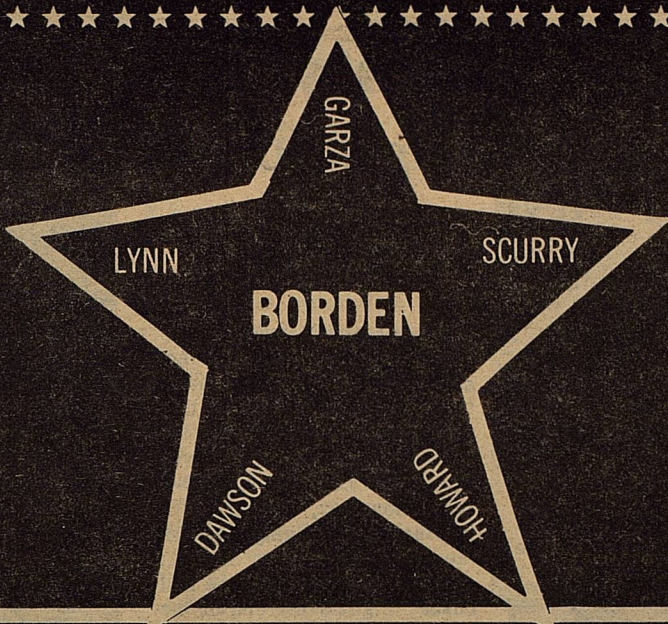


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GOV. DOLPH BRISCOE declined an invitation to be with John Hill at the State Democratic Convention in Fort Worth in September and instead attended a celebration in Houston where he was photographed with BILL CLEMENTS, Republican Candidate for Governor.

Briscoe Endorses Clements

AUSTIN--Texans have a clear-cut choice between the two major gubernatorial candidates this year--one a conservative and the other, a liberal--who offer totally different approaches to solving the challenges facing this state, gubernatorial candidate Bill Clements says.

"The pressures of a fast changing world affect every state, even the more prosperous ones like Texas, and our state needs a governor who will provide strong, conservative and business-like leadership in Austin," Clements says.

The gubernatorial candidates' stands on the issues clearly illustrate the broad philosophical differences between Clements, the conservative, and John Hill, the liberal, and their vastly different approaches to state government.

The following look at the candidates' stands on the issues indicates the clear choice

offered Texas voters:

* Taxes: To protect Texans from excessive taxation and runaway government spending, Clements has proposed a Taxpayer's Bill of Rights, a set of Constitutional amendments that would (1) ban state income taxes of any kind (2) give Texans the right of initiative and referendum, (3) require a two-thirds record vote of both Houses of the Legislature to pass a tax bill, and (4) allow local taxpayers to call an election to ratify or reject tax increases granted by local governments. His opponent merely wants to "freeze" taxes, not cut them as Clements proposes.

* Governmental Bureaucracy: As a conservative, Clements stands for strong fiscal management and responsible government. He proposes to reduce the state bureaucracy by 25,000 employees over a four-year period through attrition. Clements also as

Deputy Secretary of Defense in Washington he reduced the defense bureaucracy by 86,000 people in four years.

His opponent, during his six years as attorney general, has increased that office's budget by 600 percent and the staff by 300 percent. During his campaign, Mr. Hill has proposed the creation of seven new state agencies or offices.

* Education: Clements, a longtime member and former chairman of the board of Southern Methodist University, believes that Texas schools should return to an emphasis on the basics -- reading, writing, and arithmetic, as well as stronger discipline in the classrooms. He supports mandatory competency tests for both teachers and students. He believes in adjusting teachers' salaries for inflation, with merit increases going only to teachers who earn them. He favors increasing the starting salary for teachers to make them comparable with other state agencies.

His opponent has no background in education and takes the typical bureaucrat's approach to solving problems -- spending more taxpayers' dollars.

* Energy: Clements, who has spent his adult life in the energy business, wants a national energy program that emphasizes the production of more energy and does not punish the energy-producing states such as Texas. Clements says Texas needs a governor who will not stand for North-eastern plundering of Texas' energy assets when an emergency hits.

His opponent has no experience in the energy business, and as an ally of the Carter Administration, he is not free to actively oppose the administration's energy program.

* Local Government: Clements strongly believes that government closest to the people is the best government. He believes that local governments should control their own local matters so that authority does not gravitate toward Austin as state authority has gravitated toward Washington.

His opponent strongly supported a proposed new state Constitution in 1975 that would con't on page 5



Borden County's PAT MURPHY is shown above as she greets Congressional Candidate CHARLES STENHOLM during his whistle-stop tour in Gail Monday.

Stenholm Visits Gail

Several local residents joined about 45 citizens of Stamford and nearby communities today as a bus caravan campaigning for Charles Stenholm for Congress visited Gail. Stenholm and his wife Cindy were among the bus load of volunteers meeting the people, answering questions and distributing campaign literature.

