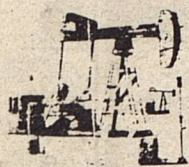


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TWO CHARTER BUSES filled with over 100 young performers in the "Up With People" organization, enroute to a Lubbock engagement, stopped for a rest period in Plains Stanford Park Tuesday. Left to right, are Chris Linkenhoker of Montgomery, Ala.; Betsy Frost of North Bennington, Vermont; Kadi Tierney of Tucson, Ariz.; Lalo Ugalde of Mexico; and Mistuyo Takago of Osaka, Japan and standing in front is Darcy Gesell of Manitoba, Canada.

'Up With People' Youth Enjoy Stop-Over In Plains

Plains welcomed surprise visitors Tuesday afternoon about 5:30 p.m. when two chartered buses with approximately 109 young people from 16 countries stopped in Stanford Park. Enroute to Lubbock, the members of an international organization called "Up With People" stopped here for a picnic break.

The tour originated in Arizona. The group was scheduled to perform in Lubbock Thursday, Feb. 25, as part of an extended tour of Texas.

"Up With People" is in its twentieth year, providing young men and women a year-long opportunity for cross-cultural education, diverse community service, onstage musical performing experience and extensive world travel. The purpose of the organization is to build peace through understanding among the people of all nations.

Each year, 550 young people representing an average of 25 countries, comprising five international casts, spend eleven months traveling to many lands, entertaining audiences world-wide. "Up With People" began with the belief that music is one of the best means for young people to communicate their enthusiasm for life, as well as their hopes and concerns for the future. Medium age for the group is 21 in a range of 18 to 26 years.

They are a diverse group of authentic, naturally motivated young people who share a commitment to working for greater international understanding. There are approximately 8,000 applications made each year for 550 positions. However, selection is not based on musical talent alone, but individual qualities revealed in personal interviews. Maturity, personality, motivation, world interest, the ability to communicate and a desire to serve others are among the attributes for which they are chosen.

While on tour, they are invited to stay in the people's homes of the communities where they perform, thus allowing them the opportunity to experience first hand, the values, foods, jobs, customs and language of their hosting family.

Following their Texas-tour, "Up With People" will return to Arizona and prepare for departure on a Mexican Tour.

Tuesday, March 8 Blood Drive To Benefit 'Snake' Smith

A benefit blood drive will be held Tuesday, March 8 for I.L. "Snake" Smith, who is unable to make blood for his needs. All blood types will be accepted as replacements for the

blood he must receive.

Persons willing to donate blood are asked to stop by the clubroom in the old courthouse from 4 to 7 p.m. March 8.

Three School Board Trustees To Be Elected Saturday, May 7

Registered voters in Plains Independent School District will go to the polls May 7 to elect three members to the board of trustees.

Incumbents Melvin Lowrey and Ty Earl Powell have filed for reelection to their posts on place one and place two. As of Feb. 24, David Guetersloh had filed for the spot on place three.

Lowrey, a resident of the district for 35 years, has served on the board six years. Currently serving as president of the board, he has also filled the post of vice-president. A graduate of Plains High School, he is the father of three children. Tracy and Tonya graduated from PHS in 1985 and 1987, respectively. Kevin is a junior.

Powell has been a resident of Yoakum County 35 years and has also been a member of the board for six years. A graduate of Plains High School and New Mexico University, he served one year as secretary of the board. His children, JoLena and Lebert, are in the eighth and eleventh grades in Plains schools.

Guetersloh is also a graduate of Plains High School. He has two children attending school, Chad, a junior and Dwain, a freshman. He has resided in the district 31 years.

Bake Sale Set 'Super Tuesday'

Members of Plains Fine Arts Club will conduct a bake sale "Super Tuesday", March 8 in the hall way of the courthouse. The sale will begin at approximately 8 a.m.

Persons are invited to shop for home baked goodies as they come out to vote.



IRMA LAZOS

Former Resident Hired By ABC

Irma Lazos, daughter of Oscar and Irma Lazos Sr., recently graduated from the University of Texas at Austin. She received a bachelor's degree in journalism from the College of Communication with a grade point average of 3.5.

Miss Lazos has been employed by ABC News of New York City and will be a news producer for "World News Tonight" with Peter Jennings and "Nightline" with Ted Koppel.

Methodists To Hold Revival Services

Revival services will be conducted Sunday through Wednesday, March 6-9 in First United Methodist Church. Dr. Sam Nader, senior minister of Lubbock's First United Methodist Church, will be preaching.

Steve Stevens of Tatum will direct song services. Mrs. Leona Crenshaw of Tatum will be guest pianist. Special music will be presented each service.

The special series will begin with the 6 p.m. worship hour Sunday and continue each evening at 7 p.m.

An invitation is extended to the public by the congregation and pastor. Dr. Nader is well known through his ministry at the church and through televised services of the church.

