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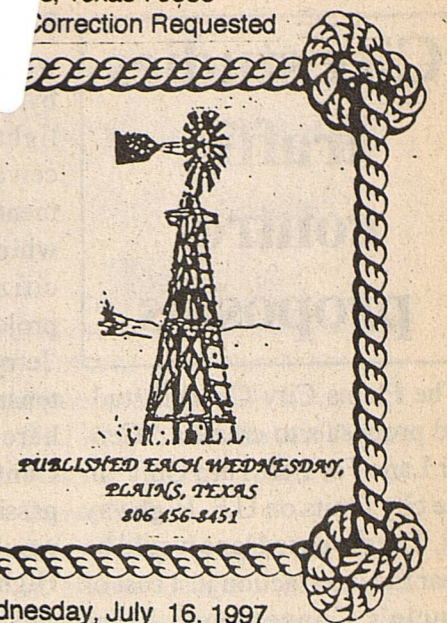
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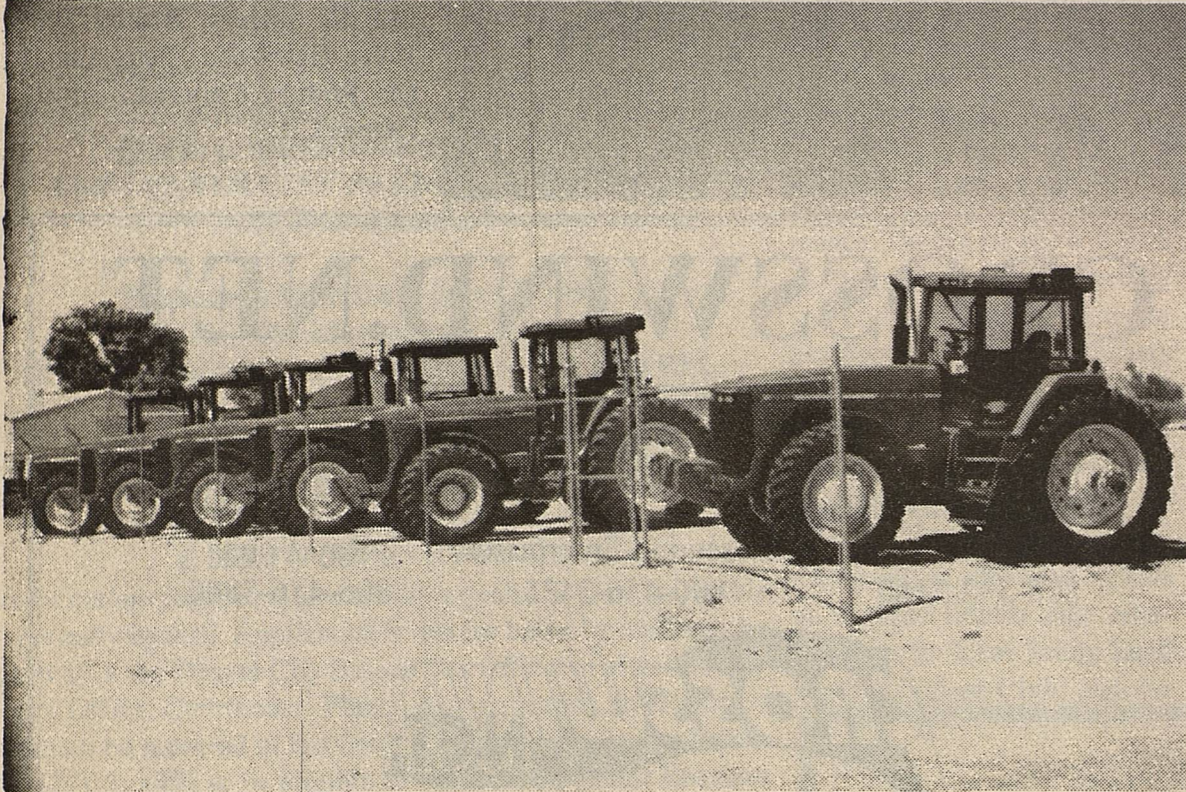
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**Come on, cotton, peanuts,
watermelons... These new tractors
are needing a home!**



These impressive John Deere 8100, 8200, 8300 and 8400 series tractors lined up on the yard of the Texas Equipment dealership are probably drawing envious looks from passing producers needing to update their equipment. Texas Equipment Manager Aubrey Cox said these six units have an approximate retail value of \$650,000.

To date, area crops appear to be in excellent condition, and if Mother Nature will continue to cooperate, and if the market will provide decent commodity prices, these tractors should be busy in our fields preparing for the 1998 crops.

**Producers urged to unite in
video on boll weevil fight**

Twenty copies of video tapes explaining the urgency of a united stand among cotton producers and cotton landowners against the growing threat of boll weevil infestation on the huge Southern cotton patch are being distributed here in Yoakum County. The approximate ten minute long tapes should be available at area gins including Tokio CO-OP, Yoakum County CO-OP and New Tex Gins, Plains State Bank, and at Sandy Land Water District's office.

900 copies of the video tape were made available with funding supplied by Plains Cotton Growers, a number of individuals, and Texas Senator Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock.

Featured on the tape are comments by Wayne Mixon, a Gaines County producer and ginner and Chairman of the Southern High Plains/Caprock Zone advisory committee appointed by Ag Commissioner Rick Perry, local producer Don Parrish, Terry County farmer Terry Dill, and Foy O'Brien of

Lamesa, also members of the advisory committee. Dr. Jim Leser, area entomologist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, addresses the history of the spread of the boll weevil, effectively halting cotton production in many areas of east and central Texas. He explains the possible catastrophic economic loss on the Southern High Plains production area if the weevils infestation and spread goes unchecked.

