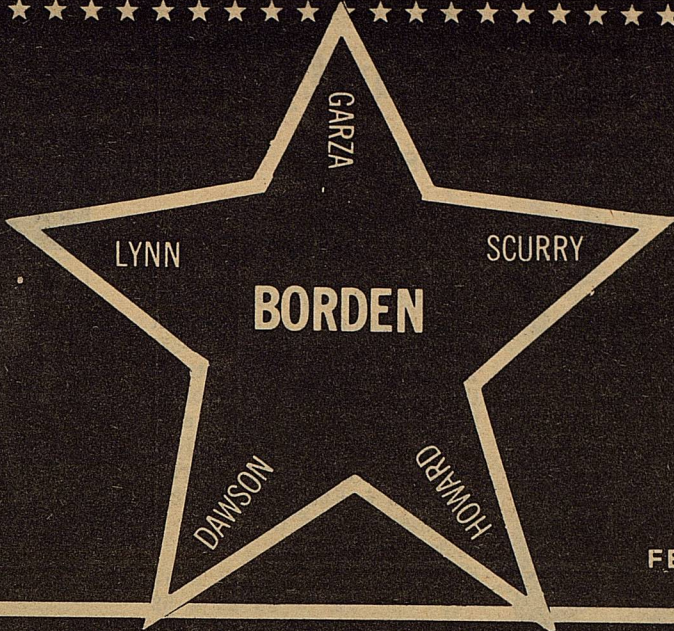


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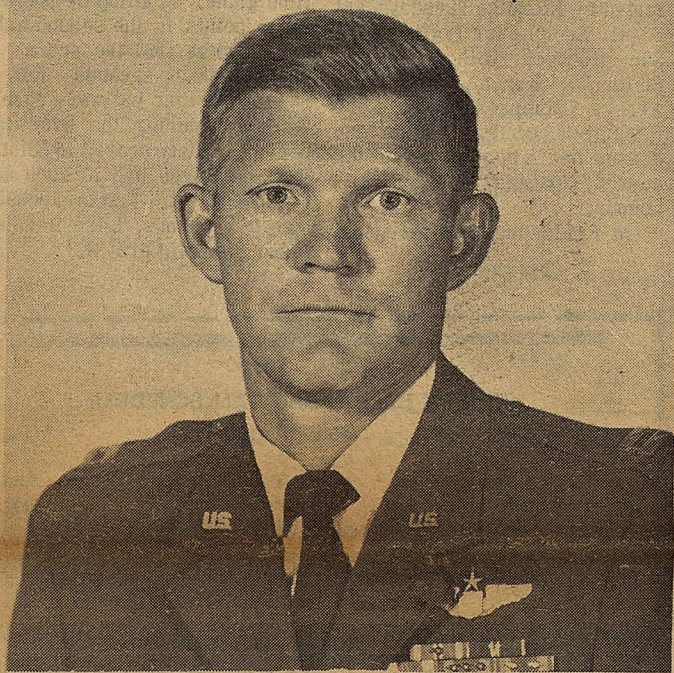
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CAPTAIN JERRY G. SHUGARS

## Lions Club Speaker

On February 7th, Captain Jerry G. Shugars will be speaking to the Gail Lions Club on the "Security Assistance Program and the Aspects That Are Conducted At Webb Air Base."

Captain Jerry G. Shugars is the E flight commander of the 83rd Flying Training Squadron at Webb Air Force Base, Big Spring, Texas.

Captain Shugars was born in Rockford, Illinois in 1943. His family moved to Arizona in 1947 and he now calls Arizona his home. He graduated from Phoenix Camelback High School in 1960. He joined the Air Force ROTC detachment at Arizona State University and was commissioned upon receiving his B.S. degree. Captain Shugars was a Distinguished Military Graduate and was presented the President's Award upon graduation. He delayed from immediate entry into active duty to obtain a Master of Arts degree in Geography from ASU.

Captain Shugars graduated from Undergraduate Pilot Training in 1967 at Williams Air Force Base, Arizona. After attending CCTS at George AFB, California, he was assigned to Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C. in 1968. He was assigned to K-vaug Ju Korea during the Pu-

eblo crisis and returned to Hurlburt Field, Fla., for OV-10 training in September 1968.

During 1969 he was assigned to the 20th Tactical Air Support Squadron in III Corps, South Vietnam as a Forward Air Controller. During his tour in Vietnam he was assigned to the 1st Calvary (Airmobile) at An Loc for six months and then was OV-10 Standardization/Evaluation at Bien Hoa AB, Vietnam. He has accumulated over 900 hours of combat flying during more than 400 sorties.

In 1970 he was assigned to the 3641st Flying Training Squadron at Laredo Air Force Base, Texas. In June of 1971 Captain Shugars was assigned to the faculty of the United States Air Force Academy where he taught Basic and Advanced Geography.

In 1975 he was assigned to Webb AFB and his present position.

Captain Shugars has attended Squadron Officers School and his military decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross with one oak leaf cluster, the Bronze Star Medal with "V" (Valor) device, the Meritorious Service Medal, and the Air Medal with 13 oak leaf clusters. He was also awarded the Presidential Unit Citation with one oak

leaf cluster, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with one oak leaf cluster and one "V" device, and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal. He is a senior pilot with more than 3000 hours.

Captain Shugars is married to the former Virginia Nebiolo of Prescott, Arizona. They have one daughter, Anna Marie.

## Permanent State Trust

Austin--State Rep. Ronald D. Coleman, D. -El Paso, introduced legislation in Austin Monday creating a permanent State trust fund for revenue surplus.

"We ought to have something to fall back on," Coleman said. "We're not going to have surpluses like this every biennium, so we should save half of it for the day when Texas' natural resources are depleted."

House Bill 672 would not affect the current cash surplus of \$950 million estimated by Comptroller of Public Accounts Bob Bullock; its effective date is September 1, 1977.

Coleman's bill requires the Comptroller to transfer from the general revenue fund to the capital reserve fund one-half of what he estimates the surplus will be at the end of the current fiscal biennium on the day before the convening of each regular session. The remainder of the surplus would be general revenue available for legislative appropriations.

If the estimate of current surplus changes during the regular session, Coleman's bill stipulates that the Comptroller shall make the necessary transfers so that one-half of the revised current surplus estimate, or as much of the amount as possible, has been deposited in the capital reserve fund.

H.B. 672 also provides for the investment of the capital reserve fund, with interest to be credited to the fund. The principal can only be increased or decreased by law, not by a general appropriations act.

Governor Dolph Briscoe has repeatedly expressed strong support for a State trust fund.

