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# Agriculture

# Day March 21

## Borden Co. Contributes

## Defend Industry



School Board President, Mr. Rich Anderson and James McLeroy, Superintendent of Borden County Schools officially "Break Ground" for the major educational construction program.

## Project Officially Underway

After a years deliberation by the School Board and months spent on the mechanics of a bond election, selecting an architect and letting bids for a contractor, ground has been broken for the construction of a new gymnasium, cafeteria, and addition classroom space in the Borden County School system.

On March 8, 1977, Mr. James McLeroy, Superintendent of Schools, and Board of Trustees President, Mr. Rich Anderson, officially broke ground for the \$994,974 project.

The Bond was presented to the county in July of 1976. Anelection was held in which it passed on August 14 of that year.

The bid for construction was awarded to Monterey Construction Company of Wolferth, Texas on February 8, 1977. Work was begun by this company immediately following the ground breaking.

According to the contract, work shall be completed on phase one through four within 400 consecutive calendar days from time of commencement. Phase

one through four include a gymnasium, cafeteria, kindergarten, patio, two high school classrooms and two elementary class rooms

Phase five includes the relocation of the Resource Center or Library and the Business Educational classroom. A dark room is also in phase 5 as well as work on the elementary locker area. This is to be completed within 460 consecutive calendar days from time of commencement.

The general contractor, Mr. Joseph Brozo, and his family have moved a mobile home near the construction site and will reside in Borden County until work is completed. Their children, Michelle and Janean are enrolled in the elementary school.

The county is co-operating with the school in the use of equipment and hauling of fill dirt.

The architectural firm engaged for this major building program is Riherd, Huckabee and Donham of Andrews, Texas.

Austin--March 21 is Agriculture Day in Texas, and Borden County farmers and ranchers can be proud of the \$6,735,000 contribution they make to the economy of their area and the state, according to Agriculture Commissioner John C. White.

That figure is the amount of cash receipts and government payments in 1975, the most recent figures published by the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service.

"Though 1977 may prove to be one of lower profits for agriculture, cash receipts during this year should be substantial," White stated.

"Production costs have doubled for many regions in the state in the past two years, but several commodities have been able to stay even with these costs."

State totals for 1975 were \$5.9 billion with livestock bringing in 3,060,908,000, and crops \$ 2,785,683,000. Total cash receipts for 1976 are estimated to be more than \$6 billion.

Livestock and products in Borden County were valued in 1975 at \$ 4,149,000. Crops totaled \$ 2,518,0000.

JOHN WAYNE HONORS INDUSTRY

Austin--When the Duke tells you something, you had better listen, podnah! John Wayne, the most well-known "Duke" in the country, will be urging Americans "for at least one day a year, don't cuss that farmer. Appreciate him."

Wayne will appear on television and radio as honorary chairman of American Agricultural Day 1977, to be held March 21.

Supporting statewide observance of the salute of farmers, ranchers and producers, Governor Dolph Briscoe has

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FRED HEAD

Austin--"I'm about ready to vote to shut down all production of oil and gas going out of Texas," said Representative Fred Head as he called on Texans to write President Carter and White House Energy Chief James Schlesinger.

"We've got to let the President know that we've been drilling day and night and paying through the nose for oil and gas while other states have sat back and bought our oil and gas cheaper than we can buy it ourselves," Head continued.

"These other states have not developed their deep coal reserves or their off-shore wells because it might make their pretty countryside look bad," Head said. "One of these days those people are going to understand that oil and gas wells and producing coal mines are a beautiful sight."

"I've had a number of people suggest shutting down Texas production to out-of-state users. Others have suggested separating Texas into five states to take advantage of the cheap interstate gas. One even suggested seceding from the United States. One thing is for certain, Texas residents have footed the bill for the gas to heat America's icy northlands and something drastic must be done to put a stop to it," Head concluded.

JIM COLLINS

Congressman James M. Collins reported that the record of the American Gas and Oil industry is strong. "Testimony given in the packed congressional hearings revealed that the oil and gas industry has been effective," Collins said. Much criticism is being heard on the energy companies because of the gas shortage this winter. It was brought out that 5 percent more gas was actually delivered this year but the demand was 40 percent higher because of the cold winter. "For five years." Congressman Collins

said, "the gas and oil industry has advocated expanding exploration and production in anticipation of a cold winter but they have been under price controls and therefore their financial possibilities have been severely limited."

In the hearings with Texaco officials, liberal members charged that Texaco had withheld gas from the public. The Texaco representatives responded that the Louisiana offshore gas fields involved were under 20-year contracts. Any acceleration of drilling in those fields to produce more gas now would deprive customers of gas during the later period of their contracts. Thus, they maintained, they were actually being pressured to engage in activity that would involve breach of contract.

Liberals also charged that oil companies had not done enough in exploration and development. Congressman Collins brought out with questioning that Texaco last year had invested \$1.5 billion in capital for exploration and development of oil and gas. Further questioning showed that Texaco earned \$890 million in profits this past year, which meant that profits were only one-half their cash investment in trying to discover new gas and oil reserves. In addition, it was brought out that taxes for the oil industry have increased by 650 percent in the past ten years while their net income has increased by only 120 percent.

