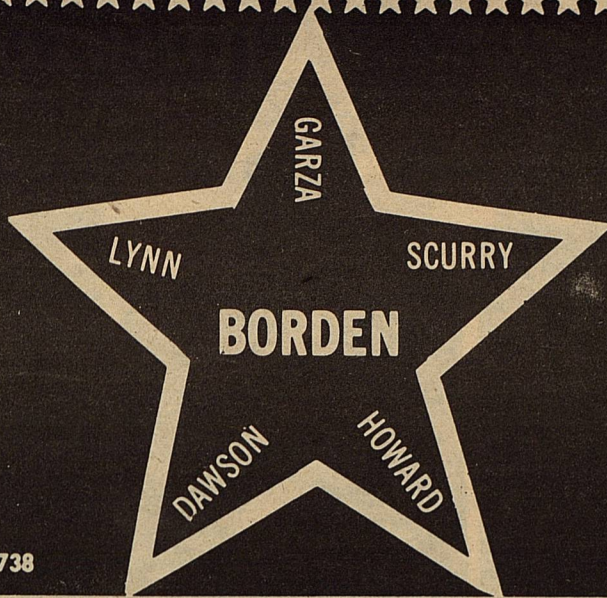


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Most Beautiful



MISS DINA WALLACE was chosen "MOST BEAUTIFUL" of BORDEN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL in the pageant held Thursday evening in the High School Auditorium. DINA is from the home of MR. and MRS. DEAN NEWSOM.

FHA Sponsors Name Contest

In conjunction with the Borden County Bicentennial Committee, the Future Homemakers of America are sponsoring a contest for the naming of their Bicentennial Celebration and their cookbook. The name given the celebration will serve as name of their book. The winner will receive a special

award, along with the honor of a special presentation at the celebration.

All ages are encouraged to participate. Judging will be done by an appointed committee. Entries may be on an official entry blank or on a 3 x 5 piece of paper.

Below is an official entry blank.

NAME OF CELEBRATION _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NO: _____

SEND ENTRIES TO F.H.A. BOX 95
GAIL, TEXAS 79738.

DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 1, 1975

Elected Director

Leon Sterling of Ira was elected director of Zone II of the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Directors at an election held for the Zone at the Union Community Center Tuesday, October 7.

Mr. Sterling a row crop and stock farmer is an active participant in community and County activities. He serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Scurry County Farm Bureau and is a past-president of that organization. He is also a member of the Scurry County Fair Board and a Deacon in the Ira Baptist Church. He replaced former director Leroy Key who was not a candidate for re-election.

Sterling's term of office on the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District Board is for five years.

Zone II includes all of the area of Scurry County lying west of State Highway 208 and South of U.S. Highway 84 to the Colorado River.

Resurgence Of Cotton Market

The cotton market is showing signs of resurgence after being in the doldrums for more than a year. However, Texas farmers won't be able to capitalize too much on the improved prices because they planted only a limited number of acres of cotton this year.

"The price of lint cotton from the 1975 crop should average about 40 cents a pound," believes Charles Baker, a marketing economist. "The August 27 spot price taken from a 10-market average for strict low middling cotton with one-and-one-sixteenth-inch fiber was 50.43 cents per pound, the highest for past 12 months and 15.5 cents above the season low."

The economist looks for prices to remain steady over the next month or so and then possibly to move up a bit. He sees a strong market over the long

run due to a short crop nationwide and a strengthening in the demand for cotton by textile mills. Mills are once again looking favorably at cotton due to increased prices in synthetic fibers which are by-products of petroleum.

"As far as the Texas crop is concerned, farmers planted some 4.5 million acres, and about 4 million of these will be harvested," notes the specialist. "This means harvested acres will be down about 400,000 from last year. However, yields are expected to average about 340 pounds per acre, up almost 70 pounds from a poor 1974 crop."

The Texas crop should produce some 2.8 million bales, with the entire crop grossing more than \$670 million. This would be up \$125 million from 1974.

"Cotton acreage was cut back drastically this year due to poor market prices last year and in early 1975," points out Baker. "Most of the state's crop is in the South Plains where almost 2 million acres are expected to be harvested and should account for about 1.5 million bales.

Harvesting is nearing completion in South Texas and has started in South Central and Southeast Texas and in the Central Texas Blacklands. Heavy rains at the beginning of the South Texas harvest caused heavy losses. Insect damage has been severe in parts of Central and West Texas and will contribute to lower yields.

Cowbelles Elect Officers

The Tejas Cowbelles met Tuesday at Furr's Cafeteria with Mrs. Harry Middleton presiding.

A slate of new officers was elected. They are Mrs. J. M. Sterling, president; Mrs. T. M. Griffin, vice president; Mrs. Aubry Stokes, secretary; Miss Zane Neal, treasurer; and Mrs. William Gressett, reporter.

Reports were given on the success of the Cowbelles' booths at Howard County Fair and Scurry County Fair.

Mrs. J. M. Sterling will attend the Cowbelles con-

vention to be held Oct. 20-21 in Fort Worth.

Tejas Cowbelles have started their promotional work on "Having A Red Christmas," by selling beef gift certificates.

Anyone interested in joining the Cowbelles is invited to attend the next meeting to be held at 10 a.m. Nov. 11 in Furr's Cafeteria. The Cowbelles are women interested in promoting beef consumption.

Howard County Arts & Crafts Fair

What better way to celebrate our Bi-centennial year than with an Arts & Craft Fair? The 2nd annual 4-H Arts & Craft Fair has been set for the 6th and 7th of December. The planning committee met recently and we would like to pass on to you the plans as they develop.

Booths will be sold as last year at five dollars (\$5.00) for a 10 ft. by 10 ft. space. If two people desire to purchase a booth together the fee will be seven-fifty (\$7.50). No more than two people may purchase a booth together. Table and chairs will be available to rent or participants may furnish their own. A 10% commission on sales will be charged.

The Fair will be held in the Dora Roberts Foundation Building at the Fair grounds in Big Spring. There will be no admission fee. The fair will run from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday December 6th, and from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday December 7th. The Building will be opened by 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning for participants to set up. There will be a night watchman on duty Saturday night.

You may make your booth reservations by calling the County Extension Office 267-6671, or writing Howard County Extension Office, P.O. Box 790 Big Spring, Texas 79720.

BORDEN COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION

There will be a general meeting of the Borden County Junior Livestock Association on Monday evening, October 27, at 7:00 P.M. in the vocational agriculture classroom, Borden High School. All members are urged to attend as officers and directors for the new year will be selected.

Borden School



County News



CREIGHTON TAYLOR, "MOST HANDSOME" AND DINA WALLACE, "MOST BEAUTIFUL".



