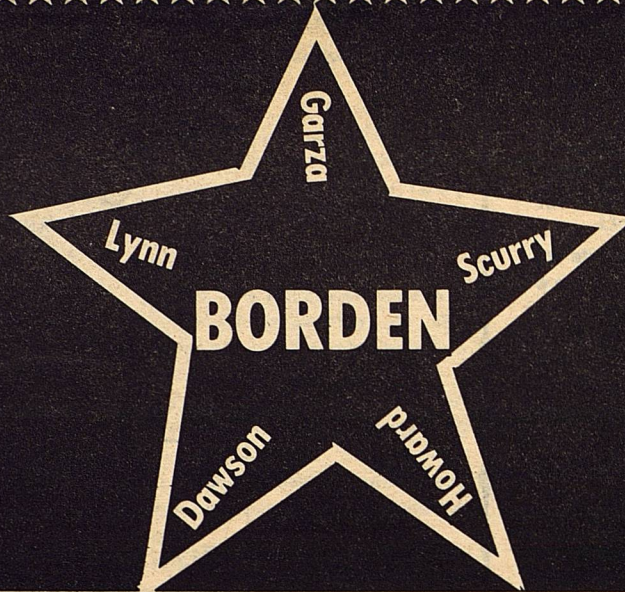


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BORDEN COUNTY SCHEDULED FOR ROAD WORK

The Texas Highway and Public Transportation Commission today approved three major programs to maintain and improve roadways and safety rest areas throughout the state.

Backed by new monies made available by the recently increased fuel tax and registration fees, the commission directed the highway department to proceed with the 1985 State Highway Safety and Betterment Program which had been fore-gone last year due to limited funds. The program's purpose is to protect and extend the service life of roadways - often those with cracking and slick surfaces. Most of the \$128.7 million allocation will be used to apply a protective coating to 3,185 miles of roadway in 501 projects.

A second major program approved by the commission is directed toward increasing traffic flow and capacity on U.S. and State roadways. This nine-year program involves more than 600 projects among which are new loops and by-passes. Interchanges and reconstruction to accommodate heavy traffic volume. The

nine-year program is broken into two parts - the first four years will involve moving ahead with actual construction and the remaining five year portion directs the department to proceed with design work and right-of-way designation.

The commission also approved a ten-year program for development and rehabilitation of safety rest areas. Under this program, 35 sites on Texas Highway System would be upgraded to rest areas and a new tourist bureau would be constructed in Cooke County.

In the Abilene District of the Highway Department a seal coat (overlay of asphalt and aggregate) will be applied to 115 miles of U.S., State and F.M. Highways under the program.

Borden County roadways to receive the seal coats applications are as follows: F.M. 669 from Garza County Line to U.S. 180 for a total of 14 miles.

F. M. 1584 from F. M. 1054 to the Howard County Line for a total of 1.6 miles.

F. M. 1054 from U. S. 180 to F. M. 1584 for a total of 16 miles.

New Conservation Technician Assumes Duties

On November 13th Gary Sherbert assumed the duties of Soil Conservation Technician with the local Soil Conservation Service office in Snyder. He will be serving the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District which consists of Borden and Scurry counties.

This is Mr. Sherbert's first position with the Soil Conservation Service. He previously was employed by the Dawson County Soil and Water Conservation District as Conservation Technician. He also worked five years as a surveyor and party chief for

Lybrand Professional Engineering firm of Lamesa, Texas.

Gary was raised in Lamesa and graduated from high school in Lamesa. He is an active member of the National Guard unit stationed in Big Spring. Mr. Sherbert replaces Rudy Esquivel who resigned in August to complete his college education.

Gary's main duties will be assisting farmers and ranchers in designing, layout and checkout of such conservation practices as: parallel terraces, standard terraces, diversion terraces,

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4-H GOLD STAR AWARD WINNERS HONORED

Lubbock--Forty-one outstanding members of 4-H Clubs across the South Plains were honored here Monday night (Nov. 19).

In addition to receiving the Gold Star Award, highest honor presented by the youth organization at the county level, the youths were challenged by Dr. Don Newbury, president of Western Texas College, Snyder, to continue to excel.

Joining the youths at the awards banquet in the cafeteria at Coronado High School were parents, government officials, Extension leaders, fellow 4-H'ers, educators and other community leaders.

Honored from Borden County were Kristi Stone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Stone, and Michael Murphy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Brent Murphy.

"We're here to celebrate people who do not choose to be average. You've chosen to excel...to do better than well, but to be excellent," Newbury told the honorees.

To the adults, he said, "You hear talk about how much harder we worked than kids do now. I don't believe we worked harder than these kids, or they wouldn't be here, being honored."

Citing many reasons for being thankful, at this season of Thanksgiving, he told the youths that although it is sometimes easy to "get into ruts of distrust or dismay," there still are more people giving than taking.

"I'm glad you have values, I'm glad you have commitment, I'm glad you have ability, and will make a stand when it counts," he told the boys and girls. And he urged them to continue to have the kind of standards, hopes and dreams which "Keep up the payments" on the things for which we are so thankful.

Master of ceremonies was State Rep. James E. "Pete" Laney of Hale Center. Guests were welcomed by Bailey L. Reece of Dickens County Electric Cooperative, one of 12

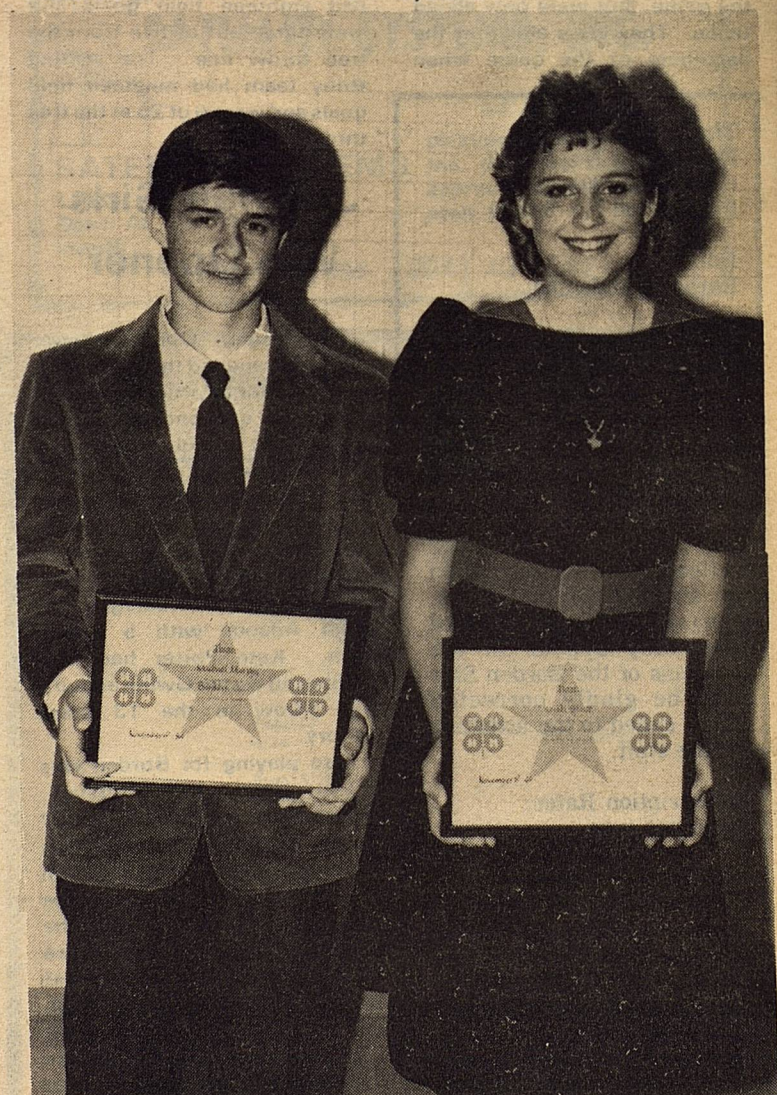
electric cooperatives which have sponsored the banquet for the past 27 years. The others are Bailey County, Caprock, Deaf Smith, Lamb, Lea, Lighthouse, Lone Wolf, Lyntegar, Midwest, South Plains and Swisher cooperatives.

