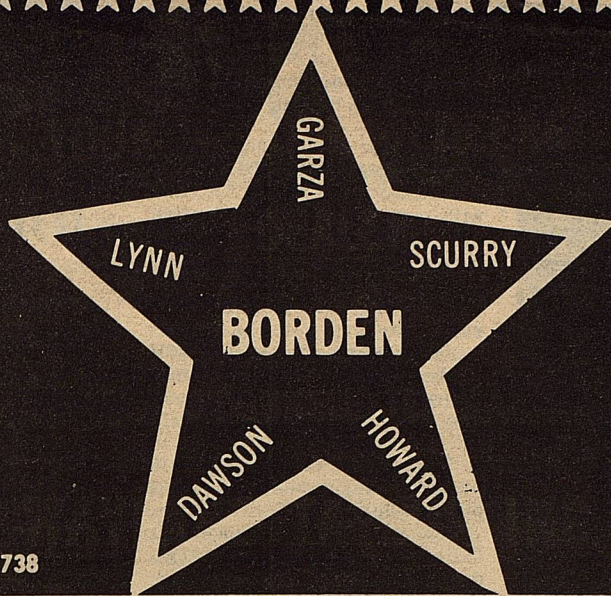


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SCHOLARSHIPS PRESENTED—Walter Stirl, Vice-Chairman of the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation Dist. presented partial tuition scholarships to six Snyder Independent School District Elementary school teachers. These teachers are participating in an Environmental Conservation Workshop at Abilene Christian College. Left to right: Mrs. Frances Groseclose, Mrs. Georgene Galloway, Mrs. June McGlaun, Stirl, Mrs. Jay Guthrie and Mrs. Lanelle Rambin. Not shown is Mrs. Billie Walker who is also participating.



Mr. and Mrs. Richard Shaw

Richard Shaw and Cora McDonald were united in marriage Tuesday, July 8th, at 5:00 p.m. The ceremony was performed by Justice of the Peace, M. M. Monk, who is also an uncle of the groom.

The couple left for a tour of Texas coastal cities, and will return by way of Colorado City Lake, where they own a cabin, and will spend a few days there. The Shaws will be making their home in Big Spring.

## Environmental Conservation Workshop

Six Elementary School teachers from the Snyder Independent School District in the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District are participating in the Third Annual Environmental Conservation Workshop at Abilene Christian College according to W. L. Wilson, Jr., District Chairman.

The workshop began Friday and will run through July 25, according to Dr. F. M. Churchill, ACC Professor of Agriculture and workshop coordinator.

Elementary school teachers attending from the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District include: Mrs. Georgene Galloway, Mrs. June McGlaun, Mrs. Jay Guthrie, Mrs. Lanelle Rambin, Mrs. Frances Groseclose and Mrs. Billie Walker. Partial tuition scholarships have been presented to these teachers by the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District.

Nearly two dozen speakers from Civic, County and State Environmental Agencies will be featured during the workshop.

Class sessions which will average about three per day, beginning at 9 a.m. daily and continuing most days until 4:30 p.m. Following is a list of

class sessions, topics and speakers:

July 11: 8-10 a.m., registration in room 235 of Gibson Health and Physical Education Center; 10-11:50 a.m., orientation, Joe Huckenstein, conservation and environmental education consultant, Division of Curriculum Development, Austin; and 1-4:30 p.m., orientation, Charles K. Sigler, U.S. Forest Service, New Waverly, Texas.

July 14: 9-11:50 a.m., soils, Dr. J. Keith Justice, ACC professor and head of the department of agriculture, Abilene; 1-2:30 p.m., Joe Antilley, chairman of the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, Abilene; and 3-4:30 p.m., Dwain McMillan, Treanor Equipment Co., Abilene.

July 15: 9-11:50 a.m., forestry, Glen Bendler, Texas Forest Service, Texas A&M University, College Station; 1:30-4:30 p.m., range and grasslands, Joe Norris, Soil Conservation Service, and Joe McIntire, Soil Conservation Service, Abilene.

July 16: 9-11:50 a.m., wildlife, Theron D. Carroll, Information and Education, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Austin, and Curtis Jones, Tex-

as Parks and Wildlife, Abilene; 1:30-2:50 p.m., parks, Lynn Pace, Texas Parks and Wildlife, Knox City.

July 17: all day, watersheds, Joe McIntire, area conservationist, Soil Conservation Service, Abilene.

July 18: 9-11:50 a.m., noise pollution, R. M. LaBreche, Hazardous Minerals Division, U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, Dallas.

