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'Chitwood Antiques' **Is Opened For Business**

A new business has opened its doors in Plains and will be known as Chitwood Antiques.

Owners and operators are A.B. and Irene Chitwood, new residents of the community.

They moved here from Roswell, N.M., having lived in Ruidosa for 19 years. A.B. served as street superintendent for the city of Ruidosa and Irene operated "Chitwood Antiques.'

Youth Revival Slated At FBC

A Youth Revival has been scheduled at First Baptist Church Friday, July 5 through Sunday, July

Theme of the revival is "Light Your World."

Jay Breland of Dallas will be evangelist and music directors are Christy and Paul Newberry of Floydada.

A Youth Rally will be first on the schedule of events, Friday, July 5 from 4 to 9 p.m. in Stanford Park. Young people from seventh grade through college are invited to enjoy swimming, a hamburger cookout, music and campfire.

Revival services are scheduled Saturday, July 6 at 7 p.m. and also Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

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The new business will feature dishes, jewelry, furniture, stove parts, irons, prints and tapistries. They will also carry horse collars, bridle bits, spurs, pocket knives and other items of interest to collectors.

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The Chitwoods were both reared in Coryell County and were in farming and ranching near Gatesville and Lamesa for 26 years.

They have two daughters, Connie Behringer who makes her home in Ruidosa and LaDon Matthews, who lives in Lamesa. They have four grandchildren and three greatgrandchildren.

The Chitwoods state that they already feel at home with the great welcome the Plains people have given them and are looking forward to making many new friends.

terested in antiques and invite everyone to come by and get acquainted and see their new shop.

Rodeo Candidates

Old Settlers Reunion was topic of the Plains Chamber of Commerce meeting which was held Tuesday July 2 in Johnnie's Restaurant.

ducted the business meeting. Plans were made for the various committees for the annual reunion, rodeo and barbecue set for Aug. 1, 2, 3. Possible rodeo candidates were also discussed.

Davis, Jim Barron and Bunch.

Rico Alcorta, Manager Has 15 Years Experience

Save store in Hart before moving to Plains.

A Baptist, Rico was born in Abilene to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Alcorta Sr. He attended schools in Olton, where he met and married his wife, Lovelia. They have raised four children, Ricky, Joe, Alice and Lourie and have eight grandchildren. His oldest son, Ricky, is also employed at Pay 'N Save as butcher. Lovelia is a checker and son-in-law, Frank Garza, is assistant manager.

While shopping at Pay 'N Save,

Pay 'N Save's manager, Rico customers will find that the Alcorta Alcorta, has fifteen years service family will go out of their way to be record with his firm, having begun of service to you. Fresh meat and in the grocery business in 1953. He produce are always in stock, along was employed as butcher for Pay 'N with a full line of groceries and supplies. They are also able to secure money orders.

Methodist Church To Have VBS

The United Methodist Church will be having Vacation Bible School July 10-11 from 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

Classes will be held for children of the community that are at least three years old and no older than ten.



The couple has always been in-

Discussed By CCA

Davd Bunch, president, con-

Those present were Carolyn Culwell, Dick McGinty, Dolores

RICO ALCORTA



TOMAS AGUILAR, 1985 graduate and outstanding athlete of Plains High School recently signed with New Mexico Junior College, accepting a track scholarship. Aguilar's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymundo Aguilar and high school coach, Evertt McAdams are pictured here with him as he renders his signature.

Contest Begins Monday For Interested Youngsters

Hey Kids!! Would you like to win a bicycle? A radio? A B-B Pellet Gun? A bike radio? Or maybe a watch?

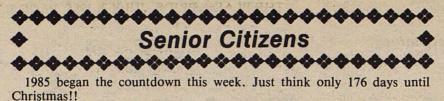
The Plains Pride is in need of some young energetic salespeople, to sell subscriptions to the newspaper. The prizes mentioned will be given to the top four salespeople. To enter the contest, you must have written permission from a parent or guardian. You may pick up the necessary blanks and an identification card that you must carry with you (to identify yourselves as one of our Junior

Salespeople), at The Tin Shed. The contest will begin Monday,

July 8 and will run until July 29. To keep record of 'who's ahead', contestants must turn in their subscriptions they've sold each Monday. The winner of the bicycle, which is the grand prize must at least sell 30 subscriptions and be the top salesperson. If the top salesman has sold under 30 subscriptions the grand prize will be the radio.

All prizes are on display at Plains Appliance Center. The contest is open to all children 16 years old and younger that live in the Plains area.

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The Senior Citizen Center will be closed July 4th and 5th. So stock up on hot dogs and potato chips. We will have our Friday night party. Snacks, games and music for all who are not worn out with Fourth of July Celebrations. So do come and bring your company along.