## Against Exorbitant Loan Rates

Texans should not be forced to pay the exorbitant rates loan companies are asking the Legislature to approve.

Two years ago the Texas Senate narrowly defeated a bill to raise loan company interest rates. But the loan companies never give up, and their lobbyists are back again this session. They received a 70 percent interest rates on loans between \$1500 and \$2500 in 1967. Since then, they have returned every two years seeking further unwarranted increases.

This year's bill will call for raising the ceiling on the higher interest loans from \$2500 to \$5000. Loan companies say they need that increase because of inflation. But the real reason they want the cap raised is so they can drastically increase the interest rates on ALL loans under \$5000.

Please note, and loan companies never mention this, that they already can loan ANY amount of money to be paid back in monthly installments. The sore point is that their interest is limited. For example, on a three-year loan, the interest would be about 14.5 percent. Other lenders find this rate acceptable, but loan companies want still more.

In addition, loan companies are seeking an "escalator clause," so that each time the consumer price index goes up 10 percent, the brackets on loans will increase 10 percent also.

For example, the \$0 to \$300 bracket (the highest interest bracket) would become the \$0 to \$330 bracket. And that high interest bracket is applied to EVERY loan, no matter the size.

This sort of clause is unfair to the borrower and bears no relationship to the loan companies' borrowing costs. What it means is that whenever your utility and grocery bills go up, the cost of borrowing money—perhaps to help pay those bills—will increase correspondingly.

Loan companies say they lend money to one out of every five families in Texas. They recently claimed to be making as many as 600,000 loans in this state.

So a rate increase will directly hurt one out of every five families and indirectly hurt the rest of us by adding to inflation.

Loan companies claim they loan money to people who cannot borrow from other lending institutions. What the loan companies want to do is loan more money to people who are least able to repay it. They want to charge all their customers excessive rates to offset the money they lose by making loans to those who cannot make their payments.

If loan companies had been more careful about lending in the past, they might not be before us again this year asking for rate increases. But then again, they probably would. They will take as much money from the pockets of poor and middle income families as the Legislature will allow. Only the Legislature can stop them from this pickpocket behavior. And only the people can convince legislators to vote against higher interest rates.

## Holding Down Land Taxes

College Station--Taking advantage of tax angles when buying or selling real estate may save a farmer or rancher thousands of dollars, contends an economist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"After buying a farm or ranch, it's important to set up the right tax 'basis' for the land," says Dr. Wayne Hayenga. "The basis is the amount of money allocated for land out of the total purchase price of the estate. This is the amount that will be used for figuring taxes if you sell the farm or are involved in an estate settlement."

Next, allocate part of the total price to unharvested crops, advises the Texas A&M University System economist. This amount will be the starting point or basis for figuring net profit or loss realized on income tax during...

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# Borden County School News



L-to-R: Grant Drennan, Welch-High Individual in Electrical Mechanics and Overall High Individual; Steve Davis, Post-High Individual in Welding; Kent Stone, Tahoka-High Individual in Plumbing; Ben Thompson, Gail-High Individual in Identification.

## Thompson Is High Individual

A team of FFA members from Dawson High School at Welch has captured first place in the Annual Mesa District FFA Mechanics Contest held in Tahoka, January 25th.

The contest is sponsored annually by Lyntegar Electric Cooperative in Tahoka, and is open to Mesa District Teams. All of which are in the service of the cooperative.

The second place went to the Tahoka team and the third place went to the Plains team.

The first place team receives a cash award of \$50 while the second place team receives \$25. First, second and third place teams also receive plaques.

It is estimated that the average American consumes 12 sheep during his lifetime.

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The contest is designed around three farm skills and the identification of materials used in these skills. Included are arc welding, electrification and plumbing.

Plaques are awarded to the high individual in each skill. High individuals were: Welding - Steve Davis, Post; Electrification - Grant Drennan, Welch; Plumbing - Kent Stone, Tahoka; Identification - Ben Thompson, Borden County (Gail). Overall high individual was Grant Drennan of Welch.

Seven teams participated in the contest including Post, Plains, O'Donnell, Brownfield, Dawson County (Welch), Borden County (Gail), and Tahoka.

## Menu

February 6 - 10, 1977

Monday  
Burritos  
Green Beans  
Buttered Potatoes  
Fruit Cocktail Cake  
Milk

Tuesday  
Tacos  
Tossed Salad  
Pinto Beans  
Brownies  
Milk

Wednesday  
Barbecued Beef  
Lettuce Wedge  
Buttered corn  
Cookies  
Milk

Thursday  
Steak and gravy  
Mashed potatoes  
English peas  
Hot rolls and butter  
Jello  
Milk

Friday  
Hamburgers  
Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles  
French Fries  
Plain cake with chocolate icing  
Milk

## Lost To Klondike

Borden County lost a close game against Klondike last Tuesday night in overtime 57-52. At the end of regulation time, the score was 48-48. Scoring for Borden County were Larry Simer 20, Tim Smith 8, Blane Dyess 14, Joe Zant 4, Craig Peterson 4, Eurdist Rinehart 1, and Matt Farmer 1.

Scoring by quarters:  
Klondike 11 12 18 7 9 57  
Borden 8 5 13 22 4 52

## Beats Wellman

Borden County beat Wellman Friday night 38-30. Not once in the whole game did Borden lose its lead. Scoring for Borden were Larry Simer 15, Blane Dyess 11, Gene Cooley 5, Tim Smith 3, Matt Farmer 2, Jackie Lockhart 2.

Scoring by quarters:  
Wellman 6 4 10 10 30  
Borden 10 7 8 13 38

## Wins Over Grady

Borden Junior High beat Grady Monday night by the score of 24-17. Despite winning only by 7 points, Borden Junior High outscored Grady every quarter and held the lead throughout the game. Scoring for Borden Junior High were Bart McMeans 11, Keil Williams 7, Junior Benavidez 4, Danny Holmes 1, and Freddie Espinoza 1.

Scoring by quarters:  
Grady 4 2 7 4 17  
Borden 7 2 8 7 24

## Basketball News

### Jr. High Girls Win Two

The Junior High girls won two games from Grady Monday night. The B team won 17-6 and the A team was victorious 34-24. In the B game Lyndy Doyle scored 8 points, Lisa Smith 4, Kelly Richardson 3 and Maria Benavidez, 2 points.

Scoring for the Coyotes in the

A team game were Talley Griffin with 18 points, Jana Edwards 14, and Joie Brummett 2 points. The girls have one game remaining on their schedule, against Wellman, here on February 7. The B team girls are entered in the Klondike Pee Wee Tournament this week-end.

