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ELMER KELTON, western author from San Angelo, was guest speaker during the second annual Chamber of Commerce covered dish banquet held in the Plains School Cafeteria last Thursday night.

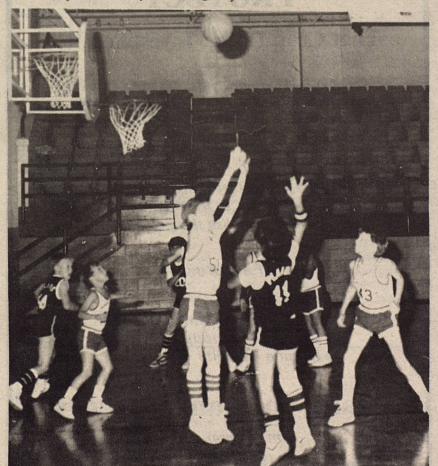
Dribbler Coaches, School Staff To Play Benefit Basketball

Boys Little Dribblers coaches and school personnel of Plains will face each other in a benefit basketball game Monday, April 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the boys gym.

Proceeds of the event will go toward expenses of boys attending

the National Tournament April 17-19 in Evadale.

"We're going to have funny referees and even funnier cheerleaders," announced a spokesman. Everyone in the community is invited to attend the family event.



BOYS LITTLE DRIBBLER ALL-STARS practice for National Tournament to be held in Evadale, April 17-19. Here they are taking on Denver Ci-

Chamber Banquet Success, Western Author Is Speaker

Second annual Plains Chamber of Commerce Banquet was held Tuesday evening in Plains School Cafeteria, with proclaimed success. Western author Elmer Kelton was guest speaker, entertaining banquet goers with "From Riding to Writing".

Jim Warren, Chamber president, was master of ceremonies. Following audience participation in the Pledge of Allegiance, Melba Crutcher performed the National An-

Bill Strickler sang "Back Home Again" and "Country Roads". Invocation and benediction were by Rev. L.D. Hinson, pastor of Assembly of God, and the Rev. Ken Peterson, pastor of United Methodist Church, respectively.

Warren presented awards to Ashlee, Ladd and Shyloh Winn, children of Tony and Lynne Winn, who put Plains, Tx. on the world attention map last fall in acrogymnastics competition in Paris,

In addition to Warren, other officers of Plains Chamber of Commerce are Dean Andrews, vice president and Carolyn Culwell, treasurer. Other directors are Johnnie L. Fitzgerald, Jim Barron, A.D. "Dick" McGinty and Faye Nelms. Dolores Davis was banquet chairman. She was assisted by Mrs. Culwell. Banquet programs were designed by Lorelei Andrews and Kim Andrews. Table decorations were by GFWC Tsa Mo Ga Club directed by Sarah Burris, Eleanor Simpson and Zareta Winn.

Persons interested in becoming a part of Plains Chamber of Commerce are invited. Meetings are first Tuesdays of each month at 7 a.m. in Johnnie's Restaurant. Dues are \$5 per month for businesses; \$1 per month for individuals.

Brad McWhirter Chosen Delegate To Boys State

Brad McWhirter will represent Plains at the 1987 session of Texas American Legion Boys State this summer in Austin. He will be sponsored by Post 585 of American

Boys State will be in session from June 6 to June 12 on the University of Texas campus. Boys attending will participate in the organization of political parties, campaigns, elections and the enactment and enforcement of their own laws within a mythical state. Elected State officials will function "for a day" at the Capitol June 12.

"As one of the Legion's outstanding youth-training programs, Boys State affords youngsters an opportunity to learn the functions of local and state government," said Roy Perkins, Legion Commander of Post 585. "They will also see the importance of the role a good citizen has in discharging his citizenship responsibilities. They soon discover how good government depends upon the active interest of every

School Board Reviews Teachers Contracts Monday

special session Monday evening.

A request for the use of the gymnasium April 13 was approved for Plains Little Dribblers Association.

