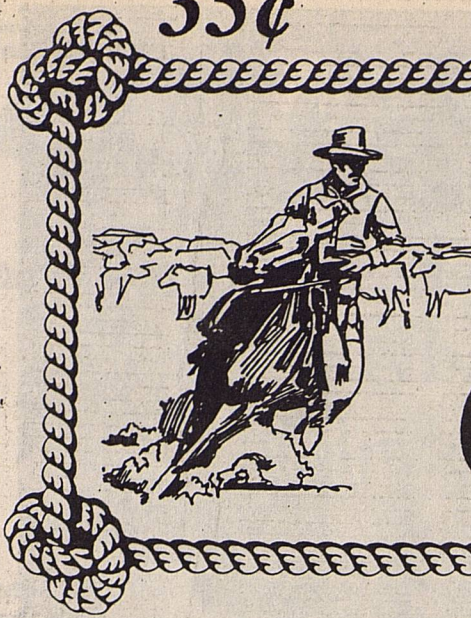
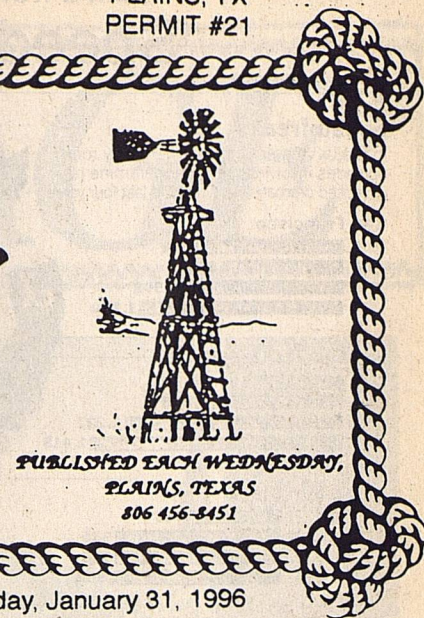


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C of C Banquet Draws Best Crowd In Years

The 11th annual Plains Chamber of Commerce Banquet held January 25 was one of the best attended in years, partly due to the large number of PHS Band students invited as special guests.

Following a meal of baked ham and dozens of casserole dishes and salads, Chamber President David Brunson introduced Glenda Miller as the guest speaker. The former resident and graduate of PHS, now a practicing attorney in Richardson, delivered an interesting and motivational address. She spoke of the advantages of life in a small community like Plains, citing the close knit relationships and cooperation existing among the citizens, school, churches, merchants and civic groups. She recalled an incident in her life "Which could only happen in a small town like Plains", when following an emergency appendectomy prevented her from attending her high school graduation, she was presented her diploma by the school Superintendent at her bedside at home.

Girls basketball Coach Steve Osborn accepted a plaque honoring Track and Cross Country Team Coach Evertt Mc-Adams, who was out of town coaching the 8th grade boys basketball team. McAdams was recognized for his hard work and



Byron Morgan receives Citizen Of Year Award

dedication during his many years in the school system here, and for the many honors and championships the PHS Cross Country teams have won. The Cowboy runners won District last year the ninth consecutive time, were Regional Champs four of the last six years, won the big Odessa meet the fourth consecutive time, beat Sundown, the defending Class 2A State Champions, and were runners-up at the State Championship meet in Georgetown. Jeremy Dearing was honored for achieving All-State honors on the Texas Track and Field News Team. Other team members included Ralph Ramirez, Jason Robertson, Hector Gallegos,

Jamie Caballero, Will St. Romain, Jacob Lester and Joe Luna.

The theme for this year's banquet was "Music Mania", honoring the State Championship Cowboy Marching Band. Among the many honors and achievements of the band this year were winning a sweepstakes award in marching, concert and sight reading, being one of only ten bands selected to march in the parade in Austin commemorating the restoration of the state capitol, winning state at the wind ensemble at Austin in May, winning overall champion honors in Denver

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Former Resident Killed In Line of Duty

Jefferson Barr, 33, a U.S. Border Patrol Agent in Eagle Pass, was killed last Friday by gunshots allegedly fired by drug smugglers.

The Border Patrol reported Barr and another agent confronted four men along the Rio Grande River. Gunfire broke out when Barr and fellow agent Ned Thomas challenged the men.

A bullet struck Barr in the collar bone and ricocheted downward, penetrating several vital organs. Despite CPR efforts, Barr was pronounced dead on arrival at Maverick County Hospital some 35 minutes later.

The Barr family were residents of Plains in the mid and late 1970's. Kenneth and Teresa Barr were both teachers in the school system here. Kenneth would later become Pastor of the Tokio Baptist Church. Their three children, Jefferson, Greg, and Christie, were students in elementary and junior high here.

Jeff is also survived by his wife Leigh Ann, a daughter, Tiffany Dale, 9, and a son, Cody Garrett, 5.

Barr was an eight year veteran with the Border Patrol.

"SPEED" Can, Will Kill You!

"Speed" in this heading does not refer in anyway to the soon to be changed speed limit on most county and state highways.

"Speed" is just one of many common labels users of Methamphetamine hang on the illegal and addictive drug. It's also referred to by users as 'Meth', 'Crank', 'Crystal', 'Go', or 'Go Fast'. Whatever it's called, it is highly addictive, dangerous and deadly, and it is growing in popularity among drug users. It is appearing, ominously enough, more in the southwest. If that geographical description brings to mind California, Arizona and New Mexico, think again. You forgot to include Texas. You forgot Yoakum County, and probably all 253 other Texas counties. It is here.

