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Voters to be **Decisive Factor**

Texas' independent candidate primary by two to one with for the United States Senate, 40,000 votes, yet polled Henry C. (Hank) Grover pre- 1,600,000 in the general elec-Henry C. (Hank) Grover pre-dicted this week the state's independent voters will be the de-cisive factor in the 1978 general election, November 7.

"Historically, only about 35% of the state's registered voters ence." have ever cared enough about either the Republican or Demo-

either the Republican or Demo-crat party to participate in their May primaries," Grover said. "Eligible voters in Texas this year will probably top six mil-lion for the first time in the state's history. Approximately four million of these are in-dependents who will probably not vote in the primaries. Obnot vote in the primaries. Obviously, they have the political power to elect whomever they want."

Grover said his political strength has always been with the independent thinking people of Texas who vote the man, not a party ticket. "Texas is considered a Democratic state, not because of the strength of the Democrat party, but because of the weakness of the Republican party leadership," he said. "The result of the 1972 gover-

nor's race clearly proves my support is blind to party lines. I ran as a Republican winning the tion. Those were obviously in-dependent thinking Texans who are still hungry for an independent Senator who will truly represent Texas' independ-

Assessing his chances in the "winner take all" November general election, Grover said: "I am better known than either of the liberal Democrats running for their party nomi-nation in May. Also Texas' independent voters have never had a conservative alternative to John Tower in a general election. And as for him, I never would have gotten into the race if I didn't think I could beat

him. As an independent candidate, Grover will not be on the ballot in the party primary in May. Under Texas election laws, it will only be necessary for him to file petitions containing the signatures of approximately 16,000 qualified voters within 30 days after the primary runoff in June. These must be voters who did not participate in either primary. The total of these names must equal or exceed one percent of the total votes cast in Texas' last Governor's race in 1974.

Talmadge Threatens Action

Washington -- Texas' fore-most authority on agriculture and legislation voiced strong support today for threatened action by U. S. Senator Herman Talmadge to force action on an "emergency farm bill" if the Carter Administration does not act in two weeks.

State Rep. Joe A. Hubenak, Chairman of the Texas Legislature's House Agriculture and Livestock Committee, voiced his support in testimony before the U. S. Senate Agriculture Committee.

Hubenak had been invited by Talmadge to testify as an expert in the field of agricultural legislation and on the problems now facing Texas's farmers and ranchers. Agriculture

Agriculture cannot wait," Hubenak said. "The interest on the farm and ranch crop loans are increasing, income is plunging, and no help is on the way." Hubenak said, "Our own state, indeed the nation, is suffering from a total lack of leadership in agricultural matters, in understanding the plight of the farmer and rancher. And in the end, it is going to be the consumer in the urban areas who will suffer just as much from ever higher food and fiber costs."

Hubenak, a 10-year veteran of the Texas Legislature, is leaving the legislative field to seek the office of Texas Commissioner of Agriculture in the May Democratic Primary.

"I do not advocate protectionism, or closing our borders to all imports. What I do advocate is that the Americanfarmer and rancher be guaranteed a fair share of his own domestic market, that American grown food be pushed through out our own state and federal and local institutions, our schools and colleges, our military posts," Hubenak said. Hubenak termed Senator Talmadge's position the "best news the farmers has heard in months,



MR. D. E. HOLSTER, Midland Sectional Center Manager/ Postmaster, came to Gail Monday to present JESSIE B. JACKSON with a letter commending her for her past services to the community as Postmistress for the past 7 years.

Jesse Jackson Retires

After eighteen years of service, Mrs. Jackson resigned due to ill health. She was appointed as Post Mistress in July 1971 after serving one and a half years as Officer in Charge. Mrs. Jackson will receive an Honorary Retirement Certificate issued and signed by the Post Master General of Memphis, Tennessee.

In commending Mrs. Jackson for her services, Midland Sectional Center Manager/Postmaster D. E. Holster presented her with the following letter:

Jessie, your retirement came upon you and me before you actually wanted to retire, but I know you did the right thing in following your doctor's advice.

