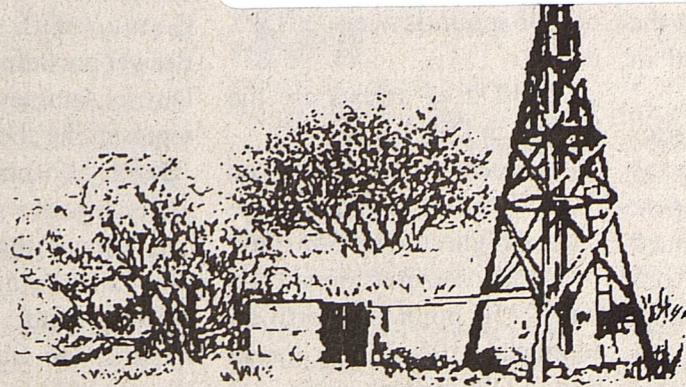


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Sacred Heart faithful turn out for fund raiser despite Sunday's cold, rainy weather



The best laid plans of mice, men and volunteer church workers are all too often disrupted by Mother Nature's whimsy. The Sacred Heart Catholic Church's annual fund raising Jamaica festival in Stanford Park Sunday took place in day long cold, drizzling rain, but the faithful supporters broke out their umbrellas, warm jackets and coats and brought their dollars to the Jamaica for food, drinks, games of chance and merchandise, to raise money for the church. It appeared the least successful game at the Jamaica this year was the 'Throw a ball, dunk someone' contest... no volunteer dunkers.



From science to sports, many new faces in Plains ISD instructor ranks

Plains Independent School District administrators and trustees spent many hours reviewing resumes and interviewing prospective teachers and coaches throughout the summer months. Eleven new staff members will be on board when the fall semester begins August 16.

The following thumbnail sketches of the new personnel were taken from their resumes, and are presented in no particu-

lar order.

Linda Olivera will be an English as Second Language instructor. She attended Howard College at Big Spring, and earned her Bachelor degree in multidisciplinary studies from Texas Tech this year. She literally "came up through the ranks", having worked seven years as a custodian in O'Donnell ISD until 1998, when she started her formal education, and was last em-

ployed by O'Donnell high school as librarian assistant.

Kimberlee Coen Willis was hired to work with Special Education students. She has been a resident of Plains since she married local Tim Willis. She received her BA degree from Texas Tech in 1987. She spent a number of years as a Specialist with Children's Protective Services, served as a Special Education teacher at Lamesa ISD, and most recently was the

Special Education representative at Denver City High School since 2000.

Adam Jones was hired as new high school biology instructor. He received his BS degree from Angelo State University in May, 2004. From January 2004 to May 2004 he taught biology at Lake View High School in San Angelo until May graduation, and had experience with instruction of ESL, Gifted and Talented and Spe-

cial Education students.

Gary 'Lou' Lindsey will be a math instructor at Plains Middle School. He earned his BS degree from Hardin Simmons with a major in speech and theatre, and his Masters in speech from Bowling Green State University in 1978. Lindsey has extensive teaching experience at Brownfield elementary and high schools, Clear Lake High at Houston, Bee County Col-

lege, McLennan Community College at Waco, with extensive experience in speech and theatre arts.

Darla J. Graham will teach first grade students in Plains Elementary. She received her BS degree in human development and family studies from Texas Tech in 1994, her teaching certificate in 1997, and Masters in Christian Education from

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Natural gas prices, city wide clean up top city issues

The City of Plains announced with advertising in last week's issue of CCN a city wide cleanup which will start August 9 and continue through August 13. The cleanup effort will continue to be advertised each week until the program starts.

City Administrator Ed Hansen offered further explanations of the effort to put a clean face on the town. "Starting Monday, August 9, and continuing through Friday, August 13, both city and county employees will be going down alleys to pick up furniture, appliances and other household items to be discarded. We wish to stress to everyone, we will make **ONLY ONE COLLECTION TRIP** down each alley. It is essential you have your throwaways in the alley and ready for disposal by Monday morning, on August 9. We have to eliminate the problem excuse, 'Oh, I forgot my old TV or refrigerator, will you come back and get them?' Please help us make Plains a nicer place to live!"

Hansen also expanded on the previously discussed expiration of the City's contract for the purchase of natural gas on August 31. "We are all aware of energy costs skyrocketing for a number of years now, but not the cost of natural gas in the City of Plains. The price has NOT risen

since the mid-1980's. Unfortunately, this is about to change."

