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NEW USDA ACT TO IMPACT LOCAL PRODUCERS AND OFFICES

In a summary issued by US Department of Agriculture and received in the local ASCS office, it is apparent both ag producers and government agriculture agencies and their employees will be affected by the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994.

A major change in the USDA on the national level include Presidential appointment and confirmation by Congress of six Under Secretary positions. The six will be assigned in the USDA's major mission areas, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services; Rural and Community Development; Food, Nutrition and Consumer Service; Natural Resources and Environment; Research, Education and Economics, and Food Safety.

The Reorganization Act will also impact county field offices and personnel; Reduction of employment by

at least 7500 staff years by fiscal 1999, with larger staff cutbacks proportionately in Washington compared to field offices.

The act makes no change in the USDA Secretary's authority to close or consolidate more than 1,000 USDA field offices. Field offices will be consolidated to provide "one stop" service for ag clients. Field offices must not only be located together, but must combine and share office space, equipment and support personnel in order to reduce overhead expenses.

The act allows the Secretary to establish a new Consolidated Farm Service Agency (CFSA) that combines the functions of the ASCS, FCIC, and farm lending services of FmHA.

The act assigns CFSA administration of commodity price and income support programs, crop insurance, farm

lending, and the Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP) to the FSA.

The CFSA must receive concurrence of NCRS at national, state or local levels for ACP and CRP in establishing policies.

It allows for interchangeable use of Federal and non Federal employees of county/area farmer committees in CFSA office operations, and continues the requirement that county/area CFSA executive directors be appointed by the producer committee.

The act requires establishment of local CFSA farmer committees to administer and oversee USDA farm programs for a county/area, the committees to be comprised of 3-5 persons actively involved in farming or ranching who are elected by ag producers in the county/area. It will PLS. TURN TO PG. 2, USDA

AMOCO HAS GIFT FOR COUNTY

County Judge Dallas Brewer recently announced Amoco Oil Company, Denver City, had donated a 1990 Ford pickup to Yoakum County.

Charles Wagner, Amoco plant manager, and Charley Wagner, Amoco tax representative, delivered the vehicle and title to county officials Friday, September 23.

The vehicle will be used solely by Sheriff's Deputy Don Corzine, the designated County Emergency Management Coordinator. Judge Brewer explained, "Every County Judge in Texas is appointed the coordinator of the counties emergency management plan. The judges can then appoint individuals or agencies to act as a liaison between the emergency group and county".

He added, "In our case, I appointed the Sheriff's Department to act as this liaison, and Sheriff Rice appointed Don Corzine as the actual coordinator. The truck will be fully equipped with emergency management equipment, including gas masks, air



Charley Wagner, Leamon Hood, Judge Brewer, Don Corzine

packs, and first aid supplies.

The Judge expressed his and the county's gratitude to Amoco, saying, "This is a fine example of business interests working with and financially helping the community".

C of C MEETING

The Chamber of Commerce regular monthly meeting was held Tuesday at Johnnies' Restaurant.

Members present were David Brunson, Harry Richardson, Vaughn and Carolyn Culwell, Gary and Holly Dyer, Mary Jo St. Romain, Dolores Davis,

Billie Blundell, Toni Jones, T.J. Miller and Jim Barron.

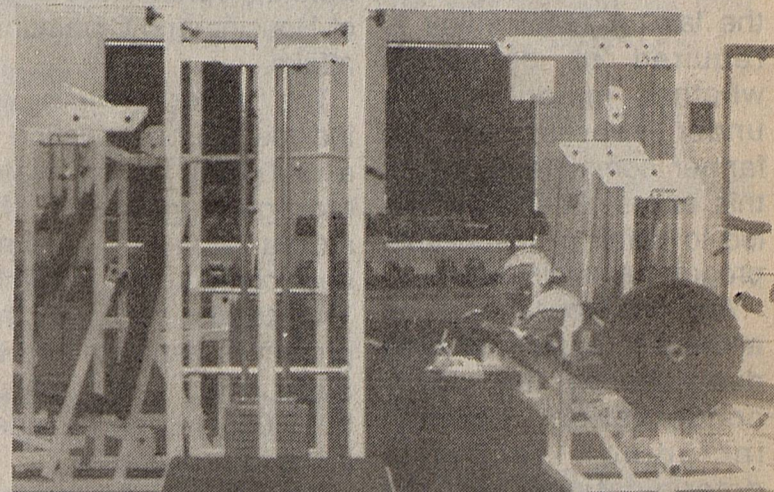
Brunson gave an update on the twelve foot steel fabricated Christmas tree city employees are constructing. The tree will be placed in Pioneer Park each yuletide season, and can be dismantled for storage after the Holidays.

Plans were discussed on the possibility of conducting an annual fall County fair in the city. Anyone with input about how to attract exhibitors, artists and craftsmen is welcome to present their ideas at the next Chamber meeting, to be held at 7:00 am, Tuesday, November 1.

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SCHOOL WEIGHT ROOM IMPRESSIVE, OPEN TO GENERAL PUBLIC

The new weight training room at Plains High is one modern, high tech installation. The multitude of gleaming weight and conditioning machines seem endless, and are being utilized primarily by our young high school athletes. The purpose of the machines and routines, of course, is to develop and expand muscle tone and bulk.



The impressive facility opened shortly after the start of school in September. Student athletes have devices to expand pectorals, back muscles, neck muscles; Weight and tension machines for arm curls, quadracep muscles in the knee and legs, sit up stations, chest muscle presses, cable cross-overs, vertical jump aids, tread mills, squat racks, bench

presses, bar bells, and hamstring stations are helping young athletes develop stronger, better conditioned bodies.

The exercise and weight room is not a 'strictly for football players' facility, as a number of young ladies and faculty members are working out on the fancy and grueling machines.

