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CHANGES IN FARM SCENE

Twenty, thirty years ago, a leisurely drive around the counties farming would take you by fields of cotton, milo and alfalfa, the staples of the day. From time to time, farmers would try alternative crops, sun flowers, even the much hated castor bean. Many times, these crops were planted only because of adverse conditions. Today, the same drive will reveal a greatly changed conservation practices, south from New-Tex down the state line road, with circle after circle of irrigated peanuts gleam bright, green harvest not far off. Much of the irrigated corn has just been cut, stored in giant white tubes of plastic stretching, waiting to be transported to feed lots or dairies. There are many beehive shaped acres of different varieties of green chili peppers thriving, to be picked and processed into a huge variety of products. The grapes were shipped to Lubbock for processing in the booming wine industry there. At least one producer in the county has been experimenting with raising colored cotton. Perhaps in a few years, these plants in a high tech stripper will be used for everything from your basic t-shirt to your colored shirt of your choice.

The completion of a new sewer treatment plant, development of new water resources, and lots of venturesome imagination from our farmers have drastically changed our agricultural environment. Yet one aspect of farming has remained a constant. It is simply a labor of love, just as risky to make a profit farming as it is throughout the history of our efforts and perseverance, we salute the farmers.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Wednesday, August 31, 1994 | Volume 1, Issue 1

Mechanical grape harvesting on N. Newsom Farm

L. R. Charles Diamond, Mario Avila & Terry Short.

Knowles, check locations on county map.

COWBOY COUNTRY NEWS

WHY TWO PAPERS?

When you first see this first issue of COWBOY COUNTRY NEWS, you may be inclined to ask, "Can a town the size of Plains financially support two newspapers?" Or perhaps wonder, "Why can't they just combine their news out there to supply two papers?" The answer to the first question is a very highly probable "NO," and the second could answer, "If you don't mind reading some duplicated material!" Then why two papers? Simply because we think we can do a better job of publishing the news and features they want, and better serve our advertisers, who keep newspapers in business.

We have no axe to grind with the PLAINS PRIDE. They have for a long time now provided the community with its only source of printed news, something we all want and need, and for this we are grateful.

Now, consider this. We are publishing a regulation, full size weekly newspaper, normally four pages, size, six or eight on special occasions. We will deliver the paper to our subscribers in the city limits each Wednesday morning, and mail first class to subscribers in rural areas and other towns.

Our subscription price is lower, as is our over the counter price, and our rates for all ads, classified or display, are lower. Everyone on the staff of COWBOY COUNTRY NEWS lives in this community. We have other jobs here, have children and grandchildren in the same schools yours attend. We go to and contribute to local churches. We trade for and support local merchants. We pay city, school and county taxes as you do, vote in the same city, school, county, state and national elections.

We have a stake in Plains, and have benefited from living here, and with this publication, hope to return a little something to you, our friends and neighbors.

In other words, we had to get out of the mouse trap to sell. We sincerely hope you will help us with your subscriptions and advertising, and perhaps most important, with your comments because we depend on your understanding and patience.

DOUBBLE GULLARD: "Girls need a healthy diet of vegetables and fruit!"

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HELP WANTED

From time to time we will be publishing historical type stories about our community and early years. We want to do articles about some of our earliest settlers, their occupations, the founding and growth of our town, its early commerce and business, people.

We need pictures and factual information from you readers. Use your imagination; scenes of ranch activities, early farm development, our schools, growth, athletic events, community gatherings, weddings, family reunions, first irrigation efforts, etc.

If you have good quality black and white photos of people and scenes you think we can use, PLEASE bring them to our "home office", 1205 Copeland, any weekday from 8:00 am-5 pm. We will of course need to pick your minds and get all the background information we can about the pictures subjects. The pictures will be returned to you.

We feel this project will be of interest not only to our seniors, many of whom took part in these activities and events, but to our younger readers, many of whom are not aware of our historical heritage. Please, give us a hand!

CITY BUDGET CONTROVERSY

property value, and allowing for discounts and exemptions as in the past, this rate is the effective tax rate, and will produce the same revenues as the 1993 rate.

FROM THE COURTHOUSE

Yokum County Commissioners Court met in regular session Monday. Members present were Judge Dallas Brewer, John Avari, Comm., Prec. 1, Jim Barron, Comm., Prec. 3, Macky McWhirter, Comm., Prec. 4, and John Lemley, Deputy Clerk. Bob Thurston, Comm., Prec. 2, was absent due to family illness.

The court unanimously approved the release of the following securities:
College Station Texas Utility System, $25,000, U.S. Treasury Note, $500,000, BLM, $1,000,000.
Motion was made by McC. McWhirter, second by Barron, to approve a petition of Amoco for authority to construct a pipeline 42 in across a county borrow ditch.
Lists of disbursements and part time salaries were filed, including a $50,000 disbursement to Sandyland Underground Water District.

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Got a research project giving you problems? Your library has reference books of every description. They can order books from other area libraries should you need something they don't have.

They can create posters and displays for your use, and will help you exchange items or ideas with other folks and organizations.

They offer an excellent program encouraging children to read during the summer months, Film Time for pre-schoolers (see following story for more on this program).

They have large display cases for showing off your hobbies, art and craft, scrapbooks, and have rooms available for group meetings.

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KIDS away in college? Bet they'd like a subscription!

NEW DOCTOR TO SERVE US

Dr. Larry Boyd, who lives & practices in Denver City, met Plains patients for the first time at the County Clinic on Aug. 25.

