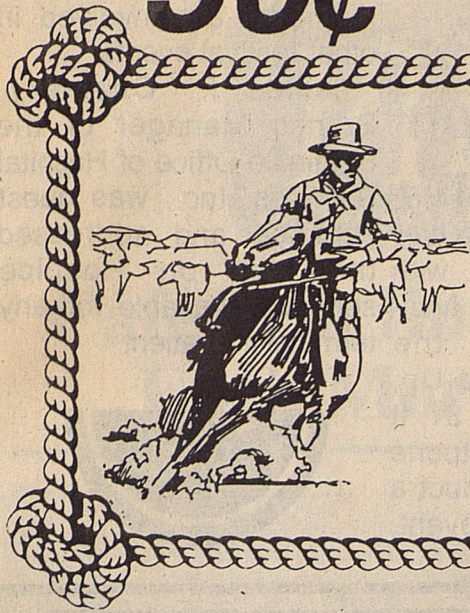
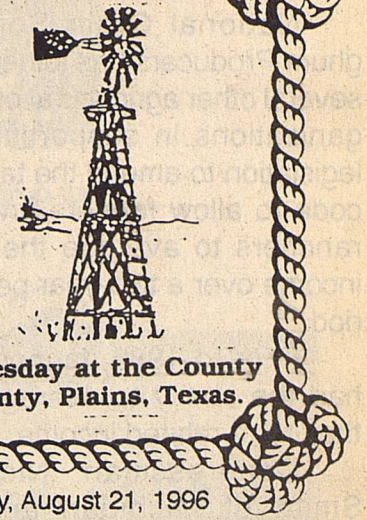


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Act Of Nature Probable Cause Of Two Deaths In Lovington

Lea County Electric Employees Likely Victims of Lightning Strike

Last Thursday, Michael Dreyspring, General Manager of Lea County Electric Cooperative, Inc., conducted a two hour conference in the company's corporate office to explain the freakish accident which claimed the lives of two of the company's employees, Jackie Noack and David Palmer. Attending the meeting were two representatives of radio station KLEA, and the editors of The Lovington Leader and Cowboy Country News.

About 4:30 p.m. Thursday, August 8, a summer storm moved into the Lovington area, with some rain, high winds, and scattered lightning. Electric power at various locations around Lovington was interrupted, and Noack was dispatched to trace down the fault in the distribution lines in the southeastern portion of the town and outskirts.

Near the intersection of the Lovington-Denver City highway and Country Club Road, Noack found a downed wire in a water covered field belonging to Joe Andrews, whose residence is just south of the field.

Noack called his dispatcher, asking for assistance to disconnect the single phase line from the main three phase line along the highway. The man asked for wasn't available, and he advised the dispatcher he would get Palmer to help him.

The men opened switches on either side of the fault, and made certain a breaker was open on the other side of the distribution system, to insure no power could get to the downed wire site. Returning to the fault site, the men were observed by members of the Robbie Bonner family, whose home is just west of the accident, on the Denver City Highway.

The Bonner family were outside, preparing to leave for the Lea County Fair and Rodeo. Later in the investigation of the accident, they gave testimony to the Lea County Sheriffs Department they witnessed a

strong lightning flash in the vicinity of the field where the two men were.

Shortly after the flash, Joe Andrews reported by phone he could see two men down in the field. EMS was called, and soon arrived at the scene, along with company employee's and Sheriff Deputies. A Lea County lineman disconnected the single phase line, which was broken and lying partially in the flooded field.

Noack was on one side of the line, and Palmer was some distance away, on the other side of the wire. EMS tried frantically to revive the men but were unsuccessful.

Dreyspring, relying on a very large white board displaying the entire distribution system in the accident area, described in detail what the ensuing investigation revealed. The company invested over 350 man hours in the effort, and were joined by field investigators from OSHA.

Dreyspring reported evidence strongly suggests the two employees were killed when lightning struck in the vicinity. He bases his thinking on many items of fact. The Joe Andrews house was struck by lightning that evening, the charge going through a number of surge protectors and destroying several appliances. A transformer on the pole where the single phase line enters the field showed unmistakable signs of severe lightning damage.

The men were seen in the field at the time the Bonner family saw and heard the very loud lightning flash.

Supporting this theory is the report prepared by Bob Witter, Albuquerque, a consultant hired by the cooperative to conduct an independent investigation. Witter, who has worked over 800 electrical accidents, reported there was no sign of any entry or exit wound on either body, always present when electric shock from man made sources occurs.

He also reported aluminum irrigation pipe in the field showed definite

County Criminal Court Held

Four criminal cases were heard in County Court last week, with Judge Dallas Brewer presiding. The State was represented by Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark.

Jose Maravilla Castro pled guilty to a subsequent DWI offense. He received a 90 day sentence, suspended and probated 24 months. He was fined \$750, must pay \$227 Court costs, and will spend 30 days in the County jail, with two days credited. His driver's license was suspended 180 days, he must attend AA meetings twice per month, and pay appointed Attorney fees of \$200. He was represented by Attorney Jerry Corbin.

Christopher Moreno, 21, pled true to the State's motion to revoke probation for an original assault charge. He was sentenced to spend 90 days in jail, with credit for 45 days served. He was represented by Attorney Jimmy Hammons.

Jimmy Lee Flores, 19, pled true to the State's motion to revoke probation granted in an earlier case.

He must pay \$850 for delinquent fine and probation fees, his period of probation will be extended 12 months from July 1, 1996, during which time he must pay \$40 per month for supervision fees. He must pay Court appointed Attorney Warren

signs of burns and welding occurring when lightning probably downed the line prior to Noack's first arrival. He expressed doubts about there being enough power in the downed wire to kill the two men, explaining when conventional electric power goes to ground in water, it rapidly dissipates in strength with each foot of distance from the contact point, much like ripples on a water surface when a stone is dropped. The distance apart of the two men makes it unlikely electricity could have caused their deaths. Lightning, on the other hand, with millions of volts of energy, definitely could have struck the standing water with deadly results.

OSHA officials are expected to report their findings and conclusions to the company sometime next week.

Dreyspring reported the tragic accident has caused

Appreciation Day Set For Pete Laney

Service As Representative, House Speaker to be Recognized in Littlefield

Texas House of Representative Speaker Pete Laney, D., Hale County, will be honored with an 'Appreciation Day' event Tuesday, August 27, in Littlefield.

The House Speaker has been tabbed by the Texas Association of Community Schools (TACS), The Texas Association of Mid-Sized Schools, (TAMS), and the Small Rural Schools Finance Coalition, (SRSFC), to receive recognition for his untiring role in the House of Representatives representing the interests of smaller schools around the State, including the so called "Rich District" schools here and in Denver City.

