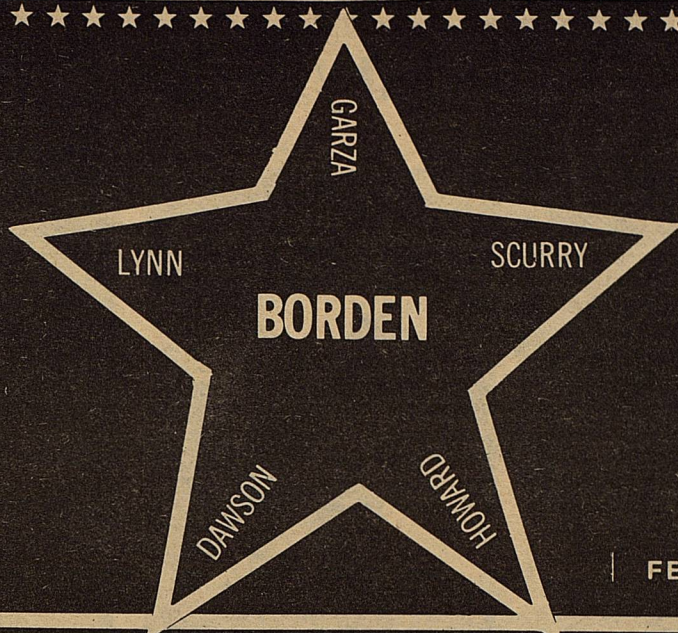


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ROBERT L. HARDESTY and GOV. DOLPH BRISCOE

## February-Heart Month

Austin--Gov. Dolph Briscoe has issued a proclamation designating February as Heart Month in Texas and urging all citizens to support the American Heart Association's efforts to distribute heart-saving information and gather funds for its research, education and service

programs. Present with the governor at signing ceremonies was Robert L. Hardesty, chairman of the American Heart Association's 1977 fund raising drive and associate deputy chancellor for the University of Texas System. The AHA's statewide fund raising goal is \$ 3, 100,000.

## Named Texan Of The Year

Governor Dolph Briscoe has been named Texan of the Year by the Texas Legislative Conference Committee sponsored jointly by the Texas State Chamber of Commerce and the New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce. The announcement was made by S.T. Burrus, outgoing President of the Texas State Chamber of Commerce, at their annual meeting here in Austin.

The award will be formally presented to Governor Briscoe at the Texan of the Year reception which is being held in New Braunfels on March 31.

This is the fourth year the award has been presented in connection with the Annual Legislative Conference. The Conference format allows those attending to ask questions of state

and national governmental leaders. This year's Conference will be held Friday, April 1, in New Braunfels.

Previous recipients of the Texan Award include Judge Robert Calvert, Leon Jaworski and Lady Bird Johnson.

The award reception and conference are sponsored jointly by the Texas State Chamber and the New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce.

In naming Governor Briscoe as Texan of the Year Burrus noted "his outstanding contributions for Texas in the field of public affairs."

At the State Chamber's luncheon, Briscoe was lauded for the integrity and stability he has brought to the Governor's office.

## Gas Bill Criticized

Congressman Jim Collins of the Texas Third District sharply criticized handling of the natural gas shortage in this country and compared the Emergency Gas bill to "a drowning man treading water in the middle of the ocean." The bill had been approved in Congress and sent to the White House for presidential signature.

Collins said, "This is temporary adjustment but let's face the facts: what America needs is a full-scale life saving plan in energy. The problem is that for so many years the exploration and production of gas in this country has been systematically discouraged. Gas is underpriced per BTU of energy. Compare the fact that a natural gas produced gets 3¢ per million BTU's on present contracts, coal gets 79¢ per million BTU's domestic oil \$1.3 and imported oil \$2.40 per million BTU's."

Collins continued, "Today we have Congressmen suing the Federal Power Commission for raising the allowable interstate rate to \$1,442 per 1000 Mcf. Yet we clamor for Canadian gas which costs us \$1.94 per Mcf. The gas industry in this country has gone all out this past year, with interstate gas up 6% over last year. But this cold winter has just proved too much for the peak season requirements."

Congressman Collins emphasized that our overwhelming dependence remains on oil and natural gas. "All the publicity in the world does not change the fact that oil fulfills 46% of our energy requirements, and natural gas 28% and solar is much less than 1%. For realistic energy planning, we must recognize that we are 745 dependent on oil and gas to run our economy," he said.

"The U.S. today has known recoverable reserves of 222 trillion cubic feet of gas. The estimates of unrealized recoverable U.S. gas go as high as 750 trillion cubic feet of

## The Story Of I.C.A.

It started in 1974 with a question: why--with the rest of the nation's economy growing brighter every day--were those who produced America's beef living in a bankrupt nightmare of depressed markets and government insensitivity?

A Goliad rancher named T. A. Cunningham put that question to 17 neighbors he had invited to him home after returning from a working trip around the world. Cunningham had seen the "Keep Out" signs posted for American beef at ports throughout the globe. At the same time, he had seen the flagships of foreign fleets laden with meat bound for the United States.

America had become a dumping ground for the world's beef. The nation's agriculture policies did nothing to stem the tide--and in fact, the more red meat Americans produced, the more imports were allowed in.

Known recoverable oil reserves in the U.S. are 34 billion barrels but it is estimated that undiscovered recoverables are 104 billion barrels of oil.

"We are short on all energy," Collins said in summary. "A couple of years ago cars lined up for gasoline. Now it's natural gas. Schools are closed.