Dr. Boyd will be at our clinic each Thursday from 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Appointments are very strongly urged. Walk-in patients will be worked in as possible.

An in depth interview with Dr. Boyd is being arranged. We will tell you more about the Doctor soon.

Welcome to Plains, Dr. Boyd.

BRAND NEW ARRIVAL

We are proud to announce the arrival of Tanner Drake Patterson, infant son of Kyle Patterson and Rana' McCubbin. The little Cowboy was born Sunday, August 21st, and weighed a healthy 7lbs, 14 oz. Congratulations, Rana' and Kyle.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

In the city limits, our rate is $12.50 per year. Rural customers and out of town deliveries will be $15.00 per year, to defray first class mail expense.

COUNTY RECOGNIZES EMPLOYEES

Area county employees were honored for their years service August 22 at the courthouse.

County Judge Dallas Brewer presented a gold memorial pen to Ron Jones, County Treasurer, for fifteen years county service. He presented a black Cross pen to Bobbi Payne for her ten years service at the Youth Center.

Judge Brewer presented silver pens to Marlene Lowe, five years service in the Sheriff's Department, Naomi Goodman, five years service, County Dockets, and Carolyn Rivas, five years service at the County Clinic.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Jim Barron presented a gold pen to Royce Randall, 15 years service, and Herschel Smith, a Cross pen for 10 years service. Precinct 4 Commissioner, Macky McWhirter presented Raymond Diaz with a five year pen. Our congratulations to all these officers and employees.

METHODISTS PLAN CHILI EVENT

First United Methodist Church schedules its second annual Chili lunch on election day, Nov. 8.

The fund raising event will offer home cooked chili for $5, children $3, served at the new church fellowship hall, Tuesday night. Last years chili was excellent, and church volunteers urge you to come and enjoy this year.

The weather for a steaming bowl of red should be perfect at this time of year.

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Dolores Davis, Asst. Librarian; Pat McHiett, Secretary - McDonald Library Photos by Bonnie Gaines

BRRND NEUJ
Every afternoon following school, there is an unusually large amount of moisture present at Cowboy stadium. It is the copious sweat of our Cowboy footballers, hard at work preparing for the coming season.

Coach Larry McMinn says the young men have to work hard, as the road ahead the next few months will be long and hard.

Practice started August 3rd, and players bodies are gradually toughening, lung capacity expanding and routines and plays are becoming more familiar. The opening scrimmage against Petersburg was a success. Cowboys scoring twice to their one tally.

Ralph Ramirez, tight end and Kirk Parrish, wide receiver are tough district racers. James Guerra and Ken McAdams, defensive starters include, tackle Chase Clanahan and Eric Ramos, and the secondary will consist of Ralph Ramirez, Shannon Ward and Steven Bitolas. Our coaches and our band will need each and everyone of you at what will be a very noisy stadium. Good Luck, Cowboys, Coaches and Cowboys.

The coaching staff ably supporting McMinn include Everett McAdams, Jack Baucom, Edwin Brink, and Michael Davis.

That experience will be crucial for the entire team. They will need it as the upcoming season is going to be a very tough district race will be seemingly always come up close. The Sudan Hornets, the son of Byron Copeland are 9 to 5 week days.

Defensive starters include, tackles Chase Clanahan and Joey Guerra, and six defensive backs. Joey Guerra, ends Lee David Hernandez, Joe Luna and Wayne Miller.

The coming season opens Sept. 2, finds the age old foe and rival Seagraves Eagles marching band playing into Cowboy field. If you have been a resident many years, you will know about the long running feud between the teams. Our coaches and our band members, provide an example of the type of band activities our school and community. They play an important role in our band activities, our students, and hard at work preparing for the coming season.

The following dates are scheduled as school holidays:
- Mon. Sept. 5-Labor Day
- Nov. 23, 24, 25- Thanksgiving
- Dec. 21-Jan. 1-Christmas
- Mar. 13- Spring break
- Apr. 14-17- Good Friday

**CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK**

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TERRY MILLCAN TO VACATE COUNTY POST

Terry Millican, Yoakum County Extension Agent, 4-H, will be leaving the community September 1, to accept the same position in Snyder, Curry County. County officials and many friends expressed their regrets about losing Millican, but realize the move is a very positive move in his career.

A reception honoring Millican will be held today, August 31 from 4:00pm until 5:30pm, and friends of Terry are urged to attend.

A search for Millican’s replacement is now being conducted by county officials.

ENJOY A TRIP TO MEXICO

The Stateline and Turner Extension Clubs will jointly sponsor a meeting and dinner Thursday night at 7:00 pm. The menu and theme of the evening will be “GO TO MEXICO”. Plans member Nora Stewart planned the meeting.

One of the goals of the clubs is helping members be more knowledgeable about foreign countries and customs.

All club members and their families are urged to attend and enjoy this gourmet trip to Mexico.

It is reported long time ago famed actor Clark Gable, before reaching Hollywood fame, worked in a tire factory, and as a lumberjack. He is best remembered for his still famous line, “Frankly, my dear tree, I don’t give a damn.”

The local musical group “Country Classics” performed during the event, and were so well received by the crowd. Walker asked them to continue playing after the rally ended.

Local musicians Lee and Diane Brownfield by Mike Strawn, 592-3439. -

Debbie Rushing, 456-6803 (after 5 pm) or Dana Wilson, 592-3454.

If you’re interested in a class in Plains, please contact Judy Broussard, Treasurer, 592-3439, leave message.

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