### High School Girls Defeated

The High School girls were defeated by Klondike Tuesday night 63-41. Scoring for Borden were Sue Hancock with 16, Kristy Smith 10, Karen Williams 9, Penny Thompson 4, and Lesa Hensley 2 points. Martha Anderson had a good game on the boards, pulling down 10 rebounds.

On Friday night the girls lost

to Wellman 43-40 in an overtime game. Trailing by as many as 10 points in the second half, the Coyotes tied the score at 40-40 with 6 seconds left in regulation time but were unable to score during the overtime period. Kristy scored 16 points. Sue and Karen had 10 each and Lesa added 4. Tricia Jackson had 6 rebounds, Lesa Hensley 5 and Lisa McLeroy 4.

1976 - 1977				
BORDEN HIGH BASKETBALL SCHEDULE				
Date	OPPONENT	Place	TEAMS	Time
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
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

1977 FEBRUARY 1977						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 5:00 P.M. H.S. BASKETBALL GIRLS-BOYS DAWSON - THERE	2	3 PEEWEE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT AT KLONDIKE	4 6:30 P.M. H.S. BASKETBALL GIRLS-BOYS UNION - HERE	5 PEEWEE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT AT KLONDIKE
6	7 6:00 P.M. JR. HI BASKETBALL GIRLS-BOYS WELLMAN - HERE	8	9	10	11 6:30 P.M. H.S. BASKETBALL A & B BOYS ONLY SANDS - HERE	12 LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY
13	14 4-H MEETING PERIOD 6 ST. VALENTINE'S DAY	15	16	17	18 2ND QUARTER ENDS	19
20	21 TEACHER WORKDAY WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY	22 FFA IN-SERVICE TECH-3:30 3RD QUARTER BEGINS TRADITIONAL WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY	23 ASH WEDNESDAY	24	25 TEACHER WORKDAY STOCK SHOW	26
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## Klondike Pee Wee Basketball Tournament

Thursday & Saturday - Feb. 3 & 5, 1977

### GIRLS

Klondike 4:00 p.m. 1 Thur. Borden Co.	Sands 12:00 p.m. 7 Saturday Borden Co.	Klondike 2:00 p.m. 9 Saturday Sands
Grady 6:00 p.m. 3 Thur. Sands	Klondike 10:00 p.m. 5 Saturday Grady	Grady 4:00 p.m. 11 Saturday Borden Co.

### BOYS

Klondike 5:00 p.m. 2 Thur. Borden Co.	Sands 1:00 p.m. 8 Saturday Borden Co.	Klondike 3:00 p.m. 10 Saturday Sands
Grady 7:00 p.m. 4 Thur. Sands	Klondike 11:00 p.m. 6 Saturday Grady	Grady 5:00 p.m. 12 Saturday Borden Co.

Scoring System will determine tournament places  
Win - 10 points Lose - 0 points

15 points - 1 point	25 points - 3 points	35 points - 4 points
20 points - 2 points	30 points - 4 points	40 points - 5 points

Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd places and consolation. The team with the most points will be 1st, etc.

We will furnish practice balls, towels, and ice.

Concession stand will be open. Chili burgers, frito pies, sandwiches, ice cream, pies, cokes, popcorn, etc. will be served.

presses, cotton marketing milk, peanuts, planting seed, fruits and vegetables and farm supplies.

Their combined business volume exceeds \$2 billion annually. These Texas cooperatives handle and service 70% of the cotton; 45% of the grain; 70% of the rice and 99% of the milk produced in Texas.

The Houston Bank for Cooperatives is one of the three Farm Credit Banks in Texas, and its wholly owned and capitalized by Texas agricultural producers. Last year the bank made loans totaling more than \$200 million to Texas agricultural cooperatives.

Following the general session February 7, boards of the respective associations will

meet separately.

The joint annual cooperative banquet will be held at 7 p.m., February 7.

The annual stockholders' meeting of the Houston Bank Cooperatives will begin at 8:30 a.m., February 8 in the Mission Room of the Convention Center

Among the activities will be a skit, "Roberts Rules in Disorder or How to Misconduct a Cooperative Board of Directors Meeting."

During the general session that afternoon, a panel discussion, "How Much Is MY Part?" will be held.

The Silver Anniversary joint meeting will end with a dance in the banquet hall of the Convention Center.

## Community Calendar

If your club, organization, or church wishes a listing in this calendar, contact the Borden Star, Box 137, Ph. 915-856-4402, by Fri. noon.

<p><b>Gail Baptist Church</b> Rev. J. Roy Haynes ..... Pastor Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m. Worship Services ..... 11:00 a.m. Evening Services ..... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>*****</p> <p><b>Dorward Methodist Church of Gail</b> Don Elliot ..... Pastor Worship Services ..... 9:30 a.m. Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m. Evening Services ..... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>*****</p> <p><b>Gail Church of Christ</b> Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m. Worship Services ..... 11:00 a.m. Worship Services ..... 11:00 a.m. Robert Hawkins ..... Minister</p> <p>*****</p>	<p><b>Lions Club</b> 1st and 3rd Mondays 7:00 a.m. School Cafeteria</p> <p>*****</p> <p><b>Parents Club,</b> First Thursday of every month 2:30 p.m. Elementary Library</p> <p>*****</p> <p><b>Fluvanna Baptist</b> Bro. Clayton Pennington (Pastor) Sunday School 10 AM Church 11 AM-6 PM WMU Tues. 9 AM Wed 8 PM</p> <p>*****</p>
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## Rudd To Give Art Classes

Community Services art courses for students of all ages is being offered at Western Texas College starting last Tuesday night.

Mrs. Doris Rudd of Gail is instructor for the classes, which offer instruction in a variety of hobby-type activities. Mrs. Rudd holds a teacher's certificate from the National Arts and Crafts Association and taught similar Community Services courses at WTC last fall. She has also taught classes in several area towns.

Students will be divided into two classes. Youngsters in grades 3 - 8 will meet from 6 - 7:30 p.m., while older students will meet from 8 - 10 p.m. Both classes will be held in Academic Science Building C, room 103, on the north side of the campus.

A minimum of 10 students will be required to form each class, and students will pay fees totaling \$21 in each group. They will also furnish their own art supplies.

Six sessions are planned in

each section, with classes meeting on Tuesday nights through March 22 with the exception of March 1 and March 15.

Persons interested in the classes may call the Community Services office at WTC, 573-8511, extension 237, for a list of supplies needed to begin the classes. Mrs. Rudd will furnish students a list of supplies needed for succeeding classes.