The awards presentations were narrated by Jim Bob Carver of Abernathy, chairman of the district 4-H council, and Brandon Harris of Lamesa, council vice chairman. The awards were presented by Dr. Catherine B. Crawford and Billy

C. Gunter, district Extension directors.

Dinner music was presented by 4-H'ers Janna Tate of Scurry County and Cody Smith of Lynn County. Other 4-H'ers on the program were Will Turner and Chris Caddel of Lubbock County, and Cathy York of Borden County.

Four-H is the youth development program of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, an educational arm of the Texas A&M University System.



Michael Murphy, Borden County 4-H Gold Star Boy for 1984 and Kristi Stone, Borden County 4-H Gold Star Girl for 1984.

BORDEN SCHOOL NEWS

LADY COYOTES TAME LIONS

The Borden County Varsity Girls Basketball team jumped out to a 27-6 first quarter lead and never looked back as they trounced the Roby Lions here Tuesday night 69-41. Everyone saw plenty of playing time, but it was the inside play of Shawna Vaughn and Teri Billington that spelled doom for Roby as they combined for 40 points, 20 each. Jeanette Massingill and Kelli Williams each had 8, Kim Turner hit 6, Becky Massingill made 4, Sherry Vaughn hit 2, and Nancy Martinez added a free throw for the win, their first of the year. Shawna Vaughn had a good night as she not only led in points, but also led in field goal percentage with 53 percent, followed by Jeanette with 50 percent. Shawna also led in rebounds with 11 and KTeri had 10. Shawna again led in steals with 8 and Teri had 5. Teri and Kelli tied for honors in assists, having 5 each. Jeanette had

tops in free throw percentage hitting 2 of 2 followed by Kelli and Teri who each hit 4 of 5 for 80 percent.

The J. V. team also made its best showing of the year with a convincing 53-12 triumph over the Lions. Jumping out to a 15-1 first quarter lead, Borden continued to outscore Roby in each quarter thereafter in the 41 point victory. Mindy Williams led the way with 15 points followed by Charla Buchanan and Linda Sternadel with 8, Shelly Lewis and Cathy York each hit 7, Ralynn Key had 4, and Lesly Hicks and Kristi Stone each added 2.

Next home game for the Varsity will be Tuesday, November 27, against Loop. Game time is set for 6:30. Thursday Borden plays in the Sands tournament against Big Spring at 3:30. Next J. V. girls game is December 11 against Ropes, at 5:00.

Boys Play Exciting Loss

The absence of Mickey Burkett from the line up hurt the Coyotes Varsity team in last week's game. Mike Douglass had one day to prepare to play the starting position. Mickey has four stitches in his hand due to a farm related accident. The Coyotes played close all through the game, but were only ahead twice. They were ahead at the beginning of the game when

they led 4-0 and at the end of the first quarter 10-9

Robin Hood had 12 points, Chris Cooley 9, Brick Turner 6, Cam Stone, Mike Douglass, and David Holmes had 4 each.

The Coyotes were called for eighteen fouls and Wildcats eight. The Borden County team had eighteen field goals and were three out of five from the free throw line. The visiting Roby team had nineteen field goals and were 6 of 25 at the free throw line.

Jr. High Girls Win Opener

The Borden County Junior High girls opened their 1984-85 season Monday night with a 29-16 win at Klondike. Borden jumped out to a quick lead on a field goal by Kate Phinzy and never trailed in the first district contest for both teams. Kate and Lisha Sternadel led in scoring with 8 points each followed by Elvira Balague and Adcock with 5 points each. Kate Porter had two points and Susan Gwinn added a free throw in the 13 point victory.

Also playing for Borden was D Lyn Lloyd, Kandy Belew, Rachel Romero, Amy Lewis, and Randi Woodward. The big difference in the game came in the second quarter where the Missy Coyotes outscored the Cougars 11-2, most of it due to a full court press by Borden. Next game for Borden Junior High will be at home, Monday, December 3, at 6:00. Please support the Junior High girls as they try for their 5th consecutive district title.

