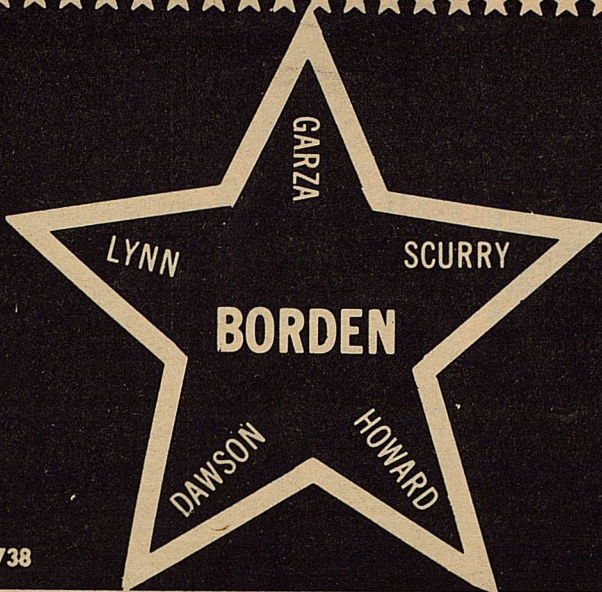


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## Happy Thanksgiving



MR. JIM BURKETT

### To Help With Study

Mr. Jim Burkett, County Judge-Elect of Borden County; Charles Latham of Dawson County; John Snyder of Big Spring along with eleven more well-known area officials, residents and Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission staff members are currently beginning a comprehensive study of existing emergency medical care in the Permian Basin. Beginning with an authorization by the PBRPC Board of Directors, the project is currently at the public meeting stage with various presentations before area City Councils, County Commissioners and civic organizations to explain the study and receive vital input.

The fundamental objective of the proposed E.M.S. program is to design, implement and begin operation of an Emergency Medical System, which has the necessary features and characteristics including over-all unified management and operations approaches, for providing excellent and easily accessible EMS to all individuals within the Permian Basin on a 24 hour basis. The system would include the development of an efficient central dispatch communications network as a dominant part of the system.

Due to the recent development of the CJC radio communications network, this element of the system will be more easily developed than previously.

Many of the goals of the proposed system provide for regional cooperation among entities in delivering medical care. Im-

plementation of trauma centers to provide emergency treatment on a twenty four hour basis from any accessible location in the region is a fundamental part of the program study. Along with treatment, there is also a priority on developing easy accessible location in the region is a fundamental part of the

program study. Along with treatment, there is also a priority on developing easy access to important medical data on individual cases. Training capabilities for persons working on EMS projects is also needed and will be an important part of any proposal.

The study is financed by a contract from the State Department of Health to undertake the massive study for six thousand

dollars. The cost is less expensive than most projects of a similar nature due to the immense amount of data and information about the region already available at PBRPC.

A significant part of the project study is being conducted by NASA, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The NASA effort is being managed by Dr. Sam Lee Pool and Norman Belasco of the NASA Johnson Space Center, Houston, Texas.

The Emergency Medical System Committee, is the beginning effort in setting up advisory groups in each area, which will eventually include 200 to 300 persons from the public sector.

This important project for the Permian Basin, undertaken on behalf of the area local government officials attempts to study the development of the necessary methods and techniques for insuring that all individuals in the Permian Basin Region, both residents and visitors, are adequately aware of the most effective approaches for obtaining emergency medical services.

### Cowbelles To Have Bazaar

The Tejas chapter of the Texas Cowbelles Association held its regular meeting Tuesday at 10: A.M. in Big Spring.

The agenda for the meeting included the election of officers. They read as follows: Jeannett Middleton, President Gloria Griffin, Vice-President Modesta Stokes, Secretary Lucille Sterling, Treasurer Martha Huddleston, Reporter Mary Dressett, Pub. Chairman

Plans were discussed and finalized concerning a Christmas Bazaar. The Bazaar will include arts and crafts donated by the chapter members. It will be held in the Highland Mall in Big Spring on Saturday, December 7. Many interesting Christmas gifts will be for sale and everyone is urged to come by and browse.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

### "Experts" Challenged

So-called food "experts" who are suggesting it's wasteful and immoral to eat beef are creating a false picture of the vital role of beef cattle in producing food. Thus asserted ANCA President Gordon Van Vleck in a nationally distributed news release, challenging critics who say the amount of beef in our diets should be reduced.

ANCA has taken active steps in several different ways to combat this misinformed, dangerous public attitude that has been fostered by certain nutritionists politicians and religious leaders.

1. The above-mentioned news release, directed at consumer media, explained that ruminant animals represent the only way close to 1 billion acres of grazing land can be used for food production.

Wray Finney was recorded for "Cattlemen's NEWS CALL," ANCA's service to radio newsmen, and he said that more than

three-quarters of all the feed units used by cattle come from non-grain sources--and feed grains aren't suitable for human use.

3. Responding to a false statement in TIME magazine, President Van Vleck wrote Managing Editor Henry Grunwald: "Your November 11 article on 'The World Food Crisis' includes a statement that it requires 20 lbs. of grain to produce a pound of beef. This is grossly in error." He explained that it takes just 6 lbs. of grain to produce the 460 lbs. of retail cuts on a 1,050 lb. steer. And, the grain fed to cattle is not grain used by humans...it's feed grain.

4. A 60-second TV news film clip on the whole ruminant-grain controversy has been produced by ANCA, outlining the vital need for cattle to convert grass and forage into the highest quality protein.

5. A preliminary report on the role of ruminant animals in producing food--prepared by CAST for which ANCA provides support--was part of the information made available by the U.S. at the world Food Conference.

lead nationally to save the livestock producer from financial disaster and in fact the entire agricultural industry which is the backbone of this country."

Cunningham said that several years ago Governor Briscoe was responsible for initiating the screwworm eradication program in Texas and the I.C.A. has used a similar method to

establish its organization. The screwworm eradication program has, of course, been of great benefit to the farmers and ranchers of Texas and with the assistance of a man like Governor Briscoe, who understands the problems and has been effective in solving such problems in the past, we can be successful. With the Governor's support and other Texas and national leaders, we will be able to stop the excessive importation of foreign red meats, reduce the difference between the cost per pound on the hoof and the cost over the counter still allowing reasonable profit for the livestock producer, and be able to provide a better quality of meat for the school lunch program which is so important to the children throughout the United States. These goals can be achieved which benefit the livestock producer but more importantly will benefit all consumers.

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### Meets With Governor

On Wednesday, November 20, 1974, T.A. Cunningham, President of the Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas, met with Governor Dolph Briscoe to discuss the many problems facing the livestock producer and the agricultural industry at this time in Texas and throughout the United States.

Cunningham said "I was very pleased to have the opportunity to visit with Governor Briscoe and give him detailed information on the purposes of our association and to seek the Governor's assistance for the livestock producers in solving the many complex problems which we face. The Governor has a thorough understanding of these problems and expressed his desires generally to do what he could to be of assistance. The Independent Cattlemen's Association is hopeful that Texas, through the initiative of the Governor's office, can take the

### Livestock Meeting

ATTENTION: All Cattlemen. There will be a livestock health meeting on December 4, at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Charles Church, D.V.M., from Snyder will be the speaker. The topics of his talk will be animal health with strong emphasis on new type black leg and leptos.

The County Extension Agent urges all livestock owners to be present for the meeting. Dr. Church will allow time for any questions you might have concerning animal health.

You are urged to attend this meeting on December 4, at 7:30, in the District Courtroom at the Courthouse.



# Borden County School News



KATE PORTER says "I want this book, Mommie" to Mrs. Pat Porter while Sylvia Espinosa, Carol Burkett and Lesa Hensley watch the fun.



LISA LUDECKE AND CLIFTON SMITH help the Kindergarten class at the Beta Book Fair.



MARTHA ANDERSON, DENISE CURREY, KEVVA TUCKER

## Book Fair

The Borden County Beta Club wishes to thank all who bought books at this year's ERS Book Fair. The club sold approximately 280 books. The sixth graders were the champion buyers with 35 books and the third grade and Kindergarten were second and third with 28 and 27 respectively. A big thanks goes to these classes and all the others who bought and made the Fair a success.

The books will arrive in approximately eight or nine days.