MISS DINA WALLACE, CARRYING RED ROSES, TAKES HER FIRST WALK AS "MOST BEAUTIFUL" OF BORDEN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL.



RUNNERS UP FOR "MOST BEAUTIFUL"-R to L 1st Runner up, Miss Tricia Jackson, 2nd Runner-up, Miss Lisa McLeroy, 3rd Runner-up, Gay Griffin, and 4th Runner-up Deidre Tucker.



THE TOP TEN FINALISTS WERE L to R: KATHY UNDERWOOD, RHESA WOLF, LISA MCLEROY, PENNYE THOMPSON, GAY GRIFFIN, TRICIA JACKSON, DINA WALLACE, JULIE BUCHANAN, DEIDRE TUCKER, AND BICA BAEZA.

Beauty Contest

The Borden High School Beauty Contest, sponsored by the Annual Staff started promptly Thursday night with the Mistress of ceremony, Philena Farmer, introducing the twenty-nine contestants, who were: Bica Baeza, Donelle Jones, Deidre Tucker, Wanda Johnson, Debbie Herring, Cindy Beaver, Liz Ledbetter, Julie Buchanan, Dina Wallace, Martha Anderson, Kristy Smith, Tricia Jackson, Lisa Hensley, Gay Griffin, Sue Hancock, Penny Thompson, Lisa McLeroy, Mary Ledbetter, Sylvia Espinoza, Rita Baeza, Twila Telchik, Carol Burkett, Cheryl Cockrum, Rhesa Wolf, Denise Currey, Gail Grose, Lupe Vidal, Kathy Underwood, and Melita Keim. After the girls had been introduced wearing their street clothes, they quickly changed into their beautiful long dresses. When their numbers were called, they strolled one by one out onto a boardwalk which Corkey Ogden and Johnny Kite helped Mrs. Netta Jarrett design and build.

As parents, grandparents, and friends waited for the judges to select the top ten girls, they were entertained with songs by the Royal Non-Such led by Mr. Jim Parker.

The judges selected Bica Baeza, Deidre Tucker, Julie Buchanan, Dina Wallace, Tricia Jackson, Gay Griffin, Penny Thompson, Lisa McLeroy, Rhesa Wolf and Kathy Underwood as the top ten. Of these ten, Deidre Tucker, Dina Wallace, Tricia Jackson, Gay Griffin and Lisa McLeroy was chosen as the final five contestants. Each of the five girls had a difficult question to answer as the final test which would indicate, poise, beauty, and in-

telligence.

The suspense built up as the judges studied each girl again to make a joint decision on the winner. The fourth runner-up was Deidre Tucker; third, Gay Griffin; second, Lisa McLeroy; first, Tricia Jackson and the winner was Dina Wallace. She was crowned by last year's winner, Kevva Tucker. Creighton Taylor, who had just been selected as the Most Handsome Boy of Borden County High School then presented her with a bouquet of roses and a kiss.

Darrin Tucker and Bob McLeroy were runners-up for the Most Handsome Boy

Coyotes Record 5-1

The Borden Coyotes turned the Loop Longhorns every way but loose Friday night downing them 60-19. Richard Long started the scoring with a 3 yard run. Long also ran the extra points to take a 8- lead. Joe Zant passed to Larry Simer for 14 yards and the second touchdown. Extra points failed and the score was 14-0 at the end of the first quarter.

The second quarter was a big one for the Coyotes as they scored 22 points. Joe Zant ran for 8 yards for the next touchdown then passed to Matt Farmer for the extra points. Richard Long ran 28 yards to score another touchdown. The extra points failed. Joe Zant passed to Richard Long for a 58 yard



INTERENTAINMENT FOR THE BEAUTY PAGEANT WAS PIANISTS GLYNDA BURKETT AND KAREN WILLIAMS AND THE ROYAL NON-SUCH.



touchdown. Extra points failed again. Zant then passed to Matt Farmer for a 20 yard scoring play. Zant ran the extra points to take a 36-0 halftime lead.

In the third quarter Joe Zant passed to Genen Cooley for a 55 yard scoring play with Richard Long running the extra points. Loop scored on a 60 yard run by Rod Hand. Joe Zant passed to Richard Long for a 6 yard touchdown. Zant ran the extra points.

Loop's Rod Hand came back with a 30 yard touchdown. Joe Zant again found Richard Long open and hit him for a 35 yard touchdown. Gene Cooley ran the extra points. Loop made the last touchdown on a 6 yard run by

Gary Smith. The final score was 60-19.

The Coyotes go to Garden City this Friday for their third zone game. Garden City was defeated by Dawson last week 55-8.



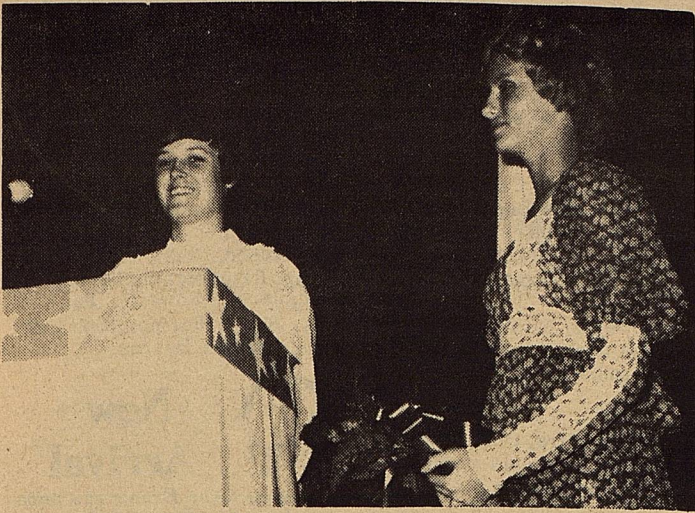
HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCHEDULE 1975

* Oct. 24	Garden City	T
*** Oct. 31	Wellman	H
* Nov. 6	Klondike	T

* Indicates district games *** Indicates Homecoming

JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL

Oct. 23	Open	
Oct. 30	Wellman	T 6:30



MISS PHILENA FARMER, Mistress of Ceremonies, and last year's MOST BEAUTIFUL, Miss Kevva Tucker.



MRS. NETTA JARRETT IS PRESENTED FLOWERS AND GIFTS BY PHILENA FARMER AND KEVVA TUCKER



MRS. SHARON HUDDLESTON'S SENIOR ENGLISH CLASS HONORED HER WITH A GOING-AWAY PARTY FRIDAY MORNING. Shown with her are her senior students from left to right-back row- Wanda Johnson, Jim Buchanan, Phil Boyd, Kendall Davis, Randy Hagins, and Creighton Taylor. Middle Row-Mary Ledbetter, Bica Baeza, and Philena Farmer. Front- Melita Keim, Debbie Herring, Donelle Jones, Deidre Tucker, and Cindy Beaver.