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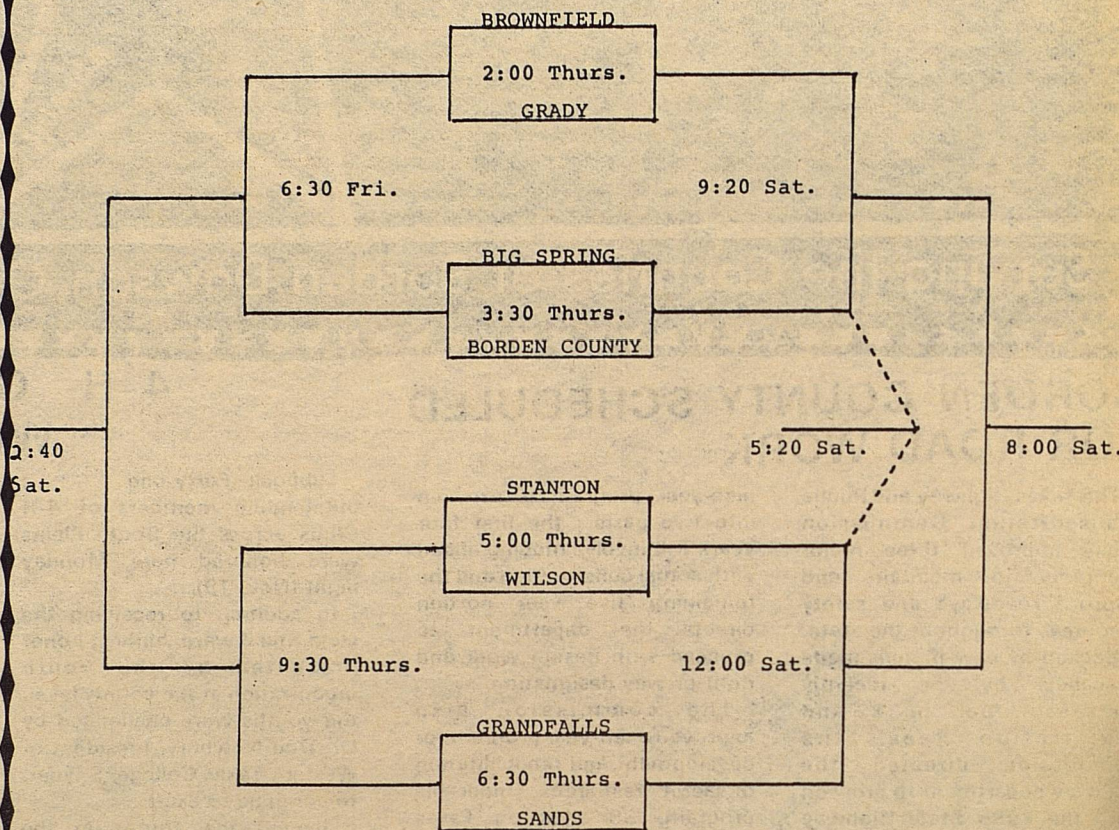
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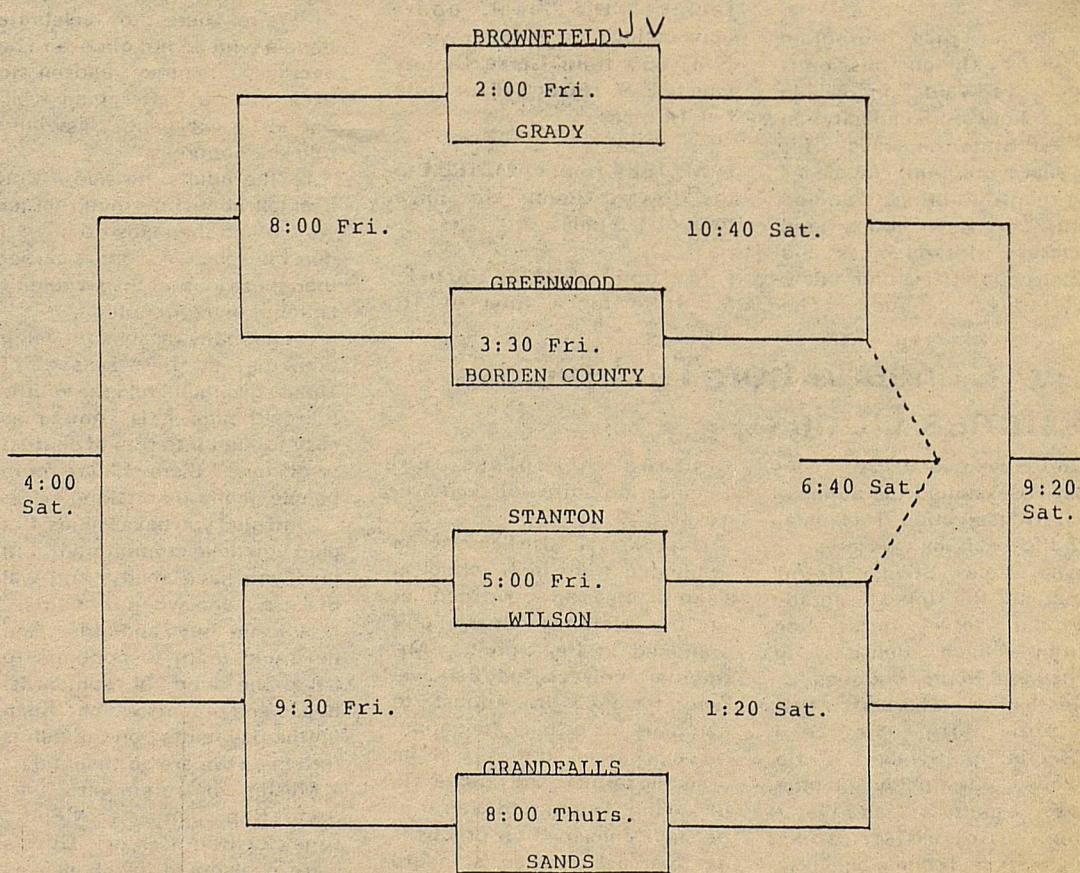
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BOYS BRACKET

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HOBBY: School Reforms Will Survive

El Paso Times
By Ron Dusek

Austin--Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby assured a coalition of public school officials that the public education reform measures passed by a special summer session of the Texas Legislature will not be watered-down during the regular session of the Legislature that begins in January.

Hobby and several other state officials met with school officials from El Paso and other parts of Texas. They said they expect attempts by opponents of the education reform bill to dismantle it.

That will not occur," Hobby said. He said any changes to the bill will strengthen it. The bill was only a starting point, he said, to stop the 30-year decline in the quality of education in Texas.

Hobby, Gov. Mark White, Speaker Gib Lewis, Comptroller Bob Bullock and others were honored Thursday by the Texas Council of Urban School Districts and the Equity Center.

The council represents the eight largest school districts in the state, including Ysleta and El Paso. The Equity Center represents the 170 poorest school districts in the state, including Socorro.

Charles Benson, superintendent of Ysleta schools, told the groups that Bullock took the most volatile issue, distribution of education aid, and forced "the renegades in this room" to cooperate and build a better school financing plan.

Hon McLeod, superintendent of El Paso schools, complimented Sen. Carl Parker D-Port Arthur, for his leadership in education reform. Parker was chairman of the Senate Education Committee.

Parker also said the education bill needs some "fine tuning," but there will be no major

changes to education. He also warned about opposition to education reform and said he was not surprised. The bigger the institution, he said, the bigger the opposition to change.

The three propositions that guided the education reforms and the propositions the Legislature must maintain, Parker said, were academic excellence, work - before - you-play and fair distribution of

Junior High Boys play Klondike

The Coyote Boys Jr. High had a little trouble adjusting to the Klondike quickness in the game last Tuesday night.

Cody Cooley had eight points to lead the Coyote team while Alex Lemons, Jim Ridenous, and Jimmy Rios had six each and Randall Hollis had two points, while Pat Duenes put in one free throw.

The Coyotes did not play that poorly for the first game and their press against the Cougars was not that weak. The Klondike Cougars were quicker than the Coyotes getting into position.

Other members of the squad are Cody Stone, Lance Telchik, and Chris Kilmer.

state aid.

Victor Rodriquez, superintendent of the San Antonio schools, told White that it was "your bulldog determination and leadership" that led the way for education reform in the state.

White said the education bill is recognized nationally as the finest education reform bill in the country.

