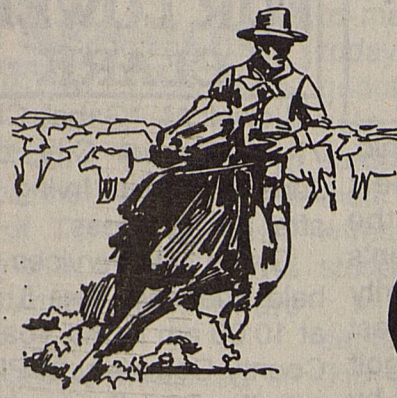


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## WALKER REPORTS ON LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The long legislative session, running from January 10 to May 29, is over, and freshman Representative Gary Walker is home and back on the job at Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District.

He granted us an interview early Monday morning, reviewing the recent action in Austin and answering questions about the role he played in his first legislative experience;

**Q:** In your first year as the 80th District Representative, what impressed you most about the experience in Austin?  
**A:** "I suppose I was impressed and surprised at the great difficulty in passing legislation. I thought I knew quite a bit about how laws evolved, but I had my eyes opened more than once. First the bill has to be filed, then assigned to a committee for study. The bill filer must outline and explain the bill. The committee may or may not accept the bill, amend it, attach items to it. It then goes to the Calendar Committee, who schedule it for introduction to the House. There it is debated by the members. If it is favorably received, it next goes to the Senate, which can again change and amend it. Next, it comes back to the Conference Committee, made up of both House and Senate members, and they must work out the final version before it goes to the Governor for his signature or rejection. You can

get an idea of how time consuming this can be when you consider there were 4,957 bills presented to the House this session, and 1,088 of these passed and became law."

**Q:** Were you satisfied with the role you played in this session?

**A:** "Absolutely. I was assigned to the Natural Resources and Agriculture-Livestock Committees, both fields I have experience in, and both very important to everyone in the 80th District."

**Q:** Would you characterize this Legislative session as a partisan or bipartisan effort?

**A:** "It was a very satisfying bipartisan session in both the House and Senate. There were, of course, differences of a conservative versus liberal nature, but I saw very little Democrat versus Republican action."

**Q:** Can you tell us approximately how many hours you spent working each day during the session?

**A:** "When the session started, I would get to my office at 6 AM, and usually could leave around 5 PM. The last 60 to 90 days when we were trying to get everything finished, I often stayed until 9 PM. I want to tell you, the great majority of the legislators work very hard in Austin and spend many hours wrestling with the work load."

**Q:** Were you satisfied with most of the final House-

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## DWI CASES CROWD COUNTY COURT

A total of five Driving While Intoxicated cases were held in County Court Wednesday, May 31, before County Judge Dallas Brewer. The state was represented by County Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark.

Cody L. Elliott 17, plead guilty to an April 28 DWI charge, occurring on U.S. Hwy. 82.

He received a 12 month jail sentence, probated, fined \$250, and was to serve 36 hours in jail.

Carlos Leyva Ramirez, 32, plead guilty to a DWI charge occurring April 30, also on Hwy. 82. He received a 12 month probated jail term, fined \$500, and was to serve 36 hours in jail.

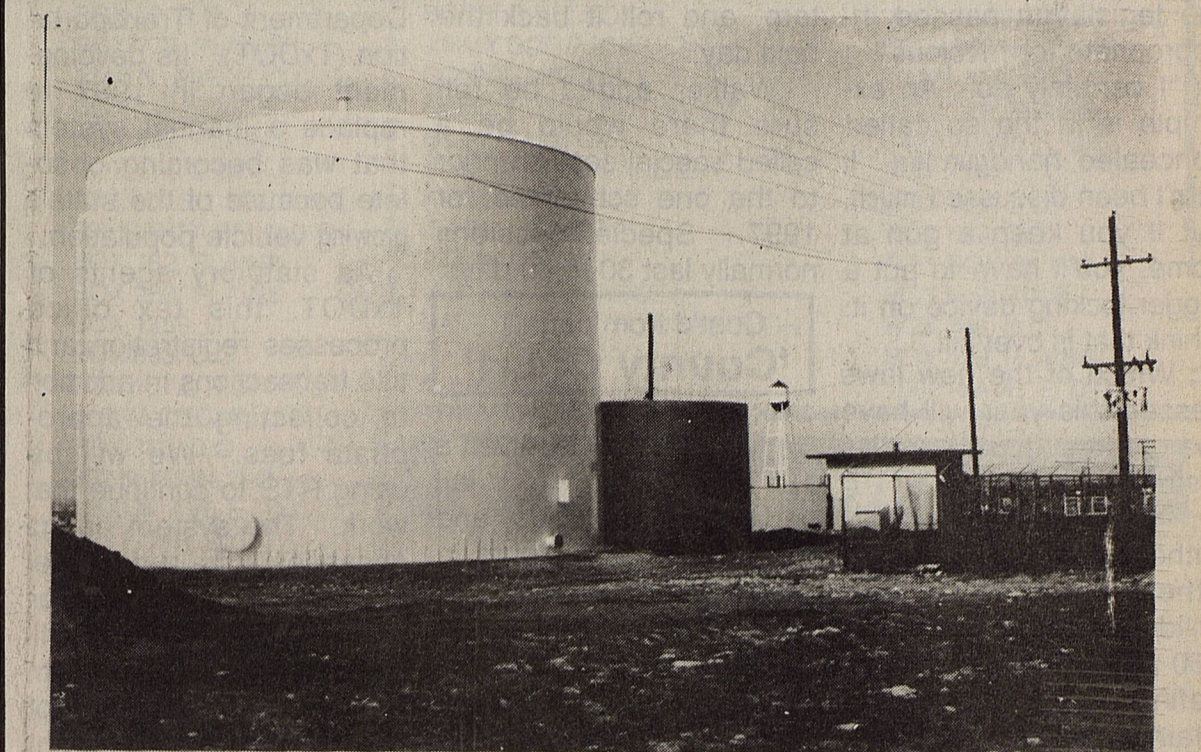
Jose Vasquez Mata, 51, plead guilty to DWI charges from May 6 on Hwy. 82. He received a 12 month probated jail sentence, was fined \$500, and ordered to spend 72 hours in jail.