Head Coach Larry McMinn stated, "This state of the art room and

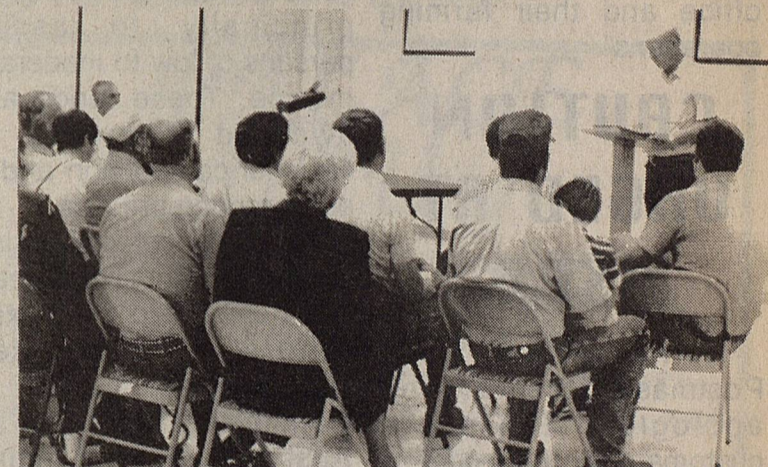
equipment is open to the public, and we invite and encourage more of our citizens, young, old, male or female, to make use of the facility." It is open to the public Monday, 6-10:00pm, Wednesday, 8-10:00pm, and Sunday, 2-4:00pm.

There is enough equipment in this room to transform a 97 pound weakling into a possible Mighty Hulk.

SMITH, MORROW NEW YCSWCD DIRECTORS

On Thursday, October 6, the Yoakum Soil and Water Conservation District (YSWCD) held its election for directors, zones 1 and 2 of the district. All SWCD Director elections are governed by Title 7, Chapter 201 of the Agricultural Code of Texas.

Dan Wall was elected Director, Zone 1, but immediately following the election, resigned after realizing he did not meet the state conservation statutes, which require directors to own land in the zone they will represent. Following the resignation, the remaining board members appointed Kent



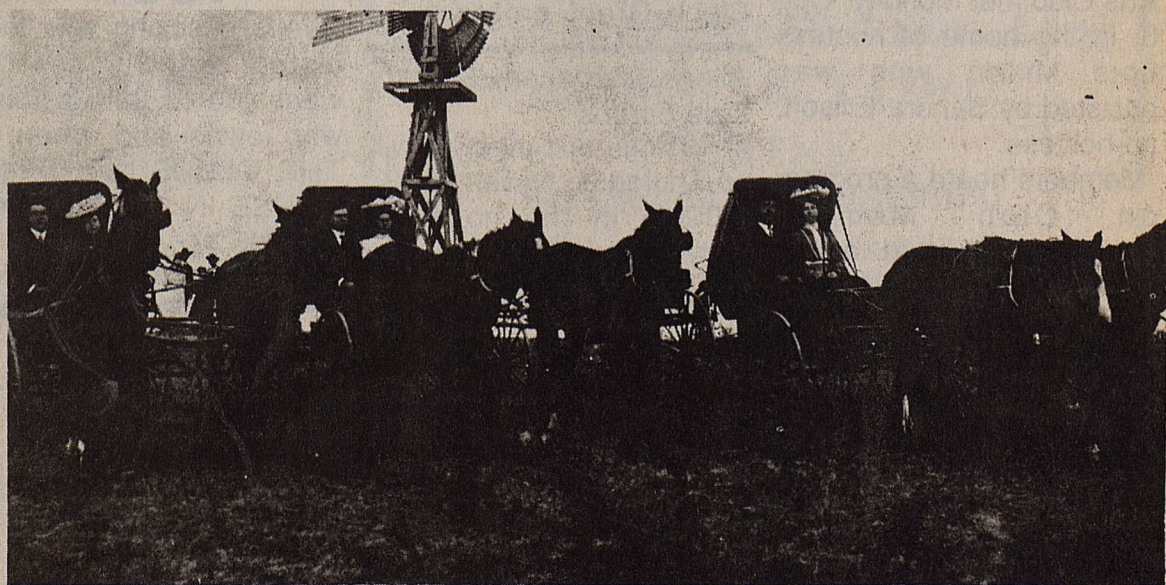
Dr. Bill Fryear speaks on wind-soil erosion.

Smith of Denver City to fill the vacancy. The appointment was made in accordance with conservation statutes which provide for an appointment system for filling vacancies only after an election has been held.

Kent farms east of Denver City in southern Yoakum County. He owns a section of land in the area, where he farms irrigated cotton and CRP. Smith also farms another section of land in PLS. TURN TO PG. 4, "ELECTIONS"

A 'COURTIN' ON A SUNDAY AFTERNOON - 1906

FROM "YOAKUM COUNTY HISTORY, 1907-1957"
YOAKUM COUNTY GOLDEN JUBILEE



A gathering on the Mark Bowen Place for a Sunday Basket Dinner. Couples ready for an afternoon ride, left to right: Jasper Woodard and Lillian Hurst, George Cleveland and Clara Woodard, and Jim Bowen and Ara Hurst.

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allow consolidation of county committees, consistent with consolidation of county USDA offices, subject to approval of the CFSA state committee.

The Secretary will appoint 3-5 member CFSA state committees, farmers in the state.

The USDA is to encourage ethnic, gender and race diversity in the nominees for farmer committees, and certain actions may be taken to rectify any programs not made in compliance with the law. A GAO study is required to determine whether minorities are under represented on farmer committees, and if this exists, whether it has led to unfair or inequitable program administration.

Ag producers will be allowed to appeal adverse decisions by the USDA conservation agency, including technical determinations, to the locally elected CFSA committee. Local CFSA decisions must be made in conformance with conservation agency technical criteria. In addition, administrative appeal procedures used by FmHA and ASCS will be replaced with an independent process thru a new National Appeals Division, NAD.

As further details are released from Washington and the USDA, local Executive Director of the present ASCS office, Gary Six, advised, "We will keep all our producers informed of decisions involving this office and their farming operations".