Last Friday night we had 28 for a nice covered dish supper. Also had a new, welcome voice join in the singing.

Carlice and Mineola Edwards of Lake Leon have been visiting in their Higginbotham home a few days.

Irene Henderson is in a Lubbock hospital. Reports are she will be home soon.

Judge Moore is coming home. Welcome back, and we are all glad you are feeling better.

Claude and Marsene are home at last. We have missed them.

"Dates To Remember" July 11 - Blood Pressure Check July 15 - Livingston Hearing Aid July 23 - Blood Pressure Check July 24 - Beltone Hearing Aid

Most of us read Ann Landers. I have no ambition to walk her path, but last week I heard something she has missed. She has expressed lots of ideas for the "Snoring Spouse" problem. Well my brother-in-law heard the remedy was to wrap a soft towel around the snoring spouse's neck -- loosely, that is. So they tried it and sure enough - a quiet snooze, not a bothersome snore.

Now don't knock this until you try it! May just save a few marriages. I may resort to trying it, for my elbows are getting sharp from punching! Thanks to all who gave us apricots! We gathered some on Monday for a big cobbler soon.



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Jeanette Head has been cashier at Lea County Electric since 1979. She and her husband, Jerome have lived in Plains for 21 years. They have two daughters - Debbie, a student at New Mexico Junior College in Hobbs, N.M. and Lorie Vantine, living in Arlington with her family. Jan's hobbies are reading, traveling and needle craft, but especially enjoys her two year old granddaughter, Sharla. A farm family, the Heads attend the Church of Christ.

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FIVE BIG DAYS

Doors Open 9 A.M. **Tuesday, July 9th**

Canning Equipment Tested At Yoakum County Ext. Office

Canning equipment must be scrupulously clean before the canning process begins. The bacteria that causes botulism is prevalent in soil and collects on crops. Cleaning fresh fruits and vegetables thoroughly and all surfaces and utensils these foods touch reduces the risk of botulism considerably.

The method of canning may vary depending on the type of food being processed - it may be by boiling water bath or pressure canner. But some basic steps must be followed in the preparation of the equipment for any canning process.

Prepare jars (use only home canning types) by first examining each one for possible nicks, cracks or sharp edges. Discard any defective ones. Wash the usable jars in hot, sudsy water and rinse well. Soak jars in hot water, keeping the water hot until jars are taken out and filled with food.

Jars can also be washed in a dishwasher and kept warm on the dry cycle until needed. Some canning methods call for sterilized jars, for example, recipes for jams, jellies, preserves and any process that requires less than 15 minutes in the boiling water bath or pressure canner. Then, remove jars from dishwasher and boil for 10-15 minutes to sterilize.

Wash and rinse bands and unused lids. Lids are not reusable because the sealing compound does not form a seal twice. Bands in good condition can be reused. Place lids in a small pan of water. Bring water to a simmer, not a boil, and remove from heat.

Any equipment used in preparing the food should also be scrupulously clean. That includes a chopping board, bowls, colander, jar funnel, knives, long handled fork, spoon and spatula.

Once the equipment is clean and assembled, you are ready to start canning.

The Yoakum County office has bulletins available on canning, freezing, drying and pickling foods. Give our office a call if you need any of these. We have pressure canner testing equipment available. You may bring your pressure cooker by for testing. There is no charge.

