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ANNUAL FARM TOUR

Some sixty area farmers and individuals with interests in agriculture attended this year's Yoakum County Farm tour.

The annual event is presented by the Soil Conservation Service (SCS), Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Soil and Water Conservation District, and the Ag Committee of Yoakum County.

The tour originated this year at Yoakum County Park, where Dr. Kater Hake, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, addressed the problems of aiding this year's cotton harvest with proper timing and application rates of chemical agents to maximize defoliation results.

The farm tourists boarded buses provided by Plains I.S.D., and made the first stop at David Turnbough's family farm east of Denver City, where his minimum tillage cotton farming operation was reviewed. From there, the tour stopped at Turnbough's rural home, and inspected the large tree windbreak surrounding the property. Jim Chandler gave tips on planting and caring for trees, and furnished printed material detailing the merits and benefits of tree windbreaks in the local high plains environment.

Next stop on the tour was a Dry Hydrant installation on The Larry Nelson Farm. Dry Hydrants are devices adapted for area irrigation wells and pumps, serving as a source of emergency water supply, primarily used by firefighters in rural areas. There are now six of the installations in the county.

Tour participants next saw a demonstration of an efficient stocker cattle operation on one of the Jerry Parrish farms, where Chuck Coffman, SCS Biologist, addressed the benefits and management of WW Spar Yellow Bluestem grass.



SON GARY, WIFE VI AND DAVID TURNBOUGH

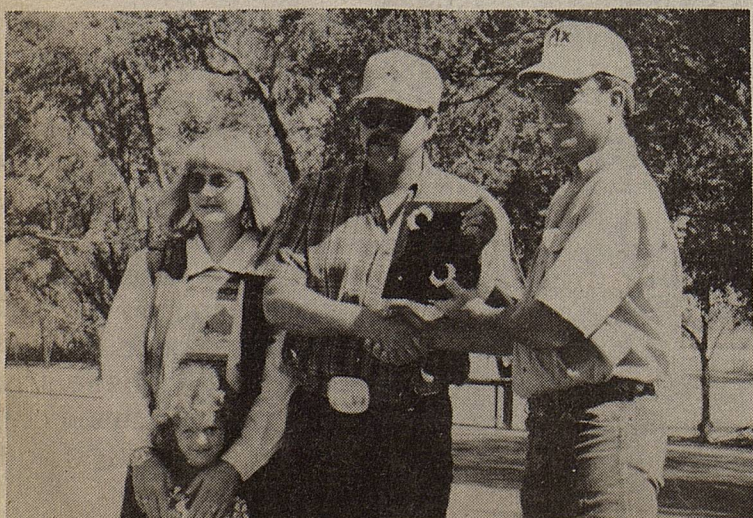
The final site was on the Dan Wall farm, where tour members saw a minimum till dryland cotton operation, and heard Coffman speak about options for CRP land on the Tommy Hicks CRP contract.

Back at the park, County Judge Dallas Brewer presented David Turnbough with the annual Farmer of the Year Award. Ironically, this will be the winners last year to farm. He and his wife Vi made the decision to retire earlier this year.

Don Parish, representing the Yoakum County Young Farmers Association, presented local Wayne Lee Davis with the Young Farmer of the Year Award.

Generous donations of time, labor, equipment, prizes and funds for the tour were provided by Brownfield State Bank, 1st National Bank, Denver City, Yoakum County State Bank, Denver City, Plains State Bank, Plains I.S.D., Judge Dallas Brewer, Doug Brown, Eddie Earnest, Jerry Everett, Tommy Hicks, Wayne House, Larry Nelson, Jerry Parrish, David Turnbough, Dan Wall, Neal Newsom, Associated Farmers Delinting, Scott Irrigation, Valley Irrigation, and Jack Spears Drilling Co.

Mario Avila, SCS District Conservationist, served as master of ceremonies, and was assisted by L.J. Sanders, Chairman, Yoakum Soil and Water Conservation District.

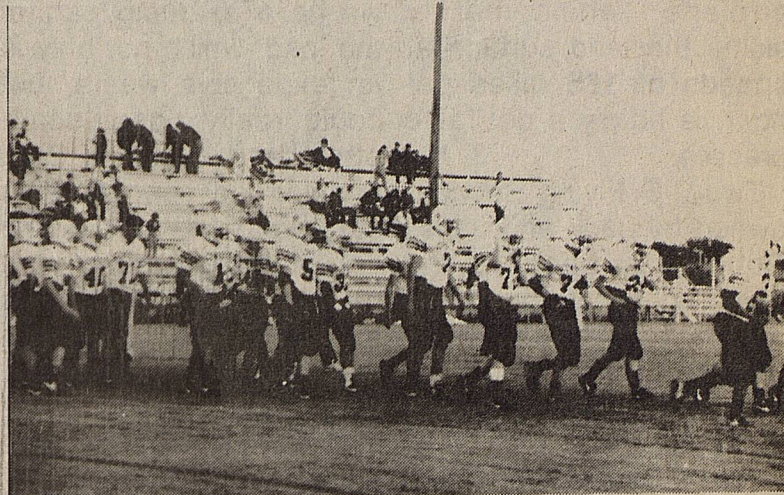


WAYNE LEE DAVIS & FAMILY RECEIVE AWARD FROM DON PARRISH

COWBOYS STING HORNETS 28-0

The Cowboys return to action against fellow class 1A competition in Lorenzo Friday night resulted in the second consecutive shut out of an opponent in the fourth game of the season.

The Cowboys simply outmanned and outplayed the Hornets in every phase of the game, and it appeared the score could have been even more lopsided, if not for a few mistakes and mental



COWBOYS TAKING FIELD TO SWARM HORNETS.

errors.

The first few series of downs for both Cowboys and Hornets were a matter of give and take, neither team able to effectively move the ball, until the Cowboys stopped a fourth down Hornet run attempt on the thirty yard line. From there, hard running from David Bitolas and good blocking up front, a pass completion from Victor Bernal to Shannon Ward steadily moved the Cowboys to the four. Following lead blockers, QB Bernal rolled out left and into the end zone.

Early in the second period, the stiff Cowboy defense stopped the Hornets cold, with a pass interception by Ward and return to the four. David Bitolas from there pounded into the end zone, and it was a 14-0 game.

The Cowboy defensive front ground up the

Hornets next offensive series, and the offense again started moving the ball crisply from the 45. Steven Bitolas and David Bitolas carried effectively, but the attack stalled when Bernal was sacked for a twelve yard loss.

