

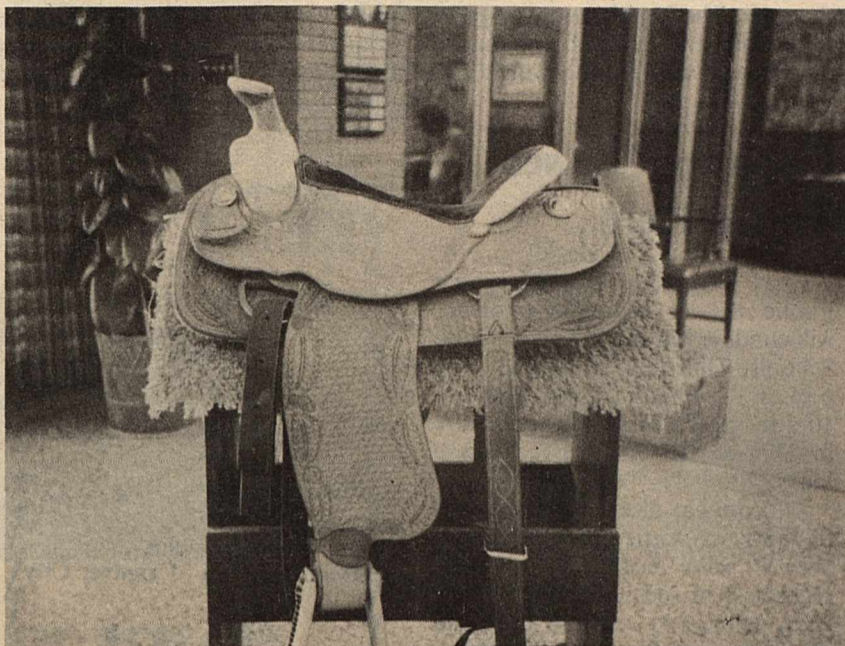
The Plains Pride



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ON DISPLAY AT PLAINS STATE BANK -- The Rodeo Association will be giving this saddle to some lucky person holding the winning ticket at Saturday night's rodeo performance.

Jason Redmon Wins Contest; Janice Herrera Places 2nd

Winning first place in The Plains Pride sales contest was five and a half year old, Jason Redmon.

Jason, being our top junior salesman, has claimed the grand prize - a bicycle purchased at Plains Appliance Center.

Running a close second was Janice Herrera with 32 sales, and placing third with 17 was Micheal Salas.

Fourth and fifth places went to Felix Fernandez and Jesse Fernandez.

[Editor's Note]

With the conclusion of the sales contest, a very earnest endeavor has

been made to reach the required number of subscriptions to enable us to request a 2nd Class Permit. Still short of the requirement, but getting there...we regret in the delay of mailing out-of-town subscriptions.

To apply for a 2nd Class Permit, several requirements must be met and this is what we are striving to do at this time. We appreciate your patience and we will continue to mail free issues until we have obtained the permit. We will keep the public informed in the coming issues of our progress and at what time the free issues will be discontinued. -- Thank You, Joe & Debbie Alcorta



NEAL NEWSOM & JACK COBB
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It's Rodeo Time!!

The Old Settlers Reunion and Rodeo is now underway with many activities for everyone, including a parade which kicked off the celebration Thursday afternoon at 5:30 p.m., followed by the first night's rodeo performance.

Friday night's rodeo performance, scheduled at 8:30 p.m., marked the second night of fun-filled activities.

Saturday, at 12 noon a barbecue will be served at Stanford Park. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. Price of the barbecue ticket includes admission to Saturday night's rodeo performance.

Rodeo queen candidates, Ruth Ann Diaz, Sarah Ruiz and Lisa Crutcher, are accepting donations for tickets toward a saddle to be given away Saturday night at the rodeo. The queen will be named at the Saturday night rodeo.

Rodeo events include team roping, saddle bronc riding, bull riding, double mugging, calf roping, steer

wrestling and ladies barrel race. Belt buckles will be awarded in each event.

A Cowboy Dance will be held each night following the rodeo.

Law Office Slates Open House Aug. 8

Linda Shoemaker Lowrey will observe open house at her new law practice office at 628 10th Street Thursday, Aug. 8.

