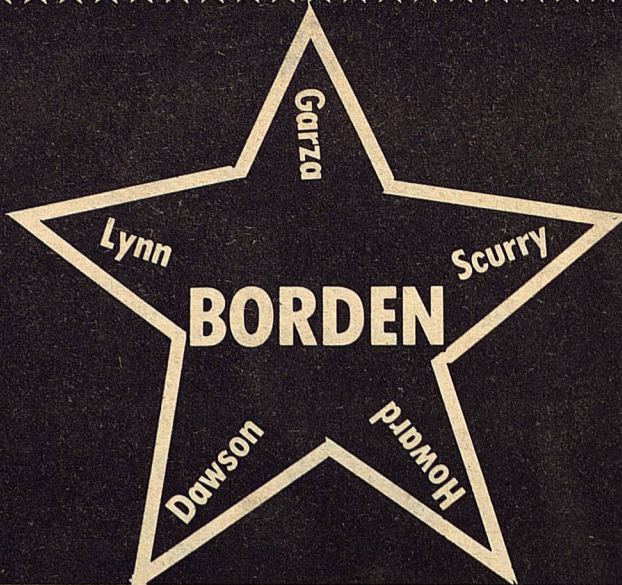


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STENHOLMS EUROPE MEETINGS SUCCESSFUL

Washington, D. C., October 26...Congressman Charles W. Stenholm said he is eager to start on the 1985 Farm Bill and is prepared to address the concerns of the American farmers vs. the European agricultural community. Stenholm, the keynote speaker at the international "Outlook 84" conference in London, said despite the differences in opinions from the people he met, he is confident about the bill.

"I've learned so much from the Europeans," Stenholm said, "and I think they have a better idea of what we want and expect from our farm bill." Calling the meeting an "invaluable lesson in trade policy and a generous teaching tool," the Stamford Democrat said he knows now the chances of converting the Europeans to a free-market system are not possible.

"They're going to maintain self-sufficiency and they're going to sell the surplus when they get it. We have to know that and consider it when the farm bill is drawn together," Stenholm cited the Europeans limited land availability and their large populations as a basis for their protectionist policies.

"The Europeans are paying three and five percent more for their food than the American consumer," he said. "They've had both world wars fought on their land and they remember when they couldn't grow enough to live on." As a result, the agricultural community is very organized and efficient.

"They have farmers on 150 acres clearing \$18,000 a year," Stenholm said. "We have farmers with 2,000 acres who can't do that."

Stenholm said the farmers and European Economic



Community members were also aware of the budget deficit and the problems it is causing for the American farmer. "It is imperative we start for a budget recovery," he said. They're our best customers, but they're also our fiercest competitors and they understand what the strong U.S. dollar is doing to us and to them.

The strength of the U.S. dollar allows Europeans to export with less competition since their export commodities are less expensive in relative currencies, Stenholm, a member of the House Agriculture Committee explained. "When I asked at these meetings what the Europeans thought about the U.S. setting our loan rate at a certain percentage of average market prices and simultaneously bringing down the value of the dollar, they shuddered at the thought."

Stenholm's meetings were held in London, Brussels, Rotterdam, Copenhagen, and Stockholm. He met with various EEC members, business leaders, government officials, and farmers in each stop.



SESSIONS ON AGRICULTURAL FINANCIAL PLANNING

Debate on the 1985 Farm Bill should begin in earnest after the November presidential election. Will there be a major policy change, or will there simply be a fine tuning of the present farm program?

During April and May, 1984, 1,800 Texas farmers and ranchers, with crop acreage in 13 major Texas crop producing counties were surveyed. The questionnaire focused on their attitudes regarding major issues that will be the centers of debate in 1985. Surveys were returned by about a third of those sampled.

PRODUCTION AND PRICE SUPPORT

Texas farmers and ranchers expressed displeasure with the current farm program with only 16 percent preferring continuation of the present voluntary production and price support programs. The clear majority of respondents opted for tighter controls. A mandatory set-aside and price support program in years of excess supply was favored by 49

percent, it approved by a farmer referendum. Another 16 percent would re-establish acreage allotments and marketing quotas as a base for price supports. Eliminating all set-aside, price support, and government storage programs was suggested by 9 percent.

It is interesting to note that in a survey conducted before the 1981 Farm Bill was enacted, 49 percent of Texas producers indicated Congress should keep the present policy framework, with only minor changes in provisions such as target prices, loan rates, and reserves. Declining farm incomes and experience with the 1981 farm bill provisions apparently changed many Texans' attitudes on the mandatory controls issue.

More than any other previous survey done by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, these results convey Texas farmer and rancher frustration with past farm policies and programs. The message is one of a need for change...even if it means higher levels of government involvement.

Texas Farmers and Ranchers View 1985 Farm Bill Issues

College Station...Conferences dealing with the all-important topic of agricultural financing will be held at four different locations in Texas in the coming weeks.

Sessions on "Agricultural Financial Planning for 1985" are slated as follows: Nov. 13, Coliseum, Snyder; Nov. 14, Hilton Inn, Amarillo; Nov. 28, Navarro Junior College, Corsicana; and Dec. 5, Silver Wings Ballroom, El Campo.

Each of the conferences will begin at 9 a.m. and will feature discussions on the outlook for various commodities, the 1985 farm bill, merchandising credit,

computers in agriculture and the annual tax checkup.

"Agricultural financing is becoming more and more critical to farmers as the cost-price squeeze continues," points out Dr. Daniel Padberg, head of the Department of Agricultural Economics at Texas A&M University, who will speak at each of the conferences.

Farmers and agricultural lenders need to work closer together in dealing with the farm debt situation and in further financing of farm businesses. These conferences are aimed at

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Lemons to Star in Tintypes Musical

Snyder--"Tintypes," a musical revue, will be presented by the Western Texas College drama department Nov. 15-17 in the Fine Arts Theatre on campus.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and can be reserved by calling the box office at 915 573-8511, extension 234. Curtain time will be 8 o'clock each night.

Appearing in the cast will be Jett Combs of Muleshoe, Ramona Murphy of Snyder, Jeff Milburn of Brownfield, Rene King of Lubbock and Trina Lemons of Fluvanna. Members of the chorus are Latrice King of Lubbock, Aaron Knight of Big Lake, Terry Hunter of Kermit and KCherie Loveless, Connie Essery, Lisa Robbins and Robert Loveless of Snyder.

