

The Plains Pride



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TOP WINNERS in the Junior I Division of the South Plains District 4-H Food Show exhibit their skills. From 1 to r, Jennifer Earnest, Yoakum County, breads and cereals; Amanda Baldwin, Terry County, fruits and vegetables; Reyman Meyer, Lubbock County, main dish, and Christy Cook, Lamb County, snacks and desserts.

Community Tree Lighting Proclaimed Huge Success

Approximately 150 persons braved the cold Wednesday night to participate in the first annual Community Christmas Tree Lighting. Edwin Livingood was master of ceremonies due to the absence of Judge Paul Cobb, scheduled emcee.

Rev. L.D. Hinson led prayer with the lights turned on immediately afterwards. Selections by the choir preceded and followed the Christmas story as presented by Rev. Louis Crenshaw. Christmas carols were sung. With the aid of Sheriff Jim Rice, Santa Claus arrived at 6:30 p.m. to greet those attending. Santa was ushered into town by Deputy Wilson Edwards in a patrol car with lights and sirens announcing their arrival.

Selections by the high school band concluded the program.

The evening was pronounced a huge success. The beautifully decorated tree and lights will be enjoyed throughout the holiday season.

Gary Don Ford Announces His Candidacy For Treasurer

Gary Don Ford recently announced his candidacy for the position of Yoakum County Treasurer in the May Democratic Primary. Ford is in charge of the Yoakum County Texas Employment Commission office and is well known for his art work.

Graduate of Southwestern Junior College and recipient of B.M.Ed. from Evangel College, with courses at the Albright Institute in Jerusalem, Ford has also done graduate work at Northern Arizona University and Highlands University

In addition to his state service, Ford has five years experience with the Department of Interior, where he earned an Outstanding Performance Award. He is listed among the "Outstanding Young Men of America".

"I feel that with T.E.C., I have been making a positive contribution to the people of Yoakum County and I want to continue that contribution as Treasurer," Ford said. "It's my opinion that Mrs. Logan has done a fine job as Treasurer. I want to continue that tradition."

Ford's campaign treasurer is Mrs. Polly Ganzon.

A.G. Brantley Seeks Re-Election

A.G. Brantley, now serving as Justice of the Peace of Yoakum County, Precinct I, is announcing his intentions to seek re-election for office in May.

He has lived in Yoakum County for 42 years. He was appointed by the Commissioner's Court, Feb. 1, 1973 to the duties of Justice of the Peace in Plains, and has been reelected three times since.

Attending the Justice of the Peace training school each year he has held the office, Brantley hopes to continue to serve Yoakum County in this capacity.

Two County Contestants Place At 4-H Food Show

The 1985 South Plains District 4-H Food Show was both intellectual and delectable as nearly 200 youths displayed their nutrition knowledge and cooking skills Nov. 23 at Texas Tech University.

Yoakum County 4-H'ers receiving awards were Jennifer Earnest, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Earnest, first place, "Bread and Cereals;" Jay London, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack London, second place, "Nutritious Snacks and Desserts."

Each contestant, between ages nine and 19, participated in the 20-county district show after winning their county shows. Prior to the shows, the 4-H members participated in foods and nutrition project meetings and tours involving food science, safety, service, nutri-

Christmas Card Project Continues

Contributions are still being accepted for Operation Christmas Card. Residents are invited to contribute monies in lieu of mailing Christmas greetings to local friends. Proceeds of Operation Christmas Card will be used by Plains Dirt Gardeners to improve and beautify Plains Cemetery.

Ita Young, chairman, reports the program is progressing well but reminds those who may have not yet made contributions, to do so soon. Monies may be mailed in care of Mrs. Young, Box 487, Plains, Tx. 79355.

Names of contributors will be published in The Plains Pride on a Christmas Greeting Card at no cost.

Local Businesses Slate 'Open House'

Christmas Open House will be observed by two local businesses this week.