Everyone is invited to call between the hours of 3 and 6 p.m.

Mrs. Lowrey opened her practice in Plains July 8. She holds a degree from Texas Tech School of Law.

She has worked as assistant attorney general in Child Support Division in Lubbock and also served as assistant district attorney in the misdemeanor division working with Jim Bob Darnell for a year and a half.

Partners Share Interest In Two J-S Flying Service

Partners in flying are Jack Cobb and Neal Newsom, owners of Two J-S Flying Service, located at Plains Airport. Offering services in aerial spraying and seeding, the business has been in operation since 1979.

Named after their wives, Janelle and Janice, "the two J's", they have a great deal of business with New Mexico's Bureau of Land Management and do work in areas south on down to Andrews, north to Portales, N.M., west to Albuquerque, N.M. and into Arizona. Last year their job took them to the White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico, working for the Soil Conservation Service.

Roxie Durham serves as secretary for the flying service.

Having many of the same interests, they were both born in Brownfield and grew up in Plains, graduating from PHS. They have attended Texas Tech University. Jack also attended school at Howard Payne University of Brownwood.

Jack and his wife, Janelle, have three children, Kristi, 18 years old; Karen, 15 years old; and Kemi, 11. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cobb.

Jack earned his pilots license while still in high school in 1957 and his commercial license in 1967. He

taught school 15 years, serving as high school principal for 12. He also taught part time for Sul-Ross University, South Plains College and Howard Payne University.

Jack's favorites are flying and teaching flight instructions, river rafting and fishing. He is an active member of the Baptist Church.

Neal and his wife, Janice, have one daughter, three year old Nicole. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Hoss Newsom. He earned his private pilot license in 1978 and his commercial license in 1980.

Neal's hobbies include personal computers, bees and astronomy. Neal built his first computer himself. He and Janice have over 60 bee hives on the stateline and market honey under the label "Janice and Neal's Honey". Neal's interest in astronomy goes way back. When a student in high school, he built a small observatory.

Two J-S Flying Service are very avid supporters of Plains and having in many occasions represented the community in their type service they offer.

Shelley Williams Attends Seminar

Shelley Williams, an independent beauty consultant for Mary Kay Cosmetics, has just returned home from three days of intensive sales and product training in Dallas as a participant in Mary Kay's 1985 National Seminar.

More than 30,000 independent beauty consultants and sales directors flocked to Dallas between July 22 and Aug. 3 to attend one of four consecutive three-day meetings. In keeping with the company's commitment to recognize outstanding business women, this year's multi-million dollar seminar was appropriately entitled "Applause, Applause!"

To enable Ms. Williams, who joined Mary Kay in February, to build her Mary Kay business in the months ahead, dozens of specialized classes were held each day in product knowledge, Color Awareness, sales training, business management, goal setting and other valuable tools for business success.

Besides intensive training, company founder and Chairman of the Board, Mary Kay Ash also uses the annual meeting to personally reward

and recognize the outstanding achievers of the past year. During four identical Awards Night extravaganzas, the company distributed more than a million dollars in fur coats and jackets, luxury vacations, shopping sprees and gold and diamond jewelry.

Mary Kay Cosmetics, Inc. is an international manufacturer and distributor of premium skin, hair and body care products, cosmetics, toiletries and fragrances. Net sales for 1984 were \$277.5 million.

Community Calendar

MONDAY - Vol. Fire Dept. meets at 7:30 Boy Scouts at Scout Hut at 7 p.m. Eastern Star at 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY - Blood Pressure Clinic 1-4 p.m. at the Yoakum County Library

WEDNESDAY - Filmtime For Jrs. at Yoakum County Library at 4 p.m.



Bearden Family Reunion Held At Benbrook Lake

The 19th annual family reunion of the late Leslie and Ada (Rogers) Bearden was held at Benbrook Lake on July 19-21. There were 85 present.

Most everyone attending camped out in travel trailers, tents and under the stars. The families enjoyed good fellowship, lots of food, swimming, dominoes, washer throwing and visiting.

The annual fish fry was held Saturday night, with the catch being furnished by the Marvin and Melvin Rogers families, of Lipan.

Loby Rogers, 81 years old, of Granbury was the oldest person in attendance and Lauren Green, three weeks old, of Ft. Worth, was the youngest. The L.C. Carman family of Bakersfield, Calif. traveled the longest distance.

