



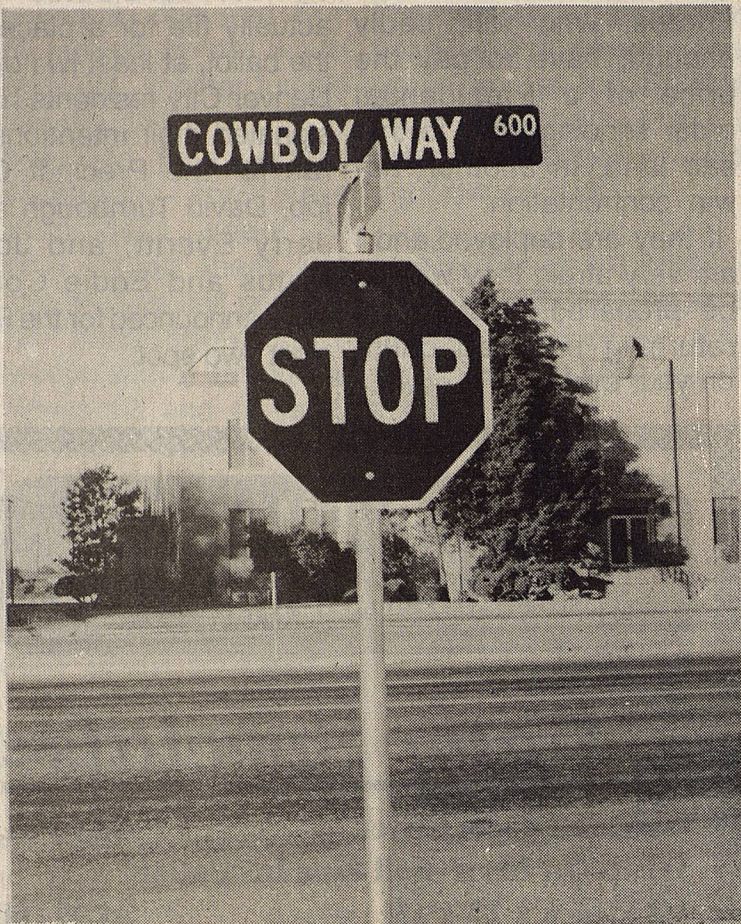
# COWBOY COUNTRY NEWS



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## New Signs Signal Street Name Change

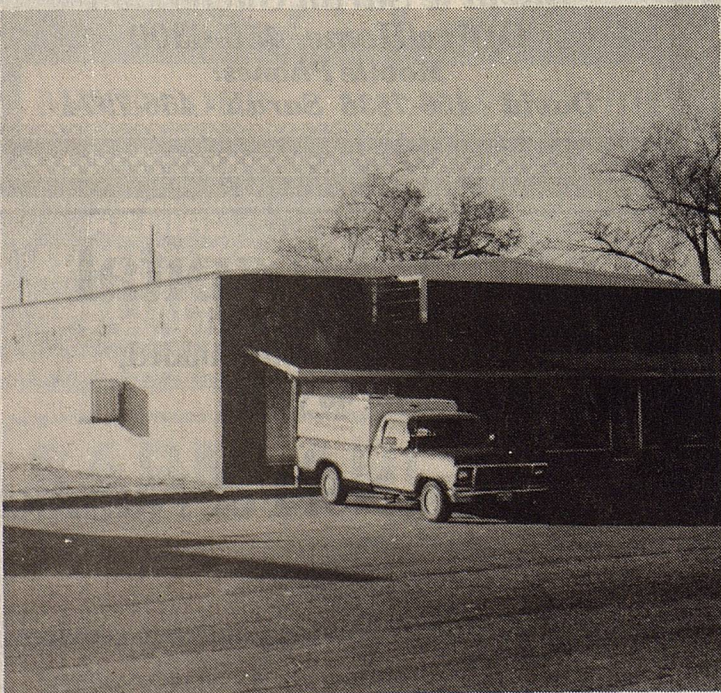


The main artery thru town, US 82-380, or 10th Street, is no more. It now proudly sports 15 new signs like the one shown above.

Cowboy Way is the brainchild of the PHS Student Council. They approached City Hall, asked the City Council to approve the name change, and offered to pay one-half of the costs, and furnish half the labor erecting the signs. The Council approved the request, agreeing with the students it would be a positive step boosting community and school

pride. Unfortunately, the project has already received a black eye, two of the signs being stolen by vandals. The Student and City Council both urge citizens to THINK before taking this negative step in the future. The students had a good idea, contributed time and money to the project, which benefits the town and our school. Please, leave them alone! They are doing far more good where they are than hanging on someone's wall.

## Building Being Readied For New Business In Town



The office building shown above at 910 Avenue E, across from the old courthouse building, recently received a new pitched roof, and is being renovated on the inside. It will be the site of the Plains Memorial Chapel, slated to open sometime in January.

The Chapel will be owned and operated by Norman and Judy Head of Seagraves. They own Connally Funeral Home there, and Mrs. Head is employed by both the Seagraves and Plains I.S.D.

## County Criminal Court Cases Heard

Three criminal cases were heard in County Judge Dallas Brewer's court Wednesday, November 22. The State was represented by Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark.

Jaime Jiminez, 29, represented by Attorney Ted Hogan, pled guilty to the charge of criminal mischief. He received a 12 month probated jail term, was ordered to pay a \$500 fine, \$165 Court costs and restitution of \$255.22. He was ordered to attend family/grief counseling with MHMR, and instructed to have no contact or harassment with staff, employees or family of Dr. Larry Boyd.

Juan Posadas Jr., 20, pled guilty to DWI. He received a probated 180 day jail term, was fined \$250 and ordered to pay \$227 Court costs. His drivers license was suspended, and he must attend A.A. once monthly.

Jesus Geraldo Villalobos, 22, pled guilty to driving with a suspended license, and was deemed a habitual offender. He received a 180 day suspended jail sentence, was fined \$500, and must pay \$165 Court costs.

## County Court Meets

Commissioners Court met Monday, November 27. The agenda items were discussed and acted on as follows; Line item transfers totalling \$1,300 were approved for various county departments. The Court reappointed Johnnie Fitzgerald to serve as County Appraisal District Board Member.