CAUTION URGED AT USPO

Norris Jones, local Postmaster, conveys his apologies to postal customers for the inconvenience construction at the building front has caused recently. He also warns, "Please be careful when using the new sidewalk and step-up when entering the front door. Several more days of construction remain, and we urge your caution, and thank you for your patience during this construction".

FINE ARTS CLUB

Members of Plains Fine Arts Club met Monday, Oct. 3, in the home of hostess Lois Miller, who was assisted by Sandra Ellison, co-hostess.

Members heard a program on Club Member Participation, and heard Frankie Walker describe some of husband Gary's "Campaign Funnies".

Sheila Stephens and Sandra Ellison performed the song, "Known Only To Him".

Attending were Messrs Sue Banfield, Christy Brink, Sandra Ellison, Judy Fitzgerald, Donna Friesen, Lois Miller, Frankie Walker,

CITY WATER & SEWER PROJECT UPDATE

The city of Plains continues to make progress toward the completion of its water system improvement project and its wastewater system improvement project. Both of these projects will be funded with Texas Community Development Block Grants from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

The water project will include the construction of a 300,000 gallon water storage tank, and the acquisition and development of a well field. The totals cost for this project is estimated to be \$350,000, of which \$250,000 will be provided in the form of grants.

The wastewater project will include the expansion of the present sewer plant, and will consist of the construction of two additional treatment ponds and expanded irrigation acreage. The cost of this project is estimated to be \$350,000, with \$250,000 coming from grant funds.

The Community Block Grant program provides funds for public facility improvements such as water, sewer and gas systems, roads and drainage, economic development, housing assistance and planning projects. These Federal funds are allocated principally to assist persons of low to moderate income. These funds are awarded following a regional competition and a state scoring process.

The design of the Plains water project has been hand carried to the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Committee (TNRCC) in Austin, and is awaiting their approval while the environmental survey is being completed. Construction on the project should begin shortly after January 1, 1995.

The wastewater project is still in the design phase and will be sent to TNRCC within the next two months. Actual construction should start in the spring of 1995.

Since 1983, the City has received approximately \$1.5 million in Federal grants through the Community Development Block Grant program.

Allene Carnahan, & Mary Dale Forbus.

Fine Arts next meeting will be Thursday, November 3, 7:00pm in the home of Judy Fitzgerald.

LEGAL NOTICE

ELEC 03091
Prescribed by Secretary of State
Sections 4.004, 83.010, 85.004, 85.007, Texas Election Code
2/93

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL)

To the registered voters of the County of Yoakum, Texas:
(a los votantes registrados del Condado de Yoakum, Texas.)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., November 8, 1994, for voting in a general election to elect *Members of Congress, Members of the Legislature, and state, district, county and precinct officers; and FOR the purpose of adopting or rejecting the proposed Constitutional Amendments as submitted by the 73rd Legislature, special session(s), of the State of Texas.

(Notifíquese, por las presentes, que las casillas electorales citadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 8th de noviembre de 1994 para votar en la Elección General para elegir *Miembros del Congreso, Miembros de la Legislatura, y oficiales del estado, distrito, condado y del precinto y PARA adoptar o rechazar las enmiendas propuestas constitucionales así como fueron sometidas por la 73rd Legislatura special Sesión(es), de la Estado de Texas.)

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES (DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

See attachment

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:
(La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en:)

County Clerk's Office, Courthouse Plains - Yoakum County Tax Office Denver City
(location) (sitio)

Recommended but not required

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on October 19, 1994
(date)

(entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el October 19, 1994)
(fecha)

and ending on November 4, 1994 (y terminando el November 4, 1994)
(date) (fecha)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán enviarse a:)

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(Name of Early Voting Clerk)
(Nombre del Secretario de la Votación Adelantada)

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(City) (Ciudad) (Zip Code) (Zona Postal)

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on:
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November 1, 1994
(date) (fecha)

Issued this the 7th day of October, 19 94.

(Emitida este día 7th de October, 19 94.)

[Signature]
Signature of County Judge (Firma del Juez del Condado)

*In a presidential election year, the words "presidential electors" go in this blank.

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- ELECTION PRECINCT NO. 305: DENVER CITY LIBRARY
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- ELECTION PRECINCT NO. 406: TAX OFFICE BUILDING, DENVER CITY
- EARLY VOTING BALLOT BOARD: COURTHOUSE, PLAINS

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VOLLEYBALL NEWS

VARSITY

The Cowgirls, now 15-12, split matches in Brownfield last Saturday, taking Crane 15-6, 15-10 but falling to Brownfield 3-15, 7-15. Producing thirteen kills and four blocks against Crane, the Cowgirls were forced to make a lineup change against Brownfield when setter Robin Squyres suffered a sprained ankle early in the match. Plagued by poor passing, they settled for seven kills against the Lady Cubs.

COWBOYS FACE DISTRICT FOES

The Cowboy football team, now 5-0 at the half way mark of their ten game schedule, returns to action Friday night against District foe Anton at 7:30pm, here at Cowboy Field.

Last weekends open date gave the troops a much needed rest, and provided time for assorted nicks and bruises to heal. It also allowed the coaching staff time to fully assess the teams performance to date, and make final plans for the tough district race ahead.

In addition to Anton this Friday, the Cowboys must conquer Whiteface, O'Donnell, Smyer and Sudan to wear the District crown, and advance to the state playoffs.

Fan support at the first five games has been excellent, and continued support will greatly help both the young players and coaching staff in the vitally important district schedule.

GO, COWBOYS!

GREAT PUMPKIN VISITS 3rd GRADE

Plains Elementary third grade students from the classes of Margarita Avila, Phyllis House and Willie Mae Engle enjoyed a pumpkin decorating contest last week. The pumpkins were donated by Brad Palmer on a recent school visit to his farm, and both students and teachers expressed their thanks for his generosity.

