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Rattlesnakes Grow BIG In Borden County

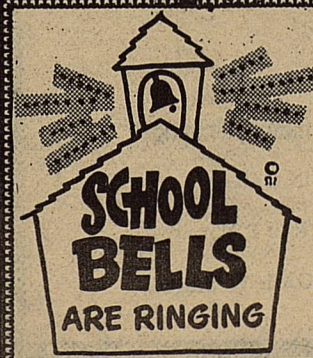
Rattlesnakes do grow big in Borden County and Dotty Wills is showing the proof.

A week or so ago Mary Washington called for Bill to bring a gun and kill the big snake by their back door. So Dotty and Billy go over with the gun-not really getting too excited as they kill alot of snakes anyway. But sure enough there lay the "Grand-daddy of them all" at Alfred and Mary Washington's back door. So Bill shot him and Dotty said, "OH I better get a picture for the BordenStar". So Dotty grabs the snake and holds him up and Bill takes

the picture. When she threw the snake down he began to coil and get ready to strike-Bill hollered "Dot that snake is still alive"--Well needless to say Dotty had a "sinking spell".

Moral of story-don't grab a snake and hold it for a picture for the Borden Star unless you chop his head off-he could still be alive.

This snake was 5ft 4" long and measured 8 inches around. Dotty wanted to weight him but after all that commotion no one would pick him up to weight him. But he was a BIG Rattlesnake.



ONLY 4
more days 'til
school begins....
Monday
August 28th

Gail Roping Club Labor Day Roping

Gail Membership Club will have their annual Labor Day Roping Monday Sept. 4th at Gail Arena beginning at 10 a.m. This year the roping will be for CLUB MEMBERS ONLY.

The F.F.A. and 4-H Club mothers will have a concession stand for lunch and thru the day.

Again this year we will have our annual picnic supper. But will be a fish fry this year.

All ladies are asked to please bring a dessert as well as a salad or vegetable dishes. Plates, tea, ice etc. will be furnished.

The evening meal is planned to start at 5 p.m.

Planned for the Labor Day are as follows:

Age Group Roping
21 years and under-\$10.00
21 thru 40 years-\$10.00
40 and over-\$10.00

Father-Son or Daughter Roping-\$16.00

Draw Roping-\$5.00

3-Header-Progressive after two-\$20.00

Special Roping and Barrels-\$16.00

Open Barrel Race-\$20.00

Kids-Barrels, Poles, Flags-age groups-8 and under, 8-12, 13-15, 15-19

Trophies will be given.

Foot Race-Trophies to be awarded

Ladies and Men
21 to 40
40 and over

Match Foot Race-"Calcutta Pool"

Maybe a match roping between the club members of the different communities if time allows.

EXTRA ADDITION: Brent Murphy and Randy Upshaw have already entered the special roping and barrels They will be coached by Don Wills.

REMEMBER, LABOR DAY ROPING IS FOR MEMBERS ONLY.

R. T. Bell To Have Shoeshine Stand In Gail

R.T. Bell will have his shoeshine stand at the Sunshine Mercantile during their grand-opening.

Shoeshines now sell for \$1.00 a sad tribute to the inflation of the 1970's. That's a far cry, the 61-year-old Bell said from the 10 cent shines he used to give as a boy.

A native of Sulphur Springs, Bell said he was introduced to showshining as a boy. He went to work at a news stand-cum-shoeshine stand when he was about 16.

"We always had picture shoe money," Bell recalls. On a good Saturday he might make \$2.00 and be allowed to keep half of that. But, Bell noted that was good money.

Hamburgers cost a nickel then and picture show popcorn was also only 5 cents.

"I don't ever have to go hungry when I have this," Bell said, pointing to his two-seater shoeshine stand.

"I can go to any town and set it up and in a few minutes I can be making me some dollars," he declared.

R.T. said he was able to raise a family on the income derived from shining shoes.

For twelve years, working six days a week, he was a professional shoe shiner. At one time, in the early 1960's he had seven boys working for him.

R.T. left the shoe shine business in 1964 and went to work on the Miller Ranch. Where he is now their main and best cook. During the bi-centennial R.T. cooked 800 pounds of buffalo meat. I am sure many of you saw R.T. in Gail cooking the meat. But shoeshines he says are his first love.

"As long as I'm able, I'll shine shoes," he said. "It's fun to me, as long as I can sing and carry on."

Everyone is welcome to come to the Sunshine Mercantile and see R.T. in business again.