The Postal Service is justly proud of its career people, and you have served your city well as postmaster for these past years.

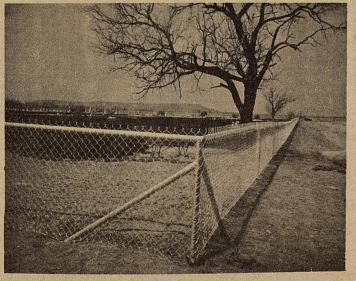
Postmasters are considered

Mrs. Jessie B. Jackson of-ficially resigned as post mis-tress of Gail Monday, March 20. I know you will always be proud of having served in this traditional position, and the peo-ple of Gail will be sorry to lose you as their Postmaster. I want you to know that I personally appreciate the loyal-

ty and cooperation you have given me over the last six years. I wish for you thevery best possible in your retirement.

Sincerely, /s/ D. E. Holster MSC Manager/Postmaster

After accepting Mrs. Jackson's resignation, Mr. Holster presented Dotty Wills with a certificate naming her as Officer in Charge. Mrs. Wills has worked in the capacity as Clerk for the past 2 1/2 years. She will be Officer in Charge until such a time as she is presented before the Regional Postmaster in San Antonio for an interview determining her being accepted as official Post Mistress.



A new fence has been built around the Gail Cemetery. The work was done by precinct #4 with assistance from precinct #2.

2...THE BORDEN STAR, WED., **Borden County School News** MARCH 22, 1978 Please send sack lunch for your child Mon., March 27 **BORDEN COUNTY RELAYS RESULTS** MILE RELAY SHOT PUT 440 YD RELAY Distance 42' 11'' 40' 4 1/2'' Name School School Time School Time 1 Williams Sudan Jayton 45.88 1 Jayton 3:39.94 2 Smith Borden Co. Klondike 2 46.15 2 Lazbuddie Denman 40; 1" 3:41.29 3 Hobbs 3 Roby 46.19 39, 8, 3:44.30 Meadow 3 Sudan 4 Hicks New Home 4 47.03 39' 1/2" 4 Roby 3:44.83 5 Bennett Dawson 5 Whitharral 47.79 38' 9 1/2" 5 Meadow 3:44.89 6 Martinez Loraine 6 Loop 47.90 6 Smyer 3:46.35 DISCUS 880 YARD DASH Name School DIStance 1 Williams Name and School School Sudan Time 132.31/2 2 Smith Smyer 2:09.02 Lazbuddie Sanders, 119 Lazbuddie 3 Osborne Smyer 2 Mimms 2:11.17 118 4 McMeans Grady 3 Silva 2:11.60 Jayton 117.2 5 Steinbock 4 Meadow 2:12.57 Lazbuddie Sanchez 111.2 6 Avery Sid Westbrook Wilson Garcia 2:14.19 Whitharral 5 110.1 6 McGinnis Roby 2:14.50 LONG JUMP School Distance 19' 5 1/4" Name 120 YD HURDLES Lazbuddie 1 Steinbock Time School Name 18' 11 1/2" Grady Mitchell 2 Bingham Meadow 15:96 Roby 18' 7 1/4" 3 Gonzales 16.12 M. LWindham Lazbuddie Grady 18' 4 1/4" Lozano 4 Cleveland Jayton 16.76 3 17' 11 1/2" Meadow 5 Bingham Klondike 17.38 4 Hayes Loop 17' 9 1/4" 6 Smith 5 Taylor 6 R. Windham Borden Co. 17.42 Lazbuddie 17.50 HIGH JUMP School 100YD DASH Name Distance Windham Lazbuddie 6' Name Time 2 Highland Taylor 5' 10" Roby Gonzales 10.58 New Home 3 Nettles Wilson 5'8" Turner 10.81 Tim Smith-Senior SHOT PUT Sudan Parker Jayton 4 5'8" 3 Williams 10.83 Klondike Lazbuddie 5 Treider 5'8" 10.95 10.97 4 Hearld Loop 6 Bingham Meadow 5'8" 5 Smith Sudan 6 Miles 11.00 POLE VAULT 330 YARD HURDLES Name School Height 1 Blair 12' 6" Tied for Meadow 2 Steinbock 12' 6" New Record Lazbuddie 3 Grant 11' Whitharral Tie Time 4 Polk 112 Roby Stuart Whitharral 41.50 5 K. Williams Lazbuddie 11' 2 Windham Borden Col 43.15 6 Vaughn Borden Co. 10' 6" Borden Co. 3 Rinehart 44.27 6 B. Poe 10' 6" Tie for 6th 4 Jayton Sudan Sequa 44.28 5 Jayton Cleveland 44.63 Smyer 6 Sanders 45.10 BOB BROWN OLDS-CADILLAC-GMC 220 YARD DASH Van York School Time 1 Noles Jayton 23.58 Blair 2 23.86 Meadow 3 Miles 24.26 Sudan GMI 4 Steinbock Lazbuddie 24.95 5 Wilke TRUCKS Wilson 25.10 6 Kidd 25.30 Jayton Cadillac OLDSMOBILE MILE RUN Time Name 4:50.83 Diaz Meadow 202 SOUTH 3rd LAMESA, TEXAS Alvarez 4:53.12 2 Loraine 3 4:54.95 Dawson Carr 806/872-2144 4 Curil Meadow 5:01.21 5 Cave Hobbs 5:14.03 **Travis Rinehart** 6 Fuqua Lazbuddie 5:17.5 Students Commended LAMESA FEDERAL Mrs. Sue Smith, Chairman of the Borden County Cancer SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION Society would like to commend the students who have sold chances on the steer. \$900.00 has been taken in by these students to date. Chicken Pox has caused a lull in sales recently. Keep up the good work stu-P. O. BOX 1307 / LAMESA, TEXAS 79331 / PHQNE 872-2163 AC 806 dents, this is a very worthy *********************************** cause.

