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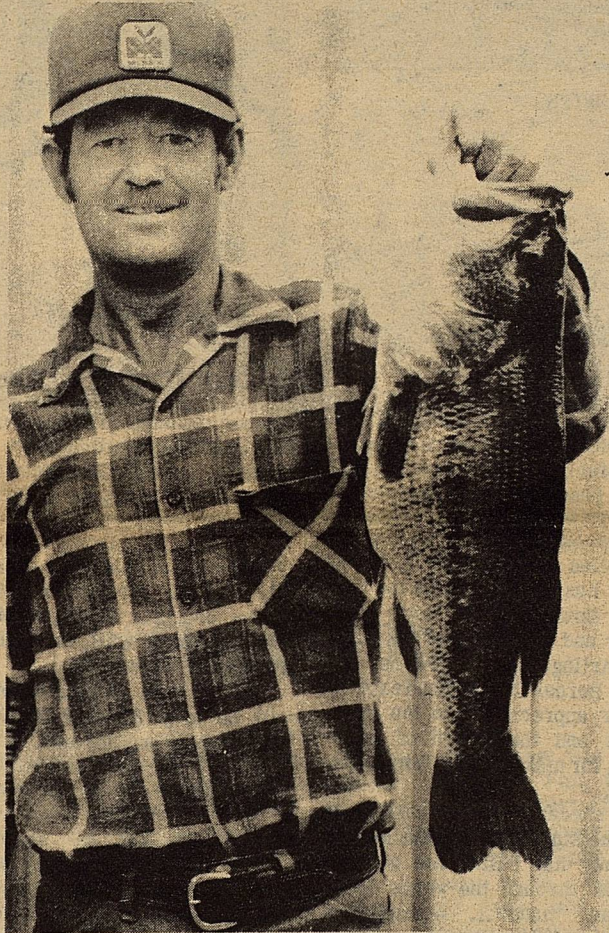
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BLACK BEAUTY—Travis Walker, Rt. 4 Paris, caught this 9 lb. 11 oz. black bass Friday using a plastic worm as bait. He caught the fish in about two to three feet of water on the west end of Lake Crook. Travis was first place winner for the finals. This fishing contest is held in Paris each year and quite an event attracting fishing enthusiasts from all over. Travis is former Borden County resident.

quired of those who do vote for the referendum to pass.

AGRICULTURE NOT INCLUDED

Austin-- Admitting his disappointment that plans for agriculture were not specifically included in president Carter's energy plan, Agriculture Commissioner Reagan V. Brown said he "would do all I can to help the President achieve his conservation goals.

"But we will be just as vigorous in championing the cause of farmers and ranchers," Brown added, "for in the final analysis, as the farmer goes, so goes the nation."

The new commissioner, named in March to fill the un-

expired term of the previous head of the Texas Department of Agriculture, said he felt the President's message "was straightforward and sobering".

Speaking of the admission of agriculture's role in the plan, Brown said, "I have great confidence that President Carter, himself a farmer, Secretary Bob Bergland, and Undersecretary John C. White are monitoring these developments to assure a supply of agricultural fuels at prices which will ensure that farmers and ranchers can stay in business."

"All Americans have a stake in agriculture's ability to produce," Brown added. "They are as close to agriculture as the next meal."



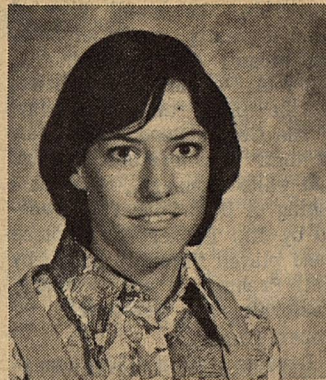
GRADUATING--Mrs. Rhonda Copeland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Royce Patterson, will be among 74 graduates receiving diplomas May 12 from Northwest Texas Hospital School of Nursing in Amarillo. She will be employed by Medical Center Hospital in Midland.

Rhonda is a 1975 graduate of Borden County High School.



Cindi Stewart.

Valedictorian



Dana Westbrook

Salutatorian

Borden High Honor Students

Honor students at Borden High School this year are Cindi Stewart, Valedictorian, and Dana Westbrook, Salutatorian. Cindi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Buhrkuhl of Big Spring maintained a grade average of 96.21 and plans to enroll in Angelo State University. Dana daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Westbrook of Gail route, Big

Spring maintained a grade average of 95.76 and will enroll in Abilene Christian University.

Baccalaureate services will be held on Sunday, May 22 at 11:00 A.M. in the school auditorium.

Commencement exercises will be at 8:00 P.M. Thursday, May 26 in the school auditorium.

Briscoe To Deliver Address

Governor Dolph Briscoe will deliver the commencement address and dedicate the new medical school building for the Texas Tech University School of Medicine on Sunday, June 5, Texas Tech President Cecil Mackey announced today.

The graduation convocation will be at 2:30 p.m. in the University Center Theatre on the main campus. Following will be the dedication of the new

medical school building, 4th and Indiana, on the terrace of the north entrance.

Receiving the Doctor of Medicine degree in the medical school's fourth commencement ceremony will be 13 women and 31 men representing 23 Texas cities.

Interior space in the new building encompasses 811,437 sq. feet, or a total of 18 acres.

Physically it is connected with the new Health Sciences Center Hospital for integration of patient care and teaching programs. Approximately one-third of the building has been finished and occupied. The remaining two-thirds consists of shelled-in space to be finished as program growth warrants. Cost of completed areas now totals more than \$40 million.

Dr. Mackey will preside at the graduation convocation and Dean George S. Tyner will present candidates and award degrees. Assisting him will be Dr. Merron H. Teague, registrar and director of admissions, Dr. Judson F. Williams, chairman of the Board of Regents, Dr. Richard A. Lockwood, vice president for Health Sciences Centers, and Dr. Russell C. Baskett, associate dean for academic and student affairs.

Other commencement activities at Texas Tech include university ceremonies on Friday, May 13, 7:30 p.m., Jones Stadium or, in case of inclement weather, the Municipal Coliseum. Individual ceremonies, at which the degrees will be awarded, will be held by the individual colleges on Saturday morning, May 14.

Brown Speaks Out

ENCOURAGES REFERENDUM

Austin--Every "man, woman and child who owns cattle in Texas" should register and vote in the upcoming national beef referendum, Agriculture Commissioner Reagan V. Brown has urged.

