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“CRP” CHANGES ANNOUNCED BY AG SECRETARY

The Secretary of Agriculture announced recently that the Department will take several actions regarding the Conservation Reserve Program, including modifying and extending the CRP contracts, and improving the targeting of the CRP to more environmentally sensitive acres.

“The CRP has been a tremendously beneficial program for producers and the public. CRP has saved soil, expanded wildlife habitat and populations, and improved soil and water quality,” said the Secretary, adding “It has reduced deficiency payments, strengthened farm income, and helped balance the supply and demand of agricultural commodities.”

In 1995, the Department will consider requests from CRP participants to be released from CRP contracts, or to modify

current contracts to reduce acreage amounts subject to it. The Department will also request and consider bids from producers to enroll new acreage in the program subject to new ten year contracts. Only the most environmentally beneficial acres would be selected for new contracts. The amount of new acreage would not exceed the maximum amount allowed under law. The Department will also use criteria to ensure released CRP acreage from current contracts can be properly managed for conservation purposes.

The Secretary has the authority to offer CRP participants who entered into 10 year contracts after this date the opportunity to modify their contracts to extend the expiration date an additional 5 years. Participants with contracts expiring in 1995, but who modify the expiration date to 1996 would be offered the chance to extend the contracts another 9 years.

Rental rates for all modified and extended CRP contracts will be re-evaluated. Some participants may be offered higher rental rates, while others may be offered lower rates.

Participants would be able to request adjustments in the acreage covered by contracts. They can chose to keep all or a portion of the current contractual acreage under the extended contract. They will also be able to shift acreage from the same farm into the CRP contract. Any new acreage, however, must be more environmentally sensitive and provide greater soil erosion, water quality, or wildlife benefits than acreage previously in contract. Total CRP acreage cannot increase beyond the current contractual amount.

CRP participants will be offered the opportunity to place conservation easements on high priority acreage. Both existing and new high priority acreage would be considered. Purchase of the conservation easements will ensure that the most environmentally sensitive lands remain protected.

There are currently over 75,000 acres of County land under CRP contract, owned by landowners and producers.

STATE PRISON CROWDING CAUSING US PROBLEMS

It seems with increasing frequency we are exposed to media features about a new State prison being constructed, and overcrowding in existing prisons. The problem is large and complex, for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ), the Executive branch of the State, the Legislature, and you and I, tax payers of Yoakum County. Too many prisoners and not enough State prison space is costing us more than you may realize.

County Sheriff Jimmie Rice reported, “Thru November of 1994, the County was out \$19,798 in tax payer funds for jailing and caring for prisoners who were not County

prisoners. They should have been in a State prison, at the expense of the state, not Yoakum County”. This startling fact prompted the question, does the State re-imburse the county for this expense?

Rice said, “Only theoretically. The TDCJ has a certain amount of funds allocated for this reimbursement, and naturally, the counties with the larger populations, like Dallas, Harris and Bexar get the lions share of the money. A sparsely populated county like ours receive a mere token

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NEWEST ELECTED COUNTY OFFICIALS, JUSTICE OF PEACE KENNY SMITH, PRECINCT 2, & COUNTY CRIMINAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY RICHARD CLARK, L-R.

JUSTICE OF PEACE SMITH CRIMINAL DIST. ATTY. CLARK

Newly elected Judge Smith moved to Denver City in 1965, from Carlsbad, N.M., where he taught in High School. He assumed a Biology teaching assignment in Mustang country, and initially coached the JV basket ball and Junior High football teams.

“At the time, I thought this was a fantastic boost to my career, coaching older athletes, and getting a thousand dollars a year more salary”, the new Judge said with a chuckle. He would remain in the Denver City school system until December 31, 1994, retiring as the High School Assistant Principal after 31 years of service, to assume the new duties in Precinct 2 Court.

He is married to Wanda Smith, County Tax Assessor-Collector, and they have one son, Chad, who is employed by the Texas Department of Transportation, and Attends Sul Ross University in Alpine.

Judge Smith graduated from Eunice High School, and received his Bachelor of Science Degree From Sul Ross.

When asked what prompted him to successfully run for Justice of Peace, Judge Smith said, “I thoroughly enjoyed the many years in the Denver City School System. Over the years, I think I have learned certain people skills, and I know the JP court deals with people on a one on one basis”. He continued, “I think our society is based

The courthouse office of recently elected Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark was a scene of controlled chaos at the time of this interview. His staff was scurrying, getting familiar with new word processors and filing systems, and Clark moved restlessly about, checking on progress. “It seems like we have thousands of things to do before we even look at our first case”, he said with a smile.

Clark moved to Plains from Morton in 1975 and established his private law practice. He successfully ran for County Attorney, serving in that office from 1976 to 1980, when he was defeated by Warren New from Denver City.

He graduated with honors from Dallas’ Bryan Adams High in Dallas, then graduated Cum Laude from the Douglas Macarthur Academy of Freedom, a social science honor society of Howard Payne University. He would then attend graduate school at Texas A & M two years, and then transfer to the Law School at Texas Tech. He received his law degree there in 1975.