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Yup, they done it. Sixty eight senators voted against America ican canal to communist Panby supporting the neutrality part of the Canal Treaty. That means sen and Russell Long and I'll only thirty two of that August body are pro-America. What is amazing to me is that the internationalists, bankers and appeasers could actually control two-thirds of the Senate to the extent that they would vote against the opinion of 80% of the voting public.

Even more amazing is how sixty eight men whose careers are in government which involves history could possibly come to the conclusion that a neutrality pact will be worth March 24 at the Monterey Church the paper it is written on. What, may I ask, is neutral in time of war? Who wants a neutral canal zone in time of war? Even if we ended up on the same side as Panama, a neutral canal wouldn't do US a bit of good. When friend and foe are both allowed use of the most direct route East and West, you play a lethal game of King's X. Or in order to remain neutral, what if the canal is closed-to everyone?

Some of the senators-Bentsen being one-based their support on the amendment allowing US to be first in line in time of emergency. It really doesn't matter whether you are first, last or in the middle should the canal be closed. Now does it? Speaking of emergencies-isn't it likely that a pretty big emergency will exist when Omar Torrijos' bell is rung by the communistseither Cuban or Russian? And it is quite evident, to me, that' it is only a matter of time $(2000 A_*D_*)$ before Torrijos will openly declare his true loyalty thereby making Panama and the canal a communist satellite.

Considering these few obvious reasons for not supporting a neutrality treaty, what is the reason sixty eight supposedly loyal Americans would do so? Well, Phyllis Schlafly wraps it all up in a bank note. (By the way, that gal is the best speaker this hack has ever heard.) It seems Panama is in terrible financial straights. They have borrowed to the hilt from U. S. banks and are about to default. In order to become solvent, they not only need the revenue from the canal, but they need the \$10 billion which we'll pay them to take our source of revenue off our hands. Ohho-Lloyd Bentsen is a banker isn't he? And Bill Buckley? He doesn't vote, but his support of the treaties certainly didn't hurt the con-art-

cpal of the thing-rather than the principle.