Meth, or speed, has been around a long time. It was used extensively by all sides in World War II, and Hitler was believed to be a meth addict. It was produced and sold by outlaw motorcycle gangs in the 1960's, and later by many 'Hippy' groups.

Only in the last few years has it started a strong resurge among druggies, becoming the drug of choice in many cases over cocaine and heroin.

It is a very strong stimulant. In common language, it blows your mind and destroys your body. Usually sold in quarter gram units, sealed in heated coin bags, glass vials or plastic straws, it usually brings \$25 on the street.

Users normally experience a 'high', or 'rush' lasting two to four hours. Speed causes many of the same symptoms of a cocaine user; hyperactive, talkative, agitated, drastic mood swings. Addicts, or 'Speed Freaks', are highly paranoid, constantly fearing they are being watched, conspired against. These conditions, along with the fact many speed freaks carry guns, make them extremely dangerous.

In powder form, methamphetamine can be white, tan, brown or yellow. Mixed with a little water, it is injected, and the injection spots are usually swollen, bruised, and subject to infection. 'Ice' is a clear, rock type of meth. Like crack cocaine, it is smoked, and extremely addictive. Continued use causes

severe insomnia and depletion of body energy. When it wears off, the user 'crashes' for 24 to 36 hours. A user can sometimes kick the habit, but the effects of the drug remain in the body, and good health will not return.

Recent newspaper and magazine articles, and television presentations indicate speed use is now spreading from the southwest eastward. One probable cause of the drug's resurgence and growing popularity is its relative ease and low cost of manufacturing. A TV feature recently described how an investment of about \$600 for chemicals and lab equipment could produce enough speed to bring \$10,000 on the street.

In larger cities, distribution of speed by street gangs is a lucrative part of their income. These gangs often recruit children nine to twelve years old to do their street selling. Use of speed and other illegal drugs has played a major role in rising levels of theft, burglaries and violence. It takes plenty of cash to support a hooked 'speed freak', and criminal activity is the only way they can obtain it.

In developing this article, we talked to Rick Dickson, Field Supervisor with the Permian Basin Drug Task Force, working in the Odessa area. He reported there is no question Meth use is on the increase, and there is absolutely no question the drug is available here in Yoakum County. At one time, it was the drug of choice among users in Denver City. Asked if it could be purchased in the county today, his reply was "Without a doubt."

Dickson said the Drug Task Force in Amarillo is experiencing a 'speed boom' there, coming in from California on I-40. He is concerned about a mushrooming supply of the drug coming from Mexico. Because of the tremendous profits involved, Mexican drug kingpins are gearing up to produce speed in labs just across the border. He said the TV item previously mentioned about turning a \$600 investment into \$10,000 worth of speed was much too

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Kathy Adair Named New Extension Agent

In Last week's session of Commissioner's Court, Kathy Adair, of Booker, Texas, was named County Extension Service and Family & Consumer Sciences Agent. She fills the vacancy created when Joan Chandler resigned here last summer.

Mrs. Adair is a native of Tahoka, graduating from high school there before enrolling at Texas Tech. She received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Human Sciences there in 1993, with a major in Home Economics.

Following graduation, she served as an Intern in the Lynn County Extension service, and later interned at the Knipling Education and Conference Center in Lubbock.

She was a graduate



teaching assistant at Tech in 1994, and later served as a communication assistant at a Phillips Petroleum facility in Perryton.

Adair has been closely associated with the 4-H since her early elementary school days. In 1992, she was an International 4-H

Youth Exchange Student in Costa Rica, where she learned conversational Spanish. She presented 20 programs for youth and adult audiences there, and later presented over 25 programs on that country to Texas audiences.

She has earned numerous academic honors, two scholarships at Tech, and was a nominee for the outstanding senior award in the College of Human Services.

Her husband, James, is minister of the Church of Christ in Booker, and a former drug and alcohol abuse counsellor. They will live in Denver City and she will commute to Plains. In

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County Court Meets

County Commissioners Court met Monday, January 29. A number of agenda items were discussed, with the following action taken:

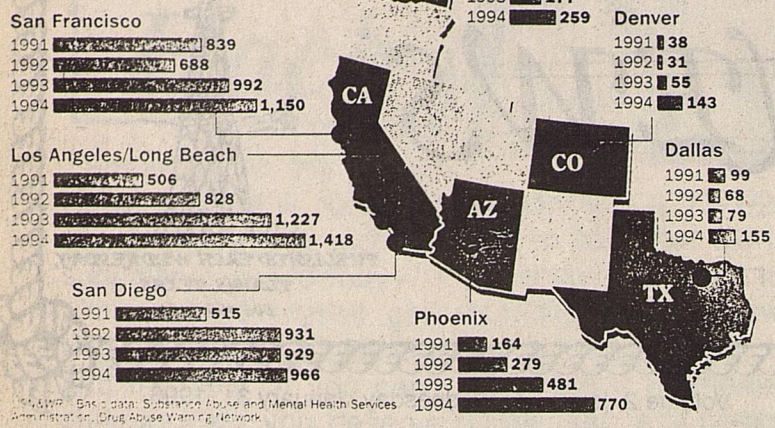
The County Treasurer's report for December was approved as presented. The Court considered adopting a resolution in regards to an Investment Officer for the County, as required by a revision of the Local Government Code statutes. The Court adopted the resolution naming Toni Jones, County Treasurer, as the County Investment officer and naming Hazel Lowrey, County Auditor, and Judge Dallas Brewer to serve on the Investment Committee, along with one Commissioner serving on a

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Speed freaks

In major Western cities, emergency room episodes involving methamphetamine have increased dramatically during the last four years.



conservative, and at Texas prices, it could easily amount to \$20,000 value.