Borden Jr. High Remains Undefeated

The Borden Jr. High made it 5 wins without a loss by beating Loop 38-22 Friday afternoon. The first touchdown for the Coyotes was made by GCraig Peterson on a 12 yard run. The extra points failed and Borden had a 6-0 lead. Craig Peterson also made the second touchdown for the Coyotes. The extra points were made by a pass from Blane Dyess to Craig Peterson.

Loop came back with the next score to make it 14-6. Blane Dyess ran the next score from 10 yards out. Craig Peterson ran the extra points to take a 22-6 lead. Craig Peterson ran his third touchdown before the half to increase the lead. Ben Murphy tacked on the extra points to make it 30-6 at half. During the half the Pee Wees

had a short offensive scrimmage with Jym Rinehart running 65 yards on the first play for the only score.

Loop came back with two second half touchdowns to close the gap to 30-22. Borden scored last on a screen pass from Blane Dyess to Mark Walker that covered 35 yards. Craig Peterson ran the extra points to make the final score 38-22.

School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District met in a regular meeting on Monday, September 20, 1975. After the routine business of minutes and bills, sealed bids were opened for the purpose of purchasing a tractor. The bids were as follows: Wayland Taylor Inc. of Lamesa-John Deere-\$2153.89 O'Donnell Implement of O'Donnell-International-\$2307.50 Costin Implement of Colorado City-Ford-\$2262.0, Cox Implement of Lamesa-Massey-Ferguson-\$1771.96, Snyder

Truck & Tractor of Snyder-International-\$21,84.45, Lamesa Tractor & Motor Co. of Lamesa -International-\$2094.00, Goldthwaite's of Texas (Ft. Worth)-Toro Groundmaster \$4500.00.

The bid was accepted from Cox Implement of Lamesa for a Massey-Ferguson Tractor. The following bids were then opened for the purpose of selling four used school buses: Northline Bus Center, Inc. of Houston, '65 for 867.0, '66 for 877.0, '67 for 1,327.00, '69 for 2,431.0.

TX School Bus Sales Center of Austin, '65 for 867.0, '66 for 633.0, '67 for 1,127.0, '69 for 1,665.00. The bid was accepted from the Northline Bus Center, Inc. of Houston.

The Superintendent gave a Year-To-Date financial report as well as a report on school attendance. There are 71 students in high school and 15 in elementary school making the total attendance 226.

A report was given on the 1976 football district. The teams to make up the District 3-B are Sands (Ackerly), Forsan, Borden County (Gail), Glasscock (Garden City), Jayton, Klondike, Loraine, New Home, Roby, Sterling City, Dawson (Welch), and Wilson.

The Final Application for Foundation Funds was approved by the Board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

District 3-B Football Teams

Borden County Schools will go into 11-Man football in the fall of 1976. The new football alignments for Conference B Schools are as follows: Sands (Ackerly), Forsan, Borden County (Gail), Glasscock County (Garden City), Jayton, Klondike (Lamesa), Loraine, New Home, Roby, Sterling City, Dawson (Welch), Wilson.

District 3-B will be zoned, however at this printing, we do not have the results of the work of the District Executive Committee.

Basketball OCTOBER 28

The High School A girls team will play Ira There at 6:30 The Junior High school Girls will also play Ira There on this date.

Going Away Party

Mrs. Sharon Huddleston, English teacher for Borden High School, was given a going-away party by her senior students Friday morning.

Mrs. Huddleston is taking a six weeks leave of absence. She is expecting her second child this month but plans to return to work soon.

Seniors Meet

The Class of '76 held a meeting on Tuesday, October 14, 1975.

Plans were made for the concession stand for the basketball games on October 21, 1975.

Creighton Taylor was elected king candidate and Mary Ledbetter was elected queen candidate for the harvest carnival.

Further plans were made for the turkey shoot and wild cat show which will be held on November 8, 1975. It was decided to have the Bingo and slave sale at the harvest carnival.

Seniors will also have a bake sale on October 31, 1975 before the Homecoming game. /s/ Debbie Herring

Gail FFA News

Mark Ellison, state FFA President, from Rosebud, Texas, will speak to the high school student assembly on Wednesday, October 29 at 9:00 A.M. He will visit in our school until 9:45 A.M. FFA members will meet with Mark, following the assembly program.



SENIOR BAKE SALE
October 31, 1975
Before Homecoming game

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NOTICE TO SERVING

MOTHERS:



TIME TO SERVE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2:30--3:00 if you have any questions, contact your room mother....

School Menu

Monday

Burritos
English Pea Salad
Carrot Sticks
Cherry Cobbler
Milk

Tuesday

Meatballs with Tomato Sauce
Buttered Rice
Green Beans
Pineapple Slice
Milk

Wednesday

Vegetable Beef Stew
Peanut Butter and Crackers
Peach Cobbler
Cornbread and Butter
Milk

Thursday

Hamburger Pie
Mexican Bean Salad
Applesauce
Plain Cake with Chocolate Icing
Milk

Friday

Dinner Steaks with Gravy
Buttered Corn
Lettuce Wedge
Batter Bread
Cinnamon Rolls
Milk

Sell Christmas Ribbons & Wrapping

The F.H.A. girls now have Christmas paper and ribbon on sale. The money raised will be used for the F.H.A. and F.F.A. Banquet. If you wish to purchase any paper or ribbon, contact any F.H.A. member. The deadline is October 24, 1975. Delivery date will be approximately November 15. By Debbie Herring

★★ Bicentennial ★★

Turkey Shoot

Gun and Wildcat Show

Sponsored By — Borden County High School Senior Class

Saturday, Nov. 8, 1975

9:00 A. M. 'TIL DARK 9:00 A. M. 'TIL DARK

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Jere's Greetings

As we prepare to celebrate the 20th birthday of declaring ourselves independent and fighting to become a sovereign nation of sovereign states, is it not a propitious time to reaffirm that sovereignty? What a super birthday gift we could give ourselves by getting US out of the U.N. Not only would we be re-claiming our sovereignty but the gift wouldn't cost US a red cent. In fact, by canceling our membership we would save a wad of cents which turn Red once deposited in the U.N. account.

October 24th is annually proclaimed U.N. Day. Some prefer to call it Day of Shame. Here-after I shall refer to the date as Day of Shame and don't let me hear of any of you celebrating or observing U.N. Day. The thirty years since the founding of the U.N. have not given sovereign nations any cause for celebration. Those years have been a drain on the few free nations who have supported the U.N. Those years have not freed any single nation from the bonds of slavery. In fact, more people are enslaved today than 30 years ago—North Korea—South and North Vietnam—Cambodia—Laos—Hungary—Portugal Africa—Who else?

