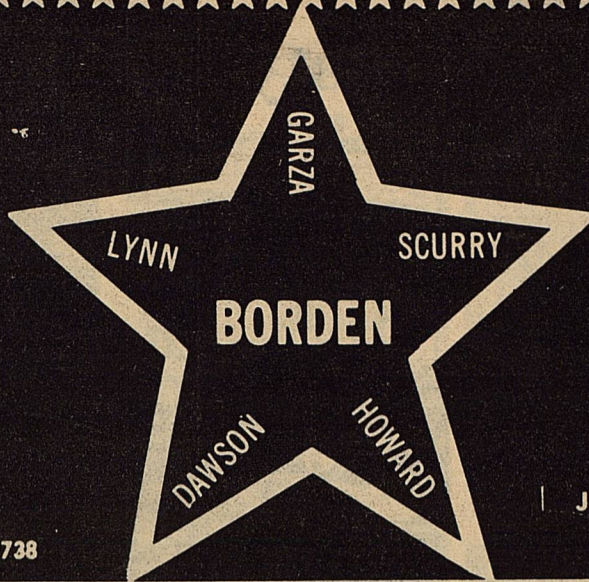


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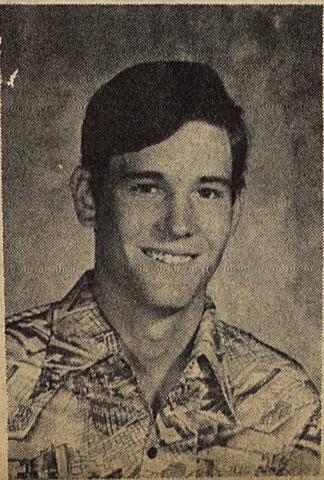
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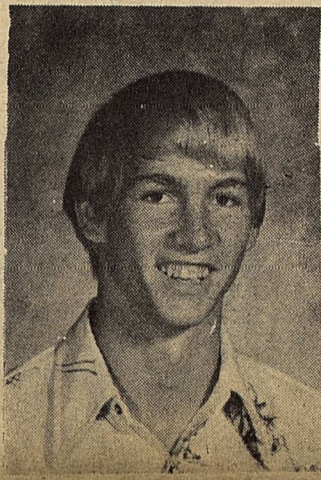
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Colgan Honored



MATT FARMER



EURDIST RINEHART

Recognized By Journal

Matt Farmer and Eurdist Rinehart received special recognition by the Lubbock Avalanche Journal recently. Matt was chosen All South Plains offensive tackle and Eurdist was chosen All South Plains honorable mention back. The two

play football for the Borden County Coyotes.

Matt, the son of Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Farmer of O'Donnell, is a Junior. Eurdist the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rinehart of Gail is also a Junior at Borden High School.

Meat Importation

Austin: Independent Cattle-men's Association President T.A. Cunningham expressed gratitude to the high priority placed upon the introduction of meat import legislation yesterday by Congressman Jake Pickle of Austin. "On behalf of the ICA, I would like to express our thanks for the immediate introduction of legislation that alleviates some of the problems that face the livestock industry and consumers of this nation. The timely introduction of this legislation exemplifies the necessity of Congressional action upon the problems facing the bankrupt cattle industry. This situation is destined to extenuate to the consumer when no further domestic meats are available."

The legislation introduced by Congressman Pickle would eliminate the pronounced inadequacies in the 1964 Meat Import Law. The present law allows

for meat imports to increase as domestic production increases. Although there have been sharp increases in domestic production to meet the demands of our nation, increasingly enormous amounts of meat imports are allowed to enter the United States annually. The present law is estimated to allow 1.28 billion pounds to enter the U.S. in 1977. Congressman Pickle legislation will reduce the amount to 750 million pounds and would in essence reverse the formula that sets the annual importation of beef provided for in the 1964 Meat Import Law.

"If the present law is not altered, cattle producing in the United States will be a non-existent profession and the American consumer will be faced with the dilemma of depending on the mercy of foreign nations for their meat as we do today for oil," Cunningham concluded.

Lee Roy Colgan and his wife, LaVerne, were honored by citizens and long time friends of Dawson County at a reception on Sunday, January 2, 1977, at the Lamesa High School Student Center. This reception honored Mr. Colgan for his 32 year career with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Twenty-eight of these years were spent as the Dawson County Agricultural Agent.

January 2, 1977 was proclaimed by Mayor Lloyd Cline as "Lee Roy Colgan Day."

Upon retirement from the Extension Service, Colgan will remain in Lamesa to enter private business.

Born and reared in the small northwest Texas Town of Megargel, Colgan attended Megargel High School and graduated from what was then called Texas A&M College with a B.S. Degree in Agricultural Administration in 1942.

