

# The Plains Pride



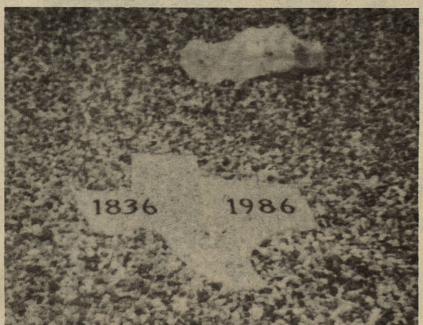
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CHAMBER "YARD OF THE WEEK" is posted at Billy and Zareta Winn's home located at 1310 2nd Street. Embedded in a section of land-scape is a Texas shaped rock commemorating the State's 150th birthday.



#### **Church Of Christ Plans Vacation Bible School**

Vacation Bible School will begin Monday, July 20 and continue through Friday, July 24 at Hillside Church of Christ. Children aged four through sixth grade are invited.

A bus will pick up children in town who need a ride. Classes will be 9 to 11 a.m.

Wesley Stults is new minister of the church.

#### Annual Art Exhibit Show July 30-Aug. 1 In Plains

Yoakum County Art Association will hold its Annual Exhibit July 30-Aug. 1 in the Art Association Building in Plains. The exhibit will be open to the public for one hour following the parade Thursday. Friday's hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. with Saturday's schedule from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 5 p.m.

Entries are open to all residents of Yoakum County. Fee is \$2 for each item entered by a member of the Association; \$4 each for non-members. Entries must be hand delivered between 10 a.m. and 2

p.m. Tuesday, July 28.

Purchase awards will be selected between 12 noon and 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 29. Categories will include Classwork and Copies, Originals, Novice, Graphics, Photographs and Crafts.

Divisions in each category are Landscape, Still Life, Portrait, Animal Portrait, Miniature, Graphics, Photographs, Crafts, Classwork, Copies and Originals.

For other information, contact Betty Estep or any member of Yoakum County Art Association.

# Clothing Tour Highlights Shared By Local 4-H'ers

Mary Dale Williams, Yoakum County Extension Agent, accompanied 4-H Clothing Project members in a clothing tour to Lubbock June 30. Making the trip were Amy and Stacey Jones, Kim and Kristy McClure, Jennifer Earnest, Amy Crutcher, Heather McDonnell, Valerie Blair and Kelly McGinty

The tour was designed to compliment projects learning experiences. Stops included a tour of the historical clothing exhibit at Texas Tech University Museum. Betty Mills, retired curator emeritus, shared special stories about

clothing. Another stop was DeJeunnis perfumery where the girls learned information on perfume and cologne, wearing fragrances and selecting appropriate scents.

Cari Peters of Robert Spence School of Modeling shared modeling information and assisted 4-H'ers as they practiced specific modeling stances and runway techniques. Valerie Collier and Mary Ann Schmitt, buyer-sales managers of Dillards, explained procedures of buying different lines of clothing, shared new colors and fashion trends for fall.

#### Superintendent Dean Andrews To Represent Class A Schools

Dean Andrews, Superintendent of Plains Independent School District, has been elected to the Texas Association of School Administrators Executive Committee. One of 20 school administrators throughout the state to serve on the executive committee, Andrews is the only representative of a Class A size school.

His representation will include Region XVII and 56 schools.

This professional organization represents every school district in the state and is active in legislative matters concerning operations of schools.

He also serves as secretary to Texas Budget Balanced Schools and is budget committee chairman for Texas Association of Community Schools.



DEAN ANDREWS

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#### Commissioners' Court

Yoakum County Commissioners Court convened in special session Wednesday with all members present. The meeting was opened with invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the Texas Flag.

Only one bid was received and opened for a used pickup for precinct two. A bid of \$9,495 from Alan Barron of Lubbock for a 1986 half-ton Chevrolet Silverado was accepted.