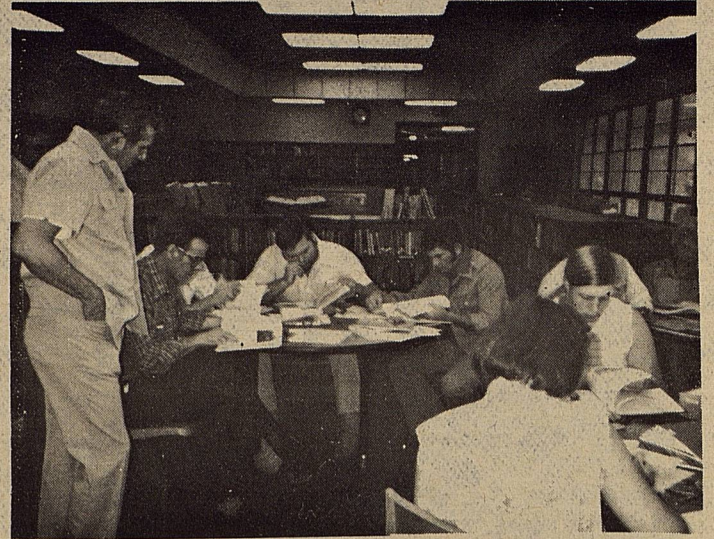
Mrs. Opal Booz, representative of Denoyer-Geppert Products helped with Tuesday's workshop.



Teachers Workshop

Borden County teachers reported to school Tuesday to attend a series of workshops and in-service training this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Booz of Clyde, Texas were present for Tuesday's workshop. Mr. Booz is a representative of Encyclopedia Britannica Education Corporation. He conducted a workshop for all high school teachers entitled "How to Use the Encyclopedia Without Copying." Mrs. Booz led a workshop for elementary teachers on "Visual Products in Resource Work." Mrs. Booz is a representative of Denoyer-Geppert Products.



Mr. Charlie Booz, representative of Encyclopedia Britannica Education Corporation aids in workshop at Borden County Schools on Tuesday.

Registration

High School students will register for classes on Friday, August 25 in the following order:

SENIORS	9:00-10:30
JUNIORS	10:30-12:00
SOPHOMORES	1:00- 2:30
FRESHMEN	2:30- 4:00



School will officially begin on Monday, August 28 at 8:20 a.m. Busses will run on schedule.

Trap Shoot

The Gail Lions Club will sponsor a trap shoot at the Plains Trap Club (East of Pat Hensley's) on Saturday, Sept. 9, 1978. The trap shoot will begin at 10:00 A.M. and a concession stand will be available. Proceeds will go to the Linda Perry Stanford Fund.

Directions to the shoot are shown on page 6



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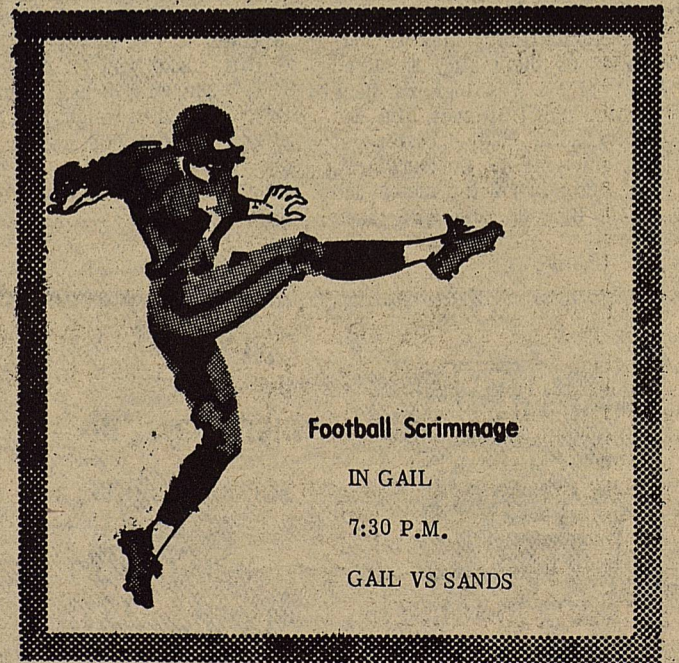
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ALL-SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN OF BORDEN COUNTY!!!!

On Monday, Aug. 28 at 8:20 A.M.

**BACK
TO
SCHOOL**



Football Scrimmage

IN GAIL

7:30 P.M.

GAIL VS SANDS

"The Tax Relief Amendment" Of 1978

NEWS OF NUTRITION

VITAMIN E—ESSENTIAL TO GOOD HEALTH

Nutrition researchers have established vitamin E as being necessary in the human diet and essential to good health. Today, as more physicians recommend polyunsaturated fat diets to their health-conscious patients, experts say the need for vitamin E



ARE YOU getting enough vitamin E from the food you eat?

may increase—since vitamin E may protect unsaturated fats from abnormal breakdown within the body.

However, in a recent survey by Response Analysis Corporation, only 16% of those responding knew that the vitamin E requirement may be increased in people whose diets are high in polyunsaturates.

And in a 1975 FDA Consumer Survey, over 20% of those surveyed felt that not all members of their household were getting a well-balanced diet.

Eating foods rich in vitamin E, for example, wheat germ, whole grains, egg yolks, leafy vegetables and certain vegetable oils, will insure you're getting enough vitamin E daily.