Yet, as foreign imports strangled the American cattlemen, the American consumer was hijacked for staggering high prices.

From that need that night in Goliad was born the Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas, a non-profit, non-partisan organization of livestock producers and businesses whose economic freedom is interlaced with Texas agriculture. Today ICA is the largest non-affiliated cattlemen's organization in the United States.

But ICA learned early that more than imports threaten the future of the American cattle industry and that much of the nation's business community is strapped by over regulation, tax problems and upheavals in international trade. ICA is deeply committed to the fundamental concepts of freedom through personal and private initiative and enterprise.

Factories are closing, and workers are being laid off. The allocation of limited gas is no solution. The answer is an open market for energy supplies. If your city does not like the open market price of gas, go drill and find your own gas sources. But keep the money and jobs for energy in the States. Let's produce America's own gas."



Animals will be weighed at 8:00 Thursday morning for the Stock Show.

The humming of shears and bawling of calves gave life to the County Show Barn as the 4-H AND FFA prepare for the Stock Show this week. Shown above is MISS TALLEY GRIFFIN, trimming what just might be the GRAND CHAMPION.



# Borden County School News



**SPELLING BEE CANDIDATES** are left to right standing- Tammy Merritt, Lisa Smith, Terrie Moreno, Gloria Villanueva, Doug Love, Kevin Telchik, Darrell Green. Seated left to right- Chip Smith, Tammy Telchik, Rhonda Newsom, Heather McPhaul, and Lavinda Elliott.



These FHA students and teachers enjoy a shish-ka-bob lunch they prepared last week. Shown last left to right- Penny Thompson, Mrs. Shirley Kountz, Vickie Jones, Penny Thompson, Lisa McLeroy and Mrs. Verna Ogden.

## Prepare For Spelling Bee

Several students from grades 6, 7 and 8 are preparing for the Borden County Spelling Bee to be held at 9:00 A.M. March 28 in Borden Elementary School library.

A representative and an alternate will be chosen on that day to represent Borden County Schools at the Regional Spelling Bee to begin at 12:30 p.m. April 16 in Moody Auditorium on the

campus of Lubbock Christian College in Lubbock, Texas. The winner of the regional contest will advance to state competition, and state winners will win a trip to Washington, D.C. to participate in the national contest in the summer.

Contestants in the local contest are Lavinda Elliott, Doug Love, Kevin Telchik, Tammy Merritt, Terrie Moreno, Chip Smith, Lisa Smith, Heather

McPhaul, Ronda Newsom and Tammy Telchik, Darrell Green and Gloria Villanueva.

Mrs. Shirley McMeans will serve as pronouncer at the County bee. Mrs. Melba Rinehart, Mrs. Peggy Westbrook and Mr. Ben Jarrett will be judges. Peggy Westbrook is director of the contest.

Spelling Bee is an annual event sponsored by the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.



**BICA BAEZA**

Bica Baeza, daughter of Guadalupe Baeza of Gail attended a junior college in Brian, Texas and is now working as a bilingualist in Mexico.

Bica is a 1976 graduate of Borden County High School.

Please send in news of your graduate. We wish to let their friends know how they are and what they are doing.

and books. The Board approved the application.

Among other business, the Board approved the school calendar for the 1977-1978 school year, and also passed a resolution to send an appreciation award to Snyder Motor Company for supplying the school with the driver education car each year. The Board adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

## Trustee Election

Three School Trustees will be elected on April 2, 1977. The terms of Doyle Newton, Ralph Miller, and Martin Parks will expire on the first Saturday in April of this year. All requests by candidates to have their names placed upon the ballot for the above mentioned election shall be in writing and signed by the candidate and filed with the Secretary of the Board of Trustees at the Superintendent's office not later than 30 days prior to the date of the election which is March 3, 1977. Three candidates have filed at this printing. They are incumbents Ralph Miller, Martin Parks, and Doyle Newton. Applications for candidates to have their names placed on ballots may be obtained at the office of the Superintendent. Absentee voting for the School Board Election shall begin on the 20th day and continue through the 4th day preceding the April 2 election.

## School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees for the Borden County Independent School District met in regular session on February 21, 1977 at 7:00 P.M. After routine business of minutes and bills, the Board acted on the following items.

The contracts of Mickey McMeans, High School Principal, and Ben Jarrett, Elementary Principal, were extended for one year through the 1978-1979 school year. Both principals were commended for doing an

excellent job.

The Superintendent gave a year-to-date financial report. The report was approved by the Board. The attendance report was given as 226 students in school as of this date. Superintendent McLeroy also reported that the contractors were moving in office buildings and mobile homes. It was reported that the contracts for the building contractor were not yet ready to be signed.

The next regular Board Meeting

date was set for March 14 instead of the usual third Monday in the month. The change was made due to the spring break.

Superintendent McLeroy asked that the school make application for funds to help supply the new library with equipment

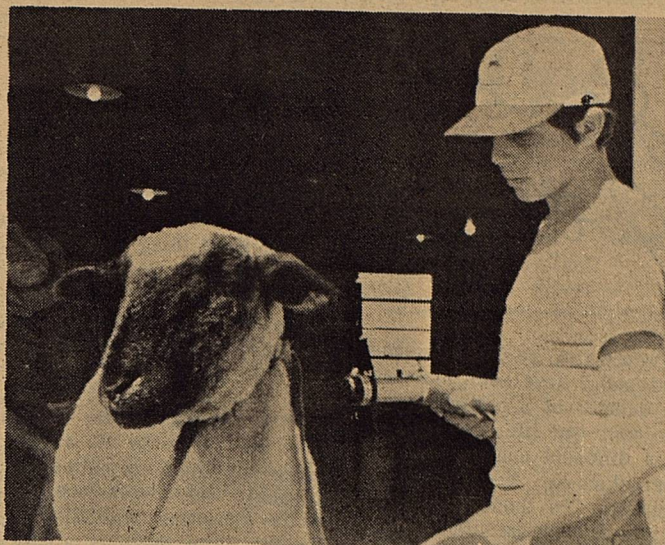


**GAIL GROSE** was given a going-away party Friday. She finished high school early through correspondence courses. Gail will return for graduation exercises.

