







# The Plains Record



## Second Annual Soil Conservation Edition Dedicated To The Late M. W. Luna

### Sen. Tower Says Water Projects Needed in Texas

BY Sen. John G. Tower

The field of water is most important for our state's future water conservation, water purity, water availability, water for crops, water for livestock, water for industry, water for people. Texas has tremendous resources of good water. These supplies must be effectively developed, distributed and utilized if we are to meet the demands of our rapidly growing and changing population and economy.

I am particularly pleased that our state is making an earnest effort to face these water demands. Our technical leaders in this field have prepared a comprehensive, imaginative and constructive State Water Plan. The Plan is designed to meet our future needs as best we can estimate them today.

It is significant, I think, that Texas is busily doing something about its water needs, while some other states stand around waiting for federal government to do something for them. Water resources are a national problem, all right. Rivers and watersheds cross state lines and even national borders. But water is too important to be left up to somebody else. Texas must do what it can now, asking for help if we need it, taking useful assistance when it is available.

I have co-sponsored six major water bills this session; five of them already have become law. They provide federal assistance in develop-

desalinizing, in precipitation utilization, and in construction of rural water systems.

ate an amendment, proposed by our state leaders, that would include Texas in federal feasibility studies of ideas to channel water from the Pacific Northwest into our Southwestern states. And, as we look even farther into the future and across national boundaries, I have joined as a co-sponsor of a bill calling for studies of the vast North American Water and Power Alliance proposal. Texas has an interest in that plan to transfer now-wasted Arctic and Alaskan water in-

to the farming and populated areas of Canada, Mexico and the United States.

If Texas is to continue its growth and prosperity, now is the time for us to look toward the year 2000. Water projects often require decades to complete. The new State Water Plan is a giant step in the right direction. On many occasions our state has led the way for others to follow. If we can work among ourselves, with the federal government and with our international neighbors to meet our future needs for water, we will be doing a great service not only to our Texas sons and daughters, but to our entire nation.



Dallas Powell and the late M. W. Luna in a properly managed pasture. It takes grass to grow grass.

### White Sees Youth Group as Conservation Minded

BY Leo White  
Yoakum County Agent

The young people of this nation have been conservation minded for many years. They recognize the importance of the proper use of the natural resources even more than the average adult. The farmers who till the soil and the livestock men who manage the range land and timber land are in a position to carry out conservation practices whereas the youth have very little to say about actual management. Perhaps the best thing the youth of our land can do is to learn the better methods of conservation and to learn how to

avoid the pitfalls and mistakes of the past.

In order for the young people to adequately learn about soil and water conservation, they are encouraged to participate in a variety of projects and activities other than their regular school work. Soil Conservation Districts sponsor essay writing contests where boys and girls can compete for honors in the district, area and state. All these essays are written on a particular phase of soil conservation.

The 4 - H Club members over the nation can participate in a regular project of Soil and Water Conservation. They also can participate in

many other projects which are closely related to this subject. Some of them are: Range Management, Forestry Management and Wildlife Management. In addition to these projects there are several activities in 4 - H Club work which the members can participate in as a learning experience. They can give individual demonstrations or team demonstrations on any phase of Soil and Water Conservation. Some popular topics for demonstrations are: terracing, land leveling, bench irrigation, establishing a dead litter cover and stretching irrigation water.

The 4 - H Club member is encouraged to develop qualities of leadership through public speaking which may also be a regular project. Soil and Water Conservation is a rather popular topic for those members working in Public Speaking. Other topics for public speakers might be: The Population Explosion or Feeding The World Population. Either of these topics would be related to conservation since they deal with the production of food and fiber.

Most of the 4 H projects and many of the activities are sponsored by firms or organizations who furnish awards to those doing the most outstanding jobs. State winners get an expense paid trip to the National 4 - H Club Congress in Chicago.

All this affords the youth an opportunity to learn about the conservation of our natural resources and allows them to demonstrate what they have learned. These learning experiences help them to meet the challenges of the future.

