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AREA COTTON GINS READY TO ROLL

In the coming weeks, strippers will be running up and down rows of the areas principal crop, King Cotton. Module trucks will be speeding from fields to the four gins in our immediate area.

Ginning cotton on the south plains is big, very big business, and plays a major role in the agri-business economy.

New Tex gin, on the state line, is nearing completion of a large modernization program. The plant this year will be able to handle two streams of cotton modules simultaneously.

Gin manager Ron Craft says the installation of a new air filtering and dirt disposal system will make the operation much cleaner, and comply with government agency requirements. He added, "our new auger and conveyor installation will help us control gin trash, which is always a big problem".

New Tex produced over 45,000 bales of cotton last year. Craft feels this years crop of irrigated cotton may not be quite as good as 1993, but expects the gin to have another good year, despite the effects this years dry conditions had on the dry land acres.

New Tex gin, started in 1962 on the site of the old Hilburn and Spears gin,

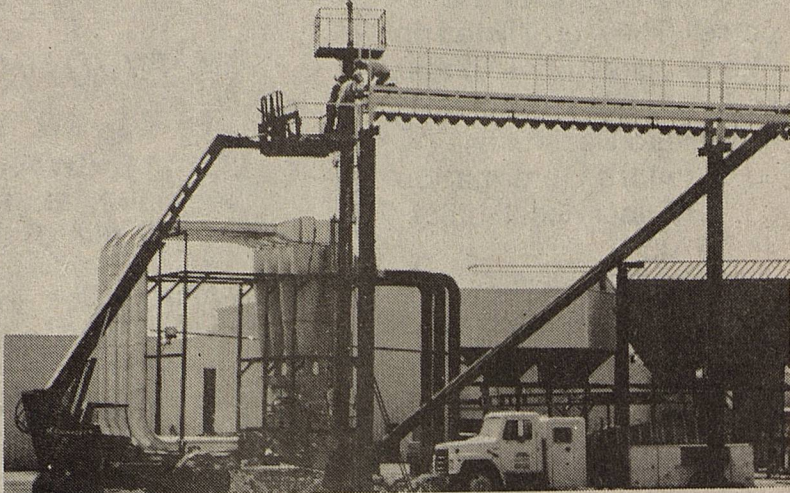
**MARY SCOTT
NABERS FETED
HERE.**

Texas Railroad Commissioner Mary Scott Nabers was given a reception here Thursday, September 20, in the County courthouse. The Democratic incumbent is on the campaign trail for re-election in November.

In an interview with area print media, Nabers stressed the role she has played in bringing forth new and worthy projects from the powerful agency.

She has long been an advocate of deregulating the trucking industry, especially in this state. She has often been quoted as saying, "If it moved in Texas, we touched it", meaning the stiff regulations imposed by the Commission, resulting in more expensive trucking rates in this state. A new national deregulating trucking bill has been passed by Congress, and will go into effect in 1995.

Commissioner Nabers spoke of the role she and the other Railroad



FINISHING WORK ON NEW BURR SPREADER AT NEW-TEX GIN

will employ some 26 people in its operation during the peak run.

Darwin Robertson, new manager at Yoakum County Co-Op Gin, reports his plant is in good shape to start the yearly run.

Robertson assumed his duties here in April, moving here from Maple where he was plant superintendent for five years. He and his wife Mary Ellen have three grown children, and their two youngest, Rebecca and D.J. are students in Plains schools.

The gin produced 25,000 bales of cotton last year, and Robertson echoed the predictions of New Tex gin about this years crop, which he feels will not reach last years production. He hopes for at least 20,000 bales this year.

The Yoakum County Co-Op board has Dwayne Canada as President, Randy Forbus, VP, Ty Earl Powell, Secretary, Mike Blount, Treasurer, and members Wayne Lee Davis, Brad Crump, and

Kenneth Gipson.

Robertson felt the installation of new Bruton seed scales and a new vacuum box will make the plant more efficient. He added, "This is a top quality gin, one the board members and customers can be proud of."

At the Tokio Co-Op gin, in operation since 1960, minor and regular repair work continues, reports Marc Traweck, manager of the gin since May, 1993.

"We installed a new drying system, and re-arranged some machinery in the gin, and should have a much more efficient plant this year", Traweck stated.

When the gin goes to an around the clock operation later in the season, some 30 employees will keep the cotton moving.

Board members are Harold Parrish, President, Eddie Earnest, VP, James Turner, Secretary, Roy Lowrey, Roger Bennett, Brad Ancinec, and Ty Wilmeth.