Mustang Country Chevrolet was the sole bidder on a car for the sheriff's department. The bid of \$13,625 with trade-in allowance for 1984 Chevrolet was accepted in conjunction with a line item transfer in the sheriff's budget of out-ofcounty housing to vehicles in the amount of \$7,180.

A right-of-way easement in precinct two for Leroy Clinton was approved.

A line item transfer within precinct one from vehicle expense to purchase of equipment was approved.

In other action, the court approved a motion to offer Lubbock General Hospital \$3,500 as full and final payment of Yoakum County's obligation in regard to an outstanding bill from March, April of 1986 in the amount of \$11,880.45.

June bills and extra hire for July 8, 13 were approved for payment including hospital bills in the amount of \$71,330.01. Hospital Administrator Ed Rodgers requested on behalf of the hospital board to table the heart monitor bids of last week for further study until July 20. A bid by CMG was not considered because it does not meet specifications.

A bid of Advanced Technology Laboratories on ultrasound machine in the amount of \$31,900 including VCR was accepted.

An additional hospital architect's invoice of \$8,087.48 was approved for payment.

A budget work session was set for 9 a.m. July 24.

#### **Lions Officers** Are Installed

Plains Lions Club held installation of officers Thursday, July 3 in the Scout Hut. Sixteen members and four guests attended.

Walt McAlexander, Lieutenant Governor of Lions District 2T2 was installing officer.

Other guests attending were Bill Smith, Brandon McGinty and Mike

#### **Former Globetrotter** To Assist In Basketball Camp

A former member of the Harlem Globetrotters, Eddie Fields, will assist in the boys basketball camp scheduled Aug. 2-6 at South Plains College.

The camp is designed for boys in third grade through high school, according to Fields, who is now assistant coach of the SPC Texans basketball squad. Head coach is Ron Mayberry, who will direct the

"We want the kids to learn the basics of basketball as well as get involved and enthusiastic about the game itself," said Fields, who played for one of two teams the Globetrotters fielded from 1978-83. He played more than 260 games a year and traveled to more than 40 foreign countries during that time. "There is a lot of work involved in learning skills at a basketball camp, but we want to make it a lot of fun, too," he said.

Camp participants will be able to see video taped relays of the camp action, play in a variety of contests, from one-on-one to hot shot contests, and play in five-on-five games (two divisions). Participants will receive a certificate, written evaluation and camp t-shirt, plus individual instruction.

Fields noted that Texas UIL rules permit only those boys who have not participated on the varsity level to attend camp. Next year's varsity players and out-of-state players are not affected by this rule.

Tuition is \$160 for overnight campers, \$135 for day campers who eat in Texan Hall and \$90 for day campers who do not eat in the cafeteria.

Fields began playing basketball at age 12 and when played basketball at East Jefferson High School in New Orleans, where he grew up. He earned All-State MVP and All-City MVP honors at the point guard position. On high school graduation in 1973, Fields was recruited by Oklahoma University in Norman where he started four years for the Sooners, playing under coach Joe Ramsey two years and coach Dave Bliss two years. He was named to the All-Big Eight squad as a senior. OU finished among the top two teams in the Big Eight three of the four seasons Fields played.

After his senior year, Fields was drafted by the Chicago Bulls of the NBA. "When I came out of school that year, I was burned out on basketball. We had just finished a tough season. Plus, I had been holding down a job which required long hours every day and that had me run me down physically," he

So Fields took a much needed vacation and went home to New Orleans where friends encouraged him to participate in a semi-pro league in the summer of 1977. He took up the offer and ended up being named to the league's All-Star team and earning MVP honors in the league. "That summer was a refreshing change for me and I decided to go to the Trotters tryout camp the next year," he says.

For the next five years, Fields,

whose pin name was "Fast Eddie" performed in all 50 states and 40 foreign countries. He helped conduct basketball exhibitions for schools, hospitals, churches, retirement homes and other non-profit organizations. As a member of the Globetrotters he appeared on television specials, learned how to handle the media and developed other public relations skills.