The visit to Gail was arranged by J.B. Cooper of Roscoe, area coordinator; and Mrs. Pat Murphy of Ira, Borden County Coordinator for Stenholm.

The bus load stopped at the school cafeteria for a quick lunch of fried chicken before going on to O'Donnell. From there they will turn back east and visit Post and other communities on their whistle stop 500 mile trip back to Stamford.

Stenholm, 40, is the Democrat nominee for the 17th Congressional District. He

won the June 3 runoff with a landslide, two to one victory. He is seeking the post being vacated by the retiring, veteran legislator Cong. Omar Burleson.

A farmer-businessman from Stamford, Stenholm holds an M.S. in agricultural education from Texas Tech University. He has taught vocational agriculture, worked as the executive officer of Rolling Plains Cotton Growers and general manager of Stamford Electric Cooperative. He is a director of the First National Bank in Stamford.

Stenholm has served as president of the Stamford United Way, Stamford Little League, Texas Electric Cooperatives Association, Rolling Plains Cotton Growers and the Stamford Chamber of Commerce. He is a former member of the Texas State Democratic Executive Committee.

Borden County School News

Borden Vs. Garden City

The Borden Coyotes played host to Garden City in a game which was a hard played game. The final score was Garden City 14, Borden 10. The Coyotes got on the scoreboard first with a 1 yard run by Blane Dyess. Dyess also kicked the extra point. The Bearcats came back on a 1 yard run by Brad Calvarley. Overton kicked the extra point. The score at halftime was 7-7.

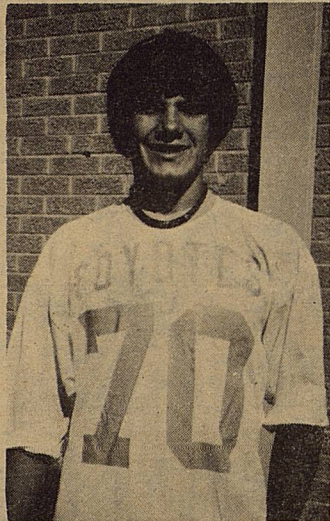
The second half started off slow but the Coyotes began to move and went down to the Bearcats 5 yard line. From there Blane Dyess kicked a 22 yard field goal to put the Coyotes ahead 10-7. The 4th quarter started and with 7 minutes left, Brad Calvarley went over again for the Bearcats and Overton kicked the extra point. That score won it for the Bearcats 14-10.

The Coyotes did have a last shot at scoring but stalled out.

The game was a good one for the Coyotes. Craig Peterson, Perry Smith and Van York had a good game defensively. Offensively, Mark Walker,

Blane Dyess and Ben Murphy had a good game. Walker rushed for 10 yards and Ben Murphy caught around 100 yards in passes.

The Coyotes next game is at Sterling City. Game time is 7:30.



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Jr. High Vs. Bearcats

The Coyotes visited Garden City last Thursday and lost the game 24-8. The Coyotes did a good job in the second half and out-played the Bearcats 8-0. The first half was costly for the Coyotes with the Bearcats scoring three times on long sweep plays.

The Coyotes did come back in the second half and scored a touchdown. The touch down was scored by Kevin Telchik and the 2 point conversion was made by Phillip Benavidez.

The TD by Telchik was set up by Phillip Benavidez on a 40 yard sweep. Kevin then ran a quarterback keeper for a TD. The Coyotes defense shut down the Bearcats offense the second half.

Outstanding defense was played by all the Coyotes in the second half against a team which was much larger in size but not in heart.

The Coyotes are at home this week against Klondike. Game time 6:00 p.m.

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The end of football season is drawing near and we would like to thank the Junior High cheerleaders for doing such a good job in supporting their team. Back- Roxie Wolf, Shelle Peterson, Jenifer Wilson, Kim Wills, Shana Bradshaw, Shawna Vaughn.

High School Pep Rally

Coach Maxwell gave the pep talk during the pep rally for high school last week. His comment, "We are still convinced that we are going to win" was the feeling of the team also. Even though the Coyotes stand 0-8 in season play, they are still playing and practicing as though they were 8-0. They are not going to give up until the last buzzer signals the end of the game at Roby on November 10. If you have not been attending these football games, you are missing something. Try to attend the next game and show the Coyotes since they are not quitting, then we are not going to stop supporting them.

Brad Smith gave the pep talk and Blane Dyess presented the team star. Receiving the star this week was Carley Doyle, an outstanding Coyote end who shows great team spirit on and off the field. The spirit stick was presented to Terrie Moreno by cheerleader, Karen Williams.