Bids were opened from Bee Equipment Sales, West Texas Caterpillar and Yellowhouse Machinery for the purchase of a new motor grader and loader, with possible trade-in of seven items of equipment. The Court tabled action on the bids one week to analyze the many options.

The Court heard a proposal from Ed Rogers, Administrator of Yoakum County Hospital, regarding the possible lease-purchase of 'Cat Scanning' equipment for the hospital. He said the Hospital Board of Directors unanimously voted to acquire the

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## Wink Stuns Cowboys 34-6 Season Ends With 8-3 Record



Joe Luna stretches for another inch or two after reception

The Cowboy 1995 football season ended on a dismal note Thanksgiving day when the visiting Wink Wildcats completely dominated the game, from the opening to final whistle.

In one of those difficult to explain scenarios where one football team, possibly not the the best team, does virtually everything right, and the other team happens to do too many things wrong, the final outcome of the game was destined in the opening first quarter.

The Cowboys went on offense first, and managed a first down on runs by Eric Ramos, then were forced to punt.

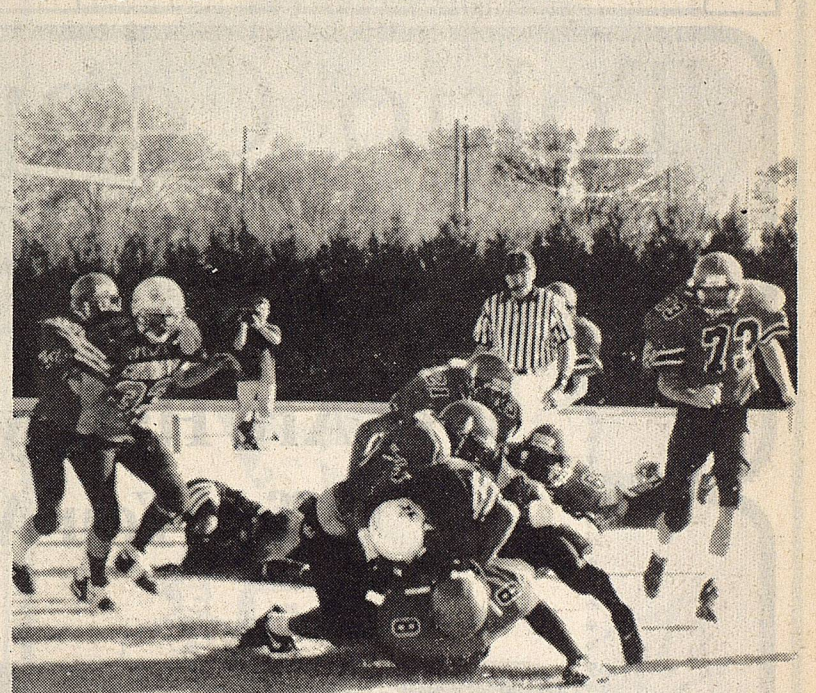
The Wildcats struck hard and fast, and a combination of running and passing plays moved the ball to the Cowboy 30, where the Wink quarterback found a receiver behind the defense with a TD pass and 6-0 score.

Following the kickoff, the Cowboys could not overcome the Wink defense, and were forced to punt again.

Despite some good plays by Chase Clanahan, Coley Burgess and Wayne Willett, The Wildcats effectively moved the ball in eight plays until a fumble caused by Burgess gave the ball to

the Cowboys on their 11. On the third play of the series, a Cowboy fumble gave Wink the ball again on the 4 yard line, and they promptly rammed it across for their second TD. The 2 point conversion put them

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'Cowboy Runner Smothered by Wink'

## '95 Cotton Crop Almost History

The 1995 cotton harvest is rapidly winding down, and local area gins report they are nearing the end of their season.

Marc Traweek, Manager of Tokio Co-Op, reports they have ginned some 15,000 bales to date, and estimates their total production at some 24,000 bales. This would be 10 to 15% less than last years run, a reflection of this years extreme dryness and insect

damage earlier. He anticipates finishing in about two weeks.

Circle 12 Gin reported 2,500 bales ginned to date, and projects a total run of some 4,800. This years total is down considerably from 1994, due to their location in a predominantly dryland production area.

Yoakum County Manager Darwin Robertson reported figures very similar to the Tokio Gin. They have

produced 15,000 bales, have another 8,000 bales booked, and could finish with 24,000 to 25,000 bales. Weather permitting, he expects to be finished by Christmas.

We were unable to obtain figures from New-Tex Gin because of printing dead-lines, but from the number of modules stored at their facility it is obvious they have had another good year.



Portion of Modules still on Tokio yard.



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 'Cat Scan' equipment after hearing Dr.'s Boyd, Cotton and Bodindr report their was enough demand for the imaging technology at the facility to justify the expense of leasing it. They expressed their confidence the cost of the lease would easily be offset by billing their hospital patients for the service in Denver City.

After lengthy discussion regarding how acquiring the equipment could affect the management contract between the County and St. Mary's Hospital, the Court voted 4 to 1 to advertise for lease purchase bids on the equipment, and postpone action on bids until January 18. Rogers was to contact St. Mary officials prior to that date, to determine more details on effects revenues from the scanning process

would have on the contract, which becomes effective January 1.

Bids on the purchase of a pickup truck for the County Hospital were opened. Mustang Chevrolets' bid for a Chevrolet short wheel base unit was \$14,835, and Shamrock Chevrolets' bid of \$14,951 were both rejected.

**Christmas Tree Lighting,**  
**5:45 p.m., Wed., Nov. 29,**  
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**Should We 'Keep The Peace' Or Not ?**

An Editorial Opinion

Most of us heard President Clinton address the Nation Monday night about the burning issue of sending some 20,000 American troops to insure the peace in Bosnia. He made an impassioned plea for us to support his plan to send a message to the world we would continue to do what was necessary to insure global stability, stop the senseless slaughter in former Yugoslavia, the rape, murder and torture of innocent men, women and children of that ancient cauldron of hate. He stressed our forces would be non-combative, and would only serve in that miserable land as keepers of the just recently announced peace accords among Serbs, Muslims and Croats.