This was the first vote on Notice the treaties. The second will take place a few days after the Easter recess. It isn't yet guaranteed that our canal in Panama will be paid out from under So don't give up. A two US. vote switch to America's side will save our canal. And really, the first vote becomes void should the second vote fail. It deals with the actual transfering of ownership of the Amer-

ama. You take care of Bentgo for Herman Talmadge and Bellmon from Oklahoma.

To Wed

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Poston announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Shirley Ann to Gary Leon Wooten, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Wooten. Vows will be repeated Friday,

Births

JANNICA DANIELLE

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. (Corky) Northerns of Houston are the parents of a baby girl, born at 2:20 p.m. Feb. 25. She has been named Jannica Danielle and weighed 8 lbs. 6 oz. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Melton E. Davis of Lake Thomas.

COURTNEY DAWN GEORGE

ghter and sister, Courtney Dawn.

Courtney was born February 28th and weighed 6 lbs. 10 1/4

oz. and was 20 1/4 inches long.

Mrs. Callens George, Pampa, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Bob

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The baby's father is employed

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BABY GIRL DRAIN

Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Drain

are the proud parents of a new

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weighed in at 8 lbs. 10 oz. and

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF BORDEN

Borden County Commissioners' Court will receive bids on the following to be opened April

10, 1978, at 10:00 A.M. 57,000 ft. of 4" PVC 200 PSI gasket joint pipe in 40 ft. joints, with associated fittings. 57,000 ft. of 2 pair electrical cable and associated icompoinents.

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(Bid each item above on per flu. ft. price)

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Two farmers met on the road. "Henry, I've got a horse with colic - What'd you give yours when he had it?" "Turpen-tine, see 'yall. They met again a week later. "Say, Henry, I gave my horse turpentine and he dropped dead!" "Yep, it killed mine, too!"

Health insurance



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Legal What's Hap-Nin

Around Town

had surgery last Tuesday in Big

Spring at Hogan and Malone Hos-

pital. Her husband Jack, visited

in Gail Wednesday and reported

that Omega was doing fine. They

like Sterling City but they really

miss their friends in Borden

Rusty Yadon had surgery on

his lip last week in Big Spring.

At last report he was still talk-

Mrs. Claud Sorrells was able

to be out of the hospital Sat-

urday after a stay caused by the

Jym Hendricks checked into

the Big Spring hospital Friday.

He was to have tests run last

County.

ing.!!!

Omega Smith of Sterling City Monday. Hope he is home by now, with a good report.

> Frank Beaver had agrass fire on his ranch in the west part of Borden County last week.

Remember that now is the time to be especially careful burning trash, with camp fires or cigarettes. The grass is dry and will burn easily.

Heard that Dinah Upshaw was wounded while sleeping last week. She is in Abilene conferring with a specialist about her scratched eye. She will have to wear an eye-patch for 10 days. It is not known whether it was Randy or Dinah that inflicted the wound.

As Your Attorney General JOHN HILL * Successfully fought telephone rate increases Fought national corporations' attempts to limit irrigation farmers' access to natural gas for well pumps in times of gas shortage + Urged the legislature to adopt a constitutional amendment to allow farm and ranch land to be taxed on the basis of productivity instead of on market value JOHN HILL. GOVERNOR ALL TONY LAMA BOOTS -\$20.00 off LEE'S FLARE LEG DENIM JE AN -Reg. \$15.40 - Now \$8.95 LEE RIDER BOOT CUT -Brown & White Reg. \$14.95 - Now \$8.95 3205 Collge. Ave. **Snyder**, Texas 573-6763 Shyder, Texas LAMESA TRACTOR & MOTOR COMPANY 800-808 North Dallas Avenue Lamesa, Texas 79331 (806) 872-2161

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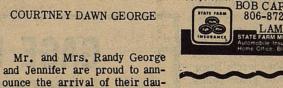
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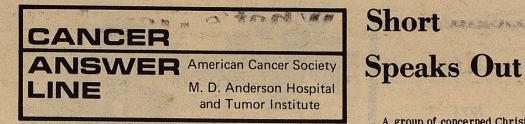


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Knowing Medical Terms Can Simplify Questions

What do oncology, neoplasm and chemotherapy have in common?