## Human Interest Story

### Cyclers Visit

Two young men riding ten-speed bicycles stopped and spent the night by the Ed Rinehart's house, Friday night, November 22. Their names are Elden Hopperstad and Adam Levin.

These two young men started from North Haven, Connecticut traveling to California. They have been on the road for seven weeks. Both of the boys agree that it is hard work pulling hills on cold and windy days.

All the equipment they carry is a tent, two sleeping bags, and their clothes. They don't carry much food, but they buy all they need to eat before stopping for the night.

I asked the reason for doing all this bicycling and they said, "Just for the hell of it." So far they haven't been threatened or shot at, but are ready for any experience.

/s/ Travis Rinehart

## All Star Team

### Chosen

Center-Greg Eoff, Klondike  
Q. Back-Kalith Brown, Dawson  
Guards-Rex Carr, Klondike - Ben Phipps, Dawson  
Ends-Ray Bennett, Dawson - Darrell Frazier, Loop  
H. Backs-Jimmy Bradford, Klondike-Jesse Martinez, Dawson  
DEFENSE  
Line man- Garland Williams, Borden, Keith Morris, Dawson, Rod Hand, Loop, Jim Hataway, Dawson

SECONDARY- Kalith Brown, Dawson; Rex Carr, Klondike Monte Smith, B.C.; and Randy Airhart, Klondike

### ALL DISTRICT OFFENSE

Center-Greg Eoff, Klondike & H.M.-Danny Dukalnik, Whitharrell  
Guards-Ben Phipps, Dawson, Jim Petty, Smyer  
H.M.-Rex Carr, Klondike & Lile Jetter, Grady  
Ends- Ray Bennett, Dawson; Nick Sanders, Smyer  
H.M. Darrell Frazier, Loop Mark Bevers, Southland  
Q.B. Tie- Kalith Brown, Dawson; Gary Gilbert, Smyer  
Backs-Jimmy Bradford, Klondike  
Woody Lyons, Smyer  
H.M. -Jesse Martinez, Dawson-Danny Crow, Grady

### DEFENSE

Ends-Rod Hand, Loop-Gary Gilbert, Smyer  
H.M. Keith Morris, Dawson-Eddie Chavez, Whitharrell  
Guards-Garland Williams, B.C. Woody Lyons, Smyer  
H.M. Jim Hataway, Dawson-John Dukalnik, Whitharrell

### SECONDARY

Kalith Brown, Dawson \* Rex Carr, Klondike \* Lesleie Dockery, Whitharrell, Jim Petty, Smyer.  
H.M. -Monte Smith, Borden \* Randy Airhart, Klondike\* Gary Lyons, Smyer, Larry Koslan, Southland  
\*H.M. Honorable Mention

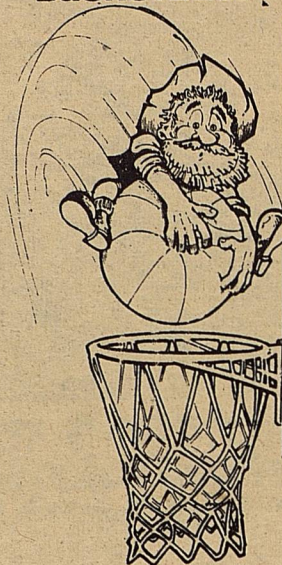
## Coaches

### All Star Game

1. Kalith Brown, Dawson
2. Gary Gilbert, Smyer
3. Woody Lyons, Smyer
4. Garland Williams, Borden
5. Rex Carr, Klondike
6. Jim Petty, Smyer
7. Jesse Martinez, Dawson
8. Jim Hataway, Dawson
9. Danny Dukalnik, Whitharrell
10. Greg Eoff, Klondike
11. Danny Young, Loop
12. Lyle Jeter, Grady
13. Larry Koslan, Southland
14. Monte Smith, Borden
15. Ronny Armstrong, Loop

The above players will be offered the opportunity to play in the coaches all star game in Brownwood this summer. The first 12 will go if all accept the offer. If one or any number decline the offer, the remainder will be offered the opportunity to go.

## BASKETBALL



### Girls Hi School

On Tuesday, November 19 the high school girls traveled to Ira and won their second game of the season. Final score was Borden 61 and Ira 49.

Philena Farmer led the scoring with 26 points, followed by Catherine Jackson 13, Deidre Tucker 11, Sue Hancock 9, and Gay Griffin 2 points. Tricia Jackson had 7 rebounds, Philena and Martha Anderson 4. Philena, Deidre and Tricia each came up with 3 recoveries.

**BOYS WIN OPENER**  
The Borden County Coyotes began the 1974-75 basketball season with a victory Monday November 19 over Ira. The Coyotes came out on top with a 64-48 win.  
A total of 19 points made Larry Simmer high point man. Clifton Smith was just behind him with 18 points. Other Coyotes adding to the scorebook were Richard Long with 9 points, Ken McMeans had 6, and 4 points each were scored by Monte Smith and Matt Farmer.

### Nat'l Teachers

#### Awards

A national awards program for teachers in the field of environmental education will be conducted this coming year according to W. L. Wilson, Jr., Chairman of the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District.

The awards program, sponsored by the National Association of Conservation District and the Allis Chalmers Corporation, offers a cash prize of \$1,500 to the top winner and a trip to the NACD national meeting.

"Any teacher in a school system in our conservation district who includes environmental conservation emphasis in his or her classroom work is eligible for nomination," Wilson said.

"We encourage interested teachers to stop by the Snyder Field Office of the Soil Conservation Service located at 3423 Avenue T. in Snyder, for more information and nominating procedure," Wilson said.

The Snyder Field Office also serves as the office of the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District.

## Jr. Hi Girls

On Monday, November 25, the junior high girls traveled to Fluvanna and were defeated 20-17. Penny Thompson scored 14 points for the Coyotes. Talley Griffin 2 and Karen Williams 1 point. Lesa McLeroy had 2 rebounds and 2 recoveries and Rhesa Wolf had 2 rebounds and 1 recovery to lead the guards. Gayla Newton had 3 recoveries.

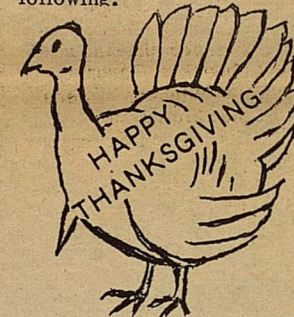
The next game for the junior high girls will be at home against Loop on Monday, December 2. There will be two girls games that day, a sixth grade game and regular junior high game.

## Boys

The Borden County Coyotes defeated the Buffalos at Fluvanna 41-14 Monday night.

Leading the Coyotes in their second victory over Fluvanna was Blane Dyess with 16 points. Sid Westbrook and Perry Smith hit the basket for 8 and 7 respectively. Also scoring was Travis Rinehart with 4 points, and Ben Murphy, Troyce Wolfe, and Mark Walker with 2 points each.

The young Coyotes will begin district action against Loop Monday, December 2. The first district game will be on the Coyotes home court. A and B girls action starts at 5:00 with the A boys immediately following.



## School Menu

December 2-6, 1974

### MONDAY

Hot Dogs  
Green Beans  
Macaroni and Cheese  
Chocolate No Bake Cookies  
Milk

### TUESDAY

Beef Stew  
Fruit Salad  
Cheese Sticks  
Cornbread-Butter  
Jello with Topping  
Milk

### WEDNESDAY

Hamburgers  
French Fries  
Ranch Style Beans  
Lettuce-Pickles  
Peach Halves  
Milk

### THURSDAY

Fried Chicken  
Mashed Potatoes  
Tossed Salad  
Brownies  
Milk

### FRIDAY

Fish  
Buttered Spinach  
Vegetable Salad  
Cornbread-Butter  
Fruit Cocktail Cake  
Milk



# FHA

The Future Homemakers of America met for their regular monthly meeting Nov. 21. Refreshments were served by Catherine Jackson, Elizabeth Ledbetter, and Twila Telchik. The meeting was called to order by President Catherine Jackson. The members repeated the purposes of the organization after the officers had gone through the opening ceremony.

A program entitled "A New Look at Home Economics Careers," was presented by Bica Baeza, Twila Telchik, and Martha Anderson. Bulletin boards had been prepared which showed pamphlets about many various careers.