"Tintypes" is set in the half century between the Civil War and the Roaring 20s, one of the most tumultuous eras in American history. America's population doubled in 30 years and one third of the leap was due to immigration. In "Tintypes," the audience is introduced to one of these immigrants, a kind of Yiddish Charlie Chaplin, and through him to a small gallery of American figures including Teddy Roosevelt.

The music in the show includes some old favorites such as "You're a Grand Old Flag," "Shortnin' Bread," "Won't You Come Home Bill Bailey" and others and songs written especially for the show.

BEAUTY CONTEST
Nov. 15, 1984
7:00 p.m.
Most Handsome

BORDEN SCHOOL NEWS

BORDEN COUNTY BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

JUNIOR HIGH
1984-85

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TEAMS	TIME
Nov. 26	Klondike	Klondike	A girls A boys	6:00
Dec. 3	Wilson	Borden	A girls A boys	6:00
Dec. 8	Sands Tournament	Ackerly	A girls A boys	TBA
Dec. 10	Southland	Borden	A girls A boys	6:00
Dec. 17	New Home	New Home	A girls A boys	6:00
Jan. 7	O'Donnell	O'Donnell	A girls A boys	6:00
Jan. 14	Klondike	Borden	A girls A boys	6:00
Jan. 21	Wilson	Wilson	A girls A boys	6:00
Jan. 28	Southland	Southland	A girls A boys	6:00
Feb. 4	New Home	Borden	A girls A boys	6:00



DISTRICT CO-CHAMPIONS

These Junior High Football players were the District Co-Champions for 1984-Back Row-Coach Frisbie, Jon

Herring, Jim Ridenour, Lance Telchik, James Smith, Randall Hollis, Alex Lemons, Chris Kilmer, Pat Duenes, Cody

Cooley. Front-Armonda Soto, Cody Stone, Monty Garrett, Eric Lusk, Cole Vestal, Rowdy Fulfer, Andy Portales, Jason Sharp and Arnold Portales.

BORDEN COUNTY BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

HIGH SCHOOL
1984-85

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TEAMS	TIME
Nov. 20	Roby	Borden	A-B girls A boys	5:00
Nov. 27	Loop	Borden	A girls A boys	6:30
Nov. 29-Dec. 1	Sands Tournament	Ackerly	A girls A boys	TBA
Dec. 4	Loop	Loop	A girls A boys	6:30
Dec. 6-8	Highland Tournament	Highland	A girls A boys	TBA
Dec. 11	Ropes	Borden	A-B girls A boys	5:00
Dec. 13-15	Borden Tournament	Borden	A-B girls A-B boys	TBA
Dec. 18	Roby	Roby	A girls A-B boys	5:00
Jan. 4	Dawson	Dawson	A-B girls A boys	5:00
Jan. 8	*Klondike	Klondike	A-B girls A boys	5:00
Jan. 11	*Wilson	Borden	A-B girls A boys	5:00
Jan. 15	*Southland	Borden	A-B girls A boys	5:00
Jan. 17	**New Home	New Home	A girls A-B boys	5:00
Jan. 22	*O'Donnell	O'Donnell	A-B girls A boys	5:00
Jan. 25	*Klondike	Borden	A girls A-B boys	5:00
Jan. 29	*Wilson	Wilson	A girls A-B boys	5:00
Feb. 1	*Southland	Southland	A girls A-B boys	5:00
Feb. 2	Sands Tournament	Ackerly	JV girls JV boys	TBA
Feb. 5	*New Home	Borden	A girls A-B boys	5:00
Feb. 8	*O'Donnell	Borden	A girls A-B boys	5:00

* denotes District games
** Thursday night game



More than two-thirds of Canada's population lives within 100 miles of the U.S. border.



These cafeteria witches brewed a special brew for Halloween Day last Wednesday. Shown-Mrs. Garrett, Mrs. Swann, Mrs. Adcock and Mrs. Hart.

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Texas A&M develops software to teach high school science

COLLEGE STATION — Bio-Systems, a Houston-based medical technology firm and subsidiary of Healthdyne Inc. of Marietta, Ga., has awarded a contract to Texas A&M University to develop high school science lessons that can be used with Texas Instruments, IBM or Apple computers.

"The programs will be used to teach biology, chemistry and physics laboratory lessons to pupils in grades 9-12," said Texas A&M researcher Dr. Jon Hunter, project coordinator.

Unlike other self-paced computer programs for learning, the Bio-Systems lessons feature colorful and detailed graphics of scientific principles and step-by-step procedures for performing laboratory experiments, he said.

In addition, students use a variety of sensors and a computer interface module — developed at Texas A&M and sold by Bio-Systems — to obtain results from their projects, explained Hunter, an associate professor of bioengineering and veterinary physiology/pharmacology.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS HIRE TWO LOBBYISTS

By Terrence Stutz
DALLAS MORNING NEWS

A coalition of 20 Texas school districts hoping to modify some parts of the state's new school reform law has hired two well-respected lobbyists for the upcoming session of the Legislature.

The group, called Texans for Local Control of Public Education, agreed at a meeting Wednesday to hire Austin attorneys Don Adams and Lynn Nabers to advise and represent the coalition on state educational matters.

Adams is a former state senator from Jasper, Nabers a former state representative from Brownwood.

"We wanted people who will be good advisers on education, who can analyze areas of concern to us, and make sure that we are heard when the Legislature convenes," said Garland Superintendent Eli Douglas, president of the coalition.

One Dallas-area school official, who asked not to be named, described both Adams and Nabers as "heavyweight lobbyists."

They will be taken very seriously during the 1985 session, the official said.

Several suburban school officials had complained that their voices were not heard when the Legislature passed a series of sweeping education reforms this summer. By contrast, a group of property-poor and large urban districts, including Dallas, lobbied heavily for their interests and had a significant impact on the final bill that emerged from the special session.

Dallas area members of the new coalition are

Carrollton-Farmers Branch, Garland, Highland Park, Irving, Plano and Richardson.