In 1776 our forefathers declared themselves independent of oppressing British rule. We became unique in the history of mankind. It was the first time that a nation had been founded upon the principles that all men are created equal and with certain inalienable rights—under God. No other nation had ever granted that man's rights come from God—not a government. Since a government does not grant life, liberty or the pursuit of happiness, then a government cannot take these rights away.

The principles set forth in the Declaration of Independence aren't faring too well these days of shame. Our independence as a sovereign nation has fewer defenders now than 200 years ago—or even 30 years ago. In fact, twas only a few years ago that July 4th was again chosen as a day of declaration. But no one was re-asserting our independence—huhuh—Presidents Eisenhower and Kennedy each in his time called for a new declaration of interdependence.

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Only last May, Mr. Ford said at a commencement address that the time had come "to write a new declaration of interdependence, among ourselves and all people". And of course, everyone knows how Mr. Kissinger stands on the question of independence—interdependence.

So who are we to be interdependent with after all these years of protecting our hard fought for independence?—the godless United Nations—that body composed of Communist tyrannies and Socialist dictatorships? Are we to abandon our heritage of freedom? If so, shall we observe Day of Shame as our birthdate of interdependence? Or shall we stand tall and shout our reaffirmation in the Declaration of Independence on every July 4th?

The best affirmation I can think of is a demand that we get out of the U.N. What a birthday gift!

Letter

Dear Editor,

Wow! I've been wearing my Mortar Board hat everywhere.. The kind letter proclaiming what Mrs. Sorrels considers my smartness is glued to my gas tank—where it is read by the most people.

As for my views on Texas' proposed Constitution, until I have made time to do justice to the subject let me call your attention to Governor Briscoe's opinion. He has succinctly said what I wish I had said—"vote against it." Briscoe has certain amendments which he is specifically against—he grants that there are some good amendments. But the bad outweigh the good—and to be selective would be difficult. Therefore, he asks that we defeat the entire proposal.

The document is nigh on impossible to read and understand even for us smarties. So, I'm going along with the Governor and voting against proposals 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, & 8. I do feel proposition 5 is in our favor and should be voted in the affirmative. There is little advantage in throwing out the wheat with the chaff-- the baby with the wash--or changing on entire constitution just for the sake of changing a few objectionable articles.

JERE HUBBARD

Locals

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Williams attended the 4-H Calf Show at Dallas Fair, where Keith showed his calf.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Burrus and Sally of Bronco spent the night with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Dee Burrus. Tommy made the Double U Bull sale and then the Youngblood Bull sale the next day.

A nice crowd came out Saturday night for the Harvest Supper at the Plains Community Center. This replaces the Thanksgiving Supper, as at that time of year everyone is busy with their crop harvest.

Mr. and Mrs. Jarrell Edwards, Janna and Melita went by Abilene and picked up La Ray Minter and a friend. The group traveled on to Six-Flags for a nice week-end.

Over-night guests of Oscar and Beulah Telchik was her brother and sister-in-law, Ollie and Sue Welborn of Denver, Colorado.

Oscar and Beulah were in Hart over night visiting Beulah's sister and husband Nora and Lester Lancaster.

After a set back, Mr. Kingston's condition was reported Sunday, Oct. 19, as some improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ludecke came in this week. They spent sometime at the Dallas Fair with Randy, Bobby and Jennifer. They then journeyed on to Tyler for the week-end with Gae's sister and husband Mr. and Mrs. Tommy McMahan.

Lisa Ludecke, a student at Angelo State, spent the week-end at home.

Mrs. Mae Becnal of New Orleans, La, is visiting with her sister Mrs. Cecil Huddleston and family and other Texas friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright Huddleston and J. P. Ellis spent the week-end with their daughters and families the John Shaws and Mark Grahams of Lake Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Drake and family were Sunday guests of his parents the Jack Drakes.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gordon visited one day last week in the

Erda Lewis home, at Big Spring.

Mrs. Francis McGaha of Snyder has been a recent visitor in the Paul Gordon home.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Huddleston, Mrs. Mae Becnal of La. and Ruth Weathers were visitors Monday in Lubbock, sight-seeing and shopping.

Jamie Sue Williard of Borger visited over the week-end with her brother and family the Don Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Olen Horn visited Sunday with his sister Mrs. Emma Robinson at San Angelo.

Mrs. Julia Riley and Mrs. C. N. von Roeder of Snyder visited Sunday in the J. E. Sorrells home.

Clint Hembree and family of Snyder visited Sunday in the G. A. Hembree home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoyle Cary are vacationing in Arizona with their daughter and family.

WEDDING SHOWER

The Plains Community honored Inez Nichols and Scott Clayton with a Wedding Shower Oct. 13. A nice group attended. Out of town guests

were Mr. and Mrs. Troy Burdett of Lamesa, Mr. and Mrs. Jiggs Campbell of Levelland, Bob Campbell, Levelland; Miss Nan Clayton of Lubbock, and Mr. and Mrs. Mardes Clayton of Lamesa. Hostesses for the shower were: Mmes. Rube Smith, Elmer McClurg, Arlan Youngblood, Rusty Yadon, Ned Smith, Ralph Martin, Oscar Telchik, Jarrell Edwards, Pat Hensley, Shorty Farmer, Bob Ludecke, and Dee Burrus.



New Arrival

Jame. Oran Evans was born October 8, 1975 at 4:27 P.M. Born at St Mary's Hospital, in Lubbock, James weighed 6 lbs. 5 ozs. Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Evans of Fluvanna are the proud parents.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Angela Dianne Evans, age 2 was honored Sunday afternoon with a birthday party.

Guests included Jeff, Doug, Kay Talmoge, David Talmoge, Opal Evans, Bonnie and Slick Sneed, and Angela's new brother James Oran Evans.

Mrs. Connie Voss and Tommy called on Saturday to see the new baby and wish Angela a Happy Birthday.