Plains State Bank, in honor of their patrons, will be holding "Christmas Open House" Wednesday, Dec. 18. The public is invited to call between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Also extending a cordial invitation is Linda Shoemaker Lowrey, local attorney, inviting friends to join her and her family for lunch on Thursday, Dec. 19, beginning at noon. Reservations are not necessary, but would be appreciated. Mrs. Lowrey's office is located across the street from the Yoakum County Courthouse. Open House will conclude at 6 p.m.

tion lessons, fitness and career opportunities.

Other Yoakum County contestants were Jo Lena Powell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ty Earl Powell; Amy Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Jones; Heather Bowlin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bowlin and Jimmy McGinty, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alton McGinty.

Mail-out To Begin For Plains Pride

The Plains Pride was notified this week that with the pending of the 2nd Class Permit, subscriptions must be addressed as of Dec. 20.

Subscribers to the paper should receive their paper on Saturday or Sunday, depending on the mail carriers. Issues may be purchased for 25 cents each at Pay-N-Save Grocery Store.

Billie Blundell Tells Candidacy

Billie Blundell has authorized The Plains Pride to announce her plans to become a candidate for the office of Justice of the Peace for Precinct

A legal secretary the past 11 years, Ms. Blundell states, "I feel qualified to serve Yoakum County in this capacity and will be grateful for your consideration of me in the upcoming May primary."

Ms. Blundell is a longtime resident of Plains. She graduated from Levelland High School and Draughons Business College. She is a member of National Legal Secretaries Association and has completed courses in continuing legal education.

"My thoughts concerning the office of Justice of the Peace are that traffic fines should be set at a reasonable amount and should justify the offense involved. Also, a defendant is innocent until proven guilty in a court of law and these precious rights are guaranteed to all citizens of this great country in which we live and must be exercised to the fullest and not impeded. A second chance is the very foundation of a Democratic and Christian society," she states.

"I have much respect for law enforcement and know that I can maintain a good working relationship with them, yet, if elected, my prime concern will be, simply, 'John Doe Citizen'."

Ms. Blundell says, "I would consider it an honor to serve this great county as its Justice of the Peace."



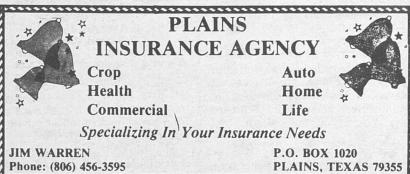
BLACKIE & TINY BEARDEN

To Observe Anniversary

Blackie and Tiny Bearden of Granbury, formerly of Plains, will be honored with a reception in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to call between the hours of 2 and 5 p.m. at the Fairview Baptist Church, Highway 51 North in Granbury.

Hosting the event will be their children and grandchildren, Burma and L.C. Carmen, Brenda and Becky, Glenda and Bill Taylor, Denise and Katherine and Donald Jower, all of Granbury.







School Board Accepts Bid For New Band Instruments

School board members in regular session Monday evening accepted a bid of \$7840 from Caldwell Music Company for the purchase of ten Yamaha flutes and ten Noblet clarinets with Vandoren mouthpieces.

Arlon Alexander presented a brief report on TEAMS test results.

Routine business was conducted and November bills approved for payment. Financial reports by Superintendent Dean Andrews included general operating, cafeteria tax and transportation areas.

Utility costs from Jan. 1981 through Nov. 1985 were presented. Status of various school projects were reviewed by Andrews.

Supt. Andrews also reported on football gate receipts for 1978 through 1985.

Board members and administrators toured Plains Junior High School to view recent renovations.

In other action, the board entered into executive session to consider the resignation of James Smith, resource center director.

Open session was resumed and the resignation of Smith was accepted. Trustees adopted a resolution commending Smith for service rendered to Plains Independent School District.

A resolution of congratulations to Plains Volleyball team and coaches for winning the State Volleyball Championship was also approved. Attending were Melvin Lowrey, Terry Davis, Eddie Earnest, Edwin Livingood, Ty Earl Powell, Jack Spears, Andrews, Robert Parks, Jimmy Conner, John Nance, Smith, Wanda Ashburn, Alexander, Vikki Kight, Thelma Cheatham, Paula Cullins, Robert Canon and Willie Mae Engle.