The main thrust of the spokesmen's comments is the urgency of area producers voting for the referendum on August 1. The ballot for the election contains provisions for setting an assessment rate, the thorniest problem among individual producers. Another provision in the ballot will decide if producers in the 19 county control zone want Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. to work with the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, headquartered in Abilene. The vote will also elect a director to the Foundation. Parrish has stated it is critical

for area producers to vote for proposals in the August election, echoing comments in the video by Dill and O'Brien indicating individual suppression and eradication efforts against the weevil will not succeed - only a united stand here on the High Plains will stop the dread cotton pest.

It has been pointed out information on the video is important for cotton farmers, but essential educational information for owners of land where cotton is grown, many of them living long distances from our production zone, and possibly not aware of the threat the weevil poses for the cotton industry.

Members of the advisory committee suggest producers farming cotton on land owned by people living outside the 19 county zone, and who may not be fully aware of all the implications and importance of the referendum vote, may want to borrow one of the video tapes and send it to their landlords prior to the August vote.

**Court
appoints
election
judges,
alternates**

In last Thursday's meeting of Commissioners Court, election judges and alternate judges for all voting precincts were appointed. Recent election law changes will see the appointees serving only one term of office, which will expire September 1, 1998, instead of the former two year term. The judges, alternates and voting precincts include:
Pct. 101 - Kathy Smiley, Judge, Suzanne Bachman, Alternate.
Pct 202 - Earlene Smiley, Judge, Daphne Harrison, Alternate.
Pct. 303 - Sarah Guetersloh, Judge, Edith Tuggle, Alternate.
Pct. 404 - Carolyn Culwell, Judge, Karen Bearden, Alternate.
Pct. 406 - Lloyd Steele, Judge, Jimmie Steele, Alternate.
Early Voting Ballot Board - Bonnie Earnest, Judge, Hazel Lowrey, Alternate.

Commissioner's Court was not held on Monday, July 14. Judge Brewer, Commissioners Lindsey, Slentz, Barron, McWhirter, and Treasurer Toni Jones were attending the annual National Association of Counties convention in Baltimore, Maryland, and will return home July 16. The next court session will be held Monday, July 21.

**DWI cases
continue in
County
Court**

Three Driving While Intoxicated guilty pleas were heard in County Court on July 9. Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the State in Court presided over by Judge Dallas Brewer.

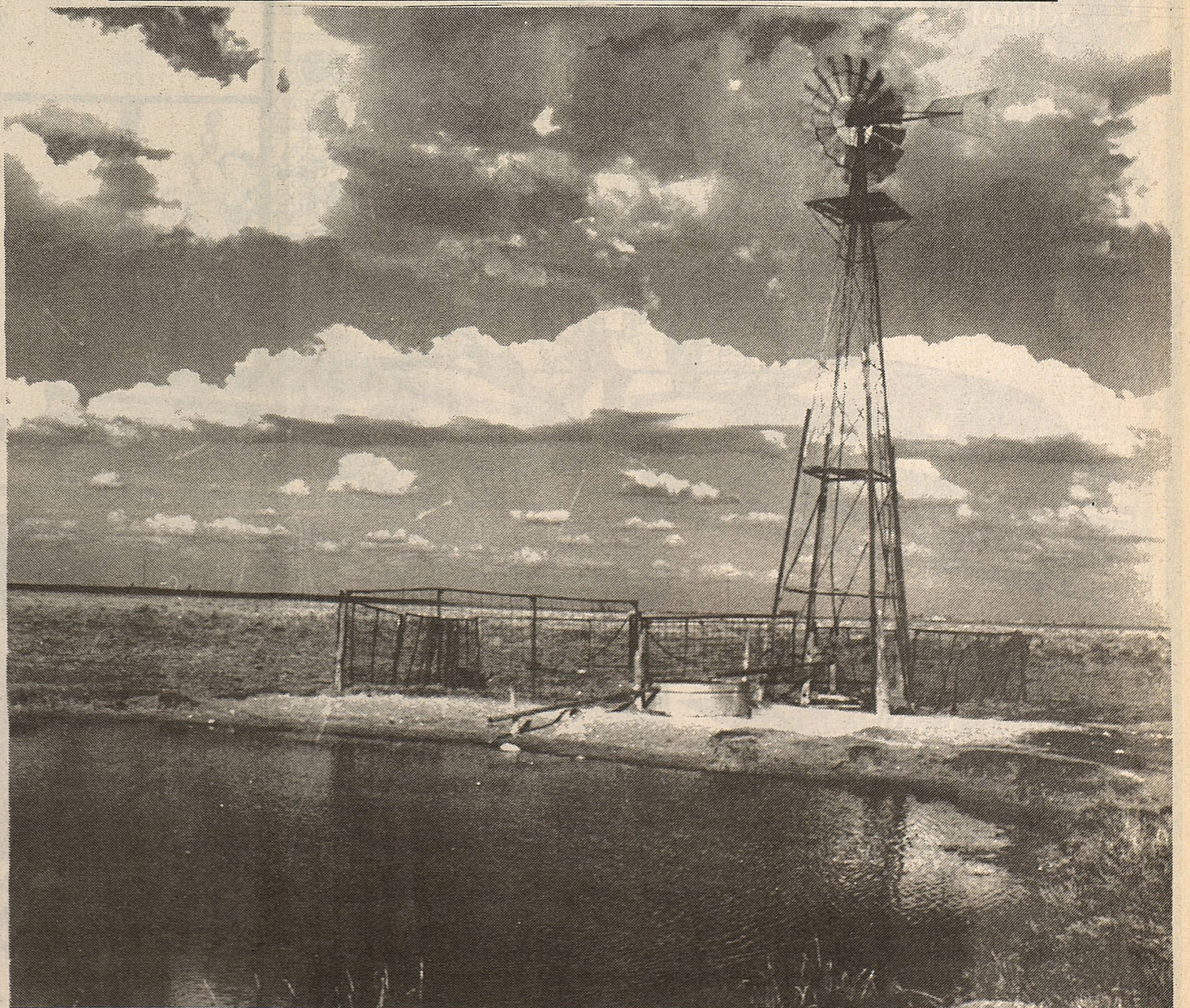
Blas Jaquez, 28, pled guilty to a first offense DWI charge. He was sentenced to serve six days in jail, with credit for four days served, and must pay \$227 Court costs. He was released to the U.S. Border Patrol after his jail sentence was served.