The stamp project, Secret Grandmother project, and Big and Little Sister project were

discussed. Catherine encouraged members to write the club grandparents.

Mrs. Kountz reported on the plans for her trip to New Orleans. She has worked real hard in preparing for her presentation, "Encountering Encounter" at the National American Vocational Convention, Dec. 6-11.

The money making project, selling Christmas wrapping paper was discussed. Money made from this project will be used for the FHA-FFA Banquet.

Reporter, Deidre Tucker, was commended for her work in keeping the news media, both area and local, advised concerning the chapters' activities.

The members repeated the creed and the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Deidre Tucker

## The School Marm's Contract

No one needs to tell us times have changed, but as strong proof, read the conditions teachers in Marshall Minn., had to agree to when they signed contracts back in 1923, as stated in that city's Messenger:

1. NOT TO GET married. (This contract becomes null and void immediately if the teacher marries.)
2. Not to keep company with men.
3. Be home between the hours of 8 p.m. and 6 p.m. unless in attendance at a school function.
4. Not to loiter downtown in ice cream stores.
5. Not to leave town at any time without permission of the chairman of the board.
6. Not to smoke cigarettes. This contract becomes null and void immediately if the teacher is

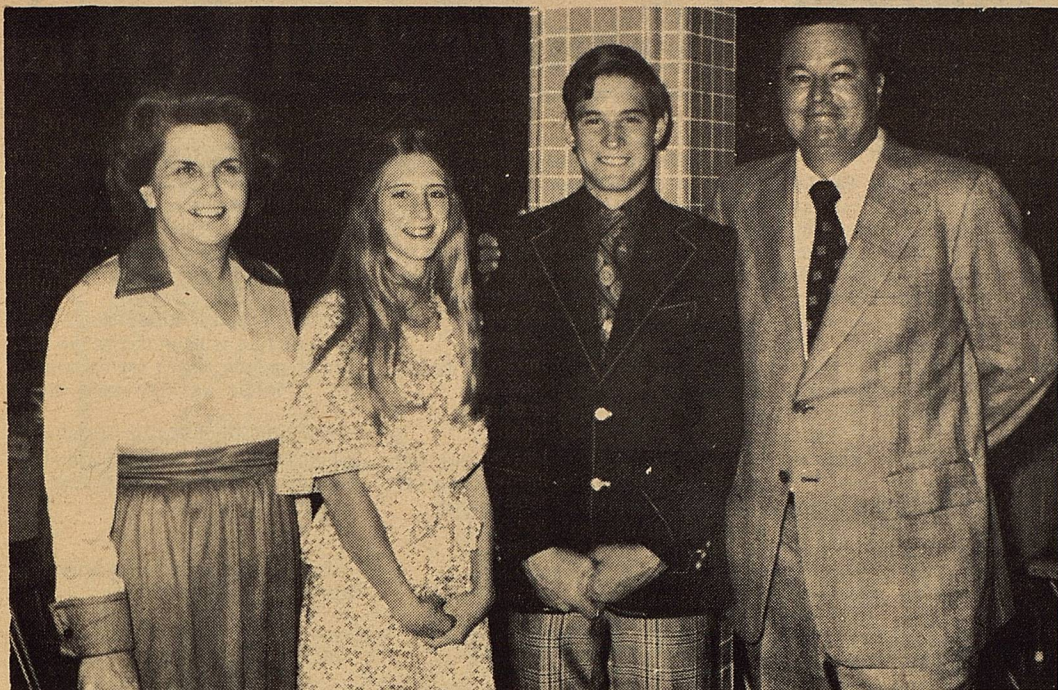
- found smoking.
  7. Not to drink beer, wine or whiskey. This contract becomes null and void immediately if the teacher is found drinking beer, wine or whiskey.
  8. Not to get in a carriage or automobile with any man except her brother and father.
  9. Not to dress in bright colors.
  10. Not to dye her hair.
  11. Wear at least two petticoats.
  12. Not to wear dresses more than two inches above the ankles.
  13. Keep the schoolroom Neat and Clean. (a) Sweep the floor at least once daily. (b) Scrub the floor at least once weekly with hot water and soap. (c) Clean the blackboards at least once daily. (d) Start the fire at 7 a.m. so the room will be warm by 8 a.m.
- BY ELIZABETH W. SPALDING

## Schedule (Revised) Junior High

Dec 2	Loop	H	A & B GIRLS & BOYS	5:00
Dec 9	Dawson	T	A GIRLS & A BOYS	6:00
Jan 6	Union	T	A GIRLS & A BOYS	5:30
Jan 9-10-11	Klondike Tour.	T	6TH GRADE GIRLS & BOYS	
Jan 13	Klondike	H	A & B GIRLS & BOYS	5:30
Jan 20	Sands	T	A GIRLS & A BOYS	6:00
Jan 23-25	Union Tour.	T	A & B GIRLS & BOYS	
Jan 27	Grady	H	A GIRLS, A & B BOYS	5:30
Feb 3	Wellman	H	A GIRLS & A BOYS	5:30
Feb 13-15	Dawson Tourn.	T	A GIRLS & A BOYS	

## High School

Dec 3	Forsan	T	A & B BOYS, A GIRLS	5:00
Dec 5-7	New Home Tourn.		A BOYS & A GIRLS	
Dec 10	Open			
Dec 12-14	Greenwood Tourn.		A BOYS & A GIRLS	
Dec 19	Forsan	H		5:00
Dec 20	Loop	T	A & B GIRLS	6:30
Dec 26-30	West Tex. Inv. Tour.		A GIRLS	
Jan 2	Sands	T	A BOYS, A & B GIRLS	5:00
Jan 7	Klondike	T	A BOYS, A & B GIRLS	5:00
Jan 9	Union	H	A BOYS & A GIRLS	6:30
Jan 14	Wellman	H	A BOYS, A & B GIRLS	5:00
Jan 17	Dawson	T	A & B BOYS, A GIRLS	5:00
Jan 21	Loop	H	A & B BOYS, A GIRLS	5:00
Jan 24	Sands	H	A & B BOYS, A GIRLS	5:00
Jan 28	Open			
Jan 31	Klondike	H	A & B BOYS, A GIRLS	5:00
Feb 4	Union	T	A BOYS & A GIRLS	6:30
Feb 7	Wellman	T	A & B BOYS, A GIRLS	5:00
Feb 11	Dawson	H	A & B BOYS, A GIRLS	5:00
Feb 13	Loop	T		6:30



Mrs. Catherine Crawford, Dist. Extension Agent, Kristy Smith, Borden County Gold Star Girl, Matt Farmer, Borden County Gold Star Boy and Billy Gunter, Dist. Extension Agent shown at the 4-H Gold Star Awards Banquet.

## 4-H Gold Star Awards Banquet

Lubbock--Forty outstanding teenagers received the coveted 4-H Gold Star award here last night.

The Gold Star is the highest county award offered in 4-H, presented to a boy and girl from each county for their achievements, leadership and contribution to the county 4-H program.

About 400 parents, Extension Service and electric cooperative representatives, and special guests attended the annual event at Lubbock's Coronado High School. Winners were presented Gold Star certificates by Billy C. Gunter and Catherine Crawford, district agents with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Graddy Tunnell, attorney with cut last para.

Graddy Tunnell, attorney from Plainview, was master of ceremonies.

Dave King of KSEL Radio in Lubbock narrated the resenation of awards following an address by Jim Morriss, Association Division Coordinator, Texas Electric Cooperatives, Inc., Austin.

Several 4-H youths participated in the program, providing dinner music, leading in the invocation and 4-H Pledge, and

in ushering.

The special recognition banquet singled out the contributions of 4-H Clubs, parents, leaders, and the "dedicated men and women of the Agricultural Extension Service who provide leadership and training for 4-H clubs."

Eleven area electric cooperatives joined in sponsoring the event. They include Bailey, Dickens, Lamb, and Lea (New Mexico) county electric cooperatives, as well as the Cap Rock, Lighthouse, Lone Wolf, Lyntegar, Midwest, Swisher, and South Plains electric cooperatives.

Gold Star winners must be at least 13 years of age, must have completed at least three years of club work, must be currently active in 4-H, and can receive the award only one time.

