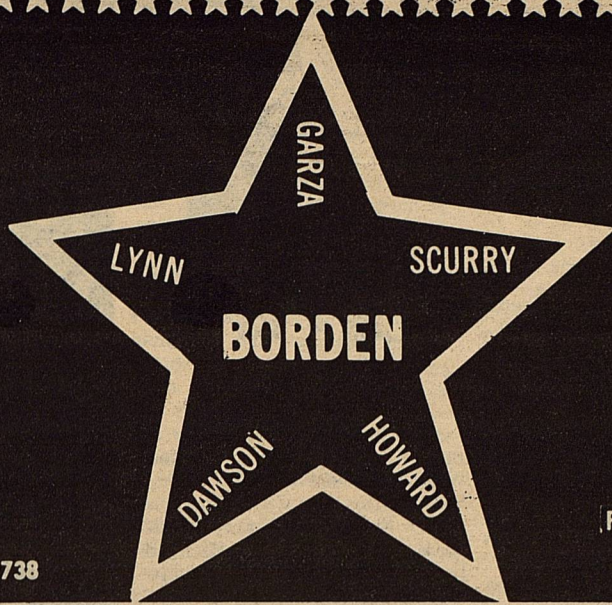


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WRAY FINNEY
1976 ANCA PRESIDENT

79th Annual Convention

More than 4500 cattlemen and women met in Phoenix Arizona the last week in January for the American National Cattlemen's Association 79th Annual Convention.

Pre-convention committee meetings were held Monday and Tuesday, January 26 and 27. These included the executive committees as well as 17 other areas covered by committee.

The opening session was held Wednesday Jan. 28. The day began early with a prayer breakfast with Brigadier General Robinson Risner as guest speaker. General Risner was the first American prisoner of war to step off the plane in Feb. 1973.

Following the breakfast, the cattlemen were shown the presentation "Cattlemen and Cowboys -- A History", narrated by John Wayne.

Out-going president Gordon Van Vleck introduced ANCA's Past Presidents and offered the highlights of his past two years in office, the present status of the industry and his observations about the future.

More committee meetings and special interest seminars were held on Thursday.

At the closing session, the guests heard an address by Mr. Wray Finney, newly elected President of the ANCA. Mr. Finney is a graduate of Oklahoma State University and has ranching interests in that state. He is also President of Cattle-Fax, a beef marketing analysis concern based in Denver.

Predicts Steadier Prices

American National Cattlemen's Association immediate past president Gordon Van Vleck, predicts more beef supplies and steadier prices in 1976.

Why "Cattle feeders have been placing more cattle on feed," he explained. "This is a result of a 24 per cent increase in the 1975 feed grain crop, lower grain prices and adequate fed cattle prices in recent months. Unless drought causes a disruption, we will have more normal situation with grain-fed beef again accounting for most retail cuts. Supplies of ground beef, non-fed beef and baby beef are expected to decrease."

Van Vleck added that non-fed beef of the past year has been sold at a loss to the producer, with large supplies causing prices well below the increased costs of production. He expanded his statement of productivity.

"Output per man-hour in agriculture has continued to increase as a result of mechanization and modern technology, and this improved production efficiency has helped moderate food price increases he said.

"However, productivity has actually decreased in the retail industries, and labor costs, including payroll and fringe benefits, now account for two-thirds of supermarket expenses. Restrictive labor practices; or feather-bedding, along with unnecessary restrictive government regulations, have caused average output per

man-hour to decrease. Thus wage increases are not offset by improvements in productivity, and retail food prices continue to climb.

"Total unit costs in the food industries rose 14 per cent in 1975 alone. This inflationary trend will not change unless the food industries can make improvements in processing, handling and transportation efficiencies which will help offset wage and other cost increases," Van Vleck said.

Phoenix Plays Host

Cattlemen and wives were entertained royally in Phoenix during the annual ANCA convention.

The ladies were honored with a luncheon and style show held in the Civic Center Grand Ballroom. The Arizona Cowbells were hostesses for this Opening Day event.

The following day, Mr. Cavett Roberts was the guest speaker at the Men's and Ladies luncheon. An outstanding speaker, Mr. Roberts humorous talk was a hard hitting but enjoyable message.

Thursday evening the delegates were entertained by Chet Atkins and the Phoenix Symphony Orchestra.

The final evening ANCA's Annual Dinner Dance found the guests dancing to the music of Dean Buonnell. Thus the ANCA 79th Annual Convention brought to a close a week of "honoring the past, enjoying the present, and building the future."

Attending the convention and all of its activities were Mr. and Mrs. Aubry Stokes and Mr. and Mrs. Rich Anderson of Borden County.

Heart Benefit

A BENEFIT FOR THE BORDEN COUNTY CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD SAT. FEB. 21 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE BORDEN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM. AN AMATURE MUSIC PROGRAM HAS BEEN PLANNED. YOU ARE URGED TO COME OUT FOR AN EVENING OF FUN AND TO SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL HEART FUND PROGRAM. Chairman, Doris Rudd

Makes Bid For Re-Election

State Representative Mike Ezzell of Snyder has announced that he will be a candidate for re-election in the May Democratic Primary. The 63rd district he represents is composed of Borden, Coke, Dawson, Howard, Sterling and Scurry County.

