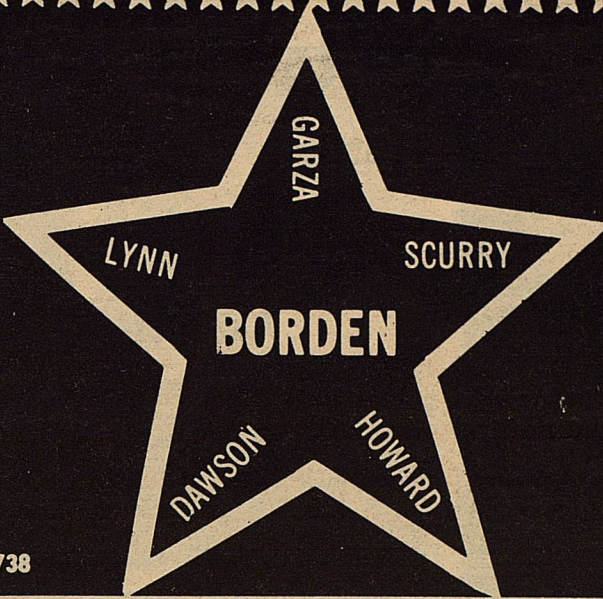


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ROBERT H. ANDERSON

## Anderson, Speaker At Commencement

Robert H. Anderson, Professor and Dean, College of Education of Texas Tech University will be the guest speaker for Borden High School Commencement Exercises May 25.

Dr. Anderson has held his present position since September 1, 1973. He is a native of Wisconsin. He holds a B.A. and M.A. degree from the University of Wisconsin. He was a classroom teacher and athletics coach in Wisconsin for three years; elementary and junior high principal; Ph.D., University of Chicago, 1949; Superintendent of Schools in Illinois for 5 years; University teacher over more than 20 years in Graduate School of Education at Harvard; summer teaching in University of Iowa, University of Chicago, University of Wisconsin, University of Hawaii, and Open University. He received an Honorary A.M. degree from Harvard University in 1959.

He is an author or co-author of 7 books. His *Opting for Openness* won the Educational Press Association award for Special Publications. He is a chapter contributor to 19 books or year-books; 47 journal articles; 29 miscellaneous publications and editor of 7 books by other authors. He is presently editor

of Texas Tech Journal of Education.

Dr. Anderson has spoken in 46 of the United States plus Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico. He has also traveled to 25 countries to speak to American schoolchildren. He has spoken to educators and government officials in 13 countries and made six round-the-world working trips.

He takes an active role in national associations, especially AASA, ASCD, NAESP, and NSSE.

In November of 1973, he was awarded a Presidential Citation by the Illinois Association of School Administrators, for conspicuous service to public education and the profession of school administration.

Graduation Exercises for high school are scheduled for 8:00 P.M., Tuesday, May 25th in the auditorium. Fourteen seniors will receive their diplomas.

## Commencement At WTC

Snyder---Commencement exercises will be held May 13 at Western Texas College, with 101 students to receive associate degrees.

Guest speaker for the program will be R.J. Becker of Denver, Colorado, president of Chevron Oil Co., Western Division.

The public is invited to attend the commencement program, scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. in the Central Courtyard on the WTC campus.

## Nat'l Small Business Week

The President has proclaimed the week of May 9 through May 15 as National Small Business Week.

It is our hope that during our Bicentennial Year, many throughout the nation will pause to acknowledge the contributions small businesses make in serving our communities and maintaining our free enterprise.

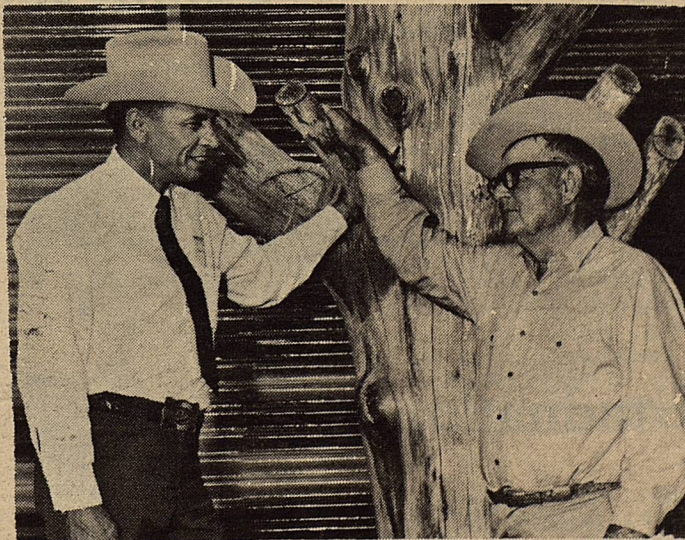
## Bi-Centennial Festivities

Borden County starts its Bi-Centennial Celebration, Saturday, May 29th with a three gun salute on the Court House Square.

This will be the introduction to the 29 unit parade-scheduled to begin at 10:00 A.M. Saturday in Gail, Texas.

Jim Miller of Rapid City, South Dakota will narrate the parade from the steps of the Court house. Jim, a well known rodeo announcer is a former Borden County resident and the son of the late Bill Miller and Winnie Chandler Miller-pioneers in Borden County ranching.

Floats and individuals represented in the parade will depict the history of the past 200 years. Borden County citizens have been working long hours building floats to represent such historical events as Betsy Ross and the American flag, the Five Freedoms, The Alamo, tributes to the pioneer women to name a few. Other entries will include the Ft. Hood Mounted Calvary, a float of Spanish musicians and dancers, a herd of buffalo, and long horn cattle and area Sheriff Posses and a lot more.



JIM MILLER, left, chats with DEWEY EVERETT, right.