Roselynn Carr Link, 55, plead guilty to DWI charges of May April 29 on Hwy. 82. She received an 18 month probated jail sentence, fined \$500, and sentenced to 15 days in jail, and ordered to attend weekly A.A. meetings.

Daniel Wolfe Dyck, 18, plead guilty to April 18 DWI

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## NEW CITY WATER SUPPLY NEARER



The long awaited and needed additional supply of water for the City appears a bit closer, though not completely free from the entanglement of governmental bureaucracy.

David Brunson, City Administrator, says the new storage tank for additional storage capacity should be on line for filling around June 15. The City is waiting for shipment of fittings and hardware to complete the final hook-up. Brunson said, "We have drilled an exploratory well

to test the quality of water on the City owned proposed drilling site for the new well, and the tests were satisfactory". He said the next step for the new well would be a pilot hole to be drilled to satisfy requirements for formation data to develop a drilling plan. "The plan must be approved by the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission prior to their issuing the final drilling permit", he stated.

The City officials are hoping all the requirements

can be met in time to commence drilling no later than July 10.

Brunson said, "That date is not nearly as early as we had originally hoped for, as we will be starting into our peak demand time by then, but there is no way to speed up the governmental procedures allowing us to get the project under way".

Hopefully, the town will have an adequate supply of needed water for the drastically hot late summer months.

## LIONS CLUB MEETS. Hear "Living Waters" Message

The Plains Lions Club met Thursday, June 1. Program Chairman L. J. Sanders arranged for a video to be shown, featuring work and projects carried out by Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District. Evert Harrell, Sandy Land Technician and Field man, gave a brief talk on current projects of the District.

Mario Avila, District Conservationist, CNR, also spoke on "Living Waters". this years theme of the annual Soil Stewardship Week.

Avila outlined the impact more efficient low volume circle pivot systems have made on available ground water in the area, and the entire Ogalalla Aquifer area, from which our water originates. "The old lateral roll and water drive irrigation systems producers used in past years were inefficient in supplying water to growing crops. Side rolls had about 45% efficiency, and the water drives 55%. Today's low volume systems with state of the art sprinkler heads are about 85% efficient", he said. This means, in effect, about the same volume of irrigation water is being used, but covering far more producing acres.

Harrell, of Sandy Land, agreed with this assessment, and said the

monitoring of pumping wells after the peak summer consumption periods show the water level draw down is far less with today's better system of irrigation.

Lions present for the meeting were David Brunson, Sanders, Sherm Tingle, Milton Bayer, Harry Richardson, Johnnie Fitzgerald, T.J. Miller, Jim Barron, Jack Cobb, and Pierre St. Romain.

One other guest, Olivia Robertson, was at the event

## SIGN FUNDS STILL NEEDED

The Chamber of Commerce reports recent donations to the two large 'Welcome to Plains' signs project. But Chamber President David Brunson says more money is needed. "We want to remind everyone about the project, and hope we can get the signs up in time for the rodeo and Old Settlers Reunion".

The Lions Club will match donations, up to half the \$2500 cost of the event, if necessary.

## NEW BARN GOING UP AT LOCAL AG STORE

Preliminary construction work has begun on an impressively large storage barn and service shop at Sellers Ag Supply.

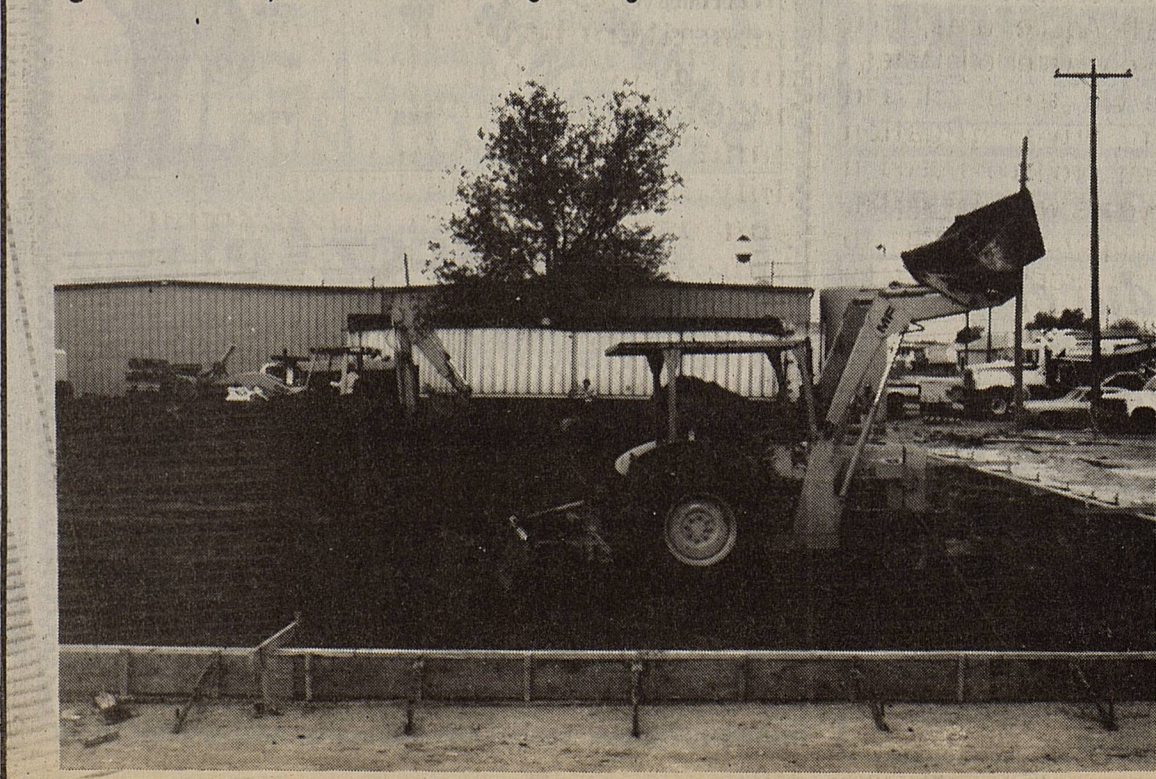
Jered Sellers, owner, said the 100' by 100' building would be used to store seed and oil, with a portion designed as a shop area to