In announcing his candidacy, Ezzell stated, "I appreciate the opportunity to serve the citizens of Borden County in the legislature and I look forward to continuing to provide effective representation for the citizens of Borden County and the 63rd District. I would appreciate your suggestions on how I could more effectively serve and would appreciate your support on May 1."



MIKE EZZELL
INCUMBENT

Atwood Seeking Legislative Post

Bill Atwood Jr., 29, has announced that he has filed as a candidate for State Representative for the 63rd District of Texas in the Democratic Primary election.

The district includes Scurry, Borden, Dawson, Howard, Sterling and Coke Counties.

"I believe the people are sick and tired of what is happening and it is time for a change," said Atwood. "We've got to have rules and regulations governing the people, but this does not mean the government should control the people as a whole.

"I believe the people should control the government at all levels and to do this, you, the people have got to be represented in our state capitol as an individual and in all phases of industry.

"I am looking forward to this campaign as a citizen who is willing to get involved and would like to get others involved so that this can be a stronger district. I do not believe you can represent people well unless you keep in touch with their needs and interests. I plan to meet with the people in every part of the 63rd district frequently during the next three months."



BILL ATWOOD JR.

Atwood has been a resident of Snyder for the past 27 years. He is a graduate of Snyder High School and attended Allen Military Academy.

For the past few years he has been associated with his father, Bill Atwood Sr., in operation of an oilfield construction firm in Snyder.

Borden County



School News

Girls Defeat Union & Wellman Win District Game

On Tuesday, February 3, the Borden High School girls defeated Union 69-65 as Philena Farmer hit a 23 foot shot at the final whistle. With one second showing on the clock and the score tied at 65, the Borden team had the ball out of bounds at the mid-court line. Deidre Tucker made a good pass inbounds to Philena who scored and finished the night with 45 points, including 2 of 24 field goal attempts and a perfect 5 of 5 from the free throw line. Deidre finished with 14 points and Sue Hancock had 8. The Coyotes hit an excellent 69 percent from the field and were perfect at the free throw line, hitting all 9 attempts. Bica Baeza had 5 rebounds and 4 recoveries on the guard end.

On Friday the Borden girls won over Wellman 56-32. Philena scored 28 points, Sue 12, Deidre 8, Lesa Hensley 4, Gay Griffin 3, and Kristy Smith 1 point. Philena had 10 rebounds and Bica pulled down 7.

TIME CHANGE

The Borden Vs. Loop game to be played on Friday, February 13 will be played at 4:30 P.M. The "A" Boys will be playing.

The Borden Coyotes posted their first district win Friday night beating Wellman 54-50. Larry Simer was the leading scorer with 25 points. Others scoring were Richard Long 12, Perry Smith 8, Barney Cockrum 7 and Tim Smith 2.

Completes Round Robin With Win

The Borden Junior High girls completed the district round-robin play with a 42-14 win over Wellman Monday night. Talley Griffin scored 20 points, Karen Williams had 12 and Jana Edwards added 10 as all three forwards scored in double figures. With the win the girls finished the round-robin in first place. They play in the district tournament in Dawson this week-end. The winner of the tournament, if it is not Borden, will meet the winner of the round-robin in a play-off to determine the district championship. Should Borden win the tournament they will be district champions.

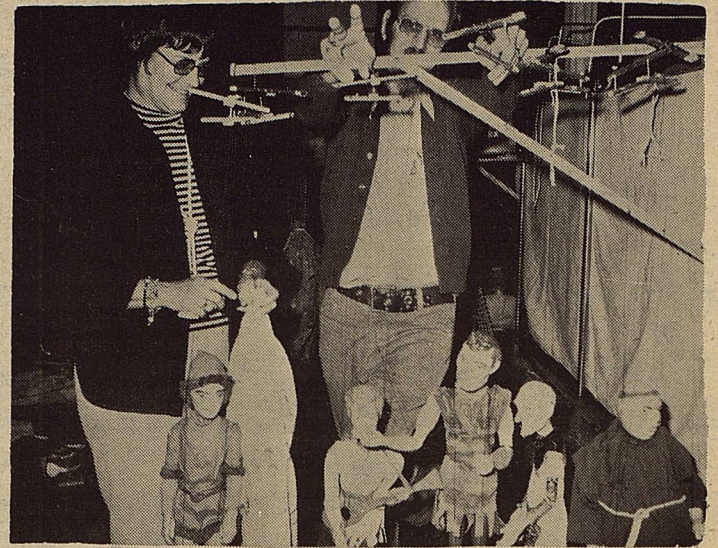
Lose To Union

The Borden Coyotes lost to the District-leading Union Wildcats 78-54 Tuesday night. Scoring for the Coyotes were Larry Simer 18, Perry Smith 8, Barney Cockrum 8, Richard Long 6, Tim Smith 4, Jackie Lockhart 4, Joe Zant 2, Marlon Vaughn 2 and Benny Taylor 2.

Jr High Boys

Stand 5-2

The Borden Junior High boys made their district record 5 wins and 2 losses as they beat Wellman 41-30. Blane Dyess scored 19 and Craig Peterson 18 to lead the Coyote scoring. Others scoring were Travis Rinehart 2 points and Bart McMeans 2 points. The Coyotes play in the District Tournament to be held at Dawson Thursday and Saturday February 12th and 14th.



JACK AND BETTY CLARK WITH THE STEVENS PUPPETS-Characters for the play Robin Hood.