July 21: 9-10:20 a.m., city planning, Leroy George, city planner, Abilene; 10:30-11:50 a.m., land use planning, Bob Gallagher, executive director, West Central Texas Council of Governments, Abilene; 1:30-4:30 p.m. outdoor classroom, Henry Stoneham, Soil Conservation Service, Abilene.

July 22: 9-11:50 a.m., water quality, Tom C. Barra, Texas Water Quality Board, Austin; 1:30-4:30 p.m., field trip, waste water treatment plant--Paymaster Feed Lot.

July 23: 9-11:50 a.m., fossil fuel, Earl Grabhorn, Texas Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Assn., Dallas; 1:30-4:30 p.m., public use, Charles L. Ward, public use specialist, Arkansas National Wildlife Refuge.

July 24: 9-10:20 a.m., Air

Control Board, Austin; 10:30-11:50 a.m., solid wastes; 1:30-4:30 p.m., minerals, Thomas Evans, Bureau of Economic Geology, University of Texas, Austin.

July 25: 9-11:50 a.m., individual unit reports.

### Legal Notice

In obedience to an order of the Board of Equalization, regularly convened and sitting, notice is hereby given that said Board of Equalization will be in session at the Borden County School in Gail, Texas at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 30, 1975, for the purpose of determining, fixing and equalizing the value of properties situated in Borden County Independent School District, Gail, Borden County, Texas, for taxable purposes for the year 1975 and all persons interested or having business with said Board are hereby notified to be present.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Doyle Newton, Secretary

### Legal Notice

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This notice of the Borden County Independent School District Budget Hearing is hereby given that a public hearing of the proposed school budget for the next fiscal year will be held in the Borden County School, Gail, Texas on Tuesday, July 29, 1975 at 7:00 p.m. in accordance with the Article 659A-15 of the revised Civil statute of the State of Texas.

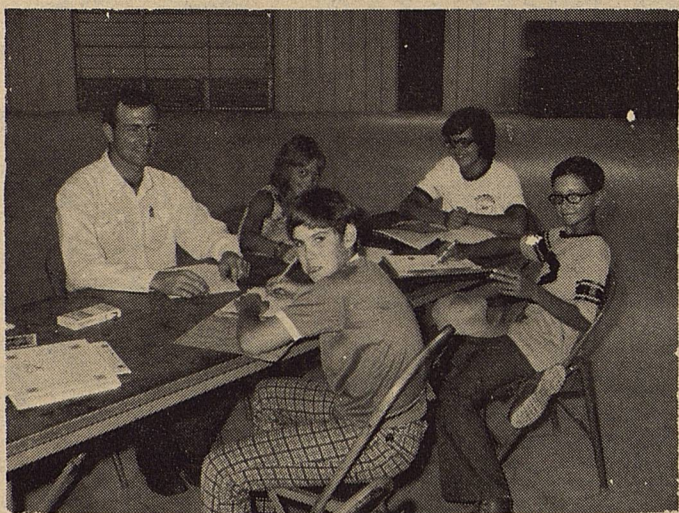
At the conclusion of such hearing the budget as prepared will be acted upon by the Borden County School Board. All interested citizens are invited to attend such hearing.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Borden County Independent School District

Doyle Newton, Secretary

## Kikers Kolumn



4-Her's and County Agent, Earnest Kiker hard at work Wednesday, July 9 on their 4-H Record Books.

A 4-H Record Book Workshop was held last Wed. and Thurs., July 9 and 10.

Record books are a valuable part of the 4-H program, as records are important to the Rancher, farmer and businessman.

Accurate record can and do play an important role. 4-Her's with good records can receive many awards in County, State, and National Contests. Millions of dollars are given each year to 4-Her's with winning records. County pins, scholarships and trips to 4-H Congress in Chicago are given each year.

Learn to be accurate and on the ball by keeping good records!

Those attending the Record Book Workshop were: Van York, Karen Williams, Keith Williams, and Lindy Doyle.

### SCREWWORM CASES

Weather conditions continue favorable for the spread of the tenacious screwworm, and livestock producers in Borden Co. possible cases in their herds, cautions Earnest Kiker, county agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"Screwworm cases have been increasing by leaps and bounds in South and Southwest Texas," says Kiker, "and the flies are continuing to move out to other areas of the state. So it's vital to check animals regularly, to treat all types of wounds, and to submit all worm samples for identification."

Samples should be sent to the Screwworm Lab, Box 969, Mission, Texas 78572. Containers for mailing samples are available at the County Extension office.

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and from local veterinarians.