FFA Fruit Still On Sale

FFA members still have fruit available and invite interested persons to take advantage of their offer

Interested persons may see any FFA member or contact Joe Pierce.

Church Group To Help Children

Acteens and R.A.'s of First Baptist Church are collecting new or used toys to be given to needy children at Christmas.

Persons having toys to donate or those who kow of families in need are asked to call the church at 456-3661 or Melba Crutcher at 456-7433.



Contact Dan or Linda Wall

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LEA COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.





SANTA MAKES A SURPRISE VISIT to the boys and girls attending the Tokio Baptist Church Christmas Dinner and Program on Sunday, Dec. 8.

Tokio Baptist Members Hold Christmas Dinner

First Baptist Church of Tokio held their Christmas dinner and program Dec. 8. Christmas carols were sung and the Rev. Alton West, pastor, read the Christmas story from the Bible

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Children of the congregation gathered around the Christmas tree with their Sunday School teacher to open gifts when a surprise visitor arrived. Santa Clause was happily greeted by the children.

Mr. and Mrs. Punk Culwell Honored With Reception

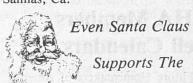
Mr. and Mrs. H.W. (Punk) Culwell were honored Saturday, Nov. 30 with a golden wedding anniversary reception in fellowship hall of First Baptist Church.

Laid with a white lace cloth over gold, the party table was appointed in crystal and silver. Highlighting the table was the three-tiered anniversary cake topped with a golden anniversary ornament. Golden punch was served with floating fruit by Julie Culwell, granddaughter of the couple. Marietta Guetersloh served cake.

Napkins were engraced in gold with wedding bells and the inscription, "Punk and Inez, 1935-November 28-1985."

Guests registered at a table covered with white lace over white. Gracing the table was a crystal bell filled with gold leaf flowers. Guests signed the registry with a plumed pen

The event was hosted by the couple's sons and families, Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Culwell of Plains and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Culwell of Salinas, Ca.



Cowgirls & Cowboys!!



'Christmas In The Home' Is Theme Of Fine Arts Meeting

"Christmas in the Home" was the theme Thursday evening of Plains Fine Arts Club's Christmas program and salad suppoer. The event was held in First Baptist Church with Beth Ann Cain directing the program.

Children of members performing included Kim McClure, piano solo, "Joy to the World;" Kristy and Kim McClure singing "Talkling to the Son" with tape accompaniment; Molly Parks playing a piano solo, "Jingle Bells" and Molly Parks and Kaleb Clay singing "When God

Becomes a Baby."

Others performing were Valerie Blair who sang "Little Gray Donkey" and "I Believe in Santa Claus" with piano accompaniment by her mother, Cynthia Blair and Betsy Blair who played "Away in a Manger" on the piano.

Barbara Thrash, vice president, presided over a business session.

Other guests attending were Minnie Blair, Brenda Canada and Velvet, Loma Jones and Lillian Caddell.



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Letters To The Plains
Pride -

Deadline is Dec. 17 at 2 p.m.



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Gwen Carter

MISSION BAUTISTA NUEVA VIDA Raymond Asebedo, Pastor

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Church Training: 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship: 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST 1202 Ave G

1202 Ave G
Louis Crenshaw, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship:6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Choir: 6:00 p.m.

ANTIOCH BAPTIST
Lovington Highway/State Line
Neil Parks, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship: 11 a.m.

TOKIO BAPTIST Tokio, Tx. Alton West, Pastor

Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Church Training: 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship: 7:00 p.m.

PLEASANT HILL UNION ASSEMBLY Pleasant Hill

Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Night: 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night: 7:30 p.m.

HILLSIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST 1502 Copeland Ave Les Carey, Minister

Bible Class: 9 a.m.

