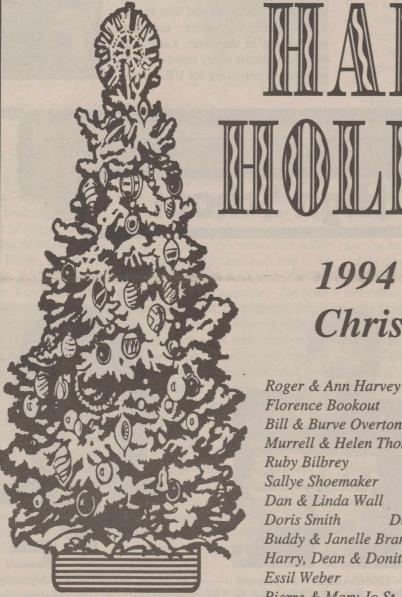


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1994 Operation Christmas Card

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from all of us to all of you

~ these contributors to "Operation Christmas Card" would like to extend their best wishes to you, their friends and families and Plains Dirt Gardeners, who sponsor the project, want to thank the citizens of the Plains Area who have so generously contributed to Operation Christmas Card through the years. This money is for the beautification and benefit of the Plains Cemetery. We hope in the very near future we will place markers at the unmarked graves.

School Board meeting held; routine items receive action

Plains School Board of Trustees met Dec. 12 in regular session with members Tim Addison, Stanley Ashburn, Danny Bell, Anna M. Gonzalez, Brad Palmer, Jerry Parrish and Gary Six present. Others present were Supt. Pete Simmons, principals Steven O'Quinn, Ronnie Watkins and Joel Haragan; counselor Arlon Alexander, business manager Eric Banfield; Mr. and Mrs. Jackie McDonnell and Heather; Rheanell Ancinec and Tommy Box.

Following invocation by Addison,

Minutes were approved and monthly bills were approved for pay-

Early graduation was granted to junior students Kiri Ancinec and Heather McDonnell.

Campus plans compiled by the site-based decision committees were accepted as presented.

The use of the "O" plan at high school was approved for expansion. The school calendar was changed in regard to Christmas holidays with dismissal for the holiday at 11 a.m. Dec. 21 and resumption of classes Jan. 3.

Board agreed to join the Small Rural Schools Finance Coalition. Board accepted the AEIS (Academic Excellence Indicator System) report and school report card as presented.

TASB Update 48 was adopted by

Administrative reports were given the meeting was called to order by Par- by the superintendent, principals, counselor and business manager.

> The board entered into executive session and reconvened in regular session at which time, the meeting was adjourned.





| Student of the

Week

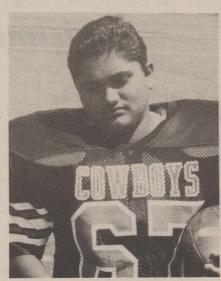
SANDI WARREN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Howard is a freshman at PHS. She was nominated for Student of the Week honors by Mrs. O'Quinn, who commented, "This week's Student of the Week was unanimously selected by faculty members. That comes as no surprise to the teachers and coaches who teach this student. Qualities that set her apart include, conscientiousness, determination, dedication and heart. This student's work is always done to perfection and without fanfare. You would normally observe this student as quiet, shy and reserved until you see her compete in volleyball and then she becomes quick, aggressive, and helps take charge of the court. Lately, she has spent almost every tutorial for the past month practicing for UIL journalism events."



Plains High School



CHRISTY RUIZ, daughter of Angel and Elva Ruiz, is 15-year-old and a freshman at PHS. She enjoys hobbies of dancing, walking, reading, and running track. Her favorite subject is science. She plays volleyball. Future goal is to go to college and be a lawyer.



CHRIS GONZALEZ, 14-year-old son of Abel and Yolando Gonzalez, is a freshman at PHS. His favorite subject is English and he plays football. Hobbies are playing football and listening to music. His future goal is to do his best for Plains and to attend University of Texas.



CECILIA MORENO, 15-year-old daughter of Ray and Lucy Moreno, plays volleyball, basketball, tennis and runs track. A freshman at PHS, her favorite subject is physical science. Hobbies are "hanging out with my home boys and keeping in touch with my friends from out of town." Future goal is to finish school and attend Baylor University.