At the end of June, 1, 744 screwworm cases had been confirmed in Texas for 1975, well above the number recorded during the same period last year. To make matters worse, 1,164 of the 1975 cases were recorded during June. Screwworms are popping up in some counties that have not recorded cases since 1972.

"This means that producers had better prepare for an onslaught of screwworms unless cases are reported rapidly so that sterile flies can be dispersed over the areas where cases are confirmed," points out Kiker. "Unless target areas are identified by virtue of samples submitted and identified, the sterile fly program cannot function effectively."

Kiker notes that a large number of the screwworm cases confirmed this year in Texas have come from the navels of newborn calves. "Working" wounds such as those resulting from earmarking, branding and castrating are also prime locations for screwworm flies to lay their eggs.

"Any working of livestock should be delayed until this fall if at all possible," advises Kiker. "If such work is absolutely necessary, a USDA-approved spray or dip should be applied to any and all wounds."

### MITCHELL CO. CAMP

Mitchell Co. 4-Her's have invited Borden County 4-Her's to attend a 2 day camp at Camp Butman in Merkel.

The camp will be filled with skating, swimming, volleyball and other exciting events.

All ages, both parent and youth are invited. If you want to attend, contact County Extension office before July 18.

### STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW

FORT WORTH --- More than 600 Texas 4-H and other youth will be on hand for the 1975 State 4-H Horse Show at the Will Rogers Coliseum here July 23-26.

The show will feature open invitational competition as well as the regular show for qualifying 4-H youth, announces B.F. Yeates, horse specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Some 260 4-H boys and girls who have qualified through competition at the county and dis-

trict shows will participate in the regular show classes which will feature horses at halter, showmanship and the performance classes of Western pleasure, Western horsemanship, reining, pole bending and barrel racing.

The open invitational portion of the state show begins on Wednesday, July 23, at 7:30 a.m. with competition in the English classes of hunter hack, working hunter and jumping. Open competition in cutting, break-away roping and judged roping will follow.

Drill team competition will be held at 7:30 a.m. the following morning. Finals in all the open classes will be held Thursday afternoon.

The regular show begins with preliminaries in showmanship at 5 p.m. Thursday.

Horses will be judged at halter beginning at 8 a.m. Friday. Preliminary competition in Western pleasure, reining and pole bending will continue throughout the day and evening.

Preliminaries in Western horsemanship and barrel racing will be conducted Saturday morning, and final competition in all classes of the regular show will begin at 2 p.m. An awards program will conclude the state show.

Honorary show chairman is Tarrant County Judge Mike Moncrief, with Gene L. Dunbar, vice president and trust officer, Fort Worth National Bank, serving as show chairman.

Among show judges will be Dale Wilkinson of Findlay, Ohio, George Cheatham of Tulsa, Okla., Jim Heird of Wilkesboro, N. C. and Elvin Blackwell of Dallas.

According to Yeates, a horseman's handicrafts show will also be a part of the total show program.

Ben Murphy will be representing the Borden Co. 4-H Club.

## Locals

Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Earl Weathers and four daughters of Ft. Worth were weekend visitors of Ruth Weathers and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Graham of Lake Jackson visited over the weekend with her father, J. P. Ellis and other relatives.

Earl Cary and Mrs. Modell Glasscock and family have been recent visitors at Tyler with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Erda Lewis of Big Spring have been recent visitors in the Paul Gordon home at Lake Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Dell Murry and family have returned from San Marcos where Mr. Murry has been in school the past several weeks.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Buchanan of Big Spring during the weekend were Donelle and Carla Jones, and Debbie Herring of Fluvanna.

Visiting the Don Jones family this week is Jeff Willard from Borger, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Royce Patterson and Tommy have just returned from Colorado and New Mexico, where they have been vacationing this past week.

## TOWER ALKS

by U.S. Senator for Texas  
**JOHN TOWER**



WASHINGTON—Crime pays. That's the grim truth. It's time we faced up to it.

Figures released by the FBI for 1973 reveal that there were 8,638,400 major crimes reported in America. This included 19,510 murders, 51,000 forcible rapes, 382,680 robberies, 416,270 aggravated assaults and 2,540,900 burglaries.

Expressed another way, there were 16 serious crimes committed each minute; one violent crime every 36 seconds; a forcible rape every 10 minutes; a robbery every 82 seconds; an aggravated assault every 76 seconds; a burglary every 12 seconds; a larceny or theft every 7 seconds. That was in 1973. The crime rate has risen substantially since then.

The victims pay by far the highest price for this veritable epidemic of crime. But crime bears a price tag that all of us must pay. That price last year was nearly \$90 billion.