Speaker Laney, from Hale Center, is up for reelection

in his 85th district this November. Spokesmen for TACS, TAMS and SRSFC, in a bipartisan show of unity, agree Laney's defeat in the election would be devastating, in all probability leading to the selection of a Speaker from a large, urban District with little concern for small, rural schools. Without the strong support of the House Speaker, the interests of small, rural schools, both poor and "rich", will likely suffer.

The appreciation event will take place at the Lamb County Agriculture Center in Littlefield, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., and tickets for the event are \$5, which includes a barbecue meal. Coming from Levelland, the Ag Center is just north of the intersection of

Highways 385 and 84, towards downtown Littlefield.

Speakers honoring Laney include Jerry Blakely, Supt.; Littlefield ISD, David Foote, Supt., Whiteface ISD, Raymond Lusk, Supt., Lockney ISD, Dr. Kyle Wargo, Exec. Director, Region 18 Education Center, Dr. Don Rogers, Exec. Director, TACS, Pete Simmons, Supt., Plains ISD and Chairman, SRSFC, and Dr. Wayne Pierce, Pres., TAMS.

Each school in the participating Regions, 16, 17 and 18, is being urged by the organizers to send as many school board members as possible to the show of appreciation.

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'Pete Laney'

New's fee of \$200. He will spend 30 days in jail or get a full time job, and must perform 100 free hours of community service.

Ambrocio Nune Cantu, 18, pled guilty to a June 16 charge of Assault causing bodily injury. He will serve five days in jail, with two days credited. He was fine \$250, and must pay \$192 Court costs. A previous charge of terroristic threat was dismissed.

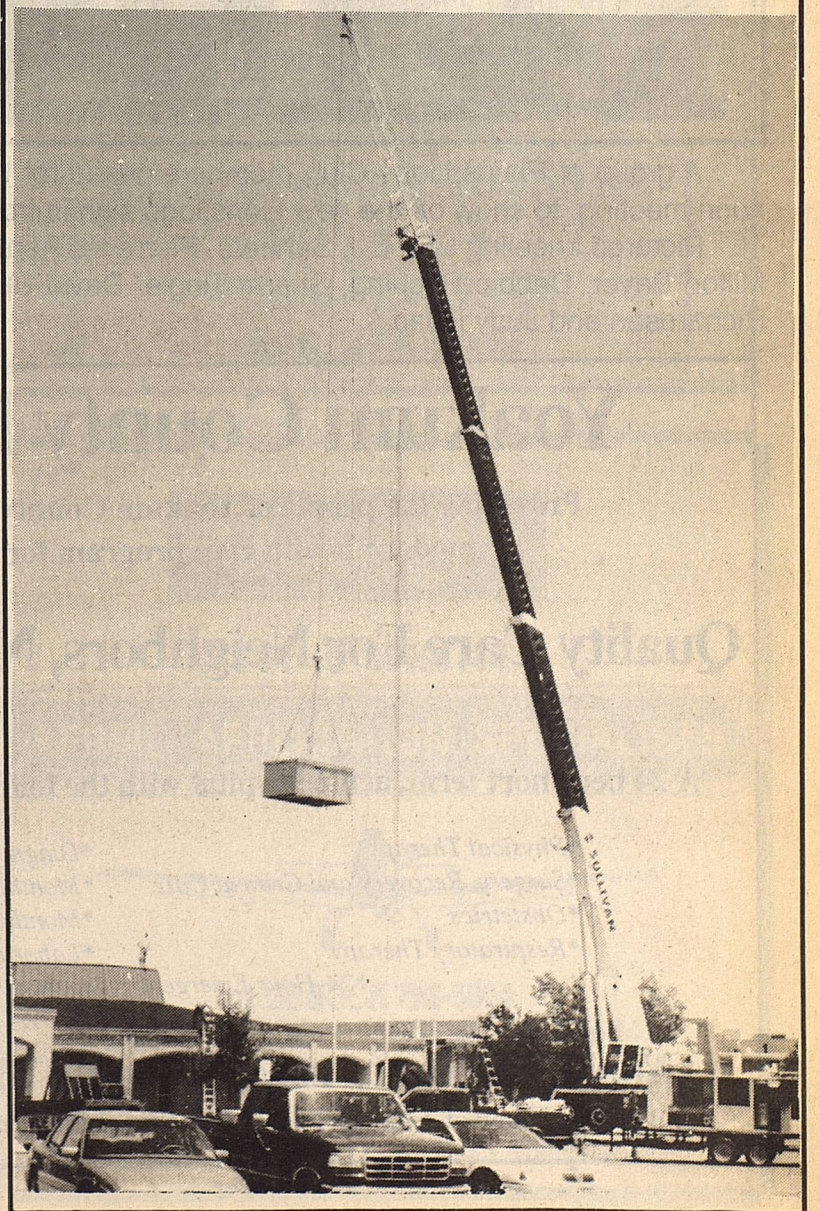
traumatic response in a number of their employees. The company has hired a number of counselors to work with the suffering families of the men, and a number of employees are also undergoing counseling.

Dreyspring reported it is company policy to allow the individual service people to make the decision to work in threatening weather conditions. If the person considers weather a dangerous factor in outside service work, the employee is allowed to use their own judgment, and certainly does not have to work in hazardous weather. In all probability, Noack and Palmer didn't consider the passing storm a dangerous factor.

He also reported Lea County Electric has spent some \$526,000 on safety equipment and employee training since 1991

Up, Up and Away!

It was necessary to call in a large crane from Sullivan Crane, Hobbs, to raise this new 15 ton air conditioning unit atop the PISD Resource Center. It was one of 34 new units purchased recently to replace 20 and 25 year old units on buildings of all three schools. Hicks Heating and Air Conditioning, Denver City, submitted the low bid for the new Trane units, much more efficient and less costly to operate than the old units, and should produce much smaller utility bills in the future. It was originally planned to replace about ten old units each school year, but the Board of Trustees felt the bid for all the units at one time would result in a much lower bid, a substantial savings of school funds.



Two-Year Income Averaging for Farmers

National Grain Sorghum Producers has joined several other agricultural organizations in supporting legislation to amend the tax code to allow farmers and ranchers to average their income over a two-year period.

Prior to 1986, farmers had the ability to average their farm-related income. Congressman Nick Smith of Michigan and Senator Larry Pressler from South Dakota are sponsoring legislation that will allow farmers and ranchers to average their "Schedule F" income over two years. Smith introduced H.R. 3783 on July 25, 1996.

Pressler and Senator Charles Grassley of Iowa plan to jointly sponsor the bill in the Senate.

Congress adjourned before final action could be taken on this measure, but plans are now underway to include H.R. 3783 in tax legislation that may come up this fall.

Smith has been successful in getting more than 70 House Members to co-sponsor this bill.