Morning Worship: 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC 1301 11th Street Father Tom V. Parampil Sunday

Holy Mass: 9-10 a.m.
C.C.D. Class (Bible Study) 10-11 a.m.
Sacrement of Reconciliation 8-9 a.m.

Wednesday

ASSEMBLY OF GOD 1102 Ave J

L.D. Hinson, Pastor
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship: 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH 902 Ave D

902 Ave D
Interim Pastor - Rueben Ward
Sunday School: 9:45
Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Church Training: 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship: 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.

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Plains Independent School District

From The Superintendent's Desk

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As Christmas approaches it seems that it was only yesterday that we began the school year. There are many activities planned at school for this special time of the year. There will be parties in the elementary school and special programs in the junior high and high schools.

Our elementary class Christmas parties are scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 19th. It is rumored (and there is a strong possibility) that Santa will stop by Plains Schools for a visit on this day. It will be an exciting day in our elementary school.

Our band music program will be on Wednesday, Dec. 18th, at 6 p.m. in the school auditorium. The fourth through twelfth grades will perform Christmas music and everyone is invited to the program.

School will dismiss for the Christmas holidays at 3:45 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20 and will resume Thursday, Jan. 2, 1986. We hope that everyone has an enjoyable holiday season and our wish is that each of you will have a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year".

Curtis, Barrientes Named To 1985 All-District Team

Billy Curtis and Martin Barrientes were named this week to the 1985 All District Football squad. Curtis was cited for the honor as kicker and defensive secondary. Barrientes was named defensive line backer.

Senior Class Project Slated

Members of the Class of 1986 of Plains High School are accepting donations for a 19" color television set with remote control and a processed side of beef. Donations of \$1 may be made to any member of the senior class or a senior sponsor at the high school.

Barton Blair donated the beef for the senior project.

Lucky winners will be revealed Jan. 4 during a drawing at Plains Invitational Basketball Tournament. Winners need not be present to win.

SCHOOL EVENTS

MONDAY - Basketball, Tahoka, There, Boys 7th-8th-9th at 5 p.m.; Tahoka, Here, Girls 7-8-9 at 5 p.m. TUESDAY - Basketball, Bledsoe, There, B at 8 p.m.; Lorenzo, There, G - V at 6:30 p.m.; Elementary Faculty Christmas Party at 6:30

WEDNESDAY - Christmas Band Concert in Auditorium at 6 p.m.
THURSDAY - Basketball, Reese Classic, B - V; Elementary Classes Christmas Party; Denvery City & Plains Student Council Social, Youth Center at 7 p.m.; Junior High Faculty Christmas Party at Rudy's Spanish Inn at 6:30 p.m.
FRIDAY - Basketball, Reese Classic Continues; Jal, There, G - V at 6 p.m.; High School Faculty Christmas Dinner; School Dismiss

for Christmas Holidays at 3:45 p.m.

Curtis also was chosen as offensive back for the All District second team. Others named to the second team were Mickey McMinn, offensive receiver and defensive back; Billy Bob Anderson, offensive tackle and Bryan Baldwin, defensive line backer.

Receiving honorable mention were Ronny Wall, offensive center; Shane McMinn, quarterback; Michael Diaz, defensive corner back and Billy Spears, offensive guard.



School?

MONDAY - Toast, oatmeal, grape juice and milk.

BREAKFAST

TUESDAY - Cinnamon rolls, apple juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Toast, strawberry preserves, orange juice and milk. THURSDAY - Pancakes, syrup and butter, tomato juice and milk.

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FRIDAY - Rice Krispies, pineapple juice and milk.

LUNCH
MONDAY - Burrito w/cheese,
French fries w/catsup, combination
salad, coconut cookies.

TUESDAY - Tuna casserole, fried okra, cabbage, carrot and raisin salad, peanut butter and honey, hot rolls, butter and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Beef and vegetable stew, pinto beans, garden salad, cornbread, apple cobbler and milk. THURSDAY - Ham and dressing, cranberry sauce, broccoli w/cheese, sweet potatoes, celery sticks, fruit salad, hot rolls and milk.