Dimas Bustamante Vasquez, 52, also pled guilty to a first charge of DWI. His 60 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He was fined \$500 and must pay \$227 Court costs. He was sent to jail for 72 hours, with credit for 11 hours served, must attend AA weekly meetings, and serve 24 hours community service.

Jose Mary Perez, aka Joe Perez, Little Joe Perez and Joe Barbosa Perez, 49 pled guilty to first offense DWI. He was sentenced to 90 days in jail, suspended and probated 18 months, was fined \$750, must pay \$227 court costs. Conditions of his community supervision include 6 days in jail with credit for 2 days served, perform 24 hours of community service, attend weekly AA meetings, and obtain drug and alcohol evaluation from the Council

on Drug and Alcohol Abuse at his expense.

Local photography ace wins contest



When local library employee Pat McNabb entered a Best Photo Contest, sponsored by the Texas Farm Bureau's "TEXAS AGRICULTURE" publication, she never dreamed her color shot of a local windmill and stock tank would be declared the first prize winner. Her photo was published in the July 4 edition of the publication. The contest was limited to Farm Bureau members, and had to have a rural or agricultural related theme. Pat received a \$100 check in a congratulatory letter from the magazine's staff.

The photograph was taken of a windmill and water tank owned by Joe Pierce.

City studies traffic control proposals

The Plains City Council studied proposals to create a "Center Lane For Left Turn Only" in the city limits on U.S. Highway 82. The proposed lane would be near the intersection just east of Uncle's Convenience Store where U.S. 82 and Highway 380 split. Another proposal was reviewed, calling for installing the street lights at the intersection of

State Highway 214 and highways 82/380, now manned only by a flashing yellow caution light. The requests were received from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), which had been contacted by citizens requesting the two projects.

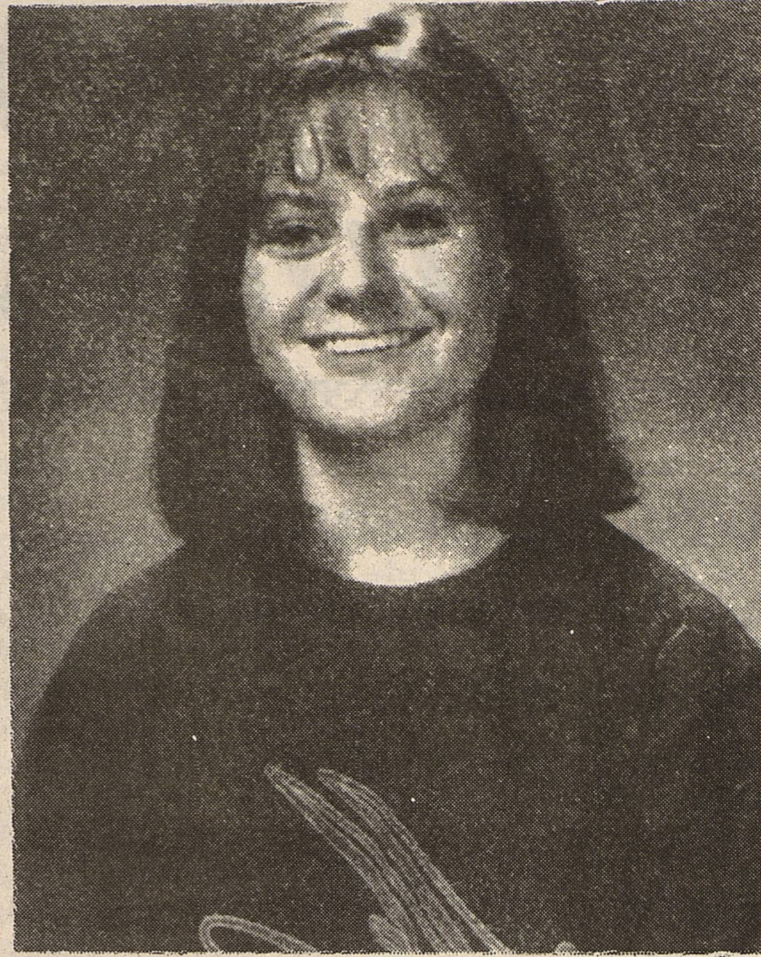
Jerry Morphis, Roadway Maintenance Supervisor with TxDOT here, reported the 'Left Turn Center Lane' would require passing a city ordinance which would halt all parking along Highway 82, or Cowboy Way and the provision would have to be strictly enforced. The request for street lights at the 214 intersection east of town would have to be a City project, and cost

estimates indicate the lighting could be approximately \$4000 if four lights on poles are erected.

