

Cowboy Country News

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Even sheep were saddled up for the Saturday parade

The 44th Old Settlers Reunion and Rodeo ended with the final performance of the rodeo last Saturday evening. While there was no contest for the longest traveling spectator, a couple of young men at the final Saturday rodeo would have won, hands down, when they told ticket sellers they had rented a car in Lubbock to drive to the event, and were from France and India. Two other rodeo fans Thursday night were from England.

Crowd comments at the Saturday barbecue in Stanford Park indicated the attendance seemed to be down this year, but when the ticket sales were tabulated, some 800 to 850 adults and children lined up for the traditional smoked brisket, beans, potato salad and cobbler.

The parade down Cowboy Way Saturday drew a large audience and a large number of entries. The three day celebration was again a great example of what community involvement can produce.



Pretty young girls always do wonders for a parade. The Plains High cheerleaders performed dance and yell routines for the crowd in last Saturday's parade.

Billy Winn recognized at final rodeo performance

In every small community across the land there exists at least one individual who has played an important role in developing a civic or county program.

Plains has such a person, recognized at the final Saturday night performance of the annual rodeo. Billy Winn was completely surprised, and visibly touched, when during a break in the rodeo performance, he was honored by spokesman Johnnie Fitzgerald as the recipient of an award naming him the 'Honorary Cowboy' of the city's Roping Club, the Lions Club, and the Plains Chamber of Commerce.

Bill Winn, 68, is a past President of the Plains Roping Club, and for many years has served as one of the timing judges for the annual rodeo. Interestingly enough, his two sons, Tony and Chris Winn have held the same presidents position in the club.

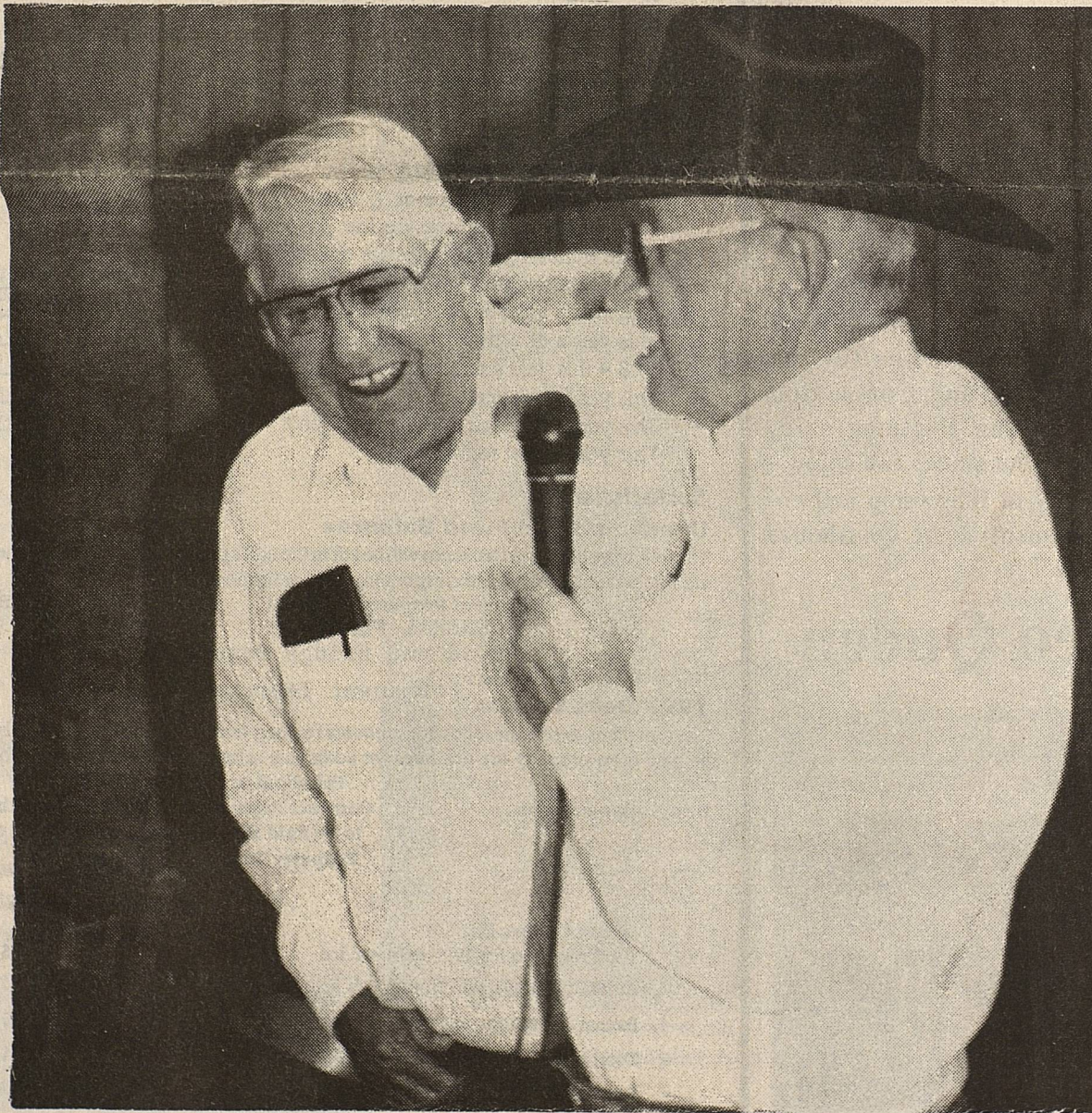
In his younger years, Bill was an active contestant in the then RCA rodeo circuit, competing in steer wrestling, team roping, and his specialty, calf roping. In the late '40's, Winn was injured in a very serious automobile accident while enroute to a rodeo function, and his physical problems prevented him from continuing his successful professional rodeo career.

Winn served many years as

arena director for the annual rodeo. A number of former contestants and fellow cowboys describe him as "fair and square". Obviously moved by the an-

nouncement of the honor, Bill was greeted by a crowd of well wishers following the conclusion of the long evenings program when he departed from the

announcers stand. Winn told CCN he wanted to express his sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone involved in naming him for the honor.



Johnnie Fitzgerald's announcement astounds Billy Winn

DWI, false report bring guilty pleas

Two guilty pleas were heard by Judge Dallas Brewer in County Criminal Court last week. Jose Luis Soto, 25, pled guilty to a subsequent DWI charge. He received a 90 day jail sentence, suspended and probated 18

months, was fined \$750, and must pay \$227 court costs. He will serve 30 days in jail, with credit for 2 days served, serve 80 hours of community service, and attend weekly AA meetings. He must also complete the DWI Repeat Offender Program, and install an ignition interlock device on any vehicle he owns and

drives.

Maria del Consuelo Yanez pled guilty to making a false report to a peace officer. She was fined \$100 and is to pay \$187 court costs.

Neither defendant was represented by counsel, and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the state.

Minors beware - Zero Tolerance means Zero

During the recent Legislative session, Committee Substitute Senate Bill 35 (CSSB 35), or the 'Zero tolerance standard for minors driving under the influence of alcohol' passed both the Senate and House. The law goes into effect September 1.

CSSB 35 establishes a new offense of driving under the influence for minors with any amount of alcohol in their systems, and increases penalties for other alcohol offenses involving minors. A minor convicted of operating a motor vehicle with any detectable amount of alcohol in their system is guilty of a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine up to \$500. Two convictions could lead to a fine of \$500 to \$2000 and/or up to 180 days in jail. Minors with any detectable amount of alcohol in their systems would have their driving license automatically suspended at least 60 days, and minors refusing a breath or blood alcohol test would have their license suspended at least 90 days. Any driving under the influence (DUI) conviction of a minor can also lead to court ordered community service.

CSSB 35 also contains new provisions for the offense of selling alcohol to minors, now a Class A misdemeanor, with a maximum jail term up to one year and \$4000 fine. Purchasing for or furnishing alcohol to minors is a Class B misdemeanor, with a maximum 180 day jail term, and a fine up to \$2000.