The coalition has promised they will have more input in the 1985 session, when education again is a major issue.

Douglas emphasized that the coalition supports most parts of the school reform law, although the group feels some modifications should be made to give more discretion to local school officials. Douglas said he did not want to discuss specific reforms until the coalition adopts its legislative program in December.

"We feel very strongly that education reform in Texas is necessary and we are not interested in repealing House Bill 12," he said, explaining the coalition primarily is concerned with sections of the law that have weakened local decision making.

In addition, he said, there has been some discussion across the state that the changes may lead to some consolidation of school districts, something that the coalition strongly opposes.

"We will definitely oppose any forced consolidation of school districts," he said.

Patti Clapp, Richardson school board member and treasurer of the coalition, said the coalition "very much supports the intent of House Bill 12, but wants to see local districts given more flexibility in implementing the new requirements."

"We do see some places for modification and fine-tuning of the law," she said, adding that the coalition wants to provide state lawmakers with a credible organization that they

can go to for input on educational issues."

"We want to make sure that all districts--and not just a few--have a voice in the legislative process," she said.

Area schools represented at the meeting were from Lubbock, Midland and Borden County.

JOBS FUTURE GOOD IN HIGH TECH AREA

"The state of Texas has moved into a high-tech era. Our children need a strong foundation in the sciences in order to become informed citizens if not participants in high-tech industry," said George Haddaway, TASEF Chairman.

The Texas Aviation and Space Education Forum, a newly organized task force dedicated to the promotion of aviation and space technology education in Texas, met recently in Fort Worth to solidify future objectives.

Headed by state leaders in business, government, and education, TASEF was formed to address the growing technological illiteracy within the state of Texas. Program coordinators are confident the organization will benefit both aviation industry interests and Texas educational institutions.

TASEF is the Texas counterpart to the recently formed national organization, the Aviation and Space Education Forum.

Clay Wilkins, Texas Aeronautics Commission

Executive Director, stated that TASEF may open the door for young persons considering a career in aviation.

According to President Reagan, America risks becoming a "nation of technological illiterates." Experts conclude that the nation's inability to keep pace in high-tech industries is the result of inadequate academic preparation by students who lack awareness of rigorous requirements. By including space and aviation themes in all levels of elementary and secondary education, experts predict a greater student success rate in the sciences, math and humanities.

In terms of employment, if we look at the state of Texas alone, there is a need for avionics maintenance people, airport management personnel, air traffic controllers, and computer experts. If we look at the entire aviation and aerospace industry, the field is wide open." Clay Wilkins, TAC Executive Director

Members discussed plans to develop a broadbased, statewide executive committee comprised of educational and aviation-space industry leaders.

The development of a Governor's Task Force on Aviation and Space Education and the promotion of two aviation-space education pilot programs in Texas were two

other items included on the agenda.

The pilot program at Judson High School near San Antonio has been in effect now for a year.

Another pilot program is planned for early implementation at an elementary school in Garland. Teaching guides, now being revised, will be sent to Garland instructors to teach basic skills using aviation and aeronautics to kindergarten through grade six. This program began more than a year ago when educators saw the need to motivate their students toward achievement in the basic skills.

"An instructor can tell a student, 'I want you to take geometry or I want you to take trig.' That's not the way it works. Ultimately, it's up to the student to decide which courses to take," said John Taylor, coordinator.

In a job market characterized by intense competition for limited openings, the aviation-aerospace industry may offer graduates a brighter future. According to recent employment statistics, job prospects in the field are plentiful. And with the well-publicized influx of new industry in the state accompanied by the current technological explosion, Texas graduates may discover that the demand for exceeds the supply.



The liver of left-handed persons is on the left side of the body.



The lilac, a native of the Orient, was not introduced into Europe until the 16th century.

Cooking Corner

November 12-16, 1984

Day	Menu	Salad Bar
Monday	Steak Fingers Green Beans Scalloped Potatoes Hot Rolls & Honey Butter Milk	Salad Bar
Tuesday	Meat Loaf Fried Okra Blackeyed Peas Pudding Hot Bread Milk	Salad Bar
Wednesday	Hobo Stew Pimento Cheese Fruit Hot Rolls Milk	Salad Bar
Thursday	Tacos with Cheese Shredded Lettuce Tater Tots Cake Milk	Salad Bar
Friday	Hamburgers French Fries Lettuce & Tomatoes Cookies Milk	Salad Bar

NOVEMBER 1984

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MISS KITTY TO BE SMOKEOUT CHAIRMAN

The American Cancer Society announced today that television actress Amanda Blake, renowned for her role as Miss Kitty in "Gunsmoke," will serve as honorary chairman of the 1984 Great American Smokeout in Texas.

Claiming she'd rather see a gun smoke any day before seeing a friend or loved one do the same thing, the celebrated Austin resident will be asking Texas smokers to give up their cigarettes for just one day...November 15.

A former smoker, Miss Blake quit smoking eight years ago. "I smoked two packs a day for twenty years and quit cold turkey," she said. "But of course, mouth cancer is a strong incentive to give up cigarettes."

Amanda Blake was diagnosed as having cancer of the mouth in 1976. After undergoing surgery, she is completely free of the disease today.

The annual Smokeout, now in its eighth year, is sponsored by the ACS nation-wide to good-naturedly encourage smokers to give up their cigarettes for just one day...if only to prove to themselves they can.

A survey conducted by the Gallup organization last year indicated that almost 36 percent of the 52 American smokers

tried to quit for the day. Eight percent made it the full 24 hours and about four percent were still not smoking one to 11 days later.

According to Texas ACS volunteers planning the Smokeout, Miss Blake's involvement is particularly timely.

"The ACS recently announced that lung cancer has exceeded breast cancer as the leading cause of cancer deaths among Texas women," said Russell Autry of El Paso, who is the volunteer spearheading the campaign in Texas. "We feel that with Miss Blake as our honorary chairman, we'll increase our chances of reaching this target group."

Last March, Miss Blake received the American Cancer Society's Courage Award from President Ronald Reagan in ceremonies at the White House. The award salutes her personal courage in her battle against cancer and cites the hope and inspiration she gives all Americans in the fight for life and health.