Invitation

All Ladies



BI-CENTENNIAL QUILT SQUARE EMBROIDERY PARTY

MRS. SID LONG'S HOME

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

12:30--3:30 7:00--10:00

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10-26-28 ONCE IS NOT ENOUGH Rated R

Sky Vue Drive In Phone 872-7004

10-22-25 GREAT SPIDER INVASION—BEYOND
ATLANTIS Rated PG

10-26-28 FISTS OF FURY—CHINESE CONNECTIONS Rated R

Big Spring
Cinema Phone 263-1417

10-22-23 MAN EATER Rated PG

10-24-28 THE EXORCIST Rated R

10-24-28 Late show—BLACK SOCKS Rated X

10-25-26 Matinee Only - ME CAI DE LA NUBA

Snyder

Tiger Drive In Phone 573-7212

PHONE 573-7212

10-24-25 FIST OF FURY—CHINESE CONNECTIONS
Rated R

10-26 DE QUE COLOR ES EL VIENTO

Cinema I Phone 573-7519

10-22-28 ONCE IS NOT ENOUGH Rated R

Cinema II Phone 573-7519

10-22-28 MAN EATER Rated PG

Weather

WEATHER AT THE COUNTY SEAT!
By K. T. Reddell.

		MAX	MIN	RAIN
MONDAY	10-13	89	63	0
TUESDAY	10-14	84	67	0
WEDNESDAY	10-15	79	55	0
THURSDAY	10-16	77	54	0
FRIDAY	10-17	70	47	0
SATURDAY	10-18	75	42	0
SUNDAY	10-19	83	46	0

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(Ed. note: The following article was sent to the Borden Star for publication from The Executive Digest. We encourage any letters or opinions concerning the 8 Constitutional Am

endments to be voted on Nov. 4th 1975. The last 6 amendments will be published next week.)

PROPOSITION NO. 4 provides for a new Article VII, Education, which governs public education.

The amendment calls for an equitable system of free public schools below the college level. The system must provide each individual an equal educational opportunity but may provide local enrichment of educational programs.

Proponents argue that: this gives the authority and the mandate to provide an equal opportunity for every child in this state to have as complete an education as is possible; this is what federal mandate requires; and citizens should meet the challenge and move forward to accomplish it.

Opponents argue that: while the aim might be laudable, the words are subject to a broad interpretation which would come up with ridiculous results in financing, programming and staffing; and the last Legislature had spoken to the problem of equalizing educational opportunity under the existing Constitution and there is no need for a change.

The Permanent and Available School Funds remain intact as do the Permanent and Available University Funds for the use of the University of Texas and Texas A&M University Systems. A second "Higher Education Fund," financed by a 10¢ property tax, would be available to establish an endowment for all other state colleges and universities other than the A&M and Texas systems.

Proponents argue that all higher educational institutions in the state should have available to them an endowment fund from which to keep their plant and facilities up to date without looking to tuition fees and the public treasury to do so. **Opponents** of this part of the proposal argue that there should be no endowment fund of public property and money sitting idle while the Legislature is forced to levy new and additional taxes for the upkeep, maintenance and operation of the various educational institutions; that if public property and funds are collected, they should be spent to meet the public need at the time without creating a bigger taxation burden on the general public.

PROPOSITION NO. 5 creates a new Article VIII, Finance, which governs the financial management of the state.

In this amendment the requirement that all new taxes be equal and uniform would be limited only to the levy of property taxes. It would require the establishment and enforcement of uniform standards and procedures for the appraisal of property, the only exceptions being special formulas designed to promote the preservation of open space land for farm and ranch purposes and the preservation of forest lands devoted to timber production.

Proponents contend that: this is a necessary improvement to require all citizens to carry their fair share of the tax burden; there are as many different values assessed on property as there are taxing authorities; and equalization is necessary because the allocation of state funds for school purposes is made on the basis of a local area's ability to raise funds.

Opponents maintain that: it will do nothing but raise taxes; no government ever equalizes downward but always "equalizes" upwards and this will force an additional tax burden, particularly in outlying urban areas where there is less ability to meet the demand; the equal and uniform provision should apply to all forms of taxation instead of just property taxation; and local appraisers are better prepared to judge the value of local property than someone in Austin.

The proposal permits the authorization of state indebtedness and the pledging of the credit of the state without a Constitutional amendment. **Proponents** of this portion of the proposal say that this is a more practical way to authorize state indebtedness, with the same safeguards as contained in the present Constitution. It requires a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members of the Legislature as well as an approval by a majority of the voters.

Opponents of this portion of the proposal claim that it amounts to the establishment of debt legislation by referendum, and it would make less of an impression on the voters than if they realized they were amending their Constitution in order to authorize debt.

The proposal maintains the same pay-as-you-go provisions requiring appropriations to be within esti-

mated revenues. It puts into the Constitution the prohibition against levying a retail sales tax on agricultural machinery or parts, fertilizer, feed or seed, prescription drugs or medicine, and food for human consumption.

Proponents of this part of the proposal contend that the pay-as-you-go provision should be retained. The exemptions that have been placed in the sales tax on these various items are already established practice and would protect the public from further encroachment from the sales tax.

Opponents of the proposal contend that locking the sales tax exemptions into the Constitution would effectively remove some available revenue sources from consideration. It would also create an unfair disadvantage for industrial development because industrial production machinery is already taxed and this would prohibit agricultural production machinery from ever being taxed. It would also remove a major untapped source of revenue which most states having a sales tax already enjoy. The proposal fails in that it does not prohibit the levying of a state progressive income tax.

PROPOSITION NO. 6 provides a new Article IX, Local Government, which authorizes the powers of local government. Under this amendment local government would remain basically the same with the exception that County Commissioners' Courts would be granted ordinance-making powers.

Proponents argue that: counties should have the authority to regulate unincorporated areas within their boundaries to insure orderly planning and development, protect the environment and adapt to the immediate needs of the people without the necessity of going to the Legislature each time for special authorization to do those things which a governing body should have the power to do on its own.

Opponents of the proposal argue that: the granting of such legislative authority to County Commissioners' Courts would give rise to a multiplicity of regulations and undertaking of projects and programs in undeveloped, unincorporated areas which are appropriate only to an urban-developed area; and the Commissioners' Courts have easy access to the Legislature so that it can be granted authority to do specific things.

The proposal would also permit cities of more than 1500 population to create their own home-rule government with an autonomous city charter giving towns of 1500 or more the same rights and powers that are needed by the major metropolitan communities. The present population limitation on home-rule cities is 5000 or more.

Proponents argue that this is necessary to meet the needs of the smaller communities of the state in establishing programs necessary to serve their population needs. **Opponents** of the proposal claim that it would be granting an unnecessarily broad, autonomous power to small communities which can generally provide for the limited needs of its citizens under the general law provisions of the state statutes.

There is also a provision for intergovernmental cooperation and consolidation of offices and transfer of functions between local political subdivisions. **Proponents** claim that this would result in a substantial reduction in costs and duplication of services of local governments. **Opponents** claim that this same consolidation and cooperation is presently authorized by the Constitution and has not accomplished the desired results.