The hearings about the gas shortage provided no solutions for additional energy. "Liberal congressmen simply recommended using up the present supply quicker," said Collins. Collins advocated more conservation as America now has only ten years of gas reserves. He questioned Interior Department witnesses and none of them offered any possible solutions within five years. "Only one witness believed the situation would be better in ten years

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# Borden County School News



ATTENDED AREA II FHA CONVENTION- Back row- L to R - Kevva Tucker, Tricia Jackson, Martha Anderson, Twila Telchik, Glynda Burkett. 2nd row- Penny Thompson, Kristy Smith, Lesa Hensley, and Carol Burkett. Front row- Dana Westbrook, Vickie Jones, Janna Love, Lisa McLeroy, Karen Williams and Liz Ledbetter.



Norris Samuelson of Everman, Texas and his band students performed for Borden County students and teachers Friday, March 11. Mr. Samuelson is a former Borden County Band teacher.

## Area II F.H.A.

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"Do You Know Where You Are Going?" was the theme for the Area II F.H.A. Meeting held this past weekend in Midland.

The Gail Chapter F.H.A. held one of the workshops entitled "Old Age--Out of Sight, Out of Mind." The Workshop's main purpose was to enlighten people on ways they can help the aging people of today.

Liz Ledbetter and Kevva Tucker opened the workshop by getting everyone into groups to discuss the different ways the F.H.A. Chapters could help the elderly.

Sue Hancock then took over by welcoming everyone and reading a letter the Gail Chapter received from Mrs. Roberta Lawsoh.

Next on the agenda was a filmstrip entitled "To Hell With Grandma" shown by Kristy Smith. The filmstrip depicted how the elderly spend their time and money and how lonely and forgotten the elderly people may feel.

Following the filmstrip, Dana Westbrook and Lisa Hensley passed out kits entitled "Old Feelings Kit" to everyone present.

The Borden County Independent School Board met March 14, 1977. Board members present were Rich Anderson, T.L. Griffin, Doyle Newton, Ralph Miller, E.L. Farmer, Kenneth Williams, and Martin Parks. Administrators present were James McLeroy, Ben Jarrett and Mickey McMeans.

The meeting was called to order by President Rich Anderson. Minutes of the regular Board Meeting of February 21, 1977 were forwarded to the Board four (4) days prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Ralph Miller and seconded by T.L. Griffin to approve the minutes of the Board meeting of February 21, 1977. Motion carried.

A copy of the bills was sent to each Board member four (4) days prior to the meeting. A motion was made by T.L. Griffin and seconded by E.L. Farmer to pay the bills. Motion carried.

There were no visitors at this regular meeting.

Superintendent McLeroy recommended that the following personnel contracts be extended through the 1977-1978 school year:

## Board Meeting

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### TEACHERS

BOB BAGLEY  
DAVE BRIGGS  
FRANCES BURKETT  
BEVERLY COPELAND  
JOE COPELAND  
SANDRA GRAVES  
DOROTHY GRAY  
JACK HATAWAY  
SHARON HUDDLESTON  
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PEGGY WESTBROOK  
DOLORES WOLF  
EUNICE YADON

### TEACHER AIDES

VERNA OGDEN  
MELBA RINEHART  
SALLIE WILSON  
BARBARA YORK

### SECRETARY

JOAN BRIGGS

A motion was made by T.L. Griffin and seconded by Martin Parks to extend the contracts of the above named personnel through the 1977-1978 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

The Superintendent gave a year-to-date financial report. A motion was made by E.L. Farmer and seconded by Kenneth Williams to approve the financial report. The motion carried.

Attendance was reported to be 228 students as of this date with 162 students in Elementary and 66 students in High School.

Superintendent McLeroy reported that the textbook committee met and submitted to the board their recommendations. A motion was made by E.L. Farmer and seconded by Martin Parks to approve the recommendations of the textbook committee as follows: Macmillan School Dictionaries-Macmillan, Webster's Students Dictionaries- American, Growth in Spelling L7, Laidlaw, Growth in Spelling L8 - Laidlaw, Crump Fundamentals of Journalism-Webster, Sobel Essentials in Math-Ginn, Denholm Elem. Algebra 2-Houghton, Dolciani Algebra Book 1-Houghton, Jurgensen Geometry-Houghton, Wooton Modern Trig. R.V.- Houghton, Lewis Math-Daily Living 2E-McCormick,, Otto Modern Biology Reg E-Holt, Metcalfe Modern Physics RE-Holt, Weisberg



TWILA TELCHIK AND MARCHA ANDERSON try out for all-state choir.

## Choir Tryouts

Two Borden County Students were selected to represent the Borden County FHA in the Area II choir. They were Twila Telchik and Marcha Anderson.

On Friday March 11, Mrs. Kountz, Borden Co. FHA sponsor, traveled to Midland with the girls for the performance and auditions held on Saturday.

On arriving in Midland, Twila and Marcha joined other girls from Area II for a three hour practice in preparation for the performance the following day. Approximately 40 girls participated in the Area Choir. They

sang four numbers; "What The World Needs Now," "Feelings", "We've Only Just Begun" and the Theme from "Mahogany," "Do You Know."

Following the performance, group and individual auditions were held. From these, 21 girls were selected to be in the state FHA Choir. Twila and Marcha sang "We've Only Just Begun" as a duet as well as in solo.

Though the girls failed to qualify for the state choir this year, the experience was invaluable.