Following are the Gold Star winners:  
 Bailey County-Ruth Ramm and Tim Wheeler  
 Borden County-Kristy Smith and Matt Farmer  
 Briscoe County-Brenda Payne and Danny Perkins  
 Cochran County-Debbie Polvado and Terry Taylor  
 Crosby County-Debbie Harris and Kevin Rainwater  
 Dawson County-Shara Gay Airhart and Brent Hodges

Floyd County - Marcia Fortenberry and David Foster  
 Gaines County-Beverly Owens and Marcus Crow  
 Garza County-Debbie Craddock and Steve White

Hale County-Debbie Dulin and Dwain Schumacher  
 Hockley County-Becky Pearson and Vance Garner

Howard County-Kayla Jean Gaskins and Guy James  
 Lamb County-Jennifer Temleton and Rodney C. Logsdon  
 CUT LAST LINE

leton and Rodney C. Logsdon  
 Lubbock County-Sandra Pat-schke and Kim McMenamy  
 Lynn County-Sharon Ernst and Kevin James

Mitchell County-Mary Martinez and Bobby Moody  
 Scurry County-Cathy Hess and Dee Roach

Swisher County-Melinda Watson and Wayne Reed  
 Terry County-Sherry Rohre and Ricky Jenkins

Yoakum County-Carolyn Richardson and Marvin Dearing  
 Attending the District 4-H Banquet from Gail were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Smith, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Farmer and Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Kiker.

The Borden County 4-Hers, adult leaders, and Extension agent appreciate all the sponsors of the 4-H program.

## Register For Midwinter

Snyder--Registration for a midwinter session at Western Texas College is scheduled Dec. 13-31 at the office of the registrar.

Classes will be held from Dec. 31-Jan. 11, meeting from 8:30-11 a.m. and 2-4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Students may earn three hours of college credit in the session, with a minimum of 10 students required to form each class. The minimum \$25 tuition plus fees will be charged as for a three-hour course in the regular session.

It is important that students register as early as possible so that classes can be arranged,

Dr. Duane Hood, Dean of Student Services and Registrar, said. The registrar's office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each week day except Friday when it closes at 4 p.m. Students may also register from 6-7:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays.

Courses tentatively scheduled for the mini-session are: Business Law, Office Accounting, Principles of Accounting, Chemistry 123, English 131, English 132, English 233, History 132, Elementary Algebra 131, Algebra 132, College Trigonometry and Modern Mathematics.

Persons wishing additional information may contact the office of the registrar.



JYM RINEHART is shown with the 6 lb. turnip he grew 13 miles east of Gail.



# Jere's Greetings

Dear Mr. President: Suggestion # 2-let's declare war on inflation. Last week's piece offered suggestion #1. That was to get US out of the UN and the UN out of US. Remember these suggestions are ways to WIN. Suggestion #2 isn't entirely original with me. Virginia Payette-she's a piece writer too-came out with the meat of the idea of declaring war on inflation. She's pretty smart-we all know that a war time economy is a booming one. Everyone is pulling together for a common cause. And no one should ever enter into a war without wanting to win-so we have a built in slogan-WIN (whip inflation now). Payette's war wouldn't involve a shoot out-just an all out peaceful effort to fight to the finish. She maintains we are in a war already-haven't admitted it-and are fighting it in the wrong way. But that isn't unusual for US. Recent history has proved that we go about fighting wars in the dumbest ways.

With an all out declaration of war on inflation, the country would immediately be mobilized as it was during WWII. Those automobile plants which are closing down because folks aren't buying cars could easily go to three shifts a day. They could convert to manufacturing rigs, casing pipe-all those things used to find and produce more oil. As long as Arabia has us locked in, we will be subjected to their meanness. Our balance of payments will continue to be out of kilter until we produce more energy in our own oil patch. And that isn't going to happen until equipment is readily available.

Remember how we used to have scrap drives? Those scraps were used to make munitions and tanks and the like. Well, what's wrong with gathering all the scrap now to be used for productive machinery and equipment for a peaceable industry? Besides which, the ecologists would be ecstatic-all the junk yards would be cleared - the dumps would be utilized. There are lots of things that could be produced which are now in short supply-railroad cars, mining machinery. Just cause we are in war doesn't mean we have to stamp out tanks or ICBMs.

Unions would have to place a

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moratorium on strikes. What with three work shifts and no strikes, there would be increased employment. This would result in less welfare payments, less food stamps, less inflation. Virginia rightfully points out that there is lots to do if only we get at it. Everybody could contribute to the effort.

Remember blackouts? And victory gardens? Both of these practices would alleviate shortages-energy and food. And saving and collecting everything from bacon grease to paper-all can be recycled into usable products.

But a war can't be won without leadership. Being told to tighten our belts and to crouch in a dark corner will not produce more fuel. Nor will eliminating tax and depletion incentives find one new barrel of oil. No, we need to increase incentives-go to a war time employed economy. WINning on our own front will cut us loose from the noose Arabia has on US.

## NEWS GETS AROUND

Mrs. Floy Smith has returned home after a three weeks visit with relatives in California.

Bro. and Mrs. D.C. Jones were week-end visitors at Cross Plains, Texas.

Mrs. Prissy Thompson is visiting with her daughter and family at Brownsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Smith of near Waco and Alan Smith of Dallas were week-end visitors of their parents the H.A. Smith's with Alan remaining for a longer visit before transferring to Waco with the Times Magazine.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude McCormick have been vacationing in Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright Huddleston have returned home after a ten day stay baby-sitting with grandchildren at Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Cornett of Hobbs, New Mexico were week-end visitors of his brother and family the J.A. Cornetts of Lake Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Sorrells and Dessie McMichael attended the basketball game at the Colorado-Snyder game Thursday in Snyder.

Dale Cornett of Lamesa was a Sunday night super guest of his parents the J.A. Cornetts.

Celebrating birthdays were Mike and Mark Murphy, Don and Dan Fox. Accompanied by Mrs. Bill Murphy, Mrs. Lynn Fox, Ruth Weathers and Bret Sterling the birthday boys attended a show "As Free As the Wind", Sunday at Snyder.

Vernon Todd who has undergone heart surgery recently is in the Methodist Hospital at Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hibbs were week-end visitors at Lubbock with their son Bill Hibbs Jr. and family.

## Honored With Shower

Mrs. Jan Parker was honored with a come and go pink and blue shower Sunday afternoon, November 24, from 2:00 to 3:30 P.M. in the Homemaking Department of Borden School. The table, laid in pink and blue, featured a pink and blue fur flower arrangement made by the F.H.A. girls. This arrangement along with a gift register and corsage also made by the F.H.A. girls, was presented to Mrs. Parker as gifts from the club.

Out of town guests attending were Mrs. Mickie Parker and Mrs. John Jurney, mother-in-law and mother of the honoree.

Hostesses for the event were Shirley Kountz, Nett Jarrett, Verna Ogden, Joan Briggs, Clara Walker, Shirley McMeans, Ann McLeroy, Beverly Copeland, Delores Wolf, Peggy Westbrook, Doris Steadman, Martha Davis, Frances Burkett, and Sharon Huddleston. The F.H.A. served as co-hostesses, presiding at the register and punch bowl.

## New Arrivals

### NUNALLY BABY

Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Nunnally of the Plains Community proudly announce the birth of a grand-baby.

Charles Calvin II was born November 21, 1974, and weighed 7 lbs 6oz. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Don Nunnally of the Ladder Ranch, Caballo, New Mexico. Charles's maternal grandparent's are Col. and Mrs. A. H. Norton of Roswell, New Mexico.

### YADON BABY

On November 21 at 4:30 A.M. Cari Don Yadon came into the world in Aline, Texas. She weighed in at 6 lbs. 15 oza. She is the daughter of Dennis and Donna Yadon of Marfa and the little sister of Dusty Shawn, who sent that day going to Classes in Sul Ross University with his Uncle Ted and Aunt Liz.

### MEET WITH GOVERNOR

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Cunningham said that the Independent Cattleman's Association is planning a meeting with the Texas Congressional delegation in Washington, D.C. on December 3, 1974 and at that time will discuss steps which should be taken to stop importation of beef into the United States and ways of utilizing more domestic red meats. In addition banking regulation changes must be provided that will ease the financial strain on many farmers and ranchers that face possible foreclosure of their loans through various financial institutions. While in Washington, Cunningham also plans to meet with the Federal Reserve Board, Prior to the Washington meeting, Cunningham plans to visit with Robert Steward, Banking Commissioner of Texas, in order to obtain his thoughts on changes that might be made to be of assistance to the farmer and rancher.