Fields left the Trotters in 1983 to go back to school to finish his bachelor's degree which he received from Oklahoma University in 1985. He has spent the past year and a half working in private and public schools in Tulsa.

He joined SPC's coaching staff

For more information on the upcoming boys basketball camp at SPC, contact the SPC Continuing Education Office, (806) 894-9611.

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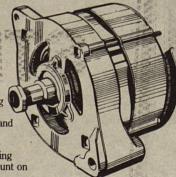
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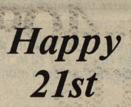


MARVIN DEARING & TERRI ANN OWEN

#### August Vows Planned

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Owen of Littleton, Co. announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Terri Ann, to Marvin Nathaniel Dearing, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse M. Dearing of Tokio.

Wedding vows will be pledged in a 3:15 p.m. ceremony Aug. 15 in First Baptist Church of Plains.





#### **FALLING ASLEEP AT THE WHEEL**

By Merrill M. Mitler, Ph.D. Scientific Director, Sleep Disorders Center Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation La Jolla, Calif.

Falling asleep at the wheel is second only to alcohol as the cause of one- and two-car accidents.

What makes drivers sleepy?

Sleep Deprivation: Many Americans are getting less sleep now than ever before. But few realize that the effect of sleep loss accumulates—the pressure to sleep builds up. People who have accumulated a large sleep debt are dangerous.

Sleep Disorders. Each year, sleep disorder centers see 20,000 to 30,000 new patients who have the problem of involuntarily falling asleep. A car accident is often what prompts them to seek medical help. Fortunately, sleep disorders usually can be successfully treated.

Body Rhythms: The Association of Professional Sleep Societies—an organization of sleep researchers—recently reviewed data on 6,000 one- and two-vehicle accidents. They fell into a time pattern with a major peak between midnight and 7 a.m. and a second peak in the daytime between 1 and 4 p.m. Our daily body rhythms make us more likely to feel sleepy at these times even if we're not lacking in sleep.

Alcohol and Street Drugs: Not only does alcohol impair judgment and reflexes, but even small doses can increase people's basic levels of sleepiness, particularly if they are somewhat sleepy to begin with. And having consumed alcohol, drivers are less likely to recognize their own fatigue. Most street drugs have similar effects.

Essential Medications: Unfortunately, many over-the-counter and prescription medications trigger daytime sleepiness as well.

Though warned by physicians and pharmacists not to drive when taking certain medications, patients don't always heed the warnings.



Don't fall asleep at the wheel: Pull over and take a safety break.

These are some signs of driver

- Difficulties in focusing; increase in blinking or even closing the eyes for a second; narrowing of the field of vision.
- Drifting to either side of the road.
- Taking longer than normal to react to a dangerous driving situation
- Failing to scan the roadway and mirrors looking only on one side of the road or straight ahead.
- Not remembering the previous few miles of the trip.

Helpful Hints

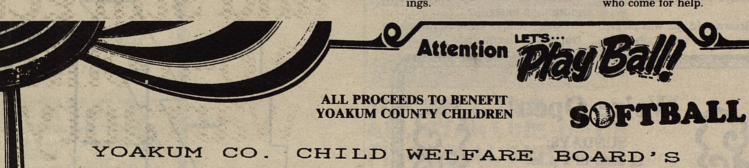
Before you leave to drive anywhere—but especially on a long trip—consider these helpful hints from the New York State Thruway Authority:

- Pull over and take a safety break, then drive alert.
- Let someone else drive for awhile, if possible.
  Set reasonable travel objections.
- Make up for any sleep you
- may have lost prior to driving.

   Avoid alcohol, even the night before driving. Effects of alcohol can take a long time to wear off.

It's almost impossible for a normal person to fall asleep at the wheel without any warning. The problem is that people continue to drive when they know they're sleepy.

If sleepiness is a persistent problem, it may be signalling a sleep disorder that requires medical attention. Sleep disorder experts can now successfully treat many people who come for help.