Playing a swarming team defense, The Cowboys again stalled the Lorenzo offense, and again went on the attack. A series of incomplete passes forced a Cowboy punt from the 44, and when the receiver coughed up the ball on the 31, the offense returned to action. A spectacular Bernal to Brad McMinn pass was deflected and nabbed by Ward, but the play was nullified by a Cowboy penalty.

Seconds later The Cowboys displayed a bit of razzle-dazzle, Bernal throwing to McMinn, who quickly lateraled to the

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LOCAL ASCS COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

The Yoakum County ASCS Committee will hold their annual elections December 7, 1994. The upcoming election is for the position currently held by Tommy Box, Chairman of the County Committee.

County Executive Director, Gary Six told the paper, "Regulations concerning the elections have changed a little from previous years elections. The local office will no longer be mailing nominating petitions. These will need to be picked up at the Yoakum County ASCS Office, or call 806-456-2132, and one will be mailed to you." Six said, "every year there have been a little more than 900 petitions mailed, and anywhere from only one to three petitions have been returned." Petitions may be picked up starting October 6, 1994 and will need to be returned no later than October 31, 1994.

The local County Committee is currently made up of Tommy Box, Edith Tuggle and Bruce Lester. Election of responsible farmers is important to every producer. Farm programs administered by County ASCS Committees include, commodity price support and loan payments, establishment of allotments, yields and marketing quotas, grain reserve, conservation cost sharing, incentive, indemnity, and disaster assistance, and in addition the County Committees hire the County Executive Directors.

Farm owners, operators, tenants, and sharecroppers of legal voting age can vote if they are eligible to take part in any ASCS program.

A petition signed by three eligible voters is needed to nominate a farmer candidate. A statement must be included that the candidate has agreed to serve if elected.

Almost anyone eligible to take part in a county ASCS program may be a candidate for the committee.

The 1994 election will end December 5, 1994. Ballots will be mailed at least ten days before the election and must be returned or postmarked by December 5, 1994.

PLAINS CELEBRATES CONSTITUTION WEEK

Plains Junior High School in Plains celebrated the 207th anniversary of the U. S. Constitution during a ceremonial Constitution signing with a representative from U. S. Sen. Phil Gramm's office on Tuesday, September 20, at the junior high school.

Jennifer Crabtree, regional director of Gramm's office in Lubbock, led the signing ceremony and delivered remarks on the significance of Constitution Week.

"The United States Constitution has served as the foundation on which generations of freedom-loving people have built their hopes and dreams. It has furnished ordinary people, like you and me, an abundance of individual liberty and opportunity thus enabling us to accomplish ordinary feats," Gramm said in a letter read by Crabtree.

"It should never be forgotten that the effectiveness of American democracy has always depended upon an informed and involved citizenry. Proper stewardship of responsibilities which accompany American citizenship is essential if we are to preserve democracy and secure America's future," Gramm said.

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"CONSTITUTION"

FIRST BALE OF COTTON



RON CRAFT, NEW-TEX GIN

Chris Blundell won the always eagerly awaited First Bale of Cotton honors Wednesday, September 21, when New Tex Gin finished ginning his 458 pound bale about 4:00 pm.

The bale was produced on his Section 126 farm, owned by Billie and Bob Blundell, and is the HS200 variety. New Tex will award Blundell with a cash bonus for his efforts.

The Tokio Co-Op gin came in a close second for first bale honors. Just hours after we learned of the New-Tex ginning, they advised us Reggie and

Lee Martin, representing Martin Farms, produced that gins first bale, 481 pounds of HS 26 cotton from the Martins Pippen farm. They too will reward the producers with a cash bonus.

This year's ginning run is in its earliest stage, but several other producers already have modules of cotton in their fields, and all the areas cotton gins are cranking out bales of old king cotton. Most of them think the early start will allow the long run to end a little earlier this year, provided the weather cooperates.

"CROP DUSTERS" PREFER TO BE CALLED "AERIAL APPLICATORS"

Seeing and hearing bright yellow aircraft speeding over the city is such a commonplace event we take aerial spraying of crop and range land for granted.

To the pilots in those planes, and the ground crews in support of spraying operations, nothing is taken for granted. Climbing into an unserviced or poorly maintained airplane, which barely skims the land surface at speeds of 135 miles per hour, is hardly a desirable practice.

Two J-S Flying Service, owned by Jack and Janell Cobb, has been in the aerial chemical application business here since 1981. Jack previously was in the same business in Ackerly for seven years.

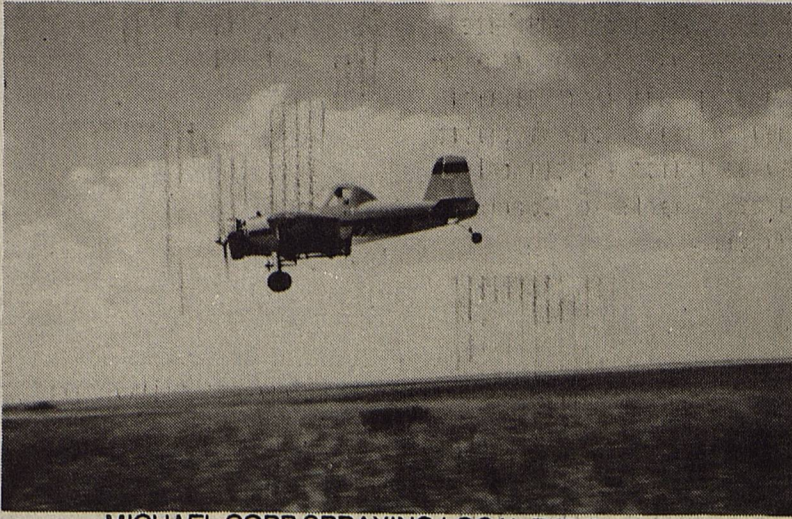
The other local flying business, G B Aerial Applications, owned by David and Sarah Guetersloh, started spraying for the general public in Feb. of this year, but has been flying chemicals on his and family members crops since 1983.

The number of acres these flying services will cover each year is dictated by many factors, including weather conditions, and insect or weed infestation rates. "In a poor year, we may fly only 50,000 acres, and in a good year we will work 120,000 to 150,000," Cobb stated. Two J-S performs applications on both crop land and range land, while G B handles only crop applications.

The Two J-S airplane is a 1985 model Air Tractor, powered by a Pratt-Whitney 600 hp. radial engine, and capable of carrying about 325 gallons of chemical product. The G B craft is also an Air Tractor, 1984 model, with a turbine powered engine producing 600 hp., with a load capacity of 400 gallons.

An interesting feature of both aircraft is their Global Positioning System, picking up signals from an orbiting satellite, identifying the planes exact location, second by record and accurate to plus or minus one foot. This amazing system enables the pilots to accurately disperse their loads without flag men in the field or pasture, an expensive and possibly hazardous operation.