JIM will narrate the Parade and Wild West Show at the Borden Co. Bi-Centennial Celebration May 29 and 30. He is from Rapid City, South Dakota. MR. EVERETT is a long time Borden and Scurry Co. resident.

The floats will be judged for prizes of \$100.00, \$60.00 and \$40.00.

The Parade committee of the Borden County Bi-Centennial Celebration encourages any organization wishing to enter the parade to do so. They may contact parade marshal Sheriff Norman Sneed at Gail. The parade will form on the cemetery road just north of Gail. Entrees will be lined up according to their place in history.

Country Gold Stagecoach from WBAP in Ft. Worth will be available for rides.

After the parade, spectators will go to the school grounds for a \$3.00 a plate Bar-b-que lunch with all the trimmings. This is being catered by Van's Bar-B-Que of Lubbock.

In order to defray expenses, there will be a minimum charge for the entire two day celebration. Admission will be \$2.00 for adults, \$1.00 for children under six. This will entitle you to the musical production, Wild West Show, Arts & Crafts Show and the Country Store. The money, after expenses, will be used in the Borden County Community Park Fund.



REV. CLAYTON PENNINGTON

## Pennington To Address Seniors

Rev. Clayton Pennington will address the senior class during Baccalaureate Services Sunday, May 23.

He is a native of Post, Texas where he attended school. He is a graduate of Decatur Baptist College and Hardin Simmons University. He holds a B.S. Degree from Hardin Simmons in Education. He taught school in the Lubbock School System during the 1974-75 school year.

Rev. Pennington pastored churches in West Texas and did mission work in Arizona. He also went on preaching tours in the Virgin Islands and West Indies.

Pennington married Miss Merrel Echols, of Post, in 1948. He is the father of three married children. Danny, who resides in Witcha Falls, Texas; Rhonda who lives in Abilene; and Shellah who resides in Arlington. He is at present pastor of the Fluvanna Baptist Church.

Baccalaureate Services will be held in the Borden County School auditorium on Sunday, May 23, at 11:00 a.m.

# It's Happening In Borden County



# Borden County School News



Preschoolers gathered Friday for a day in class. They are L to R. Richard Zant, Sandra Lara, Mary Kate Phinizy, Gene Arrendondo, Chad Vaughn, Kate Porter, Richie Anderson, and Robert Orti.



Kindergarteners present play entitled "THE HUNGRY THING". The cast was as follows L to R: Back Row: Wayne Daugherty (Little Boy) (Man with a can) Sammy Harris, Shellie Lewis (Narrator), Kim Turner (1st Cook), Will Phinizy (Wise Man), The Hungry Thing (David Holmes), Christy Orti (1st towns person), Mary Jane Garza (2nd Townsperson) Ralynn Key (Lady in Red), Front Row L to R: Elvira Balaque (third towns person), Dina Orrendondo (Baby with Ice), Mindy Williams (Lady in Blue), Leddy Doyle (King with bare feet), Valantino Gonzales (Boy with a Toy), Jenifer Zant (2nd cook).

## Kindergarten Presents "The Hungry Thing"

The last meeting of the Borden Elementary Parents Club for this school year was honored with a play by the kindergarten. Many hours of hard work went into the play entitled "The Hungry Thing". Appreciation for a job well done goes to Mrs. Copeland and each kindergarten student. A large group of both Mothers and Dads enjoyed the play.

A short business meeting fol-

lowed the play. Officers were elected for the next term. Carolyn Stone was elected President, Carol Lewis will serve as Vice-President. Secretary will be Jeanette Turner, Treasurer will be Comelle Williams and Mary Jon Phinizy will be the Reporter.

This rounds up another year. We will be starting up again in September. Hope to see a large group at that first meet-

## Junior High Graduation

The following Junior High students have qualified to receive their diplomas in graduation exercises to be held in the Borden County School auditorium on Monday, May 24 at 8:00 p.m.:

Glynda Sue Burkett  
Blane Dyess  
Lupe Gonzales  
Clay D. Grose  
Carla Ann Jones  
Johnny Morado  
Ben T. Murphy-Class President

Craig L. Peterson  
Travis E. Rinehart  
Bradley R. Smith  
Tim C. Taylor-Class Secretary  
Mark Shane Walker-Treasurer  
Karen Ann Williams-Reporter  
Troyce Grant Wolf-Vice President

Sponsor of the 8th grade class is Mrs. Dolores Wolf. Ushers for the occasion will be Talley Griffin, Becky Miller, Danny Holmes and Bart McMeans.

## Annual Spring Concert

The annual Spring Concert was held Thursday, May 6. Grades three through twelve participated in the annual event.

The Junior Band, consisting of the fifth and sixth grade students, began the concert playing "The West Point March".

"Marines Hymn", "Shusti Fidli (a Czech Folk Tune), and "Krazy Klock" were then played by the Beginner Band. The Beginner Band consists of fourth grade band students.

The third grade music students then charmed their audience with "Yankee Doodle", "America", and "America the Beautiful. George Loftes was featured on the recorder while playing "Yankee Doodle" and Becky Massingill on the recorder playing "America".

The Junior Band then played several numbers by Nowak and Kinyon. They included "Calypso Song", "Salute to America", "Bridge over Troubled Waters", and Rhinestone Cowboy."

The Coyote Marching Band then took the stage and performed beautifully. They played "Battaglia" by MacBeth, "Dragons and Jet Planes" by Balent, "Paint Your Wagons" by Cacavas, "Beatlemania" by Balent and "Hawaii Five-O" by Stevens. "Hawaii Five-O" featured the percussions and brass. "Paint Your Wagon" portrays the '49ers" gold rush in California. It shows the effects of a woman's touch on the life of a gold panner and was exceptionally done by the Coyote Band.

