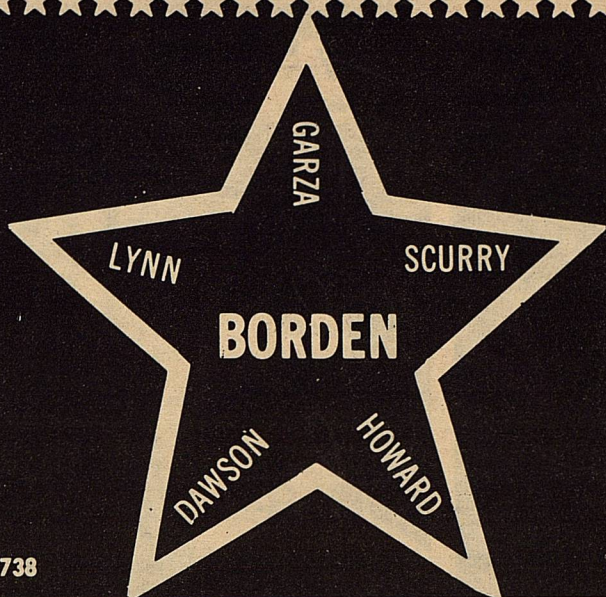


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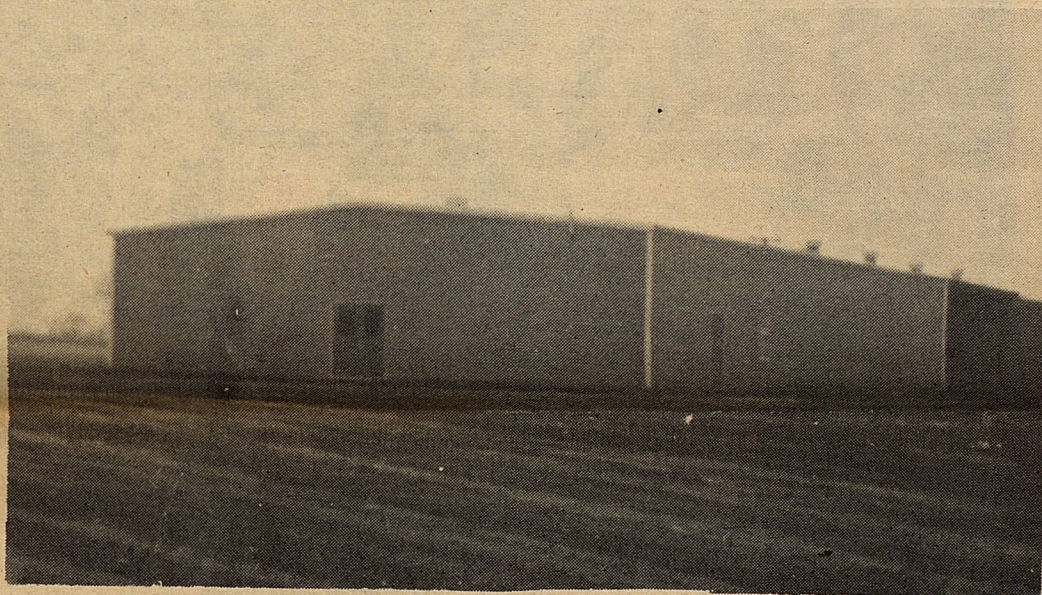
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Nears Completion



The new Borden County Agriculture building is nearing completion. The \$33198 construction should be finished by the end of January. The building, measuring 60 feet by 80 feet of steel construction will be used for an

animal show barn and community activities. It is 16 1/2 foot high at the center with a 30 inch slope with plastic skylites.

The building also contains two restrooms and a concession stand measuring approximately

15 feet by 10 feet. The roof of the building is extended 30 feet to join the existing barn.

A. K. Construction of Coahoma is the contractor with Johnny Kite of Gail furnishing the electrical work.

County Judge and Commissions Convene

College Station--County judges and commissioners from throughout Texas will take a critical look at both the past and future of county government at an upcoming meeting at Texas A&M University.

The occasion is the 17th annual County Judges and Commissioners Conference Feb. 5-6 at the Aggeland Inn.

Theme of the conference will be "County Government: Our Heritage and Our Hope for Tomorrow."

According to Charles Lawrence, county officials program specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and conference chairman, the program will kick off at 10 a.m. with Young County Judge Raymond Thompson calling the meeting to order. Thompson is president of the County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas.

Following welcome remarks by Texas A&M University President Dr. Jack K. Williams, the

keynote address will be delivered by Reagan Brown, special assistant to Gov. Dolph Briscoe. Brown's talk is titled "So Proudly We Hail."

Winding up the first morning session will be a discussion on property taxation by Austin attorney Jack McCreary.

Afternoon speakers will discuss such issues as "Predator Problems," "America's Bicentennial Celebration in 1976," "Revenue Sharing," "Inflation," and "Legislative Action."

Speakers will include Charles Ramsey, Extension Service wildlife specialist; Rod Kendig and Ralph Tabor, both with the National Association of Counties; Dr. W.P. "Phil" Gramm, associate professor of economics at Texas A&M; and Kenneth "Buck" Douglas, Texas Association of Counties.

The second day of the conference will feature discussions on "Community Resource Development," "Functions of County Personnel," and "Land

Prices."

Speakers will be Dr. James Mallett, Extension Service specialist in community resource development; Dr. Arthur Wolfe, associate professor of management at Texas A&M; and Dr. Ivan Schmedemann, A&M agricultural economist.

The conference will conclude at noon with talks by Assistant Attorney General J.C. Davis, who will discuss "Playing by the Rules," and Thompson, who will talk on "Facing Our Future."

A special ladies program will be conducted on Feb. 5 and a banquet will be held that evening at 7:30 p.m.

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The conference is being conducted as a part of the County Officials Program of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in cooperation with the County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas.

Historical Committee Announced

The official appointment of members to the Borden County Historical Survey Committee has been announced by County Judge Jim Burkett. The county survey committee, which implements the state marking and preservation program in this area, will cooperate directly with the state office of the Texas Historical Commission in Austin.

Mrs. Edna Miller of Fluvanna Community will be chairman of the group. Other members are Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Clark, Mrs. Allen Stephens, Mrs. Ruth Weathers, Mrs. J.W. Holmes, Mrs. Dorothy Browne, Mrs. Joe Gilmore, Mrs. MM Monk, Mrs. Doris Rudd, Mrs. Bill Stephens, Mrs. Glenn Toombs, Mrs. Larry Smith, Mrs. Aubrey Rogers, Mrs. Norman Sneed, Mr. Roy Reeder, Mr. Lee Francis York, Mr. Naymon Everett, Mrs. Gay Sealy, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Clark, Mr. and Mrs. V.J. Coleman and Mr. Burl Cramer.

"Goals for the Seventies," a comprehensive historical preservation plan drawn up by the Texas Historical Commission, will provide the focus for county committee activities. It encompasses a wide range of objectives and programs.