Following a two-year stint in the U.S. Air Force during World War II, he joined the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service where he served Archer and Gaines counties for a year. He then went to work for Hunt Oil Company in Dallas for two years, after which he was named assistant county agricultural agent for Lubbock County on January 1, 1947. Nearly two years later, he was promoted to county agricultural agent for Dawson County.

During his 28 year career in Dawson County, Colgan has received distinguished service awards, has been a state and national leader of county agricultural Agents Association and received the Superior Service Award in 1970 which is presented by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Serving on the Board of Directors of the Texas County Agricultural Agents Association in 1974. He was elected first vice-president of that organization in 1975 and was named president in 1976.

Lee Roy and LaVerne Colgan have two children, a son, Stephen, 24, lives in Amarillo, and a daughter Susan, 21, is attending Texas A & M.

Legislation

WASHINGTON, D.C. Representative Omar Burleson introduced legislation last week that seeks to improve the nation's health care system without imposing excessive new taxes or creating a burdensome and expensive Federal bureaucracy.

In proposing the National Health Care Act of 1977, the veteran Texas legislator, who serves on the House Ways and Means subcommittee told congress that the goal of better health care for all Americans can be attained now "if we enlist all our resources, private and public, in a meaningful and workable partnership to frame solutions that are both realistic and effective."

Burleson said he believes this legislation offers us "the most effective, efficient and economical way to improve health care and extend its availability to all Americans. My bill would build on the present health delivery and insurance system with improved Federal standards and guidelines. It would not only improve protection for all Americans, but it would also help control the cost of health care. This bill would achieve these goals without destroying the present health care system which has served our nation well. It would not create a burdensome and expensive Federal bureaucracy and it would not impose unconscionably higher taxes on our already over-taxed citizenry. It is time to improve our present health delivery and insurance system, not destroy it."

He said the National Health Care Act addresses the most complex problems -- rising medical costs, lack of ambulatory health facilities, inadequate cost and quality controls, diffused leadership patterns, fear of catastrophic illness, and uneven benefit levels. Burleson noted that it does so "by the most efficient, least expensive methods, while blending the expertise and strengths of the major elements of the private sector with the unique capacities of Federal and State governments."

The National Health Care Act

has important advantages over any Government-administered and financed program, Burleson explained. "For one thing, it would cost far less in Federal taxes and divert far fewer tax dollars from other high-priority social needs."

Burleson also noted that the Health Security Act, which was proposed in the last session of Congress, would require an increase in new Federal tax dollars of \$130 billion by 1980, according to a cost study done for HEW in September, 1976. "The nation cannot afford such a new expenditure. The legislation which I am introducing today would not create these excessive new taxes."

Burleson concluded that this is no time to enact a program of nationalized compulsory health insurance that would greatly increase Federal health care costs and place an excessive new strain on the Federal budget. He said his program would achieve the objective of better health care without these adverse effects of higher taxes and an expanded Federal Government.

Scientists Attend Conferences

Atlanta, Georgia--Thirteen scientists and specialists from the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center are presenting technical papers at the annual Beltwide Cotton Production Research Conferences in Atlanta, Georgia, Jan. 10-12.

Dr. Bill Ott, resident director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at Lubbock said the meeting drew some 1,000 scientists and cotton industry representatives from 13 states.

The group will also attend the Beltwide Cotton Production-Mechanization Conference Jan. 12-13, following the production research conferences.

Those attending are Drs. Bill

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Borden County School News



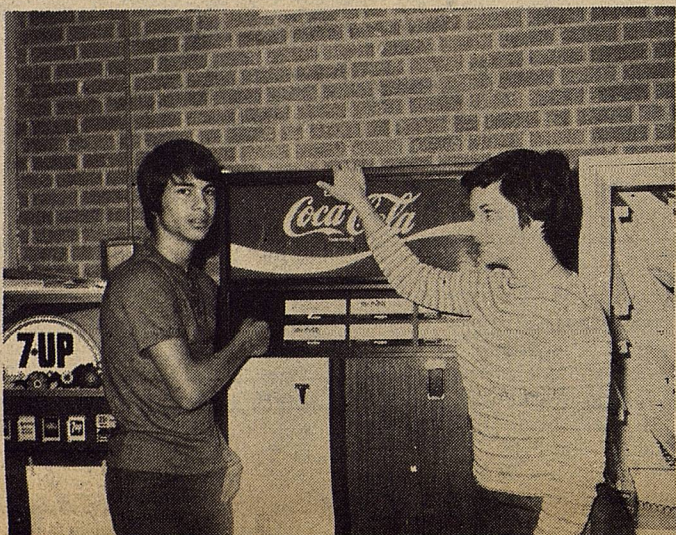
TOMMY PATTERSON AND TRICIA JACKSON-Seniors