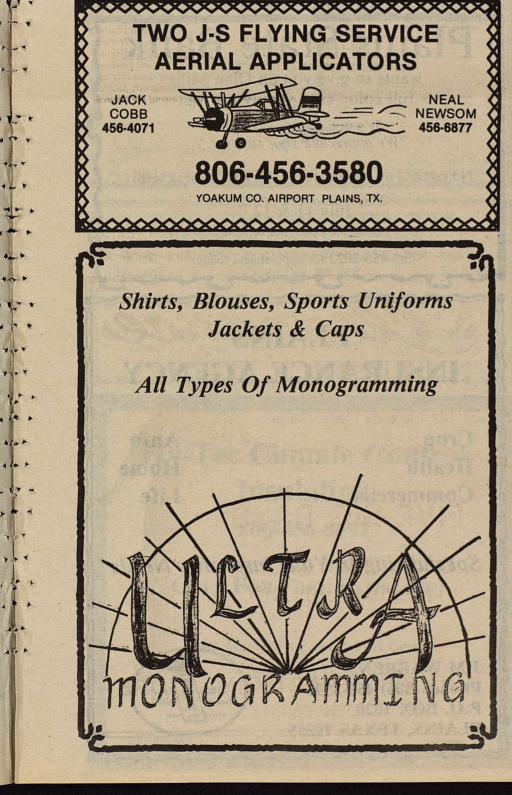
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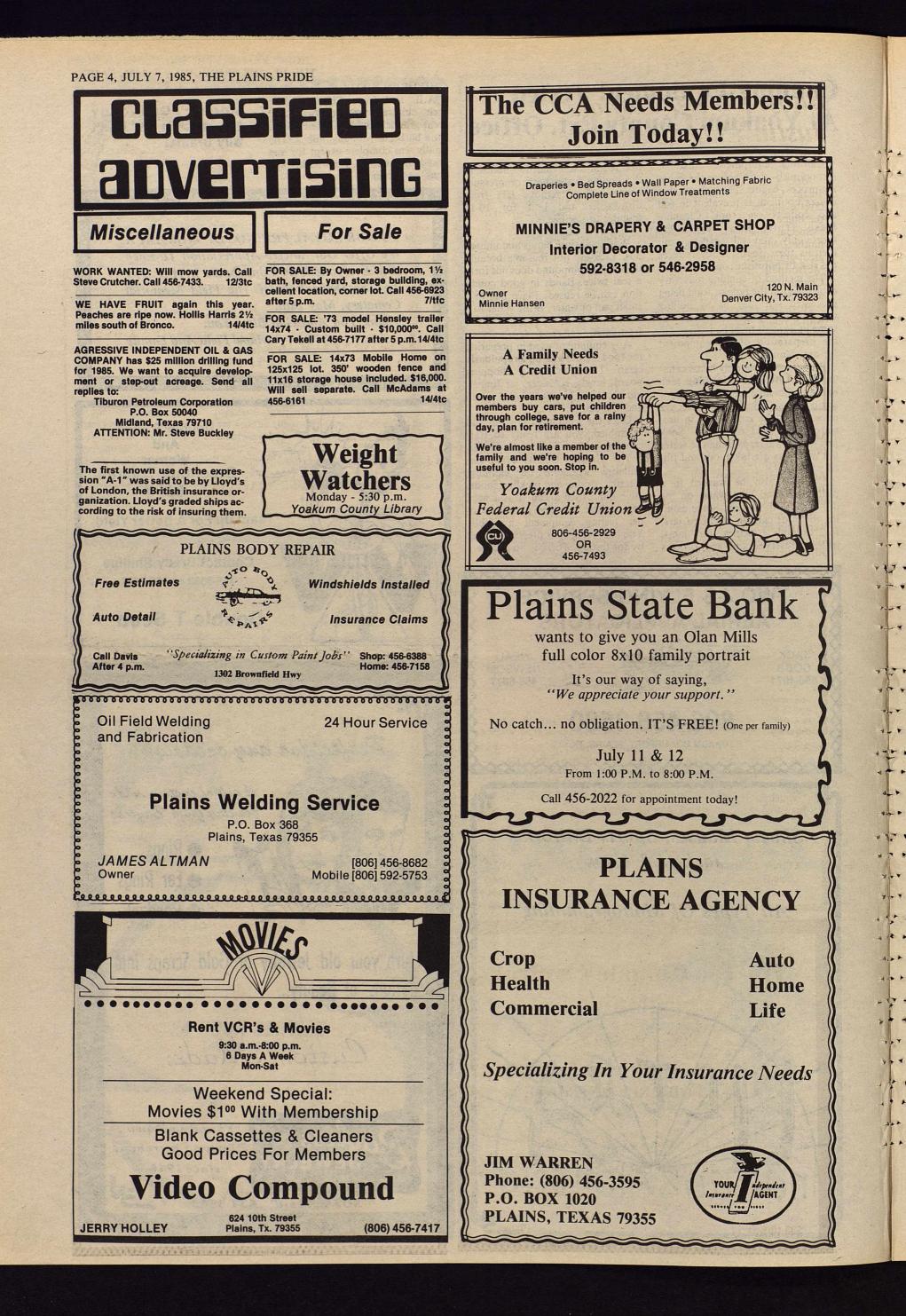
A.B. and Irene Chitwood had their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren in their home for a barbecue Monday, July 1. The family was complete except for one granddaughter, of Waco, who was

Money Can Buy Books; But It Can't Buy Brains!

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Baby Shower Honors Justin Cale Chambliss

Mrs. Chris Chambliss and son Justin Cale were honorees at a layette shower Sunday, June 30 in the home of Mrs. Jim Barron.

Special guests were the grandmother, Mrs. J.C. Chambliss and great-grandmothers, Mrs. Wilma McDonnell and Mrs. Beatrice Chambliss of Brownfield and an aunt, Mrs. Shelley Ruthardt.