The Bill would add the offenses of attempting to purchase alcohol, driving under the influence, and misrepresenting age to the list of offenses for which minors would be required to attend alcohol awareness courses upon initial conviction. Minors may be detained in custody for delinquent conduct or conduct indicating a need for supervision under the Family Code. The definition of delinquent conduct includes a third or subsequent violation of laws prohibiting driving under the influence. The definition of conduct indicating a need for supervision includes a first or second offense of driving while intoxicated or under the influence. Under the Transportation Code, police officers may request blood or breath specimens from arrested individuals they believe intoxicated while operating a motor vehicle or watercraft.

Supporters of CSSB 35 say the new law will reduce the number of alcohol related traffic deaths, a statistic Texas leads the nation in. During the last five years, 1330 alcohol related traffic fatalities in involving persons between the ages of 15 and 20 have occurred in the state. Passage of the bill was also prompted as a means to help the state retain \$38.5 million in federal highway funds. The National Highway System Designation Act of 1995 mandated that all states pass zero tolerance legislation by October 1, 1998, or risk using funds for maintenance and development of the state highway system.

44th Rodeo And Reunion Issue

Class of '58 plans 50th reunion



These members of the PHS class of 1958 gathered in Stanford Park last Saturday during the Old Settlers Reunion to plan another reunion, the 40th anniversary of their graduation next year. Shown above are, front row, L-R, Dan McClellan, Vaughn Culwell, Carol McRae, Jack Bass, Pat Curtis, Dwain Rowland, Jack Porter, and Kay Ellison; Back row, Travis Jones, Royce Randall and Jim Barron.

Yoakum County Watermelon Round-Up time drawing near

In just a little over three weeks time the Courthouse square here should be teeming with visitors to the second annual Watermelon Round-Up on August 30. Sponsored by the Yoakum County Connection, and assisted by dozens of volunteers serving on many committees, the day long festival will hopefully attract more visitors than last year. Connection spokesperson Linda Powell said "After the initial success of the 1996 Round-Up with over 5,000 in attendance, this year's event should be bigger and better". All the food booths are rented, and will offer a menu ranging from brisket to ethnic dishes and popcorn. At last report, only 7 of 72 arts and crafts booths are not reserved, and Powell reported vendors are signed up from as far away as Fort Worth. James Altman reported this years Round-Up will again pro-

vide day long live musical entertainment, with groups from Dexter and Hobbs, New Mexico, and Odessa, Seminole and Denver City scheduled to perform, along with a group of Mexican hat dancers. So many activities, games and contests are planned visitors may be hard pressed to take them all in. Another 5-K run is scheduled with a larger field of field of entrants. Games include frisbee golf, horseshoes, watermelon seed spitting and barrel riding, and many other events. The popular restored classic auto show will attract many out of town entries, and the watermelon theme costume contest will draw many entrants. A new feature at this year's Round-Up will feature the cartoon character 'Willie Watermelon' mingling on the square. Last years barbecue brisket and chili cook-off will be repeated

in Stanford Park, and the largest watermelon contest for three age groups will offer \$1,250 in Savings Bonds to the winners. Free slices of the county's famed sweet melons will be handed out throughout the day, furnished by Anderson Produce and local growers Macky McWhirter, Eddie Earnest and Jerry Hartman. For those with stamina left after the day long celebration, more musical entertainment is scheduled that evening when the successful and popular "Dixie Chick" perform at the school auditorium. The Yoakum County Connection members and volunteers are finalizing all plans for the Round-Up, and Connection Chair Anne Hartman said, "Bring your smiles and enjoy this day of fellowship and entertainment at the courthouse square!"

Marcey House is '97 Rodeo Queen



L-R, Marcey House, 1997 Rodeo Queen, 2nd Runner Up Krystal Sellers, 1st Runner Up Tandi Jones, and 1996 Queen Lindsey Six at Saturday nights rodeo performance.

The three young ladies representing the Roping Club, Plains Chamber of Commerce and Plains Lions Club did a bang up job of selling tickets in this year's Rodeo Queen Contest. Marcey House, representing the Roping Club, sold 3,807 tickets, and she was pushed hard by Tandi Jones, Chamber of Commerce Candidate who racked up 3,046 sales. All together the girls sold almost 7,800 tickets, the largest sale since 1993. Each contestant gets a percentage of the ticket sales, which is the Roping Clubs fund raiser for promoting the annual rodeo.

The PHS Cowgirl volleyball game is scheduled AT Cooper Aug. 15, 5:00 PM

Early voting ends, General Election August 9

At press time early Tuesday, a total of 141 early votes had been cast in the Constitutional Amendment Election. At issue is the amendment increasing the property tax exemption on qualified homesteads in the state. The general election will be held Saturday, August 9.

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1997 **Property Tax Rates in Yoakum County**

This notice concerns 1997 property tax rates for Yoakum County. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's *effective* tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's *rollback* tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund
Last year's tax rate:		
Last year's operating taxes	\$5,815,204.12	\$1,458,763.32
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 535,704.16	\$.00
Last year's total taxes	\$6,350,908.28	\$1,458,763.32
Last year's tax base	\$1,446,676.15	\$1,444,320.120
Last year's total tax rate	\$.439/\$100	\$.101/\$100
This year's effective tax rate:		
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$6,343,134.00	\$1,456,466.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$1,712,595.180	\$1,710,245.770
- This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$.37038/\$100	\$.08516/\$100
Total effective tax rate	\$.45554/\$100	

In the first year a county collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ 0/\$100
- Effective tax rate	\$ 0/\$100
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	\$.46921/\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:		
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and including taxes for state criminal justice mandate.)	\$5,808,124	\$1,456,466
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$1,712,595.180	\$1,710,245.770
- This year's effective operating rate	\$.33914/\$100	\$.08516/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$.36627/\$100	\$.09197/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0/\$100	\$ 0/\$100
- This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$.36627/\$100	\$.09197/\$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$.45824/\$100	

Schedule A
Unencumbered Fund Balances
The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
GENERAL Fund	\$ 1,410,176
Road and Bridge Precincts	323,798
Jury Permanent Improvement	168,046
	168,155

Schedule B
1997 Debt Service
The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00
<i>(expand as needed)</i>				
Total required for 1997 debt service			\$.00	\$.00
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A			\$.00	\$.00
- Excess collections last year			\$.00	\$.00
- Total to be paid from taxes in 1997			\$.00	\$.00
- State aid for facilities			\$.00	\$.00
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only _____ % of its taxes in 1997			\$.00	\$.00
- Total Debt Levy			\$.00	\$.00

Schedule C
Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax
(For hospital districts, cities and counties with additional sales tax to reduce property taxes) In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$ NA in additional sales and use tax revenues. For County: The county has excluded any amount that is or will be distributed for economic development grants from this amount of expected sales tax revenue.

Schedule D
State Criminal Justice Mandate (For Counties)
The Yoakum County Auditor certifies that Yoakum County has spent \$ 00 in the previous 12 months beginning Aug 1, 1996, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Yoakum County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

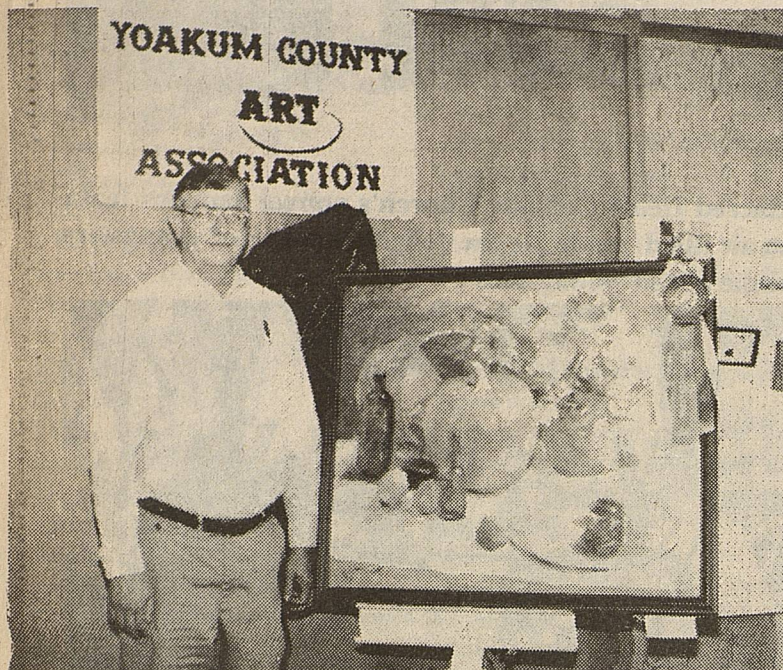
Schedule E
Transfer of Department, Function or Activity
The _____ spent \$ NA from _____ to _____ on the _____. The _____ operates this function in all or a majority of the _____. [Second Year of Transfer: Modify schedule to show comparison of amount this year and preceding year by unit receiving the function.]

