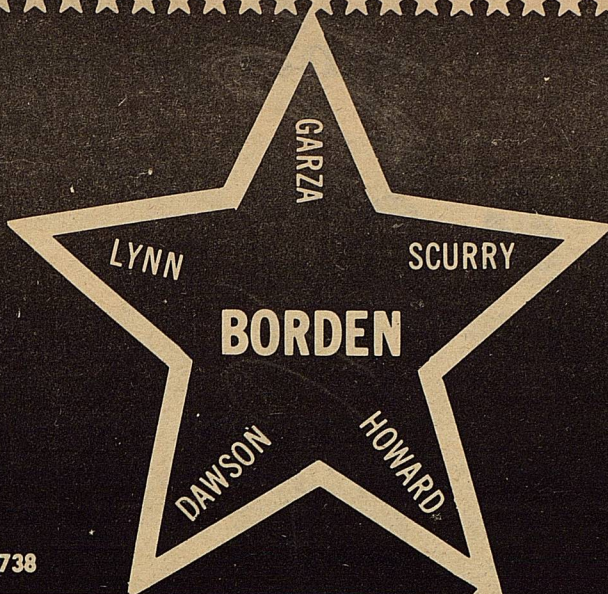


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Mrs. Doyle Newton, Miss Vickie Newton, Mrs. G.A. Newton, Mrs. Anna Belle Herrington, and Gayla Newton.

## Vickie Newton Honored With Bridal Shower

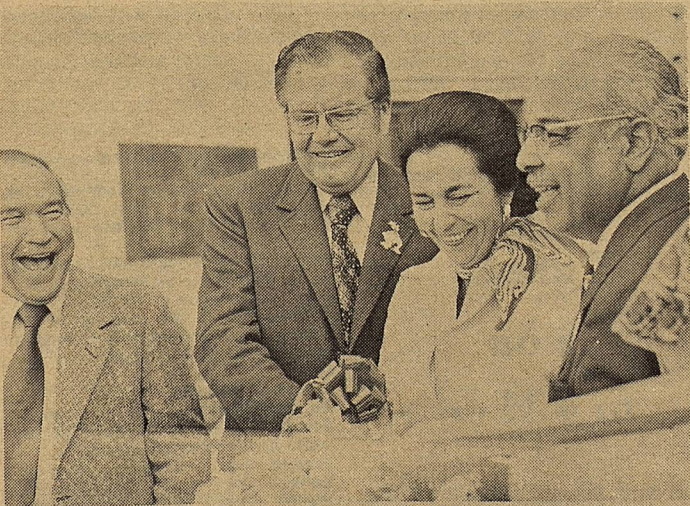
Miss Vickie Newton, bride elect of Earnest Kiker, was honored with a bridal shower in the Borden School Cafeteria on Sunday, October 5.

Out of town guests for the occasion were Mrs. Earl Kiker, mother of the groom; Mrs. Jesse Lee Kiker, Grandmother of the groom; Mrs. Brenda Murphee,

Mrs. Quada Murphee, Mrs. Don Kiker, Mrs. Madalene Brown, Mrs. Mary Adams all aunts of the groom; and Cynthia Kiker, sister of the groom; and Mrs. Clara Bell Herrington, a long time friend of the Newtons, and Mrs. Newton, Grandmother of the bride.

Hostesses for the shower were

Carolyn Long, Peggy Dennis, Mrs. Dewey Everett, Dorothy Browne, Carolyn Bennett, Dewey Faye Miller, Jacqueline Wills, Pat Murphy, Netta Jarrett, Sherry Gammons, Gloria Griffin, Snooks Ogden, Jo Hensley, Joan Briggs and Mrs. Lee Jones.



The nation's largest state fair got underway in Dallas Saturday for its annual two week run. Governor Dolph Briscoe (center) formally opened the affair by cutting the ribbon. Robert Cullum (left), State Fair Association President, and George Allen (right), Mayor Protem of Dallas, assisted in the ceremonies.

## Youth Meeting

Special guests on Sunday, October 20, of the Christian Youth meeting will be Darrell Horn, Mike Carroll, Sharylon Barber, La Quito Ross, Sheryl Bradshaw and Kenneth Platte, all members of the Baptists Students Union at Howard County Junior College. These youth attended the Evangelism Training Conference at State Baptists Student Union Convention in Dallas October 4, 5 and 6th.

The group will meet Sunday, October 20 at 3 P.M. in the Posse Building in Gail. Everyone is invited.

## Cowmen Organize

Cowmen are in trouble! The Independent Cattlemens Association will have an organizational meeting in Houston, October 18-19, at the Shamrock Hilton Hotel to organize counties in Texas that have not been organized.

Borden County needs six men to attend these meetings. These include (4) delegates and two (2) alternates. These men will return to organize Borden County.

We cattlemen are in a terrible jam. We had a good market going. They threw the imports wide open, dumped on our market and ruined it. And now we have a disastrous situation. We must, above all things, get imports closed and work off this slug of red meat. It won't take us long, killing 2-3 grass fed calves to 1 feedlot calf.

We sat around and let them break our best friends, the feedlot operator. Now they are buying grass fed calves for 25c per lb., and grading them U.S. good and choice, and selling them in the supermarkets for \$1.50-\$2.00 per lb. while the feedlot people can't sell their's for 35c lb. This is ridiculous spread! Somebody is getting rich while we are going broke. The consumer will be the one who suffers in the end. The system of marketing that we now have has proved to be a good one. It can still be a good one, if we will get busy and form the organization as a good marketing association and keep a standing demand for our product. This is the fact of the supply and demand.

We do not know of another country in the world that has its imports open, so everyone else who has something to dump, dumps it in the United States. We do not have anyone to look after the marketing of our meat. We want to export—not import!

We want to stabilize our market and hold it. Right now we have millions, billions and zillions of dollars invested, and we have no one looking after our business. Isn't it stupid of us that

we have so much invested and do not have a sales force? We like supply and demand as long as it is our country. We do not want government subsidies or government interference, and hope we can stay off to welfare.

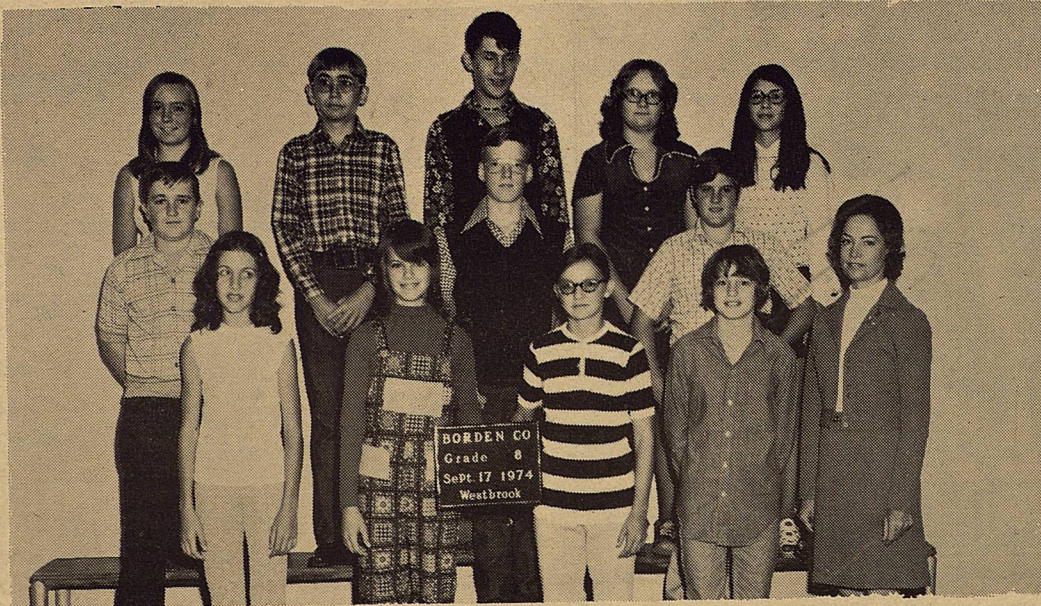
We have worked hard, and our families have worked hard, to make our payments at the bank to keep from losing our cattle and land. We have complained and complained to one another, but we are talking to the wrong people. We all know the trouble we are in. We need to get together and be heard by all the people. This is a peoples movement and it takes numbers and lots of votes to get a job done. This is the only door we see that's left open. Can't you give two days of your time and come to Houston and work with the organization that could help us save our industry? If we work hard enough we will have an organization to see that this will never happen to us again.