Hostesses presented the honoree with a yellow silk carnation corsage and stroller, swing and centerpiece.

Commissioners Court

The Commissioners' Court met Monday, July 1 with all members present.

Approved for employment was Anna Gonzales. She will replace Joan Breith, who resigned her position on the Child Welfare Board. Miscellaneous bills and extra hire were read by County Auditor C.R.

Gillis and approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m. Jolena Powell.

GUNS & AMMO

The party table was laid with a white cloth embroidered and appliqued with yellow and green flowers. Yellow napkins imprinted with Justin Cale, June 8, 1985 were used. The centerpiece was a green Care Bear holding a bouquet of yellow balloons.

An assortment of cookies, nuts and mints were served to the guests.

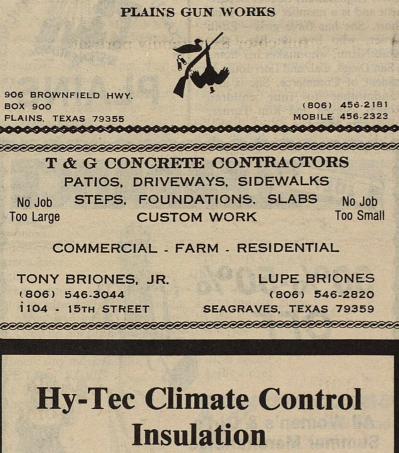
Stanford Club Holds Meeting

The Stanford Valley Extension Club met Saturday, June 21, in the home of hostess, Beverly Lowrey.

4-H'ers, Jolena Powell and Amy Jones gave a program on "Brands". Linda Powell presented "Historical Arts and Crafts".

Refreshments were served to five members and four guests. They were Linda Wall, Beverly Lowrey, Gwen Carter, Linda Powell and Eloise St.Romain; and guests, Paula Oswalt, Toni Jones, Amy Jones and Jolena Powell.

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From The Superintendent's Desk

Last week we announced that a new and updated telephone system was to be installed at Plains Schools. Please note that the system is now in place and new telephone numbers are as listed:

Superintendent's Office	456-7401
Business Office	
High School Principal	
High School Office	
Junior High/Resource Center	
Elementary School/Cafeteria	

Now, in keeping with our commitment to inform you of summer responsibilities, I would like to comment on the personnel area of administrative duties.

During the summer it is often necessary to secure new teachers for our schools. The Texas Education Agency sets forth many requirements in regard to placing a teacher in any certain teaching position. To become qualified to teach in Texas Schools, an applicant must have a college degree with a minimum of 126 college credit hours, a valid Texas Teacher Certificate, and at least twenty-four college credit hours in the field of specialization (teaching field). For example, a teacher holding a bachelor degree with certification in English could not teach math, science, history, government, vocational education, physical education, or speech, on this secondary level unless an emergency permit is secured. An emergency permit can only be issued by the Texas Education Agency.

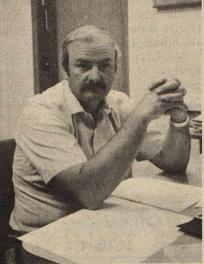
In addition to meeting all of the stated requirements, it is also very important that an applicant's personality be adaptable to the desired assignment. Then, how do we determine which qualified applicant will be employed? All applicants are screened by the principal of the school in which they will

be employed, and by the Superintendent. Initially a reference check is secured for prospective employees, then an interview with the principal is scheduled, followed by an interview with the superintendent. After the interviews, administrative recommendations are presented to the Board of Trustees for final approval. The Board of Trustees and the administrative team strive to obtain the best possible teachers for our district.

I hope these details will enable you to understand more clearly the selection process used in employing our professional staff. We will continue our informative series next week when I will again discuss personnel but will refer to aides, maintenance and transportation employees.



Loma Jones, secretary to high school principal, has lived in the Plains community for 15 years. Working with the school for five years, she was born in Bridgeport, Alabama. Attending schools in Alabama and Tennesse, her favorites are sewing, crocheting, reading, cooking and baking. She also shares an interest with her husband, Lethel, in backyard gardening. A member of the First Baptist Church, she likes helping with vacation bible school in the summer. Loma is Department Director in the Junior High Sunday School Department and is a member of the Adult Choir. She has three girls - Edith Turner, who lives in Big Lake, Susan Niemi, who makes her home in San Diego, Cal. and Lori Jones, a resident of Commerce. She is also grandmother to four children -Robert, Steven and Kim Turner; and Kirstin Niemi.



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Macky McWhirter lists his interests as entomology and boating. High school chemistry and biology teacher for Plains Independent School District the last 16 years, he is a native of Lubbock. Having attended public schools in Tahoka, McWhirter received his B.A. and M.S. from Baylor University. He has three sons, Brad, Blake and Blaine.





