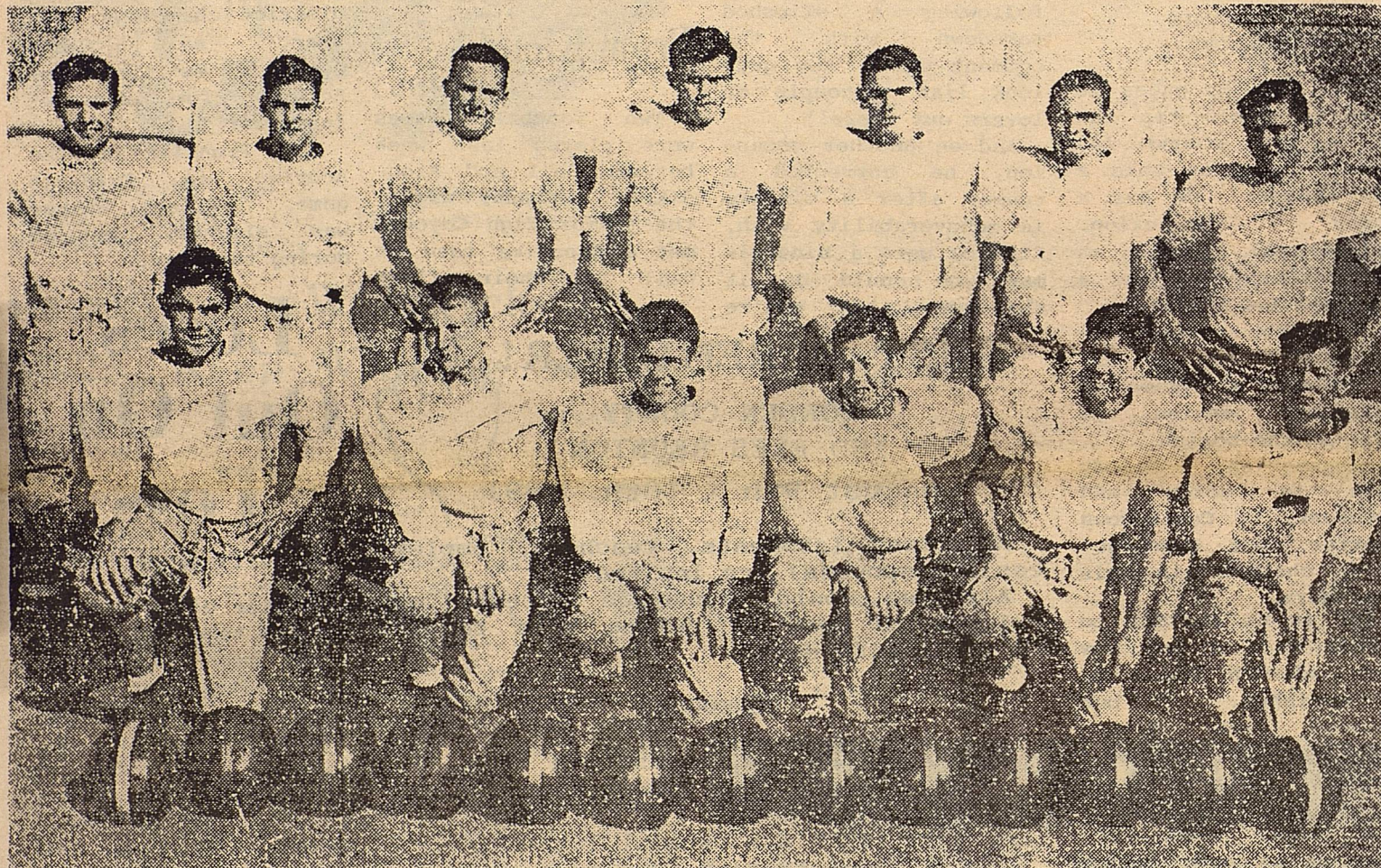


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**GAIL IN BIG GAME**

year of 1954

Gail's Coyotes, six-man football team which is now tied up for its district lead, will have one of its biggest games of the season at Gail Friday night, when it takes on Knott. Knott formerly held first place in the district but now has one defeat. Gail and Ackerly have a tie each but have not lost a game. Left to right, front row,

are Ruben Vaughn, Don Dodd, Mike Smith, Norman Ledbetter, Pat Porter and Travis Walker. Back row, Glen Kingston, Larry Smith, Borden Reeder,

Donald Reddell, Lonnie Doyle, E.L. Franklin and Shorty Farmer. Another team member, Alvin Bradshaw is not shown. (Lee Watson photograph)

## Gail Loses Out On Toss, Ackerly Wins

### EDITOR'S NOTE

The following article is an account of the reason Gail did not win their first district championship. Not because of a bad toss of the ball, but because of a bad toss of the coin.