President of the board Jack Palmer announced the board would enter executive session to consider contract renewals of Tom Sears, Paula Cullins and Jim Baldwin.

Tom Griffith requested deliberation of Sears' contract be in open session. Palmer announced the meeting open to the public.

Contracts of Ms. Cullins and

School board members met in Baldwin, in separate action, were approved for extension through the 1987-88 school year. Approval was then given for Sears or Griffith to speak to the board.

Griffith addressed the board on behalf of Sears and Sears also addressed the board. Sears and his attorney then agreed the board could discuss the matter in executive ses-

After coming out of executive session, board members unanimously voted to not renew Sears' employment contract for another year.

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Foster Family Guidelines Cited By Human Services

Texas Department of Human Services, traditionally referred to as "Child Welfare" has a continuing need to locate families to provide temporary care for pre-school and school age children, sibling groups, minority children and children with special physical and emotional needs. Families that can provide for up to 30 days, and families that can provide long-term care, for up to six months, are needed.

must not have any health problems which would interfere with caring for a child. Families should be able to meet their own financial needs and homes must pass a fire and health inspection. Both parents may work as long as adequate child care arrangements are made. Families must also be willing to provide a positive family experience for children. Preservice orientation and training sessions are available to provide detailed information about how the Foster Home Program works and how to deal with children placed in foster care. A home study is conducted after the training to permit

persons to examine their interest in

the program and evaluate the types

of children that would work best for

In order to be a foster parent, one

needs to be 18 years of age or older,

and single or married one year. One

each family. One of the primary factors stressed throughout the training and home study is that persons are not committed to become foster parents until they have enough information to make their own decisions. In short, one may obtain all of the available information and decide that it is not a good time to become a foster parent, based on the current family situation. Accurate information is needed to make a realistic decision, however, and the Department of Human Services encourages interested persons to find out more about the program before deciding.

Commissioners' Court

Commissioners' Court of Yoakum County convened in special session Monday.

The 1986 Immigration Reform and Control Act and its effect on county governments was discussed. Correspondence from South Plains Association of Governments was read announcing a seminar on the

Correspondence was also read from Secretary of State Jack Rains requesting support and ideas to improve recently introduced legislation to require single location polling places for primary elections in order to reduce costs to the state.

Insurance agents Don Hosch of Lubbock and Jim Warren, representing American Heritage Life Insurance Company, presented a Cancer and Dread Disease Insurance Plan and made comparison of benefits with the current plan. No action was taken.

The court moved to advertise for bids to purchase a new four wheel drive rubber tired, articulated front end loader with trade in of 1976 CAT 920 wheel loader; to purchase a 1987 or 1988 model 21/2-ton rated truck with delivery date specified; and to sell a 1971 model Chevrolet dump truck. Bids on each should be received April 20. Specifications may be obtained and vehicle shown by contacting Commissioner Johnnie Fitzgerald or Ronnie Cowart of Precinct 4.



"WINNING WINNS" RECOGNIZED at recent Chamber Banquet. Children of Tony and Lynne Winn, they are, (ltr) Ashlee, Shyloh and Ladd.

Winn Children Recognized, Training For Nationals

Whether spelled with double letters - Winn - or one n - "Win" - they are one and the same when attached to the names Ashlee, Ladd and Shyloh, three true competitors of acrogymnastics. The children of Tony and Lynne Winn and grandchildren of Billy and Zareta Winn, and Johnnie and Melba Fitzgerald, all of Plains, have been actively involved with acrogymnastics since each became two years old. Their accomplishments were recognized Thursday evening at the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

Each has won several district, state and national-regional titles. They have also competed in the past four National Championships held in Cleveland, Ohio; Las Vegas, Nev.; Amarillo; and Mobile, Ala.

Ladd won the power tumbling title in 1985 competition in Amarillo. Ashlee competed at that time in Junior Olympics with youth 18 and under. Ashlee and Ladd then competed in an Invitational World Meet in June 1985 in Solon, Ohio. There Ashlee won the synchronized tramdividual trampoline. Ladd won coaches.

tumbling and synchronized trampoline.

