Mother Nature not helping crop harvest

Precipitation, so desperately needed across the South Plains cotton belt this spring and throughout the growing season, has proven to be a very welcome visitor to area producers the past few days. While rains have not been in record amounts, they have been just enough to put a screeching halt to harvest.

In the southern part of the county and adjoining Gaines County, and there are reports of cotton stringing out of bolls in those areas.

The southern part of the county, Jim Brown, farmer, who told CCN, "I don't want you quoting me, because most of the other guys will say I am either bragging or lying." He reported that the cotton produced last year hit 30,000 bales this year. He indicated heavy rains in the area last week could affect both grades and production.

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Photos taken in cotton field south of US Highway 82 show a cotton stringing out of bolls following last week's rains.

Journal, written by Wayne Board, indicated the South Plains cotton crop would produce far less than the '97 crop, a production Yoakum Producers have been aware of for several months. Despite virtually every form of adversity local producers could cope with, there are a few amusing reports of cotton production. One local farmer, who told CCN, "I don't want you quoting me, because most of the other guys will say I am either bragging or lying," stripped an irrigated circle of cotton which produced well over three bales per acre. The plight of the area dry land cotton producers completely overshadowed the few such success stories.

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NRCS new 'Team Leader' assigned here

Yoakum and Terry County are now sharing the services of Resource Team Leader Donald Gibbons, who assumed the position on October 2. Gibbons, 35, is a veteran of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, serving as Conservationist at Silverton, Haskell and Brownfield. His last position was the District Conservationist at Stanton.

Interviewed here Monday, Gibbons said federal budget restrictions caused general 'belt tightening' throughout the NRCS. Recently it appeared the local office would be closed, but the concept of Resource Team Leaders working adjoining counties will enable county producers to continue to receive conservation services and assistance out of the Plains office. Range Land Management Specialist Phillip Carter will also be able to remain in the Plains NRCS office.

Gibbons said his initial plans call for him to spend three days a week in the local office, and two in Brownfield. The following week he would be there three days, and two here. "I think it's very important for local producers to know our services will be available for both locations. This move is a real administrative challenge.

Cowgirls win 35th consecutive district volleyball crown

The Cowgirls defeated Tahoka the second time last week to take District honors. In the last match up they downed Tahoka 15-8, 13-15 and 15-6. Jessica served for 11 points, Laura had 7, Kayla 3, Patti 8, Candace 2 and Jolyne 12. In other action the Cowgirls also defeated Sanford, Frisco 15-3 and 15-11. Jolyne had 10 points served, Jessica 5, Laura 3, Kayla 1, Patti 5, and Frances 5.

The Cowgirls will face either Nocona or Milsap in Regional action Saturday, November 7.
McMinn Becomes Licensed Professional Engineer

The Texas Board of Professional Engineers has recently certified Shane McMinn as a licensed professional engineer in the state of Texas. McMinn, a 1988 Plains High School graduate, obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering in 1992 from Texas Tech University.

In becoming a professional engineer, Shane had to pass an exam demonstrating his understanding of relevant engineering theory and practice. He is currently employed as an electrical engineer with Texas National Bank.

Shane and his wife Karen, have one son, Brighton. The McMinn's live in Tuba City where Shane is employed as an electrical engineer with Lyngar Electric Cooperative. Shane is the son of Larry and Paula McMinn of Plains.

Pair of bands produce really big sound

In an unusual move at Saturdays district game at Seagraves, The Cowboy Marching Band and the Eagles Marching Band joined forces to present the halftime show. The bands each performed three numbers facing the Cowboy fans, then the Eagle stands for an impressive performance.

Donald Gibbons

and I want to stress we are committed to providing quality service to both areas," Gibbons said he has a lifelong association with agriculture, growing up on his grandparents farm and ranch in Eldorado, Oklahoma. He received a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Finance from Tarleton State University at Stephenville in 1985.