County Judge Jim Burkett pointed out that the overall purpose of the committee's work is the development of local history as a scholarly resource and a tourist attraction. "County survey committees work with local historians, county commissioners courts, and tourist-related organizations to insure the preservation of history for future generations of Texans. With the advent of this nation's Bicentennial celebration, it is particularly timely and significant that Borden County be a part of this celebration," he said.

Attempted Robbery

An attempted robbery took place at the Borden County High School Sunday January 19 at approximately 4:00 A.M. This is the second such attempt in the past four months.

The party gained entrance to the school by prying the lock on the east door. Slight damage was done as they attempted to gain

entrance to one of the administrative offices setting off a burglar alarm. Mr. McLeroy, Superintendent, immediately notified Sheriff Sneed.

Although the burgler escaped nothing was stolen and very little damage incurred. Sheriff Sneed reports that he has some promising leads but feels it unwise to make a statement at this time.

Protein Conversion

In recent months some government spokesmen environmentalists, and even some religious leaders have been advocating reduced beef production as a means of saving grain for human consumption. These people need to be better informed about the basic facts concerning the use of ruminant animals to convert otherwise wasted plant materials into human food.

If the United States adopted a policy calling for reduced beef production, these results could be expected:

1. Hundreds of millions of acres that have no productive use other than for grazing or production of forage for livestock would lie in waste.
2. The amount of protein rich food needed for our people's balanced diet would be reduced by billions of pounds.
3. At a time when the hue and cry is for reduced fuel use, millions of gallons of fuel would be needed to produce cultivated crops to meet the food deficiency caused by loss of rough-

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Letter

January 16, 1975

Dear Frances Burkett,
I am happy to see your article in the Borden Star. It is well written, informative and overall well done.

Good health many times is a result of being informed. I hope you will continue setting forth these facts, so people can determine what is or is not good for them.

Best wishes to you and yours,
Sincerely yours,

Jim B. Morrow
D.D.S.

Snyder, Texas
(The above mentioned article was published in Jan. 15 issue of the Borden Star concerning Chiropractors)

Borden County School News



KEVVA TUCKER

"Most Beautiful" Beauty Pageant

Miss Kevva Tucker was named "Most Beautiful" of Borden High School Thursday night, January 16 from twenty-one contestants. Kevva was crowned and presented a bouquet of roses by escort John Anderson. John was voted "Most Handsome" by classmates this year. Kevva is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Tucker of Vealmoor and is a Freshman at Borden High School.

First runner-up was Miss Tricia Jackson, a sophomore and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B.W. Jackson of Gail. Second runner-up was Miss Deidre Tucker also the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Tucker. Deidre is a Junior at BHS. Third runner-up was a sophomore, Miss Mary Ledbetter. Mary is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ledbetter of O'Donnell. A sophomore, Miss Gay Griffin was fourth runner-up. Gay is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T.L. Griffin.

The other five girls in the top ten were Barbara Brown, senior; Bica Baeza, Junior; Donelle Jones, Junior; Vasiy Benavidez, sophomore; and Dana Westbrook, sophomore.

The girls were presented in street attire and formal wear. Each of the five finalists answered a question with Miss

Tuckers being "In what three ways may a person achieve happiness?" Her answer was "A person may achieve happiness through Love, Security, and Faith."

Kem Lockhart. Ushers were Clifton Smith, Monte Smith, Garland Williams, Teddy Cooley, Ken McMeans, and Jim McLeroy.

Entertainment was provided by talented pianist, Catherine Jackson; Martha Anderson and Bica Baeza sang "South of the Border" in keeping with the theme of the contest; and the Royal Nonsuch, a singing group including Rita Cornett, Catherine Jackson, Mr. Jim Parker, Bica Baeza, Kristy Smith, Lesa Hensley, Martha Anderson, Kem Lockhart and Mary Ledbetter sang several numbers.

The Beauty Pageant is sponsored annually by the Borden annual staff under supervision of Mrs. Ben Jarrett. Judges this year were Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Nunely, and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Roberts. Mickey Nunely is manager of the Chamber of Commerce in Snyder. Gary Roberts is manager of Personnel and Safety at American Magnesium. Mrs. Roberts is a Homemaking teacher at Snyder High School.



KEVVA TUCKER Chosen Most Beautiful with escort JOHN ANDERSON, The Most Handsome.



TRICIA JACKSON
1st Runner-Up



DEIDRE TUCKER
2nd Runner-Up



MARY LEDBETTER,
3rd runner-up
and GAY GRIFFIN,
4th runner-up.



TOP TEN Left to Right: Kevva Tucker, Tricia Jackson, Deidre Tucker, Mary Ledbetter, Gay Griffin, Brown Brown, Dana Westbrook, Donnelle Jones, Bica Baeza, and Vasiy Benavidez.



KEM LOCKHART-announcer
CATHERINE JACKSON-Pianist



THE ROYAL NON- SUCH- Rita Cornett, Catherine Jackson, Jim Parker, Bica Baeza, Kristy Smith, Lesa Hensley and not pictured Kem Lockhart, Mary Ledbetter and Martha Anderson.

School Board Minutes

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District met in a regular session on January 20, 1975. The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Griffin. After minutes, bills, and other routine business, the contract of Superintendent McLeroy was extended through the 1977-1978 school year.

A year-to-date financial report was given by Superintendent McLeroy. The attendance report showed 67 students in high

school and 128 in elementary, making a total enrollment of 195.

Superintendent McLeroy reported to the Board on the various tax reforms and financial plans presented at the Mid-Winter Conference in Austin. He expressed his belief that these programs will not affect Borden County Schools at this date.

A school board election was called for the purpose of electing two board members to the two places presently being held

by Rich Anderson and Shorty Farmer. The election was called on the first Saturday in April being April 5, 1975.

Pat Hensley, Nathan Zant, and Brent Murphy were appointed to the Board of Equalization for the year 1975.

Karan Key was hired to teach one-half day for the remainder of the school year in the place of Jan Parker who took a temporary leave of absence. May Shaffer was hired as a bus driver for the Murphy Route. The meeting was adjourned.

BASKETBALL



Boys

Defeat Wildcats

The Borden Coyotes beat the Wellman Wildcats Tuesday night for their first district win 55-47. Clifton Smith was the leading scorer for the Coyotes with 21 points. Monte Smith added 12 points with John Anderson, Larry Simmer and Richard Long scoring 10, 8, and 4 points respectively.

"B" Team

The Borden "B" team lost to the Dawson "B" team Friday night in Dawson. The final score was 51-40. Scoring for the Coyotes were: Darin Tucker 9, Matt Farmer 7, Tim Smith 6, Marlon Vaughn 6, Eurdist Rinehart 4, Ben Thompson 4, Jackie Lockhart 2, and Patrick Toombs 2.

Whips Dawson

The Borden Coyotes defeated the Dawson Dragons Friday night in a run and gun battle 80-62. Clifton Smith was the scoring leader with 32 points. Others getting in on the scoring were Monte Smith 17, Richard Long 12, John Anderson 11, Ken McMeans 5 and Kem Lockhart 3.