He and his wife Kathy have two children, daughter Amy Synatzske, a graduate voice student at Tech, and son Jason, a sophomore student at Denver City High. The Clarks are members of First Baptist Church, where he serves as a Deacon. He belongs to the Lions Club in D.C., and the Chamber

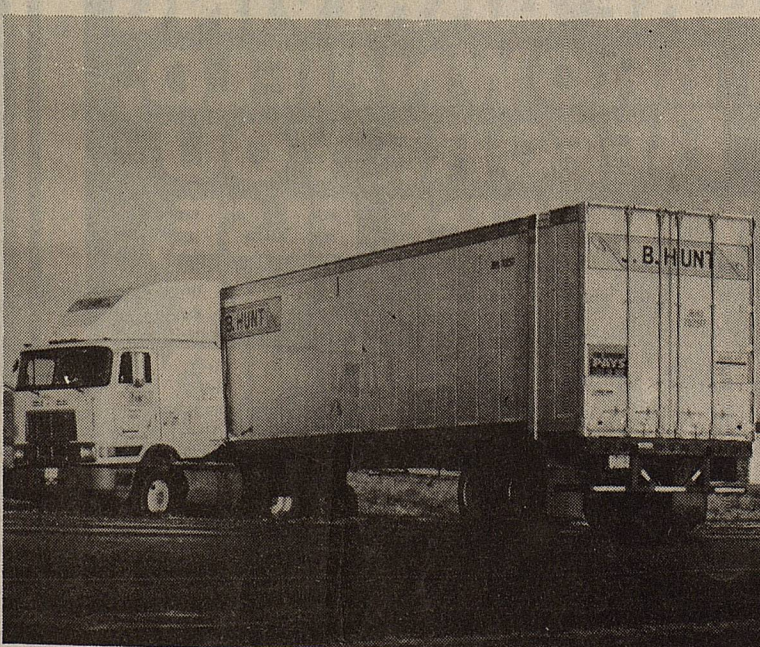
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WINTER ARRIVES



Prior to last weeks first real storm of the year, a question frequently heard was, “I wonder if we’re ever going to have a winter season this year?” The answer came last Thursday morning, with freezing fog, drizzle, light snow, and even freezing rain that evening. The elements made for some pretty scenery around town, but treacherous driving and even walking conditions.

WITH A BANG



This truck-trailer rig coming into town from the north on Highway 214 found pretty slick footing early Friday morning, January 6. The driver suffered no injuries.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING

The Plains chamber of Commerce met in regular monthly session Tuesday morning, January 3, at Johnnie’s Restaurant. Attending were Bonnie Earnest, Jim Barron, T.J. Miller, Dolores Davis, Toni Jones, Gary Walker, Johnnie Fitzgerald, Carolyn Culwell, Harry Richardson, Mary Jo St. Romain, Travis Jones, David Bunch, and President David Brunson.

Plans were discussed for the annual Chamber Banquet. The date will be in late March or early April, determined by the availability of the school cafeteria.

A guest speaker for the affair has not been named yet. The format for this years Banquet will remain the same as previous years. The Chamber will furnish the meat for the meal, and all guests are to bring a covered dish of their choice.

In addition to the guest speaker, the Outstanding Citizen of 1994 will be announced. Door prizes will be distributed, and Outstanding Students of the school system will be recognized.

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SMITH

largely on law, order and discipline. My school background made me realize how important these principles are for students, and they are certainly no less important in adult lives. I want to continue to stress these ideas in the Precinct 2 Court. Now, I will be dealing with adults as well as occasional juveniles."

The newly sworn Judge is busy organizing his office, and will attend a Justice Of Peace Training School in Austin January 8 thru 13. Apprehensive about the heavy load of the six day school, Judge Smith said, "I hope the information I'm hearing about the course is an effort by some of my friends to scare, or intimidate me. They're doing a good job of it!". Good luck, Judge Smith

CLARK

of Commerce, where he serves as an Ambassador of the organization.

When asked what motivated him to run for the office against a strong incumbent opponent, Clark took a moment to gather his thoughts, then said, "I guess you can say I simply had a belly full of things. I realized I had two options. I could remain in private practice and continue to live with these things, or I could run for this office, and if I won, I could try to work out some badly needed changes".

He added, "The primary responsibility of a Criminal District Attorney is to see justice done. I am going to do my dead level best to see that happen." We wish you well, Mr. Clark.

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payment". There are currently two prisoners in the County jail waiting for space in a state lock up. Sheriff Rice said there have been as many as five on the State waiting list. A few years back, it cost the County well over \$30,000 to keep the State prisoners.

Asked if the many prisons being built and opened in virtually every area of the State would help alleviate this problem, Rice said, "Yes, but only very temporarily. If it were possible for the State to open prisons bedding, say, for 10,000 additional prisoners, the Counties holding State prisoners would fill them almost immediately, and we would be right back to square one, no place to ship more."

Asked if he thought he had any solutions for the continuing to grow problem, Sheriff Rice said, "Not really. I have some theories, no real solutions. And despite all the rhetoric from Austin and Washington, I don't think anyone has a bona fide solution for all the problems in our Criminal Justice Systems, State or National."