As Texas' honorary Smokeout chairman, she will be making appearances at rallies, parades and other Smokeout celebrations in several Texas cities.

SECOND ANNUAL WEST TEXAS BOYS RANCH ART EXHIBIT

Twenty-three top Western artists will display their wares at the 2nd Annual West Texas Boys Ranch Art Exhibit, November 10-11, 1984.

The event will be held in the San Angelo Convention Center. The doors will open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, November 10, and 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Sunday, the 11th.

On display will be paintings, prints, and bronzes by such artists as Jodie Boren, Abilene; Don Bowen, San Angelo; Harry Brunk, Whitney, Nebraska; Garnet Buster, New Braunfels, Texas; Duward Campbell, Lubbock; Jimmy Cox, San Angelo; Chuck Dehann, Graford, Texas and Steve Devenyns of Cody, Wyoming.

Also displaying will be Jim

Hamilton, Pawhuska, Oklahoma; Harold Holden, Kremlin, Oklahoma; Joe Hollingshead, Big Spring, Texas; John Kittelson, Cody, Wyoming; Ray Knaub, Lakewood, Colorado; Ted Long, North Platte, Nebraska and Mrs. Vel Miller of Atascadero, California.

Rounding out the show will be Tom Ryan, Midland, (prints only); Robert Shufelt, Wickenburg, Arizona; Paul Wylie, Lubbock; Don Yandell, Plano; Bob Moline, Ft. Worth; Gary Morton, Tinnie, New Mexico and Gary Myers, Ruidoso, New Mexico.

The public is invited to come out to view and purchase these works for the benefit of Boys Ranch.

GUARNERI STRING QUARTET TO BE IN LUBBOCK

On Friday, November 16 at 8:15 p.m. in the Center Theatre, the Guarneri String Quartet will perform for Texas Tech and the Lubbock community.

1984-85 marks the Twentieth Anniversary Season of the Guarneri String Quartet. Founded in 1964 at Vermont's Marlboro Music Festival, the Quartet made its New York debut in two performances at the New School on February 28, 1965. Arnold Steinhardt (violin), John Dalley (violin), Michael Tree (viola), and David Soyer (cello) are the original members of the group and have brought it to the point where it has been heralded as the preeminent string quartet in the world today.

Among its awards, the Guarneri String Quartet was presented, in 1982, by Mayor Koch, the New York City Seal of Recognition; an honor awarded for the first time. In 1976, the members of the quartet were awarded honorary Doctorates of Music from the University of South Florida (where they conduct annual residencies) and in 1985 they received the same from the State University of New York (Binghamton).

Three of the four players are faculty members at the Curtis

Institute of Music in Philadelphia and all the members of the quartet are Professors of Music at the University of Maryland.

Several of the Guarneri String Quartet recordings have won international awards and have included collaborations with such artists as Boris Kroyt and Mischa Schneider of the Budapest Quartet, Arthur Rubinstein, and Pinchas Zukerman. Their tours have covered Canada, the United States, Japan, New Zealand, Europe (18th tour this season), and Australia; and they have made appearances at major international music festivals.

Focus has been placed on the group in several different forms. They have been featured on television and radio specials, documentaries, and educational presentations. They have also had a book written about them by Helen Ruttencutter entitled Quartet.

Tickets to see the Guarneri String Quartet are \$5.00 for Texas Tech students and \$7.00 for all others. All tickets will be \$7.00 at the door. Advance ticket purchases may be made at the University Center Ticket Booth or, for non-student tickets only, at Hemphill Wells at the Mall. For tickets or more information call 742-3610.

FREE ARBOR DAY KITS AVAILABLE

To help Texas teachers and organizations conduct Arbor Day programs, the Texas Forest Service is offering free program kits.

Each kit includes a loblolly pine seed packet with planting instructions, program aids for a local Arbor Day observance, suggested classroom activities for teachers, and a copy of Governor White's proclamation.

Quantities are limited. Only one kit per teacher, group or organization will be distributed.

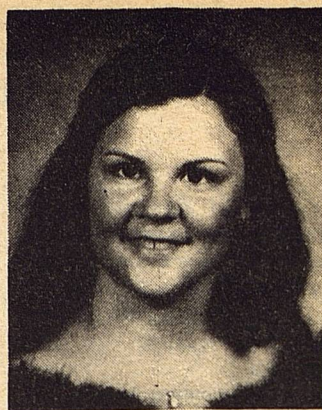
Arbor Day, is to be observed next on Friday, January 18, 1985 in Texas. Since 1889 it has been celebrated annually in Texas on the third Friday, although dates vary in other states. The event is to promote a greater appreciation of the beauty and value of trees and forests. The 1985 official state observance will be held in Lubbock.

Don't laugh! Lubbock does

too have some trees, although this city may be more famous for its high plains cotton production. It is, however, the home of the Texas Forest Service's West Texas Nursery where several species of drought resistant tree seedlings are grown especially for windbreak and soil erosion control plantings for residents of more than 90 Panhandle and West Texas counties.

The tree to be planted during Arbor Day 1985 in Lubbock will be dedicated to Preston Smith, former governor of Texas. Additional details will be announced as they are confirmed.

Program chairpersons and teachers should address requests for Arbor Day kits to the Texas Forest Service, College Station, Texas 77843. Distribution, on a first-come, first-serve basis, will begin in mid-November.



CARLA JONES
JONES
RECEIVES
DEGREE

Abilene, Texas--Carla Ann Jones, daughter of Don and Nelva Jones of Route 1, Box 26 in Fluvanna, is a recent graduate of Abilene Christian University.

Carla received a bachelor's degree in elementary education.

Abilene Christian University is the fourth largest private university in the Southwest and the largest of those nationwide affiliated with the Churches of Christ. It enrolls more than 4,600 students annually in one of its four undergraduate colleges or the graduate school.

HANDWORK TO BE EXHIBITED

Snyder--Women and Their Work, Inc., of Austin will present an exhibit titled "Handwork: Women's Folk Textiles" in the Scurry County Museum at Western Texas College from Nov. 11-Dec. 21.

Items displayed include quilting, tatting, cutwork, deshilado, crochet and filet crochet. The exhibition comes to Snyder from Dallas where it was shown at Richland College and it will travel next to Victoria and Houston.