Cooking Classes To Be Held

Eva Kennedy, Southwestern Public Service Home Economist, will conduct Mexican Food Cookery Schools, Thursday, August 15, at 2 p.m. in the Plains Clubroom and at 10 a.m. in the First National Bank in Denver City. Come get some ideas.

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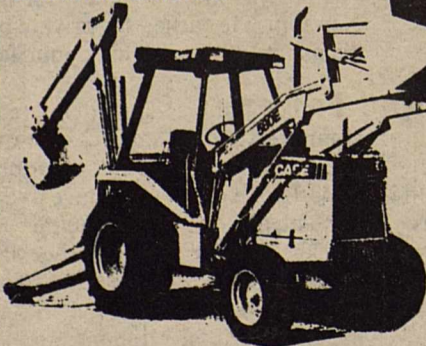


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TONI JONES

Kitchen Korner

Featured this week in the Kitchen Korner is Toni Jones, wife of Gary Jones and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Perkins.

Toni was born in Brownfield and lived in the Tokio community until 1961 when they moved to Stateline. Following her marriage to Gary they moved to Plains. They are the parents of two children, eleven year old Amy and Stacey, eight years old.

Toni graduated from Plains High School in 1970 and attended South Plains College in Levelland one year majoring in secretarial science. She is presently employed as secretary at the Yoakum County Treasurer's Office. Her hobbies include coin and stamp collecting, reading and working in her yard.

Very active in the community, Toni is a member of the Stateline Extension Club, Yoakum County Child Welfare Board, secretary to the local Salvation Army and member of the Tsa Mo Ga Study Club. Her and her husband are very active members of the Yoakum County 4-H Adult Leaders Association because, she says, "we feel like this is a very fine organization for our children".

Toni would like to share four of her favorite recipes with our readers this week.

OVEN SWISS STEAK

1 1/2 lb boneless round steak
 1/4 c flour
 1 t salt
 3 T Crisco
 1 (16 oz) can stewed tomatoes
 1/2 c chopped celery
 1/2 c chopped carrots
 2 T chopped onion
 1/2 t Worcestershire sauce
 1/4 c (1, oz) shredded process American cheese

Cut meat in 4 portions. Combine flour and salt; pound into meat,

reserving flour for sauce. Brown meat in hot Crisco. Transfer meat to shallow baking dish. Blend reserved flour mixture into pan drippings in skillet. Add tomatoes, celery, carrot, onion and Worcestershire sauce to drippings and cook; stir constantly until mixture boils. Pour over meat. Cover and bake at 350° for 2 hours, or until meat and vegetables are tender. Sprinkle cheese over meat. Return to oven for a few minutes to melt cheese. Makes 4 servings.

MEXICAN CASSEROLE

Brown 3 lbs ground beef, salt and pepper to taste. Drain and add 1 sm onion. Cook over low heat a few minutes. Add: 1 can taco sauce, 1 can enchilada sauce, 1 can chopped green chilies, 1 can mushroom soup, and 1 can cream of chicken soup. Bring to a boil. Simmer a few minutes. Layer in casserole with one package tortillas. Top with cheese. Bake until cheese is melted and bubbly.

BANANA NUT BREAD

2 c sugar
 1 c Crisco
 4 eggs
 1 t vanilla
 3 c flour
 1/2 t soda mixed in 1 c water
 buttermilk
 1 t salt
 4 bananas
 1 c chopped pecans

Cream Crisco and sugar together. Add eggs 1 at a time, beating after each egg. Add vanilla, flour and buttermilk beating thoroughly. Stir in bananas and pecans. Pour into well-greased bundt pan and bake 1 hr and 10 mins at 350° oven. Remove from oven and cool 10 mins. Remove from pan and cool

completely or is delicious served warm.


FRUIT SALAD

2 (10 ounce) pkg strawberries
 4 bananas
 1 can chunk pineapple, drained
 1 can mandarin oranges, drained
 1 (No. 2) can peach pie filling
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Australian Miner Visits Plains

By Janelle Brantley

"I think you have a very fine community, the people here have a special quality I like very much and I am trying very hard to learn to speak 'Texan', responded Herman Kreller, when asked how he liked Plains. Kreller was a recent guest in the home of Milton and Jimmie Bayer. He is a friend of their daughter, Sandy, who was also visiting.

