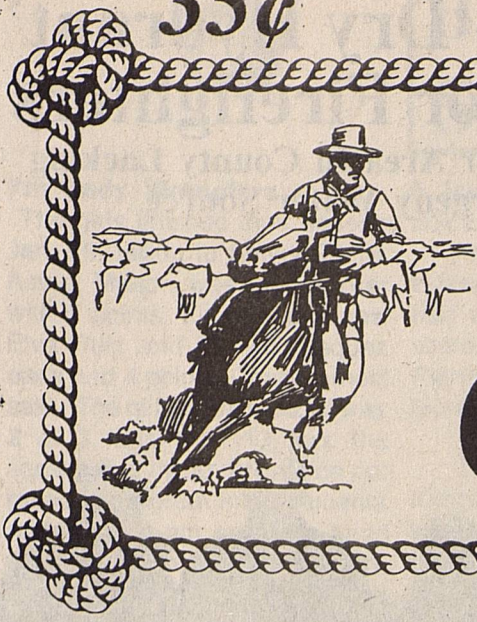


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'Detective Dogs' Find Junior High Clean

The PISD Board of Trustee's mandated policy of insuring a drug, tobacco and weapon free campus continued last week when a 'Team BJR' search crew thoroughly inspected the Junior High facility.

Lynn Bell and Denice Scott, trainer-handlers of the two drug and weapon sniffing dogs, Bundy and Lucy, were escorted by Principal Ronnie Watkins to 6th, 7th and 8th grade classrooms. Mr. Watkins made his surprise visit, and asked the students to empty their pockets on their desks, and leave coats and jackets on their chairs, then file out of the room.

Bell and Scott then brought the two dogs into the classroom, and each dog, with its special mission, sniffed each desk and other areas of the classroom.

Bundy, a male Belgian version of a German Shepherd, was trained to detect metallic weapons and



Lynn Bell encourages Bundy, the explosives dog

anything of an explosive nature. Lucy, the drug detecting Chesapeake Retriever, was trained to detect any illegal substance, ranging from alcohol to heroin.

As the youngsters filed out

of their rooms, the most frequently heard comment was, "Oh man! Look at these pretty dogs!" Upon returning to their classrooms, many chorused, "Did they find anything bad?"

After searching the selected classrooms, the dogs were given a water and 'play' break from their very hard and diligent searching. Returning to work, they sniffed each student locker on the campus. One bit of excitement occurred when Lucy excitedly alerted to something on a teacher's desk. The object turned out to be a perfectly legal, prescribed medicinal drug probably containing some form of a narcotic agent in the prescription.

In our present society, it may at first glance appear to some this practice may be unnecessary, possibly infringing on civil rights. When considering Bell and

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Final Services Held For Alf Carpenter

Funeral services for Alf B. Carpenter were held at 2 PM Monday, February 5, in the First United Methodist Church here. Rev. Rick Doyle, Rev. Bill Couch, pastor of Lakeridge United Methodist Church, and Rev. Glen Smith, retired Baptist Minister from Sundown officiated. Burial was in the Plains Cemetery under direction of Resthaven Funeral home of Lubbock. He was 90, and passed away Friday evening, Feb. 2 in University Medical Center, Lubbock, following a lengthy illness.

He was born on October 25, 1905, in Noodle, Texas. He married Elsie Mae Cumpton on April 6, 1924, in Tahoka. She preceded him in death on July 10, 1989. He later married the former Hazel Smith Lackey August 28, 1990 in Dallas.

Alf lived in El Paso ten years where he was in the grocery business. He later moved to Lamesa and spent 30 years there, also in the grocery business, before coming to Plains, where he lived 25 years. When he retired from farming here, he moved to Kingsland for 5 years, and spent his last eleven years in Lubbock.

He was active in each of the communities where he lived. He was a school board member in Lamesa, as well as here in Plains. He was also a board member of Lea County Electric Cooperative, and the Plains National Bank. He was a former member of the Rotary and Lions Clubs. He also served as Chairman of the Yoakum County Democratic Party.

He was always very active in church activities. He was instrumental in the construction of the present



Chapel of the Methodist Church here. He was one of the Plains residents who worked hard and successfully to get the Yoakum County Golf Course and Club established. He and a partner in the 1950's and 60's purchased large acreages of county ranch land, cleared it, broke it out into cultivation, all of it being farmed today.

Alf was also preceded in death by a daughter, Carol Lackey, in 1975.

He is survived by his wife, Hazel; three sons, Bill Carpenter of San Antonio, Steve George Lackey of San Angelo, and Don Lackey of

Atlanta, Georgia; a daughter, Elsie Light of Lubbock; two brothers, Hal of Santa Rosa, Cal., and Ray, of Dimmitt; seven sisters, Patty Howington of Amarillo, Fay Shearer and Lillian James of Plainview, Mary Lee Tresenridge of Santa Rosa, Cal., Opal Purves and Oma Carpenter, Oak Hurst, Cal., and Jewel Watkins of Houston; 14 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren.

Palbearers for the services were David Light, Ron Light, Kirby Carpenter, Gary Carpenter, Steve Lackey, Don Lackey and George Lackey.

Weather & Weevils Did Mother Nature Help Cotton Producers With Latest Cold Snap?

Last week's several consecutive days of abnormally cold weather has local cotton producers, as well as Ag consultants and entomologists, keeping their fingers crossed, hoping desperately the cold seriously hurt the county and area infestations of the dreaded boll weevil.

Mackey McWhirter, local producer with a world of experience in the insect world thru his degree in Invertebrate Biology said "This cold snap is the best thing that could have happened, but we should not expect it to cure our serious infestation problem. Extreme cold is what we needed, but it will definitely not kill all the weevils". He is convinced, because of the history of the tenacious insect, once it is firmly established in an area, as it appears to be in most of the cotton producing areas of the state, it is virtually impossible to kill 100% effectively. "The best we can

hope for is the cold, plus eradication efforts, will reduce the weevil population levels to a point we can control and economically live with".

The boll weevil, unlike most other boring type insects, does not winter below the surface of the ground. It lives in plant refuse, weeds, CRP pastures, and other protected places. Asked if a cold spell with snow and ice would help destroy the weevil, he said "A very cold, very dry period would be more beneficial, because covering of snow or ice on the refuse tends to insulate the weevil from the cold itself, which is the destroying element".

The boll weevil sustains life thru the winter much like a hibernating bear. It literally feeds itself while it appears to be in most of hibernating, or in the diapause period, on fatty

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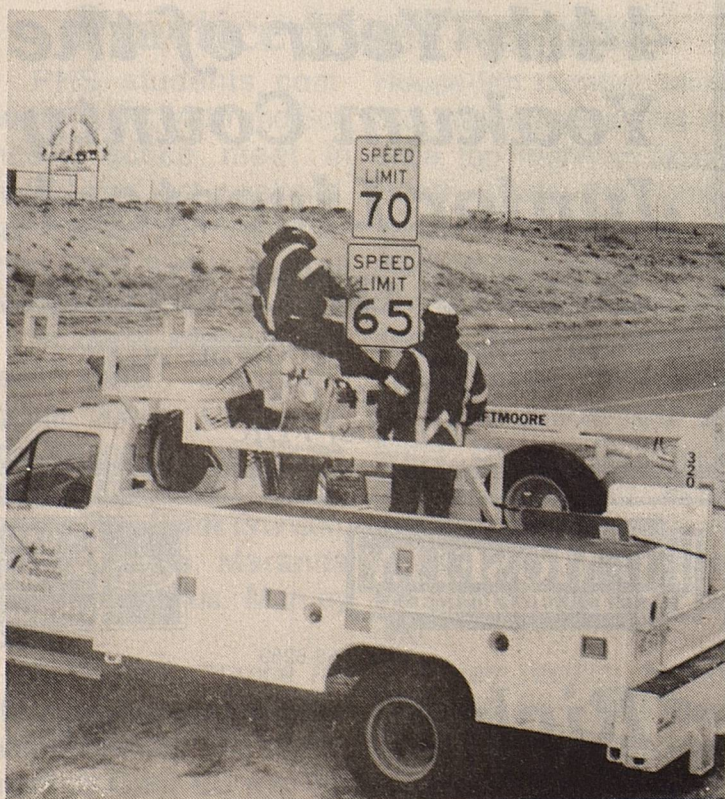
Speed Limit Change Is Official At Last

Texas Department of Transportation personnel were busy last week installing signs advising motorists of the new speed limits now in effect on highways where they are posted.

By press time, the 70 mph day and 65 mph night limit signs will be installed on Highways 82, 380, and 214. The only other

highway in the county not posted with the new limits is US 83 out of Denver City. It will be posted as soon as Dawson County coordinates their sign posting with Yoakum County's.