The Gail Coyotes, all tied up in District 6, six-man football, will not get to represent the district in playoffs that is, unless the unexpected happens.

Here's the situation: Gail and Ackerly played on Oct. 15 and tied up

14-14. Both of the teams went undefeated after that, and they are tied for the lead in the district. Last night, the district committee met and the six members, other than these two, voted on which would represent

the district in playoffs if they finished the season tied. The vote tied 3-3.

How tied up can you get? Nothing was left to do but toss a coin, so that's what the

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## BACKS FARM DISASTER AID ACT

Legislation co-sponsored by U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm will offer relief for Texas farmers who suffered through the flooding, droughts and freezes of 1990 and 1991.

"The Disaster Assistance Act of 1991 provides assistance for farmers whose crops were damaged as far back as the January, 1990, freeze," Gramm said.

In Texas, floods ravaged the entire eastern half of the state that year, and since then, farmers have endured a succession of freezes and droughts that have left many crops devastated.

Generally, farmers who take part in farm programs would be eligible to collect 65 percent of the target price on losses greater than 35 percent of normal production and 90 percent of the target price on losses exceeding 75 percent.

Non-participating farmers could get 65 percent of the loan rate on losses above 35 percent and 90 percent of the loan rate on losses above 75 percent.

Producers of non-program crops could receive payments equal to 65 percent of the five-year average market price for losses over 35 percent and 90 percent for losses exceeding 75 percent.

# Between You And Me

By Jerry Jackson

Dynamite truly must come in small packages. At least that's the impression one gets while watching Coyote Coach Eddie James.

The Coyotes, of course, are the Gail Coyotes. And they've got their work cut out for them, which is actually a gross understatement. A flashback over the past few seasons reveals that the James boys haven't been defeated during their last 35 games, a phenomenal record in any man's book. And they've produced a fine and never-ending crop of top players from their eight-man delegations during that span.

But back to Mr. Dynamite. James is short and wiry, an inconspicuous fellow



EDDIE JAMES  
GO - GO, Pogo...

size-wise. My guess is that he would tip the scales at around 140 pounds, give or take a few ounces. He has a ruddy complexion, well-tanned. And at first glance he looks a lot like Lew Burdette.

On the football practice field, however, he becomes a dynamo of perpetual motion, a jack-in-the-boxish, jackhammerish somebody both in voice and movement. Continuous chatter, but constructive chatter is his trademark.

Nor is he content to merely tell a boy how such-and-such should be accomplished, but instead goes through the physical motions himself in order to drive his point home. Fast, too. Extremely fast as he runs though the various motions. A pint-sized, piston-legged, pepperized perfectionist of the first order.

## A Lesson In Fundamentals

Spent a very enjoyable Monday night viewing the goings on over at that Borden County school (being a farming community, they have only one workout a day--from 7-10 in the evening). It was a hard-hitting, thoroughgoing session in a variety of football phases, with James and assistant Mickey McMeans

running an especially spirited following of boys through their paces.

James was quick to laud their achievements and also to call their hands whenever shortcomings cropped up.

At one point he admonished a halfback for not cutting quickly enough through a "hole" created in the line: "You're lettin' the 'animals' down up there," he yelled, hurling a good-natured barb into the linemen. "They're up there gruntin' and groanin' and you're not taking advantage of it."

He called another tackler onto the carpet following a slipshod takedown with the comment that, "You guys look like a couple of lovers out there!"

And on another occasion, he corrected a runner after a mistake in maneuverability with, "If you were a nine-six man you could do it that way, but you're

about a fourteen-six man and it'll never work."

He's lost three-fourths of his starting nucleus due to the graduation bug and may not survive the upcoming season with a spotless record as he has so often in the past.

But one thing is evident from it all. Win or lose, the Coyotes will field a hustling, lively thinking team that will give anybody a "fit".

You can count on it.

### EDITOR'S NOTE:

The previous article was taken from a paper dated 1960.

## Coyotes Take Two From Klondike (1955)

Two football games were played last week between Gail and Klondike. Thursday night, the junior High Coyotes met a Klondike team at Gail in their first

game of the season. The Coyotes led throughout the game with Raymond Walton as high score player.

Coach James used his second string of players during most of the game. The boys were cheered to victory by a very capable pep squad led by Jeanna Burrus, Cookie Porter, Nelda Gilmore and Donna Swanson.

On Friday at 2 p.m., the Coyotes went to Klondike and won another game, making a record of 4-0 during the season. They have won games played with Imperial, Garden City, Ackerly and Klondike. "We are hoping to win district champions this year," said Coach James. "We tied with Ackerly for district last year."