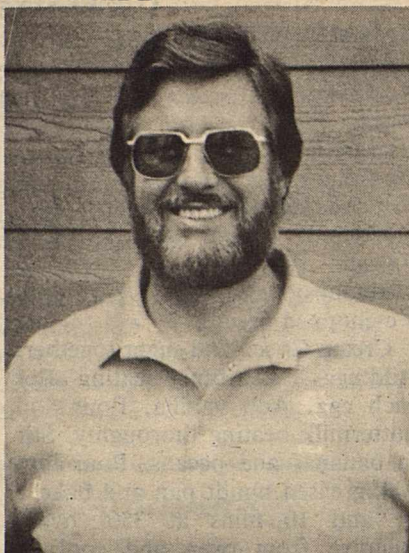
For the last 15 years Kreller has been mining the rare black opal in New South Wales, the only place on earth the black opal is found. His town, Lightning Ridge, is 500 miles northwest of Sydney. He shared the following information with us.

Opals are found in areas that receive very little rainfall. White or milk opals are sometimes found in seams but black opals are found only in irregular patches called nobbies. The quality of an opal is based on color or fire reflecting from deep inside the gem. The cost of the precious black opal varies from minimal up to four to five thousand dollars a carat. Eighty to ninety percent of the black opals found are exported to Japan.

Kreller was born in West Germany and grew up in the Black Forest region in Germany. He studied Arts Industrial Psychology and as part of his education was sent to Australia. There he worked as a lumberjack, a semi-truck driver and as professional shooter (hunter), hunting the kangaroo and wild buffalo in the outback. He is also a lecturer in Psycho-Cybernetics, a philosophy he follows in both his professional and personal life.

He went to Lightning Ridge, NSW 15 years ago and with a friend started his mining business. Kreller also owns, WALK-IN-MINE, a tourist mine where people can actually participate in the opal mining adventure.

Herman Kreller is a coach for the Australian Olympic Shooting Team and was armory marshal at the Olympic Shooting Event in Chino, California in the Summer Olympics of 1984.



HERMAN KRELLER

Obituaries

Services Held For Longtime Resident

Services for Hattie Coke, 91, longtime resident of this area, were held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 30, at the First Baptist Church. Rev. Glenn Harlin, former pastor, officiated.

Burial was in the Plains Cemetery under the direction of Brownfield Funeral Home.

Mrs. Coke died at 3:20 p.m. Sunday at the Good Samaritan Center in Lovington, N.M., following a lengthy illness.

A native of Fisher County, she married Thomas Eugene Coke, Jan. 12, 1913, in Rotan. They moved to Yoakum County in 1930 where they farmed for a number of years. He preceded her in death Jan. 24, 1958. She was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Preston (Sidney) Murphey, Mrs. Pat (Christine) Henard, both of Plains, and Jimmie Woodruff of Seminole; four sons, Henry of Clyde, Loyd of Seminole, Arvin of Artesia, N.M., and Clyde of Waco; two sisters, Mary Lucas of Freedom, Calif., and Rachel Warren of Roswell, N.M.; 13 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

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LaDON MATHEWS

Plains Residents Attend Conference

Nine members of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church attended a Charismatic Conference held July 27-28 in the Civic Center of Amarillo.

The conference is a time for people of all faiths to gather and learn of the power of the Holy Spirit, by baptism and confirmation, to enable themselves to be better witnesses.

Those attending were Davis and Alice Gomez, Joe Gomez Jr., Felicita Huerta, Irma Lazos, Elviria Jimenez, Alfred and Sonya Loya, and Irmita Lazos.

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Mrs. Mathews has been painting for a number of years in both oil and watercolor. Her work is featured in private and public collections in Eastern New Mexico and throughout Texas. She has paintings on display in Abilene, Snyder, Fort Worth, Waco, Houston and El Paso; also Ruidoso, Roswell and Los Cruces, N.M.