We have a thousand things that should be done tomorrow, this is the reason we should organize as soon as possible. We already have an inflated depression. Can you imagine, with you strongest imagination, putting a 10c to 30c a gal. federal tax on all fuel, and freezing prices at this time? This is what some of our elected officials want to do. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could appoint one man with some common sense to send to Washington and he would stay sane? Other nations send the smartest man in their field to the United States to trade with our politicians. Isn't it sad that we do not have some of our smartest men in their field to meet with them, then maybe we wouldn't lose one every trade.

If you are interested in helping yourself and your fellow cowman get in touch with County Agent, Earnest Kiker or Judge Glenn Toombs in Borden County.

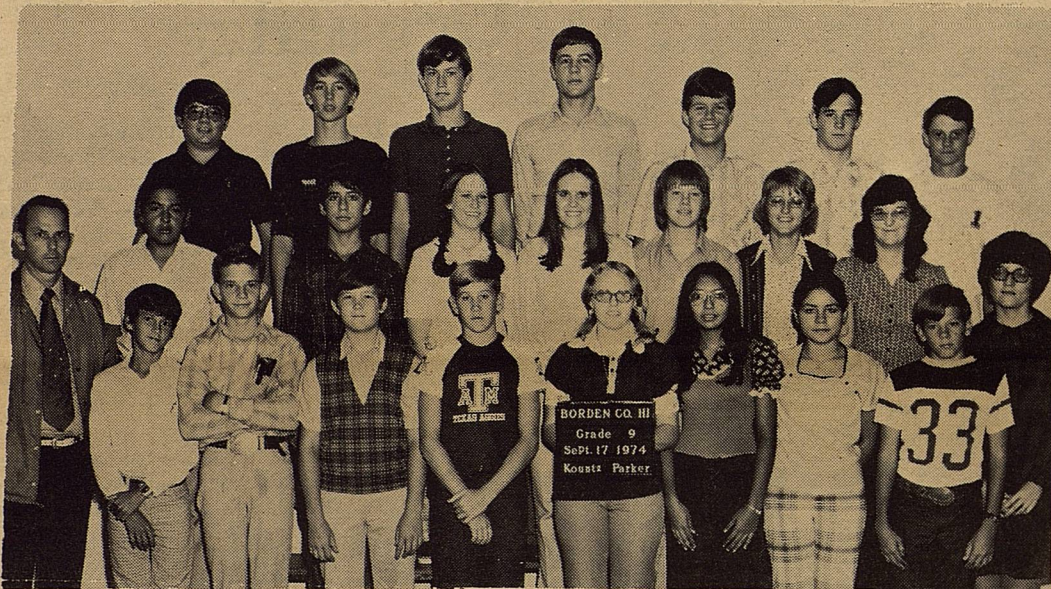
T.A. Cunningham  
Chairman of the Board

# Borden County School News



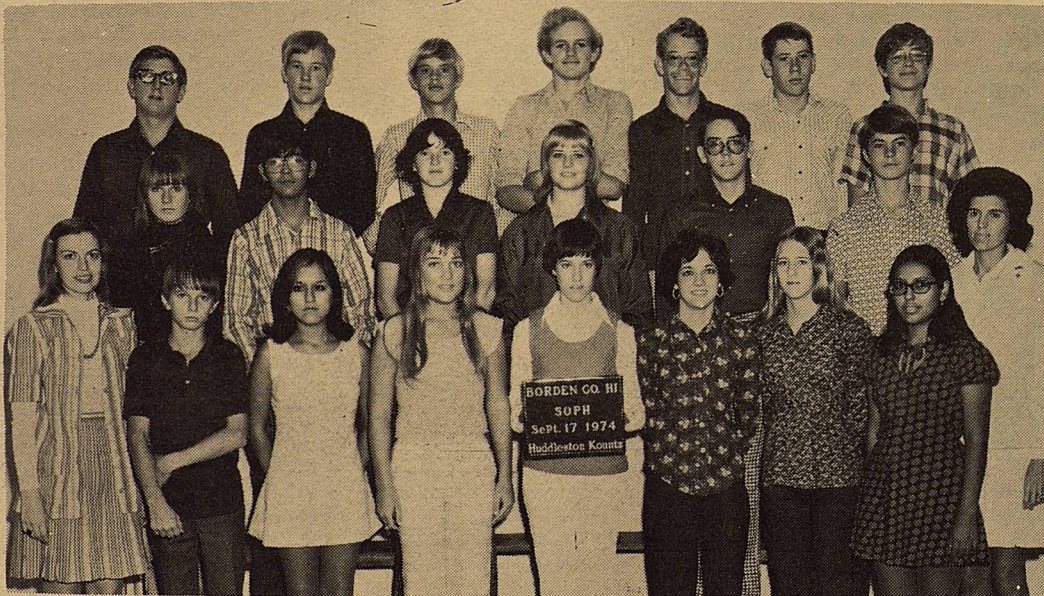
**Eighth Grade**

Top Row L to R, Sylvia Skelton, Brent Rhoton, Chuck Canon, Debra Compton, Jannie Gonzales, Center, Ray Don Underwood, Sid Westbrook, Perry Smith and Front: Rhesa Wolf, Lisa McLeroy, Terry Smith, Pennye Thompson and Mrs. Westbrook



**Freshmen**

Back L to R, Johnny Jackson, Eurdist Rinehart, Tim Smith, Richard Long, Wendell Stroup, Matt Farmer, Pat Toombs, Cen. Row: Coach Kountz, Ramon Vidal, Tony Benavidez, Martha Anderson, Denise Currey, Lesa Hensley, Kevva Tucker, Carol Burkett, Mrs. Jan Parker. Front: Tim Taylor, Ted Johnson, Mike Vaughn, Ty Zant, Twila Telchik, Sylvia Espinoza, Rita Baeza, and Randy Smith.



**Sophomores**

Back Row: Richard Smith, Tommy Patterson, Darin Tucker, Larry Simer, Gene Cooley, Joe Zant, Ben Thompson. Center: Cathy Underwood, Pete Gonzales, Liz dLedbetter, Tricia Jackson, Eddie Parks, Bob McLeroy, Mrs. Sharon Huddleston, Jackie Lockhart, Vasiy Benavidez, Sue Hancock, JDana Westbrook, Gay Griffin, Kristy Smith, and Lupe Vidal.

## Dawson Rips Borden

### High School

The Dawson Dragons whipped the Borden Coyotes Friday night 49-0 to take the lead in zone play. The Coyotes record now stands at 3 wins and 2 losses.

The score after one quarter was 0-0, then the Dragons came alive and Jesse Martinez scored from 5 yards out. Jim Hataway kicked the extra point. Kalith Brown scored on the 4th down from five yards out to give the Dragons a 13-0 lead. Hataway kicked the extra point. Brown then hit Ray Bennett on a 39 yard touchdown pass with 30

seconds left in the half. Hataway ran the 30 seconds left in the half. Hataway ran the extra points. Halftime score was 22-0.

In the third quarter, Jesse Martinez scored on a 40 yard run. Brown ran the extra points. Brown then passed for 75 yards to score with extra points failing. Brown passed to Bennett for a 22 yard touchdown. Hataway kicked the extra point. Danny Morales scored on a 19 yard run to complete the Dawson scoring.

The Coyotes go to Loop Friday for their second zone game. Loop has a good ball club with a 5-1 record. Loop beat klondike Friday night 14-6. The Coyotes hoped to improve on their play and record against Loop.

### Jr. High

The Borden Junior High Coyotes lost their first game of the year Thursday at Dawson. The score was 32-6. Perry Smith scored the only Coyote touchdown on a short run. The Coyotes received the opening kickoff and marched 60 yards down the field to take a 6-0 lead then the Dawson Dragons took command and held the Coyotes with no more scoring.