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Chamber Meeting Slated March 1

Plains Chamber of Commerce will meet for their regular monthly session Tuesday, March 1.

All interested persons are invited to attend the 7 a.m. meeting in Johnnie's Restaurant.

Everyone Invited To Dinner Theatre

Everyone in the community is invited to attend the performance of "Death of a Salesman" Friday, March 11 at Plains Dinner Theatre. Dinner will begin at 5 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Curtain time is 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased in the high school office or from any member of the play cast. Joyce Pierce is director; Kim Andrews, assistant director.

Party Honors Barbara Thrash

Barbara Thrash was honored Thursday, Feb. 18 with a going away coffee in the courthouse.

A deputy in the District Clerk's office, Ms. Thrash is moving to Lubbock. She was presented a money tree and potted plant.

Doughnuts and coffee were served. Attending were employees of the courthouse and library.

IN OKLAHOMA

Ottie and Glenn Morehouse visited in Tulsa, Okla. last week with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Cole. Saturday, Feb. 20 they attended the wedding of their granddaughter, Lynn McCutcheon, to Richard Motherly. Vows were exchanged in First United Methodist Church of Brownfield.



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Conservation Meeting Slated For CRP Contracts

Yoakum County Soil and Water Conservation District will sponsor a meeting Feb. 29 for all CRP contracts in the county. The meeting, slated for 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria, will begin with a supper.

Scheduled for the program will be presentations by chemical company representatives dealing with weed control on CRP grass seedings. Recommendations on proper methods of grass seeding will be presented by Edwin Livengood.

According to Livengood, about 60,000 acres of CRP land will be seeded to grass this year in Yoakum County. Proper planting and weed control after planting are key steps to achieving a grass cover. Proper planting involves putting the needed amount of seed at the right depth for it to come up and make a plant.

After that, weed control becomes important because the weeds will

compete for moisture and sunlight. Grass seedlings are very delicate when they first come up and cannot stand to be crowded for sunlight. They stay rather small for a long period of time and it is easy for them to be killed by shade from competing weeds which also have a better chance at removing the moisture from the soil. To avoid this, some type of weed control is needed, according to Livengood. Shredding is one alternative; the other, some type of approved chemical.

Questions from the audience will be welcomed.

Livengood states that he hopes all CRP participants will be able to attend. All programs of the Soil Conservation Service are available to anyone without regard to race, color, creed, sex, age, handicap or national origin.



BARBARA THRASH HONORED with going-away party. From left to right, are Kay McClure, Billie Blundell, Rhuey Edwards, Julia Lemley, the honoree and Toni Jones.



*Chamber of Commerce Meets Tuesday, March 1
7 a.m. in Johnnie's Restaurant
—Everyone Welcome—*

MOVIE RENTALS

Just Arrived

- Predator
- Robo Cop
- The Big Easy
- Spaceballs
- No Way Out
- Nerds II

Coming Soon

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MRS. DENNIS LYNN CASEY

Renee Norman, Dennis Casey Repeat Wedding Vows Feb. 20

Miss Renee Norman and Dennis Lynn Casey pledged double ring wedding vows in a 5 p.m. ceremony Feb. 20 in First United Methodist Church of Crowell.

Officiating was the Rev. Neely Landrum, pastor.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Jim P. Norman of Crowell and Pat Casey of Pettus.

Vows were spoken before a cathedral arch candelabra flanked by spiral candelabras adorned with English ivy. Pews were marked by peach colored bows.

Mrs. Marlene Stafford of Vernon presented nuptial selections and accompanied LaTronda Maines as she sang, "The Lord's Prayer".

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal gown of white organza fashioned with high Victorian neckline of ruffled organza and Chantilly lace, Empire bodice embellished with a sheer yoke, edged with ruffled organza and Chantilly lace, and narrow Chantilly lace sleeves. The full A-line skirt flowed to a chapel length train. She wore a Juliet cap of matching lace with fingertip veil of illusion.

She carried a bouquet of white roses and miniature carnations accented with miniature country blue dogwood, mauve honeysuckle blossoms and streamers of white lace and picot ribbon.

Keeping traditions, the bride added "something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue" and wore diamond earrings, gift of the groom. In her shoe she carried a "good luck" six pence.

Kimberly Moustoukas of Houston, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. She wore a peach colored gown of Seville lace and satin fashioned with fitted bodice with dipped waistline, long sleeves and shortly gathered skirt accented with satin bow at the waistline. She carried a long stemmed white rose enhanced with peach and blue streamers.

Patricia Casey of Pettus, sister of the groom, registered guests.