Puppet Show

Borden County School students watched Robin Hood and his Merry Men outwit the Sheriff of Nottingham in the production of Robin Hood on Friday, February 4. The great adventure was performed with marionettes (puppets) on the stage of the school auditorium.

The students were surprised to see the puppets actually shoot their bows and arrows in the

life-like story.

Martin Stevens, the producer of the Stevens Puppets was honored with a "Celebration of Life" for his seventieth birthday. Over two hundred puppeteers from all over the world gathered at his home in Mieleebury, Indiana, to pay their respects to this famous man who still works eight hours a day, six days a week in his huge workshop.

February Holidays

Borden County students will take a holiday from classes on February 16 and 27. School will dismiss at 2:00 P.M. on February 17 so teachers may attend a Teachers Workshop.

NOTICE TO SERVING MOTHERS

Friday, February 13 at 2:45 is the time to serve for Valentines Day.

School Menu

February 16-20, 1976

MONDAY
No School

TUESDAY
Frito Pie
Vegetable Salad
Green Beans
Cookies
Milk

WEDNESDAY
Fish Portions
Ranch Style Beans
Fruit Salad
Cornbread and Butter
Milk

THURSDAY
Burritos
Mexican Bean Salad
Carrot Sticks
Peach Cobbler
Milk

FRIDAY
Western Burgers
Pork and Beans
Tossed Salad
Pineapple Slices
Milk



The Junior High Band-Composed of 5th and 6th grade students of Borden County School performed for Parents Club.

Junior High Band Performs For Parents Club

The Borden Elementary Parent's Club had its monthly meeting on Thursday, February 4.

Mr. Art Apperman made a presentation to the club concerning the sales of sports bags. The club voted for taking this as a project. Brochures will be sent home in the near future.

Gloria Griffin and Dewey Faye Miller were elected as the project committee for the Junior High patio. Carolyn Stone was elected to the reporter position vacated by Jeri Daugherty.

The fifth grade, being represented by the most mothers, received the candy this month.

The Junior Band consisting of the 5th and 6th graders presented the program. Mr. Parker and the band members presented the following selections Shusti Fiddle, The Bell Ringer, Chopsticks and Mambo from the Congo. Everyone attending enjoyed the program and the Parents Club wish to thank Mr. Parker for his dedication in working with these children. Members of this band consists of Flutes-Sandra Kountz, Gena McLeroy, Sharon

Brummett. Clarinets - Lyndy Doyle, Lisa Smith, Shellie Peterson, Terry Moreno, Kelly Richardson, Karon Bond, Beverly Buchanan, and Becky Simer. Alto Sax-Hollie Calhoun, Kay Copeland, Stephanie Stephens, and Maria Benavidez. Baritone-Ty Wills and Jym Rinehart. Trombone - Glen Gray, Keith Williams, and Darrell Green. Cornets-Martin Baeza, Mike Peterson, Roy Gonzales, Cody Newton, Chip Smith, Bruce Allred, Bryn Bradshaw, Billy Allred, and Jim Renick. Percussion--Scot Long, Michael Vaughn and Jr.

Benavidez. Soloists for this performance were Lyndy Doyle, Lisa Smith, Glen Gray, Lisa McLeroy, Jym Rinehart, Sandra Kountz, Sharon Brummett, Martin Baeza, Roy Gonzales, Hollie Calhoun, Shellie Peterson.

The next meeting of the Parents Club will be March 4th at 2:30 in the Elementary Library. The club will be very busy in the following months on a project concerning every elementary child. We need the support of every mother. Please come.

/s/ Reporter-Carolyn Stone

Free And Reduced-Price Lunch Policy

The Borden County Independent School District today announced its policy for free and Reduced-Price meals and free milk for children unable to pay the full price for meals

and milk under the National School Lunch Program. Local school officials have adopted the following family size income criteria for determining eligibility

know whether or not your children are eligible. If you do not agree with the school's decision you have a right to a fair hearing. This can be done by calling or writing James McLeroy, Box 95, Gail, Texas 79738. Phone 856-4262.

In certain cases foster children are also eligible for these benefits. If you have foster children living with you and wish to apply for such meals and milk for them, please notify us or indicate it on the application.

All children are treated the same regardless of ability to pay. In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, or national origin.

If we can be of any further assistance or if your family size or income changes during the year, please contact us.

Family Size	Free Meals	Reduced Price
1	\$0 - 3,230	3,230- 5,040
2	0 - 4,240	4,240- 6,620
3	0 - 5,250	5,250- 8,200
4	0 - 6,260	6,260- 9,770
5	0 - 7,190	7,190- 11,210
6	0 - 8,110	8,110- 12,650
7	0 - 8,950	8,950- 13,970
8	0 - 9,790	9,790- 15,280
9	0 - 10,550	10,550- 16,460
10	0 - 11,310	11,310- 17,640
11	0 - 12,060	12,060- 18,820
12	0 - 12,810	12,810- 20,000
Each Additional Family Member	\$750	\$1,180

Children from families whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible.

Children from families whose income is at or below levels shown on the attached scale are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. If the children are eligible for free meals they are also eligible for free extra milk. The reduced price for lunch is 20 cents. If your income is greater than those shown, but you have unusually high medical bills, shelter costs in excess of 30 percent of your income, special education expenses due to the mental or physical condition of a child, or disaster or casualty losses, your children may still be eligible.

The school children of parents or guardians who become unemployed are eligible for free or reduced-price meals and free milk during the period of unemployment, provided that the loss of income causes the family income during the period of unemployment to be at or below the levels shown on the scale.