Guetersloh said, "We want to stress to the public how very important it is to stay clear of any spraying operation. We may or may not be using hazardous chemicals, and without a flagman in the field to warn spectators away, we either have to stop the operation, or radio in to have someone come out and move people from the area." He added, "This can be a real problem for us. If we have to shut down, and return to the airport, we can land only if our cross weight is within allowable limits. If we're overweight,



MICHAEL COBB SPRAYING LOCAL FIELD

we have to dump part of the load, which not only is an expensive waste, but could really upset some other land owner." Both firms urged spectators to stay well away from any spraying operation, and never be exposed to a substance down wind from the plane.

Jack Cobb has held a Commercial Pilot License since 1967. Michael Cobb, Two J-S chief pilot, has been licensed since 1984, and David Guetersloh was licensed in 1983. The pilots must also obtain a Commercial Applicators License issued by the Texas Department of Agriculture.

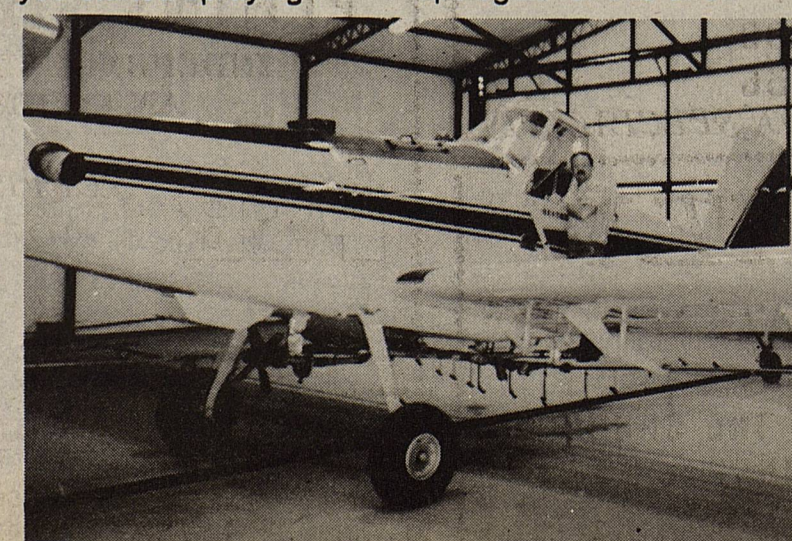
The three pilots all agreed the occupation in busy times can be very tiring, considering they may often make dozens of trips to and from the airport to the field. It can also be scary work.

Jack Cobb related an incident which occurred to him in 1975 near Eldorado, Texas. The range land he was working was bounded on one side by a highway with an establishment call

the 'Red Top Bar and Grill'. He was happily spraying the ranch, and suddenly suffered engine failure. "When you lose power, you have about 12 to 15 seconds to get the plane down, or it comes down on its own. This ranch was just littered with mesquites and live oak trees, brush piles and lots of wash tub sized rocks. I managed to skid, veer, scrape, and bump my way through most of this, and really felt good when I reached a small clear hill. My momentum carried me to the top of the hill, and I was looking down into a very large caliche pit. I skidded down into the thing, hit a big pile of rocks and very nearly flipped over, my left wing buried in an oak tree.

Later, some of my friends saw the plane, and of course the first question was, 'How long were you in that Red Top Bar before you started spraying?'"

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DAVID GUETERSLOH & PLANE IN NEW HANGAR

TSA MO GA CLUB MEETS

The Tsa Mo Ga Study Club met Sept. 26, with Mrs. Sit Jones presiding.

The clubs theme this year is "Community Leadership Thru Federation". Their current course of study is "Together-Unity in Federation and Community".

Sarah Shelton will soon conduct a leadership workshop, and addressing the issue, "Leadership is Attitude Skills", will be Mrs. Ann McGinty, Ann Graham, Connie McWhirter, Dolores Davis, and Zarita Winn.

Mrs. Elouise St. Romain and Mary Jo St. Romain served as hostesses at the meeting.

Tsa Mo Ga's current action plan is, "Club Women who lead choose to do so; that choice comes from an attitude, a desire and determination to contribute to society in a constructive manner".

BAPTISTS HOST FOR "HIGH SCHOOL OUT REACH" EVENT

The youth department of First Baptist Church hosted its first "High School Outreach" program lunch Tuesday, September 20. Coordinators of the event are Robert Canon, Youth Director, Melba Crutcher, and Susie Powell, teachers in the youth department.

All students of Plains High School were invited to the affair. An estimated 110 of the 130 enrollment attended the lunch.

Brother Bill Wright, Pastor, welcomed the students, and explained the program, then introduced the speaker, Bob Webb, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Denver City. Patrick Hamilton, Music Director, played Christian rock videos on the large screen television.

The students enjoyed barbecued brisket, potato salad, beans and chocolate cake. The food was provided from donations and volunteers.

The program will be held the 3rd Tuesday of each month during the school term.

Volunteers and donors for the program are urged to contact the church office, or any of the youth teachers.

The next lunch program will be Tuesday, October 18, during the High School lunch period, and signs will be placed in the school to

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Dear God, when we struggle with feelings we cannot understand, help us to wait in Your presence for peace and guidance. Then help us to obey You as You lead us. Amen.

PRAYER CONCERNS:
James Warren
Clydell Hale
Mutt McDonald Family

BOLL WEEVILS FOUND IN AREA COTTON CROP

Dirk Aaron, Terry County Agent, had ominous news for area farmers gathered at the annual county farm tour.

"This is the first time in history boll weevils have been found in cotton fields this far north, and in such numbers," he said.

He reported definite infestation of the dreaded insect in one of the Parrish farms in the southeast part of the county, and producer Steve Crump reports he has already sprayed a portion of one circle of cotton for the weevils.

Aaron suggested producers call in consultants or insect specialists to check their fields for weevil farmers face.

populations, and added, "What we really need is a cold, wet winter, which will help control their re-emergence next year". He also recommended prompt disposal of all cotton residue left in fields after harvesting. "Eliminating the weevils favorite food source, cotton stalks, leaves, bolls, etc., will help".

He told of one farmer in Dawson County with a heavy boll weevil infestation who had already sprayed insecticide on his cotton crop ten times. Historically, the boll weevil has always been one of the more serious insect pests cotton farmers face.

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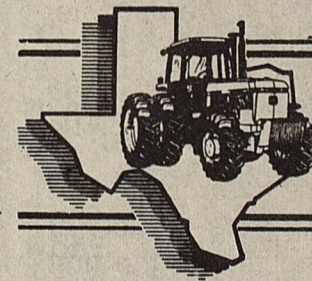
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SGT. LEMLEY HOME SOON



Sergeant Brian Lee Lemley, son of Nelton and Julia Lemley will arrive home October 1, after completing a years tour of duty on Okinawa, Japan.