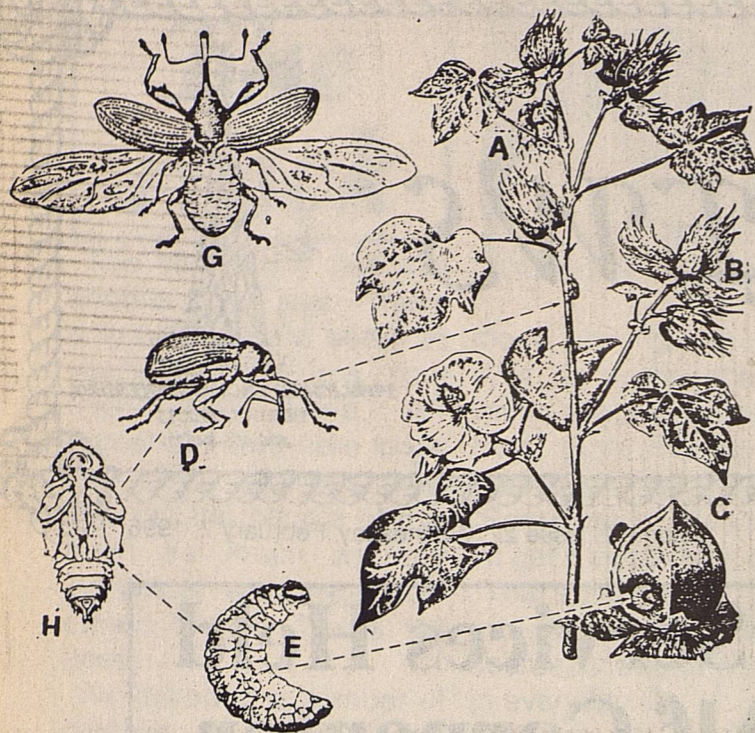
Motorists are again advised, speed limits in neighboring New Mexico have NOT changed, and remain at 55mph.



Tx-Dot employees David Huerta & Rukne Kawaja installing new signs on west Hwy. 380

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Feb. 8, 9, 10
The 4-H and FFA Exhibitors Need & Will Appreciate Your Help!

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The Cotton Boll Weevil, *Anthonomus grandis*: On right, cotton plant attacked by the weevil, showing (A) a hanging dry infested square, (B) flared square with weevil punctures, (C) cotton boll sectioned to show weevil and larva, (D) adult weevil, (E) larva, (G) adult female w/wings spread, (H) pupa.

acids stored in its body. An extended, severe cold period can cause an exhaustion of this food supply.

A college text book furnished us by McWhirter provided an excellent description of the insects history in the United States. Published in 1962, the book outlined why present day cotton producers are so fearful of the weevil. "No insect pest in all the world has gained greater notoriety than the cotton boll weevil, which has caused an estimated \$200,000,000 ANNUAL direct loss in cotton and cottonseed since 1909.

An insect native of Mexico, the weevil was first discovered in the U.S. at Brownsville, Texas in 1892. When its voracious appetite for cotton bolls became apparent, serious records of its spread and destruction began to be recorded.

By 1922, just thirty years later, the weevil devastation had spread to the northernmost cotton production areas of North Carolina and Virginia. An average 20,000 square miles of cotton producing land PER YEAR were infested the first 35 years after it crossed the Rio Grande.

Its destructive power is historically recorded. In addition to the devastation suffered by producers, it resulted in the abandonment of cotton producing acres to this day. Hundreds of cotton gins and oil mills closed, railroads and mercantile firms suffered or closed, and small town banks failed.

Despite the frightening history of the boll weevil, McWhirter is not altogether pessimistic. "Time is going to give us a lot of needed information. I don't think it is reasonable to expect complete eradication of the weevil where it is firmly established, as it appears to be here and in most other production areas of the state. I feel in the months to come we will know more about eradication efforts going on now. If we find spraying programs are adversely affecting beneficial insects, we're in trouble. Creating an imbalance in the varieties in the insect world has never been a good plan. By this summer, we should know whether or not these programs are beneficial or harmful".

McWhirter believes the most realistic evaluation of the weevil menace is to face up to cold reality;

Once this insect is firmly entrenched, as it appears to be in many areas, 100% effective eradication may be impossible. "We probably need to realize the weevil is going to be with us here a long time. We simply have to come up with a program which will knock it back to the point we can continue to produce cotton with its presence, still at a profit". Last year's well recorded cotton crop destruction in the Lower Valley and the

Concho Valley by the beet army worm is causing much controversy about the merits of the current weevil eradication program. Both of those geographical areas had been heavily sprayed to control the weevil. The horrific dollar loss in those areas is causing many producers to ponder the perplexing question of combating one variety of insect pest, only to encourage the spread of another.

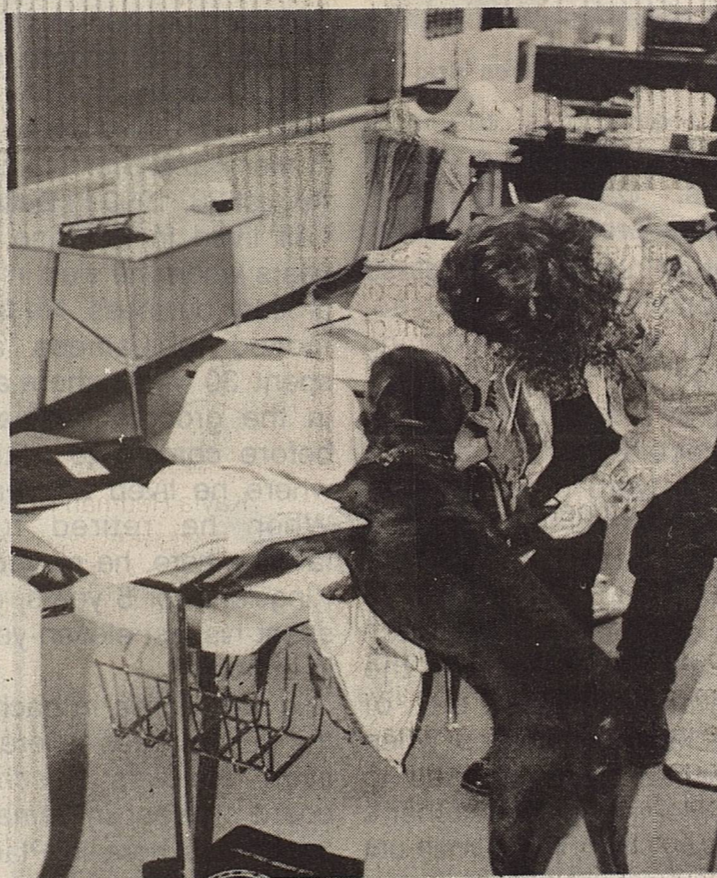
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"Detective Dogs"

Scott's experiences in other area schools, the practice of unannounced searches for drugs and weapons is a sad, unfortunate, but absolutely necessary procedure to safeguard schools and students who chose to abide by the law. They do find drugs, and they do find lethal weapons, in both Junior and Senior High schools.

Their firm's dogs and handlers have found illegal drugs of every variety, dozens of dangerous weapons. They told of one unfortunate incident in a Junior High where their drug dog alerted to a student's coat. The Principal was notified, the student called in. He insisted he didn't carry or use any drugs, but the virtually foolproof dog's

nose indicated a residual odor of probable marijuana. The students parents were called in. At first claiming no knowledge or use of the drug, after persistent questioning they finally admitted the previous night they had smoked 'pot' in the kitchen while their youngster sat in the living room getting his home work.

Their firm, Team BJR, has some 30 Independent School Districts contracted for periodical, unannounced searches. A separate Midland office also conducts drug and weapons searches in that area. Contracts are made between the firm and school districts, the fee determined by the number of hours the teams work each campus.



Denice Scott & Lucy, Lab 'Drug Dog'

Another 'Dry Hydrant'
Ready For Firefighters
Only One Other Area In County Lacking
Emergency Water Source



Neal Newsom, Mattie Field, Larry Morrow, Jim Barron, Dan Field
Plains Volunteer Firefighters now have an additional source of emergency water, thanks to Ms. Mattie Field and son Dan Field.

The new 'dry hydrant' hookup in the county, is located on an irrigation well a few miles east of the Field's

The Dry Hydrant project is a program sponsored by the Natural Resource Conservation Service and the local Yoakum County Soil and Water Conservation Committee. The 'Dry Hydrants' are a means of enabling volunteer fire departments to tie into area irrigation wells in rural areas to supply emergency water supplies in fighting out of town fires.

