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Three All-State Candidates Picked By Top-O-Texas Football Magazine

Cowboy gridsters have been busy preparing themselves for a new season. They open Sept. 4 against Tahoka in Bulldog Stadium.

Top-o-Texas Football magazine picks the Cowboys to finish fourth in the district, with O'Donnell, Wilson and Sundown leading the race. Meadow and Ropes pick up fifth and sixth places, according to the magazine predictions.

Doug Green, senior end and Shane McMinn, senior quarterback, are listed on the magazine's Class A Honor Roll offensively. Selected for defensive honors is Scott Lowrey,

senior secondary. The trio of Cowboys are given the honor of being All State Candidates by Top-o-Texas.

"Coach Larry McMinn should have one of the top passing attacks in the state for class A teams," writes the magazine.

The magazine report continues, "He will build this attack around his son Shane (6-1, 165), who is an All-State Candidate. This will be his fourth year to start at this key position. He will have two outstanding athletes to throw to in ends Scott Lowrey (6-3, 180) and Doug Green

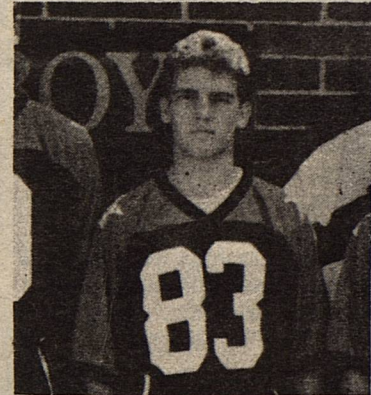
(5-9, 150). Both were two key starters from last fall's Bi-District Championship team."

"Michael Diaz (5-5, 130), senior will be another outstanding receiver from his running back position," states the magazine. "Diaz is the only Cowboy returning with starting experience."

"Chad Guetersloh (6-0, 160) junior and Blake McWhirter (5-9, 165) junior, are promising newcomers that could help vault the Cowboys into the playoffs for the second year in succession.

"Plains only returns two starters up front in guard Brad McWhirter (5-9, 160) senior and tackle Donald Booth (6-0, 165) senior. A couple of juniors in Kevin Lowrey (6-0, 185) center and Lebert Powell (6-0, 165) tackle will be in the starting line up when Plains opens up the season.

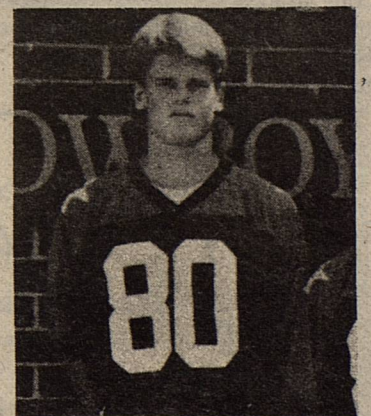
There is no doubt that Plains will have an outstanding team, but will have to play error-free and stay healthy to make the playoffs against powerhouse O'Donnell, Eilson, Sundown and Meadow. The schedule is not in their favor. Plains will play all the above, except Sundown, on the road," the article concludes.



DOUG GREEN



SHANE McMINN



SCOTT LOWREY

Vaccination Proof Required For Public School Students

More than any other preventive health care practice, immunizations begun in childhood and kept current, save money, misery and lives. In the U.S., an estimated \$1 billion are saved annually in would-be medical costs because of immunizations against polio, tetanus, measles, rubella (German measles), mumps, and diphtheria.

In Texas the proof of vaccinations for these six communicable diseases is required by law for all children registering for day care or public school. In addition, pertussis vaccine is required for children less than 5 years old in day care and public school. The Texas Department of Health and the American Academy of Pediatrics recommend pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine for most children through six years old as well.

Wes Hodgson of the TDH Immunization Division, said "Today's parents of young children are sometimes too young themselves to remember a time when immunizations were neither available nor required. But a few decades ago, outbreaks and epidemics of killer diseases such as polio and diphtheria not only threatened every child but were occurring more frequently every year."

Hodgson said because of vaccinations, polio and diphtheria are now rare in Texas. In the past ten years, only six cases of diphtheria and four cases of polio, one of them fatal, were reported in the state.