He cited one of his theories about early release of prisoners, a way the State can reduce prison occupancy. "Many years back we arrested a guy in Denver City for theft. He had already been in New Mexico State prisons twice. He was convicted and sent to a Texas Prison. He got out early, and a short time later was back in

Denver City, where we arrested him for burglary. This time we tried and convicted him as a Habitual Criminal, shipped him off to the Pen for life. Seven years later, we arrest him again in Denver City, and he's once more back in Prison. Somethings just not working."

Another problem according to the Sheriff is parole violators. If, after they are released from a State Prison, they commit a parole violation, they are never returned to a TDCJ state facility. They are placed in a county jail, though they are legally not a County prisoner, for the mere token reimbursement of expenses.

The County jail is certified for a dozen prisoners. Rice said he has had high as 29 inmates, which he frantically had to find room for in other County lockups, or face losing State certification.

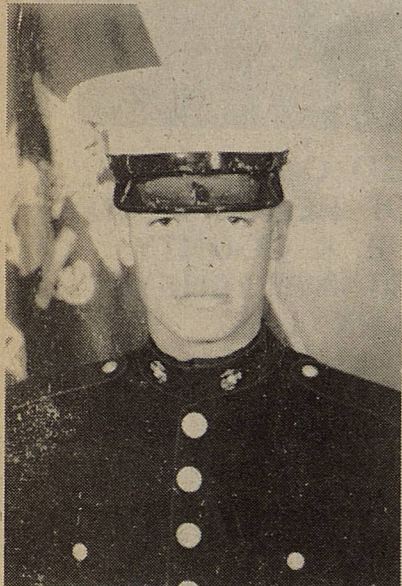
"We received a letter of commendation recently from the Texas Commission on Jail Standards. They really commended us for passing their jail inspections fourteen consecutive years, something not many other County jails have accomplished", Rice said with satisfaction, adding, "We call this the County jail. In reality, it's a State jail, with all the rules, regulations and specs mandated by the State, but of course, funded by County folks. In reality, I'm just the States manager of this facility."

To illustrate the State role in the local jails operation, Rice pointed to the recently constructed exercise area

on the east side of the jail. "The State of Texas told us we had to build the facility. I stalled and stalled, and finally the State people said, 'you WILL build that thing, or we'll shut your operation down'. I'm sure a lot of our citizens thought we were just pampering our prisoners when we built it, but we had absolutely no choice in the

matter." Something is definitely wrong with our Justice system. When our State prison inmate count is growing at a faster rate than the State population as a whole, we've missed a turn somewhere.

Irrigation of farm crops accounts for about 60% of all the water used in Texas annually.



Danny Herrera, son of Lupe Herrera of Plains, completed Marine Corp Recruit Training at the Recruit Depot in San Diego on December 30. He received a promotion to Private First Class for meritorious conduct and training performance, while most recruits finishing the tough training graduate with the rank of Private.

After ten days leave spent here with his mother and other family, he returned to Camp Pendleton, Ca. for three months basic infantry

GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALE

Plains Girl Scout Troops 65, 74, and 452 will be selling cookies beginning Friday, January 13, and ending Monday, January 30. This year's theme is "Girl Scouting- The Incredible Voyage". The cookies sell for \$2.50 and come in 8 delicious varieties: Chalet cremes, Do-Si-Dos, Juliettes, Samoas, Tagalongs, Thin Mints, and Trefoils- along with this year's new variety-SNAPS, a low fat iced oatmeal and raisin cookie. Girls receive a variety of prizes and scholarships and gain valuable leadership skills from the cookie sales. All proceeds from the cookie sales stay in Caprock Council!

Girls eligible to sell this year are: BROWNIES --- Lela Coronado, Jeannie Longoria, Sarah Martinez, Katie Oswalt, Tavsha Johnson, Sarah Alcorta, Lupe Quintana, Elizabeth Tarango. JUNIORS --- Joanna Diaz, Kimberly Martinez. CADET ---

training courses.

In a visit with the editor, whom Herrera worked for two years at the local Goodpasture facility, he said he had been notified he was eligible for assignment to the elite Presidential Administration Security Force at the Presidential retreat in Camp David, Maryland. He would have to pass a security background check, and a year of training in specialized security training prior to the assignment.

Danny, like far too many other students, dropped out of high school early in his junior year. Many people urged and encouraged him to at least get his equivalent G.E.D. Instead, he enrolled in a Vocational-Technical government sponsored institution in Lawton, Oklahoma, and earned his diploma from the fully accredited high school, then was accepted for enlistment in the Marines. Nice going, Danny my boy!

***** Jennifer Lollar. Leaders are Linda Longoria, Rita Diaz, and Jerri Lollar.

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WHEN I TAKE OFFICE JANUARY 3 AS YOUR CRIMINAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY, IT WILL BE WITH THE REALIZATION I COULD NOT HAVE ACHIEVED THIS HONOR WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF YOU, THE GOOD PEOPLE OF YOAKUM COUNTY. I AGAIN WANT TO SAY, THANK YOU! I WILL DO MY VERY BEST TO DESERVE THIS VOTE OF CONFIDENCE.