Mario Avila, District Conservationist, NRCS, said he was extremely pleased with the generosity of Mrs. Field and her son, Dan, in providing the facility to the County.

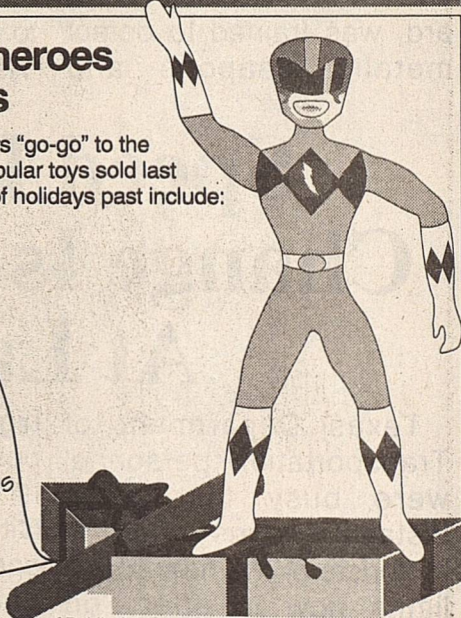
Avila also reported the projected goal of six 'Dry Hydrant' locations has been exceeded, but a certain portion of the county still lacks such a facility. He referred to the extreme southeast part of the county, where abundant water exists, but no arrangements have been made with landowners for installing the emergency hookup facility. There are many private residential and commercial, as well as farm interests in the immediate area.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Power Rangers heroes of kids' wish lists

Mighty Morphin Power Rangers "go-go" to the top of the heap of the most popular toys sold last holiday season. Popular toys of holidays past include:

- Wish List
- Nerf ball
- Liddle Kiddles doll
- Barbie
- Rubik's cube
- Chatty Cathy doll
- G.I. Joe
- Etch-a-sketch
- Cabbage Patch Kids doll



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Basketball Summary

7th Lady Wranglers;

The girls finished their season Jan. 29, falling to Smyer 32-18. Ashlei Mason was high scorer with 6 points, Kimberlee Jones, Elva Ruiz and Tanya Vasquez each had 4 points. Coach Arnold said, "The girls district record was 2 of 6, and 4 of 13 for the season, but these records do not reflect their great improvements and effort. I am proud to have coached each girl this season. They have promising futures due to their love of the game, hard work and dedication".

8th Lady Wranglers;

The 8th grade girls found the winners circle again last Monday, easily downing Smyer 39-12. Rebecca Robertson led the scoring list with 8 points, Shay Allsup, Candace Bowers and Anne Palmer had 5 each, Krystle Blundell and Kelli Osborn had 4 each, and Jessica Flores, Laura Morales, Kristen Gray and Staci Tuggle each had 2.

JV Cowgirls;

The JV girls had a rough time last week. They were first downed by O'Donnell 40-29 Tuesday. Lisa Parrish and Tandi Jones managed 9 points each, Jolyne Burgess had

5, Mary Morales 4, and Amanda Box 2.

They next lost a real squeaker to Anton on Friday, 30-28. Burgess had a hot shooting hand and scored 20 points, Jones had 3, Parrish and Moreno 2 each, and Morales had 1.

JV Cowboys;

The younger Cowboys romped and stomped last week, winning both of their contests. They beat O'Donnell 50-30 to avenge an earlier loss. Jason Redman led the scoring with 19 points, Adam Dominguez had 11, David Flores 9, Abraham Garcia 6, Matt Morgan 4, Will St. Romain 1.

They next roared over Anton 83-28 on Friday, extending their season to 17-5, and stand in first place in the District JV race. Allen Ward and Flores scored 16 points each, Travis Bennett had 13, Redman 10, Morgan 8, Garcia 7, Yancey House 6, Dominguez 3, Jonah Moreno and Gideon Traweek 2 each.

Varsity Cowgirls;

The Cowgirls played well last week and ended up with two big wins. They first downed O'Donnell 60-49. Robin Squyres had 10 rebounds, and the team scored 17

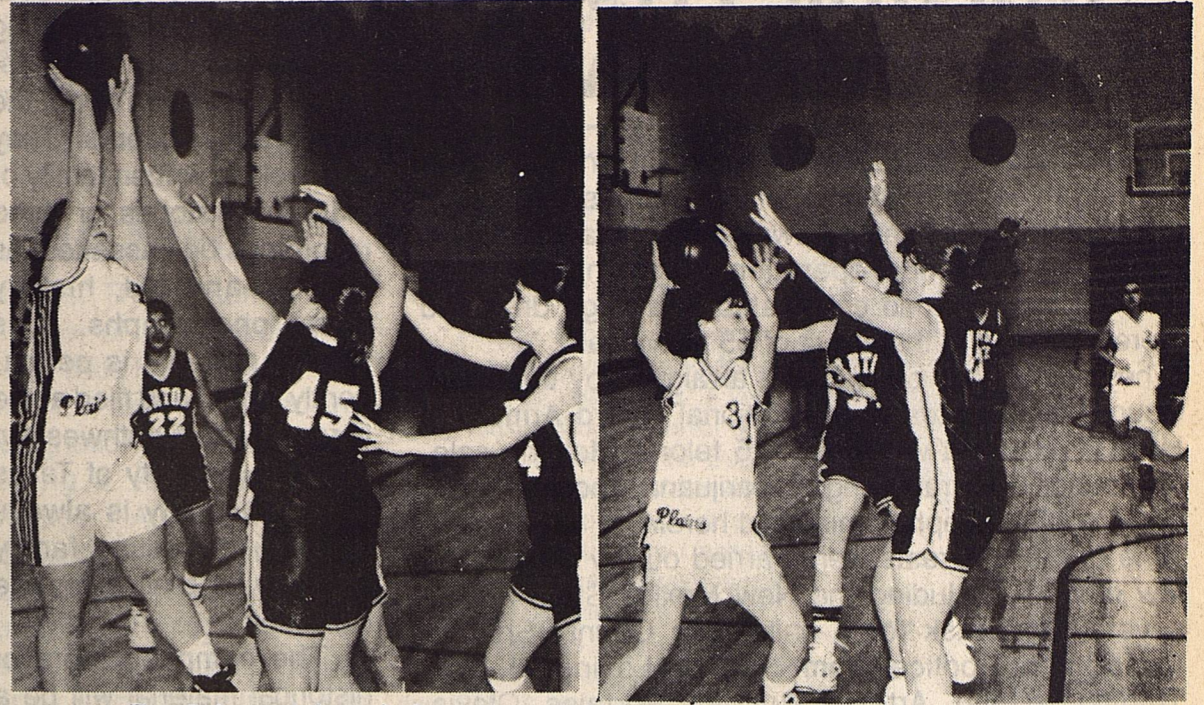
points off the bench. Tessa St. Romain was scoring leader with 14, Kyley Bearden had 11, Sandi Warren and Kassie Lowe 10 each, Kayla Redman 8, Shyloh Winn 4, Squyres 3. They next bounced Anton 65-56 to extend their season record to 16-11, and stand 4-3 in District play. Redman grabbed 12 rebounds, St. Romain scored 19 points, followed by Redman 13, Squyres 10, Winn 8, Bearden 6, Lowe 5, Warren 4.

Varsity Cowboys;