These competitions in combination with qualifying scores enabled them to be a part of the USA team traveling to Paris, France Oct. 18-26, 1986 to compete in World Championships which are held every two years in acrogymnastics.

In France, Ladd won the power tumbling competition and became the 1986 Champion for ages 10 and under. He also won a silver medal on the double-mini trampoline. Ashlee placed fifth in 11-12 year old division and Shyloh was seventh in girls division, 10 and under. Shyloh was the youngest competitor in the entire meet which included 1,500 competitors from 14 countries.

All three young Winns are currently training for the 1987 National Championships to be held at the end of June in Rockford, Ill. and 1988 World Championships to be held in

The children are part of the South Plains Acrospirits and Plains Royal Bounders tumbling teams. Sherry Arnwine and Pat Green are the

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Miss McMurray, Mr. Cox Recite Double Ring Vows

Miss Amantha McMurray and Tony Stephen Cox recited wedding vows March 21 in Harris Avenue Baptist Church in San Angelo.

Directing the double ring ceremony was Dr. Earl Dunn.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Lewis are parents of the bride. The groom is son of

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Cox of Brownwood.

Honor attendants were Cindy Garner and Allen Fox of San Angelo.

A 1984 graduate of Plains High School, the bride attended Cisco Junior College, Texas Tech University and Angelo State University.

The groom graduated from Brownwood High School in 1984. He has attended Cisco Junior College and Angelo State University.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox are at home in San Angelo where they are presently enrolled in Angelo State University.

Handwork Is Program Topic Of Stateline Club Meeting

"My Favorite Handwork" was the roll call answered by members of Stateline Extension Homemakers Club Saturday in the clubroom. Dene Rafferty, president, presided.

Members discussed the District 2 TEHA meeting scheduled April 14 in Post. Margaret Box, Clara Williams, Carol Beth Box, Sidney Murphy, Carol Copeland and Jeannette Wood announced plans to attend.

A county-wide program was announced for April 16 in the party house of Yoakum County Park. To be held from 7:30 to 9 p.m., it will feature a program, "Dealing With Stress". It is free to the public.

Toni Jones and Pam Redman will attend a leader training program, "Let's Get Organized", Tuesday, April 21. Mary Dale Williams, County Extension Agent, shared information on "Medicare - How It Works".

Mrs. Murphy gave a demonstration on Seminole Patchwork and showed how it can be used to decorate skirts, blouses, towels, aprons, belts and more. Refreshments of miniature cherry cheesecakes, coffee and tea were served by hostess, Mrs. Redman. Also attending were Marie Box, Gale McDonnell, Sheri McGinty and a guest, Jackie Coke of Seminole.

Kay McClure 'Outstanding'

Kay Lewis McClure has been selected for inclusion in the 1986 edition of Outstanding Young Women of America according to Margaret Arnold, chairman of the board of advisors.

In its 22nd year, OYWA honors young women between the ages of 21 and 36 who have distinguished themselves in community service, professional leadership, academic achievement, business advancement, cultural accomplishments and civic and political participation.

Mrs. McClure will be listed with biographical entry in the OYWA annual publication.

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Filmtime

Filmtime youngsters at Yoakum County Library April Fool played outdoor games and saw films, "In The Bag" and "I'm No Fool in the Water". They also listened to the story of "The Three Bears".

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Attending were Scott Sears, Kristen and Scott Robertson, Justin Taylor, Kristen Gray, Donita Richardson, Leticia Canon, Lacey Crawford, Staci Tuggle, Linzie Rust, Joshua and Jared Bell, Anne and Bradley Palmer, Kelsey and Krystle Blundell, Kenny Beck, Chad and Casey Maines. Elizabeth Clanahan, Kyle Kight, Aaron and Evan Cain, Christopher Estrada, Ryan Swann, Brett Squyres, Jeremy, Joel and Joshua Horn, Christina Eppler, Kimberly and Sarah Martinez, Joshua and Daniel Clay and Ty Shearman.