Criminal cases heard

In Judge Kelly Moore's District Court October 28, Macario Mansur, 22, pleaded not guilty to two charges of sexual assault of a child under the age of 14. He was released on $5000 bond.

In Judge Moore's District Court October 29, Buster Watts, 34, pleaded guilty in 1985.

Richard Watts, President and CEO, the Board of Directors, and the employees of Seminole National Bank are very pleased to announce Mr. Mark C. Mann has been named President of Seminole National Bank, effective November 16, 1998. Mr. Watts will continue to serve as Chief Executive Officer.

Mann expressed his excitement in returning to Seminole and the area.

Mr. Mann's family includes his wife, Brice, and their two children, Shelby and Colby, both born in Seminole.

Mr. Watts will continue general bank oversight and existing relationships with customers in the bank, while he takes on expanded role with the holding company to assist in developing programs which will be implemented in related banks.

Seminole National Bank acquired a branch in Kermit in April 1998 and just completed a branch acquisition in Crane on October 23, 1998. The First National Bank of Pecos acquired a branch in Kermit in April 1998 and has an existing branch in Study Butte. The related banking group are approximately $250,000,000 and $500,000 respectively. Mr. Watts will be taking over the growing branch in Study Butte.

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Seagraves too much for Cowboys, win 33-0 over Friday and Saturday

Last Friday night in Seagraves, the referee trotted up to Coach Larry McMinn following a number of spectacular lightning flashes, followed by long rolls of thunder, and said, "Coach, that lightning seems to be getting closer, you think we should delay this awhile?" At that precise moment, another brilliant lightning flash lit up the skies, bringing a very vocal response from both stands. That prompted Coach McMinn to quickly say "Yeah, let's get out of here."

At that time, the scoreboard read Seagraves 7, Plain 0, with a little over 8 minutes remaining in the first quarter. After about twenty minutes, with the weather deteriorating even more, an announcement was made postponing the game until 1 P.M. the next day. A Cowboy fan, late in the delayed game Saturday, quipped, "We should have forfeited the game last night when they only had the down seven points."

The Cowboys managed to make a number of good defensive stands both Friday night and Saturday afternoon, but could not permanently halt the Eagles strong offensive machine. Conversely, the Cowboys were never able to get their offense in the proper gear, and managed, but four first downs and a total of forty yards offense in the contest. To their credit, the Cowboys were not hampered by mistakes bringing yellow flags flying from the Zephyrs. They drew only one five yard penalty, compared to nine for 95 yards against the Eagles. The Cowboys did not lay down and quit, and played hard throughout the contest. Their inability to control the line of scrimmage both offensively and defensively sealed their doom.

The Eagle defenders pressured Quarterbacks Kyle Sisson and Jared Bell throughout the game, and played havoc with Cowboy runners Adam Garcia, David Luna and Vincent Delgado. The Cowboys wind up their long season this Friday night in a finale against Coahoma here. It would be very fitting if the Cowboys could never permanently halt the Eagles strong offensive machine. Conversely, the Cowboys were never able to get their offense in the proper gear, and managed, but four first downs and a total of forty yards offense in the contest. To their credit, the Cowboys were not hampered by mistakes bringing yellow flags flying from the Zephyrs. They drew only one five yard penalty, compared to nine for 95 yards against the Eagles. The Cowboys did not lay down and quit, and played hard throughout the contest. Their inability to control the line of scrimmage both offensively and defensively sealed their doom.

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Math/Science team wins sweepstakes at Lubbock High

Off to another impressive start

The Plains Math and Science team traveled to Lubbock, Saturday, October 30, and competed in the Lubbock High UTL Practice Meet. The Math/Science team won the A-AAA division. The Calculus, Math, and Science teams took first place and the Number Sense team finished third.

Individual performances:
- Freshman: Annaliesa O’Quinn
- Sophomore: Aaron Cain
- Junior: Jason Swann
- Senior: Lesli Rowe

They may be enrolled in an unusual long distance English class, but Traci Tucker, Cindy Trice and Jessica Holt are making history this fall at Denver City High School.