While they may sound more like names from a Russian novel, they are actually medical terms commonly used in cancer treatment and research.

Because it is often human nature to fear that which we don't understand, words that sound complex and confusing do nothing to ease our fears of cancer.

A few of the most commonly asked about words concerning cancer are defined below. While this list is far from complete, it can serve as a useful reference to clip and save.

- **ONCOLOGY** The study of cancer which has become a specialty branch of modern medicine.
- CANCER A large group of over 100 diseases characterized by uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells.
- NEOPLASM Any new abnormal growth of cells or tissues that may be benign or malignant but is usually used to describe a cancerous tumor.
- BENIGN TUMOR An abnormal swelling or growth that is not a cancer but causes a reaction by its pressure on adjacent tissues or organs.

MALIGNANT TUMOR — A tumor made up of cancer cells. These tumors continue to grow and invade surrounding tissues, with the ability to break away and grow elsewhere.

METASTASIS — (Mah-TAStah-sis) The process by which cancer cells break away from their primary point of origin and spread to other parts of the body through the lymph and blood systems and start new cancerous tumors.

- BIOPSY The surgical removal of a piece of tissue from a patient for microscope examination to determine whether cancer cells are present.
- CARCINOGEN A substance that causes cancer. CHEMOTHERAPY — Treatment of cancer by administering chemicals and drugs to destroy the cancerous cells with minimal effects to normal, healthy
- cells. **RADIOTHERAPY** — Treatment of cancer with radiant energy to destroy cancerous cells. Cobalt-60 is a commonly used radioactive element in radiotherapy.
- IMMUNOTHERAPY Treatment of cancer by stimulating the body's own immune system against the the disease.
- SARCOMA A form of cancer that arises in the connective tissue and muscles, such as bone and cartilage.
- CARCINOMA A form of cancer that arises in the tissues that cover or line such organs of the body as skin, intestines, uterus, lung and breast.

Do you have further questions? Call your local unit of the American Cancer Society or call M. D. Anderson Hospital & Tumor Institute's Cancer Information Service, 1-800-392-2040 toll-free in Texas, 792-3245 in the Houston



A group of concerned Christian parents of Lubbock hosted a morality in Government meeting and had State Senate candidate E.L. Short of Tahoka as principal speaker.

In discussing the problems, Short cited the Suprene Court ruling on abortion as a step backwards. Short said the state can tighten the state health requirements, and license requirements of public and private abortion centers to prevent wholes ale abortions.

Short said he co-authored, along with representatives Kay Bailey and Sara Weddington, the first chance in many years to assist women in court who were victims of rape.

Short said some politicians are making all sorts of promises about the $E_*R_*A_*$, but that they were behind him 6 years, as he had been fighting it since 1972.

The floor was then open for questions and it was noted by Short that many things can and should be done to assist our senior citizens because their fixed incomes and retirement can not keep up with inflation. Also prescription medicine regulations should be relaxed, especially to those with limited income.

Political Candidates

The Borden Star is authorized to announce the following candidates for political office weekly, subject to action of the General Election. STATE SENATOR - 28th District E. L. Short -D-Morris W. Turner -D-Don R. Workman -D-CONGRESS, 17th DISTRICT Fike Godfrey -D-A. L. (Dusty) Rhodes -D-Jim Snowden -D-Charles Stenholm -D-Jim Baum -D-COUNTY TREASURER Don Cox -D-COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK Dorothy Browne -D--D-Doris T. Rudd COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #2 -D-Larry Smith PRECINCT #4 -D-Van L. York -D-Ed Rinehart COUNTY JUSTICE OF PEACE

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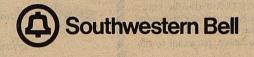
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It is expected that the requested rate schedule will furnish an increase of 11.4 percent in the company's intrastate revenues.