### Pee Wee

### Football

The Borden Pee Wees played during the half and Bart McMeans scored for the Coyotes to take a 6-0 mark over the Dawson Pee Wee's.

### Homecoming

### Mums

The Junior Class now has mums on sale for the 1974 homecoming game. The prices are \$6, \$8, and \$10. The \$6 mums have three letters; the \$8 mums have three letters and little flowers around the center flower. The \$10 mums have three letters, little flowers around the center flower, and streamers.

Contact any Junior, they will be glad to sell you a mum. All orders must be in by Wednesday, October 23.

### Jr. Livestock Assoc. Meets

There will be a meeting of all members of the Borden County Junior Livestock Association on Tuesday evening, October 22, at 7:30 P.M. in the Vocational Agriculture building at Borden High School. Officers and Directors for 1975 will be elected, and judges for the 1975 stock show will be selected. This is a general membership meeting, and all members are urged to attend.

### Thank You

### to 4-H er's

Thank you very much for the nice coffee pot. Vickie and I appreciate it very much.

Earnest Kiker

## Tape Sale

If you have an eight-track tape player in your home or car, the Senior Class can help you save money on tapes. All the tapes will sell for \$5 each and are fully guaranteed. Available selections feature such fine artists as Cat Stevens, Elton John, The Beatles, Paul Simon, Kris Kristofferson, the Carpenters, Loretta Lynn, Charlie Pride, Lynn Anderson, Freddie Martinez....The list is endless and covers Rock, Gospel, Easy Listening, Country and Western, Soul, Spanish, and Old and Heavy Gold music. Buy several for yourself or for a friend---they make great birthday and Christmas gifts.

This project will continue through the last week of October. Contact a senior and save money on good tapes.

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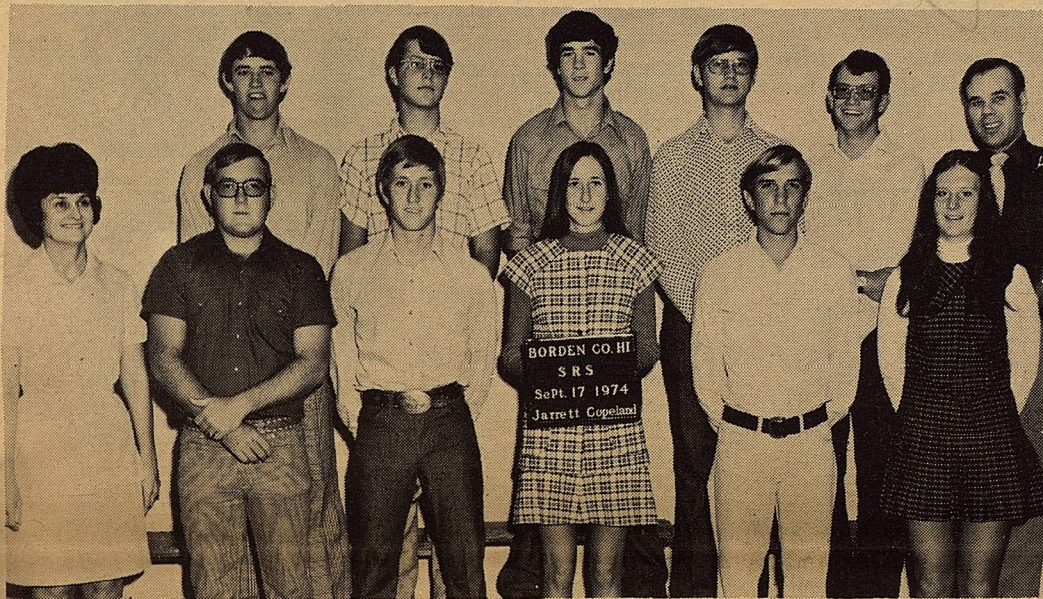
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Juniors

Back: Donelle Jones, Nestor Baeza, Creighton Taylor, Phil Boy, Vince Hatfield, Mary Ledbetter, Front: Mr. Ed Huddleston, Wanda Johnson, Debbie Herring, Bica Baeza, Philena Farmer, Cindy Beaver, Deidre Tucker, Kendall Davis and Mr. Dave Briggs.



Seniors

Back: Clifton Smith, Jim McLeroy, John Anderson, Kem Lockhart, Teddy Cooley, Mr. Joe Copeland. Front: Netta Jarrett, Garland Williams, Monte Smith, Catherine Jackson, Ken McMeans and Lisa Ludecke.

## Private Schools

### Face Financial Pinch

The last five years have been hard on private schools.

Money, of course, is the major difficulty. Judges in several states have ruled against state aid for nonpublic and parochial schools, either by reinforcing the doctrine of separation of church and state or declaring that there is no basis for statewide taxpayer support of nonpublic schools when public schools are funded with local tax dollars.

The money crisis among nonpublic schools is also due in part to sagging enrollments and inflation.

Enrollments have dropped drastically at private boarding schools. Officials admit that parents aren't sending their children away to school as they did a few years ago.

But even at day schools, those where students live at home, enrollment has been dropping slowly but steadily.

Private school officials at both the elementary and high school levels had hoped that coeducation would halt the enrollment decline but the best it has been able to do is slow it down. At the same time, the inflation spiral has rocketed to lev-

els that make it necessary for private schools to boost their tuition beyond the reach of many families who otherwise might have sent their children to nonpublic institutions.

At some schools, where private endowments haven't kept up with higher teacher salaries and equipment costs, tuition has jumped to \$4,500 a year per student—more than most colleges and universities.

Teachers' salaries also have created problems for private schools.

Today, teachers in the public school systems can earn much higher salaries and often work in far more modern facilities than their private school counterparts.

As one private school instructor said, "When I graduated from college and got my teaching credentials I landed a job at a private girl's school. In those days private schools were 100 per cent better than public schools. The surroundings were better, the kids were generally more polite, and the pay was better. But that's all changed now I've applied for a job in the public school system, and I hope I get it."

Although they may not be feeling the pinch quite as much as the nonpublic and private schools, private colleges are feeling it just the same.

The only advantage private colleges have is that they are eligible for state financial aid, provided they can prove that they need it.

Private colleges in California, for example, recently were informed through a report by the Legislature's Joint Committee on the Master Plan for Higher Education "that they have failed to prove their need for more financial aid from the state."

California state Assemblyman John Vasconcellos, D-Campbell, chairman of the committee, said:

"While we clearly recognize that independent colleges and universities may be having significant financial problems, the legislature must have more specific information concerning the reasons for the problems and the ways in which the institutions are responding to the apparent difficulties."

On the heels of this decision, student leaders from 23 California private colleges and uni-

versities formed an organization to lobby for more state aid for students at private colleges.

The group complained that tuition will increase an average of \$200 at California's private colleges in 1975, freezing out not only students from low-income families but from middle-class families as well.

This, of course, would prove disastrous for many private colleges and put a greater strain on already overcrowded state college and university systems. Whether it will or not remains to be seen. The fate of many higher and lower private educational institutions is hanging in the balance.

## His First Smoke

He has healthy lungs, a strong heart, and a good appetite. He can't wait to try his first cigarette. He's typical. Every day nearly 4,500 boys and girls light their first cigarette. What happens if they light a second, and a third, and ...? Here's what happens.

For the past 30 years, researchers have painstakingly been examining, experimenting,

gathering more and more proof of the damaging effects of smoking.

In 1964 an Advisory Committee appointed by the Surgeon General of the U.S. Public Health Service presented a significant report. After one year's unbiased study of all research, both for and against, they had reached a unanimous conclusion; cigarette smoking is a definite health hazard. It has been proved resoundingly that filtered or unfiltered, where there's cigarette smoke, there may be lung cancer, chronic bronchitis, emphysema, coronary artery disease, and a 70% higher death rate. Some side effects are shortness of breath, throat irritation, chronic cough, loss of appetite, and reduced stamina.

The evidence is so convincing that doctors themselves have reacted sharply. Ten years ago, 52% of physicians smoked cigarettes. Today, less than 30% do!