In the Monday meeting, the Council voted to postpone acting on the left turn lane issue, citing the need to study the impact on business firms along Cowboy Way, and lack of means of enforcing such an ordinance. Some concern was also expressed about hindering tourists stopping in the city for lack of parking on the main street.

The lighting of the intersection item was also tabled, to allow the Council to better judge the actual need of the lights, and more exact cost figures for the project.

Lions Announce Rodeo Queen Candidate



Sixteen year old Krystal Sellers has been chosen to be the Plains Lions Club Rodeo Queen Candidate for 1997.

Krystal is the daughter of Darrell and Tammy Sellers of Plains, and is a Junior in Plains High School. She takes part in the Volleyball program, and is in FFA. She is also First Vice President of the 4-H organization. She was elected Queen of the 1997 Junior Livestock Show in February, and regularly exhibits livestock in the show and sale.

This summer Krystal is working full-time for Pioneer Hybrids International, and part-time for Sellers Steak House in Denver City.

Her grandparents are Dan and Martha Sellers, Bobby and Joyce Gatewood, Betty Land and Rodney Childress, all of Denver City.

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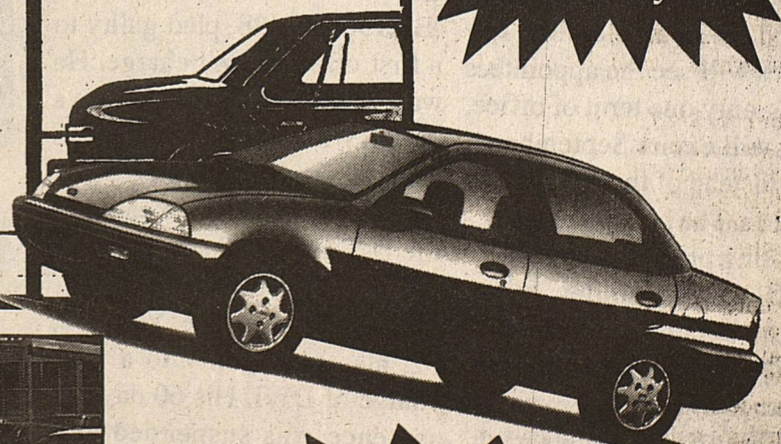
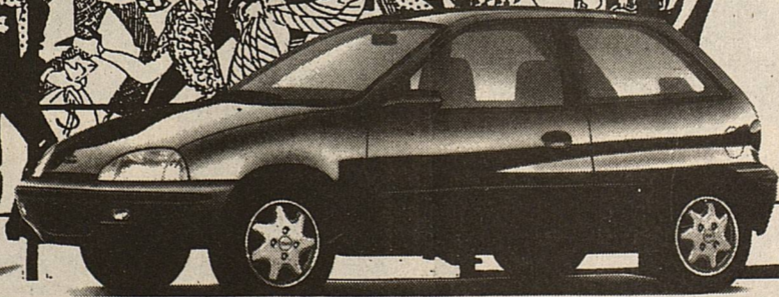
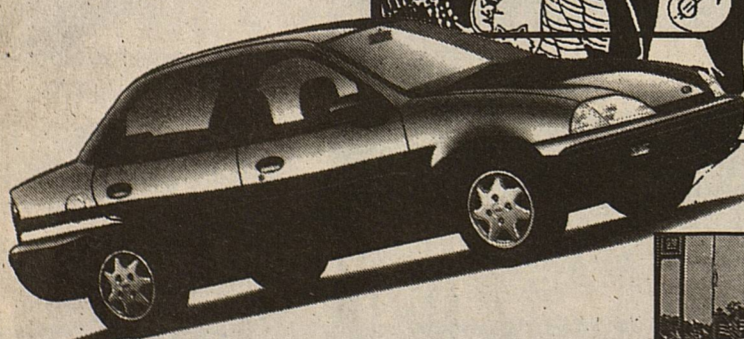
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Beautification/Watermelon Contest

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- Eileen Fillipp 456-6313
- Mary Ward 456-2855
- Teresa Bell 456-8345
- Dottie Mayes 456-2476

More committee members are listed on page 4, and all other members will be featured in coming issues of CCN.

* NOTICE *

EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE FOR THE AUGUST 9, 1997 SPECIAL ELECTION CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE, COURTHOUSE IN PLAINS AND THE DENVER CITY BRANCH TAX OFFICE 122 West 4th Street

Beginning: MONDAY, July 21, 1997

Ending: Tuesday, August 5, 1997

MONDAY through FRIDAY, 8:00 A.M. 'til 5:00 P.M.

Any qualified voter is eligible to vote early by personal appearance.

EARLY VOTING BY MAIL

Under certain conditions (see below) a qualified voter is eligible to vote early by mail. Application forms for ballot by mail may be picked up at the Denver City Branch Tax Office, or at the County Clerk's Office, Courthouse, Plains. An application for ballot by mail must be received in the County Clerk's Office on or before **AUGUST 1, 1997** to be eligible to vote in the **Special Election on August 9, 1997**. Conditions for voting by mail:

1. Voter is or expects to be **ABSENT FROM THE COUNTY** of the voter's residence on election day.
2. Voter has a **SICKNESS OR PHYSICAL DISABILITY** that prevents him/her from appearing at the polling place on election day.
3. Voter is **65 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER** on election day.
4. Voter is ***CONFINED IN JAIL***.