PATRICK TOOMBS AND KEVVA TUCKER-Juniors



BRENT RHOTON AND RHESA WOLF -Sophomores



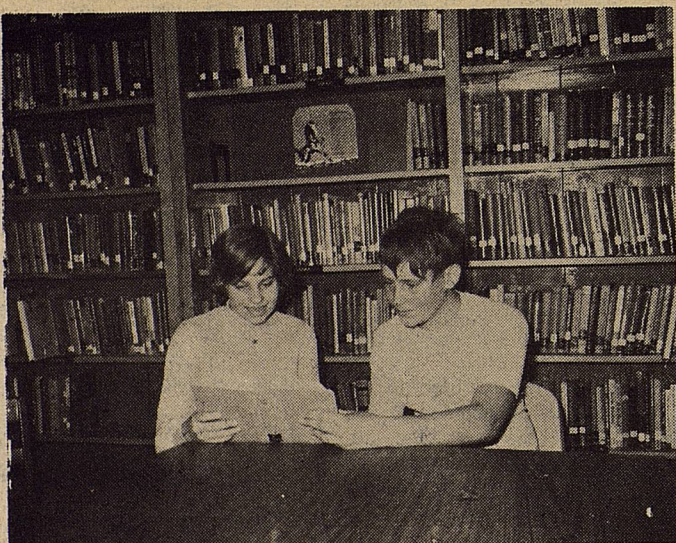
BLANE DYESS AND KAREN WILLIAMS-Freshmen



DANNY HOLMES AND SHELLIE WHITE-8th



KEVIN TELCHIK AND PAIGE WHITE-Sixth Grade



CHIP SMITH AND SHARON BRUMMETT-Seventh Grade

Harvest King & Queen Candidates

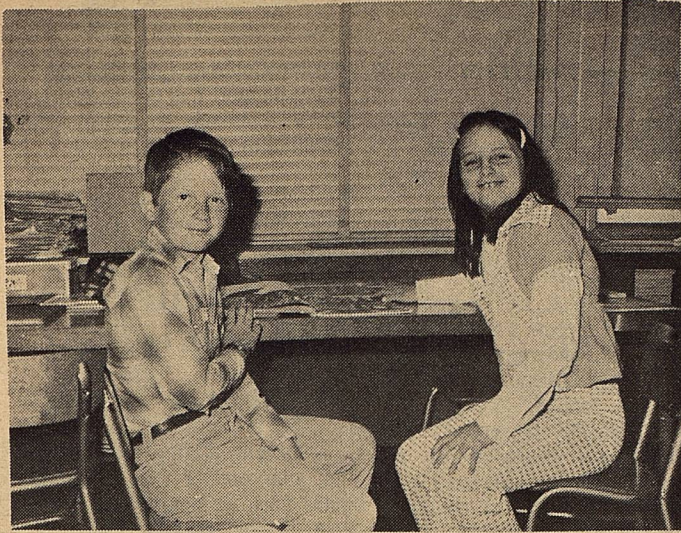


KEITH MARTIN AND TAMMY MILLER-Fifth Grade

Prizes!
Come To The
Harvest Festival
January 14th
From 7:00 To 10:30
Prizes!
 Presentation Of Kings & Queens At 10:00



BRIC TURNER AND CINDY BALAQUE-Third Grade



DENNIS BUCHANAN AND BARBARA STURDIVANT-4th Grade

F.H. A. Needs Help! ! ! !

The Home Furnishings Class of the Home Economics Department at Borden County High School needs your old magazines. Particularly needed are copies of AMERICAN HOME, HOUSE BEAUTIFUL, BETTER HOMES AND GARDEN, GOOD HOUSEKEEPING, LADIES HOME JOURNAL. Others could also be helpful.

If you have magazines, one of the following F.H.A. members will be glad to pick them up- Lesa Hensley, Carol Burkett, Twila Telchik, Denise Currey, Kevva Tucker, Rita Baeza, Martha Anderson, or Lesa Barnes. If you prefer, you may bring them by the Home Economics Department.

We appreciate your continual support of our Home Economics Program.



LEDDY DOYLE AND RALYNN KEY-First Grade

Basketball News

Jr. High Girls Win 1st In Dist. Tourney

The Junior High girls won 1st place in the District Tournament at Loop. On Thursday, the Coyotes defeated Klondike 45-25 and on Saturday they won over Sands 44-14 in the semi-finals and 57-29 over Union in the finals.

Scoring summary: Klondike game-Talley Griffin 20, Joie Brummett 14, Jana Edwards 8, Tammy Telchik 2, Shelly White 1 point.