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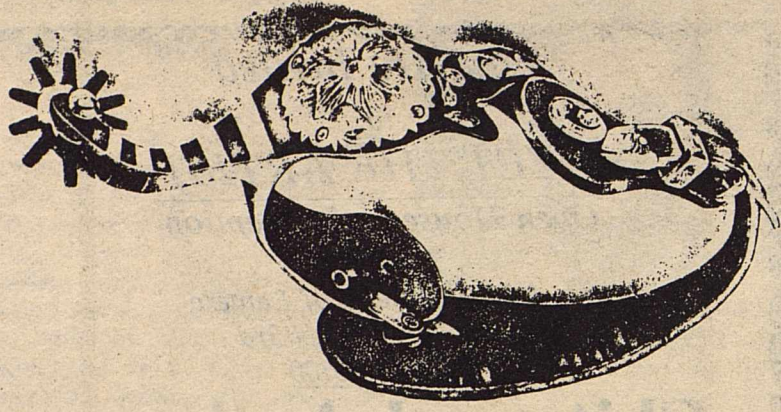
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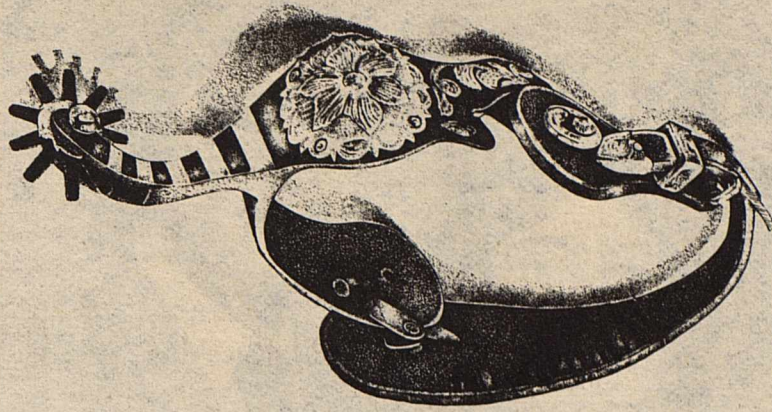
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Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Shults of Union announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Keri Annette, to Timothy Shaun Barnett, son of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Barnett.

The couple have set August 10 as their wedding date. The ceremony will be held at 2:30 p.m. at the Union Baptist Church with the Rev. Eddie Tingle, brother-in-law of the groom, officiating.

The bride-elect is a 1982 graduate of Union High School. The groom is a 1983 graduate of Plains High School. Both are presently attending Angelo State University.

Those Inferior Choices

Louis Crenshaw
Methodist Minister

Housekeeping duties kept Martha from enjoying the fellowship of Jesus, the house guest. Martha had too many dishes to wash.

Some houses are too elegant for little children's feet, therefore they are denied rights of play in such fine homes. Like orphans, they may play in houses of their less accurate neighbors, or in the streets.

Some dishes are necessary to proper living, but too many turn the banquet into drudgery and make our guests boresome.

People are not unimportant. Things have only a relative importance. Owning a home, a car, and clothes are needful. We must guard against becoming so busy with the acquiring and maintaining of these that business prevents us from cultivating friendships and from playing with our children.

When we don't have time for this, for weekly worship at church, and for the daily practice of religious faith, then we have too many dishes to wash. When we are so busy "doing good" that we have no time for being good, we are too busy with perishable material things.

Necessities of life do indeed occupy our time -- eating, sleeping, and working. But this must not pre-empt first place things. When God is at the center, secondary matters work out. "A day in thy courts is better than a thousand" Psalm 84:10). Parents must not be so occupied with a plan to feed, clothe and educate their children that nothing is done for the souls of those committed to their care. Only when things are given their correct rank can they be a blessing rather than a curse.

Job's children were so busy each weekend celebrating and dining with each other that Job prayed for them, lest they sin. They were partying when a tornado struck. Job was at church praying for them. What a tyrant inferior choices are since we must live with them.

Latrell McDonnell, Librarian Attends Workshop July 25th

Latrell McDonnell, librarian of the Yoakum County Library, attended a workshop in Big Springs, July 25.

The workshop was held in the Howard County Library. Many ideas were given that are going to be used during 1986, Texas Sesquicentennial Celebration. Every county in the state is expected to participate in this program. Texas Wagon Train Association has been formed and a route decided and printed. This wagon train will begin in Sulphur Springs and will travel for 2800 miles of Texas fun and friendship.