While in Okinawa, Lemley was deployed to South Korea on special maneuvers for a month. This was his second tour of duty on Okinawa.

Sgt. Lemley enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1984. Other foreign duty ports included London, England. After his leave time, he will return to duty in San Diego.

He looks forward to being home and seeing his friends.

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trailing S. Ward, and his dash into the end zone made the Cowboy lead 21-0.

Early on in the second half, the Cowboy defenders showed their muscle, and stalled the Hornets attack when Kirk Parrish sacked the QB for a big loss. The resulting punt attempt was muffed by the kicker, and the Cowboys again came up with the ball. The second offensive thrust saw D. Bitolas on a 27 yard scamper into the end zone, and the margin was broadened to 28-0.

In the remaining third and final quarter, Lorenzo had possession of the ball twenty four downs, yet each time it appeared they threatened, the stout Cowboy defense responded, featuring a pass interception by Ward, and a sack from Brad McMinn, to be followed by another late sack by Chase Clanahan.

The Cowboy coaching staff was very pleased with

GO COWBOYS

another total team effort. Head Coach Larry McMinn had good words for the entire team, and was particularly proud of the defensive unit. "Our secondary played a very good game. The Lorenzo QB only completed six of twenty five pass attempts, which means our people were in the right areas most of the night." The defensive front provided additional pressure on the Hornet offense.

Ken McAdams led the one-on-one tacklers followed closely by Chase Clanahan and Joey Guerra. Shannon Ward intercepted the Hornets twice, and broke up at least one more pass attempt, and David Bitolas covered a Hornet fumble.

David Bitolas had another outstanding night, following good lead blocking for more than 160 rushing yards.

Let's fill Cowboy Stadium this Homecoming Friday night, and see the Cowboys rack up win number five against Farwell.

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS SEMINOLE

Lisa Parrish: 1st place in Jr. High Girls division. Great time for 1 mile run 6:21.

Tanya Hernandez: 11th place in Jr. Varsity Girls division 15:05 for 2 mile.

Mike Guerra: 7th place jr. High Boys. 2 Miles 13:47

JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS

- Will St. Romain 8th
- Edward Escobar 18th
- Chris Willett 21st
- Jacob Lester 25th
- Hector Gallegos 28th
- Joe Carter 30th
- Gideon Trawek 33rd

VARSIITY

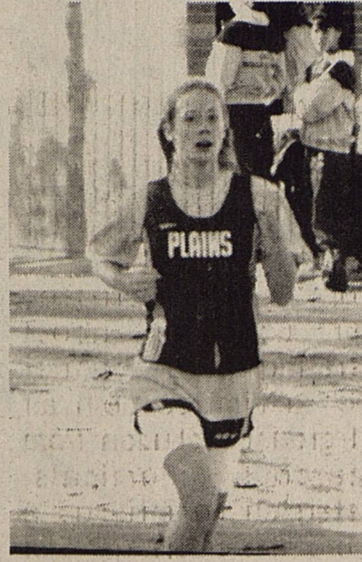
- Ralph Ramirez 23rd
- Jeremy Dearing 32nd
- Jason Robertson 33rd
- Jamie Caballero 57th

The Cowboy-Cowgirl Cross Country Teams will host the next meet October 1. The event will be held at Yoakum County Park on Hwy. 214. The schedule is as follows;

- 9:30 Jr. High Girls
- 9:50 Jr. High Boys
- 10:10 J.V. Girl

- 10:30 Varsity Girls
- 10:50 J. V. Boys
- 11:15 Varsity Boys
- 11:45 Awards

Come out and encourage these young athletes competing in a really grueling athletic event. They deserve our support fully as much as our other teams. Thanks to Coach E. McAdams.



LISA PARRISH IN JR. HI. MILE RUN. 6:21 TIME



VOLLEYBALL NEWS

VARSIITY:

The Cowgirls took second place honors at the Colorado City Tournament Sep. 17. The girls fell to Water Valley in the Championship game, and Valerie Blair and Kyley Bearden took All Tournament player honors.

The Cowgirls defeated Miles 15-11, 15-9, then Bronte 15-4 and 15-7.

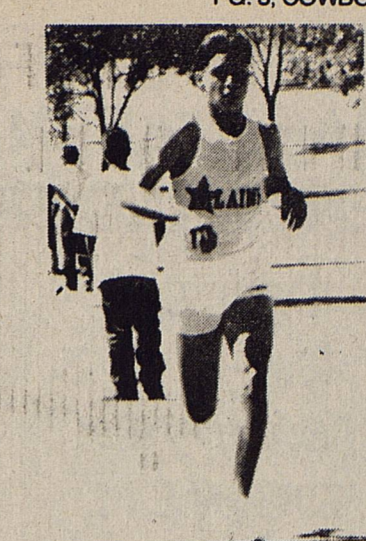
In the championship game, Kyley had 3 kills, one block, nine digs; Valerie, two kills, one ace, one dig; Amber, two kills, two aces, two digs; Margie, three digs; Stacey, six kills, six blocks, three aces; Heather, four kills, four blocks; Robin, two kills, six digs; Misty, one ace, four digs.

In the recent match here against LCHS, the Cowgirls fell 15-3, 3-15 and 2-15.

JUNIOR VARSITY:

The JV took fourth in the Denver City tourney last weekend.

The Cowgirls beat Denver



RALPH RAMIREZ ON WAY TO 23RD. PLACE

JR. HIGH TEACHER OF THE MONTH

Coach Steve Osborn is in his first year at Plains and has six years coaching experience, including five years at Meadow and one year at Southland. He is a graduate of Lovington High School. He has a BBA degree from Hardin-Simmons University and teacher certification from Texas Tech. Steve and his wife, Joy, have three daughters: Kristi, Jenny and Kelli.

City 12-15, 15-8, and 15-6.

Maria Moreno was high point with eighteen.

They fell to Andrews 15-12, 8-15, 7-15, with Tessa St. Romain scoring nine. Sandi Warren scored fifteen points in the 15-0, 15-1 thumping of Cooper.

NINTH GRADE:

In the consolation round of the Denver City tournament, Snyder handed the girls 15-4 and 15-12 losses. Cecilia Moreno scored 12 points. The girls fell to Seminole 2-15, 5-15, then beat Crane 15-8, 16-4, with Dolly Gonzales scoring eight.