## Clothing Drive Slated

### To Benefit Big Spring State Hospital

March 28-April 8

By Gail FFA

Clothing may be left at the Agriculture Building or will be picked up by any Gail FFA member.

For further information- contact any Gail FFA member. All donations will be appreciated.



Notice is hereby given that on this, the 17th day of January, 1977, the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District convened in regular session, open to the public, with seven (7) Trustees present, to-wit: 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.

There, Be it Ordered by the Board of Trustees of Borden County Independent School District: 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. That said election shall be held at the following places, and the following named persons are hereby appointed officers for said election:

The polls at the below designated polling places shall on election day be open from 8:00 o'clock a.m. to 7:00 o'clock p.m.

Joan Briggs is hereby appointed Clerk for absentee voting, and Verna Ogden is hereby appointed Deputy Clerk for absentee voting. 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 place of absentee voting shall remain open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on each day for said absentee voting. Absentee voting shall begin on March 14, 1977 and continue through March 29, 1977. The above described place for absentee voting is also the absentee Clerk's mailing address to which ballot application and ballots voted by mail shall be sent.

Doyle Newton, Secretary  
Board of Trustees  
Borden County Independent School District  
State of Texas, County of Borden,

| Box           | Presiding Judge     | Clerk             | Place                 |
|---------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Gail          | Mrs. Larry Smith    | Mrs. Joe Gilmore  | Courthouse            |
| Willow Valley | Mrs. J.W. Gray      | Mrs. Roy Haynes   | Willow Valley School  |
| Plains        | Mrs. Weldon Hancock | Mrs. Ouida Turner | Plains Community Cen. |
| Vealmoor      | Mrs. Nathan Zant    | Mrs. Guy Zant     | Vealmoor Teacherage   |
| Murphy        | Mr. Melton Davis    | Mrs. Melton Davis | Melton Davis Home     |

District Presiding Judge--Mrs. Larry Smith

## College Corner



PHILENA PEWITT

Philena Pewitt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Farmer of the O'Donnell Community is attending classes at Texas Tech.

Philena is a 1976 graduate of Borden County High School, and plans to become a medical technician.

## Gail FFA

### News

The Gail Chapter of Future Farmers of America met last week, March 10. Bob McLeroy, President, called the meeting to order with 35 members present. The clothes drive was discussed and a date was set for the drive. The drive will be held March 28 through April 8. The Ag boys encourage everyone to give their old clothes that are not needed. These clothes will be given to the State Hospital in Big Spring. If you have clothing to give, bring them by the Ag shop or contact a FFA member and they will be glad to come by and pick them up. An Honorary Chapter Farmer was elected by the Ag boys. He will be awarded with a plaque at the FFA-FHA Banquet.

/s/ Johnny Jackson, reporter

## San Angelo Stock Show

4-Her's attending the San Angelo Stock Show last week were Kevin Telchik, Twila Telchik, Kim Wills, Ty Wills, Van York, Sue Hancock, and Chuck Cannon. Also attending was Ben Murphy from Gail F.F.A.

Sue Hancock placed 3rd with her light weight hampshire pig. Chuck Cannon placed 6th with a light weight Angus and 11th with his light weight medium cross. Van York placed 22 in the sheep show with his heavy weight finewool and 27th with a light weight finewool.

ent. The kits were designed to enable everyone to age approximately 50 years in a few short minutes.

Tricia Jackson used a song "Every Now and Then" to highlight slides depicting old age. The song was sung by Mac Davis. Kevva Tucker closed the meeting by distributing handouts about ways the F.H.A. can help the elderly of their own community. This was one of sixteen mini-workshops held on various concerns of youth today.

Following the workshop session, the FHA/Hero Chapters gathered in the auditorium for the afternoon session. The highlight of the session was Miss Carmen McCollu. Miss Texas 1977, who gave the keynote address.

Martha Anderson and Twila Telchik sang in Area Choir which presented its program during the afternoon session.

Members of Gail Chapter attending the meeting were Denise Currey, Vickie Jones, Penny Thompson, Janna Love, Glynda Burkett, Karen Williams, Lisa

McLeroy Carol Burkett,, all officers. Also attending were Mrs. B.W. Jackson, Mrs. Ross Westbrook, and Mrs. B.W. Jackson, Mrs. Ross West-

Burkett, all officers. Also attending were Mrs. B.W. Jackson, Mrs. Ross Westbrook, and Mrs. Weldon Hancock.

Mrs. Kountz, Chapter advisor attended an advisor's workshop presented by Laverne Dupree, National F.H.A. Consultant, Lake Charles, Louisiana. The Area II Meeting is planned and presented by ten Area II FHA/HERO officers under the supervision of Ms. Elaine Price. The Area II Meeting is planned and presented by ten Area II FHA/HERO officers under the leadership of Ms. Elaine Price, Home Economics Consultant, Texas Education Agency.

The area meeting offers many leadership opportunities for area youth. The local Gail Chapter's 23 members join approximately 1400 members representing 130 chapters in Area II. Texas membership exceeds 77,000 while the national membership exceeds 1/2 million. The Future Homemakers of America continues to help young people face the future with warm courage and high hopes.

## Spring Break, Borden Relays

Students of Borden County Schools will have a spring break next week, March 21-25. Classes will resume on March 28.