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SCHOOL HONOR ROLLS

ELEMENTARY ALL A'S

- 1st Grade**
 Jordan Chambliss
 Andrew Duran
 Allison Friesen
 Rose Henderson
 Skylar Keesee
 B. J. Lester
 Nicole Loya
 Priscilla Mares
 Adam McCravery
 Mark Morgan
 Steven O'Quinn
 Katie Oswalt
 Blake Parrish
 Abel Ramos
- 2nd Grade**
 Ramiro Barrientez
 Evan Cain
 Lela Coronado
 Marlie Diaz
 Cody Flores
 Breck Hamm
 Eloy Hinojosa
 Brandon Hise
 Brant Huerta
 Daniela Lazos
 Kerry Sisson
- 3rd Grade**
 Tony Gomez
 Austin Keesee
 Joseph Martinez
 Sarah Martinez
 Trent May
 Grady McNabb
 Helena Neufeld
 Nolan Newsom
 Moriah Traweek
 April Wilmeth
- 4th Grade**
 Chisum Deaton
 Sandra Gallegos
 krystal Gonzalez
 Jill Gray
 Catrina Hinojosa
 Dayla Willis
 Elizabeth Wilmeth

ALL A'S AND 1 B

- 1st Grade**
 Michael Crump
 Maribel Mendias
- 2nd Grade**
 Jamie Covarrubias
 Mayra Flores
 Kelby Johnson
- 3rd Grade**
 Armando Ramirez
 Manuela Villegas

- 4th Grade**
 Benny Loewen
 Bradley Palmer
 Mackenzie Winn

JUNIOR HIGH ALL A'S

- 5th Grade**
 Tanner Hamm
 Annaliesa O'Quinn
 Scott Tirrell
 Becky Wilmeth
- 6th Grade**
 Emily Blair
 Aaron Cain
 Lensey Cullins
 Joel Gallegos
 Kari Guetersloh
 Ashlei Mason
 Eric Nixon
 Lesli Rowe
 Elva Ruiz
 Alexis Warren
- 7th Grade**
 Liz Ancinec
 Candace Bowers
 Velvet Canada
 Leticia Canon
 Jessica Flores
 Kristen Gray
 Wendy Hernandez
 Fermin Luna
 Kelton Mason
 Laura Morales
 Kelli Osborn
 Anne Palmer
 Patty Ruiz
 Jason Swann
 Staci Tuggle
- 8th Grade**
 Joshua Bayer
 Maranda Box
 Dustin Brunson
 Clint Burrus
 Marcey House
 Tommie McNabb
 Matt Morgan

ALL A'S AND 1 B

- 5th Grade**
 Elizabeth Clanahan
 Arasely Luna
 Ky May
 Ragan McGinty
- 6th Grade**
 Chris Estrada
 Taylor Gray
 Skyler Johnson
 Kimbe Jones
 Matt Willis

7th Grade

- Joshua Bell
 Krystle Blundell
 Autumn Deaton
 Isaac Gonzalez
 Chris Leggett
 Nicole Newsom
 Kyle Sisson
- 8th Grade**
 Steven Bunch
 Cassie Dearing
 LaCresha Johnson
 Tandi Jones
 Tony Lazos
 Lisa Parrish

HIGH SCHOOL ALL A'S

- 9th Grade**
 Vicki Bayer
 Heath Bowlin
 Shawna Box
 Shawn Cullins
 Delia Gonzales
 Yvonne Gonzales
 Gideon Traweek
 Sandi Warren
- 10th Grade**
 Sonia Avila
 Kristi Guetersloh
 Yancey House
 Jacob Lester
 Mary Morales
 Roni Ponce
 Lyndi Rowe
- 11th Grade**
 Kiri Ancinec
 Valerie Blair
 Jeremy Dearing
 Heather McDonnell
- 12th Grade**
 Dani Clark
 Jennifer Earnest
 Ken McAdams
 Brad McMinn
 Dusty Valdez
 Shannon Ward

ALL A'S AND 1 B

- 10th Grade**
 Kyle Bearden
 Joe Luna
 Tessa St. Romain
- 11th Grade**
 Hector Gallegos
 Maria Moreno
 Kirk Parrish
- 12th Grade**
 Victor Bernal
 Bellen Coronado
 Joey Guerra
 Malissa Ramirez

PLAINS ISD COMPLETES SUCCESSFUL FIRST SEMESTER

By Pete Simmons, Superintendent

I am pleased to report to the community that we have completed a very successful first semester of school. I am also pleased with the return to a three-campus, three-principal system. The need for the guidance of a principal and identity of their own campus for grades 5-8 has certainly become evident. I am thankful for the insight, understanding, and concern of our school board in allowing this change.

We are also blessed with three hard-working, dedicated, and professional principals. Each one is so well-suited for his position. The camaraderie and collegiality between our administrators and between our administrators and staff has added a much needed dimension to our school life. Each day finds a cooperative and collegial "can do" atmosphere which makes the time both productive and enjoyable. When the staff has this feeling of trust and togetherness, it makes for an environment which is not only conducive to learning academic knowledge, but also learning important life skills through the observation of role models in a united, hard working, and dedicated staff.

We had a well-attended Open House in Sept. It was rewarding to see parents, grandparents, teachers, and students proudly observing and sharing in all the good things going on at school. It is also good to

PISD STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Plains High School Student of the Week is Josh Traweek. He is a Junior at Plains High School and is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Marc Traweek. Josh was nominated by Mr. Friesen.