# Grandpaw Says

If you are not an adult when you go into a movie these days, you are when you come out.

A real friend is one who will talk to you even when he knows he's missing his favorite T.V. program.

Shin: A device for finding furniture in the dark.

Did you read about the sign above the register in the oft-robbled drive-in grocery?

## Article Chosen

An article written by Harry Kreneck, Associate Professor of History at Western Texas College, has been selected to be published in the December issue of Texas Highways magazine.

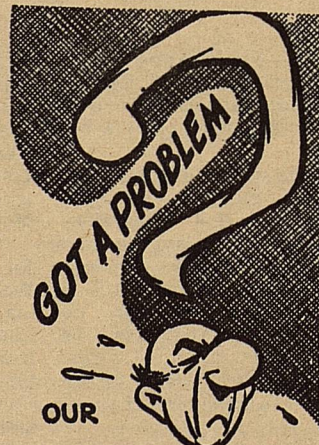
Kreneck said the article concerns a ford on the Colorado River at Bastrop about 30 miles southeast of Austin and the various travelers who left records of their crossing. Because of the "lost pines" at Bastrop most of the travelers made some comment in their journals.

Those who crossed the Colorado at the ford included a Spanish expedition that camped on the river bank for a month in 1691, Zebulon Pike who crossed in 1807, Stephen F. Austin who forded the river at this point in 1821, and a part of Santa Anna's army in pursuit of Sam Houston's army in 1836.

## Crafts Sale

The Lamesa Lions Club is sponsoring an Arts and Craft sale in Lamesa on December 6th, 7th and 8th. Many local artists, as well as several from out of town, will have their various wares up for sale during these three days. In addition, a Santa Claus will be at the sale in order that the children may have their picture taken with Santa.

Hours of the sale as follows: 10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.--Friday, December 6th 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.--Saturday, December 7th 2:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.--Sunday, December 8th



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## Local

Mrs. C. R. Porter, her daughter, Clara Walker, and her daughter-in-law, Pat Porter, spent last week-end shopping in Ft. Worth and Dallas. While there, they visited with Mrs. C. R. Porter's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. S. Patton, of Ft. Worth.



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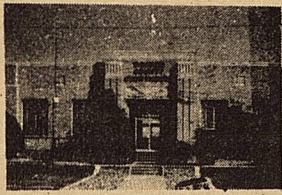
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## Court House Happenings



**Borden County**

The Commissioners' Court of Borden County convened in regular session November 11, 1974. The following members were present: Judge Glenn Tombs, Herman Ledbetter, Carl McKee, Vernon Wolf, Don Jones, and Doris Rudd, County Clerk.

Mr. Buddy Sharp met with the Court and requested that Lot 12, Block 41, Town of Gail be advertised for sale.

Mr. Bill Billingly and Mr. Arkie Pearce, Texas Highway Department, appeared before the Court concerning the pavement under construction on F.M. 1054.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vernon Wolf to pay current accounts in the amount of \$11,324.28. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Carl McKee to pass and enter a resolution authorizing the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission to purchase additional radio communications equipment for the Sheriff's Office. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wolf and passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION**  
Be it resolved that Borden County authorizes the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission to purchase additional radio communications equipment for the Sheriff's Office, in the amount of \$2,179.13. The equipment being:  
One Item 26A & Installation, \$1,104.00  
One Item 59B & Installation, \$92.00  
One Item 51, \$71.50  
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Total \$8,716.00  
25% Contribution \$2,179.13

A motion was made by Commissioner Vernon Wolf to declare the canvas results of the General Election, Nov. 5, the same as recorded in Volume 1, Page 75, Election Return Record of Borden County. Motion was seconded by Don Jones and was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vernon Wolf to approve the plat on the East half of the Gail Cemetery surveyed by James Stewart, motion seconded by Commissioner Ledbetter and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ledbetter and seconded by Commissioner Wolf that County Bonds be secured from Boren and West, Snyder, Texas. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner McKee that no decision be made concerning employment of an outside auditor for the County until after the 1st of January, 1975. Motion was seconded by Commissioner

Ledbetter and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ledbetter that a notice be issued to sell at public auction a lot owned by Borden County, location to be selected at a later date. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wolf and passed unanimously.

The Court made the decision not to sell any lots in and around the vicinity of the city tank, which will be reserved for parks and recreation.

There being no further business, the Court adjourned.

## Hunting

According to officials, no person may receive a permit to hunt this year if he received a permit to hunt on a management area last year unless all application cards have been drawn from persons who did not get to hunt in a preceding year.

## White Warns Of Possible Food Deficit

AUSTIN--Calling the United States "one gigantic food production machine," Agriculture Commissioner John C. White recently warned that food shortages similar to the oil shortage can develop if farmers are unable to produce at a reasonable profit.

"If we run our own producers out of business, we are going to become more dependent on imports for food," White stated in remarks to a state meeting of Texas Soil and Water Conservation District officials in San Antonio.

White said between 1972-73 imports increased 29 percent to a record \$5.52 billion, lowering wholesale prices of American-grown products without comparable decreases to consumers.

In 1974 imports rose another 30 percent to \$9.5 billion. "Meat and dairy products are especially hard hit at present," White said.

The commissioner cautioned that a faltering agricultural machine will lose the country its position of world leadership.

"When our food supplies become a tool of foreign political units, we can have a disaster that will make the fuel shortage look minor," he said. "We are setting our feet on that very same road in food production that we did in oil."

## Prevent Fires

Too many fires need never to have happened, and a little care on the part of all of us can reduce our tragic toll in lives and property destroyed.

On the average, about 1,000 fires start in homes in the United States every day. Last year approximately 12,000 persons lost their lives in fires and more than 70,000 received bad burns.

Dollar fire losses in the United States run well over one and a quarter billion annually, and each year shows an increase over the preceding year.

The tragic thing about all these fires is that three-fourths of them were the result of carelessness, according to the National Board of Underwriters.

Here are a few suggestions that may keep your home fire-safe:

1. Never leave small children alone. Even if you are leaving for only a few moments, get a responsible person to stay with them. When going out for an extended period of time, employ a baby-sitter.

2. Use care with cigarettes. Never discard a cigarette or drop a match without being being sure it has been extinguished. It's a good plan to break a match after using it just to be sure it is out. Keep matches out of reach of children. And never smoke in bed.

3. Keep a flashlight handy for use in dark places. Never strike matches or candles into closets or attics.

4. Keep electrical appliances in safe condition. Take them to a qualified repairman if they have loose connections or frayed or worn cords.

5. Throw out old newspapers, magazines and other waste combustibles regularly, rather than let them accumulate in the basement or attic. These are the things on which fires feed.

6. Impress upon everyone in your household that in case of fire, first get everyone out of the house, then take whatever steps are possible to save the home. If professional fire fighting equipment is available, call the fire department from your neighbor's home, if need be, but never re-enter a burning house.

These suggestions could save your life, or the lives of members of your family. You are the only one who can help keep your home fire safe.

## Record Set

A record 614,000 Texas Southern Baptists attended Sunday School last Sunday.

A first High Attendance Day Goal of 600,000 had been set by the Sunday School Division of the Baptist General Convention of Texas for 4,200 Sunday

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## Nurse's Notebook

by Francis Burkett  
School Nurse

### Arthritis

The most common form of arthritis found is Osteoarthritis. This form of arthritis is found in a varying degree in 97% of people over 60 years old.

Primary Osteoarthritis seems to start without apparent cause. It occurs earlier in life and affects mostly small joints.

Secondary Osteoarthritis results from injury or wear and tear. This form of arthritis occurs later in life in large or excessively used joints.

The most commonly affected joints are weight-bearing hips, knees, spine, fingers and big toe. Elastic tissue (cartilage) becomes soft and wears away, sometimes exposing the underlying bone.

Osteoarthritis is less damaging than rheumatoid arthritis. It seldom is deforming except where hip and knee joints are involved.