He told of a Border Patrol detail making an arrest near the border, and seizing what they thought was 40 pounds of cocaine. It proved to be speed, and at \$25 per quarter gram, had a value of some \$717,000. Mexico is already a major player in producing speed. One Guadalajara lab seized by Mexican authorities in February, 1995, could produce 2,640 pounds of meth each month.

To bring the problem closer to home, Dickson told of a raid on a speed lab a few years back in New Mexico, just across the line from Cochran County to our north. He also told of a speed lab 'bust' in Brownfield just a few years back. Perhaps even more ominous was his report of the Drug Task Force's ongoing monitoring of area residents suspected of possibly operating meth labs in north Yoakum and south Cochran county.

He reported meth labs usually operate in isolated areas, because of the strong odors produced in the 'cooking' process. A problem facing law enforcement officials is the growing sophistication of the producers, who have discovered chemicals and ingredients which don't produce such strong odors, thus being harder to detect.

He said virtually all the ingredients going into speed production are cancer causing, and hard core addicts are easy to identify by open, infectious sores, and rotting teeth.

Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark told us the number of methamphetamine cases referred to his office has not increased, but he was aware of the threat increased production of the drug in Mexico posed to our area. Our close proximity to the border will undoubtedly in-

crease the drug's presence here. He said Mexico's drug processors fully understood the relative low cost of Speed, and the tremendous profit potential it's distribution poses. The DEA and FBI are working on a new border initiative against Mexican traffickers, and the DEA plans to hold a meth summit in Washington next month.

Clark said the three most serious criminal threat our County residents face are alcohol abuse, drug abuse, and family violence, adding, "Very seldom does my office get a family violence case in which either drugs or alcohol are not involved. They just go hand in hand". He also expressed his concern about the possible new influx of speed in the area.

We still have citizens expressing their thanks we don't have drugs or drug problems here in good old Yoakum County. Let's face it, we have drugs, we have drug problems, just like virtually every other spot in the country. Wishful thinking won't make drugs or drug problems go away. Law enforcement people know the ultimate answer is persuading people not to use the stuff. Until that happens, speed, and other illegal drugs, will continue to plague the land.

DWI Charge Draws Sentence

Cecilia Ann Gonzales, 30, appeared before Judge Dallas Brewer in County Court January 24 on a charge of DWI. She was arrested October 15, 1995 on the charge.

She pled guilty, received a probated 180 day probated jail sentence, was fined \$500, must pay court costs of \$227, and must serve 3 days in the county jail with credit for one day. She must also attend monthly AA meetings.

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City, placing first in the Marching Festival at Texas Tech, winning first place at the area marching contest, the area marching contest, State Champions at the huge state contest in Austin. In addition, two members became the first band members in history to be named to the prestigious All State Band. Jason Robertson was selected for his bass trombone work, Matt Morgan for his performance with the trumpet.

PISD Superintendent Pete Simmons recognized the untiring efforts and selfless dedication of band director Byron Morgan and his wife and assistant Carol. In ceremonies at the last football game this past fall, Byron was presented a facsimile of a large and impressive ring, and Simmons replaced it with the now finished authentic diamond studded ring.

Dozens of door prizes were drawn for, donated by Yoakum County Co-Op Gin, Trouts Grocery, Doug's Specialties, Bayer Lumber, Renaissance, The Feed Barn, Cowboy Country News, Richardson Insurance, Gary Walker, and Lea County Electric Co-Op.

The highlight of the meeting was naming the Citizen Of The Year, selected by the Chamber.

It should not have surprised anyone, but apparently honoree Byron Morgan was, appearing shocked when he accepted the plaque. David Brunson, touching on the qualities which made this years selection relatively easy, said "Not only does he teach the excitement of winning, he provides the opportunity for each student to succeed and excel. He teaches work ethics and pride in his chosen profession, and he also gives of himself in the community unselfishly".

Accepting the award, Morgan was obviously

moved. He said he could hardly believe the honor, and it was an event he would always remember and cherish, adding, "We've been here nine years now, and this honor makes me really feel we are an accepted part of the community". His acceptance brought a standing ovation from the large and enthusiastic audience.

Carolyn Culwell was recognized for her Chamber work for many years, and was presented with a decorative oil burning lamp for her devotion to the Chamber and many other community projects. The Plains Depot, Cowboy Country News and Plains Memorial Chapel were recognized as new businesses in the city, and Chamber President Brunson received a commemorative plaque for his leadership and efforts in the Chamber of Commerce.

Funeral Services For Minnie Livesay

Seagraves: Funeral services for Minnie Lee Livesay were held Sunday, January 28, 1996 at 2 PM in the Street Church of Christ, Seagraves, with Mark Whitmire and Tommy Bishop officiating. Interment followed at Seagraves Cemetery.

Mrs. Livesay was born July 19, 1908 in Lee County, Virginia. She passed away January 26, 1996.

She married Grady Livesay on March 30, 1937 in Lee County, Virginia. They moved from O'Donnell to Terry County in 1944. Mrs. Livesay was a homemaker and well known for her love of gardening and flowers.

Mrs. Livesay was preceded in death by her husband in 1989, 1 son, Clarence in 1989, and 1 grandson, Vaughn Bearden.

Survivors include 2 sons Winston of Seagraves and Charlie of Ft. Worth; 2 daughters, Virginia Jones of Seminole and Ruth Bearden of Seminole; 13 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.