The youth of today will be the leaders of tomorrow and the adults of today are predicting a starving population for tomorrow. Let us not discredit youth to that extent. We as adults may guide them in the wrong direction at times, but when tomorrow comes and the ever growing population needs food and fiber, Youth will find a way.

## DON'T LET YOUR LAND GO...



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- Ways to enrich land . . .
- Rotate crops with legumes.
  - Test for needed chemicals.
  - Keep a check on soil tilth.
  - Don't ever work wet soils.
  - Put mulch on soil surface.
  - Use varied plowing depths.
  - Learn soil management!!!

# DOWN THE DRAIN

### Thompson Tells of Progress

BY MURRELL THOMPSON

My job as work unit conservationist here in the Yoakum Soil and Water Conservation District has been very enjoyable. I like the attitude of the people. Most of them are anxious to do a good or better job on their farm. There is much that has been done in the form of soil, water and plant conservation, but there is much that remains to be done. I was told five years ago that there was not much we could do on dry crop land but that has proven to be very untrue. We have and are using a program of residue management, cover crops, tillage and crop rotation that is holding our soil and moisture and growing more at a reduced cost. As new methods are found we will continue to bring them to your attention for your use and approval. Agriculture has never stood still and neither has the program of soil and water conservation. We will continue to work to find new ways and means to get the job done and will always be happy to bring them to you as stewards of the land, whether it be a 10 acre ranch or a section of farm land. We have copies of the standard soil survey for Yoakum County that are free and available to all.

### Chamber Says Save

BY Cleatus M. Phelan  
Plains Chamber of Commerce

The future of Yoakum County and of the Plains area depends to a large extent on how well we conserve our natural resources.

Our most vital natural resource is our soil. On behalf of the Plains Chamber of Commerce I pledge our continued support to sound conservation practices, and urge all citizens to be ever mindful of the importance of soil conservation.

### Bank Views Soil Care

BY Bill Loyd  
President, Plains State Bank

Soil Stewardship Week should be an important factor in the lives of every person in our area. As president of the Plains State Bank, it is apparent to me that the major part of our economy is based upon agriculture. The only way that a farmer or rancher can be a successful one today is to give his land the maximum protection possible. In our region the maximum protection must be directed against the danger of wind and drought.

When a person engaged in the agricultural business practices sound stewardship of his land, he will reap the best possible profits in his area.

The directors, officers, and staff of the Plains State Bank are glad to participate in Soil Stewardship Week, and we join the many others in extending our thanks to the Almighty for giving us an abundance of soil, and we pledge our efforts to use every influence to encourage proper stewardship of our soil. We believe that our economy is as sound as our natural resources and our land. Let us work together to build a more profitable economic climate through sound soil and water conservation practices.

We are happy that the religious leaders of our county join the working soil conservationists in pausing to show our thankfulness for our land and to encourage better stewardship of the soil and water.

We encourage all land owners and operators to be Soil and Water Conservationist all year round, not just one week of the year.

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Crop residue management is a sound conservation practice with LeeRoy McCravey and J. C. Chambliss.

## Mrs. Cogburn F.H.A. Director Soil Story Stresses Care

BY  
Plains Dirt Gardeners  
Redell Cogburn, Pres.

Since the beginning of the history of our great free west out of doors, man has struggled to live with the elements. He has hacked down forests, has bottled predatory animals, has withstood drought, severe sandstorms, gale winds, tornados, and blizzards. It is man's nature to accept and do little regarding the betterment of the world for others. But as we meditate we realize man can better himself, while he helps others.

True conservation is to make the best use of, and not destroy our many natural resources. We should stop the reckless waste of our forest and its products. We should control our nation's water supply and minerals, conserve our grazing lands, save our top soil in farm land, to stop the erosion of our soils we must each year add humus by returning a portion of the soils' production back to the soil.

To be a good soil stewardess we must plan ahead to prevent run down farms, to prevent poverty, to prevent the soil erosion caused by stripping our farm lands, and plan ahead to take care of our increasing population. We should also preserve our heritage, preserve our antiquated buildings and landmarks of historic value, preserve our wild life and our domesticated animals, preserve nature's wonders, and above all preserve our soil.