Little Dribblers To Sponsor Sale

Girls Little Dribblers will host a garage sale Saturday, April 11 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 1410 Avenue G.

Anyone with donations for the sale is invited to contact a Little Dribbler mother. Shoppers are also invited.

Foster Homes Are Sought

Terry and Yoakum Counties are in need of foster families to care for abused and neglected children.

Anyone interested in more information regarding this program, is asked to attend an orientation meeting April 13 at 7 p.m. in First Presbyterian Church, 1002 E. Broadway in Brownfield.







Plains Independent School District

From The Superintendent's Desk



State Education Commissioner W.N. Kirby had some interesting remarks recently about demographics and education. "A few months ago I couldn't pronounce it (deomographics)," Kirby said. "Now it scares me to death. Right now fully one-third of the children in Texas schools are on the free and reduced price lunch program...and our predictions are, that because of the economy, that number will continue to go up.'

"Another piece of demographic information is that one-third of our kids we lose without graduating from high school," Kirby said. "It gets worse if you look at Hispanic kids...45 percent of Hispanic kids don't graduate from high school."

Another statistic: 85 percent of the prison inmates today have less than a high school diploma. You have to have an education to make a living. The Texas student population is growing by some 60,000 to 65,000 students per year. Growth is expected to continue into the year 2000 and shortly after the year 2000 the state will have gained (between now and then) a million more children than we have today.

"Yet our public school population is growing in terms of minority children," Kirby says. We are right at the 50th percentile now - right at the point of having about half our children minority students --half Anglo and half black and brown. It is these minority children that we do least well with in school -- not because they are minority but because of the tremendous pressure on families and on children and a high difficulty in getting a quality education.

"Not only are we facing (budget) cuts," Kirby concludes. "But at the time that we are facing cuts our needs are greater than ever



1986-87 JUNIOR VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM -- Back row, left to right, are Anna Luna, Angie Murph, Marsha Farnham, Lisa Flores, Cory Spencer and Coach Joyce Pierce. Front row, left to right, are Martha Rivera, JoAnn Martinez, Nancy Jimenez, Heather McGill and Rosalie Gar-



1986-87 VARSITY COWGIRLS -- Back row, left to right, are Lydia Jimenez, Vonda Fitzgerald, Eve Flores, Karen Cobb and Juhree Stowe. Front row, left to right, are Bertha Gonzales, Coach Charles Cain, Alice Rios and Ruth Diaz.

Plains Cowboys 'Win Big' At Whiteface Track Meet

Cowboy thinclads last week captured their second meet championship in as many outings. The PHS tracksters scored 148 points to lead all 10 competing teams at Whiteface. Wilson was runner-up with 116.

The Cowboys scored in every event. Jeff Ashburn and Mike Diaz turned in outstanding performances with Ashburn running his best of the season. His 16.4 performance easily won the high hurdles. Diaz ran with the winning 400 and 1600 relays, placed second in the 400 meter dash with 56.2 and finished fourth in the long jump with 19'7".

Other 400 relay runners aiding the 46.1 win were Martin Barrientes, Alex Barrientes and Billy Spears. Taking first with 3:49.7 in the 1600 relay with Diaz were Shawn Booth,

Alex Barrientes and Bryan Baldwin.

Alex Barrientes won the 200 meter dash with 23.6. Spears was fourth in the 100 with 11.7. Running the 800 meter run, Henry Gonzales placed second with 2:15 and Don Booth fourth with 2:22. Joe Rivera was second in the 1600 meter run with 5:09; Gonzales ran 5:14. Rivera grabbed the 3200 meter run in an 11:14 finish. Chad Guetersloh came in second with 11:17 and Roger Rivas fourth with 11:40.