This disease affects two times as many men as women under age 45. In the over 65 age bracket, it affects about as many men as women. Almost everyone gets a touch of it sooner or later if he lives long enough.

Symptoms of Osteoarthritis consists of localized pain and stiffness rather than general sick feeling. Loss of ability to move joint easily and comfortably. Joints (especially fingers) appear enlarged.

The cause of Osteoarthritis is mainly wear and tear and heredity. Some people inherit weaker cartilage, or have chemical abnormalities, making them more prone to osteoarthritis.

Osteoarthritis can be relieved and the function of the joints can improve with drugs (especially aspirin), Physical therapy (to keep joints flexible, a balance of rest and exercise), Posture control (to ease pain and discourage deformities), heat (to relieve pain), Mechanical aids (splints, crutches, braces, etc., to rest joints) and surgery can correct some deformity, relieve pain, and improve overall function.

### Gout

Gout is one of the earliest diseases recognized by man and is also a form of arthritis.

Excess of uric acid in body forms needle-like crystals in joints, leads to severe inflammation. The joint becomes hot, swollen and very tender.

Gout is acutely painful and often starts in the big toe, but

frequently affect other joints in feet, hands, knees and elbows; and gout may cause kidney disease.

The victim of this disease may awaken from a good health one night by severe pain in a joint (big toe, wrist, ankle or thumb may be affected) which is shiny, swollen and tender to touch.

Primary gout almost certainly is the result of inherited defect in body chemistry. Secondary gout is caused by other disturbances. Uric acid is either over-produced or produced faster than kidneys can get rid of it.

Medication can keep uric acid levels down. In acute attacks--anti-inflammatory drugs. Large fluid intake, rest and diet will help treat this disease. Obese persons need to reduce and eliminate glandular foods and take other proteins in moderation.

### QUICK ONES

Atty. Gen. Hill proposed creation of an underground water conservation district to deal with the subsidence problem in the Harris County area.

Gov. Briscoe requested declaration of Reeves and Hill counties as disaster areas due to losses to farmers and ranchers because of adverse weather conditions.

Plans were announced for a \$155 million expansion of the International Paper Company's pulp and paper mill in Texarkana.

Teachers will ask the legislature for a billion dollar salary raise--providing \$8,200 starting minimum, and an average \$595 above the national median.

With an estimated 12 million population as of July 1, Texas ranks third among the states. California is first with 21 million and New York second with 18.1 million. U.S. population is estimated at 211 million.

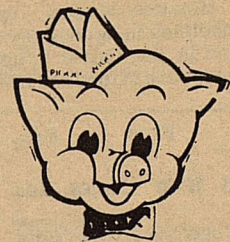
Figures for 1973 showed the states taxed and consumed 111.0 billion gallons of motor fuel, which was 5.4 billion more gallons taxed; Texas was second with 7.9 billion gallons and New York third with 6.2 billion gallons. Other leading states (down to 3.2 billion) were: Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Georgia. These 10 states accounted for over 51% of the US total in 1973.

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## New Directions For 4-H

The 4-H program has always been designed to provide learning experiences for youth. And now those learning experiences are destined to become even more meaningful as 4-H is taking a new direction that will allow for more personal involvement and commitment by the youth themselves.

The new program is called "4-H Design for Discovery," says Earnest Kiker, county agent for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"The program gives 4-Hers more freedom in choosing what they want to learn and do in a 4-H project," points out Kiker. "By involving youth in the actual design of their projects, they will be better able to develop effective life skills which are so important in developing from a youth into adulthood."

For who is better able to determine in which direction he or she wants to go than the individual 4-Her? Each has a different learning situation, with different interests and abilities. Of course, parents and 4-H leaders provide guidance and planning guides offer assistance, but the 4-Her makes the decision and sets the pace for reaching certain goals and objectives. The youth also evaluates his or her own progress.

"The program is designed to give the 4-Her more freedom as well as more responsibility for his or her own learning and developing," points out Kiker.

To help with the new program, some 38 project planning guides have been developed by Texas Agricultural Extension Service specialists in agriculture, home economics and related areas. These guides feature the latest information on certain areas of project study and outline how a 4-Her with the assistance of a leader can develop an individualized program that will be most meaningful and beneficial to the youth.

Many Extension Service specialists and county Extension agents have received special training in the new "4-H Design for Discovery" program and will provide whatever training is needed to implement this new "youth centered-leader directed" effort on a statewide basis, adds Kiker.

### U. S. Affects

### Production

College Station--What goes up must come down, or so the story goes. And that's how the agricultural situation shapes up. Led by declines in agricultural production in the United States, world production of food and fib-

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er will be down during the current fiscal year after record levels a year ago.

"A decline in grain production will be the main reason for this world situation although livestock and cotton production are expected to be up slightly," points out Charles Baker, economist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

In the United States grain and cotton production will be down sharply while livestock production will generally hold steady. Due to the reduced production levels, crop prices for 1974 should average about 31 per cent higher than in 1973. But livestock prices will average 6 per cent lower. Prices received for all farm products in the U.S. are expected to average about 8 per cent higher than last year, notes Baker.

However, he hastens to point out that net farm income in the U.S. is expected to decrease just over \$5 billion from the record \$32.3 billion of last year, due mainly to an expected \$12 billion increase in production expenses.

"Although cash receipts from agricultural products will be up about \$7.5 billion in the U.S., it's another story in Texas," says Baker. "Cash receipts are expected to be down more than \$1.5 billion from the record \$6.5 billion last year. Almost all of that drop is due to price declines in the livestock industry."

Taking a look at the export situation, the economist points out that the total volume of agricultural exports may decline as much as 25 per cent during the current fiscal year. This is due mainly to anticipated declines in exports of wheat, feedgrains and cotton. The total value of U.S. agricultural exports is expected to be about \$20 billion compared to the record level of \$21.3 billion last year.

Where does all this leave the farmer and the consumer?

The average increase in prices to the farmer for food products will be only 5.5 per cent while the increase in the farm-retail spread will be 21 per cent higher than last year. Consequently, the consumer will face about a 15 per cent average increase in the overall food bill although this is one per cent less than last year.

## Prepare For Farm Census

Borden County farmers should begin getting their records in shape for the 20th nationwide Census of Agriculture which will be conducted during the first part of 1975 by the Bureau of Census.

Accurate and detailed records will make it easy for farmers to comply with the federal agency's request, points out Earnest Kiker, Borden County Agent for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The important thing is to keep good records of your farming operations this yr.

Farmers will receive their report forms by mail early next January. These should be completed and returned promptly.

Questions will ask for acreage of cropland harvested, quantity and market value of major crops produced, acres irrigated and means of irrigation, acreage treated with pesticides, lime and other chemicals, acreage fertilized by kind of fertilizer (dry, liquid, gas).

Questions on livestock and poultry will cover the number of each kind on the farm as well as the number sold and the sales value.

Details will also be requested about farm products produced or marketed under contract, about hired and contract labor and the number of workers and cash wages paid, and about any injuries to workers.

Expenditure questions will also cover amounts spent for feed, fertilizer, pesticides, lime, gasoline and other farm fuels, machine hire, and livestock and poultry purchases.

Information will also be sought about the various types and uses of land, such as cropland not harvested, other pasture and woodland, and about the value of land and buildings on the farm.

Operators will be asked about farm related income such as recreational services, custom-work provided other farmers, or payments for participation in government farm programs.

The two types of report forms being prepared include one for farms with sales of \$2,500 or more and a less detailed form for farms with sales of less than \$2,500. However, regardless of the form a farmer receives, he need answer only those questions that apply to his operation.

By federal law, every report is confidential and may be used only for statistical purposes.



RICHARD O. SKELTON

Richard O. Skelton, 39, of Ira, died at 1 p.m. Tuesday, November 19 in Brooke Medical Center in San Antonio where he was under treatment for burns received earlier while he was operating a cutting torch.

Funeral services were held November 21 at the Bell-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. O.L. Gover, pastor of the Ira Baptist Church where Mr. Skelton was a member officiated. Burial was in the Snyder Cemetery, under direction of Bell-Seale Funeral Home.