For those of us who do not have the time or knowledge to make sure we're eating enough vitamin E-rich foods, many nutritionists recommend taking a vitamin supplement containing vitamin E at 100 percent of the U.S. Recommended Daily Allowance.

IT'S NEW



SURPRISINGLY, SOME OF THE NEWEST THINGS IN THE WORLD ARE REALLY VERY OLD. A MINNESOTA GRANITE GNEISS ROCK MEASURED FOR AGE ONLY TWO YEARS AGO WAS FOUND TO BE APPROXIMATELY 3.8 BILLION YEARS OLD!



NEW LOCATION AND MANE
A NEW MOS IS ONE OF THE ADVANTAGES OF REENLISTING IN THE MARINE CORPS. WHEN YOU ASK YOUR CAREER PLANNER HOW YOU CAN BE ASSURED A LOCATION OF YOUR CHOICE, REMEMBER THAT WHEREVER YOU AND YOUR FAMILY MOVE TO, OTHER MARINE FAMILIES WILL BE THERE TO MAKE YOU FEEL **WELCOME!**

I. What the Voters Will See
H.J.R. No. 1 passed by the 1978 Special Session of the Texas Legislature is a package of proposed amendments to Article 8 (Finance) of the Texas Constitution. It is subject to the approval of the electorate in the November 7, 1978 general election.

H.J.R. 1 will appear on the November ballot ahead of the other eight proposed constitutional amendments. Rather than being assigned a number, it will be titled "The Tax Relief Amendment." The only explanation provided on the ballot will be "The constitutional amendment providing for tax relief for residential homesteads, elderly persons, disabled persons, and agricultural land; for personal property exemptions; for truth in taxation procedures, including citizen involvement; for a redefinition of the tax base; for limitations on state spending; and for property tax administration."

Voters will be asked to vote for or against the entire proposition.

II. What Would the Amendment Really Do?

Section 1. Redefining the property tax base.

The present Constitution simply states that all property shall be taxed in proportion to its value. The Constitution provides specific exceptions and exemptions to this rule but any non-exempt property, real or personal is supposed to be taxed. As a practical matter, only real property is taxed throughly. Most personal property, tangible and intangible, is not taxed. Some jurisdictions tax vehicles and some tax the capitol stock of Texas banks but household goods, other stocks and bonds, and non-business personal property is largely untaxed. Currently estimates of the value of legally taxable personal property in Texas which escapes taxation range from \$200 billion to \$600 billion. This contrasts with about \$190 billion of property (mostly real estate) that appears on current tax rolls. In other words, somewhere between 50% and 75% of the legally taxable wealth in Texas is completely untaxed. Recent lawsuits in Federal and State courts seeking to force taxation of these properties are proceeding with considerable success.

Under Sect. 1, the mandatory tax base would be redefined to include "all real property and tangible personal property." Household goods and personal effects "not held or used for the production of income" would be exempt. Intangible property and automobiles would continue to be taxable but the legislature would be authorized to exempt any or all intangible property and up to two vehicles per family from taxation.

Section 2. Productivity value on open-space land.

The preferential taxation plan for agricultural land adopted in 1966 has been under fire for several years because

it benefits primarily large farms and ranches and systematically excludes the smaller family farms and ranches.

Section 2 would retain the present law but would require the legislature to provide a productivity value formula for open-space land "devoted to farm or ranch purposes." Presumably, small farms and ranches would not be subjected to rigid income requirements such as those in the present law although the legislature would be allowed to write "eligibility limitations" and "impose sanctions." The legislature would also have the discretion to provide productivity value taxation for timberland.

Section 3. Homestead exemption.

This is the longest and most complex section of the Resolution.

The current local option of \$3,000 or more of the assessed value of residence homesteads of persons 65 or over would be converted to market value and extended to cover persons who receive disability benefits from Social Security. The conversion to market value is designed to provide the same tax break as the present \$3,000 discount on assessed value.

All residence homesteads would receive an exemption of \$5,000 of the property's market value for school tax purposes. The exemption would not have to be applied to school taxes for debt service if the exemption would "impair the obligation of the contract by which the debt was created."

The legislature could, at its discretion, provide an additional school tax exemption of up to \$10,000 of market value of the residence homestead of persons 65 or older and the disabled. In so doing, the legislature could also condition the exemption on "economic need." The legislature would also be allowed to decide whether elderly and disabled persons would receive both the new exemption and the old local option exemption.

If the legislature opts to provide a new school tax exemption as described in the previous paragraph, the elderly persons (not the disabled) who qualify would have the school taxes on their homestead frozen for as long as the qualifying elderly person or spouse retains the homestead and exempt status. Improvements to the residence, other than those made to comply with governmental requirements, could increase the tax liability.

Finally, and perhaps most significantly, the legislature would be required to provide formulas "to protect school districts against all or part of the revenue loss incurred" due to implementation of the ag use law and the new homestead exemptions. This provision is intended to prevent school districts from recouping the loss by simply "shifting" the tax burden to other properties or increasing appraisals

to "absorb" the new exemptions. A separate bill appropriating \$450 million for this purpose (in 1979-80, 1980-81) was also adopted.