In a news release Smith stated: "With the new farm bill, farmers more than any other sector of the economy are likely to experience substantial year to year fluctuations in income. With the increase in the top marginal tax rate, declining fixed pay-

ments under the farm bill, record high commodity prices and weather conditions influencing very high or low farm income, it is important to return to income averaging."

Last year when the House was debating the budget, agriculture accepted a substantial cut in funds, with the promise from the Budget Resolution Committee that a commitment would be made to farmers to pass income averaging legislation. The leadership in both chambers of Congress decided to wait on this legislation until this fall when a new tax bill is expected to be introduced.

This bill now reads: "The income that would be eligible for income averaging would include the net farm profits of farm sole proprietors, partnerships, and S Corporations (as reported on Schedule F), and net gains from sales of assets used in the trade or business of farming, excluding net gains from sales of real property." Corporations would not qualify for income averaging.

Organizations also endorsing this legislation are the American Farm Bureau, National Association of Wheat Growers, National Grange, National Cattlemen's Beef Association, National Pork Producers Council, National Farmers Union and Women in Farm Economics.

From: Grain Sorghum News

PISD Trustees Meet

The School Board of Trustees met in regular session Monday evening, August 12. Board members present were Tim Addison, Danny Bell, Dwayne Canada, Anna M. Gonzalez, Brad Palmer, Wayne Sisson, and Randy Tuggle.

All School District Administrators were present, along with a number of teachers and the public.

Approval was granted to hire a consultant to determine the best update for the library's technological needs, and insure the choice will be compatible with future planned technological improvements.

It was voted to accept bids for playground equipment to replace obsolete equipment, and accept bids for repair and replacement of a number of school building roofs.

Other business items included adopting the 1996-97 budget, and approval of the 1996-97 Student Handbook. Adoption of the 1996 Tax Rate was postponed until the Texas Education Agency approves the wealth reduction method

selected by the school district. The advanced High School courses of Spanish III, physics and computer science were designated on the UIL list of courses exempt from the No Pass, No Play ruling.

Business Administrator Eric Banfield delivered a financial report, Principals O'Quinn, Watkins and Weems, and Superintendent Simmons delivered administrative reports.

County Court Meets

Commissioner's Court for Yoakum County met Monday, August 19. The first agenda item considered was to act on bids for the purchase of a new light duty truck for Precinct 3. Bids were received from Philpott Mtr. Corp, Neches, Texas, Mustang Chevrolet, Denver City, and the low and winning bid from Shamrock Chevrolet, Lubbock. The Court voted to accept the Shamrock bid for a Chevrolet S-10 pickup for \$11,045 F.O.B. Yoakum County.

Only one bid for crushed caliche for Precinct 3 was received. Amarillo Road Company's bid of \$4.35 per Cu. yard was accepted by the Court.

Commissioner John Avara moved to replace retiring Lou Dulin on the County Hospital Board of Directors. Dulin has moved to Levelland. Avara nominated Angel Hernandez of Denver City as the replacement member, and the Court unanimously approved the appointment. Hernandez is a teacher in the Denver City School system.

All County bills and part time salaries were approved for payment.

Eyes on the Skies

The eyes of Texas can scan the heavens through a number of large scientific telescopes. Soon, Texas will be home to the largest telescope in the continental U.S. and the third largest in the world: the University of Texas' Hobby-Eberly telescope. Under construction at McDonald Observatory near Fort Davis, the Hobby-Eberly is scheduled for "first light" in August 1996 and should be fully operational by mid-1997.

Texas' new eye on the sky will feature a mirror 9.2 meters (about 30 feet) in diameter. Only the twin 9.8 meter telescopes at Keck Observatory in Hawaii are larger. A segmented mirror design that renders 70 percent of the sky visible will enable the Hobby-Eberly to be build for \$13.5 million--about one-fifteenth the cost of a typical telescope its size.

The Hobby-Eberly telescope is a joint project of the University of Texas and Penn State University, with Stanford University and two German universities also contributing some funding.

John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, and McDonald Observatory.

Lions Prepare For Watermelon Round-Up

The Plains Lions Club met Thursday, August 13, with the club on Hospice the main agenda item finalizing plans for the watermelon Round-Up, scheduled for August 31. It was decided to postpone original plans to conduct a Food Booth at the event,

because so many members are involved in other festival events.

James F. Ottaberry, Branch Manager of the Seminole Office of Hospital Services, Inc., was guest speaker, and addressed services available for any terminal ill patient



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A group of Plains Lions Club members posed for this photo at a recent Thursday noon meeting, to show off the new Lions logo sign in front of the Club House. Pictured kneeling L-R: L.J. Sanders, Pierre St. Romain, Melvin Dearing. Standing: Milton Bayer, Debbie Rushing, Sherm Tingle, David Bunch, Johnnie Fitzgerald, Harry Richardson and Judy Head.

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Cafeteria Busy Spot Each Morning



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Watermelon Roundup

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Plains ISD reserves the right to contract with the vendor that represents the best value to the district.

Plains ISD invites interested parties to make proposals for providing the hardware and software to support technology based research capabilities for the school resource center. Proposals will be received until Noon on August 23, 1996 at the Business Office. Proposals should be addressed to Eric Banfield, Business Manager, Plains ISD, 1000 10th Street, Box 479, Plains, Texas 79355. For questions or other information, please contact Eric Banfield at 806-456-7483.

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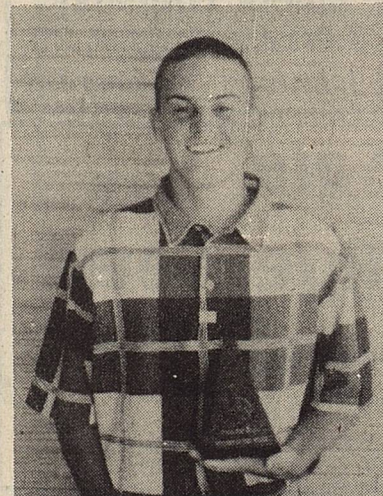
Wednesday
 Breakfast: sausage, toast, orange juice, milk
 Lunch: all American cheese-burger, chips, spaghetti salad, mixed fruit, oatmeal raisin cookies, milk

Thursday
 Breakfast: cereal or waffles w/ syrup, fruit punch, milk
 Lunch: mega slice pizza, lettuce & tomato salad, crackers, diced peaches w/ brownies, milk

Friday
 Breakfast: cereal, toast, orange/pineapple juice, milk
 Lunch: fried chicken w/gravy, baked rice, seasoned green beans, hot rolls, pear halves, milk

Monday
 Breakfast: cereal, toast, grape juice, milk
 Lunch: chicken nuggets w/ gravy, butter egg noodles, seasoned green beans, hot rolls, sliced peaches, milk
Tuesday
 Breakfast: donuts, toast, apple juice, milk
 Lunch: spaghetti & meatballs, tossed salad, garlic toast, fruit cup, milk

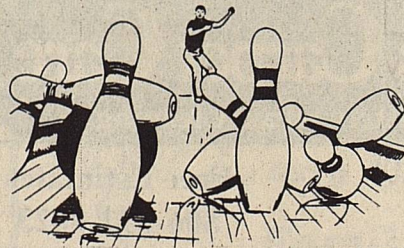
Student of the Week



Yancey House was Friesen.

nominated as Student of the Week by Mr. Friesen. He is a senior and the son of Mr. & Mrs. Wayne House.