In shot competition, Spears and Kevin Lowrey were fourth and fifth with 40'11" and 40'8", respectively. Spears also placed fourth in discus

Alex Barrientes was second in pole vault with 10'6" and Baldwin and Shawn Booth were fifth and sixth in high jump with 5'6" leaps.



1986-87 SEVENTH GRADE BASKETBALL GIRLS -- Back row, left to right, are Leticia Vasquez, Amy Jones, Rena McElroy, JoLena Powell, Janice Herrera, Daphne Lowe and Coach Kim Andrews. Front row, left to right, are Leslie Brinkley, Chris Villareal, Leslie Gonzales, Ashlee Winn, Kemi Cobb, Lupita Ramos and Stephanie Cole.



1986-87 EIGHTH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM -- Back row, left to right, are Coach Joyce Pierce, Michelle Lowe, Vee Ann Fitzgerald, Teresa Hinson and Shannon Squyres. Front row, left to right, are Windie Alexander, Sandra Ramos, Leslie Patton, Melissa Green, Rosanne Martinez and Annette Martinez.

Plains Pride Is Two Years Old

This week's issue begins the third year for The Plains Pride newspaper, having printed the first issue two years ago on April 7, 1985.

Publishers, Joe and Debbie Alcorta would like to extend their heartfelt thanks for the past two years.

Editors Note:

Economic times have really hurt us all and we would certainly like to be able to say that we will be publishing The Plains Pride for many years to come, but as we look to the future, it is very bleak.

Despite our pleas for support of the newspaper, advertising revenue continues to decline, while all the costs of assembling the paper remain the same or increase in certain

Many people have commented how much they enjoy Plains having a newspaper, but we cannot continue to operate it without a profit. If there is not enough advertising for a sufficient cashflow, then we will be out of business.

Revenue from an eight page paper should run close to \$700 for it to show any profit. We have averaged \$500 to \$600 weekly this year. It is taking ninety percent of the advertising and subscription revenue to pay the cost of supplies, weekly second class postage, telephone, gasoline, salary for correspondent, rent, composition and printing...not to mention babysitters.

Those responsible for Plains having a newspaper are the consistent advertisers, who are repeatedly called upon for support. Their only desire is for Plains to have a newspaper.

Although we are not looking to throw the towel in just yet, there is a lot we are very concerned about. Namely, today's economy and the effects it will have on our determination to survive. Hopefully The Plains Pride will celebrate another birthday.

Sincerely, s/Joe & Debbie Alcorta Publisher/Editor

Economics Teacher Speaks To ABWA

Linda Powell, economics and government teacher in Denver City High School, was program leader Monday evening for Texas Plains Charter Chapter of American Business Women's Association. She spoke on "Be All You Can Be".

Club members began their annual fund raiser to raise monies for an educational scholarship to be given to a graduating senior girl of the 1987 class of Plains High School. Members have details concerning the blue topaz and diamond pendant they will give away. The necklace is displayed at Yoakum County Library and will be given away April 10.

Attending the meeting in the home of Kathy Jones were Wadonna Davis, Clara Williams, Sandy Mason, Suann Parrish, Cindy Davis, Martha Palmer, Linda Lowrey, Janelle Brantley, Jean Patton, Linda Wall, Carolyn Culwell and Dolores Davis.

Game Results For Girls Little Dribblers

Little Dribblers competition March 26 found the Shooting Stars in a 40 to 14 victory over Five Alive. Bellen Coronado led the Shooting Stars with 30 points. Also scoring were Valeri Blair and Heather McDonnell, 4 each, and Sandy Sainz, 2.

Jennifer Earnest was high scorer for Five Alive with 8. Rachel Garcia added 6.

The Cowgirls stopped the Flashers, 39-18. Leading the scoring for the winners were Ogla Ramirez and Sylvia Cerna, 12 each, Brandy Lester, 7 and Heather Bowlin and Jodi Gayle, 4 each.