"Every cattle producer in the state has an equal vote in deciding the future of the proposed national beef check-off system," Brown said, "and as the major cattle-producing state in the nation, we have a particular responsibility to make our wishes known."

Brown said that at least one-half of all registered cattle own-

ers in the country must cast a vote concerning the referendum before the results can be validated. "Since no list now exists of cattle producers in Texas or the nation, prospective voters will be required to register during a prescribed time period prior to voting," he added.

Projections are that registration will begin in May. Actual voting on the referendum would probably take place in early June, following a waiting period to accommodate any challenges made concerning voter eligibility.

A two-thirds majority is re-

## Mini Workshop Held

Elizabeth Ledbetter, member of the Borden Co. Future Homemakers of America coordinated and led a "Mini-Workshop" at the State Meeting in Houston. The workshop, "Getting to Know Yourself Through FHA/HERO" was attended by 30 members from the following chapters: Midland, Lee, Big Spring, Snyder Ector County, Sterling City, Grady, and Marathon.

Emeldo Gamboa and Debbie Romine, members of the Grady FHA Chapter, assisted Liz in presenting the workshop. Lois Hunnicut, Grady FHA Advisor, served refreshments to the group.

Activities that were used were: the name exercise, the egg exercise, the word exercise, and the animal exercise. A tape, made by Kristy Smith on Encounter, was the closing activity. Relaxers were led throughout the program.

In the "name exercise", one person starts saying his name and one thing that he likes, loves or does. Then the next person repeats, adding his name, etc. The purpose of this exercise is to get acquainted.

In the "egg exercise", four panty-hose eggs are labeled: leadership, cooperation, give service, and take responsibility. Each person is given a real life situation. They study it and put it in the appropriate egg. The group discusses the situations when everyone is finished.

The "word exercise" consists of words concerning growth taped on lollipops. In small groups, each person discusses his work and their feelings toward growth.

The "animal exercise; consists of giving each small group a picture of an animal. Each person discusses how his personality is parallel or different to the personality of the animal. This helps people recognize personality traits that need improving.

Elizabeth worked very hard in preparing for the workshop. Her planning and preparation were quite evident, as the workshop proved to be a very rewarding experience for every one involved.



LIZ LEDBETTER -responsible for preparation of Mini Workshop-F.H.A.



THE BORDEN COUNTY COYOTE MARCHING BAND WITH director Jim Parker in Enid, Oklahoma.

## Coyote Band Visits Enid, Oklahoma

The Borden County Coyote Band made it's third trip to the Tri-State Band Festival in Enid, Oklahoma, May 4-8.

With five hundred bands of all sizes competing in Marching concert, parade, and solo and ensemble, the small town of Enid is really a riot of color and music. For those who "... Love A Parade" the Festival is the place to go in May.

The Coyote Band, outstanding in their columbia blue blazers and white trousers, received a rating of II in Concert. Directed by Jim Parker, the 52 piece band played "Men In Gray" by Neil Brahmsstedt and "Fanfare, Pastorale, and Serenade" by Robert Storer.

Leaving Gail at 8:30 Wednesday morning, the three buses stopped in Wichita Falls for a late lunch, then on to Oklahoma City arising at 6:00 P.M. After dinner, everyone had fun trying their luck at ice skating. Quite a few tumbles and collisions but fortunately, nothing serious.

Thursday morning the group

## Graduation Exercises

Graduation ceremonies will begin for Borden County Schools May 22, 1977 with Baccalaureate Services at 11:00 A.M. Sam Kitching will give the sermon, Ben Miller and Cindy Hataway will sing for the services.

High School Commencement has been set for May 26 at 8:00 P.M. Bill McAllister will be the speaker and Richard Campbell will sing.

Junior High Commencement will climax the ceremonies May 27 at 8:00 P.M. Entertainment will be by Benny Golden. All ceremonies will be held in the high school auditorium.

toured the National Cowboy Hall of Fame. This is an outstanding Museum depicting How The West Was Won and featuring pioneers of the ranching business as well as all time Rodeo personalities. Two Borden County pioneers were located in the files. These were T.J. Good, great-grandfather of Mark and Suzanne Walker and R.M. Clayton, great-grandfather of Martha Anderson.

After lunch, rest and swimming, everyone participated in bowling and then a movie.

Another dip in the pool Friday morning. After lunch the buses were loaded and left for Enid at 1:00 P.M. The concert was scheduled for 4:00 P.M. in Longfellow Jr. High Auditorium. Having performed well, it was obvious that a lot of tension was released!

After a fast paced three days, everyone hugging their pillows, loaded on the buses by 8:00 AM. The caravan pulled into Gail at 5:30 Saturday evening--tired, but all well and happy.

Mr. Parker is to be commended not only for his musical

training but also the discipline and organization required to make such a trip successful and enjoyable for all.

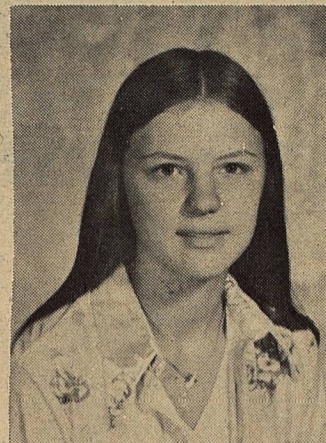
A band trip is made possible every two years by the Board of Trustees. The Coyote Band has traveled not only to Enid but also has performed in the Cotton Bowl at the Texas State Fair and at The Inn of Six Flags in Arlington. Mr. Parker and The Borden Coyote Band express their appreciation to the sponsors and the Board of Trustees for making these trips possible.

A successful trip also depends on the students involved. Borden County has built quite a reputation through the years as a "good band"... a band that motels and restaurants ask to return and a band whose sponsors always ask to be included again.

This years trip was sponsored by the following: Mrs. Herman Ledbetter, Mrs. Kenneth Williams, Mrs. Don Jones, Mrs. Rich Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Mickey McMeans, Mr. Johnny Kite and Mrs. Jim Parker.



Valedictorian



Debra Kountz

Salutatorian

## Honor Students

Honor students in Borden Junior High School this year are Tammy Telchik, Valedictorian, and Debra Kountz, Salutatorian. Tammy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Telchik of the O'Donnell Community maintained a grade average of 96.5. Debra, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Van Kountz of Gail, maintained a grade average of 96.0.