"Yancey was nominated because his attitude this first week of school was fantastic. Like many other students starting out this new school year, Yancey attacked his homework with an enthusiasm and eagerness that I hope will last the entire year. He has a reputation for being able to do whatever is asked of him. He is involved in several extracurricular activities and I hope this is the first of many awards to come," said Friesen.



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Quite A Birthday Crew!



These PHS buddies joined Doug Rushing last week to celebrate his 17th birthday. Pictured L to R, Gideon Traweek, Steven Bunch, Coley Burgess, Major Howard, Tandi Jones, Doug, and seated front, Casey Forbus. Also attending the party but not shown were Kip Blount, Jason Redman and Travis Bennett.

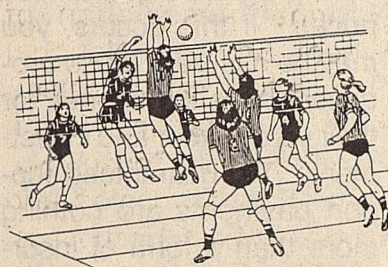
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Thursday: Yoakum County Gin Meeting, cafeteria, 7:00 p.m.
 Volleyball- Monahans Tournament, 9th there, TBA

Saturday: Volleyball- Monahans Tournament, 9th/JV/V there, TBA

Tuesday: Volleyball- Lubbock High, 9th/JV/V, Here, 6:00 PM

--- GO --- COWBOYS!

Monday: Volleyball, Denver City, 7th/8th, A & B, here, 4:30
 Tuesday: Volleyball, Lubbock Christian, JV/V, here, 6 p.m.
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Hey, Mr. Farmer; Ever consider yourself a welfare bum?

An Editorial Opinion

The Sunday, July 14 issue of the Hobbs NEWS-SUN contained a fiery editorial under the half inch size heading, "Why Keep Farmers On Welfare Rolls?"

The article read, in part, "Recently the USDA announced its fast approaching deadline for the latest farm welfare program. This is the federal government's latest effort to bail out the eternally ailing farm economy. It amounts to more federal subsidies or federal welfare for farmers."

"This keeps another group of people on the public dole and another group of people sucking the life-blood out of American taxpayers."

"The farm program approved this year gives farmers money for the next seven years, whether they produce a crop or not."

"If that's not welfare, then we don't know what is. This allows farmers to produce a crop and make a living doing so, and then pays them more money on top of that for doing nothing."

Where is this guy (or gal, we couldn't determine who the writer was) coming from? Where did the information come from this thesis is based on? Certainly not from any USDA document I've read on the new farm bill.

Everything I have seen indicates in past years farm support spending exceeded \$10 billion. This year, producers will receive \$5.6 billion in guaranteed crop payments. I may not be a brilliant math student, but that appears to be near a 50% reduction in the program, with further reduced spending each year until 2002.

The NEWS-SUN writer fails to mention a couple of important points in his condemnation of American farmers as bums with their hands out for tax payer's dollars. One, farmers pay their share of the income tax bite, too, plus all the other hidden taxes. Consider what a medium size farmer with several tractors and trucks pays just in fuel taxes.

Two, the American public

has been insistent on a cheap food and fiber policy in this nation since it's founding. This insistence has made our American food and fiber products the greatest bargain on earth. Let a farmer or beef producer get a true parity price for their labors, watch grocery prices sky rocket upwards, and I can hear the Hobbs writer's screams of anguish already.

Three, if the guy thinks the farmer is subsidized to the point of being a welfare bum, what does he say to the fact virtually all other nation's, particularly those marketing their goods here in the USA, have subsidies and price supports assisting their producers, making our agricultural programs help seem puny.

Four, if commodity market prices drop drastically, always a distinct possibility for producers, they may be forced to accept the current farm program's guaranteed prices. If this occurs, you may be assured, those producers have lost money for their year's labor and investments. The guaranteed support payments are nothing more than a form of insurance, enabling producers to continue in business if a disastrous market occurs.

Lastly, the Hobbs writer ignores the fact the new farm program is providing TRANSPORTATION support over the next seven years, a transition which will see diminishing guarantees, until producers are able to survive in a hopefully 'Free Market' environment.

It would seem to me the many merchants in Hobbs probably have a different view of ag producers than the editor there. Gaines and Yoakum County farm and ranch families spend many hundreds of thousands of dollars shopping that city every year.

Why don't you ask those merchants to stop taking our "Welfare Bum" farmers dollars, Mr. Editor, if you are so incensed with the guys who put food on your table and cloth on your back?

Annual County Farm Tour Scheduled

The 1996 version of the Yoakum County Farm Tour is being planned for Wednesday, September 11th. The annual event is co-sponsored by the Yoakum County Office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Natural Resource and Conservation Service. Final plans and confirmations are still being made at this time; however, the planning committee has a tentative schedule of events.

This year's event will get underway at the County Show Barn in Plains with coffee and registration at 8:15 a.m. on September 11th. Plans are being made for the buses to depart the Show Barn at 8:30 a.m. for the Brad Ancinec Farm for a tour and discussion on the drip irrigation system that was installed last year. Next on the list of sites will be a tour and discussion of Larry Morrow's Low Energy Precision Application Irrigation

System (LEPA). The tour will then proceed to Dan Field's Feed Lot. Other tour stops under consideration are the Onion Plant and the Chili Pepper Plant at Higginbotham, Mackey McWhirter's pumpkins, Ray Marion's Chilis, and Jerry Everitt's irrigated corn.

The presentation of the Farmer of the Year Award will highlight the tour which will be followed by a complimentary meal. The annual boll counting and soil contests will also be held.

Please RSVP if you are planning on attending this year's tour by calling the County Extension Office at 456-2263 or Natural Resource Conservation Service at 456-3703 **no later than Friday, September 6th.** A firm count is needed to make arrangements for the complimentary noon meal. Two Continuing Education Units will be offered to all Private Pesticide Applicators in attendance.

J P Court

The following is a summary of cases heard in Justice of Peace Court, Precinct One, with Judge Melba Crutcher presiding.