Winners in the Avila class were, FIRST: April Wilmeth, an Indian design featuring long braided hair, carrot nose and red and white mouth. SECOND: Anthony Loya, witch with yellow hair, bat designed hat, sunglasses and vampire style nose. THIRD: Jose Avila, old man with white hair covered by green and white yarn cap, shiny nose

Amber Bryan served a team high thirteen service points in the Cowgirls' 15-6, 15-0 victory over the visiting Lovington Wildcats, Tuesday, October 4th. Kyley Bearden paced the Cowgirls with four kills. Stacey Jones, Heather McDonnell, and Robin Squyres produced two each.

JUNIOR VARSITY

The JV advanced to 15-7 with a 15-11, 15-12 victory over Crane last Saturday in Brownfield. Lyndi Rowe topped all servers with twelve points. Sylvia Tarango and Maria Moreno combined for sixteen points. Tessa St. Romain sparked the Cowgirls from the serving line with ten points in their 15-6, 15-3 home court defeat of Lovington, Tuesday, October 4th. Hitting included: Kassie Lowe, two kills; Lindsey Six, two; Shawna Box, one; Lyndi, one; Bridget Bernal, one; and Kristi Guetersloh, one. Kassie logged three blocks and Bridget, five digs, for the Cowgirl defense.

EIGHTH GRADE

The 8th Grade A & B teams forced Levelland to go the distance Monday, October 3rd before relenting in the decisive games. Jolyne Burgess led the A team with ten points in their 15-6, 3-15, 9-15 setback. LaCresha Johnson contributed seven points. Sonia Hernandez led all servers with eleven points and Maranda Box recorded nine points in the B team's 4-15, 15-6, 8-15 loss.

SEVENTH GRADE

The 7th Graders split matches with Levelland in

out of town volleyball action, Monday, October 3rd. Wendy Hernandez served six points in the A team's 11-15, 7-15 loss. The B team rebounded for a 15-10, 15-7 defeat of Levelland B. Liz Ancinec posted ten points for the Wranglers and Laura Morales added seven.

Thanks to Coach Cain and Beth Ann.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Members of the Plains Volunteer Fire Department visited the Plains Elementary School Monday, October 10, as part of National Fire Prevention Week.

Fire Chief, Charles Diamond said kindergarten thru 4th grade students, "Heard members of our Fire Department speak to them primarily about the use and importance of working smoke detectors in each and every home." The youngsters also heard explanations from volunteers on how to use the 911 phone system, to identify themselves and their address in case they were forced to use the 911 system, and the importance of the entire family having planned procedures to escape from a home on fire.

The students were taken outside to view two of the Fire Department pumper trucks, and hear explanations of the equipment carried on each truck, which the fire fighters use in answering a fire call. They were impressed by the size and weight of filled fire spray hoses, and the power of the jet of water the units are capable of producing.



CROSS COUNTRY MEET

Plains Cross Country team members journeyed to Lubbock Saturday, October 8, to compete in one of the largest cross country meets in the state.

The Cowboy Varsity team performed exceptionally well, beating all competing Class A teams, and finished in a strong 10th place overall, running against a host of much larger schools. Individual results were;

VARSITY BOYS:

30th Joe Valdez	17:32
44th Ralph Ramirez	17:51
60th Jason Robertson	18:19
121st Jeremy Dearing	19:52
136th Jacob Lester	20:19

The Boys Junior Varsity also had a great outing, out running all other Class A JV teams, and finished 8th overall in the big meet.

Individual results were;

JUNIOR VARSITY:

12th Kipp Blount	18:41
44th Will St.Romain	19:32
59th Hector Gallegos	20:05
84th Edward Escobar	21:00
85th Chris Willett	21:01

The JV Cowgirl team performed well again, with three of the four runners finishing the race in less than 15 minutes. Individual results were;

JUNIOR VARSITY GIRLS:

37th Lisa Parrish	14:22
54th Krystle Blundell	14:42
62nd Tanya Hernandez	14:48
210th Becky St.Romain	17:01

The District Cross Country Meet is at Littlefield on Monday Oct. 17, 1994. The meet starts at 4:00 PM at the Country Club. Try to make this event and support these hard working teams.

Thanks to Coach McAdams.



A POEM FROM THE HEART

The following is an appeal by a local mother to the fans at our current football games. It could just as easily be an appeal to all our local fans for all our school athletic events, and we hope it strikes home to any and all individuals who have watched and criticized our young athletes, doing their very best for their school, their team, and their community.

'HE'S ONLY A BOY'
Please don't curse the boy down there, he's only my son, you see.

He's only just a boy, you know, he means a lot to me. I didn't raise my son, dear fan, for you to call him names.

He may not be a superstar, It's just a high school game.

So please don't curse the boys down there, they do the best they can.

They never try to lose a game, they're boys, you're a man.

The game belongs to them, you see, you are just a guest.

MAGAZINES NEEDED AT PHS

The Homemaking students at PHS need old magazines for research and ideas in their class projects. Mrs. Deaton, Homemaking instructor, asks that people who have

They don't need a fan like you, they need the very best.

If you have nothing good to say, please leave the boys alone.

And if you have no manners, why don't you stay at home ?

So please don't curse them, those boys down there,

Each one is a persons son. Win, lose, tie, you see, they are still NUMBER ONE !"

Good Luck cowboys,
From Linda Bernal



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

COME TO ME ALL YOU WHO ARE WEARY AND BURDENED, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST.

PRAYER CONCERN
CLYDELL HALE
JAMES WARREN
PAT HENARD

suitable magazines should bring them to the High School Office.

The students particularly need magazines dealing with food, nutrition, recipes, fashions and clothes making, home economics, and health.

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4-H'ERS HONORED FOR ACHIEVEMENTS

Yoakum County 4-H'ers were recently honored for their accomplishments at the annual banquet. It was held at the Plains Community Center. The banquet theme was "4-H in Candy land" with decorations to match the theme. Guest speaker for the evening was Deanna Otts, an Agri-Texas from Texas Tech University. 4-H members and leaders were honored for project activities, years of participation and service. The banquet was conducted by 4-H members and leaders.