Parents should be advised that the smoker who takes up the habit before 20 smokes more cigarettes, inhales more deeply, and is more likely to be disabled or killed by them.

If the package said DANGER instead of Cigarettes the message might get across. And you know how eager your child is to light up and grow up! The intermediate grades are the bridge between childhood and the envied teens. It's the time for trying those things that

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## School Menu

October 21-25, 1974

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>
Chopped Wieners Pork Beans Potato Salad Hot Rolls - Butter Pear Halves Milk	Pizza Tossed Salad Cream Style Corn Plain Cake with Icing Milk
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
Hamburgers French Fries Tossed Vegetable Salad Pickles Jello-Fruit Milk	Ham Hock with Beans Mashed Potatoes Fruit Salad Cookies Cornbread - Butter Milk
<b>THURSDAY</b>	
Enchiladas and Chili Green Beans Mexican Style Salad Peach Halves Milk	

## Activity Calendar

OCT 18	LOOP THERE	JR. HIGH 6:00	HIGH SCH. 8:00
OCT 25	HOMECOMING CHILI SUPPER	GARDEN CITY	
OCT 22	JR. PSAT TESTS		
OCT 31	WELLMAN HERE	JR. HIGH	6:30
NOV 1	WELLMAN THERE	HS FOOTBALL	
NOV 4	SOU. SCHOOL ASSEMBLY		12:40
NOV 4	FLUVANNA HERE	JR. HIGH	5:30
NOV 5	IRA HERE	BASKETBALL A&B G	
NOV 7	HS. FOOTBALL KLONDIKE	HERE	
NOV 8	TSTA MEETING	NO SCHOOL STUDENTS	
NOV 11	4-H MEETING		2:45
NOV 11	IRA HERE	JR. HIGH	5:30
NOV 12	A & B GIRLS BASKETBALL	WILSON THERE	
NOV 14	DIST. FFA CONTEST	LAMESA	1:30
NOV 18	IRA THERE	JR. HIGH	5:30
NOV 19	IRA THERE	A BOYS & A GIRLS	
NOV 22	CARNIVAL		
NOV 25	FLUVANNA THERE	JR. HIGH	4:00
NOV 26	WESTBROOK THERE	BOYS & GIRLS	6:30

# Jerre's Gottings

I wish I hadna went to college. A degree in economics is worth nothing but frustration. It din't even get me an invitation to the recent economic summit meeting. I want you to know that I had nothing to do with the proposals resulting from that gathering. The economists of the Walter Heller school far outnumber those of my persuasion or even that of Secretary of the Treasury, Simon.

The plan presented by President Ford to Congress last week was a study in contradictions-according to my economics book. A surcharge was proposed for the purpose of financing the inflation fighting programs proposed-how's that again? In other words, in order to pay for the public works programs for the unemployed (who are unemployed because businesses have had to cut back due to taxes, high wages, etc.) a surtax will have to be levied on those same folks. Or, let's look at it another way. In order to stimulate investment in your own corporation, you will be allowed a 10 percent investment credit rather than the now 7 percent. But when you pay a 5 percent surtax on gross adjusted income, you wind up 2 percent worse off as I figger it.

Mr. Ford is convinced we must become independent of foreign countries (A-rabs). We must be encouraged to produce more energy within the confines of the United States. This is to be done by asking the environmentalists to call off the hounds and by demanding that the automobile industry build a car which will consume 40 percent less gasoline. At the same time, windfall profits taxes and a phase out of depletion allowances will be enacted. And don't forget the surtax. Some incentive, huh?

The blitz is on to ease the pain of this surtax. We are being told that it won't hurt much, that after all, we all must put our shoulder to the wheel. Lots of folks in these parts derive the middle as well as the top and bottom of their income from oil payments. Add a surtax AND a windfall profits tax to the people who pay the bulk of taxes as it is, and we won't have much shoulder to push with.

As goofy as the plan is, at least it is Congress who will have the final say. It's for sure they won't pass a tax bill before November the 5th. Ford's proposal is asking for expenditure of funds the Treasury doesn't have. Congress loves to spend money but they are reluctant to ask constituents to pay the bill in an election year. So the heat is on. It could prove to be a one way street-cut expenditures with no additional funding-if they would use their heads-and their degrees. I wish mine were in typing-and grammar.

## ABC's Of A Child's Mental Health

COLLEGE STATION—Before a child ever goes to school, he or she is already well on the way to learning an important lesson—the ABC's of mental health, one family left education specialist pointed out.

"Affection, balance, communication, development and expressiveness are reflected throughout a person's life, but they begin with a good parent-child relationship," Dr. Jennie Kitching, with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System, said this week.

AFFECTION is an integral part of good mental health. Children who are comfortable with adults and children and enjoy their company—who are generally at ease with people—are showing this trait.

There's something about the child that makes it important to get close to people because that's the way he or she can receive and give affection, Dr. Kitching noted.

A child soon begins learning to BALANCE his own wishes against the needs of other members of his family. Sometimes other children take advantage and the child has to protect himself.

Learning balance in relations and needs is part of growing interdependence.

"All children COMMUNICATE. A child has her own interests to talk about and says spontaneously what is on her mind. At times a child may be stubborn or irritable as well as pleasant. But he usually is aware of what other people are saying," Dr. Kitching said.

He can communicate in several ways—he talks, listens, observes and feels. The ability to communicate in multiple ways indicates natural sensitivity to other people and to oneself—another attribute of good mental health.

"DEVELOPMENT of independence, then gradually interdependence, is essential for a child's good mental health. Children rapidly learn to care for their own needs," she said.

An indicator of the growing need for independence is the child's phrase, "I can do it myself."

As young people develop qualities of independence, they gradually recognize the place of interdependence in everyday living. Interdependence is a balance between dependence and independence.

A mentally healthy person is neither totally independent nor dependent. In some respects she is dependent, in other ways she is independent. Accepting the reality of interdependence is another positive mental health trait, Dr. Kitching explained.

EXPRESSIVENESS is a trait that comes close to describing a child's good mental health. For example, there is harmony between what he thinks, feels and says.

"Because each child has a rich inner life of experience, it is important that a child not become one who is seen and not heard. The ability to express oneself is another attribute of mental health," the specialist said.

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Here's a metric measurement from the Texas Department of Agriculture. One meter equals 100 centimeters or 1,000 millimeters.

## News Gets Around

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Ellis, Jeff Ellis and Dick Scurlock have been recent visitors in the Ruth Weathers' home.

Mrs. Wright Huddleston visited a short while Sat. afternoon with Mrs. Jackson Ellis of near Dum.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Hilderbrand were business visitors in Abilene, Sat.

Mrs. Bill Hibbs has spent the past three weeks in Houston with her daughter and family.

Harley Smith is recuperating from a light stroke, visiting in the H.A. Smith home.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Ezell and baby of Lubbock visited Thursday night in the H.A. Smith and Jack Ezell home.

Mrs. David Vaughn has returned from a two weeks school of Instruction at San Antonio, sponsored by Bell Telephone Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gordon were week end visitors with their daughter and family the Wash at Waco.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Wilson are entertaining the lady's sister from Mississippi and all spent the week-end with Plainview relatives.

## 'Open Dating' Deadline Extended

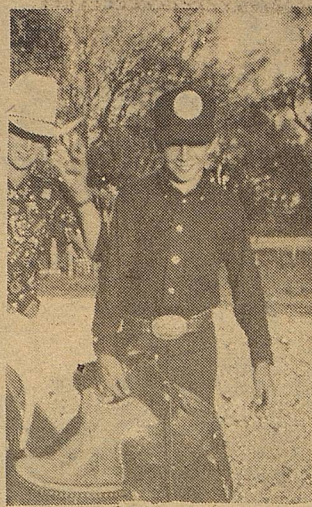
AUSTIN—New U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) regulations covering "open dating" of meat and poultry products will go into effect Dec. 8, not Sept. 8 as previously announced.

Officials noted that some processors and retailers have initiated open dating programs coupled with consumer education. They said the Sept. 8 date would force these business people to suspend these programs since they and their federally-inspected suppliers could not obtain the necessary equipment to make changes in their current open dating of meat and poultry products.