The televised appeal, of course, was aired in his attempt to win Congressional approval of his plan. His administration continues to assert the troops won't be deployed until a true 'Peace' has been achieved. Lofty sounding goals and ideals.

But let us beg one question; If a true 'Peace' is achieved, why are 20,000 American troops, plus thousands more of NATO troops necessary to 'keep it'? Apparently this same question is on far loftier minds than ours; Recent articles in dozens of American newspapers, items in TV news editorials have posed the same question,

and many equally important more. The Serbs in the city of Sarajevo this weekend reported they would never accept the recently arranged accords in the Dayton, Ohio meeting. The Serbian Parliament must still ratify the agreement before it is binding, a very questionable feat. The same questions can also be applied to the other combatants; Will the Croats formally agree to the plan? Will the long embattled Muslims?

Let's put this fundamental question into perspective; These factions have been fighting, slaughtering one another for CENTURIES, much the same as in the middle east conflict between the Israelis and Arab states.

Simply because a handful of bureaucrats representing the warring factions signed some papers in Dayton does not necessarily mean the deep hatred, the intense desire to kill one another in the region has suddenly ceased at a stroke of the pen.

As Commander-in-Chief of our armed forces, President Clinton should be paying more attention to the military commanders under him. We have yet to hear an officer of command rank speak candidly about their

enthusiasm for their proposed 'peacekeeper' role in the Balkans. They all speak candidly about the miserable weather conditions they will face there, the impossibly rough terrain, perils of a land sewn with hundreds of thousands of land mines over the past three years, their exposure to fire from die hard insurgents, the perils of civilian demonstrations clogging their supply routes.

Maybe I am getting callous to repeated appeals to our country's fighting men to come to the aid of less fortunate, disadvantaged nations, to risk life and limb for 'humanity's sake'. Perhaps I would much prefer to think I am more concerned about the safety and well being of our young men and women in the Armed Forces, who will, sadly enough, have to pay the price of a Presidential order sending them to that sad land, in another 'no-win' confrontation.

If they are deployed, and I am very afraid they will be, be prepared to start the returning bodybag count on your evening TV news.

**County Official To Step Down**

Long time Precinct Two Commissioner Bob Thurston became the second member of Commissioners Court announcing his intentions to not seek reelection next year. John Avara, Commissioner of Precinct One, earlier announced his pending retirement.

Thurston has held the office for 18 years. The longtime Denver City resident had previously worked for Vulcan Materials and what is now Mustang Country Chevrolet.

While December 4 is the earliest candidates can actually file for a place on the ballot, at least two other Denver City residents have signaled their intentions to run for the Precinct One job, David Turnbough and Jerry Everitt, and John Matus and Eddie Coker have announced for the Precinct Two spot.

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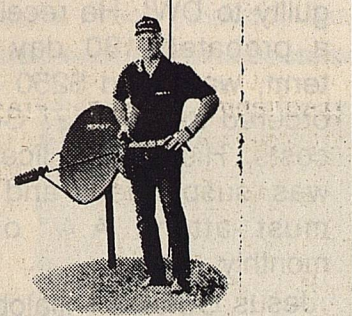
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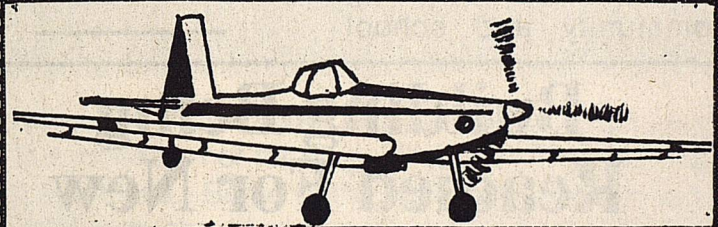
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in front 14-0. In their next series, Ralph Ramirez completed a 15 yard pass to Joe Luna, but 2 penalties and an incompletion forced another Cowboy punt. Six Wildcats running plays and one pass produced 49 yards and another Wink TD and a 20-0 lead in the second period. The Cowboys momentarily seemed to recover their fire with passes from Ramirez to Joe and Eric Luna moving the ball out to the 30, but another fumble ended the drive.

Wink once more went on the attack, and were driving hard when a fumble halted them just before the first half ended.

Our stats showed the Cowboys with 2 1st downs to Winks 12, and 43 yards of offense versus Winks 201 during the first half.

Midway in the 3rd period, the Cowboys were again forced to punt, and when the Wildcats muffed it, Eric Ramos alertly recovered it on the Wink 44. Chris Payne took a Ramirez pass for 8 yards, Ramos ran for 6, Josh Traweek got 5, Joe Luna had two receptions, and Eric Luna gained 8 yards to the 1, where Ramirez punched it across for the sole Cowboy score.

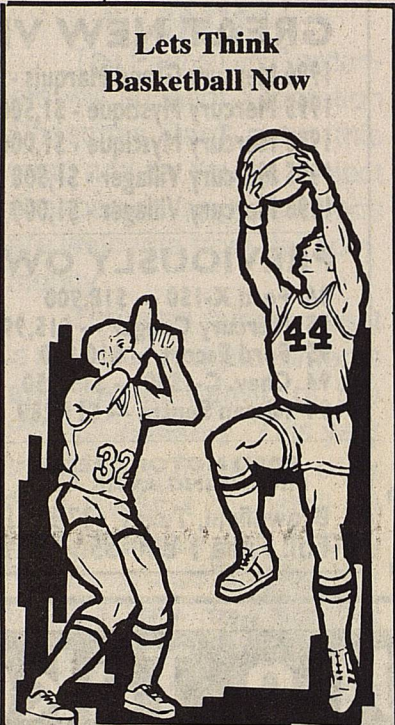
The successful drive must have fired up the defense, and hard tackling by Ramirez, Major Howard,

Lee David Hernandez and Wayne Willett stopped the Wildcats and forced a punt.

Disaster again struck the Cowboys when the fumbled kick was recovered by Wink at the Plains 28. Seven plays later the Wildcats scored on a quarterback sneak and a 27-6 lead.

In their next possession, the Cowboys again fumbled the ball to Wink, but the defense managed to stop their drive in seven plays, and the Cowboys again had the ball. On first and ten, the Wildcats intercepted a desperation pass, and in seven plays, drove across for the final 34-6 score, and a disappointing season ending Cowboy loss.