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One Act Play	Borden Co.	March 31, 1977	
Girls Golf	Gaines Co. Golf	April 4, 1977	
Ready Writing	Dawson	April 5, 1977	10:00 A.M.
Science Contest	Dawson	April 5, 1977	1:30 P.M.
Debate	Borden Co.	April 6, 1977	9:30 A.M.
Girls Tennis	Site to be named	April 12, 1977	
Literary Meet	Wellman	April 13, 1977	10:00 A.M.
Girls Track	(H.S. & Jr. Hi.) Dawson	April 14, 1977	
Boys Tennis	Site to be named	April 19, 1977	
Boys Track	(High School & Jr. Hi.) Klondike	April 21, 1977	
Boys Golf	Gaines Co. Golf	April 22, 1977	
El. Lit. Meet	Union	April 27, 1977	



TROYCE WOLF, Borden County FFA student, is shown putting finishing touches on his lamb in preparation for for the Borden Stock Show on February 25th. The FFA members were responsible for helping to get the show barn ready this past week.

## FFA Week

Discovery--that's what it's all about--young men and women seeking insights into their future in agriculture, looking down the road today for a glance at tomorrow.

The key to success in their search is a sound vocational education program. When combined with an active FFA chapter in which active members learn by doing, the program unites youth with career opportunities in agriculture.

In the classroom and in practical experience activities FFA members learn about opportunities in the American Free Enterprise system. They learn too how to take advantage of their opportunities and select a career.

The vocational agriculture FFA program of career education strives to match the individual's skills and potentials with likely opportunities which the student may find interesting and relevant.

The expansion of career opportunities in the American agri-complex is not new. Many people are needed to do the millions of "jobs" necessary to keep the agri-complex moving. What is new is the emphasis being placed on the broad spectrum of careers in the total field of agri-business.

Frequently members have the opportunity to put their classroom knowledge to work in an occupational experience program with an agri-business firm, thus expanding the opportunities available to FFA members beyond the traditional production agriculture.

FFA provides its members an opportunity to develop their personal and career potentials, such as assuming responsibility, taking the lead, speaking out for what they believe, working with others and making decisions.

These and many other ways FFA unites youth with their opportunities.

## Equal Benefits For Education

Austin--Texas residents who attend independent colleges and universities would receive the same state benefits as those who attend state-supported institutions under the provision of H.B. 449 introduced by Representative Fred Head of Athens.

"Parents pay the same state taxes to support higher education whether their children go to state-supported or independent colleges," Head pointed out. The veteran East Texas legislator graduated from Southern Methodist University and SMU Law School.

In addition, H.B. 449 also raises the cost on non-resident tuition at state-supported colleges and universities. The non-resident who would be charged the actual cost to the State of his education under Head's plan.

"The additional millions raised by the non-resident tuition increase will adequately offset the increased state participa-

tion in the tuition assistance at independent schools," Head said.

"I'm sure we'll have some practicing atheists who will fight this bill, many of whom got next to free educations in our state-supported schools and colleges," Head said. "However, I am confident that recent federal court decisions have clearly established that tuition assistance for residents of Texas attending independent colleges is constitutional."

"We spend \$2,500 a year to educate a kid from New York in a Texas colleges and charge him only \$4 a semester hour tuition," Head said. "We are subsidizing these out-of-state students to the tune of millions of dollars and at the same time, treating our Texas students in independent colleges as if they were made of money. I can assure you they are not," Head concluded.

## Election Order And Notice

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BORDEN

On this the 17th day of January, 1977, the Board of Trustees of Borden County Independent School District convened in regular session, open to the public, with the following members present, to-wit: John R. Anderson, President; T.L. Griffin, Vice-President; Doyle Newton, Secretary; E.L. Farmer, Kenneth Williams, Martin Parks, and Ralph Miller constituting a quorum and among other proceedings had by said Board of Trustees was the following:

WHEREAS, the term of office of three members of the Board of Trustees of this school district will expire on the first Saturday in April, 1977, said first Saturday being April 2, 1977 and on said date a Trustee Election will be held in said School District.

WHEREAS, it is necessary for this Board to pass an order establishing the procedure for filing for and conducting said Trustee Election:

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BORDEN COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

1. That an election be held in said school district on April 2, 1977, for the purpose of electing to the Board of Trustees of said school district three trustees.

2. That all requests by candidates to have their names placed upon the ballot for the above mentioned election shall be in writing and signed by the candidate and filed with the Secretary of The Board of Trustees at the Superintendent's office not later than 30 days prior to the date of said election.

All candidates shall file with said application the Loyalty Affidavit required by Art. 6.02 of the Election Code.

The Secretary of this Board

of Trustees shall post on the bulletin board in the building where the Board of Trustees meets the names of all candidates that have filed their applications in accordance with the terms and provisions of this order, and said Secretary shall otherwise comply with the terms and provisions of Art. 13.32 of the Election Code.