Mr. Jim Parker, band teacher, then introduced Mary Ledbetter, senior drummajor for the Coyote Band for 1975-76 and commended her for a job well done. He then thanked Christine Ledbetter for sewing band jackets. Thanks also was given to the Anderson family for presenting the flowers for the stage.

Mr. Parker then was presented a gift by Mary Ledbetter on behalf of the band students. Mr. James McLeroy then commended Mr. Parker for a job well done this year and past years.



Other third grade recorder players

## Congratulations Seniors



Senior Band Students participated in their last Spring Concert at Borden County Schools. Shown with Mr. Jim Parker, band teacher, are seniors Donelle Jones, Debbie Herring, Deidre Tucker, Bica Baeza, Jim Buchanan, and Mary Ledbetter. Mr. Parker holds the band's gift to him a pin desk set. (Not available for picture was Wanda Johnson.)



On behalf of all band members, Mary Ledbetter presents gift to Mr. Jim Parker.

## High School Graduation

Fourteen seniors will receive diplomas in graduation exercises to be held in the Borden School auditorium on Tuesday, May 25 at 8:00 p.m. They are as follows:

Deidre Tucker--President  
Donelle Jones--Vice President  
Cindy Beaver, Secretary  
Jim Buchanan-Treasurer  
Debbie Herring-Reporter  
Bica Baeza  
Phillip Boyd  
Kendall Davis  
Phelena Farmer  
Randy Hagins  
Wanda Johnson  
Melita Keim  
Mary Ledbetter  
Creighton Taylor

Valedictorian..Deidre Tucker  
Salutatorian..Donelle Jones

Senior Class sponsors are Mr. Ed Huddleston and Mr. Sid Long. Ushers for the evening will be Gail Grose, Dana Westbrook, Tommy Patterson and Bob McLeroy.



George Loftis and Becky Massingill were featured on the recorders.

## Pre-School Day

The students of Mrs. Copeland's kindergarten class were hosts to eight pre-schoolers on Friday May 8. The day was planned to help the children get acquainted with the classroom and teacher in preparation for when they begin to school in August.

The following pre-schoolers were in attendance: Robert Orti, Richard Zant, Richie Anderson, Sandra Lara, Kate Porter, Mary Kate Phinizy, Chad Vaughn, and Gene Arrendondo.

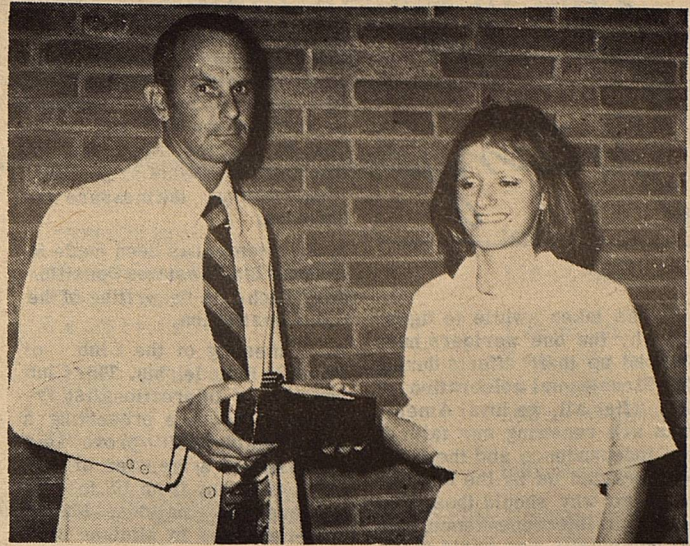




Mr. Ed Huddleston accepts gift from Tricia Jackson on behalf of tennis players.



Creighton Taylor, senior student, presented Coach Dyess a gift for football, basketball, and track students.



Coach Van Kountz is presented gift by Deidre Tucker, senior, on behalf of his girls track, and basketball students.



Mr. Bob Patterson-Speaker

## Annual Athletic Banquet

The Big Spring Country Club was the setting for the Borden County High School Athletic Banquet held Saturday, May 8.

The Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Deidre Tucker, who also gave the welcome. Coach Bob Dyess introduced the speaker for the evening, Mr. Bob Patterson. Mr. Patterson is the Defensive Line Coach at Texas Tech University and Steve Sloan's number one assistant. He taught 12 years at Vanderbilt and was a high school coach. He spoke

on how to be a success in life and gave 8 points on how to succeed. They were to put God and family first, self-confidence, honesty, ability to laugh at ones self, self-reliance, humility, courage and to set a goal.

The following students were recognized for participating in football: Perry Smith, Ray Don Underwood, Sid Westbrook, Barney Cockrum, Tony Benavidez, Marlon Vaughn, Richard Long, Eurdist Rinehart, Tim Smith, Ty Zant, Patrick Toombs, Bob McLeroy, Ben Thompson, Darin Tucker, Richard Smith, Larry Simer, Tommy Patterson, Eddie Parks, Gene Cooley, Creighton Taylor (Sr) Joe Zant, Benny Taylor, Mgr., and Randy Smith, Mgr. Bob Dyess is the head coach for the football team Van Kountz is assistant coach and football scout.

Being recognized for participating in boys basketball were Larry Simer, Pat Toombs, Joe Zant, Ty Zant, Tim Smith, Richard Long, Marlon Vaughn, Barney Cockrum, Ray Don Underwood, Perry Smith, and Benny Taylor. Bob Dyess is boys basketball coach. The girls coach is Van Kountz and the team is as follows: Philena

Farmer, Captain, Sue Hancock Captain, Deidre Tucker, Captain, Bica Baeza, Mary Ledbetter, Gay Griffin, Tricia Jackson, Donelle Jones, Cheri Cockrum, Gail Grose, Kristy Smith, Dana Westbrook, Lesa Hensley, Debra Compton, Pennye Thompson, Martha Anderson, Keyva Tucker, Lisa McLeroy, Rhesa Wolf, Denise Curry, Manager, Elizabeth Ledbetter, Manager.