Jr. Hi Boys Lose

Sands Junior High Boys won over Borden Junior high Monday night 55-33. Leading the Coyote scoring was Blane Dyess with 12 points. Others scoring were Perry Smith 10, Craig Peterson 5, Ben Murphy 2, Mark Walker 2, and Bart McMeans 2.

LAUGH A DAY

The stable owner called his jockey in for a last minute conference before the big race. "Break fast. Get into fourth position at the first turn," he advised. "Hang there until the clubhouse turn, then make your move in the stretch for the lead."

The jockey nodded knowingly and then proceeded to lose the race. "What happened," shouted the owner after the race. "I told you exactly what to do. You were supposed to stay in fourth 'til the last turn, then take the lead in the stretch?" "What," demanded the jockey, "and leave the horse?"

Girls

Girls Hi School

On January 14 the high school girls were defeated by Wellman 54-53. Scoring for Borden were: Philena Farmer 21 points, Deidre Tucker 18, and Sue Hancock 14 points and 4 assists. Tricia Jackson and Martha Anderson each had 4 rebounds and Deidre and Tricia had 3 recoveries each.

Girls Lose

On January 17 the girls traveled to Dawson and lost 47-41. Sue led the scorers with 14 points. Deidre had 12, Philena 11, and Gay Griffin 4 points. Tricia and Lisa Ludecke each had 7 rebounds and Lisa came up with 6 recoveries.

Jr. Hi

On January 20 the Junior High girls lost to Sands 34-30. Talley Griffin scored 18 points, Pennye Thompson 10, and Karen Williams 2 points. Lisa McLeroy 3 rebounds and Talley and Glynda Burkett each had 3 recoveries.

Plains Cooking Group

The Plains cooking group met at Mrs. Edwards house January 15, 1975. Lisa Smith, Charla Vaughn, Jana Edwards, Glynda Burkett, Heather McPhaul, Rosa Vidal, Suzanne Walker, Lisa Ludecke, and Stephanie Stephens attended the cooking meeting. Our next meeting will be January 29, 1975.

Lisa Smith,
Secretary

School Menu

Week of January 27-31

MONDAY
Chopped Wieners
Pork and Beans
Potato Salad
Hot Rolls and Butter
Fruit Cobbler
Milk

TUESDAY
Pizza
Tossed Salad
Cream Style Corn
Plain Cake with Icing
Milk

WEDNESDAY
Fried Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
English Peas
Hot Rolls - Butter
Peach Halves
Milk

THURSDAY
Hamburgers
French Fries
Lettuce-Tomato-Pickles
Ranch Style Beans
Brownies
Milk

FRIDAY
Beef Stew
Pimento Cheese & Crackers
Fruit Salad
Cornbread & Butter
Cookies
Milk

Borden Bakers

The Borden Bakers will meet January 28th, from 3:30 to 5:00, in the Homemaking Department of the Borden school.

Please remember, you must provide your transportation home after the meeting. Also bring a dollar to help pay for our expenses.

The new record books have arrived so, please make a special effort to attend this meeting.

4-H Meeting

The Borden County 4-H Club held a meeting January 14, in the high school auditorium. The meeting was called to order by Philena Farmer. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Heather McPhaul and the 4-H Pledge was led by Lindy Doyle. Sue Hancock read the minutes and called the role.

It was announced that Mr. Jarrell Edwards will have his photography class, Thursday, January 30 in the science lab immediately after school.

The out-of-town shows and judging teams were discussed. Kristy Smith
4-H Reporter

Fluvanna Food Group

The Fluvanna food group met on Thursday, January 16. The group made plain and blueberry muffins and then there was a lesson on the bread and cereal group. Jane Ridenhour and Jeri Daughtery helped the kids. Everyone appreciated this help.

Two new members that attended the meeting were Becky Miller and Kim Wills. Other members that attended the meeting were Travis Rinehart, Cole Herring, Carla Jones, Cody Newton, Ben Murphy, Ty Wills, and Gayla Newton. The next meeting will be on January 29 where the group will make butter and grilled cheese sandwiches. Ben Murphy
Reporter

Homemakers

Attend Convention

Thirteen Young Homemakers and Young Farmers from the O'Donnell Chapters attended their state conventions in Fort Worth on January 17 and 18. The 13th annual convention of Young Homemakers had an attendance of 750, the largest ever. "Practical Aspects of Remaining Healthy Wives and Mothers" was the topic of Dr. Julia Van Buckle at one of the sessions. An important part of the Young Farmers Convention was the Awards Banquet on Friday night. Justin Wilson of Louisiana was the guest speaker.

Those attending from O'Donnell were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Eaker, Mr. and Mrs. David Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Joe Furlow, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Caswell, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Snellgrove, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Williams and Mrs. Patsy Sanders.



COUNTING STAMPS: L to R- Donelle Jones, Dana Westbrook, Lisa Ludecke, Joe Zant, Ken McMeans and Lesa Hensley.

Stamps, Stamps, More Stamps

January 2, 1975, was the deadline for the annual F.H.A. cancelled stamp project. This a National F.H.A. project that our Chapter participates in each year. The total amount of stamps collected was 26,560. The stamps were sent to TUB FIRM in Norway, where they are sold as foreign stamps. The money is used to help fight tuberculosis. Each class brought in the following number of stamps:

SENIORS: 17,624
JUNIORS: 1,377
SOPHOMORES: 5,146
FRESHMEN: 2,413

Lisa Ludecke, with the help of friends, parents, and relatives, brought 17,130 stamps.

The Future Homemakers would like to express their appreciation to everyone for bringing stamps. Many people from

several places all joined in making this project a great success. The boys at B.H.S. also helped on this project. The stamp project was a great opportunity for the FHA to meet one of their purposes. "To institute programs promoting greater understanding between youth and adults. It also helped meet another purpose, "To encourage democracy through cooperative action in the home and community."

For a small chapter to accomplish this project on such a large scale took much cooperation from many parents and friends of F.H.A.. Anyone who wishes to have a part in the project next year should start saving cancelled stamps now. An F.H.A. member will be glad to pick them up any time. Deidre Tucker
reporter

Sponsor Regional Game

Snyder--Snyder Jaycees and Western Texas College will co-sponsor the Region V NJCAA women's basketball tournament on Feb. 20-22, Tim Burton, Jaycee president, has announced.

"This is the first women's tournament ever held by the NJCAA," Dr. Sid Simpson, WTC Athletic Director, said. "We feel that it is a real honor for Snyder to host the tournament, and we appreciate the efforts of the Jaycees in helping make arrangements for the tournament here."

The winner of the tournament and possibly the runner-up have been invited to the National Junior College tournament at Kansas City, Kans., in March. Teams which will be participating in the tournament will be from WTC, Ranger Junior College, Weatherford Junior College, Howard College and maybe Clarendon Junior College and South Plains College.

Sam Alexander has been named project chairman of the tournament by the Jaycees.