FRIDAY - Cheeseburgers, lettuce, pickles, onion rings, corn chips, peaches, chocolate chip cookies and milk.

Reception Will Honor The James Smith Family

The Plains Independent School District will honor the James Smith family with a reception in the Resource Center 2 to 4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 15.

Friends and relatives are invited to attend.

James Smith, Resource Center Director for Plains Schools, has accepted the position of Director of Media and Technology of the Education Service Center, Region XVII in Lubbock. Smith has been with the Plains ISD for ten and one-half years, serving as Resource Center Director for almost eight years.

He will be the administrator in charge of over 30,000 16mm educational films which are delivered to all schools in the Region XVII area twice a week. He will also be in charge of video taping services for the schools as well as serving as a media consultant to those schools in the area. The Education Service Center serves approximately sixty-five school districts in a twenty county area surrounding Lubbock.

Other areas of responsibility will include coordination of school bus safety courses in the area and inservice consultant for several school districts.

Smith graduated from Texas Tech

University in 1967 with a BS degree in physics and received his masters degree from Middle Tennessee State University in 1972. He has just completed a sixty-hour certification program for the superintendency.

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Smith's family includes his wife, Debbie and daughters, Melinda, eight years old and Christina, 12.

Smith will begin his position at the Education Service Center Jan. 6, 1986. His division has one professional staff member and seven support staff.



JAMES SMITH

FHA Members Sell Calendars

Future Homemakers of America of Plains High School are selling two year planner calendars and will continue to offer the calendars until Jan. 2.

Calendars may be purchased for \$2 each and may be obtained through any FHA member or by contacting Mrs. McCowen at the high school.







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ON THE HARD COURT

SEVENTH GRADE BOYS

Seventh grade boys were soundly beaten, 50 to 14, by Denver City's Red Team, but rebounded to whip Morton 42-38 for the chance to play for consolation. The Wranglers then proceeded to stop Brownfield 39-27.

"Team play was the key to the two wins," said the coach.

Leading scorers in the first game were Layne Morrow, 4; Mario Medina, 3; Monte Pierce, Dain Guetersloh and Matt Record, 2

Against Morton, Mario scored 15 with Dan Rushing getting 14. Mario scored 14 against Brownfield with Layne netting 9.

"The team played very well, the defense was very good early in the game and the guards' defensive play was a major cause of the win," said the coach in the Seventh Grade Boys 30-28 win over Seagraves.

Leading the scoring was Monte Pierce, 10; Mario Medina, 9 and Dan Rushing, 6.

EIGHTH GRADE BOYS

Eighth Grade Boys were beaten in all three outings last week in the Denver City Tournament.

Shawn Booth and Chris Gayle scored 7 points each in the Plains 28-38 loss to the host team in the opening game.

Chris also led the scoring with 10 in the second game with Morton. The young Indians won 46-36.

Shawn scored 15 to lead the 8th Grade Cowboys in a 33-38 loss to Seagraves.

JUNIOR VARSITY

Plains JV basketballers took a 46-44 win Nov. 20 over O'Donnell with Jessie Flores claiming 21 points. Jody Harris added 11.

Coach Brett Parr's JVs handily whipped Whiteface, 68-24, Nov. 21 at Whiteface. Roy Caballero led the scoring with 20. Flores scored 16, Alex Barrientes, 14, and Harris, 10.

Barrientes was also high scorer in the 47-30 win by Plains over Klondike, Dec. 3.

Plains JV Boys claimed second

place in their own tourney Dec. 5-7.

In the opener, Flores led the scoring for the home victors with 15 points. Final score was 51-40.

Friday's action found Plains winning 62-30 over Whiteface. Flores and Parker scored 12 each.

Seagraves claimed the championship trophy by defeating Plains 61-39 Saturday. Harris scored 13.