The Gold Star Award, the highest achievement award presented on the county 4-H level, was presented to Katrina Hart and Kelly McGinty. Katrina is currently serving as the Denver City 4-H Club 1st Vice-President. She is a nine year 4-H member and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carrol Hart. Her projects include food and nutrition, sheep, swine, clothing, leadership, conservation of natural resources and recycling, electricity, recreation and citizenship. She has participated on two first place teams and one fourth place team at Texas 4-H Roundup. Katrina has served as a teen leader in many of these project areas. She also attended Texas 4-H Congress in

1992. Kelly McGinty is a seven year 4-H member from Plains and currently serving as the Plains 4-H Club secretary. Her projects include swine, beef, leadership, recreation, citizenship, electricity, food and nutrition and clothing. She has competed in numerous 4-H contests, including area stock shows and Texas 4-H Roundup. She was a 1994 participant in Texas 4-H Congress. Kelly is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McGinty.

Both Katrina and Kelly were recognized as the first recipients of the Blaine McWhirter Memorial 4-H Scholarship. Each of these 4-H members will receive a \$250 scholarship when the graduate from high school and enter either college or a vocational school. This award was presented by Macky McWhirter.

The "I Dare You" Award is presented annually to challenge senior 4-H members to continue striving to do their best. This year's recipients were Chase Clanahan and Jinger Hancock.

Chase is an eight year 4-H member from Plains. He has held several offices in the Plains 4-H Club including President and 1st Vice-President. He served

has served as a club officer in the Denver City 4-H Club. She has competed in area livestock shows, method demonstration contests, food shows, and fashion shows. On the state level, she represented Yoakum County at Texas 4-H Roundup and at Texas 4-H Congress. She has served as a teen leader for several project activities.

The Outstanding Junior 4-H'er Awards went to Chrissy Taylor and Rustin Knight. Rustin, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dell Knight, is a four year member of the Plains 4-H Club. He has been active in swine, food and nutrition, method demonstrations, livestock judging, and camps. He has assisted with local 4-H promotional activities, and county wide recycling efforts.

Chrissy Taylor is the daughter of Tammy Taylor. Her major projects include food and nutrition, horse, sheep, swine and recreation. She has attended various county and district activities and countywide workshops. She has served as an officer in the Denver City 4-H Club.

Another new award this year was the Watermelon 4-H Scholarship. This scholarship was created through local watermelon growers Dero Anderson, Todd Anderson, Eddie Earnest, and Macky McWhirter. Bonnie Earnest represented the growers and presented the awards to Robert Knight and Lindi Rowe. Robert, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dell Knight of Plains, is a seven year 4-H Club member. He participates in livestock projects. He has competed at Texas 4-H Roundup for two years, and has attended 4-H Electric Camp and Texas 4-H Water Camp.

Lindi is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rowe of Plains. She is a six year club member participating in food and nutrition, natural resources and swine. She has been honored as an Outstanding 4-H Junior member.

The Yoakum County Family and Community Education Council each year honors county 4-H members who complete 4-H Record Books for district



Ken McAdams

as a District 4-H Council Delegate in 1993-94. His projects include swine, beef, leadership, recreation, citizenship, electricity, judging, sheep and food and nutrition. He served as a District 4-H Leadership Camp staff member this past summer. Chase is the son of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Clanahan.

Jinger Hancock, daughter of Joni Hancock, is a five year member of 4-H. She

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Plains High School Student of the week is Ken McAdams. Ken is a Senior at Plains High School and is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Evertt McAdams.

He was nominated by Sue Banfield. "I nominated this student because I believe he is a leader who's influence is an asset to his class and to the school. He is a hard worker. He is available when a job needs to be done. He has a great attitude and works well with others. I think that this will translate into success for him and all those around him here at Plains....and later on in his life."

competition. Five members received \$10 from the FCE Council for their efforts. Assisting with this presentation was Sidney Murphey, the County FCE Vice-Chairman. Recipients were Brian Chandler, Julie Hancock, Casey Mayes, Kelly McGinty, and Lesli Rowe.

Julie Hancock was also recognized for her state winning record book in Conservation of Natural Resources. She will be attending National 4-H Congress in Florida in December as a part of this honor.

Projects are the basic learning tool of the 4-H program. Project work provides members a way to develop life skills as well as leadership. Youth receiving project pins included: AGRICULTURAL AWARD - Jamey Garland and Jason Swann; BEEF AWARD - Kelly McGinty; CITIZENSHIP AWARD - Katrina Hart; CLOTHING AWARD - Alecia Bearden, Jennifer Coston, Jessica Knight, and Ragan McGinty; CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES AWARD - Brian Chandler; FOOD AND NUTRITION AWARD - Jennifer Lollar and Staci

Tuggle; FOOD CONSERVATION, PRESERVATION AND SAFETY AWARD - Dawn Garland and Jeffrey Lollar; HORSE AWARD - Cody Hamrick and Stephanie Hamrick; LEADERSHIP AWARD - Chase Clanahan and Julie Hancock; PLANT AND SOIL SCIENCE AWARD - Robert Knight; PUBLIC SPEAKING - Jinger Hancock, Casey Mayes, and Lesli Rowe; RECREATION AWARD - Elizabeth Clanahan; SHEEP AWARD - Tadd Coston, Chance Kitchen, Bryce Sellers, Chrissy Taylor, and Josh Taylor; SWINE - Derek Corzine and Rustin Knight

Approximately 220 members were recognized for participation in their 4-H Clubs and those present received year pins. Almost 60 adult volunteers were recognized for their years of service. Special certificates were given for 5 and 15 years service. Five year certificates were presented to Joni Hancock, Dottie Mayes, and Johnny Mayes. Fifteen year certificates went to Ann McGinty and Kenneth McGinty.