E.L. Franklin led the scoring in Friday's game. Wilson Walker was slightly injured during the play.

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committee did. Ackerly won the toss.

The only thing which could alter that situation now is an Ackerly loss. That is not likely, but it is possible. If Ackerly were to lose to Dawson Friday night and Gail were to beat Loop, Gail would have the loop championship.

As it now stands, both teams will be champions. The Gail squad has a remarkable record. The high school at Gail is in its third year, as is the team. In three years time, the Coyotes have come up to a district championship.

Coach Eddie James of Gail will take his team to Loop for the 8:00 Friday night game. Other games in the district will be Ackerly at Dawson and Klondike at Courtney. Flower Grove will play at Knott Saturday afternoon.

## JUST A REMINDER!



### BORDEN COUNTY ISD EXES REUNION

August 9th & 10th, 1991

All Exes (students, teachers, employees and spouses) are invited.

Also we would encourage parents and friends to come by during this reunion to visit with exes.

### SCHEDULE:

5:00 p.m. August 9th  
Registration & Reception

10:00 a.m. August 10th  
Registration Continues

Noon - Catered Meal  
\$10 - Adults  
\$5 - Children under 12

If you plan to have lunch please make reservations ahead of time by sending Cost to cover meal by July 20th or as soon as possible.

Afternoon  
Meetings & Visiting  
Tour of school & etc.

Please contact others and encourage them to attend. There are those who may have been overlooked because of addresses and otherwise. Please help us notify those who may have been left off our mailing list. We want everyone to come and join us for this reunion.

For more information call 806/756-4346 or 806/872-8326 or 915/573-0397 or write P.O. Box 312, Gail, Texas 79738.

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**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**JULY 15, 1991**

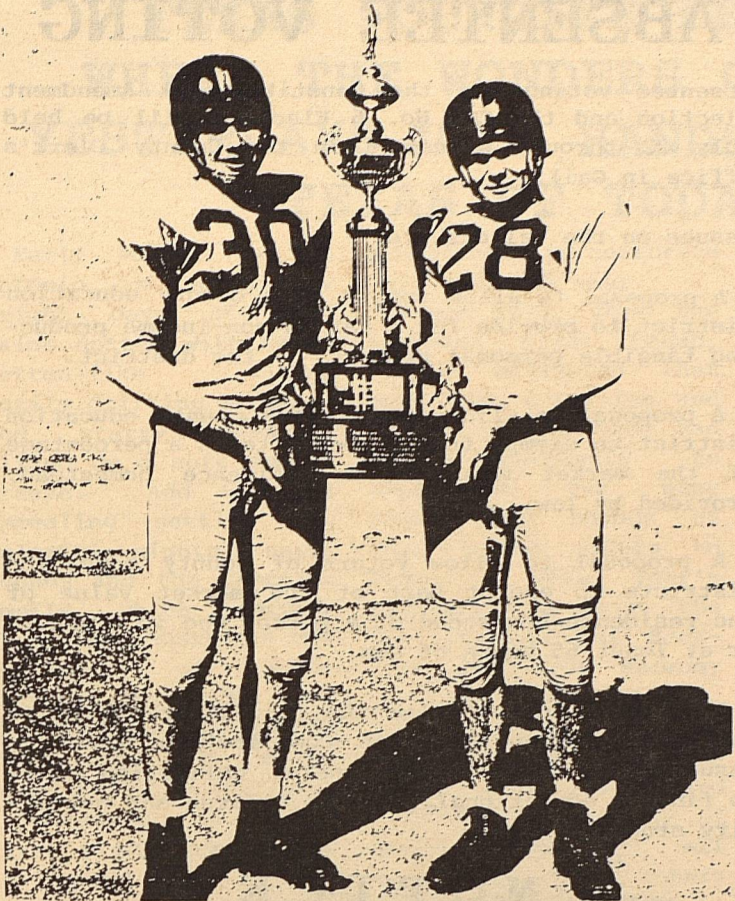
The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District met in regular session on Monday, July 15, 1991 at 8:00 P.M. in the Board Room of the Borden County School.

Board members present were Joel Dennis, Kenny Hensley, D. M. Parks, Scott Clayton, and Jack McPhaul. Randy Adcock and Tom Ed Vestal were absent.

Superintendent, Jimmy Thomas was also present.