(Ed. Note: Our special thanks to Jacob Lester for his good job all season long, keeping tabs on the stats and Cowboy players names.)



## PHS Basketball Varsity

The Plains Cowgirls met the Midland Christian Lady Mustangs Nov. 21, and brought home a lopsided 92-37 win.

Every Cowgirl making the trip made the scoring column, led by Kyley Bearden with 22, Kayla Redman 15, Tessa St. Romain and Sandi Warren 13 each, Shyloh Winn 9, Kassie Lowe and Jolyne Burgess 6 each, and Robin Squyres and Stephenia Allsup 2 each. Kayla Redman had 12 rebounds, and Stephenia Allsup had 6 assists. The Cowgirls scored an impressive 34 points off their bench.

### JV

The Cowgirl JV team also scored by in their 77-22 win over Midland. Individual results were not available at press time.

## Jr. High

### Basketball 7th Girls

The 7th grade Lady Wrangler team opened at home against Whiteface last Monday night. The final score resulted in a 14-21 loss. The high point for the Wranglers was Kimbe Jones with 8. Also, contributing to the effort was Michaela Traweek with 4 and Ashlei Mason with 2.

The 7th graders playing basketball this year are Lensey Cullins, Lesli Rowe, Ashlei Mason, Amanda Garcia, Donita Richardson, Michaela Traweek, Dawn Garland, Lexi Warren, Kari Guetersloh, Kimberlee Jones, Kim Willis, Elva Ruiz, Angelica Hernandez, Lisa San Filippo, Adrienne Ramoz, Frances Cordova and Tanya Hernandez.

They are coached by Michell Arnold, and the team manager is Emily Blair.

The Wranglers took on O'Donnell Monday night there. The 7th grade girls came up short 8-32. The girls showed a great effort. Lensey Cullins, Michaela Traweek, Lexi Warren, and Kimbe Jones each contributed 2 points.

The girls will play in the Denver City Tournament this weekend. Come out and support them.

### 8th Girls

Plains 8th Grade girls opened basketball season with a 27-28 loss to Whiteface.

Whiteface had a 2 point lead at the end of the 1st quarter but the Wranglers pulled in front by halftime, 11-10. A nine point 3rd quarter put Plains up by 4 points, 20-16. Whiteface took it to the bucket for 12 points in the 4th quarter while the Wranglers could only find the basket for 7 points.

Rebecca Robertson lead Plains with 5 points, 1 of those points a free throw at the end of the game. Shay Allsup, Jessica Flores and Anne Palmer added 4 points each, and Candace Bowers had 3 points. Krystle Blundell, Kristen Gray, and Kelli Osborn had 2 each. Staci Tuggle rounded out the scoring effort with 1 point.

Members of the 1995-96 8th Grade team are: Shay Allsup, Krystle Blundell, Candace Bowers, Elizabeth Casillas, Linda Castillo, Jessica Flores, Kristen Gray, America Hernandez, Angie Longoria, Laura Morales, Kelli Osborn, Anne Palmer, Rebecca

Robertson, Patty Ruiz, and Staci Tuggle.

Managers helping out are Velvet Canada, Wendy Hernandez, and Nichole Newsom. They are coached by Linda Haragan.

The Denver City Tournament starts Nov. 30 with two 8th grade teams and two 7th grade teams from Plains entered.

The 8th grade girls took on the O'Donnell Eagles Monday night in O'Donnell. Plains took a 5-2 lead into the 2nd quarter, with a 8-7 score at halftime.

The 3rd quarter saw O'Donnell outscore the Wranglers 7-4, taking a 14-12 lead. But with the O'Donnell team in foul trouble, the Wranglers took the ball to the hoop for 15 big points to O'Donnells 5 in the final period of play resulting in a Wrangler win 27-19.

Candace Bowers led the scoring for Plains with 9 points, completing 3 of 7 free throws. Jessica Flores added 4 points, Krystle Blundell and Anne Palmer were 4 point contributors, Kelli Osborn added 3 points, Shay Allsup had 2, and Rebecca Robertson hit a free throw.

The entire team did a good job on defense, showing improvement from the previous week. This win was truly a team effort, even though everyone did not score offensively.

The Wranglers will play Thursday at 5:15 in the Denver City Tournament. They also play at 4:00 Friday. The Saturday schedule will depend on the outcome of the Thursday and Friday games.

### 7th Grade Boys

The 7th grade Wranglers lost their season opener here Nov. 20, bowing to Whiteface 30-28.

Leading the scoring was Adam Garcia with 13 points, followed by Eddy Gallegas 6, Brett Squyres 4, Kelsey Blundell 3, and Aaron Cain and Chris Estrada 1 each.

They next faced the O'Donnell Eagles Nov. 27, and dominated the game 35-11. Leading scores were Adam Garcia 8, Eddy Gallegos 7, Dustin Six 6, Kelsey Blundell 4, Sterling Deaton, Chris Estrada, Marcus Hernandez, Brett Squyres, and Armando Luna all had 2 points each.

They are coached by Michael Davis.

### 8th Grade Boys

The 8th grade Wranglers opened their season on a dismal note, downed by Whiteface 57-17. Fermin Luna led Wrangler scoring with 8 points, followed by David Luna 3, Jeremy Humphrey, Josh Bell and Alex Tarango 2 each. Coach Evertt McAdams cited good defense and rebounding by Colt Winn and Fermin Luna.

In their 2nd game Nov. 27, they were downed by O'Donnell in a much closer game 43-37. Fermin Luna had 25 points, followed by Alex Tarango 8, David Luna and Josh Bell 2 each. Alex Tarango and Fermin Luna played solid defense, and the rebounding was led by Kyle Sisson and Fermin Luna.

