Brewer, Garland Swann

Whereas, on December 7, 1941, the Imperial Japanese Navy and Air Force attacked units of the armed forces of the United States stationed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii;

Whereas, more than 2,000 citizens of the United States were killed and more than 1,000 citizens of the United States were wounded in the attack on Pearl Harbor;

Whereas, the veterans of World War II and all other people of the United States commemorate December 7 in remembrance of the attack on Pearl Harbor; and

Whereas, the attack on Pearl Harbor marked the entry of the United States into World War II;

Whereas, commemoration of the attack on Pearl Harbor will instill in all people of the United States a greater understanding and appreciation of the selfless sacrifice of the individuals who served in the armed forces of the United States during World War II: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That December 7 of each year is designated as National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day" and the President is authorized and requested--

(1) to issue annually a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities; and

(2) to urge all Federal agencies, and interested organizations, groups, and individuals, to fly the flag of the United States at halfstaff each December 7 in honor of the individuals who died as a result of their service at Pearl Harbor.

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