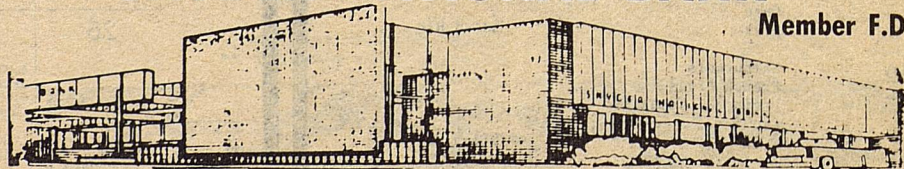
The Scurry County Museum is open each weekday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 1-4 p.m. on Sundays. There is no admission charge. Persons who would like information about the museum and special tours are invited to call the office at 915 573-6107.



The notation "q.v." stands for the Latin "quod vide," meaning "which see".

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ASCS NEWS

by Jerry Stone

JUST A PERSONAL NOTE:

I thank God for the change in the weather conditions. Even though moisture conditions are still not what we would all like to see, it certainly looks better than it did 60 days ago.

I know many of you are busy trying to get small grain land prepared and planted. It is certainly encouraging to know we can hopefully look to the start of a good year in 1985.

I would encourage all of you to take a look at the 1985 programs. Especially important is the fact that 50 percent of the

farms projected payments can be advanced to you when you enroll in the 1985 program. We will be making these payments on a weekly basis as producers enroll in the programs. If you enroll in the programs and comply with your contract, the advance of the payments to you will provide you with some interest free operating funds to help get your 1985 crops started. We are prepared and are ready to assist you in informing you of the provisions of the 1985 programs, and in letting you know what your dollar return from the programs will be

in the event you do decide to participate.

We look forward to working with you for another year. We will assist you as much as necessary for you to fully understand the provisions of the programs for 1985, and how they might affect your individual farming operation.

Thank you for your cooperation with us. It is certainly our pleasure to work for you

Jerry Neil Stone, CED
Borden County ASCS

Exhibitors Speak Out On H.B. 72

The following was written by a member of the Deat Smith County 4-H or FFA and exhibited above their sheep pen:

Dear Friends,
Due to Mr. Perot's unjust recommendations to the governor regarding extra-curricular activities we are

THANK YOU

The Borden County Parent's Club would like to say Thank You for coming to the Halloween Carnival and making it a success.

The club expresses their thanks for the use of the county barn and to the school for their cooperation in preparing for the carnival. A special thanks to those who donated prizes and food and to the individuals who worked in the booths and stayed to cleanup after the carnival.

THANK YOU

The Borden County 4-H Clubs would like to thank the Homecoming Dance Committee consisting of Pam Hess, Patsy Telchik, Gwen Herring, Mary John Phinzy and Connie Boyd for planning and organizing the dance. We would also like to thank all the parents who brought food for providing the refreshments. The dance was very nice and we appreciate all that you do for the 4-H members in the county.

Thanks again,
Borden County 4-H
Kandy K. McWhorter, CEA-HE

THANK YOU

The Borden County 4-H Clubs would like to thank Joe Kropp for taking the pictures at the Homecoming Dance. We really appreciate your help with the fund raising activity.

Thanks again,
Borden County 4-H

unable to be here to greet you and answer any questions that you may have.

Obviously Mr. Perot does not realize the importance of seeing a project through to its completion. As a wise man once said, "Never let your schooling interfere with your education." In addition to our regular school work, we have spent many hours before and after school, preparing our sheep and ourselves for the State Fair of Texas, as our pictures will demonstrate.

We have strived to maintain a high academic standard and yet we are deprived of the benefits of our work and expense. We will be here only long enough to show our sheep and get back on the plane, but some of our Parent Leaders will be present throughout the week. If you agree with our views on the Perot rulings, please ask one of our Parent Leaders for the addresses of the State Board of Education and write to them about these unfair regulations.

How much you know is not as important as what you do with what you know.

Members of the Deat Smith County Sheep Exhibitors

If you are opposed to H. B. 72 and its consequences to your family, then write your elected representative, the Governor, Lt. Governor and Speaker of the House. Be in Austin at the State Capitol on Wednesday, January 3, 1985

For more information call Tommy Stewman 315-288-4448 or Cherie Rash 409-945-8523

Plant oils not practical substitute for diesel fuel

COLLEGE STATION —

Recent articles in popular farming literature have called attention to the possibilities of using plant oils such as sunflower, soybean and peanut for diesel fuel as a potentially inexpensive energy source. But an energy report written by the economists and published by Texas A&M's Center for Energy and Mineral Resources indicates plant oils are not economical as substitutes for the fossil fuel.

Even under the most optimistic conditions, No. 2 diesel from plant oils will cost from 80 cents to \$1.20 more than regular diesel, according to the report by Drs. Ronald Griffin, Ronald Laceywell, Glenn Collins and Hao-Chun Chang.

Your County Agent Says... by Alan Day

Brucellosis Vacc. Required for Heifer Calves

Regulations relating to brucellosis vaccination of heifer calves in the Class C Area of Texas have been amended by the Texas Animal Health Commission and will become effective November 5.

The changes were made in response to recommendations from the livestock industry during recent hearings favoring an increase in vaccination for brucellosis control.

The new regulation is in two parts.

1. Heifer calves born after Jan. 1 of this year which are between 4 and 12 months of age and acquired and used for breeding, grazing, dairying or confinement in a dry lot not under quarantine must be officially vaccinated according to the amended regulation.

2. Heifer calves born after Jan. 1 of this year which are unvaccinated when they are over 12 months of age may change ownership only after being spayed or consigned to a livestock market to be spayed or "S" branded prior to the sale; or

consigned directly to slaughter, quarantined feedlot or quarantined pasture.

Producers should start making plans now for vaccination of all eligible heifers.

State funds are available for free vaccinations. Producers should contact their own private veterinarian or their area Texas Animal Health Commission office for complete details. The new regulation applies to the 113 counties making up the Class C Area of Texas.

It is important that livestock producers make sure their calves are properly identified when vaccinated. A tattoo in the right ear is proof of vaccination, but the procedure must be done correctly. The person doing the vaccination should clean the ear carefully, rub the ink in thoroughly and press the tattoo pliers firmly.

