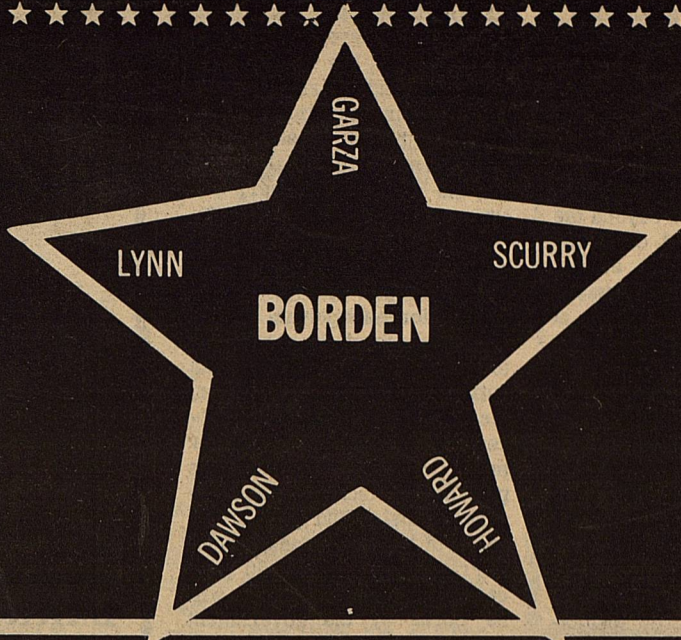


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Yucatan--Land Of The Maya

by Edna Miller

A week in Yucatan--Paradise regained, but not for long!

In case you haven't looked at your map, Yucatan is that part of Mexico which juts out in a long peninsula, reaching almost to Cuba and separating the Gulf of Mexico from the Caribbean Sea.

The ancient civilization of the area is Mayan and can be traced back to 2600 B.C. This culture reached its highest level in Yucatan from 800 to 1000 A.D. This was the Golden Age when many great temples, palaces and other structures were built. Much history was recorded in the carved stones which decorated the buildings. The Mayas achieved an amazingly advanced civilization. Their hieroglyphics approached a written exact mathematical system based on zero. They built astronomical observatories and made observations upon which was based a calendar more accurate than any other ever devised.

After 1000 A.D. internal strife and the invasion of the Toltecs from central Mexico caused a sharp decline. Agriculture was neglected and building ceased. Cortez invaded Mexico in 1519, and in 1526 Francisco de Montejo received permission from the King to conquer Yucatan. The Maya resisted for 14 years but because of lack of unity were finally defeated. Montejo founded Campeche in 1541 and the following year built Merida, the capital. The Spaniards looted the temples, destroyed the sacred writings, and enslaved the people.

For four centuries the jungle engulfed the great civilization which the Mayas had built. Today archeologists are reclaiming some of the structures and slowly piecing together bits of information to reconstruct the fascinating story of this--the greatest American Indian Culture--a culture which was achieved with no domes-

tic animals and no native metals.

The tour which we were privileged to take was sponsored by the Texas Historical Foundation and was made up of 24 people from Texas. Mrs. Will Wilson of Beaumont, President of the Foundation, accompanied us. Mrs. C.C. Miller, chairman of the Scurry County Historical Commission, Edna Miller, Barbara and Dianne Farmer were members of the tour. We flew to Merida, capital city of Yucatan, population 320,000. Our hotel there, Casa del Balam, was built around a small open court in which grew blossoming trees, palms, and ivys reaching to the third floor level. Across the street was the University of Yucatan. Our day in Merida was spent in sight seeing, shopping in the market place, attending an archeological slide presentation and a show featuring native folk dances, both Mayan and Mexican. One of the high lights was a visit to the palace built by Montejo, the Conqueror. It has been occupied since the 16th century by his descendants, one of whom conducted our tour through the high ceiling rooms lined with family portraits of many generations. Some of the walls were covered with French lace. Priceless French and Italian tables, chairs, vases and statuary were casually scattered about. Here we were introduced to the art of getting into and out of a hammock. In Yucatan no one but gringos sleep in beds. We finished off our day with a ride in a horse drawn cab through the busy streets of down town Merida.