Cases filed: 55 traffic cases; 5 minors in possession; 1 felony case

Bonds set:
2-Assault causing bodily injury (one with family violence) \$1,500 bond each
2 charges- Theft by check, \$1,000 bond each
Terroristic threat, \$7,500 bond

Theft of a firearm, \$7,500 bond
Speeding, DPS Warrant, \$106 fine
Fail to appear, DPS Warrant,

\$133 fine
Revocation of Probation, held until hearing
Endangering a child, \$15,000 bond
Assault, family violence, \$2,500 bond
Motion to Revoke Probation, held until hearing
Criminal attempt Kidnaping, \$75,000 bond
Driving while intoxicated, \$1,000 bond
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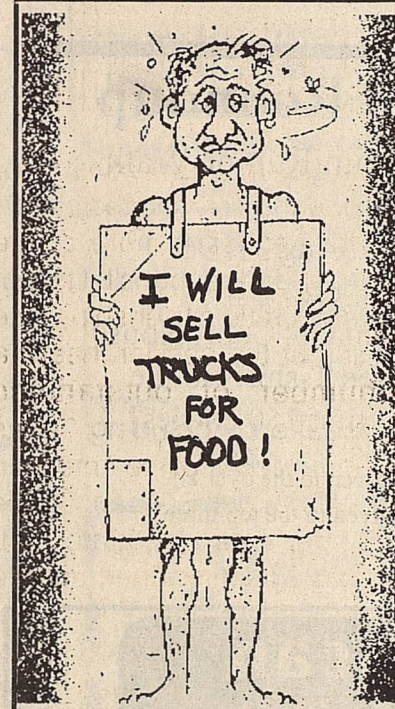
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Girls State Experience Related To Legion Auxiliary



The American Legion Auxiliary Club met August 8, with eight members and four special guests present.

Tessa St. Romain, this year's Bluebonnet Girls State Citizen, selected earlier by the Auxiliary, addressed the group on her recent two weeks participation in the Girls State session held at Texas Lutheran College in Seguin.

Tessa rode to Seguin on a charter bus with 40 other girls from the 19th district. The Girl State honorees were divided into 'Cities', and Tessa was selected as a member and debater in the E City House of Representatives, and was elected House Whip of the National party. She was also selected first alternate to the 1996 Girls Nation session. She expressed her

thanks to the Auxiliary for honoring her, and the opportunity to learn more of the rights and responsibilities of democratic citizenship.

The girls at the session heard a number of outstanding speakers, including Texas Commander of the American Legion, John Brieden, Carole Keelor Rylander, state Railroad Commissioner, Justice of the 3rd Court of Appeals, Bea Ann Smith, and Governor George W. Bush. The girls also enjoyed a tour of the State Capitol in Austin.

Members attending the meeting included Sit Jones, Sara Shelton, Martha Palmer, Pat Altman, Holly Dyer, Elouise St. Romain, Dolores Davis, and Mary Jo St. Romain. Other guests were Debbie Rushing, Clint Burrus and Pierre St. Romain.

Hear Gary Walker on the 'Big Ed Show', KRFE, AM 580, AUG. 29, 7:30 AM, discussing the Watermelon Round-Up.

Last Rites For Linda Gordon

Funeral services for Linda Gordon, 47, of Post will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, August 21, 1996, at the First Baptist Church, Post, TX, with Paul Jones, minister of Post Church of Christ, officiating and Bo Jackson assisting.

Burial will be in Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

Mrs. Gordon died Monday, Aug. 19, 1996 in Methodist Hospital.

She was born March 26, 1949 in Slaton, TX. She married Billy Max Gordon on June 29, 1968 in Post.

She was a teacher's aide for many years and was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Darby Webb of Lubbock; four brothers, James Gary of Slaton, Billy Wayne Gary of Coleman, James Altman of Plains and Jimmie Lee Altman of New Mexico; two sisters, Bonnie Buren of Post and Arleta Gary of Brownwood; and one granddaughter.

Texas Alltel to host open house during Watermelon Round-Up

"Texas Alltel is proud to announce it's Open House during the Yoakum County Watermelon Round-Up on August 31. We will be giving away four phone sets during the day, just drop by our building to enter, and you do not have to be present for the drawing to win.

"Operations Manager Ken Barnes, Supervisor Robert Williams and Travis Jones will be available to answer any questions about our new services, such as Alltel long distance, call waiting, call forwarding, and protection plus.

"We are located across from City Hall and will be open from 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.. Come by and visit and see our new switching center, and enjoy the Watermelon Round-Up!"



HOWDY!

By: Kathy Adair



TURFGRASS STRESSED BY DROUGHT

The recent drought has placed a great deal of stress on turfgrasses in Texas. Because of the environmental benefits of turfgrasses, many people are concerned about caring for them during this dry period.

Turfgrasses provide benefits such as cooler temperatures in the summer, cleaner air and water, and habitat for wildlife. Therefore, there is a desire to keep these grasses alive.

A big concern right now is water use. People want to keep their lawns green, but many do not wish to use excessive amounts of water.

This time of year, if you're trying to keep a lawn green it will probably need about one and one-half inches of water a week. To just keep it alive, not green, about one-half inch every two to three weeks for St. Augustine and one-half inch every month for bermudagrass will work.

In Texas, St. Augustine and bermudagrass are the most common turfgrasses for lawns. These two grasses are hardy grasses which are able to withstand Texas heat.

Do not fertilize right now. It will only increase the need for water.

The question of when to mow very dry lawns is also a difficult one for many people.

If the lawn is getting adequate water and is showing signs of growth, weekly mowing is recommended. The mowing height for St. Augustine grass in lawns is approximately three inches. Two inches is correct for Bermuda grass in lawns.

Herbicide use to kill weeds is not a wise practice right now. Drought-stressed grass will be damaged by herbicide application which could slow the fall recovery of the grass.

Fall recovery of turfgrasses may be slower this year. However, if the grass is adapted to the local area, replanting won't be necessary. Unfortunately, St. Augustine grass is not native to this area.

The most important consideration with turfgrasses during dry periods is water application. Individuals must decide whether they want a green lawn or whether they just want to keep their lawn alive and water accordingly.

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Any individual may make a donation to the honorarium through the school administration office.

For those wanting to attend the event, it is important you notify Administrative Secretary Sara Kay Burrus, 456-7401, by this Friday afternoon, 4p.m., and advise her of the number planning to attend.

Politics on High Plains of high interest and importance

Upcoming political events will have major effects for all of West Texas.

The announcement of State Senator John T. Montfort's selection as the new Chancellor of Texas Tech University (expected at press time Tuesday), leading to his eventual resignation from the Senate, will draw a host of aspirants running for election to the vacancy.

House of Representatives Speaker Pete Laney, Dem., Hale Center, is facing a Republican opponent in the November election.

Both Montfort and Laney have played important roles in supporting the area's agricultural interests, and have been strong voices supporting the area's small schools, lessening the hardships crea-

ted by the "Robin Hood" school finance provisions of "sharing the wealth".