1. Call To Order:  
The meeting was called to order by Board President, Jack McPhaul.
2. Community Input:  
There were no visitors present.
3. Approval Of Minutes:  
The minutes of the June 17, 1991 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Scott Clayton and seconded by D.M. Parks to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.
4. Approval Of Bills:  
The bills for July were reviewed. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by D.M. Parks to approve the bills. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Select Bank Depository Bid:  
(Mr. Glenn Borden of the Snyder National Bank was present.)  
Bank bids submitted by State National Bank of Big Springs, West Texas Bank of Snyder, American State Bank of Lubbock, and Snyder National Bank were reviewed. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Scott Clayton to select Snyder National Bank as the Borden County I.S.D. school depository for the period beginning September 1, 1991 and ending August 31, 1993. The motion carried unanimously.
6. Energy Management System:  
Mr. Walt Wesley of W.D. Wesley Company discussed an energy management system and the savings that would result from such a system. A motion was made by D.M. Parks and seconded by Kenny Hensley to install an energy management system and to enter a contract with the W.D. Wesley Company as an energy consultant as a future budget reduction measure. The motion carried unanimously.
7. Policy Concerning Rental Of School Houses:  
A discussion concerning the pros and cons of renting school houses was conducted. A motion was made by Scott Clayton and seconded by D.M. Parks to adopt a Board Policy relating to the rental of school houses. The motion carried unanimously.
8. Purchase of Phone Equipment:  
A discussion of future savings that would result from consolidating and deleting phone lines and purchasing a phone system for the school system rather than continuing to lease equipment from Poka Lambro was conducted. Bids submitted by Poka Lambro and AT&T for a new phone system for the Borden County I.S.D. were reviewed. A motion was made by Kenny Hensley and seconded by Joel Dennis to accept the low bid

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LONNIE DOYLE and E.L. FRANKLIN are pictured holding the 1954 CO-CHAMPIONS--DISTRICT 6-B trophy.

## Gail Coyotes Whip Ackerly, 48-25, Keep Winning String

(1955)

The Gail Coyotes of Borden County High School ripped out a 48-25 win over Ackerly Friday night in the two teams' first district game.

This game was termed by some as an upset and may determine the championship of the district. Ackerly was considered the strongest team in the district. Coach Eddie James of Gail names two other teams as his strongest remaining opposition -- Knott and Loop. Gail tied for the title last year.

Gail led all the way in the game. The Coyotes were ahead 14-6 at the end of the first quarter, 28-12 at the half; and 34-12 at the end of the third.

One point of special note about the game was that the Gail defense was playing its best of the season so far. The larger gridgers who were regular defenders held Ackerly to 12 points, while the opposition got its other two scores at the last of the game when

James was giving the smaller players experience.

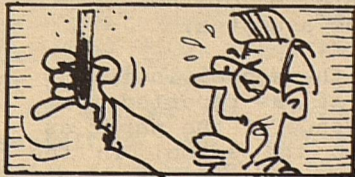
E.L. Franklin, hard-charging halfback, made four of the Gail touchdowns and kicked three two-point conversions. He averaged about 40 yards per touchdown run and set up most of his scores. Lonnie Doyle, the other halfback, scored the other three TD's, one on a 60-yard gallop and the other two on short runs.

Ackerly's scoring included three touchdowns at Cates and one by Griggs. Wallace ran the one conversion.

Glenn Kingston guided the Gail team from the quarterback slot. Regulars on the line were Mike Smith at one end, Charles Lewis at center, and Lloyd Ramsey and Ruben Vaughn switching at the other end. The line's blocking was much improved.

Gail now has a 3-0 season record. Klondike is the team's next foe, and the Coyotes will be in Klondike next Friday for the 2 p.m. game.

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# Borden Jr. High (1955) Basketball Team



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EDITOR'S NOTE: The Borden Star hopes you are enjoying reading about the students and school events that happened a few? years ago. These articles are courtesy of E.L. Franklin's scrapbook and early annuals of the school.

## REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING JULY 15, 1991

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submitted by AT&T for a new phone system for the Borden County I.S.D. as a future budget reduction measure. The motion carried unanimously.

9. 1991-92 Budget Discussion:

Budget reductions for the 1991-92 School year were discussed. In addition, budgetary items to be considered for inclusion in the 1991-92 Borden County I.S.D. Budget were discussed. No action taken.

10. Superintendent's Report:

a. Financial Report - A year-to-date financial report was given for the 1990-91 school year.

b. A status report was given concerning the abatement of the District's underground storage fuel tanks and asbestos.

c. A report concerning the subsidizing role of the school in the operation of the Borden Star was given, and it was reported that there was a serious need to increase the revenue of the paper as a means to reduce the financial burden to the school in the operation of the Borden Star.

d. A report was given concerning the fact that all of the school vehicles that had been taken to Lubbock Auto Auction had been officially sold on July 11, 1991.

e. The itinerary for the 1991-92 TASA/TASB School Board Convention was reviewed.

f. A report was given concerning the fact that the Texas Education Agency had recently denied all requests for student transfers that were submitted for the 1991-92 school year for students requesting to transfer in or out of the Borden County School District. It was also reported that concentrated efforts were being taken to acquire approval for students that had hardship cases.