Guest Speaker Glenda Miller



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Basketball Summary

7th Lady Wranglers:
The seventh grade girls outclassed their Anton counterparts in a low scoring contest, 16-10. Ashlei Mason, Kimbe Jones and Frances Cordova each had 4 points, while Ruiz and Wendy Hernandez had 2 each.

8th Lady Wranglers:
The eighth grade girls had a good game against Anton, outlasting them 29-28. Candace Bowers led the scoring with 8 points, Kelli Osborn had 7, Shay Allsup and Jessica Flores 5 each, Patti Ruiz and Rebecca Robertson 2 each.

7th Boy Wranglers:
The seventh grade Wrangler team extended their season record to 7-3 with a convincing 45-11 win over Anton. Adam Garcia had 10 points, Aaron Cain 9, Brett Squyres 8, Kelsey Blundell 7, Sterling Deaton 5, Chris Estrada, Matt Willis and Dustin Six 2 each.

8th Boy Wranglers:
Entered in the tournament at Muleshoe last week against larger schools, the eighth grade boys had one win and two defeats. They were downed by Friona 43-37. Fermin Luna scored 17 points, Alex Tarango had 16, and Justin Bennett 2. They fell to Muleshoe 64-19. Tarango had 10 points, Luna 4, Bennett and Kyle Sisson 2, and Jason Swann 1.

The boys had a good win over Olton 42-36. Luna was top scorer with 20, Tarango had 9, Bennett 6, Colt Winn 4, Jeremy Morphis 2, and Kyle Sisson 1.

In last Monday's game, they fell to Anton 42-36. Tarango scored 10, Sisson and Luna 8, Chris Willis 4, Swann, Winn and Issac Gonzales 2 each.

Cowboy Freshmen:
The Freshmen boys travelled to Seagraves last week, and were finally downed 73-67 in a high scoring contest. Dustin Brunson led the scoring with 26 points, Matt Morgan had 16, Mike Bell 13, Cosme Casillas 6, Clint Burrus 4, Jesus Gandara 2. They next took on the Whiteface Junior Varsity, and eked out a hard earned 51-50 win. Morgan had 15 points, Abraham Garcia 12, Bell 11, Brunson 7, Burrus 4, Casillas 2.

JV Cowgirls:
The JV girls were hampered by injuries last week, and could only field five players when they met and were defeated by Muleshoe 38-24 January 23. Mary Morales had 10 points, Jolyne Burgess 8, Tandi Jones 4, and Lisa Parrish 2. Coach Horne was proud of the five girls stamina, character and pride in the game. They were downed by Whiteface 48-21 on January 26. Only three Cowgirls managed to score, Jones with 10 points, Parrish 6, and Burgess 5.

JV Cowboys:
The young Cowboys competed in the Class 3-A tournament in Denver City last weekend, and did well against the larger schools, taking 3rd place honors. They first

defeated the Andrews Sophomores 56-38, with Jason Redman netting 20 points, David Flores 17, Adam Dominguez 12, Yancey House 4, and Allen Ward 3. They dropped the next game to Seminole 66-52. Flores had 19 points, Ward 15, Redman 10, and Dominguez 8. They handily won game three, downing Roosevelt 74-55. Redman had 27 points, Ward 17, Flores 13, Dominguez 10, Will St. Romain 5, and House 2. Coach Brink said the boys played the best ball of the year against tough opposition, winning the 3rd place Trophy for the second straight year.

On Friday the boys dropped Muleshoe 71-41, extending their season record to 16-5. Redman topped the scoring with 22, Dominguez 21, Abraham Garcia and Flores 8 each, Ward and House 5, St. Romain 2.

Varsity Cowgirls:
The Cowgirls faced two toughies last week. They were bumped by Muleshoe 68-54 on Jan. 23, managing to make 25% of their field goals. Kayla Redman led the rebounding with 5 grabs, and was also the top scorer with 13 points. Tessa St. Romain had 12, Lindsey Six and Robin Squyres 7 each, Sandi Warren 6, Kassie Lowe 3, and Shyloh Winn 1. They were next downed by Whiteface Friday, 72-44. Redman again led rebounding with 7, followed closely by Bearden's 6. St. Romain scored 11 points, Redman had 5, Warren 4, Lowe 3, Bearden 2, and Winn 1.

Varsity Cowboys:
The Cowboys had two good outings last week, first downing Muleshoe 96-60. They out rebounded the Mules 38-22, led by Ralph Ramirez with 16. Chase Clanahan had 8 assists, and shared scoring honors with Johnny Davis, both tallying 26 points. Ramirez had 25, making 11 of 14. Tanner Blount had 10, Shawn Cullins 6, Eric Estrada 2, Jamie Caballero 1. They next bombed Whiteface 61-49 in District action. Ramirez pulled down 12 rebounds, followed by Clanahan's 10. 20 of their points came from the free throw line. Ramirez scored 20 points, Clanahan had 16, Blount and Kirk Parrish 7 each, Caballero and Cullins 3 each.