**Go Cowboys, Cowgirls, Wranglers!**

## Student Of the Week

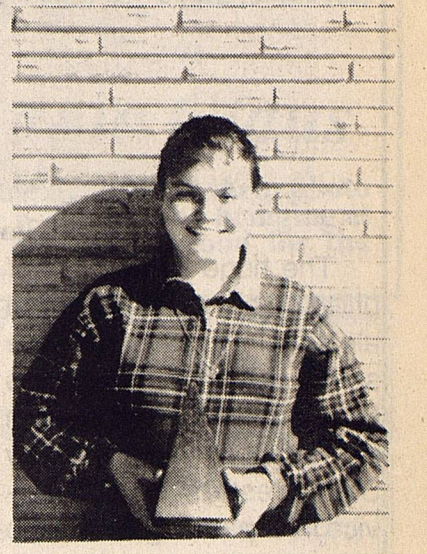
Marcey House was nominated this week. She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Wayne House and is a freshman at Plains High School.

Marcey was nominated by Mr. Davis who said, "This student has a quest for knowledge. Many students do their work because they are told to, or to make a certain grade, or to pass. This student does it because she wants to learn."

"At the first of each year, I tell my students that there is no way to the top without climbing the stairs; these stairs are not always easy. Many students want a free ride up the elevator, but not this Student of the Week. She faces every step head on and takes problems as challenges for knowledge.

"This quest for knowledge is evident in Marcey's

work, her attitude, her respect, sense of humor, and her willingness to help fellow students. I take great pride in Marcey House, this week's Student of the Week."



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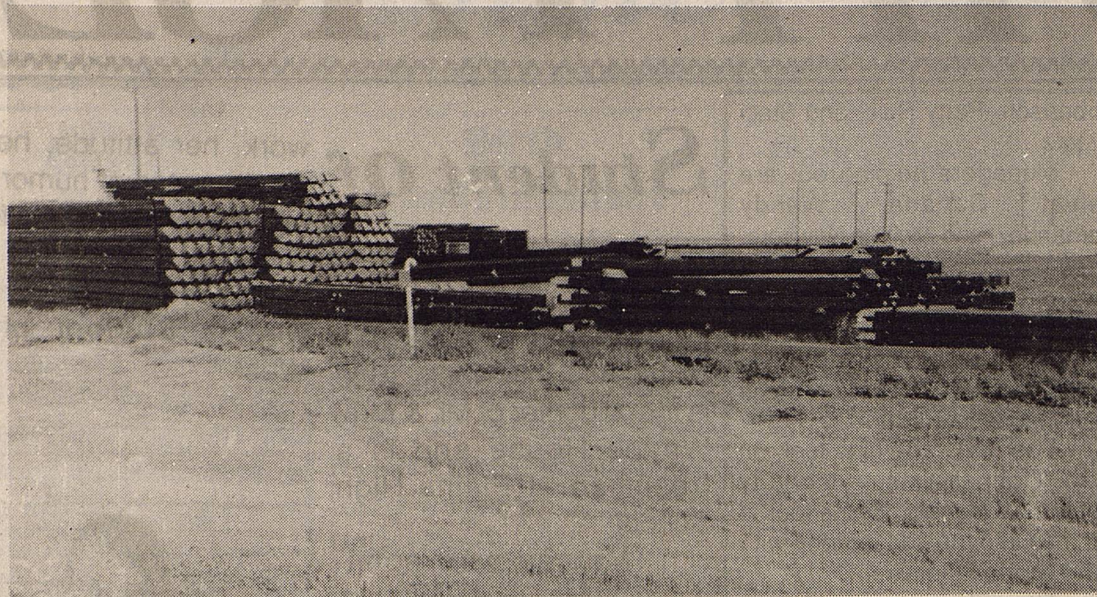
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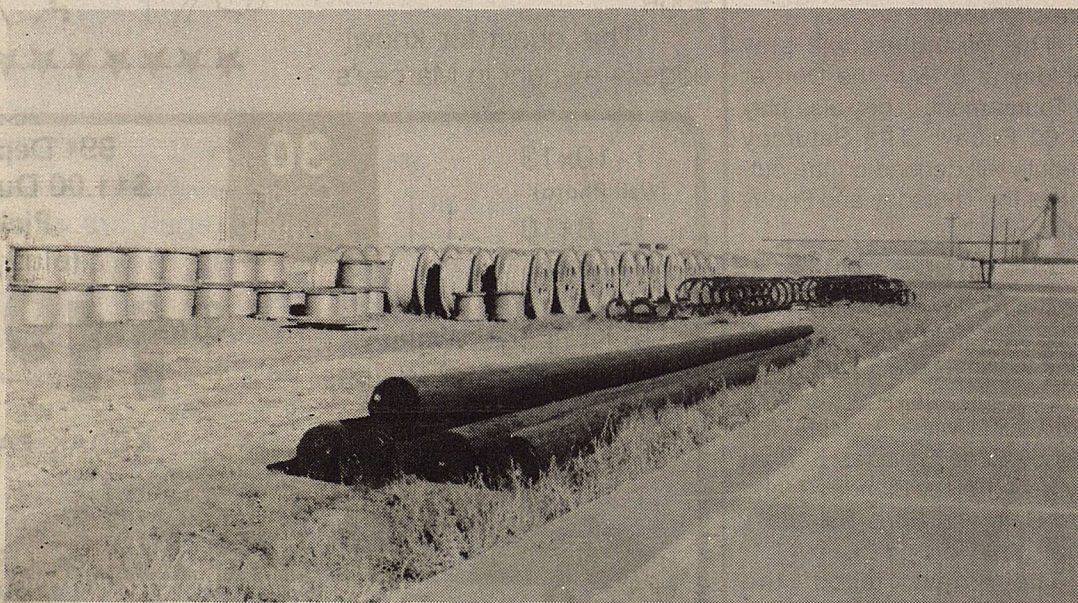
The huge stock piles of utility poles, crossarms and electrical transmission wire stored at Tokio, the Prentiss Field and here are a portion of the supplies to be used by Southwestern Public Service in expanding service to area customers.

Don Boatman, District Supervisor, Southern Division reported, "This expansion project has been on the drawing board several years now. A total of 37 miles of transmission line will be installed over good sized por-

tions of Terry and Yoakum County."

Beginning at the SPS Terry County interchange facility, electrical power will be increased from 69,000 volts to 115,000 volts. Fourteen miles of new line and three miles of rebuilt line will serve the Prentiss Field and surrounding customers. From there, the expanded voltage will move west to Yoakum County, and terminate at the large interchange station a few miles southeast of town.