Flashers getting points were Amy Crutcher, 7; Rhonda Cowart, 5 and Darce Pierce, Monica Flores and Melinda Lewis, 2 each.

Sureshots and Five Alive battled to a 26-10 finish March 31. Leading the winning Sureshots was Misty

Willett with 14. Selena Humphrey and Malissa Ramirez had 4 each; Amber Bryan and Amanda Koncaba had 2 each.

Jennifer Earnest scored 6 for Five Alive; Rachel Garcia, 4.

The Flashers handed the Twisters a 33-12 loss in the second game. Monica Flores scored 12; Amy Crutcher, 10; Melinda Lewis, 4; Rhonda Cowart, 3 and Darce Pierce, 2 for the Flashers.

Twisters scoring was by Andrea Salas and Brandy Lester, 4 each; Shandy Willett and Jennifer Day, 2

In an exciting battle April 2, the Sureshots and Shooting Stars fought to an 18-17 finish with the Sureshots victorious.

Misty Willett scored 8 points for the Sureshots; Amber Bryan and Selena Humphrey, 4 each and Malissa Ramirez, 2.

Bellen Coronado got 10 for the

Shooting Stars with Sandy Sainz scoring 7.

In the second game of the evening, Monica Flores scored 23 points in the Flashers thrilling 32-31 win over the Cowgirls. Rhonda Cowart and Amy Crutcher scored 4 each for the Flashers; Darce Pierce, 1.

Ogla Ramirez and Brandy Lester got 9 each for the Cowgirls with Jodi Gayle and Heather Bowlin picking up 7 and 6 points, respectively.

Stress Workshop Slated April 16

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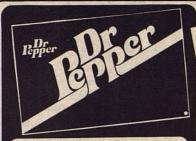
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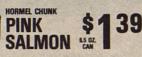
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GARAGE SALE: The Girls Little Dribblers will be hosting a garage sale. Saturday Only, April 11th from 9 a.m. til 6 p.m. at 1410 Ave G. All donations will be appreciated.

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Anyone having property situated upon the North ¾ of Section 541 Block "D" of Yoakum County, Texas should contact D.B. Stephens, owner, at P.O. Box 337, Plains, TX 79355 (or telephone (806) 456-3600), to show written permission for location of such property or to arrange for removal of said property by May 28, 1987.

Published March 24, 1987

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
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Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 10:00 A.M. on the 20th day of April, 1987 for the purchase of the following described equipment for Precinct 4:

(1) One 1987 or 1988 model 2½-ton rated truck. Delivery date should be specified in bid.

(2) One new 4-wheel drive rubber-tired, articulated front-end loader. Commissioners' Court offers in trade one 1976 model CAT 920 Wheel Loader, serial number 62K7244.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Johnnie L. Fitzgerald or Ronnie Cowart may be contacted for specifications on the equipment to be purchased and for inspection of the 1976 CAT Loader.

Sealed bids should be marked on the outside of the envelope and delivered or mailed to County Judge Dallas Brewer's office, P.O. Box 456, Plains, TX 79355.

The Commissioners' Court reserves the right to refuse any or all bids.

s/Hazel Lowrey

County Auditor Published April 7 & April 14, 1987

> NOTICE TO BIDDERS THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF YOAKUM

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court of Yoakum County will sell to the highest bidder one (1) 1971 Model C50 Chevrolet dump truck with 350 engine, 8.25 x 20 tires, 4-speed transmission, 2-speed axle, and 6 yard dump bed. Two-year-old motor is in good condition; rear-end needs work.

Truck may be seen at Precinct 4 yard located on the Morton Highway in Plains.

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s/Hazel Lowrey

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David Bunch Presenting Jim Warren With Presidents' Plaque



Reception Held In Kelton's Honor



Residents Bring Plenty Of Covered Dishes



Bill Strickler Entertains With Dinner Music



Enjoying Banquet

Chamber of Commerce Banquet held in Plains School Cafeteria

7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 2, 1987

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