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at Yoakum County Tax Office in Plains Texas

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YOAKUM COUNTY ART ASSOCIATION SHOW & SALE 1997

JUDGE: John R. Hopkins & Karen Noll Purucker
 BEST IN SHOW: Greg Price (Stillife) "Autumn Arrangement"
 BEST IN PHOTOGRAPHY: Elfida Winkler "Leavell"
 BEST IN CRAFTS: Helen Hunter "Mother's Wedding Ring Quilt"



Greg Price and "Autumn Arrangement"



Elfida Winkler and "Leavell"

ORIGINAL PORTRAITS:

First: Lovella Todd "The Grandmother"
 Second: Marguerite Barron "Mexican Bracero"
 Third: Linda Powell "Oaxaco Pot Lady"
 H.M.: Linda Powell "Tortilla Truce"

ORIGINAL WILDLIFE:

First: Annalee Schubert "Crazy Quilt"
 Second: Annalee Schubert "Trout"
 Third: Bozena Kaczan "Nesting Time"
 H.M.: Freddy Lindville "Ole Dun"

ORIGINAL LANDSCAPES:

First: Greg Price "Dusk"
 Second: Bozena Kaczan "Twin Aspens"
 Third: Eileen Fillipp "Mission Tularosa"
 H.M.: Kassie Lowe "Memory Lane"
 Linda Powell "Windmill Way"
 Lovella Todd "Spring Beauties"

WATERCOLORS:

First: Carol Skinner "Desert Vista"
 Second: Lovella Todd "Grandpa's Barn"
 Third: Susie Powell "Fourth of July"
 H.M.: Susie Powell "Taos Adobe"

ORIGINAL STILLIFE:

First: Sharon Pickett "Peach Roses in Jar"
 Second: Greg Price "Peonies with Basket"
 Third: Sharon Pickett "Fruit, Books & Flowers"
 H.M.: Susie Powell "Noah Found Grace"
 Carol Skinner "Blue & White China"
 Carol Skinner "Caladiums"
 Susie Powell "Marguerite's Porch"

ORIGINAL MINIATURES:

First: Linda Powell "Rail Fence"
 Second: Inetta Teaff "Petunias"
 Third: Betty Estep "Little Iris"
 H.M.: Linda Powell "Yellow Moth"
 Susie Powell "Marguerite's Pansies"

PHOTOGRAPHY: LANDSCAPES

First: Sue Holder "Hill Country Spring"
 Second: Sue Holder "Mabry Mill"
 Third: Elfida Winkler "Golden Gate"
 H.M.: Elfida Winkler "Hodge Podge"
 Jeannette Head "Flowers in the Trees"
 Sue Holder "Summer Afternoon"

PHOTOGRAPHY: STILLIFE

First: Sue Holder "Reflections on Her Past"
 Second: Sue Holder "Magnolia"
 Third: Jeannette Head "Indian Blanket"
 H.M.: Pat McNabb "Red Cotton Bloom"
 Jeannette Head "Good Morning"

PHOTOGRAPHY: PORTRAITS

First: Pat McNabb "Ty Earl Powell"
 Second: Elfida Winkler "Pork Chop"
 Third: Sharla Vantine: "My Friend Ty"
 H.M.: Pat McNabb "Ty and Badge"

PHOTOGRAPHY: WILDLIFE

First: Pat McNabb "Tiger Swallowtail on Corn Flower"
 Second: Sue Holder "Cat with a Attitude"
 Third: Pat McNabb "Checkerspot Butterfly"
 H.M.: Mary Wilmeth "Newt"
 Sharla Vantine "Are You My Mama?"

GRAPHICS:

First: Bozena Kaczan
 Second: Kassie Lowe
 Third: Kassie Lowe

COPIES & CLASSWORK:

First: Freddy Linville "Hunk"
 Second: Jimmie Bayer "Working Cowboy"
 Third: Jimmie Bayer "Cowboy's Prayer"

MINIATURES:

First: Freddy Linville "First Rose"
 Second: Jimmie Bayer "Pinks"
 Third: Jimmie Bayer "Mountain Grandeur"
 H.M.: Helen Hunter "Lovey"

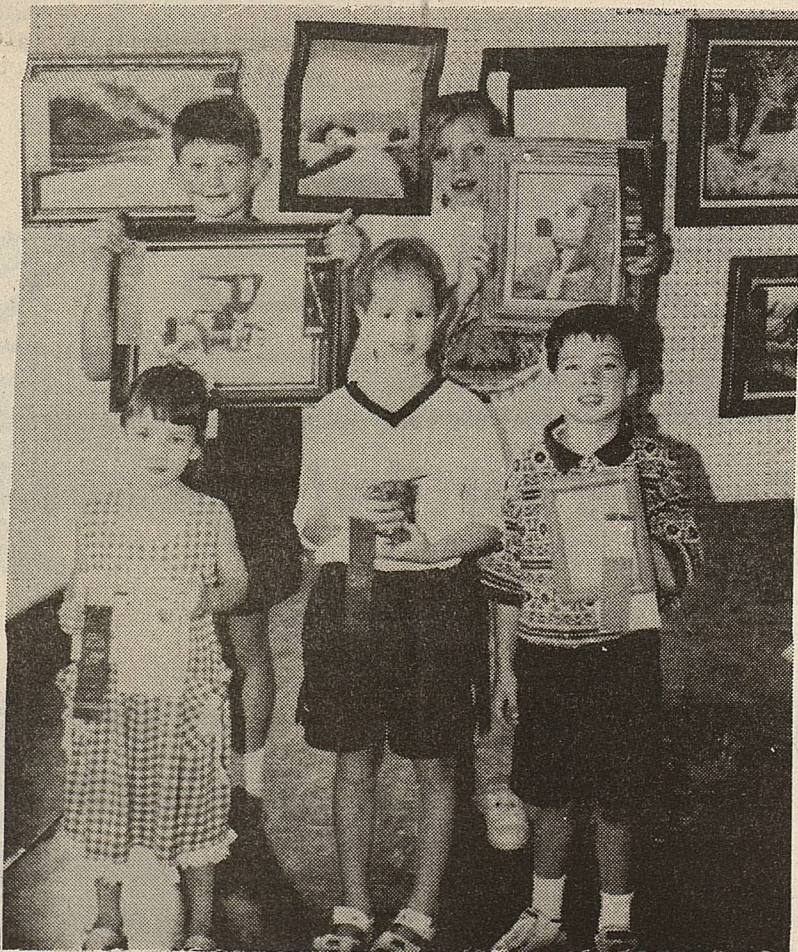
WILDLIFE:

First: Freddy Linville "Black Beauty"
 Second: Eileen Fillipp "Aristocat"
 Third: Susie Powell "Kenyon's Fish"

LANDSCAPE:

First: Eileen Fillipp "Fields of Blue"
 Second: Betty Estep "Shady Tree"
 Third: Jimmie Bayer "The Cabin"
 Jimmie Bayer "The Bridge"
 Inetta Teaff "Victorian Beauty"

More Art Show results in later issues



Young art students and work - Front, L-R, Stephanie Addison, Lauren Davis, Christopher Addison; Back, Kelly Bowers and Sharla Vantine

Junior Rodeo Season Winds Down

High Plains Jr. Rodeo Finals were held in Clovis, NM July 23-26, 1997. Everyone gets two runs at the Finals, and the contestants can place in the first round, second round and in the average which is the total time of the two runs.