The JVs lost a heartbreaker Tuesday, falling 52-54 to O'Donnell. Leading scorers were Flores with 13, Caballero, 11.

COWBOYS

Plains Cowboys won 57-35 over O'Donnell in a Nov. 20 game at home. Billy Curtis scored 16 to pace the Cowboys with Scott Lowrey getting 10.

Curtis and Mickey McMinn each picked up 8 rebounds.

Plains turned the tables in their next outing with a 57-53 win over Whiteface. McMinn scored 15 points, Lowrey and Martin Barrientes added 14 each. McMinn picked up 7 rebounds; Billy Bob Anderson, 6.

Nov. 27, Plains stopped Wellman 65-55. Curtis led with 22; Barrientes had 16, McMinn, 13. Curtis had 9 rebounds with McMinn getting 8.

The Cowboys stopped Klondike 79-62 Dec. 3 back of Curtis' 23 point scoring. Doug Green scored 13, McMinn, 11 and Barrientes, 10.

Rebounding were Curtis, 12, and Lowrey and McMinn, 6 each.

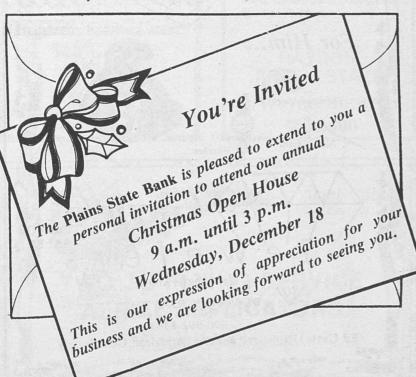
Plains came up with a 67-58 win over Whiteface Dec. 6 at home. Leading scorers were Curtis, 25; Green, 12 and McMinn, 10. Curtis got 15 rebounds, Green had 6.

Tuesday evening found the Cowboys winning 60-40 over O'Donnell. Curtis scored 16, McMinn, 13 and Lowrey, 12. Curtis claimed 15 rebounds with Lowrey getting 11.

The Cowboys record is 6-0.

Attend The Basketball Games!!





St. Romain Girls Sing For Tsa Mo Ga

Tsa Mo Ga Club met Monday Dec. 9 in the clubhouse with Zareta Winn and Eleanor Simpson as hostesses. Sit Jones served as program director.

Becky and Teresa St. Romain, daughters of Elouise and Joe St. Romain were accompanied on the piano by Leona Crenshaw as they sang, "Away in the Manger," "All I Want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth," and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas". Mrs. Crenshaw told the story of "The Other Wise Man" and gave the scripture reading.

Gifts were brought by club members to send to Girlstown, M.D. Anderson Hospital and the Veterans Hospital in Big Spring, as a special club project.

Guests attending were the StRomain girls who sang and Ginger Irwin of Clovis, N.M.

Next meeting will be Jan. 13 in the clubhouse with a program on International Affairs.

-Filmtimeat Yoakum Co. Library



Filmtime at Yoakum County Library was held Wednesday, Dec. 4 in the heritage room.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a film "A Very Merry Cricket" was shown. Songs and games were also enjoyed by the group. Ty Shearman, son of Jeri and Danny Shearman, was special honoree, as he celebrated his third

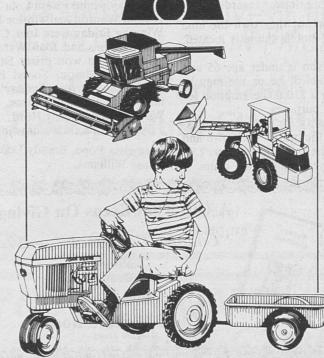
A special thanks goes to Jim Barron and Bob Thurston for the Christmas tree at the library.