U.S. News & World Report magazine calculated that in 1974, organized crime—through its interests in gambling, narcotics, hijacked goods and loansharking—took \$37.2 billion from the American people. Crimes against property and business totalled \$21.3 billion. Other crimes, such as homicides, assaults and drunken driving, added up to \$9.5 billion. Law enforcement costs were \$14.6 billion, and private crime fighting costs totaled \$6 billion.

Experts list a wide variety of "causes" of crime, but it should be clear to all of us that the principal cause of crime is criminals. And for far too many criminals, crime does pay. The risk they run is too small, compared with the profits, to be an effective deterrent.

FBI statistics reveal that only about 21 percent of all serious crimes are "cleared" by arrests. Only about 5 percent are "solved" by convictions. And a steadily diminishing percentage of those convicted are being sent to prison. The prison population in all state and federal penitentiaries is smaller now than it was in 1960, although a vastly greater number of crimes are being committed each year.

The principal problem, I'm convinced, is with our courts. Our criminal justice system has become heavily biased in favor of the criminal, at the expense of the victims of crime and law-abiding society as a whole. The time for reform is long overdue.

We can, I'm certain, carry out the prosecution of criminals efficiently and with justice, without endangering the civil liberties of the innocent. We did for nearly 200 years before the "reforms" of the Warren Court. We are all in favor of due process for the accused, but we should never forget that the potential victim has just as much right not to be violently molested as the person accused of such crimes has to a fair trial and a skillful defense.

# The Snyder Rodeo

July 16-19

Time:  
8:00 P.M.

Place:  
Scurry Coliseum



# Safety Week Proclaimed

AUSTIN - Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Week has been set by Governor Dolph Briscoe beginning July 25, 1975.

The week-long emphasis will highlight farm and ranch accident prevention, through programs conducted by the Texas Safety Association, Texas Farm Bureau, State Agricultural Extension Service, Future Farmers and Future Homemakers, and the Young Farmers of Texas.

Records show that 285 Texas farm and ranch residents died in 1974, an increase over the 214 fatal accidents which occurred in 1973. Accidents involving traffic, tractors and causes of fatalities in 1974.

"Farmers and ranchers have become increasingly concerned with the various agricultural safety regulations issued by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)," according to Joe L. Smetana, Texas Safety Association Vice President for Farm and Ranch Safety.

"Of particular concern due to recent regulations are the certification or licensing of farmers and ranchers to use restricted pesticides, and the roll over protective structures

for farm tractors," explained Smetana, who is Safety Director for the Texas Farm Bureau. Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Week, Gov. Briscoe urged "all who live and work on Texas farms and ranches to put safety first, to plan for accident prevention and to work diligently to remove hazards in agricultural environments."

The Texas week coincides with National Farm Safety Week, as declared by President Ford.

Excuses  
for not wearing  
safety belts  
killed 7000  
last year.

What's your excuse?

With pre-telethon activities in full-swing Carroll W. Schubert, Texas telethon coordinator, said that Democratic National Telethon IV is expected to be more productive -- both financially and politically -- than in past years for both state and national parties.

Schubert said because of pre-telethon events in Texas and other states, unofficially more than \$800,000 has been pledged nationally with over \$300,000 coming from Texas.

Before Telethon IV goes on the air, \$1.5 million must be raised in order to pay for air time and production costs.

Approximately 20 ABC affiliates will carry the 20 1/2 hour July 26-27. In Texas, 15 stations will carry the show beginning at 8 p.m. (CDT) Saturday and ending at 6 p.m. (CDT) Sunday.

The program will originate live from Los Angeles, where Executive Producer Eric Lieber is now in the process of coordinating Telethon IV's production content and guests.

Texas will again have special segments during the telecast featuring Democrats from throughout the state. These special 10-minute portions will originate from the Fairmont Hotel in Dallas and will be broadcast to 15 Texas stations over a special network.

Producer of the Texas portions is Gordon Wynne, Jr. of Wills Point, an attorney, State Demo-

cratic Executive Committee member and former production coordinator of the Hallmark Hall of Fame. Wynne has served as producer of the Texas portions for the past three years.

This year's theme of "Tune-In America" will provide a mix of the top names in entertainment and politics and 1976 presidential aspirants including U. S. Senator Lloyd Bentsen of Texas.

The Democratic Party of Texas will receive half the funds raised in Texas in connection


with the telethon.

Telethon committees in each of the 50 states will organize 100,000 volunteers for door-to-door and telephone canvassing and direct mail programs asking the public to watch and contribute.

Volunteers will man phone banks in 15 Texas cities to receive pledges. Up to the minute Texas totals will be broadcast during the special Texas segments.