Section 4. Truth in-taxation
In general, this section extends the truth-in-taxation concept currently required in school districts to all political subdivisions of the State.

Under these provisions, a local government may not increase the amount of taxes imposed above the previous year's levy unless it posts notice and holds a public hearing first. Taxes on new improvements and annexed property are excluded from this requirement. In addition, property owners must receive notice of any revaluation and the amount of any subsequent tax increase. A separate bill (H.B. 18) setting up these procedures was also adopted.

Section 5. State spending limits.

New limits would be added in addition to the pay-as-you-go provision (Art. III, Sect. 49 a) of the present Constitution.

State appropriations would not be allowed to exceed the "estimated rate of growth of the State's economy." (The legislature would decide the meaning of this phrase.) Exceptions would be made for constitutionally dedicated funds and if the legislature, by majority vote of the membership of each house, decides that an emergency exists.

Section 6. Property tax reform.

This section contains two limitations on statewide property tax reform:

1) Except for formula distribution of revenues to local governments, the State will never appraise real property for ad valorem tax purposes.

2) If the State ever prescribes uniform standards and procedures for property tax appraisals, administrative and judicial enforcement of these rules must "originate in the county where the tax is imposed."

Section 7. Effective date.

If approved by the voters, this amendment would take effect on January 1, 1979.

III. Summary: What Does it All Mean?

Basically, if the voters approve the package on November 7 they will have authorized the legislature to provide tax relief for various categories of property. In some areas, the legislature would be mandated to act in 1979. In other areas, the legislature could act in 1979, in later sessions or not at all. Perhaps a breakdown of these two categories of exemptions will be helpful:

A. Action the legislature must take

1. Exemption of household goods and personal effects not held or used in the production of income.

2. Productivity valuation for farm and ranch land.

3. Conversion of the current assessed value homestead exemption to market value.

4. Exemption of \$5,000 of market value of all residential homesteads for school tax purposes. (This is actually self-enacting and will take effect whether the legislature adopts enabling legislation or not.)

5. Reimbursement formulas for school districts.

Truth-in-taxation. (Enabling legislation already adopted.)

B. Action the legislature may take

1. Exemption of all or part of the "personal property homestead." This would allow the legislature to exempt one or two autos per family, all intangible property.

3. Productivity value for timberland.

4. Additional homestead exemptions from school taxes for the elderly and disabled. (Up to \$10,000 and a tax "freeze" for the elderly.)

5. An "economic need" schedule for No. 4.

6. A new definition of "residence homestead."

7. Uniform standards and procedures for property appraisals. (This could be done without any constitutional amendment and is already being done for school taxes.)

In short, a yes vote would mandate the exemptions noted in A. and would allow the legislature to provide some, all, or none of the exemptions in B.

The probable effects of the adoption of this package would be to slow the rate of increase in local property taxes and shift greater financial responsibility for public education to broader-based State revenue sources. State spending growth would only be nominally affected if at all. The stage would be set for some major show-downs in the 1979 legislature. Banks, savings institutions, and insurance companies will probably lobby for exemption of their intangible wealth. The big timber and agri-business corporations will again press for inclusion under the productivity value provisions. The elderly and disabled will be there to urge adoption of the new school tax exemptions at maximum levels. The various education-related lobbies will undoubtedly propose a wide array of diverse "formulas" for school tax loss reimbursement. Finally, "property tax reform" will probably emerge once more but, depending on how the legislature apportions the tax relief dollars, may not be the major issue it has been.

"Silence is the mother of truth."
Benjamin Disraeli



Michelangelo carved his famous statue of David from a marble block on which another sculptor had started work.

What's Hap-Nin Around Town

Gail had a little storm last Monday night. Blew out a window in the courthouse and reports are it loosened the ceiling. Also blew out the back car window of Margaret Sharp's new station wagon. Blew away about half of Dorothy Browne's car-port. The wind blew real hard and rain came in sheets but did not cover much country. Cunninghams reported 6/10 and Willis Bennett reported 2/10 so it did not go far.

Larry Doyle and children have moved to Quinlan, Texas. Larry will be teaching there this fall and coming year. They will be missed and we wish them the best of luck in their new home and job.

Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Vaughn went to Possum Kingdom for a family reunion Friday.

Sam and Lynn Harris have been on a week vacation to Las Vegas, Nevada.

Charles Vaughn and family went to Possum Kingdom Sat. for the family reunion of Charles Mother's family.

Joe Copeland and family returned home Saturday July 19 from Fun Valley, Colorado. Copeland's have spent the last two summers working at the resort. Welcome home Copelands!

Joe and Sybil Gilmore spent last week at Paris, Texas visiting the Hubert Walker's.