Three adult leaders were presented the "Outstanding 4-H Adult Leader" Awards.

One award went to Tommy and Cindra Box, a husband and wife team. They have served as adult leaders for six years. Cindra has served as a project leader for foods and nutrition and clothing.

This year the recipient of the "Friend of 4-H" Award was Shell Oil Company Foundation. They have supported the Yoakum County 4-H Program for several years. Accepting for Shell was Tammy Taylor, a Shell employee and 4-H leader. Tommy has served as the president of the Yoakum County 4-H Adult Leaders Association for two years. He has assisted with 4-H fund raising, promotions, and livestock projects. They are residents of Plains.

Eunice Hamrick was recognized also as an outstanding leader. She has been instrumental in the development of two new 4-H projects. She assisted with the newly organized Dog Project and serves as treasurer for the 4-H Horse Board where she gives leadership to fund raisers, promotion and play days.

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Gaines County, and manages Four Way Gin in that county.

Kent and his wife Paula, who teaches in Denver City, have two children, Josh, 16, and Miranda, 14.

He is very active in the community, serving on the Denver City ISD Board of Trustees, and the Board of Directors of the First National Bank of Denver City.

They are members of the Church of Christ in Denver City.

Larry Morrow, Plains, was elected Director of Zone 2. He farms 2,500 acres west of Plains, where he grows peanuts, cotton, watermelons and wheat.

Larry and his wife Paula have three sons, Lance, Layne and Lenny, all students at Texas Tech. The Morrrows are members of First Baptist Church, Plains.

As new members of the five person district board of directors, Kent and Larry will be responsible for carrying out the district program of work within the framework of Texas soil conservation district laws.

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FIRST BUSINESS OF MONTH

Linda Powell, owner and manager of Renaissance Flowers and Gifts, is the recipient of our first Outstanding Business Owner or Employee Award.

She and husband Ty Earl bought the business, formerly called Mary's Country Flowers and Gifts, from Mary Wilmeth in October, 1991.

The first three years of business has seen an expansion of an extensive line of available flowers, gifts, novelty items and services. Linda credits much of her success to the ladies helping her. "I am very fortunate to have my mother-in-law, Wilma Powell at my right hand, and Mary Moreno at my left", she said, adding, "And I certainly want to thank all of the fine people in our community who helped us succeed with their support."

Linda and Ty Earl have two children, Lebert, a graduate student at NMSU in Las Cruces, working for a masters degree in Agricultural Education, and Jo Lena, a Junior at Texas A&M and Genetics Major for her BS Degree.

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COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETS

Commissioners Court of Yoakum County met in regular session Friday, October 7. All members of the Court were present. Also attending were County Clerk Ruby Bruton, Hazel Lowrey, County Auditor, Sheila Stephens, Tax Assessor Office, and Toni Jones, Treasurer. Deputy Tax A/C Stephens reported supplemental taxes in September of \$3179.96, and the report was unanimously approved.

Judge Brewer moved to advertise for a new car for the Juvenile Probation Officer, bids to be opened October 28. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion was made and passed to approve disbursements and part-time salaries of \$90, 478.86 as filed with the county clerk and hospital invoices.

4-H FAIR WINNERS

Twenty five local 4-H members entered items in the recent South Plains Fair youth division, and according to Joan Chandler, County Extension Agent, brought home over 30 ribbons and \$70 in premiums.

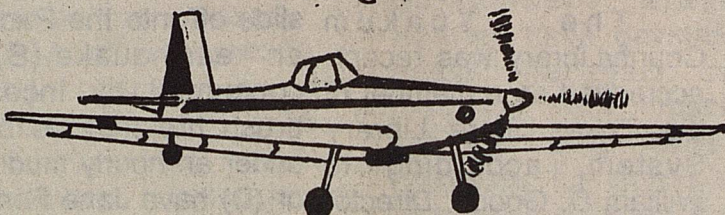
Following is a listing of entries and awards; Preserves & Jellies- Apricot Jam; (1) Dawn Garland (2) Casey Mayes (3) Lesli Rowe, Honorable Mention, Julie Gonzales. Strawberry Jam; (1)Chelsi Wagnon (2)Jennifer Coston(3)Tadd Coston. Honorable Mention Erica Bell, Julie Gonzales, Becky Coronel, Sonja Dye, Dawn Garland. Grape Jelly; (1)Lesli Rowe(2)Chelsi Wagnon. Honorable Mention Tadd Coston, Keigan Funderburk, Ragan McGinty.

Jalapeno Jelly; (2)Chelsey-Anne Bearden Other Jelly; (1)Julie Gonzales(2)Dawn Garland(3)Ragan McGinty Junior Crafts- Textile Painting; (2)Chelsi Wagnon Christmas Ornaments; (1) Staci Tuggle. Honorable mention Jeffrey Lollar. Play Clothes; (2)Brian Chandler.

Other 4-H entrants were Jennifer Lollar, Elizabeth Clanahan, T.J. Kitchens, Brandi Morgan, Alecia Bearden, Jessica Knight, April and Becky Wilmeth.