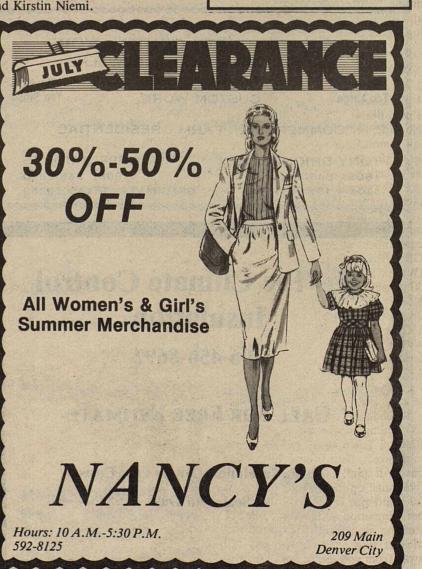
Brett Parr, born and reared in Childress, has a B.S. in art and history from McMurry College. With four years teaching in Plains, Parr has nine years of experience. Listing his favorites as art, golf, solidali, reading, cartoons, carpentry, leatherwork and shooting, his wife, Lee, is also a graduate of McMurry College. She taught elementary english and music in Abilene and Childress schools, and is now a homemaker. Having lost their baby daughter, Nadalee, in 1980, they have one son, Grady, four years old.

Abalone steak, the popular seafood dish found along the Pacific Coast and in Japan, comes from the muscular foot of the snail.



Richie Cullins, high school math and science teacher, holds a B.S. degree from McMurry College. He has been with Plains Schools five of his ten years of teaching. Born and raised in Coleman, he enjoys hunting, gardening and sponsoring the UIL Number Sense. He has two children, Shawn, five, and Lensey, two.







BETTY JO ESTEP

Kitchen Korner

Mrs. Elbert Estep shares recipes with the readers of The Plains Pride this week.

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Betty is a homemaker who enjoys fishing, camping, painting and reading.

She is the mother of two children, Johnny, 24, of this city; and Dean, 23, of Amarillo.

Born to Irene and Abe Mallouf Sr., Betty was reared on a Lazbuddie farm and has lived in Plains seven years. They moved here from Muleshoe.

Betty is an active member in Yoakum County Art Association. Elbert manages the Texas Highway Department.

The family has two pet dogs, Spunky and Pee Bow.

Betty's paternal grandparents were born in Lebanon and were dating before leaving that country and were married shortly after coming to the United States.

AVOCADO SALAD 2 Avocados 4 tomatoes 1 med onion 1 hot pepper 2 T lemon juice 1/2 t salt 1/4 t black pepper Peal avocados and chop in small pieces of cubed tomato slices and onion. Chop up hot pepper then add other ingredients. Mix well. Will compliment any mexican dish. **GRAPE LEAF ROLLS** (Warak Inib Mihshee) 50 grape leaves 1 t salt 2 lemons (juice) $1\frac{1}{2}$ c rice 4 pork chops 6 slices bacon 4 cloves garlic 1 t cinnamon 1/2 t pepper Rinse leaves in cold water, dip in-

to boiling water to make soft. Remove from water and drain out moisture. Dice pork chopsand bacon in small pieces microwave for five mins. on high. Drain off excess fat. Add rice (uncooked) salt, pepper, cinnamon and garlic. Place 1 T stuffing across each leaf. Fold end of leaf like an envelope and roll away from you. Place pork bones or extra bacon strips on bottom of

pan. Then place rolled leaves alternating directions. Press leaves down with inverted dish. Add water to reach dish. Cover pan and cook on low fire until rice is done (about 21/2 hrs). During last 10 mins. of cooking, add the lemon juice.

TURTLE CAKE 1 pkg chocolate cake mix

1 14 oz bag caramels ³/₄ c butter or margarine 1/4 c evaporated milk 1 c chocolate chips 1 c walnuts or pecans

Preheat oven to 350°. Prepare cake mix as directed on box. Pour 1/2 batter into greased and floured 13x9x2 inch baking pan. Bake 15 mins. In double boiler, melt caramels, butter and milk. Stirring until smooth. Pour over hot cake in pan. Sprinkle chocolate pieces and nuts evenly. Pour remaining batter over all. Bake 20-25 mins. until done. Let cool - can be frosted if

desired or cut in squares as is. STUFFED SQUASH

OWNERS

(Koosa Mihshee) 1 doz squash 2 cans tomato sauce 1 t salt $1\frac{1}{4}$ c rice 3 pork chops 6 slices bacon 3 garlic cloves

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1 t cinnamon

1/2 t pepper Cut off necks of squash and core out the insides. Dice pork chops and bacon. Microwave on high 5 mins. Drain off excess fat. Add salt, rice, mashed garlic, cinnamon and pepper. Stuff 1/2-3/4 full leaving room for rice to expand. Place in pan standing up. Pour tomato sauce sauce into the squash openings. Fill pan with water 1/2 way up on squash. Cover and cook on low fire until rice is done about 2 hrs.