Information concerning this trip can be obtained from Texas Wagon Train Association, Box 323, Sulphur Springs, Texas 75482. The purpose of the Wagon Train is to link together from community to community statewide in the celebra-

tion of Texas' 150th anniversary in tradition of our western heritage.

A film was shown giving views of Texas. Interested groups or organizations may have access to these slides. Several items were shown that are going to be sold to advertise the Texas Sesquicentennial.

An idea was presented, encouraging patrons to purchase books on Texas History, folklore and fiction for local libraries. Titles and authors will be available at the library if a patron would like to give a book for the 1986 year celebration. Librarians at the Yoakum County Library will be glad to order or buy the book of your choice.

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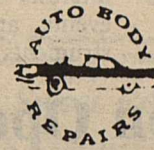
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Plains Independent School District

From The Superintendent's Desk

Something good is happening at school. We are almost ready for the start of the 1985-86 school year and our facilities are almost ready for the return of students.

Our junior high school will not be complete for the September 3rd opening however there are nine classrooms completed at this time. We will be able to use classrooms in our industrial arts, vocational education handicapped, vocational agriculture, and band buildings at various times throughout the day to provide classrooms for all students.

Our maintenance people have done an outstanding job in preparing our facilities for the beginning of school. Our facilities are not exactly ready to be moved into tomorrow, but will be ready by the time school begins on September 3rd.

Information concerning the opening of school and supply lists for students will be published in The Plains Pride on August 16, 1985.

As parents and as students it is important that we begin to think positively about school and about helping our students to set academic goals for this year. Our students will be what we see them as being. We have approximately 500 students and each individual has specific needs, wants, desires, and abilities, and each is someone's special child. We at Plains Schools want to provide each and every student with the best education possible, but parents, we do need your help to make this happen. Working together we can make this the very best year in your child's life.

Dean Andrews



Reading Teacher, **ANN GRAHAM** earned a B.S. degree from Texas Tech University and has taught at Plains schools for 19 years. Born in Clovis, N.M. she attended Carthage High School in Carthage, Mo. She is married to Robert L. Graham and they have one daughter, Anita. Ann lists her hobbies as reading and cooking.



High School Principal **ROBERT PARKS** attended North Texas State University earning a B.S. and an M.E. degree. He has had 19 years experience working for the past two years in Plains. He and his wife, Janice have two children, Clint, twelve years old and Molly, six. His interests include watching sports events and playing musical instruments.

Football Season Opens Sept. 6 With Game Against O'Donnell

In preparation for the upcoming football season, Cowboys will be issued shoes Wednesday, Aug. 7 beginning at 8 a.m. with the senior players.

Juniors will be issued their shoes at 8:15, followed by sophomores at 8:30 and freshmen at 8:45.

Athletes will be given physicals in Lubbock, Monday, Aug. 5 at a cost of \$1 per athlete.

Quoting from the publication, "Top-O-Texas" football magazine, "The Cowboys took some lumps during the 1984's 3-7 campaign, but head coach Larry McMinn is hoping the experience many of his returning players got a year ago, can help get the Pokes back in the saddle again.

"Plains is a little shorthanded in the size department, but may be able to compensate with an abundance of experience...12 returning lettermen of which 11 are returning starters."

The publication lists the major strength as experience, with the major weakness, size and speed. Billy Curtis is listed as an All-State potential, with Mickey McMinn, Ronny Wall, Martin Barrientes and Billy Spears as outstanding boys to watch and Kenley Powell as promising newcomer.

"Many of the Cowboys' hopes rest on the passing arm of sophomore quarterback Shane McMinn, a 5-10, 130 pounder who proved to be a tough customer as a freshman," the magazine reads. "During the '84 season, McMinn completed 54 of 126 passes for 681 yards and six touchdowns.

"The other half of the McMinn-to-McMinn combination - Mickey

-wasn't too bad a year ago, either. The 6-0, 180 pound senior running back caught 23 of his brother's passes for 348 yards and five of those touchdowns. The McMinn's are just two of the nine offensive starters Plains has back.