"What some young parents may not realize is that although out-

breaks of vaccine preventable diseases are now less frequent in Texas, the diseases can still spread among us. Children are not born immune to these diseases," Hodgson said. "It is important that their parents follow their physician's advice in scheduling all the necessary vaccinations and boosters, and in keeping accurate records for each child," he added.

Some preventable diseases persist, mainly because parents often do not take them seriously enough to ensure their children's immunizations are up-to-date. In 1986, TDH recorded sporadic outbreaks of measles (398 cases), mumps (239), pertussis (112), rubella (78), and tetanus (12) in the state. Victims included unimmunized children as well as adults who had allowed their own immunizations to lapse.

Hodgson said, "Parents who are not sure that their children's vaccinations are current should begin now to update their records, to be ready for the coming school year. Their family physicians should be able to advise them on any booster shots that are due. Parents who have no family physician, or who cannot afford a private doctor should check with local public health clinics."

For more information, contact Wes Hodgson, Administrator of Technical Programs, Immunization Division, at 512-458-7284, or Margaret Wilson, Public Information Coordinator, Public Health Promotion Division at 512-458-7405.

Football Contest To Begin Soon

Pigskin prediction time is near for football fan readers of The Plains Pride. The annual football contest will begin in the Aug. 30 issue of the Pride.

The contest is fun and costs nothing to enter. Only one entry per person is allowed but entire families may compete against one another as well as friends in the community.

It's easy to enter. Select a winner in each of the games listed on the contest page in next week's Pride. Mark the team you think will win, predict a score in the tie-breaker game (which also counts as a game) and fill in the official entry blank. Entries may be left at Pay-N-Save Grocery, Plains Library or mailed to The Plains Pride, Box 774, Olton, TX 79064. Entries must be in the Olton office before Friday night game time each week, or they will be discarded. Weekly winners will be announced each week. Prize monies are \$10, first; \$7.50, second; and \$5, third. A grand prize for the most correct guesses of the season will be awarded at the conclusion of the contest.

News Arrives Late Past Two Weeks

"Due to reasons yet identified, news articles from Plains mailed to Olton, have failed to reach us in time to meet our printing deadline, this week and last week," states Joe Alcorta, publisher. "When this occurred, the printers made an exception and rescheduled The Plains Pride, according to their priorities. However, this practice cannot continue or we will lose our printing privileges.

"Our apologies for the inconvenience that this might have placed on some. At present time, we are checking into the problem and plan to continue with the Tuesday dateline if possible," concludes Alcorta.

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Poster Drawings Held For Readers

The Yoakum County Library Summer Reading Program at Plains Library came to a close with a drawing held Tuesday, August 18 for posters of interest to a boy and girl.

Winners announced were Heather McDonnell and Corey Wauson.

Library personnel express their appreciation and congratulations to all boys and girls participating in the Summer Reading Program.

\$10,000 Reward

A \$10,000 reward has been offered through Castro County Crime Line for information leading to indictment and conviction of the persons responsible for the stabbing death of Robert (Bob) Glenn Ballard on June 6, 1985, in Castro County. Ballard was killed near the farm home of the Spencer Estate near the Sunnyside Community. Anyone with information concerning the murder is asked to call Castro County Crime Line at (806) 647-4711. Callers may remain anonymous.

Sept. 1 is the effective date for the new Texas minimum wage requirement for farm workers, the latest of Federal and State laws covering, and in some instances double covering, virtually every aspect of agricultural employment.

The new Texas mandate sets the minimum wage at \$3.35 per hour beginning Sept. 1. That is the same as the Federal rate in effect since 1981. However the Federal minimum applies only to farms using 500 man-days of labor in a calendar quarter, while the State law will apply to all farms, large and small. Neither State nor Federal statutes require overtime for field work.

"To say farm labor laws are not a popular subject with producers is probably an understatement," comments Don A. Johnson, Executive Vice-President of Lubbock based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., "but they are on the books and we need

to be familiar with them for our own protection against prescribed penalties."

In addition to the wage minimum, there are requirements for social security, unemployment compensation coverage, workers' compensation insurance, field sanitation, worker eligibility verification, child labor and labor contractors.

A good start for understanding the full range of regulations, Johnson advises, can be found in a roundup of the basics on each subject compiled and published in the Aug. 1 issue of the **Cotton Gin and Oil Mill Press**.