In our modern generation many have strived to make the world a better place to live by each of us having lived there. In any case the search to better our world, our country, and our community is worth a serious try.

BY  
Farmers Home Administration  
Homer P. Cole  
County Supervisor

The employees of the Farmers Home Administration, H. P. Cole, County Supervisor and Mrs. Wilson Duke, County Office Cler, Yoakum County, appreciate this opportunity to also put added emphasis on the need for the conservation of our soils and natural resources.

Agriculture has advanced more in the past 50 years than in all prior years of our history.

Basically the foundation for continuing agriculture advances is the preservation of

the fertility of our soils. Our Soil Conservation Programs are providing excellent guidance for management of Soil and Water use.

Farming is the nation's biggest industry, which employs 7 million workers, more than the combined employment in transportation, public utilities, the steel industry and the automobile industry.

Agricultural assets total \$214 billion, equal to 2/3 of the current assets of all co-operations in the United States.

Our land is our greatest heritage. The continued conservation of our soils and land resources will be America's greatest assets and the most essential contribution to our future generations.

## R.M. Jones Chm. SWCD

Progress in Yoakum Soil and Water Conservation District over the last few years has been very good. In 1960 there were 187 District Co-operators and now there are 367. The Great Plains Program had been written on 23 farms and ranches while today there have been 163 contracts written. Good progress has been made in carrying out both regular district programs and great plains contracts, many of these have been completed and are now on a maintenance basis.

Your District has published an annual report each year for the past five years along with a quarterly news letter. We have tried to keep something in both our local papers each week along with regular radio programs and TV

programs when possible. We have worked with the local school on our essay contest and furnished books and information for our youth to learn of conservation. Your District up dated its program and plan of work in 1962 and has again revised it and will publish the booklet in the next few months.

Your District Board meets each third Monday night and is always proud to have land owners, operators, businessmen and women come and meet with us. We hope to continue making progress in soil and water conservation in our District and we invite and urge each one of you to help by becoming active in the conservation program in your District and on your farm or ranch be it large or small.

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# Gene H. Bennett For County Judge

Dear Citizens of Yoakum Co., Nothing would please me more than to be able to talk to each of you personally before the run-off election. I will more than likely go by your home and leave a card, but many times by doing so, I am not able to catch you there, due to your job, and obligations that you must take care of. There are many of you who will not know exactly how I stand on things that may concern you.

I take this means to talk to you and tell you my position in the judges race. I am a native of Yoakum Co. I have been active in Civic Affairs here in Yoakum Co. all of the time that I have been back here, since serving in the airforce as a B 24 Pilot, during world war II. I was in the airforce 3 1/2 years from February 1942 until October 1945. First I am interested in the welfare of the citizens of Yoakum County.

I am very interested in progress for Yoakum County. I am proud of many things in the county, such as the fine school systems that we have for our boys and girls and

the modern facilities that are necessary for this type of work. Especially for the fine caliber of teachers and administrators that we have. I am vitally interested in protecting and conserving our natural resources, as are all responsible tax paying citizens.

I am interested in the practical way, of doing business, both in County Affairs and personal affairs. I believe that we should make every effort to get a dollars worth of value for every dollar spent. Thus being able to accomplish more than we have in the past, in many instances.

We are in a good financial position as far as land values, and mineral values are concerned. The natural increase has grown due to new wells and installations being made, and the increase in the value of our mineral acreage is coming up due to the water flood units that have been installed and the increase in allowable.

In Yoakum County for levying taxes we use a ratio of 16% of the 100 dollar valuation. In the schools we use a ration of 25% of the 100

dollar valuation. Of course the rate varies according to the amount of money needed to take care of the expenses of the County, and the Schools. In many Counties throughout the state a much higher ratio is used as well as a variation in rate, due to not being as fortunate as we, in having mineral values.

We have many fine roads to be proud of, and could use some more along, as we are able.