The following morning we left Merida by private bus for a three day tour of the fantastic pyramids, temple, and palaces which are being excavated and partially restored. We visited Uxmal, Kabah, and Chichen Itza (that pronounced Che CHIN'), the most successful of the hundreds of Mayan ruins which are scattered over southern Mexico and Guatemala. At Uxmal in the evening we attended an impressive presentation consisting of light and

sound only, using the exquisite Palace of the Governors the Temple of the Turtles, and the mysterious Pyramid of the Magician as back drop and sounding board. It was an unbelievable, breath taking experience, making you almost believe that you were back in the middle ages taking part in Mayan religious rites, imploring the Mayas Rain God, Chaac, to end the drought.

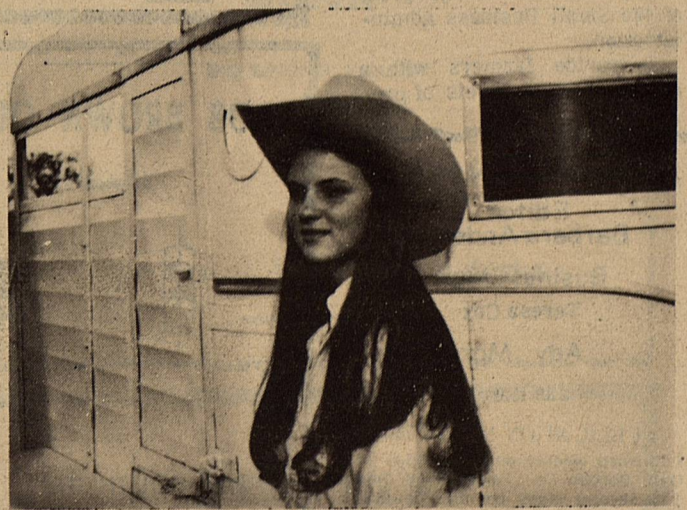
The hotels in which we stayed were beautiful, modern and comfortable even though there was no air conditioning and ice was at a premium. I presume the shortage of safe water limits the use of ice makers. Wide shaded verandas, much cross ventilation, and luxuriant tropical gardens increased our pleasure. Hibiscis, bougainvillea, oleander, plumeria, limes, oranges and bananas grew everywhere. Trees were covered with blooming bromeliads. Inviting pools offered cool relaxation after strenuous climbs over steep pyramid steps. At Chichen Itza our quarters were in the hacienda which was the first residence of Montejo in Yucatan. It was furnished with fabulous antiques, even a square piano. The famous 20 year expedition of the Carnegie Institution had made their headquarters here while excavating the ruins.

Our tour guide, who remained with us until we boarded the plane to return to Houston was a young Mayan archeological student, very knowledgeable and interesting, as well as efficient and thoughtful in arranging for our welfare. Attendants at the hotels were Mayan, short, broad shouldered, handsome people, noted for their cleanliness and honesty. The native costume, the huipil, is worn by the Maya women from infancy throughout their life. It is a straight, sleeveless, knee length, white cotton overblouse with a band of beautiful colored embroidery around a square neckline and another at the hemline. Under this is worn a white ruffled petticoat with perhaps another band of embroidery. The men wear white cotton

trousers, short straight white shirts with a neckband and white sandals. And even though they live in oval mud and stick huts with thatched roofs and dirt floors, their clothes are spotless, snowy white. They are happy, smiling and courteous people, seemingly content to live as their ancestors have lived for generations. The women make their beautifully hand embroidered clothes for sale and the men work in the henequen plantations, cutting the sword like leaves from which is made sisal for ropes and twine. The country is rocky and the thin soil is covered with jungle. Very little is developed for agriculture.

Our last day in Yucatan was spent on the beautiful resort island of Cozumel, a dream world of plush hotels, swimming pools, snow white powdered coral beaches, and crystal clear water like liquid jade. We boarded a small fishing boat and sailed to a tiny off shore island. Enroute the boat crew dived for the beautiful pink conches and then fished with only a hook, line and sinker made from a rusty spark plug. They brought up fish which flashed silver, blue and gold in the translucent water. On the island a pavilion provided shade, tables and benches, and cooking facilities.

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Debra Kountz Lamesa Rodeo Queen Contestant

Debra Kountz, of Gail, will be a Rodeo Queen Contestant at the Lamesa Rodeo Aug. 3, 4, and 5. Debra will be one of several girls vying for Rodeo Queen. The Gail Roping Club is sponsoring Debra in the contest.

Debra is selling tickets to the rodeo for \$2.50 and also

chances for a pair of boots for \$1.00. The girls will be judged on how many tickets they sell as well as personality and horsemanship.