3. That said election shall be held at the following places: Gail-Courthouse Willow Valley-Willow Valley School Plains - Plains Community Center

Vealmoor-J.S. Jackson home Murphy-Melton Davis home

The absentee voting for the above designated election shall be held at The Borden County School within the boundaries of the above named school district and said absentee voting shall remain open for at least eight hours on each day of absentee voting which is not a Saturday, a Sunday, or an official state holiday, beginning on the 20th day and continuing through the 4th day preceding the date of said election.

## Measles Immunization

College Station--Measles immunization time is now--for children who have not received the vaccine, Carla Shearer, a health education specialist advises.

Measles ('10-day' or 'red' measles, or technically, rubella) is considered the most serious of the common childhood diseases--and it is highly contagious for about four days before, and four days after, the rash appears, she said.

Complications can include ear infections, pneumonia, deafness, blindness, encephalitis or other forms of brain disease--or death.

Before the vaccine became available in 1963, approximately 400 persons died of measles each year in the United States. By 1974 the number was cut to 20, she said.

Ms. Shearer is with the Te-

February 28-March 4, 1977

MONDAY

Burritos  
Green Beans  
Buttered Potatoes  
Fruit Cobbler  
Milk

TUESDAY

Frito Pie  
Tossed Salad  
Pinto Beans  
Brownies  
Milk

WEDNESDAY

Barbecued Beef  
Fruit Salad  
Buttered Corn  
Batter Bread  
Milk

THURSDAY

Steak Fingers and Gravy  
Mashed Potatoes  
English Peas  
Hot Rolls and Butter  
Applesauce Cake  
Milk

FRIDAY

Hamburgers  
French Fries  
Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles  
Cookies  
Milk

xas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

"Actually, with the measles vaccine, there is no need for a child to suffer from measles at all, but outbreaks still occur. Texas reported 266 cases last year," she said.

Often pre-school children account for many cases.

Texas law requires certain immunizations for all children entering Texas schools. Because many parents wait until immunization is required, preschoolers are left unprotected.

One-year of age has been the usual time for measles immunization--but last October, the American Academy of Pediatrics recommended delaying until 15 months of age for infants in communities where the disease is not prevalent.

## Menu



# Jer's Gottings

Twenty five Years! The husband and I have been married one quarter of a century-more than half my life I have gone by a different name. To those older than we, that's just a beginning. To those younger, we appear over the hill.

The years whiz by and you look back to re-live some of the things you let slip by too quickly. And you close your eyes to the adversities which seemed to creep by. You look in the mirror for proof of change. But it ain't all bad. We both can or do wear the same clothes. That modish navy blue going away suit is almost back in style. The material is finer, the workmanship much more lovely-big seams and bound button holes. As I remember, my mother paid the unheard of price of \$75 for it. Why, it would sell for \$250 today. And today's \$250 model won't hold together for 25 years. Seems like we may have spent \$15 for a room in the finest hotel in El Paso-less on down in Mexico. And gosh, dinner that night probably didn't total \$10 for the two of us. Things have changed. We allowed ourselves two nights in a plush Houston hotel recently. Even with a discount, the Mr. shelled out \$45 a night. Oh, it was nice and all that-turned back sheets-a mint left on your pillow, but that's an expensive sleep. But dinner at night-wow. I must admit our tastes have become a little bit more discerning and continental. Chicken fried steak doesn't satisfy like it used to. But it won't take much more to redevelop ataste. Prices aren't even listed on the

women's menus anymore which makes me very nervous. I used to be able to protect the bill payer to a degree. But now I'm afraid he might have apoplexy on the spot should I misguess the location of the cheaper entre.

It's a good thing the prices weren't as bad 25 years ago. Nobody was making much money. All us kids starting out didn't have anything. The average salary for young land man was \$300 per month. That didn't stretch too far-but far enough to make payments on a little house-buy some cigarettes (25¢ a pack) and a steak once in a while. Gasoline was like 18¢ a gallon. Now there is a comparison-we have always been willing to pay more for cigarettes than gasoline - and no body seems to be boycotting cigarettes- or complaining of obscene profits-or cutting back---funny.

Salaries today boggle my mind. A kid land man with a degree in business, with no land experience can go to work for a major company for between \$850 and \$1200 per month. After two years, he is likely to be picked up by an independent for more than his dad was making only 4 years ago. And the houses these younguns are buying-why, we couldn't pay those prices for ten years at least. What worries me is the lag between starting salaries and top executives. There seems no place to go these days-a company can't possibly pay commensurate with worth. What can a \$2000 a month kid expect to make in 15 years when he is hitting his prime with experience and expertise?

I don't begrudge this generation any success. They have to have money to pay the prices- prices which are a result of inflation-which is caused by government spending - forcing too much money into circulation. But I believe it is all very unrealistic and I'm glad we started 25 years ago "in the good ole days".

effective educational projects is to inform members of legislation coming up in Washington that pertains to the beef industry and encourage each one to write their Congressman concerning the Bill. The new awareness of the Land Use Bill is a prime example. The guests were reminded of a statement from Ambassador Ann Armstrong when she said "The cock croweth, but the hen delivers the goods."

The Tejas CowBelles are hopeful of inspiring wives of cattlemen to either join them or form new clubs in their area. A similar coffee was held in Colorado City Tuesday February 22. Both events were well attended.

## Organization Meeting

An organizational meeting for the Independent Cattlemen's Association will be held Wednesday March 2, 1977 at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria at Gail.

The speaker for the evening will be Mr. T.A. Cunningham, president of the ICA.