Boatman said the project originated as part of SPS continuing efforts to upgrade service to their consumers. He said the line will be configured in an 'H frame' pattern, with two poles supporting the large crossarms. Each mile of the project will require 7 to 8 spans, or almost 300 of the huge utility poles. The additional voltage will be available for both commercial and residential users in the area, as well as REC customers.



Miles and miles of wire and a few utility poles at Tokio

## Last Minute CEU's Offered

According to Tadd Knight, Yoakum County CEA-Ag, procrastinators scrambling for CEU's (continuing education units) can nab 12 at the upcoming symposium, "Coyotes in the Southwest: A Compendium of Our Knowledge." The national conference is set for Dec. 13-14 at the San Angelo Convention Center.

Registration will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Dec. 12 at the Holiday Inn next door to the Convention Center. Opening ceremonies begin at 8 a.m., Dec. 13 and at 8:30 a.m. on Dec. 14.

The symposium has been approved for 12 CEU's for all persons with private, commercial, or noncommercial applicator's licenses with the Texas Department of Agriculture. Eight CEU's will be offered in the "general category" and four CEU's will be offered in the "IPM" category.

Predators and their management have always been controversial, said Dr. Dale Rollins, wildlife specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"Coyotes are often at the center of the controversy in the Southwest," he added.

The symposium's goal is to gather the most current knowledge on coyote biology, ecology and management under one title. The program features more than 30 speakers and papers representing the entire spectrum

that envelops "Canis latrans." Topics covered Wed., Dec. 13, include: "Coyote Life History" at 8:15 a.m.; "Coyote Ecology" at 10:30 a.m.; "Regional Perspectives" at 1:30 p.m.; and "Coyote Management" at 3:15 p.m.

Highlights Thursday, Dec. 14 include: "Coyotes Versus Game Management" at 8:45 a.m.; "Coyotes Versus Livestock" at 10:15 a.m.; "Predator Politics" at 11:15 a.m.; "Control Options" at 1:15 p.m.; and "Photographing Coyotes" at 3:15 p.m.

Many other activities are planned over the three days. These include an informal mixer Dec. 12 from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn; a barbecue supper and coyote calling contest Dec. 13 at 6:30 p.m. and Wyman Meinzer, renowned wildlife photographer, presenting

"Coyotes in Texas History and Folklore" during lunch Dec. 14.

The symposium is being sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service; Texas Animal Damage Control; Texas Chapter, the Wildlife Society; Berryman Institute, Utah State University; Texas Department of Agriculture; Texas Parks and Wildlife Department; Texas Sheep and Goat Commodity Board; and the Welder Wildlife Institute.

Registration is \$40 per person if received by Dec. 1; \$50 per person after Dec. 1 and at the door. Registration includes symposium proceedings, three meals, and refreshments.

For further information contact Dr. Dale Rollins, Extension Wildlife Specialist at San Angelo at (915) 63-4576.

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(Kathi Bearden)

Although I was aware of Hospice and the basic premise of service they provide to the community, I didn't truly understand Hospice until a friend of mine, Lee Smith, was diagnosed with brain cancer.

When the news came that Lee had terminal cancer, her family and friends were shocked and devastated. Looking for any kind of help, I called Brenda Chambers at Hospice on behalf of the family and asked her to call Jim Smith, Lee's husband. Although Dr. DuBose had explained the situation to the family, we couldn't comprehend how this could happen and, of course, how this could happen to Lee.

Hospice responded immediately. They phoned Jim, and within 24 hours medical equipment was delivered and a pain management program was set in force. Hospice answered our questions as best as they could, began counseling the family and also began the education of how to manage Lee's day-to-day care. Lee was an energetic, independent lady who wanted to remain with her family in her home during this illness. Because the cancer was in her brain, her memory was immediately affected and she didn't always recognize loved ones. While this was difficult for all of us, Hospice helped prepare and counsel the family. Because of this setting of love and support, Lee was allowed dignity in her illness, dignity at her death and we were allowed to enjoy this special lady's friendship until her passing. This setting also empowered Jim to help, care and support his family during Lee's illness.

While the outpouring of care from friends and neighbors will always be appreciated by Jim, Hospice provided a number of needed services during this time. They spent a great deal of time teaching the family how to provide Lee with proper care. Counseling services were used to help the family through this difficult time and bereavement services were put into effect the day of her death.

While all of us still miss Lee, it is with some comfort that we know her passing was made easier because of the efforts of Hospice staff, counselors and volunteers. I would like to thank Hospice for being here in our community on the day I had to pick up the phone and make that call for help."

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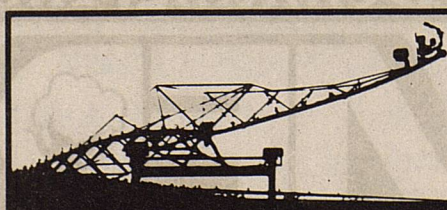
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# Femme Friends Page

## 60th Anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. H.W. Culwell of Plains celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a family dinner on November 28th. They are the parents of Vaughn Culwell of Plains and Mike Culwell of Salinas, CA. They have 4 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. The couple was married on November 28, 1935 in Lueders, TX. They have lived in Plains since 1946.



## Library Film Time

The children attending Film Time at the Library November 22, pledged allegiance to the flags, sang songs, played games, watched a movie, and had a book read to them. Those in attendance were; Rhaela Stall, Kevin John Gass, Brett Hawthorne, Johnthan Penner, Alex Penner, Shylo Duran, Rhaemi Stall, Isaac Doyle, Trent Hawthorne, Dennis Penner, and Heather Penner.

In 1976, 'Saturday Night Live' offered the Beatles \$3,200 to appear. In 1994, 25th anniversary of Woodstock, they turned down \$25 million to perform.

## Birth Announcement

Edwin and Christy Brink would like to announce the arrival of their son, Jaston Lamar Brink. He was born on November 15, 1995 at 3:32 AM in the Methodist Hospital at Lubbock. The baby weighed 6 lbs. 12 oz. and was 19-1/2 in. long.

Jaston Lamar has a big brother, Jacob, age 4.

Grandparents are: Carolyn Bryan of Ballinger, Mr. & Mrs. Clifton Bryan of Athens, and Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Brink of Coleman.