Schedule (Revised) Junior High

Jan 20	Sands	T A GIRLS & A BOYS	6:00
Jan 23-25	Union Tour.	T A & B GIRLS & BOYS	
Jan 27	Grady	H A GIRLS, A & B BOYS	5:30
Feb 3	Wellman	H A GIRLS & A BOYS	5:30
Feb 13-15	Dawson Tourn.	T A GIRLS & A BOYS	

High School

Jan 17	Dawson	T A & B BOYS, A GIRLS	5:00
Jan 21	Loop	H A & B BOYS, A GIRLS	5:00
Jan 24	Sands	H A & B BOYS, A GIRLS	5:00
Jan 28	Open		
Jan 31	Klondike	H A & B BOYS, A GIRLS	5:00
Feb 4	Union	T A BOYS & A GIRLS	6:30
Feb 7	Wellman	T A & B BOYS, A GIRLS	5:00
Feb 11	Dawson	H A & B BOYS, A GIRLS	5:00
Feb 13	Loop	T A & B BOYS	6:30

*Jer's
Gottings*

Just a word to the wise. Don't you be making too many trips to the Post Office looking for your tax rebate to arrive. By the time the government run postal system gets your measly check to you, you very well may have already spent it on higher gasoline costs. Those of us who didn't make enough to warrant a rebate will have to cut out going to the P.O. at all-unless we are expecting that \$80 promised to those adults who didn't pay any taxes.

Another wise word. Be careful about making a long shopping list. Even though Mr. Pres. would like to see you spend like a drunk sailor, you will be in trouble if you do. The rebate promised you will amount to around \$50 up to the limit of \$1,000. Thirty minutes in the grocery store will wipe out \$50. And folks used to making \$35,000 a year (for which the \$1,000 would be given) won't find it difficult to spend their allotment in maybe two places--a hotel in New York and the dinner club.

Keep listening. OK, you got excited and blew that rebate since it was your money in the first place, you reason it was yours to do with as you pleased. So now you are counting on recouping with that \$16.5 billion tax cut. But before you book a trip to Europe, you better figger how much your cut is going to be. My calculator isn't too optimistic--it figgers that a person paying taxes on \$5,000 income will be allowed about \$18 tax cut. From there it ranges to about a \$700 a year tax cut for those in the upper brackets. Now how long will it take you to use up \$18 on fuel to run your pick-ups, tractor, car, lights, heat and cooling--? Talk about pump priming.

Crazy, isn't it? When you study the mathematics of all this you quickly conclude that you are better off unemployed drawing \$100 a week, tax free--plus that promised \$80 a year for not making nothing. And what did I hear,--no new giveaways this year? None of these schemes add up to a sound economy. The government is just as spoiled and accustomed to drawing pay for shoddy or no work delivered as the present generation that it cannot rebate \$12

billion plus cut income by \$16.5 billion. Even tho we are fed a bunch of platitudes about holding the line on government spending, never a word has been uttered advocating cutting spending. Therefore, the money will have to come from somewhere just in order to hold the line.

Guess where? The oil business, you guessed it. Mr. Ford was not even dramatic enough to voice a comma when he said, "Prices for old oil will be increased to the oil companies and windfall profits taxes will be asked". Not only will the Fed place taxes on gasoline to discourage consumption, but then they plan to tax whatever profits the poor guy makes trying to find more energy. All this money coming in from energy sources won't seep back in the form of new production. In reality, the energy industry (and you consumers of energy) will be making up the revenue lost by tax rebates and cuts. Not only is this an inequitable, discriminatory, confiscatory scheme, it tain't fair! The Union is in one heckuva state.

Honored With Shower

Mrs. Doug Bartlett, the former Miss Terry Canon, was honored Sunday Jan. 19 with a bridal shower at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wills.

Guests were greeted in the foyer by Mrs. Lorene Jones and Mrs. James Smith. They were assisted in registration by Miss Martha Anderson.

Hot spiced punch and various cakes and breads were served during the afternoon. The table was covered by a lace cloth centered with an arrangement of fresh flowers in Mrs. Bartlett's chosen colors of red and white. Silver and crystal completed the table appointments. Mrs. Rick Evans, a classmate of Terry, poured.

The gift table was attractively covered in a red and white cloth. Miss Sally Hutto of San Angelo registered the gifts.

Complementary courses were presented to the honoree, her mother Mrs. Joe Canon, Mrs. W.R. Bartlett, mother of the groom, Mrs. Iram Bartlett, the grooms grandmother, Mrs. Evans and Miss Hutto.

Hosting the event were the Mmes. Billy Wills, Burt Dennis, Jake Holmes, James Smith, Arlin Youngblood, Norman Sneed, Corky Ogden, James Hodge, Lorene Jones, Dorothy Browne, and Rich Anderson.

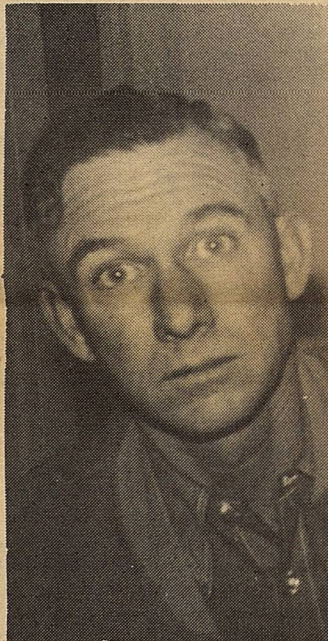
Foreign Guests

Mr. and Mrs. E.S. Kingston of the Plains Community had some unusually interesting guests Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Butch Scott of Lamesa spent the day with the Kingstons. They were accompanied by their three house guests Marissabel Ribbeck Porth of Lima, Peru, Kit Abdala Jr. of Francisco Beltrao, Brazil, and Joao Mendes of Sao Paulo, Brazil.

The three young people are Cultural Exchange Students on the Lion's International Youth Exchange Program. They will be in Texas living with the Scotts for two months. Marissabel Porth is 18 years old and a High School student. Her father is a construction engineer in Lima.

Kit Abdala, age 17, is studying to be a plastic surgeon. His father is head of the Cancer Research Center in a large hospital in Francisco Beltrao.

Joao Mendes is studying to be a teacher in the field of Agriculture. He is 19. Joao divides his time between the Scott family and the Edward Woods also of Lamesa. Mr. and Mrs. Woods son is in the exchange program and has spent some time in Brazil.



WHO, ME?

Short Snorts

State and city sales taxes apply to gold and silver bullion purchased or delivered in Texas, Comptroller Bob Bullock held.

Texas wheat farmers may harvest a record crop of 117 million bushels in 1975, according to Texas Agriculture Commissioner John C. White.

Nurse's Notebook

by Francis Burkett
School Nurse

Be An Intelligent Patient

Being an intelligent patient may reduce your medical bills and help you obtain better health care. Learning to work with your doctor is the beginning of the process. The first step is to choose a family physician before you need him in an emergency. Make an appointment for an examination, meet him personally and have your medical history on file in his office.