A native of Crane, he had been a resident of Scurry County since 1956, residing at Lake Thomas. He was married on July 18, 1965, at San Angelo to Delma May Chapell, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Sylvia and June Skelton, both of the home; two sons, Randy and Richard O. Skelton Jr., both of the home; his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. James Skelton of Lake Thomas; one sister, Mrs. Roy (May) Shaffer of Lake Thomas and a brother, John Skelton of Odessa; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

### THOMAS MARTIN

Lamesa--Services for Thomas E. Martin, 81 of Lamesa was held November 21 at Northridge Methodist Church in Lamesa, with the Rev. Alvis Cooley, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating.

Burial was in Lamesa Mem-

## OBITUARIES

orial Park under direction of Branon Funeral Home.

Martin died at 4:15 a.m. at the Leisure Lodge in Lamesa following a lengthy illness.

Born in Hill County, Martin had been a resident of Dawson County for the last 27 years.

A retired farmer, he was a member of the Masonic Lodge of Lamesa. He was also a member of the Northridge Methodist Church and a Methodist for over 50 years.

Survivors include his two daughters, Mrs. Louise Good of Winters and Mrs. Mozelle Sanders of Lamesa; his four sons, Ralph of O'Donnell, Wilbert of Columbus, Wayland of Atlanta, Ga., and Herbert of Midland; his three sisters Mrs. Effie Kornegay of Winters, Mrs. Maude Steele of Phoenix, Arizona, and Mrs. Annie Lou Steele of Odessa; 12 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

### T.M. (MATHEY) HUGHES

Snyder--Services for T.M. Hughes, 83 a retired Borden County stock farmer was buried Wednesday November 27th in the Fluvanna Cemetery.

Services were held in First Baptist Church with Carl Watson and Elvis Barrington officiating.

Hughes, a native of Runnels County, died at 10 p.m. Sunday in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness. He married Lenora Stansell in 1909 in Fluvanna and had lived in Borden County 38 years. He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; six daughters, Mrs. Ruth Hutchens of Pampa, Mrs. Pauline Scott of Tulsa, Mrs. Joyce McDonald of Saudi Arabia, Mrs. Mary Jo McDonald of Midland and Mrs. Jean Thompson and Mrs. Keith Collier, both of Snyder; a son, J.W. of Snyder; four sisters, Mrs. Ida Barker and Mrs. Nettie McMullen, both of Erick, Oklahoma, Mrs. Lela Carmichael of Fluvanna and Mrs. Nina Markley of Dimmitt; a brother, Marion of Floydada; 19 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

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# Drivers Ignore Limits

*From The Office Of John Tower*

Austin--The reduction of the speed limit due to the energy crisis has definitely affected the number of traffic fatalities in Texas, but many drivers are starting to disregard the limit and drive at greater speeds.

Jim Arnold, Administrator of the Governor's Office of Traffic Safety issued a plea for the motorist to cooperate and observe the 55 mph limit on a voluntary basis. He also announced plans for a state-wide study to determine the effect of the lowered speed limit in relation to fatal accidents.

Said Arnold, "When the energy shortage hit and the limit was set at 55, by state and federal law, most motorists complied and kept their speed down and limited their travel. Now, that gasoline is more readily available, and travel more frequent, we are finding the driver is starting to allow his vehicle to surpass the regulated speed limits. While this is certainly not all drivers, it does appear we have a huge increase of speeders on our highways."

He continued by pointing out the increase in traffic citations that have been issued in recent weeks. "State Troopers are finding the motorist is traveling at increased speeds without regard to law and some are creeping toward the 70 mile-per-hour mark. Department of Public Safety statistics show a total of 78,295 arrests were made for speeding during the three summer months of 1973. Comparatively, there were 188, 876 arrests during June, July, and August of 1974. Convictions for the violations also reflected an increase," said Arnold.

Another contributing factor that may increase the chances of traffic crashes, injuries and fatalities, is the "variances of speed ranges." "For example, said Arnold, "a motorist is on the highway at 50 miles-per-hour and he is passed by a driver traveling 70 or more. This variance in the range greatly increases the opportunity for an accident."

Arnold said as the speed is violated to excess, the fatality figures may increase, therefore he has called for a state-wide study to determine the relationship of traffic accidents to the speed limit reduction in Texas.

The National Safety Council recently completed a study to evaluate the reduced limit in relationship to nationwide fatal traffic accidents. The study indicates reduced speeds played an important role in reducing the number of motor vehicle fatalities in the first four months of 1974 as compared to the same period of 1973. While the 55 mph limit did not force drivers to reduce their speeds on roads with already lower limits than 55 mph, the Safety

Council feels the 55 mph limit was an important influence in convincing the driver to reduce overall speeds. Therefore, removal of the limit or increasing the limit, could encourage the motorist to increase his driving speeds at varied levels, resulting in an increase in traffic fatalities.

The Council's investigation revealed a number of factors contributed to the traffic fatality reduction, but the lowered speed limit was apparently the largest contributing factor. According to the Council's statistics, eleven percent of the fatality reduction was due to the lower speed. Other contributing factors were: 5% reduction due to less travel, 3% reduction due to less vehicle occupancy, 3% reduction due to less night driving, 1% reduction due to greater use of safety belts, 1% reduction due to switch in roads, 2% reduction due to unexplained reasons and a 1% increase due to age, small cars, motorcycles, and pedalcycles. The total national reduction figures at 24 percent. It is obvious, that speed is not the only factor in reducing traffic fatalities, but is the largest contributing factor.

Arnold said, "The Texas study would help us to better evaluate the direct relationship in the state as compared to national statistics. Just because the national picture shows the speed reduction as a major factor in reducing fatalities, this does not mean the situation is necessarily the same in Texas." He noted the varied road conditions, different terrain and other contributing items that could provide additional statistics that will more readily relate to Texas.

"Other contributing factors in the reduction of accidents include increased law enforcement, better road design, more and better driver education and increased public awareness of the driving rules," said Arnold. "However, we have obvious evidence of abuse of the 55-mile-per-hour limit and it is time to ask our citizens to volunteer toward observing the 'law and the limit'," concluded Arnold.



Congress has returned this week after a month's recess for the November elections. This unusual post-election session was originally called by the Congressional leadership in an effort to move swiftly against inflation. However, several issues will be facing this lame-duck session of Congress and I want to discuss a few of them with you today.

The most visible issue facing Congress is the confirmation of Nelson Rockefeller for Vice-President. Almost three months have passed since his nomination. I personally think that Nelson Rockefeller is well qualified for the office of Vice-President because of his years of experience and his capacity for leadership. I think that he will be confirmed by Congress, but I feel strongly that the matter should be dealt with expeditiously so that we can move on to other important matters.

An issue that is most important to Texas is the announced intent of some in Congress to phase out the oil depletion allowance. Presently, oil men are allowed to deduct 22 percent of their gross income from a producing oil and gas well up to a limit of 50 percent of the net taxable income from the property. This permits a recovery of capital, like depreciation of a capital asset, and also helps to underwrite the risks of drilling. Oil companies may drill 50 exploratory wells to find one that will produce enough to pay for itself.

This country is still facing an energy shortage. In my estimation, we cannot take badly needed capital away from those companies, primarily independent operators, who are trying to find and develop new sources of energy. The opponents of the depletion allowance state that the major oil companies are making too much money at the expense of the consumer and that the depletion allowance is an outdated tax loophole that should be closed. The irony of this reasoning is that while the major companies may be able to absorb the loss of this capital, the independent producers will be the hardest hit and many may be forced out of business. Independent operators drill 80 percent of all domestic wells. If too many producers are forced out by loss of capital, exploration as well as competition would be drastically re-

duced. Additionally, since the depletion allowance represents the recovery of a real economic cost through the tax system, elimination of the allowance would result in a shifting of that cost to consumers of natural gas and petroleum products. The depletion allowance is really a consumer subsidy that I believe should not be dropped in this time of rising prices. Therefore, I assure you that I will do all in my power to block any effort to repeal percentage depletion.

The number one concern of most Texans is inflation. President Ford has presented Congress with a comprehensive package to curb inflation. One of the most important aspects of that package is the request for cuts in federal spending. While it would be a deception to state that a balanced federal budget alone will eliminate inflation, I strongly feel that we must begin to move in that direction. Government spending increases consumption not investment, and government competition for capital, coupled with increases in the money supply, drives interest rates up.