To apply at any time during the year for free meals and free milk or reduced-price meals for your children, complete an application which may be obtained from the Superintendent's office. Within ten days of receiving your application, the school will let you

Legal Notice

TRUSTEE ELECTION

A trustee election will be held in the Borden County Independent School District on April 3, 1976 for the purpose of electing two (2) members for three-year terms.

The absentee voting for the above designated election shall be held at Borden County Schools beginning on March 15, 1976 and continue through March 30, 1976. Absentee polls shall be open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on each day for said absentee voting. The absentee clerk shall be Joan Briggs, Box 95, Gail, Texas.

The said election shall be held at the following places:

- Gail Box
- Willow Valley Box
- Plains Box
- Murphy Box
- Vealmoor Box

Candidates shall file with the secretary of the Board of Trustees written application for places on ballot not later than March 3, 1976. Applications can be obtained in the office of the Superintendent of Schools.

and/or held to a level that will not require new taxes from the next legislature.

Yes-92% No 7% No Opin. 1%
 (2) Do you feel that state employees should not be appointed to state advisory or policy making boards by the Governor?

Borden Co. Jr. Livestock Show & Sale

February 26-27-28, 1976

Gail, Texas

Schedule of Events

Feb. 26-Thursday

9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. - Weigh in and number all animals in show
 3:30 P.M. - classify Lambs and Classify Steers

Feb. 27-Friday

1:00 P.M. Barrow Show
 4:00 P.M. - Lamb Show

Feb. 28-Saturday

9:00 A.M. - Steer Show
 12:01 P.M. - Bar-B-Que
 1:30 P.M. - Premium Sale (Top 75 Animals)

Yes 80% No 14% No Opin. 6%
 (3) Do you feel the local schools and higher education are doing an adequate job of teaching the benefits of our private free enterprise system over other forms of government?
 Yes 40% No 56% No Opin 4%
 (4) Has the Texas Lobby Control Act intimidated and /or discouraged you from having your say about state government affairs?
 Yes 39% No 49% No Opin. 12%

Spending Survey Results

This opinion came from a recent mail survey on state affairs issues made among WTCC members. The results of that survey were released today by the WTCC.

The results of the state issue survey showed, by those responding, to be as follows
 (1) Do you feel state government spending can be cut

Revised U.I.L. Schedule

UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE
 SPRING MEET
 1976

- March 29, 1976 Debate - Borden County - 9:30 Double Elimination
- March 30, 1976
- April 1, 1976 Practice One Act Play - Borden County
- April 2, 1976 One Act Play - Borden County
- April 5, 1976 Ready Writing and Science - Klondike 10:00 a. m.
- April 6, 1976 Girls Tennis - Sands
- April 7, 1976 Literary Meet - Dawson
- April 8, 1976 High School and Junior High Girls Track and Field - Dawson
- April 9, 1976 Alternate Date for Girls Track
- April 10, 1976 Girls Golf - Loop
- April 13, 1976 Junior High Tennis - Boys and Girls - Wellman
- April 14, 1976 Elementary Meet - Union
- April 20, 1976 Boys Golf - Loop
- April 21, 1976 Boys Tennis - Sands
- April 22, 1976 Boys Track and Field - Dawson
- April 23, 1976 Alternate Date for Boys Track

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7:30 P.M.

Jerre's Gottings

Did you ever stop to think where the expression, 'Not worth a Continental' came from? Maybe you know-but I didn't until just today. The saying refers to the Continental dollar.

Back during the birth pains of this Republic, the Continental Congress was forced to print money which was not backed by gold, silver or the Crown. In so doing the value of the dollar was reduced to 2¢-not worth a Continental, indeed.

Climb in your space capsule and zoom forward 20 years. Here we are in 1976 with a dollar that's not worth a Republic, if you will. Why? Same ole reason-printing too much with no backing. That never has solved an insolvency problem and it never will. There must be a day of reckoning-for US just as there has been for New York. As I've said before, seems laughable that Uncle Sam thinks he is Daddy Warbucks and can bail anyone out of hock. Only by use of the printing press can he get his hands on enough money-and what's it worth-not a Republic.

Seems a bit peculiar that we have elected a Congress who doesn't look to their own expenses before doling out money they ain't got. Why, the money they have to use to bail out New York, finance the give-away programs, the indigent and the slothful must not be dry off the presses before it is spent. But yet this Congress makes no effort to cut the spending habits of US. Just the opposite-witness the recent override of the President's veto of the HEW appropriations. Even the chairman of the Appropriations Committee voted to override. Only eight Texas Congressmen voted to sustain the veto.

Looks from here like all of the big spenders of this nation are now living in Washington. They have been sent there by voters who must pinch their pennies in order to pay for public largess. The last of the big spenders are causing this nation's inflation. They have helped create a national debt of \$811 billion. That figure is made up of dollars not worth a Republic.

The answer? Well, I for one

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believe it is imperative that fiscal conservatives be elected to Congress this fall. The Presidential race is really inconsequential. An honest Socialist could be elected and do little harm to US were he coupled with a free enterprise, conservative Congress. As it stands, we have the most liberal Congress in our history along with a series of dishonest Socialist Presidents. By dishonest, I mean socialistic thinking men who have hidden behind a cloak of pseudo conservatism. So forget the Presidential race and concentrate on Congress. The one we elected two years ago is not worth a Continental.