Sands game-Talley 17, Jana 15,

Joie 56 Tammy 5, Shelly 2 points. Union game-Talley 23, Jana 23, Shelly 7, Joie 2, Gene Mcleeroy 2 points.

Also playing in the tournament and doing a good job on the guard end were Gayla Newton, Suzanne Walker, Debra Kountz, Becky Miller, and Cindy Grose. By winning the District Tournament, the Borden girls are assured of at least a play-off for the District Championship.

Discuss Festival And Medical Course

The Parent's Club met at 2:30 on January 6, 1977 with Carolyn Stone presiding. Jim Burkett informed the attendants about the Emergency Medical Technician course. The program is tentatively set to begin January 17th and last for 14 weeks. The classroom work will be held Monday and Thursday nights from 6:00 until 10:00 in the Borden County School. To be certified as an E.M.T., one must complete 40 hours of hospital work within 6 months of completion of classroom study. There is no charge for tuition. Those who are interested in this opportunity should contact Mr. Burkett.

The Parent's Club will have the Green Stamp Booth again this year at the Festival on January 14th. Parents are asked to send their book or books to the school by January 11th. A schedule was assigned to booth workers. It is as follows:

6:30-7:30-Leona Doyle and Carolyn Stone
7:30-8:30-Pat Porter and Mary John Phinizy
8:30-9:30-Patsy Anderson and Sherry Telchik
9:30-10:30-Clara Dyess and Mary Lynn Williams

The winner of the Green Stamps will be announced prior to the Carnation of the king and queen.

Leona Doyle was unanimously elected as treasurer of the Parent's Club.

The kindergarten will receive "treats" as a reward for having more parents attend the meeting than any other class!!!!



GERRY SMITH AND KRISTI STONE-Second Grade

Menu

January 17-21, 1977

MONDAY Burritos Tossed Salad Blackeyed Peas Fruit Cocktail Cake Milk	THURSDAY Roast Beef and Gravy Green Beans Peach Half Hot Rolls and Butter Milk
TUESDAY Barbecued Chicken Lettuce and Tomato Salad Fruit Cookies Milk	FRIDAY Hamburgers French Fries Lettuce, Tomatoes & Pickles Plain Cake with Butter Icing Milk
WEDNESDAY Enchiladas with Chili Mexican Bean Salad Applesauce Brownies Milk	

Klondike 20 Borden 13 Come Out On Top

Borden County fell to Klondike by the score of 20-13 in their first game of the district Junior High Tournament at Loop last Thursday. Scoring for Borden Junior High was Bart McMeans 8, Jym Rinehart 4 and Keil Williams 1.

Scoring by quarters
Klondike 2 9 2 7 20
Borden 3 8 0 2 13

Dawson 54- Borden 50

Borden County lost a close game against Dawson Friday night by the score of 54-50. It was close all the way with neither team leading by 4 points throughout the whole contest. Scoring for the Coyotes was Larry Simer 24, Blane Dyess 10, Matt Farmer 6, Gene Cooley 4, Tim Smith 2, Eurdist Rinehart 2, and Craig Peterson 2. The Coyotes are now 8-8 on the year and 2-2 in district.

Scoring by quarters
Dawson 9 14 12 19 54
Borden 13 11 10 16 50

Come Out On Top

The B Team girls won over Wellman 40-31. Pennye Thompson scored 22 points, Vickie Jones 16, and Janna Love 2 points. Glynda Burkett had 10 rebounds and Carla Jones had 6.

The B team defeated Dawson 37-26 with Vickie scoring 25 points. Pennye added 10 and Janna 2 points. Glynda had 9 rebounds and Vickie pulled down 7.

Other members of the B Team are Twila Telchik, Rhesa Wolf, Mayme McLaurey and Lesa Barnes. The girls have completed their season with a record of 5 wins and 3 losses.

Run Away 64-48

The High School girls defeated Wellman Tuesday night 64-48. Scoring for Borden were: Karen Williams 25; Sue Hancock 21; Kristy Smith 16; and Lesa Hensley 2 points. Kristy pulled down 8 rebounds and Lesa and Martha Anderson each had 6 rebounds.

On Friday night, the girls lost to Dawson 41-31. Kristy scored 19 points, Sue 8, and Karen 4. Martha had 7 rebounds and Lesa had 5.