Jordan Reif of San Angelo was best man. Candles were lighted and guests seated by Pat Norman of Lubbock, brother of the bride, and John Moustoukas of Houston, brother-in-law of the bride. Rings were carried by Michael Moustoukas of Houston, nephew of the bride.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Norman chose a dress of Empire blue georgette with three-quarter length sleeves and full pleated skirt. Accenting her attire, she added a white rose and carnation corsage.

A reception honored the couple in fellowship hall following the ceremony. Adorned with silver candelabra and the bridal bouquet,

the bride's table featured a three-tiered wedding cake accented with peach colored flowers, topped with three iridescent bells and flowers. The bottom tier held the bride's throw-away corsage.

The bridegroom's table was appointed with silver candelabra and arrangement of the bride's chosen colors. The groom's chocolate cake was adorned with the letter "C".

Serving at the reception tables were Julie Cooper and Jay Carson, both of Lubbock, Hedi Schaffer of Krum, Terri Wall of Vernon and Jill Farmer of Weatherford.

For a wedding trip, the bride chose a two-piece peach colored suit styled with cardigan jacket with long sleeves and pleated skirt. She added bone colored accessories.

The couple is at home in Plains. A 1979 graduate of Crowell High School, the bride graduated from West Texas State University in 1982 and is teaching in Plains Independent School District.

The groom graduated from Conroe-McCullough High School in

The Woodlands and Sul Ross State University in Alpine. He teaches in Plains ISD.

Out-of-town guests attending were Ann Strada of Westbury, N.Y.; Bettye Casey and Juanita Casey, Roswell, N.M.; Mary Cook, Thornton; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Miller, Weatherford, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Casey, Corpus Christi; Di Archer and Mr. and Mrs. John Hartman, Jonathan and Rebekah, Sayre, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Steven Alldredge, Brownfield; Mr. and Mrs. Dub Nelms, Plains; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Flesher, Denton; Evelyn Studyvin, Electra; Pamela Gerige and Carolyn Smead, Vernon and Pollye Krueger, Denver City.

The couple was honored with a surprise luncheon in the school cafeteria. Hosting the event were members of the Plains ISD staff. The bride was feted with a miscellaneous shower in the home of Mrs. Virginia Shirley Jan. 30 and a lingerie shower Feb. 4 hosted by Mrs. Yvette Ramos.

Mrs. Sit Jones Highlights Birth Of Constitution

Mrs. Sit Jones, longtime resident of Yoakum County, spoke Thursday at the regular meeting of Plains Lions Club. In observance of the two-year celebration of the 200th birthday of the Constitution, Mrs. Jones shared interesting and informative facts.

"It was late spring of 1787 when delegates from 11 of the original 13 states gathered in the Pennsylvania State House to frame and write our Constitution," she stated. "That Constitution is an enduring legacy to our nation."

"George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Alexander Hamilton, Benjamin Franklin, and James Wilson helped forge the framework for the Nation we have been for the past 200 years," said Mrs. Jones.

"By June 1, 1788, the required nine states had ratified the Constitution. Within three years, the Bill of Rights was added. To date, there are a total of 26 amendments to the original document. We, as Americans, would do well to study the instrument that assures us our power," says Mrs. Jones. "The best way to protect the Constitution is to understand it."

Other guests attending were Jo Ann Barron, Hank Sherrin and

Morris Lowe. Members attending were Charles Oswalt, Frank Spencer, Wayne House, L.J. Sanders, T.J. Miller, Larry Mason, Sherm Tingle, Jim Barron, Murrell Thompson, Dick McGinty, David Kight, Ken Peterson, Milton Bayer, Paul Cobb, Johnnie Fitzgerald and Pierre StRomain.



MRS. SIT JONES

Mrs. Guetersloh Hosts '42' Club

Martha Guetersloh was hostess Saturday evening, Feb. 13 for Plains "42" Club. Assisting with host duties were Wilma and Bob McDonnell.

A valentine theme was carried out for the buffet supper. Games of "42" and Skip Bo were played.

Attending were Ottie and Glenn Morehouse, Sudie and Joe Henry Thompson, Ola and Johnny Layton, Ann Chadwick, Carl Lowrey, Marie Lowrey, Bert Bartlett, Bertie and W.M. Smith, Gladys Thompson, Mae Collum, Norman Carr, Ita and Robert Young, Irene and A.B. Chitwood, Sherm Tingle, Rhuely and Bob Edwards, Dick McGinty and Cleo Cleary.



New Arrivals

Jones and Lisa Arnett announce the arrival of a son born Feb. 21 in St. Mary of the Plains Hospital in Lubbock. Named William Cade, the little lad measured 22 and a quarter inches long and weighed eight pounds three ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Crutcher, Mr. and Mrs. W.O. Spencer and Mr. and Mrs. Conny Arnett. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bob Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Earnest and Mr. and Mrs. D.J. Carroll.