I am also proud of our many fine churches, our hospital and doctors in Denver City and Dr. Reynolds in Plains. Service companies such as electric and telephone, banking institutions, and businesses of all kinds; I am proud of our farms and ranches and the people who fight the elements, and weather the storms, taking the good along with the bad. Without the likes of them, America would be doomed for lack of food and fiber. We are bountifully blessed here in Yoakum County, U.S.A. The real task is to get down to business and make the best use of what we have.

As a taxpayer I desire to help see that the tax money that we take in is used to the best interest of Yoakum County and its Citizens. We are able to be progressive, but we need most urgently to get value received, whether it be for the needy, or for some large bond issue project.

I believe that the public should be informed on controversial issues before making decisions on matters of major consequence.

I am for fair and impartial County Government.

I will promise one thing, if I am elected your County Judge, I will always try to do the very best I know how, and with the help of every good citizen and Almighty God, we will make progress.

In closing, there is one thing more, the most important of all.

I WILL NEED YOUR VOTE, SATURDAY, JUNE 4th.

Gratefully,  
s/Gene H. Bennett  
for County Judge

## Post Com. Speaks On Soil Care

BY  
American Legion, Post  
#585  
Wilson Duke, Com.

Conservation is everyone's business! American Legion Members throughout our great country have a sincere interest in the wise use of our natural resources, which is vital to the survival of civilization. Legionnaires throughout their tours of duty all over the world have seen the destruction of natural resources in many countries, not only from the ravages of war (which in some instances are unavoidable) but from the lack of education in conservation.

No one person or groups of people can save these resources, we believe that we must have conservation education for all people, in all walks of life.

Conservation Education must be introduced in all schools in order that future generations will know and realize the problem. It should also be brought to the entire nation through television and radio stations as well as stories in the press.

The demands on land and water resources in the next few years will be the greatest in the history of our country.

The population explosion along with the expansion of industry are our greatest users. Our population is expected to rise from our present 190 million to near 245 million in 1980 and more than 330 million within 34 years.

It seems with these greater demands that multiple-purpose use of our resources will become a necessity if we are going to meet the needs of the future.

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# Let's TALK ABOUT

## GOLDEN ACRES HYBRID SEED

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WAYNE BADGETT, mgr.

PLAINS, TEXAS

## Stewards Of The Land

BY  
W.F.Upton  
I.O.O.F.

God placed us on the Earth, and gave us instructions to take care of it. We are ste-

wards of the soil. God placed abundance of valuable minerals in the soil to make the land produce food for us to live on.

The early settlers of the Great Plains of Texas start-

ed looking for a ranch country when they discovered that they could produce large crops of small grain, maize, and cotton or any other crops, because the soil was very rich. They used one way and small breaking plows to plow the land very shallow. It soon became a victim of wind and water erosion. Wind can tear the soil from fields, and cut down the plants or uncover the roots, and dig deep holes in the ground.

In the early 1930's a pyramid of mounting erosion, floods, and land damage topped by monstrous dust sweeping the soil from the plains. The time of decision had arrived, the leaders of our state were asked to study the wind erosion. The Soil Conservation District of Texas was set to work. They came up with a solution that has worked very good when the land owners and tenants work in cooperation to gather by deep breaking the land and planting the land in a heavy residue crop to protect the land.

Some of us are using cotton strippers to pull our cot-



W.F.Upton in a field covered with cane to protect it from wind erosion.

ton with which is alright if done properly. We are having burrs hauled back on the land at a price of about \$11 per acre which is very costly when we can grow a residue on the land for about \$4 per acre, this would be much better. A good cover crop, bundle and bale which would produce about four tons an acre, which would partially be the same amount of residue as burrs. It can either be turned

under green or let fall on the ground and lay on the ground through the winter which would preserve the moisture and also stop wind erosion. If green bundles and bales are used it should be planted late enough that it will not seed or shredded enough to let it grow back about waist high. There are several kinds of grass that has a heavy root which is good for soil building, also many beans or guar.

We have an opportunity under the Farm Program to save our land. Fertilizer is a good thing when it is used right, it will also preserve moisture, but the continual use of fertilization and harvesting all the substances off the ground will soon ruin our land. Let's take a look at the future generations to save our soil so that they may have a rich soil, and that our agri-

The Soil Conservation District is ready to help the land owners to save the soil on a voluntary basis.