Schubert said pre-telethon activities in Texas were given a

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By K. T. Reddell.

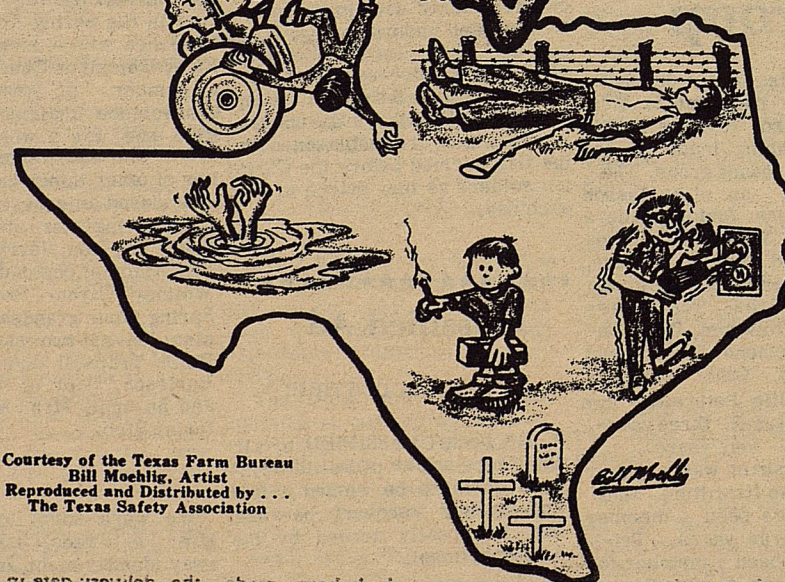
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SUNDAY	7-13	93	65	0

## AN UNWELCOME HARVEST!



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**Big Spring**  
Cinema

7-16-22 FOUR MUSKETEERS  
7-16 Kid show-LITTLE RASCALS  
7-18 Late Show-LUST COMBO

**Lamesa**  
Sky-Vue Drive In

7-16-19 FRAMED-FRANKENSTEIN MONSTER FROM HELL  
7-20-22 STEPMOTHER-STEPDAUGHTER

Movies

Movies 7-16-17 ALICE DOESN'T LIVE HERE ANYMORE  
7-16 Kid Show THE TOMBOY AND THE CHAMP  
7-18-22 APPLE DUMPLING GANG

**Snyder**  
Tiger Drive In

7-16-19 POSSE-THREE TOUGH GUYS  
7-20-22 ME CAI DE LA NUBE

Cinema I

7-16-22 BENJI

Cinema II

7-16-17 TOWERING INFERNO  
7-16 Kid Show-SNOWFIRE  
7-18-22 WHITE LINE FEVVR

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real boost recently when National Chairman Robert Strauss and National Treasurer Edward Bennett Williams visited Texas. The two Democratic leaders along with State Chairman Calvin Guest of Bryan held news conferences and attended receptions in Houston, Austin and Dallas to officially kickoff telethon activities in the state.

More than 96,000 pre-telethon envelopes have been mailed out in Texas to Democratic County Chairmen, SDEC members, DNC members, State Senators and Representatives, Democratic Women's Clubs, Young Democrats Clubs, and other groups and organizations.

Local coordinators in more than 15 Texas cities are busy setting up phone banks, organizing telethon-watching parties, and conducting door-to-door canvassing.

"With all the new laws regarding campaign financing, the past three telethons have provided the backbone for state party financing," said Schubert. "Proceeds from last year's telethon went toward state party office operating expenses, to help with our affirmative action program, and in part to pay for our state convention. This year's proceeds will pay for continuing these programs," added Schubert.

Democratic telethons of past years have proven their ability to raise substantial funds. The first telethon in 1972 grossed \$4 million; 1973 and 1974 grossed \$4.3 and \$5.4 million respectively.

Last year Texas ranked third behind California and New York when more than \$50,000 was pledged in Texas.

Schubert said the telethon concept has demonstrated the Democratic Party's commitment to the reform of political fund-raising procedures; provided a needed and valuable unifying element; and motivated and involved thousands of volunteer workers.

"I expect this year's telethon to follow this tradition of being the most effective and positive activity in our Party's modern history," said Schubert.

Television stations carrying the broadcast in Texas are as follows: KTXS - Abilene, KVII - Amarillo, KVUE - Austin, KBMT - Beaumont, KWAB - Big Spring, KIII - Corpus Christi, WFAA - Dallas, KTRK - Houston, KMCC - Lubbock, KTRE - Lufkin, KSAT - San Antonio, KLTU - Tyler, KXIX - Victoria, KELP - El Paso, and KMOM - Monahans.