Great Grandparents: Mr. & Mrs. Wilburn Phelp of Winters, and Mr. & Mrs. Glen Bryan of Norton.

## 'Operation Christmas Card'

The Plains Dirt Gardeners will sponsor 'Operation Christmas Card' again this year, and Ita Young, project chairperson, says donations are welcome from the community.

The fund raising event is marked for improvements and beautification of the Plains Cemetery. This year the club purchased over forty markers to install on unmarked graves. Family members wishing to pay for the markers may contact any Garden Club member.

Ms. Young says donors to the project will be recognized by CCN and the Brownfield News. Any club member will accept donations. Instead of buying and mailing Christmas Cards, the public is urged to use those funds in 'Operation Christmas Card'.

## Public Forum To Focus On Dying Patients

A public forum entitled "Peaceful Dying: Where Are We?" will take place Nov. 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Arnett Room at St. Mary Hospital. Admission is free.

Sponsored by the bioethics committees of Methodist Hospital, St. Mary Hospital and University Medical Center and by Hospice of Lubbock, the forum will encourage public discussion of the care of dying patients. Speakers will include Joann Lynn, M.D., ethicist and gerontologist, of Washington, D.C.; William May, M.D., ethicist and theologian, Southern Methodist University, Dallas; Mary Bearden, J.D., health care law specialist, of Houston; and Jack Glaser, Ph.D., ethicist and health care policy specialist, Los Angeles.

Those needing more information on the forum should call 743-2800.

Persons with disabilities who may need auxiliary aids or services are requested to contact St. Mary Hospital, at 796-6075, at least 48 hours prior to any of the meetings so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

## From Cowboy Country Kitchen:



## Blanche Dyer's Cranberry Relish

2 pkg. cranberries  
3 apples  
2 cans (sm.) pineapple  
3 cups sugar  
1-1/2 cup chopped pecans  
Grind cranberries and apples  
Add pineapple and sugar.  
Add pecans. Cover and refrigerate for two (2) days.

## Thought for the Week

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:16 (KJV)

## Prayer Concerns

Doug Childress  
Frankie Sanders  
Louise Goehry

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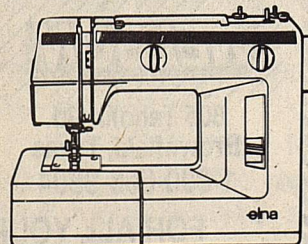
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Pastor Jose Rodriguez



# From The Hack



I was fortunate to sit in on a recent session of the 'Table of Wisdom' regulars in which the subject of male baldness came up.

It was only natural the matter of the faulty spot on the crown of my head came up, much to the delight of the group. In an effort to defend myself for this unfortunate blip in God's plan for my hair, I mentioned a few other notable citizens cursed with the same malady;

Macky McWhirter, esteemed Commissioner, Precinct 4, who has been known to blind the entire County Court if the light is right and reflects from his glistening dome; Judge Brewer, suffering from the same anomaly, often causing over exposure of media's camera film;

Jim Barron, Commish, Prec. 3, peeling back like a Central American banana; Bill Wright, Pastor of the First Baptist, his pate starting to gleam like a collection plate; Jim Warren, sales mogul for Spears Drilling, dome beaming like a caution sign in the fog; Ronny Watkins, Jr. High Principal, shedding like a molting Shepherd; Bob Blundell, local golf instructor, his cue ball speckled already with freckles; Buddy Hanna, sparse strands waving like a poorly planted CRP

patch; Polly Rushing, his dome nuder than a Hairless Chihuahua dog; Ty Earl Powell, his vanishing cover making him buy his hats one size smaller each year; Our high Sheriff Jim Rice, who has been known to interrogate suspects with light shining off his head; Darryl Mc Nabb, his dome as well polished as a Marine's dress shoes.

I want to tell you something; If I can be included in this esteemed group of outstanding citizens because of a faulty top, so be it. It's really a great honor.

Besides, it is a well known fact gradual increasing male baldness is a sure sign of superior intelligence and sexual prowess. So take that all you fuzzy heads!

An amusing incident occurred at O'Donnell following the ballgame there a few weeks ago, which I completely forgot to report. At the insistence of Noel Clanahan, I will belatedly bring you up to date. Following the game, his spouse Beth walked over to the area where she'd parked the family Suburban. Excited about the Cowboy victory, she sat down in the vehicle and

began to rattle on about the team and young son's role in the game. It suddenly dawned on her she was talking to a group of perfect strangers. One of the occupants said, "That's real interesting lady, but we're from O'Donnell, and you're in the wrong car". Red faced, profusely apologizing, she hastily made her exit, not before she heard one of the ladies in the vehicle whisper, "I do believe she's been drinking!"

Read a few interesting quotes in US NEWS the other day; Stephen Jones, lawyer for Oklahoma City bombing suspect Timothy McVeigh, explained why he will not pursue a mental incompetence defense for his client, stated "He's as sane as any lawyer or news reporter". Talk about tongue in cheek.

"In Congress we're faced with a variety of problems, and I don't have that information" was the reply of Rep. Ron Wyden, Oregon Democrat, when asked to name the prime minister of Canada. It's always hard to get a straight answer from a politician.

Liz Barrett, a Neiman Marcus spokeswoman, on the news that the company's Christmas catalog mistakenly identifies Olivia de Havilland as the star of Gone With The Wind, tersely replied, "Our response is that in the grand scheme of life, frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn."

### Letter to the Editor:

On Saturday, November 18th, I stopped at the Allsup store in Plains around 8 p.m. I accidentally dropped 2 rings out of the car when I got out. I did not realize my loss until I returned home. I immediately called the Allsup's store and an employee, "Salvador," immediately searched the parking area. He managed to find one of my rings. The next morning I called back to let the staff of the store know I would be over to pick up my ring. A very kind clerk, "Nicki," told me they had searched the parking area in the day light but still had not been able to find my other ring. I'm very grateful to these 2 busy people for taking the time to help me. Both rings were gifts from my husband and are very dear to me. I at least have one ring back thanks to Salvador and Nicki. I also encountered 2 helpful people at the Sheriff's office when I spoke with them Sunday afternoon. You raise very nice people in Plains,

Texas!