## Kennedy Wade Vows Set

Rev. and Mrs. Horace Kennedy of Roswell, N.M., announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Barbara LaVerne of Plains, to Buddy Wade, son of Mr.

and Mrs. Sid Wade of Plains. The ceremony will take place in the First Baptist Church in Denver City on June 3rd, at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Frank Royal of Seminole will read the vows,

assisted by Rev. Kennedy. A reception for the bride and groom will follow the ceremony in the fellowship hall at the church. All friends of the couple are invited to the wedding and reception.

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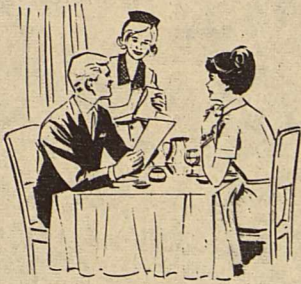
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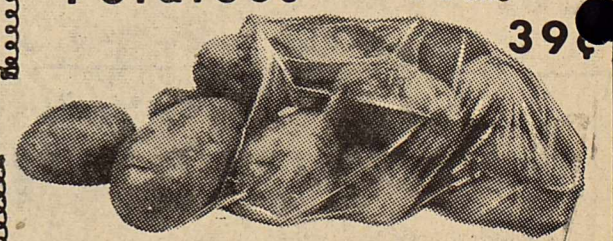
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## Dan Houck Sees Need Concern of Soil

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We see first hand the benefits derived from the whole community, both rural and urban of good soil stewardship.

It is with this in mind that we ask all tenants of the soil to practice sound conservation methods and to remember that our soil, water, and natural resources are the basic assets of our nation.

BY  
W.B. White  
1965 Outstanding  
Farmer

Ever since the beginning of time man has exploited the land and then moved on to greener pastures. Even though there is some conservation going on today the surface has hardly been scratched. About one hundred and thirty

years ago my great grand parents and grandparents received land grants from the state of Texas after Texas gained independence from Mexico, year 1836 in the northeast corner of the state and began farming. My maternal grandfather, a teacher and druggist, the other grandfather a cotton ginner and saw mill owner, they were the pioneers of the times. I was born in the year 1899 and in growing up was raised in an area where one bale cotton, 100 bushels corn to the acre was common but by the time I was thirty-five years old there was practically no farming in that part of the state of Texas. Before

I was twenty years old I thought I could see the hand writing on the wall, so I came to West Texas and by 1929 I was farming again. Six hundred miles farther west as my forefathers before me had done. Today there is no frontier farther west to go for my son. He may stay here and if he stays he must face up to the facts facing him and that is he must tie the soil down and with a good cover crop or residue management or what ever practices necessary to try to keep run off water on his land, he might do this through diversion or parallel terraces or what ever means it takes as different farms will need different planning. Conservation of the Soil and water is a Must.

## Ginner Believes In Conservation

by  
W.O. Spencer

Reading a soil conservation article by a ginner, to you, may seem as foolish as a cotton ginner article by a farmer would seem to me. Since I was asked my views, I will only say what I have seen, read and believe.

In the last ten years I have seen quite a change in wind erosion practices in Yoakum Soil and Water Conservation

District and northeast Yoakum County in particular, such as a lot of deep-breaking, cotton burrs being hauled back to the fields, cover crops on diverted land, and in my estimation, a better overall farming job by the majority of District Cooperator farmers.

To me wind erosion is our greatest problem. My trips by air, returning from the eastern part of the state, have made me realize how much of our top soil is being carried off the Caprock. Visibility in our windstorms, due to blowing soil, is reduced to one-fourth mile, reaching as far as Dallas. Wind erosion, as we all know, works slowly but surely, which leaves no doubt in my mind the estimate of farm land destroyed in the United States at fifty million acres, partially destroyed another fifty million acres and another hundred million acres threatened, is correct.