The three are the first to enroll in a dual credit interactive television course offered by South Plains College in Levelland. And Denver City High School is the first school in SPC’s 15-county service area to partner with the two-year college in the interactive television educational venture. Both are members of SCATE (Southwest Center for Advanced Technological Education), a consortium designed to bring the latest technological innovations in education to partners in the Southwestern United States.

“I think this is going to be one of the best things we have ever done for our college-bound students,” said Sue Mills, superintendent of the Denver City Independent School District. He said the goal is to enable the school’s juniors and seniors to earn up to 24 hours of college credit through the partnership with SPC by the time they graduate from high school. It’s phenomenal that this type technology is available.” Also enrolled in the television classroom on the SPC campus are Jessica Holt 17 year old senior and daughter of James and Sue Holt, and Cindy Trice, 16 year old daughter of Bill and Donnis Trice.

“We can see the other kids in the television classroom.

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Gary Walker addresses Tsa Mo Ga Club

Legislation was the theme of the Tsa Mo Ga meeting October 26, and State Representative Gary Walker, a Democrat, addressed West Texas. He has helped keep West Texas in the House for start his third term as Representative of District 80.

Walker told the members and guests he felt the reason he had a Republican opponent in the March Primary was because of his support of House Speaker Pete Laney, a Democrat. “There’s more at stake than party politics here. Pete Laney has been an effective voice for West Texas in the House for years, and works hard for agro-­
cultural interests which are so vital to this district and all of West Texas. He has helped keep a balance in the house between rural, sparsely populated areas like ours, and heavily populated metro areas, by making important committee appointments from both areas,” he said.

He said public school finance will again be a burning issue in the coming legislative session, and there may be some progress toward the social security.

Please attend Parent Involvement Night at Plainview ISD on November 16th from 6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M., for grades Prek - 12h. You will actually go through your child’s daily schedule of classes and activities.

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SPC Ex-Student Association to be Re-Established

South Plains College’s recent 40th anniversary celebration and a class reunion sessions sparked interest in re-establishing its ex-students association.

“We have a very successful year-long 40th anniversary celebration and also hosted a reunion this fall for the class of 1964”, said Steve Bryant, director of human resources and development.

“Through these events, former students have expressed an interest in contacting friends and faculty who were part of their lives at SPC. We feel that an ex-students association can help them do that.”

He noted the ex-students association will provide members with information regarding ex-student activities and offer former students an opportunity to support activities and developments currently taking place at SPC.

“We have received a lot of positive feedback from students who attended SPC,” said Bryan. “If we can get these former students involved, we can create and organization to serve their needs and support the college.”

Former students who want to join the SPC Ex-Students Association can visit the SPC website at www.spc.cc.tx.us or contact SPC’s Development Office at 903-969-5611, ext. 2218.

Senior Citizens Corner

The “42” Tournament was the big news this week. Some ladies entered the contest who are not regular attendees. We hope they had fun and will come back. Winner of the games were Helen Phillips and Irene Turner, first place, and Jean Pogue and Melia Morehead second place. The cost of the contest is $10.00. We hope we can get some more “fender benders” for the Seniors.

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The D efensive D riving S t r e s s M a n a g e m e n t S t u d i e s will be another hot item for leg-a-tions currently taking place at SPC.

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Strange sights at courthouse Halloween eve

Court OK's ordering computer

In Monday's session of Commissioners Court, an order for a new $54,600 computer was placed with The Software Group, Inc. The purchase had been previously approved and budgeted for 1999. Delivery of the $45,675 computer will be made January 1, and will solve all the Year 2000 problems in Courthouse programs. The treasurer's report was accepted, showing a September ending balance of $7,489,472. Treasurer Toni Jones also gave an investment report indicating funds invested in Tex-Pool were currently performing government securities. Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Ted Welch received approval to trade his office's 1995 Caprice for a Sheriff Department 1995 Caprice. Welch explained the Probation Vehicle had many more miles than the Sheriff's vehicle, and the Probation Office could save up to $3000 in maintenance work. The trade was approved.