This student was nominated because his work ethics, honesty, and character are above reproach. At a time when people want to take unethical shortcuts, this student chooses to work problems out himself rather than cheat or try to copy someone else's work. I believe he is one of the few students who would take a failing grade rather than compromise his values. The maturity of this student is also apparent in athletics. When this student was nominated, no teacher could come up with a better nominee.



NOTICE
 The Plains Athletic Boosters Club Meets Wednesday, Jan. 11 at 8:30 PM in the Club Room

COWGIRLS WHIP SPADE LADY HORNS 67-28

The Cowgirl Varsity found easy pickings in their January 3 game against the visiting Lady Horns.

Our girls out rebounded the visitors 52-33, with good off-the-glass action from Tessa St. Romain and Staey Jones.

Kyle Bearden was top scorer with 12, followed by Jones 10, Sandi Warren 8, St. Romain and Bridget Bernal with 7 each, Kassie Lowe 6, Robin Squyres 5, and Amber Bryan, Misty Willett and Shylah Winn, 4

each. Coach Osborn was pleased with another solid team effort, every player scoring at least four points.

COWBOYS DOWN SPADE 86-58

The Cowboy Varsity dominated Spades' Longhorns here January 3, both on offense and defense.

The Cowboys out rebounded the Horns 54-37, and Brad McMinn had an exact third of those, 18. They also outscored the Horns from the free throw line 18-5.

Leading the scoring was

Ladd Winn with 28, followed by McMinn 24, Victor Bernal 12, Shannon Ward 7, Johnny Davis 6, Stephen Bitolas 4, Ken McAdams 3, and Pete Flores 2.

JV GIRLS DOWNED BY SPADE 26-21

The JV Cowgirls must have thought they were in for easy going against the Spade counter parts leading at halftime 19-7. Apparently the Spade girls had different ideas.

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PROFESSIONAL MASSAGE

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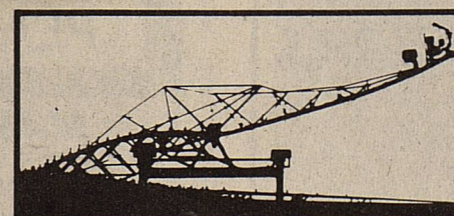
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TEXAS WATER FACTS

If one were confined solely to dry West Texas, the vast surface water resources of the state would be hard to imagine.

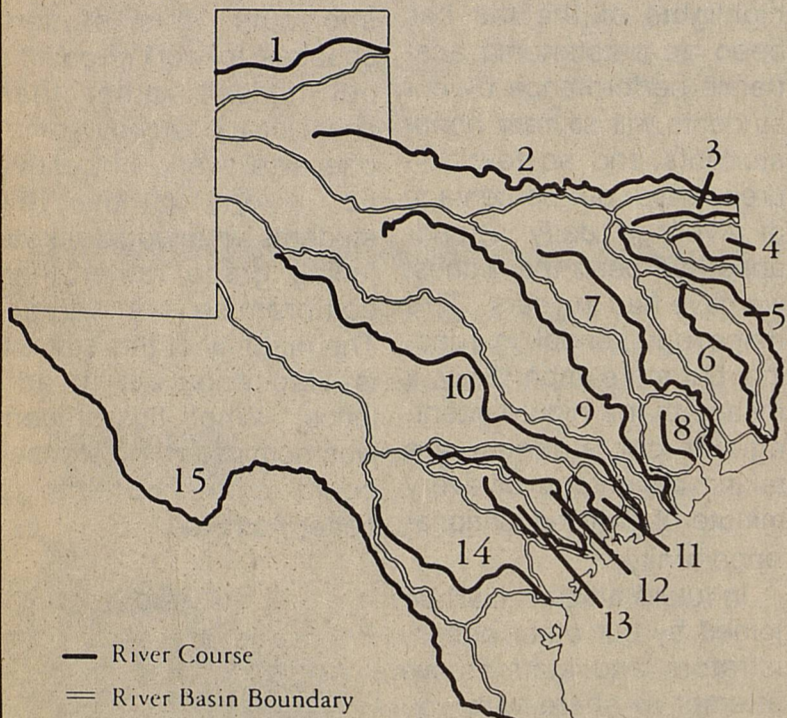
There are more than 5,700 reservoirs in the states river systems, including 188 major reservoirs, or massive 'holding tanks', which contain more than 5000 acre-feet each. A mere 74 of these major reservoirs contain 98% of Texas' conservation storage, or the state's usable water supply.

This river and lake system provides many benefits for

Texans, including storage for the 1.95 trillion gallons of surface water we use each year; Water for recreation and wildlife habitat; an emergency 'safety valve' to stop or slow down flood waters, and electric power from hydroelectric generators.

The state river system is long enough to circle the earth three times! It consists of 15 major river basins, and is second only to Minnesota in total surface miles of inland waterways. Still think Texas is a big desert?