Junior High Commencement will be May 27 at 8:00 P.M. in the school auditorium.

## Menu

MAY 16-20, 1977

### MONDAY

Sloppy Joes  
Blackeyed Peas  
Vegetable Salad  
Canned Fruit  
Milk

### TUESDAY

Fried Chicken  
Green Beans  
Mashed Potatoes  
Jello  
Hot Rolls & Butter  
Milk

### WEDNESDAY

Enchiladas with Chili  
Tossed Salad with Dressing  
Pinto Beans  
Cornbread & Butter  
Cookies  
Milk

### THURSDAY

Sliced Turkey and Gravy  
Mashed Potatoes  
Cranberry Sauce  
Fruit Salad  
Hot Rolls & Butter  
Milk

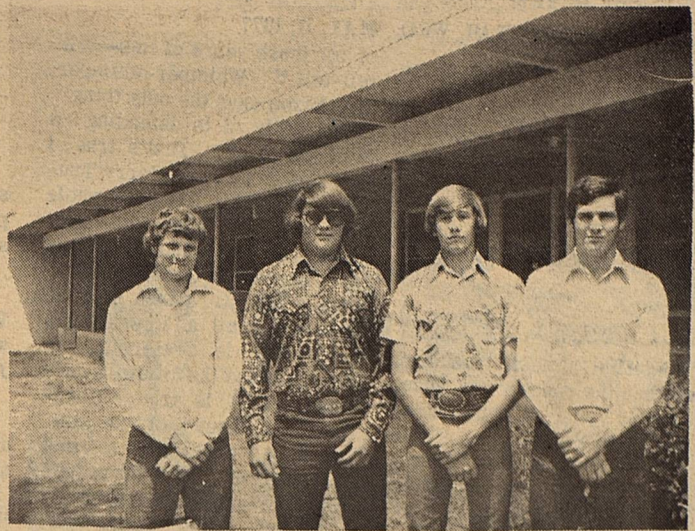
### FRIDAY

Hamburgers  
French Fries  
Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles  
Fruit Cocktail  
Cake  
Milk





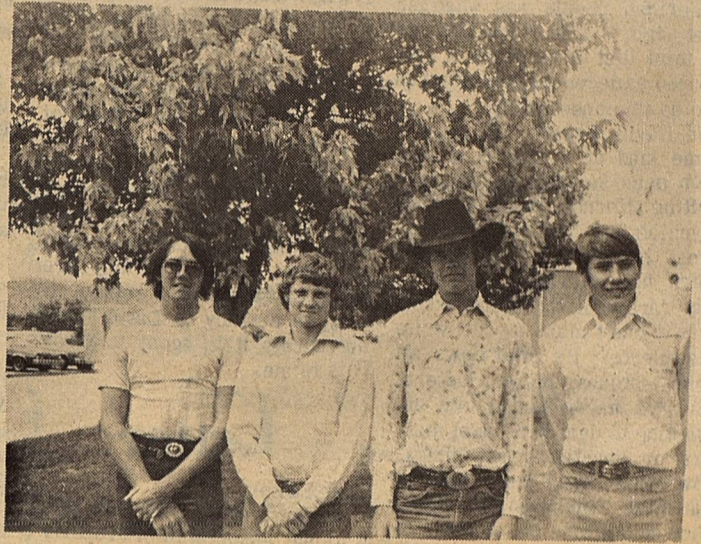
THE GAIL GRASS JUDGING consisting of (left to right) Tim Taylor, Ben Murphy, and Blane Dyess won second place in the Mesa District Grass Judging Contest. Ben was elected District Reporter.



LONE STAR FARMER APPLICANTS from the Gail Chapter of Future Farmers of America are left to right Patrick Toombs, Johnny Jackson, Ty Zant and Matt Farmer.



THE CAST IN THE PERFORMANCE "THE BIG RACE" were left to right-back row-Melinda Buchanan (Bear), Andrea Neito, Angel Sosa, and Chad Vaughn (Birds), Richard Anderson, Eugene Arrendondo, and Shannon Landrum (Squirrels), Robert Ortiz (Rabbit), Kate Phinizy (Fox), Sandra Buchanan (Baby Monkey), Kate Phinizy (Mother Monkey), Comanche Elliott, Juan Chevez, Chris Hagins (Deer), and Richard Zant (Turtle).



These agricultural students of Mr. Bob Bagley have won the local Proficiency Award and compete in area competition Friday. Left to right Eddie Parks, Patrick Toombs, David Pool and Joe Zant.

## "The Big Race"

Students in the kindergarten Class of Mrs. Joe Copeland gave their version of the race between the tortoise and the hare last week with a presentation of "The Big Race."

The play was viewed by elementary classes Wednesday and the Parent's Club, Thursday. The old time fable in which a determined turtle wins a race with a fast, but lazy rabbit was a big hit with all ages.

The cast of the play was as follows: The Red Fox, Kate Phinizy; Rabbit, Robert Ortiz; Turtle, Richard Zant; Deer, Juan Chavez; Comanche Elliott and Chris Hagins; Birds, Andrea Neito, Angel Sosa, and Chad Vaughn; Mother Monkey, Kate Porter; Baby Monkey, Sandra Buchanan; Squirrels, Eugene Arrendondo, Richie Anderson and Shannon Landrum; Bear, Melinda Buchanan.



PRE-SCHOOLERS who visited with the kindergarten class last Friday were left to right-Back row- Scot Killian, Bert Merritt, Joye Jones, Jo Barnes, Jon Clay Herring, Lance Telchik, Allison Redding, Fuzz Herridge, James Smith, Candi Belew, and Amy Lewis. Front row- Jay Wayne Pool, Randi Woodard, Brian Huddleston, Cody Stone, Wendy Moreles, Kristi Holmes, Jarrett Sanford, Jim Ridenour, and Michael Hogan.

## Piano Recital

Piano and Voice students of Mrs. Chesley Wilson presented a Spring recital Tuesday, May 3 in the school auditorium.