Oil Patch not in doldrums everywhere

The decline in oil well drilling activity has not been evenly distributed statewide. In fact, some regions have recorded more drilling this year than last. While it is true that many regions have posted declines, with the largest occurring in the Panhandle and Trans Pecos regions, some regions have noted increased activity.

Through July, the two Texas Railroad Commission districts incorporating counties that stretch from Houston to Brownsville reported an active rig count 56 and 40 percent higher than last year. Another region of North Texas along the Red River reported a July rig count 40 percent greater than in 1997.

"The oil and gas industry plays a major role in the Texas economy. High oil prices and new technological breakthroughs created a period of growth in the industry," says Mark Dornacce, chief economist for the Real Estate Center. "According to Baker Hughes, the number of active rigs increased from 239 in January 1996 to a high of nearly 400 in February 1999. Since February, falling oil prices have reduced drilling activity substantially with the active rig count standing at 288 by mid-July-18 percent fewer than the same time a year earlier."

Paymaster Cottonseed Announces New Replant and Crop Destruct Program for 1999

Paymaster Cottonseed announced today a significant improvement in their stripper cotton replant and crop destruction program. Under the new program cotton growers who have to replant Paymaster Roundup Ready stripper varieties will be provided replacement seed at no charge, up to a cost of $35 per bag. Certain conditions will apply, but the program applies to all Paymaster Roundup Ready stripper cotton varieties.

Farmers who plant Paymaster Roundup Ready stripper varieties, but have to abandon all or part of their planted acres and choose to replant with an alternate crop, will be refunded half of their seed cost, up to a cost of $17.50 per bag.

"This is a major benefit to cotton growers," said Tim Willkie, president of Paymaster Cottonseed. "They have to fight the weather, insects, weeds and increasing costs to make a crop. We have been listening to their concerns. This is our way of helping them when times are tough. Steve Verret, executive vice president for Plains Cotton Growers, was enthusiastic about the program. "We strongly support Paymaster's new replant program," said Verret. "We have been working with both Paymaster and Monsanto to develop options that address the needs of the farmers. This program will really help." Willkie added that thousands of cotton acreages have to be replanted each year due to weather conditions unique to the high plains.

The general conditions of the replant program are as follows:

1. The original planted acres must have been planted to a Paymaster Roundup Ready variety.
2. Replant seed will only be furnished for replanting the acres originally planted to a Roundup Ready Paymaster cotton variety. The farmer must use the replant seed for planting on the designated acres in the year of the sale.
3. The farmer and authorized dealer selling the seed must jointly complete forms certifying that specific grower information relating to the replanting agreement is correct.
4. Replant seed must be obtained from the dealer making the original sale.
5. Either a Paymaster district sales manager or Monsanto local marketing manager must be notified and approve the replant agreement.
6. Completed replant agreements must be mailed to Paymaster Cottonseed within two weeks following replanting and must be received by Paymaster not later than July 15, 1999.
7. The Paymaster Roundup Ready varieties included in this program are PM 2146RR, PM 2200RR and PM 2326RR.
8. Farmers applying for a crop destroy refund must meet the following criteria:

1. The acres destroyed must have been originally planted to a Paymaster Roundup Ready stripper cotton variety.
2. Crop destroy form must be completed and signed by the farmer and the incoming seed dealer who made the original sale.
3. All crop destroy acres must be approved by a Paymaster or Monsanto representative prior to destroying the crop.
4. The deadline for crop destruction is July 1, 1999.
5. Documentation certifying the crop has been destroyed and will not be harvested or replanted to cotton must be presented to Paymaster Cottonseed before a refund check will be issued.
6. Additional information related to the replant and crop destroy program will be available through Paymaster Cottonseed, Monsanto and the Paymaster dealer network.

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