"The line looks extremely tough with senior tackles Billy Bob Anderson (6-0, 180) and John Bernal (5-9, 180), senior center Ronny Wall (5-9, 165) and junior guard Billy Spears (5-9, 185) are coming back to jobs they won a year ago.

"The other offensive returnees are senior running back Billy Curtis (6-0, 160), junior wide receiver Martin Barrientes (5-6, 130) and sophomore tight end Scott Lowrey (6-2, 175).

"Defensively, sophomore linebacker Ricky Maves (5-8, 180) and sophomore end Michael Diaz (5-5, 125) join Mickey McMinn, Curtis, Wall, Anderson, Spears and Barrientes as returning starters."

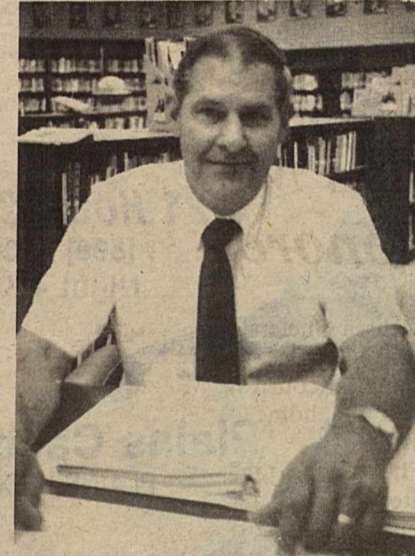
Others who will be among the linemen are Victor Diaz, Kenley Powell, Jody Harris, Luna Valentin, Charles Richards and Brad McWhirter.

Others are Doug Green, Roy Caballero, Joe Rivera and Roger Rivas.

Season opens with a game here against O'Donnell Sept. 6.



Kindergarten Teacher **ANN MCGINTY** earned her B.S. degree in elementary education from West Texas State University. She has taught school for nine years with the last six in Plains. Born in Lubbock, she attended school in Shallowater. Ann and her husband, Kenneth, have four children, Nikki, 14; Brandon, 12; Kelly, 7; and Ragan, 1. Ann says her hobbies seem to revolve around her family but she does admit that she likes working in the yard and decorating her home.



Junior High Principal **JIMMY CONNER** earned a B.S. and an M.E. degree from McMurray College in Abilene and Texas Tech. He has had 22 years experience with the last 12 years in Plains. Born in Cross Cut he attended high school in Rising Star. Jimmy and his wife, Johnnie have three children, Ray, Randy and Russell and three grandchildren, Calley, Toby and Ryan. His interests are golfing and skiing but he says being a grandfather can be a full time occupation.

Plains Future Farmers Attend State Convention

Joe Pierce, vocational Ag Teacher, and several Plains Future Farmers of America attended the State FFA Convention held in the Astro Arena at Houston July 10-12. Billy Bob Anderson represented the Plains Chapter as a voting delegate, voting for a new state president.

Receiving Lone Star Farmer Awards from Plains were Donnell Welch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kent Welch; Billy Bob Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Anderson; Bobby Livengood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Livengood; Michael Earnest, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie

Earnest; and Terry Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Davis.

Also attending were Mrs. Joe Pierce, Monty, Darce and Marty.

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NICK OLENIK & VENNETTE FITZGERALD

Wedding Plans Revealed

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Fitzgerald announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Vennette, to Nick Olenik, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Olenik Sr. of Lubbock.

The couple will exchange vows August 31 at 7 p.m. in South Plains Church of Christ in Lubbock, with Willie Hubbard Jr. officiating.

The bride-elect is a 1981 graduate of Plains High School and is presently employed with First Federal Savings Bank of Lubbock. The future bridegroom is a 1983 graduate of Texas Tech University and is presently employed as an assistant to the Lubbock County Engineer.

Miss Melissa Guetersloh Honored With Bridal Courtesies

Melissa Guetersloh, bride-elect of Arthur Galvan, was feted with a pre-nuptial courtesies, Monday, July 29, in the home of Mrs. Vaughn Culwell.

The serving table was laid with white lace over red with a centerpiece of ivy in a decorative basket accented with a white lace fan and red and white silk flowers. Crystal appointments were used and red napkins with the bride and groom's name. Refreshments of cookies, nuts and punch were served.