Seventeen of these students are registered candidates for membership in the National Fraternity of Student Musicians, sponsored by the National Guild of Piano Teachers, Teacher Division of the American College of Musicians. These candidates are Dana Gray, Martha Anderson, Stephanie Stephens, Shan a Bradshaw, Vickie Jones, Becky Massingill, Gena McLeroy, Lisa McLeroy, Shellie Peterson, Will-

iam Phinizy, Samantha Porter, Kelley Richardson, Rene Telchik, Tammy Telchik, Bric Turner, Mindy Williams and Twila Telchik. Other performers in the recital were Kate Phinizy, Cisco Arredondo, Holli Calhoun, Cathy Clark, Tonya Newsom, Roxie Wolf, Karen Williams, Rhesa Wolf, Bob McLeroy and Sue Hancock.

## Cheerleading Clinic

Snyder-- Applications are now being accepted for the fourth annual Cheerleader Clinic at Western Texas College from June 13-17.

As in the past, personnel from the national All-Star Cheerleading Conference will provide professional instruction for the clinic. The clinic is primarily designed for present and prospective high school cheerleaders, although students from junior high schools and colleges are welcome.

Advisors are invited to accompany their squads at a minimum cost. Special seminars are scheduled daily for advisors.

Instruction during the clinic emphasizes such areas as cheer techniques, soul chants, pompom routines, skit and pep rally planning, fund raising ideas, tumbling, partner stunts, squad coordination, tryout tips, voice control, uniform design, and leadership and responsibility.

## 4-H

Fourteen Borden County 4-H'ers participated in the District II 4-H Contest Saturday.

About 800 4-Hers participated in the 30 contests.

Winners from Borden County were:

Share the Fun Skit--Junior Div.- 1st place- Lyndy Doyle, Kim Wills, Cody Newton, and Ty Wills.

Share the Fun Skit--Sr. Div. 4th place-Sue Hancock, Kristy Smith, Penny Thompson, Carla Jones, Jana Edwards, Talley Griffin, Gayla Newton and Glyn-da Burkett.

Safety Demonstration-Jeb and Paige White.

Adults attending the district contest were Mr. and Mrs. T.L. Griffin, Mrs. Don Jones, Mrs. Doyle Newton, Mr. and Mrs. Jarrell Edwards, Mrs. Weldon Hancock, Mrs. Don Wills, and Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Kiker.

## Thank You

I would like to express my appreciation to the many people who have done so many kind things for me and my family since my accident. Thanks for the help getting me to the hospital, for the visits, the beautiful flowers, the many cards, the nice telephone calls and the other things that have been done. It is nice to have friends.

Thanks,  
Don Cox  
May 6, 1977

# Jer's Gottings

Sad-pitiful-almost maudlin. Just when the country has about recovered from an overdose of Richard Nixon, David Frost pushes a concentrated dosage upon US. I can't figger out whose ego is being fed-Frost's or Nixon's. We all know Mr. Nixon always did have a huge ego which was kept alive by winning. It mattered little that deceit of the American people was what fed that ego. And it is illusory to think that three years of disgraced exile would starve out an ego as immense as his. But David Frost? It takes some kind of a conceit to take upon ones self to become prosecuting attorney, judge, jury and psychiatrist. To my knowledge, Frost is not one of these. I watch his afternoon talk show only rarely-on those afternoons when I can't make myself write this piece. He interviews all sorts-lesbians, luses, lusters. But I've never caught him attempting to deal with legal matters or practicing psychiatry. How come David feels that he can make Tricky Dicky fess up when no one else has in the more than thirty years of public life? As I watched the first segment of these peculiar exercises in futility, I wondered why David didn't make a real show biz production of it. He could have had costume and set changes. Why, he could really have pumped himself up. First he'd appear in a conservative lawyer's suit-pin stripe would be nice. Quick change into judicial robes and seated behind a judges bench. Fast switch to a white lab coat in a paneled office-soft music-Nixon lying on a couch sucking his thumb. "Come on now fella, you'll be all well if you'll just tell the truth-. It won't hurt-you must expunge yourself

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of all those years of lies--tell-tell-tell." Whimper-whimper. Mr. Nixon says the only thing he is guilty of is defending his staff too long. That's true. I repeat-had he been Harry Truman, he'd have fired the whole gang the day after Watergate (guilty or not) and given his tape recorder to Goodwill Industries. And Mr. Nixon says he did not commit an impeachable offense-he is referring to Watergate and the following cover-up. That is true. Check your back issues of the Star. This piece writer never felt that Nixon was run off for the proper offense. Detente and recognition of Red China yes-Watergate, no.

Further, poor Richard admits he let his country down, his friends and our system of government. That's true, true, true. Now, I can truthfully say I never once voted for Richard Nixon so my faith nor trust was shattered. But I think of my kids in particular who voted in their 1st presidential election for a man they believed in. The whole process they were supporting unraveled on a tape recorder. And now they are being subjected to a replay. It may be ecstasy to David Frost but surely it is agony to Nixon it is to me.

## Letter

Dear Editor,

Wouldn't it be GREAT if The National Association of Property Owners would get strong enough to stop Congress from passing so many New laws and instead, seeing that more of the GOOD old ones would be enforced.

I have always appreciated The Daughters of the American Revolution and their work. There is no way of becoming a member unless your ancestors fought in that war, is there?

Sincerely,  
Mrs. J.E. Sorrells

(Ed. Note: To become eligible for membership in the DAR, you are required to prove that one of your ancestors, man or woman, contributed aid in some form to the Americans in the Revolutionary War. The local chapter then has the privilege of electing you a member.)

## This 'n That

Bro. and Mrs. Miller Robinson attended Mrs. Robinson's parents 50th Wedding anniversary at Gatesville, Sunday.

Rick Jones and family of near Vernon spent Thursday night with his parents, the D.C. Jones.

Mrs. Jess Murphy visited Friday with her mother, Mrs. Light at Lamesa.

Ruth Weathers was visiting Friday with Colorado City friends.

Fro. and Mrs. D.C. Jones are visiting with Mrs. Jones sisters at Ft. Worth.

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Mrs. Herbert von Roeder moved Thursday to Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Wright Huddleston and Kim of New Mexico and Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Davis and family were week-end visitors in the Wright Huddleston home while Wright is recuperating from an ulcer attack in the hospital.

Brother and Mrs. O. Turner of Ft. Worth have been visiting in the L.A. Talley home at Lake Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Crow are visiting at Bonham with his mother and sister, Sue and Blanche Crow.

Tanya Sterling, Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Sterling, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Sterling and Mrs. Mike Barnes have been recent visitors in the J.E. Sorrells home.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gordon visited Friday in the Erda Lewis home at Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Wilson spent Thursday night at O'Donnell with their daughter and family, the Blacks.