Participating in track with Bob Dyess as coach were Kendall Davis, Tommy Patterson, Darin Tucker, Patrick Toombs, Bob McLeroy, Ty Zant, Sid Westbrook, Chuck Canon, Ted Johnson-manager, and John Eldridge.

Being recognized for participating in girls track under direction of Coach Van Kountz were Donelle Jones-Captain, Gail Grose, Sue Hancock, Kristy Smith, Dana Westbrook, Lesa Hensley, Lisa McLeroy, Pennye Thompson and Denise Currey, Manager.

Ed Huddleston coached the following teams in tennis for 1975-76. Boys Tennis-Tim Smith, Richard Long, Johnny Jackson, Gene Cooley, Jackie

Lockhart, Eddie Parks, Pete Gonzales, Perry Smith, Marlon Vaughn, Benny Taylor, Randy Smith, Eurdist Rinehart, Ben Thompson, Brent Rhoton, Randy Hagins and Tony Benavidez. Girls Tennis- Martha Anderson, Kristy Smith, Debbie Herring, Kathy Underwood, Bica Baeza, Julie Buchanan, Carol Burkett, Twila Telchik, Keyva Tucker, Tricia Jackson, Rhesa Wolf, Dina Wallace, Debra Compton, Mary Ledbetter, Vasy Benavidez, Cheri Cockrum, Gay Griffin, and Rita Baeza.

Appreciation gifts were presented to the coaches by Creighton Taylor, Deidre Tucker and Tricia Jackson on behalf of the teams.

The school song was led by the 1975-76 cheerleaders Deidre Tucker, Sue Hancock, Keyva Tucker, Lisa McLeroy and Kristy Smith. Lesa Hensley climaxed the evening with the benediction.

## School Menu

May 17-21, 1976

MONDAY  
Enchiladas  
Vegetable Salad  
Ranch Style Beans  
Cake with Topping  
Milk

TUESDAY  
Corn Dogs  
Tossed Salad  
Canned Fruit  
Cookies  
Milk

WEDNESDAY  
Vegetable Stew  
Pimento Cheese  
Apple Sauce  
Cornbread and Butter  
Milk

THURSDAY  
Fish Portions  
Green Beans  
Fruit Salad  
Buttered Batter Bread  
Milk

FRIDAY  
Hamburgers  
French Fries  
Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles  
Cake with Glazed Icing  
Milk

## Takes Joy Out Of Payday

Austin---Comptroller Bob Bullock said Thursday that soaring utility rates have taken the joy out of payday for the people of Texas.

"But the average homeowner would save only \$1 a month at most as a result of proposals to alter the natural gas severance tax rate," Bullock said. "That assumes the savings would be passed on to the consumer, which can't be guaranteed. And that same severance tax adjustment could cost the state as much as \$1 billion in tax revenue over the next three years."

The loss in revenue would have to be made up in additional taxes, the Comptroller said. "It doesn't make good sense to put a dollar in the consumer's shirt pocket and then come back and clean out his billfold."

Bullock said that since 1972, Houston's electric rates have gone up 48 percent, Dallas' 71 percent and Austin--setting an omen for the future--by a disgusting 126 percent.

In a statement delivered Thursday to the House Ways and Means Committee, Bullock challenged the Legislature to address discriminatory utility rate structures themselves, rather than fiddling with the gas tax rate to throw chicken feed to the consumers.

He noted that present utility rates charge low-volume users--homeowners and apartment dwellers--higher rates than those charged business and industry.

"This is inequitable," Bullock said. "The time has come

to change it. Only this action can provide any real relief for the average consumer."

The severance tax affects only about 3 percent of the homeowner's utility bill, said the Comptroller, and is not the place to start looking for relief from utility rates.

"When a wolf has sunk his teeth in your leg," concluded Bullock, "it is no time to pull out a pea shooter."

## Visit Nursing Homes

Texans have been urged to visit Nursing Homes by "Heloise", the internationally famous writer who is this year's official Hostess of Nursing Home Week sponsored by the Texas Nursing Home Association.

"Many of Texas' finest citizens reside in Nursing Homes where they receive the total care available from qualified, licensed professionals," she said in issuing the invitation from her home in San Antonio where she authors a column of clever household hints syndicated in hundreds of newspapers.

Heloise has compiled an impressive record of some 14,000 hours of volunteer service, much of it in Nursing Homes.

"My hint for happiness is to visit a Nursing Home," said Heloise, "they are nicer than you think and the people in them are wonderful. Your visit will be a rewarding experience."

Observance of Nursing Home Week, proclaimed by the Governor and local officials to begin on Mother's Day each year

has become traditional in Texas. Member homes of TNHA regularly schedule a variety of activities ranging from exhibits of residents' handiwork to entertainment, teas, chapel services and Open Houses with most facilities specially decorated for the occasion.

Texas has 982 licensed nursing homes with facilities to accommodate 93,219 residents requiring various levels of long-term care. The administration of matching state/federal funds in which Texas participates under Medicaid Title XIX has been rated #1....best in the nation.

## Rotary Telephone System

Installation of a rotary telephone system has completed the process of setting up an Agricultural Service Center for Scurry County, located in the Best Building, at 3423 Avenue T in the Snyder Shopping Center.