He also described a letter he got recently from a student in El Paso, who wrote, "I think your unexcused - absence rule is very good because I'm very seldom absent."

The governor said "that will make it a lot easier for our State Board of Education to adopt the multitude of rules and regulations passed by the Legislature.



Thomas Jefferson's identity as the writer of the Declaration of Independence was not generally known until it was published in a newspaper in 1784.

BORDEN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL 1984-85 Basketball Schedule

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	PLACE	GIRLS	BOYS	TIME
Nov. 20	(Tue)	Roby	H	A-B	A	5:00
Nov. 27	(Tue)	Loop	H	A	A	6:30
Dec. 4	(Tue)	Loop	T	A	A	6:30
Dec. 11	(Tue)	Ropes	H	A-B	A	5:00
Dec. 18	(Tue)	Roby	T	A	A-B	5:00
Jan. 4	(Fri)	Dawson	T	A-B	A	5:00
Jan. 8	(Tue)	Klondike	T	A-B	A	5:00
Jan. 11	(Fri)	Wilson	H	A-B	A	5:00
Jan. 15	(Tue)	Southland	H	A-B	A	5:00
Jan. 17	(Thu)	New Home	T	A	A-B	5:00
Jan. 22	(Tue)	O'Donnell	T	A-B	A	5:00
Jan. 25	(Fri)	Klondike	H	A	A-B	5:00
Jan. 29	(Tue)	Wilson	T	A	A-B	5:00
Feb. 1	(Fri)	Southland	T	A	A-B	5:00
Feb. 5	(Tue)	New Home	H	A	A-B	5:00
Feb. 8	(Fri)	O'Donnell	H	A	A-B	5:00

Nov. 29-Dec. 1 - Sands Tournament - A Girls, A Boys
Dec. 6-8 - Highland Tournament - A Girls, A Boys
Dec. 13-15 - Borden Tournament - A-B Girls, A-B Boys
Feb. 2 - Sands Tournament - JV Girls, JV Boys

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Cooking Corner

December 3-7, 1984

Monday	Corn Dogs Cheese Pork & Beans Fruit Milk	Salad Bar
Tuesday	Pizza Squares Vegetable salad Corn on Cob Pudding Milk	Salad Bar
Wednesday	Oven Fried Chicken Green Beans Mashed Potatoes Cake Hot Rolls Milk	Salad Bar
Thursday	Barbecued Beef Pinto Beans Cole Slaw Fruit Hot Bread Milk	Salad Bar
Friday	Hamburgers French Fries Lettuce & Tomatoes Cookies Milk	Salad Bar

Courageous Cogitator

by M.E. Thompson

There is so much to worry about in this world--keeping your health, keeping your job, keeping the world from being blown apart, keeping static cling out of your socks...that the time certain people devote to feeling abject horror over relatively insignificant things astounds me.

A case in point: a recent national news report centered on whether farm animals whose genetic make-up is altered to make them bigger or grow faster suffer psychological cruelty.

Geneticists using advanced techniques can now inject genes of human growth hormone into animal embryos that will produce an elephant-sized cow that gives three times more milk than a typical animal, or a steer that grows to maturity in only six months.

Genetic alteration has been going on since the dawn of history. We've always selectively crossed different breeds of cows, pigs or horses to obtain better livestock. But gene splices are like a breeder's dream come true-- a chance to speed the hybridization work leading to better animals that could take hundreds of thousands of years with present methods.

Of course there are dangers in fiddling with the natural order of things. Thinking back to Dr. Frankenstein, it's terrifying to contemplate the unintentional melding of a body the size of a panel truck with the brain of any one of several criminally deviant cows or pigs I have known personally.

However, I don't think the commentator was as concerned about the physical perils as the psychological effects of animal high-tech hybridization.

He argued that the unfortunate results of these

experiments would be that the hybrid animals would lose an essential part of their identification with their species; their cowhood or pighood, if you will. In effect, by manipulating their genetic pattern and disrupting their sense of oneness with their genetic compatriots, we would steal their birthright to be whatever animal they were meant to be.

This stirs some interesting thoughts. There may already be maladjusted animals running loose on our farms, Yorkshires crossed with Poland-Chinas or Herefords bred to Angus, that are balanced on the edge of psychic disintegration, ready to explode.

Somehow though, I don't think these animals, whether 500 or 5000 pounds, are aware of their species-hood or lack of. But in this somewhat absurd movement I detect a plaintive human whimper. For I don't think it is the animals that are losing their identity. I think the profound identity loss is by our fellow humans inhabiting the planet's cities and suburbs.

After all, the animal which has had to adapt the most rapidly to new environments and new circumstances is not the farm animal, but the human animal.

Eighty years ago the vast majority of Americans lived on farms, and the space of twenty square miles of small towns and farmland would often envelope a person's entire world. Now, that has changed.

But urban America still retains a mystic connection, a sense of lost identity to an idealized farm life. They don't particularly want to do anything to insure the family farm's survival, but they want to believe that there always will be happy, hard-working farm families tending a few chickens in a country paradise that never existed.

This protest against high-tech hybridization of animals may be a way of protecting their fantasy of farm life from the realities of modern agriculture. After all, I suppose it's just as hard to imagine Grandma down on the farm slopping a hog the size of a '47 Studebaker, as it is to think that she owes half of a million dollars on the place.

This idyllic conception of rural life would not be harmful if it was a city-dweller's private tragedy to mourn while sitting in the traffic fumes. Unfortunately it affects farmers.

In many ways, illiu the urbanite's belief that fresh air and nice sunrises are all that farmers need to live that disrupts our message about the need for positive farm reform.

We know it's a farm different world on the farm now, filled with much harsher realities that what our city brethren believe. There have to be technical changes to make us more productive and economic changes to keep us alive.

It's a new age. If the farmer is to survive and the rest of the world to eat we're all going to

have to adapt to the fact that things have changed down on the farm.

New Arrival

Erin Jill was born to Dana and Leddy Cooley on Thanksgiving Day, November 22, 1984. She was born at 5:34 p.m. in the Malone Hogan Hospital in Big Spring. Miss Cooley was 19 3/4 inches long and weighed 7 pounds.

Grandparents are Peggy and Ross Westbrook and Weldon and Stella Cooley.

BID NOTICE

Borden County Commissioners Court will receive bids until 10:00 a.m., December 10, 1984 for the purchase of one new 1985 automobile for use by the Borden County Sheriff's Department.

Information and specifications may be obtained at the offices of the County Judge, 915-856 4391 or the Sheriff's Office, 915 856 4311.

BY ORDER OF THE BORDEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Van L. York
County Judge
Borden County

OBITUARY

Benny Rinehart

Services for Marshall Bennett (Benny) Rinehart, 47, a Snyder farmer, was held Tuesday, November 20 at Bell-Seale Chapel with Tom Holcomb of East Side Church of Christ officiating, assisted by the Rev. Buck Hatfield, pastor of Faith Baptist Church. Burial was in Snyder Cemetery under direction of Bell-Seale Funeral Home.