Texas Agriculture Commissioner John C. White said the regulations will provide consumers with significantly more information on the freshness or shelf life of meat and poultry products.

Under the USDA regulations any calendar date used on meat or poultry products processed under federal inspection will have to be identified by a "packing date," "use before" or "sell by" date. These dates may be further qualified by phrases such as "for maximum freshness."

The regulations do not apply to fresh meats that are cut up and packaged in the individual retail stores.



Keil Williams

## Local Cowboy Takes Second

Keil Williams of Borden County placed second in the Pee Wee Bareback Riding Event in the Little Britches finals which were held at Roosevelt October 5 and 6. Other Borden County contestants in the Little Britches finals were Becky Miller, Talley Griffin and Gay Griffin.

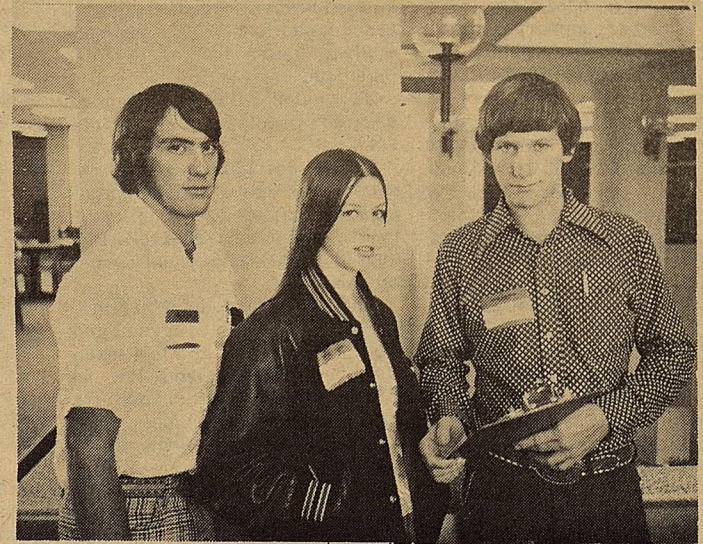
## Comedy Presented

SNYDER—"The Last of the Red Hot Lovers," a comedy by Neil Simon, will be presented by the drama department of Western Texas College Oct. 16-19 in the Fine Arts Theatre on the campus.

Curtain time is 8 o'clock nightly. Admission prices are \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.

Glenn Polk, Snyder radio announcer and entertainer, heads the cast. Appearing with him will be Julie Jones of Abilene and Paula Baldwin and Emmalie Sleeper of Snyder, drama scholarship students at WTC.

"The Last of the Red Hot Lovers" tells the story of Barney Cashman, who finds that being a lover is much more difficult than he had been led to believe. He's left alone finally, but only temporarily daunted and is ready to try again as the final curtain falls.



WTC VISITORS—Chuck Jones, Debra Teague and Ronald Gill, Fluvanna High School students, are pictured above in the Learning Resource Center at Western Texas College as they attended the Talented Youth Seminar held there last Thursday.

## Smoking From pg. 3

seem conspicuously adult----- using lipstick, drinking coffee, and smoking that first cigarette all symbols of being grown-up.

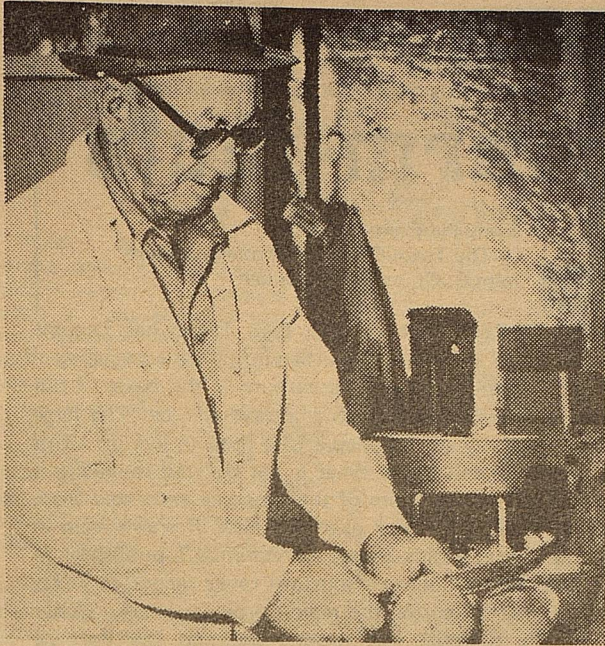
Youngsters aren't shy about telling you why they smoke..because, they say "the rest of my crowd smokes"; "to feel sophisticated"; "I was curious about it" or "because I wasn't supposed to". Being "one of the crowd" is a far more common reason than enjoyment. And the deep desire to be "in" has led to this nationwide crisis: 1 out of 3 high school students are smokers. Half of the nation's teenagers are regular smokers by the age of 18.

Millions of parents and teachers are banding together to revert intermediate grade students from starting to smoke. Unlikely as it may sometimes seem to you, the most important influence in your child's life is you. Your personal attitude toward smoking makes a strong impression.

Some useful strategy might be to point out that some psychologists maintain that male smokers are actually less masculine and more neurotic than non-smokers. They compare the habit to thumb-sucking, a regression to infancy. Also, make a case for the nonsmoking sports hero. Outstanding athletes know they can't keep fit and smoke, too. If your young girl thinks it is glamorous to smoke ask what's the use of perfume and primping if her breath smells of tobacco and her teeth are stained. Cigarette advertising plays heavily on adolescent daydreaming and it convinces children. Witness the tattooed cowboys, dazzling models, and ubiquitous romantic scenes. No one is quicker to spot phoniness than a teenager, and the double-talk claims and overdrawn acting are great material for a little family spoof session.

Most pre-teens and teens are smarter than they act. Believe in their intelligence and don't talk down to them. Describe smoking as the health menace it is. Together, look at a few publications that go into medical detail. One mother was able to bring home the point whimsically. She bought a set of six party mugs, each inscribed with the name of a popular poison, "arsenic...cyanide.....hemlock...cocaine...opium...nicotine."

Help stop teenage smoking, one of the deadliest known threats to our children's future health and long life. Theirs must be the new smokeless generation.



**TESTING FOR SWEETNESS**--Before oranges or grapefruit move out of the Lower Rio Grande Valley, they must be tested for maturity, according to Agriculture Commissioner John C. White. Tests include checking the amount of juice, the amount of solids in the juice and the ratio of acid to sugar. Tests are handled scientifically by the Texas Department of Agriculture Regulatory Division of the Texas-Federal Inspection Service in San Juan.

## Rice Harvest Way Ahead Of Schedule

AUSTIN--Texas rice farmers have been wrapping up rice harvest way ahead of last year's schedule and producers expect a five percent increase over the 1973 crop.

Agriculture Commissioner John C. White reported that production is expected to reach 24.7 million hundred-weight bags. Yields and quality have been good and prospects for a second cutting are excellent, he said.

Traditionally the Texas rice crop has gone directly to rice mills because growers lacked storage facilities. This year, however, around 900 farmers are banded together in a four-year-old cooperative which, they hope, will give them more control over their crop and its market value.

The cooperative is handling about 40 percent of this year's crop.

White said some 565,000 acres were planted this year compared with 553,000 last year. Texas dropped from first to fourth place in rice production in 1973 after Hurricane Delia destroyed about 35 percent of the crop.

Rice is a diet staple for more than half the world's population and per capita consumption in most major rice-producing countries is 200-300 pounds a year.

foundation of a 4-H education, and that is what gives young people the chance to learn practical things useful for everyday living."

Texas Department of Agriculture home economists recommend deciding how beef will be cooked before buying it. Many tougher, less expensive cuts have an excellent flavor when prepared by moist cooking.

## 4-H Can Have Lasting Effect

**COLLEGE STATION**—The 4-H program can and does make a big difference in the lives of young people.

"Former 4-H members throughout Texas are living proof of just that," says Yvonne Garcia, 4-H and youth specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"For instance, Dr. Robert Steger, Extension area range specialist at San Angelo was an outstanding 4-H member in Irion County. He decided to be a range specialist as a result of his 4-H experiences. He is also serving as an adult volunteer leader."