Mrs. Skeet Porter and Mrs. Bob Dyess spent several days last week at Paint Rock, Texas visiting relatives.

Buster and Jean Taylor spent several days this past week in Fun Valley, Colo. visiting Benny. Benny is also working at the resort.

Rube and Sue Smith and Bob and Gae Ludecke spent last week in Ruidosa.

Jim and Julie Ridenour, children of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ridenour of Fluvanna, and Michael Murphy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Brent Murphy of Lake Thomas, participated in the Jones Co. Fair Horse-show in Anson, Texas this week-end. Complete results are not known, but we understand all three did very well. And also Pat Murphy, what's this about son Michael beating mother in the Western Pleasure class?

The Bob Daughtery family of Fluvanna spent the week-end in Oklahoma last week-end visiting Jeri's parents.

I've been seeing lots of 4-H and FFA club lambs arriving in town, guess its getting about that time for preparation of another big stock-show.

The Hare's are back from Galveston with a good report. Ginger's heart problem is completely well and the next check-up is in 2 years.

BABY NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Michal Billingsley announce the birth of their son, Kelley KoSi, born August 13, 1978 in the Lynn County Hospital in Tahoka, Texas. Kelley weighed in at 7 lbs 1 oz. Mr. and Mrs. Billingsley and son live in the Plains Community.



CONCESSION STAND

The Borden Co. Jr. Livestock Association will be sponsoring a Concession Stand for the Labor Day Roping. They will have the following:

- Sandwiches
- Chips
- Can Drinks
- Candy
- Snow Cones

Please plan to come and eat lunch with us.

Parker Receives Degree

Degrees were conferred on 83 undergraduate and 104 graduate students at Tarleton State University summer commencement Aug. 13.

The degrees were conferred by TSU president Dr. W. O. Trogdon at exercises held in Wisdom Gymnasium on the Tarleton campus. Among the list of graduates was Jim D. Parker of Gail.

Jim graduated with a M.E.D. Secondary Education, degree.

Cattle Numbers Continue Decline

Cattle men across the nation are continuing to reduce their herds, but some signs point toward a buildup by next year.

Dr. Edward Uvacek, Jr., livestock marketing specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, notes that recently reported lower cattle numbers mean producers are still in the liquidation phase of the cattle cycle.

Total cattle and calf inventories on July 1 were 7 percent below a year ago while beef cows were down 9 percent. The specialist says beef cow replacement heifers were also down sharply, but nine states reported an increase in such heifers and one had no change from last year.

"This, in itself, might be signaling a somewhat defferent attitude among cattlemen and may point toward a buildup by next year," contends Uvacek. "Thus it appears cattle production is ending the old

cycle which began in 1967. If this prediction is correct, cattle numbers should increase during the next few years.

"This, new buildup, however may be extremely rapid and somewhat shortened," believes the marketing specialist. "I look for another peak in numbers by 1985 or 1986."

Uvacek says the calving rate is still extremely low. The 1978 calf crop is estimated to be 4 percent smaller and come from 7 percent fewer beef cows. Of course, this calf crop number is only a preliminary figure and will be finalized at the end of the year.

Feeder cattle and calves available for feedlots in the second half of this year are also down compared with a year ago. The specialist points out that while the feedlot demand probably won't continue at its present rate, these reduced supplies should still keep feeder prices favorable.

Lesla Barnes Honored

On Thursday, August 17, a bridal shower honoring Miss Lesla Barnes, bride elect of Eurdist Rinehart was held at the Plains Community Center. The hostesses were Frances Burkett, Nita Bradshaw, Kay Doyle, Eva Doyle, Barbara Farmer, Jaunda Hancock, Jo Hensley, Pam Hess, Gae Ludecke, Carolyn Stephens, Jackie Turner, Janette Turner and Mary Lynn Williams.

They presented the bride elect with a set of club aluminum cookware and a electric crocker/fry pan.

The refreshment table held blue, yellow and gold appointments. Guest were served punch, cheese roll, sausage balls, finger sandwiches, and cookies by Martha Anderson, Stephanie Stephens and Karen Williams.

Sue Hancock served at the register. Special guest included Mrs. Edward Rinehart, Mrs. James Telchik, Mrs. J. R. Brown, Mrs. A. L. Barnes, and Mrs. Adolph Telchik.

Miss Barnes and Rinehart plan an August 25th wedding.

Roping Results

Results of last Saturday night's roping are as follows:

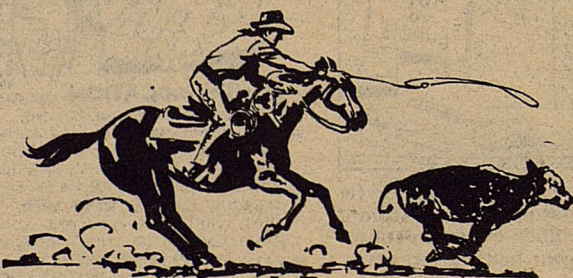
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1st go:
1st. Doug Tate-Travis Rinehart
2nd. Arlan Youngblood-David Pool
3rd. Jerry Springe-Ty Springer

2nd go:
1st. Ronnie Hart-Melvin Lewis
2nd. Jerry Springer-Ty Springer
3rd. Arlan Youngblood-Dave Pool
3rd go: Sorry we missed the results.