1976 - 1977 BORDEN HIGH BASKETBALL SCHEDULE				
Date	OPPONENT	Place	TEAMS	Time
Jan. 18	SANDS*	T	A Girls, A & B Boys	5:00
Jan. 20	LOOP*	H	A Girls, A Boys	6:30
Jan. 25	KLONDIKE*	T	A Girls, A & B Boys	5:00
Jan. 28	WELLMAN*	H	A Girls, A & B Boys	5:00
Feb. 1	DAWSON*	T	A Girls, A & B Boys	5:00
Feb. 4	UNION*	H	A Girls, A Boys	6:30
Feb. 11	SANDS*	H	A & B Boys	6:30
* District 9 B Games		** District Game for Girls Only		
1976 - 1977 BORDEN JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL SCHEDULE				
Date	OPPONENT	Place	TEAMS	Time
Jan. 17	KLONDIKE*	H	A Girls, A & B Boys	5:30
Jan. 20-22	GRADY TOURNAMENT		A Girls, A Boys	
Jan. 24	SANDS*	T	A Girls, A Boys	6:00
Jan. 31	GRADY*	H	A & B Girls, A Boys	5:30
Feb. 3 & 5	KLONDIKE PEE WEE TOURNAMENT		B Girls, B Boys	
Feb. 7	WELLMAN*	H	A Girls, A Boys	6:00
* District Games		Date of Klondike Pee Wee Tournament is tentative		

Jere's Jottings

I believe in capital punishment. But I'm not quite ready to sit down with a cup of tea and watch a live execution on TV—no instant replay—no play-acting—but the real thing. Capital punishment in my opinion is a deterrent to violent crime when carried out—swiftly and surely. And I believe that word must get around that should you commit a violent crime, you will be apprehended, sentenced to death and be executed. But I do not think the media of TV is the way to spread the word. Were I confident that a live execution would be televised in a dignified manner, I might be more susceptible to the procedure. That dignified manner would entail a documented record of the crime the sentenced had committed. It would have to be shown in such an incisive way as to leave no room for the bleeding hearts. Rather than being a shocking, instant enactment of justice, I fear it would become just another act of violence and not the deterrent intended. Handled wrongly, it could become maudlin and even circus like.

Maybe you watched the three and one half hour TV special on crime and violence last week. I did and was struck by the omission of the mention of capital punishment by the panel discussing the problem of rising crime. Granted, the female lawyer was insistent that justice be carried out more swiftly than at the present time. The sociologist agreed. The human relations director felt justice should be in the form of rehabilitation rather than punishment. But the most strange to me was the Protestant Bishop's failure

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to suggest a consistent use of capital punishment. He, of all the panel should be aware of the Biblical veracity of death for the committing of criminal acts—or even such acts as adultery. The Bishop spoke of the lack of hope as being a major contributor to violence and crime. And I thought, aha—for once we shall hear that the church has failed to proclaim that we are all sinners but have the hope of a better life in the hereafter. But he flubbed it. Lack of hope to him meant the poor soul in the ghetto who has no hope of bettering himself in this world. But he seemed immune to the fact that crimes of violence are committed everyday by the middle class, upper class, and the rich—the classes in which secular hopelessness is not supposed to exist.

But the Bishop did comment upon sensitivity training being a contributing factor to crime. And I think the media of TV is the largest classroom for sensitivity training. The mesmerized daily watchers of play-like crime on TV must surely be desensitized to the real horror of crime. But TV isn't the only one guilty of sensitivity training. The military, particularly in time of war, returns emotionless zombies in many instances. Also the government schools have become breeding grounds for sensitivity training. A case in point is the Hawaii English Program (HEP) used in at least the California school system. Such desensitizing programs as Gesture are used. This component teaches the gestures that might accompany threats of murder. Then there is Sounds—which refers to murder, theft and assault. Also, Propaganda—instructs how to take over a school and to start a classroom battle. Worse, maybe, is a song taught—"Marijuana, marijuana; LSD, LSD! All the teachers take it; All the teachers smoke it. Why can't we? Why can't we?" Without hope being taught from the pulpit and by the time we are thoroughly desensitized by TV and the schools, what impact would a live execution have upon the zonked observers?

Letter To Editor

Dear Editor:

I have been reading Jere's Jottings ever since she started writing for the paper and I'd say first that she has written some fine articles that I enjoyed reading. But ever since her choice of candidates didn't get elected, her articles have gone from bad to worse. She can do nothing but ridicule and run down the government and all its officials. Well, we Democrats were not too happy when Nixon got elected, but we left well enough alone and gave him enough rope and he finally hung himself. Does look like she could do the same for Carter and as one of the stockholders in the Borden Star, I want everyone to know that her views are not necessarily those of the stockholders, especially this one. So, I'd like to see a change in her articles or not see them at all.

/s/
Still a Democrat
Sibyl Gilmore

NOTE

How boring would it be to read only those with whom you agree.
Ed.

Columns Welcome

The Borden Star strives to give our readers both sides of the story.

We will be happy to consider printing an additional weekly column concerning the affairs of state if anyone cares to undertake that task.

We think letters—pro-or con—add to reader interest and are delighted to publish them. However we must set a policy as to the length of the letter. The one above is very adequate. The reader was able to state her opinion very succinctly in the space allowed. We feel one column is adequate. Keep 'em coming.