8TH GRADE:

The Wranglers won consolation honors at the Brownfield tournament. The B girls fell to Andrews 16-14, 15-4, with Cassie Dearing scoring nine points. They beat LCHS, with Kayla Redman scoring thirteen, then defeated Big Spring 15-1, 15-11, with Marcey House and La

SCHOOL MENU

MONDAY

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Grape Juice, Milk
Lunch: Hot Dogs w/Chili, Combination Salad, French Fries w/Catsup, Pineapple Slice, Milk

TUESDAY

Breakfast: Donuts, Toast, Apple Juice, Milk
Lunch: Mega Slice Pizza, Tossed Salad w/Ranch Dressing, Pear Half, Milk

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: Sausage, Toast, Orange juice, Milk
Lunch: Hamburger, Lettuce Leaf, Sliced Tomatoes, Pickles, Onion Rings, Potato Chips, Mixed Fruit, Coconut Cookies, Milk

THURSDAY

Breakfast: Pancakes w/Syrup, Fruit Punch, Milk
Lunch: Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Blackeyed Peas, Tossed Salad, Hot Rolls, Rosy Applesauce, Milk

FRIDAY

Breakfast: Toast, Cold Cereal, Orange/Pineapple Juice, Milk
Lunch: Chicken nuggets w/Gravy, Corn, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Sliced Peaches, Milk

Cresha Johnson combining for 21 points.

At home Monday, Andrews dropped both A and B teams. Krystal Sellers had ten points for the B girls, and the A's Jolyne Burgess and Marcia House had eight points, Natasha Guerra seven.

7TH GRADE:

The Wranglers finished second in the Brownfield Tournament, losing to Levelland 15-12, 12-15, and 15-10. Patty Ruiz had 14 points, and Candace Bowers and Jessica Flores combined for 12. In the semi-final win over Brownfield, Rebecca Robertson had six points.

On Monday, the Wrangler A girls beat Andrews 15-6, 15-12. Jessica had nine and Patty added six points. Liz Ancinec served three points in the B team loss to Andrews.

SPECIAL THANKS TO BETH ANN CAIN.

8th Grade Wranglers Football

The Wranglers defeated Lorenzo 38-16, Sept. 22.

Vincent Delgado and Adrian Rios each scored two touchdowns in the game. Vincent scored on a reverse for 20 yards and a 35 yard screen pass from Tanner Blount. Adrian scored on a 4 and 8 yard run for his touchdowns. Tanner scored his touchdown on a run or pass option for a 45 yard touchdown. Junior Longoria ended the Wrangler scoring with a quick hitting play up the middle of the line for a 55 yard touchdown run. Dustin Brunson caught a 3 yard pass from Tanner for an extra point.

Outstanding players on defense were Dustin, Mike Bell, Tony Lazos, and Brandon Cox.

Wranglers who did a good job on the line were Clint Burrus, Cosme Casittas, and Lee Tyson. Jesus Grandara kicked very well on all kick offs.

Coach McAdams was well pleased with the team effort.



WRANGLERS AND COACH MCADAMS.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Plains High School Student of the week is Bellen Coronado. Bellen is a Senior at Plains High School and is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Coronado. She was nominated by Mr. Alexander.

"A smile is a curved line that straightens out lots of things and that is the first thing Bellen Coronado puts on when she gets up in the morning," comments Mr. Alexander. "You are happy when you make someone else happy i.e. employer, teacher, friends

etc. Bellen does just that. She is not only a good student, she is a joy to be around."



BELLEN CORONADO STUDENT OF THE WEEK.

JUNIOR HIGH PEP RALLY SEPT. 22, 94 "SPIRIT WEEK"

Cheerleaders ----

(8th: Maranda Box, Tandi Jones & Lisa Parrish, 7th: Krystle Blundell, Autumn Deaton & Anne Palmer) presented spirit awards to: Wrangler Dress Up Day-Mike Bell

Most Spirited PJH Student-Kelli Osborn

Most Spirited PJH Staff Member- Mrs. Lela Warren Craziest Cap Day- Lesli Rowe

Best Boxer's Day- Kelton Mason

Most Patriotic Day- Velvet Canada

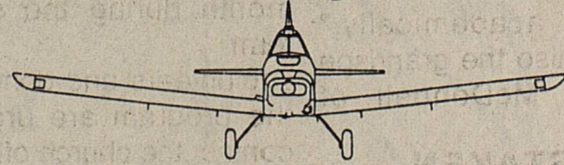
Winners were presented individual gifts and Spirit Award Certificates from the cheerleaders.

The 5th Grade Class won the V-I-C-T-O-R-Y battle cry this week.

Principal Watkins gave a short pep talk about this afternoons game and introduced the 1994 7th & 8th grade football boys, 7th & 8th grade Volleyball girls, Cross Country teams, Mascots and Cheerleaders.

LOST... NOT FOUND!!! VIDEO TAPE OF PLAINS-SUNDOWN JV GAME. REWARD. COACH BAUCOM. PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL

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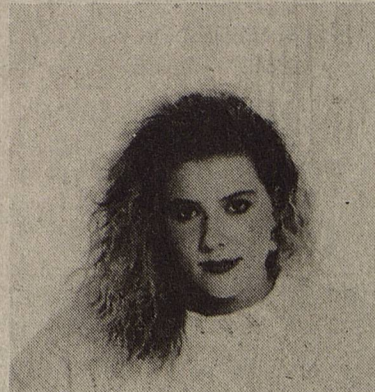
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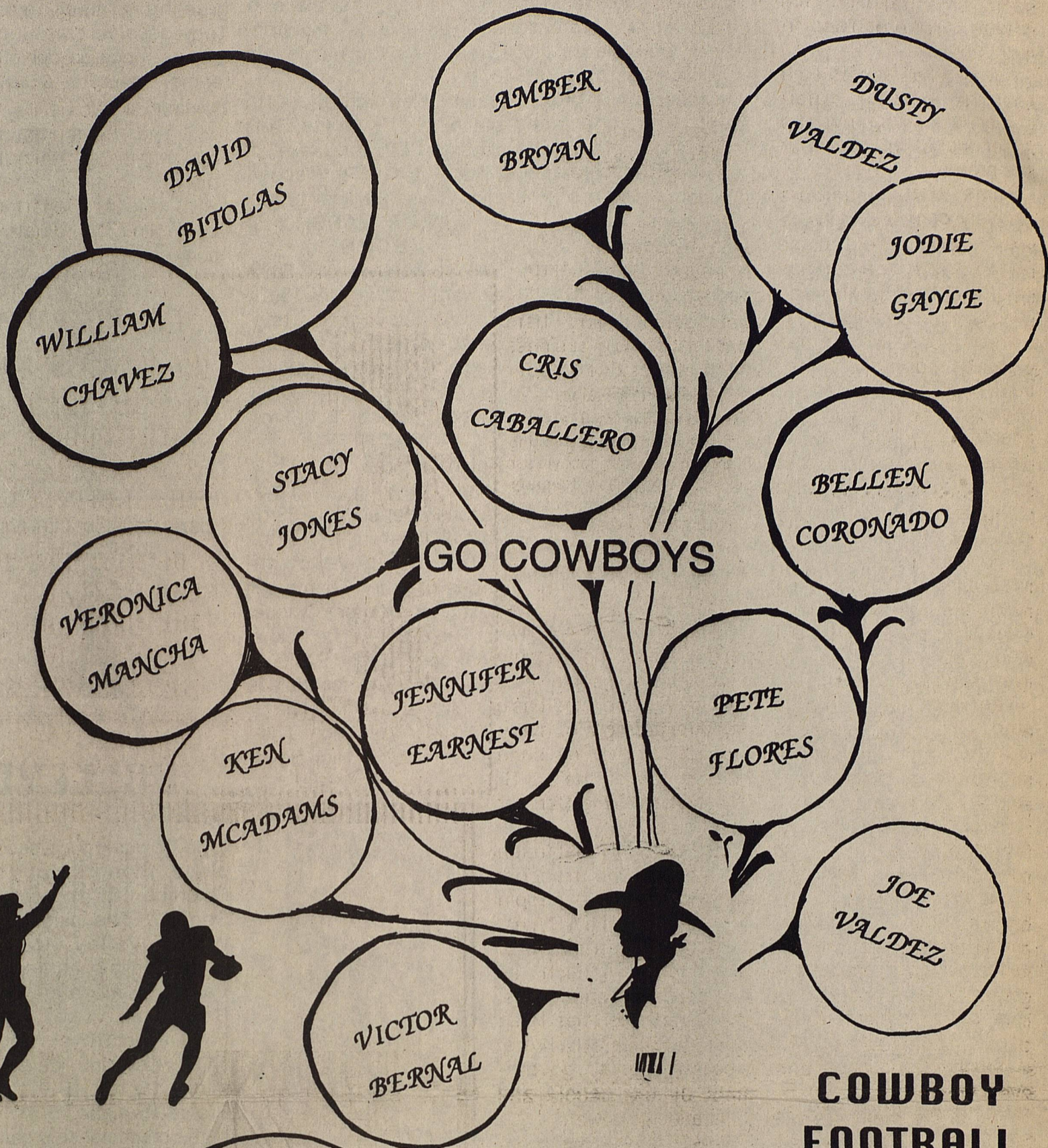
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Amber Bryan is the seventeen year old daughter of Lola Bryan. A senior at PHS, she is vice-president of her class. She has been varsity cheer leader four years, National Honor Society and Who's Who of America honoree three years. She has been a member of the Cowboy marching band four years, and is outside hitter on the Cowgirl volleyball team, and participates in basketball, track and golf. She was voted PHS cutest three years, and is active in FHA, FFA, 4-H and Teen Court. She attends First Baptist Church. She is to be escorted by Jamey Garland, seventeen year old PHS junior, the son of Debbie Garland, and participates in basketball, track, 4-H and FFA, and attends First Baptist Church.

Jennifer Earnest, a senior at PHS, is the daughter of Eddie and Bonnie Earnest. She has been a member of the National Honor Society and Student Council four years. She has also served as a class officer four years. She is a Tennis Team member, and attends First Baptist Church. She is to be escorted by Ladd Winn, Sr. at PHS, the son of Tony and Lynn Winn. He also is a member of the National Honor Society, and serves as President of the Student Council. He is a member of the PHS basketball, tennis and golf teams, and attends First United Methodist Church.



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46-12 WIN
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7-0 WIN
- SEP. 23-LORENZO
28-0 WIN
- SEP. 30-FARWELL
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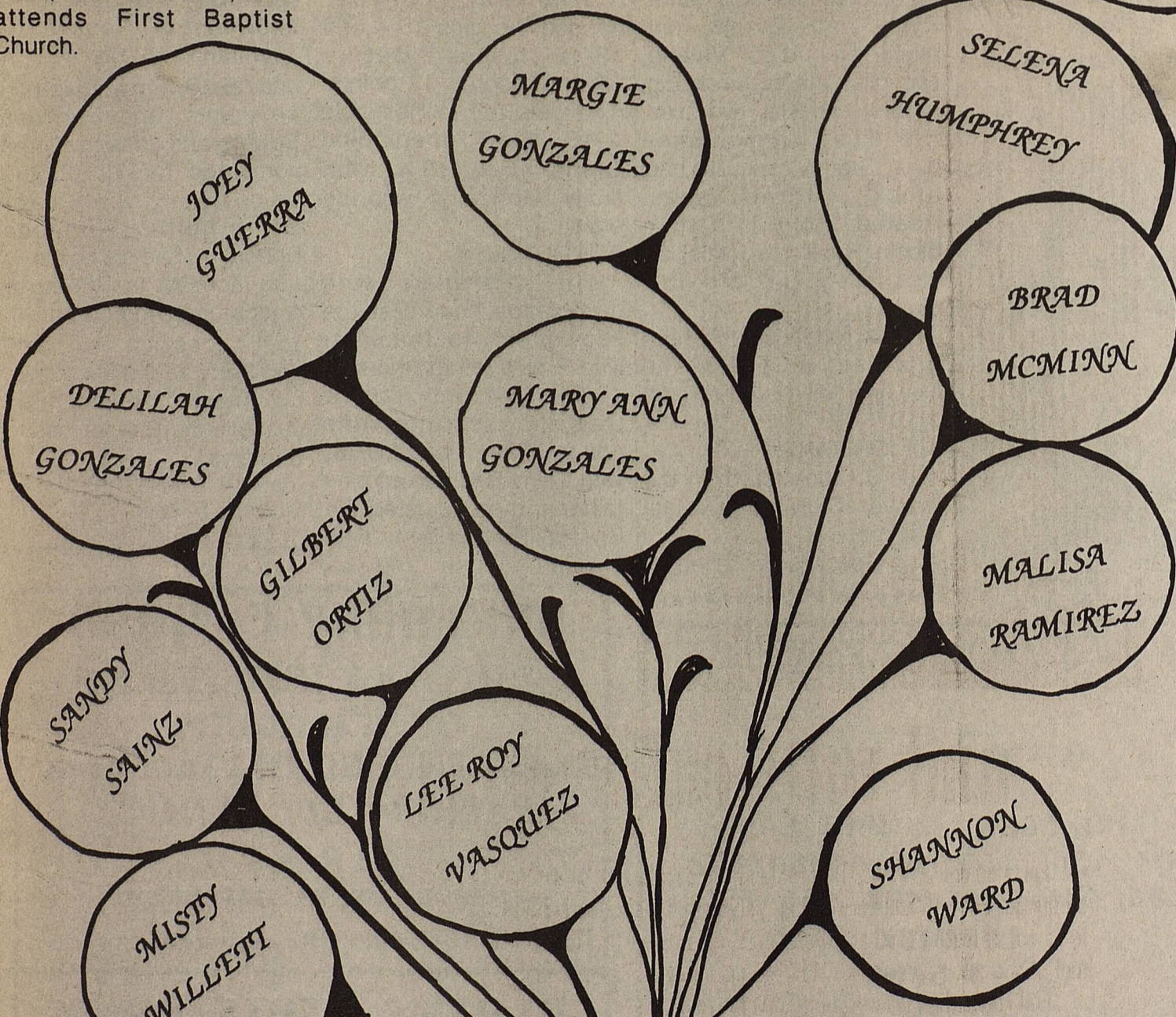
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GO
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QUEEN
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VERONICA
MANCHA