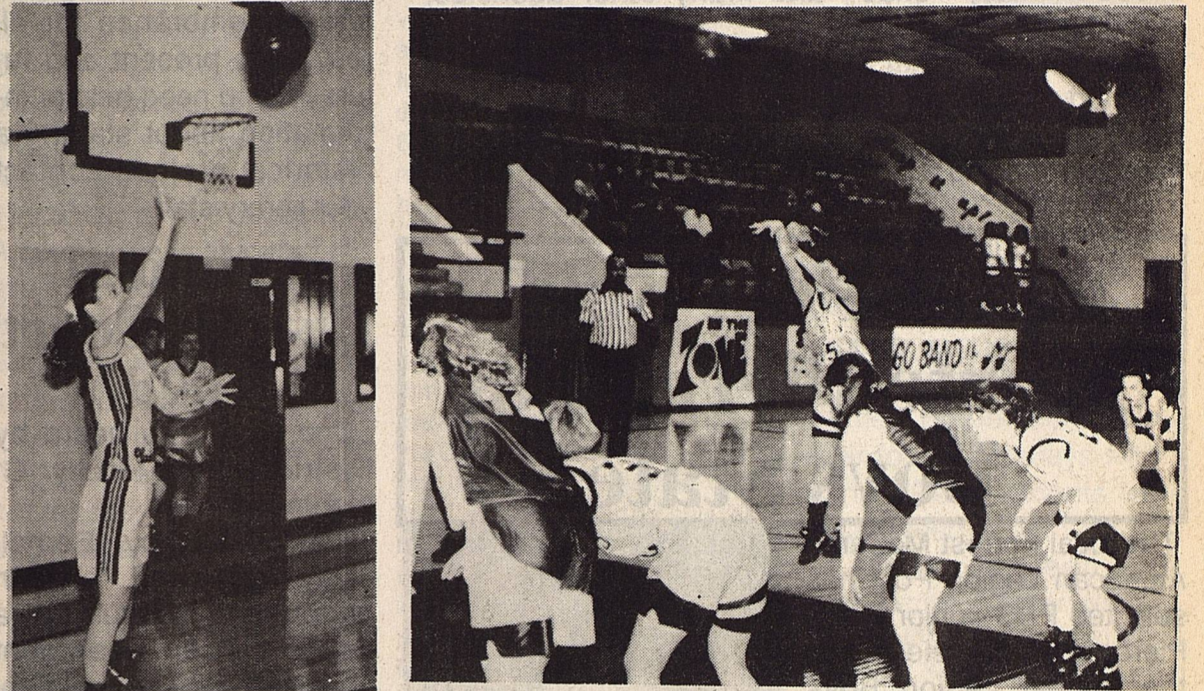
The Cowboys downed District foe O'Donnell 61-54. They dominated the boards, out-rebounding the Eagles 33-24, with Kirk Parrish grabbing 9. Ralph Ramirez led the scoring with 19 points, Chase Clanahan had 11, Johnny Davis 9, Tanner Blount 8, Eric Estrada and Parrish 5 each, and Shawn Cullins 4.

They next defeated Anton 60-47 Friday night. They again out-rebounded their opponent 42-25, led by Parrish with 15 and Clanahan 14. They scored 40 of their total points in the second half, led by Clanahan with 24, Davis 14, Ramirez 10, Parrish 9, Blount 2, and Jamie Caballero 1.

Hoop Shots Vs. Anton Last Week

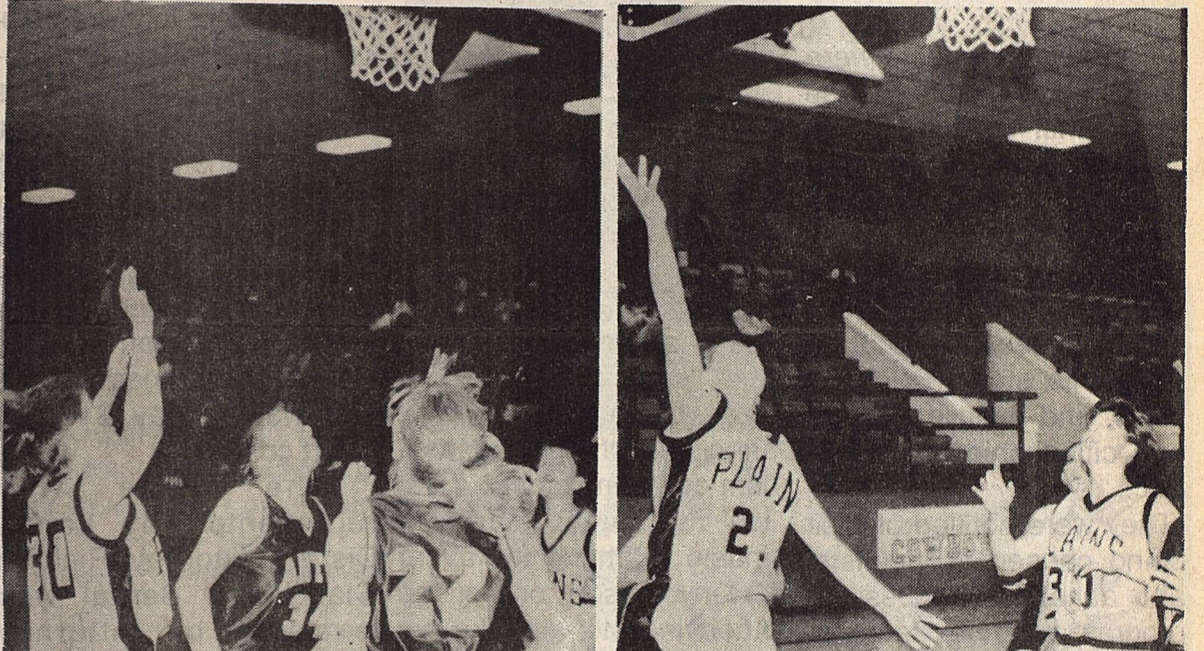


Tandi Jones takes shot



Lisa Parrish goes for 2

Tessa St Romain takes 'freebie'

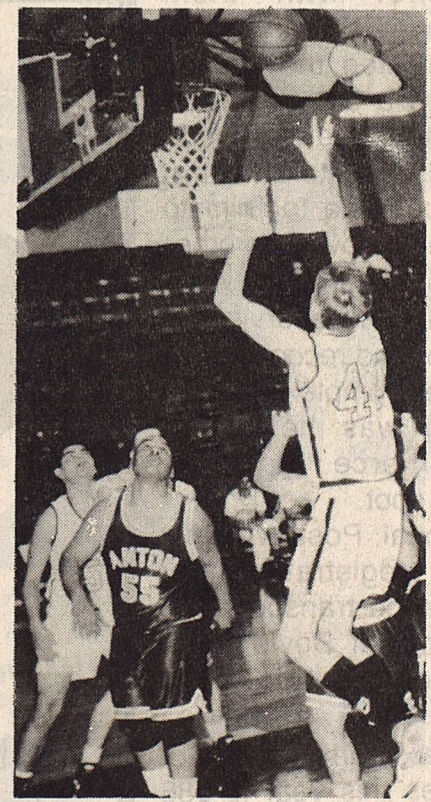


Kayla Redman works under net

Robin Squyres with layup



Gideon Traweek works hard



Jason Redman cans layup

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PHS All-District Volleyball Picks

Selections were announced this past week for the 1995 District 5A All-District Volleyball Team. Plains led the Ballot with five Cowgirls chosen to the elite squad. Those players selected were: Valerie Blair-setter/hitter (Senior); Kylie Bearden- outside hitter/middle back (Junior); Kassie Lowe- outside hitter/left back (Sophomore); Sandi Warren-setter/hitter (Sophomore); and Kayla Redman- middle hitter/middle blocker (Freshman).

Bearden was additionally tabbed as the District's "Most Valuable Player", for her outstanding play over the season.

Head Coach Cheryl Horne was pleased with the selections, stating, "The girls deserved the honor. I appreciated their hard work this year. With so many girls coming back, and having some good players moving up from the Junior Teams, I'm very excited about our chances for success next season."

Student of the Week

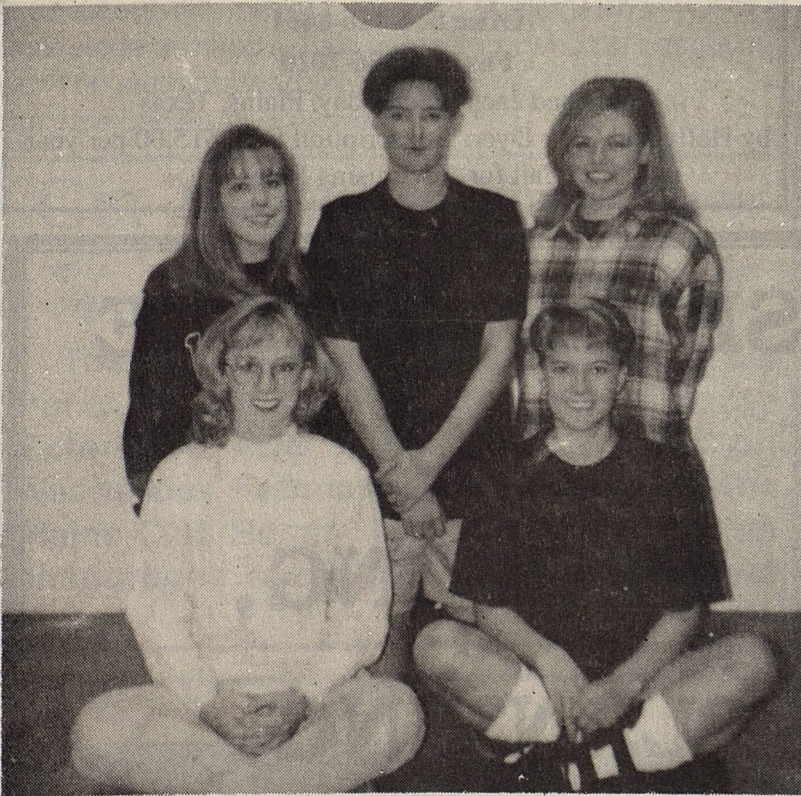


Jamey Garland is a Senior at Plains High School and is this week's Student of the Week. He is the son of Debbie Garland.