*For more information on the above conditions for voting by mail call the County Clerk's Office at 806-456-2721.

FILED JULY 14, 1997, AT 10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

Deborah L. Rushing
DEBORAH L. RUSHING, County Clerk
Yoakum County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS >
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I, Deborah L. Rushing, County Clerk and Clerk for Early Voting for the SPECIAL ELECTION to be held on August 9, 1997, do hereby certify that the above NOTICE FOR EARLY VOTING is a true and correct copy of said notice filed in my office, and that I posted a true and correct copy of same on the Courthouse Bulletin Board in Plains and at the Denver City Branch Tax Office.

Posted this 14th day of JULY, 1997

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Rodeo, Reunion time drawing near



The 44th annual Rodeo and Old Settlers Reunion will kick off Thursday, July 31, with the first performance of the rodeo at 8 p.m. There will be a dance Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights after each rodeo performance. The big parade will start at 10 a.m. Saturday, followed by the Old Settlers Barbecue in Stanford Park at noon. Tickets for the barbecued brisket meal are \$5 for adults, \$4 for kids under 12, and includes admission to the Saturday night rodeo.

Other events scheduled include an antique tractor pull organized by the local Sandy Land Tractor Pullers Club, and the

Yoakum County Art Association Art Show and Sale starting July 31, through August 2.

The annual barbecue is quite a study in logistics. Kenneth McGinty reports he plans to purchase about 90 large beef briskets, weighing somewhere around 1100 pounds. Last year seven large cookers were manned by volunteers who started smoking the meat early Saturday morning. Wood for the fires is purchased in Clyde, and trucked here on county trucks.

The local 4-H club youngsters will serve drinks at the meal, and other volunteers will sell tickets, and serve heaping plates

of barbecue and all the trimmings to the crowd, which has averaged 900 to 1000 visitors the past few years. Ladies of the town will bring cobblers for the meals dessert.

The Roping Club will be busy helping stage the three performances of the rodeo, the Lions Club will man the concession stand, and other volunteers will sell and take tickets to the rodeo, direct parking, and cook hamburgers for the always hungry crowd each night.

The annual event is a true community effort involving lots of time and labor. Make your plans now to attend all the events, and invite your friends and family!

Services held for David Blevins

Former resident David L. Blevins, 91, passed away July 9, 1997 in the South Plains Health Care Center of Brownfield.

He was born August 30, 1905, in Harris County, the son of Dillard Levi Blevins and the former Elizabeth McGrew. He married Jewel Hobbs in Lovington, New Mexico in 1934. The couple moved to Plains from Eagle Pass in 1945. He had been employed by Yoakum County and the Plains School District until his retirement in 1975. He was a member of the Oddfellows and the First Baptist Church.

His wife Jewell preceded him in death in 1993. He is survived by three sisters, Viola Worsham, California, Lillie Hobbs, Carrizo Springs, Eunice Carman, California; Two brothers, Oral and Owen Blevins, both of California, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held at the Plains Cemetery Friday, July 11, with Reverend Bill Wright, Pastor of First Baptist Church officiating.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION ESPECIAL)

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., on August 9, 1997, for voting in a special election to adopt or reject the proposed Constitutional Amendment as submitted by the 75th Legislature, Regular Session, of the State of Texas.

(Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales citadas abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 9 de Agosto de 1997 para votar en la Eleccion Especial para adoptar o rechazar la enmienda propuesta constitucional asi como fueron sometidas por la 75a Legislatura Sesion Regular, de la Estado de Texas.

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

ELECTION PRECINCT	NAME OF FACILITY	STREET ADDRESS	CITY
101	Precinct 1 Building	139 E. Broadway	Denver City, TX
202	Community Building	West 15th St.	Denver City, TX
303	Yoakum County Library	901 Avenue E	Plains, TX
305	Yoakum County Library	205 E. 4th St.	Denver City, TX
404	Corral Youth Center	911 Avenue G	Plains, TX
406	Tax Office (Branch)	122 W. 4th St. (W. 4th @ Ave. B)	Denver City, TX

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at: **County Clerk's Office, Courthouse, Plains, TX** (La votacion adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en:) & **Yoakum County Tax Office, Denver City, TX**

(location) (sitio)

If the county clerk is not the early voting clerk, the information in the block is required.

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on July 21, 1997 (date)
(entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el 21 de Julio, 1997 (fecha)
and ending on August 5, 1997 (date) (y terminando el 5 de Agosto, 1997 (fecha)

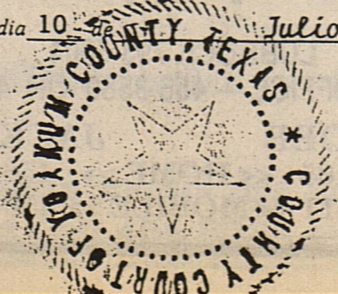
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(Nombre del Secretario de la Votacion Adelantada)
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(Address) (Direccion)
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August 1, 1997
(date) (fecha)

Issued this the 10th day of July, 19 97.
(Emitada este dia 10 de Julio, 19 97.)



Dallas Brewer
Signature of County Judge (Firma del Juez del Condado)

How Some Texas Counties Got Their Names

* The majority of Texas' 254 counties are named for early heroes or settlers of the state. Many are named for early pioneers dating back to the days when Austin's colony was being formed, some for men involved in the fight for Texas Independence from Mexico, heroes of the Alamo, the battle of San Jacinto, and the Civil War. Only two counties feature the first and last names of their namesakes. One is Jeff Davis County, and the other, Tom Green, with its countyseat of San Angelo, is profiled here.