With the completion of the

## Billie Briggs Judges Show

Miss Billie Briggs, a graduate of Borden High School and Wayland Baptist College, judged the horse show at Hobby Horse stable in Lubbock on Saturday, May 8, 1976. There were a total of 26 classes including Hunt Seat (jumping and on the flat) and stock seat with a few fun classes such as Tandem Bareback. An exhibitors dinner was held that evening at the Embers Restaurant.

telephone set-up, the offices of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS), Farmers Home Administration (FmHA), and the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) can now be reached by calling one centralized number 573-0171. The calling party may then request the office needed.



# Jerre's Gottings

It has taken awhile to figger out why the one worlders have stepped up their efforts during the Bicentennial celebration of US. After all, we loyal Americans are renewing our faith in our independence and the freedom granted us by the Revolution. So why should those who believe in interdependence, global community, new world order, have anything to celebrate this particular year? But they sure are acting like THEY are the ones preparing for a bash. Well, the pieces are falling in place. They DO have something to celebrate in 1976.

On May 1, 1776, the Order of the Illuminati was founded by Adam Weishaupt-the weasel. For 200 years this Inner Circle of world planners has kept their profile low. Naturally had the world been apprised of what plans were being made, the Revolution would have had to be much broader in scope. All the while that the patriots of the colonies were fighting and framing a declaration of independence, the members of the Illuminati were setting their long-range objectives: To rule the world.

The permanent strategy adopted by the Illuminati consisted of an unwavering design. To destroy religion (look at your organized churches today), Destroy existing governments (count them), destroy traditional human institutions (army, navy, etc.). Out of the resulting chaos the "new world order" would emerge. (Seems like Kissinger uses that term openly now.) This will be a totalitarian regime with a complete socialistic economy. Obviously the Insiders have been in no real hurry. Where it took US seven years to win our independence, the one worlders have been patiently striving for interdependence for 20 years. But they are having a birthday too and have stepped up their efforts to illuminate their candles by blowing out those of US.

The internationalists are no longer hiding their efforts to crash our Bicentennial party. When looked at all together, the list of efforts made just this year is frightening: 1,124 Congressmen endorsed the Declaration of Interdependence in

May 12th, the World Affairs Council will attempt to get more signature in Washington.

2. The Altanltic Union Resolution was quietly slipped onto the floor of Congress in April. It had been narrowly defeated in 1973 but backers felt confident of passage this year. But due to mass efforts by patriotic organizations, the measure was defeated.

3. An attempt has been made to endorse the Newstates Constitution which is a re-writing of the U.S. Constitution.

4. A meeting of the Club of Rome in Philadelphia. This Club consists of internationalist tycoons. They are presenting a study which will "prove" the necessity of a transfer of vast sums of money from US to "underdeveloped" nations. May 3, 1976-headlines in Midland paper--"Kissinger to propose Third World Fund".

5. The Genocide Treaty is currently being pushed in the Senate. Under this treaty an international court would be established under the United Nations.

6. President Ford signs the Helsinki accords which assures Soviet Union of a more effective role in a world regime now that they have full and authorized control over Eastern Europe.

7. The President signs instructions to give away the Panama Canal.

8. Kissinger advocates the overthrow of Rhodesian government.

The Order of the Illuminati very well have reason to have a bigger party than US. They seem to have more "friends" (captive) than we and a larger budget. But what worries me is that Kissinger will have given away all the favors and that their party will be over by November-we won't vote for a President of US, but a President of the World. No wonder Nelson is lying so low. Very illuminating huh?

## This 'N That

Mrs. Ralph Tidwell of Lake Thomas Lodge, visited with Mrs. Maybelle Tidwell at Big Spring last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. "Buzz" Woolsey were in Plainview over the weekend attending the track meet that their son was in.

Mr. and Mrs. York Murphy of San Angelo were visiting friends and relatives of Borden County last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Davis of Big Spring, visited Saturday with his parents, the Melton Davis' and brother Kendall.

Ruth Weathers visited with friends at Colorado City, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Wilson were visiting with their daughter and family, the Stanley Robinsons, Saturday.

Julia Alexander is visiting with her cousin Jim Sorrells and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Murphy of Grady, New Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bean and son visited Sunday with Mrs. W. Ed Murphy.

Mrs. C.N. von Roeder and Julia Riley were Sunday visitors in the W. Ed Murphy home.

Mrs. Bruce Murphy is visiting in the Murphy home.

## Prec. 5

## Convention

May 1st, 1976, at 5:00 p.m. in the Melton Davis home several people met holding the Democratic Precinct 5 Convention. The meeting was called to

order by Ruth Weathers, presiding Judge of the First Democratic Primary. The resolutions as made in Austin, were not considered. By acclamation, Roger Williams was elected as delegate to the State Convention

to be held in Austin. The motion for adjournment was made and passed.

Minutes was reported by Ruth Weathers.  
/s/ Ruth Weathers



**ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED—Mr. and Mrs. T.L. Griffin, of Vincent, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Gay Ann, to Larry Wayne Price, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Price of Snyder. They will be united in marriage May 28.**

## ★ Weather ★

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

Weather conditions for the week of May 3-9, 1976

	MAX.	MIN.	RAINFALL
MONDAY	3	78	45
TUESDAY	4	78	54
WEDNESDAY	5	74	60
THURSDAY	6	71	50
FRIDAY	7	60	47
SATURDAY	8	62	47
SUNDAY	9	73	55

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# TOWER TALKS

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## East Coast Subsidy

WASHINGTON—The Federal Energy Administration (FEA) may force consumers in the South, Midwest and West to subsidize the gasoline and home heating oil costs of consumers in the East.

The FEA will choose soon between two proposed rule changes to rectify a scandal in the FEA's oil price control regulations.

One of the options would benefit importers of foreign oil and their customers along the East Coast at the expense of domestic refiners and their customers.

When the federal government placed price controls on some domestically produced crude oil, it gave a huge competitive advantage to those refiners who had access to the artificially cheap oil over those refiners who had to buy crude oil at world prices.