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MR. & MRS. RICHARD LEE NOLEN

Ward, Nolen exchange vows

Tanya Monique Ward, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John William "Jay" Ward of Fort Davis, became the bride of Richard Lee Nolen of Stigler, Okla., son of Alvin Lee Nolen of Stigler, and the late Phyllis Kay Nolen, Saturday, April 9, 1994 at 7 p.m. in First Baptist Church in Fort Davis. Vows were exchanged before an altar flanked with brass candelabra. The Rev. Charles Koch, pastor of the Church in the Mountains in Fort Bliss, officiated the double ring ceremony, composed by the Rev. Kenneth Copeland of Fort Worth.

The bride is the granddaughter of the late Walter Earl and the late Martha (Camp) Anderson, pioneer residents of Yoakum County and the late John Irby and the late Cora (Cole) Ward, of the Denver City, Gainesville area. The groom is the grandson of the late Raymond Jones and the late Marie (Wood) Jones, of Oklahoma and the late Orbin Nolen and Artie Lee (Moore) Nolen of Stigler, Okla.

Piano and organ selection by Mrs. Bill Davis, pianist, and Mr. Jorge Rodriguez, organist, both of Fort Davis, preceded the worship service as guests were registered by Miss Terri Farvor of Longview, Washington/Fort Davis, and then were seated in the quaint church auditorium. The church was decorated with sweetheart roses, intermingled with greenery composed of fern and baby's breath on matching brass arch and floor-spiraled candelabra holding formal white tapers. Brass pieces were furnished by the groom's paternal grandmother. Pew markers were made of sweetheart rosebuds and baby's breath tied delicately with large white satin bows. Glowing brass-held tapers in each of the auditorium windows, together with baskets of long-stemmed sweetheart roses complemented by fern and baby's breath, completed the decor.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of starlight silk organza of modified Victorian design with long leg-of-mutton sleeves coming to a point at the wrist. The softly fitted bodice was fashioned into a Vshape in front and back and onto the slightly dropped waistline. The ballroom skirt ended in a chapel length train. The dress was adorned with ruffles and seed pearls over Alencon lace appliques. Her fingertip veil of twotiered tulle with Alencon lace fell from a lace covered bandeau embellished with clustered pearls. She carried a white linen handkerchief that had belong to her paternal grandmother and a white leather-bound bible belonging to Mrs. John Mitchell of Fort Davis, a lifelong friend of the bride, who had carried the bible in her 1951 Houston wedding. The bridal bouquet featured sweetheart roses, fern and baby's breath, and strands of white leather.

The wedding party entered the church to the processional, "Flesh of My Flesh" and the bride presented her mother with a rose and a kiss.

The bride was attended by her three sisters, Ms. Valynda Ward and Mrs. Maurice (Shawn) Zimmerman Jr., both of Fort Davis, and Miss Revis Ward of Tulsa, Okla. All wore identical sleeveless black gowns of silk brocade with softy fitted bodices. The front neckline was enhanced with wide white lace trim that ended in a deep V-shape in the back. Each carried a long-stemmed sweetheart rose accented with fern and baby's breath.

The groom chose a black tuxedo with white shirt, white bow tie and sweetheart rosebud boutonniere. Best man was Keith Nolen of Keota, Okla., brother of the groom. Groomsmen, also serving as ushers, were Larin Wallace of Naples and Maurice Zimmerman Jr, brother-in-law of the bride. They wore matching black tuxedos with white shirt, black bow ties, and sweetheart rosebud boutonnieres. Ring bearer, Maurice "Reese" Zimmerman III, nephew of the bride, wore identical attire.

Cherish Zimmerman, niece of the bride, served as flower girl. She wore a dress with a softly fitted bodice of black velvet, enhanced with white puffed short sleeves and a white poude-soie silk skirt softly gathered at the waist. She carried a white lace parasol, fashioned by Mrs. Ernestine Fancher of Fort Davis. Candlelighters, nieces of the bride, were Tika Martinez and Adana Martinez, of Fort Davis. They wore identical black off-the-shoulder, sleeveless dresses of silk brocade with softly fitted bodice and white lace trim on the V neckline.