A vaccinated calf is worth more, but if not properly identified it will cost the producer later on.

This does not pertain to Borden County residents, except for shipping purposes.

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Continued from 1 enhancing that relationship."

Dr. Wayne Hayenga, economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System, is coordinating the conferences. "Agriculture has gone from a labor intensive to a capital intensive business in recent years," notes Hayenga. "These conferences are designed to give farmers and ranchers a look at various financial issues and how to use capital as any other tool or implement."

Hayenga points out that farming and ranching is in a "whole new ballgame" today because of all the different forces both inside and outside of agriculture that are affecting crop and livestock production and marketing. Financing is playing a major role in today's agriculture, and that situation will likely become even more intense in the years ahead, he adds.

Texas A&M, IBM developing programs to teach statistics

COLLEGE STATION — Two divisions of The Texas A&M University System have entered into a \$220,000 research and development effort with IBM to develop "user friendly" programs for teaching basic statistics to college students on the IBM Personal Computer.

Under terms of the contract, IBM will supply \$100,000 in direct support and equipment valued at \$120,000.

Texas A&M's Statistics Department and the Computer Technology Division of the Texas Engineering Experiment Station (TEES) will perform the research needed to develop a prototype software package that students could use to learn statistics on IBM Personal Computers.



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NEXT MOVE: CHERNENKO

By Edwin Feulner

Soviet President Konstantin Chernenko, smiling, joking and appearing to be in good health, has confessed to the *Washington Post's* Moscow correspondent that the current state of U.S.-Soviet relations is all Ronald Reagan's fault.

Understandably, of course, he held the door open to better relations between the superpowers — which will happen, Chernenko said, just as soon as "the American side . . . takes some practical steps in the direction of the struggle for peace."

After all, he told correspondent Dusko Doder, in what was billed as the Soviet leader's first interview with a foreign journalist since coming to power, safeguarding peace is Moscow's main concern.

But, Chernenko said, ". . . there has been no practical shift in the direction of peace by the White House." Especially when it comes to reducing the nuclear threat, he said, an area in which the United States needs to "prove in deeds the sincerity of its declarations in favor of nuclear arms limitations." The White House, while obviously not ecstatic about the charges, was quoted the following day as being pleased with the overall tone of the interview — perhaps seeing it as a diplomatic opportunity.

The reaction of the White House to Chernenko's remarks — which were anything but complimentary on matters of substance, and came just weeks before the presidential election — is perhaps understandable. With the election just days ahead, the administration didn't want to appear intransigent or offended. So what if the Soviet leader had parroted many of the charges the Democrats were making. That's hardball.

Once again, however, the president was getting bad advice.

In the months leading up to the election, administration officials went overboard in their efforts to show just how flexible they had been at the arms control tables. After reviewing stacks of material on who offered what to whom — at the IMF talks, the START talks, the chemical weapons talks, the talk talks, you name it — it is apparent that contrary to popular belief the administration has been soft on the Soviets.

The administration has bent over backwards to find some formula that would induce the Soviets to come back to the bargaining table. And each time the Kremlin has said "nyet."

It's not that the White House and Ed Rowley and the other negotiators haven't done enough to accommodate the Soviets. They've done too much.

It's not Ronald Reagan who needs to "prove in deeds" his sincerity. It's Konstantin Chernenko.

(Feulner is president of The Heritage Foundation, a Washington-based public policy research institute.)

THE 1984 TEXAS EDUCATION ACT: REFORM OR REGRESS?

(Ed note: the following article was sent to us by one of our readers. This opinion was sponsored by Texas Council for Public Policy)

On July 3, 1984 the Texas legislature, in a special session called by Governor Mark White, passed a bill that will have such far-reaching effects on Texans that history may reveal that on that day before Independence Day Texans lost much of their independence from governmental control. Although we heard a lot of rhetoric about improving the quality of education in Texas, only 45 words of the 94 page Act concerns curriculum content. What did the rest of the 94 pages do?

A. The Act Removed From the People of Texas Their Right To Elect the State Board of Education.

Although the Democratic and

Republican parties rarely agree on any issue, both parties passed a resolution at their June, 1984 State Convention to retain an elected State Board of Education. The surveys of the Texas Education Agency (which distributed over 150,000 questionnaires) indicated that 85 percent of the respondents favored keeping the elected board. Rejecting the wishes of their constituents, a majority of our legislators voted to take control of public schools out of the hands of the people. The old elected board was abolished.

The new board is appointed by the Governor. The board is to revert to an elected board in four years, but the legislature can at that time vote to extend the appointed board indefinitely.

Almost all of our state's \$19 billion annual budget is spent in four areas: public schools, highways, welfare and prisons. All four areas are controlled by boards appointed by one man, Governor Mark White.

One-half of our annual state budget is for education. The State Board of Education has the power to set policy for public (state-regulated) schools. Should not the authority over our most precious asset, our children, be directly accountable to the people?

The Chairman of Norman Lear's ultra-liberal People for the American Way in Texas stood up in one of the last meetings of outgoing State Board of Education and said that he was responsible for "getting rid of the elected board because they would not listen" to him.

B. The Act Gave The State Increased Control Over Our Children.

The Act creates a new government board—the Legislative Education Board—which will exist in addition to, and not in lieu of the

appointed State Board of Education. Like the State Board of Education, the Legislative Education Board is appointed. The new Board will be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House. What is the purpose of the new Board? It was given the power to "oversee and review the implementation of education policy. It has broad powers, including the power to subpoena.

The concept of state-regulated schools is relatively new. In the last century children were taught either in their homes or in private schools. The State created "free" schools to allow parents who could not afford private education to send their children to "free" schools, if the parents so wished. The schools were controlled by local school boards elected by the parents. Then the State passed compulsory attendance laws. The latest step in the regression from parental rights and responsibilities for their children came in the 1984 Act. Parents are required in the Act to sign a written statement that the parent understands and consents to the responsibilities outlined in the program." Article VI, Part G, Section 1. What program? The program to approved by yet

another unelected agency—the Central Education Agency.