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THE PLAINS PRIDE PRESENTS Candace Faye Bowers, three year old daughter of Tim and Donna Bowers. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Claude Bowers of Pleasanthill and Mr. and Mrs. A.O. Bearden. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Bowers of Pleasanthill and Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Roberts of Brownfield.



BOX 555

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Harrol Holley

Layette Courtesy Fetes Lindsay Danielle Huerta

Little Miss Lindsay Danielle Huerta, daughter of Daniel and Donna Huerta of Lubbock, was honored with a layette courtesy Sunday, June 29 in the clubroom from 2 to 4 p.m. with 26 guests present.

Special guests were the honoree's mother, Donna; her grandmother, Felicita Huerta of Plains and her great-grandparents, Ray and Hazel Lackey of Brownfield.

A corsage of white lace, pink ribbons and booties was presented to the mother of the honoree.

Kirk Williams Is Honor Student

Kirk Williams is one of 1800 students qualifying for the President's List and Dean's Honor Roll in Texas Tech University's six colleges during the 1985 spring semester.

To be eligible for the Listing a student must earn a 4.0 (A) grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours. To make the Honor Roll one must have finished 12 or more semester hours with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

The party table was laid with a tablecloth featuring babies and was lettered with "Welcome, Baby Lindsay Danielle." Sugar cookies, fruit salad and banana punch was served.

Hostesses presented the little miss with a high chair decorated with Care Bears.