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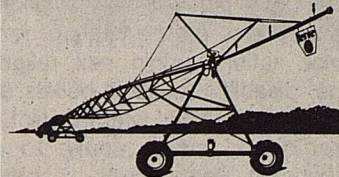
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Jack Marrs	Lovington	3 mxd str	800#	\$66.75 CWT
Alvin Breckon	Tatum	5 Char X str	428#	82.50
Dwayne Wood	Tatum	2 Char W str	343#	90.00
Kenneth Turner	Monument	3 Mxd str	423#	82.25
Pedro Orsurez	Loving	3 Bk str	490#	76.50
Lula Graham	Tatum	3 RdMf str	287#	97.00
Dub McWhorter	Lovington	16 RdMf str	651#	68.00
Danny Groves	Lovington	5 SimX str	566#	70.00
Dan Berry	Eunice	2 CharX str	685#	67.50
Alexander Farms	Lovington	2 Saler X str	715#	68.00
Alexander Farms	Lovington	9 Saler X str	914#	64.00
Pam Howard	Hobbs	2 Rd Hfr str	310#	74.50
Bruce Carlin	Hobbs	2 Rd Hfr	300#	75.00
Alvin Breckon	Tatum	4 Char Hfr	595#	63.25
RN Williams	Tatum	2 CharXHfr	603#	60.50
Alexander Farms	Lovington	2 SalerXHfr	618#	62.00 Bred
Helvey LIS	Snyder	2 Xbr pr	PR.	730.00
Paul & TD Kyle	El Paso	9 Bk pr	PR.	630.00
Charlie Roundtree	Hobbs	4 Limo C	Hd	540.00
Dale Cooper	Monument	1 BrinMfc	Hd	500.00
L & L Cattle Co.	Lubbock	1 BKWFC	1125#	43.00
Wayne Camp	Lovington	1 BKC	1230#	40.75
Tommy Burris	Plains	1 WFC	1025#	43.50
Marchland Livestock Co	Carlsbad	1 RdWFC	1100#	41.00
Billy Royce Medlin Maljamar		1 RdWFC	1160#	39.50
Miller Ranch Co	Snyder	14 BKC	1010#	41.25
07 Ranch	Plains	1 WFC	1205#	38.00
Rockview Dairy	Lovington	1 Hol C	1230#	39.00
Ruch Dairy	Hobbs	1 Hol C	1665#	37.00
Alexander Farms	Lovington	1 Rd C	1320#	39.25
Beetstra Dairy	Hobbs	1 Hol C	1280#	38.75
Punk Jones	Mentone	1 Xbrd Bull	1530#	53.50
Birch Wilfong	Palo Pinto	1 Char Bull	1545#	52.00
Dan Berry	Eunice	1 Limo Bull	1080#	650.00
High Lonesome Dairy	Hobbs	1 Hol Bull	1765#	50.00
Charles Martin	Maljamar	1 WF Bull	1665#	55.00

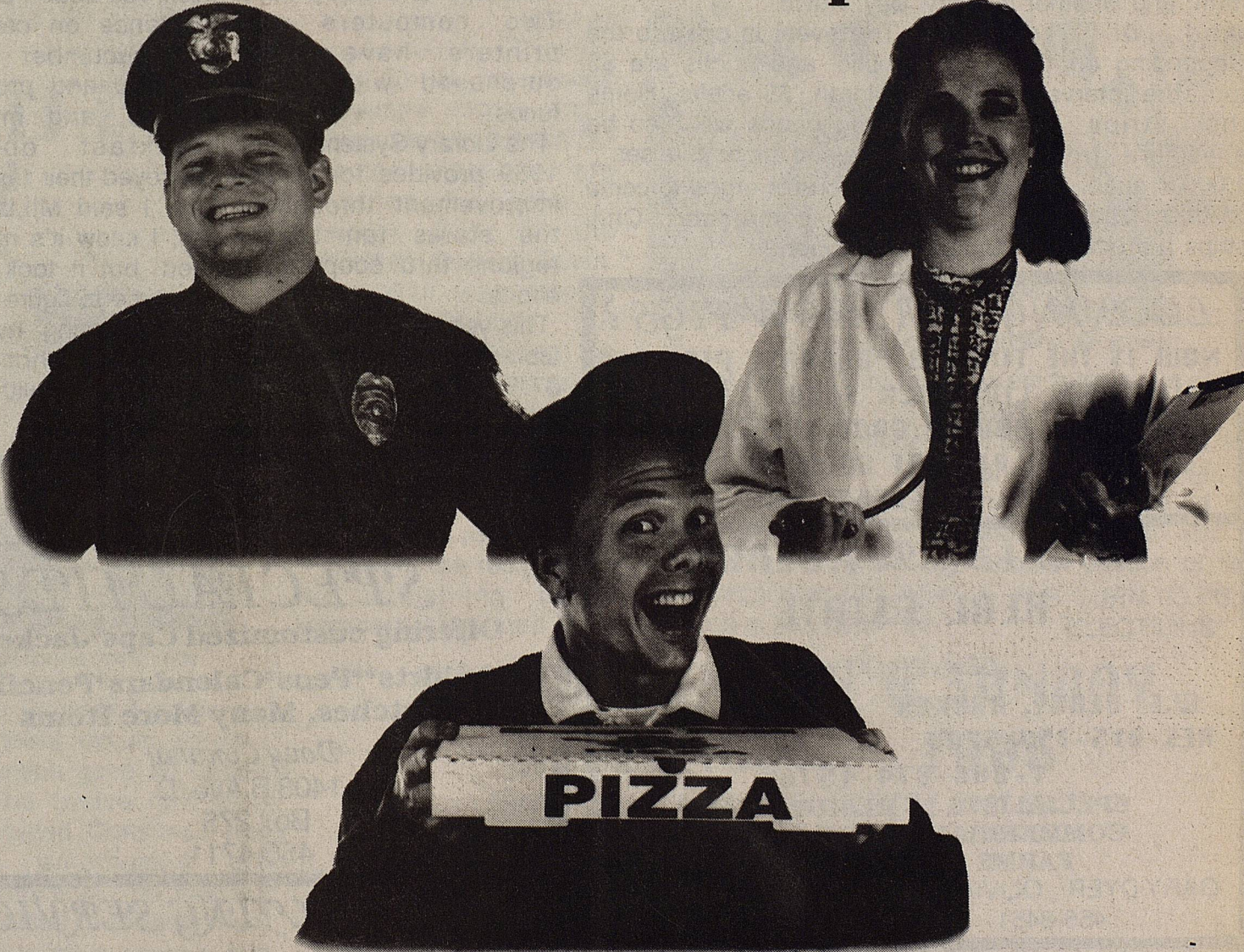
The continued support from buyers and sellers alike is greatly appreciated. The new faces showing up are really welcome. Hope we can be of service to everyone that comes through the door. It is also our hope everyone can weather this storm the market is in. If we can help, give us a call at 1-800-371-1755 or 505-396-5381. Advance consignments for next week: 90 EngX and Xbrd Prs coming of some really dry country. Calves from 100-300#. 16 dry cows, 12 yrlds. Advance consignment news each Friday AM, KLEA 6:15, KSEL 6:35, W105 6:05, KIVN 7:45, KCCC 6:45, KPER 6:20, KTZA 6:55.