The honoree, her mother and grandmother each had a corsage of white silk carnations. Special guests

were the bride's mother, Marietta Guetersloh, her grandmother, Martha Guetersloh, a sister-in-law, Monica Guetersloh and a cousin, Diann Shepard of Lubbock.

Hostess gifts consisted of cookware, dinnerware and the centerpiece.



Sensible Living Holds Meeting

Plains Sensible Living organization held their regular meeting Monday, July 29, in Yoakum County Library.

"Breakfast - 2/3 of the Day" was the program presented to the group. Sensible Living stresses the importance of breakfast. Your body has gone for a longer period of time without food than at any other interval of the day. Statistics show that a person can think, work and socialize better if they begin with a balanced breakfast. The meal should include foods from each of the four basic food groups.

Following the program the class planned a variety of breakfasts for the week.

Sensible Living invites interested persons to join the class and learn sensible eating habits.

Next meeting is scheduled for August 26 at 5:30 p.m. in the library.

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In 1936

Plains Resident Named Officer Of First Rodeo Organization

Originating with the great trail drives of the 1860's-1880's, rodeo lacks an official birth certificate. And although several Western towns claim various "firsts" in the sport, rodeo's true roots were probably planted when a trail drive cowboy first decided to match wits and skill with a "rank", untrained horse.

And although the trail drive era has long since passed into American history, its strength and spirit continue to thrive in the hearts of Americans everywhere. Nowhere is this spirit expressed with more intensity and excitement than in the more than 600 arenas across North America where the pro-rodeo cowboy plies his trade.

Even as rodeo evolved from trail drive to neighboring ranches to America's largest cities in the early 1900's, and today to arenas throughout the United States and Canada, it has remained unique among American sports. It is an extension of a lifestyle, its skills born of necessity.

By the late 1920's, the Rodeo Association of America, a group comprised of rodeo committees and promoters throughout North America, had named their first annual Champion cowboys, with titles awarded on the basis of yearly earnings accumulated under a point system.

The first lasting organizational effort, though, came from the cowboys themselves, who banded together in 1936 to insure a fair amount of purse money, equality in judging, and honest advertising of the sport. Known as the Cowboys Turtle Association (because they were so slow to organize), this first small assemblage of rodeo contestants became, in 1945, the Rodeo Cowboys Association.

The late Rusty McGinty, of Plains, was the first president of the Cowboy's Turtle Association in 1936.

Still operated and governed by the contestants themselves, the RCA successfully furthered and enlarged upon the original goals of the

"Turtles". Long-time representatives of rodeo's other components stock contractors, announcers, and rodeo committees grew with the association and today remain vital elements of its success.

In 1959, the first year-end National Finals Rodeo, restricted to the top contestants in each held in Dallas. Though team roping has since become a standard NFR event, the Association's steer ropers and team ropers originally held their own National Finals, each at a separate location. After moving to Oklahoma City in 1965 and prospering for two decades there, rodeo's premier attraction will move to Las Vegas in 1985.

The RCA became the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) in 1975, nationally headquartered in Denver, Colo. Today, located in a 30,000 square-foot Colorado Springs facility, built in 1979 against the spectacular backdrop of the Rocky Mountains' Front Range, the PRCA functions as the official sanctioning authority of pro-rodeo.

Commissioners Court

Yoakum County Commissioners Court met in special session July 29 at 10 a.m. Presiding over the meeting was the Honorable Paul Cobb, county judge. Members present were John Avara, R.W. Thurston, Jim Barron, Johnnie L. Fitzgerald and Ruby Bruton.

Commissioner Fitzgerald moved to approve the hiring of Bonie Earnest full time in the County Clerk's office at \$1,216.87 per month effective August 1, 1985 for the remainder of six-month probationary period. Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Ext. Homemakers Meet In Library

Stateline Extension Homemakers held their regular monthly meeting in the Heritage Room at Yoakum County Library with Margaret Box, president, presiding.

Plans were discussed on catering opportunities for the club. Mary Dale Williams, extension agent, reminded the club of the Mexican Food Cookery to be presented by Southwestern Public Service home economist, Eva Kennedy, Thursday, Aug. 15 at 2 p.m. in the club room.

Members present were Toni Jones, Clara Williams, Dolores Davis, Margaret Box and Mary Dale Williams. Next meeting is scheduled Saturday, Sept. 28.

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