BITS AND PIECES

Jimmy Williams who attends college at San Anvelo, was at home for the week-end visiting with his parents the Beryl Williams.

Mrs. Pearl Warren returned home Saturday after spending the week with her son and family, the Jake Warren's of Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. Erda Lewis, and Clyde Bynum of Big Spring, visited Friday in the Paul Gordon and Art Lewis homes at Lake Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Dammaron of Waco returned to their home Wednesday after visiting with Lubbock and Snyder relatives.

Bobby Dow of Dallas and Jeff Ellis visited Wednesday in the Ruth Weathers' home.

H.A. Smith visited Sunday in Borden County with Ruth Weathers.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Trice were week-end visitors of Longview friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Thomas of Snyder visited Sunday afternoon in the J.E. Sorrells home.

Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Sorrells and Mr. and Mrs. Olen Horn attended to business at Big Spring, Wednesday.

CowBelles promote use of beef

American National CowBelles held their annual meeting January 28 at the Civic Plaza in Phoenix, Arizona

According to Mrs. Floyd Stone, national's second vice-president, CowBelles work concerns education and promotions about beef, such as Beef for Father's Day and the National Beef Cookoff.

Mrk. Don Alter, Ferriday, La., is president of this auxiliary to the American National Cattlemen's Association.

At the annual session Mrs. Stone quoted part of the CowBelles creed 'Believing that the livestock industry is of basic importance to world existence, we support and encourage its products...and in still in the coming generation the love of the land and life.'

Gracie McCormack, Phoenix won second place in the last year's beef cookoff held in Denver, with her Cowboy Green Chili Beef Bake. A free booklet of recipes from all of the finalists is available by writing to Beef Industry Council, National Live Stock and Meat Board, 36 S. Wabash Ave. Chicago, Ill. 60603.

In Appreciation

A heartfelt thank you is extended by Christine Cunningham to her daughter and all of her friends for remembering her birthday in such a special way. Wanda entertained her mother, and Mrs. Fran Bennett with a dinner in their honor last Saturday.

Much Improved

Tatia Colvin is resting comfortably at home after spending two weeks in Medical Arts Hospital.

from the TAP kitchen



Texas Department of Agriculture-John C. White, Commissioner

HONEY COOKIES

- 2/3 cup shortening
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 cup Texas honey
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 5 cups cake flour
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 tsp. nutmeg
- 1/2 tsp. cloves
- 1 tsp. salt

Cream shortening and sugar. Add honey and blend well. Sift dry ingredients and add to creamed mixture. This cookie dough can be rolled and cut in various shapes with cookie cutters, formed with a cookie press or dropped from a teaspoon. Bake on greased cookie sheets at 350 degrees for 15 minutes. Serve the cookies plain, decorate with frosting or before baking, sprinkle with colored sugar. Yield: approximately 10 dozen.

Pink & Blue Shower

A pink and blue shower honoring Mr. and Mrs. Dale Cornett was given in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Cornett on Saturday night February 7 at 7:30.

Hosts and Hostesses for the occasion were Randy and Debbie Cornett, Bud and Willie Cornett, Mrs. V.J. Barkowsky and Mrs. Dyess.

Games were played and prizes given to the winners.

Entertainment was music by the Gail Goof offs Joe Gilmore and Willie Cornett.

Don't be afraid to try something different, the men enjoyed going to their first 'baby shower.'

Cookies, cake, ice cream and mints were served to Joe and Sibyl Gilmore, K. T. and Winonah Reddell, Miltonk and Ruby Woodard, Jo Ann and Ronnie Reed, Larry Barkowsky, Becky Steinbronn, Belinda Lee Phillips and Cody Joe Cornett.

MOVIES ARE THE MOST

Noret Theatres Movie Menu

Lamesa

Movies Phone 872-2750

- 2-11-12 Mackintosh & T.J. With Roy Rogers PG
- 2-13-14 Superbug Rated G
- 2-15-17 Sasquash: Big Foot Rated G

Sky Vue Drive In Phone 872-7004

- 2-11-14 Grave Of The Vampire-Garden Of The Dead Rated PG
- 2-15-17 Diary Of A Rape-Room Of Chains Rated R

Big Spring Cinema Phone 263-1417

- 2-11-12 Mackintosh & T.J. Rated PG
- 2-13-17 Tommy Rated PG
- 2-13-14 Late Show-Running With The Devil Rated X

Snyder

Tiger Drive In Phone 573-7212

- 2-13-14 Grave Of The Vampire-Garden Of The Dead Rated PG
- 2-15 Don Herculano Ena Morado

Cinema I Phone 573-7519

- 2-11-17 Human Factor Rated R

Cinema II Phone 573-7519

- Mackintosh & T.J. Rated PG
- Snow White And The Seven Dwarfs-Fantasy On Skis Rated G

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Controlling Volunteer Sunflowers

Lubbock-High Plains farmers who grew oilseed sunflowers in 1975 probably will be faced with potentially severe volunteer sunflower problems this crop season.

Dr. James Supak, a Lubbock-based area agronomist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, says that the volunteer seed from last year's 325,000 acres of sunflowers have had little chance to germinate or rot during the rather dry fall and winter months. He believes they'll begin cropping up in March when the soil warms up, and growers will be faced with varying degrees of volunteer problems.