Prior to the exchange of vows, Mrs. Charles Koch read a poem, "Becoming One," written for the bride and groom by the groom's mother. Mrs. Bill Davis sang "Sunrise, Sunset" immediately preceding the nuptial vows, after which Holy Communion was administered to the bride and groom. After lighting the unity candle, "Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring" was sung. The recession, "Ode to Joy," followed the benediction. As the couple departed, the bride presented her new grandmother Nolen a sweetheart rose and a kiss.

Before the wedding ceremony, a Mexican food buffet was served at the Prude Ranch near Fort Davis, compliments of Mmes. Allen Anthony, Harvey Gilliam, W.W. McElroy Jr., John Robert Prude and John Stone, all of Fort Davis. Vischocos (Mexican wedding cookies) made by Mrs. Gene Reinberg completed the buffet.

Paralleling the buffet was the wedding reception. Upon their arrival, the groom whisked the bride over the entryway threshold into the party area, a familiar setting where the bride and her family had resided nearby during her childhood. The bride's silk brocade pumps had been changed to red leather cowboy boots and the groom had added to his attire a black felt cowboy hat and black leather cowboy boots. The jingle of his late paternal grandfather's spurs could be heard throughout the evening.

Piano selections were presented by Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Rodriguez during the party.

The bride's table was graced with an antique, ornately trimmed, lace cloth, complemented with silver and crystal appointments. The three-tiered cheesecake, accented with fresh whole strawberries, and a basket of sweetheart roses flanked by formal white tapers held by two silver candelabra completed the setting.

The groom's table was covered in an antique Battenburg lace cloth. A chocolate red velvet cake, shaped like a cowboy boot and a dried floral arrangement, placed in one of the groom's straw cowboy hat, complemented the table. Copper and brass appointments were used. Coffee was served from a silver service at another table.

The couple is at home in Coushatta, La., where he is employed with Rust Construction, International. She is working with Willamette Industries, Inc.

A rehearsal dinner, gift of the bride's parents, was held in their home, Wayside Inn Bed and Breakfast in Fort Davis.

Other courtesies included a miscellaneous shower and a lingerie shower.

WE WISH YOU A JOYFUL AND SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON!

As you and your family celebrate during the Holiday Season, we encourage the following wise-energy-use practices:

- Make sure your tree is placed away from fireplaces, candles, space heaters, electrical appliances and other heat sources that might dry it out, or ignite it.
- → Turn off tree lights overnight or when you're away from home.
- Keep paper decorations and tinsel away from hot light.

Above all, enjoy this festive time. And, greet the New Year with energy, health and happiness!



Lea County Electric Cooperative, Jnc.

Tsa Mo Ga Club meeting held in Bonnie Earnest home

Monday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. in the home Winn. of Bonnie Earnest, with Delores Davis serving as co-hostess.

Call to order was issued by president, Mrs. Sit Jones. Pledge to the U.S. and Texas flags was recited and roll Happy Home Life" from club members call and reading of the minutes was

"Community Health Awareness" was the topic of the program. Health goals of the club members are to adopt a program of physical fitness and good nutrition and to learn and practice stress/tension reduction techniques.

Mrs. Zareta Winn was program coordinator. Mrs. Wilma Powell talked about "Health - Physical Fitness and Good Nutrition." Mrs. Mary Lee Swann's topic was "Stress/Tension at Christmas Time and All Year Round."

"Substance Abuse Prevention" was discussed by Mrs. Sarah Shelton

Tsa Mo Ga Club of Plains met and "Family Economics" by Mrs.

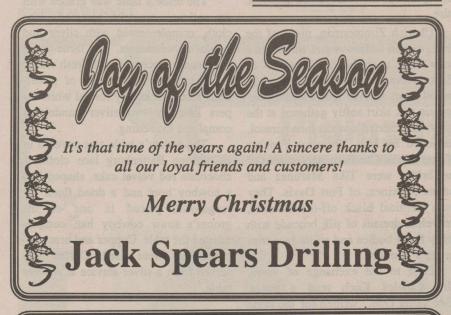
Federation Counselor is Mrs. Mary Jo St.Romain. Miss Valerie Winn led the Club Collect.