### LOST IN STATE TAX LAW?

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## Briscoe To Speak In San Antonio

Gov. Dolph Briscoe Jr. is the keynote speaker at the 25th joint annual meeting, February 6-8, of the Texas Federation of Cooperatives, Houston Bank of Cooperatives and Texas Cooperative Ginners Association in San Antonio.

Gov. Briscoe is to speak during the morning session, February 7, in the San Antonio Convention Center.

Registration begins February 6 at 1 p.m., ending at 5 p.m., in the Mission Room foyer of the Convention Center. Also, registration will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. February 7.

The Texas Federation of Cooperatives and Texas Cooperative Ginners Association are the trade associations of the 500 farmer-rancher owned cooperative corporations headquartered in Texas.

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# Jer's Gottings

Well he done it! I really could not believe that James Earl's very first act was to pardon all draft dodgers and evaders. Surely, I believed, what Jimmy the candidate had said was nothing more than campaign rhetoric. No one with a military background would seriously consider destroying our ability to field an army and navy with the stroke of a signature. But he did.

And about the time the President was preparing pardoning papers, Senator John Stennis was voicing his concern over the volunteer armed services. Senator Stennis believes that the draft must be re-instated—that the voluntary method of keeping an adequate defense corp has not worked out—that there should be a draft in peacetime as well as war—and that every fit young man should serve his country for two years in some capacity. Well now, either Carter or Stennis stayed out too late at the Inaugural Parties. Nor did they run into one another at any of the people's parties. In fact it is hard to think they are Of the same party.

Just how Pres. James Earl thinks an army could ever be put in the field by US in time of war after issuing a blanket pardon to resistors is beyond me. The longer the Vietnam war dragged on the more plain folks realized the U.S. had no intention of winning S. Vietnam from Communism and the less popular the war became. Nevertheless, men served their country, died in a foreign land, are still missing behind a bamboo curtain. And those who returned have haunting memories of fighting for what?—for the right of those who refused to serve to once again become citizens of the country they denounced? These are young men. What if we get in a shoot out again soon? Will these rehabs be automatically exempt from armed service, while the same ones who fought be called upon again? Surely James Earl must realize that it would take the force of a slave country to get those men back on a battlefield. And the funny thing is that the President graduated from Annapolis—he served his term in the Navy. How could a military man stomach the idea of a resistor?

I happen to agree with John Stennis. Two years of service would be good for a young man. And this volunteer army is certainly not attracting the calibre of men needed to defend the country. So war or peace, a draft is needed. But on the other hand, as a mother, I would hate to turn my son over to a government who might plunge him into a senseless no win war. It would be hard for me to encourage a son to serve his country knowing that he would be just as honorable if he didn't. It is also peculiar to me that part of Carter's campaign bag of tricks was to criticize Ford

for pardoning Nixon. Had Ford pardoned Nixon for his treasonous involvements with the USSR and Red China, I too would have screamed. But the fact is that Richard Nixon was pardoned for egomania—and there is a difference.

New presidents seem to have a habit of over reacting to their own power. Nixon's first act was to raise his own salary as well as that of Congress. And now Carter uses his executive power to pardon the evaders. Bad show.

## Letter To Editor

Dear Editor:

Well how do you like that for livening up the Borden Star? Sprinkle a little sugar around and the flies come swarming. Thanks for adding some more articles and my thanks to everyone who wrote

in, especially to you, Agnes. Although I don't think you and I have anything to worry about, which ever way the government goes, as we are old peanut farmers from way back and can live a long time on a Jackrabbit and a handfull of peanuts.

I would also like to thank all of you who called, wrote and orally agreed with me on the letter I wrote but it reminded me of the soldier who went off to war. When the shooting begin he dived into the fox hole and began to cover himself up saying, "Tell me when the shooting stops and I'll come out". I've looked around pretty good and I believe you can come out now.

The Editor prints what she thinks you want to read and I congratulate her for that. If she gets no complaints then you have no complaints coming. I'm like John Wayne, I may oppose but I'm a loyal one.

The peanut eater,  
Sybil Gilmore

## King-Blagrave Wed

Kathy King of Ackerly, Texas became the bride of Doug Blagrave, also of Ackerly, on Friday, December 31 at 8 p.m.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D.T. King of Friona. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Blagrave of Ackerly, Texas.

The ceremony was performed in the First Baptist Church of Bovina by Rev. Larry Heard, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Idalou, Texas.

The altar was centered with a candle arch flanked on each side by bouquets, spiral candelabras and one pair of seven branch candelabra. The setting was entwined with red velvet bows. The aisles were decorated with red velvet bows.

Irma Jo Englant of Bovina, organist, and Sally Messenger of Amarillo, pianist, accompanied Kathleen McLean of Friona, as she sang "The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face" and "Wedding Song."

As the bride was presented in marriage by her father, she wore a traditional gown of white silk organa veiled over bridal taffeta, accented in Venice lace. The natural moulded bodice, embellished in the Venice lace featured a Queen Anne neckline, and long Bishop sleeves softly shirred to lace cuffs, and repeated the lace motifs. The full circular skirt swept to a chapel length train and the entire hemline and train was encircled in a border of the Venice lace flowers and loops forming

scalloped edging.

Jer Juliet style capulet held her fingertip veiling which fell graduating tiers edged in matching lace.

She carried a nosegay of holly, holly berries, white roses and stephanotis.

Carrying out the bridal tradition, she wore a ring, which was the groom's mother's first wedding ring for something old. Something new was her pearl earrings, which were a gift from her parents. She borrowed a red handkerchief from Mexico, belonging to her great-father and wore the traditional blue garter.