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### Plains Independent School District

#### Former Plains Teacher, Jo Brown Is Retiring

A former homemaking teacher in Plains High School is retiring this year, culminating a career that spanned 38 years and touched hundreds of lives in that way unique to

She earned a BS degree from Texas Tech and began her teaching career at Plains, teaching home ec. While here, she was awarded honorary membership in Future Homemakers of Texas. One of her students, in 1956, won the Betty Crocker Contest which included a free trip to Washington, D.C., New York and Jamestown and a \$1,500 scholarship.

She recalls, "After leaving Plains, my superintendent called Gatesville and said I needed a job. Mr. Brumbalow, principal at Gatesville Junior High School, made a place for me."

She then earned her masters degree from Baylor University and a counselor's certification. The past 22 years she has served as counselor.

"While I was teaching practical arts, Mr. Prince was counselor at high school and he would send me all of this counseling material," she remembers. "In 1965, a federal grant went through allowing us to have a counselor in junior high school."

Thinking back over hundreds of students she's worked with, Mrs. Brown says, "I've seen the accomplishment of all sorts of things in their lives from becoming doctors on. I didn't have any children so you were mine while I had you and I tried to get you to do your best. You didn't always do your best, but I tried."

Mrs. Brown said she was pleased to receive cards and calls from

former students she had in Plains. "My former superintendent at Plains was even at my retirement party."

"I try to remember all the good things and never the bad things," she says. "I've enjoyed it. I feel God helped me choose my profession. You shouldn't work for money. You should work because you like what you're doing."

Considering education today, she says, "I think the family structure has changed more. There are more one-parent families and more families with both parents working so the kids are having to accept more responsibility and having to be left by themselves too much."

"I think the biggest thing is many students do not want to accept authority," she says, "from parents or teachers."

"We still have those good students where they put forth their best effort and they can and will amount to something when they get out of school. In school now, we do all academics. We do not take time to teach values, morals and patriotism. When you get all of these essential elements in, you don't have time for the other things. To me, you need this too," she says.

Retirement, she says, will give her time to grow flowers, do ceramics, travel and perhaps do some volunteer work. "But only after I get rested," she adds. "The volunteer work will be with the church and with children in school more than likely."

"I've really enjoyed being a teacher," she concludes.

#### From The Superintendent's Desk

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Texas must establish a new system for funding public education by September 1, 1989, under terms of an order issued June 1 by State District Judge Harley Clark.

The directive was part of Clark's final order in the Edgewood vs. Kirby lawsuit, in which he ruled that the state's school finance system violates the Texas constitution.

Sixty-seven property-poor school districts who were plaintiffs in the suit sought to have the system overturned on grounds that it does not equitably distribute state aid to districts.

In his final order, Clark said that current school finance system is unconstitutional because it does not ensure that each student has equal access to educational funds. This, Clark ruled, fails to make the finance system an efficient system of free public schools as required by the Texas constitution.

Although Clark also issued an injunction preventing the state from distributing any money under the current system, he stayed the order until September 1, 1989, to allow the state time to appeal the case and to develop a new system.

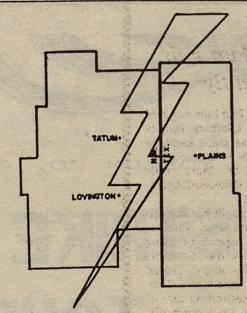
If the state devises a constitutional school finance system by that date, the stay will be extended until September 1, 1990, to allow the new plan to be implemented.

The state plans to appeal Clark's ruling to the Third Court of Appeals sometime this summer.

The State's position is that equity exists for the vast majority of Texas districts and that those districts at the extreme ends of wealth and poverty scales should not cause the entire system to be judged unconstitutional.

The state has also pointed to the progress toward equity that was made by the Legislature when it passed House Bill 72 in 1984. The law revised the system of school finance so that more money flowed to poorer school districts.