"Many growers already have attempted to reduce this weed problem by shredding and disking sunflower stubble shortly after harvest to encourage fall germination and eventually winter killing of volunteer seedlings," he says. "Others have deep broken their fields with the intent of burying the seed too deep for germination, thus causing them to gradually rot in the soil."

Supak says that virtually the entire 325,000 acres planted to sunflowers have been or will be rotated to other crops. Farmers will need to seriously consider the best weed control methods for their farm situation.

"Some of the 1975 sunflower acreage is being double-cropped with wheat," Supak explains. "Invariably, volunteer sunflowers emerged with the wheat seedlings but were destroyed by the first freeze in the fall. The second volunteer crop will probably emerge in March when soil temperatures reach or exceed 50 degrees Fahrenheit. Unlike the fall crop, the volunteer sunflower seedlings that emerge in March will probably be much more tolerant to cold temperatures and will have to be controlled with herbicides."

The agronomist recommends from 0.5 to 1.0 pounds of 2, 4-D applied after the seedlings emerge. This, he says, should not only control sunflowers but will also eliminate other winter weeds such as tansey mustard.

Supak says volunteer sunflower control in field crops such as cotton and soybeans poses a more serious problem. In 1975, Dr. John Abernathy, weed researcher with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in Lubbock, tested a number of preplant incorporated (PPI), pre-emergence (PE) and post-emergence herbicides to determine their effectiveness in controlling volunteer sunflowers. None of the 25 treatments tested provided satisfactory control. The best treatment (Caparol plus MSMA applied as a post-directed spray) controlled less than 50 percent of the volunteer seedlings.

"With these crops," the Extension Service specialist says, "growers will have to depend largely on mechanical tillage to destroy volunteer plants. Where feasible, it would be advantageous to delay listing until after soils begin to warm up in March. If rain-fall occurs before this time, part of the volunteer crop will emerge and can be destroyed by the listing operation. After the soil is stirred during list-

ing, more seed will germinate and emerge after a rain or a preplant irrigation. These can be destroyed with knives or rolling cultivation prior to planting.

"Additional seedlings probably will emerge after the soil is stirred during planting," Supak adds. "Cultivation or a post-emergence directed application of Caparol plus MXMA can be used to kill many of these seedlings. Since sunflower seedlings will tend to emerge simultaneously with cotton, the post-directed herbicide treatment may be of limited value except where cotton is planted on the bed."

Supak says that in grain sorghum and corn, herbicide treatments were found to be more effective in controlling volunteer sunflowers. According to Abernathy's conclusions, Supak says, Milogard (propazine) incorporated prior to planting with a rolling cultivator at a rate of 2.5 pounds per acre (on clay loam and sandy clay loam soils) provided about 50 percent control. Similar results were obtained with pre-emergence application of Lorox plus Milogard. The best results, however, were obtained with post-emergence applications of AAtrex (altrazine) plus oil and Banvel. Both of these treatments controlled from 80 to 100 percent of the volunteer crop.

Supak says AAtrex (altrazine) incorporated prior to planting, applied pre emergence or mixed with oil and applied over the top after emergence of seedlings provided 90 to 100 percent control of sunflowers in corn. Banvel applied post-emergence provided equally effective control. Bladex applied pre-emergence and Evik plus surfactant applied as

4-H Dates	
February 20-21	Horse Clinic
February 23	1976 Citizenship Shortcourse applications due in the District Office
March 24	Nominations for Texas 4-H Foundation Awards due in the District Office
April ?	District 4-H Council Business Meeting - Election of Officers
April 7-10	Texas 4-H Leader Forum
April 10	District Livestock, Quarterhorse, Rifle, and Dairy Judging Contests (tentative date based on Texas Tech calendar)
April 25-30	National 4-H Conference
May 1 or 8	District Contests (actual date based on Texas Tech calendar)
May 7	Officer Installation of District 4-H Council Danforth Leadership Records due Applications for Texas 4-H Foundation Opportunities Scholarships due Texas 4-H Ecology Conference Applications due
June 1-3	State 4-H Round-up
June 15-28	National 4-H Citizenship Shortcourse and Heritage Tour
June 15-17	District 2 Teen Leader Lab
June 22-25	Texas 4-H Ecology Conference (tentative date)
June 28-29	District Horse Show
July 10	ES-237 Annual 4-H Enrollment due
July 12-16	Electric Camp (tentative date)
July ?	District Dress Revue
July 21-24	State Horse Show, Amarillo
July 27-30	Texas 4-H Congress, Austin
July 28-Aug 10	Second Citizenship Shortcourse
August 1	IFYE applications due Southern Regional Leaders Forum Applications due

a post-directed spray also provided satisfactory sunflower control in corn.

"It was of interest to note that after Dr. Abernathy destroyed his test plots in July, no additional volunteer seedlings emerged," Supak says. "This indicates that all the volunteer seed already had either germinated or rotted."

He says in view of Abernathy's research findings, he would recommend that sunflower land be rotated to corn or sorghum where AAtrex, heavy rates of Bladex, Milogard, Evik, or Banvel may be used to control volunteer sunflowers.

Rotation with cotton or soy-pahsized.

Political Calendar

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Cottonseed - Fungicides

Lubbock--A USDA-Agricultural Research Service plant pathologist here believes that multiple fungicide treatment of cottonseed may be the answer to troublesome cotton seedling diseases.