If anyone finds an unusual gold ring with a large pear shaped cubic zirconia gem stone, please contact the Sheriff's office. A reward is offered for the return of the ring with or without the stone. My husband used family heirloom gold to have the ring made as an anniversary gift to me.

Again let me compliment Plains on its residents. In this day and time it is wonderful to encounter people who are willing to get involved and help people they've never even met!

Mrs. Bo FaulKenberry  
Artesia, NM

# TELCOT<sup>®</sup> Report

## A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF COTTON MARKETING NEWS

For The Week Ending November 24

Cotton production in the 25-county region on the Texas High Plains is likely to fall below USDA's 2.75 million bale estimate, according to some regional traders and growers.

The 25-county region last year produced approximately 3.1 million bales. West Texas' lower yields this year can be attributed to weather problems and insect pressure. Some of the early crop needed to be replanted, while a cold snap in September also threatened boll development. "The bolls did not have time to grow and mature," a regional cotton trader said. "Some of those bolls are pretty small so they are not turning out quite as much."

Shawn Wade, director of communications for Plains Cotton Growers in Lubbock, pegs West Texas production at 2.5 to 2.6 million bales. "All of the people I talk to are making less than they thought, so I would expect we are going to be below the USDA estimate somewhat," he said.

One trade source estimated on November 24 that 90 percent of the High Plains crop was harvested, compared to USDA's estimate of 60 percent on November 19. Texas is the largest cotton producing state,

with USDA this month estimating total production at 4.8 million bales. The next production forecast is due December 12. Overall harvest of the U.S. cotton crop was estimated by USDA to be 77 percent complete for the week ended November 19, versus 71 percent the previous week and a five-year average of 78 percent.

An updated poll by the USA Today newspaper, shows U.S. consumers' pessimism about their holiday spending plans may have bottomed out in October. The latest poll suggests the mood has improved somewhat, with 29 percent planning to spend more this year than last, up from 28 percent in the October poll. Thirty-one percent are expected to spend as much as last year, up one percent from last month. Finally, 40 percent of the U.S. consumers polled say they will spend less, down from 42 percent in October's results.

Even the pessimism over domestic consumption was not enough to override the glamour of export business and the persistent apprehension about the final U.S. crop outturn as traders looked forward to this week's export report. The expectant market was not disappointed as the combination of a strong

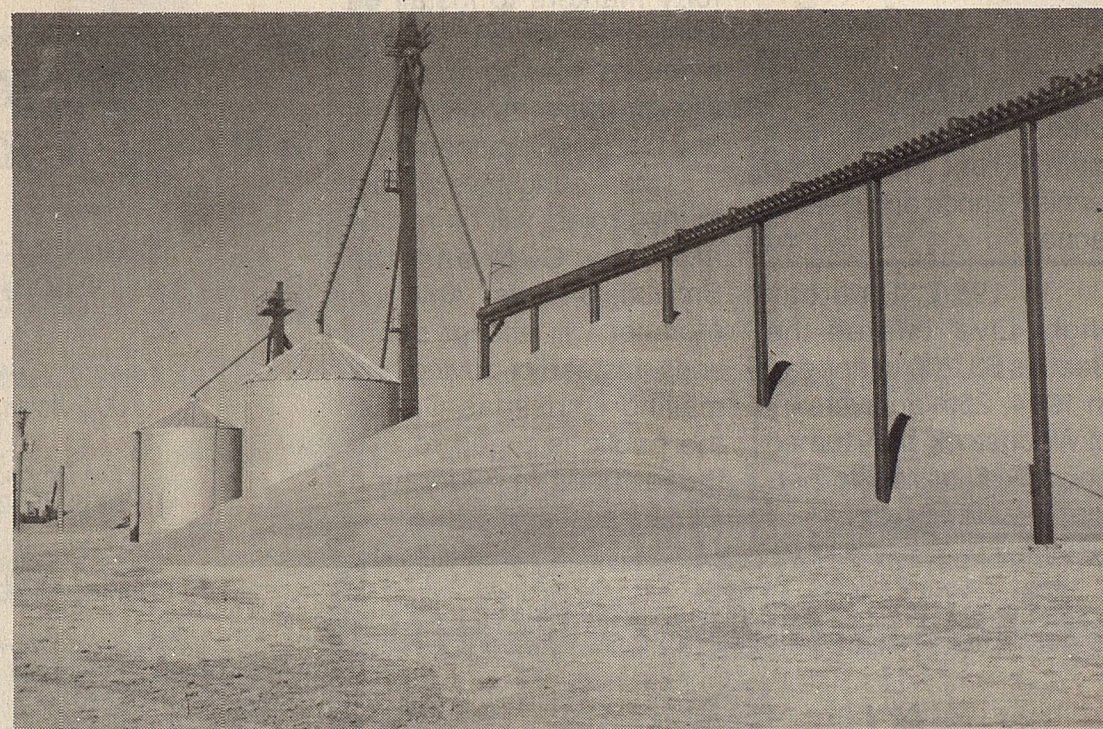
export figure and a number of sales shifting from the unknown category to a fixed destination provided the basis for a bullish report.

In fact, 347,000 bales were moved from unknown to known destinations thus eliminating any uncertainty about their validity.

USDA announced export sales of 1995-96 U.S. cotton increased a net 95,500 bales in the week ended November 16, down considerably from the previous week's 1995-96 marketing year high of 569,200 bales. Featured buyers were China, Mexico and South Korea.

Meanwhile, spot sales of Texas/Oklahoma cotton on TELCOT for the four trading days ending November 22 totaled 24,439 bales. Average daily prices received by producers selling on the electronic marketing system ranged from 76.93 to 79.38 cents per pound.

Market attention now is turning toward the domestic mill consumption figures to be released by the U.S. Census Bureau on November 28. Although some in the industry are optimistic, most traders expect the mill use figures to show consumption remained lackluster in October due to soft domestic demand.



The small mountain of harvested milo shown above at the Anderson Grain elevator, Tokio, continues to grow daily, but probably not for long. The grain harvest, like the cotton harvest is rapidly coming to a close. Some of the custom combine crews are already heading home, and the 1995 crop should all be gathered in the next few days.

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