## SEEDS FROM THE SOWER

By Michael A. Guido, Metter, Georgia



A brilliant university student from a wealthy family leaped to his death. In his room was found this note: "There is utterly no hope."

Hopelessness is sometimes caused by sin. No one can stop a shell after it has left the gun. It goes to its mark, and explodes, dealing destruction. So it is with sin. No one can stop the consequence of a sin after it has been committed.


Hopelessness is sometimes caused by sorrow. Every man wants a life that is easy. But life is not that way. It knocks a man down. He gets up, but it knocks him down again. All of us have our troubles.

Hopelessness is sometimes caused by separation. Time goes, but death comes. It devours lambs as well as sheep. There is no medicine against death. It is destined that men shall die.

Is there no hope? There is. Where? Psalm 130:7 answers, "In the Lord: for with Him there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption."

There is no sin too foul for Him to forgive and no temptation too strong for the Lord to subdue. There is no heartache too deep for Him to heal. And the fear of death is canceled by faith in Christ. So hope in the Lord!

# Texas Taxes



By BOB BULLOCK, State Comptroller

Austin- Little leagues and other youth sports organizations across Texas will get a couple of tax breaks starting September 1.

This tax relief comes as the result of a small tax reduction bill passed by the Legislature.

The sales tax division of my office will prepare rules and regulations for provisions in the new law which will exempt little league sporting groups from having to pay sales tax on the uniforms and equipment they use.

But let me point out that the legislation is very specific in stating that the new exemptions applies only to a league organization itself and does not apply to individuals who play in that league.

This means that league officers can go to the sporting goods store and buy uniforms and equipment for everyone playing in the league and that purchase won't be subject to the sales tax. But Johnny or Johnny's dad will still have to pay the sales tax when they make purchases individually.

Another very important part of the new law specifies that this exemption applies only to organizations in which all participants are less than 19 years old.

Between now and September 1 when the new law takes effect, any and all

items purchased by these young sports groups will continue to be subject to the sales tax.

As the date of the new law's effectiveness nears my office will be contacting as many sporting stores as possible and explain the new law. We want to give them as much information as possible so they will know for certain when the exemption applies and when it doesn't.

Little League groups also will receive property tax relief from the new tax bill effective September 1. Under this provision all property owned by any non-profit organization which uses that property for youth sports programs will be exempt from all ad valorem property taxes.

I expect that the state will lose very little revenue because of these new exemptions. On the other hand, these exemptions can mean a lot to the groups involved in making ends meet.

There tax breaks were, of course, an attempt by the Legislature to encourage and assist more widespread development of youth sporting programs as a means of giving our young people healthy outlets for their energy and spare time.

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## The Consumer Alert

by John L. Hill  
Attorney General

AUSTIN—Ever see a child's face light up when he is given that first puppy or kitten? It's enough to make almost bearable.

But our Attorney General's Consumer Protection lawyers say that some persons who purchase pets occasionally get far more than they expect—or want.

They may get animals that appear healthy but quickly get sick; they may discover that an animal is not as represented to them; or they may find for some reason, perhaps size or temperament, that the animal simply doesn't fit into the family.

In cases where misrepresentation of merchandise or other false, misleading, or deceptive sales practices have occurred, consumers who purchase pets have recourse under the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices-Consumer Protection Act.

But otherwise, if a consumer just has second thoughts about the purchase, there could be some disappointment. That's because no store is required to give refunds or exchanges, although many do so to maintain customer good will.

Our Consumer Protection Division has had complaints from several pet purchasers. In one case, a man ordered and paid in advance for a lion cub. Later, after talking it over with his wife, he changed his mind and requested a refund. The pet store owner refused, saying he had already ordered the cub from a supplier and couldn't cancel the order.

Another complaint involved an out-of-state consumer who ordered a woolly monkey from a Texas seller. After arrangements and payment had been made, the seller backed out of the deal.

Even though the consumer's money was refunded in this instance she still was unhappy since what she really wanted was the monkey.

Such examples illustrate the fact that, with pet purchases, as with all others, the consumer should check refund and exchange policies in advance.

Far more common than complaints involving exotic pets such as these, however, are problems some consumers have with purchase of domestic pets. In some cases, purchasers of expensive pedigreed dogs or cats are told proper registration papers and "family trees" will be sent by mail, but never receive the information. Without such papers, an animal may be less valuable for breeding, and may be unable to enter shows and competitions.

Other problems can arise when an animal becomes ill after it is taken home. While many pet stores or individual breeders offer money-back guarantees if an animal gets sick within a few days after purchase, some diseases don't show up for weeks. Some conditions, such as hip dysplasia, a disabling condition affecting certain large dog breeds, may not show up for a year or more.