Kimberly Jackson placed 6th in the first round of Barrels, 4th in the second round and 4th in the average. She placed 5th in the second round of pole bending and her total times held her to 7th place in the average. In goat tying she placed 4th in the first round and won 1st in the second round, giving her win the average in goat tying.

Brett Squyres won a 10th place in the first round of the 13-15 tie down calf roping and placed 5th in the second round allowing him to win a 7th place in the average. Brett was just out of the top 10 in the first round of the Breakaway roping but his time combined with a 4th place finish in the second round allowed him to finish 9th in the average.

Marcey House placed 9th in the average for Pole bending after a 10th place win in round one and a mistake free run in the second round.

Robin Squyres held on to an 11th place finish in the second round of the Breakaway roping. Robin won a 4th place in the first round of the ribbon roping and a 5th in the average.

Blake Parrish roped both his ribbon calves and his breakaway calf in the second round and fin-

ished his first season of roping in the boys 9-12 age group on a high note.

Marte Pierce and Kirk Parrish won a 5th place in both rounds of the 16-19 team roping which won a 4th place in the average.

Kimberly Jackson, the 8 year old daughter of Jim and Jo Jackson, finished 1st in goat tying, 2nd in Poles by 1 point and 4th place in Barrels for the year. This amazing finish gave her 336 total points and the Reserve Champion Saddle in the All-Around competition for her age group.

Marcey House the 16 year old daughter of Wayne and Phyllis House, finished the year in 3rd place in the Pole competition.

Robin Squyres the 18 year old daughter of Newell and Peggy Squyres, finished the year in 7th place in the Breakaway roping. Robin did not start roping until she was 16 years old. She is enrolled at Oklahoma State University where she will be a member of the OSU Rodeo team in Stillwater and study Business.

Brett Squyres the 14 year old brother of Robin, finished his first season after moving up into the 13-15 year old age group just out of the top ten. He was 11th in the Breakaway roping and 12th in the standings after his first season in tie down calf-roping with a very respectable 30 points for the year.

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Court hears proposals from Denver City

Denver City Mayor Sid Reinert and City Manager Stan David appeared in Commissioners Court Monday to ask the court to consider alternative methods of financially assisting their City's Fire Department and Emergency Medical Service team. The county from time has assisted the two emergency response services with equipment and vehicle funding, as it does for the City of Plains. David suggested the court consider budgeting a specified amount of money each year for the service units, starting in 1998. No official action was taken by the Court.

Tax assessor/Collector Wanda Smith proposed to the court new charges for collecting taxes for other entities, including Denver City ISD, Plains ISD, The City of Plains, and Sandy Land Water District. Her proposal would call for an assessment of .75 cents per taxed parcel, plus a percentage of the total tax bill, with the changes to take effect in 1998.

Some discussion followed between Smith, David, and Mayor Reinert. Mayor Reinert said one of the Denver City council members had suggested approaching Smith as a possible collector of that city's taxes, a number of years, served as secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and owned a flower could handle the request, but shop. She married Oscar Clark upon reviewing the proposed in 1965. After moving to Junction charges for the tax service,

both David, Reinert and Smith agreed any dollar savings for the city would be negligible, for no employees would be released if Smith's office performed the collection service.

Treasurer Toni Jones delivered the quarterly investment report, showing General Fund investments have a current book value of \$4,566,664.

The Court approved a request delivered by Gary Turnbough, Rotary Club President, allowing the club to construct a new 20 x 24 foot concession stand at the Denver City Rodeo grounds.

Memorial service set for Mollie Clark

Mollie Clark 94, died Sunday, July 27, in Leisure Lodge.

She was born May 13, 1903 in the Hackberry Community, Dallas County Texas, to William Houston Hague and Sally May Butler Hague.

After high school and two years college work, she taught in county school for three years before marrying Fredrick W. Smith and raising three children a son and two daughters. The children were left fatherless from the time her son entered high school, but Mollie managed to make a living, keep house and three youngsters, who in her own words "grew into three adults of exceptionally fine character"

She had an abstract-insurance brokerage in Plains, Tex. for a number of years, served as secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and owned a flower shop. She married Oscar Clark upon reviewing the proposed in 1965. After moving to Junction, she wrote a weekly col-

umn Town Topics, for The Junction Eagle for several years and later wrote Leisure Lodge News.

Mrs Clark was a charter member of the Christian Church in Plains and was pianist and Sunday teacher as long as she lived in Plains. She joined Junction First United Methodist Church in 1974 and played for night services at the church until night services were discontinued. She was a member of Efficiency Sunday School Class, Mary Ruth Circle, Highland Study Club, and a life member of Order of the Eastern Star.

She was preceded in death by her parents, four sisters, a daughter, Mary June Lovelace; Husbands, F.W. Smith Jr and Oscar H Clark, and a great grandchild, Derek Dutton.

Survivors include a son, Fray H. Smith of Amarillo, a daughter, Sara Johnson and husband Auvie Johnson of Junction, eight grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

Evangelist scheduled here

Donny Jones, a non-denominational musical evangelist active in the East Texas area, will appear at the First United Methodist Church in morning services August 17. He will be accompanied in the musical portion of the program by his wife. The program was scheduled earlier by Rick Doyle, and the public is invited to attend.

Speaker appoints Representative Walker to Interim Committee

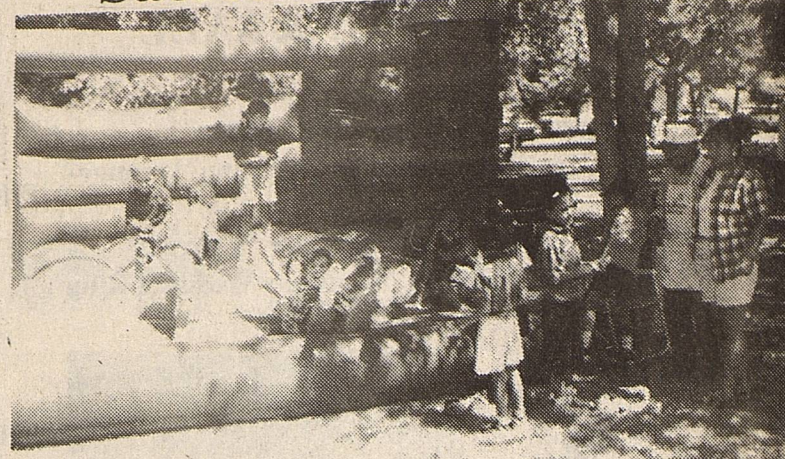
AUSTIN -- House Speaker Pete Laney has named Representative Gary Walker, R-Plains, to the Interim Committee on Water Resources Development and Management. The committee will oversee implementation of the landmark water legislation passed earlier this year.

In addition to overseeing the implementation of S.B. 1, the omnibus water bill, the joint committee will review the state's current inventory of water resources, the state's water needs to the year 2050 and the role of state, regional and local entities in water projects, Laney said. The committee will prepare recommendations for the legislative session that will convene in 1999.

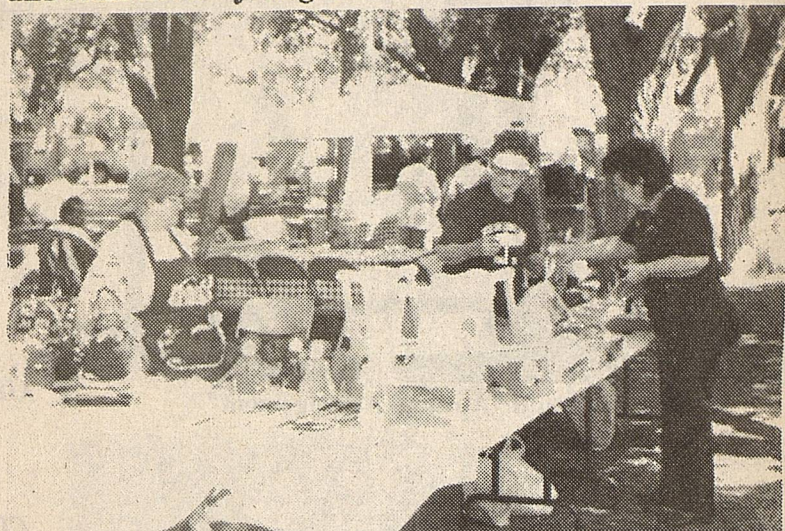
Walker, a House member since 1995, serves as Vice-Chair of the House Natural Resources Committee. He is also a member of the Appropriations Committee. He represents House District 80, which includes Andrews, Dawson, Gaines, Hockley, Loving, Martin, Reeves, Terry, Winkler, and Yoakum counties.