Math/Science Competition Results

Plains High Wins 3rd Place at South Plains College

	Number Sense	Calculator	Mathematics	Science
Freshmen				
Clint Burrus	3rd	17th	5th	9th
Marcey House	5th	18th	8th	3rd
Tommy McNabb	6th	4th	14th	1st
Maranda Box	12th	14th	9th	8th
Sophomores				
Shawn Cullins	1st	2nd	1st	2nd
Shawna Box	2nd	1st	2nd	2nd
Juniors				
Yancey House	5th	7th	2nd	6th
Jacob Lester	6th	10th	17th	7th
Coley Burgess	9th		15th	16th
Seniors				
Jeremy Dearing			13th	15th
Johnny Davis			18th	17th

Plains High 4th Overall at Andrews

Team	Number Sense	Calculator	Mathematics	Science
Freshmen				
Clint Burrus	3rd	14th	7th	1st
Marcey House	2nd	9th	10th	2nd
Tommy McNabb	10th	1st	20th	3rd
Maranda Box	10th	8th	9th	4th
Sophomores				
Shawn Cullins	1st	3rd	5th	5th
Heath Bowlin	6th	2nd	7th	2nd
Shawna Box	2nd	4th	3rd	7th
Derek Brunson			20th	3rd
Juniors				
Yancey House	3rd	5th	6th	
Jacob Lester	6th	6th	13th	7th
Coley Burgess	10th	7th	9th	6th
Seniors				
Johnny Don Davis			24th	4th
Stephanie Aguilar			11th	20th

Junior High

Against some very tough competition, Plains students won the second place Sweepstakes Trophy at the 13 school meet.

8th Grade				
Kristen Gray	1st	1st	1st	2nd
Anne Palmer	8th		8th	4th
Velvet Canada		8th		
7th Grade				
Lensey Cullins	5th			
Aaron Cain			10th	
Skyler Johnson				2nd
Dustin Six				10th
6th Grade				
Annaliesa O'Quinn	4th	10th	10th	
Ky May				8th
5th Grade				
Jill Gray	1st	1st	1st	2nd
Krystal Gonzalez			7th	

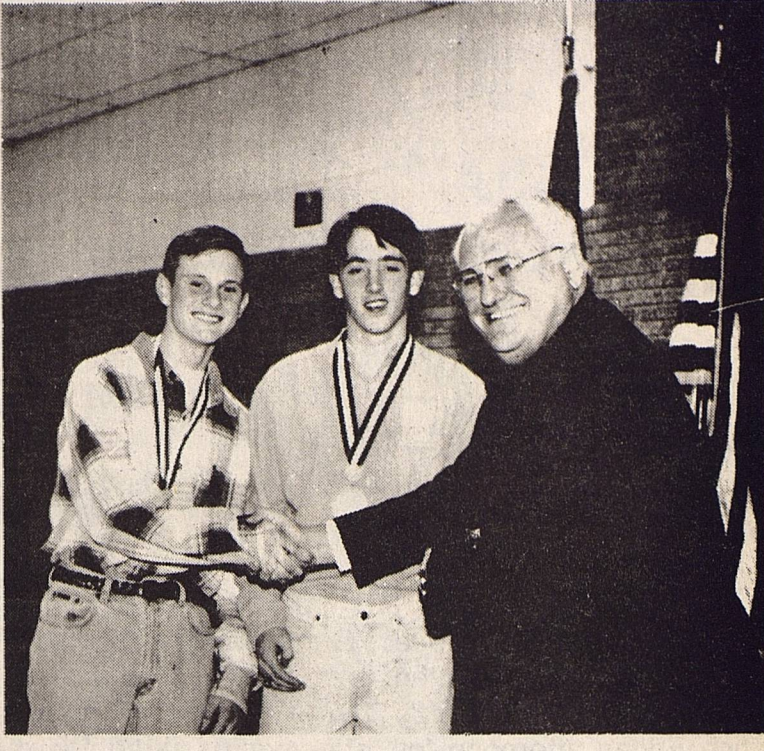
Student of the Week

Beth Ambrose is a Sophomore at Plains High School and is the daughter of Peggy Boucher.

She was nominated by Mrs. Deaton who had these comments, "Each week when the faculty nominates students for this award we look at many qualities other than academics. We look at personal attributes such as attitude towards their school work, their teachers and their peers. We look at their willingness to learn, their helpfulness, their co-operation in class and other activities and

their respectfulness. In Home Economics, students often have to do odd jobs of cleaning kitchens, refrigerators, cabinets, pantries, the concession stand area and other students kitchen clutter.

"Beth is always willing and ready to help, ready to clean and never complains about such tasks. I've had Beth since 8th grade and have seen her mature in many ways. She has a good attitude in class and always turns her work in on time and helps her classmates when they need help. I'm proud to have had the opportunity to get to know Beth as a student and as a person. She is very deserving of this award and I'm proud of her.



All-Staters Morgan, Robertson Receive Medals From Mr. Simmons



Cowboy Band Trumpet Section Plays National Anthem



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Fugitive Eludes Ground, Air Search



The local Sheriff's office received a request from the Howard County Sheriff's office Friday afternoon for assistance in serving an arrest warrant on One Oscar Garcia. Garcia was reportedly working on a drilling rig west of town, and roughly north of the Jerome Head's home.

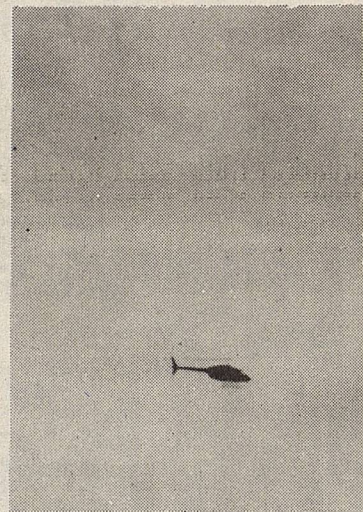
Deputy Donald Booth drove to the rig to serve the warrant on what was thought to be a rather routine task.