Plains Independent School District

From The Superintendent's Desk

DEAN ANDREWS



In recent weeks much concern has been expressed about the health hazards of asbestos. The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1987 as adopted by the U.S. Congress, adopted rules for public schools to follow and time lines in which to respond to the regulations.

We do have some asbestos materials in our school. We have been working on this project since October 1984 and have identified 26,000 sq. ft. of friable asbestos in our elementary school. We have employed Versar, Inc., of Springfield, Virginia, to conduct air sampling of the whole school and their findings revealed that the amount of airborne asbestos fibers were within E.P.A. guidelines.

Some of the frequently asked questions about asbestos, and the answers to those questions, are as follows:

What is ASBESTOS?

Asbestos is an abundant, naturally-occurring mineral. It has fluffy fibers made of a silicate mineral. It is formed by mineral-rich water flowing through small openings in the earth's crust creating veins. Pressure, stress, and heat cause the veins to crystallize into mineral fibers. Over 800,000 tons of asbestos are mined like coal each year in North America, to make over 3,000 different products.

What are the characteristics of ASBESTOS?

Asbestos has many interesting and important properties. Asbestos fibers are so soft and flexible that they can be woven onto cloth; 30,000 feet of thread can be woven from one pound. The thread has a tensile strength equal to steel wire of the same thickness. It will not burn. This makes it resistant to high temperatures. In addition to being fire-resistant and having high tensile strength, it also has good sound-proofing qualities. Also, it is resistant to chemical corrosion. Finally, asbestos is a thermal insulator, controls condensation, and is resistant to the effects of abrasion, which is why it is used in brake linings.

What products contain ASBESTOS?

Asbestos has been sprayed or spread on ceilings, rafters, and beams for fire-proofing, insulation, sound-proofing, and decoration. It can be found in cement sheets, pipe insulation, roofing felt and shingles, floor tiles, patching and taping compounds, brake linings, clutch facings, insulating papers, and protective clothing. Commonly-used household items which may contain asbestos are: hair dryers, irons, self-cleaning oven gaskets, and toasters.

The above are just a few of the questions asked about asbestos. I will try to give you more information in the weeks to come.

Math/Science Team Wins First Again

Members of Plains High School's Math and Science Team competed Saturday in a Pre-UIL Meet in San Angelo Lakeview High School. Competing against 19 other schools in the small schools division (Class A to AAA), the PHS team amassed 2511 points to easily win first place. Stamford, second place, scored 1431 points.

Some 33 schools were presented in the two divisions. Plains' total score was bested only by Lubbock High and Andrews High, 5A schools in the large schools division.

The team travels to Cooper High School Saturday and then takes a week off before competing in the TMSCA State Meet in San Antonio. Plains has won sweepstakes in the state competition the past two years.

In calculator competition, Micah Stowe and Shane McMinn finished first and second in the senior divi-

sion, scoring 303 and 294, respectively. The two scores were the highest scored in either the large or small school division.

Chad Guetersloh was second, junior division; Lance Morrow, second Layne Morrow, fifth and Nieves Garcia, seventh, sophomore division. The calculator team won the first place team trophy with a score of 1041 points. Second place small school was Grady with 811 points. Highest score in the large school division was Azle, a 5A school, with 929 points.

Number sense competition found McMinn, first and Jesse Flores, fifth, senior division; Guetersloh, first, junior division; Lance Morrow, first, Garcia, second and Layne Morrow, third, sophomore division.

Once again Plains competitors had the highest scores in the meet

What's Cooking At School?



BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Toast, oatmeal, grape juice and milk.

TUESDAY - Donut, apple juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Toast, sausage, orange juice and milk.

THURSDAY - Pancake, syrup, butter, tomato juice and milk.

FRIDAY - Fruit Loops, pineapple juice and milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY - Super dogs w/mustard, French fries w/catsup, combination salad, rice treat and milk.

TUESDAY - Salmon croquettes w/catsup, blackeyed peas, cabbage, carrot and raisin salad, spiced applesauce, butter, hot rolls and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Hamburgers, lettuce, pickles, bean dip w/corn chips, fruit, chocolate chip cookies and milk.

THURSDAY - Beef and vegetable stew, pinto beans, beet and dill pickles, cornbread, plum cobbler and milk.

FRIDAY - Roast, gravy, green beans, lettuce wedge, hot rolls, sliced peaches and milk.

Reunion Planned For Class of '78

Members of the 1978 graduating class of Plains High School are planning a ten-year reunion to be held in the spring. Addresses are needed for a number of classmates.

Anyone who is a member of the class or parent of a graduate, is asked to send name, address and phone number to Laine Bayer Dorman, 6446 Lincoln Park West, San Angelo, Tx 76904.