Federal sanitation requirements cover only farms with 11 or more employees engaged in hand labor operations at a given time. They in-

clude toilet facilities (one per 20 workers) within one fourth mile, hand washing facilities (one per 20), and "cool" drinking water with single-use cups.

State field sanitation law applies to 10 or fewer workers in a field, requiring at least one toilet facility within one fourth mile or no more than five minutes travel if transportation is provided. Hand washing facilities are also required along with drinking water below 82 degrees and adequate shade.

Some employers also are vague on the immigration law that went into effect July 1, Johnson continues.

Under that law every employer, farm or other, must maintain a completed INS Form I-9 for each new worker hired, regardless of nationality or age. Generally, each employee must produce documents proving he or she is either a citizen or an authorized alien. Acceptable documents include a naturalization certificate or "green card" or the combination of a driver's license, with picture, and a social security card.

Cong. Gephardt To Visit Lubbock

Congressman Richard "Dick" Gephardt, 1988 democratic presidential candidate from Missouri, will speak on Farm Trade and Economic Issues, from 2:45 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19 in Lubbock Civic Center.

Interested persons are invited to the organizational meeting which will begin at 2 p.m. in the Civic Center.

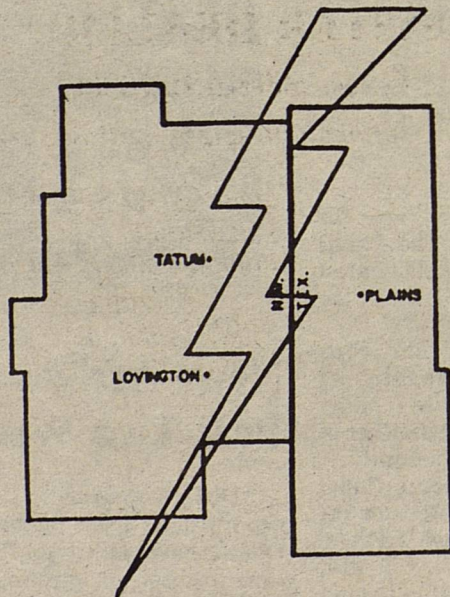


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NOTICE

WANTED: Cowboys' Friday night football game write-up. No expertise necessary. Just Details & Outstanding Plays. May use Press Card to enter games. Will pay \$10 each game. By-line (your name) if desired, will accompany article. If interested leave name and number at Plains Library.

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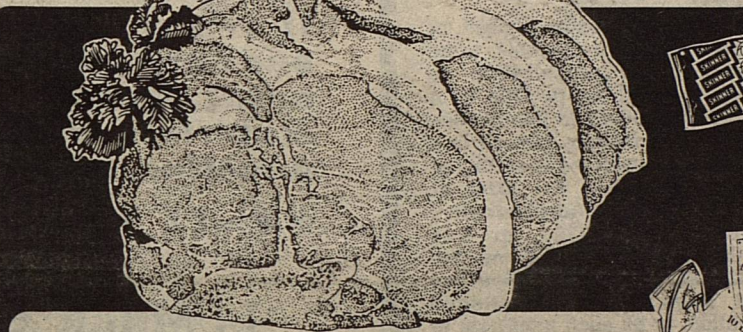
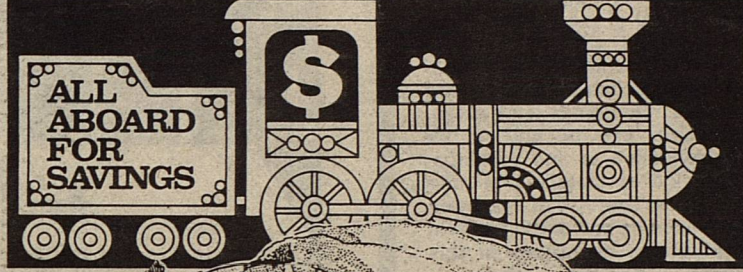
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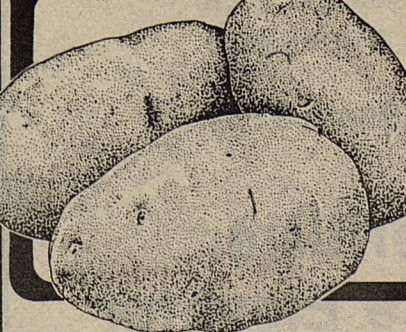
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