In a show of bipartisanship, House Representative Gary Walker, a Republican, has voiced strong support for Speaker Laney, a Democrat, stating his agricultural background in Hale County has produced a friend in the House of Representatives for everyone involved in agricultural production.

He will be part of, hopefully, a large delegation of well wishers at the Speakers Appreciation Day in Littlefield August 27.

Yoakum County Democrat Party Chairman Ty Earl Powell is busy contacting county party faithful, urging them to show their support for Laney.

Area citizens wishing to make contributions to Speaker Laney for his upcoming election campaign should contact Powell prior to the August 27 date.

Both Montfort and Laney have well served the interests of West Texans in their political careers in Austin.

Changes in Mail Collection Procedures Will Strengthen Security

WASHINGTON: The U.S. Postal Service announced today changes in mail collection procedures that will increase security of commercial airlines carrying U.S. Mail.

"The changes are de-

signed to enhance security measures and to protect the traveling public employees and postal contractors who transport U.S. Mail," said Postmaster General Marvin Runyon.

Runyon added that the changes exceed FAA requirements and are one of several important steps the Postal Service is "prepared and willing to take to improve the level of safety and security of the airlines and the mail." Officials declined to discuss all of the security measures planned or already in place.

The typical consumer or business will notice very few changes, nor will there be any impact on service. Express Mail service is not affected.

The changes, effective August 16, affect packages mailed to international or domestic addresses deposited in mail collection boxes, such as street mail boxes, lobby and apartment drop boxes/receptacles, even rural customer mailboxes.

Customers will have to bring to post offices for entry with retail clerks.

Domestic mail bearing stamps and weighing 16 ounces and over, and

All international mail or military APO/FPO mail weighing 16 ounces and over and which in some cases may also require a customs declaration form.

The Postal Service will retain a record of the international and military APO/FPO mailing and the customer will be advised of this when the item is mailed.

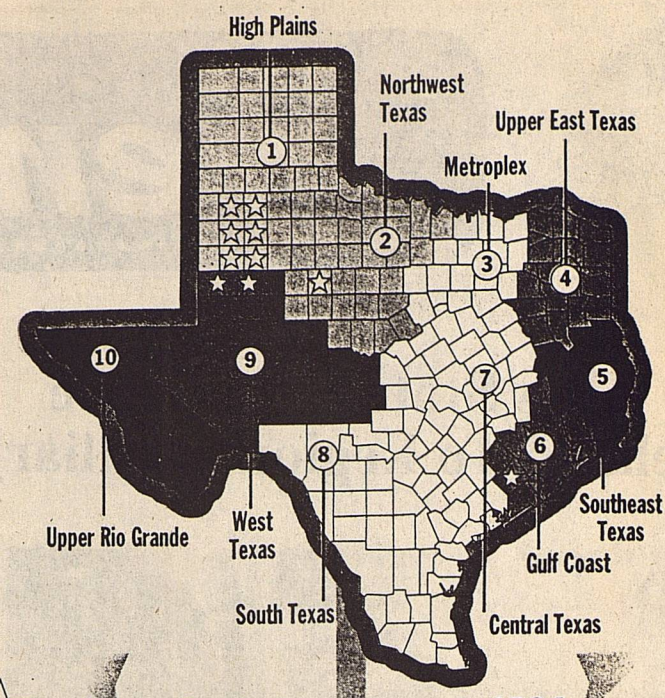
Packages found in collection boxes will be returned to the sender if the addressee is outside the local area identified for overnight First-Class Mail.

Packages returned to senders will have an accompanying explanation advising them in the future to deposit this mail at the post office. Previously applied postage may be used when the item is re-mailed at a post office.

TPWD Holds Public Meeting to Discuss Mule Deer Season

The Texas Parks & Wildlife Department has scheduled a meeting on August 28 (1:30 p.m.) at the Community Center (1006 Avenue G) in Plains to receive comments concerning the possible opening of a mule deer season in 1997. The counties under consideration are Lamb, Bailey, Cochran, Hockley, Yoakum, Terry, Gaines, and Andrews. All interested landowners and sportsmen are invited to attend the meeting.

In addition to determining the overall interest in establishing a mule deer season in this region, TPWD Biologists will explain the various options that are available for a deer hunting season. If you have any questions concerning the meeting, please call Calvin Richardson, Wildlife Biologist (806/746-6101) or Danny Swebston, District Leader (806/655-3782).



Top 10 counties in farm support, 1994

Until 1996, the regional distribution of federal support in Texas was dominated by payments to cotton producers.

County	Total payments in millions	Main commodities	County	Total payments in millions	Main commodities
Gaines	\$17.8	Cotton, peanuts	Fisher	\$12.8	Cotton, wheat
Hale	16.6	Cotton, corn	Terry	11.7	Cotton
Wharton	16.3	Rice	Dawson	11.7	Cotton
Lubbock	14.5	Cotton	Lynn	11.4	Cotton
Lamb	12.9	Cotton, corn	Hockley	10.4	Cotton

Watermelon Round-Up Time Schedule of Events

The following is a partial schedule of many of the events planned for the August 31 Round-Up.

9:00 - 10:00	Kathy Adair, Anna Gonzales Fashion Show & Costume Contest
10:30 - 11:00	The Rubies (Denver City) Music
11:00 - 12:00	High Plains Drifters (Maljamar, NM)
12:00 - 1:00	Last Call Band (Levelland)
1:00 - 1:30	Announcement of Winners Present Trophies
1:30 - 2:00	Lyndy Durham (Hobbs)
2:00 - 3:00	The Lusters (Eunice)
3:00 - 4:00	Arron & Becky Mingus (Odessa)
4:00 - 5:00	Sidney Pippin (Tokio) & Dan Beck (Del Rio)
5:00 - 6:00	Brisket Auction

Hear Gary Walker on the 'Big Ed Show', KRFE, AM 580, AUG. 29, 7:30 AM, discussing the Watermelon Round-Up.

Yoakum County Art Association Thanks You!

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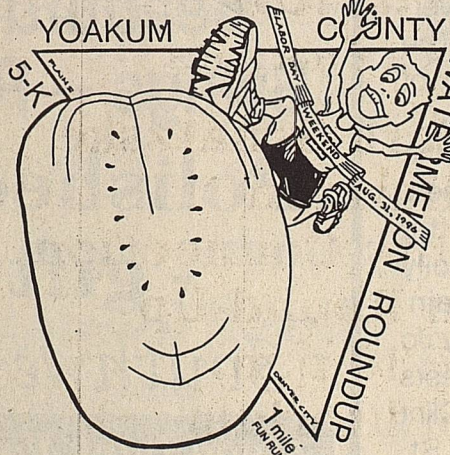
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Jerry Holley; Ruth Shoemaker
Ann Hartman for door mural
Inetta Teaff, Show Chairman

Yoakum Co. Watermelon Roundup

5K Run and 1 mile Fun Run or Walk



Date: Saturday Aug 31, 96
Time: 9:00am cst
Place: Yoakum Co. Court House
Entryfee: \$10 [Free T-shirts to the first 150 entries]

Registration: Send the bottom section of this form to Watermelon Roundup, Box 327, Plains TX 79355 or register on Aug. 31, 7:00-8:45am

Awards: Plaques will be given to the over all winners, and medals will be given to the top three finishers in each age group.