Average:
1st. Jerry Springer-Ty Springer
2nd. Joe Beck-Bo Robinson
3rd. Tom Thompson-Arlan Youngblood

1 header:
1st. Dave Pool-Jerry Springer
2nd. Dave Pool-David Pool
3rd. Ronnie Hart-Melvin Lewis
4th. David Pool-Travis Rinehart

We would like to thank Sid Hart for flagging and Brent Murphy, Don Cox and FayDean Hart for handling the books and timing. Sid, is it a little hard to stay in the middle of your horse, while flagging???



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Grandpaw Says

-Hi-

-Scientists say we are what we eat. Nuts must be a commoner diet than we had thought.-

-A genius is a "crackpot" who made a screwball idea work.-

-There's no such thing as equality before the law. A banker can write a bad poem but a poet who writes a bad check is sent to jail.-

-Ten minutes of good luck will make you forget all the bad luck you ever had.-

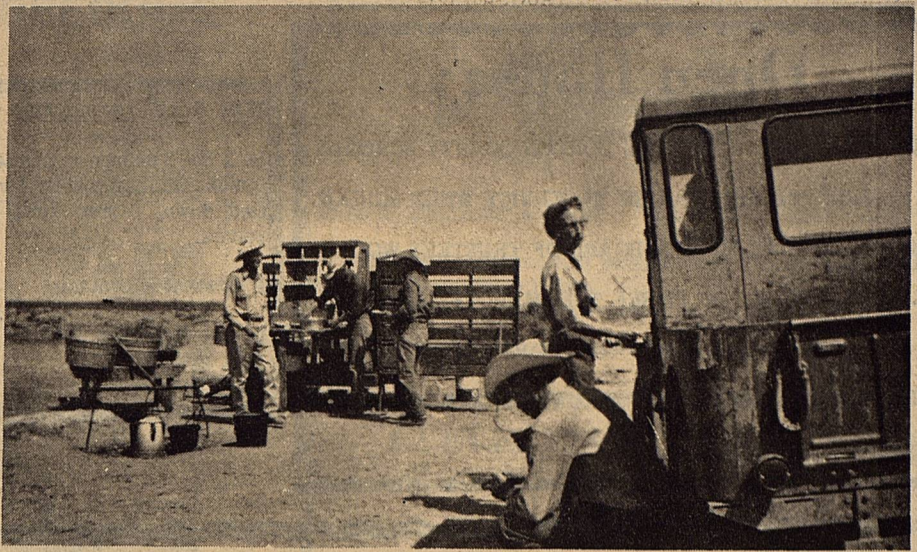
-It used to be that guinea pigs multiplied fastest. Then came along government job holders.-

.....just in case it ever comes up in a conversation.....

In 1844, Dr. George Couples a native of Scotland, started his practice of medicine in San Anotnio. He is credited with being the first doctor to use an anesthetic during surgery.

Hope you and yours are alright. Keep those cards and letters coming in!

G.P.



The Late Mrs. Frank (Annie Mae) Birmingham

Mrs. Frank (Annie Mae) Birmingham, a former resident of Borden County, passed away August 11, 1978, in the home of her daughter and son-in-law. Mr. and Mrs. Don P. Odom of Houston, Texas. She was laid to rest August 13, 1978 in the family Plot in Bastrop, Texas. Her husband Frank had preceded her in death in the 1950's. She is also survived by a grandson Donnie, wife, Linka and three grandchildren of Dallas, Texas.

Annie Mae's parents moved from Bastrop to Fort Worth when she was a young lady to further her education. While there she took part in all the social events; and was elected Queen at "The Big Ball" that was held each year.

She had a special float and rode through the streets with her precession of bows.

While in Ft. Worth she met her husband Frank Birmingham, who had moved down from Swift and Company, Chicago, Illinois and was an executive at "Armor and Swift Packing Company" at the Stock Yards in North Ft. Worth.

They were later married and after a while moved back to Bastrop, Texas.


Frank and Annie Mae leased the O.B. Ranch in Borden County in the 1940's to 1958 (After Frank passed away she

moved back to Bastrop, Texas to be with her old friends.)

We remember many happy occasions on the O.B. Ranch with Frank and Annie Mae. The Roundups, (Vivian Clark cooked out there one year), the dances, picnics under the carport, and being with them at social gatherings at other places. They would always enlighten the crowd everywhere they went.

Friends attending were T.G. and Cora Mae Hudson of Clovis N.M., Bill and Betty Land of Abilene, Texas, and Ralph Nason of Hobbs, New Mexico.