Thomas Green (1814-1864)

As a 21-year-old college graduate when he first came to Texas in 1835, Tom Green was no doubt one of the most schooled of all Texans. Over the next twenty-nine years in Texas, he would also prove to be one of the most courageous.

Green was born in Virginia on June 8, 1814, but moved with his family to Tennessee at an early age. In his youth, he attended Jackson College in Tennessee and Princeton College in Kentucky before graduating from the University of Tennessee. Then after studying law for about a year, he left Tennessee to join the Texans in their struggle for independence.

In Texas, Green entered the Texas army at Nacogdoches, only a few months before the Battle of San Jacinto. At that historic battle, Green helped man one of the "Twin Sisters"



artillery pieces. In the new Republic, Green served as clerk for the House of Representatives for the first terms of Congress. He was then elected to represent Fayette County in the Fourth Congress.

In addition to these "desk jobs", Green served the Republic in several of its more militant struggles. He participated with the Indians, and accompa-

nied General Alexander Somervell to Mexico in the ill-fated Somervell Expedition.

In the Mexican-American War, Green raised a company of volunteers and served under Jack Hayes regiment in the taking of Monterrey. He then settled back into a relatively sedate life during the early years of statehood. During that time, he married, began a family, and served as clerk of the Supreme Court of Texas.

Green entered the Civil War as a colonel in the brigade of General H. H. Sibley. Early in the War, the brigade saw service in New Mexico. On January 1, 1863, Green was back in Texas and led the forces on board the two Texas "cottonclads" used in the Battle of Galveston.

After the success at Galveston, Green and his men participated in several major battles in Louisiana, including the Battles of Mansfield and Pleasant Hill in early 1864. Then, on April 12, 1864 at the Battle of Blair's Landing, he was killed at short range by the cannon of a Federal gunboat on the Red River.

High Plains Jr. Rodeo Results

Kimberly Jackson won 1st place in the 8 and under Poles, 2nd in the Goat Tying and 3rd place in the Barrels. Keith Jackson held on to a 9th place for points in the boys 13-15 Ribbon Roping.

Nancy House placed 2nd in the girls 16-19 Ribbon roping and 4th in the Poles.

Due to the long Holiday weekend the Jacksons' and the Squyers' attended two AJRA rodeos in Rakin and Odessa. At the Rakin rodeo, Kimberly Jackson won two 1st places in Goat Tying and the Poles, and also won 2nd in Barrels. Keith won a 4th in the tiedown calf roping and 9th in the Breakaway.

Brett Squyers won 5th place in the 13-15 tie down Calf roping and Robin won two 8th places in the girls 16-19 Breakaway and Ribbon roping.

Local hopeful golfers in last weekend's 'Cotton Kilpatrick Open'



Plains golfers entered in last weekends Annual Cotton Kilpatrick partnership at the County course include, L-R, Rick Hanna, former resident, Buddy Hanna, Bruce Lester, Randy Tuggle, and Chris Blundell.

Following are the final results of Plains golfing two man teams in the two day tournament ended Sunday afternoon;

PRESIDENTS FLIGHT; Morris Rushing, Terry Thrash - 137 - 4th place. Danny Bell, Brett Baker - 146 - 6th place.

FIRST FLIGHT; Buddy Hanna, Rick Hanna - 155 - 7th place.

SECOND FLIGHT; Joe Humphrey, Marte Pierce - 154 - 5th place. Chris Blundell, Robbie Guetersloh - 156 - 6th place.

FOURTH FLIGHT; Bruce Lester, Randy Tuggle - 156 - 2nd Place. Mike Payne, Don Gillam - 161 - 5th Place.

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David Bunch 456-6546
Joe Humphrey 456-7419

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Gracie Lazos 456-7117

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At the Odessa AJRA show Kimberly Jackson won 1st place in the Poles and Keith won a 6th place in the Ribbon roping.

Robin Squyers won a 5th place in the Ribbon roping and Brett won a 4th place in the tiedown roping, and a 7th place in the Breakaway. The next rodeos will be this weekend with an AJRA show in Carlsbad and a HPJRA rodeo in Colorado City.

Let's Rodeo!



July 31, Aug. 1,
Aug. 2

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Senior Citizens Corner

I read weekly Columns, like "Mr. Bo, The Hack, and Bull Feathers" and they always have something of interest to write about. Me, I have to hustle to find News. Guess I need to get on the Internet or whatever it is.

Recent visitors at the Center were June Hannamans sister and brother in law, Beth and Walt Bennet of Mesa, Az. Oscar Schureth, Donna Clark representing SPAG, and my son Bert Sartain of Banger, Cal. Visitors are always welcome.

An update on last weeks "bad News report." Our Director, Thelma Hicks is home, and hope to be back at the Center soon. Jay Noble is recovering nicely. Mildred Rawls also home and doing well. Both she and Jay are enjoying their daughters being with them and helping in their recovery from surgery. Thelmas' mom is with her. Thank God for kids!

Activities July 14 thru 18 ; Mon., Wed., Fri., line dance 9:30 am. Mon.; Birthdays, Anniversaries, Senior of the Month recognition, 11:30 am. Pool/Games 6:30 pm. Wed.; Medical Arts B/P CK 11:00-11:30 am. Fri. City Council, 10:30 am. Lunch everyday 11:30 am. Come enjoy a day

with us. There are lots of things to keep us busy, exercise, games, visiting. It makes a day go fast.