Any small object when dropped will always hide under a larger object.

Sacred Heart 'Jamaica'



The Sacred Heart Catholic Church's annual Jamaica featured an air filled 'castle', to the delight of scores of youngsters, and some not so 'youngsters'.



A large arts and crafts booth offered dozens of hand crafted items for sale as a church fund raiser.



Stanford Park was filled with the aroma of dozens of good things to eat prepared by the Parishioners.

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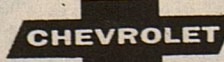
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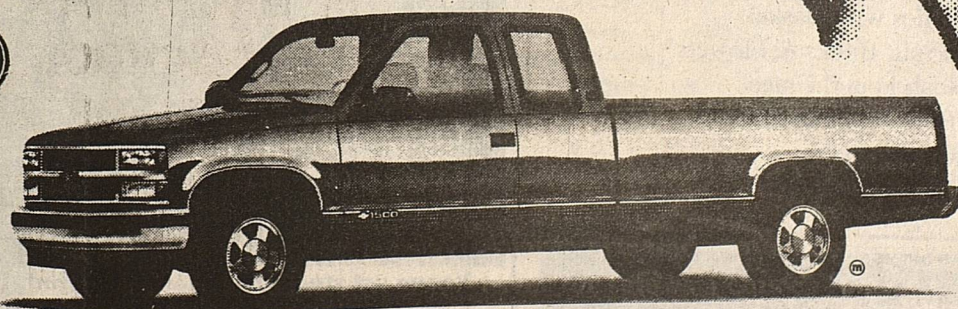


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- Colored Pencils
- 3 Glue Sticks
- 2 Elmer's School Glue-Med. size
- Scissors-Fiskar
- Kleenex
- Regular Crayons, 8 count (2nd semester, 24 count regular)
- 2 Large Pencils w/Eraser (2nd semester, 2 regular pencils)
- School Box (plastic cigar size, no large boxes)

1 Package of Stickers (for positive reinforcement)

- Non-toxic, large point water color markers (regular colors)
- Tote Bag or Back Pack (to carry materials to and from School)
- Rest Mat or Large Towel
- Swimsuit

FIRST GRADE

- 2 Large Glue Sticks
- Crayons (Box of 24)
- 6 #2 Pencils w/Eraser
- Pink Pearl Eraser
- Scissors-Fiskar
- Elmer's Glue (not school) Med. size white
- 2 Boxes Kleenex (large)
- 1-12 inch/30 Centimeter Ruler
- 1 Plastic Zipper Pocket Organizer
- 1 Box of 12 colored pencils
- Swimsuit

MRS. MORRIS

- 1 Trapper Keeper
- 4 Folders for Trapper Keeper

MRS. DAVIS & MRS. RAMOS

- 2 Wireless Notebooks
- 2 Highlighters
- 1 Box, Quart size Zip Lock Baggies

SECOND GRADE

- 2 Red Pencils
- Crayons - 24 Count
- 20 Pencils - #2's (send all first day)
- Pink pearl eraser
- 2 Glue sticks
- Kleenex - Large Box
- Spiral notebook
- School Box - Small, cigar box size
- Notebook paper - 2 packages
- Scissors - ones that will cut paper easily
- Ruler
- 2 Highlighters (Pen-sized, not marker-sized)
- Swimsuit

Please put your child's name on each article brought to school.

THIRD GRADE

- Pencils - 3
- Scissors (pointed)
- Crayolas
- Elmer's Glue - small or glue stick
- Notebook Paper - 2 packages
- Ruler
- Spiral Notebook
- Kleenex - large box (2)
- Swimsuit

FOURTH GRADE

- Six Plastic 3 Ring Notebooks (2 blue, 2 red, 2 purple, if possible)
- 3 - #2 Pencils
- Wide Line Notebook Paper (2 packages)
- Crayons
- Map Colors
- Scissors
- 2 Large Boxes of Kleenex
- Eraser that go on end of pencils
- 2 Glue Sticks
- Swimsuit

A Pastor's Forum

HOW THE WEST WAS 'FUN'

It's a pun from a TV series on how the west was won. Last weekend we celebrated the heritage of Plains, a time of honoring and remembering those that paved the way for us, and for us it was a time of fun.

Several years ago I was on the west end of Plano, Texas during the 4th of July. I stopped into an ice cream parlor full of people. It was packed and they were very noisy, laughing, joking and shouting across the room at one another. I noticed something very strange. There was not a southern accent in the place. They all sounded like they were from New York. It was funny to me; I was the only one in the place with a Southern accent and standing deep in Texas. As I edged my way to the counter the attendants eyed me suspiciously. They too spoke with strong northern accents; they asked for my order and what was so funny? I said, "looks like I am the only one in here with a southern accent deep in the heart of Texas. It looks like 'Yankeedom' has moved south". The man behind the counter responded very seriously, "I chose to move here and I chose to stay - at least my kids will be Texans". I responded with an affirmative "Amen".

Outsiders many times place more of an emphasis on origins than we do. Yet all of our ancestors at one time were like all those Northerners - they all came to this land to start a new life, to settle it for themselves. They were fiercely independent and self-reliant, many very religious, and all were willing to sacrifice in order to make something out of it. They won the west.

The origins and backgrounds were as varied as a rainbow; Czech, Slovaks, Mexicans, Spanish, Irish, English, German, Swedes, African to name a few. They all came and those that stayed became the Texans our history books and our grandmothers told us about. They are also the Texans our children imitate and many of these old pioneers and settlers are the ones we honored last weekend. They settled this land and built the foundation for what it is today. So you and I, we too will leave a heritage to a future generation. Where, if the creek don't rise and the Lord waits to return, our children will celebrate the heritage of how our west was won and they will celebrate it by having fun. Could you ask for anything better?

Barbecued Spareribs

- 1 tablespoon ground mustard
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 3 lbs. pork spareribs
- 2/3 cup catsup
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons cooking oil
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon liquid smoke
- salt and pepper to taste

Combine first four ingredients, rub over ribs. For sauce, combine the remaining ingredients; Mix well, set aside. Grill ribs, covered, over indirect heat and medium-low coals for one hour, turning occasionally. Add 10 burning briquettes to coals. Grill 30 minutes longer, basting both sides of ribs with sauce, or until meat is tender. Yield - Four servings

HOWDY!

By: Kathy Adair



Making Responsibility A Positive Habit

Making people demand their rights, but ignore their duties. They want to be independent- but they shy away from responsibility. Probably the reason begins in childhood. "Who's responsible for this broken dish? Whose job was it to put out the garbage?" Responsibility becomes equal with blame.

But positive associations are just as easy to make and much more beneficial. "Who is responsible for cooking this great meal? Who is responsible for the twinkle in mom's eye?"

Link Responsibility to Capability

By focusing on the positive, parents can show their children that responsibility is more naturally attached to capability than to blame. As people become more capable they become more responsible.

The task is to balance growing capabilities of kids with realistic responsibilities.

Sometimes, parents give children more responsibility than they are capable of handling. In all fairness, though, almost as often children have more capabilities than parents give them credit or responsibility for.

Observe and Be Patient

To develop their children's responsibility, parents need to take time to observe and have patients while young people do things for themselves. By the time boys and girls are in intermediate school, they can be responsible for getting themselves up and ready for school in the morning, keeping their own room neat, doing chores around the house, preparing some meals, and eventually cutting the grass and laundering.

Family Meetings

Family mealtimes are great for discussing the sharing of jobs around the house. When young people are allowed to be part of the decision-making, they learn valuable lessons. They learn that responsibility is a public affirmation of an individual's capability. Part of growing up is making commitments to one another and then honoring these to the best of one's ability.