According to the 4-H specialist, Mrs. Odus Wittenburg of San Angelo received several recognitions as a 4-H member in McLennan County. After serving as a county Extension agent, Mrs. Wittenburg helped organize a Women's Department for the San Angelo Stock Show. She was also the first woman director of the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo Association. She is active in civic and community affairs and was recently named to the San Angelo Commission of Women.

"Interest in 4-H livestock projects had an effect on Dr. W. L. Angerson, Dallas County veterinarian," notes Miss Garcia. "He is recognized for his large animal practice. Anderson has served as president of the Texas Veterinary Medical Association and is both a member of the Texas Animal Health Commission and an official veterinarian for the State Fair of Texas."

According to Miss Garcia, the Saginaw 4-H Club in Tarrant County is quite active and is under the leadership of three former 4-Hers--Mrs. Yvonne Flippo, Mrs. Dottie Strickland and Mrs. Melissa Stewart.

"These are just a few examples of what former 4-H members are doing. One thing all these and many others have in common is the learning by doing experience," points out Miss Garcia. "That is the

## Grandpaw Says

Making a living is like water skiing, if you slow down you'll sink.

Did you hear about the sequel to Evil Kenieval? A fellow jumped 15 motorcycles on a John Deer Tractor!

The "Good Old Days" are a combination of a poor memory and rich imagination!

There are several ways to live a longer and a happier life. These should be noted and added to as you see fit.

(1) Never eat at a place called "Mom's" (unless she's your's)

(2) Never play poker with strangers!

(3) Never ask a man named "Butch" to step outside and repeat that.

(4) Never discuss the Mafia in Hoboken, New Jersey.

(5) Never have a thrid Martini if you are more than 30 steps from your own bed.

(6) Always keep your eyes down on crowded elevators.

(7) With women. Don't get the idea that you are Paul Newman (unless you are.)

(8) Perhaps the most important: When you see some fashionable new medical advice always let it set for 10 years before you pick it up.



### SAUSAGE DIP

- ½ pound bulk sausage browned and drained
- 1 pound processed cheese
- 1 tsp. basil
- 1/8 tsp. ground thyme
- ½ can beer

In a double boiler over medium heat, melt cheese. Add beer and mix well. Add herbs and sausage. Mix well. Serve in a chafing dish with chips or crisp vegetables. Yield: 2 cups.

For additional recipes write Commissioner John C. White, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Tex. 78711.

## New Research Shifts Heart Disease Blame

AUSTIN--A new trend in heart disease reporting which does not place all the blame on a single factor such as heavy fat content in the diet may be surfacing.

Recent reports on heart disease research have shown that many factors enter into the possibility of heart attacks and related illnesses.

"Certain agricultural products have taken the blame in causing heart disease and the market has reflected this," said Agriculture Commissioner John C. White. "Now it is being shown that the entire diet and numerous other factors are at the root of heart attacks."

One article in a major news magazine recently brought to light the necessity of indigestible fiber in the diet. Research cited was from British surgeons who conducted elaborate experiments regarding fiber in the diet with volunteers from England, India and Africa.

Their findings concluded that higher cholesterol levels are the result of too little roughage in the diet.

Another study by British doctors resulted in their unanimous agreement not to recommend an increase in polyunsaturated fats in diets. A main point was that "there is no certainty that such a reduction (of cholesterol in the blood) diminishes the susceptibility to heart disease."

Yet another report played up the book, "Type A Behavior and Your Heart," which points out that certain behavior types are more susceptible to heart disease.

"Nutritionists say one of the best insurances against disease of any type is a

well-balanced diet," White said. "This means a sufficient amount of meat, vegetables, dairy foods and whole grain products to provide the body with what it needs to remain healthy."

## TDA Issues '74 Nursery Directory

AUSTIN--The Texas Floral and Nursery Directory for 1974, listing all the licensed growers, dealers and florists in the state, has been issued, according to Agriculture Commissioner John C. White.

All businesses in the book have been inspected by a Texas Department of Agriculture inspector before a license was issued.

"The license insures that businesses and individuals are dealing with a reputable firm," White said. "This greatly reduces the chance of diseased or poorly cared for plants and flowers."

Copies of the book are available by writing to Commissioner John C. White, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Tex. 78711.

## 2 Vehicles In Fluvanna Mishap

Minor damage resulted from a two-car collision in Fluvanna at 9:15 a.m. today.

Involved were the 1973 Model GMC pickup of Earnest Kiker of Gail and the 1970 Model Plymouth of William Thorne of Temple.

Highway Patrolmen investigated the mishap.



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## We Will Change Timing Remain Strong

In his address to a joint session of Congress on August 12, President Gerald Ford said: "Let there be no doubt or misunderstanding anywhere. There are no opportunities to exploit, should anyone so desire. There will be no change of course, no relaxation of vigilance, no abandonment of the helm of our ship of state as the watch changes. We stand by our commitments, and will live up to our responsibilities, in our formal alliances, in our friendships, and in our improving relations with any potential adversaries."

"On this, Americans are united and strong. Under my term of leadership I hope we will become more united. I am certain we will remain strong. "A strong defense is the surest way to peace. Strength makes detente attainable. Weakness invites war, as my generation knows from four bitter experiences. Just as America's will for peace is second to none, so will America's strength be second to none."

"We cannot rely on the forbearance of others to protect this nation. The power and diversity of the Armed Forces, the resolve of our fellow-citizens, the flexibility in our command to navigate international waters that remain troubled--all are essential to our security."

"I shall continue to insist on civilian control of our superb military establishment. The Constitution plainly requires the President to be the Commander in Chief, and I will be."

## Desert To Be Topic

Alpine--Covering thousands of square miles in both the U.S. and Mexico, the complex and varied ecosystems of the Chihuahuan Desert will be the topics of a symposium at Alpine October 16-18.

The three-day event will be co-sponsored by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Southwest Region of the National Park Service and hosted by Sul Ross University of Alpine.

Papers will be presented at the confab on the plant and animal life of the desert, which stretches from central New Mexico and across the Trans-Pecos of Texas south to the Mexican state of San Luis Potosi.

Discussions are scheduled by both Mexican and U.S. authorities on the necessity of preserving or protecting the biological resources of the Chihuahuan Desert and conservation measures designed to resolve biological problems.

According to co-chairman David Riskind of the TP&WD, some 40 experts in the fields of discussion will speak at the conference.

"Conservationists and scientists will be well represented at the symposium," said Riskind, "but we also encourage laymen such as high school biology teachers to attend and anyone else who is interested in the fragile resources of arid regions."

Registration fee is \$3.50. More information on the agenda and accommodations is available from David Riskind, John H. Reagan Building, Austin 78701.

## Disapproval Of Cattle Destruction

College St.--Transportation experts say a simple adjustment of a car's timing could save motorists from 5 to 10 per cent in gasoline consumption.

A switch to radial tires could save another 3 per cent.

Researchers at the Texas Transportation Institute say the tuneup would probably result in sizable gasoline savings for 10 to 30 per cent of all vehicles, particularly older models.

The 3 per cent saving from radial tires, the experts explain, is because the radial tires slip less on the road while decreasing rolling resistance of the power train--thus taking less fuel to go the same distance.

Motorists also should check tire pressure regularly, the experts say.

They estimate up to 1 per cent of total gasoline consumption could be saved by maintaining proper tire inflation--the pressures recommended by manufacturers or even slightly higher.

Institute researchers figure the statewide fuel savings from lowering the speed limits from 70 to 55 miles an hour at 1 to 5 per cent.

Individual automobiles consume from 12 to 35 per cent less fuel at 50 mph than 70 mph.

The statewide effect of reducing maximum speeds is not that great however since less than 40 per cent of all fuel is consumed on roads in rural areas where drivers go that fast.

One gasoline guzzler that researchers want motorists alerted to as hot weather approaches is the auto air conditioner.

The institute's reports indicate air conditioners up gasoline use about 10 per cent in automobiles.