Present for Filmtime were Chris and Kimberly Willis, Ty Shearman, Lisa Parrish, Staci Tuggle, Kayla Willis, Jeremy Humphrey, Amy Carter, Kristen Gray, Amy Wauson, Taylor and Jill Gray, Donita Weeks, Leticia Canon, Marcey House, Scott Sears, Linzie Rust, Ashlei and Kelton Mason, Steven Bunch, Kyle Kight, Grady Parr, Kaleb, Joshua and Daniel

The Plains Rubies will perform at the next scheduled Filmtime Dec. 18 at 10 a.m.

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Exemptions For Elderly People Sought By Appraisal District

Persons entitled to homestead exemptions in Yoakum County who have never signed for them are being sought by Yoakum County Appraisal District Chief Appraiser Johnny Brown.

The exemptions are for persons who were 65 on the first day of the year.

Brown says exemptions on file for last year total 1,056, which includes the elderly with armed service veterans and regular exemptions.

"But we know there must be others who are eligible," Brown says. "All they need to do, is contact us."

The tax office is located at 500 10th street. The Denver City tax office will also assist persons seeking homestead exemptions.

"This is a one-time sign-up deal," he says. "If they will call us, we will mail them the forms."

Brown adds that he does not want any qualified person to pass the exemption by.

"I'm concerned more than anything about the elderly people and their exemptions, especially those on Social Security and fixed incomes."

He points out that these exemptions are for tax purposes only and have no bearing on the old State Homestead Law.

Exemption applications should be filed after Jan. 1 and before April 1 of the tax year.

Persons owning and residing in mobile homes are also eligible for these exemptions, regardless of whether or not they own the land where the mobile home is located, be seen

If a person is under age 65 and totally disabled, he or she may be eligible for a \$10,000 exemption for school tax purposes.

"To qualify for any of these exemptions, the person must own and reside in the property on Jan. 1 of the tax year and not claim a

homestead exemption on any other property," he says.

"Certain provisions are made to homeowners that are temporarily away from their normal homestead on this date, but the eligibility still applies."

Those in doubt should call the Yoakum County Appraisal District at 456-7101.

Persons 65 years or older residential homestead exemptions are: Yoakum County — \$25,000 value subtracted from the appraised value; Denver City ISD — \$28,330 value subtracted from the appraised value; Plains ISD — \$15,000 value subtracted from the appraised value; City of Denver City — \$5,000 value subtracted from the appraisal value.

Brown listed general residential homestead exemptions as: Yoakum County — \$3,000 value subtracted from the farm-to-market and lateral road fund; Denver City ISD — \$5,000 value subtracted from the appraised value; Plains ISD — \$5,000 value subtracted from the appraised value.

Door Prize Winners Are Announced

Leaf and Petal announces the winners of their door prizes given during last week's Christmas sale.

Wednesday's lucky persons were Pearl Ellison and Dean Richardson. Thursday winners were Lola Bryan, Brenda Wauson and Florine Hayes. Winning Friday were Inez Culwell, Paula Cullins and Joan Warren.

Those who won prizes Saturday were Sara Mason, Sheryl Phillips and Joann Barron. Sunday's winners were Winnell Haines, Lance Williams and Jennett Head.

Winning the child's drawing were Carmeleta Pope, Brandy Lester and Chase Williams.

Commissioner's Court

The Commissioner's Court met in regular session on Dec. 9. Attending were Paul Cobb, County Judge; Commissioners John Avara, R.W. Thornton, Jim Barron, Johnnie L. Fitzgerald and Ruby Bruton, county clerk.

Approval was given for the release of municipal bonds in the amount of \$10,000 held by Republic First National Bank of Midland described as Texas, Weslaco ISD School Building U-T Series 1972.

Tax assessor-collector Wanda Smith reported on collected taxes. The report was approved unanimously.

Hospital Administrator Ed Rodgers requested the court advertise to receive bids for hospital equipment to be paid by issuance of time warrants at a rate of interest no greater than seven percent for three years. Bids are to be received Dec. 30. The motion to do so was approved without opposition.

A cancer care insurance update presentation was made by Calvin Stewart. The basic policy with an additional benefits rider was approved and will become effective Jan. 1, 1986.