In order to equalize refinery costs, the FEA passed a rule which said that each refiner should be allocated the same percentage of price controlled oil as every other refiner.

Those refiners who had more cheap oil than the FEA authorized them to refine would have to buy "entitlements" from refiners who had less cheap oil than the FEA said they were entitled to.

The FEA ruling brought a huge windfall profit to one refiner, the Amerada Hess Corp., which has been able to more than double its share of the \$6 billion a year heavy fuel oil market on the East Coast.

Virtually all the fuel oil used along the Atlantic Coast comes from foreign sources and is refined in the Caribbean.

Because its refinery is located on U.S. soil in the Virgin Islands, the Hess Corp. was qualified to sell entitlements on the oil it refined. Its competitors, whose refineries were not on U.S. territory, were not.

When the scandal came to light, the FEA drafted two proposals to remove the Hess price advantage. One would eliminate the entitlements advantage for all domestic refiners producing heavy fuel oil for the East Coast. The other would grant entitlements to importers of heavy oil, whether the oil was imported from U.S. territory or not.

FEA's Alternative Two would make a bad situation worse. It would increase fuel costs for most Americans, encourage dependence on foreign oil, discourage expansion of domestic refinery capacity, and unnecessarily increase bureaucratic red tape.

Fuel oil, home heating oil and gasoline costs to consumers in the West, Midwest and South would increase because refiners there would have to pay increased subsidies to East Coast importers.

The added cost of the subsidies would make it harder than ever for domestic refineries to compete with the importers for the East Coast market, thus exporting more jobs and increasing our dependence on foreign oil.

I have written to FEA Administrator Frank Zarb to urge rejection of Alternative Two, and I think we will sidetrack this unwise proposal.

## Converting A Standard Recipe to Metric

The Texas Department of Agriculture home economist offers this recipe for Texas Strawberry Ice Cream as an illustration of how to convert a standard recipe to metric. Some quantities are rounded up or down for convenience.

### TEXAS STRAWBERRY ICE CREAM

(standard)	(computations)	(metric)
1/2 cup sugar	.5 x .24 c = .120 l; .120 l x 1,000 = 120 ml (rounded up to 125 ml)	125 ml sugar
1/4 tsp. salt	5 x .25 t = 1.25 ml	1.25 ml salt
3 egg yolks, beaten		3 egg yolks, beaten
2 tsp. vanilla	5 x 2 t = 10 ml	10 ml vanilla
1 pint whipping cream	.47 x 1 pt = .47 l; .47 l x 1,000 = 470 ml (rounded up to 500 ml)	500 ml whipping cream
2 cups strawberries	.24 x 2 c = .48 l; .48 l x 1,000 = 480 ml (rounded up to 500 ml)	500 ml strawberries

### Schedule Of Events

BORDEN COUNTY  
BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

MAY 29 & 30

MAY 29

PARADE ----- 10:00 A.M.  
BAR-B-QUE Lunch - 11:30 A.M.  
PAGEANT ----- 1:30 P.M.  
WILD WEST SHOW - 3:30 P.M.

MAY 30  
HOMECOMING DAY

CHURCH SERVICE - 10:30 A.M.  
Awards and Drawing for Quilt  
after Church Service  
AFTERNOON - Singing, visitation  
and games for children. Museum will be open.

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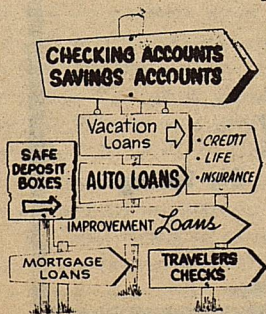
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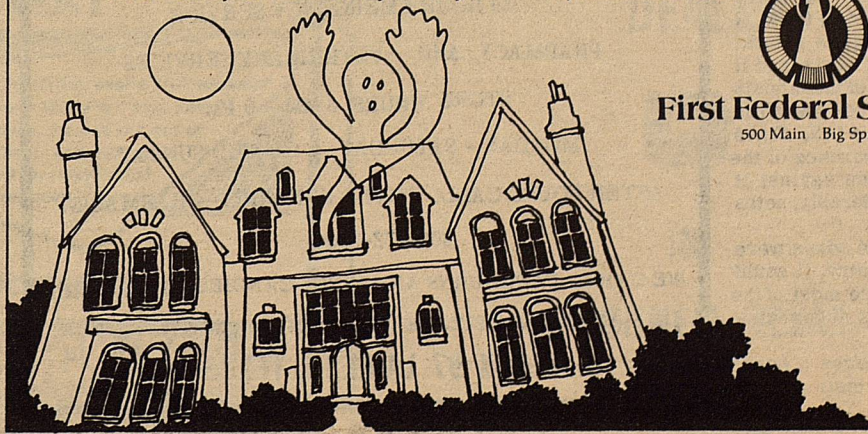
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# Kiker's Kolumn

## Shortfalls In Supply

For 5 successive harvests until 1975, the USSR accomplished new records in cotton production. With cotton to spare, and applying her centrally-oriented marketing philosophy, Russia became a major supplier to several markets traditionally served by the U.S. Her output for the 1975 crop, however, will fall about 1 million bales short of the anticipated level and is certain to hamper the Soviets' robust export activity of the past 2 years.

Due to poor weather in the Northern Hemisphere, the Peoples Republic of China is reported to have a shortfall similar in size to the USSR—about 1 million bales.

Cotton production in Turkey for the 1975-76 crop will be approximately 25% less than the previous year, it is estimated.

Pakistan and India are other large-producing countries whose cotton crops will not attain expectations, restricting their pursuit of foreign exchange earnings from the natural fiber. Pakistan has reported an indefinite suspension of cotton exports in order to meet requirements of local spinning mills.