Veronica Mancha, senior at PHS, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesus Mendoza. She has been a member of the Cowboy band four years, including her freshman year when the band won the state marching contest, and her junior year when they won runner up honors. She has worked on the Cowboy Year Book three years, and is currently co-editor of the book. She attends Sacred Heart Catholic Church and participates in its youth organizations. She will be escorted by PHS senior Pete Flores Jr., son of Pete and Eva Flores. He has also been a Cowboy band member four years, and has been active in football, basketball and FAA programs. He attends Templo Bautista Nueva Vision Church.



QUEENS COURT

JUNIOR DUCHESS BECKY ST. ROMAIN IS THE DAUGHTER OF JOE & ELOUISE ST. ROMAIN, AND WILL BE ESCORTED BY JOSH TRAWEEK, SON OF MARC & ZANNA TRAWEEK.
SOPHOMORE DUCHESS DACIA HUMPHREY, DAUGHTER OF JOE & FREDA HUMPHREY, WILL BE ESCORTED BY J.T. PEEPLES, SON OF BUBBA & DENISE PEEPLES. FRESHMAN DUCHESS TANYA HERNANDEZ, DAUGHTER OF DAVID & LUPE HERNANDEZ, WILL BE ESCORTED BY ADAM DOMINGUEZ, SON OF SAM & ALICE DOMINGUEZ.



ROPING CLUB MEMBERS STAY BUSY

The Plains Roping Club is one of the oldest outdoor sports organizations in the county, first organized in the 1950's.

The club has served as a valuable learning opportunity for both young and older would be ropers in the area.

Some thirty members actively compete in twice weekly events held at the rodeo arena, the ropings usually starting in May and running through October.

Roping Club officers this year are Larry Murphree, President; Mike Blount, Vice-President; and Joe Pierce, Secretary. Half a dozen youngsters under fifteen years of age compete in the weekly contests.

The county membership is bolstered with active members from surrounding Gaines, Terry and Cochran counties, and Lea County, New Mexico.

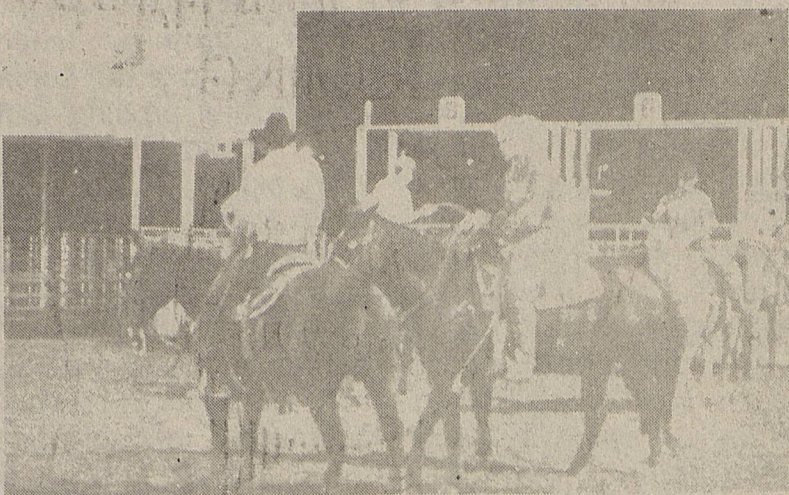
The club plays a large and important role in conducting the three nightly rodeo performances here each August, in conjunction with the Old Settlers Reunion. Club members take rodeo entry fees and manage the books, help prepare the arena each night, work the rodeo livestock, chutes and gates. They are responsible for hiring the rodeo stock contractor and supplying the judges and event timers.

Most of the members will compete in other area roping events, often two to four times per month in the season.

In the county, memberships are available for \$25 for life, with \$20 annual dues. Out of county memberships cost \$200, with the same \$20 annual dues. Membership is open to all age groups, male or female.

A look at the current issue of "SUPERLOOPER MAGAZINE" will quickly convince one of how big a sport cowboy team roping has become. The 136 page publication reports team results and payoffs to winners in events around the country, and advertises upcoming roping contests. Roping enthusiasts can enter team roping events in almost any state, and compete for cash prizes ranging from a modest \$1500 at small events, to a staggering \$2,000,000 total cash purse, plus expensive saddles, buckles, and horse trailers at the gigantic U.S. Team Championship to be held in Guthrie, Oklahoma, October 24-30.

If there is some guy or gal bugging you to buy a horse and saddle, twirling a rope around the house all day, you may want to think twice



ROPERS AT LOCAL ARENA

about discouraging them from this big, big business which helps keep our western heritage alive.

Note: This is the first in a series of articles about interesting people, groups, and hobbyists in our community. Follow the paper for a report on what some of your neighbors are involved in.

CONTD. FROM PG. 1 CONSTITUTION

"No matter how many people are in the majority or how many people think they know better, the basic fundamental right of every American to live free is the true genius of the U. S. Constitution," the Senator added.

The U. S. Constitution guarantees the freedom and rights of all people living in the United States. It secures the freedom of religion and speech, as well as other listed rights. The Constitution has three main principles, which are: inherent rights, government by the people and separation of powers.

Constitution Week, sponsored by the National Constitution Center, is celebrated Sept. 17-23. A replica of the Constitution, signed by the people of Plains during the ceremony, will be displayed at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia for the next 12 months.

COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETS MONDAY

Commissioners Court met Monday, Sept. 26, in the County Courthouse. Present were Dallas Brewer, County Judge, Bob Thurston, Comm., Precinct 2, Jim Barron, Comm., Precinct 3, Macky McWhirter, Comm., Precinct 4, Ruby Bruton, County Clerk. Absent, John Avara, Precinct 1.

Motion was made and approved to transfer \$25,410 from the general fund to County Clerks Office, Sheriffs Department, Tax Collector Office, and County Library.

Motion was made and approved to enter of record copy of the District Judge's Order setting salaries for County Auditor, Auditors assistants and Court Reporter for 1995.



ESSAY CONTEST

The next issue of the Cowboy News will feature the winning essay submitted from a PHS student in the contest announced in last weeks issue. The subject for the contest is "The person having the most influence on my life". The writing should be interesting, and will give the students an opportunity to display their talents. Malisa Rogers, PHS English Department, is helping coordinate the contest.

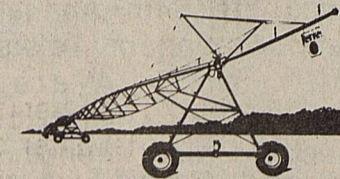
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MCDONNELL FINAL RITES HELD MONDAY

Funeral services for Melton B. McDonnell were held at 2:00pm Monday, September 26 in First Baptist Church, Plains, with Reverend Bill Wright presiding.

Mr. Mc Donnell passed away September 24 in St. Mary's Hospital, Lubbock, following a lengthy illness.

He was eighty one years and eleven days old, born September 4, 1913 in Stonewall County.

McDonnell moved with his parents to Plains in 1923, and attended public schools here. He served in the US Navy during World War II, and when discharged, moved to Idaho, where he worked with various Baptist Missions until his return to Plains in 1970.

He was a carpenter, and worked for the City of Plains and Plains Independent School District prior to his retirement in 1979.

He was a member of First Baptist Church, the American Legion, and VFW.

He is survived by his wife, Odessa, a resident of Plains. Other survivors are two sons, Melton R. of Lubbock, and Kenneth B., Aberdeen, Idaho; a brother, H.G. (Bob) McDonnell, Plains; Two sisters, Rosa Belle McKey, Elk City, Oklahoma, and Naomi Whitehurst, Hobbs, N.M.; A step-daughter, Helen Pope of Plains; two grand daughters, 6 step grand children, and twelve great-great grand children.

Final graveside services were held at the Plains cemetery.

YOAKUM SWCD DIRECTORS TO ATTEND STATE MEEING

EDITORS NOTE: According to Mario Avila, District Conservationist, SCS, the following article appeared in last weeks issue of THE PLAINS PRIDE, and DENVER CITY PRESS, contrary to his release date of Sep. 28. He asked us to rerun the article in case any readers missed the other publications.

L.J.Sanders, David Turnbough and Linda Powell, directors from the Yoakum Soil and Water Conservation District will be in Austin Sept.26-28 to attend the 54th Annual State Meeting of Texas Soil and Water Conservation District Directors. Also attending from Plains is Mario Avila, District Conservationist with the local SCS office.

Approximately 1,000 are expected to attend the meeting. Gov. Ann Richards will address the meet on Tuesday morning. Other key speakers include Paul Johnson, SCS, and Jim Lyons, USDA Asst. Sectry. for Natural Resources and Environment, both of Washington, DC. Agriculture Commi ssoner Rick Perry will speak Wednesday morning about private property rights. Republican gubernatorial candidate George W. Bush has also been invited to speak.

Water quality issues including implementing Senate Bill 503, the Coastal Zone management Program, and re-authorization of the Clean Water Act will be discussed during a workshop scheduled Tuesday afternoon. James Moore, Asst. Executive Director,

Conservation Programs for the Texas Soil and Water Conservation Board, will outline progress made by TSSWCB in providing certified water quality management plans.

"We now have a program available to provide ranchers and farmers an alternative in which to operate, yet protect water quality from nonpoint source pollution", said Moore.

Another workshop will focus on issues affecting conservation such as re-authorization of the Farm Bill, and re-authorization of the endangered species act.

Dr. James Bruseth of the State Historical Preservation Office will present a discussion on the National Historic Act and how SHPO and USDA/SCS must comply with its provisions when cultural resources are found on private land.

Robert Toole of the National Association of Conservation Districts will explain NACD,s role in a local soil and water conservation district's comprehensive conservation program.

A training session will be offered to conservation district directors to examine items relating to daily operations of a district.

Elections for Assn. of Texas Soil and Water Conservation District Directors will be held Tuesday. The annual meeting will conclude with election of a president-elect and vice-president of the ATSWCD.

FROM THE HACK

In a previous column, we told of an unfortunate incident involving a local bass fisherman falling from his boat. Having belonged to various bass clubs over fifteen years, I have seen some really weird, bizarre happenings.

At a club tournament on Lake Amistad, two brothers from Denver City were sharing a boat. The younger brother, fishing from the rear of the boat, flung his lure at a school of bass, one of which attacked his bait. He jerked hard, and the lure shot out of the fish's mouth, and sailed back into the boat, landing on the front fishing chair.

The older brother in front chose this inopportune moment to sit down for a bit

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of rest. His following hysterical laughter. scream could be heard in "OK, boys, here's what we the gin mills of Villa Acuna have to do", he some fifteen miles away. announced. It was

Young brother rushed forward, and after some very careful probing and prying, found his siblings rather plump, 'er, posterior firmly attached to the seat cushion, hide to naugahyde, so to speak. He later confided that at that moment he was in mortal fear for his life, but fortunately his brother could not make a threatening move. In the obvious anguish, he did manage to hurl forth a few choice expletives at his kin.

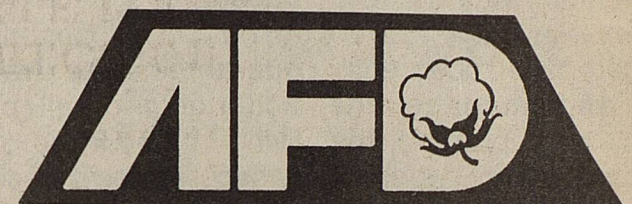
At that moment, another bass boat neared, and the pair frantically waved and shouted for help. The boat pulled alongside, and tears streaming down his chin, the hooked brother explained the situation. "Not to worry, lads", one of the fishermen announced, "I'm a Doctor". He jumped in their boat, and tried to examine the problem area, attempting to control his

The good Doctor began to probe, snip, slice and saw into the problem area, his gales of laughter drowned out by the screams of pain from the hooke. The final freeing of the hook resulted in damage to the boat cushion, and didn't do much good for the hooke, either.

The crisis over, young brother chose to ride to shore in the Doctors boat. It was eight months before the older one spoke to him again.

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