service the company fertilizer applicator trucks and transports. The walls will be 20 feet high to accommodate the large vehicles.

Primary contractor for the project is Tommy Fryar Construction, Denver City, and Langehennig Construction

of Sesagraves is doing the concrete work.

Sellers said "the barn is something we've needed for some time now. Our present facility just doesn't give us enough space for storage or vehicle maintenance.



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Senate bills which passed?  
**A:** "In the main, yes. Of course, when you consider the length and scope of major bills such as education, welfare, juvenile justice, there are bound to be some features all individuals can't agree on. An example is how I might look at a bill, representing small area towns in the District, compared to a representative from Houston."

**Q:** Do you consider any of the legislation passed inappropriate, or frivolous?

**A:** "I certainly do. An example is in the so called concealed handgun law. It hasn't been discussed much, but if you keep a gun at home, you'll have to put a trigger locking device on it. I think that is over kill."

**Q:** Which of the new laws passed this year will have the greatest impact on this district?

**A:** "The education bill, without a doubt, if for no other reason than our children. That bill is some 750 pages long, and it will definitely affect both the Plains and Denver City School Districts. It is so long, so detailed, I think the District administrators will have to outline it for the two towns after they have had time to analyze it."

**Q:** Do you think the apparent good relationship between governor Bush and the Legislature will continue in the next session in 1997?

**A:** "I think it will. I was greatly impressed by the Governor. He got very good marks from the entire legislature, and all the veteran media people working in Austin. He runs an open door policy at his office. One evening about 6:30, I was working at my desk, and he came thru the door, shook hands, and we had an interesting visit."

**Q:** Do you have any clues about what your committee assignments will be in the next session assuming you return to office?

**A:** "None, except it's normal for the House Speaker to assign the same committees again. He could, of course, do that and place me on others as well."

**Q:** Now you are back in the Sandy Land office every day, are there any new developments or projects in the mill?

**A:** "We are working on developing a metering device which our individual pro-

**FIRE WHISTLE WARNINGS EXPLAINED**

With the tornado season upon us, city residents should be aware of what the sirens are telling us.

One long, continuous blast signifies a possible tornado in the immediate vicinity, or some other dangerous emergency.

Two blasts signify a fire in the city limits, while three blasts mean a fire in a rural area.

The siren also sounds once briefly each day at noon, and once on Monday evenings when the Volunteer Fire Department meets.

ducers can use to measure their water table levels.

"At the land fill, we have started covering daily accumulated trash with a 60 by 100 foot tarp. This eliminates our having to cover it with 6 inches of dirt every day, a total of 30 cubic yards. This will eventually save a great deal of space, and of course, save the county a substantial amount of money. At least once per week we are required to cover the trash with dirt, but the other days we'll use the tarp, and roll it back the next day."

Walker added he felt sure there would be a called special session prior to the one scheduled for 1997. Special sessions normally last 30 to 60 days.

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charges on Broadway in Denver City. He received a 12 month probated jail sentence, fined \$500, and was to spend 36 hours in jail. He must attend weekly A.A. meetings. Jose Jesus Vega, 33, plead guilty to driving while license suspended charges. He was ordered to pay \$370 Court appointed attorney fees. He was represented by Warren New.

**JUSTICE OF PEACE COURT**

The following is a summary of cases heard and action taken in Precinct One Justice of Peace Court, Judge Melba Crutcher presiding;

Seventy-One (71) traffic cases filed.  
 Bonds set:

Tamper with Identification numbers, \$1,000 bond.

Abandon/Endanger child/Criminal Negligence, \$2,000 bond

Murder Intends SBI (Serious Bodily Injury) Causing Death/Attempt, \$3,000 bond

Murder Intends SBI Causing Death/ Attempt, \$3,000 bond

Assault Causes Bodily Injury (Family Violence), \$2,000 bond

Aggravated Sexual Assault, Child, \$7,500 bond

Aggravated Sexual Assault, Child, \$7,500 bond

Driving While Intoxicated, 1st offense, \$1,000 bond

BS/Theft by check (Hockley County), \$2,000 bond, \$2,925.89 fine

Assault-Family Violence, \$2,500 bond

False Report to Police Officer, \$1,000 bond

Making Alcoholic Beverage available to minor, \$500 bond, \$230 fine

Minor in Possession of Alcoholic beverage, \$500 bond

Assault-Family Violence, \$2,500 bond

Making Alcoholic Beverage available to minor, \$500 bond, \$230 fine

Driving while license suspended, \$500 bond

Resisting arrest, \$1,500 bond

Assault-Family Violence, \$2,500 bond

Assault Causing Bodily Injury, \$2,000 bond.