A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by D.M. Parks to approve the Superintendent's report. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Scott Clayton and seconded by Kenny Hensley to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

## ABSENTEE VOTING

Absentee voting for the Constitutional Amendment Election and the CED No. 6 Election will be held July 22 through August 6 in the County Clerk's Office in Gail.

Issues on the ballots are:

A proposal to allow voters of a county education district to provide for a tax on non-income producing tangible personal property in the district.

A proposal to allow voters of a county education district to exempt from property taxes a percentage of the market value of a residence homestead, provided by law.

A proposal to allow voters of county education districts to exempt part of the market value of the residence homestead of a person who is disabled or at least 65 years of age.

A proposal to authorize the legislature to allow the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to issue up to \$300 million general obligation bonds to finance educational loans to college and university students.

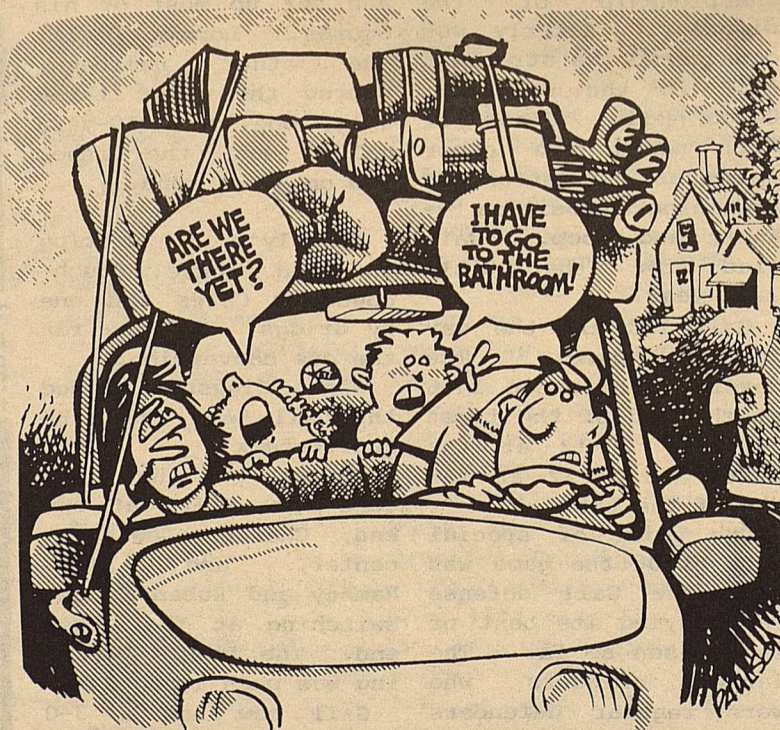
## NOTICE

### CONCERNING CLASSES OF: 1960's - 70's & 80's

If there are former teachers which you would like to invite to our School Reunion, we need their addresses as soon as possible. At this time many teachers during these years have not been contacted.

If you have any of these addresses, please send them immediately to: P.O. Box 312, Gail, Texas 79738 or call: Wanda Smith 806/756-4346 or Carol Lewis 756-4377.

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# TEXAS FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL WHERE THE WONDERS OF TEXAS' YESTERDAYS JOIN HANDS WITH THE TEXAS OF TODAY

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Scheduled for the first 4 days and nights in August (1-4), the

are planned to celebrate this landmark year.

Since 1972, when the Festival first began, it is estimated that more than a million and a half people have had the opportunity to experience the many sights and sounds of this joyful salute to Texas. This year's visitors can enjoy the bagpipe music of Scotland, the close harmony of a barbershop chorus, the friendly sound of banjos, the lonesome songs of a cowboy and numerous other types of music which have all been culturally inter-

taste delights the Festival has no equal. Whether the appetite calls for exotic foods such as Polish Golabki (cabbage rolls), Norwegian Lapskaus (stew), or German pork ribs and sauerkraut, or yearns for more conventional Southwestern fare, which may include chicken-fried steak fingers, enchiladas, or calf fries - there is something to satisfy every desire. Those who possess a liking for sweets can be overwhelmed by the choice offerings of strawberries, pecan pralines, peach cobbler and yam pies among many, many others.

Perhaps the most poignant glimpses into the state's history at the Festival are those revealed through the wide assortment of crafts lovingly preserved and displayed for any who may have a longing for simpler times. Where else can demonstrations of all kinds, including basket weaving, chair caning, treenware, beekeeping, sheep shearing and trick roping be enjoyed and in many instances attempted by Festival visitors? Chickens, cows, goats and sheep add their presence to the down-home atmosphere of the Festival by bringing back memories of life on the farm.