The Band Calendars are in. The Band Boosters have been trying to get them delivered, and if your calendar has not been delivered, please pick it up at the Library.

When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope I didn't have a bit of talent left and could say, "I used everything you gave me." Erma Bombeck

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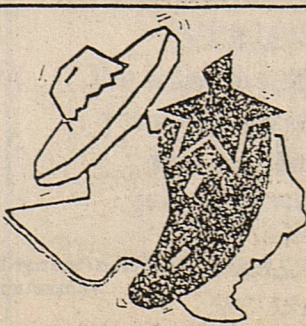
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Thursday..... 1:00 pm - 3:00 pmJuniors
Friday..... 10:00 am - 12:00 Sophomores
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Cotton News

From Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

LUBBOCK -

By Shawn Wade

Obtaining an unbiased evaluation of the quality of raw cotton fiber is the foundation of every cotton producers marketing efforts.

Present use of High Volume Instrument (HVI) classing technology by the United States Department of Agriculture Cotton Division has proven to be a boon to producers across the Cotton Belt. For cotton growers in the Texas High Plains the move to HVI testing has been a leading factor in the area's recent quality improvement.

HVI doesn't make High Plains cotton better, it simply provides a mechanism to assign a more unbiased quality measurement of the cotton produced in this

area. HVI has proven that growers in this area have known for years, that High Plains cotton was the victim of an undeserved, low quality, reputation. "When the move to adopt HVI technology began here on the High Plains," says PCG President Jackie Burris, "It was felt that any method that would provide a more accurate evaluation of the cotton sample would be a benefit to the cotton producer. The proposed change to an HVI determination of Color is no different."

At the present time only two factors remain the responsibility of the human cotton classer - Color and Trash. The reason for this is simply that early models of the HVI equipment were unable to accurately and reli-

ably determine the color and trash components of a cotton sample.

Recently growers in the Mid-South started an effort to add the Color Grade as an HVI measured quality of the cotton sample. It is felt that, by moving to the HVI determination, samples will no longer be subject to the inherent subjectivity involved with the human classing.

In order to study the feasibility of such a change the National Cotton Council has organized the HVI Task Force. High Plains input on the Task Force was provided by Jerry Harris of Lamesa and Bill Quattlebaum of Lubbock.

The HVI Task Force has since issued a recommendation that the NCC support the change to HVI technology for color determination.

In implementing such a change the Task Force has also recommended the following:

1) That the USDA-Agricultural Research Service and Cotton, Inc. expedite the development and refinement of HVI technologies for determining lint color.

2) That the USDA-Agricultural Marketing Service Cotton Division and Cotton, Inc. begin a comprehensive statistical analysis of the various application methodologies to provide for the most accurate assessment of lint color and bale utility, and to determine the cause discrepancies between HVI and classer grades.

3) That the Secretary of Agriculture, with consideration of the Universal Standards Agreement protocol, devise a method to allow the use of HVI color measurements as the official grade for use when an agreement is reached by the U.S. cotton industry.

4) A cooperative NCC/USDA assessment of the Commodity Credit Corporation loan schedule of premiums and discounts for "white" and "light-spotted" bales are equitable and reflect actual bale utility value.

Burris concludes that by presenting a more uniform evaluation of the quality of a bale will allow the marketplace to work out the fairest return to the cotton producer.

It happened in Texas in August

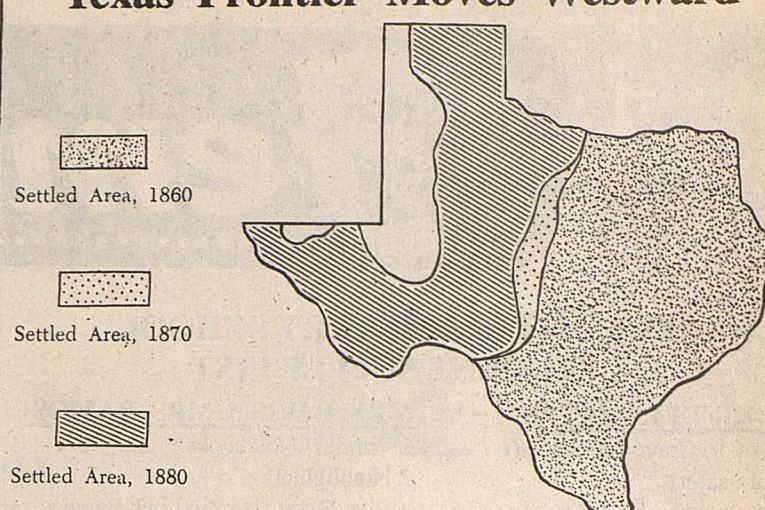
Aug. 2, 1827-Texans defeated Mexicans at the battle of Nacogdoches.

Aug. 8, 1840-Linnville in Calhoun County was sacked and burned. It was abandoned, and never rebuilt.

Aug. 1, 1845-Zachary Taylor and federal troops landed at Corpus Christi.

Aug. 2, 1856-Camp Colorado established six miles north of Colorado River on road between Ft. Belknap and Ft. Mason.

Texas Frontier Moves Westward



EXTENSION OF THE LINE OF SETTLEMENT
The Texas News, November 15, 1881

Plains youths attend 4-H Leadership Camp



Back Row-L to R, April Wilmeth, Courtney Hix, Elizabeth Clanahan, Ragan McGinty, Tara Price, Justin Nevarez, Front Row-L to R, T.J. Kitchens, Becky Wilmeth, Chance Kitchens

Eighty-eight 4-Hers from District 2 participated in the 1997 South Plains 4-H Leadership Camp held in June at South Plains College in Levelland. Outstanding Senior 4-H members from various counties in District 2 organized and conducted Leadership Camp. "Here's Your Sign" was the theme for this year's camp and 4-Hers participated in many activities. Senior 4-H staff members conducted sports tournaments and recreation leadership activities. District 2 county extension agents, with assistance from 4-H staff members, conducted candle making, rock-etry, leathercraft, tie dying and public speaking work shops. Yoakum County 4-H members attending were Elizabeth Clanahan, Ragan McGinty, April Wilmeth and Becky Wilmeth from Plains and Courtney Hix, Chance Kitchens, T.J. Kitchens, Justin Nevarez and Tara Price from Denver City.

Plains Middle School Ready To Roll

It's hard to believe that summer break is almost over! At the Middle School we have just completed a very successful summer school program and we are gearing up for the coming school year which starts August 13th for all students. We are proud that the Texas Education Agency has given the Middle School a "Recognized Campus Award" for the third year in a row! With the help of parents, teachers, and staff, the students did an outstanding job once again of preparing for the TAAS test. We also had an attendance record that was over 97% for the third year in a row! This reflects very well on the students' and parents' commitment to education. Great job!

Our faculty has a few changes this year. Teaching 7th and 8th will be:

Mrs. Alexander - Math
Mrs. Warren - English

Mr. May - Science
Mr. Cain - History

Mrs. Burgess - Technology Applications (and Special Ed.)
Mr. Petty - 7th Keyboarding (and 5th / 6th girls P.E.)

Teaching 5th and 6th grades will be:

Mrs. Curtis - Math
Ms. Foster - English

Mr. Hise - Science

Ms. Haragan - History (and 7th Reading)
Mrs. Cullins - Reading (and 8th Art)

Mr. Petty - Girls P. E. (and 7th Keyboarding)
Mr. Engle - Boys P. E. and History

We also have Mr. Morgan teaching Band, and Mrs. Weems teaching Special Education and serving as our diagnostician. Jonnie Green will be our secretary once again.

We are looking forward to another award winning year at the Middle School! We have an outstanding staff and are very excited about our successes and the challenges that face us in the 1997 - 1998 school year.