The nomination was made by Mrs. Rogers. This week's Student of the Week has the qualities of eagerness, hard working, willing and interested in others. He does whatever is asked of him to the best of his ability. He is willing to take on challenges and any task put in front of him. He has asked me for help any time he is unsure about what he is supposed to do or if he is not quite sure he is doing something correctly. He is interested in others doing their best as well.

Babe Ruth League Planned

A tentative sign up date for players in the Babe Ruth Baseball League is set for Feb. 17. Eligible player age is 13-15. For more information, call Jerry Morphis, 456-7027.



Shallowater UIL

Practice Meet Results

PHS students competed in a UIL Math and Science practice meet in Shallowater last weekend. The Plains High team finished third in the overall Sweepstakes results.

Students attending the meet were: Stephanie Aguilar, Johnny Davis, Jeremy Dearing, Yancey House, Jacob Lester, Heath Bowlin, Shawna Box, Derek Brunson, Shawn Cullins, Maranda Box, Clint Burrus, Marcey House.

Final performance results were: Maranda Box-3rd number sense, 6th mathematics; Clint Burrus-4th number sense, 8th mathematics, 5th science; Marcey

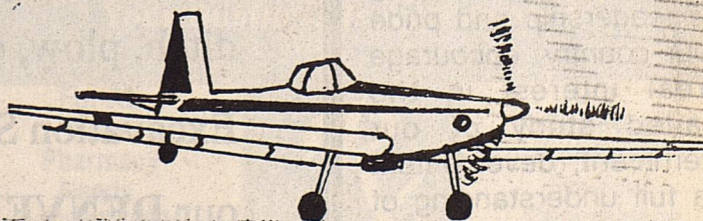
House-9th number sense, 3rd mathematics, 1st science, top freshman biology; Heath Bowlin-8th number sense, 4th calculator, 2nd mathematics, 4th science; Shawna Box-3rd number sense, 2nd calculator, 3rd mathematics, 7th science; Derek Brunson-10th science; Shawn Cullins-1st number sense, 6th calculator, 1st mathematics; Yancey House 7th number sense, 6th science, top junior biology.

Team results: Number Sense Team - 2nd Place; Calculator Team -5th Place; Mathematics Team -7th Place; Science Team -8th Place.



Clanahan pivots for shot

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Area Drug Presence Made Evident Again

In last week's issue, we featured an article on the growing threat of methamphetamine drugs throughout the Southwest. In the predawn hours on January 20, a year long narcotics operation in neighboring Lea County, New Mexico culminated in a large drug raid there, resulting in the arrest of 55 individuals.

They were mass booked and arraigned by three Lea County magistrates in the National Guard Armory in Hobbs, charged with over 125 felonies for the sale, distribution and trafficking of Marijuana, cocaine, crack cocaine, methamphetamine and heroin.

The raid and arrests were carried out by almost 200 law officers, including the New Mexico State Police, several drug task force units, Lea County Sheriff's Department, police from Hobbs, Lovington, Jal, Tatum, Carlsbad, Artesia, Roswell, Portales, Clovis, and Seminole, Texas, and many other agencies, including the FBI.

Officials expect other arrests to be made as a result of the raid. While most of those arrested were from Hobbs, it is likely charges will be filed against others from surrounding area towns, including Texas.

Legion Post Selects Marte Pierce For Boys State

The local Forrest McCargo American Legion Post has selected PHS Junior Marte Pierce as their delegate to the annual Legion Boys State in Austin June 1 thru June 7.

Four Junior students were chosen as finalists for the honor after consulting with PHS Administrators and Faculty. The four were Stephen Bitolas, Yancey House, Jacob Lester and Marte Pierce. They were selected because of their academic standing in the class, and their leadership and citizenship characteristics.

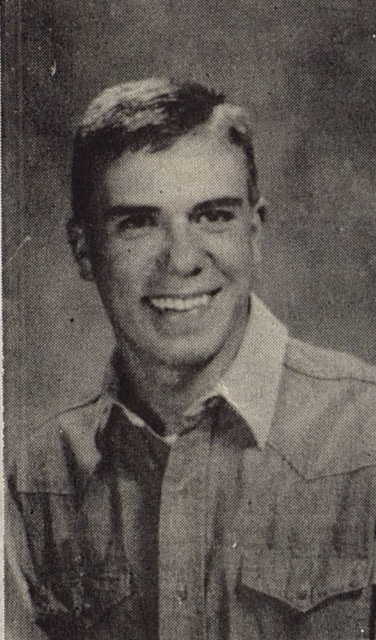
They were notified of their being chosen as finalists, and asked to discuss the program with their families. Post Commander Gary Dyer met with them Thursday, February 1. All four indicated they would like to be a delegate, and could attend the week long meeting. Dyer told them it was impossible for him to pick one boy over the other three, for all of them were qualified and deserving of the honor and recognition.

A rather complex and fair drawing was held, and Marte Pierce drew the winning spot.

The local Post will pay Marte's registration fee, and arrange transportation on a special Boy's State bus from Lubbock to Austin.

The maximum number of delegates this year is 986 students. Boys State is not a 'Fun and Games' type meeting. The delegates will attend and take part in day long classes and projects.

Goals of the Boys State program include fostering civic leadership and pride in our country, encourage a real interest in the detailed study of our government, development of a full understanding of American traditions and beliefs, encourage a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation, and perpetuate the



principles of justice, freedom and democracy.

In the event Marte is unable to attend the event for any reason, one of the other finalists will take his place.

HELP !

The library needs your help. They are continuing their project of compiling historical information about the county and residents. They are seeking written family or individual histories, or taped recordings on cassettes, as well as any old, history theme photographs. This type of material is permanently stored and filed at the library. The Southwestern Historical Society of Texas Tech University is always seeking interesting family histories for their extensive collection.

The compiled store of historical material will be a continuing source of interest and remembrance for all residents, present and future. If you need help or information about starting a historical project, contact your library staff.

Criminal District Court Held

One case was heard by District Judge Kelly G. Moore last week.

Santiago (Jimmy) Bernal, 31, was tried on an aggravated assault on a Peace Officer. The event occurred in Denver City sometime ago, when a Police Officer there responded to a domestic disturbance. The officer was stabbed by Bernal, who then beat the officer's head on a tree trunk.

Bernal pled guilty to the charge, and was sentenced to twenty years in the State Prison System. He was also fined \$2500, and was to pay \$171.50 Court costs.

The State was represented by Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark, and Bernal was represented by Attorney Warren New.

County Court Meets

Yoakum County Commissioners Court met Monday, Feb. 5. A number of agenda items were discussed, and the Court took the following actions;

Approved the advertising for bids for the purchase of three new or late model used pickups for Precinct 3. The bid should include trade in of a 1989- 3/4 ton Chevrolet pickup, which can be seen at Precinct 2. Bids must be received by Feb. 23, and action will be acted on Feb. 26.

A line item transferred of \$280 explained and approved. The amount was recently received by Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark for work his office performed on a recent welfare fraud case. Clark requested the money be given to the Women's Batterer's Prevention Program. Regulations would not allow this direct transfer. The line item transfer eventually moved the money into the Women's Protective Service, at no cost to the county.

The Court voted to adopt a new Blue Cross-Blue Shield health insurance plan for employees, effective March 1. The plan will be thru affiliation with the Texas Association of Counties, with representative Ross Shamburger of Lubbock remaining the servicing agent.

All part time salaries and county bills were approved for payment prior to adjournment.

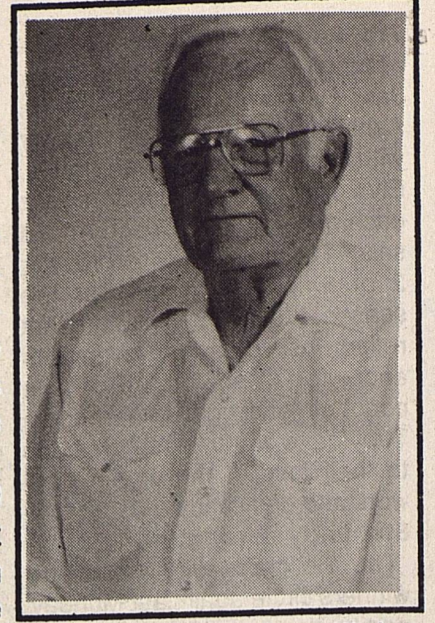
J.R. Slentz Seeks County Position

J.R. Slentz has announced his candidacy for Yoakum County Commissioner, Precinct 2, and has issued the following statement;

Having moved to Yoakum County in December 1952, we have witnessed many changes in the quality of life for the citizens of Yoakum County. We have enjoyed the best of schools, hospital, golf course, and parks. We are fortunate that we have had leaders with the vision to see that these things have come about. We are also fortunate to have had the revenue to do these things.