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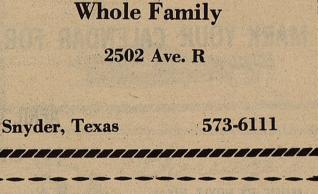


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Telephone Coop Meeting Scheduled

The Annual Meeting of Members of Poka-Lambro Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. will be held in the Community Center in Tahoka, Texas. The meeting will be held on Thursday, March 30, 1978 in the Community Center in Tahoka. Registration will begin at 1:30 o'clock P.M.. The Business Meeting will begin at 2:00 P.M. to take action upon the following matters:

 The reports of officers and directors;
The election of two (2)

2, The election of two (2) Directors of the Cooperative. 3. All other business which may come before the meeting or any adournment or adjournments thereof.

In connection with the election of two (2) directors scheduled for this meeting, the following members have been nominated for directors by the committee on Nominations appointed by the Board of Directors of the Cooperative pursuant to the by-laws:

DISTRICT NO. 1 Almos W. Neill (Incumbent) Truman Hayes

DISTRICT NO. 4 Donald Love (Incumbent) Dan Harp

Nominations by petition - none Additional nominations for directors may be made at the meeting. 1928 March 30 1978 The children of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond D. Lloyd request the pleasure of your company celebrating the Diftieth Wedding Anniversary of their parents Sunday, the second of April Nineteen hundred and seventy-eight two to five in the afternoon Community Center Hermleigh, Texas

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HISSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSTORY WAS MADE... when professional snake handler, Bill Ransberger (left) actually persuaded 17th Congressional candidate Dusty Rhodes of Abilene, to grab the tail of a rattlesnake at the Annual Rattlesnake Round-up in Sweetwater. Rhodes was later heard to say, "I think I'll stick to this congressional race, and leave the snake handling to Bill". A reminder to Borden County residents --- We've had several warm days now --- they'll be coming out!!!!

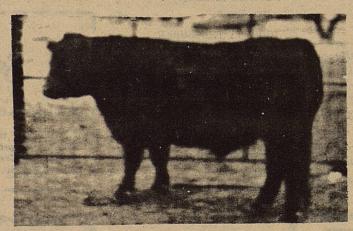
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE BORDEN COUNTY CANCER SOCIETY'S ANNUAL

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This is Ol' Smokey donated by the Bert Dennis Family He is a prime beef and will be ready for the freezer when the drawing is held during the dance. Beef processing is being donated by TOWN & COUNTRY MEAT CENTER SNYDER, TEXAS ON THE STEER RAFFLE

BENNIE W. EDWARDS, right, Outstanding Conservation Farmer, receives a plaque from Eual Davis, District Soil Conservationist. Edwards was in Houston at the time of the banquet, so the picture was made later.

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Cattlemen Lodge Complaint

Leaders of the Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas have lodged a complaint with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, charging that a recent spokesman for the State Department showed an "appalling" lack of knowledge of the cattle industry.

The spokesman, Stephen Bosworth, deputy assistant secretary for International Resources and Food Policy, told the Senate Finance Committee meeting in Washington this week that beef imports have not hurt the domestic cattle industry, according to another witness who testified before the committee, T. A. Cunningham of Goliad.

Cunningham, who is president of the Independent Cattlemen's Association, said at the conclusion of the hearings that Bosworth's statements suggest that, "The State Department is sacrificing the cattle industry for foreign interests."