The case is expected to be finally resolved by the Texas Supreme Court.



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#### **Obituaries**

#### Thelma Ellis Services Held

Services were conducted Thursday in Grimes Funeral Home Chapel in Kerrville for Mrs. Thelma Ellis, 86, of Kerrville. Graveside rites were that evening in Tahoka Cemetery under direction of Grimes Funeral Home.

Born July 14, 1900 in Crawford in McLennan County, she married James (Jake) H. Ellis Jan. 22, 1930 in Lawton, Ok. He died May 21,

She taught school 35 years, 24 in Plains. She also taught at Magnolia, Tahoka, Southland, Wichita Falls, Flower Grove in Dawson County and Three Lakes in Brownfield. Beginning her teaching career in 1920, she came to Plains in 1947. She moved to Kerrville.

She was a Baptist.

Survivors include a daughter, Laura Ann Rushing of Kerrville; a son, James H. Ellis Jr. of Bartlesville, Ok.; three grandchildren, Mike, Jay and Terri Rushing of Kerrville; and four brothers, G.W. Hickerson of Tyler, Cecil Hickerson of Seminole, Oran Hickerson of Tatum and Rae Hickerson of Dallas.

#### Plains '42' Club Meeting Held

A patriotic theme carried out by an arrangement of red roses centered with an American flag decorated the party table Saturday evening for the regular meeting of Plains "42" Club.

Sandwiches, chips and dips, cake and ice cream were served. Games of "42" were played.

#### Clothing Fun Fair Held Recently

A 4-H Clothing Fun Fair was held recently for 4-H Clothing project members. Members made bandana scarves with beads as an accessory under direction of Mary Dale Williams, County Extension Agent, Home Economics.

JoAnn Barron taught posture tips and individuals practiced walking, sitting and other aspects of using good posture. Anita Boozier, Denver City Cosmotologist, shared make-up and skin care hints. Glenda Sales taught a session on care of clothing and how to launder dif-

#### VISIT SISTER

Sherm and Bertie Tingle visited during the Fourth of July weekend with his sister, Owassa Field, in House, N.M. They attended the Billy the Kid Pageant.

#### **SUNDAY VISIT**

Ita and Robert Young visited Sunday with Romalee and Alton Elmore in Brownfield.

#### Summertime Food Safety Tips Shared By Agent

Summer is a time for taking food out to the porch, the park and the beach. Not remembering food safety on these outings can lead to food poisoning, which is no picnic, says Mary Dale Williams, Yoakum County Agent, Home Economics.

Food safety begins at the grocery store. Pick up poultry and meat last, and get them home and stored in the refrigerator as soon as possible.

If leaving home for a cookout, pack wisely. Make sure the cooler is well insulated and has enough ice to keep the food cold.

Before barbequing, make sure

cooking utensils to preparation surfaces. A quick wash with hot soapy water will do. Use separate cutting boards and utensils for raw and cooked foods, or wash them thoroughly between uses. Make sure to wash hands often to avoid "cross contamination".

Never use the same plate for cooked meat or poultry that once had raw meat or poultry on it, unless it has been thoroughly washed in hot, soapy water.

The flu like symptoms of food poisoning are unwelcome picnic guests. Food-borne illnesses can be