**YOAKUM COUNTY TAX OFFICE TO CLOSE FOR EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION**

The YOAKUM COUNTY Tax Office will be closed from June 12 to June 14 as we take steps to improve the way we do business. Our employees are about to undergo training on the new Registration and Title System, or RTS.

This \$40 million dollar automated system is a project of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). Its development began in 1987 to replace a manual system that was becoming obsolete because of the state's growing vehicle population.

As statutory agents of TxDOT, this tax office processes registration and title transactions in addition to collecting the appropriate fees. We will be using RTS to continue that work. The system brings enhancements in the level of efficiency and customer service. Registrations will be updated in the system within 48 hours, instead of the usual six to eight weeks. This will be of considerable benefit to all law enforcement agencies and the general public. YOAKUM COUNTY residents will get their vehicle

titles within two weeks, not ten weeks.

RTS is also expected to reduce the amount of time it takes for our customers to wait in line. That's because tax office employees will no longer rely on paper forms to process each transaction. Instead, the data will be entered on a series of computer screens. This method of capturing information at the point-of-sale also provides a more accurate way of collecting and reporting registration and title fees to TxDOT.

We have worked closely with state government to make RTS a reality. The system is now being implemented across Texas. All 254 counties are scheduled to be on the network by December, 1995.

This tax office will open its doors again on June 15. At that time, we will begin using the new system to perform registration and title transactions. As with any new system, some startup problems are possible.

For more information contact: Wanda Smith, Tax A/C (806) 456-2825 Plains or (806) 592-2311 Denver City.

**CELEBRITIES TO PLAY IN GOLF CLASSIC**

Cliff Harris, Craig Ehlo, Ed Jones and Robert Newhouse are in the lineup for the Children's Hospital at UMC Celebrity Classic June 26 at Hillcrest Country Club. The golf tournament, sponsored by the University Medical Center Forum, will benefit the Children's Hospital at UMC and the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Pediatric Orthopedics Program.

A 1995 Buick will be awarded to any non-celebrity golfer who makes a hole in one on a selected hole. In the last two celebrity tournaments, two players have won an automobile and cash for holes in one. Other hole-in-one prizes this year will include a European travel package, a cellular phone and a set of irons.

The tournament will feature six-person teams, including one celebrity per team. The entry fee is \$200 per player, including green fees, cart, lunch, drinks and snacks during play, door prizes, skill prizes and two Sunday night Celebrity Reception tickets. Deadline for entries is June 9, and preferred playing time--7:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.--is assigned on a first-received basis.

Reservations can be made at 743-3322.

Other celebrities scheduled to play in the Celebrity Classic include Matt Blair, Gordon Browne, Jr., Mike Richardson, Norman Bulaich, James Dickey, Billy Joe Dupree, Spike Dykes, Tony Hill, Gary Hammond and others.

**FINAL RITES FOR LOWELL CLARK**

Lowell M. "Gabe" Clark, 77, of Denver City, died, June 3, 1995 in Irving, TX, after a long illness.

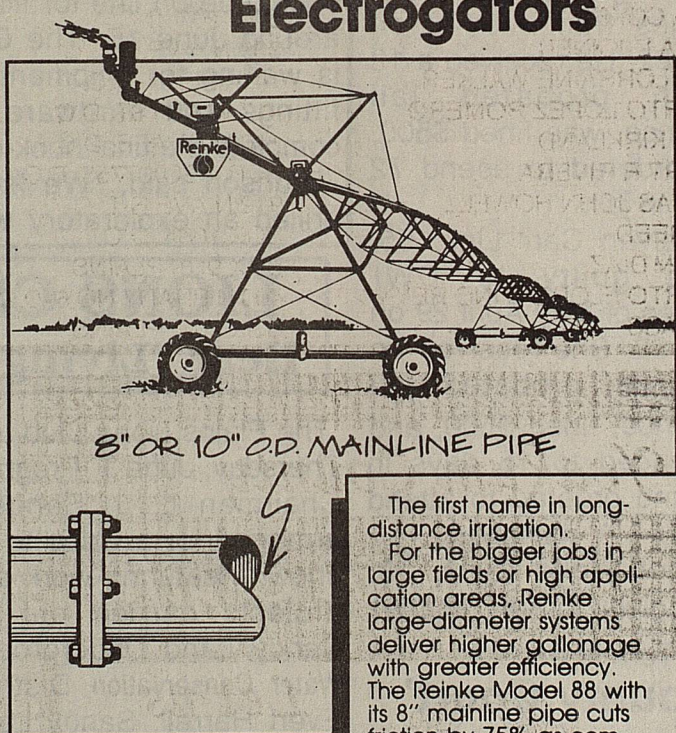
Grave side services were held Tuesday, June 6, 1995 at 10:00 am in the Yoakum County Cemetery in Plains with the Rev. Donas Jones officiating. Services were under the direction of Ratliff Funeral Home of Denver City.

Mr. Clark was born March 22, 1918 in Bessemer, Pa. He worked for Skelly-Getty Oil Co. in Velma, Ok. for 12 years, then at Andrews, Tx. for 12 years, and then at Denver City for 12 years. Mr. Clark was a 50 year member of the Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Lloyd (Betty) Bradley of Duncan, Ok. and Mrs. Bobby (Jeanie) Graybill of Irving, Tx.; two brothers, Wade Clark of Elm Springs, Ak. and Glen Clark of Odessa, Tx.; four sisters, Lois Moore of Elm Springs, Ak., Fern Stalcup of Fountain, Co., Hazel McCluskey of Dallas, Tx. and Alice Gray of El Paso, Tx.; one sister-in-law, Jo Clark of Elk City, Ok.; 5 grandchildren, Melinda Dahl of Hot Springs, S. Dk., Lloyd Bradley Jr. of Dallas, Tx. Faye Thedford of San Antonio, Tx., Mitzi Graybill of Irving, Tx., and Cheree Graybill of Irving, Tx.; 6 great-grandchildren, Caleb, Bradley, & Crystal Hunt all of Hot Springs, S. Dk., Christopher & Olan Goodman, and Brian Thedford all of San Antonio, Tx.