W.T.C. Registration

Snyder--Registration will get underway at 1 p.m. on Jan. 17 for spring semester classes at Western Texas College.

Sophomores are to register between 1-5 p.m. on Jan. 17 and evening students from 6:30-9 p.m. on Jan. 17. Freshmen will register from 8 a.m.-12 noon on Jan. 18, and registration for all students will continue through 5 p.m. on Jan. 18.

Classes for day and evening students will begin on Jan. 19.

Copies of schedules for spring semester classes are available from the office of the registrar. Several new courses will be offered, including organ lessons, advanced Scuba diving, an Outdoor Activities course through the Physical Education department, an evening English course dealing with Western movies and an experimental course in the new Century 21 shorthand system.

Spring

Registration Required

Snyder-Sp.- Western Texas College personnel are currently preparing for Spring registration at six different campuses. A variety of courses are offered at each of the five extension centers and the main campus in Snyder. The schedule for registration at extension centers is as follows:

Tuesday Jan. 11-Haskell, Rotan, Colorado City
Thursday, Jan. 14- Sweetwater and Post.

Each of the registration periods is scheduled from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Borden County deputy Sheriff, Fran Bennett has been admitted to a Lubbock Hospital with pneumonia.

Gail Postmistress, Jessie Bee Jackson has gone to Temple to undergo further tests.

33% Believe Journalists Honest

A recent Gallup poll shows that one out of three Americans rate journalists high in honesty and ethical standards—above senators, congressmen, and lawyers. The survey shows journalists rank fourth in a list of all occupations that respondents were asked to rate on ethical standards.

At the top of the list were medical doctors, who received a 55 per cent rating; engineers, 48 per cent; college teachers, with 44 per cent; and journalists, 33 per cent. Lawyers received a 25 per cent rating; senators, 19 per cent; and congressmen, 14 per cent.

Required

As Punishment

A Seattle appliance retailer who pleaded guilty to false advertising charges served 10 days in jail, paid a \$1,200 fine and, in addition, spent (under court order) \$470 for a series of newspaper ads warning the public about false advertising. Headlined "False Advertising is Stealing," the ad lists a number of claims that should be checked out before purchase. Among them are repossessed unclaimed layaway, freight damage, going out of business, fire sale and 30% off regular price.

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4-HERS

Attend Horse Show

Seven Borden County 4-Hers participated in the Sand Hills Hereford and Quarter Horse Show at Odessa last week.

Nine lambs and two steers were shown by the 4-Hers.

Placing in the lamb show were Duane Summers 17th, Ricky Summers 18, and Kim Wills 20th.

Other 4-Hers attending the show were Jeff Martin, Ty Wills and Becky and Tammy Miller.

Parents attending the show were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Don Wills, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Martin, and Mr. and Mrs. Royce Summers.

Brucellosis

Hearing

Several additional requirements aimed at controlling brucellosis are being proposed by the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC). A statewide hearing on the proposals will be held Jan. 20 beginning at 9 a.m. in the Sam Houston State Office Building in Austin, announces Earnest Kiker, county agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The requirements are being proposed to aid in the prevention of introducing brucellosis into Texas by exposed cattle from other states and are as follows:

1. A permit prior to entry is required from the TAHC on all dairy cattle six months or older and on all beef cattle 12 months and older unless consigned directly to slaughter or an approved livestock market.
2. All dairy cattle six months or older and all beef cattle 12 months or older, excluding steers and spayed heifers and official brucellosis vaccinates under 20 months for dairy and 24 months for beef breeds from herds not known to be infected, must be brucellosis tested negative within 30 days prior to entry, placed under quarantine, and subjected to another test at the owner's expense within 15 days after arrival at a destination in Texas, except in the following cases:

--Cattle consigned for sale to approved livestock markets may enter the state without test, quarantined upon arrival at the market, and then if sold for breeding purposes by brucellosis tested; if sold for feeding of slaughter, they are re-

quired to be "S" branded only on the left jaw or tail head. --"S" branded cattle of unknown status require no permit for movement to approved quarantine feedlots or slaughter.

--Cattle consigned directly to an approved feedlot must have a permit of entry; such cattle are required to be "S" branded on the left jaw or tail head prior to entry or on arrival.

--An entry permit will be required of breeding cattle being consigned directly to a premise

County Agent, Earnest Kiker invites all interested cattlemen to attend the open hearings on these proposed brucellosis requirements.

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Loan Sharking In Texas?

"Finance companies are trying to pass a bill that will legalize loan sharking in Texas and clog the courts," said Senator Bill Patman of Ganado today. "Loan company lobbyists have publicly called for raises in present interest rate limits to enable them to charge Texas borrowers as much as 25% more than the extra-high rates they are already gouging them with. The charges on a 37-month loan of \$1,000 would increase from \$339.17 to \$425.50 under the loan company proposal.