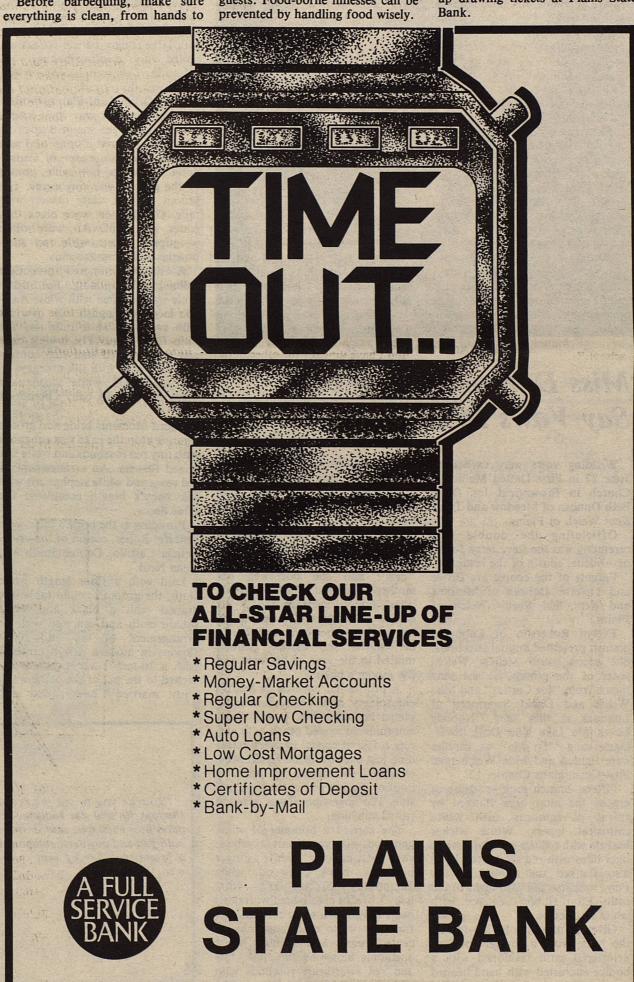
#### Art Association Plans Exhibit

Plans for their annual show July 30-Aug. 1 were discussed July 7 when Yoakum County Art Association met in regular session. Betty Estep, chairperson, led the discus-

Yearbook covers were submitted. Reports were given by committees.

Sandwiches, apple pie and soft drinks were served by Mary Lou Parks, Wadonna Davis and Melody

Members were reminded to pick up drawing tickets at Plains State





MRS. TRACY KENT WELCH

#### Miss Duncan, Mr. Welch Say Vows In Brownfield

Wedding vows were exchanged June 27 in First United Methodist Church in Brownfield for Darla Beth Duncan of Meadow and Tracy Kent Welch of Plains.

Officiating the double ring ceremony was the Rev. Jerry Joplin of Abilene, cousin of the bride.

Parents of the couple are Elvice and Laverne Duncan of Meadow and Kent and Peggy Welch of Plains.

Evelyn Roberson of Lubbock, pianist, presented nuptial selections. She accompanied Melissa Welch, sister of the groom, as she sang theme from "Ice Castles" and Miss Welch and David Swaringen of Lubbock as they sang "Nobody Loves Me Like You Do". Swaringen sang "To Me" as candles were lighted and Miss Welch read First Corinthians Chapter 13.

Fifteen branch arch candelabras graced the altar area flanked by spiral candelabras with white cathedral tapers. White wicker baskets with red silk roses and white tiger lilies with red satin Eton bows also flanked the nuptial setting. Pews were marked with bows of red satin Eton ribbon centered with white satin bows.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal gown of delustered satin fashioned with a bodice encrusted with hand beaded pearls and Venise lace. It featured a deep v-neckline and leg-o-mutton sleeves. The ornately detailed skirt and semi-cathedral train were highlighted with scalloped schiffli lace.

For "something old" she carried a handkerchief belonging to her great-grandmother. Her dress was "new" and she borrowed her mother's diamond necklace and earrings. For "something blue" she carried a handkerchief carried by her mother in her own wedding. In her shoes, she carried pennies minted in the year of her own and the groom's birth.

A profile hat covered in Schiffli embroidery and Venise lace completed her ensemble. It was richly embroidered in seed pearls with narrow ruffle of crystal organza extending just over the brim. Silk flowers enhanced the turned up brim. A pouf of illusion was at the back and side. The fingertip veil was edged in pencil stitching.

She carried a bouquet of white and red silk sweetheart rosebuds with stephanotis, white ginger blossoms, black dogwood, white anemonie blossoms and white baby's breath highlighted with pearl heart spirals on a white cotillion lace fan with white cascading lace accented pearls and sequins, white anemonie blossoms and tiny white and red sweetheart rosebuds with white and black satin ribbons. The

bouquet was fashioned and made by the groom's mother.