Garcia was at the rig as reported, but when he saw the Sheriff's car approach, he broke from the rig location, running on foot into the surrounding half section CRP grassland.

Deputy Booth radioed for help, which soon began to arrive, both law enforcement vehicles, and eventually a spotter plane flown by David Guetersloh. A little later, and unidentified pilot from Denver City arrived in a second plane, and the two aircraft began scouring the thick grass covered area, which was by then effectively surrounded by County and State law enforcement vehicles and officers.

Guetersloh soon discovered the Cessna he was flying was too fast to effectively search for the fugitive. He was soon replaced by his son Dane in a slower aircraft, and the search continued.

In the meantime, a call to the Lubbock DPS office was met with an OK to send the DPS helicopter to the scene and assist in the search. By the time the chopper arrived on the scene, the sun was already low in the west, hampering visibility from the air, and the spotters surrounding the field peering thru binoculars.



Dane Guetersloh reported he caught a glimpse of the subject on the ground, but

by time ground forces could get to the area, he had again managed to crawl away, and the searchers found several spots where he had pulled up the tall, thick grass to cover his body.

By nightfall, chances of discovering Garcia rapidly diminished. The search continued throughout the night, on foot, from vehicles with spotlights, and the hovering chopper with its powerful floodlights, all to no avail.

The McNabb family reported the disturbance caused by the searchers, or possibly the fugitive's presence, caused his dogs to bark the entire night.

The original warrant from Howard County was on a misdemeanor charge, but later in the day, the Sheriff's office here searched the national communications network, and found an outstanding felony arrest warrant on Garcia from the State of Missouri.

County JP Court

The following is a summary of cases heard in County Justice of Peace Court, Precinct One, with Judge Melba Crutcher presiding:

- 36 traffic cases
- 3 public intoxication
- 2 cases filed by Yoakum County Sanitarian
- Bonds set:
 - Driving while intoxicated, 3rd offense, \$3,000 bond
 - Evading arrest, \$2,500 bond
 - Fugitive from justice, held until transported
 - 2-Driving while license suspended, \$500 bond
 - Driving while intoxicated, 1st offense, \$1,000 bond
 - 3-Public intoxication, \$232 fine
 - Driving while intoxicated, 2nd offense, \$1,500 bond

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three month rotating basis. Jim Barron was named as the first alternating member.

Ed Rogers, Hospital Administrator, delivered a request from Dr. Bodindr and Dr. Cotten to obtain their release from the County Clinic contract. The two will be aligned with St. Mary's hospital group. The court approved the concept of the contract release, with final approval subject to Attorney's first analysis and wording of the final proposal. Rogers next presented a request to advertise for bids on a re-manufactured second anesthesia machine for the County Hospital. He cited a number of instances where a patient in a critical condition needed immediate anesthesia treatment, and the present single machine was either in use or in another area of the hospital. The Court approved advertising for bids due February 16.

The Court heard a report from Ross Shamburger, relative to the County's Blue Cross/Blue Shield Health Insurance. The current health policy contract will expire March 1, 1996. An agreement has been reached with the Texas Association of Counties (TAC) aligning the insurance group with TAC, making County premium rates available at reduced rates. Shamburger reported the very large number of medical claims handled by Blue Cross last year necessitated a raise in premiums,

which would be offset to a degree by a 4% savings offered in the TAC alignment proposal. Packets of information about several plans were distributed to the Court, which recommended continued studies of the proposals, with the final decision to be made at next week's court session.

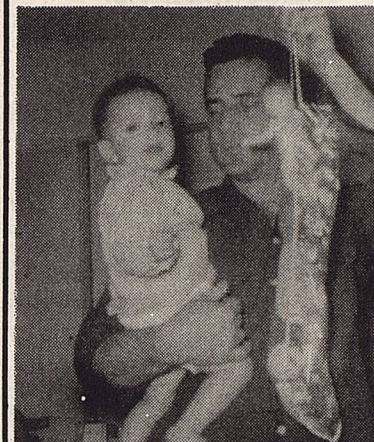
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the fall, James plans to return to Tech and start work on his Doctorate in Educational Psychology.

Asked if she knew Tad Knight, the Ag Extension Agent here, she laughed and said, "I grew up with him. His sister and I were classmates and close friends. I also knew Commissioner Macky McWhirter in Tahoka, but he doesn't remember me because of my youth".

Kathy will be on the job here February 5. Drop by the extension office and meet here.

Happy Birthday, Shari!



Shari said, "I never thought daddy would grow up to be so handsome!" Happy 34th, dear Girl.

Financial Aid For PHS Seniors

A financial aid meeting for PHS Seniors and their parents is scheduled for Monday, February 5, at 6:30 pm in the auditorium.

The meeting is presented by LEARN, Inc. of Lubbock, and Gutierrez will be the spokesperson. LEARN is a federally funded organization which helps parents and students applying for financial aid to attend college. They are experts in the field, their services are free, and they frequently visit Washington D.C. to keep abreast of any changes in student aid programs.

If parents have their 1040 and W-2 forms or public assistance forms, Mr. Gutierrez may be able to some students and families that night. He will return to PHS during school hours on Friday, February 16.

I encourage all seniors and parents seeking education financial aid to take advantage of this service, and urge them to have their income tax returns prepared in order for them to be at the top of the list for assistance.

Arlon Alexander, Counselor, Plains High.