School Events

MONDAY: Tennis, Denver City, T, 7/8 at 4 p.m.; Yoakum County Soil Conservation Meeting in Cafeteria at 7 p.m.; Boys Regional Basketball, Quarterfinals; Houston Livestock Show through March 4

TUESDAY: Science Spectrum -6th & 9th in Lubbock at 10:30 a.m.; High School Celebrity Pictures; Boys Regional Basketball continues

WEDNESDAY: Textbook Committee Meeting in Board Room at 3:30 p.m.

FRIDAY: Regional Team Tennis at Levelland

SATURDAY: Cowboy-Cowgirl Relays in Plains; Boys Regional Basketball in Levelland; Regional Team Tennis continues

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MONDAY, FEB. 29

2 p.m. - Yoakum County Stock Show

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

2:30 - Plains Varsity Basketball vs New Home

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

2:30 - Plains Boys vs Wellman

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

2:30 - Plains Boys vs New Home

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

2 p.m. - Yoakum County Stock Show

Plains Cowboys Finish Season

Playing a Bi-District contest against New Home last Tuesday night in Brownfield, the Cowboys ended their season with a 72-58 loss.

Leading scorers were Shane McMinn with 21 points and Micah Stowe, 11.

The Cowboys recorded 13 wins, 12 losses for the season.

Royal Bounders To Host Meet

Plains Royal Bounders will host the District STTA Qualifying Gymnastic Meet Saturday, Feb. 27 in the Plains High School Gym. There will be no admission charge.

A concession stand will be operated.

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Three Youngsters Celebrate Birthdays

Three young Plains misses have waited a long time to celebrate their respective birthdays...four years to be exact. Kimberly McClure, Faye Ann Murph and Chelsi Wagnon are "leap year kids".

Eldest of the trio, Kimberly will be celebrating her third birthday even though she was born in 1976. She is the daughter of Kay and Mike McClure. The Feb. 29th birthday girl likes to collect bride dolls and enjoys oil painting. She has one sister, Kristy.

Daughter of Carroll and Lee Murph, Faye Ann will observe only her second birthday even though she was born in 1980. She has a brother, Teddy, and two sisters, Lanelle and Barbie. She likes to draw and care for animals and collect marbles.

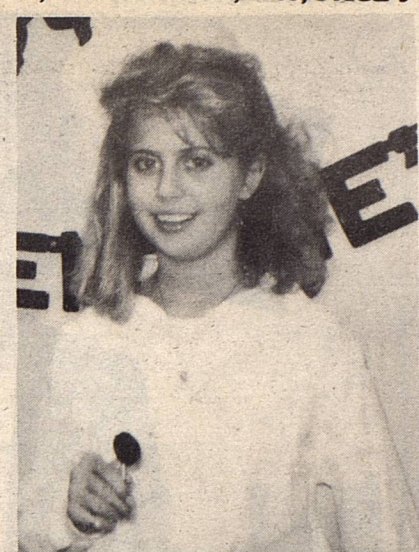
Born in 1984, four-year-old Chelsi Wagnon will be celebrating her first birthday. She is the daughter of Irma and Robert Wagnon and has a brother, John.



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PLAINS ROYAL BOUNDERS, coached by Pat Green, are shown, left to right, front row, Jerad Bell, Ashlei Mason, Kimberly Martinez, Nancy Koncaba and Jeffery Lollar. Second row, ltr, Kimbe Jones, Joshua Bell, Linzie Rust, Colt Winn and Kari Guetersloh. Third row, ltr, Leslie Rowe, Candace Bowers, Jennifer Lollar and LaCresha Johnson. Back row, ltr, are Lyndi Rowe, Tandi Jones, Amanda Koncaba, Brad Seaton and Kristi Guetersloh. Not pictured are Wayne, Chris, Misty and Shandy Willett; Selena, Dacia and Jeremy Humphrey; Joshua and Daniel Clay; Kirk Parrish and Amber Bryan.



TO ATTEND STATE GYMNASTICS MEET -- Earning first place medals in their District Gymnastics Meet last Saturday in Plainview, Justin and Jacob Alcorta will compete in the State Meet which will be held in the Lubbock Civic Center, Saturday, March 12. Justin, eight years old and Jacob, five years old, are the sons of Joe and Debbie Alcorta of Olton; and the grandsons of Mr. and Mrs. Rico Alcorta.