15 MAJOR TEXAS RIVERS



1. Canadian 2. Red 3. Sulphur 4. Cypress 5. Sabine 6. Neches
7. Trinity 8. San Jacinto 9. Brazos 10. Colorado 11. Lavaca 12. Guadalupe 13. San Antonio 14. Nueces 15. Rio Grande

COMPTROLLER TAKES ON TRS

The following is a portion of a letter from State Comptroller, John Sharp to newspaper editors throughout the State as part of his "Gaining Ground" program. It contains 400 recommendations by Sharp to save Texas tax payers \$4.6 billion over the next 4 years. The contents of the letters do not necessarily reflect the views of Cowboy Country News. Because of the large number of teachers and administrators in the Plains and Denver City School Districts, and the contributions they make to our children and communities, we felt it important these views should be aired.

One of the proposals in *Gaining Ground* has been met with a great deal of confusion and perhaps, distortion. This recommendation would temporarily set the state's contribution rate to the Teachers Retirement System (TRS) at 6 percent. This would save Texas taxpayers nearly \$400 million over the next two years without threatening a single penny of the pension fund for retired public school teachers.

Recently, we were pleased to see that the Sunset Advisory Commission confirmed what we have been saying about the ability to lower the state's contribution to the TRS fund and still give a historic benefit increase.

In fact, according to a comprehensive report just issued by the Commission, the 6 percent rate would allow for the largest ad hoc benefit increase for retired teachers in history - a total of more than \$1 billion for retired teachers.

In addition, the Sunset Commission pointed out that there are 6,600 retired school teachers in Texas living below the poverty line. It infuriates me to know that so many retired teachers are forced to subsist on so little after doing so much to educate generations of Texans, particularly when the money is there for a huge benefit increase.

The Sunset Commission report also echoes another point we had made in the past regarding TRS. You may recall that I bestowed my first *Silver Snout Award* (for those bureaucrats who have their noses buried deep in the public trough), on TRS officials four years ago. At the time, we pointed to their lavish spending on office luxuries such as a health club, fine china in the executive dining room, a greenhouse, a grand piano and expensive artwork.

According to the Sunset Commission report, TRS continues to spend money faster than should be expected. As a matter of fact, the report notes that from 1981 to 1991, TRS operating expenses grew six times faster



than system membership. In 1992, TRS operating expenses were increasing an average of almost 10 percent per year, including "dramatic" increases in expenses per TRS member.

Again, our proposal regarding the state contribution rate to the TRS would not take one penny from the fund, would not endanger the fund in any way, and would still allow for the largest ad hoc benefit increase in history for retired teachers. In addition, it could free up money that could be used to make a sizable down payment on a pay increase for active teachers.

This is a very personal important issue to me. My mother was a teacher for 25 years, and my father still receives a check from her pension each month. I would never cut his benefits--or anyone else's.

NEW LONDON SCHOOL BLAST

Tyler, March 19, 1937. Death stalked the corridors in the high school of the New London Consolidated School District near here yesterday afternoon.

Ten minutes before the teachers and children were to have left for the day, a disastrous gas explosion virtually demolished the building, and it is now estimated that 284 pupils and fourteen teachers lost their lives in the explosion. Rescue workers who were busy throughout the afternoon and night are still searching the ruins for other possible victims.

The tragedy is charged to an accumulation of natural gas, piped into the school for heating purposes, in the basement and walls of the building.

Newspapers of the state this morning are urging immediate passage of legislation requiring stricter inspection of school plants and the possible use of a malodorant in natural gas so that escaping gas can be easily detected. Such legislation comes too late to save the lives of the teachers and pupils of the New London school, but it may save the lives of countless hundreds in the future.

THE TEXAS NEWS,

The Canadian River has the greatest amount of quicksand of any river in the state.

FROM THE HACK

I don't know what's going on, but I have heard such wild, outlandish gusts of hot air from the Table Of Wisdom the last few days I am beginning to think the city water supply is spiked with something normally purchased only in alcoholically wet areas of the State. Maybe it's just a release of pent up emotions after the Holiday season... you know, the hysteria of reality settling in upon getting all the 'shop till you drop' bills. Anyway, the sages, seers, prophets and philosophers in regular attendance at the Table of Wisdom have been in extremely rare form, trying to outdo each other with literary gems.

One guy said his married daughter had signed forms allowing for the transplant of her vital organs upon her unfortunate death. She must have been having second thoughts, for she

told her husband the next day, "listen, old buddy, if I should keel over, before they start taking out all these body parts, you'd better be sure you get a second opinion about my death!"

Then there's the sheep and goat herding dog story. A local has one of those high dollar Great Pyrennes white pooches to guard his huge goat and sheep operation north of

town(no, it's not Jim Gray). The wool and hair animal grower was heard cursing the poor performance of the huge guard dog. "The dumb #@%***^# snuck thru the fence, leadin' one of my best goats over to Sara Guetersloh's."

When I found 'em, they was all enjoying left overs on Sara's front porch with her dog, just one big happy family".

And then there were the cold weather tales. A local ex-fisherman, with a completely straight face, told of his experience fishing a bass tournament in February a few years back;

"It was so cold the lake froze over, and we had to shoot guns into the water to break up the ice so we could launch the boats. One guy had so many layers of heavy clothing on he ruptured himself trying to get into the boat. A man from Denver City was motoring across the water, and his fur cap fell off. Almost instantly, his hair froze, real brittle like, then it started breaking off. He's still bald as a golf ball today".