Our Consumer Protection attorneys recommend the following precautions: (1) Get all promises or guarantees about an animal or about refund and exchange policies in writing; (2) Always have a veterinarian inspect the animal before the purchase or immediately after it; and (3) Ask for an animal's registration papers or bloodline information at the time of purchase. If they are unavailable, get a delivery date in writing.

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**THE  
REAGAN  
COLUMN**

John Kenneth Galbraith, who seems determined to prove that economics is an inexact science, has written a new book, "Economics and the Public Purpose."

It has one major surprise. After asserting that "market arrangements in our economy have given us inadequate housing, terrible mass transportation, of other miseries," for the first time, to my knowledge, he gives socialism as the answer.

Like so many of his philosophical brethren, Galbraith is obsessed with the idea of central control of the economy and the allocation of resources, such as your earnings and your labor.

Recently, he joined with some friends in something called the Initiative Committee for National Economic Planning. "Economic planning," presumably, is the code word for "socialism."

With tongue in cheek, the National Review described Galbraith and his fellow committee members as "bold young radicals." No wonder, because the committee included such old central planning fans as Robert Heilbroner, Gunnar Myrdal, Michael Harrington, Arthur Schlesinger Jr., Leonard Woodcock and even Betty Furness.

Galbraith and his friends seem more interested in dealing with fairy tales than reality. Looking at his quotation above, I wonder where he's been. Already I have lived 10 years longer than my life expectancy when I was born (to the probable annoyance of some).

At that time, something between half and two-thirds of our people lived in what we would describe as substandard housing. Today, fewer than 10 per cent do. And, today 99 per cent have gas and electricity in their homes; 96 per cent have television sets, thus access to information.

And, we have more churches, libraries and voluntary support for more symphonies, operas and nonprofit theaters than the rest of the world put together.

Yet, Galbraith & Co. beat the drums incessantly for the control and order that come with central planning.

For a sample of the paradise such planning can produce, we need only look at India and East Germany, to name two.

Better yet, we could emulate a great nation more our size, a nation of some 250 million capable people and one rich in natural resources. The Kremlin has had nearly 60 years in which to make socialism work.

We could be just like the Russians, though it would take a bit of doing.

We'd have to cut our paychecks back by more than 80 per cent; move 33 million workers back to the farm; destroy 59 million television sets; tear up 14 out of every 15 miles of highway; junk 19 of every 20 automobiles; rip up two-thirds of our railroad track; knock down 15 per cent of our houses and remove nine out of every 10 telephones.

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## THE SCIENTISTS TELL ME ...

By Robert L. Haney, Science Writer  
The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station

### Future Safaris In Texas Can Promote Big Game

Exotic game herds in Texas have grown from a few odd animals kept as a curiosity to dozens of herds involving thousands of animals.

At a time when world population pressures and the demand for protein has resulted in thinning of many wild herds, Texas has begun a serious expansion of big game numbers.

Some of the big ranches of Texas, working with the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences of the Agricultural Experiment Station and some of the big zoos in the state, have imported and multiplied more than two dozen kinds of big game animals.

At present, the eight most important (together with their estimated numbers) are: axis deer, 6,450 on 69 ranches; 4,125 blackbuck antelope on 56 ranches; 1,300 aoudad sheep on 40 ranches; 10,000 mouflon sheep on 121 ranches; 10,000 European wild boar on over 100 ranches; 4,000 nilgai antelope on 7 ranches; 875 sika deer on 22 ranches; and 445 fallow deer on 43 ranches.

Dr. James Teer, head of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences for the Experiment Station, is project leader of the Caesar Kleberg Research Program in Wildlife Ecology. This privately-funded program has assisted in the rapid expansion of this important new source of income to many Texas ranches.

More and more ranchers are realizing that wildlife can be an income producer that rivals their domestic livestock. In many places in North America, wildlife resources on private lands are being recognized as an economic asset that needs to be encouraged, guarded and harvested.

Present trends in many of the 50 states where there is little public land suggest that we are adopting the traditional European system of producing and harvesting game animals. This not only involves the big game species but smaller mammals, upland game birds and migratory birds.

Commercialization of hunting takes many forms, but the basic point is that

money is paid for hunting recreation. "The displeasure that many Americans feel toward commercialization of hunting and fishing is well known to sociologists and wildlife ecologists," Teer says. "Our society feels that hunting and fishing is an expression of their heritage and that to pay for something that has been their right takes the purity and pleasure from the sport."