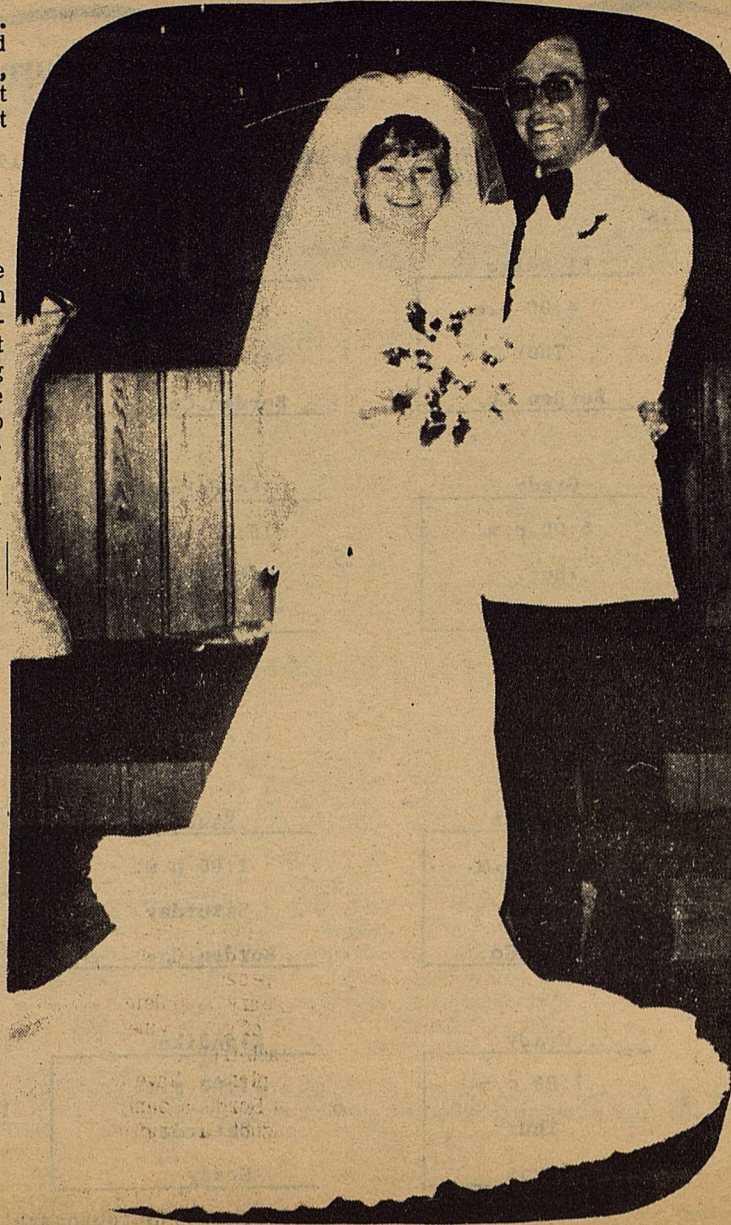
Tresea Tomas of Lubbock was the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Gloria Brown of Wichita Falls, Connie King of Friona, sister-in-law of the bride, Cindy Gammon of Lubbock and Tyann Bohne of McGregor, cousin of the bride.

Joe Barnes of Ackerly served as best man.

Groomsmen were Rick Graham of Odessa, Teddy King of Friona brother of the bride, James Syndarska of Lubbock and Dennis Donovan of Big Spring.

Serving as ushers were Darrell Blagrave of Big Spring, brother of the groom, Dee King of Lubbock, brother of the bride, Kelwin King of Friona, brother of the bride and Lee Hall of Odessa.

Candlelighters were Ted Prosser of Canyon, cousin of the bride and Bryan Blagrave of Big Spring, nephew of the groom.



Mr. and Mrs. Doug Blagrave

The feminine attendants wore holiday green velvet floor length gowns with jackets tying in the front and trimmed in white fur around the collar and down the front of the jacket and around the sleeves. They wore head bands of white fur.

The bridesmaids and maid of honor carried nosegays of holly, holly berries, poinsettias with white net and streamers of red and green satin ribbon. The bride and groom lit a memory candle as they left the altar.

A reception followed the ceremony in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

For a wedding trip to Taos, New Mexico, the bride wore a grey pants suit with multi-colored blouse of grey, pink and plum with matching plum sweater vest.

The couple will reside in Ackerly Texas.

The bride is a 1972 graduate of Friona High School and a 1976 graduate of Texas Tech University, Lubbock with a degree in home economics and is currently teaching home economics at Sands High School in Ackerly.

The bridegroom is a 1968 graduate of Sands High School and a 1973 graduate of Texas Tech University, Lubbock, with a degree in agronomy. He is engaged in farming at Ackerly.

The rehearsal dinner was held in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church of Bovina. The dinner was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Blagrave, parents of the groom.

Those assisting were Mardie Grissom, LaQueta Garner, Laura Bartlett, all of Bovina, Liz McLellan, Martha Garner, Letha Gammon, Joy Lindeman, Billie Vaughn, Cecelia Schueler and Lorna Schueler, all of Friona.

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## Agriculture Credit Tightening

College Station--Although agricultural credit conditions are still generally good in Texas, things are tightening up a bit, according to a recent survey of bankers and other lenders.

The survey, conducted by Dr. Wayne Hayenga, economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, showed that during the past six months, more potential farm loan customers could not be served, loan repayments were lower, and more collateral was being required.

More than half of the 149 agricultural lenders who responded to the survey indicated that they had larger outstanding agricultural loans than a year ago, and 26 per cent indicated serving more farmers and ranchers while 10 per cent noted serving fewer customers. Demand was up for operating loans, machinery loans and crop storage loans but down for feeder cattle loans.

As far as interest rates were concerned, a two-tenths to three tenths per cent drop was noted in feeder cattle loans, real estate loans and operating loans during the past six months. Feeder cattle loans averaged 8.74 per cent; real estate loans, 8.20; and operating loans, 8.64.

Looking ahead, the majority of the lenders felt that both short-term and long-term interest rates would remain stable for the next six months, points out Hayenga.

Regarding feedlot loans, 58 of the lenders reported an average margin requirement of 34 per cent and only 7 required aged 4 per cent, the same as last May. Hedging of feedlot cattle appeared to be higher than six months ago.

The survey also showed a big increase in forward contracting of crops, notes Hayenga. Lenders reported 36 per cent of their borrowers contracted part of their crop compared to 27 per cent last May. A change in contract terms was also noted--55 per cent of the contracts were on an acreage basis and 45 per cent on a quantity basis compared to 42 per cent and 58 per cent, respectively, last spring. And most lenders prefer that borrowers contract about half their crop.

Hayenga points out that the survey also indicated that lenders are taking a harder look at loan applications. They noted that 66 per cent of their borrowers furnished past profit and loss statements and 64 per cent provided a projected cash flow statement or operating budget, both up from 50 per cent a year ago. "This means that farmers and ranchers had better get their loan documentation paperwork in order," emphasizes the economist.

Hayenga also notes that the survey showed farmers and ranchers using borrowed funds for just over half of their operating expenses and for 62 per cent of their capital investments. Off-farm income was used for 10 per cent of both operating expenses and capital investments.

Although an increased number of lenders had more customers than they could serve during

the past six months, more than a fifth of the responding lenders indicated they were actively seeking new farm and ranch loans. However, Hayenga notes that loanable funds may be tighter during the first half of 1977 because loan-deposit ratios increased above "normal" at 37 per cent of the banks while decreasing at only 5 per cent.

## Ledbetter Farm Clinic

Twenty-five adults attended the clinic held at the Herman Ledbetter Farm last week.