"Only \$165.87 can be charged for the same loan under the constitutional 10% limit, but in 1967 the Legislature authorized the \$333.17 finance companies now charge. Under the 1960 amendment to the Texas constitution, the limit of 10% only applies where the Legislature does not legalize higher rates. The Legislature is now unlimited by the constitution as to the interest rates it may authorize.

"Without new legislation, the loan sharking penalty for deliberately charging such outrageous interest (\$425.50) would be \$851.00, plus reasonable attorneys' fees fixed by the court. The loan company bill will not only permit the lenders to escape the penalty of \$851.00 and the attorneys' fees but will enable the finance companies to go to Texas courts to enforce such unconscionable contracts," said Senator Patman. "Our already overcrowded court dockets will swell from lawsuits brought by loan companies to enforce the higher rates. The administration of justice will suffer throughout Texas.

"It is particularly inappropriate for loan companies to be seeking higher rates at this time. Their own borrowing costs have been sharply reduced in recent

months. The prime rate has gone down from 12% in July of 1974 to 6.78% in October 1976 (latest month for which figures are available) -- a decline of 42.5%. Yet these powerful special interests have served notice they intend to pressure legislators for a sharp increase in interest rates imposed upon Texas families," Senator Patman said.

"The battle against high interest rates will be more severe this coming Session than any in recent years. Unless people throughout our state get in touch with their legislators and other public officials, the loan industry will prevail. I urge the people of Texas to react strongly and contact immediately their senators and representatives, asking their opposition to the loan company bill."

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Sealed proposals addressed to Mr. J.R. Anderson, President, Board of Trustees, Borden County Independent School District, Gail, Texas, shall be received in the Bronze Room South Park Inn, 3201 South Loop 289, Lubbock, Texas, (Phone No. South Park Inn (806) 797-3241), until 2:00 P.M., Wednesday, January 26, 1977, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud, for the furnishing of all labor, materials, equipment and performing all work required for school plant additions, for the Borden County Independent School District, Gail, Texas, in accordance with Plans, specifications and contract documents as prepared by Riherd, Huckabee and Donham, Architects and Planners, Lubbock and Andrews, Texas.

Lump sum proposals will be received for the general construction which will include plumbing, heating, air conditioning and electrical work.

A cashier's check, certified check or acceptable bidder's bond payable to the Borden County Independent School District in the amount of not less than 5% of the largest possible total for the bid submitted must accompany each bid.

Attention is called to the fact that the contractor must comply with all Federal, State and Local Labor Laws.

The successful bidder will be required to enter into a contract with the Borden County Independent School District, Gail, Texas and furnish a performance and payment bond in the amount of not less than 100% of the contract price, conditioned upon the performance of the contract.

Attention is called to the fact that the owner is exempt from the payment of the statesales tax normally levied against material costs. In order to take advantage of this exemption, materials and labor costs must be identified representing direct mat-

erial by the successful bidder. In developing this division of labor and material costs, the bidders are cautioned to include all costs and allowances not representing direct material costs with labor. The contract sum, as identified by the Base Bid shall not include any allowance for the payment of State Sales Tax on materials required to complete the work. The successful bidder, upon award of the contract, will be furnished with a permit number which will enable him to purchase the required materials without payment of such taxes.

Specifications and Plans may be obtained from the Architect in accordance with the stipulations set forth under Deposits and Refunds.

The bidder acknowledges the right of the Owner to reject

any or all bids and to waive any informality or irregularity in any bid received. In addition, the bidder recognizes the right of the Owner to reject a bid if the bidder failed to furnish any required bid security, or to submit the data required by the bidding documents, or if the bid is in any way incomplete or irregular.

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Ralph De Toledano

WASHINGTON -- President elect Carter soon will walk into the Oval Office to assume the royal purple.

He will be surrounded by an entourage of the old familiar faces, the veterans of the Washington establishment. And suddenly, even his closest friends will be compelled to address him as "Mr. President."

How Mr. Carter will react to the semi-deification will be the subject of much punditing. Harry Truman, though his respect for the office of presidency was great, never assumed for himself the trappings of a godhead.

Without any false humility, he remained at heart a homespun American -- and though some of us opposed him, we still respected him.

Richard Nixon forgot it all. Perhaps someday the full and true story of what happened to him will be told. If it were seemly for me, I could tell much of it, but there is such a thing as respecting an old friendship even when the friend does not. Richard Nixon's sin was not Watergate but that he lost touch with reality when he put on the presidential mantle. Had he not, there would have been no Watergate.