Dr. Earl B. Minton, plant pathologist based at the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Lubbock, says that according to research conducted over the past five years, coating cottonseed with multiple fungicides was more effective in controlling seed and soil-borne diseases than coating the seed with one fungicide.

Multiple fungicides he used consisted of seed protectants to reduce seed and premergence seedling rot, and systemic fungicides to prevent postmergence diseases.

In 1974 field experiments, captan was used alone and in combination with either carboxin (Vitavax) or chloroneb (Demosan) or the three-way combination. Under the highest level of seedling disease conditions, seed treatment containing the three fungicides gave the highest stand, which means that they were the most effective in controlling both pre- and post-emergence diseases.

However, when disease conditions were milder, captan plus either of the systemic fungicides gave stands comparable to the combination containing the three fungicides.

In other field evaluations during the last few years, Minton reports, similar results were obtained with Thiram, a seed protectant that was evaluated alone and in combination with one or both of the systemic fungicides. Again the results were similar to those obtained with the combinations with captan.

In addition to field studies, various combinations of fungicides have been evaluated in the greenhouse at constant soil temperatures of 65, 75, and 85 degrees Fahrenheit, and alternating 70 to 90 degrees F. A high inoculum level of seedling disease pathogen occurred in the soil.

Highest stand for each seed treatment was obtained from the alternating temperatures, Minton says. On the other hand, for each reduction in constant soil temperature, seedling emergence and survival were reduced.

"For each of the four temperature measurements, the most effective seed treatment contained three fungicides," Minton concludes.

"It's reasonable to conclude that two protectants could be twice as effective as one in controlling the same or even different pathogens," Minton reports.

Combination of fungicides may also control pathogens that neither material is effective against when used alone.

The scientist admits that initial seedling emergence may differ little between multiple-treated versus single-treated seeds when premergence diseases are light. But the better protected, multi-treated seedlings stand a better chance of surviving post-emergence disease. This leads to a higher final stand with more uniform distribution of seedlings in the plant row, and these will be

more vigorous.

This means there will be less or maybe even no need for replanting to get a good stand," he concludes.

Minton says that by not replanting, producers save the cost of additional seed, fuel, machinery and labor that would be needed to replant. This would also conserve moisture since the soil is not disturbed again. And, by not replanting, producers would have an earlier maturing crop which should provide higher yields and quality.

He adds that the more vigorous plants will have a better root system, enabling them to make better use of soil moisture and nutrients.

All this--increased root-development of the plant, increased vigor and higher plant populations--will help control Verticillium wilt and other diseases, Minton believes. In his studies, the action of the fungicide itself helped control Verticillium wilt.

In order to obtain the most returns for fungicides, Minton emphasizes, properly processed seed of high quality should be planted.

Easter Seal Chairman Named

Miss Shirley Cothran of Denton, Miss America of 1975, has

been named State Chairman of the 1976 Easter Seal Campaign in Texas. Irving A. Baker of Dallas, President of the Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults of Texas, announced that Miss Cothran will lead volunteers in every county in Texas during the traditional annual appeal for funds. The Texas Easter Seal Society helps provide independence to physically handicapped Texas children and adults through a statewide program of direct and indirect services.

As Texas State Easter Seal Chairman, Miss Cothran joins with 234 local volunteer Easter Seal Chairmen and Representatives and nearly 35,000 other volunteers throughout Texas who participate in the annual funds appeal. Last year physically disabled children and adults in Texas received rehabilitation and other direct services and benefitted from the Information, Referral, and Follow-up program rendered by the Texas Easter Seal Society through a statewide network of affiliated Easter Seal Societies and Chapters which includes treatment or rehabilitation centers.

Miss Cothran joins a national roster of prominent figures in the 1976 Easter Seal Campaign, including Wayne Rogers of television's "M*A*S*H", who has been named National Chairman for 1976. The Easter Seal Society provides year-round services and rehabilitation nationally to nearly 300,000 disabled persons through 2,000 state and local affiliates.

The Easter Seal Campaign officially opens March 1, 1976, and continues through Easter Sunday, April 18, 1976, to fund the year-round program.

Texas Farms To Decline 1% in 1976

AUSTIN--According to preliminary estimates, the number of Texas farms and ranches will decrease by 2,000 in 1976, Agriculture Commissioner John C. White said.

This is a decline of one percent from 207,000 acres last year to only 205,000 in 1976.

The number of farms and ranches in Texas had remained at 209,000 from 1972 through 1974 with the decline beginning in 1975 and continuing into this year, Commissioner White noted.

But while the number of

farms and ranches has declined, the total acreage has remained the same, at 141,800, with average farm acreage increasing, White added.

In 1976, the estimated average size of farms and ranches will be 692, an increase from 685 in 1975.

Nationwide, total land in farms and ranches is forecast at 1,085 million for 1976. This represents a slight decline from 1975, when acreage was 1,086 million. The number of farms in the United States is expected to decline one percent to 2,785,780.

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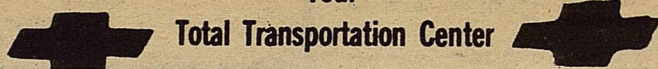


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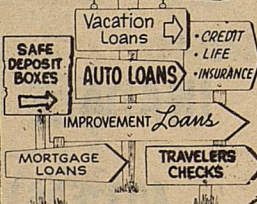
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Jeffrey St. John Column

Wash.--"Between now and next summer," I wrote July 18, 1975, "the pride of Grand Rapids is in for a rough ride over the Niagara of National politics."