PROPOSITION NO. 7 provides a new Article X, General Provisions, which is basically a housekeeping article. It includes: the homestead provisions; separate or community property; protection of personal property from forced sale; protection of wages from garnishment; limitations upon banking corporations; provisions for the regulation of alcoholic beverages; and provisions for the regulation of medical practitioners.

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Proponents of the new Constitution say that this amendment is necessary to take care of those constitutional protections and prohibitions that exist in the present Constitution, are desirable, and do not particularly fit under any of the other articles.

Opponents contend that: while this does continue some desirable protections of the existing Constitution, it adds one very undesirable aspect in the language which seeks to protect the environment. This language could create a super land title in the state which would give legislators the authority to exercise all sorts of controls over the use of the property; that it would conceivably give rise to land use enforcement, statewide zoning and building codes and remove a portion of the landowners title from him and vest it in the state; that this is the fixing of title to all property in the state which could be held temporarily and at the will of the state by an individual citizen.

PROPOSITION NO. 8 provides a new Article XI, Method of Amending the Constitution of the State. It maintains the same basis for submission of amendments as was utilized in submitting these eight amendments; that is, submission by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the membership of both houses of the Legislature and adoption by a simple majority of the people voting in an election called for that purpose.

It does add a provision that a question of a constitutional convention be submitted by the Legislature at least once each thirty years. Proponents argue that this added provision is necessary so that the people will not have to be governed by a document that is 100 years old without ever having had an opportunity to totally revise it. Opponents of the provision contend that the current Constitution can adapt itself to all situations including that of calling a constitutional convention as it did in 1973; that there is no need to be told by the Constitution how often the people have to revise it.

More Opinions On Nov. Election

BOB BULLOCK

AUSTIN--Comptroller Bob Bullock said Monday that there are no free rides for either individual taxpayers of local governments in the Finance Article of the proposed constitution.

"Where the constitution giveth, it also taketh," Bullock said of the Finance Article's mandatory homestead exemptions for the elderly and putting all personal property--including automobiles--on the tax rolls.

"What the constitution taketh may come as a surprise to one million taxpayers in Harris County who own automobiles if they wake up after November 5 and find a stack of

personal property tax bills on their cars from the county, the city and the school district," Bullock said.

Putting all cars on the tax rolls would cost motorists more than \$72 million a year in taxes, he said, pointing out that more than 50 cities, schools and counties do not now tax automobiles.

Likewise, Bullock said, making homestead property tax exemptions for the elderly mandatory would take \$21 million in tax money away from another 500 local governments which do not now grant the ex-

emption.

"That \$21 million would have to be made up from somewhere--and that 'somewhere' is the rest of the taxpayers in the cities and county and school districts affected," he said.

"In the past this very good exemption has been permissive--completely a local option--and you can rest assured that any local government which could afford it has granted it," he said.

TEX. MONTHLY

AUSTIN--In its November issue, TEXAN MONTHLY endorses the passage of the new Texas Constitution in the special election November 4.

In his "Behind the Lines" column Editor Broyles writes, "The real issue is not whether the new constitution is exactly the way we want it, but whether it represents a substantial improvement over the century-old constitution of 1876. We think the answer is clear; we have not found a single instance where the old is preferable to the new."

The old constitution has "lost its meaning," he writes. "The document has had to be amended 220 times and contains enough words to fill a short novel." The good parts of the 1876 constitution have been retained, he points out.

The new document will go a long way toward making state and county government more responsive and more accountable to the voter, he says. "We have scrutinized this document thoroughly and carefully, looking for hidden time bombs and booby traps, and we didn't find any. Neither has anyone else." Broyles describes the objections of opponents to the new constitution as either "selfish, uninformed, or nit-picking."

GRAIN SORGHUM PRODUCERS

LUBBOCK--Texas voters will go to the polls November 4 to cast ballots on the proposed Texas constitution, voting on eight separate propositions concerning the constitution structure of the state government.

Proposition 5 (Finance Article) has far-reaching implications for Texas farmers.

Grain Sorghum Producers Association, working with Del-

win Jones of Lubbock, has studied various implications of the finance article in an attempt to eliminate some confusion concerning the proposed documents and its effect on agriculture.

Jones served in the Texas House of Representatives for eight years and was chairman of the Agricultural Committee. In addition to his work with GSPA, he is active with Plains Cotton Growers and the Texas Farm Bureau.

Jones explained that approval of the finance article will exempt from sales tax farm machinery, feed, seed, fertilizer and parts. These exemptions are not presently included in the constitution. The items are exempted in the sales tax law but could be removed by any future legislature.

Another vital area to Texas farmers deals with land tax valuation, Jones said. "Under the present constitution, land value for tax purposes must be determined by the most recent sales of land in the same area. This simply means that land speculators may establish values so high that taxes in many areas may well exceed the farm or ranch gross income of the land itself," Jones said.

"If Proposition 5 is approved, it will assure that farm and ranch land tax value shall be based on its net income capacity. This will give the farmers and ranchers the same consideration that oil companies, life insurance companies and banks have on their build-

ings," he added.

Proposition 5 provides that the legislature shall establish separate formulas for appraising farm and ranch land.

Jones explained that the proposed change would place emphasis on the net profit of farms and ranches instead of their market value.

The legislature has already enacted a formula that would establish the net income of a farm or ranch as a basis for its taxable value. It provides that the five year average net income shall establish this basis, but this net income value shall not exceed the fair market value.

"I believe that the net income valuation for the individual farm or ranch will protect the farmer or rancher from excessive taxation," he said.

Proposition 5 also authorizes property tax exemptions for those over 65 years of age (\$3,000) and exemptions for veteran and other nonprofit organizations. It states that refundable assessments voted by marine food and agricultural producers shall not be classified as taxes.

In addition to the specific items of sales tax exemptions and favorable tax valuation of farm and ranch land, Jones said that Proposition 5 does not delegate any new authority to the legislature.

"In fact, it is more restrictive than the present constitution," he said.



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Eight Borden County 4-Hers participated in the Dallas Fair. The eight youth exhibited six lambs and 4 steers.

In the lamb barn, Glen Gray had the highest placing lamb from Borden County. Glen showed a seventh place while Ben Murphy showed an eighth place lamb. The other lamb exhibitors were Ty and Kim Wills.

In the steer barn, Sharon and Jole Brummett exhibited blue ribbon calves, Gayla Newton a red ribbon, and Keith Williams a white ribbon.

Keith Williams had the heaviest steer at the Dallas fair. He weighed 1395 pounds.

Parents attending the State Fair were Mr. and Mrs. C.B. Brummett, Mr. and Mrs. Don Wills, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Newton, Borden Gray, Brent Murphy and Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Kiker.