Then if you become ill or injured, you will know whom to turn to. Your doctor, knowing your health history and your current condition, will be able to provide you with the best possible care with a minimum of delay.

Whenever possible, schedule appointments with your doctor in advance. With time scheduled ahead, both of you will be adequately prepared for a more thorough session.

Since a physician's day is usually planned in advance, it is upset by people unnecessarily

demanding immediate attention. Obviously there are emergencies in which no time must be lost but most calls for help are not genuine medical emergencies. The thoughtless patient wants to see a physician at once and resents other patients or responsibilities which have prior claim to the doctor's attention.

There is a real advantage in going to the doctor's office, rather than attempting to get him to come to your home. If his diagnosis is to be derived from a thorough examination, it is to your advantage that it be conducted where all necessary equipment and allied health workers are present. You benefit when your doctor is not hampered by inadequate and inexperienced assistance or the absence of needed equipment. It is also better policy on economic grounds to go see your doctor before he has no choice but to come to see you.

Inaugural Invitations

More than 90,000 invitations were mailed to Texans in all sections of the State inviting them to take part in inaugural ceremonies marking the beginning of the first four-year terms for Governor Dolph Briscoe and Lieutenant Governor Bill Hobby.

Governor Briscoe and Lieutenant Governor Hobby took the oath of office at the State Capitol on Tuesday, January 21.

Inaugural Day began with the traditional prayer breakfast which had its origin 16 years ago with the inauguration of Governor Price Daniel.

Dr. W.A. Criswell, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Dallas, gave the meditation at the 7:30 a.m. breakfast in Austin Municipal Auditorium.

The breakfast was sponsored by the State Officials Prayer Breakfast Group, a group of public officials in Austin who have been meeting every Fri-

day since 1964 for a devotional breakfast. Judge Otha F Dent, chairman, presided at the \$5-a-person breakfast.

Swearing-in ceremonies began at high noon at the south entrance to the Capitol and highlighted inaugural activities. Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Joe Greenhill administered the oath to Governor Briscoe and Lieutenant Governor Hobby.

Following the swearing-in, all those present had the opportunity to greet the Governor and Lieutenant Governor at a public reception in the Capitol rotunda from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

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Sue: "Father is pleased to hear that you are a poet."
Jon: "That makes me divinely happy."

Sue: "You see, he tried to throw out my last boy friend and he was a wrestler."

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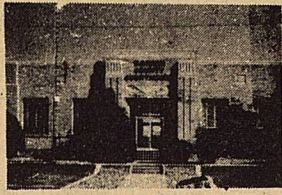


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Court House Happenings



Borden County

COMMISSIONERS COURT

The Commissioners Court of Borden County met in regular session January 13, 1975 at 10:00 A.M. with all members present but Van York, who was absent due to illness.

Minutes of 3 previous meetings were approved, and bills were approved to be paid.

Courthouse holidays for 1975 were set.

Salaries for hourly and monthly employees and elected officials except Justice of Peace were increased 5 1/2%. Justice of Peace salary was increased 15%.

The court contracted with the O'Donnell Fire Department for rural fire protection for 1975.

The Historical Survey Committee was appointed to serve for 1975-1976.

The Grievance Committee was appointed with membership same as the previous years.

Notices were issued to area banks for their application to be county depository.

Bids were opened for a motor grader for Precinct 4. No action was taken due to the absence of Van York. Bids will be considered at the January 27th court meeting.

The court appointed Jim Burkett as Borden County representative of the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission.

Court adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF EXECUTION SALE

By virtue of an execution issued out of the District Court of Howard County, Texas, 118th Judicial District, on a judgement rendered in said court on the 11th day of July, 1967, in favor of First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Big Spring and against Thomas J. McAdams and wife Lula Belle McAdams, in a case styled First Federal Savings and Loan Association vs. Thomas J. McAdams et ux, Cause No. 16,980 on the docket of such court, I did, on the 20 day of January, 1975, at 10 o'clock A.M., levy upon the following described land in Borden County, Texas, as the property of Thomas J. McAdams, to wit:

All of the interest of Thomas J. McAdams, being a 1/6 interest in the oil, gas and other minerals in, under and that may be produced from said land, subject to its proportionate part of the non-participating royalty interest reserved in a deed from H.W. Harlin, Sr. et ux to W. J. McAdams, dated March 27, 1943 recorded in Vol. 39, page 95, Deed Records of Borden County Texas, reference to which is here made, of that portion lying

in Borden County, Texas, of the following described lands:

All of Sections 26 and 27 and the N/2 of Section 35, Block 32 T-3-N, T&P Ry, Co. Survey, all wholly or partially in Borden County, Texas, said land in Borden County, Texas containing 1130 gross acres, the interest herein described consisting of 1/6 of that number of mineral acres, less its proportionate share of the royalty reservation hereinabove mentioned, and on the 4th day of March, 1975, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. on said day, at the Courthouse door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all of the right, title and interest of the said Thomas J. McAdams in and to said property.

Dated at Gail, Texas this 22nd day of January, 1975.
/s/
NORMAN SNEED
Sheriff of Borden County Tex.

Bid Notice

Notice is given herewith that proposals will be considered from Banks or Banking Corporations desiring to serve as depository for public funds and county public school funds of Borden County, Texas. Such proposals will be considered Monday, February 10, 1975 at 10:00 A.M., and the Commissioners' Court of Borden County may at its discretion reject any and all bids or proposals submitted. Applications submitted should be in accordance with Article 2545, Vernons' Civil Statutes, and it is desired that same stipulate per cent interest to be paid on time deposits and rate of interest Borden County would pay on Borrowed funds for ordinary operating expenses and borrowed funds for equipment purchases. Depository Bank would be expected to furnish printed checks and deposit slips for all accounts.

/s/
JIM M. BURKETT
COUNTY JUDGE
BORDEN COUNTY

New Primary Pushed

—A strong push for establishment of a Texas presidential preference primary in 1976 (and thereafter) is anticipated in the legislature this year.

Some writers have sought to link it with the White House aspirations of U.S. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen. The senator is expected to announce his candidacy soon, and, of course, wants to make a strong showing in his home state. Opinion is divided as to whether he could win more delegates in a primary or the traditional convention system.

SCRIBBLES

by Sibyl Gilmore.

It's been some time now since I spouted off via the Borden Star. Not that my blood hasn't boiled a few times at things that keep popping up in our high ranking offices. Like most everybody else I sit back and don't do anything about it. Occasionally I write my representatives in Congress, Senate and House, and most of them write back and voice their opinions to me.

There is one thing that keeps lurking in the back of my mind that no one seems to be able to do anything about. And most people seem to have forgotten it.

Remember when the communists said they would some day take over the United States without firing a shot? Well, just look backward over the past few years and see how their plan is working out.

Here is an article I ran across that was copied from Pioneer Park Bulletin, Lubbock Texas.