Everyone is invited to attend. Many problems exist in the cattle industry, and this meeting is for the purpose of trying to find help in the solution of some of these problems.

If you have any questions, contact Bob Dyess or Pat Porter.

## Program Sparks Concern

A television show has sparked renewed concern about cancer in people who received upper body radiation treatments in the 1930s through the 1950s, the Texas Medical Association says.

The radiation treatments were given mainly to children with problems such as enlarged tonsils, adenoids, thymus and other glands. Radiation also was used to treat pneumonitis (inflamed lung), inflamed sinuses, severe acne and other skin conditions. People who had radiation treatments for these and other diseases should see a doctor because they have an increased risk of thyroid cancer. If they don't remember the treatments, perhaps a family member will.

The Texas Medical Association says this radiation therapy was very different and much stronger than routine x-ray doctors and dentists use to view patients' body structures.

The radiation treatment was the recommended thing to do at the time, the CBS' "60 Minutes" program in mid-January said. The treatment was stopped after problems started occurring and better treatment methods were found.

# W.T.C. Offers Community Services

Snyder--Community Services courses in Freehand Drawing, Jewelry Making and Powder Puff Mechanics will begin soon at Western Texas College.

Ned Moore of Sweetwater will be instructor for the Freehand Drawing class which is to start Wednesday (Feb. 16). The course will offer 20 hours of instruction, meeting from 7-9 p.m. on Wednesdays through April 6.

Fees will be \$25 per person, and a minimum of 10 students will be required to form the class.

Jewelry Making will be offered as a Community Services course for the first time. Mike Thornton, assistant professor of art at WTC, will be instructor for the course. Classes are scheduled from 6:30-8:30 on Thursday nights starting Feb. 17.

Students will be involved in the basic process of lost wax casting and will have the opportunity to make one or two pieces of jewelry which will be theirs to keep.

Fees will be \$25 per person for the 10-hour course, with 10 students required to form the class.

Also starting on Feb. 17 will be Powder Puff Mechanics, of-

fering instruction in basic car care and maintenance. Paul Cormier, WTC faculty member, will be instructor.

Students are asked to meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the WTC Automotive Shop for the first session, a one-hour introductory meeting. The remaining sessions will be from 7-10 p.m. on following Thursdays. Fees will be \$15 per person.

A Cake Decorating course will begin at WTC on Feb. 21 with Mrs. Genie Grizzle of Ira as instructor. Classes will meet from 7-9 p.m. on Mondays through March 28. Students will pay fees of \$12 each and will be required to furnish a decorating kit. Kits may be purchased through the instructor at a cost of \$11 each.

Afternoon classes in Cake Decorating are to begin April 4. These classes will offer the same instruction, meeting from 1:30-3:30 on Mondays.

Community Services courses do not carry college credit, and no grades are given. Persons interested in additional information about any of the courses listed above or other courses may contact the Community Services office at WTC, 573-8511, extension 237.

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## Cow Belles Entertain

The Tejas Chapter of the Texas CowBelle Association entertained with a "Get acquainted Coffee" Tuesday, Feb. 15. The coffee was held in the home of Mrs. Billy Don Huddleston of Snyder.

Mrs. J.M. Sterling, presiding president of the Tejas Chapter gave a short talk on the purpose and effectiveness of the organization. She related how their consumer educational programs and projects have helped the beef industry. "When we, as small groups, coordinate our efforts with similar groups throughout the nation, the impact is amazingly effective," Mrs. Sterling said. One of their most

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# Kiker's Kolumn Hopes For

Campaign —  
Screwworms

College Station--The battle against the screwworm has been long and hard, and now a special campaign is being planned to deal a final death blow to the tenacious livestock pest.

Called "Mission '77: Stamp Out Screwworms," the campaign is designed to create a new vigilance on the part of livestock producers in handling and treating livestock to eliminate the screwworm completely from Texas in 1977. The special effort will be launched at a conference called by Gov. Dolph Briscoe in Austin on Feb. 24. The conference will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Municipal Auditorium.

"Through a concerted effort by producers and an effective educational program to promote this campaign throughout the year, this goal can be reached," emphasizes Dr. Daniel C. Pfannstiel, director of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"The Extension Service is totally dedicated to this effort and will continue to support the screwworm eradication program to its utmost," he points out. "Our county agent will continue to work closely with producers to emphasize regular livestock inspections, treatment of wounds and the sending of worm samples to the Mission Lab for identification."

Pfannstiel believes the campaign against screwworms can be successful this year due to several factors:

--The cold winter will reduce the number of screwworm flies this spring.

--The new screwworm plant in Tuxtla Gutierrez, Mexico, which opened last July will double the sterile fly production capacity.

--A new strain of sterile flies has been developed which should be a significant improvement over earlier flies.

"With these factors working to our advantage, we appear to be on the threshold of stamping out screwworms in Texas," contends Pfannstiel. "If we can all join together and get the jump on the battle against screwworms this spring, then our fight should be successful. This will be a tremendous victory for Texas agriculture."

## Thrips Control

The effect of thrips injury to cotton has been a controversial subject since it was first recognized as a potential problem. Field tests were conducted by Texas Agricultural Experiment Station scientists to determine the value of thrips control on cotton in the Texas Blacklands. Thrips damage resulted in a reduction of up to 70 percent total leaf area but did not reduce cotton yield. Systemic insecticides applied in furrow at planting produced vigorous cotton plants free of thrips damage, but did not significantly increase fruiting rate or yield. Source: S.J. Harp, College Station.