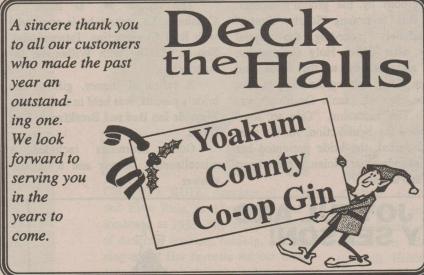
A contribution of gifts to "A went to Girlstown.

The meeting was dismissed for social hour with president Jones reading the Christmas Story from the second chapter of Luke from the bible.



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SANTA WITH A.J. MARTINEZ



SANTA WITH MORGAN WILLIS & JACOB BRINK

Filmtime at Yoakum County Library

Santa Claus was the special guest of filmtime children when they met in the Yoakum County Library Dec. 14.

The children visited with Santa and he presented each of them with sacks of goodies.

Before Santa arrived, Chris Miller entertained the children with singing and playing of several instruments.

Refreshments were served by Helen Penner, Becky Winn, LeAnn Crump, Elizabeth Penner, Kim Gass, Kellie Earnest, Terri Dearing, Elvira Jimenez and Christi Brink.

Children attending were Alfredo Martinez, Taylor Banfield, Jacob Brink, Jasmine Mares, Mandie Ramirez, Britnie Deven, Lepus R. Jimenez, Cody and Amber Friesen, Lauren Hise, Kevin John Gass, Christopher and Stephanie Addison, Katie Winn, Joani Bell, Ashley Sellers, Morgan Willis, Marissa Melendez. Landon and Dakota Earnest, Holden, Hunter and Haley Welch, Lauren Davis, Cody Mayes, Heather Penner, Meagan McElroy, Zachary Ramon, Jason Durham, Ryan Crump and Alex



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County Courthouse slates 'Open House'

Yoakum County Courthouse will have "Christmas Open House" Thursday, Dec. 22 from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Food and refreshments will be

Everyone is invited





SURPRISE PARTY - Sonya Young, student teacher for Phyllis House's third grade class, was given a surprise party Friday, Dec. 2, her last day at Plains schools. Her birthday was Dec. 3, so the class surprised her with a birthday and going away party. Mrs. House said that "Sonya did a great job and the students and I will miss her."



A special thanks

to all those who contributed to the "Light Up A Life" tree fund

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LOW INTEREST loan applications for SPRINKLER SYSTEMS and SPRINKLER PACKAGES will be accepted until January 12, 1995, by the SANDY LAND UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT. Monies available at 4.8% interest are for six (6) years and monies available at 6.5% are for 7 years. If you are interested in one of these loans, please contact the District soon. Completed loan applications will not be accepted after January 12, 1995.

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January 3, 1995



(Remember, it may be necessary to reprogram office phone systems including PBX's and key systems, as well as certain features such as Call Forwarding, Speed Dialing, etc.)

Effective January 3, 1995, telephone customers must start dialing the area code on all long distance calls, no matter if you are calling in-state or out-of-state.

In other words, you must dial 1+ or 0+ the area code and the remaining seven digits for any long distance call. <u>Local dialing procedures will not be affected.</u>

This dialing change is the result of a new area code plan, being implemented nationwide, which will increase the number pool of available area codes and will allow telephone companies across the nation to meet the rapid population and telephone usage growth for years to come.

ALLTEL has been phasing in the new dialing procedures since July 1, 1994, to allow customers the necessary time to make any needed changes. **Effective January 3, 1995, the new dialing plan will become mandatory.** Customers who do not dial the area code on all long distance calls will receive a recorded announcement which will explain the new dialing procedures.

Remember, dial the area code on all long distance calls beginning January 3, 1995.

All I Want For Christmas.

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like to have a tape player, a couple of clothes and maybe a few toys. Thank you Santa!

> Ashley Sellers 1 year old

Dear Santa,

I would like a guitar and game boy you. game and remote control car and don't wake Daddy up. Thank you.