Food Price Increase

COLLEGE STATION---Food prices should increase only 3.5 to 4.5 per cent this year compared to the 14 per cent increase of last year. This is less than a one per cent increase in the Consumer Price Index, of which food accounts for just under 20 per cent.

And only a small portion of this increase in food costs is due to increased grain prices for farmers, points out an economist in marketing for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"The fact is, due to a time lag, the boost in grain prices that has occurred in recent months has not yet affected retail food prices," says Dr. Russell McDonald. "Despite the fact that corn has increased 45 cents per bushel since June and wheat has gone up \$1.40 and soybeans, \$1.25, three to twelve months must pass before changes in grain prices show up at the retail level."

This lag varies with the production cycle of various products and with the complexity of the processing and marketing channel, explains the Texas A&M University System economist. Furthermore, the addition of services to foodstuffs in the market channel adds on the average about 60 per cent to the final retail price.

"Increased grain prices have their greatest effect on the prices of livestock products," points out McDonald, "since these products account for about half of all consumer food expenditures. Analysts with the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago estimate that a \$1 per bushel increase in corn prices may boost per capita food expenditures by about 2.5 to 3.5 per cent. On the other hand, the same increase in wheat or soybean prices might increase per capita food expenditures by less than one-half per cent."

According to the economist, the increase in grain prices will cause some increase in food

prices next year, but any recent food price increases are due mainly to increased processing and marketing costs. "Upward price pressures have occurred in such areas as labor, packaging and transportation in the past few years, and these will continue to push retail food costs up along with any increases in the cost of the raw food products," notes McDonald.

Agriculture Trade

Agriculture continues to carry the load as far as the United States' balance of trade is concerned. In fact, it's the only trade area operating "in the black."

While the U.S. agricultural trade balance had a surplus of \$11.7 billion in 1974, the non agricultural trade balance showed a deficit of \$14.7 billion, points out Dr. Russell McDonald, marketing specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The U.S. exported \$22 billion worth of agricultural goods last year and imported just over \$10 billion. The increase in exports was due mainly to higher commodity prices, notes McDonald.

Agricultural exports for fiscal 1975 were valued at \$21.6 billion.

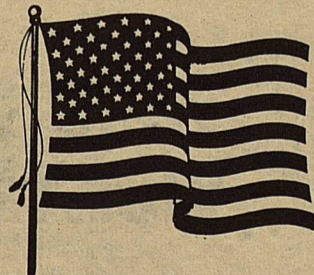
"Agriculture has enjoyed a surplus in the trade balance every year since 1971," says the specialist. "Except for a \$1.2 billion surplus in 1973 the nonagricultural trade balance has had a deficit over the past four years."

Trade balance is the difference between the value of exports and imports in one year of trading.

Where do the agricultural exports come from?

In 1974 the U. S. exported 58 per cent of its wheat crop, 56 per cent of the rice crop, more than half the soybean crop and about a third of the tobacco and cotton crops, to name a few, points out McDonald.

"Crops produced on three of every ten acres in this country were shipped abroad last year. As far as Texas is concerned, the production of an estimated one of every four acres goes to markets overseas," notes the economist.



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Washington, D. C. --Thirty-three states have laws prohibiting strikes by public employees. Under certain circumstances some classes of employees are permitted to strike in eleven States. The other six have no laws on the subject.

Regardless of law, strikes by public employees have dramatically increased across the Country. Vital services have been seriously impeded by militant demands by unionized police, firemen, teachers, transportation employees and sanitation workers. They have the power to paralyze a city and the trend is spreading to smaller communities.

In San Francisco, the police force demanded a 13% increase. The Mayor overruled the Supervisors and "compromised" with granting the 13% increase. A month earlier the Mayor had said that yielding to such demands would bring financial disaster and that public employee strikers should be fired. After firemen in San Francisco joined the police, the Mayor folded.

Kansas City has not only gone through the same thing but evidence strongly suggests that firemen and police set numerous fires that had to be coped with by National Guardsmen.

New York City is the horrible example of about everything. That city is bankrupt. It stands on the verge of defaulting on its huge and unmanageable debt. It has 51 employees for every 1,000 inhabitants -- they control the city. Even the liberal New York Times has said that "this is not only the road to municipal bankruptcy; it is the road to anarchy. It is the death knell for democracy."

The city now wants the federal government to bail it out. If the Federal Government should do any such thing, it will have to do the same for every financially troubled community in the Nation. There is not that sort of money even in Washington -- and if there was, it would all come from money the Government had to borrow.

The taxpayers of this nation should not be made to pay for the irresponsibility of New York or any other city's politicians and its equally irresponsible unions and pressure groups. It is a bottomless pit that simply can't be filled. Even with many of the big city Mayors who draw high salaries, it seems that power of appointments to keep control is more important. A case of \$13 thousand a year bus driver in New York who retired on a \$15 thousand annual pension becomes a little absurd. Their pension bill alone by 1980 is expected to cost \$1,700,000,000 a year. The city continues to

maintain a tuition free university system and a lot of "frees." The city's budget has increased three fold in the last ten years.

This sort of trend is not likely to be reversed until city officials have the support of solid citizens who demand that they resist the unreasonable demands now being imposed upon them.

There is now in the committees of the Congress legislation to extend Revenue Sharing to State and local governments over the next five years. During the last five years \$30 billion was provided for this purpose and in the present legislation it is upped by \$10 billion to \$40 billion.

Under the present formula, Federal Revenues are granted to the States and their political subdivisions on what is accepted as reasonably fair. There are demands that the new legislation give the bulk of this \$4 billion to State and local governments which need it most. This simply means that those entities of local government which act responsibly will be penalized for it. Anyone who commits himself to being for a continuation of Revenue Sharing would be advised to wait until they see what may happen in the change of the method of distribution of funds.

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Agricultural Labor, Wages Rise In Texas

AUSTIN--The agricultural labor force on Texas farms and ranches increased one percent and wages increased ten cents per hour from one year ago, Agriculture Commissioner John C. White reported.

The labor force numbered 301,000 during the survey week of July 6-12, according to statistics released recently.

Farm and ranch operators and unpaid family workers totalled 194,000, down three percent from July 1974, while the hired working force increased to 107,000, nine percent more than last year.

Field and livestock workers, which were estimated separately for the first time in this year's report, accounted for 68,000, 64 percent of the hired working force in the state.

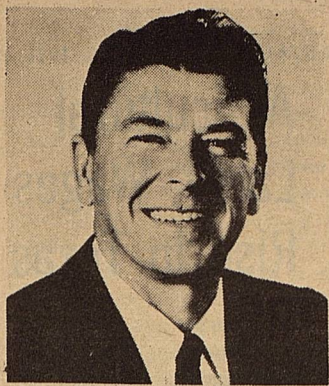
Wages paid all hired farm or ranch workers in Texas during the survey week of July 6-12 averaged \$2.08 per hour, 21 cents below the national average of \$2.29 for all hired workers.