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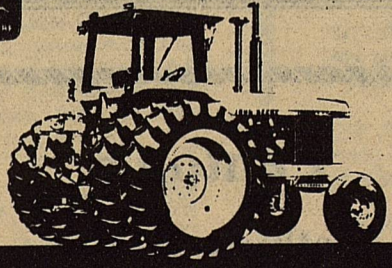
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FLASH It has not yet been confirmed but is rumored that "Hotfoot" has boasted he "...can beat Roy L. Beaver with a bucket of water under each arm"!!!

Open House

THE NEW ADDITIONS TO THE BORDEN COUNTY SCHOOLS ARE COMPLETED AND WILL BE IN SERVICE WHEN SCHOOL BEGINS ON AUGUST 28. THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WOULD LIKE FOR EACH OF YOU TO SEE THE IMPROVEMENTS. YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO AN OPEN HOUSE AT THE BORDEN COUNTY SCHOOLS ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 1978 FROM 5:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

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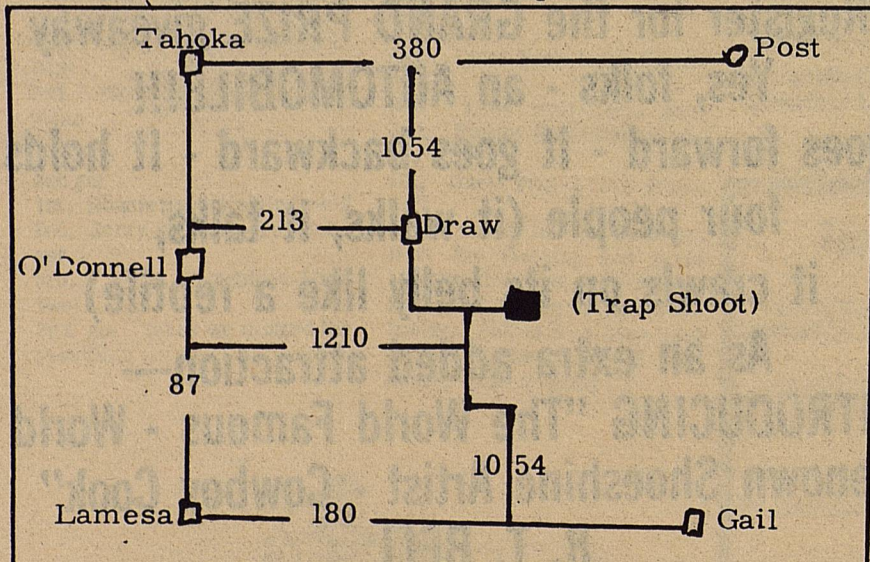
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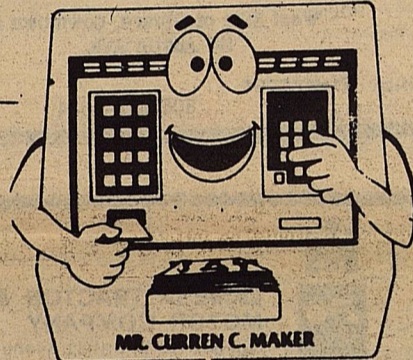
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Zants Attend Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Don Zant of Vealmoor attended a fund raising dinner in Lubbock August 12.

Senator Dole of Kansas was the principle speaker drawing a crowd of 200, fifteen percent of whom were farmers representing the American Agriculture Movement of which Mr. Zant is a active member.

Speaking in behalf of Joe Robins, Republican Candidate for the State Legislature seat vacated by Senator Hance and other Republicans, Dole said, "Tower will win."

According to Mr. Zant, Senator Dole "pointed his finger at the 'city people'" and said "You have no right to chastise the farmer. You are spending less of your total income for food now than you were ten years ago."

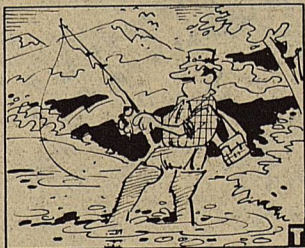
In talking to Mr. Zant and a table of AAM members, Dole said "There are more people on the payroll of the U.S.D.A. than there are farmers in America." He went on to say that the day after the Secretary of Agriculture refused the AAM's request for parity "because it would be inflationary," he increased the salary of his office staff by 65% amounting to over \$100,000.

Speaking in behalf of gubernatorial candidate Bill Clements, the Senator reminded his audience that Democrat candidate John Hill called the enforced labeling of foreign agricultural products "unconstitutional" He urged the people to know the candidates and to beware of voting "the party line" in November.

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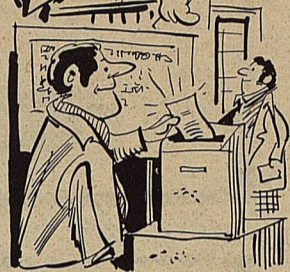
No basic cause for disagreement about environmental responsibility should exist between the corporation and society since "the public's



environment is business's environment; the people who make up corporations have to breathe the same air, drink the same water, and gaze at the same scenery, as the people they work among. And a deteriorating physical environment will sooner or later result in a deteriorating business atmosphere."