Ronnie Watkins
Middle School Principal

PUBLIC NOTICE OF TEST OF AUTOMATIC TABULATING EQUIPMENT

Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the

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Delbert L. Rushing
Signature of Officer

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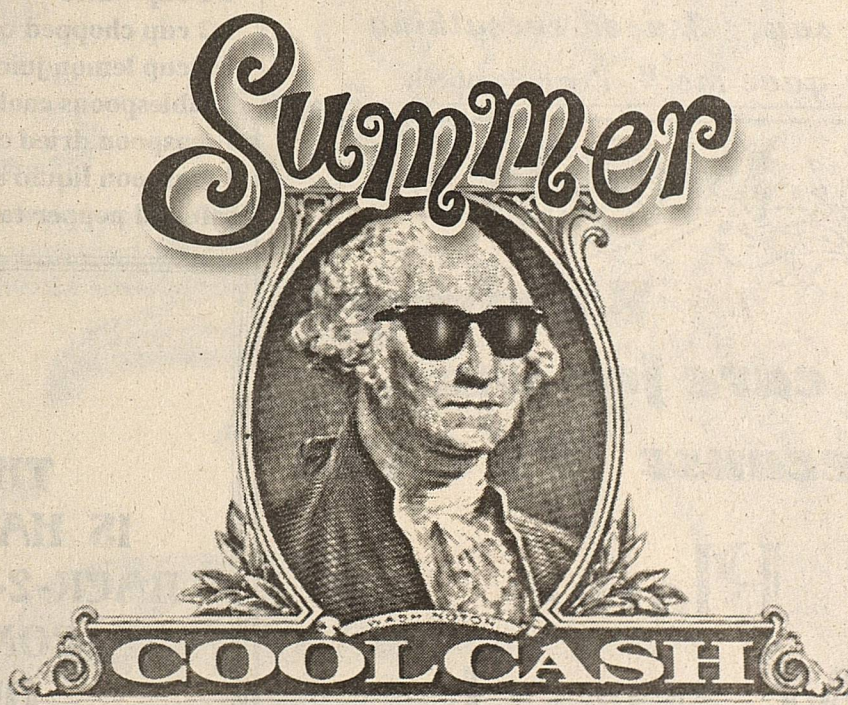
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Plains Rodeo Results

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| Membership Team Roping:
Justin Nevarez/Joe Dennis Nevarez 1st. | Kody Himes - 4.0
Jona Reid - 4.5
Jana McLay - 4.5 |
| Membership Ribbon Roping:
Joe Pierce, roper, Mike Blount, runner, 1st | Bull Riding:
Richard Turner - 74 pts.
Doug Hunt - 70
Cole Brittain - 69
Ben Cook - 65 |
| Bareback Riding:
Cody Cox - 68 pts.
Miles Bell - 61 pts. | Team Roping:
Devin Hayes/Ben Blue - 5.5
Toby Truby/Hollis Harris - 5.6
Chad Hiatt/Jeff Medlin - 6.2
Lyndon Murrow/Ben Blue - 6.5
Tye Maben/John Folmer - 6.6
Smitty Smith/John Folmer - 6.7 |
| Chalf Roping:
Chad Hiatt - 8.8 seconds.
Kipp Boggs - 9.3
Kirt Keem - 9.5
Brook Bennett - 9.7
Don Weekly - 10:00
Quentin Harper - 10.1
Josh Crow - 10.01 | Barrel Racing:
Jana Himes - 17.53 seconds
Jolina Bird - 17.78
Dena Kirkpatrick - 17.81
Kelly Garrison - 17.93 |
| Ladies Breakaway Roping:
Kelly Jo Ogden - 3.5 seconds
Karen Smith - 3.6 | Saddle Bronc:
Kevin Browning - 65
Jeff Decker - 62
Pecos Pogue - 61 |



Tilt Ok'd for Milo

Sorghum producers in the Texas Panhandle can now use Tilt fungicide, manufactured by Novartis Corporation, to control northern leaf blight in sorghum. As of July 29, the Texas Department of Agriculture issued a crisis exemption for its use in grain sorghum. Problems with northern leaf blight on grain sorghum began showing up about two weeks ago primarily in Parmer County. The problem has now spread to several other counties in the Texas Panhandle.

Responding to producers' requests, the Texas Grain Sorghum Association and the National Grain Sorghum Producers contacted the Texas Agricultural Extension Service to confirm and document the problem. Dr. Harold Kaufman, extension plant pathologist, confirmed the threat of northern leaf blight two weeks ago and stated that the unusually wet and cool weather conditions on the High Plains of Texas this year have been very conducive for disease development. The sorghum associations then asked the Texas Department of Agriculture to issue a crisis exemption for Tilt so that producers could begin treating their crops.

The crisis exemption applies only to the following grain sorghum counties in Texas: Armstrong, Bailey, Borden, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Cochran, Collingsworth, Crosby, Dallam, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Donley, Floyd, Gaines, Garza, Gray, Hale, Hall, Hansford, Hartely, Hemphill, Hockley, Hutchinson, Kent, Lamb, Lipscomb, Lubbock, Lynn, Mitchell, Moore, Motley, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Scurry, Sherman, Swisher, Terry, Wheeler, and Yoakum.

Application of the product may be initiated when symptoms of northern leaf blight appear, and if needed, a subsequent application may be made on a 7-14 day schedule. Tilt may be applied at the rate of two to four ounces per acre in a minimum of 15 gallons of water per acre when ground application equipment is utilized or in a minimum of five gallons of water per acre when aerial application equipment is used. Tilt cannot be applied within 21 day prior to harvest, and no more than a total of eight fluid ounces of Tilt can be applied per acre.

Sharp seeks strategy to keep Texas military bases open

(Austin)-Saying that "the best defense is a good offense," State Comptroller John Sharp called on Texas to develop a formal strategy for keeping and attracting military installations. "The Lone Star State has been a good host for the defense establishment through the years," Sharp said. "In return, the military has helped Texas evolve into an economic superpower. "Today, national defense priorities are shifting, and Texas should do more to improve the quality of life for military and civilian defense personnel and their families," Sharp said.

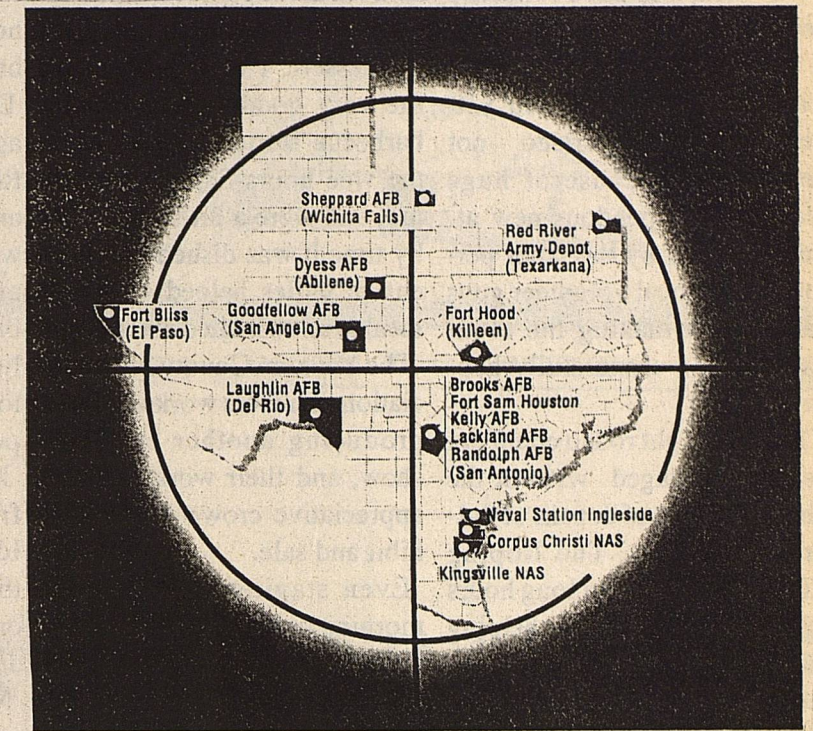
"Now more than ever, Texas should become the best friend the military ever had by improving local infrastructure and providing affordable housing, quality schools, or any other kind of hospitality that state and local governments can extend within their limited budgets," Sharp said.

"After all; the best defense is a good offense," Sharp said. "About 167,000 Texans work directly for the military," Sharp said. "By contrast, the top 10 corporations in Texas employ 123,000 people. But if any one of those businesses decided to pack up and move, we would shower them with abatement offers or other reasons to stay.