Important Information About ALLTEL's New, Optional ALLST★R Services

Texas ALLTEL, Inc., has filed a request with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) seeking approval to implement rates, terms, and conditions for new *OPTIONAL* service offerings called ALLST★R Services. One-party business and residential customers may subscribe to optional central office based enhanced features in addition to those already offered by Texas ALLTEL, Inc. These services include Calling Number Delivery (Caller ID), Call Return, Repeat Dialing, Anonymous Call Rejection, Preferred Call Forwarding, Selective Call Acceptance, Selective Call Rejection, Call Selector, and Call Trace.

The following rates have been proposed for these new services. The proposed effective date for the new services is March 15, 1996, for the Winnie (409-296), Wallisville (409-389), Smith Point (409-355), Hankamer (409-374), Hamshire (409-243), Double Bayou (409-252), and Anahuac (409-267) exchanges. No other Texas ALLTEL, Inc., exchanges will receive ALLST★R services at this time. However, eleven exchanges will have these services available during the fourth quarter of 1996. These exchanges include, Acton (817-326), Cresson (817-396), Godley (817-389), Paluxy (817-823), Tolar (817-835), Grandview (817-866), Blum (817-874), Covington (817-854), Kopperl (817-889), Lakeside Village (817-775), and Rio Vista (817-373).

The estimated annual revenue impact to the Company after expenses is \$22,670 for the first year of service. This request has been assigned Tariff Control Number 15087.

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Business.....	\$3.50
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Business.....	\$3.50
Selective Call Acceptance	
Residential.....	\$2.50
Business.....	\$3.50
Selective Call Rejection	
Residential.....	\$1.75
Business.....	\$2.00
Call Selector	
Residential.....	\$2.50
Business.....	\$3.50

Call Trace - (per activation)	
Residential.....	\$8.00
Business.....	\$8.00
Caller I.D.	
Residential.....	\$4.95
Business.....	\$6.95
Anonymous Call Rejection	
Residential.....	\$1.00
Business.....	\$1.00

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Business.....	\$0.75
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Seven Features	
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Residential.....	\$ 7.50
Business.....	\$10.50

Persons who wish to comment on this application should notify the PUC by March 5, 1996. Requests for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Blvd., Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757, or you may call the PUC Public Information Office at (512) 458-0223 or (512) 458-0227, or (512) 458-0221, teletypewriter for the deaf.

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Booster Club Plans

The Plains Athletic Booster Club is selling raffle tickets on \$200.00 of South Plains Mall money. Tickets are \$1.00 each. All proceeds will be used for the Athletic Banquet and two Athletic Scholarships.

Drawing for the Raffle will be held at halftime of the Boys game against Anton on Friday, Feb. 2nd, the last home game.

The Banquet date is set for May 20, the Monday before graduation. Athletes from every sport are recognized and awards are given for most outstanding in each sport. The Black and Gold award is given, and the Super Booster award.

The meal will again be catered by Johnnie's Bar-B-Que from Midland. Desserts will be furnished by the Boosters.

The Booster Club will meet at the library Thursday, Feb. 1, at 8 PM, to finalize plans for the Banquet such as decorations, scholarship qualifications and committees. Every parent of athletes and All Boosters are urged to attend this meeting. A successful, memorable Banquet is the goal of all the work the Boosters do throughout the year.

One special note: Who ever borrowed the Booster Club camera last year, Please return it.



Emily Blair, accompanied by Cynthia Blair, sings 'America the Beautiful' at C C Banquet

Senior Citizens

I read somewhere that a dollar turns over nine times in a community. If businesses keep going away, where will we have nine places to spend a dollar?

Here at the Center we have had a busy week.

The Stew Supper was well attended. There were 41 who braved the cold--several from Plains. We were especially happy to welcome one new person from Plains. Yesterday (Wed.) we had another Plains person we had not seen in some time. Eunice Woosley visited and greeted old friends. Other Wednesday visitors were Mary Horner, Marianna Williams, Dorothy Weaver, Jeanette Howard and the ladies from Canteberry Villa. Irene Wilson was among the group and she played the piano for us, which was greatly appreciated.

Other visitors of late were Jean Payne, Louise Green's daughter and son-in-law, which I neglected to mention last week.

The Home Companion ladies met here on Tuesday for a work session.

Thurman Meyers has had surgery, and is doing fine.

The Sparks families were in Arkansas last weekend for the funeral of an uncle and his wife. Our sympathy to the families.

We all miss Ida Garner, who is still home following an

illness.

Reba Baker is scheduled for tests in Lubbock next week. Lets all remember her in our prayers.

A new member of our group is Mrs. Tovar. Welcome!

See you next week, Smitty

A Tribute

Because of God's undying love, He has answered our prayers. Our husband, Dad, Granddad and Great Granddad is still with us.

Sometime, "I love you," is hard to say, but God knows our hearts and the love we have for this special person, "Alfred Bearden," God has a special purpose for his life and has let us keep him, here with us.

He has blessed us all in a different way. He has lived his life for God, and brought his family up in a Christain way. Sometimes we may stray, but will never depart from God.

May he bless each one of your lives, as he has blessed us, his family.

We Love You, Husband, Dad, Granddad, & Great Granddad. May God Bless you in a very special way.

PHS Seniors Feted By TSA MO GA

The annual appreciation and recognition dinner for Plains High Seniors was hosted by Tsa Mo Ga Study club the evening of January 22. Twenty-four Seniors were present, some with their parents. A number of school faculty and administrators were also present, and heard the Seniors describe their after graduation plans for the future.