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"GINS READY"



Linda Lowrey, Mary Scott Nabers and Gary Walker at reception

Commissioners are playing in trying to pump new life into the sagging oil and gas industry, an area of vital concern in Yoakum and other surrounding counties with energy production. Nabers stressed her concerns about energy problems in our state, and the lack of a comprehensive energy plan from Washington.

The reception, arranged by court house volunteers, with special assistance from Linda Lowrey, Criminal District Attorney, was well attended by dozens of party faithful, friends and supporters.

OUT OF SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Any person who has not passed the TAAS test and is out of school may come by the Counselors' office and pick up a registration packet. Your completed registration form must be in Iowa City, Iowa, no later than 5:00 pm, September 27, 1994.

There will be free blood tests available Thursday, September 29 at the Dairy Queen, 9am to 10am. The free tests will be performed by Medical Arts Home Care.

COWBOYS HOLD ON FOR 7-0 WIN OVER ROUGHNECKS

The originator of the old football adage, the offense produces points, the defense wins games, could have had Friday nights game against Sundown in mind when he dreamed his statement up.

It was a defensive struggle for all four quarters, and the Cowboys struggled harder, for a very tough victory.

In the first period, the Cowboys, if our stats are correct, had possession of the ball seventeen downs, to Sundowns eight. The Cowboys were unable to really get cooking until late in the quarter, when a David Bitolas run and two Bernal to McMinn passes moved the ball downfield, the drive being stopped on the 25 with a costly fumble.

In the second period, the Roughnecks came alive, moving the ball on the ground and in the air, but sputtered on the 42 yard line, turning the ball over to



Brad McMinn Nearing Roughneck Goal Line.

the Cowboys with a fumble. Roughnecks again moved the ball smartly, but the

In the second series of Cowboy plays, aided with a good field position from a poor Sundown punt, Victor Bernal delivered passes to Shannon Ward interception deep in Cowboy territory.

The second half saw Sundown having 21 offensive attempts to break the 7-0 score, the Cowboys with 18 rushes and passes. The two longtime rivals played some old time smash mouth football up and down the field, but neither could add to the scoreboard.

With just minutes to go in the first half, the

TURN TO "COWBOYS" ON PAGE 2.

BUREAU ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Yoakum County Farm Bureau annual convention was held Tuesday, September 13 in the community building, drawing a crowd of 95 members and guests.

Ricky Bearden, President, welcomed the audience and introduced the Boards' officers and guests. Lanny Smith is Vice President, and Ron Craft is Secretary. Board members are Tim Addison, Don Parrish, Tracy Welch, Randy Forbus, Ben Anderson, and Steve Jones.

Guest speaker was Jennifer Earnest, daughter of Bonnie and Eddie Earnest. Jennifer delivered a speech on the free enterprise system, which she will give as a contestant in a regional citizenship competition to be held in Lubbock.

The door prize, a U.S. Savings Bond, was won by Jerry Parrish.

Regular business reports were delivered, and Tim Addison gave a Young Farmer and Rancher report.

Special guests attending the annual meeting were Tatiana Bolshakova, Eva Vinokur, and Alexander Bolshakov, from Krasnodar, Russia.

The visiting foreigners are representing AKKOR, the Russian equivalent of our Farm Bureaus here in the



states. Their visit was sponsored by the State Farm Bureau Association.

A fine meal of barbecued brisket and pork ribs, prepared by Gary Six, Rex Swann and Wayne Sissions was thoroughly enjoyed and totally consumed by the crowd.

PHONE SCAM IN THE AREA

Word has been received of a long distance phone scheme designed to bilk unsuspecting consumers. The calling firm tells the intended victim they have won a fabulous prize or gift, but to collect, they have to pay the company for promotional and handling costs.

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4-H CLUB HOLDS 1st MEETING

The Years first 4-H Club meeting was held Tuesday, September 13, at the Plains club room.

Twenty of last years members attended, and eight new members were enrolled. A film about 4-H activities was shown.

Officers for 1994-95 terms are Robert Knight, President, Chase Cianahan, 1st Vice President, Jennifer Lollar, 2nd VP, Leslie Rowe, 3rd VP, and Kelly McGinty, Secretary-Treasurer. Casey Mayes is Reporter, and Rustin Knight serves as Telephone Chairman.

All interested students are urged to sign up for membership anytime at the County Extension office.