He died at 4:48 p.m. Sunday, November 18, at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He was born August 26, 1937 in Snyder and had lived there most of his life.

He is survived by a daughter, Jodi of Snyder; two sons, Michael of the United States Marine Corps and Mark of Dallas; his mother, Mrs. Ellen Rinehart of Snyder; three sisters, Genelda Pollan of Houston, Janice Brown of Germany, Toby Morris of Snyder; five brothers, Edward of Gail, Snooky of Midland, Doc of Whitehouse, Z.B. of Big Spring and Neil of Snyder

COMMISSIONERS COURT

The Borden County Commissioners Court met in regular session on November 12 with all members present.

Minutes of the October 22 meeting were read and approved.

Returns of the General Election held on November 6th were canvassed and recorded in the Elections Record Book.

The annual Tax-Collector-Assessor Report of Norman Sneed, Tax

Collector-Assessor was approved.

The decision was made to accept bids for the purchase of a new car to be used by the Sheriff's Department.

Bids were opened for the purchase of propane for the county buildings and the bid of McCormick Butane of Lamesa was accepted.

The pipeline crossing in Precinct No. 3 was approved.

Current accounts were examined and approved for payment.

CHRISTMAS FROM THE 15th CENTURY

Lubbock--The Eighth Annual Madrigal Dinner in the Texas Tech University Center Ballroom Dec. 7-10 will recreate medieval Christmas celebrations, dinner and entertainment from the 15th century.

Performances will begin at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$9 for Texas Tech students, \$10.50 for the general public and \$25 for scholarship benefit seats. Benefit seats are available at eight-person tables in a choice location.

As the guests dine, they will be entertained by minstrels, jugglers and the Texas Tech Madrigal Singers performing

15th century songs.

The menu includes roast pork, vegetables, plum pudding and wassail.

Donald Bailey, director of choral activities in the Texas Tech Music Department, is artistic and musical director of the event.

Profits go to the Texas Tech Music Department's scholarship fund for voice students. The Texas Tech Department of Music and the University Center are co-sponsors.

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The Kandyland Express

By Kandy McWhorter

Family Influence On the Sweet Tooth

Do your children seem to "live" on candy, cookies, popsicles, sugared cereal and cola? Like many parents, you may be worried that too much refined sugar is leading to tooth decay and reducing the nutritional quality of your children's diets.

You may be able to do something about the problem, especially if your children are still young. But it could require changing some of your habits and attitudes as well as theirs.

Children come by their desire for sweets honestly. Studies have shown that infants are born with a preference for sweetened liquids over plain liquids. This preference will continue, especially if children have continued positive experiences with sweets.

As parents we create many of these positive experiences by offering sweets to comfort or reward our child, to express affection and to celebrate special occasions. We sometimes use sweets to compensate when we're busy or tired, or to keep the children distracted or quiet.

But that doesn't mean we need to give up birthday cakes, or put carrots in the Christmas stockings. In fact, some recent research from Cornell University shows that giving children sweets in "positive contexts," is not the only reason for their attraction to sugared foods.

Far more important, according to the research study, is how often children actually eat sweets. And this is determined mostly by the parents' own consumption of sweets, and how much television the family watches.

What and how parents eat has a powerful effect on children. Children learn to be sweet-eaters from their parents, just as they learn many other food preferences, such as liking meat or disliking vegetables.

The researchers also suggest that children who watch more television tend to eat sweet foods more often because they are bombarded with commercials for highly sweetened foods, especially during Saturday morning cartoons. Because they watch at least some of the shows their children see, parents may become more familiar with the foods advertised and more receptive toward eating the foods themselves and serving them to their children.

So if you really want to change some of the sweet-eating habits of your young children, you will

probably need to cut back yourself. You may also need to talk with them about the differences in the variety of foods we eat for good health in "real life" and what they see in the make-believe world of television.

Wind Erosion is Critical Problem

Wind erosion on cropland was reported as one of the five most critical problems in 63 districts of Texas, including our own Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District in Scurry and Borden Counties.

Generally wind erosion is most common on sandy or sandy loam soils because of their low cohesion. The most serious damage from wind erosion, says Terry Hefner of the Soil Conservation Service, is the separation and gradual removal of silt and organic matter from our surface soils. The remaining materials may be sandy and infertile.

Wind erosion occurs when wind of adequate velocity blows across unprotected soil surfaces. It often starts at some critical location such as an exposed knoll, tracks or paths made by implements or animals, and in corners of turn rows where the soil has been excessively pulverized.

There is only one permanent cure for wind erosion on agricultural land according to Mrs. Hefner. The land must be kept covered with either plant residues or with growing plants at least during the critical blow period which is usually during the period from November through May.

Blowing soil may cause crop damage. Some crops are destroyed in a short time by abrasion from wind blown particles. Most wind erosion control practices are aimed at improving vegetative cover and increasing surface roughness with the use of conservation

tillage.

Conservation tillage is a temporary measure used to roughen the soil surface when there is not sufficient plant cover--dead or alive, to give protection against wind erosion. Avoiding as much tillage as possible is important in conservation because excessive tillage buries plant residues, hastens the loss of organic matter and pulverizes the soil.

Often a single conservation tillage operation to roughen the soil can be expected to keep the soil from blowing--but only for a short period. On sandy soils this tillage may last for one or two heavy blows. For soils where clods are more readily formed, a single roughening operation will have longer lasting effects.

For this reason, the best type of wind erosion control tillage varies for different soils.

In general, work no larger area than necessary to control blowing at the time. Often you can work narrow strips and leave undisturbed areas to work again at a later date if necessary.

Obviously, the best time for wind erosion control tillage is just before a hard blow. However it is difficult or impossible to predict just when a soil damaging wind will occur. Therefore, when you know your soil will need it, it is best to perform such tillage a short while before the damaging windy season is due. Any farmer who has lived in an area for sometime knows about when to expect these high winds.

For more information about wind erosion control practices contact your local Soil Conservation Service in Snyder.

Conservation Technician

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waterways, ponds, livestock pipelines and irrigation systems. Gary is looking forward to working with the farmers and ranchers in Borden and Scurry counties and intends to provide prompt and accurate service in presenting alternatives for treating conservation problems.



Thursdays is named for the Teutonic god Thor.

ASCS NEWS

by Jerry Stone

CONSERVATION PROGRAM SIGN-UP

This will be our first ACP sign-up beginning November 26th thru December 31st. This sign-up will be for both the annual program and the long term agreement (LTA). If you plan to carry out a conservation practice on your farm or ranch, please come by during this time and make your application.

COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION

We mailed the ballots on November 21st to all known eligible voters. PLEASE VOTE AND RETURN THE BALLOT TO THE COUNTY OFFICE BY DECEMBER 3rd. The Committee will meet on Thursday, December 6th, to count the ballots.