One of the best long range prospects for cutting gasoline use, the researchers say, is switching to smaller cars.

Transportation institute officials cite statistics compiled by the federal Environmental Protection Agency showing a 2,500 pound vehicle gets approximately twice as much fuel per gallon as a 5,000 pound vehicle.

One way Texans could save gas is by simply cutting down on the number of car trips per day.

Weekday travel in Texas' urban areas averages about eight trips per household.

If each household eliminated just one trip per day it would reduce gasoline consumption of that household by 10 to 15 per cent and save 8 per cent of the 7.4 million barrels of gasoline used in Texas in 1973, the researchers say.

Fort Worth, Texas-- Disapproval of "intemperate protest acts such as the proposed wasteful destruction of hundreds of cattle" in Stephenville was passed in the form of a resolution at the quarterly directors meeting of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association Oct. 2-3 at College Station, Texas.

More than 250 cattlemen and their guests from around the state attended the two day event Hilmar G. Moore, of Richmond, president of the Association, presided over the general session.

The resolution stated that in lieu of protest acts such as the aborted destruction of approximately 1,000 head of cattle in Stephenville, other action should be taken. These included prohibition of unrestricted meat imports, allocation of more funds for beef promotion, increased research efforts for the industry, fiscal responsibility at all levels of government and continued efforts to fight inflation so that the average consumer will have more disposable income.

In addition, Moore announced plans to travel to Washington to meet with Secretary of the Treasury William Simon and to New York to meet with vice-presidential designation Nelson Rockefeller to brief them on the cattlemen's plight.

In other Association business, resolutions were passed requesting the State Legislature to honor the biennial budget request of the State Agricultural Experiment Service to further research identified with the beef cattle industry, including range, forage and wildlife research identified with the beef cattle industry, including range, forage and wildlife research; to meet the biennial budget request of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service to further research of the beef cattle industry as well as various aspects of agricultural engineering; to strengthen the present fever tick force in the southern part of Texas along the Mexican border; and to support the recently proposed USDA beef grading standard revisions.

Don C. King, secretary-general manager of TSCRA, reported that the Association records a total of 14,550 members owning more than 2 million head of cattle. During the eight months of 1974, he said the Association's field inspector force has recovered a total of \$644,167.29 worth of stolen items

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# Farm-facts

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John C. White, Commissioner

YOU OFTEN hear it said that Texas has become urbanized, and it is true. The urban influence, especially, in politics, is dominant, yet agriculture is the basis of our country's wealth and probably always will be. The large towns have many of the people who used to live on farms and ranches of this State. What is not realized so readily is that they get a large share of their income each year from agricultural products. For example, Neal R. Peirce said in his "The Great Plains States of America," published in 1972, that Harris County (Houston) ranks second in Texas in the number of cattle, the region provides nearly 30 per cent of the national rice production, and the Port of Houston gets more than half of its annual tonnage from farm products! Most of the exported cotton that is grown in the Lubbock area (another city dominated by agriculture) goes out through the ports of Houston and Galveston, creating thousands of jobs in those communities. The late, great Jesse Jones, one of the developers of Houston, once said that "cotton and cattle kept it (Houston) rich..." The same story is true in Dallas, Fort Worth, San Antonio Corpus Christi, El Paso, and other big cities. Dallas ranks fourth in the Nation as a cotton market and farm implement center. Even though the big cities have paved over many of the acres in their counties, most such counties still produce crops and livestock. For instance, in 1970, Harris County produced crops and livestock valued at \$22,497,000, El Paso County \$21,728,000, Bexar County \$21,626,000, Nueces County \$19,149,000.

RAIN HAS perked up pastures over Texas and made it easier to send cattle into the winter months in good condition. Good pastures also possibly affected the number of cattle on feed during August. Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service reported that there were 1,760,000 head of cattle and calves on feed September 1, which is 24 per cent below a year ago and two per cent below the previous month. Texas feeders put 264,000 head into lots in August, which is 28 per cent fewer than in August, 1973 and 23 per cent fewer than in July, 1974. During August, there were 299,000 head of fat cattle sold, 16 per cent below August, 1973 and eight per cent below July, 1974.

THE USDA reports that it expects its new screwworm fly production plant in Tuxtla Gutierrez, Chispas State, Mexico to be in operation by mid-1975. The 10-member Joint Mexico-U.S. Commission for the Eradication of Screwworms inspected the new construction earlier in September. The site is in southern Mexico where it is hoped the two countries can establish a "barrier zone" of sterile flies which would prevent the threat of reinfestation of screwworms in this country and in Mexico.

DESPITE RAIN, harvest of all crops is progressing well over the State. The rice harvest (first crop) is practically over, and corn and sorghum harvest is about 50 per cent complete. A few fields of sorghum on the High Plains have been harvested. Cotton harvest is about 20 per cent complete over the State compared to about eight per cent at this time last year. Cool weather has slowed cotton maturity on the Low and High Plains, but picking is almost over in the Coastal Bend area. Peanut harvest, at 23 per cent complete, is slightly behind what it was at this time last year. Seeding of a new crop of wheat is over 30 per cent complete, and of a new oat crop is over 20 per cent complete. Land preparation and planting is underway in the Rio Grande Valley for the fall and winter vegetable crops.

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# Congress Softer on Defense

Wash. D. C. --A new voting index of the House and Senate reveals a 4 percent decline in Congressional support for stronger national defense and security posture over the past two years.

As compiled by the American Security Council (ASC), the 1974 National Security Voting Index released today shows the following averages as compared with a similar index in 1972:

House of Rep, 1974-64.10 percent; 1972- 67.77

Senate, 1974-52.26; 1972-56.27

The members of Congress with 100 percent rating dropped from 213 in 1972 to 96 in 1974. For the Senate, the decline was from 23 to 22.

On the other hand, the number of Congressmen given a zero rating declined from 60 in 1972 to 11 in 1974, while the Senators who rated zero rose from 19 in 1972 to 22 in the 1974 index.

In compiling the indexes, the individual votes of all members of Congress are recorded on ten key national security issues, ranging from support for Vietnam and the Defense Budget to placing restrictions on exports to Communist countries and continued funding for the House Internal Security Committee. Other key votes concerned appropriations for the B-1 bomber and Trident super-submarine projects, and maintenance of U.S. troop levels overseas.

Each vote is judged on the basis of whether or not it corresponds with the findings of public opinion polls on related security questions, conducted by the Opinion research Corporation for the ASC.

Of the 22 Senators who rated zero on this year's Voting Index, 19 belong to an organization called Members of Congress for Peace through Law, organized in 1966 to, in its words, "coordinate Congressional concern for world peace .. and for general and complete disarmament under enforceable law." Of the 11 House members rated zero in the ASC Index, 10 belong to the Members of Congress for Peace through Law.

Members of the Congress for Peace through Law-120 in the House and 35 in the Senate- have in general, consistently voted for defense budget cuts and for the shelving of new weapons systems. Their average security index rating in the House is 25.4 and in the Senate only 10.7. This compares with the overall average of 64.10 in the House and 52.26 in the Senate.

Also well below the average Senate rating is that of the influential Senate Foreign Relations Committee which averaged only a fraction over 34 percent on key defense and security votes in the 1974 ASC Index.

Commenting on the results of this year's index, ASC President John Fisher said: "The aftermaths of Vietnam and the illusions of detente have clearly eroded support in Congress for vital national defense and security measures. For those of us who support a strong America, the challenge is greater and more urgent than ever."

Other facts brought out by this year's index show a perfect 100 percent rating for all six members of the South Carolina House delegation, and 7 out of 10 perfect scores in the Virginia delegation. The lowest average rating by states went to the Massachusetts House delegation.

On the Senate side, 100 percent index ratings included Alabama Senators Allen and Sparkman, Arizona's Fannin and Goldwater, Mississippi's Eastland and Stennis, Nebraska's Hruska and Curtis, North Carolina's Ervin and Helms, Tennessee's Baker and Brock, Texas' Bentsen and Tower. Other 100's were registered by Florida's Gurney, Idaho's McClure, Kansas' Dole, New Hampshire's Cotton, New Mexico's Domenici, New York's Buckley, Oklahoma's Bartlett, South Carolina's Thurmond, Texas' Tower and Wyoming's Hansen.