Let's all help Debra and buy tickets to the rodeo and boot raffle. Debra is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Van Kountz.

ASCS News

ALL-RISK FARM INSURANCE PROGRAM PROPOSED

Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland has proposed a comprehensive, nationwide all-risk crop insurance reform bill which he said would provide better protection for farmers than present disaster programs at no additional cost to the government.

"If the plan receives speedy consideration in the Congress, the first crop that could be covered would be 1980 winter crops planted in the fall of 1979."

The Farm Production Protection Act establishes a new Federal insurance plan for farmers that will replace the four separate and overlapping insurance and disaster plans in existence now.

Present programs provide no assurance that an individual farmer will be compensated in part or all for crop losses beyond his control. The new plan will allow a farmer to purchase varying amounts of protection and will guarantee that he will be compensated for crop losses (and eventually livestock, when the plan is in full operation) that are caused by weather and other natural hazards.

About 50 percent of the premium for the basic plan available to farmers will be subsidized by the Federal government. Plans offering more complete coverage will be subsidized to a lesser degree.

In brief the new legislation would--

--Consolidate four existing Federal disaster programs into one insurance program. The four programs to be consolidated are the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, the "low yield" disaster payment program offered by USDA's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS), some Farmers Home Administration emergency loans, and the farm disaster loan program of the Small Business Administration.

--Provide farmers with a choice of three levels of protection that will roughly cover (1) out-of-pocket production expenses or (2) out-of-pocket plus some machinery ownership expenses or (3) the previous two plus a return for management and a partial return for land.

Disaster protection provides benefits that extend beyond the farm. Agricultural communities are made more economically stable when farmers are assured of repaying at least their cash costs, even if disaster strikes. The compensation they receive will be spent in local communities, strengthening the economy.

The insurance would be sold by private insurance agents and at ASCS offices. Funding would be through the Commodity Credit Corporation.

Eighteen crops for which the present Federal Crop Insurance Corporation has actuarial data would be covered originally. They are wheat, cotton, corn, barley, grain sorghum, rice, sugar cane, sunflowers, citrus, dry beans, soybeans, oats, flax, peanuts, tobacco, raisins, sugarbeets and rye. These crops account for 89 percent of U.S. cropland acreage. As more actuarial experience is gained the program will be extended to other crops, livestock and to perils not covered in the original plan.

Farmers will pay a premium based on the level of protection selected, the reimbursement rate, and the risk involved in their operation. Premium is based on an individual farm's historical yield, and the county's weather, and other natural hazard history.

Three levels of protection will be offered to farmers on major crops with premiums higher for each level: Level A covers about 50 percent of total production costs; cash outlays for seed, fertilizer, etc. Level B covers 70 percent of production costs for major crops; variable costs plus some machinery and overhead costs, and part of the costs of land and management.

Premiums: About 50 percent of the premium costs will be borne by the government under Level "A", the minimum level of protection. As coverage increases, less of the cost is borne by government more by the insured farmer.

Rates have yet to be devised and it is difficult to give estimates, because each individual farmer's rate will vary by the per acre yield of his farm and how prone to disaster his county is according to past history.

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Yucatan

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While we swam in the clear blue-green water and collected shells and coral, our boat crew prepared for us an Olympian feast. They fried and roasted the fish, fried tortillas, made sevicehe of the conch meat(raw), sliced melons pineapple, papaya, dishes of fresh lime. A day for savoring--always!

We hope that you have enjoyed sharing our trip to Yucatan. And that you may someday be privileged to pay tribute to the Rain God, Chaac, and to swim in those lovely waters off Cozumel. And that your dream will not be shattered by two days of thick dust when you come back to earth!

New Baby

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Duane Jones, of Gail, on the birth of their new baby girl. Leslie Nichole was born the second week in July. She tipped the scales at 7lbs 8ozs. The proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Canon of Borden County.

Rainfall

Good reports of much needed rain-

- York Ranch-1 1/4"
- R. C. Vaughn-2 3/8"
- Tooter Swann-3"
- Buster Taylor-2 1/2"
- Norval Cunningham-2 1/2"
- Bobo Gray-1 1/2"
- Rocker Ranch-1 3/8"
- Rube Smith-3/10, 1/2, to 1"

Ambulance News

Everything has been quiet this last week, which is just what we always wish for.