1985 PROGRAM SIGNUP

We are currently accepting applications for the 1985 feed grain, wheat and cotton acreage reduction program. If you wish at the time that you sign-up, you can request an advance on the diversion and deficiency payment. If you sign up at an early date and later decide to withdraw, you will only be charged interest (rate at the time you enrolled) for the number of days you were enrolled; however, after March 1st if the farm does not comply, it will be subject to a liquidating damages.

1985 ACR (Set-Aside) REQUIREMENTS

1. Land designated for ACR must be crop-land that was devoted to small grain, row crop, or other crop planted annually in 2 of the last 3 years. Land designated as ACR in a previous year is considered as having a crop on it.
2. The area designated for ACR must meet the minimum size and width requirements. ACR acreage must contain at least 5.0 acres and be a chain (66 feet) wide.
3. Skip row patterns with at least the larger of 4 rows of normal width or 160 inches from planted row to planted row of ACR acreage alternating with strips of a crop may be designated as ACR.

1985 COTTON DIVERSION ACR LAND

This is a change--To be eligible for the full payment yield on cotton paid diversion (10 percent of your cotton base), the land must have been planted to cotton in one of the last three years. If you have any questions concerning this, please check with the County Office.

1984 COTTON AND GRAIN SORGHUM

Cotton, both warehouse and module, and grain sorghum loans are available through the County Office. If you wish to put either of the crops into the loan, all you need to do is bring the warehouse receipts to the County Office.

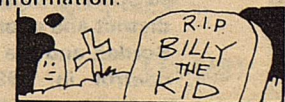
USDA EXPANDS EMERGENCY FEED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The types of grain available to livestock producers under the Emergency Feed Assistance Program are being expanded to include Commodity Credit Corporation-owned lower grade grain sorghum, oats, barley and wheat.

The Emergency Feed Assistance Program is available to livestock producers in counties designated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture as disaster areas due to drought or excess moisture. To be eligible to purchase lower grade feed grain, producers must show that their livestock feed production is inadequate to maintain their roundation livestock for a 90-day feeding period, which begins the day a farmer applies for assistance.

Lower grade feed grain and wheat includes grain of U.S. No. 4, U.S. No. 5 and sample grade. Lower grade grain sorghum, oats, barley and wheat are being included because most of the lower grade corn has now been sold to eligible livestock producers.

The grain will be sold to eligible livestock producers at 75 percent of the current basic county loan rate of the applicable commodity for the average quality of the available grain--sorghum, oats, barley and wheat--in the county where it is stored. This is the same pricing formula as for the lower grade corn currently being sold to eligible producers. Producers are responsible for transportation costs to move the lower grade grain to their farms. Producers should contact their County ASCS office for further information.



Billy the Kid's real name was William Bonney.



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Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District Borden County

1984 ANNUAL REPORT



Charles Vaughn is shown in a rotational cropping system composed of skip row cotton planted 2 rows of cotton with two rows of peas. The peas add nitrogen back into the soil, the pea residue builds organic matter into the soil, and aids in controlling wind erosion. This field is located southeast of the Mesquite community in the caprock area of Borden County.

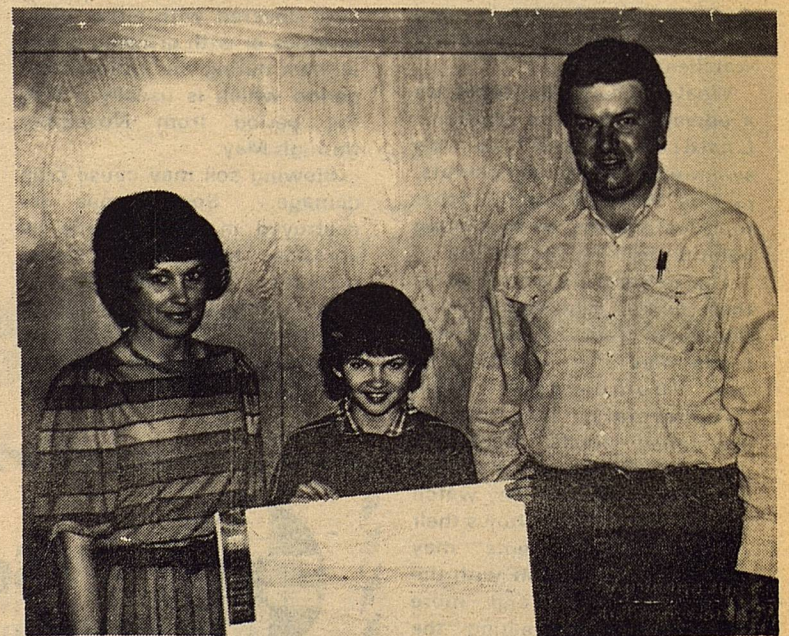
Sam Buchanan, District Conservationist and Burl Belew, District Director are shown with local rancher, Jeff Martin. Jeff received the district's Conservation Rancher Award for the conservation work and accomplishments he has completed.



The following people constructed terraces to control water erosion and conserve water: Marge Toombs, Ricky Evans, Lindell Koonce, Jack Wolf, Wicker Ranch, C. C. Nunnally, Katherine Stephens, Jerry Staggs, W. C. Posten, E. L. Farmer, Bennie Edwards and Blane Turner.



Surviving the drought was the topic of the Borden County Range Tour held in September. 75 participants heard range and livestock specialists offer suggestions and management tips to ranchers forced to operate under drought conditions. The tour was sponsored by the district and coordinated by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Borden and the Soil Conservation Service. Drought restricted brush control in 1984 but the following people carried out brush management: John Dennis, Frank Beaver, Burt Dennis, Wicker Ranch, Munger Ranch, O. B. Ranch and Thompson Land and Cattle Company.



Amanda Anderson shows the First Place poster she entered in the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District's Annual Poster Contest. Amanda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Anderson. Presenting the Blue Ribbon to Amanda is her teacher, Mrs. Borden Gray and Ricky Linex, Soil Conservation Service.

PART OF THE SAN JACINTO BATTLEGROUND GIVEN TO STATE OF TEXAS

Austin--Phillips Petroleum Company today announced the donation of a portion of the historic San Jacinto Battleground to the State of Texas in a presentation to Governor Mark White.

I want to thank Phillips Petroleum for this impressive donation valued at over \$2.5 million. I can think of no better way to celebrate the Texas Sesquicentennial than to expand our state's parkland," Governor White said.

The Phillips tract will be added to the existing 327-acre San Jacinto State Historical Park.

The site commemorates the Battle of San Jacinto, the concluding battle of the War of Independence which separated Texas from Mexico. During the

fight on April 21, 1836, the Mexican army was driven from positions in the current state park and retreated into the portion of the field now being acquired. There many men become mired in the marshy ground and were caught by the pursuing Texas forces.