MRS. GARY MILLER AND ALICE HOWARD -- NEW OWNERS OF FENTON'S DAD AND LAD

## Local Women Buy Clothes Store

Mrs. Alice Howard and daughter, Debbie (Mrs Garry Miller) recently purchased Fenton's Dad and Lad in Lamesa, Texas from Danny Fenton of Snyder.

Fenton's Dad and Lad is a well established dry good store carrying western and non western wear for men, women and children. Fenton's opened on the south side of the square in Lamesa in 1957 and has been a favorite for all our needs these past 20 years.

Mrs. Alice Howard was born and raised in Dawson County, living in Midway-Key community all her life. Her daughter, Debbie, was also born and raised in Midway-Key community. She is married to Gary Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Miller of Welch Community.

Mrs. Howard will be carrying all your favorites in western wear as well as non-western shirts and pants by Elderado

and Enso. Soon to be added as a new line will be "tack"--everything for your horses and their needs. Famous name brand in Levis and Wranglers. Resistol Hats straw and felt. Lady's Western wear specializing in Lasso, H. Bar C and Tem Tex as well as Western Heritage. Boats by Tony Lama, Nacona, and Justin also can be found at Fenton's Dad and Lad.

In childrens boots: Tony Lama and acme and wrangler are in stock.

Belts and buckles are by Justin, Wright and Tony Lama. Children's wear are by Wrangler and Levi.

Mrs. Howard and Debbie and staff welcome you to come by and get acquainted.

We, of the Borden Star, say congratulations and best wishes and wish you the best of luck for 20 more years in Lamesa.

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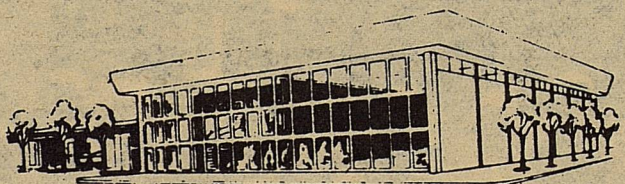
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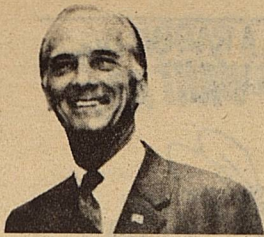
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# JIM COLLINS

## Reports . . .

### BACK TO BASICS IN EDUCATION

America's youth deserves better education. The schools of this country have forgotten what the real business of education is about. We need to refocus our programs on the fundamentals. The reading, writing, and academic skills of American students are in a broad state of decline unprecedented in our history.

Our children are coming out of the "new math" not knowing how to multiply and divide. They have come out of the "elective system" not knowing the basic facts of history, geography, or grammar. Open classrooms produce students who do not know how to listen or take directions. Many of our junior and senior high school students, and even some of those presently in college, cannot read and write the English language.

Apparently, leading educators are judged by how many articles they have written for periodicals. Sometimes they are given special awards for being innovative. I think it is time that the American educational system evaluates its educators by results. The number of articles they have published or how many advanced educational theories they have come up with is insignificant—the real question is whether or not they are educating the youth of America.

The New York Times recently reported that in the ten years following 1964, the verbal and math scores on the Scholastic Achievement Tests (SATS) steadily declined and that the average test scores for 1975 high school graduates declined by ten points on the verbal portion and by eight points on the math portion since 1974. This was the largest single drop in the past 12 years. The Stockholm-based International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement made a study of 250,000 children around the world. The reading comprehension test showed America's ten-year-olds finished in ninth place out of eleven countries.

We know that a child who cannot spell is severely handicapped in adjusting to advanced training. Last fall, the Yale English Department voted to reinstate English 10, a composition course, because so many Yale students cannot handle English, cannot compose a sentence or a paragraph, cannot organize a paper. Last year at Yale, 185 students applied for 12 places in one small college seminar on expository writing. Nothing fancy, just a course on how to write. This is typical of the students' desperate wish to be taught how to handle the fundamentals of English.

The results of the "new math" on test results of American students is even more alarming.

The National Assessment of Educational Progress reported in 1975 that many teenagers lacked the basic math skills to shop intelligently, drive a car, or balance a checkbook.

Our federal spending for education has increased from \$714 million in 1964 to \$9.36 billion in this year's budget. We have many educators with advanced degrees. We have big school buildings and modern buses to haul children across town. But what do they learn? More spending and more degrees among teachers has not improved the American child's education. I think it's time we got our educational system back to basics.

## Gingerbread Tour

The ninth annual Gingerbread Trail, a tour of outstanding turn-of-the-century homes and other buildings of historical and architectural interest, will be held in Waxahachie, Texas on June 4 and 5.

The event, which has become increasingly popular with each passing year, offers visitors the opportunity to enjoy the quaint beauties of dozens of Gingerbread Era homes and other structures—most of them built between 1867 and 1899, and preserved, rejuvenated or restored. Located on the old Chisholm Trail, Waxahachie has more than its share of these reminders of the past according to the Texas State Historical Society. Of the 275 Texas entries on the prestigious National Register of Historic Places, some 20 percent are in Waxahachie's his-

torical district.

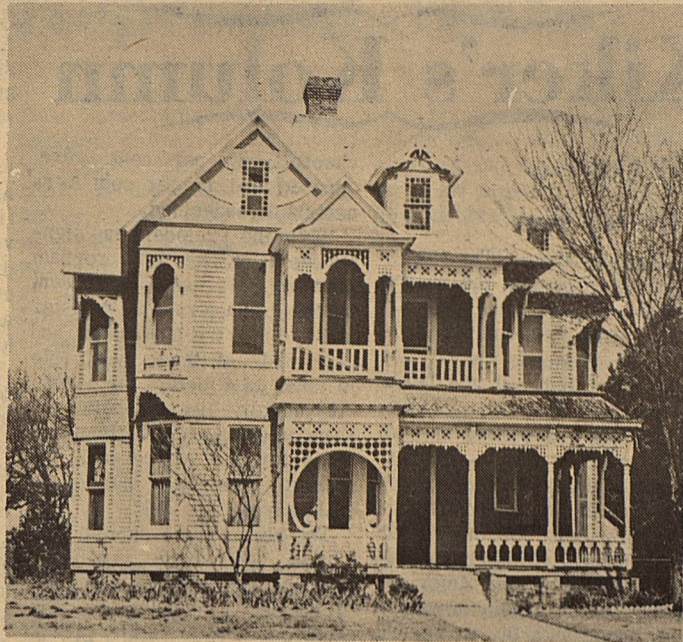
Established in 1969 to benefit the Ellis County Museum, the Gingerbread Trail has stimulated a growing interest in the gingerbread influence on architecture—that is the application of architectural frills and decorative trappings to otherwise standard, functional homes built by successful prairie farmers and post-Civil War businessmen.