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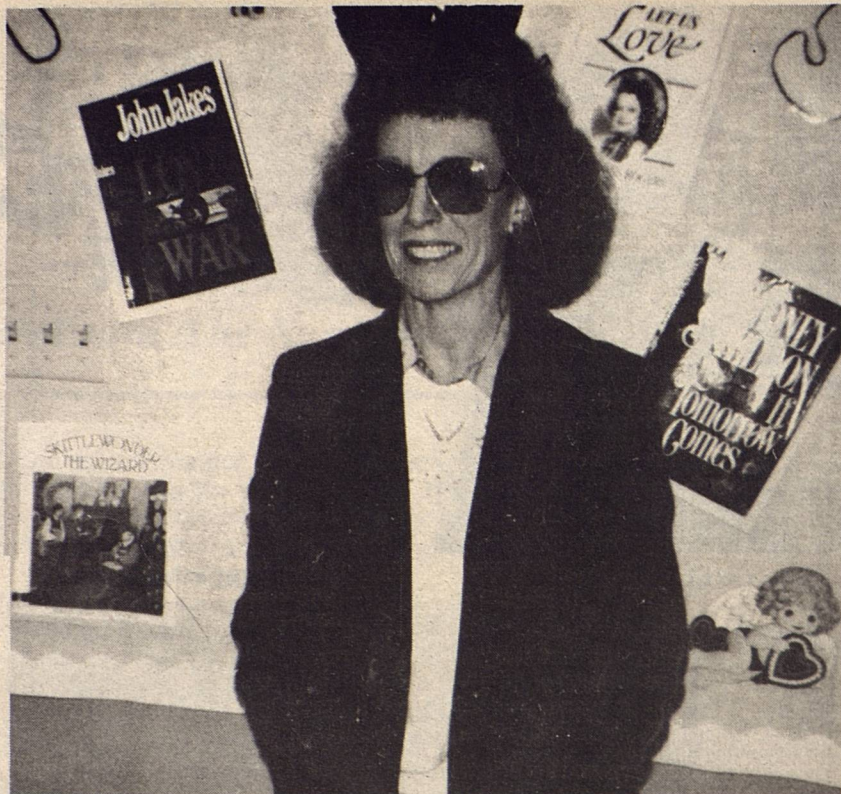
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MRS. BO STEPHENS

Kitchen Korner

"Grandma'n" is a favorite pastime of Mrs. Bo Stephens. She is the proud grandmother of four little grandsons, Landon and Toby Mires, four and two, and Chisum and Chance VanDyke, three and one.

Sheila has been deputy clerk in the Yoakum County Tax Office nine years. She is also a licensed beautician, having graduated from Jessie Lee's Hair Design Institute in January of 1960. She grew up in Plains, the daughter of the late Pete and Vera Smith.

The Stephenses are parents of Kay Mires, 26; Kim VanDyke, 24; Kristi Jones, 22; and Kyle Stephens, 17. They are proud of three sons by marriage, Travis Mires, Brent VanDyke and Steve Jones.

Sheila likes to sew and enjoys painting and crafting. She shares some of her family's favorite recipes.

CHOCOLATE PUDDING CAKE

Step 1:

- 1 c flour
- 1 stk margarine
- 1 c pecans

Spread in pie plates or rec. pan and bake 20 mins. at 350°.

Step 2:

- 8 oz pkg cream cheese
- 1 c Cool Whip
- 1 c powdered sugar
- 1 t vanilla

Spread on cooled crust.

Step 3:

Mix 2 pkgs instant chocolate pudding (takes 3 c milk) Spread atop cream cheese mixture. Top with carton of Cool Whip. Sprinkle with grated chocolate or chocolate chips.

SUMMER DRESSING

- 2 c cooked rice
- 1 T dried parsley flakes
- 2 c milk
- ½ lb grated Velveeta cheese or Cheez Whiz
- 2 eggs, beaten well
- ½ c cooking oil
- dash salt
- small onion, grated or finely chopped

Mix together and cook in covered casserole 45 mins. at 350°. Uncover, stir and cook 5-10 mins. til slightly brown.

CHICKEN TACO PIE

- 1 2-3 lb chicken
- 1 can enchilada sauce
- 1 can mushroom soup
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 c chicken broth

- 1 c grated cheese
- ½ t garlic salt
- dash pepper

11 oz pkg Fritos or corn chips

Boil chicken til tender, retain broth, and remove bones. Cut chicken into bite-size pieces, then combine with sauce, soup, onion and seasonings. Grease baking dish and line with chips, add chicken mixture, sprinkle with cheese. Cover with corn chips. Pour 1 c broth over mixture. Bake for 30 mins. in 350° oven.

LEMON CHEESECAKE PIE CRUST:

- 1½ c Graham Cracker crumbs
 - ½ c sugar
 - ½ c melted butter
- FILLING:
- 2 T flour
 - ¾ c milk
 - ¼ c lemon juice
 - 1 egg
 - 3 pkg (3 oz each) cream cheese
 - 2 T butter
 - ½ c sugar

Preheat oven to moderate (350°). Lightly grease 10" glass pie plate. Prepare crust: Combine crumbs, sugar and butter in bowl. Prepare filling: Beat cream cheese and butter in bowl with electric mixer til smooth. Add sugar, flour, milk, lemon juice and egg; mix til blended 2 mins. Pour into crust; sprinkle with reserved crumbs. Bake in 350° oven for 35 mins. Cool on rack. Refrigerate. Serve cold or at room temp.