Cunningham, said that statistics from the Census Bureau on the number of live cattle shipped into the United States from Mexico and Canada give further support to his statements con-

cerning the State Department. According to those statistics, Mexico shipped 595,020 live cattle into the U.S. in December, 1977, alone. The total number of cattle imported from Mexico in 1977 was 1,025,250. From Canada, the total was 528,806 giving a grand total from both countries as 1,554,056.

"The 1964 Meat Import Act cost the livestock producers an estimated \$1.6 billion in 1975, and \$1.8 billion in 1976 and

1977 losses will be even higher," Cunningham told committee members in Washington.

Sen. Lloyd Bentsen of Texas chaired the committee and called the hearings to discuss proposed amendments to the Meat Import Act. Bentsen said, "In my state, many cattlemen, the backbone of an industry which puts billions of pounds of beef on American tables each year, have been hurt so seriously that they have had to bail out of the industry. Only by selling part of the family farm, having income from farm operations ot-her than cattle, and in some cases by skimping on needed family purchases and going deeply into debt has a terribly painful human and economic problem been prevented from turning into an unmitigated disaster."

Bentsen told his colleagues, "We must put a stop to the current situation which allows imports to increase at the same time domestic producers are liquidating their cow herds."

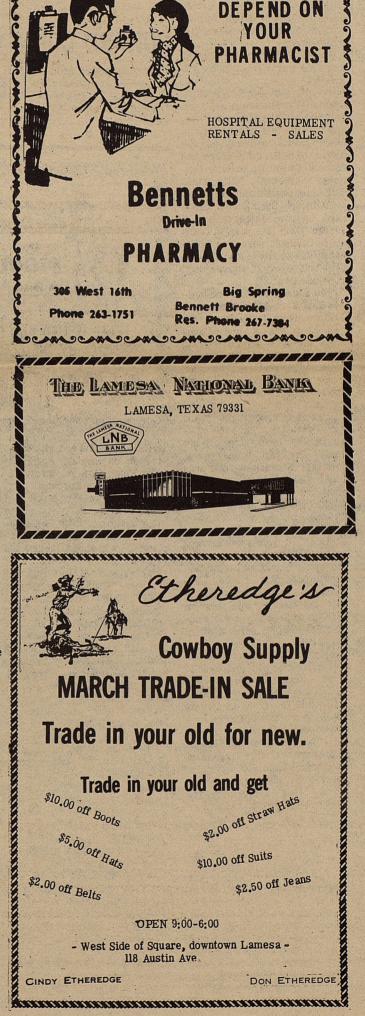
Several bills dealing with beef imports, including those introduced by Bentsen and Sen. Henry Bellmon of Oklahoma, are pending before the Finance Committee. The bills would close loopholes in the present law. The only governor from a livestock producing state to testify was Thomas L. Judge of Montana,

A number of other congressmen testified in person and submitted written testimony in favor of changing the 1964 law.

"Of great concern is that Montana and North Dakota share the brunt of the Canadian imports," said Judge. "Both of these countries have imposed certain restrictions on U. S. feeder cattle and breeder stock, limiting our ability to sell to markets in these countries." Cunningham testified that imported meat is inedible unless

co-mingled with fat trimmings and is not labelled, leaving the consumer in the dark as to the product he or she is purchasing.

ing. "The majority of the consumers I've talked to would much rather buy meat that is produced here in the United States rather than spend their money on foreign goods," he said.



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Agent Says

by Randy Upshaw

FEEDLOT DEMAND KEY TO CATTLE PRICES

College Station -- Just how much of an improvement there will be in beef cattle prices during 1978 will depend largely on the demand for feeder cattle by feedlots.

That's how Dr. Ed Uvacek sums up the current cattle situation.

Uvacek, a livestock marketing specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, points out that the supply of feeder cattle in Texas and the nation is still quite large and that unless feeding activity continues to increase, cattle prices will again be put under pressure.

"Although the nation's cattle herd on Jan. 1 was down 5. percent from last year (in Texas cattle numbers were down 8 percent), the cattle industry may still not be out of the woods," contends Uvacik.