Of the many selected for "Drive-by" enjoyment, some seven will be opened for visitors inspection of their interiors. Included in the list are: Richard D. Redington home (1893), featuring decorative woodwork, "fish scale" shingle pattern in gables and between floors and ornate Gingerbread panels in the lower and upper hallways; Edward L. Johnson home (1888), has eight coal-burning fireplaces and all original windows displaying four-inch borders of varied colored glass trim; Oliver Clift home, includes central portico and style popular in the early 1900's; Moreland Herring home (circa 1883-1885), semi-circular wood stairway, three tiled fireplaces, six same-sized room with identical three-section bay windows.

Also included are the James Blakemore home, the first FHA home in Waxahachie, which is an outstanding example of what can be done with a five-room home and "early marriage" furniture; the John Kaufman home, believed to be a very early home, remodeled about 1885 into an Italianette design and presently in the early stages of restoration to its original appearance; and the Mahoney-Thompson home, built by a pioneer Waxahachie contractor and restored by the Ellis County Museum as a period home with fine antique furnishings and such original items as combination gas and electric light fixtures.

All homes will be open from 1 P.M. until 6 P.M., both Saturday and Sunday.

Other highlights will include an Arts and Crafts Show in Singleton Plaza, featuring all hand-made items, many one of a kind, from hundreds of artisans and craftsmen. Show hours will be 10 A.M. until 6 P.M., both days. Numerous antique dealers from throughout North Texas will



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## 4-H On Go Without Gas

College Station--"The energy crisis may be just the needed incentive to add some real fun to 4-H summer outdoor programs," contends a 4-H and youth specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Canoeing and sailing are two of the most satisfying outdoor sports available to 4-H'ers and their families today and are considerably less expensive than motor-boating, points out Jeanine Callahan. Our American heritage on the American waterways began with the canoe and sailboat, and they are still the most versatile watercraft today.

"These two exciting water sports open the door to a wide variety of outdoor skills ranging from sport fishing and white-water racing to silent communion with nature. Canoes and sailboats are allowed in thousands of waterways where motor-powered crafts are not permitted," says Callahan.

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4-H clubs offering projects on outdoor education, hunter safety, camping, canoeing and outdoor cookery are springing up all over Texas.

Families with youth that are interested in the excitement and adventures that the outdoors can provide should contact the local county Extension agent's office today to find out more about what the 4-H program has to offer, adds Callahan.

## Undecided Makes The Difference

COLLEGE STATION — A survey of Texas beef producer attitudes indicates that the undecided vote is likely to be the key to whether or not the beef checkoff program is activated, according to Dr. Ronald D. Knutson and Frank Ewell of Texas A&M.

Knutson, a specialist in policy and marketing, and his assistant Ewell base their conclusion on responses to a survey of producer attitudes toward current policy issues in agriculture. The sample included about 450 Texas beef producers. At the time of the survey 53 per cent favored the

checkoff, 30 per cent were opposed and 17 per cent were neutral or undecided.

While the President has signed the beef checkoff program into law, at least 50 per cent of the producers who register must vote in the referendum and two-thirds of those must vote in favor of it before the checkoff actually begins, point out Knutson and Ewell. Registration dates for the referendum are set for June 6-17, and voting will be from July 5-15.

The survey also showed that 53 per cent of the producers felt they should have the right to request a refund from the program. This refund provision is provided for in the legislation if the refund demand is made within 60 days after the end of the month in which an assessment was made.

Sixty-five per cent of the producers surveyed favored voting on the basis of a single vote per producer. This is also provided for in the legislation, note Knutson and Ewell.

Regarding the use of promotion monies, 62 per cent of the producers surveyed indicated they opposed the use of producer promotion funds to assist packers and retailers to advertise their own brands of beef. This contrasts with advertising specialists who contend that joint advertising programs would be more effective in expanding demand than advertising beef alone.

## Use With Care

Anhydrous ammonia is used extensively as a source of nitrogen. It can also be a source of danger if used carelessly, says Earnest Kiker, county agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

An accident with the pressurized gas can kill or inflict injuries. Ammonia inflicts a dehydration or water-absorbing burn, and only water flushing in the eyes or on the skin can deter its effect. Flush for at least 15 minutes and do not apply ointments to the burn. Kiker also urges farmers to take a quart container of water along when applying anhydrous ammonia.

Wear rubber gloves, chemical splash goggles and a face mask approved by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) when working with anhydrous ammonia, cautions Kiker. Always wear clothing which covers the entire body and be certain to wear a full face mask when working around the nurse tank.

Be especially careful when

filling the nurse tank and never leave the equipment during the filling operation, Kiker advises. Also stay clear of the bleeder since many eye injuries have resulted from facing the bleeder valve.

Farmers should check tank valves, hoses, safety equipment and other equipment continuously. Corroded and worn valves and tanks, along with dry rotting hoses, are dangerous. Failure of equipment is a major cause of accidents, notes Kiker.

Federal standards covering design construction location installation and operation of anhydrous ammonia systems are in effect, and farmers should be familiar with them.

Information on the proper use of anhydrous ammonia can be obtained from the county Extension office. Copies of OSHA standards on anhydrous ammonia can be obtained by writing OSHA, 555 Griffin Square, Room 602, Dallas, Texas 75202.

## Dorm Requests Up

Lubbock--Students requesting dorm rooms at Texas Tech University have increased by 500 compared to last year's figures.

The increase is "good news," according to Bill Haynes, assistant director of housing. With the Board of Regents decision to allow sophomores to live off campus, a large increase had not been expected.

Returning students' requests for residency have increased from 3,645 in 1976 to 3,828 this year.

Incoming student requests are 3,679 this year compared to 3,363 last year.

The combined number of requests is up approximately 500.

There are about 7,000 spaces available in Texas Tech's 17 residence halls. Haynes said the spaces have been filled prior to the beginning of each semester for the past six years. However, after the no-shows spaces have been available.