Debra Thomson of Meadow, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Maid of honor was Paige Hardin of Arlington. Bridesmaids were Kathy Barton of San Antonio and Jill Bishop of Lubbock.

They wore tea length strapless sundresses of white polished cotton with large black dots fashioned with full gathered skirts with overlay of black scalloped lace accented with red satin cummerbunds with large bows in back.

They carried arm bouquets of red silk sweetheart roses and white tiger lilies with red satin Eton bows and streamers.

Candles were lighted by Mischa Thomson, niece of the bride, and Colinda Bartlett of Ruidoso, N.M., cousin of the bride. They wore tealength dresses of red polished satin with large square batiste collars accented with red satin ribbons.

Ursula Thomson, niece of the bride, was flower girl.

Donnell Welch of Plains, brother of the groom, was best man. Groomsmen were Shaun Barnett of Big Lake, Darrell Dodds of Iraan and Dawson Alexander of Plains. John Renner of Lewisville, cousin of the groom, was ringbearer. The groom wore a white tuxedo with tails. Groomsmen wore black tuxedoes with tails. All wore white wingtipped shirts with red satin bowties and cummerbunds.

A reception honored the couple following the wedding. The bride's table was adorned with white Alencon lace and English tulle overlays with swags of white tulle and red satin Eton bows. The bride's cake was a five tiered stair-step confection decorated with silk nosegays of red roses and white stephanotis blossoms with silk baby's breath. A

Precious Moments bride and groom figurine atop the cake was enhanced with tiny red rosebuds and white silk mixed flowers. An arrangement of red roses and white stephanotis with silk baby's breath completed the table decor.

Presiding at the bride's table were Jennifer Roper, cousin of the bride, Leticia Castillo, Debbie Smith and Gena Neill.

Laid with a floor length white cloth, the groom's round table was draped with a black and white square cloth and centered with an arrangement of red and black flowers in modern design centered with a 10-inch silver airplane. Attached to the tail of the plane was a "just married" banner tied with

miniature cans. The decor was created by the groom's mother.

Cheese balls, summer sausage, shrimp, vegetable sticks and cream cheese dip were served with fresh fruits. Serving were Melissa Welch, Sara Ruiz and Lacy Miller.

Members of the houseparty were Jackie and James Smith, Janelda Pendergrass and Beverly and Mark Anderson.

Birdseed bags were distributed by Kelsey Duncan, niece of the bride, Ursula and Mischa Thomson and Coco Bartlett.

For travel to South Padre Island, the bride wore a red silk blackpatterned drop waisted dress with pleated skirt and full, buttoned puffed sleeves.

A graduate of Meadow High School and Angelo State University, the bride is employed at the Lubbock branch office of Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas.

The groom graduated from Plains High School and Spartan School of Aeronautics in Tulsa. His interests are farming and flying.



Nick and Vennette Olenik announce the arrival of a daughter born June 28 in St. Mary of the Plains Hospital in Lubbock. Named Maegan Nicole, she weighed eight pounds four ounces and measured 22 inches long. Her grandparents are Vennum and Judy Fitzgerald and Nick and Peggy Olenik of Lubbock and Barbara Doyle of West Palm Beach, Fla. Greatgrandparents are Lucia Fitzgerald of Plains and Germaine McIlroy of West Palm Beach, Fla.

Billy Don and Monica Guetersloh announce the arrival of a daughter born July 6 in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital. The little lass has been named Danielle Nicole. She weighed six pounds nine ounces and measured 21 inches long. Her grandparents are Billy and Marietta Guetersloh of Plains, Wanda Minor of Nacogdoches and Dean Minor of Dallas. Great-grandmothers are Martha Guetersloh of Plains, Opal Dreadin of Littlefield and Lilly Huggins of Kerens.

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