The new Act also requires that students spend more time in school—more days per year and more time per day in classroom—yielding less time for parents to spend with their children. The Act also requires "parent training workshops." The new law does not tell us what will be taught in such "workshops." The legislature left it up to an unelected board to decide.

The Act allows districts to establish "school-community guidance centers" to "assist children with problems which interfere with their education, including but not limited to juvenile offenders and children with severe behavioral problems or character disorders." Article VI, Part C, Section 1. Who will determine whether a child has a "character disorder?"

Public schools already include courses of "values clarification." The values of children taught by parents are being "clarified." Who will determine how values should be clarified?

To Be Continued Next Week.

Public Notice

Pursuant to an order of the Public Utility Commission of Texas in Docket No. 5926, notice is hereby given that Southwestern Bell Telephone has filed a Feature Group "E" (FGE) Access Service as a new tariff offering to meet the needs of Cellular Mobile Radiotelephone Common Carriers.

The new tariff offering will also be available, on an optional basis, to Radio Common Carriers authorized to provide domestic public land mobile radiotelephone and paging services.

FGE Access Service will be provided as trunk side switching with line treatment at suitably equipped Telephone Company electronic end offices and other end offices where equipment is available. The proposed rates for FGE Access Service are on a minutes of use basis.

A number of common switching optional features will be available with FGE Access Service, including Class of Call Screening, up to 7-digit outpulsing of called party telephone number of customer, delay dial start-pulsing signaling and dial pulse address signaling. Certain additional optional features will be offered in connection with FGE Access Service under other tariffs of the Telephone Company, including blocks of telephone numbers and Billed Number Screening.

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company customers interested in participating in this hearing or needing additional information, should write to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Blvd., Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Commission's Consumer Affairs Division at 512/458-0223, 512/458-0227 or teletypewriter for the deaf at 512/458-0221.

Aviso Público

En conformidad con una orden de la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas bajo el Docket No. 5926, se anuncia mediante el presente aviso que Southwestern Bell Telephone ha registrado un Servicio de Acceso para el Grupo de Clasificación "E" (o sea Feature Group "E", o FGE) en una nueva opción tarifaria destinada a responder a las necesidades de las Empresas de Telecomunicaciones Radiotelefónicas Celulares Móviles.

La nueva tarifa estará disponible también, en forma opcional, para las Empresas de Radiocomunicaciones autorizadas para proporcionar servicios nacionales públicos de radiotelefonía móvil terrestre y de altavoces.

El Servicio de Acceso FGE se proporcionará mediante conmutación de cable troncal con tratamiento especial de la línea telefónica en centrales terminales electrónicas de la compañía de teléfonos que estén debidamente equipadas, y en otras centrales terminales que tengan disponible el equipo. Las tarifas propuestas para el Servicio de Acceso FGE se computan por minutos de uso.

Junto con el Servicio de Acceso FGE se ofrecerán varias opciones de conmutación central, incluyendo Investigación de la Clase de Llamada (Class of Call Screening), representación visual de hasta 7 dígitos del número telefónico llamado por el usuario, retardo de la señal para transmitir y señalización de la dirección para marcar. También se ofrecerán algunas opciones adicionales en relación con el Servicio de Acceso FGE bajo otros sistemas tarifarios de la Empresa Telefónica, incluyendo restricciones a bloques de números telefónicos e Investigación del número al que se carga la cuenta (Billed Number Screening).

Los usuarios de Southwestern Bell Telephone Company que estén interesados en participar en esta audiencia, o que requieran mayor información, deben dirigirse por escrito a: Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Blvd., Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757. También puede obtenerse información adicional llamando a Public Utility Commission Consumer Affairs Division al 512/458-0223, al 512/458-0227, o al 512/458-0221 si requiere teletipo para personas con impedimentos de audición.



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AIR FORCE NURSING OPPORTUNITIES

Dallas, Tex...."Exciting and rewarding challenges await young men and women who qualify for Air Force nursing," said Technical Sergeant Stanley K. Baker. "The Air Force is looking for registered nurses to serve in hospitals around the world."

The initial three-year commitment begins with commissioning, usually as a second or first lieutenant, based on educational background. New nurses are sent to a two-week orientation course where they learn about their role as Air Force officers and the Air Force mission, its structure, customs, and traditions.

Following the orientation course, nurses are assigned to a hospital which may range in size from 25 to 1,000 beds.

"The Air Force Nurse Corps offers clinical specialties in anesthesia and midwifery and has a special need for mental health and operating room nurses who qualify," said Tech.

Sgt. Baker.

Like all Air Force members, nurses enjoy a variety of entitlements including a non-contributory retirement plan, 30 days of vacation with pay each year, worldwide travel opportunities, medical and dental care, low-cost life insurance, and pay raises based on promotion, longevity, and cost-of-living.

"Nurses can attend educational seminars and workshops conducted at military and civilian institutions," Tech. Sgt. Baker said. "And, nurses are encouraged to continue their formal education through local colleges and universities. The professional growth potential is hard to match."

To learn more about nursing opportunities in the Air Force and belonging to one of the finest health care teams in the world, contact Tech. Sgt. Baker at 2615 Avenue E. East, Suite 121, Arlington, Texas or call (817) 461-1946.

MICROWAVE HEATING EXTENDS MILK FRESHNESS

College Station...Consumers can use their microwave ovens to restore a fresh taste to week-old milk without affecting its nutritional value, says a Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service food and nutrition specialist.

Researchers at Cornell University have tested microwave heating as a way to kill the souring bacteria that develop in stored milk, reports Dr. Dymple Cooksey. Their tests show that a two-minute treatment at 2450 MHz reduces the bacteria in a cup of 10-day old milk to the level present in fresh milk.

"Milk 'goes bad' long before it is actually unsafe to drink, noted Cooksey. One study has shown that over 40 percent of 10-day-old milk samples rated poor because they have a fruity, fermented and rancid off-flavor, she explains.

One of the main causes of deteriorating quality is psychotropic bacteria which lead to stale, bitter or sour flavors as milk is stored. Milk becomes contaminated with these bacteria during handling,

so the pasteurization process which improves the quality of fresh milk cannot prevent the development of these off-flavors, says the specialist.

But microwave heating of pasteurized milk when it is eight to eleven days old reduces the contaminating bacteria and the off-taste as well, says Cooksey.