No one, neither his friends nor his detractors, can predict how well Mr. Carter will comport himself in the White House. If he is given a chance he may be a fine president. The operative phrase is "if he is given a chance."

For even before he has taken the oath of office, his greatest supporters are the most vociferous in criticism.

It is a symptom of our time's plague that much of this criticism has nothing to do with the merits of those he has raised to high office but rather with the color of their skins and the nature of their sex. All the brave talk about "equality" has been forgotten. We are living in an era in which the label is the message.

Those of us whose misfortune it has been to cover the political scene in Washington can remember that John F. Kennedy was restive and unhappy in the White House. He was a man of gentle cynicism who did not enjoy the powers and pressures of office. He could deal with the politicians, but he could not suffer them gladly.

This will not be a problem for Mr. Carter.

John F. Kennedy's ambition was implanted by his father, but Jimmy Carter generates his own. This may be all to the good, for having reached the top he may set ambition aside and devote his considerable energies to the proper governance of the country.

As the revolving door turns, bringing in the new and shuffling out the old, few will give more than a brief parting glance to Gerald Ford.

As the House Republican leader, Jerry Ford's great virtue was that he took his duties but not himself seriously. But there is a kind of corruption inherent in the presidency, a corruption of the psyche.

Jerry Ford was really liked when he was elevated to the

presidency. But once in the Oval Office, he became a manipulator, forgetting those who had worked at his side for years, being hardnosed when it must have been his impulse to be generous, being expedient when he should have been tough.

This was sensed by the American people -- and I believe that it contributed more to his defeat than his susceptibility to foot-in-mouth disease. Watching him at work, his friends suffered far more than he did. Had he been himself, he would have made a far better President.

Well, the moving finger writes when it is not poking us rudely in the ribs. Mr. Ford will slip into ambiguity, to be praised and applauded only at Republican conventions. And Mr. Carter will become the focus of the sycophants and the idealists, the special pleaders and those who see him as the father of their fortunes.

It all takes me back to the early days of 1960, when it seemed that Richard Nixon had the November election in his pocket. The vice president had asked me over to his house on a Sunday

Cotton Conference

Ott, Levon Ray, Jack Gipson, Don Rummel, and John Abernathy with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. Also Elmer Hudspeth, Alan Brashers, and Drs. Don Wanjura, Calvin Orr, Earl Minton, Jerry Quisenberry, and Bruce Roark, representing the USDA-Agricultural Research Service; and Dr. James Supak, with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The annual event is a series of technical workshops and seminars in which cotton researchers and specialists from various disciplines exchange ideas and information on cotton production, primarily through progress reports of ongoing research. Most of the reports are results of experiments conducted the previous year, Ott said.

Workshops include the Cotton Disease Council, Cotton Defoliation and Physiology Conference, Cotton Improvement Conference, Cotton Insect and Control Conference, and The Agricultural Engineers Regional Research Committee.


National Cotton Council of America, based in Memphis, Tennessee, sponsors and coordinates the various confer-

ences.

The importance of these meetings, Ott noted, is reflected by the fact that cotton is the only crop for which public and private scientists from different disciplines and from across the entire production area meet annually to devote their discussions entirely to one commodity.

Ott said the Beltwide Cotton Conferences offer an excellent means for each cotton producing state to gain from the problems, programs and progress of the others.

Approximately 15,000 infants are born with cerebral palsy each year and today 750,000 Americans have one or more of its effects. The difficulty in control of movements which is the basic characteristic of a CP condition may affect legs, arms, speech, hearing, sight, learning or cause convulsions. Persons with CP were among the 48,000 with neurological disorders served by the Easter Seal Society nationwide in 1972.



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Q: I got a divorce in May and remarried. My ex-husband sends the child support payments only when he wants to. My new husband supports my children and I feel he should be their father instead of my ex-husband. Is

there a way he could adopt them? And, if I die, would my ex-husband gain custody of them?

A: A child cannot be adopted by a step-father unless the natural father consents or loses his parental

rights by order of a court. Persistent non-payment of child support is one ground for seeking termination of parental rights. A natural father who retains parental rights cannot be denied possession and control of his

children if his former wife dies, unless a court finds that he is an unfit parent and that the children's best interests would be served by having them become wards of the state.

Q: I've been told that banks are the only institutions that have a legal right to demand a service charge for a check that has bounced. If this is true, what

gives grocery stores and other business the right to charge for bad checks?

A: Texas law contains no provisions regulating the charges made for bad checks. State law regulates the amount of interest which is charged for credit, but the amount of service charges--such as the charge for a returned check--is not interest and therefore not covered

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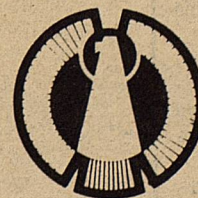
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