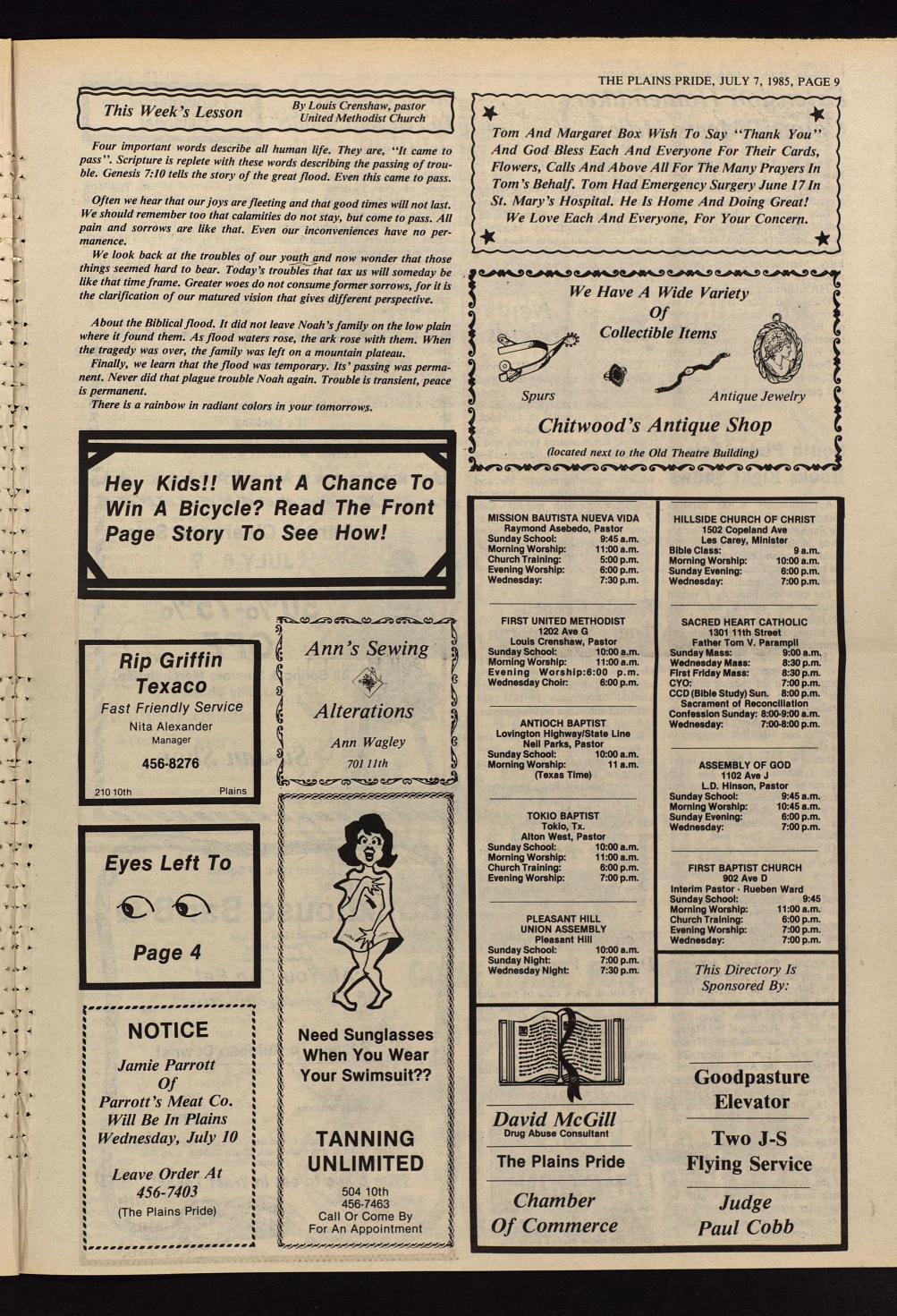
County Secretary Attends Conference

Yoakum County Farm Bureau secretary, Debbie Liles, attended the annual Texas Farm Bureau Office Secretaries' Conference held June 23-25 in Waco at the Texas Farm Bureau state office and Waco Hilton.

During the seminar, Debbie received instruction on various Farm Bureau office procedures and heard presentations from several staff members and guest lecturers.

General sessions were held on public affairs, TFB commodity programs, the Safemark program, the American Farm Bureau Federation and county newsletters.





PAGE 10, JULY 7, 1985, THE PLAINS PRIDE **Extension Homemakers Council Meets Here**

Yoakum County Extension State meeting in Longview in Homemakers Council met here Tuesday, July 2 in the clubroom for a regularly scheduled meeting.

Toni Jones, vice chairman, conducted the business meeting. Jerri Lollar, secretary, called the roll and read the minutes of the last meeting. Bitsy Martin, treasurer, gave a report on funds and Pat Curtis, TEHA chairman, gave a report.

Thank you notes from 4-H'ers were read. Club presidents reported on June meetings and Pat Curtis reported that 23 women attended the Women's Self-Defense Course in Denver City.

Craft Day; Oct. 1, was discussed and plans were made to attend the

South Plains Fair Books Eight Shows

Approximately 6,700 catalogs plugging the 68th annual edition of the Panhandle-South Plains Fair are being distributed throughout the South Plains and eastern New Mexico areas, general manager Steve L. Lewis has announced.

The catalogs, boasting a record premium list totaling more than \$80,000 are being sent to potential exhibitors, officials, the chamber of commerce and information services at City Hall, Lewis said.

A junior beef heifer show has been added to the judging calendar this year and will offer premiums totaling \$6,000. Competition is open to all Future Farmers of America and 4-H Club members in the state.

One new wrinkle this year is the judging schedule, which has been rearranged due to education reforms throughout the state. Most of the student-related activities have been moved to weekends to avoid school conflicts, Lewis said.

Otherwise, the usual exposition fare is included in the 136 page catalog.

Eight stage shows instead of the usual seven have been booked for Fair Park Coliseum. The lineup includes George Strait, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., Sept. 21; The Statler Brothers, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., Sept. 22; Andrus, Blackwood & Co., 7 p.m. only Sept. 23; John Schneider, 7 p.m. only Sept. 24; The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, 7 p.m. only Sept. 25; The Vern Gosdin Show, 7 p.m. only Sept. 26; The Judds and the Maines Brothers, 7 p.m. only Sept. 27; and Janie Fricke, 7 p.m. only Sept. 28.

Tickets for the Andrus show are \$3, while tickets for the Schneider, Dirt Band, Gosdin and Judd shows are \$8. Tickets for the remaining stage attractions are \$10 each. All seats are reserved.

Mail order reservations may be sent to Show Tickets, P.O. Box 208, Lubbock, Texas 79408. Requests will be processed in the order in which received and orders will be filled after July 1. Mail orders must be accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

September.

Those present were Maye Weed, Gwen Carter, Edith Jones, Toni Jones, Pat Curtis, Bitsy Martin, Pam Redman, Sidney Murphey, Jerri Lollar and agent, Mary Dale Williams.

Next meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 3 at 11:30 a.m. in the club room.



Charles and LaDonna Diamond would like to announce the arrival of their daughter, LaShonda Cherie, born Friday, May 30 in South Park Hospital in Lubbock. Weighing seven pounds eight ounces, she measured twenty and a half inches long. The little miss has a brother, Jeremy, 21 months old. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Farnham Sr. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Carl T. Brown of Lake Providence, La. Great-grandfather is Dean H. Far of Maine. Betsy Oden of Lake Providence, La. is great-grandmother.