Memorials since last publication-none.

Donations-Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Vaughn

Again we want everyone to come to the meeting Wednesday night, Aug. 9, 1978.

/s/ Fran Bennett

Legal Notice

PROPOSED USE HEARING

A proposed use hearing on revenue sharing entitlement funds for the year of 1979 will be held on August 7, 1978 from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. in the Commissioners' Courtroom in the Courthouse at Gail, Texas. Borden County anticipates receiving approximately \$23,000 in Federal Revenue Sharing funds for 1979.

Any Borden County citizen may present oral or written suggestions on the use of these funds.

/s/ Jim M. Burkett
County Judge
Borden County

What's Hap-Nin Around Town

Ross Wesbrook, Dana and Sid left Friday July 21 for Tulsa, Okla. to attend The National Paint Horse Show. This is one of the biggest Paint Horse Shows in the State. Sid is entered in the calf roping. They will return home July 25th. At Press time we are unable to find out how Sid did. But we hope that he came home a winner.

Mrs. Doyle Currey and her sister from Hobbs, New Mexico took Denise and Mrs. Currey's mother, Mrs. Mary La Fevers to Dallas Friday night. Denise and her grandmother and a cousin are flying to London Sunday. They leave Dallas Sunday and arrived in London 14 hours later. They will visit Denise's uncle in Ireland for three weeks. They plan on a lot of sight seeing.

Mrs. Bess Smith, Mrs. Jay Smith and daughter, from Temple, Texas, were in Gail this week visiting friends.

The Pat Porter Family left July 18th for a weeks vacation out New Mexico way. They plan on a trip thru the Carlsbad Caverns. On to El Paso and back to the tall cool pines of Ruidoso.

Speaking of the tall cool pines Shorty and Barbara Farmer, Vernon and Ruby Miller, and Don Cox went to Ruidoso Sunday to the horse races. They really weren't there long enough to know How the weather was!!

Billy and Dotty Willis flew to Dallas Friday evening to visit with their daughter, Debi and husband Bryan.

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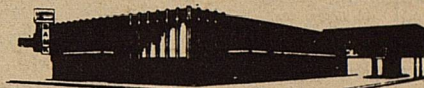
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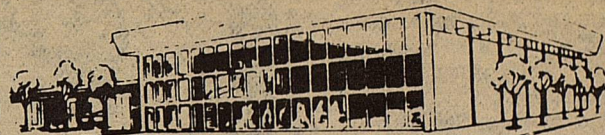
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FFA Members Attend Convention

Brent Rhotan, Sid Westbrook (Lone Star Farmer Degree applicants), and Ben Murphy (Gail FFA President and voting deligate) were accompanied by Bob Bagley (Vocational Agriculture Teacher) to the 50th year Texas FFA Convention. The FFA Convention was held in the San Antonio Convention Center.

The group attended the first general session in which Reagan Brown, Commissioner, Texas Department of Agriculture gave the primary address. The group was joined at noon Wednesday by Ross and Dana Westbrook, Ross's sister, Mrs. Shelby La Borde, and Dana's roommate, Miss Valerie Cantwell. We all attended the second general session in which Sid Westbrook and Brent Rhotan received their Lone Star Farmer Degree certificates and pins and Ben Murphy represented Gail FFA as a voting deligate during the National Officer Election. Wednesday night Ben Murphy again represented the Gail FFA chapter as a voting deligate during the State Talent Team Contest while Brent, Sid and Mr. Bagley enjoyed the contest.

Thursday morning during the preliminary State FFA Sweetheart election Ben Murphy acted as Gail's voting deligate. The rest of the meetings Thursday were general business meetings.

Friday morning Ben Murphy again represented Gail FFA during the final balloting for the State FFA Sweetheart Contest and the State FFA President election. Following the State President election the group heard an address by Bobby Tucker, the past State and National FFA President. The last session was adjourned approximately 11:30 A.M. Friday morning and the group arrived back in Gail at approximately 7:30 P.M. Friday evening.



BORDEN COUNTY AJRA MEMBERS--Top Row-Travis Rinehart, Keil Williams, Talley Griffin, Kelly Williams, Tracy McLaury. Bottom Row-Mayme McLaury, Cody Newton, Becky Miller, Brice Key, Gayla Newton. Not Pictured-Ben Murphy, Glenn Gray, Dana Gray, Perry Smith, Sandra Kountz, Debra Kountz.

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