5K Run		Fun Run or Walk	
male	female	9 and under	9 and under
13 and under	13 and under	10 through 13	10 through 13
14 through 19	14 through 19	14 through 19	14 through 19
20 through 29	20 through 29	20 through 39	20 through 39
30 through 39	30 through 39	40 through 49	40 through 49
40 through 49	40 through 49	50 and over	50 and over
50 through 59	50 through 59		
60 and older	60 and older		

NAME _____ EVENT 5K [] FUN RUN []

ADDRESS _____ AGE _____ PHONE _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ MALE [] FEMALE []

T-SHIRT SIZE small [] medium [] large [] XL [] XXL []

In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I, the undersigned, assume full and complete responsibility for any injury or accident which may occur to me during the event, and I hereby release the sponsors, promoters, and all other persons and entities associated with the event from liability for injuries and damages sustained by me whether same be caused by negligence of the sponsors, promoters, or other persons or entities associated with the event, or otherwise. Further, I hereby grant full permission to the sponsors, promoters, and all other persons and entities associated with the event to use any photographs, videotapes, motion picture recordings or any other recordings or any other record of this event involving me for any purpose whatsoever.

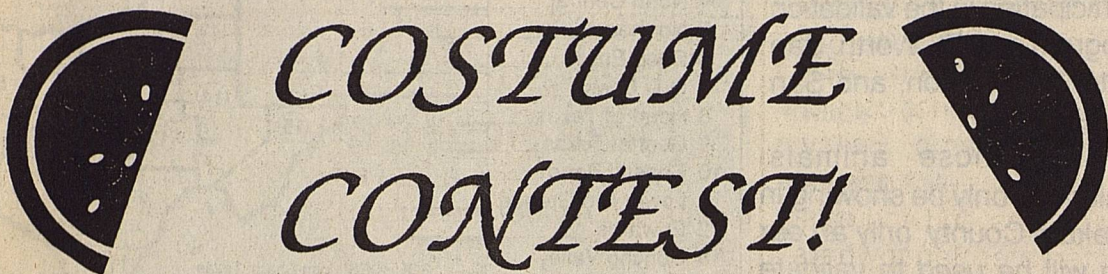
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WATERMELON ROUND-UP



All Costumes Must Be Watermelon Related. Write Your Name On a sheet Of Paper, Indicate One Of Four Age Groups In Contest - Kindergarten, or Younger; Grades 1 Thru 4; Grades 5 Thru 8; High School; Or, Over 18 Years of Age. Mail Your Entries To - Costume Contest Box 166, Plains, Tx. 79355

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To Yoakum County With Love... A Music Celebration



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The Yoakum County Connection brings you this unique opportunity to enjoy two of its own in an evening of musical celebration. Amy and Jack will perform country, classical, opera, Broadway, and spiritual selections.

Amy Clark Synatzske grew up in both Plains and Denver City. She is a graduate of Denver City High School and holds bachelor's and master's degrees in vocal performance from Texas Tech University. She studied voice with John Gillas, Sue Arnold, and John Wustman, world-famous accompanist from the University of Illinois. Her performance credits include Cousin Hebe-H.M.S. Pinafore, Cenerentola-Cenerentola, Hansel-Hansel and Gretel, Ma Moss-The Tender Land, Cherubino-The Marriage of Figaro, and Xerxes-Xerxes. She is pursuing a professional career as an opera singer.

Jack Harmon is a graduate of Denver City High School and holds a bachelor's degree in music from Eastman School of Music and a master's degree in piano from Indiana University. Harmon taught private piano in Ft. Worth while serving as Assistant Minister of Music at First Presbyterian Church. As a member of the Ft. Worth Piano Teachers Forum, he became involved in the establishment of the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition. Harmon has served as Music Minister at First United Methodist Church, Denver City for 21 years. In 1993 he performed a solo recital for the benefit of the Eleanor Tipps Scholarship Fund.

Ticket Information

\$5.00 per person-----General Admission

Tickets may be purchased at the Denver City Chamber of Commerce, Plains City Hall, from Yoakum County Connection members or at the door of the Plains High School Auditorium.

Individuals or businesses may purchase advertisement space in the concert program subject to an August 20th deadline.

Contact Ann Hartman (806) 592-2515, 592-7022, Linda Powell (806) 456-3939 or Kathy Clark (806) 592-2529

COOK-OFF

ENTRY FORM

1996 Yoakum County
Watermelon Round-up
August 31, 1996

Brisket \$75 Chili \$25

Team Name: _____

Team Captain: _____ Phone No.: _____

Address: _____

Team Members: _____

Total Entry Fees: _____

Make checks payable to Yoakum County Connection. Entry Fees must accompany this form.

All entries must be received at the Yoakum County Extension Office, Plains, Texas by August 23, 1996. Entries may be mailed to: BCCO, PO Box 360, Plains, Texas 79355

BRISKET COOK-OFF RULES

- All entries must be received at the Yoakum County Extension Office, Plains, Texas; or postmarked no later than August 23, 1996. Entries may be mailed to: BCCO, PO Box 360, Plains, Texas 79355.
- Entry Fee: \$75.00
- Teams may consist of one (1) or more persons. All team members must be Yoakum County Residents.
- All cooking must take place in Stanford Park, Plains, Texas. (Yoakum County)
- Cooksites will be available starting at 3:00 p.m., August 30, 1996 on a first come first serve basis. Cooksites cannot be claimed earlier.
- All entries must have a team member at their Cooksites by 6:00 p.m., August 30, 1996.
- A meeting for cooks will be held at approximately 6:30 p.m., August 30, 1996, at the Gazebo in Stanford Park. Briskets will be furnished and delivered at this time.
- All entries must furnish their own equipment, supplies and wood or charcoal.
- ALL FIRES MUST BE CONTAINED.**
- Whole briskets will be picked up for judging at 4:00 pm, August 31, 1996, and remains the property of the BCCO Committee. Other meats of your choice may be cooked.
- Positively no sales from cooksites will be permitted.
- Winners will be announced at approximately 5:00 pm, August 31, 1996.
- 30% of entry fees will be awarded to the 1st Place Winner.
- 20% of entry fees will be awarded to the 2nd Place Winner.
- Any violation of rules may disqualify your team.

Watermelon Roundup Classic Car Show Entry Form

Location: Plains, TX, in front of school on Cowboy Way

Time: August 31, 1996, 9:00 a.m.