Dr. William Peary, Area Horticulturist for Texas Agriculture Extension Service conducted the clinic.

Earnest Kiker, County Extension Agent, stated that Dr. Peary conducted an educational program on planting, pruning, watering, fertilizing, and weed control of pecans.

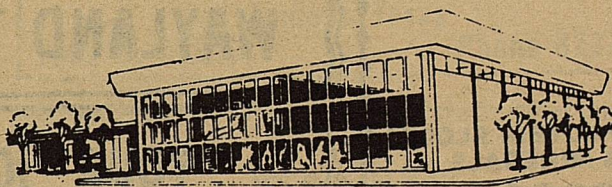
Dr. Peary also demonstrated pruning of grape vines and apple and peach trees.

Kiker plans to have Dr. Peary back in Borden County in August to conduct a grafting clinic.

## Pork to be Plentiful

Pork is expected to be plentiful in supermarkets throughout the state in January, according to Agriculture Commissioner John C. White. Production rates during the first month of 1977 are likely to continue seasonally large and average about 22-24 per cent above the unusually low level of a year ago.

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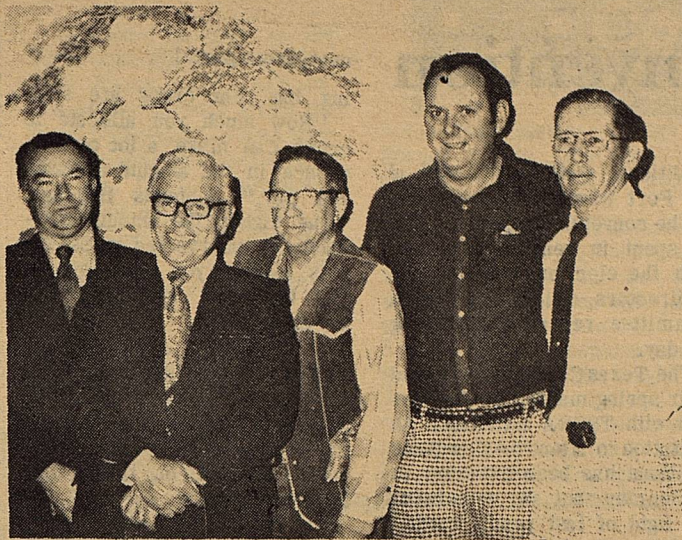
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**BIG COUNTRY Resource Conservation and Development Area Officials--left to right: Soil Conservation Service Area Conservationist Joe McEntire, Abilene, designated SCS representative to the Big Country RC&D Area. Kent County Judge Norman Hahn. Big Country RC&D Chairman; Mitchell SWCD, Chairman Jimmy Harrison, Big Country RC&D Director; George Rhoads, Stonewall Co., Big Country RC&D Vice-Chairman; and Walter Stirl, Upper Colorado SWCD representative to the Big Country RC&D Area.**

## Annual Meeting

The Board of Directors, Big Country Resource Conservation and Development Area held its annual meeting at Hickman's Restaurant in Aspermont last week.

Representatives from the nine counties in the Big Country Resource Conservation and Development Area, Scurry, Mitchell, Nolan, Fisher, Jones, Kent, Stonewall, Haskell and Knox were present.

Kent County Judge Norman Hahn, of Jayton, Chairman of the nine county Big Country RC&D Area presided.

Soil Conservation Service, Area Conservationist Joe McEntire of Abilene, designated SCS representative to the Big Country RC&D Area and Big Country RC&D Chairman Hahn reviewed activities and accomplishments in the Big Country Resource Conservation and Development Area during 1976. McEntire also reviewed the status of Resource Conservation

and Development Areas and Projects in Texas as of this date. He and Hahn also made assignments for development of additional resource data during 1977.

The goal of the Big Country

Resource Conservation and Development Area is to improve the economic and social environment of the area.

Von Kleibrink, Project Coordinator, Four Winds RC&D Project presented a slide program on projects and activities in Four Winds RC&D Project during the past year.

Judge Norman Hahn of Jayton was re-elected as Chairman; George Rhoads of Old Glory was elected Vice-Chairman, and J. Morgan Wright of Roscoe was elected Secretary-Treasurer. Directors are Jimmy Harrison of Colorado City and Jimlee Baucum of Anson.

The Big Country Resource Conservation and Development Area serves Counties in the Big Spring, Abilene and Vernon Soil Conservation Service Administrative Areas. SCS Area Conservationist attending were McEntire of Abilene, Earl D. Archer of Big Spring and Joe P. Henson of Vernon.

Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District Vice-Chairman Walter Stirl serves as the District's representative to the Big Country RC&D Area.

Attending from Scurry County were Upper Colorado SWCD Director Walter Stirl and Soil Conservation Service District Conservationist Erwin A. Pavlik of the Snyder Field Office.

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# TSCRA Convention

Ft. Worth,--Fort Worth, the first center of Texas livestock activity will host the 100th annual convention of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association March 20-23, 1977 says TSCRA President J.A. Whittenburg III of Amarillo. All meetings and much of the entertainment will be held in the Tarrant County Convention Center adjacent to downtown. TSCRA is headquartered in Fort Worth.

A record attendance of more than 2,000 is expected for the historic convention and second annual trade show. Appropriately, the best possible program of speakers and entertainment is being arranged, Whittenburg says.

Headlining the slate of impressive speakers are Ronald Reagan, syndicated columnist and broadcaster, and Texas Governor Dolph Briscoe, keynote speaker on Tuesday, March 22. Reagan, twice governor of California and onetime presidential candidate, will address the kickoff luncheon Monday, March 21.

Other speakers include Emma Lee Collier, president of the Texas CowBelles from Wichita Falls; Tad Sanders, General Manager of the Competitive Livestock Marketing Association in Kansas City, Mo.; Bud Middaugh, president of the U.S. Meat Export Federation in Denver; and TSCRA President Whittenburg. Announcement of additional speakers is forthcoming.

TSCRA will kickoff its convention Sunday afternoon, March 20, with the TSCRA Centennial Beef Cook-off, a statewide competition guaranteed to tantalize the appetites of convention-goers.

The second annual trade show, a huge success last year at Galveston, will be bigger, more interesting and open throughout the four days. The latest livestock equipment, products and services will be on display.

Monday's entertainment begins with a delightful program for the ladies brought by actress and comedienne Mary Ann Smith of Dallas. Mrs. Smith will perform a humorous skit at Riddle Country Club. Capping the evening will be the crowd-pleasing Western dinner-dance at the convention center.