Classes will be dismissed at 2:00 P.M. on Friday, March 18. This will enable students to attend the Borden Relays which will be underway at 1:00 Friday.

## Board Meeting

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Intro Ocnography-Webster, McAlestor The Earth-Prentice, Aviation/Aerospace Fundamentals-Jeppesen, Knowslar People and World-Holt (World History) Vaidman Son Et Sens-Scott (French); Barrett Van Dean Manual 7E - Milady (Cosmetology) Boynton Cen 21 Accounting 1-So-Wsrn; Boynton Cen 21 Accounting 2 - So-Wsrn; Gregg Shorthand DIS 2E - Gregg; Leslie Dictation DIS 2E - Gregg; Leslie Transcription DIS - Gregg; and Gregg Speed Building DIS - Gregg. Motion Carried.

Superintendent McLeroy reported that reservations to Lake Charles, Louisiana were not satisfactory and Mr. Parker requested permission of the board to travel to Enid, Oklahoma in lieu of Lake Charles. A motion was made by Martin Parks and seconded by Ralph Miller to approve the band trip to Enid, Oklahoma on May 5-7. Motion carried.

Superintendent McLeroy recommended that the board join the Association of Budget Balanced Schools in order to better safe guard their rights in Austin on school finance legislation. A motion was made by Doyle Newton and seconded by Martin Parks to join the Association of Budget Balanced Schools. Motion carried.

There being no further business, a motion was made by T. L. Griffin and seconded by Ralph Miller to adjourn.



Lamesa Firemen make a round by a fence line trying to save a few of the fence posts that had caught fire during the fire north of Borden County Schools last Tuesday. The Fluvanna fire Department was also on hand as well as dozens of individuals from Borden and surrounding counties. A big thanks goes to those who helped. Approximately 300 acres of grassland burned in the blaze.



# Jere's Gottings

You know, it's a lot easier for me to fight political grass fires than the real range land type. I'd a lot rather sit here at my desk fighting with pencil and tablet than to stand out in the wind with my garden hose. But that's what we right here on the edge of a big ole town have had to do this spring. You in the country know better than we, though, even though two schools were evacuated and homeowners told to be ready to leave, our situation was probably not as bad as the rural areas have been. Fire fighters in the country have to spread a little too thin for comfort--and there are no faucets to hook to.

But the most alarming aspect of this spring of grass fires is the evidence that they are being deliberately set. The conditions are perfect for fires--high (and I do mean high) winds, extremely dry native vegetation, and very low humidity. But even bad dusters don't usually cause fires unless there is lightning. There hasn't been a sign of a cloud so that rules out dry lightning storms. Of course carelessness is often the cause of fire but I can't imagine anyone rolling down the window in one of these sand storms to flick a cigarette. And no one in their right mind would be burning trash. What kind of a warped mind would deliberately destroy acres of life supporting land as well as threaten the lives of livestock and human beings? The destruction caused by spontaneous or accidental fire is hard enough to overcome--but it seems doubly bad when you have to think it was caused knowingly.

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Of all years to guard against fires and any sort of destruction of cropland, this one is critical. What with the drought on the West Coast (which is blowing straight thru New Mexico and West Texas) and the freezes on the East Coast, every acre of land that can grow crops or livestock will become a lifeline. Shortages will be prevalent just due to natural phenomena. Then to have to see thousands more charred acres taken out of production really spooks you.

Prayerfully the winds will cease and the rains will come. Also, it is to be hoped that any firebugs will be apprehended before they strike again. I prefer political fires--they can be just as dangerous and in most cases are deliberately ignited. They also seem a lot harder to extinguish. But somehow they aren't the wasteful threat that real fires are.

## Arts And Crafts Fiesta

The fifth annual Fiesta del Arte Fine Arts and Crafts festival will be March 26 and 27 at Ector County Coliseum. Mrs. W.T. (Louise) Henderson is general chairman for the '77 show. Sponsored jointly by the Fiesta del Arte Guild and the Permian Basin Rehabilitation Center Board of Directors, Fiesta has grown into one of the best arts and crafts shows in the area not only for the artists who sell their work but for the enjoyment of the art-loving public. This will be the first year that Fiesta del Arte has been held inside the coliseum and with larger, colorful and well-lighted quarters, it promises to be even more successful than in the past. On Saturday, March 26, the doors will open at 11:00 a.m. and close at 9:00 p.m. and on Sunday, March 27, the show will be open from 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m.

Approximately seventy artists and craftsmen from Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Oklahoma and Colorado have been accepted with a wide variety of art represented, paintings and sculpture in all media, graphics, batiks, engravings, pottery, jewelry, leather and turquoise work, stained glass and bread dough ceramics. Testifying to the success of Fiesta del Arte is the fact that this year over half of the artists will be returning to Odessa for the second or third time. Cristina Robbins, Danny Gamble, Garnet Buster, Don Gray, Honey Groos, Secundino Sandoval are becoming familiar to Fiestagoers.

The festivities of the weekend begin with a reservations-only preview party on the evening of March 25. This popular event includes an elegant buffet, an auction of artworks, and an added attraction this year will be the awarding of a "Queen for a Day" door prize. The special lady winning this will receive many luxurious gifts and services on her day. A Children's Fiesta will be in

progress for the entertainment of the youngsters while their parents enjoy browsing through the artists' stalls.