The site lies at the confluence of Buffalo Bayou and the San Jacinto River. Since the opening of the Houston Ship Channel, the area around the battleground has become a major oil and chemical refining and manufacturing district. Phillips Petroleum acquired the property originally for industrial development, but because of the land's historical significance, is donating it to the state as a Sesquicentennial gift.

ANNUAL CAROL OF LIGHTS

Lubbock--One of the biggest Christmas celebrations on the South Plains will be bigger this year when all buildings bordering the Broadway entrance to Texas Tech University will be lit Dec. 7 during the annual Carol of Lights.

Additional buildings to be lit this year are Weeks, Sneed and West Halls, the Holden Hall addition and Home Economics building. As in the past, the Administration, Chemistry, Science, Mathematics and Mass Communications buildings and Holden Hall also will be strung with lights.

The holiday program will begin at 6:30 p.m. that Friday with a carillon concert by Texas Tech music Professor Judson D. Maynard.

At 7 p.m., the Texas Tech Trombone Ensemble, led by music Professor Robert Deahl, will play as the Saddle Tramps lead a torchlight procession from the University and Broadway campus entrance to the Science Quadrangle.

Following the invocation by Texas Tech President Lauro F. Cavazos, Residence Halls Association President Alan Bryant will welcome visitors.

The musical portion of the celebration will include carols by

a combined residence halls and organizational choir. Music Professor William Hartwell will sing "Oh Holy Night" before the University Singers present "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" and "Shepherds Carol."

Ardith Hill, chairman of the Carol of Lights, will deliver pre-lighting comments before a trombone fanfare announces the illumination of the lights.

The crowd will be invited to sing "Oh Come All Ye Faithful" and "Deck the Halls."

As the crowd leaves, the University singers will sing "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

The lights will be lit from dusk until midnight daily Dec. 8-25.

This year's event will be dedicated to the late Harold Hinn, who started the Carol of Lights tradition in 1959.

Hinn, a former member of the Texas Tech Board, sponsored the cost of buying, placing and operating the lights that outlined the buildings.

The Residence Halls Association coordinates the Carol of Lights with the assistance of Alpha Phi Omega, service fraternity; Chi Rho, Catholic service fraternity; Women's Service Organization; Saddle Tramps, men's service and spirit organization; and the Texas Tech Music Department.

YOUR COUNTY AGENT SAYS

Texas 4-H Lamb Clinic and Leader Workshop

Plans are complete for a 4-H Lamb Clinic and 4-H Lamb Leader Training Workshop which will be held on December 8 - 9 at the Texas 4-H Center north of Brownwood. A very educational and interesting program has been planned and 4-H leaders, parents, and older 4-H boys and girls will enjoy the information which is presented. Ten market lambs will be evaluated and slaughtered and their carcasses will be discussed on the second day of the program. This should give everyone an opportunity to improve their skills at evaluating and estimating various traits in market lambs. Information on breeding and feeding programs, coupled with many other topics will conclude the two day workshop.

The first session will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 8, 1984. Dr. Gary Smith, Head of the Animal Science Department at Texas A&M University, will discuss lamb growth and development and will discuss lamb carcass evaluation procedures. Dr. Smith is an exciting speaker and his previous programs of this type have been very informative and very educational. Following Dr. Smith's presentation, Dr. Carl Menzies will discuss live lamb evaluation and will give our program participants guidelines for evaluation of the ten market lambs which will be slaughtered. Dr. Menzies will be assisted by Mr. Jack Grott. To complete the morning program all of the workshop participants will be given the opportunity to handle and estimate the various traits on the group of slaughter lambs which have been assembled. Following the audience evaluation, Dr. Menzies and Mr. Grott will discuss their estimates and their evaluations of these lambs.

The afternoon program will start with a presentation by F. H. Luty Whitehead on developing a breeding program to raise club lambs. The second presentation will be by Dr. Frank Craddock and Mr. Kyle Smith on club lamb classifications. Preventative health programs will be discussed by Dr. George Ahlschwede. The next topic on the afternoon program will be feeding and managing our club lambs which will be presented by Buddy Elledge of Uvalde. The Elledge family has had great success in doing a good job with

their feeding program on their lambs and Mr. Elledge will discuss their program and visit with our group about his management procedures throughout the feeding period and right up through the time when the lambs are shown. The afternoon's program will be concluded with a session on lamb judging and lamb evaluation. Mr. Norman Kohls and Richard Powell will evaluate some market lambs and will discuss their ideas of market lamb evaluation with the group.

Following dinner at the Texas 4-H Center there will be a group of three concurrent topics which program participants may elect to attend. Mr. Jack Grott will have a session on wool and mohair judging, during which he will work with program participants and prospect judging team coaches on setting up and evaluating wool and mohair fleeces and grades. Dr. Warren Mauk of the State 4-H office will have a session of developing 4-H sheep and goat record books and Dr. George Ahlschwede will have a session on presenting sheep and goat method demonstrations and illustrated talks. These three sessions will be running concurrently participants must choose one of these three sessions to attend. Additionally, there will be a group of sheep production management video tapes which 4-H leaders and others may wish to view. These tapes will be available throughout the day and throughout the evening for use by program participants.

The program for Sunday morning will also be very informative. The Sunday morning program will begin at 8:30 with a presentation on ewe flock nutrition and management by Dr. Ahlschwede. At 9 a.m. Mr. Gary Jennings, National Junior Suffolk Sheep Association Coordinator, will make a presentation on growing and developing breeding sheep. Fitting and managing your club lambs for show will be presented by Dr. John McNeill. He will go through the steps of properly fitting a lamb and will discuss his ideas on managing your lamb just prior to and during the show. The Sunday morning's program will be concluded with the evaluation of the lamb carcasses from the market lambs which were evaluated on the Saturday's program. Dr. Smith

will discuss the various traits and measurements which were taken and our program participants will have the opportunity to compare their estimates with the actual lamb carcass data.

There has been a lot of interest in this lamb clinic and workshop.

The Texas 4-H Center is equipped to feed our group and will be able to house about 200 workshop participants. A registration and facilities fee of \$12.50 will be charged for this workshop. Meal charges include \$2.50 for breakfast, \$3.25 for lunch, and \$3.75 for dinner. The lodging fee is \$7.50 per night. Reservations and registration for the clinic may be obtained by calling the Texas 4-H Center at 915-784-5482 or by contacting your County Extension Agent and filling out one of the advance registration forms. This school should be well attended, so don't wait too long to make a reservation to spend December 8 and 9 at the Texas 4-H Center for the 1984 4-H Lamb Clinic and Workshop.

TEXAS MISS US TEEN PAGEANT

Applications are now being accepted from girls 13 thru 19 for the Miss Texas U.S. Teen Pageant.

The Texas winner will receive \$250 in cash, 1 year college scholarship, all expense trip to the national pageant including airfare, jewelry, color portrait, crown, banner, trophy, and a host of gifts and products.

In addition to the state title, awards will be given in leadership, friendship, and photogenic categories.