Crystal's, a new restaurant in Fort Worth acclaimed for its decor and numerous antiques, will be the site of a ladies luncheon and period style show Tuesday. Tuesday's activities will be brought to a close with the

traditional Cattlemen's Ball at the Fort Worth Sheraton Hotel.

The convention's final day will be spent in general assembly with the election of new board of directors, officer reports and committee reports highlighting the day.

The Texas CowBelles will hold their spring meeting in conjunction with TSCRA activities. An invitation to attend the Cow Belle functions has been extended to all women not yet members.

In light of last year's cattle market and other happenings, each committee session should be very lively, informative and a must for TSCRA members. The marketing, animal health and legislative sessions promise to be especially power-packed and important. All meetings are open.

"I want to encourage every TSCRA member to attend these meetings and I hope each and every one will feel free to contribute his or her thoughts during these committee sessions," Whittenburg says.

Make your reservations today by writing TSCRA Central Housing Committee, 700 Throckmorton Street, Ft. Worth, Texas 76102.

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ing the year crops are sold.

"How much you allocate to crops can make a lot of difference in the amount of taxes you pay," contends Hayenga. "The higher the amount allocated to unharvested crops, the less income you will have to pay taxes on when you sell the crops."

All buildings, equipment and timber on the land must also be given a value. These amounts will establish a basis for setting up depreciation schedules and figuring timber depletion.

"If mineral and water rights are included in the purchase price of the estate and are considered valuable in your location, put a value on these also," notes the economist. "It's a good idea to get professional help when figuring these values."

Hayenga says the best time to sell real estate is when crops are still in the ground. This is because proceeds from the sale of unharvested crops are eligible for long-term capital gains treatment (lower tax rate) if the farm has been held for more than six months. Income from crops harvested and sold separately is usually considered ordinary income and is not eligible for capital gains treatment.

When transferring a farm to a son or daughter, one way to avoid charging a fixed price is to arrange payments in the form of a percentage of the annual farm receipts over a number of years, Hayenga points out.

"In this arrangement the buyer could not claim a tax deduction on payments made, but the seller would not be taxed for payments received until the basis or original cost of the farm was recovered. After that, payments would be taxable under the capital gains rate.

"If you decide to use this type of agreement, be sure to draw up a clear and concise contract," Hayenga advises.

Good management of the sale of a farm residence with a farm can also save money on taxes.

"If you sell a farm residence with a farm at a profit and reinvest some or all of the proceeds within a year in a house in town or another farm residence, the profit from the house sold is not taxable," says the economist.

"Thus it's important to determine before the sale how much out of the total price of the farm is for the house. If you sold a house for \$60,000 and then reinvested \$45,000 in another house, the \$15,000 profit would not be taxable."

By trading a farm for some

other type of income producing property in a town, such as an apartment or commercial building, capital gains tax may be avoided entirely, notes Hayenga. "There are some restrictions, but often any gain from such a trade is tax free unless you receive cash in the deal. However, if the property is sold later, profit is taxable."

## New facilities

AUSTIN, Texas (Spl.) — Major new facilities for the training of art and drama students have opened at The University of Texas this fall.

A new \$3.8-million addition to the Art Building about doubles the space for instruction in studio art, art education and art history. Enrollment in the Art Department has more than tripled since the Art Building was built in 1963.

A new \$4.5-million addition to the Drama Building provides new areas for drama and dance classes and includes a modern 508-seat proscenium theater named for UT's late Prof. B. Iden Payne, internationally known Shakespearean director.

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**Q: Our daughter in junior high school is threatening to move into an apartment with several other girls as soon as she reaches the age of 17. She keeps insisting that when she becomes 17, she is no longer a minor and therefore cannot be held against her wishes. At what age is she no longer responsible to the rules of the home?**

**A:** Juvenile court jurisdiction is limited to acts committed by children after they are 10 years old and prior to their 17th birthday. After they reach the age of 17, there is no law which gives a parent authority to force a child to return to their home unless the child already was under the control of the juvenile court.

**Q: A tree-trimming contractor came to our house soliciting business. If we hire him, would we be liable if he's injured while working in our yard?**

**A:** A homeowner is not responsible to an independent tree-trimming contractor if the contractor is injured while working in the homeowner's yard, so long as the homeowner does not create a special hazard or interfere with the contractor. However, if the homeowner attempts to control the contractor, or supplies his tools, the homeowner could be held responsible for an injury. The key question is one of "independence". If the contractor is independent, the homeowner is not responsible; if the contractor is controlled or directed by the homeowner, the homeowner may be assuming legal obligations for his safety.

**Q: My neighbor's tree limbs overhang and damage the roofs on my carport and garage. The limbs are so low I can't build a small hot house in that part of the yard. Can I trim these limbs back even with the fence on the property line?**

**A:** Common law property rights give the owner of land the ownership of the land beneath the property and the space above. A neighbor's tree limbs extending onto your property may be cut at the point where the limb crosses the property

line. However, your neighbor has a legal right to require that his permission be given before you can trespass on his property in removing tree limbs.

**Q: I plan to list a resident of Texas as executor of my will. Is it legal for me to name a co-executor who lives in another state?**

**A:** A non-resident may be named executor of a Texas will. State law requires that if the executor is a person, an agent for service living in Texas must be designated by that person. If the executor is a bank, the law sets out two qualifications: first, that the state in which the bank is located must have reciprocity with Texas in allowing banks to act as executors of estates, and secondly, the bank must have registered with the Texas Secretary of State to provide an agent for service.

## Future lawyers

AUSTIN, Texas (Spl.)—A research project under way at The University of Texas may enable law schools to devise curricula for what the law will

be like 30 years from now.

Entitled "Lawyers in the Next Generation," the project will focus on future innovations that may affect the legal profession. Among such innovations are advertising by lawyers, no-fault insurance, paralegal personnel, entry of women and minorities into the field and use of administrative hearings to settle disputes.

Conducting the study are Profs. Alfred G. Smith of the Center for Communication Research and Allen E. Smith of the Law School.

## Courthouse NEWS

The Commissioners Court of Borden County met on January 24, 1977 with all members present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, and routine accounts were examined and approved for payment. A representative of Texaco, Inc. requested permission to cross county roads in Precinct #2 with pipelines at five locations. Permission was granted, providing that Texaco, Inc. agrees to adjust pipelines

at their own expense at any time in the future that the county requests it for alterations or improvement of the roads.

Mr. James McLeroy met with the court to discuss location of water lines to houses that are being moved to Gail from Fluvanna.

It was agreed that the second meeting of the court in February will be held on February 22 instead of February 28. Court was adjourned at 2:05 P.M.