I give credit for a lot of help to try to prevent this to the Soil Conservation Service and its staff, for their advice and help, to our A.S.C. Office, on deep-breaking and cotton burr application payments, heavier and better farm equipment to make a good farming job a little less of a chore, and mostly to the farmer, whom I believe would admit this land in reality is not owned by them, but only borrowed for a lifetime and loaned then to our children and their children.

For the sake of our children and their children, let's take what the land will give but let's put something back into the land for them.

## Graham Asks

The basic products of our Country are derived from the soil. Our soil is fertile and productive, and this fertility was installed in the land over thousands of years.

Once the fertility of our land is lost it can never be returned to its original state. We as farmers can do one of two things, either delete the land of its fertility and top soil or we can conserve its productivity for future generations.

In behalf of the Lions Club I would like to say that we ask everyone who works the soil to use what ever methods necessary to conserve our natural resources.



We wish to extend our appreciation to the many kind people of Plains for their flowers and expressions of kindness extended to us upon learning of the death of Frank's Mother, who lived in California. May God bless each of you.

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## G.D. Kennedy

Wasteful use and sometimes useless destruction of natural resources should be of grave concern to thoughtful Americans. During recent years, we have become conscious of the frightening reality of serious shortages in certain vital resources.

To bring about the wise use of natural resources in a democracy, large dependence must fall on our educational institutions. Children now in schools and grownups must learn the importance of natural resources and acquire both the incentive and the ability to use them wisely. Schools have given some attention to the problem; but much more needs to be done. Unless conservation education becomes much more general and effective, needless shortages soon will undermine the prosperity and welfare of the American people.

Conservation must be considered from the view point of results which will do the greatest good for the largest number of people for the longest period of time.

Conservation is everybody's business. It is a problem of concern for not only to the schools, but to every phase of society. The care, development, and use of our natural resources have been entrusted to us individually and collectively. This delegation of an important responsibility is the very essence of democracy. The manner in which this responsibility is met depends in great measure upon an educational program that reaches all the people, both children and adults. Youth and adults must develop the understanding and acquire the skills necessary for making effective use of natural resources.

Ignorance rather than selfishness and willful waste is the chief cause of misuse and waste of natural resources. Our educational institutions can do much toward the elimination of this problem.

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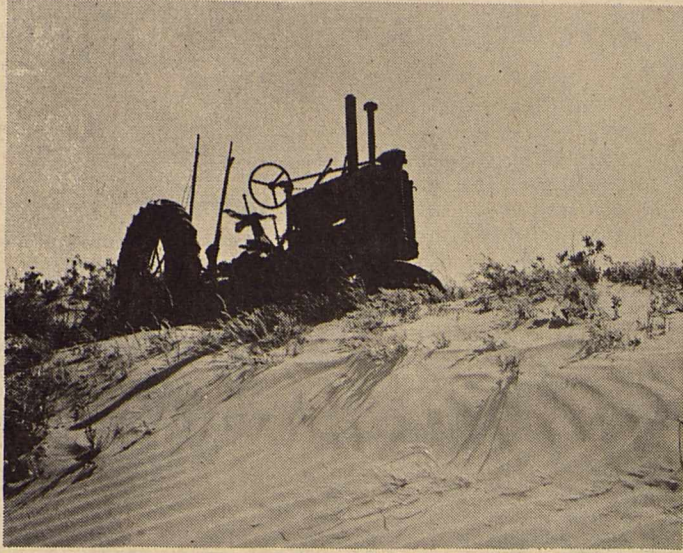
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Kenneth Hale says conservation means more production.

## D.C. Newsom's Views on Our Soil

Being associated with the cotton business for nearly a half century has given me a deep insight into the value of our land. I have gained thousands of balls of cotton and can speak with first hand knowledge that where good stewardship of our land is practiced that the grades of cotton will be better and the yield will be heavier and economical.

Cotton is still king in West Texas on the South Plains, and I believe it will still keep its crown for decades to

come if the individual farmers will turn their foremost thoughts to proper conservation practices and live each day as a good steward on the land that they farm.

It is good to pause and give God our thanks for our land. It is good to pause and ask God's blessings, and to think about what kind of stewards we really are.