The Club social committee, comprised of Carolyn Culwell, Martha Palmer, Mattie Field, Kimberly Gass, Mary Lee Swann, Linda Simmons and Connie McWhirter served the Mexican food dinner.

Senior Valerie Blair spoke of her experiences in Austin as a representative of Bluebonnet Girls State.

L.J. Sanders introduced the two guest speakers, Troy

Johnson, of the Texas Tech faculty, and his wife Julia Johnson, faculty member at South Plains College, Levelland.

Troy delivered a humorous and motivational address to the Seniors. He described life as a series of arrivals at the many levels of development in one's life times, and reminded the students arrivals aren't possible without a start towards the next level, and good starts are difficult without thorough planning.

His wife Julia, involved in Speech Development as well as Leadership Development at South Plains College, spoke briefly to the Seniors, and reminded them of a special 'Sneak Preview for Seniors' scheduled there the latter part of February.

'Yoakum County Connection' Organization Meeting Held

The January 9 meeting of 'Yoakum County Connection' was held at the Denver City Community Building with 33 art enthusiasts present. Representatives from Tsa Mo Ga Federated Women's Club, Plains Fine Arts Club, Denver City Art Association, West Texas Wood Carvers, Plains Dirt Gardeners and other interested citizens responded to Yoakum County Art Association's call to organize a county-wide group to foster the arts, provide economic stimulus, and promote cultural events for county citizens. Bonnie Earnest represented Plains City Council, and Anna Gonzales was there as a Plains ISD School Board member. Mr. Peter F. Fox, executive director of the Texas Alliance for Education and the Arts of Austin spoke to the group. He said, "Arts are preventive medicine. We must decide on focus, planning, marketing, and involve-

ment." A cultural survey is currently being taken of county organizations by committee members Ann Hartman, Greg Price, Kenneth Bell, and Sue Holder of Denver City and Linda Powell, Sue Barron, Pat Altman, Anna Gonzales, Mary Jo St. Romain, Inetta Teaff, and Laverne Newsom of Plains. After a vote to name the new organization the 'Yoakum County Connection', the meeting was adjourned for refreshments. The next meeting is planned for February 22 at 6:30 PM at the Plains Community Center. Mr. Fox will be in Yoakum County February 21 and 22 interviewing county leaders. Anyone interested in participation or input for Yoakum County Connection is welcome at the February meeting. More information may be obtained by calling Ann Hartman or Linda Powell.

Just a note to thank the community for welcoming us into the Plains area. We realize that we are new and must prove ourselves to the good people of this community. For all those who came to the Open House at Plains Memorial Chapel and have placed their trust in us, we know we made the right decision to come to Plains. Just as is the Chamber of Commerce, we "are proud of the past with plans for the future." Our plans for provid-

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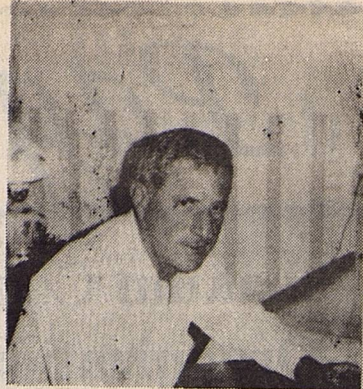
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From The Hack



Speaking of the Super Bowl, just how hard did you prepare and workout supporting the Cowboys? I almost killed myself getting prepared, physically and mentally. If you can't give your all, you deserve no place on the team, and certainly don't deserve to lie on your couch and grumble about 'em.

Me, I went the full mile. I fine tuned my body and mind Saturday afternoon, to make sure I was ready for the grueling physical contest. I played golf with the most notorious bunch of thieves and con men I could assemble, to get my mind set right for the mortal combat the following day; Ray Roberts, Eddie Taylor, so called pilot Bill Bovell, and the Yiddish speaking parts peddler, Buddy Hanna. If that doesn't get you ready for all sorts of mayhem, you'd better stay in Sunday School, at least six days a week.

Hanna, long noted for his cheerful generosity, failed

to concede a 13-1/2 inch putt to me. That did it. My adrenalin pumped to the bursting level, hate swelled me to the point of killing any Steeler or Steeler fan in the area, and particularly anyone who would sell me a starter for my 1988 Chevy pickup, which would fit nothing but a '82 Nova.

Believe me, I was ready for the Steelers the next day. Paid off, didn't it?

Ready for a few more mind bursting puzzles? Lose a little sleep over these- If olive oil comes from olives, explain where baby oil comes from? A real puzzler.... if the word panties is plural, why in the world is brassiere singular? Perhaps more puzzling, if nothing will stick to a Teflon coated pan, how do they make the Teflon stick to the pan? How come boiling water, tossed in the air, will freeze faster than cold tap water? Ahh, what a pleasure it is, delving into the profound mysteries of life.

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Chad Farrar Opens Law Office In Lubbock

Chad Farrar, a Texas Tech School of Law graduate, has been notified he has passed the bar exam.

Farrar graduated Cum Laude from Tech last May. While in law school, he received the American Jurisprudence Award in Texas Criminal Procedure.

Prior to law school, Farrar graduated Cum Laude from Tech with a BA in Petroleum Land Management in 1992. There he was involved in Phi Kappa Phi Honor Fraternity, and was Treasurer of the Student Landmen's Association.

He also attended South Plains College, and is a 1988 graduate of Levelland



High School. He is the son of Mac and Beverly Farrar of Levelland. His wife DeEtte is the sister of Darinda McWhirter, wife of Brad McWhirter. He has opened a law office in Lubbock at 1001 Main, Suite 702.

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