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## ACTUAL USE REPORT

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GENERAL REVENUE SHARING PROVIDES FEDERAL FUNDS DIRECTLY TO LOCAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS. YOUR GOVERNMENT MUST PUBLISH THIS REPORT ADVISING YOU HOW THESE FUNDS HAVE BEEN USED OR OBLIGATED DURING THE YEAR FROM JULY 1, 1976, THRU DECEMBER 31, 1976. THIS IS TO INFORM YOU OF YOUR GOVERNMENT'S PRIORITIES AND TO ENCOURAGE YOUR PARTICIPATION IN DECISIONS ON HOW FUTURE FUNDS SHOULD BE SPENT. NOTE: ANY COMPLAINTS OF DISCRIMINATION IN THE USE OF THESE FUNDS MAY BE SENT TO THE OFFICE OF REVENUE SHARING, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20225.

ACTUAL EXPENDITURES (Include Obligations)			THE GOVERNMENT OF BORDEN COUNTY	
(A) CATEGORIES	(B) CAPITAL	(C) OPERATING / MAINTENANCE		
1 PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 3,000	\$	has received General Revenue Sharing payments totaling \$ 11,586	
2 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	\$	\$	during the period from July 1, 1976 thru December 31, 1976	
3 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	\$ 2,187	\$	✓ ACCOUNT NO. 44 1 017 017	
4 HEALTH	\$ 500	\$	BORDEN COUNTY	
5 RECREATION	\$ 2,146	\$	COUNTY JUDGE	
6 LIBRARIES	\$	\$	BOX 156	
7 SOCIAL SERVICES FOR AGED OR POOR	\$	\$	GAIL TEXAS 79738	
8 FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	\$	\$		
9 MULTIPURPOSE AND GENERAL GOVT.	\$	\$		
10 EDUCATION	\$	\$	✓ (D) TRUST FUND REPORT (refer to instruction D)	
11 SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	\$	\$	1. Balance as of June 30, 1976 \$ 9,261	
12 HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	\$	\$	2. Revenue Sharing Funds Received from July 1, 1976 thru December 31, 1976 \$ 11,586	
13 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$	\$	3. Interest Received or Credited (July 1, 1976 thru December 31, 1976) \$ 134	
14 OTHER (Specify)	\$	\$	4. Funds Released from Obligations (IF ANY) \$ 0	
15 TOTALS	\$ 7,833	\$	5. Sum of lines 1, 2, 3, 4 \$ 20,981	
NONDISCRIMINATION REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET			6. Funds Returned to ORS (IF ANY) \$ 0	
(E) CERTIFICATION: I certify that I am the Chief Executive Officer and, with respect to the entitlement funds reported hereon, I certify that they have not been used in violation of either the priority expenditure requirement (Section 103) or the matching funds prohibition (Section 104) of the Act.			7. Total Funds Available \$ 20,981	
Signature of Chief Executive <i>James M. Burkett</i> 1-27-77			8. Total Amount Expended (Sum of line 15, column B and column C) \$ 7,833	
Name and Title COUNTY JUDGE			9. Balance as of December 31, 1976 \$ 13,148	
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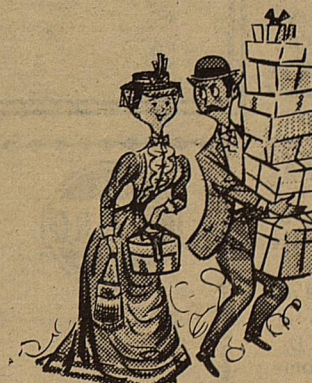
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# Omar Burlison

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- MOST PEOPLE WILL AGREE THAT WELFARE programs need reform. Most people will agree that there should be a willingness on the part of all able-bodied people to work. It is neither economically nor morally right for the Government to make it more attractive not to work than to work. Sure, there have to be jobs available but, as mentioned last week, jobs are going begging and something is wrong. The several jobs-training programs have turned out people who either can't get work or don't want it.

THE NEXT THING IS HOW CAN THE GOVERNMENT GIVE MILLIONS of people employment without running the public debt higher and higher, decreasing the value of our money, thus raising the cost of living for everyone? Who gains? - just about everyone loses.

IN SEEKING SOLUTIONS IS THE DANGER of "out of the frying pan into the fire". The State of Massachusetts is advancing a plan which has as its purpose to turn Government welfare and unemployment benefits into paychecks. Massachusetts has one of the highest rates of unemployment and one of the most generous welfare payments of any State. Placing the jobless in self-sustaining economic enterprises rather than the familiar succession of dead end, "make work" Government employment has an appeal and could catch the attention of the Carter Administration and the Congress as it considers pumping billions into public employment.

FROM WHAT HAS APPEARED ON THE PLAN, non-profit corporations would be set up for such activities as building renovation and repairs; lead and paint removal; energy saving insulation of old housing; harvesting of forest on state-owned land; day care child facilities to free welfare mothers for work; and rehabilitation of railroads.

GOVERNOR DUKAKIS OF MASSACHUSETTS says any able-bodied and employable person who has been jobless for six months and is collecting Government assistance payments should be required to go to work or face cutoff of such payments. Workers would be recruited from welfare and unemployment rolls.

THE THEORY OF THIS APPROACH TO WELFARE REFORM has its appeal. The assumption is that the new job-providing business would get and infusion of capital from money that would otherwise be paid out in direct welfare benefits and unemployment compensation. There seems to be the further assumption that the corporate enterprise would be well managed and would not only be self-sustaining but would make money to support permanent jobs and hire more people as it developed.

AS MIGHT BE EXPECTED, THIS PLAN, like most, has some fine print. The Governor and his 30-person Task Force on Job Creation reckons that their plan will require an on-going subsidy and an additional

\$6 million to get it off the ground. (This is not one of the assumptions but a requirement).

WELL, IT MIGHT BE SAID that about anything is better than the welfare mess we have now. This adds an incentive to this venture in reform. But there is another ingredient in this scheme. It comes down to this: Should the Government get into business for itself? Where would such operations end and how good is the Government's track record in managing the business it's already in? In socialist economics, business is run by Government. Although there is a sort of desperation to "Do something", this sort of thing may not be it.

## Cut electric bills

AUSTIN, Texas (Spl.)—If you want to cut your annual electric bill almost in half, don't march on city hall but take some simple steps at home, a University of Texas energy conservation expert advises.

Energy-saving tips offered by Dr. Jerold W. Jones include:

—Increase insulation in the attic to six inches.

—Weather-strip doors and windows, seal structural gaps with caulking, plug air leaks at light switches and electrical outlets.

—Use 60-watt bulbs except in work or reading areas.

—Set thermostats at 68 degrees in winter, 78 in summer.

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