Senators with a zero national security index rating included Gravel of Alaska, Haskell of Colorado, Inouye of Hawaii, Church of Idaho, Stevenson of Illinois, Bayh and Hartke of Indiana, Clark and Hughes of Iowa, Hathaway and Muskie of Maine, Kennedy of Massachusetts, Hart of Michigan, Humphrey and Mondale of Minnesota, Symington of Missouri, Mansfield of Montana, Williams of New Jersey, Burdick of North Dakota, Metzenbaum of Ohio, McGovern of South Dakota, and Nelson of Wisconsin.

The American Security Council, organized in 1955, is a private, non-profit organization devoted to research and education in the field of national defense and security.

## Briscoe In White House

Governor Dolph Briscoe departed from a busy campaign schedule to go to Washington, D.C., to participate in a White House Conference on inflation.

In a letter to Governor Briscoe, President Ford stated that Conference participants were being asked "to come prepared

to discuss the present economic situation, its causes, and the most appropriate policies the government can adopt."

On Wednesday the Governor continued his campaign activity by attending a rally in Victoria; speaking to the Nueces County Bar Association in Corpus Christi; dedicating a new plant in Point Comfort; and attending a political rally in McAllen.

On Tuesday, the Governor campaigned in San Antonio before flying to Port Arthur to dedicate a new plant. In Beaumont the Governor and Mrs. Briscoe participated in a dinner honoring the Ambassador of Ireland.

Continuing to emphasize the importance of controlling government spending, the Governor's speeches concentrated on the progress his administration has made during the past two years, and his plans for the future.

The Governor's campaign schedule included the keynote address to the State Democratic Convention on Tuesday, September 17.

"If the Federal Government had managed its spending as well as we have managed ours here in Texas during the past two years," the Governor told delegates, "we wouldn't be in the mess we're in now." The Governor also told delegates he would recommend that the next session of the Texas legislature eliminate the state sales tax from utility bills.

## REA Loan Approved

Wash. D. C. --Congressman Omar Burleson announces the approval of a \$628,000 REA loan to the Cap Rock Electric Cooperative, Inc. at Stanton, which serves Borden, Howard, Dawson, Andrews, Ector, Midland, Glasscock, Irion, Reagan, Sterling, Tom Green and Upton Counties.

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# It's Frustrating

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A "caucus" of liberal Texas Democrats, meeting in Austin the other day, called for impeachment or censure action against President Gerald Ford.

The group called for unconditional amnesty for draft evaders of the Vietnam conflict, suspect-

ed a pardon "deal" between the two Presidents, and questioned the legitimacy of the government under Ford.

Neither of the two most recent Presidents believes he is guilty of an "impeachable offense," so the liberals need not expect a "confession" from either.

It must be frustrating for the caucus members.

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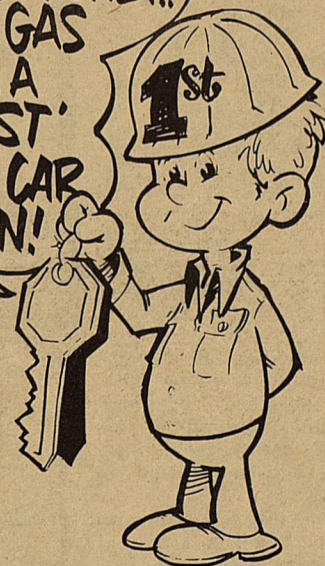
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"As it looks from here"

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Wash. D.C.--There is a story about an Irish cop in downtown Boston who solved the problem of outlander pedestrians who were blocking traffic at a business intersection while they gazed up at tall buildings. He shouted to them, "If you want to stand on this corner, you got to keep movin'."

There is another story about a strange malady which prevents some people from turning a corner. It is said that a person afflicted with this unusual disease can walk a straight path as easy as anyone. But when he comes to a corner with no obstruction in his way, he is unable to negotiate the turn.

The parallel in these stories can relate to people and institutions--  
1. Unless we keep moving we are likely to get run over. 2. Unless we can turn the corners we cannot get to the place we are going for the purpose intended.

In a way this seemed to be the general idea conveyed by one of the top business executives of this Country, speaking before a business conference at Rutgers University some three or four months ago.

"For more than a decade now the business community, as a whole, has been declining in public favor," he said. As a result, the public has grown more receptive to proposals for more Government intervention and regulation of business. He said

that attacks are being mounted on the private enterprise system and the life of that system is at stake.

Business has not been alone in its fall from public favor. It has been joined, to greater or lesser extent, by virtually every other institution in American society. This includes the professions, the Federal Government--both the Administration and Congress--the military, the news media, educational institutions and even the church.

Mr. M.A. Wright, head of one of our biggest oil companies, went on to say in his remarks at Rutgers, "This atmosphere of general public distrust has serious implications for the future of business." He said that the future of business and our national institutions depends on how well we can re-establish credibility. He concluded that, in the past, businessmen have been too busy competing in the private enterprise system to concern themselves with communicating its virtues. The same can be said of the representatives of these other institutions. The private enterprise system and our other basic institutions of American life cannot hope to prosper or even survive in a society which has no faith or confidence in its major decision-making ability.

At the present time, there is a punitive climate in the Congress towards business which, evidently, is due in large part to the powerful effect of public opinion. This, in turn, reflects on public institutions, the Congress being one, an attitude contrary to concepts on which they were built and on which they must survive.

Mr. Wright ended his speech by saying, "Business must monitor and act on all matters affecting the business community. We must become alert to all that happens in Washington--not just the activities which affect our own industry and interest." How all this has come about is difficult to define. It did not occur by any sudden turn of events nor will the trends and attitudes be suddenly reversed. It must, however, be met as a real challenge to the fundamentals of our system of Government and business.

## Exotic Pets Belong in Zoo

Austin--Lions, ocelots and monkeys have a certain status as exotic pets over run-of-the-mill dogs and cats, but the exotics belong in zoos, not in private homes.

Writing in the publication of the Houston Zoological Society, former Houston Zoo veterinarian Dr. F.K. Soifer discourages the keeping of exotic pets as both unfair to the animal and their human captors.

Soifer cites the health hazards of many such pets such as parrot fever, salmonella, viral infections, ringworms and more serious infections such as tuberculosis which are found in some old-world monkeys.

In his work as a vet, Soifer admits to seeing few instances of such diseases but records exist of their occurrence and transmission to humans.

Few people are prepared to adequately feed and care for their unusual pets. Owners seldom seek veterinary aid for their animals and the result is often a deformed animal or one which is so disease-ridden as to be nothing more than a caricature of what was formerly a beautiful and graceful wild creature.

Reports of lions who snap their chains or tigers menacing neighborhoods have become common in news reports. Each year, game wardens and biologists of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department have the sad task of rounding up white-

tailed deer fawns which lose their spots and mature into aggressive bucks armed with antlers and sharp hooves.

In Texas it is against the law to keep wild deer and certain other game species except under a game breeder's license. Animals such as ocelots, which are classified as endangered by both state and federal laws, may not be kept except by zoological gardens or for scientific purposes and only then with a valid permit from the Parks and Wildlife Department.

Soifer cites the case of a Houston-area child who needed 37 stitches to close a wound inflicted by a "pet" margay and the Miami, Florida, family whose pet ocelot had eaten the toes from their infant child

while it slept in its crib.

What to do with the living animal once it becomes a menace is a problem.

Most zoos, according to Dr. Soifer, have closed their collections to white-tailed deer and some of the more common species of wildlife.

To introduce an animal of unknown background into a colony of zoo animals might infect the healthy zoo inhabitants with disease.

Pets usually cannot care for themselves in zoos and are rejected or destroyed by the zoo-bred animals.

Soifer's advice on exotic animals: observe them in the wild and in zoos where they can be cared for properly, where they can reproduce and be enjoyed by all.

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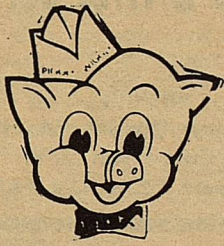
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