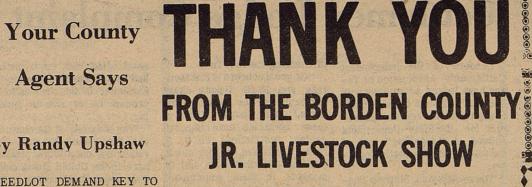
The number of cows and heifers that have calved on Jan. 1, 1978 was down 9 percent and the calf crop was down 3 percent from the 1976 level. Here in Texas, the cow herd size was down 3 percent and the calf/ crop was only down 2 percent from the previous year.

"This reduction in the total cow herd is encouraging to the cattle industry. Since the calving rate has been extremely low during the last three years, however, a more normal rate could yield a larger 1978 calf crop than last year's. This would not help prices," says Uvacek.

As far as the cattle feeding business is concerned, Uvacek notes that the total number of fed cattle marketed during 1977 rose 3 percent over 1976. Larger feedlots continued to dominate the picture, with those of 1,000-head capacity or more accounting for 68 percent of all fed cattle marketed. The "super" large feedlots -- those The with capacities of 16,000 head or more -- accounted for 38 percent of the total fed cattle marketings in the U. S. last year. There were only 201 such facilities operating in 1977. "These very large lots dominated the feeding scene. More operations with capacities of 1,000 to 2,000 -head were also reported last year. Most of this increase occurred in Iowa and Kansas," notes Uvacik.

4-H Activities

What is a "forum?" the dictionary defines it as "...an assembly for the discussion of public matters or current questions." Each year, the state's 4-H adult volunteer leaders sponsor their forum at the Texas 4-H center near Brownwood. "This year, the Texas 4-H leader forum will begin with registration on Friday, April 7



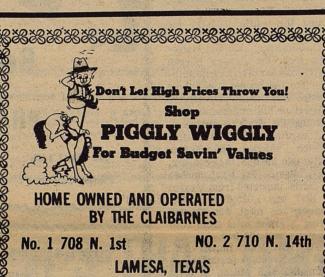
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at 10:30 a.m. and end with lunch WHEN - March 29th at 7:30 p.m. at noon on Sunday, April 9," notes Randy Upshaw, County Ex-tension agent of Borden County. During this weekend forum 4-H leaders from all parts of the state will participate in assemblies, small seminars, ceremonies, swap shops, meals, and recreation.

"The theme of the forum this year is "Back to the Basics in 4-H," Mr. Upshaw adds, and the featured speaker is Dr. Pete Williams, Oklahoma Extension service assistant director for 4-H and special projects. In addition, 4-H members, leaders, agents, and other resource per-sons will discuss and demonstrate some of the latest publications, films, and ideas related to adult leader work with 4-H youth. For registration forms and additional information contact the county extension office located in Gail or call 856-4201.

County 4-H Workshopfor method demonstrations and record book is scheduled for Monday March 27th at Borden County Schools. All 4-H members and parents are invited to the program that is to be presented by 4-H and youth specialist Martha Couch of Lubbock.

REMINDER - Boll Weevil Meeting -

PLACE - Fluvanna Community Center

All farmers anticipating boll weevil problems are urged to attend meeting for program on Diapause Boll Weevil Work and Boll Weevil Management in cotton.

omason to Show Hold

SNYDER - Ronald Thomason of Weatherford, often called one of the Southwest's leading realists, will hold a one-man show in the Scurry County Museum at Western Texas College from April 2-30.

He has also scheduled a workshop for area artists in the museum building from April 3-7. Classes are tentatively planned from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon, 2 to 3:30 p.m., and 7-9:30 p.m. Persons who would like to reserve space in a class may call the museum office at AC 915 573-6107.

A reception honoring the artist is planned from 1-5 p.m. on April 2 in the museum lobby, and the public is invited to attend.

The museum is open each week day from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon and 1-4 p.m. and 1-5 p.m. on Sundays. There is no admission charge.