See you next week, Smitty

Off To The Grill

Barbecued Spareribs

- 1 tablespoon ground mustard
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 3 pounds pork spareribs
- 2/3 cup ketchup
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon liquid smoke, optional
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

Combine the first four ingredients; rub over ribs. For sauce, combine the remaining ingredients; mix well and set aside. Grill ribs, covered, over indirect heat and medium-low coals for 1 hour, turning occasionally. Add 10 briquettes to coals. Grill 30 minutes longer, basting both sides several times with sauce, or until meat is tender.

Yield: 4 servings.

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The best rule of friendship is to keep your heart a little softer than your head

A Pastor's Forum

By James Stanley Moore

Allow me to introduce myself. I am the new United Methodist pastor of Plains. Although a United Methodist, my background is highly ecumenical in nature. I have had many diverse religious inter relations. It seems that One who bridges inner faith relations has been the One who called me to His service, and the instigator has been the Holy Spirit.

My wife, Nancy, is also a United Methodist minister, currently pastoring in the Wellman UMC. Like me, she too has bridged several denominations through the love of Jesus.

We both came into the faith during the radical 60's where peace, love, flowers and bell bottom blue jeans (among other things), were swaying the youth in America. Nancy and I had several encounters with some radical revolutionaries who were determined to change America, but their ideas were changed by a higher power. Some people called it "talking with the man upstairs." Others related it to a new type of experience—the highest encounter of the closest kind. Still radical in calling for a change, their cry was now for a change in heart. Jesus had changed their lives. Today, some of them are school superintendents, farmers, policemen, businessmen and preachers. Through their witness, our lives were touched and changed.

It reminds me how instru-

mental contacts can be. You and I have an influence on someone, and someone in particular. Young and old, all of us reflect the lord of our lives, whether it be Jesus or some lesser thing. We transmit to others, the influences that motivates our lives. In turn, they pass it on to someone else. We are not islands to ourselves. Good or bad, we will influence, impress, even persuade others in the good or the bad ways in which we walk. Like it or not, we are witnesses to the lords of our lives. I pray your life's witness reflects the Lord of life, mercy and grace.

These articles will touch on current events, both socially as well as religiously. They will interject antecedents, puns and wits of wisdom that might stimulate you to laugh, to think, to get angry, even cry. They might reflect a need in your life or an awareness of alienation. They might bring you a warm feeling, a sense of belonging and the realization you are not alone.

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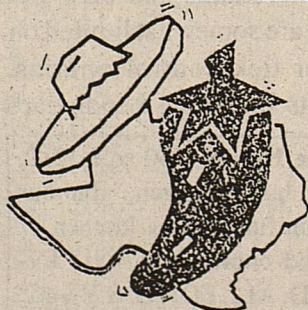
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HOWDY!

By: Kathy Adair



How Do I Prevent Choking ?

Question: Recently I was in a restaurant and a man began choking. Another patron sitting nearby ran to his aid and helped dislodge the food so the man could breathe again. This accident really scared me. What do I need to know in order to help in such situations?

Answer: Like learning CPR, the Heimlich maneuver is something that many people should consider learning. Each year, thousands of people die from choking. In the 1970's, in response to a mandate from Congress, the Consumer Product Safety Commission passed a series of minimum safety requirements for baby rattles, pacifiers, and toys in order to reduce the risk of children choking on these common items. However, coins and food - especially hot dogs, grapes, and poorly chewed meat - cause more choking deaths and injuries than do toys. Sadly, people even choke on their own dentures. In addition, people are more likely to choke when they have elevated blood alcohol levels from drinking, and when they are playing, laughing, crying or talking with food or other objects in their mouths.

Prevention is the best medicine. Here are some steps that you can take to reduce the chances of choking:

- 1) cut food into small pieces and chew slowly and thoroughly, especially if you wear dentures.
- 2) avoid excessive intake of alcohol before and during meals.
- 3) avoid laughing and talking during, chewing and swallowing (just like your mother said!)
- 4) prevent children from walking, running or playing with food or other objects in their mouths.
- 5) keep foreign objects, such as marbles and thumbtacks, away from infants and small children.

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From The Hack



I have finally found the perfect response (or excuse) for anyone foolish enough to ask me to go skydiving with them. I was offered the invitation in 1973, and do not intend for it to happen again. In case you had planned to invite me to parachute out of a perfectly safe airplane into unknown skies with a bunch of nylon strapped to my body, here is what I will tell you... "No, I just read where a sky diver in France leaped out from 6,600 feet, free falling for a spectacular hoped for opening about 2000 feet.. Unfortunately, he crashed atop a glider piloted by two British fliers at some 5000 feet. While true, I have not seen many gliders sailing over Yoakum County recently, I feel certain if I jumped from a plane, however, I would land squarely on one".

Now, how could anyone fail to understand such reasoning. After all, the event was chronicled in many European newspapers and TV clips.

The poor guy, an experienced (Still Suicidal, in my opinion) skydiver, crashed upon the glider, which managed to make an emergency landing, saving both pilots. The diver, however, fared not so well, and knocked unconscious, fell to become grave yard dead. I seriously doubt there are enough alcoholic spirits in all of Lea County to induce me to such folly... I feel sure there would be a glider plane hovering below me, with 'X marks the spot' on it's wings, where I would no doubt hit. Thanks, but no thanks for your invite.