Owner's Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone () _____

Vehicle Year _____ Make _____ Model _____

Body Style _____ MODIFIED STOCK

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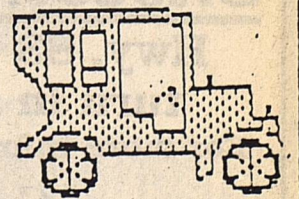
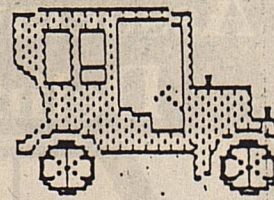
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I, the undersigned, do hereby agree to release all liability from the Yoakum County Connection, it's sponsors and the City of Plains, for any damage, injury, or stolen property resulting from this event.

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

Entry form may be copied for multiple entries. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ENTRY, SEE YOU IN PLAINS.

August 31, 1996 9:00 a.m.

From The Hack



Taking photos last week in the cafeteria of the youngsters ranging from Pre-K through elementary, was a real fun thing. The cafeteria at that time is a scene of controlled, barely, chaos. Some are yelling, screaming at one another, some are actually studying, many boys are tormenting girls, and many girls are retaliating by ignoring the guys. Cafeteria staff are busy feeding some of the hungry ones, all under the supervision of Coaches Evertt McAdams and Michael Davis, who will soon herd them all to their assigned class rooms.

I know it's probably hard to believe, but this brought back memories of my Kindergarten days. Yes, doubting Thomas'es, there were schools that far back.

I remember my grandmother getting me all spiffed up that first day, me bitterly protesting school could teach me nothing I didn't know. She packed me a lunch (no freebies then) in one of those old Mary Jane Syrup cans, with a swinging wire handle. She drug me to the car, drove me the short distance to the wood structured school house, tugged me inside and introduced me to my first teacher, a very nice enough lady, it turned out.

At some time of that crucial year, I had my first music lesson. We were lined up, then given an assortment of hand held instruments. Some kids got tambourines to bang on, some got little whistles to blow a few got some kinda gourd to shake and rattle. I bitterly recall I was assigned a piece of metal, the shape of a triangle, which I and the other non-talented musicians were supposed to whack at certain critical points in the musical extravaganza.

Oh, Joy unbounded. We practiced what

seemed to me about an eternity, Mrs. Whatever blowing on her tone harp to get our attention, or wake us up, then the infernal clanging, banging, trilling would begin, and in some 15 minutes of musical history, I would be called upon to whack my triangle thing exactly seven times. SEVEN TIMES, after a million hours of practice.

I recall coming home after the debut of that musical extravaganza before assorted parents and grandparents, complaining bitterly about cruel fate relegating me to such a minor role in the 15 minute musical event, in which I got to whack my triangle thing seven, yes, SEVEN times only, in probably the biggest artistic event the town of Barstow, Texas, had ever witnessed.

Grandma picked me up, gave me a hug, said "Don't worry. I promise not to tell anyone you whacked the triangle two times too many, and three times at the wrong time".

That's why I LISTEN to music now.

Hey, had an out of town acknowledgment last week's column about our prized tomato patch.

Judy Stoops, "Fastest Typing Fingers in the West" according to her co-workers at the Lovington Leader, where we print this rag, sent us the following Fax following last week's Hack column about our tomato extravaganza in the backyard.

"Loved your tomato story! I have a very small dog named Jezzabell, and she loves vegetables.. she picks them over her daily dog food menu every time.

"I have a small patio garden, with seven tomato plants covered with the things, some Better Boys about ready to pick, and also squash ready for the bag.

"One morning, I inspected the mini-garden, and screamed at my husband, 'Someone's stealing our tomatoes!'

"The very next day, I saw the thief... IT WAS JEZZABEL! She'd eaten every single tomato and most of the squash. Right then I moved the garden to a safer place!

"I was really worried, for Jezzabel has a heart condition, and I was afraid she would die that very night. Instead, it turned out to be the very best night's sleep the little dog has had in months!"

Great story, Judy... just don't bring your vegetarian dog to my backyard!

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In an effort to insure that the highest ethical standards are maintained in the Texas Junior Livestock program, the state validation process implemented for the first time in 1995, will be continued in 1996.

The validation process is being overseen by county committees made up of all agricultural science teachers, county extension agents, and county livestock board officials in every Texas county. State validation will consist of placing official state ear tag in the animal's left ear, an official state tattoo with individual county number in the right ear, and a state form which will include the animal's ear notch. The major livestock shows participating in the validation program are: Ft. Worth, San Antonio, Houston, and San Angelo.

For those animals which will only be showing in Yoakum County, only an ear tag will be used to validate the animals. Both the state and county validation process must be completed by October 31st for lambs and goats, and November 30th for swine.

The deadline for ordering state lamb tags is August 28th. The deadline for order-

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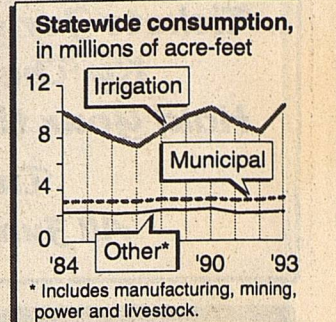
ing state swine tags is September 5th. Any 4-H or FFA member who will have a lamb project or will have a swine project on feed needs to contact your respective advisor concerning the ordering of tags. The cost of the

tags will be \$2.50 each and all 4-H tags must be paid for when ordering. If anyone has any questions regarding the Yoakum County or State Validation process, you can call the Yoakum County Extension Office at 456-2263.

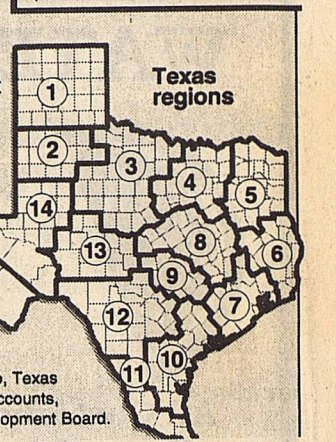
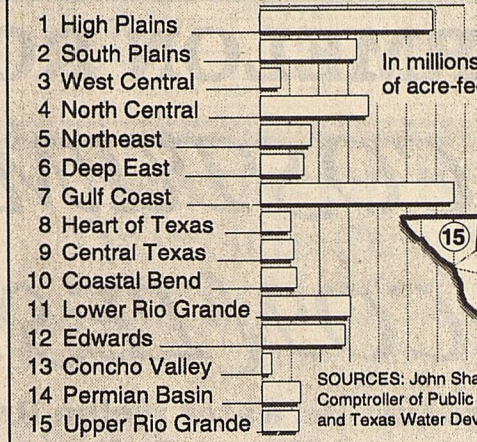
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