Spinach Good Substitute

If you cringe at having to pay a dollar or more for a small head of poor quality iceberg lettuce, march right on down the aisle of the produce section and pick up some fresh spinach for your salad.

"Consumers can find top quality spinach in the markets now," says Mary Dale Williams, County Extension Agent, Home Economics.

"Spinach often has a quality advantage over lettuce in late winter, but it's especially true this year due to an unusually small lettuce crop from California," she adds. "Spinach is coming fresh from the fields in the Winter Garden area of Texas and will be at its peak in flavor and supply through April."

"Spinach also has a nutritional advantage over lettuce and has about five times more iron, seven times more vitamin C and 20 times more vitamin A than iceberg lettuce," she explains. "Lettuce has .53 grams of fiber and 13 calories per serving, while spinach has .89

grams of fiber and for only 22 calories."

The key to a tasty spinach salad is selecting quality greens: "If you've ever had spinach that tasted bitter, it's probably because it wasn't fresh or trimmed properly." Look for crisp, clean leaves that are tender and have a healthy green color. Avoid those with coarse, fibrous stems, wilted or yellowed leaves and brown edges.

Most supermarkets carry fresh spinach loose by the bunch or prepackaged. The packaged greens are more convenient because they're somewhat trimmed and washed before packaging. So there will be less waste with packaged spinach, but it may cost more per pound and deteriorate more quickly, she notes.

Fresh spinach will keep about as long as lettuce, three to five days. After rinsing the leaves, store them in a plastic bag or damp cloth in the refrigerator for maximum crispness.

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1987 Generally A Good Year

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1987 was a banner year for the production of many agricultural commodities in Texas despite some extremes in the weather.

The year started on a good note as winter conditions were generally mild. However, a late spring freeze devastated fruit and berry crops and also damaged the state's pecan and wheat crops. Wheat losses averaged 30 to 40 percent in some locations.

Dry weather blanketed much of the state in April and early May and then the rains came, heavy rains that brought on flooding in some locations. But the late May and June rains also gave a boost to young crops and pastures and ranges that sustained plant growth through much of the summer.

Dry Weather Returns

Farmers and ranchers again had to contend with dry weather in the fall. That allowed for excellent harvest conditions, but soil moisture was too short for small grain planting. Many small grains weren't planted until late October and early November, and thus got off to a slow start.

Mild weather prevailed through the fall until a cold front brought more than a foot of snow to some western areas about mid-December. Soil moisture remained short over parts of southern and western Texas as 1987 drew to a close.

Despite the vagaries of the weather, many farmers got excellent yields from crops to boost profits, noted Dr. Zerle L. Carpenter, director of the Texas Ag Extension Service, the Texas A&M University System. Record cotton yields helped crop profits. Market prices for some commodities were fairly good due to tighter supplies brought on by increased exports of about 15 percent over 1986.

A Look at Commodity Prices

Most livestock prices averaged higher in 1987 than the previous year, Carpenter said. Feeder prices remained strong throughout the year, and favorable slaughter prices and low grain prices boosted profits from livestock.

Beef cattle prices averaged \$61.98 per hundredweight compared to \$53.32 in 1986. Calves averaged \$76.40 per hundredweight compared to \$59.63 the year before. Hog prices averaged \$50.26 per 100 pounds compared to \$49.17 while sheep averaged \$33.09 per hundredweight in '87 compared to the '86 average of \$27.63.

Lambs averaged \$83.95 in '87 and \$71.56 in '86. Wool prices were up 16 cents at 98.6 per pound while mohair prices increased slightly to just over 3 cents per pound. Broiler prices, however, dropped more than 6 cents per pound in '87 due to large supplies.

On the crop front, cotton was the kingpin in 1987 with its record-setting average of more than 490

pounds per acre. A lot of dryland cotton in the plains and western areas averaged one to one-and-a-half bales per acre. Cotton sold for more than 60 cents a pound at times while averaging 54 cents compared to about 49 cents in 1986.

However, most crop prices for 1987 averaged lower (1986 prices in parentheses): corn, \$1.91 per bushel (\$2.34); wheat, \$2.34 per bushel (\$2.51); grain sorghum, \$2.82 per bushel (\$3.43); peanuts, 26.5 cents per pound (27.2 cents); rice, \$4.08 per 100 pounds (\$5.36); and soybeans, \$4.74 per bushel (\$4.66).

Total Receipts Up

Cash receipts from agricultural production should total about \$10 billion for 1987, up about one-and-a-half billion dollars from 1986, Carpenter estimated. That total would put cash receipts back at the level they were two years ago. So, essentially, farmers and ranchers were able to recoup some of the losses they experienced in 1986. Cash receipts from livestock should surpass \$6 billion for 1987 while crop receipts should exceed \$3.6 billion.