Fiesta Guild members will man food booths featuring Mexican food specialties throughout the two day event.

Fiesta del Arte was originated to stimulate creativity in arts and crafts through out the Permian Basin area and to provide a place for the sale of works by individual artists. Proceeds from Fiesta del Arte go toward a proposed art museum and cultural center in Odessa and the operating budget of the Permian Basin Rehabilitation Center.

## Appreciation

The Borden County School, Dottie and Billy Wills and Mr. and Mrs. Mardes Clayton would like to express their appreciation to all who helped extinguish the fire last Tuesday.

The fire covered a portion of the north play ground of the elementary school and approximately 300 acres on the Clayton Ranch.

Those helping included students from the High School, fire trucks from the surrounding area, and neighbors.

## Legislature

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with more nuclear energy," he said.

No one challenged Collins when he reminded the committee that 74 percent of all of the energy used in America for heating, industry, transportation and commercial business is from oil and gas. He urged deregulation of gas prices in order to stimulate exploration for new reserves" so that in ten years' time that percentage may still be 74 percent," as well as working also to develop coal and nuclear sources, while implementing conservation measures to curtail demand.

In a separate hearing, Collins challenged the Acting Secretary of the Energy Minerals section of the Interior Department, Mr. Bettenberg. Bettenberg quoted the Secretary as wanting to produce additional oil from Louisiana. Collins asked why Interior was asking for additional oil from Louisiana when just last week the Secretary had refused oil and gas leasing for development in Cook's Inlet in Alaska. Bettenberg replied that Interior needed an Environmental Impact statement for Alaskan development. But, in response to Collins' probe, Mr. Bettenberg admitted he did not know why they did not require such an Environmental Impact statement for development in Louisiana.



DONELLE JONES, second from left, is pictured with six other freshmen selected to serve as PRESIDENTIAL HOSTESSES for SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE.

## Presidential Hostesses

Donelle Jones, 18 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don A. Jones of Fluvanna has been selected one of seven new Presidential Hostesses to serve as official representatives of South Plains College.

She will serve through the spring 1978 semester.

The young women were selected by a committee of South Plains College administrators. Qualifications for the honor include maintaining a 2.75 grade point average; personality, poise and appearance; ability to relate to and communicate with people,

and being informed of the college and community.

Duties of the Presidential Hostesses are to be available at the College President's request for various appearances and functions; attend area high schools for college nights and other recruiting events; serve as college hostesses for open houses, receptions and other special events, and to welcome visiting dignitaries to campus.

Miss Donnell is a 1976 graduate of Borden County High School, graduating with Salutatorian honors.

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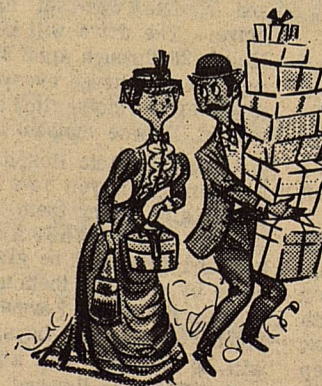
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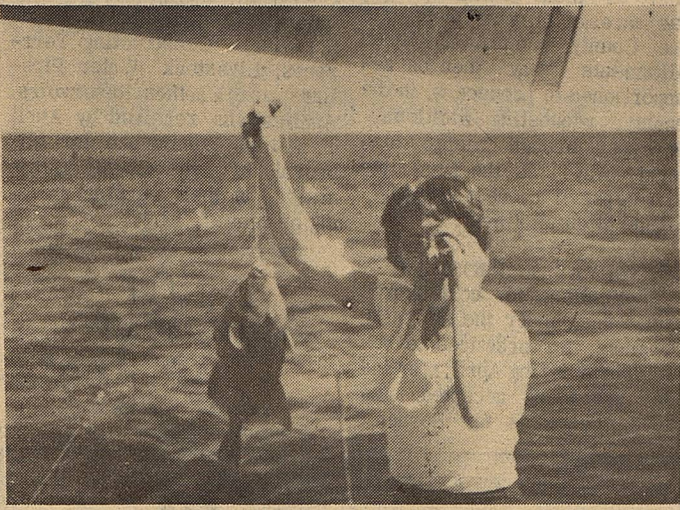
## Modesta's



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**Agriculture Day**  
March 21  
Almost everything starts on a farm.





BARBARA ANDERSON displays her Tiger fish caught in the Bay

## Better Salt Than Sand

Mrs. Rich Anderson returned last week from a six day fishing trip to Guaymas, Mexico. She was the guest of her father Jerry Clayton and his wife, Daisy.

"The wind was blowing there too," reported Mrs. Anderson, "but ocean spray is certainly more pleasant than dust in your face," she added.

Guaymas is a village on the west coast of Mexico facing the Bay of California. In years past

Mr. Clayton has had good luck fishing for red snapper in this area. However, due to the high winds and cool temperature, the fishing has been slow this month. Even so, Mrs. Anderson said they had a good days catch of calico bass and one tiger fish, both delicious to eat.

Fish or no fish, Mrs. Anderson thoroughly enjoyed being on the water and the company of her parents.



MR. and MRS. JERRY CLAYTON as they set out for a days fishing off the coast of MEXICO.