Of all of the happy activities and events which take place at the Festival, nothing is more special than "Kids' Day," which is Sunday, August 4. In addition to being admitted free when

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accompanied by an adult, kids can participate in all sorts of games, crafts, storytelling and music plus numerous attractions designed especially for their enjoyment. "Kids' Day" is fun, and it is also a great opportunity to learn about the rich traditions of Texas.

Tickets to the Festival are \$6 for adults, \$2 for children 6-12, and free for children under 6. Advance tickets may be purchased at the reduced rates of \$5 for adults and \$1 for children 6-12.

On Friday, Aug. 2 admission will be reduced to \$1 for adults and free for children 12 and under from noon to 1 p.m. only. Children 12 and under will be admitted free all day on Sunday, when accompanied by an adult.

Festival hours are 5-11 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 1; noon to 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 2-3; noon to 10 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 4.

For more information about the Festival or to order tickets, write the Texas Folklife Festival, P.O. Box 1226, San Antonio, TX. 78294, or call (512)226-7651.



O.T. Baker, a 20-year veteran of the Festival, will preside again at the smokehouse.

Festival is produced and presented by the university of Texas Institute of Texan Cultures at San Antonio and celebrates the state's rich heritage through the music, food, dances and crafts of more than 30 ethnic groups. "20 Years of the Best of Texas" is the theme of this 20th Anniversary of the Festival, and numerous events and activities

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## Courthouse News

WHEREAS, On the 8th day of July, A.D. 1991, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session at the regular meeting place thereof in the Courthouse in Gail, Texas, the following members of the Court being present and participating, to-wit:

VAN L. YORK	COUNTY JUDGE, Presiding
FRANK CURREY	COMMISSIONER, Precinct No. 1
LARRY D. SMITH	COMMISSIONER, Precinct No. 2
VERNON WOLF	COMMISSIONER, Precinct No. 3
HURSTON LEMONS, JR.	COMMISSIONER, precinct No. 4
DOROTHY BROWNE	COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT

constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

### MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the meeting of June 24th, A.D. 1991 were read. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve said minutes as read. Commissioner Currey seconded the motion.

Voting For: Commissioners Currey, Smith Wolf and Lemons

Voting Against: None

### PROPOSED BUILDING

Mr. Dennis Poole, County Agent, and Mr. Jerry Stone, ASCS, met with the Court regarding proposed building and office space. Commissioner Lemons made a motion to build a building 40 by 80 feet in size and cancel the bid opening set for July 15th, 1991. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion.

Voting For: Commissioners Currey, Smith, Wolf and Lemons

Voting Against: None

### ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

Current accounts were examined. A motion was made by Commissioner Currey to pay said accounts. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wolf.

Voting For: Commissioners Currey, Smith, Wolf and Lemons

Voting Against: None

### TAX COLLECTION

Mr. Royal D. Lewis, Sheriff, Tax Assessor-Collector visited with the Court regarding computers, printers, etc, in connection with the collection of taxes.

### DIVISION ORDERS

A motion was made by Commissioner Currey to give the County Judge authority to sign two division orders on the School Land in Martin County. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wolf.

Voting For: Commissioners Currey, Smith, Wolf and Lemons

Voting Against: None

### ELECTION OFFICIALS

Commissioner Wolf made a motion to appoint Election Officials for County Elections. Commissioner Lemons seconded the motion.

Voting For: Commissioners Currey, Smith, Wolf and Lemons

Voting Against: None

### ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lemons and approved unanimously.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 22ND DAY OF JULY, A.D. 1991.



### COTTON REFERENDUM

As a result of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990, the Cotton Research and Promotion Act was amended to eliminate the producer refund provisions of the Act and provide for assessments on imports of upland cotton and cotton-containing products. To make these provisions effective, the amendment to the Research and Promotion Order must be approved by cotton producers and importers of cotton and cotton-containing products in a referendum. Substantive provisions of the proposed amendment to the order are as follows:

1) The right of producers to demand a refund, will terminate 30 calendar days after the date the Secretary announces the results of the referendum, if the proposes amendment is approved.

2) An assessment will be made on upland cotton, including the upland cotton content of the products derived from upland cotton by an importer who imports a value or weight of cotton exceeding the de minimus figure established by the Secretary.

3) Importer representation will be included on the Cotton Board.

4) The reimbursement to the Secretary for referendum expenses is increased and Federal agencies that assist in administering the Order will be reimbursed for expenses.