He said there is a trend for upperclass students to return to campus living. The trend results from high cost of apartments and utilities and the convenience of living on campus.

"Single rooms are a feature that attracts students back to dorm life. We have added single rooms to all residence halls except Bledsoe, Horn and Knapp,

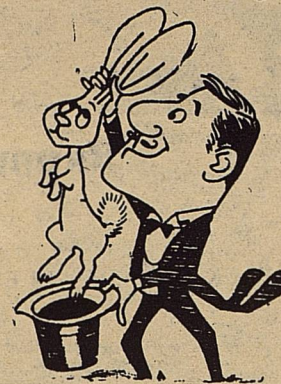
Haynes said. The first floor of Carpenter also has been converted to all single rooms, he said.

Advance payments of \$100 on the first semester's residence hall costs are now required. When the requirement began in 1976, no-shows for entering students decreased from 190 to 55.

Haynes said the advance payment encourages students either to keep their spaces or cancel their reservations in time to get their money back.

The largest number of students living in the residence halls is freshmen.

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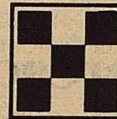
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## Self Help Successful

# Two To Represent Texas

Littlefield, Texas--Self-help federal rural development is achieving major success here with the Rural Development Act of 1972 in a unique farmer cooperative venture involving textile manufacturing.

The project, started in 1975, reached another historic milestone on April 1 when the Farmers Home Administration of USDA formalized its loan guarantee for \$30,150,000 to American Cotton Growers covering 90 per cent of the cooperative's construction loan from the Houston Bank for Cooperatives.

FmHA made a conditional commitment to ACG in 1975 for construction of an integrated spinning-weaving-finishing textile mill for heavyweight denim. Its formal commitment could not be finalized until the plant was completed and approved after inspection.

Located about 40 miles north of Lubbock, the mill uses the open-end spinning method which is suited for the type of cotton produced on the High and Rolling Plains of Texas. It has the capacity to produce over 20-million yards of 141/2-ounce indigo-dyed, finished denim annually.

"This is one of the most stable projects we have ever supported," Lynn Futch, state FmHA director, said in the document-signing ceremony. Authority for the agency's loan guarantee is contained in the business and industrial loan section of the Rural Development Act of 1972. The act provides for guarantee commitments for approved projects to stimulate jobs and economic enrichment opportunities in rural communities.

At the ceremony, David Dabbs, associate vice president of the cooperative bank in Houston, presented Futch the bank's check for \$301,500 to cover the one per cent fee charged by FmHA for providing the loan guarantee.

ACG has 3,000 members in 25 ginning associations in Texas who deliver all of their cotton to the association's pool for marketing and manufacturing. About one-fourth of the pool is dedicated annually to the textile mill and the balance is marketed as raw cotton to domestic and international points.

S.C. Unfred of New Home, president of the cooperative, said that of all the milestones reached thus far by the association, formalization of the loan guarantee seems most important.

"It signifies that we have passed the tests put before us," he said, enumerating them thusly:

\*Criteria laid down by government regulations and the legislative act.

\*The selling of the expanded version of the association to over 2,500 producers in addition to the membership of what is now known as the ACG-Crosbyton Division.

\*Development of the necessary "Seed" capital from regional cotton cooperatives and the pool gin associations.

\*Backing of the cooperative

banking system.

\*An investment on the part of the city of Littlefield.

\*Managerial expertise developed by the association.

\*The quality of product being manufactured.

\*The first-rate market for the association's manufactured product.

The first yard of denim was turned out by the plant barely 10 months ago. Since that time the facility has manufactured several million yards of cloth and made nearly \$15 million in sales.

J.E. Chisholm, mayor of Littlefield, said the facility has turned the city into a vibrant, growing area. Building permits are up several times over the 1974 rate, 15 new businesses have located in the area, school and church enrollments are thriving and over 600 new jobs are attributed to the faculty.

### Elderly approve meals in a box

AUSTIN, Texas (Spl.) — A new meal system that permits an elderly person to prepare a tasty, nutritious meal in 10 minutes at home has been developed by The University of Texas Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs and NASA.

Field tests of the single-meal-in-a-box system (using food technology from the space program) found high favor among the elderly. They liked almost everything but English peas contained in the pre-packaged box of foil and flex pouches of freeze-dried or dehydrated items or canned foods.

If proved commercially feasible, the meal system could help some elderly persons continue living in their own homes.

Washington--Sen. John Tower (R-Tex) today announced the names of the two persons who will represent Texas in the Senior Citizens intern program he is sponsoring in Washington, D. C. in May.

Noe P. Jimenez, a retired school teacher and administrator from Corpus Christi, and James P. Waldrop, a retired Naval officer and civil servant from Dallas, were chosen from more than 150 applicants by an independent panel composed of representatives of Senior Citizens groups from across the state.

Tower cited the work of Jimenez and Waldrop, both leaders in Senior Citizen activities on a local and state level, and said that he looked forward to tapping their experience during their two weeks on his staff in Washington.

Both senior interns have demonstrated a concerned commitment to their peers--retired Texans and those over 65 years of age. I know they will contribute much to my understanding of the needs and concerns of our senior citizens," Tower said.

Fifty three Congressmen and Senators each are bringing two senior interns to Washington for the program, which is authorized and funded by Congress.

Tower is the first member of the Texas delegation to participate.

Jimenez, 66, retired in 1976 after 36 years of teaching in South Texas public schools in Realitos, Benavides, Robstown, and West Osó. He is now actively organizing senior citizens into county units in the South Texas area--providing assistance in housing, nutrition, employment, recreation, education, and trips.

Jimenez is state vice president of the Texas Senior Cit-

izens Association and a past president of Nueces County Senior Citizens Inc. He has been active in the Knights of Columbus, Texas State Teachers Association (TSTA), Farm Bureau, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign War (VFW) and the Corpus Christi Diocese of the Catholic Church.

Waldrop, 74, served 21 years in U.S. Naval Aviation and 14 years in Civil Service in the Department of Defense prior to his retirement in 1965. He is a past president of the Association of Senior Citizens Groups of Metropolitan Dallas--representing American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE), National Retired Teachers Association (NRTA), Retired Police and Firemen, social centers and churches. He currently serves as legislative chairman for three of the Dallas senior citizen organizations. Active in NARFE, Waldrop has served as Chapter President, District Chairman and State Vice President. He was a member of the Advisory Council in the Dallas Area Agency on Aging and participates with the Institute of Lifetime Learning.