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## MOST UNDERRATED LEGISLATION OF SESSION?

(AUSTIN) "The Legislature took action in the final hours of its 74th session that will effect the lives of Texans for generations to come," State Comptroller John Sharp says.

"Virtually unnoticed in the waning hours of the recent legislative session was final passage of the *Texas Tomorrow Fund*, a prepaid tuition plan that is perhaps the most underrated legislation state lawmakers considered this year," Sharp said.

"The *Texas Tomorrow Fund* will allow parents to purchase college tuition and fees at any Texas community college or state university at today's prices. It's a way to cheat inflation and invest in your children and grandchildren to guarantee they can afford the college education they will want.

"This pay now, learn later plan can save parents the headache of worrying whether they will be able to afford their children's college when the time comes," Sharp said.

The *Texas Tomorrow Fund* was proposed by Sharp in his Texas Performance Review report *Gaining Ground*.

State Senator Gonzalo Barrientos (D-Austin), who sponsored the bill in the Senate, said, "I'm concerned about the huge

debt so many students must take on these days to make it out of college. If we can encourage parents to make tuition purchases today with this play, at a guaranteed rate, we can help the Texas college students of tomorrow begin their careers after college without the burden of a student loan debt."

In the House of Representatives, the legislation (HB 1214) was sponsored by State Representatives Richard Raymond (D-Benavides) and Ted Kamel (R-Tyler).

As proposed by Sharp in *Gaining Ground*, money placed in the fund would be invested and earn interest during the years before the child goes to college so that the fund would yield enough to pay for the student's education. While the Legislature made some changes to the final legislation that will limit the investment flexibility of the fund and its federal tax status, Sharp said he was hopeful the program would prove to be popular with Texas families. If the limitations diminish the marketability of the plans, modifications will be recommended during the next legislative session.

The program does not guarantee admission into a state school; students will still have to meet all entrance requirements. And if a child wants to attend a school in another state, the money will be refunded, but without interest.

## COUNTY JURY LIST

The following is the listing of prospective jurors for County Jury duty June 13. Jurors should report by 9 AM that day.

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PHYLLIS HOUSE	530 S. MAIN, D.C.
NICCOLE L. JOHNSON	400 S. JAYCEE SP 4 D.C.
TOMMY WAYNE BULLOCK	BOX 202, PLAINS
DOROTHY SHACKELFORD NELMS	605 EAST ELM, D.C.
OSCAR PENA	BOX 964, 513 W. 2ND, D.C.
LARRY RAY JAMES	304 W. FIR, D.C.
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ALEX C. BITOLAS	BOX 32, D.C.
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GFLENDA WARREN CAVAZOS	RT. 1, BOX 521, SEAGRAVES
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OGLA RAMIREZ	BOX 1359, D.C.
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DARRON M. DORETHY	BOX 1672, D.C.
FRANCIS GALENBECK MILLS	415 W. CEDAR, D.C.
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JOHN B. CLARE	302 N. MAIN, D.C.
BRENT AULDS	1208 N. AVE. E., D.C.
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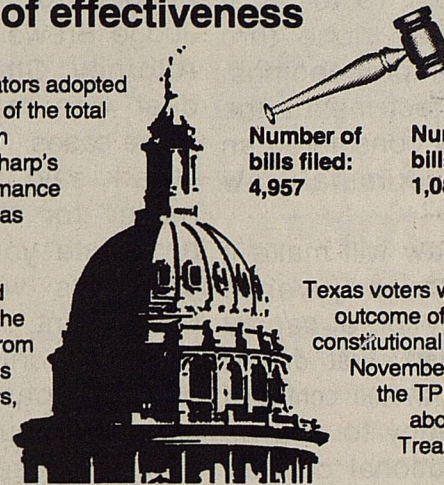
## Keeping an eye on Texas

### Texas Performance Review achieves new level of effectiveness

Texas State Legislators adopted approximately 80% of the total savings contained in Comptroller John Sharp's latest Texas Performance Review, saving Texas taxpayers about \$1.5 billion. Past legislatures adopted about two-thirds of the recommendations from Sharp's two previous performance reviews, netting savings of \$6.2 billion.

Number of bills filed: 4,957

Number of bills passed: 1,088\*



Texas voters will decide the outcome of 14 proposed constitutional amendments November 7, including the TPR proposal to abolish the State Treasurer's office.

\*The governor has until June 18 to veto or sign bills. Those left unsigned become law.

SOURCE: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

## GOLF DAYS

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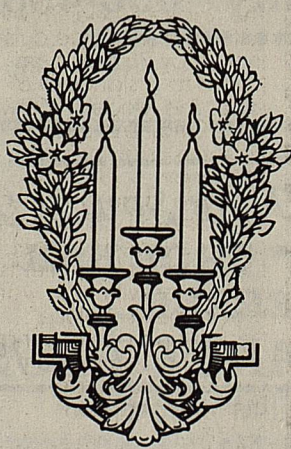
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## YOUNG CRIMINALS BEWARE... THE LAW JUST GOT MEANER

A piece of legislation passed in the recent session addresses an issue which affects virtually every community in the state, Juvenile Crime. The 197 page document, House Bill 327, becomes effective January 1, 1996.

Statistics show serious crimes committed by adults have decreased the past few years, while juvenile crime has risen a dramatic 300%.

Many County and State Judges, prosecuting attorneys, law enforcement officials, and even school administrators have been convinced for some time a tougher, more comprehensive juvenile justice system was needed to halt or slow the growing problem.