Ballots were mailed on Wednesday, July 10, 1991 from this office to all eligible cotton producers to include spouses. (Note: It is very possible that some eligible producers did not receive a ballot. If you feel you are an eligible voter in this referendum, but did not receive a ballot and would like to cast one, please feel free to contact this office for assistance.) Eligible voters may cast their ballots by delivering to the County Office or by mail on or before July 26, 1991. The Borden County ASC Committee will canvass ballots on Wednesday, July 31, 1991 at 7:30 a.m. in the Borden County ASCS Office which will be open to the public.

### FAILED ACRES

As you have heard or read many times in the past years, if you have a crop that fails, you need to make sure the crop is certified and an ASCS-574 "Application For Disaster Credit" is filed prior to destruction of the crop. Subsequent crops planted behind failed crops will be considered as "invisible" or "ghost crops" for program purposes. These subsequent crops must also be certified.

### LOAN AVAILABILITY DATES

Loan availability for 1991 crop wheat, rye, oats and barley is March 31, 1992. This is the last day to make a request for loan for the above listed crops.

### 1992 WHEAT PROGRAM

A few of the provisions of the 1992 Wheat Program have been announced and are as follows:

- 5% acreage reduction (ARP)
- Target Price of \$4.00 per bushel
- A paid land diversion will not be implemented.

Other provisions will be announced at a later date.

### FOREIGN INVESTORS

Foreign investors who purchase farmland, are

this office within 90 days of the transaction. Penalties can amount to 25% of the fair market value of the property. Forms are available in this office.

## Plains Community Center

The Plains Community Center members met July 19th to attend a business meeting held in conjunction with the Annual Ice Cream Supper.

First order of business for the approximately thirty-seven adults and children attending, was to elect a President to a 2-year term. After the voting, Randy Hensley as the outgoing President, congratulated Jarrell Edwards as the new President. Wilma Currey had announced that she was planning to retire from the office of secretary, so Nancy Edwards, Jarrell's wife, was then elected Secretary. Everyone thanked Wilma for doing a very fine job for many years for the Center.

Juanda Hancock, Marilyn McPhaul and Cookie Dyess were voted to the Board of Directors to serve with Mary Lynn Williams and Lonnie Doyle.

A committee of Nancy Edwards, Donelle Hensley and Mary Lynn Williams was formed to attend to the business of purchasing and installing ceiling fans in the auditorium of the Center Building.

Members attending the meeting also paid their annual \$10.00 dues. "Other members needing to pay their dues can mail it or come by the house," said Nancy.

The meeting was adjourned so that everyone could enjoy the ice cream before it melted.

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**"MODEL T GRAFFITI"**

"Little Go-Creep," "Leaping Lena," "Puddle Jumper," and "Public Enemy No. 1."--what are they?

These are all names that Texas teenagers gave to their Model T Fords sixty years ago.

By the end of the 1920's, millions of Model T Ford cars were scattered around the country.

Fifteen million of them had been produced from 1908 to 1927, and many were cast aside by their owners in favor of shiny new Ford Model As, Chevrolets, or Dodges. This made the broken-down Model Ts available and within the price range of teenagers--the first generation of American adolescents able to buy cars in large numbers.

No sooner did the teenagers start buying the old Model Ts than did they start covering them with graffiti, including such painted-on names as those above. The spontaneous painting, however, did not end merely with names. The flivvers often became virtual canvases for their creative owners.

One of the characteristics of the Model T was that its engine often far outlasted its body. Consequently the cars didn't necessarily look bad, although they didn't look completely disreputable either. For many of the teenaged drivers, the latter state was far preferable to obscure mediocrity, so they began covering their car bodies with painted-on epigrams and graffiti.

The painting usually began with a name. A sophomore at T.C.U., for example, called his car "A Chemical Disturbance." West Texas State University professor Fred Rathjen told me that he remembered a flivver in Corpus Christi named "Bored of Education."

A number of epigrams referred to the sheet iron from which the Model T bodies were made. "Beauty is only tin deep," "The tin you love to touch," "The spirit is willing but the body is weak," and "Don't laught; you may be old yourself some day," were widely popular. "Fishy Body," on the side of the car, referred to the Fisher Bodies used on General Motors vehicles.

The broad rear body panels on the Model T cars offered a wide canvas for painting. Some of the typical teenagers' comments included "My rear is no bumper," "To pass right, pass left," "Don't rush me, Big boy," and "If you hit this car, you have gone too far." One of the Model T epigrams which survives on present-day cars is the occasionally seen, "Follow me for parts."

Almost anywhere on a Model T might be seen such inscriptions as "A wreck but nobody killed," "An accident ready to happen," "Don't laugh; I once was the property of a Detroit millionaire," "Almost human," and "Beauty in every jar." If a door refused to stay closed, it might be marked, "Open at all hours." Convertible touring cars frequently bore such inscriptions as "Fresh Air Taxi," "Sun Parlor," and "Sun Tan Special."