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Wind strips can be defined as high residue crops such as milo, haygrazer, millet, wheat, rye, and corn that alternate with low residue crops such as cotton, potatoes, vegetables, and peanuts. Perennial, tall grasses can be used as well, therefore eliminating the need to reseed annual crops every year.

To meet FSA Plan requirements for wind strips using wheat as the high residue crop in 1994, on dry land, producers need to sow their wheat or rye by October 15 of this year to receive credit. For producers that have irrigated ground and want to apply wind strips they can wait until the cotton is stripped and then they have to water the wheat up to receive credit. Forty lb/ac must be seeded and it must be chiseled into the ground. The wind strips must be at least 160 inches wide and be in alternating patterns with low residue crops. Also, wind strips must be used every year, unless changed in your FSA Plan.

Protective crop strip widths may be adjusted to wider widths to match farm equipment. The distance between strips will depend on the type of soil on your farm, and whether it is dry land or irrigated. Depending on these factors, the interval between the strips may be anywhere from 400 to 1,000 ft. apart.

When planting these strips a producer would be

wise in using fertilizer, controlling weeds, and making a smooth seed bed. When planted on irrigated ground, you may need to water the strips up to a stand. In dry years, emergency tillage may be required to keep the young stand from blowing out.

To comply with the ASCS specifications, for ACR and CU, the protective, or high residue strip, must be at least 400 inches wide and in continuous patterns across a field as required by the conservation plan of operations (CPO).

As previously noted, wind strips can be a valuable tool for fighting wind erosion, soil nutrients loss, and increasing soil moisture, that will be needed later in the growing season.

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CHILI-FEST DATE NEARS

First United Methodist Church second annual Chili-Fest is in the final planning stages. Both wives and their spouses will prepare and serve the Chili lunch on Election Day, Nov. 8.

The event is open to the public, and prices are \$3 children, \$5 adults. Home baked goods will also be for sale at the fund raiser.

Everyone is urged to come enjoy homemade Chili November 8.

LIBRARY FILMTIME

Twenty seven pre-schoolers enjoyed the weekly Filmtime Oct. 5 at the Library. They saw films on "A trip to the amusement park", and "Fire Safety", sang songs, and heard a story, "We're going on a bear hunt". In attendance were;

Ryan Crump, Wyatt Dearing, Lee Dearing, Stephanie Addison, Christopher Addison, Joani Bell, Jaaron Bell, Landon Earnest, Dakota Earnest, Amber Friesen, Cody Friesen, Lauren Hise, Ashley Sellers, Lauren Davis, Cody Mayes, Britnie Duran, Lepus Jiminez, Emily Davis, Holden Welch, Hunter Welch, Haley Welch, Kenyon Powell, Heather Penner, Christopher Gonzales, Ashton Blomstedt, Katelyn Young, and Alex Penner.

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LIBRARY IS ACCREDITED

The Yoakum County Library was recent-accredited as a member of the Texas State Library System, according to William D. Gooch, Director and Librarian of the organization.

The local library is a renewal member of the West Texas Library System. It receives funds from Texas State Library System, provided by the Federal National Center for Educational Statistics. These funds are used for books, educational periodicals, literacy materials and equipment. Two computers and printers have been purchased with these funds.

The Library System Act of 1969 provides for library improvement throughout the states ten library regions thru cooperative efforts.

This year the Texas State Library will distribute some \$7.8 million to the ten districts.

FROM THE HACK

The wife has an entire herd of relatives living deep in the piney woods of East Texas. Somehow she managed to con a brother and sister and their spouses there into subscribing to this paper.

She had a recent call from the sister, Eva, normal enough name, who said they were enjoying the paper, but hadn't read anything about themselves yet. Come on, Get Real! They're 600 miles from here. And too, one should be wary about writing anything about a "Ziggy", her name of choice for her mate when they are on speaking terms, a very infrequent occurrence.

This pair had the audacity to forsake their native Texas some forty years ago and move to, Gasp!, California. Even harder to believe is it took them all those eons to realize their ultimate fate was to (A) slide off into the Pacific in an earthquake, (B) be consumed by incessant brush fires, (C) be buried under an hourly mud slide, or (D) have Jane Fonda or Jerry Brown move in next door.

They have been back in Gods country now some five months, having finally come to their senses. I suppose old habits are hard to break, for they are having problems adjusting to our real world food again, you know, like chicken fries, gravy, enchiladas, catfish, and thick, red beef. Forty years existence on cauliflower and cucumber Quiche, avocado and prune milk shakes, and millet for breakfast obviously destroyed their taste buds. Yes, I said MILLET, and yes, I know it's really bird seed. but it took them a long time to figure this out. Every morning, hot yogurt poured on hot millet, washed down with warm, raw mares milk.

Yet I am happy to report they are finally starting to settle down a bit, and enjoying real civilization again. Eva actually cooked a pot of red beans recently, with chili pepper and a big chunk of salt pork.

Zig spends most of his retirement time puttering around, mumbling oaths about those "##@%***^#* thinking about raising my golf club dues", and fretting

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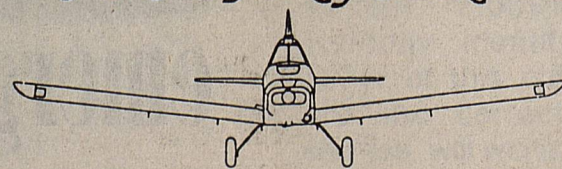
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