Adding significantly to the state's agricultural receipts was the citrus crop. Grapefruit and orange production continued to increase following the devastating freeze of 1983. The 1987 crop was estimated at more than 60 percent above 1986 production.

The Texas Christmas tree industry did a booming business in 1987 with sales of about half a million trees totaling an estimated \$8 million.

Another bumper hay crop was harvested in many areas in 1987 following an excellent harvest the year before. Many producers harvested three cuttings; however, dry conditions limited hay making in some southern counties. Hay supplies generally were abundant over most of the state. So, combined with considerable carryover from the previous year due to the mild winter, hay supplies were abundant in most areas. However, hay feeding started early this past fall as dry weather reduced grazing and delayed small grain plantings.

The '88 Outlook

As far as 1988 is concerned, farmers and ranchers, in general, should fare well once again barring extreme weather conditions and other factors beyond their control that could jeopardize both production and market prices. Carpenter noted that an expansion in meat supplies could keep the lid on consumer prices as well as returns to producers. But generally tight supplies of most other commodities as well as improving export markets bode well for farmers in 1988.

Lower prices for pork, poultry and cotton will likely be offset by slightly higher prices for beef, wheat, soybeans, corn and rice. Farm exports should increase some due to competitive prices, and the weak dollar abroad also should

make U.S. farm commodities more attractive pricewise and lead to additional sales.

Production costs should remain fairly stable, with perhaps a slight increase, and government payments in commodity programs will likely be slightly less than in 1987 due to federal budget reductions.

The decline in farmland prices should slow in 1988. In fact, prices may even turn slightly higher in the top dryland farming and ranching regions.

Farmers Spending Less

Farmers and ranchers will continue to spend less on inputs in the year as they continue to be more frugal in their spending habits due to economic conditions that have prevailed in recent years. Most are continuing to "make do with what they have" in the way of equipment and machinery. Carpenter said. Many are paying off debts as fast as they can to keep interest costs down - and borrowing is declining as cash flows improve.

An attitude of less spending is pervasive throughout the agricultural communities of the nation, and that is a major factor in the improved financial condition of many farmers and ranchers. In turn, that type of attitude is having a marked effect on small town businesses that have long depended on producer spending.

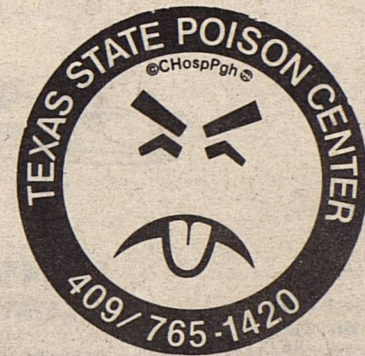


Filmtime

Norm O'Nippy and Teddihonker, clowns, entertained youngsters attending filmtime at Yoakum County Library Wednesday. Their visit was in honor of Chelsi Wagnon's fourth birthday, Feb. 29.

Films viewed were "Disney's Haunted Halloween" and "Lady and the Tramp".

Youngsters attending in addition to the birthday honoree were John Wagnon, Tiffany Canon, Jamie Covarrubias, Kimbe Jones, Amber Bernal, Lensey Cullins, Kari Guetersloh, Dustin Six, Chase Howell, Jason and Corey Kelton, Jayce Clayton, Ragan McGinty, Lesli Rowe, Kimberly and Sarah Martinez, Justin Taylor, Elizabeth Clanahan, Kyle Kight, Daniel Clay, Cody Flores, Tanya Vasquez, Adam Garcia, Briana Garza, Tarren and Keenan Hancock, Brandon Nelson, Kelsey Blundell, Tessa Eads, Ty Shearman, Amanda Garcia and Rodney Guetersloh.



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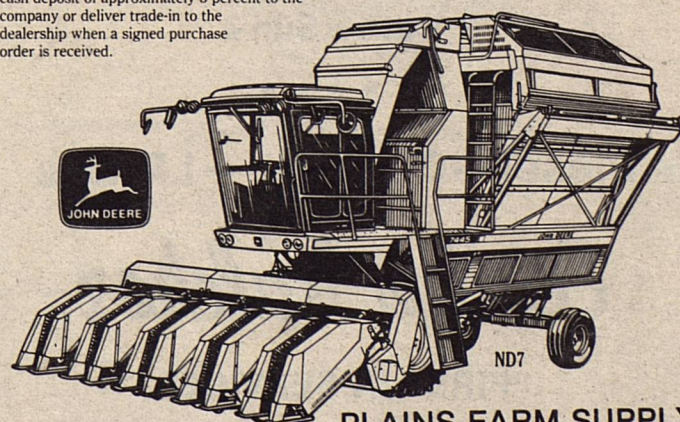
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