## TEXAS ON WAY TO NO.1 IN AG

Texas is making steady progress toward becoming the leading state in agricultural income, says the director of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. A special campaign, "On Our Way to No. 1," was launched by the Extension Service in 1974. The target date is 1980 and the goal is \$8,436 billion. Agricultural income for 1976 is expected to total \$6,618 billion, second only to 1973 and \$600 million above 1975 figures. The Lone Star State should reach the No. 1 spot by the target date, assuming the normal rate of growth for the states currently leading Texas.

## Prospects For Wheat

Amarillo--While price prospects for the 1977 wheat crop appear gloomy, there's good chance for a better than average wheat crop on the Texas High Plains.

That note was sounded this week by a specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"The dry, cold weather that caused problems for stocker cattle operators who depended on wheat grazing may help get a few extra bushels per acre for grain producers," according to Dr. Frank Petr, of Amarillo.

"Cold temperatures prevailing since early fall have resulted in the conservation or decreased use of plant nutrients," he says, "and helped stretch the rather limited supplies of subsoil and surface moisture."

The Extension Service agronomist says wheat that was planted late under very dry conditions may suffer some winter killing, and poorly established wheat may also be subject to wind erosion, especially on sandy soils. Generally, however, wheat stands are in much better condition than in midwinter of the 1975-76 season, he concludes.

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## Hopes For Reform

Austin: T. A. Cunningham, President of the largest non-affiliated cattle organization in the United States, testified before the Ways and Means Committee of the Texas House of Representatives today concerning inheritance tax revision.

In his opening remarks President Cunningham referred to the tremendous effort of the ICA to change the federal estate tax laws in 1976 and that the organization's work had been rewarded. "We accomplished a great deal in Washington as the exemption level for those taxes has been changed to a more equitable level. I am confident that in this Session this spirit and ability to work together will prevail and that 1977 will be the year for tax reform a change in Texas. You are all aware of the fact that there are many individual property owners within our state and that our farms and ranches vary in size from several acres to many thousand. Agriculture producers are in a very depressed state and without some type of tax relief, we will be unable to feed our nation, much less the rest of the world," Cunningham stated.

The President of the ICA praised the lawmakers who have already introduced legislation for tax reform in Texas and expressed hope that with this legislation being introduced so early in the Session, the citizens of Texas can be encouraged that something will be done to alleviate their tax burden.

Earlier in the day, Cunningham testified before the Committee on Economic Relief in behalf of Senate Bill 1 and Senate Joint Resolution 1 by Senator Tom Creighton concerning the untaxing of open space. "Fewer and fewer Texans are entering into the business of ranching and farming because the profit ability of the business is becoming non-existent. I urge you to consider the adoption of the use valuation method of taxation when revision of state inheritance tax laws come before you," Cunningham concluded in his remarks before the Committee on Economic Relief.

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Next comes the feeder, he too must be skilled.

There's more to this feeding than just stuffing some steers;

Tender, fat beef grow through sweat, toil and tears.

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Number eighteen is the stockyards' man

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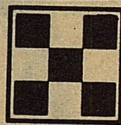
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## Thank You

The Gail Lions Club wishes to thank all those who helped make the Lions Club Trap Shoot a success. The Lions Club has expressed a special thanks to the Lions wives for their efforts above and beyond the call of duty.

## Seminar For Clerks

College Station--County and district clerks from throughout Texas will gather here Mar. 1-3 for the 5th annual County and District Clerks Seminar.

Theme of this year's seminar will be at the Ramada Inn and will officially get under way Mar. 2 at 10 a.m., announces Charles E. Lawrence, county officials program leader for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, which is sponsoring the seminar in cooperation with the County and District Clerks Association of Texas.

The first session will feature an address of welcome by Dr. Daniel C. Pfannstiel, Extension Service director; a keynote address by Texas Secretary of State Mark White; and a discussion on communications by Mrs. Dorothy Holland, associate editor with the Extension Service.

The afternoon program will feature separate sessions for county and district clerks. County clerks will hear discussions relating to inventorying county records, collecting inheritance taxes, and procedures in probate. District clerks will hear talks dealing with incompetent and insane persons in criminal proceedings, the Family Code, and the assessment of criminal costs.

A joint session featuring Sam Clonts, executive director of the Texas Association of Counties, will conclude the afternoon program.

Dr. James Blakely of Wharton will speak at a banquet that evening.

On Thursday, county clerks will hear discussions on holding elections and secured transactions in the Uniform Commercial Code while district clerks will receive information on the effective use of grand juries and petit juries and the process of getting a defendant into court.

A joint session dealing with retirement and the future of county government will conclude the seminar.

President of the County and District Clerks Association of Texas is District Clerk Ray Hardy of Harris County.



The Commissioners' Court of Borden County met on February 14, 1977 with all members present.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Routine monthly accounts were examined and approved for payment.

Depository bank bids were opened from the following banks: Snyder National Bank, Snyder; West Texas State Bank, Snyder; Security State Bank, Big Spring; State National Bank, Big Spring; First National Bank, Big Spring; and First National Bank, Post.

The First National Bank, Big Spring, having submitted the best bid, was selected as the county depository for the years of 1977-1978.

An increase in travel allowances for county officials was considered, but after discussion,

a resolution was unanimously passed to leave as it has been in the past.

Boyd Lathan, Jr. of the firm of Lathan and Stults, Inc., evaluation engineers, met with the court of discuss renewing their contract with Borden County which expires this year. Their services having been satisfactory, the contract, was extended for two years.