By the spring of 1929, the Model T epigrams had grown more and more off-color, perhaps a sign of adolescent rebellion against parental and societal restraints. Some of these taunting words included, "I'm old but I still get hot," "Experienced women wanted," and "Constipated--can't pass a thing."

The situation grew so nettling to local police officers in Fort Worth that they complain-

ned to the press of "numerous rickety machines...being driven through the streets... 'decorated' and 'lettered' with objectionable language. "The practice of driving in such cars must be stopped," declared a huffy Police Lieutenant Robert Dysart, who was looking for charges which he might place against the most offensive of the adolescent drivers.

Lieutenant Dysart undoubtedly would have

been equally upset had he gone thirty miles south to Cleburne, where my father, Garnell A. Baker, was a teenager at the time. There one

of his good friends scandalized the town with his Model T emblazoned on the side, "Girls who smoke, throw your butts in here."

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION  
(AVISO DE ELECCION ESPECIAL)

To the Registered Voters of the County of Borden, Texas:  
(A los votantes registrados del Condado de Borden, Texas)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on August 10, 19 91, for voting in a special election to for the purpose of adopting or rejecting the proposed Constitutional Amendments as submitted by the 72nd Legislature, Regular Session.  
(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 10 de Agosto de 19 91 para votar en la Elección Especial para pro la 72ª Legislatura, Regular Session.)

LOCATIONS OF POLLING PLACES  
(DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

- No. 1 (Plains) at Plains Community Center
- No. 2A (South Gail) at Gail Courthouse
- No. 2B (Ackerly-Vealmoor) at Vealmoor Election Building
- No. 3A (Murphy) at Murphy Election Building
- No. 3B (Fairview) at Fairview Election Building
- No. 4A (North Gail) at 4-H Exhibit Building
- No. 4B (Snellings) at Don A. Jones Residence
- Absentee at County Clerk's Office, Gail Courthouse during normal office hours.

- No. 1 (Plains) en Plains Community Center
- No. 2A (South Gail) en Courthouse de Gail
- No. 2B (Ackerly-Vealmoor) en la sitio de votacion Vealmoor
- No. 3A (Murphy) en la sitio de votacion Murphy
- No. 3B (Fairview) en la sitio de votacion Fairview
- No. 4A (North Gail) en 4-H Exhibit Building
- No. 4B (Snellings) en la residencia Don A. Jones
- Para los que se encuentran ausente, para el dia propuest pueden votar en oricina del County Clerk en Gail, Texas durante las horas normales.

Absentee voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at  
(La votación en ausencia en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en)  
County Clerk's Office (oricina del Secretatio del Destrito y Condado)  
(location) (sitio)

If the county clerk is not the absentee voting clerk, the information in the block is required.

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on July 22, 1991 (date)  
(entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el 22 Julio, 1991) (fecha)

and ending on August 6, 1991 (date) (y terminando el 6 Agosto, 1991) (fecha)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:  
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán enviarse a)

Dorothy Browne  
(Name of Absentee Voting Clerk)  
(Nombre del Secretario de la Votación En Ausencia)

P. O. Box 124  
(Address) (Dirección)

Gail, Texas 79738  
(City) (Ciudad) (Zip Code) (Zona Postal)

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on  
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el)

August 2, 1991  
(date) (fecha)

Issued this the 17th day of July, 19 91.

(Emitada este día 17 de Julio, 19 91.)

Van L York  
Signature of County Judge (Firma del Juez del Condado)

# NEWS RELEASE

Century Products Company would like to bring to your attention this important safety message concerning your 3000 STE or 5000 STE child car seat.

These car seats have both rearward and forward latching positions. It is now known that the instructions accompanying seats sold before January 1, 1991, do not advise the owner when to switch from the rear position to the forward position. The failure of the instructions to include this advice constitutes a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 213.

For all owners of a Century 3000 STE and 5000 STE car seat models; 4353GD, 4365DT, 4365MC, 4366BH, 4450GD, 4460DT, 4460FE, 4470MC, 4475GA and 4475GU, please be advised that Century Products has modified its instructions for the 3000 STE and 5000 STE car seats to explain more clearly how to choose between the forward and rear latching positions when placing the child into the car seat.

Both Century Products and the national Highway Traffic Safety Administration URGE you to order your modified instruction booklet NOW so that it is available for future use of your car seat. Please call 1-800-336-8844 and indicate whether you own a 3000 STE or 5000 STE.

In the event you feel Century Products Company has not promptly responded to your request for new instructions, you may submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC. 20590 or call the toll-free Auto Safety Hot Line at 1-800-424-9393 (Washington, DC, area residents may call 366-0123).