The Southern Hemisphere's Brazilian crop, which impacts on U.S. export activities, is down a whopping 50% in acreage, about twice the amount earlier forecast.

So, rough figures immediately forecast a drop of 7 million bales or more in worldwide output from 1975 or the crop now in progress, particularly when you add the million-bale decline in the U.S. crop.

## Sleeping Sickness

Mosquito season is almost here and that means the danger increases for sleeping sickness in horses.

Earnest Kiker, county agent for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, says that one of the most serious diseases carried by mosquitoes is equine encephalitis, or sleeping sickness.

There are three kinds of equine encephalitis--western (WEE), eastern (EEE) and Venezuelan (VEE). Eastern and western encephalitis are the most common.

In 1975, 674 cases of WEE and 55 cases of EEE were diagnosed by U.S. Department of Agriculture laboratories. Also, an additional 105 cases of WEE and 40 cases of EEE were diagnosed by state and public health labs. VEE was a problem in Texas in 1971, but since that time no cases have been diagnosed in the U.S.

VEE has a complex natural history with many hosts and it is not known which of these hosts may exist and harbor the virus in Mexico or in the U.S. Since the virtual disappearance of the disease, vaccination against it has declined considerably, notes Kiker.

Therefore, if the virus were to reenter this country, it could spread rapidly since most of the horse population is not vaccinated against it.

Kiker encourages horse owners to have their horses

vaccinated for all three types of equine encephalitis as soon as possible. Taking the time now to have your horses vaccinated can save a lot of heartbreak in the future.

## Sheep Outlook Not Baaaad

College Station--There are a lot fewer sheep in the U.S. this year, and consequently, higher prices are in the offing.

Dr. Ernest Davis, a livestock marketing specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, says the outlook for 1976 slaughter and feeder lamb prices is excellent.

"Prices for choice slaughter lambs should average from \$52 to \$57 per hundredweight through June and then hit the mid-\$40's during the summer before rising a few dollars again during the last quarter of the year. Spring lamb prices have probably peaked and will taper off in the months ahead."

The reason for these lucrative prices is a steady drop in sheep numbers that has been going on since 1960, says the Texas A&M University System specialist. There were 13 million sheep and lambs on hand on January 1, an 8 per cent decrease from last year's inventory.

"The number of breeding ewes is 7 per cent below last year's count, and the January number of sheep and lambs on feed for slaughter in the 26 major sheep feeding states was down 9 per cent from last year and 28 per cent below 1974 levels," Davis points out.

The total value of all sheep and lambs in the U.S. is estimated

to be \$496,500,000, a 12 per cent increase over January 1, 1975 totals. The average sheep is worth about \$7 more this year than last. "The key to balancing higher prices with rising costs in production is in utilizing sound management and marketing practices," adds Davis.

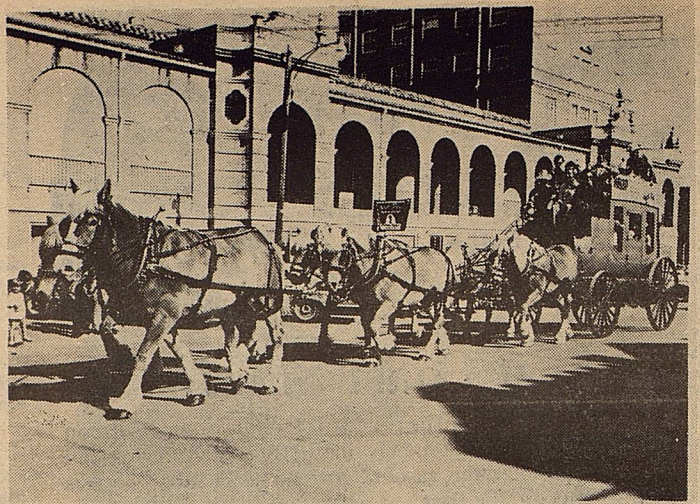
## Letter To President Ford

In a letter to President Gerald Ford, the members of the Public Utility Commission of Texas urged the selection of Texas as the site for the proposed federal Solar Energy Research Institute.

Citing Texas' unique position as the largest energy producer in the country, as well as the largest energy consumer, Commissioners Garrett Morris, Alan Erwin, and George Cowden stressed the importance of insuring that future fuel needs are met. Their letter stated, "We believe that solar energy is one of the most feasible, safe, and dependable supplies for the future, both for Texas and for the rest of the country."

Recent uncertainty about future gas availability and increased dependence upon imported fuel has contributed to the many problems faced by electric utilities on Texas. Some of the larger companies have supported conservation and alternate fuels research, but cannot provide the funding and top priority status necessary for such research.

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Institute is vital, and because we believe Texas can provide the essential environment for this research, we will do everything we can to support its operation."

The federal Energy Research and Development Administra-

tion has requested site and operator proposals for the Solar Energy Research Institute by July 15 of this year. Final selection will be made by early December so that the institute can begin operations by early 1977.

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**Q: A tenant in my rent house asked me if he could build a storage room over the patio. I told him to go ahead, so long as he made the patio roof and walls compatible with the existing roof. Now, he is moving out of the house and wants me to pay him for the lumber or he threatens to remove the room and take the lumber with him. Do I have to pay him for the lumber he used to build the room?**

**A:** No, you do not have to reimburse your tenant for the cost of the room he built on your house. Unless you and your tenant agreed that you would reimburse him, the law provides that any permanent improvement attached to the structure legally becomes part of the building and belongs to the landlord.