## Mike Ezzell's Report

Property tax reform, a familiar idea around the Texas Legislature, is back again for this session in the form of House Bill 846, now in the House Ways and Means Committee.

This is a totally different piece of legislation than the open-space bill, which the House has approved, or the proposed refinery tax, which proponents say could replace property taxes for financing the operation of public schools.

HB 846 is a very involved proposal, designed to streamline our current property tax system and have it evenly applied throughout the state.

The bill would provide state-wide standards for property appraisal and a state agency to administer the appraisal program. Also, appraisals of a single piece of property would be the same, regardless of the number of taxing authorities levying taxes on the property.

For example, a house and lot might be appraised at \$50,000. That appraisal would stand for each taxing entity which would then apply its own tax rate to its elected percentage of that appraisal.

A number of individuals in the district have expressed concern about kindergarten classes in our public schools, the meeting times and duration of the classes.

As established in HB 1126 of the 64th legislature, kindergarten classes receive state funding for operation on a one-half-day basis until the 1977-78 school year, at which time the classes were scheduled to go full-time.

However, legislation --HB 772--has been introduced which would continue funding on a half-day basis only. This would be a savings of \$38.5 million to the state.

Public school systems currently operating full-time kindergarten programs are doing so on a local option with added local funding.

HB 772 remains in the Public Education Committee for a March 8 hearing. The committee has recently been involved with teacher retirement issues, public school finance, with teacher salaries to come.

Teacher retirement benefits are the subject of three proposed bills now in a subcommittee of the House Public Education

Committee. HB 613 provides increased benefits for active teachers as well as those already retired; while HB 979 primarily addresses teachers who retired prior to 1969 when teacher salaries were considerably lower than today. HB '75 primarily involves teachers presently in the classroom.

A measure designed to benefit agricultural property owners, as well as the state highway department, has been introduced and is currently being considered by the House Transportation Committee.

House Bill 1187 provides that a district engineer of the State Department of Highways and Transportation may, upon request, authorize a private citizen to mow or bale the right-of-way of any designated portion of a highway that is in the state highway system and is within the district supervised by the district engineer.

The proposed statute stipulates that a person granted this right under the act shall receive no compensation for his activity, but may use or dispose of the hay or other materials produced.

Also, if a person seeking permission to mow or bale state right-of-way is not the owner of the property adjacent to the right-of-way in question, the district engineer must first provide the owner of the adjacent property the option of mowing or baling.

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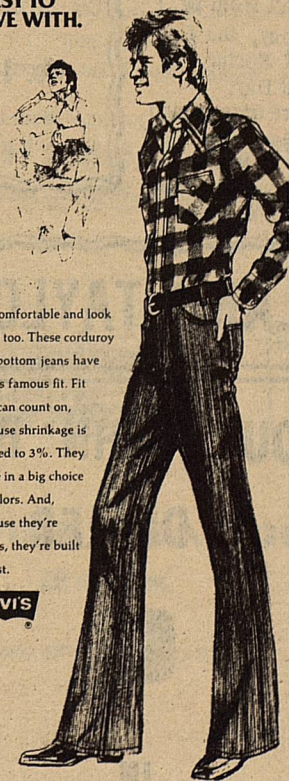
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## Locals

Mrs. Jones of Cross Plains has been visiting her son and family the D.C. Jones of Am-erada-Hess Oil camp with the D.C. Jones, returning Mrs. Jones, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wash and children of Waco were week-end visitors of the Paul Gordons.

Ruth Weathers was visiting with friends in Col. City, Fri-day.

Mrs. Herbert von Roeder is visiting with Abilene relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Lenwood Rubac and children, Michael, Jana and Marvin and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Snow, Debbie, and Billy of Plainview visited with their parents the Tidwell's at Lake Thomas Lodge cafe.

Mmes. Laura Rollins and Sterling Taylor have been re-cent visitors on Sterling City relatives.

John Tibbits of Big Spring caught a ten pound yellow-cat fish at Lake Thomas. Several catches of crappie and bass have been caught recently.

Kenny Crow of Texas Tech University, Lubbock spent the week-end with home-folk the Wayne Crows.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Murphy and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Watta and family of Ham-lin attended the tractor-pull at Ft. Worth over the week-end.

Mrs. Dessie McMichael is visiting with Ft. Worth relatives the Glaze family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Murphy visited Friday with relatives at Lamesa.

## Contributes

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proclaimed that day, the first traditional day of Spring, as Texas Agricultural Day.

Texas agriculture adds around \$20 billion to the state's economy, according to the Texas Department of Agriculture. Four out of every 10 jobs are direct-

ly or indirectly related to ag-riculture.

Agriculture Day, in its fourth year, is sponsored by the National Agri-Marketing As-sociation and funded by the American Agriculture Day Founda-tion. Both are headquartered in Kansas City.

The purpose of the program is to heighten interest in and understanding of agriculture and agricultural producers a-mong the urban consumer pub-lic.

## Look Who's New

Amanda Renee was born March 14, to Mike and Beverly Herring. The Herrings re-side near Fluvanna. Amanda weighed 7lb. 1loz.

Vollie and Linda Shipp, also of Fluvanna are the proud parents of Rachael Marie who was born March 13.