LAST CALL TO FREEDOM

A list of "current Communist goals" appeared in The Congressional Record on January 10, 1963, almost 12 years ago. These were taken from a book, The Naked Communist, written by Cleon Skousen, based on his experience with the F.B.I. for sixteen years. Eleven years after they appeared, we are appalled at the progress which has been made toward reaching those goals. Much farther than many of us would have believed possible.

1. "Eliminate all laws governing obscenity by calling them censorship and a violation of free speech and free press."

2. "Break down cultural standards of morality by promoting pornography and obscenity in books, magazines, motion pictures, radio and T.V."

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4. "Infiltrate the churches and replace revealed religion with social religion. Discredit the Bible and emphasize the need for intellectual maturity which does not need a religious crutch."

5. Eliminate Prayer or any phase of religious expression in the schools on the ground that it violates the principle of separation of church and state."

6. Discredit the family as an institution. Encourage promiscuity and easy divorce.

IT'S LATER THAN YOU THINK

Read each one of these carefully and see how the bills that have been passed and the ones that are coming up glide right along into communist hands. Let your congressman and representatives know how you feel on these subjects and see if they can't manage to push them out of our government and go back to Bible teachings.

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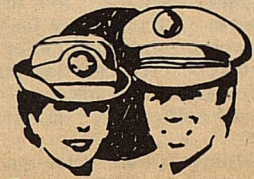


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Join the people who've joined the Army.

Gov. Briscoe said Texas homebuilders will have more mortgage money available due to a Housing and Urban Development administrative act.

Farmers and ranchers have been advised to buy baling wire now to guard against shortages during peak demand periods.

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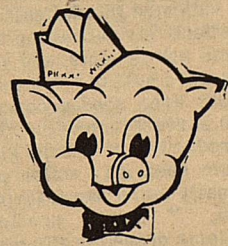
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First of a two-part series Lubbock-- A series of crippling factors during the 1974 cotton season have combined with a severely short crop yield to cast shadows over hopeful prospects for next year, according to an area economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Marvin Sartin, area specialist here, says that cottonseed products and cotton planting seed definitely will be affected by the problems that befell the 1974 season.

"farmers are becoming increasingly aware of the adverse effects of cool, wet weather this past fall," says Sartin. "Yield and quality of all crops deteriorated as a result."

"Cotton producers know these conditions dictate relative immaturity of the fiber, and probably expected lower than normal micronaire readings."

"Because the plants were not killed by a freeze until after the normal frost date, some of the late-set bolls matured enough to go into the stripper basket. The fiber in these late bolls was made during unseasonably cool and cloudy conditions and were very low in micronaire. Mixing this immature cotton with the better quality that matured earlier in the year resulted in low micronaire classification," Sartin explains.

An additional problem for the cotton industry resulting from this situation is poor seed quality, he adds. Immature bolls caught in the stripper contained small, light seed which will not be fit for planting and not worth much for processing. The more mature bolls, especially those that have been open during much of the rain, may have seed that have deteriorated in ability to germinate.

"Combining these factors with the very small cotton crop on the Plains this year means a definite reduction in cottonseed products and in cotton planting seed for 1975," the economist reports. "Additionally, the seed that is bagged could well be lower than normal quality. Reduced supply and high prices for cotton seed products indicate rising planting seed prices for next year."

Sartin says that grain suffered less than cotton during the prolonged wet weather.

"Some milo shattered, and some sprouting in the head was reported. However, overall the grain crop withstood the situation."

Corn producers probably incurred the worst problems, he adds. Much of the corn fell that was not harvested before the wet conditions set in. Reports indicated this fallen corn was effectively picked up with combine attachments, and yield losses were held to a minimum.

"Most area seed producers did not harvest before the rains, and production of hybrid grain sorghum seed may suffer proportionally more than grain production," Sartin predicts.

"Problems of seed swelling with the moisture, shrinking as they dry, and subsequently shattering were reported from certain areas. Reduced total production and probable lower quality in those seed produced will provide substance for price increases for grain sorghum seed. Also, some particular hybrids may be in fairly short supply."

He adds that although little

corn seed is produced in this area, the adverse season in the corn belt will likely have about the same effect on the availability of corn seed. Producers can expect price increases and possibly less choice than usual.

"Potential repercussions of these problems for 1975 suggest that seed prices, along with most farm inputs, will be going up. Even more serious may be the shortage of particular varieties and the quality of the economist warns.

"Above all else," Sartin concludes, "remember that strong vigorous seed are important in establishing a good early stand. The yield potential of your crop os determined by the seed that are planted. Do not sacrifice on seed. Plant the best that you can get."

(The second of this two-part story will deal with risks involved in buying cheap seed.)

HOME BUTCHERING

Col. Stat.--Folks yearning for the return of the "good ole days" may be seeing their wishes come true. Home butchering of livestock, once popular in many areas, is making a comeback.

"We've had numerous requests to demonstrate the proper slaughtering of cattle for home consumption," points out Woodrow Bailey, livestock and meat specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "These requests have come from county Extension agents whose clientele are interested in home slaughtering and processing."

In the demonstrations Bailey shows the entire operation, from slaughtering to wrapping the meat for the home freezer. cattle market situation, interest in selling and butchering beef for the home freezer has really mushroomed," notes Bailey. "Slaughtering plants are booked for several months ahead, and people are concerned about waiting that long to process their animals."

According to the Texas A&M University System specialist, a family can slaughter and process an animal on-the-farm in four to six hours. Home slaugh-

tering and processing can save 30 to 50 per cent on the price retail beef.

What about the legality of home slaughtering as far as meat inspection laws are concerned?

As long as the individual is butchering the animal for his own use, he is free to do so," explains Bailey. "However, it is illegal to custom slaughter or cut beef for other people unless the operation is properly inspected and meets all legal requirements."

According to Bailey, the last butchering demonstrations conducted by the Extension Service date back to 1939. Maybe the "good ole days" are really returning!

Beef

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age consumed by animals. It requires approximately 80 gallons of fuel per acre for intensive cultivation of grain crops.

It should be remembered that of the 2.2 billion acres of land in the United States only 350 million acres are tillable, and even part of that is suitable only for forage crops. Almost 900 million acres of pasture, grass and grazing land, has renewable resources that can only be harvested by grazing animals.

When cattle are named as the culprits in using our grain supplies it would be well to review these figures. Only about 1/4 of all the feed consumed by cattle is in the form of grain. The rest is roughage or by-product material that is useless for human consumption. On a birth-to-market basis, the amount of grain per pound of steer produced may be no more than 3 pounds. This is quite efficient when you compare protein-rich beef with the relatively 'empty' calories of grain.

Americans should take a closer look before we adopt policies that will lower beef production. It is clear that we should instead adopt policies that will help assure a healthy beef cattle industry--the largest segment of American agriculture and the foundation of the business economy in many parts of our nation.

We are losing land every year to cities, highways, and other developments. Only because the American cattleman has used all available resources in growing better beef producing animals have we been able to keep protein-rich beef on the table.