If my years of experience in agriculture have taught me a valuable lesson, the first would be to not abuse the soil and to be thankful that our

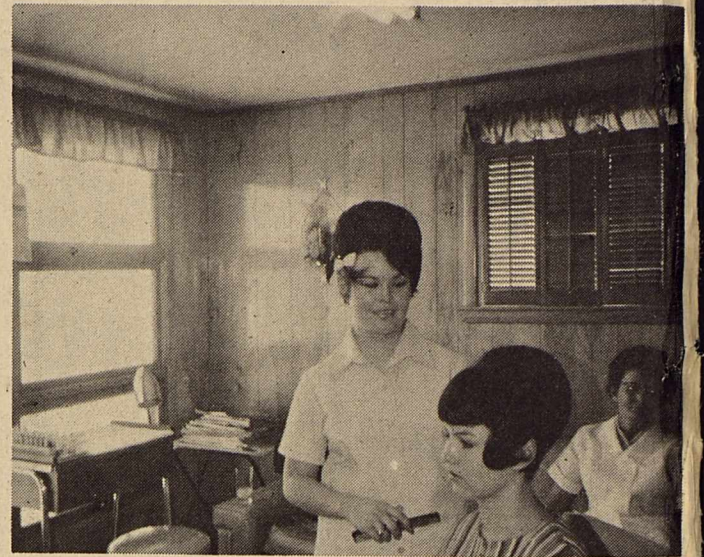
nation is wealthy in land, water and other natural resources. Actual field trials in Yoakum County have proven the value of organic matter such as cotton burs in holding our soil, moisture and reducing the amount of fertilizer and water it takes to grow a bale of cotton.

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## 50 Years in Yoakum County Soil Stewardship and Public Schools

BY Hugh Snodgrass  
I came to Yoakum County over 50 years ago as a small boy. I can remember riding to Big Springs down Sulphur Draw to get a doctor. In the early days all the land was in grass and there was very little shin oak, mostly sage grass that cattle liked real well. Over the years a field would be plowed but

only with a team and very little clay would be brought up with the plow, about the only time we saw the clay was when all the sand blew away or piled up on a fence. With the coming of the big tractor and plow, we have been able to bring up clay to mix with the sand and this has helped a lot. Now we are going one step further using stubble rotating our crops, using cot-

ton burrs and small grain to hold our soil after we get it deep broke and mixed.

If we are to have a good country we will need to use everything we can to hold our soil and water. Farmers today must not ruin our land by over cropping and letting it blow.

Bo Stephens  
It is with much pleasure that the agriculture department of Plains public school acknowledges Soil Stewardship Week. As students study agriculture, probably more than half of their time is spent learning things which, directly or indirectly, are dependent upon the soil for their ultimate success. In one respect, Future Farmers and their big brothers, the Young Farmers have a distinct advantage over many older and well established agricultural producers. This advantage is that they are more receptive to logical and reasonable suggestions of Experiment Stations, State Colleges, Soil Conservation Service, and other progressive people in the community.

At this time, excellence is needed by people in agriculture. It is with this thought in mind, and complete disregard of a popular television commercial, that I say we must "make the most of nature's best."

This is to say we study at the school level cultural practices that will best utilize, maintain, and improve our soil


and water. It is well known that some crops contribute to the soil and others are unable to improve soil texture or fertility. It is also known that some practices result in more efficient utilization of natural moisture and irrigation water.

It is possible that at the present we are literally "mining" our soil and water. This has come about because in most instances crop farmers have gone the volume route in acres worked instead of from the yield per acre approach. Thus we are working large acreages in crops that are relatively easy and trouble free to work. But, generally we are selling this soil and water at a poor price. Perhaps one day we can take a part of our land and really pay close attention to the soil needs, using only good practices and produce different crops that are more in demand and have a good profit potential. It should conserve our irrigation water because with fewer acres worked more intensely, utilization and net profit should get where they belong. Then the other half of the cultivated ac-

res might be put to a type production, sod or other, that would protect the soil with a good amount of vegetation.