Hopefully, the provisions in HB 327 will help. The age a juvenile felony offender can be tried and sentenced has been lowered from 15 to 14, if the child has gone thru certification proceedings, which in effect means the child is now considered an adult for criminal law purposes.

The new law will make it possible for a juvenile found guilty of a capital felony (murder), first degree felony, or aggravated controlled substance felony to end up in an institutional division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (penitentiary) for up to forty years. Lesser degree felonies would

result in the same sentence for shorter periods of time.

Another provision provides for sentencing repeat offenders a minimum 2 years in prison.

Stricter rules for offending youths and their parents or guardians requiring periods of counseling, training and treatment will find those failing to complete the required course will pay heavier penalties.

Teens charged with the more serious felony crimes will now be finger printed, and their charges documented electronically, and accessible to other law enforcement agencies.

In brief conversations with State Rep. Gary Walker, who voted for the bill, County Judge Dallas Brewer, and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark, they unanimously agreed a tougher stance on juvenile crime has been needed for years. Both Judge Brewer and District Attorney Clark routinely deal with many juvenile crime cases.

Clark said, "It makes it easier for the State to prosecute young, serious offenders who deserve punishment."

Another criminal justice bill was passed by the legislature, but at this time none of those interviewed had read it. It supposedly contains authorization for the state to add several thousand more beds to the

severely over crowded juvenile detention centers, such as the one in Lubbock.

Judge Brewer said, "We know for sure more space is desperately needed. Years back, we entered into an agreement with Lubbock County when they built their juvenile facility, and this county pays them \$150 a day for the right to two of their beds, which are seldom open." Clark added, "That's right. We could have eight or nine youths locked up there right now, but they are full".

No one can deny criminal violence by virtual children is a serious, sad and growing threat. It appears the legislature has taken a bold step and issued a bold statement to the would be youthful offenders; "Your young age doesn't necessarily make you immune from the law".

If readers will recall, there have been numerous serious events here and in Denver City involving juvenile crime, serious

felony charges under the new law. An event at Plains middle school, involving students on campus with a handgun, making deadly threats towards other students, a recent drive by shooting incident in Denver City by a teen, an attempted assault in the local park by two teens of an elderly pair of tourists, all of these dangerous offenses would now come under the coverage of the new Juvenile Crime Bill. High time.

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## ABOUT THE NEXT WEEK'S NEWSPAPER;

**\*\* PLEASE READ THIS ! \*\***  
Your paper will be ONE DAY LATE NEXT WEEK! We are attending a family reunion in East Texas the weekend of June 10th. and cannot be home until the evening of June 11. Diane Brown, a staff member, will check our fax machine, recorder, and mail box hourly for your news or subscriptions. We will print the 40th issue Wednesday afternoon, June 7, and your paper should be in your hands one day later than normal. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

### FINAL RITES HELD FOR 'COTTON' HAARMeyer

Funeral services for Cotton L.E. Haarmeyer, 65, a long-time Lovington resident were conducted Saturday afternoon at 2 pm in the First Baptist Church with Rev. Harry Pittam, pastor and rev. Michael Erickson, pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church officiating. Burial, under the direction of Smith-Rogers Funeral Home, followed in the Lovington Cemetery, with Military Honors by the Lovington Honor Guard. Mr. Haarmeyer was accidentally electrocuted Wednesday afternoon just North of Lovington on the Tatum Highway, and was pronounced dead shortly after arrival at Nor-Lea General Hospital in Lovington.

Mr. Haarmeyer was born Dec. 31, 1929 at Lockney, Tx. He was united in marriage to Nellie Conklin on Feb. 26, 1954 at Hereford, Tx. He was a veteran of the Korean War having served in the United States Army. He worked for Lea County Electric Co-Operative for 24 years, and was later employed by C & D Maintenance of Hobbs for 12 years, until his retirement in 1994. At that time he joined his son in the operation of Haarmeyer Electric.

He is survived by his wife, Nellie; A son, Andy Haarmeyer and wife Mary Ellen of Lovington; his mother, Mrs. Emma Garms

of Lubbock, Tx.; four sisters, Lois Wells and Nina Thomas, both of Lubbock, Tx., Irene Minyard of Austin, Tx., and Nita Bell of Odessa, Tx.; two grandchildren, Cheri Dainelle & Jamie Nichole Haarmeyer, both of Lovington.

Pallbearers were Ricky Hoover, Jackie McDonald, Jackie Noack, C.B. Haley, Ramon Marquez and Clyde Adams.

Honorary bearers were Orlando Espinosa, Toady Sanders, Ricky Shurette, Jack Hunter, Dennis Doyle, and Todd Hunter.

### LOCAL GIRL IN 'SPIRIT WIND' TOUR

Lindy Rowe, PHS sophomore and daughter of Bill and Pam Rowe, is on a musical tour of northwest Texas, a member of the 130 member 'Spirit Wind' choir. The group, sponsored by the United Methodist Church Conference, will perform 15 times between May 31 and the final on June 11 at area Methodist Churches.

Some of the towns on the tour include Amarillo, Vernon, Clyde, Sweetwater, Borger, Canyon, Dumas, Perryton, Haskel, Munday, Muleshoe, Seminole and Midland.

The same group will gather again July 8 and journey to England for a two week schedule of appearances at Churches in the London area.