"However, the ethics and morality of reward-

ing those who produce is also deeply ingrained into American culture. Therefore, it seems appropriate that those who own and manage the land should be rewarded for their protection and management of wildlife in whatever form it occurs.

"This need not imply that production of wildlife should be directed toward economic gain alone, but for those who do allocate resources of range forage and the like, some reward system is merited.

"Such an allocation of resources is a basic decision in any land use program, and wildlife production must compete economically with other uses of the land.

"One especially interesting development from the sale of season leases  
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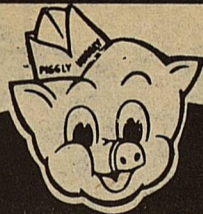
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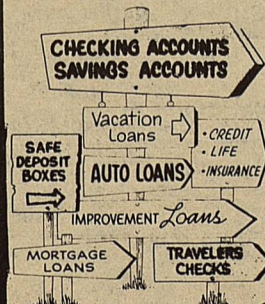
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has been the development of family-oriented weekend and holiday recreation centers. Landowners are beginning to attract more of the recreation market by improving facilities and offering additional activities for all members of the family.

"Fishing in streams and stockpond, horseback riding, hiking, camping and photographing wildlife and nature are other facets of leasing programs that are becoming important.

"Income from all these sources is encouraging landowners to help increase both native game and the imported big game animals," Teer concluded.

*Editor's Note -- Any questions regarding this column should be addressed to Science Writer, Dept. of Agricultural Communications, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas 77843.*

## State Classes Year's First Cotton Bale

AUSTIN--The first bale of the 1975-76 United States cotton crop was classed June 23 at the Harlingen Cotton Classing Office, Agriculture Commissioner John C. White has reported.

Last year's first bale was classed on June 11, 1974.

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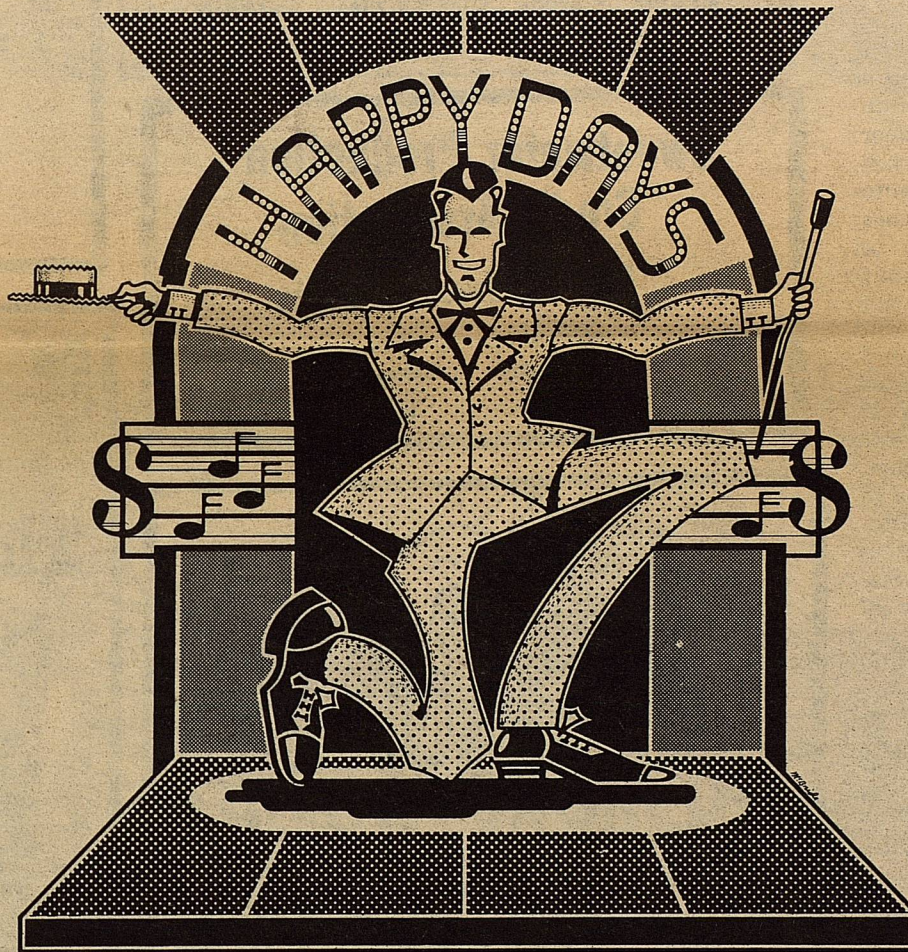
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