Ryan Crump Age 4

Dear Santa,

I want the video "We're Back" and a "Sega" the sega game "Donkey Dear Santa,

from, Grady McNabb

Dear Santa,

I would like a sega, typewriter, guitar and talk boy. Thank you.

Michael Crump

Age 7

Dear Santa,

How is the elves and Mrs. Claus? I want a dalmation pupy and roller

from, Grady McNabb

Dear Santa,

old. Please bring me Alphie, VCR movies and a Winnie Pooh book.

> Love you, Jacob Brink

P.S. Mommy will leave cookies Dear Santa, out!

Dear Santa,

I want a tyeperwhriter and a barbi and a box of crayons. I wish for everybody to have a Merry Christmas. My mom and dad are going to by us a pisent. I got one brother and a sister by are real nice to me and my mom and dad are nice to. My name is Helena Neufeld my box number is P.O. Box 684. My house number is 402 3th street. It is Plains. And I have a lot of fun with my friends. They are nice.

> Love, Helena Neufeld

Dear Santa,

I wish for a Barbie and a bicke and a coloving book.

> From Lisa P.O. Box 684, 401 TR 3st. I am going to be 6 years the

Dear Santa,

I will like a big doll and some jewelrs for Christmas and I will probably get it if you give it to me but please give it to me.

Rebecca Corollas po Box 934 or 961 Plains Texas

Dear Santa.

I wish for a bicke and a fire engen. And I wish for everybody a happy merry Christmas.

From Peter Neufeld, P.O. Box 684, 401 Dr-3-st

Thank you, Dear Santa

Dear Santa,

I have been very good. Please bring me a tractor and a football and a talking Barney. I love you.

Kevin John Gass

Dear Santa,

I wish would get ratterler. I love

Adam Guerrero

Dear Santa,

I want a secret diary and a trampoline for Christmas.

Elizabeth C.

I will like a doll that will jump in the trampling and a little doll that swims. And that is all for this Christmas.

Silvia Carrillo P.O. Box 934 Plains, Texas

Dear Santa,

I would like you to being me a dog, a bunch of games, some skats and five fish.

from Brant to: Santa Claus

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy this year. I've been pretty good for a 3 yr Please bring me a fire truck, ambulance and a Jeep. Please bring my little sister something for girls.

Love, Landon Earnest, 4

I am really 5 yrs old, but my mom says I'm still 3. I've been a very good girl. For Christmas I really want a Real Lion King, but I'll take a talking Simba or just anything with Lion King on it. Don't forget my sissy - Priscilla. She wants lots of presents too. Do you think you can find my house? because we moved. We live across the street from Justin Vasquez and my Aunt Eva lives on the other side of the street.

If you can't find my house stop and ask them o.k.

Have a very Merry Christmas **Jasmine Mares**

Dear Santa,

I am only one but I have heard all about you. Please bring me a doll, rocking chair and a tea set. I promise I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Love, Dakota

I want a barbie boat, talking barbie and katie kisses.

Love Katie Winn

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a sword, roller skates, Mr. Freeze, bicycle and a helmet. I have tried to be a good boy. Also please bring my baby sister a

> I love you, Holden Welch (almost 4 yrs old)

Dear Santa,

I am trying to be a good boy. Please bring me a tractor and plow. Also bring my little sister a baby doll.

I love you,

Hunter Welch (18 mo old)

I would like a cowboy hat, sord, horse, belt, a pair of cow boots and a rail road toy and a Big Power Ranger.

I have been a good boy this year and have helped my mom and Dad. I also help clean up my room.

Love, Morgan Willis

Dear Santa,

I have been a big girl all year, so would you please bring me a vanity dress table, a baby doll bed, a new baby doll and some more blocks. Santa, could you also bring my new baby sister some little toys, she been a good girl too.

I love you Santa Mandie Kay Ramirez

Dear Santa,

I'm doing fine in school. What I want for Chirstmas is a Seago C.D. I also want a tape of George Strait have a Merry Chirstmas.

Anthony Loya

Dear Santa,

I want a barbie and a doll barbie car and a flexible doll. Thank you.