Do you know you can actually explode your brain, if you have a certain imbalance, and exert it too much? According to a report on the Internet, a Russian chess player, concentrating so furiously on his game, actually had his skull explode, spraying his opponent and judges with assorted vile items.

The report said "circuits of the brain become overloaded by the body's electricity. The explosions happen during periods of intense mental activity, when lots of current is surging through the brain. Victims are highly intelligent people with great powers of concentration, who simply overload their brain".

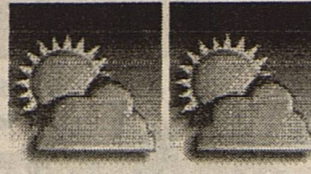
Certainly not wanting to spray grey matter all over the Bride or

the office, I decided I'd better ease off a bit from my work schedule. The Bride shrugged, and said, "So, what else is new? Besides, you missed the key phrase... this problem only hits people who are highly intelligent, with great powers of concentration. You can't even remember to put the commode seat down, or which drawer your shorts are in, or my correct birth date, or when you took your last cholesterol pill... I doubt your brain is in much danger of exploding".

Don't you despise a know it all female?

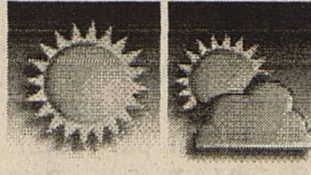
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Flea and Tick Season in Full Swing

Some say death and taxes are the only constants in life, but after all of the rain we have had, most would add insects to the list. Two of our worst adversaries are fleas and ticks. Luckily, pet owners can successfully defend themselves with a little work, some old standby treatments and a couple of new weapons now available.

The best flea and tick control strategy in an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program involving treatment and management of animals and their surroundings.

A good IPM program uses every available tool to control the problem, while being easy on you, your pet, and the environment.

The first step in a successful IPM program is knowing your enemy. Ticks go through four stages: egg, six-legged larva, one or more eight-legged nymph and adult. Hard ticks usually mate on the host (your pet). The female drops to the ground and lays 3,000 to 6,000 eggs that hatch into larvae or "seed ticks." These collect in large numbers on nearby vegetation and wait to pounce on your pet.

After engorging on your pet's blood, the larvae drop to the ground, shed their skin or 'molt,' and emerge as nymphs. Nymphs complete the same cycle as do the larvae, but once they molt, they emerge as adults. Adults start the process again. The entire life cycle takes from two months to two years depending on the tick species. The flea also has four developmental stages: egg, larvae, pupae, and adult. The egg is whitish and about 1/32-inches long. Flea eggs fall off your pet soon after they're laid, usually in your dog or cat's preferred resting place; your coach, for example. They hatch into larvae in two or three days. The larvae feed mainly on undigested blood voided by adult fleas before entering the pupal stage.

Adults emerge from the pupal stage in seven to 14 days under good conditions. However, without food, the flea may stay in the pupal stage as long as six weeks. The flea's entire life cycle can be completed in three to four weeks under optimum conditions. Your house provides optimum conditions as do cool, damp areas outdoors. This is where treatments should be concentrated.

Flea and tick control must include treatment of the pet and the home, inside and out. Pet owners are somewhat limited on outdoor tick control options. Products including bendiocarb

(Ficam), diazinon, carbaryl (Sevin) and chlorpyrifos (Dursban) are all good when applied properly. Remember, all these products are nerve poisons, capable of affecting not only ticks, but if used improperly, you and your pet as well. Always read and follow label directions, exactly.

Organic outdoor tick control is extremely difficult, because no available, naturally-occurring products provide good residual control. Pyrethrums, made from chrysanthemums, offer the best control but are limited. On the animal, owners now have a number of reasonably safe choices. One new product is Frontline, sold by veterinarians. Its active ingredient is fipronil. Fipronil is a nerve poison that is relatively safe on dogs and cats. Frontline gives up to 80 days control of ticks in

tests and also gives good flea control although residual effect is not as long on fleas.

Flea control takes perseverance according to the entomologist. Dedicated vacuuming of a pet's environment and bedding can remove flea eggs, larvae and pupae. Flea traps and combs can reduce populations. There are times when a pesticide is necessary, especially when populations reach high levels.

Pet owners have two relatively new choices for fleas on their animals. Advantage, sold by veterinarians, contains imidaclopid. This nerve poison again shows good safety to dogs and cats. In tests, Advantage gave about 30 days of flea control, but had no effect on ticks.

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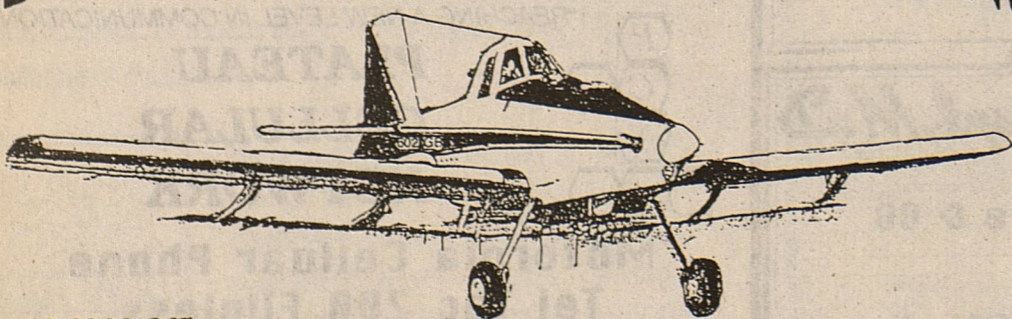
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