During their two weeks in Washington May 16-27, the sen-

ior interns will work in Tower's Senate office, attend committee hearings and sessions of Congress, and departments and agencies involved with senior citizens.

The intern program is held each year as part of Older Americans' Month and leads to a special focus on what Congress and the federal government can do for our Senior Citizens, Tower said.

### Gingerbread

also display fine pieces at the Antique Show and Sale in the Woman's Building. Hours will be from 10 A.M. until 7 P.M. and there will be a small admission charge of 50¢ for adults and 25¢ for children.

Tickets for the event will be available at booths along all access roads to Waxahachie, which is located just 30 miles south of Dallas off Interstate 35E. Prices are \$5 for adults and \$2 for children 12 years old and younger. Special group discounts are available.


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## Meddling In The School

WASHINGTON -- The office of Education was created by Congress in 1867 to gather statistics on the nation's schools.

But in the last 14 years, it has gone the way of all bureaucracies. This began under the Johnson administration which made it a patronage haven for ex-academics tired of teaching the Three R's.

Today, the Office of Education administers some 120 programs, dispenses \$9 billion a year in federal money to schools, colleges and students, and is deep in the business of ordering school boards and teachers how to educate the young.

Education is supposed to be a local and state prerogative, but if the federal government gives you a dollar, it always wants two dollars worth of control. So OE is imposing "standards," evaluating what the schools are doing, monitoring educational activities, and drowning our elementary, secondary and higher institutions of learning in paperwork.

(One school, according to a recent report, had to prepare a 17-page pamphlet in order to instruct needy students how to fill out a 15-page form for assistance.)

Comes now an 85-page complaint, delivered to HEW Secretary Joseph Califano by a civil rights coalition, arguing that the Office of Education is a doing nothing bureaucracy which does not interfere enough.

Even when reckoning the billions it spends and the costs in inflated salaries to its staff, OE's inactivity should be welcome news. The less it does, the better off our schools are.

Not so, says the Education Coalition, which includes such organizations as the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, the Children's Defense Fund, and a southeast subsidiary of the American Friends Service Committee. The coalition wants the OE in there, cracking skulls and thacking bottoms. It objects because the "sympathy" of those who run OE's programs "is with the people who are to be regulated" -- a cardinal sin to some.

Ironically, the coalition's report was submitted at a time when the Commission on Federal Paperwork was drafting its own criticisms and finding "educators complain that the rapid growth of educational bureaucracies has led to an increased concentration on the regulatory and administration process and the diversion of faculty from their primary responsibility -- teaching."

The coalition report makes one good point, namely that OE is doing almost nothing to make sure that federal funds allotted to schools and colleges are spent for the purposes they were meant for. Misuse of federal money runs into the many hundreds of millions of dollars, but in 10 years, OE has recovered less than \$700,

000. Civil rights groups, forgetting what civil rights are about, will not be happy until the federal government is dictating the content of every textbook and setting up the curriculum for every school in the country. Presumably, since the U.S. Treasury is footing part of the tuition bill, it should be regulating student habits as well.

Perhaps a case can be made for the lavish use of federal money in running our educational institutions. My feeling is that schools would be better off if they stood on their own feet -- and there are a number of colleges which refuse federal funds and are still doing very well, thank you.

But if Uncle Sam is to subsidize everything from the Little Red Schoolhouse up, it would be better and cheaper if he merely appropriated the money and allowed school systems to spend it as they saw fit.

If there were evidence that the money was being wasted or misspent, it could be cut off.

This way of handling it would mean that many bureaucrats would be out of a job, but few tears will be shed over that. At least it would mean that the U.S. education commissioner would not have to confess again, as he did last month, that paperwork at OE had "reached crisis proportions."



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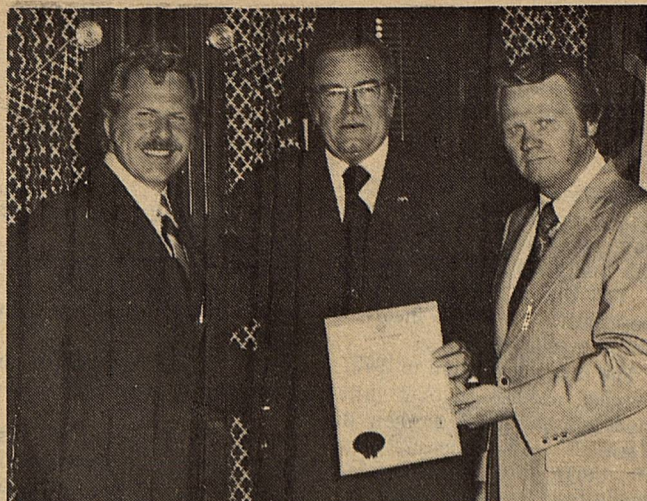
Austin--As though every coffee drinker didn't already know it, the price of their favorite beverage is still playing havoc with many food budgets, as evidenced in the eighth monthly market basket survey compiled by the Texas Department of Agriculture.

"If it weren't for the continuing increase in the price of coffee, up another 47 cents for April in our survey, average prices throughout the state would have been down slightly for the 20 commonly purchased items. As it is, the total state average increased by 39 cents to \$19.89 in a month's time," Agriculture Commissioner Reagan V. Brown reported.

Totals tabulated on a city-by-city basis generally reflect the rise in coffee costs, Brown said. San Antonio, which maintained its position as the least expensive survey city, range in a tab of \$19.02 in comparison to \$18.52 in March. McAllen/Edinburg remained in the cellar with its total market basket price of \$20.67, up some 50 cents from March.

On the other hand, a number of Texas produced foods were down from March, including fresh lettuce, which was eight cents below the month-earlier price and pork chops, five cents off the previous average.

In upcoming weeks, Texas food shoppers can expect increased supplies of several fresh vegetables, including onions, cabbage, cucumbers, and carrots, now being harvested in the Rio Grande Valley.



A PROCLAMATION BY GOVERNOR BRISCOE designates Nursing Home Week beginning Sunday, Mother's Day, May 8th and suggests that period as an appropriate time for Texans to visit the residents of the 996 licensed nursing homes in Texas.

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