For the past few years our revenue has declined, but our quality of services has remained relatively stable. However, during this budget year many of our county entities are operating with a 20% cut in their budget.

Our present leaders are looking for ways to cut expenses without sacrificing jobs or services. Having been a business owner in Yoakum County for 32 years, I would like to share some of my ideas with the Commissioners' Court and see if they would work in the business of the county. We have a good court, but we are losing two of them at the end of 1996, and I would like to try to fill the void left in Precinct #2. Bob has done a



superb job. He will be missed.

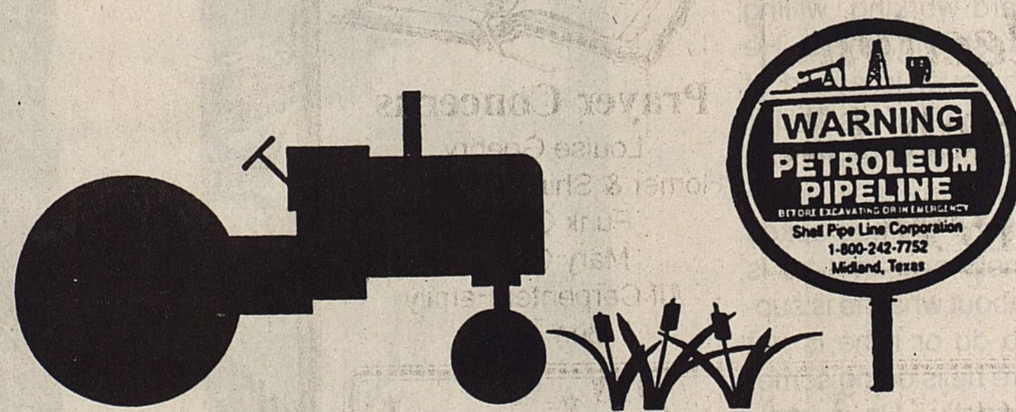
Even though we face a decline in our tax revenue, I believe that our hospital has the opportunity to increase county revenue more than it has in the last 5 years. We also anticipate, with the help of St. Mary's opening a clinic 5 days a week in Plains. Our hospital billed 49% more in 1995 than in 1994, and returned \$155,000.00 of the budget back to the county general fund. I am really encouraged by this, and would like to continue to be a part of it. I am asking the voters of Precinct #2 to elect me their commissioner. With the help of the county judge, and the other commissioners, I will do my best to see that our tax money is well spent and that the revenue from the hospital continues to grow.

Thank you!
J.R. Slentz

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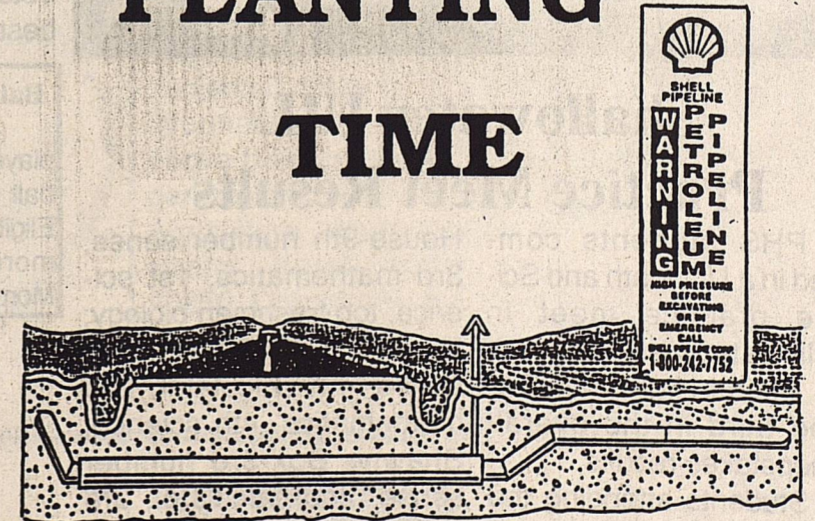
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8th Grade "Baby" Project By Judy Deaton



The 8th grade Home Ec./Life Skills class started their unit on Child Development. The students will learn about children from birth to 6 years, covering growth and development. Other topics of study are teenage pregnancy, nutrition, caring for children and baby-sitting. To start the unit, Mrs. Deaton had students carry dolls for 1 week at school. The dolls had to weigh 6 lbs. minimum. If the doll did not weigh 6 lbs., weights had to be attached to the doll.

In some instances during school certain classes would not permit "babies" during class time such as athletics, science labs, etc. as they would interfere with the students' learning or performance. In such instances, baby-sitters had to be acquired for those classes.

The students were excited about this project as were students hired to baby-sit. The students wanted to carry the babies for a 2 week

period but by the 4th day, I heard comments like, "I'm tired of carrying this baby. My arms are sore carrying books and a baby, or I couldn't find a good baby-sitter--the one I got abused my baby."

This was a good learning experience for the Jr. High students as well as some elementary students who were interested in why these big girls were playing baby dolls at school (so Katie Winn observed).

Teachers commented on how some students really cared for their baby and were very protective.

Thanks to the Jr. High teachers and Mr. Watkins, who cooperated with me on this project. Principals and teachers who are flexible enough to allow fun while learning at school are truly exceptional. I am proud to have such good students here at Plains and such fine teachers who care about our students.

Fine Arts Club Meet

The Plains Fine Arts Club met February 1, in the home of Christy Brink, with co-hostess Sharon Willis. A delicious Mexican meal with red velvet cake was served to 14 members and 5 guests on red and white decorated tables. Members present were Mrs. Christy Brink, Beth Ann Cain, Carolyn Culwell, Dolores Davis, Sandra Ellison, Judy Fitzgerald, Donna Friesen, Debra Hise, Tana May, Paula McMinn, Lois Miller, Yvette Ramos, Linda Simmons and Sharon Willis. The guests attending were Mrs. Michelle Hawthorne, Rita Diaz, Misses Lesli Rowe, Joanna Diaz and Sylvia Cerna.

The program was brought by Joanna Diaz and Lesli Rowe, with both girls presenting two selections. The music was enjoyed by all.

Following the treasurer's report the club voted to pay all expenses for the two fund

raisers. This motion carried. A letter of resignation from Mary Dale Forbus was read, and the club accepted the resignation, with regrets for losing a very productive member. A committee was appointed by Judy Fitzgerald to choose a date for the Sacred Music Program. They are Carolyn Culwell, Christy Brink, Sharon Willis and Dolores Davis. An agreeable time for the Club to attend a Dinner Club or musical is being explored. One being discussed is Camelot, which will be presented on March 15, 16, and 17 in Lubbock. A committee is studying eligible students for the Music Scholarships. Linda Simmons was the lucky lady for the hostess gift. The next meeting will be March 7, at 7 PM in the club room, with hostesses, Beth Ann Cain and Melba Crutcher.

Sandra Ellison,
Recording Secretary

Senior Citizens Corner

People who write news articles are always looking for a Scoop. Well, I have one. A very lucky Yoakum County Senior won an all-expense trip to the Super Bowl. That's one-in-a-million honor. How I would like to go. The one question I asked, "Was the Half-Time Extravaganza as special out there as on TV?" The answer was a big "Yes."

Dates to remember: Tuesday, Feb. 6 at 11:30 AM, Tadd Knight, the new County Agent, will visit the Center and speak on the subject of "Lawns and Gardens". Maybe he will tell us what we are doing wrong. Each Monday at 6:30 PM we will have a game night. Come and have fun and hope it's not as cold as now (Thurs.)

Remember Valentine Day when we were all in school? At my school we made our Valentines. It was a chance to sneak a hint to that special guy or girl that they were sort of special. Here at the Center we are making pillows, and they will be judged on Valentine Day, and offered for sale, as a fund raiser for our Center. The winner will be announced at noon. So guys out there, come in and buy a pretty pillow for your Valentine. Or ladies, it would be fun to sneak Dad's purse and buy him a fancy pillow for his Valentine. "Pillow Talk!" Come join in the fun.

See you next week,
Smitty



Library Filmtime

Attendance for last week's Filmtime was good with 27 children who enjoyed the regular routine of songs, games, a movie, a book read. Troy Parrish and Ashley Hainer celebrating their fourth birthdays with a party. Refreshments were also served.