Lyndi earned her spot in the large choir by auditioning in Lubbock last year

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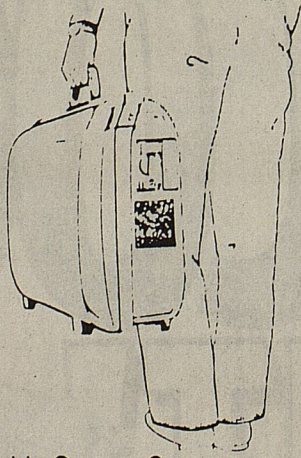
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Nikki is a 1989 graduate of Plains High School and received a Master of Science degree from Tarleton State University in December, 1994. Joe is a 1985 graduate of Fruita-Monument High School and received his Master of Science degree in 1992 from San Angelo State University.

The wedding will be Saturday, August 26 at 4:00 PM at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Plains, Tx.

The couple will reside in Colorado City where he is employed by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.



## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. & Mrs. Billy Stephens of Snyder announce the birth of their son, Will Ryan, born May 13th at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. He weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz. and measured 21 inches long.

Grandparents are Bill and Joyce Stephens of Snyder and Kenneth and Clydell Hale of Plains. Great-grandparents are Opal Brown and Ollie Stephens of Snyder and Edna Chambliss of Plains.

### Thought for the Day

Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

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She first competed against fellow employees here, preparing cones, sundaes and Blizzards, which were judged for weight, quantity and quality, won the event, and advanced to an area wide Olympic competition in Midland, where her creations earned a second place over-all prize. She then advanced to the state competition in Fort Worth. There she won fourth place in one of the Olympic categories. Congratulations, Esther.



## METHODISTS ANNOUNCE FUND RAISER EVENTS

First United Methodist Church announces their annual Bake Sale, scheduled June 9 at Pay 'n Save Grocery, between 9am and 2pm. A variety of home baked creations will be offered.

The second fund raiser is a Baked Potato Sale on June 11. The fancy spuds will be on sale in the Church Fellowship Hall that Sunday immediately following morning services. Funds for the two events will be used in the Church Youth activities.



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Place 6 green chilies in greased 9 x 13-inch pan. Fold out so each chili is open and bottom of pan is covered. Sprinkle with cheese and onion. Place remaining green chilies on top.

Prepare batter as follows: Beat egg whites until stiff. Beat yolks separately until thick. Sift dry ingredients together and add to egg yolks. Fold in egg whites. Pour batter over chilies. Bake at 350° for 20 minutes.

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## TAKING CHARGE OF MENOPAUSE EARLY

The first step is to take an inventory of our eating habits, our weight, our exercise patterns, smoking and drinking history, and hereditary factors before menopause occurs. Every woman experiences menopause differently based upon the content of this inventory. For instance, the use of alcohol and tobacco negatively affects our hormone levels. Elimination of these substances can do much to make our passage through menopause easier. Nutritional supplements — such as BeautiControl's Feminine Essentials 1 — taken when you're younger can help make menopause less traumatic as well.

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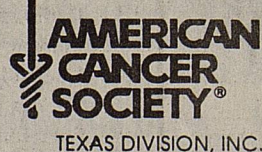
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# FROM THE HACK



A guy went to his Doctor, and was horrified to hear him predict he had only 36 hours to live. "Doc", he moaned, "you think I should get a second opinion?" "Sure", the Doctor replied, "let's step across the hall here, and consult my colleague". The second Doctor said, "I'm afraid that was a little optimistic diagnosis. I feel you only have 24 hours in this life".

The guy sped home, put a big smile on his face, rushed into the house, warmly embraced his wife, and said, "Honey, this is a special occasion. I have less than 24 hours to live. Get your finest gown on, your best perfume, all your jewelry, then, we're dining at the finest gourmet spot in town. We will dance till three, then make love till daylight!". She snarled, "Oh, sure, big deal, you don't have to get up in the morning!"

A stranger walked into the Table of Wisdom's Hallowed Halls recently, gave a big cheesy grin, and said, "Hi, men, I'm ready to hear a few bits of wisdom!"

The silence was deafening for several minutes, with Charter table members casting uneasy glances back and forth.

Finally, an underling, in the absence of current Potentates George Blount and 'Sodey Hobbs', looked the guy in the eye, and said, "Sorry, man, we only deal free wisdom on Thursday mornings. Lest, of course, Buster Kennedy's here, he don't mind passing it out free anytime".

Later apprised of this, Kennedy was enraged, as he usually is daily, and declared, "Don't you cedar chopping #@!~\*^<>\* idiots ever tell no body that again. I give out wisdom to anybody who's deserving and can afford it!"

Bad timing again. The bride finally wore me down, and we bought a new car. Whoa, already, not a NEW, new car, one of those GM 'Program Cars'. That's one on which someone else has picked up the terrible first year depreciation agonies. Boy, talk about poor timing. If I had only stalled her off a few weeks, we could have gotten in on this terrific deal I just read about in the Dallas paper. We could have put down a security deposit of \$1700, a down payment of only \$15,000, and enjoyed a three year lease on a Rolls Royce for measly \$1699 monthly payments. Then, to our good fortune, we could have paid the darling off, if we chose, for only another \$76,500. What a deal!! What a pity we had to leap out and buy a year old Buick. A note of irony; on the very next page, I saw an article outlining why welfare is still desperately needed.

Polly Rushing, Local fish tank expert, admits to problems with his second big stocking pond. "I dug me a 6 inch irrigation well, started filling the tank, bought about a jillion channel catfish, and danged if I can get that hole filled up. It's so dry, that old sandy ground just soaks it up. I bet I'm watering a bunch of Chinamens rice crop right now plumb thru the earth," he lamented.

He also has another problem, sun and predators. "The water in the pond's so skinny them fish stick half way out, and their dorsal fins or whatever you call 'em are starting to sunburn. And, it's so shallow, coyotes

been wading out in it, walking on the little'uns backs to grab the big 'uns", he said. But he may have a solution.