Randy Kennedy Tours Washington

Randy Kennedy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Buster Kennedy, was recently selected to represent Lea County Electric Cooperative in the 1985 Electric Youth Tour of Washington, D.C.

Kennedy was selected for the 11-day trip on the basis of five short essay questions and an interview in Lovington, N.M.

Competitors for the trip from Tatum, Lovington and Plains. While in Washington, Kennedy was appointed as the New Mexico representative to the Youth Consulting Board and the Youth Tour Committee.

He will be making additional trips to Las Vegas in March and again to Washington in June, 1986.

Weight Watchers **Discuss** Vacations

Vacations are a time of fun and relaxation, don't make eating the number one entertainment.

This was the advice given those

who attended the Weight Watchers meeting Monday in the library. Several alternatives to vacations

were also given. Next meeting will be Monday, Ju-

ly 8 at 5:30 p.m. in the library.



The aardvark, the ant-eating animal from Africa, got its name from Dutch settlers in the 1600's. Translated, the name means earth pig.

Bridal Courtesy To Fete Keri Schults

Miss Keri Schults, bride-elect of Shaun Barnett, will be honored with a bridal courtesy in the Heritage Room of the Yoakum County Library, Saturday, July 13.

Calling hours are from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Friends and relatives are invited to attend. Gift selections have been made with local merchants.

1964: The first state lottery held in



MONDAY, JULY 8 - Commissioners' Court at 10 a.m. Volunteer Fire Dept. at 7:30 p.m. School Board meets at 7 p.m. GFWC Tsa Mo Ga meets at 7 p.m. TUESDAY, JULY 9 - City Council meets at 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10 -Filmtime for Juniors at Yoakum County Library starts at 4 p.m. THURSDAY - M.A.D.D. meets at



Parity Dips To Lowest Point Ever

According to United States Department of Agriculture figures, the parity index dropped to its lowest point in history during the month of April, says Darrell Barron, the president of Yoakum County Farmers Union.

"The parity figure for the month of April was 53 percent, the lowest since the dark days of the Depression, in June of 1932," says Barron. "Parity is a figure that the public doesn't hear much about these days, but is a pretty accurate way of figuring how the farm economy is doing. And right now it isn't well at all."

The parity yardstick is a method of determining cost-versus-price relationships in the farm economy. The figure is based on prices received and paid out during the 'Golden Years' of American agriculture, that period that historians have designated between 1909-1914 as the best years of farming. The formula is adjusted for inflation and is similar to the oft-quoted Consumer Price Index, in that it is a measuring stick for the condition of a segment of the economy. From U.S.D.A. figures:

PRELIM. APRIL PERCENT PRICES REC'D OF PARITY PARITY COMMODITY PRICE PRICE \$7.07 19.70 5.14 4.77 8.69 3.03 1.24 .457 12.80 12.40 \$ 3.40 8.14 2.68 2.18 4.36 1.63 .55 Wheat, bu. Rice, cwt. Corn, bu. 41% 52% 46% 50% 54% 44% Barley, bu. Sorghum, cwt. Oats, bu. Up. Cotton, lb. npr 5.86 6.62 56.10 41.60 13.00 12.10 .53 .748 Peanuts, Ib. Soybeans, bu. Flaxseed, bu. Beef Cattle, cwt. 46% 53% 56% 46% 56% 56% 44% 32% 12.40 101.00 89.50 23.50 Hogs, cwt. All Milk, cwt. Mfg. Milk, cwt. 21.53 1.18 Eggs, dozen Wool, lb.

Invitation Extended To Area Farmers

Cotton, corn and sorghum producers in Yoakum County are invited to the second part of the annual High Plains Scout Training Workshop to increase the effectiveness of their pest management programs.

The last of two workshop sessions will focus on mid-and late-season pests and will be held Tuesday, July 9, at the Hale County Agricultural Center in Plainview, according to David Kight, county Extension Agent. The center is on U.S. 87 Business Route south of the city.

The workshop will begin at 8:30 a.m. with Dr. James Leser, Extension Entomologist, outlining the scope of the training and explaining general concepts. Leser will then open the cotton pest section with information on bollworms and budworms. Beet armyworms, loopers and aphids will be discussed by Greg Cronholm, Extension Agent-Entomology headquartered at Plainview.

Corn pests will be covered by Allen Knutson, Extension Agent-Entomology based in Dimmitt. Dr. Pat Morrison, Extension en-tomologist, will discuss sorghum pests.

The daylong workshop will conclude with a field session in which participants will identify pests and beneficials and practice scouting techniques.