LITTLE DRIBBLERS MEETING

There will be an organizational meeting January 19 of parents of children between the ages of 9 and 12 who wish to participate in the Little Dribbler basketball program. The meeting will be at 7:00 PM in the Club room.

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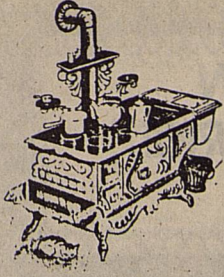
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This is one of Odell Kerby's recipes. Odell is a very good cook and you do not have to beg her to cook, it is something she loves to do and you sure can tell it when you eat anything she cooks. Just a big pot of red beans and cornbread is very good when Odell has anything to do with it. Odell does her dab of this and a pinch of that, but most good cooks do their dabs, and Odell certainly fits in with the best.

THE LOCAL CANCER SUPPORT GROUP MEETS THE 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MO. IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL OF THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 5.30PM. THE MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ANYONE IN THE AREA.

WE APOLOGIZE!

Last weeks anniversary article incorrectly identified James Williams wife, Nita. How we made this mistake is still a mystery, and we sincerely regret the error and any embarrassment we have caused.

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The health of the baby depends on the nutrition he or she receives before birth and also on the health of the mother. Good nutrition will help the mother fend off infections and other illnesses during pregnancy.

Good nutrition during pregnancy requires eating proper amounts of food from the four groups of foods--milk, and dairy, meats, fruits and vegetables, and grains and cereals.

To get the most nutrition out of the extra 300 calories per day a pregnant woman needs, she must eliminate foods with empty calories such as cookies and soft drinks. Alcohol should also be avoided.

Increased amounts of vitamins and protein are needed during pregnancy, but they can be obtained in a balanced diet. Calcium must also be increased to about 1500 mg. per day. This can be obtained by drinking five glasses of milk (milk is also a very good source of protein).

Only a couple nutrients need to be supplemented during pregnancy. A woman's blood volume increases significantly during pregnancy, so extra iron is useful in preventing anemia. The vitamin that is most important to supplement is folic acid. Researchers now know that this vitamin prevents birth defects of the brain and spinal cord. Almost all other vitamins and minerals are abundant in a balanced diet.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Shannon Gonzales and Herman Jr. would like to announce the arrival of a daughter, Darian Rayne, born on Dec. 14 at 1:35 p.m. in Highland Medical Center, Lubbock.

Darian weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Newell and Peggy Squyres of Plains. Great grandparents are Fred and Ruby Squyres of Dumas.

Paternal grandparents are Herman Sr. and Gloria Gonzales of Plains. Great grandmother, Billie Dela Santos, also of Plains.

TSA MO GA MEETS

Plains' Tsa Mo Ga Study Club met in monthly session Monday evening, Jan. 9. Some 25 members and guests attended the meeting.

Sally Flores, Child Protective Service Specialist III, with the State Department of Protective and Regulatory Service, was guest speaker. She reviewed the role she plays in assisting abused children in the area. Ms. Flores stated she currently has 13 county children under her supervision.

BRIDAL SHOWER

A Bridal Shower honoring Vonda Fitzgerald, Bride Elect of Allan Jones will be held on Sunday, Jan. 15 from 2:30 to 4 PM in the home of Tommy Guy Box (11-1/2 miles west, hwy 380 then 1-1/4 mile north County Road 325).

Gift selections are at Dillard's and J C Penny's, Lubbock. Renaissance Gifts and Flowers, and Jerrie's Boutique, Plains.

Thought for the Week

If you have friends, you have all the riches you need in this life. To create friendships you must reach out to others. And when you give your time to others, often you'll discover you have more friends than ever before.

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vision. She said there are some 30-40 families in the county in which the parents are completely dysfunctional, and their children have virtually no chance to grow to normal adulthood.

Ms. Flores also spoke of the mental scars a child will bear from physical, and sexual abuse, and of the difficulties of proving to a court of law both the crimes of abuse, and the emotional damage to both the child. The lack of parental cooperation is her biggest problem dealing with reported child abuse. She reminded the audience that any reports of child abuse to her office are strictly confidential, and urged the public to report any known cases of abuse.

She told of the Yoakum County Child Welfare Boards constant need of donations from the public, both funds and clothing for displaced and disadvantaged youngsters.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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Juan Villerreal Sr., Kent Welch
January 12
Stephenia Blount, Terrie Jimenez
January 13
Karen Bearden
January 14
Elizabeth Clanahan, Lesli Rowe, Stanley & Sheila Ashburn (A)
January 15
Steve Crutcher, Candi Seaton, Mary Beth Ward
January 17
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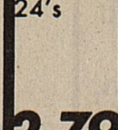
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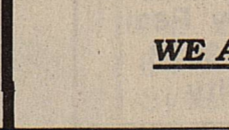
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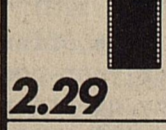
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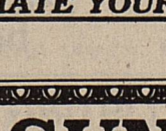
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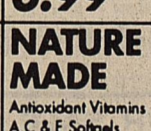
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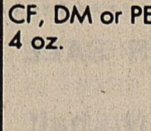
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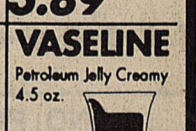
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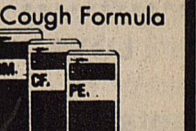
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 following the half, for they roared back and downed the Cowgirls 26-21. Leading Plains scoring was Shawna Box with 11 points, followed by Mary Morales 5, Lindsey Six 3, and Wendy Beckham, 2 points.