GINS READY
(Cont'd. From Pg. 1)

Traweek said, "This years drought conditions really hurt our dry land production. Last year we turned out almost forty thousand bales". He offered his 'guess-timate' of this years run of about 29,000 bales.

Another ginning independent, Circle Twelve Gin, Inc., is ready for the season. Wesley Roddy, manager since 1988, and former gin owner in Hale Center, expressed his hopes the gin would handle around 4,000 bales this Year.

"Being located in a predominantly dry land area of the county, this will really impact our operation", he stated, adding, "I don't see any way we can come close to last years 8,300 bales".

Owners of the gin, all local cotton producers, include Ray and Ricky Bearden, E.O. Winkles, N.C. Clanahan, Jim Barron, Deryl Hobbs, and Paul and Jack Cobb.

Roddy stated, "Being small, we have to run a pretty tight ship to have a good, financially sound operation. Managers sometimes take credit for success, but in our case, I know our people in the office and in the gin plant itself are the ones who keep us in business." He said he has essentially had the same ginning crew for thirteen years.

If these managers are correct in their forecasts, the four gins will crank out about 90,000 bales of Yoakum County cotton. During the height of the busy season, they will employ almost 100 people. If they are only paid five dollars per hour for their labor, the combined weekly pay roll, with overtime, would amount to some \$49,000. That is a very healthy boost for our area economy

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USDA-SCS NEEDS INPUT

Nearly sixty years ago, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service was created, to address a national resource crisis, called the Dust Bowl. Since then, the agency has undergone a number of changes, the agency now known as the SCS.

The SCS is at a crossroads, and we and our customers have an unprecedented opportunity to anticipate future needs, of and refocus the agency's mission," said Texas SCS State Conservationist Wes Oneth.

"Predicting the future is a difficult task. We believe, however, that one of the best ways to prepare for tomorrow is looking closely at the past, and asking our customers and employees what they anticipate will be needed in the future," Oneth stated.

PROCLAMATION

By the County Judge of Yoakum county

I, Dallas Brewer, County Judge of Yoakum County, do hereby declare the week of Sep. 18 thru Sep. 24, 1994, as Farm and Ranch Safety and Health week in Yoakum County, for the following reasons:

Whereas, This being the 51st anniversary of the observance of farm and ranch safety and health, emphasis is placed on better technology, safe work practices and education as is also being proclaimed by the Governor, and

Whereas, The 1994 theme, "safety and health... a way of life", calls attention to the fact that everyone in America should be concerned about agricultural production and its longevity and strength in the global area. Each farmer and rancher feeds nearly 130 persons, and emerging technologies indicate our future looks bright for expanding this milestone.

Therefore, Every citizen should pause a moment during this week of our 51st anniversary, and recognize the dedication of our farmers and ranchers, strengthening the welfare of our great nation. Their emotional, economic and environmental hardships should not go unnoticed.

Thus, The National Safety Council, The Texas Safety Association, The Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Farm Bureau, Texas Department of Agriculture, Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Council wish to recognize all agriculturists, with special emphasis to our safety specialists and to those farms and ranches seeking and following their advice for a safer agriculture community by posting a policy statement and safety rules for your operation, do a hazard search regularly, and seek and use meaningful educational programs.

Therefore, I urge everyone to take the necessary precautions for their own safety as well as the safety of others, on and off the job. I urge our leaders in agriculture to improve areas of safety and health efforts by example.

Signed: *DALLAS BREWER*



Judge Brewer, Ricky Bearden, Newell Squyers & Don Parrish



Lion Melvin Dearing and Lanny Smith

Anyone with an interest in natural resource conservation is encouraged to participate in the re-invention process by completing a survey obtained at any local SCS office. They are listed in phone directories under U.S. Government, Agriculture Department.

For more information contact your local office, 456-3703

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**LIONS CLUB
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The annual broom and mop sale held on September 15, again proved to be a good fundraiser for the Plains Lions Club. This years sales approached previous records for Plains and contributed a little over \$1,000 towards the Club's project fund.

three local children. This was made possible by the continued support of the community for the annual broom and mop sale and other fund raising activities of the club.

The Lions Club also held its regular meeting on September 15, with nine members and three guests present. Coaches Everett McAdams, Larry McMinn, and Charles Cain were guest for this meeting and each gave the Club a brief update on the progress of the Plains School cross country, football, and volleyball teams.

During the month of September, the Lions Club provided eye exams and purchased glasses for ball teams.