Those present were: Troy Parrish, Kimber Williams, Kevin John Gass, Jonathan Penner, Kelsey Curry, Lydia Whitzel, Dustin & Blaine Altman, Ashley Hainer, Joshua & Ester Gunther, Jonathan Gonzales, Brett Hawthorne, Morgan Willis, Rhaemi & Rhaela Stall, Isaac Doyle, Jacob Brink, Taylor Banfield, Jasmine Whitzel, and Brandon Craft.

Tech Graduate

Michelle Lowe, daughter of Joel and Debra Lowe, graduated from Texas Tech University on Saturday, December 16, 1995, with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. She plans on returning to school for her Masters.

Michelle graduated from Plains High School in 1991. She is the granddaughter of Jack and Cora Lowe and Alfred and Faye Bearden.



Primary Election March 12, 1996



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Get To Know Your New Extension Agent

The Public is invited to attend a Valentine's Party to get to know the new County Extension FCS Agent, Kathy Adair on Wednesday, February 14th, 3-5:30 PM, in the Plains Club Room. The Stateline FCE Club encourages everyone to attend and meet Kathy.

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Booster Club Plans Banquet

The Plains Booster Club met Thursday, February 1. The Club financial statements were reviewed by members present.

It was decided wooden plaques will be presented to the PHS Senior athletes at this year's athletic banquet. The coaches will select an Outstanding Athlete in each sport, and Athletic Director Larry McMinn will select the Black and Gold Award given to the student who excels in two or more sports.

A Scholarship Committee was appointed. The committee will include students and people out of school, and Booster Club members. Athletic Banquet tickets are \$6.00 this year. All High School Athletes, Coaches and their spouses will be the Clubs guests at the Banquet, and all others will need to purchase tickets at the door. The Club urges the entire community to attend and show their support for student athletes and coaches.

Plans for the Annual Super Booster award were discussed, and anyone wanting to suggest a nominee should contact Beth Clanahan or Peggy Squyres.

Decorations were planned for the Banquet. Everyone's help will be needed the afternoon of May 20th at 3 PM to decorate the cafeteria. A telephone committee will remind everyone just before the Banquet.

The winner of the raffle for \$200.00 in South Plains mall money is Johnathan Davis. Johnathan is the infant twin son of Wayne Lee and Cindy Davis.

Band Calendars Now On Sale

The Plains Band Booster Community Band Calendar will go on sale February 1, 1996. Order forms can be obtained from: Pay-N-Save, The Plains Public Library, Mr. Morgan, or by contacting any Band Booster officer. The deadline to order is April 12, 1996. The estimated time to receive your calendar is July 30, 1996. The cost is \$5.00 for a family listing. Memorials and other listings are available for \$.50 each. Timmie Johnson, Calendar Chairman - 522-6448 Dawn Dearing, President - 456-3545 Jerri Lollar, Sec/Treas - 522-6521

It Takes All Kinds

Austin: The 1860 census shows that Texans make their living in many ways--as farmers, merchants, teamsters, doctors, lawyers, teachers, preachers, money lenders, speculators, government officials, etc. Texas has 51,569 farmers, 2,576 stockmen, 1,471 physicians, 1,290 blacksmiths, 758 clergymen, 41 barbers, 8 architects, 3 actors, 2 bankers, and 2 piano tuners. The Texas News, May, 1861

2nd Annual 'Quiz Bowl'

The PHS National Honor Society will stage its' second 'Quiz Bowl', with the first round scheduled Feb. 6 & 7 at 10 AM in the auditorium. The second contest will be Feb. 21, with the Championship round Feb. 23. The Student Council and Ms. Rogers raised funds for scholarships which will be given to the winning high school team. The four high school classes selected two preliminary teams to start the contest. They are: **9th - Black Team:** Clint Burrus, Tommie McNabb, Marcey House. **Gold Team:** Lisa Parrish, Maranda Box, Dustin Brunson. **10th - Black Team:** Shawna Box, Shawn Cullins, Heath Bowlin. **Gold Team:** Vicki Bayer, Yvonne Gonzales, Gideon Traweek. **11th-Black Team:** Jacob Lester, Mary Morales, Yancey House. **Gold Team:** Roni Ponce, Coley Burgess, Lyndi Rowe. **12th Black Team:** Jeremy Dearing, Kirk Parrish, Chase Clanahan. **Gold Team:** Valarie Blair, Stephanie Aguilar, Sylvia Tarango

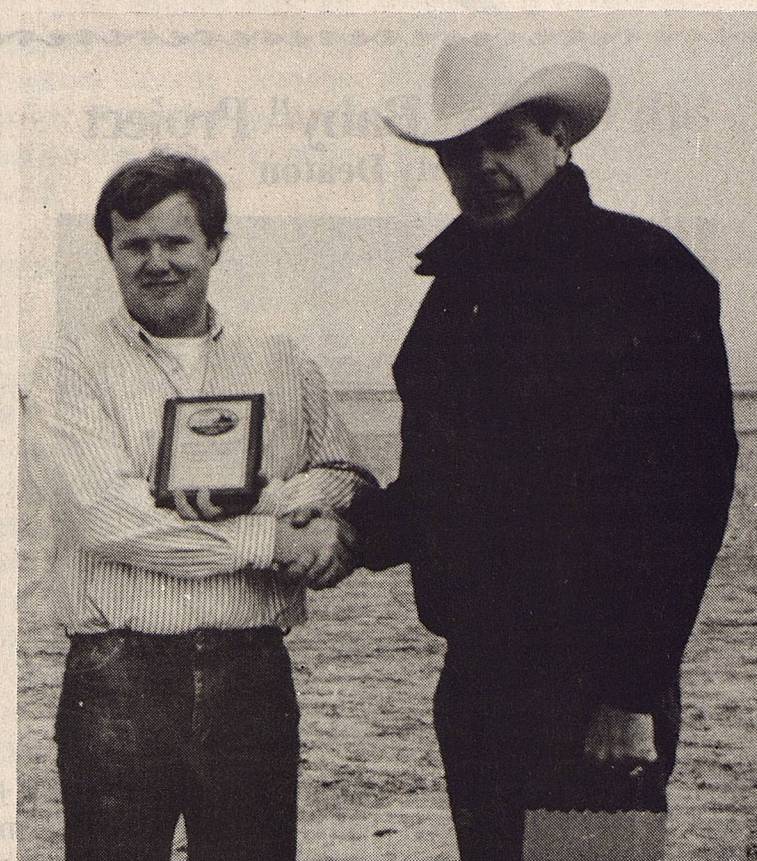
It Happened In Texas, In February

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Feb. 23, 1720-Two Spanish missions built near San Antonio.
Feb. 8, 1836-Davy Crockett and Tennessee Volunteers arrive at Alamo.
Feb. 17, 1836-Col. Wm. B. Travis takes command of Alamo.
Feb. 1, 1845-Baylor Univ. receives charter at independence, moved to Waco in 1886.
Feb. 19, 1846-Republic of Texas ceases to exist when Gov. James Henderson assumes leadership of State of Texas, USA.
Feb. 21, 1846- Sam Houston, Thomas Rusk elected to US Senate.
Feb. 20, 1861- Texas ratifies Secession Ordinance, joins Confederacy.
Feb. 26, 1888-Goddess of Liberty placed atop dome of Capitol.
Feb. 28, 1918- Legislature adopts prohibition.
Feb. 10, 1923- Legislature creates Texas Technological College, requires it to be located in west Texas.
Feb. 20, 1943 - Women Air Corps Flight School opened at Sweetwater

Dan Field Named Goodyear Farmer Of The Year

Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company and the National Association of Conservation Districts annually recognizes an agricultural producer for his conservation efforts. Dan Field was nominated for the honor by the Yoakum Soil and Water Conservation District for his outstanding conservation efforts. Field was presented with a plaque by Jered Sellers, owner of Sellers Ag Supply, the local Goodyear distributor.

Field has converted all his center pivots to modified LEPA packages to conserve valuable irrigation water. He practices rotation of low and high residue crops, minimum tillage, residue management, emergency tillage operations, and a sound fertility/management program. He also implements



conservation practices on To prevent overgrazing, his his rangeland, including cattle are rotated on brush control of undesirable different pastures according to forage availability. vegetation, cross fencing, and water storage facilities.

P.I.S.D. Is Now In Region 1, Dist. 5-AA

The expected announcement at 9 am last Thursday morning of Plains I.S.D. elevation to class Double A level produced no cheers, or tears of joy from Administrators, Faculty members or Coaches.

The announcement means all three of our schools will now be competing in athletics, UIL and other events against schools with larger enrollments, not exactly a role any school official relishes.