News

Gets

Around

Mr and Mrs. T.G. Hudson of Clovis New Mexico, visited in Gail this week.

Mrs. Hilton Stephenson of Paint Rock, Texas spent Sunday at the ranch home of her aunt, Mrs. C.R. Porter and family of Vealmoor, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Brud Boren of Snyder have been recent guests in the Herbert von Roeder home at Lake Thomas.

Mrs. Edd Franklin, Mrs. Wayne Crow and daughter visited Sunday in the A.J. Henderson home at Dimmett.

Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Gray of Baytown, Jeff Ellis of Colorado City spent several days at Clovis, New Mexico last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright Huddleston and J.P. Ellis are visiting with their daughters and families the John Shaws and the Mark Crahams of Lake Jackson, Tex.

Ruth Weathers was visiting Saturday with Mrs. Lona Pritchett of Colorado City.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gordon and Mr. and Mrs. Erdie Lewis have returned from visiting with relatives at Houston. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis are visiting with their son Art Leon Lewis while Mrs. Lewis is staying with her mother in Kansas, who has recently undergone surgery.

Ruth Weathers attended the West Texas Bank banquet Friday night at Snyder, Western Texas College campus, in honor of the bank's 25th Anniversary.

Don Holland and Vick Vasacek of Midland were Wednesday visitors in the Ruth Weathers' home.

Wayne Crow is visiting with his mother Blanche Crow and other relatives at Bonham, who are ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carr and family of Big Spring, visited Sunday in the Claude Sorrells home at the McDowell ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Ellis were week-end visitors at Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright Huddleston visited Friday in the Ellis Wright Huddleston home at Lubbock.


Ruth Weathers visited Wed. in the Myles Galloway home enroute to Big Spring.

J.E. Sorrells visited Sat. in the J.M. Sterling home near Vincent.

Labor Drops By 17,000

AUSTIN--The Texas farm labor force numbered 273,000 in late October, down 17,000 from a year ago, Agriculture Commissioner John C. White announced recently.

White said Texas farm workers, including farm operators, family members working 15 hours or more a week without receiving cash wages, all family members and hired help, averaged 35.1 hours a week.



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With the opening of Senate Agriculture Committee hearings the week of February 3, Congress will have launched what is shaping up as a full-scale and much-needed review of the now one-year old farm law, according to Donald Johnson, Executive Vice President of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., Lubbock.

"Changes are needed in some of the law's provisions for two reasons," Johnson continues. "First, leapfrogging production costs and crashing market prices (for cotton) in 1974 made the law obsolete before harvest of the first crops to which it applied. Second, some provisions of the law have been administered in a manner most unsympathetic and prejudicial to the interests of agricultural producers."

When the law was passed in 1973, the average U.S. cost of producing a pound of cotton was estimated at around 33 or 34 cents. In 1974 that cost figure jumped to at least 50¢, and another hefty round of price increases on production inputs is assured for 1975.

Also, the market price of cotton since the law's inception has plummeted more than 50 per cent from an average spot market quote on Strict Low Middling inch-and-a-sixteenth cotton of 78 cents in January 1974 to less than 37 cents in December.

"These figures clearly demonstrate that the 38-cent per pound target price and the 25.26 cent loan price in 1974 were grossly inadequate," Johnson notes, "and the figures for 1975, unless Congress acts to change them, will remain outdated when considered in the light of inflated production costs."

As the law is now written, the target price for 1975 will remain at 38 cents a pound. Secretary of Agriculture Butz has announced a "preliminary" loan rate of 34.27 cents for 1975.

One of the fundamental purposes of farm law is to provide farmers the price protection necessary to induce adequate production of food, feed and fiber for this country's needs and to permit foreign sales of agricultural commodities to continue their vital contribution to the nation's trade balance.

"I think Congress is aware of this farm program objective," Johnson concludes, "but there is a wide diversity of opinion as to how it can best be reached, and it will be a long, hard fight to get the law rewritten in a manner that will serve the best interests of agriculture."

"There are 75 freshman Congressmen on the Hill and 19 new members of the House Agriculture Committee," he points out, "plus the fact that the Democratic caucus has just voted Congressman Bob Poage out of the Chairman's seat on the House Agriculture Committee."

"Under these conditions it is not now possible to accurately predict the outcome of pending legislative deliberations. However, it is fairly safe to say that changes in the present law will be made, and that the form of those changes will to some degree depend on agriculture's ability to propose reasonable, practical, acceptable alternatives to the present law's shortcomings."

Relace a section of clothesline with a small chain. Hangers with dri-dry clothes may be hung there and will not slide or be blown off.

Pork is now included in the recommended diets of such weight control organizations as Weight Watchers International and the Diet Workshop.

From The Office Of John Tower

As the new 94th Congress convened in Washington, the main topic of discussion among my colleagues was the state of our economy and the need for a national energy conservation policy. The chief concern of President Ford in both his address to the nation on Monday night and his State of the Union message to Congress on Wednesday also centered on these two issues.

Before the 93rd Congress adjourned in December, I was chairman of a Republican Senate Ad Hoc Committee which presented several proposals to President Ford addressing our economic problems. The Democratic opposition has offered its program of solutions which differs considerably from the President's. The only certainty we have at this moment is that there are many proposed solutions to our problems as there are economists and politicians. Indeed, the state of our economy and the related energy policy is too complex for simple, one-shot solutions.

We have moved into a recession within the past few weeks. Prices and wages are climbing higher while production has fallen off and our unemployment rate is reaching high proportions. We must understand that recession is caused by the pressures of inflation. As prices continue to rise, people are forced to cut back on their spending. Families delay those large purchases such as a new car or new home. As demand falls off, so does production. High unemployment is the result which further reduces demand. We need to reverse this cycle.

I strongly believe that we cannot abandon our fight against inflation in our zeal to stimulate our economy out of recession. I am willing to support efforts to provide relief for the jobless and for Americans with dwindling paychecks. I will support President Ford's request for tax cuts for individuals.

However, if our only solution is to put more money in the hands of the consumer, then the result is increased demand for fewer goods and services which is the classic definition of inflation. Couple this demand for goods with the excessive high interest rates caused by government competition in the money

market and we have runaway inflation once again. We must find a way to provide inducements to businesses to expand production capacity, thereby stimulating the job market.

President Ford has requested an increase in corporate investment tax credits as well as a cut in corporate income taxes in order to provide this inducement for expansion. I will support this request when it comes to the Senate.

The President has also suggested a tax on oil from foreign sources, both as an attempt to reduce our dependence on foreign oil and as an addition to our tax revenues. I am somewhat inclined to question this plan because this in no way provides any additional incentives to oil companies to explore and produce from our domestic sources. For the same reason, I am not in favor of rationing.

Most of my colleagues in Congress need to learn the "A-B-C's" of the energy industry. I am fearful that their efforts to find a scapegoat for our energy shortages may worsen the situation by penalizing the very people who produce our energy. Instead, we in Congress must provide inducements through the free market system to spur the petroleum industry to further exploration and production.