Since the water level in the county tank is very low, it was agreed to try to arrange for an emergency water supply in case sufficient rainfall doesn't replenish the water in the county tank. Conservation measures should be taken by all water users to make it last as long as possible.

The court adjourned at 4:00 P. M.

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Adding to the bright outlook is a notable absence of insect activity. Petr says that surveys made by Norris Daniels, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station research entomologist at Bushland, indicate that greenbug populations have been at a low level since early last fall. The limited foliage plus low temperatures may have also had a depressing effect on the wheat curl mite, which is a vector of wheat streak mosaic.

"Having both greenbugs and wheat streak at a low level could mean savings on insecticides and increased yields to the producer," Petr adds.

"The dryland wheat crop is not yet in the bin, however", says Petr. "A period of unseasonably warm temperatures and dryness that sometimes occur in February could dessicate the shallow rooted, dryland wheat. An average amount of timely rains could tip the scales in a plus direction."

## Coal Regulations

Washington, D.C.--The harsh winter of 1977 will seem like a summer breeze if misguided proposals on surface mining succeed in putting America's vast coal reserves into cold storage, according to American Mining Congress president, J. Allen Overton, Jr.

"Proposed legislation is so restrictive in its certainties and intimidating in its ambiguities that its net effect would be to cripple this nation's chance of significantly expanding coal production," he declares. "If this legislation becomes law, in some snowbound future people may well rue the way the freeze was put on capital investments and industry incentives that could have helped energize our nation."

"The supreme irony is that this federal legislation is not needed. No less than 38 states now have effective laws governing surface mining, and 29 of them have updated their regulations since 1973. Federal regulations in place and in operation now govern the surface mining of coal on federal lands. As a result, virtually all coal that is now surface mined is subject to regulations and reclamation requirements that are tailored to meet particular local conditions."

"We welcome these developments. We have long opposed any mining of surface coal where the land cannot be beneficially restored for further use after mining."

"But a gigantic federal scheme that arbitrarily places lands off limits for the most frivolous reasons, that imposes uniform controls on diverse circumstances, that sets up huge new enforcement powers in Washington, and that leaves open so many wide questions of interpretation that a few lawyers and zealots must surely salivate--this is another matter."

"The root problem with the pending legislation," says Overton, "is the unbridgeable gap

between the agreeable rhetoric on reclamation policy and the practical prohibitory impact of the legislative language."

"What the measures as introduced amount to is de facto prohibition of surface coal mining in the camouflage of regulation. A result our nation cannot abide, a price our nation cannot pay."

"The added tragedy is that this runs directly counter to the determined national commitment to stop centralizing power in Washington...to dismantle some of the federal bureaucracy...to cut red tape and end senseless regulation...to beat the energy problem with vigorous action...to unleash the creative drive of American industry...and all the rest."

## Texas Safety Assoc.

Austin--An individual who performed a life saving act on a Texas farm or ranch will receive the Rural Heroism Award on March 28, 1977, at the Texas Safety Conference in Houston, announced Joe Smetana, Farm and Ranch Vice President of the Texas Safety Association.

The award is presented annually to some person for an act of exceptional bravery during a time of crisis, and must have occurred in Texas during 1976 and be related to farming or ranching operations, said Smetana.

Nominations will be accepted until February 25, 1977, and should be submitted to the Rural Heroism Award Committee, Texas Safety Association, Box 93458, Austin, Texas 78766 or the Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Council, Box 489, Waco, Texas 76703. All entries must include a written account of the incident, dates, names of all persons involved, and should be accompanied by pictures and newspaper clippings if they are available.

The Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Council sponsors the award and the Texas Safety Association annual meeting provides a forum for presentation to help focus attention on safety in rural Texas, according to Smetana.

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Nothing improves a person's driving like a police car cruising along side.

A Houston teenager told his father he needed some oil for

his hair. His father bought him Oklahoma.

You heard about the accountant who came in for treatment? He kept hearing strange invoices. "Oh Well."

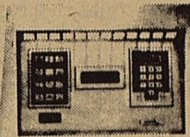
Worry--interest we pay on trouble before it is due.

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Washington, D.C. — UNDER PROCEDURES SET UP IN 1968, it now appears that the salaries for Cabinet officers, Federal Court Judges, Members of Congress and other top-ranking Executive Branch officials, are going to have to raise in salary.

IT IS THE FEELING OF THIS MEMBER OF CONGRESS that no such procedure should ever have been enacted which, for all practical purposes, makes these increases automatic. If salaries are to be raised, including Members of Congress, we should do it in a direct manner and not under a smoke screen.

THE FIRST COMMISSION WAS HEADED BY FREDERICK R. KAPPEL which recommended increases in 1968. The law provides that when the Commission makes its recommendations on Federal salary increases to the President, he can then submit the recommendation to the Congress which, if now negatively asked, on by either the House or the Senate, becomes effective in 30 days after the submission. Both President Ford, before leaving office, and now, President Carter, accepted the Commission's report and have recommended its adoption. The Senate has failed to turn the proposition down and, although the House held hearings the first three days of this week, it does not appear there is time for a vote before the increases become automatic.

MANY OF THE NEWER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, who are younger and have growing families, contend that they cannot live in the expensive Washington area on the salary now provided. It is true it is the most expensive place in the Country but, on the other hand, they knew what the salary was when they sought the office.

THOSE OF US WHO HAVE EXPRESSED A CONCERN about inflation and about Government spending can not consistently and with conscience support pay increases at this time. The argument for justifying salary increases aside, this should be a time of retrenchment in the cost of all Government operation but one is in a poor position to be an advocate of this view and, at the same time, vote himself further benefits.