It seems I recall hearing that almost everything has something good about it. This is not true in the case of abuse of soil and moisture. However, it might be true about fear. It might be good if we get scared about the future, and start making some plans now. This includes soil and water management plus a couple of other worthy items.





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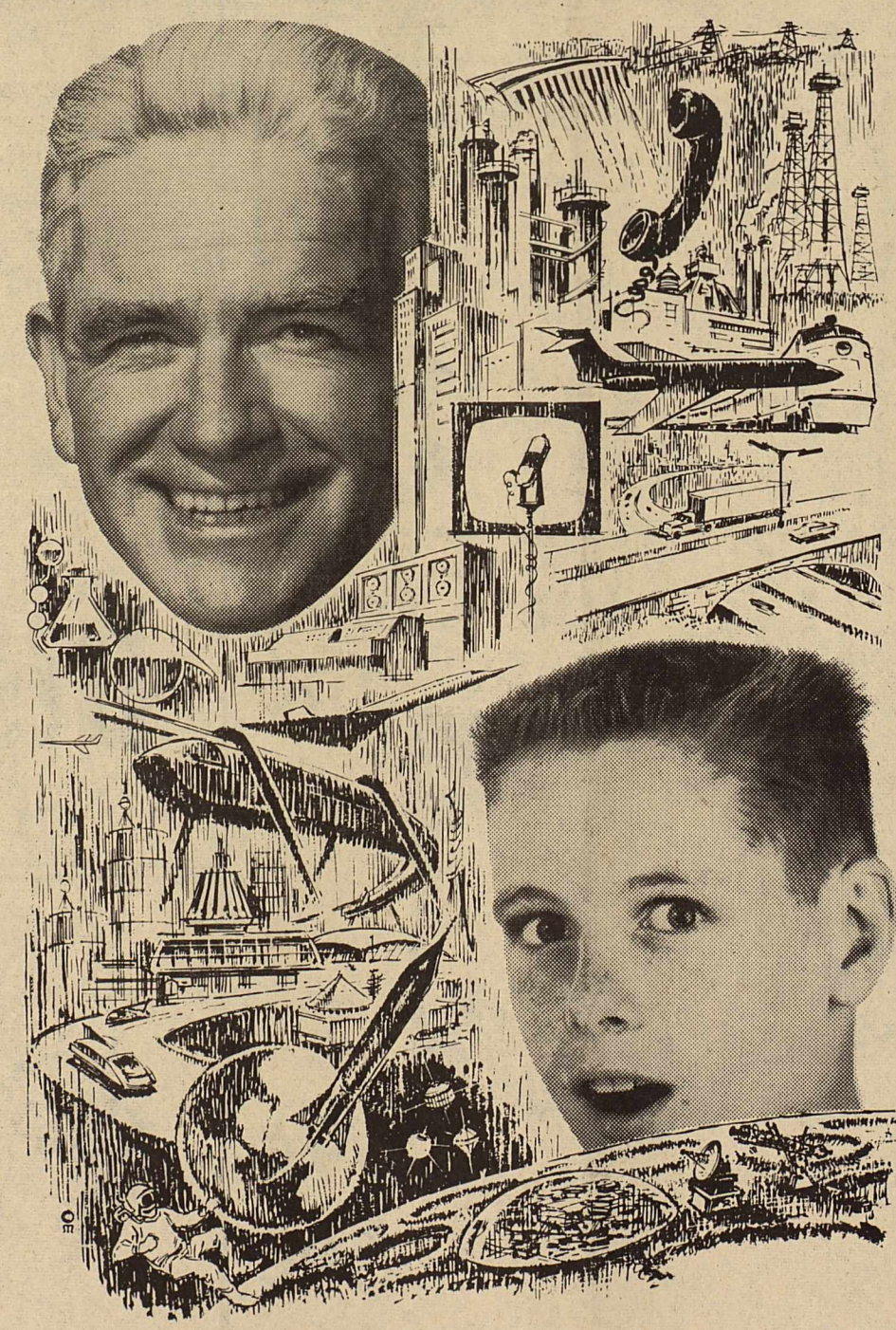
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