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#### WHEAT AND BARLEY GRAZING DATE

March 20th has been estab-lished, by the Texas ASC State Committee, as the final date for grazing wheat and/or barley acreage in Borden County. This date represents the latest date the acreage can be grazed and still be expected to produce a full grain crop. Remember the established date is the date by which a producer must identify that acreage that is intended for grazing or non-grain use. If an acreage is not timely designa-ted and is grazed after March 20, the grazing will be consi-dered as devoting the crop to another use and could affect the farm's eligibility for disaster payment, if applicable.

#### COTTON ALLOTMENT TRAN-SFERS

The County Committee has au-thorized out of County trans-fers, by sale or lease, of cot-ton allotments for the 1977 crop year. A list of those persons interested in cotton allotments transfers will be maintained in the county office. May 1 is the final date to transfer allotments in Borden County.

#### RELEASE AND REAPPOR-TIONMENT OF COTTON ALLOT-MENT

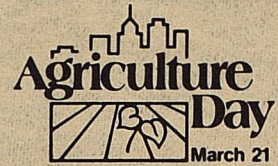
If you do not intend to tran-

sfer or plant cotton in 1977, the acreage may be released to the County Committee. These allotments may then be re-apportioned to producers, in the county, requesting additional acreage through reapportion-ment. May 1 is the final date to release or request reappor-tioned cotton allotment.

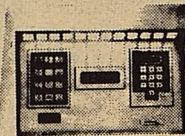
County include Control of Mes-quite by Rootplowing or Aerial Spraying, Constructing Terr-races, Livestock Water Pipe-lines and Earthen Reservoirs. Applications received by April 4 will be considered for ap-proval, by the County Com-mittee, at their regular meet-ing on April 5, 1977.

#### CONSERVATION PROGRAM

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# Kikers Kolumn Ag Conference

College Station--Animal agriculture representatives from throughout Texas are expected to register for the annual Texas Animal Agriculture Conference, April 4 and 5, in the Rudder Center at Texas A&M University.

"A Look into the Future" will be the conference theme. Short courses in beef, dairy, horses and swine will be offered, as well as special programs relating to range, pasture, forage production and wildlife management, says L.A. Maddox, Jr., beef cattle specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Maddox, general chairman, said the conference will be keyed to producer profits. Short courses will deal with marketing, animal nutrition, health and reproduction.

Dr. O.D. Butler, head of Texas A&M's animal science department, will moderate the general session which will open the Animal Agriculture Conference. Five speakers will discuss key issues of concern to animal agriculture.

Dr. J.C. Hensley, president of Identronix at Santa Cruz, California, will speak on "Electronic Identification and Management for Livestock." Gen. James M. Rose, Austin, special advisor to Gov. Dolph Briscoe on natural resources, will discuss "Water Planning for Texas: Present Supply and Future Demand."

Dr. Jacob Mosier, head of the Department of Surgery and Medicine at Kansas State University, will talk on "The Future of Antibiotics in Livestock Feeding." The importance of the forthcoming beef referendum will be discussed by J.D. Sartwelle of Houston, Texas chairman of the Beef Development Task Force. Dr. Ernest E. Davis, Extension Livestock marketing specialist, will describe plans for the referendum.

Headlining subjects for discussion at the beef cattle short course will be organized cattle marketing, a progress report on beef breeding and marketing work in Texas, breeding soundness in bulls and importance and control of internal parasites in cattle.

The dairy short course will feature discussions on dairy herd health, mastitis control to improve profits, services available to dairymen through the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory at Texas A&M, dry cow nutrition and management, and general feeding and management practices for dairymen.

Highlighting the swine short course will be a panel discussion on the future of antimicrobials in swine feed, a discussion on pseudorabies, a problem that is spreading through the mid-west and causing concern for swine producers; a talk on new ideas on swine waste handling equipment, and design criteria for farrowing and nursery buildings.

The Texas Pork Producers Association will hold its annual meeting in conjunction with the

swine short course, and the association's annual banquet will follow at 6:30 p.m. April 4 at the Memorial Student Center.

Discussions at Texas A&M on April 4 and a tour of four Houston area horse farms on April 5 will be major features of the horse short course. Talks will be about the King Ranch horse breeding program, artificial lighting regimes for horses, current concepts in horse nutrition and feeding, farm and road horse health, and some special equine films.

Four stops on the second day will be at the Keefer Training Stables at Magnolia, Lester Goodson's J3 Ranch at Magnolia, Gleannloch Farms at Spring, owned by Douglas Marshall; and the Sam Wilson Ranch at Pat-

tison.

Pasture and range programs are planned in conjunction with beef cattle sessions. Among highlights will be a film and discussion of application of forage analyses in the Fort McKavett area of West Texas, nutritional problems along the Gulf Coast, non-protein nitrogen for range supplementation, the problems of broomweed infestation, poisonous plants related to nutritional problems, and discussion on grasses, fertilization, summer annuals and smutgrass control.

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service, in cooperation with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and A&M's College of Veterinary Medicine, is sponsoring the Animal Agriculture Conference. Also cooperating are the A&M Departments of Animal Science, Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Engineering, Entomology, Soil and Crop Sciences, Range Science and Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences.

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## Grandpaw Says

A psychologist is a person who watches everybody else when a beautiful girl enters the room.

He who does something at the head of one regiment will eclipse him who does nothing at the head of a hundred.