Hansen continued, "We are currently paying \$3.09 per MCF (thousand cubic feet) for gas, and sell it to our customers for \$6 per MCF, one of the very lowest cost rates in the state. That will come to an end September 1, 2004. Current price quotes we're receiving now are all well over the \$6 rate we now charge our customers."

The administrator said as of September 1 the city will begin billing for natural gas accounts on a floating price system. "The city will contract to purchase natural gas at a set price for that given month. The charge to the customer, which is all of us, will be that cost plus an allowance percentage to cover the cost of other city operations. This process will repeat itself each month, and the rate charged could be different each month."

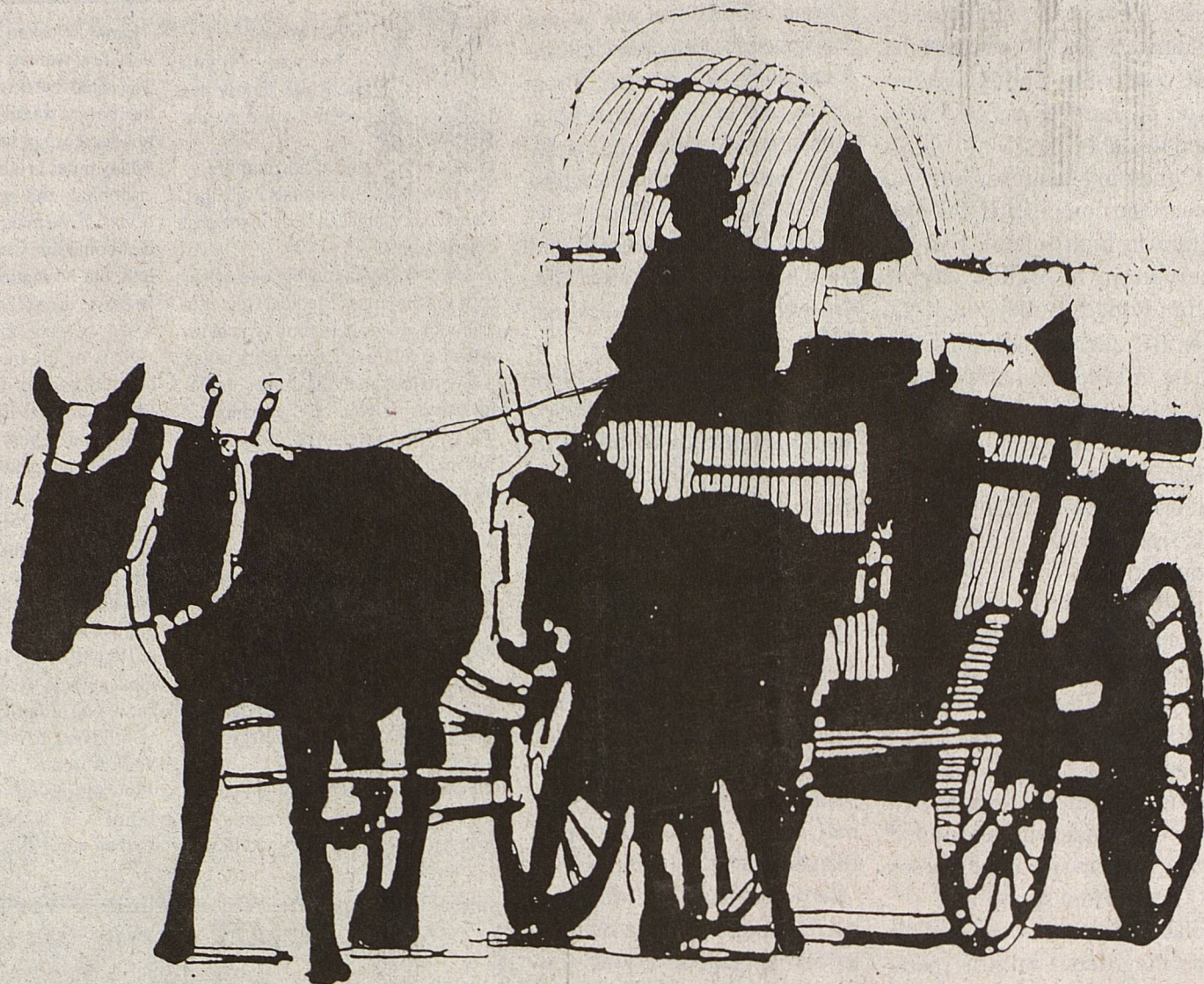
Hansen urged residents make every effort to prepare their homes for these higher gas prices by effectively winterizing their homes and businesses.