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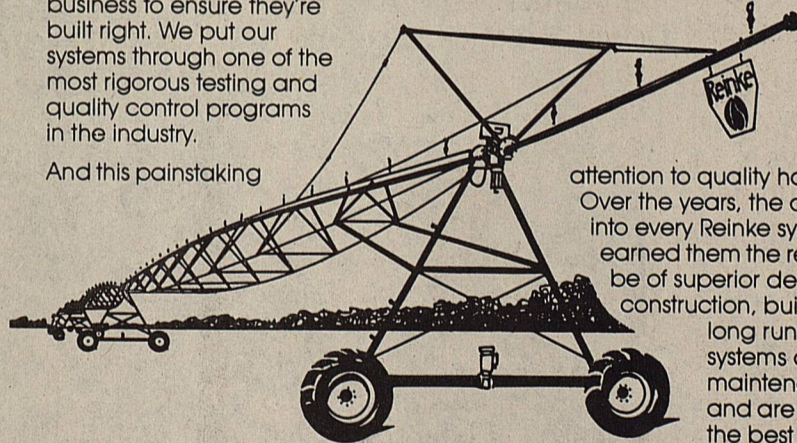
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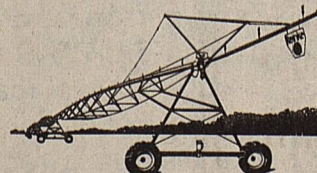
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"COWBOYS"

Head Coach McMinn and his staff expressed their pleasure with the Cowboys tough defensive showing. "Our primary goal was to stop the Roughnecks ground game, and we did", McMinn stated.

The third consecutive win was not without injury problems. Lee Roy Vasquez and Eric Ramos, both playing well this season, suffered knee injuries, and may miss action three to four weeks.

Big play defenders included Shannon Ward with two interceptions, Ken McAdams with 11 solo tackles, and David Bitolas, fumble recovery.

Coach McMinn said "We will really be glad to get back to some Class 1A opponents", starting this Friday with Lorenzo there. The drive to Lorenzo isn't exactly a round the world trip....Let's all show up there and watch the Cowboys take win number four!!!

SCHOOL OFFERS COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAM

The following is a summary of community education opportunities offered by the Plains Independent School District.

ADMISSION: Most classes are open to both adults and children. Residency in the school district is not required.

COSTS: Fees and minimum attendance must be met the first night or course will be cancelled. Fees are listed below with courses.

SMOKING: Not permitted in building.

REGISTRATION: Enrollment is offered by mail, Box 479, or by calling Mary Pettigrew, 456-7490, or 456-7498.

THE FOLLOWING CLASSES WILL BE OFFERED:

WOODWORKING-in High School Shop-Teacher, Robert Canon- 10 weeks; Sept. 20-Nov.; Tuesdays, 6:30-9:30PM-Limit 12-Fee \$30.00

CALIGRAPHY-in Resource Center-Teacher Mary Pettigrew-One Day Only- Sat. Oct 15, 9am-3pm-Fee \$20.00, supplies included.

OIL PAINTING-in High School art room-teacher Vivian Rice- 4 weeks, Thursdays, Oct 13-Nov 13, 6:00-9:00pm. Fee \$24.00, no limit.

LOW IMPACT AEROBICS-in Elem. Activity Room-Teacher Dana Strawn- 8 weeks; Mon. & Wed., 5:30-6:30pm. Fee \$25, No limit.. (students will need to furnish own steps.)

COWGIRL VOLLEYBALL

Varsity:
 The cowgirls dropped a decision to the visiting Brownfield Lady Cubs Sep. 13. Taking advantage of Cowgirl mistakes, the Cubs took the first game 15-11. Down 5-13 in game two, the Cowgirls pulled to 10-13, but fell short in their bid for a third game. Misty Willett was high point with eight.

Junior Varsity:
 The JV record improved to 9-2 when they defeated the Cub JV 15-13,6-15 and 15-8. Sandi Warren was top server with 13 points, including four aces. She had four kills, Kassie Lowe, two kills & two blocks, Lindsey Six, six kills, one block, Bridget Bernal, two kills, Tessa St.Romain, one kill, and Lyndi Rowe, two kills.

Ninth Grade:
 The ninth graders went down to the visiting Lady Cubs 15-5 and 15-9. Cecillia Moreno and Wendy Beckham combined for ten service points.

Eighth Grade:
 Levelland visited here Monday, and succeeded in defeating both Wrangler 8th grade teams, the B team losing 13-15 and 10-15. Renee Garcia had eight points, Corina Villareal four, and Krystal Garcia, two.