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America's craze for nostalgia seems even to have swept up some of the politicians. Sens. Hubert Humphrey and Jacob Javits have dusted the cobwebs off that quaint old-timer "National Economic Planning," and have trotted it out in the form of a bill, S 1975, "The Balanced Growth and Economic Planning Act of 1975."

You will have to look across the seas to view the wonders which National Economic Planning has created. You see, it's really another term for piecemeal socialism. The Soviet Union, in its early days, adopted it with one fell swoop, and has had a series of Five-Year Plans ever since.

They have produced a consumer standard of living so great that we would have to cut our own almost in half to match it. India has demonstrated the wonders of National Economic Planning, too, and even France and Britain have flirted with it, without success.

How does it work? It starts with the assumption that all segments of the economy need to exchange information about their goals and plans in order for everything to work in harmony with beneficial results for all. Unfortunately, their assumption is wrong. Lack of advance information isn't the problem; public policy mismanagement is. Inflation, recession and shortages are accused by political decisions made by administrations, congresses and federal bureaus. Additional information won't cure that.

In fact, the Humphrey-Javits bill would make things a good deal worse.

It would create a new super-agency of the federal government; the Economic Planning Board. The board would come up with a series of national objectives and five-year-type plans. Then they are supposed to employ something called "a consistent set of economic techniques" to get business, labor and the consumer to go along with their plans.

Under the co-chairmanship of Wassily Leontieff of Harvard, who has received more than \$1 million since 1962 to study his pet project of National Economic Planning, the Initiative Committee for National Economic Planning tells us in its brochure how this Economic Planning Board could get everyone to make the decisions it wants. It says, "The means of influencing those decisions are already familiar to us."

"Some, such as tax incentives and disincentives, and traditional monetary and fiscal policies, influence individual actions indirectly. Others, such as selective credit controls, guidance of basic capital flows, limits to the use of air, water and land and mandatory resource allocation, affect individual actions directly." And there you have a re-

cipe for complete socialism. Despite its obvious lack of success elsewhere -- not to mention its assault on human freedom -- centralized economic planning is being touted by a number of well-known economists, including John Kenneth Galbraith, who is a board member of the initiative committee.

The planning advocates, with their obsession for controlling everything in sight, believe that they can do so wisely if only they can accurately predict future actions in the economy. But Galbraith, in his latest book, says: "All official predictions in economics are suspect." So much for consistency.

When it comes to job security, though, these economists are a resourceful bunch. Not only has Prof. Leontieff kept the flame of Socialist economics flickering for 15 years with grants of federal dollars, but also several hundred economists would be employed by the new federal agency if the Humphrey-Javits bill ever becomes law. Leontieff and several of his committee members even helped draft it.

Nostalgia is fine, but I think we would all be better off if the economists switched to swallowing goldfish.

Laredo Pens Open

AUSTIN--The Texas Department of Agriculture's newest livestock export pens have opened in Laredo, bringing the number of export facilities in Texas to six, Agriculture Commissioner John C. White has announced.

The livestock pens are located east of Laredo on Loop 20 before the Highway 369 intersection.

Other TDA export facilities are located at

Houston, Brownsville, Del Rio, Eagle Pass and El Paso.

Construction of the pens was authorized by the Texas Legislature following a reciprocal agreement between Texas and Mexico to provide for better inspection of livestock being shipped across the border.

The pens have the latest equipment for safe and sanitary handling of livestock. A United States Department of Agriculture veterinarian checks each animal in the pens.

Manager of the pens is Tony Martinez, a rancher and former USDA employee.

The livestock export industry in Texas has grown steadily since completion of the first pens in Houston in 1973, Commissioner White said.

Time To Repot Houseplants

College Station---Late summer and early fall is an ideal time to repot house plants, points out a landscape horticulturist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Use of a good soil mix gets the repotting process off to a good start. Such a mix may be made by mixing two parts each of garden loam and peat moss and one part of sand. Well rotted manure or shredded leaf mold may be substituted for the peat moss.

"Garden soil alone is seldom suitable for potting plants because it is usually too low in organic matter," notes the Texas A&M University System specialist. "A good soil mixture provides the three things most needed by potted plants--support, good soil aeration, and ability to hold adequate moisture and nutrients."

Janne recommends pasteurizing the soil mixture to kill disease organisms, insects and weed seeds. This can be done by putting the soil mixture in a shallow pan and placing it in a preheated oven at 200 degrees F. for 30 minutes. The soil should be moist but not wet before placing it in the oven.

"As soon as the soil cools, use it to pot new plants or reset old ones. Always use clean tools and new pots or you will reinfest the soil with harmful organisms. Sterilize used clay pots the same as the soil, and wash plastic pots thoroughly in hot soapy water," advises Janne.

Grandpaw Says

-hi-

The man who has a finger in every pie seldom has clean hands.

Advice is seldom welcome. Those who need it most like it least.

An extravagance is anything you buy that is of no earthly use to your wife.

It seems to me that a perfect autumn day is one when the lawn no longer needs mowing and the leaves haven't yet started to fall.

Many people have good common sense, but many of them use it only in an emergency or as a last resort.

There's a difference between working every day and having a perfect attendance record.

Middle-age is the period in a man's life when only his hair gets thinner.

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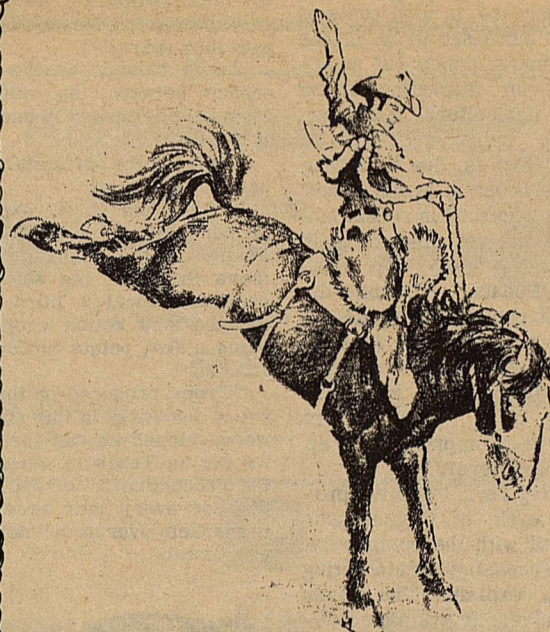
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