Hansen reminded all citizens are welcome and encouraged to attend City Council meetings held on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 5:45 PM in City Hall.

First 'down to business' EDC meeting held



The Plains Economic Development Corporation board of directors attended a working lunch meeting on July 22 in the City Hall board room. Present in photo, left to right are Sandra Stephens, Secretary-Treasurer, Steve Alldredge, City Administrator Ed Hansen, Toni Jones, President, Elsa Moya, Vice-President, and Debbie Smith. The board reviewed possible corporation by-laws to be adopted, agreed to name Plains State Bank as official depository for EDC funds, and discussed possible future budget items.



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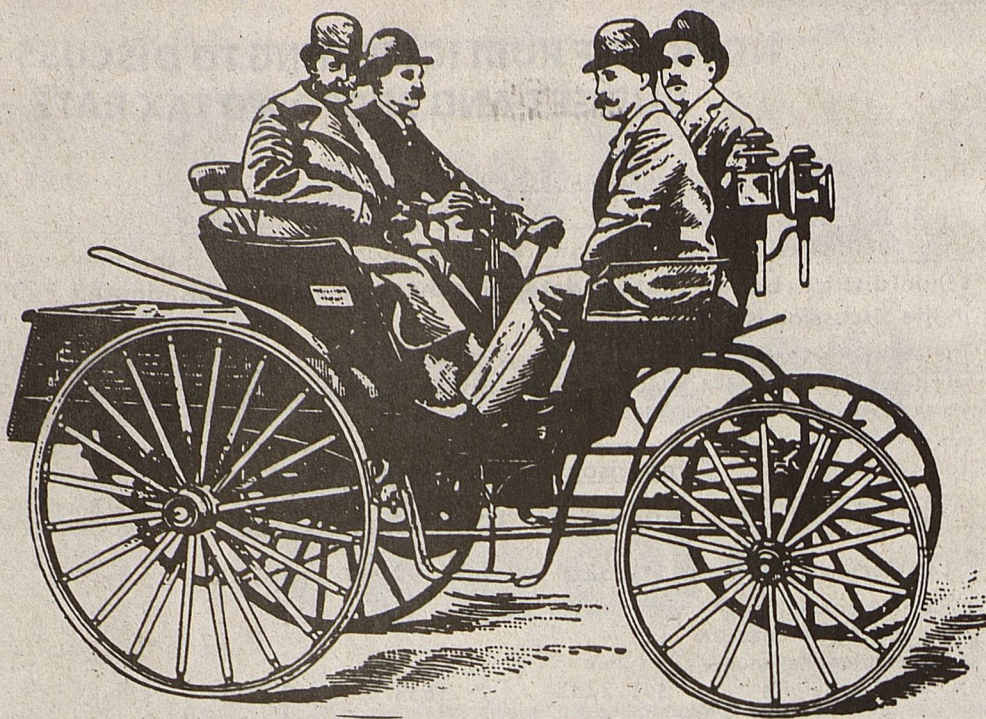
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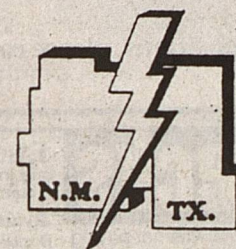
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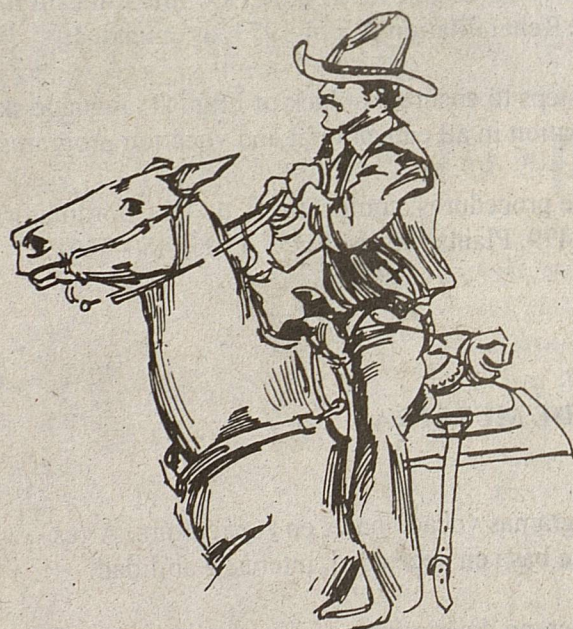
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