According to the specialist, one advantage of microwave heating is that it uses fairly low temperatures, so the milk is not left with a "boiled" taste. Most importantly, microwave heating does not destroy any of the important nutrients in milk, she emphasizes.

The microwave treatment is most effective on store-bought milk that is about eight days old, or two to three days before the "pull date" marked on the carton.

Milk can be kept in its original paper or plastic carton for microwaving. Heating the milk to 60 degrees C or 140 degrees F at 2450 MHz would preserve it up to 21 days, or double the average shelf life, the specialist says.

Most microwave ovens run at a frequency of 2450 MHz, but consumers should check the oven manual to make sure, Cooksey adds.

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LUBBOCK, Friday, November 2, 1984

Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. of Lubbock October 31 joined a host of other organizations and individuals denouncing new pesticide application regulations proposed by the Texas Department of Agriculture.

The occasion was a two-day hearing in Austin of the Texas House Committee on Agriculture and Livestock. While the committee itself took no formal position for or against the proposal, committee chairman Robert Saunders of La Grange and several committee members were among the most vocal critics of what they deemed improper procedures followed by TDA in writing the controversial regulations.

The regulations set up notification, field posting, re-entry period and protective clothing standards designed to protect farm workers and the general public from "unreasonable risk to human health."

PCG, which had been active in trying to get changes in the regulations prior to their announcement, filed a statement with the committee declaring the proposed rules "at best ill-conceived and premature." The 50-man PCG board adopted a strong resolution against the regulations as now written at a meeting October 24.

"They (the regulations) have been written without the scientific data necessary to demonstrate either a need for them or that their adoption will accomplish their stated objective," the PCG statement said.

Moreover, PCG continued, "only a token effort if any effort has been made to avoid the obvious potential for harassment of agricultural producers and the disruption of the state's agricultural economy."

Another PCG objection contended that no real attempt was made to eliminate the vagueness of language and conflicts with labeling requirements and/or pending federal regulations, "both of which virtually assure the confusion of all concerned and eventually the involvement of the courts."

PCG requested the committee's help in preventing adoption of the regulations, and failing that, in getting the rules rescinded in the next session of the Texas Legislature.

At the conclusion of the hearings, Chairman Saunders said "I think we have shown some changes should be made" and announced his intention to appoint a committee of people "who really know what the situation is" to work with Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower's office.

TDA has announced a public hearing to be held at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center at 2:00 p.m. November 15. TDA hearings are also scheduled in Austin and San Juan.



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Cities-Counties Receive Mixed Drink Taxes

Austin, Texas...State Comptroller Bob Bullock Monday sent checks totaling \$11.6 million to 221 counties and 425 cities as their third quarter share of the state's 10 percent mixed drink tax collected through October 1, 1984.

The Texas Legislature raised the rate to 12 percent, effective October 2.

Bullock said the state collected \$40.4 million in taxes on the sale of mixed drinks during the quarter, up 8.5 percent over the same period in 1983.

Texas cities and counties each now receive a 15 percent rebate of the tax collected on mixed drinks sold within their boundaries under the law that legalized the sale of mixed drinks in the state. The state's general revenue fund receives the balance...\$28.7 million...of the tax money collected.

Cities and counties will get a 15 percent share of the increased mixed drinks gross receipts tax from fourth quarter collections. Beginning with the first quarter of 1985, cities and counties will each receive a 12.5 percent share of the increased tax and the state will get the entire gain from the tax increase.

The mixed drink tax is collected by the Alcoholic Beverage Commission and city-county rebates are sent out quarterly by the Comptroller's Office.

Bullock said the mixed drink tax has brought in \$120.5 million so far during 1984.

Free IRS Seminars

Legislation was recently enacted to improve information reporting to the Internal Revenue Service. The new law requires most companies to report payments such as interest, dividends, and broker and barter transactions on magnetic media rather than paper documents.

Free information seminars are being offered by the Internal Revenue Service throughout the North Texas area to acquaint businesses with the information necessary to comply with this new law. A seminar is scheduled for Lubbock in the First National Bank Bldg., 1500 Broadway in the Genghis Kahn Room November 7 at 9 AM until 11:00 A. M.

A representative from the Austin Service Center Magnetic Media Section will provide information and reporting instructions and will also be available to answer questions. There is no charge for the workshop and no registration is required.

NEW SOIL CHEMIST NAMED

Lubbock...A new soil chemist for the High Plains, Rolling Plains and West Texas has been named by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Dr. Michael G. Hickey is supervisor of the Extension Soil Testing Laboratory here and is soil chemist serving 100 area counties.

Hickey replaces Dr. H. Dale Pacington, who recently was transferred to College Station to supervise the soil testing laboratory and program.

"Since reporting to Lubbock, we have processed the soil samples on hand in the laboratory and are ready to serve area producers fully," Hickey said. In addition to supervision the laboratory and providing fertilizer recommendations for the area, he will plan and conduct educational programs in soil chemistry and fertility and assist county Extension agents with educational programs and field demonstrations.

A native of Dennison, Hickey received the Bachelor of Science degree in crop science and the Master of Science degree in soil fertility from Texas Tech University. In 1982 he received a Ph. D in soil chemistry and mineralogy from Washington State University.

From 1982 until accepting the Extension post here, Hickey conducted post-doctoral research in soil chemistry and mineralogy at Oregon State University, Corvallis, Ore. His work there included completion of a long-term study investigating the effects of municipal sludge on soil environmental quality and plant uptake of heavy metals.

At Washington State, while pursuing his doctorate, Hickey was a research and teaching assistant in soil chemistry. His research there included development of a gel chromatographic technique to quantitatively determine the amount of metal-organic complexation in soil solutions.

While a student at Tech, Hickey assisted with research on the effects of sewage effluent on the yield of bermudagrass, cotton, soybean and grain sorghum. As a graduate research and teaching assistant, he was involved in research to determine the effect of soil type on potato tuber formation parameters, and the effect of manure application and source of nitrogen on the soil fertility relations of potatoes and grain sorghum.

Hickey is a member of the Soil Science Society of America, American Society of Agronomy, American Chemical Society, Society of Sigma Xi and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service Specialists Assn.

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