The A team suffered the same fate, going down 10-15, 15-3, and 4-15. Jolyne Burgess scored six, Marcey House, five, Tandi Jones one, and Crystal Calsoncin, one.

Seventh Grade:
 The seventh graders B team dropped Levellands B team 15-9 and 15-5. Scoring were Erica Dominguez, five, Laura Morales, three, Liz Ancinec, two, Nichole Newsom, three, Stacy

Tuggle, three, Elizabeth Casillas, five, Marie Gonzalez, two, and Leiticia Canon, seven.

Patty Ruiz and Velvet Canada combined for 28 service points in the A teams 15-10,12-15 and 15-8 win. Rebecca Robertson had six points, Wendy Hernandez and Kelli Osborn each had three, and Jessica Flores, two.

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Editors Note; I missed Coach Mc Adams, and failed to get a comprehensive article about last weeks Cross Country Team efforts. Please pardon this brief summary.

The Cross Country runners competed against all divisions Saturday in the meet at Frenship High

HOMECOMING QUEEN CANDIDATES

Queen candidates for this years Home Coming festivities are Jennifer Earnest, Amber Bryan, and Veronica Mancha. Duchesses are Becky St. Romain, Jr., Dacia Humphrey, Soph., and Tanya Hernandez, Fresh.

The queen and her royal court will be announced and presented at halftime of the Farwell football game. Good luck, girls!

School. Against some high caliber competition, the Cowboy Varsity finished in fourth place overall. Runners and their finishing places were Jason Robertson, 19th, Kipp Blount, 27th, Joe Valdez, 30th, Jamie Caballero, 31st, and Jeremy Dearing, 38th. Our congratulations on a good showing.

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PHS ESSAY CONTEST COMING UP

Plans are being finalized to announce an Essay Contest for Plains High Students. The contest will be a joint project of the schools English Department and Cowboy Country News. Malisa Rogers, English instructor, is working with the editor on the format of the Contest.

The topic assigned to the writers is " The Person With The Greatest Influence On My Life". More details will appear in next weeks issue. Cowboy Country News will judge the essays, present the winner with a prize, and publish the essay as presented to Ms. Rogers.

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'OL FARMBOY FROM PLAINS HAD GREAT FOOTBALL CAREER

The following article first appeared in the special issue of the San Angelo Standard Times, August 21 "West Texas Football...The First Hundred Years", by Mike Lee, Sports Editor. The subject of the article, Clyde "Bulldog" Turner, spent his earliest years living here in Plains. He is a first cousin of Polly Rushing, and the two have remained in contact all these years.

Eight times was Clyde "Bulldog" Turner named All-Pro in a 13-year career with the Chicago Bears.

He can look back on four NFL championships earned while playing with the "Monsters of the Midway" from 1940-52.

And All-America honors came his way during his playing days at Harden-Simmons University.

He is a member of several halls of fame, including the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio.

Not bad for a man who didn't see a football game until he was 15.

And that day also marked his playing debut.

"We didn't play football in Plains when I grew up," he explained.

Turner played for Sweetwater High School in 1934, two years after running back Red Sheridan and

Sammy Baugh led the Mustangs to the regional round of the playoffs.

Turner didn't actually meet Baugh until both were in the NFL. The Washington Redskins quarter back was busy ripping up the record

books with his prolific passing and punting.

However, Turner, who played linebacker and center for the Bears, got the best of one of three on-the-field

encounters, picking off one of Slingin' Sammy's passes and running it back 96 yards.

"He jumped on my back about the 10-yard-line, and I carried him into the end zone," Turner recalled.

"After the play, I looked up to see who had caught me, saw it was him and said, 'How the hell did you catch me? I'm faster than you, and he just grinned and said, 'you just cut back one too many times.'"

But Baugh had the better of Turner in high school. Turner's '34 team went 2-8, with him starting eight of those games at various positions even though he wasn't in the starting lineup.

His high school foot ball days, however, were cut short by eligibility rules.

"I went out for football only one year," Turner said. I had only one year of eligibility, had attended school eight semesters, and didn't have another year left."

"I had just gotten interested in football, then ran out of eligibility. I had one year there that I was a pretty sad boy."

Turner was on the lookout for a place to play. He found one at Harden-Simmons, where he got a scholarship. It was there that he played at center, one of the few positions he had never played in high school. "We had a good center there (at HSU). He had been an allstate player in high school, and he got hurt. They were going to keep so many freshman on the team, and when the coach ask us if anybody could play center, I said, I could, even though I had never played there before."