The President already has deferred budget items totaling more than \$23 billion and has requested rescissions of more than \$675 million and more requests will be coming soon. I am generally in agreement with the President on these attempts to cut back federal spending and I hope Congress will take corresponding action.

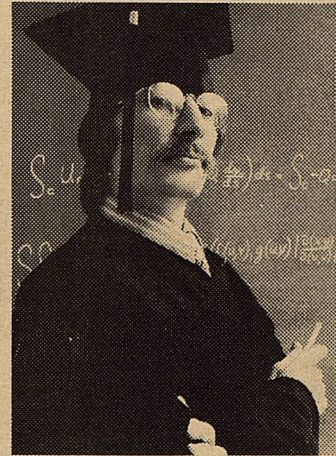
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Schools around the state.

This record high is perhaps the greatest single achievement in the history of the Sunday School program.

He alluded to many larger denominations who are experiencing plummeting attendance in their Sunday morning programs.

"This is more significant than just numbers," says Dr. James H. Landes, Texas Baptist executive secretary. "In a day when our nation's problems are ever-mounting, people are feeling a need to reclaim the basics of faith, God and Church. We can't do less than to reach out as never before."

## A little simple arithmetic about a Math major.



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# The Consumer Alert

by John L. Hill  
Attorney General

Austin--Traditionally, the season from Thanksgiving through New Year is a busy air travel time. Many people fly to be with relatives or friends for the holidays, students fly home over the winter break, some folks fly off for a skiing vacation or for a vacation in the sun.

Few air travelers will be aware when they purchase their plane tickets that they are taking part in a consumer transaction, however. In fact, though they are contracting to purchase a product or service from the airline, and as a party to such a contract they have certain rights and responsibilities.

The Civil Aeronautics Board is the federal regulatory agency for all U.S. certificated airlines providing interstate domestic, overseas, or international service, and for foreign airline service within the U.S.

The Texas Aeronautics Commission is the agency dealing with air travel in this State. It certifies all intrastate carriers, in addition to providing airport construction grants and conducting flight safety training programs. The Attorney General's Transportation Division represents the Aeronautics Commission in legal matters.

Both the CAB and TAC, along with our Transportation and Consumer Protection Divisions, point out these rights for the air traveler: knowing in advance what service to expect, what the cheapest available fare is, what services are covered by a more expensive fare, what restrictions or conditions apply to a fare, and what extra charges may have to be paid to get certain in-flight services.

Additionally, and very importantly, the consumer has a right to know what the airline's liability is for lost or damaged baggage and for compensation if the airline has oversold its capacity.

The passenger's own responsibilities include making reservations only for those flights he plans to take, abiding by airline regulations, and reporting promptly and accurately any problems.

Possible areas of consumer confusion about air travel include extra charges and "bumping" of passengers.

Extra Charges. You must pay the fare that's in effect on the day you fly, so if you bought a ticket in advance and fares increased in the time after your purchase, you would have to pay an additional charge before boarding. If prices dropped, however, you would get a refund.

If you are flying on a special reduced fare, perhaps an excursion rate, and you fail to comply with requirements such as returning by a certain date, you may have to pay the cost of a regular fare.

Other customary extra charges are made in some ticket categories for in-flight movies, stereo headsets, and alcoholic beverages.

Bumping. Some airlines oversell their flights, assuming there will be cancellations. If there are none. Some passengers with confirmed reser-

vations may be "bumped".

If you have a confirmed reserved seat, if you denied boarding, and if the airline cannot book you on another flight that will arrive at your destination within two hours of your original flight you may be eligible for denied boarding compensation.

To be eligible, you must have a properly confirmed reservation and you must comply with airline check-in time requirements. If you are bumped, you should stay in the check-in area until you receive a mandatory written explanation of CAP provisions regarding your rights and your compensation (usually in the form of a coupon) equal to the cost of your fare. The CAB rule requiring such payment does not apply to foreign, intrastate, or Alaska carriers, or to air taxis, however.

The airline must compensate you within 24 hours.

If it does not, you have 90 days to file a claim. Don't delay if this happens, since the airline keeps ticket records for only three months.

Of course, it is far better not to get bumped at all. To avoid the problem, get to the airport early to have plenty of time for check-in and finding your gate. Be sure to determine the length of time it takes to get to the airport if you are in a strange city.

If you need help or information with a consumer problem involving air travel, consult the Texas Aeronautics Commission or the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division. Future columns will explore other aspects of the airline-consumer relationship.

## Goose Season Open

Austin--Goose and sandhill crane seasons are in full swing in the western part of the state and duck seasons are not far behind.

Goose season west of U.S. Highway 81 is October 19-Jan. 19; east of U.S. 81, Oct. 28-

Nov. 24 and Dec. 7-Jan. 19. Duck season in that part of West Texas which is known as the "High Plains Mallard Management Unit" gets underway Nov. 4 and runs through Nov. 24, and resumes Dec. 7 until Jan. 19.

In the remainder of Texas, duck season is Nov. 9-24 and Dec. 9-Jan. 19. Sandhill or little brown cranes are legal Oct. 26-Jan. 26 in what is known as "Zone A," generally the westernmost part of the state. The big birds may be hunted in "Zone B" Nov. 30-Jan. 26.

The daily bag on sandhills is three per day with a possession limit of six.

Migratory bird regulations require that a fully feathered wing remain attached to such game birds while being transported from the place taken to the residence of the hunter or to a commercial processing facility.

The big cranes are arriving late in the Panhandle this year, according to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department game warden Bobby Goff of Lubbock. "Hunters will have to search for the birds the first part of the season," said Goff, "but cold weather will send the rest of the cranes south later in the year."

Large playa lakes on the South Plains are ideal for wintering cranes and they usually number over 200,000 by January of each year.

A federal migratory bird stamp is not required for hunting sandhills, but the stamp is necessary for hunting ducks and geese.

Hunters may make their application to hunt as a party if they desire. A party can be up to four persons if their names, ages and Social Security numbers are all entered on the application card in the appropriate places.

Hunters 12 years old and under 17 years old may apply as members of a party but not as single applicants. These hunters, if they are selected, must each be accompanied on a one-to-one basis by a member of the party 21 years of age or older who must be responsible for the minor.

# Accident Report From England

Note: Safety is a serious business and accidents are not supposed to be a laughing matter, but the accident report given below does have its element of humor.

Here's an account of what happened to a construction company in the British West Indies. In a letter to his employer, the man gave this account of his accident.

"When I got to the building, I found a hurricane had knocked some bricks off the top so I rigged up a beam with a pulley at the top of the building, and hoisted up a couple barrels of bricks. When I fixed the building, there was a lot of bricks left over. I hoisted the barrel back up again and secured the line at the bottom, and then went up and filled the barrel with the extra bricks. Then I went down and cast off the line.

"Unfortunately, the barrel of bricks was heavier than I and before I knew what was happening the barrel started down,

jerking me off the ground. I decided to hang on and halfway up I met the barrel coming down, and received a severe blow on the shoulder. I then continued to the top, banging my head against the beam and getting my fingers jammed in the pulley. When the barrel hit the ground it bursted its bottom allowing all the bricks to spill out."

I was now heavier than the barrel and so started down again at high speed. Halfway down I met the barrel coming up and received severe injuries to my shins. When I hit the ground, I landed on the bricks, getting several painful cuts from the sharp edges."

"At this point I must have lost my presence of mind because I let go of the line. The barrel came down giving me another heavy blow on the head, putting me in the hospital. I respectively request sick leave.

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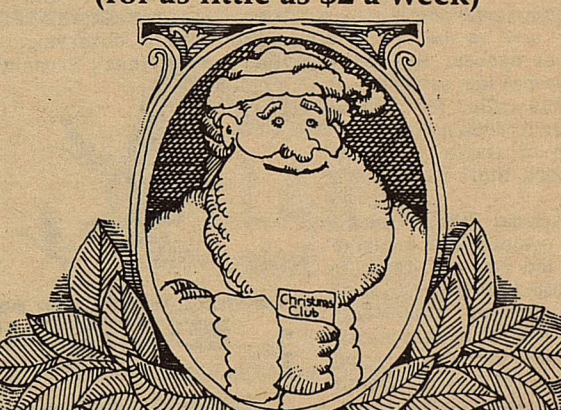
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