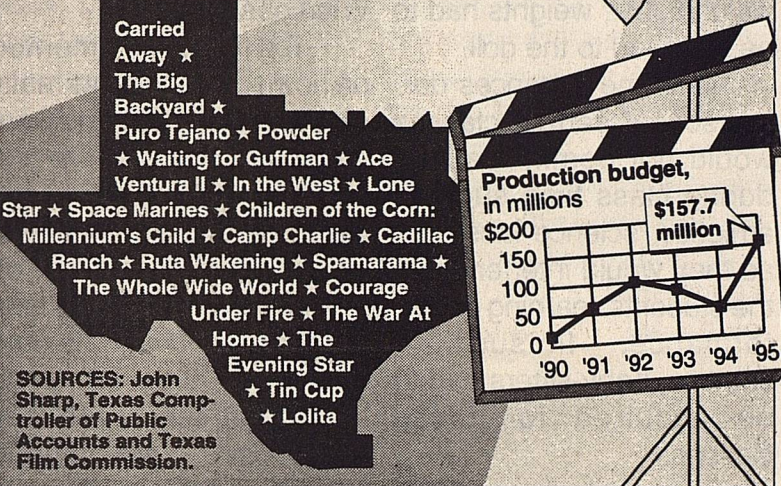
District 5-AA is comprised of Tahoka, Morton, Shallowater, Seagraves, Sundown and Plains. Shallowater fell to 2-A from the 3-A ranks, while Plains exceeded the former 1-A enrollment requirements by just two students.

The most prevalent joke going around the halls of PHS last last week was the philosophical comment, "Oh well, at least we won't have to play football against Sudan anymore".

Keeping an eye on Texas

Movies made in Texas

Budgets for feature films made in Texas totaled \$157.7 million in 1995. The films include:



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One Hundred Day Celebration



Our 100th day of school was Tuesday, January 23, 1996. The students in Kindergarten, and the First Grade participated in the activities. The students had been counting the days since the first day of school. So this really was a big occasion.

On Thursday, the children brought 100 items to eat. They grouped them

into sets of ten, counted to 100 by ones, grouped them into sets of five and counted to 100. Then they shared the items to eat with their classmates. 100 Steps were taken to the cafeteria, 100 jumps were jumped, 100 pennies were counted during the day.

The students made 100 with their bodies in the

school gymnasium and later released 100 beautiful helium balloons. They all ended the day with a cake with 100 candles or the number 100 on it.

The One Hundredth Day will be remembered in the hearts of all these children. Thanks to all the people who helped make this day a memorable one.

Paris; City With Two Population Counts

A segment of a TV show on the 'Discovery' channel this week featured a little known and fascinating aspect of the capitol of France.

In a span of years during the 1700's in which Paris was experiencing spectacular growth, the burgeoning population resulted in a serious shortage of ground space. Suitable land for the continued spread of the city was simply not available.

The centuries old city had two physical features which freed up more land for continued growth; a number of huge rock quarries, and a multitude of cemeteries. In a project lasting years, the graves were systematically dug up, the ancient remains removed to the abandoned quarries. The Parisian city fathers constructed a huge catacomb, eventually covered with soil.

The television cameras traveled thru these catacombs, graphically displaying mile after mile of human bones, creating corridors and walls in a

huge final resting place for the earlier Parisians.

The present population of 'The City of Light' is approximately 2.5 million citizens. Below them, in the huge burial catacombs stretching over 200 miles of meandering tunnels

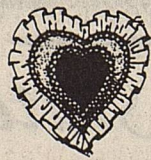
another 6.5 million Frenchmen are at permanent rest.

CHAMBER MEETING

The Plains Chamber of Commerce met Tuesday morning in Johnnie's Restaurant. Carolyn Culwell reported some 150 guests attended the recent Annual Chamber Banquet.

Members present discussed the Chamber's participation in the upcoming County Junior Livestock Show and Sale. It was voted to make an 'add-on' contribution to each junior exhibitor from Plains in the sale. The donation, depending on the exact number of Plains exhibitors, should be in the neighborhood of some \$500.

The Chamber urges the community to attend and support the Junior Livestock show, and expresses their appreciation to all who made this years banquet a very successful event.



Lions Plans For 50th Year Party Finalized

At the semi-weekly meeting of the Plains Lions Club last Thursday, the final touches were added to plans for the club's first 50th year anniversary celebration scheduled for the evening of February 15. The event is primarily for members and their spouses, and people who have directly benefited from Lion's programs, and others who have contributed to the Club's success. The mailing list for the invitations is expected to be completed shortly.

Guest speaker for the meeting was Joe Kay, owner of Kay and Kompany Electric of Denver City, and also the owner, with his wife Linda, of Chickasaw Trading Company, distributors of "Texas Lean", a true all beef jerky now being marketed successfully in Texas, and many other states. Kay described the trials and tribulations of starting the project, of massive red tape problems getting the product approved for interstate and foreign distribution. He said the firm's sales continue to expand, and he is enthusiastic about the future.

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From The Hack



The community has lost another good guy. I have only been around some 25 years, plus or minus. Your friend and mine, Alf Carpenter, was here longer than that, and positively affected the people of this town as much as any individual who has ever called Plains, Texas his home.

We talked to a number of citizens, all friends of the man, in developing this brief testimonial. He was a rare individual, one you could truthfully call "A good man".

He was successful, beyond a doubt, and his success could be attributed to one factor - he worked for it.

I recall an incident on the County Golf Course, years ago, when I was first trying the stupid game. Memory fails me as to the players, but I recall Alf being instructed by one of his partners, regarding a very long, difficult Put on the final 18th hole, "Just get it

close, Alf, get it close!" Well, he stroked the ball to within about 8 inches of the hole, gave his partner a crestfallen look and said, "Sorry, pard, I sure thought I'd get it closer than that".

That's the kind of partner you want on the golf course, the kind you want in everyday life.

Alf told me once, in the presence of the Bride, "You know, I've been in a lot of deals with Plains and Yoakum County folks, land sales, farm renting, other types of business deals, and I may have been stung a very few times, but I really think some of the finest people in the world live right here in this county".

Isn't it great, really amazing, the citizenry here felt the same way about Alf Carpenter?

Once upon a time, centuries ago it seems, when I was in the second grade in Monahans, friends of the family offered to take me to the movie and see the epic "King Kong". At

the time, this was a real treat, as it cost a quarter to watch a movie, and quarters around our house were pretty scarce.

When Faye Raye, the heroine, was offered up to the great ape as a sacrifice, I had to gasp at her scanty attire. I had to gasp, for all the other audience gasped. I thought they gasped at the hideously scary great ape. No, she was tied to a huge stake, clad in a slip... A SLIP, an undergarment at the time confined to ads in the Sears mail catalogs, viewed only by adult, God fearing, Christian mothers and Grandmothers, a bit of attire spoken about only by adult females.

The significance of this completely skipped my pre-puberty brain. All I can truly remember about the film was that huge apes can whip giant snakes, prehistoric flying and crawling monsters of all shapes and sizes, but can't win against greedy New Yorkers, and ultimately the Army Air Corps.

I hated it when they shot King Kong off the Empire State Building. Now, too old to understand all of this, I still wish I could see Faye Wray once more.... I finally realize what a really lovely slip that was, and possibly why King Kong seemed so smitten with Faye Raye.



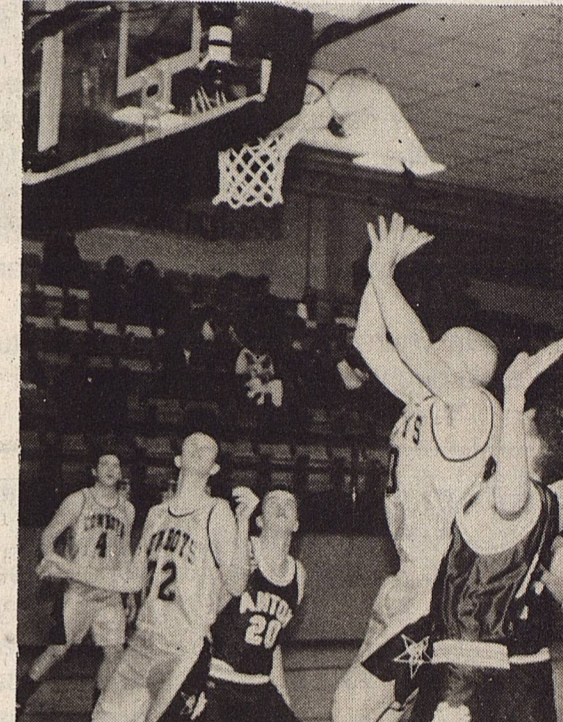
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