"I been reading up on that new concealed handgun bill. So has my good Lab dog Roger. We decided I'd get ol' Roger a .357 magnum, dress him up like, uh, maybe a goat, rig the pistol under his leg and put him on stakeout at the fish pond. One of the #@!~\*^\*!! coyotes comes along, and BLAM. Course, I realize I might lose a few fish too, cause Roger ain't the best shot in the world. He's just smart" Good luck, Roger.

## FCA

The second FCA get-together was held this past Thursday. We had eight new-comers, which is terrific if we all keep coming and bringing friends, this will be an excellent organization. Patrick Hamilton spoke to the group - telling to follow your main leader and love him, don't get caught following the wrong leader.

Remember to join us in the park at 7:00 on June 8 for softball. Also bring \$10 to get your T-shirt that is in the process of being made and a verse of your choice to be printed on the shirt-if your wins-you will get a free T-shirt. And don't forget that on Sunday, June 18th, the FCA organization will be joining the Methodist Church for morning services.

By Kassie Lowe, Sec/Reporter

## ODD BALL SONG TITLES

- "Mama get your hammer, there's a fly on baby's head"-Bobby Peterson Quintet.
  - "When There's tears in the eyes of a potato"-Hoosier Hotshots.
  - "I like bananas cause they have no bones", Hoosier Hotshots.
  - "I'd rather have a bottle in front of me than a frontal lobotomy", Randy Hanzlick, MD
  - "A bowl of chop suey and you-ey", Sam Robbins.
  - "Santa Claus has AIDS this year", Tiny Tim
- From "The Book Of Lists"

## PLANS FOR ANNUAL REUNION, RODEO SHAPING UP

Plans are being finalized for the annual Old Settlers Reunion and Rodeo to be held August 3,4 and 5 this year. The organizing association, comprised of the Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce and Plains Roping Club, always draws large crowds of residents and former residents, many traveling long distances from out of state.

Rodeo performances each evening will start at 8 pm. The local Roping Club will again sponsor a public dance in the County Livestock Show Barn following each rodeo performance.

Parade Marshal Wayne House says the annual parade is scheduled for 10 am Saturday, and will line up at the High School parking lot, then proceed through town, and end at Stanford Park. He expects a large number of horse riders, kids on bikes, several floats, antique, restored tractors and old cars to enter the parade.

The big barbecue lunch on Saturday will be served at 12 noon. Kenneth McGinty reports he expects to order some 1,400 pounds of brisket, to be cooked in local smokers starting Friday afternoon and through the night.

Last year some 1000 people enjoyed brisket, beans, potato salad and home made cobblers.

McGinty reminds everyone cobblers will be needed again, and urges all cooks to plan on bringing one or more cobbler to the big feed.

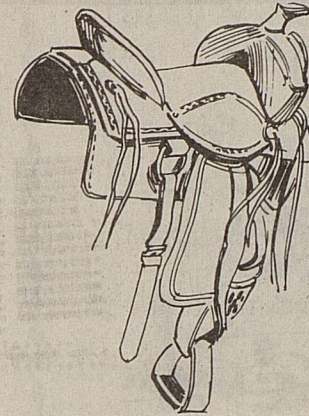
The three organizations making up the rodeo association have not announced their choices for Rodeo Queen Candidates yet. The three chosen young ladies will sell tickets to be drawn for a handmade western saddle the Roping Club will order. The ticket sale raises funds for the Roping Club, and

helps the girls also. The number one ticket seller earns 20% of her sales, second place gets 15%, and thirds receives 10% of the ticket money.

A class reunion of 1957, 58 and 59 PHS graduates will be held. Following the barbecue, the ex-classmates will gather at the reserved Community Building.

No definite plans have been announced, but a tractor pull featuring old tractors will probably take place, sponsored by the local pulling club. Another expected event will be the beautifully restored old cars in the parade, and then displayed at Stanford Park. Viewers last year were allowed to cast ballots for their choices of the best restoration efforts.

Mark your calendars, invite your friends, and plan to make this big, fun annual event.



## COUNTY COURT MEETS

Yoakum County Commissioners Court met Monday, June 5, Judge Dallas Brewer presiding. Commissioners were all present except Jim Barron. Also attending were Hazel Lowrey, Auditor; Toni Jones, Treasurer; and Ruby Bruton, Clerk.

In a very brief agenda, the Court authorized payment of county bills and part time salaries. Line item transfers from the general fund to different departments totaling \$6,000 were approved.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

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R.E. Regent

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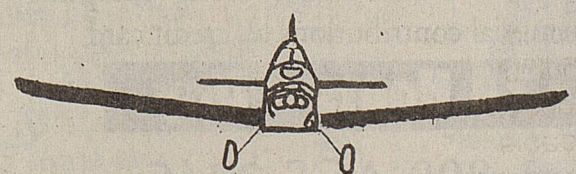
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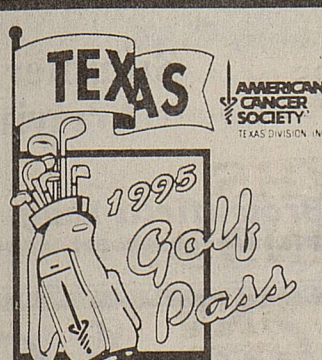
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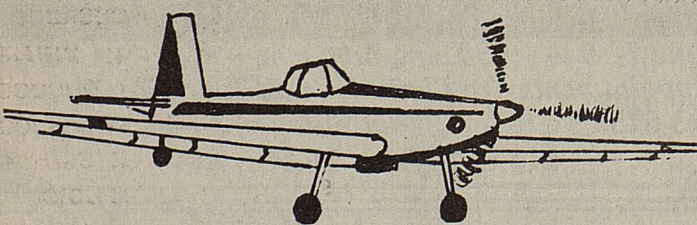
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