OUR PRECIOUS FREEDOMS

In his first inaugural address, Thomas Jefferson called "freedom of the press... the creed of our political faith, the text of civil instruction, the touchstone by which we try the services of those we trust... and... the road which alone leads to peace, liberty and safety."



Freedom of choice and the right to a secret ballot is guaranteed to workers by law, but union organizers trying to sign up the workers at J. P. Stevens, want to bypass secret ballot elections.

The first amendment of the constitution, ratified on Dec. 15, 1791, guarantees freedom of speech to Americans, saying "Congress shall make no law... abridging the freedom of speech."



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The Over Population Myth

BY Phyllis Schlafly

"Overpopulation is the only really grave problem mankind faces. All other problems are secondary...The population explosion is a recipe for disaster for all nations, underpopulated and overpopulated."

This quotation is from one of many newspaper and magazine articles which currently argue that we have too many children.

A decade ago, this theme, led by a book called "The Population Bomb," was being taught in high school and science classes. Then its dire predictions of disaster dimmed in the face of the dramatic fall in the American birth rate. Closed maternity wards in hospitals were soon followed by closed elementary schools.

Now this myth has surfaced again, after under the revised caption, "The population clock." It has even less substance now than 10 years ago. Contrary to its thesis, a large population is a blessing and not a recipe for disaster.

The most densely populated countries are also among the most prosperous, even when they lack any mineral resources such as oil or gas. The Netherlands, a nation of high average income and very dense population, has 970 persons per square mile. Belgium, another high-income country, has 840 persons per square mile. Japan has 785 persons, West Germany has 642, and Switzerland has 398.

It is significant that the high-income nations of West Germany, Japan and Switzerland are countries whose money, the mark, the yen and franc respectively, are going up in value while our dollar is rapidly declining. Switzerland has the highest average income per person of all nations in the world except several tiny oil-rich countries in the Persian Gulf.

The United States is blessed with far more agricultural, mineral, timber and water-power wealth than all those nations added together. Why are they getting richer while we are becoming poorer? One reason could be that those nations have an abundance of what the anti-population books and articles argue is a liability, namely, a very dense population.

There are other factors, of course. Japan has not had to spend its own money for

military defense because it is provided by the United States. On the other hand, some of the densely populated nations, such as Japan and West Germany, were heavily damaged in World War II.

The Republic of China on Taiwan started out in 1947 as the most war-devastated area in Asia. It is now the second most prosperous country in the Far East despite its large annual expenditures for military defense against threatened invasions by Red China. Taiwan's very large population of 1,181 persons per square mile is a splendid asset for economic growth.

In contrast to these densely populated countries, the United States--even if we exclude sparsely populated Alaska--has only 66 persons to the square mile. Despite this underpopulation, our birth-rate has fallen to 1.76 child per woman, far below the bare replacement figure of 2.1 per woman.

Yet weird arguments are made in current articles to justify further U.S. population reduction. One suggestion is that, since "we are already struggling with a complex of 'domestic problems' that are either caused by domestic overcrowding or aggravated by world overpopulation," the solution is to find "a birth-control method that simply permits parents to choose a son in preference to a daughter. After all, God did."

This "solution" is based on the premise that a nation's population multiplies only in proportion to its females, rather than in proportion to its persons.

The overpopulation myth goes hand in glove with the no-growth attitude toward energy. Its basic rationale is: Assume that progress has come to an end and there are no more frontiers, therefore divide up the shortages, grin and bear it.

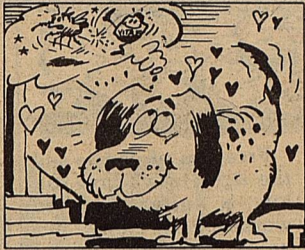
The United States became a great nation because previous generations believed in every kind of growth; population, scientific, industrial and technological. This is no time to put the lid on progress and growth.



GETTING FLEAS TO FLEE

Although many people have their own theory on how to get fleas to flee, there are some facts about these bothersome parasites, along with ways to get rid of them, that may surprise you.

A flea can jump off a table and land from 3 1/2 to 5 feet



away. They can also jump nine inches straight up from the floor and can live about 583 days on your pet if you do nothing about them.

Although many dog owners think a flea collar is the best answer to their pets' flea problem, many experts point out that chemicals from these collars can be absorbed into your pets' skin. Instead, many recommend tablets for dogs and cats that work internally to discourage flea infestation. One, Vita-Flea, is a natural-base tablet that includes vitamins and minerals in the proper balance to reverse and halt infestations by fleas and other external parasites. And because it's a food supplement, dogs and cats are healthier.

Actually, fleas do not bite. They use a razor-sharp stylus that comes down from their snout with which they cut back and forth. That's why using a flea control will keep the four-pawed members of your family happy and healthy.



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