COWBOY JV SWAMP SPADE JV 62-27

The Cowboy extended their season record to 8 & 3 January 3, easily handling the Spade JV all four quarters. Leading the scoring for the Cowboys was Chase Clanahan and Kirk Parrish with 12 each, followed by Yancey House 7, Ralph Ramirez 6, Wayne Willett and Jamey Garland 5 each, Chris Payne and Joey De Friess 4 each, Jason Robertson 3, Jeremy Dearing and Jacob Lester, 2 each.

COWGIRLS DOWNED BY MEADOW 81-71

The Varsity Cowgirls faced a highly state rated Lady Bronco team Friday, Jan. 6,

Coach Osborn was very pleased with the solid team performance. Down by a big 18 points at one time, the girls fought back to within 5 points at one time. The game will be invaluable experience for starting District play. Stacey Jones was high score with 16, followed by Robin Squyres 11, Tessa St Romain and Kyley Bearden, 10 each, Sandi Warren 7, Amber Bryan 6, Shyloh Winn 4, Kassie Lowe 3, and Bridget Bernal and Misty Willett, 2 each.

COWBOYS DOMINATE MEADOW 86-61

In the Friday, January 6 game at Meadow, the Cowboy Varsity shot a very respectable 58.3 % from the floor, and with the game well in hand, players from the bench contributed 15 points to the score. Leading Cowboy scorer was Ladd Winn with 24, followed by Shannon Ward 18, Brad McMinn 14, Victor Bernal 11, Pete Flores 6, Ken McAdams 5, and Stephen Bitolas and Johnny Davis, 4 each.

Spanish explorer, Coronado first recorded irrigation in the state near El Paso in 1541. Indians using river water on their crops.

COWBOY JV WHIPS MEADOW 54-36

The Cowboy JV extended their season record to 9 and 3 January 6 in an impressive win over the Meadow JV. Leading scorer was Jason Robertson 10, followed by Jacob Lester 8, Kirk Parrish 8, Chase Clanahan 8, Yancey House 6, Ralph Ramirez 6, Jeremy Dearing 3, Robert Knight 2, Joey Defriess 2, Casey Forbus 1.

GIRLS JV BEAT MEADOW 43-39

In the tough, close game Jan. 6, the JV Cowgirls outlasted Meadow's JV. Coach Cain cited outstanding play by Shawna Box and Lindsey Six in win. Scoring results were not available.

JUSTICE OF PEACE COURT

The following is a summary of cases heard, and actions taken in Justice of Peace Court, Precinct One, Judge Melba Crutcher presiding;
 36 Traffic cases filed by Department of Public Safe-

ty, 1 Public Intoxication case, 1 Minor in Possession of alcohol case, 1 Civil suit filed.
 Bonds set: Minor in Possession of Alcohol- \$130.00 fine.
 Possession of a Controlled Substance, to wit: Marijuana- \$1000.00 bond.
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 Unsafe Speed- \$92.40 fine
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 Failure to Appear- Parker County Warrant- \$310.00 bond
 No Liability Insurance- Parker County Warrant- \$650.00 bond
 Motion to Revoke Probation- Held until hearing
 Driving While Intoxicated- 1st offense- \$1000.00 bond
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Walter Lawrence	Hobbs	2 Rd str	363	100.50
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Victor Manual Orana	Denver City	3 Mxd str	300	99.00
Donnell Stradley	Marfa	7 Blk str	419	88.75
Lonnie Jones	Tatum	3 Hol str	365	60.00
Philip Berry	Lovington	4 Blk hfrs	274	222.50
Philip Berry	Lovington	5 CharX hfrs	465	73.50
Carl Green	Plains	2 Char hfrs	788	65.75
Walter Lawrence	Hobbs	5 Mxd hfrs	383	81.00
Lee Cattle Co	Lovington	5 CharX hfrs	565	73.10
Sterling Ranch	Tatum	3 Mxd hfrs	943	62.00
Donnell stradley	Marfa	3 CharX hfrs	460	85.50
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Raymond McDonald	Malaga	3 Rd mf hfrs	head	590.00
Raymond McDonald	Malaga	Rd mf pr	pair	720.00
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Larry Bearden	Seminole	Char c	1025	40.10
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Jose Sanchez	Fabins	Hol c	1455	41.60
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Rick Tate	Marfa	Rd c	950	41.50
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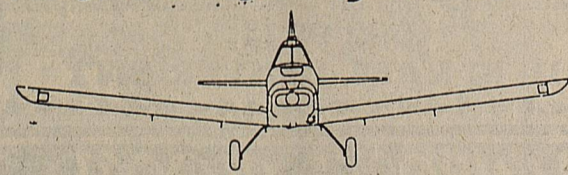
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