"It seems that no financial incentive is too large for some communities when it comes to courting private corporations," said Sharp. "When it comes to

military matters, Texas needs to strengthen its relationship with the military, too, if we want to protect defense installations from one end of the state to the other."

personnel and their families. * Support state efforts to increase the job search and job placement services at military-civilian transition offices located on most military installations.



Sharp outlined eight proposals to support the long-term viability and prosperity of the state's military presents:

- * Improve roads and railways running from bases to seaports and aerial ports to reduce deployment time.
- * Offer state incentives to businesses that locate near bases and employ substantial numbers of military spouses or other family members.
- * Designate military installations as wholesale electricity customers, freeing them to negotiate lower rates for power.
- * Provide affordable higher education opportunities to military

- * Offer military discounts for state hunting, fishing, and other recreational facilities.
- * Waive move-in and security deposits required by utilities, telephone companies, and landlords for troops serving on an area military bases.
- "Some of these proposals will demand a more efficient use of our resources," Sharp said. "But all Texans will pay if the federal government decides to close additional military installations in our state."

..... Ambition is a poor excuse for not having enough sense to be lazy.

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These two guys really wanted to see a Texas rodeo; The one in the foreground is from France, and his pal is from India. We apologize for losing their names.


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From The Hack



Senior Citizens Corner

This week the attendance at the Center has been really down. Some are ill and others are enjoying a vacation - hopefully some place away from this hot weather. July is going out on a hot note, maybe August will bring a rain and cool breezes. Donna Clark was at the Center again, checking us out. She is a Representative of SPAG and we are part of her job. Hopefully we got good marks. Iveta Davis and Georgia Hubbard have brought grandsons in to share lunch with them. Both boys look like good football prospects.

June Hannaman and her sister from Phoenix made a trip to Idaho last weekend to be with their niece who had lost a loved one. Our condolences to the ladies.

Mildred Rawls continues to cope, and hopes to get her cast off soon! Jay Noble improving but unable to be at the Center yet. A daughter is with him.

The Plains "Cowboy News" is full of Rodeo and Reunion News.

Also remember the Lubbock "Good Old Summer Time" Jamboree coming up August 13, and the Watermelon Festival is in the near future. Hope everyone goes and has fun.

Events to Remember: August 4, 6, and 8, Line Dancing, 10:00 AM., August 4, Pool & Games 6:30 PM., August 6, Generations Blood pressure check 11:00 - 11:30 am. August 8, Tatum Pool Tournament 10:00 AM. MST. Lunch everyday 11:30AM. Our worst menus are so much better than cooking. So come and enjoy a meal and some friends.

See You Next Week, Smitty

A closed mouth gathers no feet.

A penny saved is ridiculous.

We're going to start off in a serious vein, for once - maybe never again.

I was again highly impressed with the 44th annual Old Settlers reunion and Rodeo - not necessarily because of huge crowds or stupendous new attractions, but by the labor performed by local volunteer guys and gals in making the event happen, and successfully happen.

The three night rodeo could not have been staged without the physical effort of dozens of volunteer workers. The Roping Club members spent long hours in the arena each night helping handle the stock, other volunteers helped untie roped stock, time the events, keeping the books and results. The Lions Club volunteers again helped man the busy concession stand, directed parking, Hershel Smith again breathed a ton of smoke barbecuing hundreds of hamburgers, other volunteers took and sold tickets.

Business firms donated equipment, time and money for the show, and firms and individuals furnished the winners fancy belt buckles.

Precinct 3 and 4 personnel helped with furnishing stands for the Rodeo Parade, firewood for the huge barbecue, and as always, helped clean the huge mess up in Stanford Park and at the rodeo grounds when the final buzzer sounded.

The 4-H kids did a good job of

preparing and serving barrels of iced tea at the big feed, and dozens of ladies brought cobbles for dessert. The guys smoking the very good brisket for the barbecue started their labor in the wee hours Saturday morning, and were a bit bleary eyed by time it was dished up. Dozens of ladies helped serve the meal to an estimated 850 people.

The Yoakum County Art Association members worked hard at producing another excellent show, and their work drew an appreciative crowd for the exhibit and sale.

Even staging the Saturday morning parade required lots of effort and planning. What so impresses me about local events like this is not just the effort, time, sweat and labor involved in bringing it off, but the fact so many same faces show up each year to man the trenches - some of these volunteers have been doing the same jobs for YEARS.

To all you guys who help make this event a continuing success, we sincerely salute you!

Uh-Oh. One more thing to worry about. I saw a graphic on NBC Monday showing more than 6 tons of cosmic dust from outer space is falling on earth EACH DAY! That's 4,380,000 pounds of dust every year! How much does the earth weigh now? Will the globe finally collapse with all this extra weight? I'll bet I don't sleep more than eight hours a night from now on.

A special memorial service will be held on August 16 at 5 p.m. when the ashes of the late Bob Lester will be scattered in the waters of the Pecos and Rio Grande Rivers west of Del Rio. If you would like to attend the services, please call Teny, 456-8486

NOTICE OF RATE DECREASE REQUEST

July 22, 1997

In accordance with Subtitle E, Section 2.212 (a) of the Texas Public Utility Regulatory Act of 1995 and with Subchapter D, Section 22.51 (b) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas' Procedural Rules, notice is herein provided of Lea County Electric Cooperative's intent to reduce rates to its members within the City of Plains, such rate reduction to become effective September 1, 1997. Lea County proposes to accomplish the rate reduction by applying its currently approved Texas rates to those applicable residential and commercial accounts within the City of Plains. The following summarizes the effect of the proposed rate reduction on the Cooperative's test year revenues (1996).

Rate Classification	# Customers	Annual Revenue Decrease	Annual % Decrease
Current 02 Residential (change to Texas 01 Residential)	220	\$26,507	18.11%
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Current 11 Commercial (change to Texas 10 Commercial)	37	\$10,653	23.37%

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Plains ISD invites interested parties to make proposals for the purchase of one new Chevrolet Suburban or equal until 2:00 P.M. August 7, 1997 at the Business Office.

Plains ISD invites interested parties to make proposals for the purchase of a new full size four door sedan until 2:00 P.M. August 7, 1997 at the Business Office.

Plains ISD invites interested parties to make proposals for the purchase of a seven gang tractor pulled reel mower with a hydraulic transport unit until 2:00 P.M. August 7, 1997 at the Business Office.

Plains ISD invites interested parties to make proposals for providing milk for its school lunch program beginning August 11, 1997. Proposals will be received until 2:00 P.M. August 6, 1997 at the Business Office.

Plains ISD invites interested parties to make proposals for providing cafeteria produce for its school lunch program beginning August 11, 1997. Proposals will be received until 2:00 P.M. August 6, 1997 at the Business Office.

Proposals should be addressed to Eric Banfield, Business Manager, Plains ISD 1000 10th Street, Box 479, Plains Texas 79355. For questions or other information, please contact Eric Banfield at 806-456-7483.

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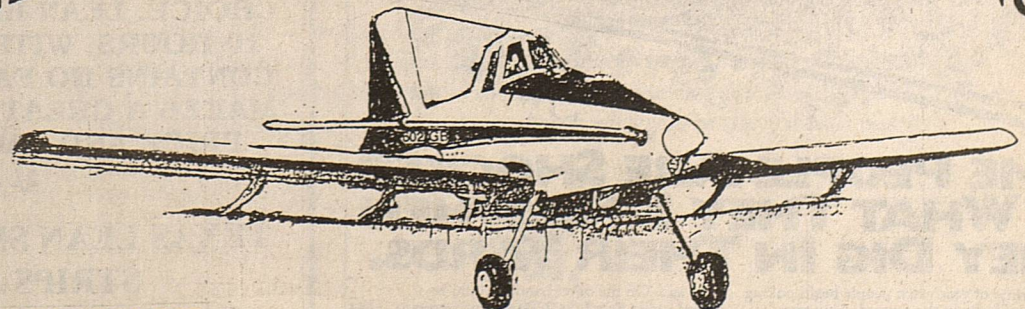
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