This was written only two weeks after President Ford had declared his intentions to run for a full term. I had concluded that despite the widespread belief there that Mr. Ford would be impossible to defeat for the GOP nomination, a number of factors below the political surface spelled trouble, particularly his waffling on a number of issues and the growing organizational troubles within the GOP.

In a subsequent column in late August, after Mr. Ford barnstormed midwestern states like Iowa, I further reported that his trouble with members of his own party was widespread. I cited the Iowa GOP as an example, which favored former California Gov. Ronald Reagan.

In the six months since, President Ford's troubles within his own party and with the voting public have multiplied with such rapidity that they have taken many old political professionals here by surprise. The straw polls taken by the Ford and Reagan organizations in Iowa on Jan. 19 confirm our findings of six months ago and at the same time illustrate the weakness of the President within his own party.

For example, the Reagan GOP organization's straw poll admittedly unscientific and small, showed 58.4 per cent favoring Reagan and 41.5 per cent favoring Mr. Ford.

But the Ford poll results were also a shocker: 51.4 per cent for Mr. Ford and 48.6 per cent for Reagan. The President should have done much better in a state that is committed to his nomination and where he is backed by GOP Gov. Robert Ray and Republican National Chairman and Iowa native Mary Louise Smith.

"If Ford can only make this narrow showing in a state where he is backed by the GOP regular organization," Reagan campaign coordinator Leroy Corey told me, "how can he hope to do well in the primaries in New Hampshire and Florida where the GOP organization is against him? If Ford reads realistically the results out here from the straw polls he must realize that he is not a viable candidate against Reagan for any length of time."

What is even more amazing is that the straw poll was taken the night Mr. Ford delivered his nationwide State of the Union address. Many Republicans in Iowa watched the speech while casting their straws. In some cases the speech did him more harm than good, many Republicans regarding it as a reflection of his stewardship in office. No one I talked to in Iowa thought Mr. Ford is not a well-meaning, nice guy, but many questioned his competence to lead.

Iowa Republicans also questioned whether Mr. Ford was a man of his word. He had told Iowa farmers, for example, to plant as much wheat and corn last winter as they could, only to sanction policies that prevented them from marketing their farm products. It's not a question of honesty, but competence is the most widely held complaint among voters.

This perception, whether fair or not, seems to be shared nat-

ionwide.

What all these factors clearly indicate that the President cannot secure his own nomination. This raises a question of his withdrawal from the race--much as Lyndon Johnson did in 1968 after his defeat in the New Hampshire primary.

In this regard, I have learned that between Thanksgiving and Christmas Vice President Nelson Rockefeller committed himself to making a final try for the White House. He did this, I am informed, in a series of far-reaching strategy sessions at his Washington home with former members of the political team that served him when he was governor of New York.

Rockefeller has been gearing up for entrance into the GOP race and a challenge to Reagan not if, but when, Mr Ford withdraws.

Furthermore, I am informed by sources here that Rockefeller's decision to make a final try for the nomination and to challenge Reagan is based on more than just the growing organizational weakness of the President. There also are the health problems of Mrs. Ford. White House aides have tried to cover it up, but Mrs. Ford has suffered a relapse. The President is deeply troubled

by this turn of events and is said to be seriously considering a withdrawal because of them, Mrs. Ford had made it clear even before he became President that she did not want Mr. Ford to run for a full term. After a period of over three decades in Washington she wants to spend some time in the peace and quiet of Grand Rapids.

It looks, therefore, as if the nation is in for a classic liberal-conservative confrontation for the Republican nomination between Nelson Rockefeller, the easterner, and Ronald Reagan, the westerner.

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Non-Credit Courses

Lamesa --- College credit courses are well underway and non-credit courses are now being planned at the Lamesa Campus of Howard College.

College officials estimate 170 individuals are involved in the college credit courses. Two classes, accounting and the first semester of freshman composition, were cancelled because of a lack of enough students to warrant offering them this semester.

Two more students are desired for the course, Marriage and The Family. All of the other courses had at least ten students as of Thursday afternoon. The automotive series had 18 students typing, 12 Principles of Banking, 11 Real Principles of Banking, 11 Real Estate Math, 11 Business Law for Real Estate, 12 second semester of Freshman Composition, 11 Safety and First Aid, 13 U.S. History, 20 Criminal Investigation, 13 Police Rule, 14 Carpentry, 14

Electricity, 13 Fundamental Math for Business, 10 Supervision of Employees, 10 Applied Psychology, 14 and Elementary Music Ed, 16.

Plans are currently being made for a series of six and eight week non-credit courses to be offered beginning in mid-February. Registration plans will be announced soon. Courses being planned included Ceramics, Interior Decorating, Furniture Refinishing, Landscaping and House Plants, Beginners Art, Beginners Upholstery, Advanced Upholstery, Advanced Cake Decorating, Beginners Cake Decorating, Poise and Charm, Children's Art Workshop for youngsters 8-12, Children's Art Workshop for youngsters 5-7, Window Decorating (Draperies and Shades) and Photography for 35 mm cameras. Enrollment fee will vary according to the length of the course. Individuals will be responsible for providing their own supplies to be used in the courses.

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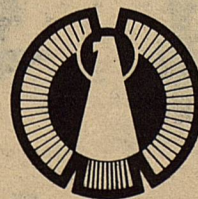
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