He learned the position well, earning all-America honors and spots in two all-star games. He also caught the eyes of pro scouts and was drafted in the first round by the Bears. His three-year contract starting at \$ 2,000 a year made him the highest paid rookie lineman in the league.

That didn't mean he was happy with his salary, however.

After a standout rookie year in which the Bears won the world championship, he argued with team owner and coach George "Papa Bear" Halas for more money. In the middle of the dispute, "I tore up my contract and pitched it on his desk."

Things were smoothed over, however, and he remained with the Bears.

Interceptions were among Turner's specialties, and in one season he led the league with eight thefts, the most ever for a linebacker.

Turner's playing days were briefly interrupted during World War II, when he was drafted, despite a policy to exempt married men. But it wasn't Turner's combat skills that interested the army, it was his playing skills.

He played football for the Second Air Force, which competed against other service teams. It wasn't the physical toll that prompted the Hall of Famer to hang up his cleats.

"I retired because I felt like I was getting over the hill, I was only 33, but I had always thought you peaked at about 28. I was getting tired mentally and was ready to move on to something else."

The Bears retired his number soon after he retired from the game, and he stayed with the team five years as a coach.

His gridiron achievements had been enough to put him in the Hall of Fame. Not bad for a farmboy from Plains.

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FROM THE HACK

The article about former Plains resident and great footballer "Bulldog" Turner from the San Angelo Standard Times special 112 page West Texas football contained many fascinating stories about great teams and players from the past, both high school and college.

I was particularly interested in another story featuring one "Wild Waldo" Young, a really fine running back from Monahans who starred several years, and especially on their state championship team of 1948.

I remember him well. That year, I was a sophomore at Pecos High, and Monahans was our fiercest rival. I mean, the teams, the towns, HATED one another!

I was a bruising 140 pound running back on our Eagle team. I was not especially fast, and didn't have blinding moves, but I sure was skinny.

That year, 1948, we played the Monahans Lobos at their stadium on Thanksgiving day, our last scheduled game.

About halfway thru the second quarter, when we were getting slaughtered by those huge, tough, downright evil guys, our coach stunned me when he told me to get ready to go in the next time we got the ball. "Is he drinking?", I asked myself. I had only seen action in a few games that long miserable year.

I told myself, "Just gird up your loins and get in there and Go!", but this presented a problem... I didn't know how to gird up my loins, only hearing the expression in church a few times.

I finally dashed into our huddle. Our QB called a play, a run by our so called star back. "#####~####", he screamed, "Let Dyer have the ball, the little ####%***# hasn't had any of this ####%***!# yet!". His expletives were so profound my tender young ears had not been exposed to some of them. The QB, much to my horror, did call my number.

I prepared to hurl my magnificent body into the line, smashing my way to a glorious run, possibly even a touchdown. I took the hand off, and at the last split mini-second, to my horror saw my blocking guard and tackle simply fall on the ground, their tongues hanging out, their eyes bulging in fear, and there he stood, their dreaded linebacker, Wayne Hanson.

Now, I want to tell you, Hanson was one tough, talented monster. It was rumored he ate a live chicken before each game,

and reguarly bench pressed a Clydesdale horse twelve consecutive times. He would later, after a fine college career, play line backer for the Chicago Bears.

We collided. My next memory was being helped to my feet and the huddle by our other two running backs, obviously anxious to restore me to life so I could carry the ball some more. Both of them were patting me on the back, saying things like "Atta Boy! Way to go! You only lost three yards, you're doing great!"

Spitting blood, ears ringing, woozy as a sailor on shore leave in Hong Kong, I managed to mumble, "mmmmnnffumm".

I don't recall the score, but I'm sure they beat us more than forty points. When the

final whistle blew, I remember several of our players fell on their knees to thank the Lord it was over, one or two of them shouting Hallelujah, our QB weeping, not tears of sadness, tears of joy he had survived the carnage.

When we got on our bus for the trip home, our coach, a real philosopher, said "well, we're still alive, and they didn't steal the bus!"

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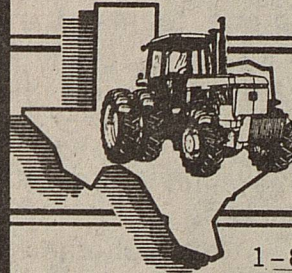
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