Connie Lee Loya

for the year 1995, using the same specifications as last year. Bids will be received until Dec. 30, with action to be taken Jan. 3.

Co. Commissioners

accept several bids

Yoakum County Commissioners met in regular session Dec. 12 at which time line item transfers were submitted

for approval to cover anticipated ex-

penditures through the end of the year.

All voted in favor of the expenditures.

on the sale of two pickups by Precinct

2. Bid was awarded to Glen Fannin for

Dec. 9. Low bid of \$124,775 from

West Texas Equipment Co. was ac-

Precinct 3 went to low bidder J & B

Trailers and Equipment, Inc. for a total

bursements as filed with the clerk, in-

cluding a transfer to the Denver City

Youth Center from General Fund of

\$7,000 and hospital bills totaling

diesel powered four wheel driver

loader for Precinct 2 was accepted

to advertise for bids for the purchase of

asphalt, hot and cold mix, gravel,

gasoline and diesel fuel for all four

precincts and Yoakum County Parks

Low bid of \$103,350 for a new

Commissioners approved a motion

\$152,889.29 were approved.

from West Texas Equipment.

cepted unanimously.

of \$19,813.60.

Bids were opened Friday, Dec. 9

Bids on a new motorgrader for Precinct 3 were also opened Friday,

Bid for a belly dump trailer for

Part time salaries and lists of dis-

On The Hard Court

J.V. Cowboys lost to Lubbock Coronado sophomore group Tuesday night by a score of 64-48. Although the Cowboys held a one point half-time lead, the opponent's depth wore them down in the second half.

Coach Brink was extremely pleased with the effort put forth by the team. He felt that this was his team's

Ralph Ramirez led the scoring with 14, Kirk Parrish, 13; Jacob Lester, 10; Joe Luna, 6; and Chris Payne, 5.

FRESHMAN BOYS

Freshman boys defeated Living Waters Christian school JV team from Hobbs 65-25 Dec. 13.

Scoring were Abraham Garcia, 14; Adam Dominguez, 13; Eric Luna and Jonah Moreno, 7 each; Jamie Caballero, 6; Roy Ramirez, Shawn Cullins, Eric Estrada, 4 each; Doug Rushing, 3; David Flores, 2; and Gideon Traweek, 1. Others playing were Chris Willett, Derek Brunson, Will St.Romain, and Alberto Tarrango.



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Letter to community

I would like to thank everyone who helped me achieve all I have through 4-H. It would never have been possible for me to attend National 4-H Congress if so many people had not encouraged, supported and given up their time to help me, especially Joan Chandler for her untiring efforts that were responsible for everything.

This was a great honor, and an unforgettable experience since this was the last National 4-H Congress to ever be held. A special thank you to everyone who helped sponsor my trip; Arco Oil & Gas, Denver City Chamber of Commerce, Denver City Press, Jerry & Ann Mansur, Linda Powell, Soil Conservation Board, Gary Walker, Yoakum County FCE Council and Yoakum County Home Economics Committee.

THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH!

Sincerely, Julie Hancock

Dear editor,

The Plains Dirt Gardeners want to say "Thank You" to The Plains Pride for your wonderful generosity in printing our "Operation Christmas Card" names each year. This has been a big help in this community project.

Thanks again.
Plains Dirt Gardeners
by Ita Young



JOHN CURRY

John Curry noted for serving Plains

John Curry, maintenance technician for the Yoakum County Courthouse, Library, Sheriff's Office and Probation Office, is a graduate of Junction, having been raised in that area by parents, Cliff and Ollie Curry. Curry received his Associate Degree from Hobbs Junior College, majoring in computer science.

He met his wife, the former Lynn Mauldin, in Lovington, N.M. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E.B. Mauldin, she married Curry June 16, 1989. They have a daughter, Kelsey, born April 12, 1991.

The Currys lived in Denver City prior to moving to Plains. Curry is said to be a thoughtful, always busy person. Lynn teaches elementary music in Denver City public schools.

They are members of the First Baptist Church, where Mrs. Curry is a member of the choir.



Merry Christmas!