**Q: I've been living with a man for three years, and we consider ourselves married although we never got a marriage license or had a wedding. If we decide to split up, do we have to go to court and get a divorce?**

**A:** Because a common law marriage is just as valid as a traditional marriage, a divorce is necessary in both types of marriages. Accordingly, any property or children resulting from either type of marriage must be divided between the husband and wife. The law defines a common law marriage as one where the partners agree to marry, hold themselves out as being married, and live together. Contrary to popular belief, there is no minimum number of years a couple must live together to have a legal common law marriage.

**Q: I owe money on several charge accounts, and I want to know what effect my divorce will have when it be-**

**comes final. Can these charge accounts be closed and the balance be requested immediately?**

**A:** Your divorce cannot affect your charge accounts unless there is some evidence to indicate you will not be able to pay your bills. The new Equal Credit Opportunity Act prohibits a merchant, or any other lender, from closing an account or requiring people to reapply for new accounts just because there is a change in their marital status.

Send your questions to "You and the Law," State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, 78711. Answers may appear in columns in hypothetical terms; personal answers not possible.

## On Downward Trend

Dallas--The downward trend in crude oil production in the nation's No. 1 energy state continued in 1975 for the third consecutive year, despite another 12 months of production at the maximum effective recovery rate in nearly all Texas fields.

Although the 1975 output of just over 1.2-billion barrels pushed the state's all-time cumulative production to more than 40.6 billion barrels short of the 1974 production level.

The difference between 1975 crude oil production and the peak year of 1972 was more than 79.3 million barrels.

Statistics compiled by the Texas Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association also show that despite the continuing decline in Texas crude oil production last year, the state once again set the pace among U.S. oil producing states, accounting for 40-percent of total U.S. production.

"This continued decline in the production of Texas key natural resource begs an end to federal price controls and other bureaucratic restraints," said the Association's president, Jack S. Blanton, an independent oil company executive in Houston. "Texas oil producers need a free market and every possible economic incentive to

both generate and attract the capital necessary to continue to explore for oil, to drill wild-cut and developmental wells, and to initiate costly secondary and tertiary recovery projects."

Borden County, which has had recorded production since 1949, last year produced 10,599,469 barrels of oil at the rate of 2,040 per day. Production in 1975 boosted Borden County's production total through the end

of the year to 222,671,162 barrels.

The list includes (1.) Scurry 91.6 million barrels, (2.) Yoakum 82.8, (3.) Ector 69.2, (4.) Gaines 60.8, (5.) Hockley 52.6, (6.) Andrews 52.4.

Gregg County, the first Texas county to produce more than two-billion barrels of crude oil in the history of recorded production, remains the all-time leader with a cumulative production total through 1975 of more than 2.5 billion barrels, two-billion barrels of total production last year.



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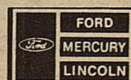
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# RALPH DE TOLEDANO COLUMN

Wash.--Both President Ford and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger are striving mightily to disperse the storm over remarks made by State Department Counselor Helmut Sonnenfeldt calling for an "organic" union of the Soviet Union and the rest of Eastern Europe.

To the House International Affairs Committee, Kissinger says of his key aide that he used an "unfortunate word" and really meant "historic" instead of "organic." This is, on its face, a ridiculous explanation of what is now being called the Kissinger-Sonnenfeldt Doctrine. The two words bear no relation to each other--and both the secretary and his counselor had many weeks in which to make a correction.

They did not do so until the Sonnenfeldt remarks were leaked by the State Department to test the public reaction.

President Ford, in a letter to Sen. James Buckley, R-N.Y., says Sonnenfeldt's remarks had been "severely distorted" and that there has been no change in the Ford foreign position. And White House press secretary Ron Nessen insists that a summary of the remarks adds up to "a statement of the President's policy on Eastern Europe"---which to someone with an ironic turn of mind might seem more compromising than exculpatory.

All of this might be more convincing had it come about spontaneously rather than as a result of press disclosure.

The "explanations," moreover, do not jibe with a report by Cyrus L. Sulzberger that an independent check in Europe, where the remarks were made, demonstrates that Sonnenfeldt was not misquoted.

It would, of course be simple for Kissinger or the White House to release the official summary of the Kissinger-Sonnenfeldt Doctrine and let the media and the public judge for themselves. But this is impossible, for obvious reasons.

It is not just the one word "organic" which is frightening. All of the published excerpts spell out what was meant and they add up to a total surrender of Eastern Europe to de jure Soviet control. And disclosure comes at a time when both the Congress and the media have lost all faith in Kissinger's "explanations" and promises. His actions during the October, 1973, war in the Middle East were hardly those of a candid man.

That the current tilt in America foreign policy vis-a-vis Eastern Europe can be summed up in that one killing word, "organic," will make difficulties for President Ford in his election campaign. Had it been fuzzed up in diplomatic language the critics of Mr. Ford's foreign policy would have had difficulties. That the administration is not meeting the challenge head-on will only make matters worse.

Kissinger has been, for some months, a major liability to the President. The secretary of state is not just another official, and Kissinger made the serious mistake of making a public show of his power over the President when he forced the resignation of Defense Secretary James Schlesinger. Kissinger is THE strong man of the administration

and whatever he says or does, good or bad, reflects on the presidency.

Both Mr. Ford and his campaign advisers are fully aware that Kissinger is an albatross around the neck of the presidency. But the argument has been that to fire him would be more harmful at this time than to let him go his merry way. Ironically, the President lost a perfect opportunity to disassociate himself from Kissinger when the story of the planned appeasement of the Kremlin in Eastern Europe leaked.

But, Mr. Ford is as slow to act as he is to anger, and he let the psychological moment

escape him. Instead, he allowed himself to be booby-trapped into a defense of both his secretary of state and Sonnenfeldt. Now he is stuck with the Kissinger-Sonnenfeldt Doctrine and must ride out the storm as well as he can. This will not help him at home--as it will not help the United States in Europe.

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