CERTAINLY, WE SHOULD not get into a situation where only the wealthy could afford to serve in an official position, whether elected or appointed. On the other hand, this certainly appears to be the time to set an example of no adding further to the tremendous costs of the Federal Government.

INCIDENTALLY, IF A PERSONAL REFERENCE MAY BE PARDONED, this Member could hardly benefit anyway. Pushed up into a higher bracket of income means that most, if not practically all, would go for the payment of taxes. This is true for others in the private sector of our economy whose incomes may be greater than ever before but who pay more taxes and higher prices

because of inflation. There is simply no way to beat this economic fact, aside from all other considerations. Of course, there are those who have considerable deductions under the tax laws, but those who are limited really gain nothing.

IN ATTEMPT TO MOLLIFY THE PUBLIC'S ATTITUDE towards these pay increases, there is to be adopted a more strict code of ethics for Members of Congress. Outside income is to be restricted and made public. Honorariums for speaking engagements are to be strictly limited or prohibited. Other standards are to be adopted which are supposed to impress people but, in all candor, have the appearance of window-dressing. It is a little like saying to the public--look at us; we are going to be honest. Certainly, the public expects and should demand strict honesty. It is the business of the people who vote or appoint their public officials to determine their worthiness. Much of this so-called "reform" seems to start with the premise that we have to declare ourselves to be Simon pure and that to prove it we establish a code of ethics. Certainly, there must be rules, and there must be law, but to have some, such as now proposed, would have people believe that this cures everything and is a justification for bigger pay.

### Used Cars

College Station--February is among "best months" to find good uses-car bargains, according to Claudia Kerbel, consumer information specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

"Best used-car values can be found in cars two or three years old--when they cost about 50-60 per cent of their original price. However, buying a used car can be a bit of a gamble if you don't know who drove the car, under what circumstances or how it was treated," she cautioned.

The specialist recommends several guidelines in considering a "new" used car:

--Before even looking at cars, make a decision on the size car you want and the price you can afford.

--In general, buy the smallest car that will suit your needs--as fuel prices increase, you'll need the better gas mileage a smaller car offers.

--Check consumer magazines that rate used cars on frequency of needed repair.

--Avoid models with unnecessary convenience features, such as power-operated windows and seats--they raise the price, they are trouble-prone and they are expensive to repair.

--Avoid cars with air scoops, racing stripes, extra-wide tires and jacked-up rear ends. Generally these cars have had a hard life.

## The Land Use

### Question

NEDA is a coalition of management, labor, agriculture, cattleraising, water and land use and development interests, and others, which since 1973 has conducted a research and education program aimed at balanced decisions in environmental, economic and energy issues.

Federal attention should be fixed on effective management of public lands under the government's supervision and on specific questions of national interest which cannot be relegated to states and local governments, the NEDA spokesman said.

"Problems at the local level are rarely made soluble by elevating them to the national level," said Mr. Harrison. "They are best managed by the people, institutions, interests and governments most directly affected."

NEDA sponsored the National Conference on Land Use in Washington in December, Mr. Harrison said, to provide a backdrop for rational consideration of the land use question in the 95th Congress.

"This was important to do," he said, "because 1977 is the critical year in the drive which began seven years ago to impose Federal land use planning rules on all 50 states from Washington."

Calling the current Congress "the make or break playing field for environmental activism," Mr. Harrison said it is also the "right time and place for real understanding" and for balanced judgement leading to a practical Federal policy in land use.

He outlined such a policy as follows:

- (1) Abandonment of the unwarranted attempt to impose Federal controls, through sanctions or otherwise, on the states.
- (2) Coordination of existing Federal programs which impact as land use programs, following a study to determine what the programs are and what they do.
- (3) Better management of public lands to the end that each acre is best suited to public need.
- (4) Handling specific questions of national interest when it is determined they cannot be appropriately relegated to state and local governments.

### CB Club

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### Research

Washington--Some of the people who are serious about expanding the uses of Citizens Band radio have formed a nationwide organization with headquarters in Austin, Texas.

The National Association of Legal Citizens Band Radio Operators, Inc., 4000 Medical Parkway in Austin, is a privately funded association designed to funnel research information to the Federal

Communications Commission.

Association Director Tom Felton announced formation of the "Legal CBers" at a meeting of the CB advisory committee to the Federal Communications Commission. The Committee is called the Personal Use Radio Advisory Committee (PURAC) and was established in April 1976. The purpose of the committee is to advise the FCC on problems created by the expanded use of Citizens Band radio.

"We expect our first year membership drive to generate 500,000 applicants for membership," said Felton. "We plan to open more than 300 Legal CBers offices nationwide. The first area office will be in San Antonio, Texas."

The new association has asked members of the Texas House of Representatives to nominate constituents from all the Legislative Districts to serve on a statewide Citizens Band radio study committee. A similar procedure is planned in each state.


Felton told the PURAC meeting here that the Legal CBers will publish a definitive handbook on CB radio and keep the contents current with events and technology on a monthly basis. He said publication is scheduled in February.

Felton said Legal CBers will endeavor to bridge the gap in information between the FCC, the individual operator, and the public.


Legal CBers will help sort out any conflicts between CB radio users and non-users--such as interference with television and AM-FM radio reception. Felton said Legal CBers will be a self-policing organization and will present valid recommendations to the FCC for changes and modifications in rules and regulations.

Felton told the PURAC meeting that Legal CBers intends to become a national voice for individual operators and that the association's research and survey work is designed to benefit everyone.

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