You know you've made a few laps when that little grey-haired lady you help across the street is your wife.

These days if your ship comes in, its docked by the Internal Revenue Service.

The fellow who says he'll meet you halfway usually thinks he's standing on the dividing line.

If you have talent and work long and hard, anything can be obtained-if you have enough money.

No matter what you do, somebody always knew you would.

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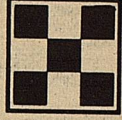
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## Ralph De Toledano

Washington--In this city, a fare can share the front seat with the cabdriver. This makes it easier to draw on the wit and wisdom of cabbies. Today, a cabdriver gave me what should become a classic one-liner.

"Instead of roll calls," he said, "Congress should have bed checks."

His remarks reflected the cynicism with which Washingtonians of all social levels regard government. Home rule for the District of Columbia has brought the nation's capital one scandal after another--corruption in the handling of tax money, nepotism, and the under-the-table deal.

On the federal level, there is a difference without a distinction. Washingtonians are convinced that every congressman and senator has his doxy, supported by the Treasury. Almost every day brings a new story of junketing legislators, traveling to the far corners of the earth on luxury trips which you and I pay for.

And the cynicism is deeper today than it was before, because hopes for a change under the Carter administration have been disappointed, along with the hope that a new President would put an end to the spoils system which has always obtained here.

The Carter administration, to be blunt about it, has already demonstrated that where patronage is involved, the executive branch has not been born again. The case of Jack Eckerd and the General Services Administration tells the tale.

Eckerd, a successful Florida businessman who had run unsuccessfully for governor and then for the U.S. Senate, was appointed some months ago to run the GSA. There were some who predicted that he was too honest, too much a Boy Scout, to run that politics-ridden agency.

But Eckerd surprised everyone. He began cleaning out the GSA, getting rid of useless political hacks and putting it on a sound administrative basis. He was doing such a good job that, though he is a Republican, he was asked by President Carter to stay on. Eckerd agreed only after he had gotten a firm commitment from the President that he could appoint his subordinates without bowing to Democratic political demands.

But Eckerd has been fired--technically, he resigned--because he would not accept as his deputy the choice dictated by Speaker of the House Thomas (Tip) O'Neill. O'Neill, who is from Massachusetts--certifiably one of the three most corrupt states in the Union--read the riot act to the President who capitulated.

The Speaker of the House is powerful enough to worry any President who wants to see Congress enact his legislative program--powerful enough to force the President to renege on a promise. But the fact is that Mr. Carter is doing nothing to protect excellent civil servants whose only crime is that they are Republicans.

My cabdriver mentioned the Eckerd case and added, "I voted for Jimmy Carter because I thought he would be different from Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon. But he's playing the political game just the way they

did, only he quotes the Good Book."

What it adds up to is that Republican appointees who have done an effective job for the taxpayer are calling up their friends in the private sector, looking for a new berth. As one of them said to me recently, "If I'd had any sense, I would have been feathering my nest, not thinking about good government."

All I could answer was, "That's the way of the world. Your successor will know better."

I could not help thinking that the high turnover in the upper echelons of the federal bureaucracy has little to do with the rate of pay.

There are many Americans who will work for less money if they feel that they are doing a job for the country. But when the only measure of performance

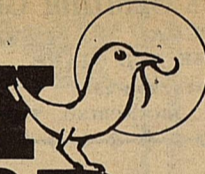
is party label, there is really no reason to rate an important corporate position for the uncertainties and frustrations of the Washington political jungle.

Maturity is the key to responsibility and happiness for any human being, says Dorothy Taylor, family life education specialist with Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

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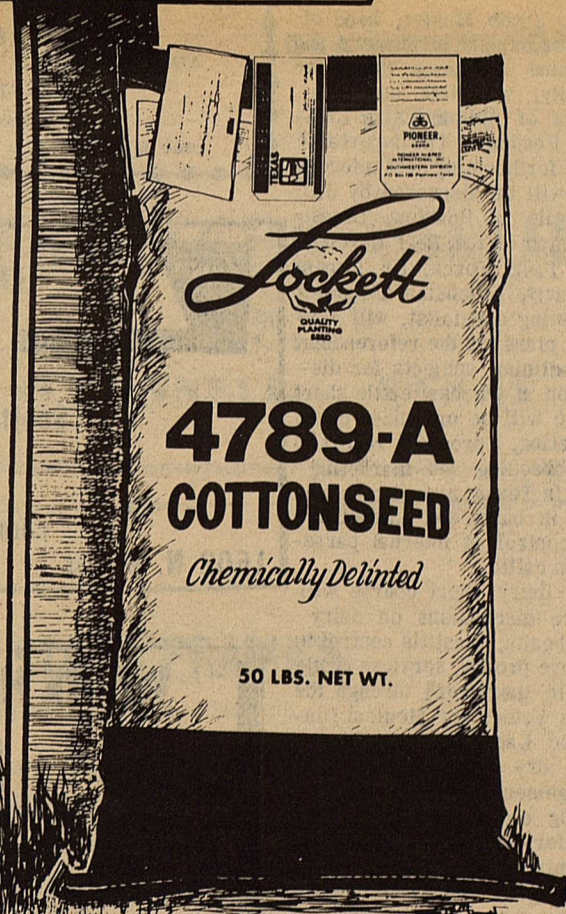
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