We are facing a severe natural gas shortage this winter. I will again push for deregulation of the price of natural gas at the wellhead. I will continue to fight for retaining the oil depletion allowance for the independent oil producer who is responsible for discovering the vast majority of domestic petroleum reserves.

So, if we are to have decreased tax revenues from in-

dividuals and corporations and if an oil tax is not the answer, then where are we to reconcile our growing government deficit? I strongly believe that we in Congress must take a hard look at government spending programs. Thus, President Ford's moratorium on any new government spending programs for the next year might well be the proper course for us in the Congress to follow.

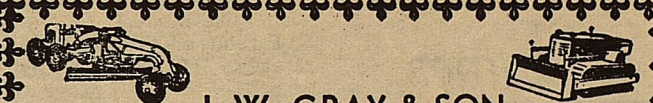
I am convinced that there are many areas where spending can be reduced. Too many government programs have built-in spending increases through the years which have not been controlled by Congress and cannot be controlled by the President.

The next three months are going to be very crucial to the future of our entire economic structure. I am somewhat concerned that many new Congressmen will be too anxious to spend more tax money.

Rural Mail Delivery

Problems of rural mail delivery, some brought on by system changes intended to be improvements, were aired before the House Postal Service Subcommittee last month, NNA testimony was based on a member survey which collected complaints. Principal problem was that the rerouting of mail to speed up movement, actually has slowed it down. Frank Robins III, chairman of NNA's Postal Affairs Committee and publisher of the Conway (Ark.-Log Cabin Democrat, testified for NNA.

NNA President Walter Grunfeld will be a witness before the same committee at hearings on amendments to the Postal Service Reorganization Act this month. He will outline the NNA position favoring mail subsidies for small newspapers on traditional grounds.




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Race Driver Takes A Drink

(Ed. Note -The following is taken from the Christian Crusader and is written by Don Garlits. The participants; five professional drivers, including the author, top drag racer, Don "Big Daddy" Garlits.)

I slipped behind the wheel of the dual-control Dodge, buckled by seat belt and grinned reassuringly at the observer riding beside me. If the Florida Jaycees wanted to prove something about drinking drivers, they were going about it the wrong way. After all the five of us are professionals-- we average 50,000 miles on the road each year. A few drinks wouldn't throw us off or so I thought.

This was my fourth run in three hours, and I knew each obstacle like the back of my hand. During this time I had drunk 12 ounces of 86 proof whiskey, but wasn't legally drunk. My blood-alcohol level registered .09. Florida doesn't consider you intoxicated unless that level is at least .1. And Florida is tough; almost half our states set the level at .15. So I felt confident.

The first test was simply backing between two rows of pylons. I knocked down seven of them, but for some reason it didn't even bother me.

Next came four two-by-four's set on edge with just a tire's width between each pair--a snap

for anyone accustomed to keeping a 200 mph dragster on the straight and narrow. I aimed carefully and gunned the car through. Well.. not exactly through. I bounced raggedly over them.

Shrugging it off, I snaked quickly through the serpentine course, creaming several markers, and roared on to the next test. I was supposed to run over two rows of wooden disks, but somehow I couldn't find them. I blamed this on the fact that the disks were similar in color to the dirt surface. Actually they were clearly visible to sober on-lookers several hundred feet away.

I managed the fifth test all right, but the next one really shook me--a pop-up figure representing a pedestrian, or maybe a child running after a ball. Even though I was ready for it, the figure didn't register in time and I came to a screeching halt 10 feet past it. Don "Big Daddy" Garlits had just "killed" a pedestrian. I was shocked. Such a thing seemed impossible!

But the nightmare wasn't over yet. Next came two double sets of pylons. There was plenty of room between them, and I thought I had made it--until I looked back and saw the course littered with pylons. This thing had become unreal.

I sloped through a hard left turn and headed for a traffic light that automatically turned red at my approach. Once more I goofed and slid to a stop right in the middle of the "intersection."

One final test. All I had to do was to stop with my front wheels on a line. Any drag racer can do this precisely--it's the way each race is started. But I overshot by an unbelievable two feet.

I returned to the pits badly shaken. My score for this

run, based on a possible hundred points, was 53. My first run, driven while sober, scored 99. What that was a critical drop, the figures didn't tell the whole story. What about that "pedestrian" I ran over? If that had been a real person, my score would have been zero.

According to the insurance companies, one out of 50 drivers on the road is drunk. Not just drinking, you understand, but drunk. Only one state (Utah, which sets the line at a blood-alcohol level of .08) would have considered me "drunk" when I made that last run.

But drunk or not, I was obviously in no condition to drive. If I had been on the road I might have killed somebody..

Maybe me. Maybe even you.

Presently available data on the drinking driver is, for the most part, based on averages. Our test threw doubt on some of these statistics. The point is, we are all individuals, and we cannot depend on averages. The only average factor that showed up was that we were incapable of good judgment while under the influence.

No harm was done in this case. But out there on the highway, where the obstacles move, and bend and crush when you hit them, it's a different story.

To guide a car safely through today's traffic requires skill, mental alertness and reflexes honed to a razor's edge. How does alcohol affect this? Well, last year 35,000 Americans were killed in crashes where drinking was involved. And the senseless slaughter continues because people persist in driving after they've had a few drinks. It's a deadly gamble.

I've been doing a lot of thinking about it lately. I've come to the conclusion that you shouldn't drive even if you have had only one drink. That's a pretty strong statement, but I THINK IT'S THE ONLY ANSWER.

About the author: Don "Big Daddy" Garlits, 39, was recently named to the first All American Driving Team by the American Auto Racing Writers and Broadcasters Association.

Grandpaw Says

Despite jets, missiles, and space ships they still haven't invented anything that goes faster than a Christmas vacation.

A lot of girls would have hourglass figures if time hadn't shifted the sands.

One Hollywood star has been married so many times she has rice marks on her face.

When I run out of something else to do I can always go to the supermarket and watch employees mark up the prices.

In this age of inflation, the only thing free of charge is a run down battery.

A fanatic is one who doubles his effort after losing sight of his objective.

A man can fail many times, but he isn't a failure until he begins to blame somebody else.

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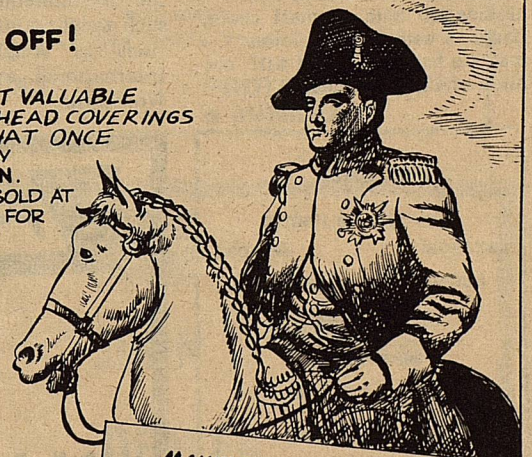
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