Regular bills were read and approved including hospital bills in the amount of \$57,105.45 subject to final approval of the County Auditor.

Commissioners also approved a six month raise of \$50 for Judy Addison of the Criminal District Attorney's office. Effective Dec. 1, Ms. Addison's salary per month is \$1,266.87.



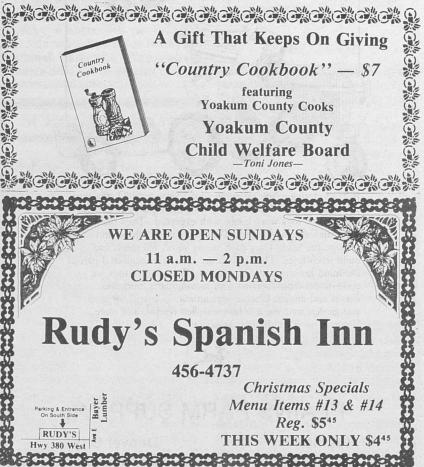
JUSTIN ALCORTA

Justin Alcorta Wins First Place

Justin Dale Alcorta, six-year-old son of Joe and Debbie Alcorta of Olton, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Rico Alcorta, recently participated in the Plainview Area Gymnastics Meet held in the Plainview High School Gym. He received first place over-all in the six-year-old division.

Justin is a first grader at H.P. Webb Elementary in Olton, where he was just recently named Student of the Month in November.

Only 8 Shopping Days Til Christmas





'Managing For Survival'

The depressed farm economy has agricultural producers struggling for survival, and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service is there to help farm families cope with the crisis.

As part of this effort, this year's annual South Plains Agricultural Development Conference, Tuesday, Dec. 17, at Lubbock Civic Center will have as its theme, "Managing for Survival," according to David Kight, Yoakum County Extension agent for agriculture.

"We have assembled an outstanding group of experts and educators to help farmers and ranchers better understand the economic, political and financial issues as they affect us at the moment...And they will have some sound advice on things we can do to help ourselves."

U.S. Representative Larry Combest (R-Tx) is scheduled to address the noon luncheon. The Congressman from Lubbock serves on the House Agriculture Committee.

The program at the Lubbock Civic Center will begin at 9:30 a.m. Kight urges area producers and their wives to take advantage of this opportunity. The \$12 registration fee includes lunch.

The conference will open with an update on the status of the new federal farm bill. It will be presented by Dr. Ed Smith, Extension

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Dear Editor:

marketing specialist.

The stress on farm and ranch families, resulting from the economic situation, will be addressed by Dorthy (cq) Taylor, Extension family life specialist.

What agricultural lenders expect from farmers will be explained by John Anderson, president of Hale County State Bank at Plainview.

After lunch, participants may select two of five concurrent sessions designed to provide "how to" information on marketing, financing and record keeping. The topics are "Debt Restructuring", "Introduction to Commodity Options", "Alternative Lease Arrangements", "Cash Flow Planning", and "Training for a Nonfarm Job". An additional feature of the SPD Conference will be a microcomputer display. At this, several county Extension agents will demonstrate selected computer software developed by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service to help farm and ranch families make decisions. These will include agricultural programs and others with home and family application.

The South Plains Agricultural Development Program is a regional organization sponsored by the Extension Service to promote economic development and improved family living in 20 area counties.

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Jackie Smith Speaks To YCYF

Jackie Smith, economist from Texas A&M Extension Service, was guest speaker at the Yoakum County Young Farmers meeting held Dec. 9 at 8 p.m. in the ag building.

Smith discussed how cotton options can work for the producer.

Gary Jones of Plains Farm Supply announced the upcoming demonstration of the new John Deere cotton stripper.

Those present were Don Parrish, Tommy Box, Krieg Keesee, John Gray, Charles Oswalt, Ron Craft and Jeff Redman.

Next scheduled meeting is Jan. 13 at 8 p.m. in the ag building.



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