The Texas pageant will be held at the North Park Inn in Dallas. Judging is based on poise, personality, school, and community involvement.

Over \$100,000 in cash and tuition scholarships will be offered at the national pageant. Miss U.S. Teen will receive a 4 year college scholarship, Caribbean vacation, \$1,000 in cash, watch, jewelry, perfume, makeup, complete modeling

For further information contact: Carole Clements, National Director, Miss U.S. Teen, P.O. Box 12, 29, Auburn, AL 36830 or call (205) 745-6875 IMMEDIATELY.

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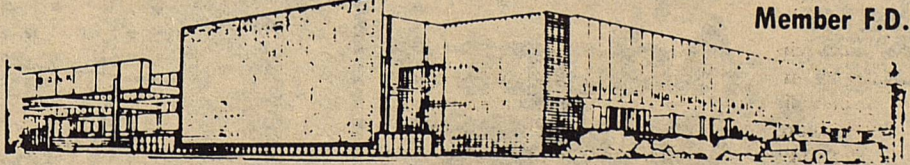
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To defend yourself against the coming cold winds this winter, you should have your furnace checked this fall. Service at the beginning of each heating season ensures the efficient operation of your heating system. A qualified service person should perform the maintenance check; however, you should be sure the following are done during the visit:

-Make sure all safety features are operating correctly so that the system will shut down if a hazardous situation arises;

-Light the pilot and make certain that the flame has the proper air mixture. A sharply defined blue flame indicates the proper mixture of gas and air;

-Check the heat exchanger for cracks in the steel chamber;

-Check the duct system to make sure it is well sealed;

NEW BOOK DESCRIBES COLORFUL TEXAS FIGURES

The people who helped shape Texas were as varied and as colorful as the wildflowers that sweep the state. Take, for example, Belle Boyd, the beautiful Confederate spy who used her feminine wiles to lure information from Union soldiers.

Or how about "Choctaw Bill" Robinson, a Baptist minister who came to Texas in 1848 and preached with a gun beside his Bible until his death at the age of 89.

These figures and many others are brought to life in a new book published by the Texas Historical Commission entitled *Shadows on the Land, An Anthology of Texas Historical Marker Stories*. The book is a compilation of more than 50 stories written from research information available through the THC's Marker Department.

The stories first appeared in newspapers across the state, where they generated widespread interest in the state's historical marker program. Each story includes

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If any of these areas have problems, do not operate the system until they have been corrected.

In addition to seasonal professional maintenance, for optimal efficiency you should change your air filter monthly when the system is in use. These steps will help Texans stay warm and cozy and control energy costs under control.

If you are in the market for a new furnace, gas heating systems with improved efficiencies are now on the market. Select a system with the highest efficiency you can afford. Remember, the higher cost will be offset by lower utility bills. Two efficiency features to look for are the vent damper and the electronic pilot ignition. To find out more about these features and other energy-saving tips, call the toll-free Energy Hotline 1-800 643-SAVE. Ask for Texas Energy Topics No. 12.

the location of the historical marker discussed, and 14 photographs illustrate the tales.

With more than 9,000 historical markers in Texas, the THC's marker program is an ongoing reminder of the people's history, acting as a reflection of the state's rich heritage and cultural diversity. In addition, the markers chronicle the history of the architecture, events, and archeology that helped determine the development of modern-day Texas.

The book is written by Myra Hargrave McIlvain, an Austin freelance writer and public speaker. She is the author of 6 Central Texas Auto Tours and Texas Auto Trails: The Southeast.

Shadows on the Land is available for \$4, plus 30 cents handling (Texas residents add 20 cents sales tax) through the THC, P.O. Box 12276, Austin, Texas 78711. For more information, call 512-475-3092.



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BELTWIDE COTTON CONFERENCES TO BE HELD

Memphis- Cotton producers who fail to attend the Beltwide Cotton Conferences are missing out on information crucial to successful farm management.

That is the feeling of Tommy Funk, a Harlingen, Texas, cotton producer and president of The Cotton Foundation, and a veteran of many Beltwide conferences. The 1985 conferences, scheduled for January 7-11 at the Marriott Hotel in New Orleans, include the Beltwide Cotton Production Conference January 7-8 and ten technical conferences the following three days.

The Beltwide is the single largest gathering of producers, cotton scientists, and supporting industry representatives. Producers are able to share their farming methods with other producers and hear the latest

developments and research on a variety of subjects ranging from land preparation to marketing.

"I don't think most growers realize the amount of knowledge that's available to them at the Beltwide," said Funk. "With all that information at their fingertips, there's no question they can more easily cope with the mounting economic pressures they face to produce cotton."

The face-to-face conversations I've had with scientists at past Beltwide conferences have proven very rewarding to me," he said.

Sykes Martin, a Courtland, Ala., producer and chairman of the National Cotton Council's Producer Steering Committee, agrees.

"The Beltwide has been a real broadening experience for me," he said. "There are lots of ideas

that have been helpful. If I can pick up just one tidbit of information at the Beltwide, it justifies the cost of the trip. I think it's in my best interest to attend to find out what other people around the Cotton Belt are doing. So many farmers don't realize the immensity of the cotton industry and the many ways people produce cotton."

In addition, Martin said the technical conferences have become increasingly important to him over the years, especially the economic and marketing sessions.

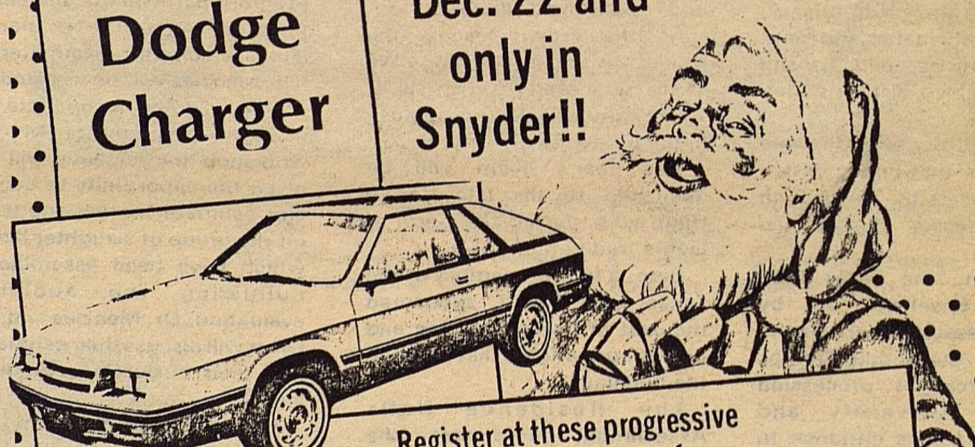
"Cotton producers have lost more money in recent years from improper marketing than from lack of production," he said.

More than 1,200 people are expected to attend the Beltwide conferences, which also feature a new ginning conference and a new Cotton Textile Conference.

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