8th GRADE OFFICERS- Left to right- Seated: Stephanie Stephens, President; Jenifer Wilson, Vice President; Julie Redding, Secretary; Kelley Richardson, Treasurer; and Kevin Telchik, Reporter.

Senior Trap Shoot

Thank You

The Senior Class would like to give special "thanks" to everyone who took part in the Turkey Shoot last Saturday. Thanks to you it was one of the most successful shoots ever.

We would especially like to thank the Lamesa Trap Club and the Borden County 4-H Trap Club for the use of their throwers.

/s/ Rhesa Wolf, Reporter



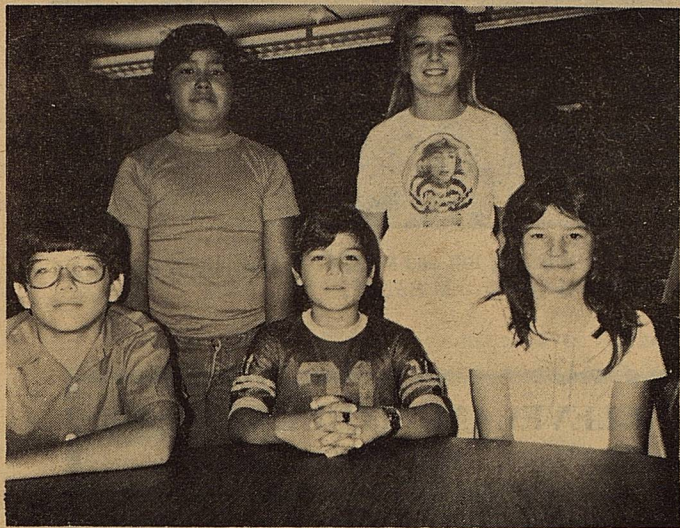
7th GRADE OFFICERS- Left to right- Seated- Roxie Wolf, President; Tammy Miller, Vice-President; Penny Davidson, Secretary, Kim Wills, Treasurer; and Kelly Williams, Reporter.



Silver for the first dimes minted was provided by George Washington from his own household silverware.

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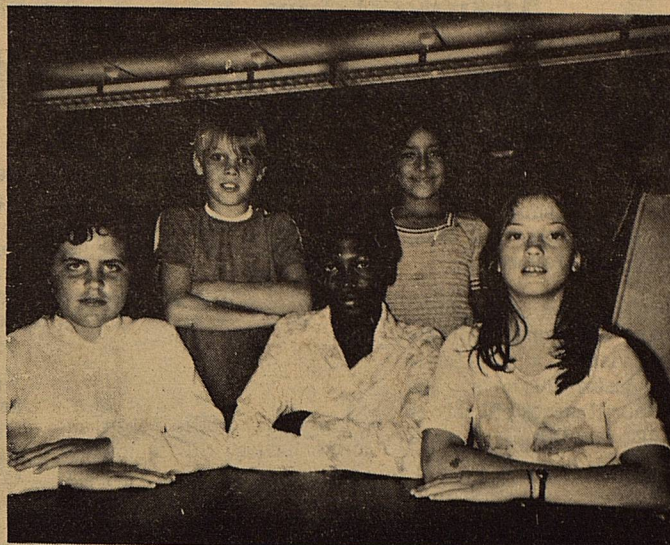
6th GRADE OFFICERS- Left to right- Seated- Kirby Williams, President; Joe Villanueva, Vice-President, Shana Bradshaw, Secretary, Oscar Gonzales, Treasurer; and Shawna Vaughn, Reporter.

Jr. High Pep Rally

In the last Junior High Pep rally, Coach Maxwell gave the pep talk. He informed the fans that the team had bad luck last week because they had lost Duane Summers, nose-guard; Scott Brooks, tackle; and Joe Robinson, tackle. The team suffered another setback this week during football practice, Kevin Telchik, quarterback, broke an arm.

A very unusual skit was performed by the cheerleaders, twirlers, and drummers. The cheerleaders acted as Big Bad Red (Coyotes) and the others played the part of Bearcats.

The victory bell was given to Sammy Harris for making the best poster and the spirit stick was presented to Samantha Porter for having the most school spirit.



5th GRADE OFFICERS- Left to right- Seated- Dana Gray, President; Mary Washington, Vice-President; Katherine Craig, Secretary; Jerry Green, Treasurer; and Cindy Balague, Reporter.

School Meals

Lunch **Breakfast**

November 6-10, 1978

MONDAY
Fish
Pinto Beans
Fruit Salad
Cornbread
Milk
Salad Bar

TUESDAY
Western Burgers
Tater Tots
Vegetable Salad
Peach Half
Milk

WEDNESDAY
Tacos with Cheese
Lettuce and Tomatoes
Fruit Cobbler
Milk
Salad Bar

THURSDAY
Hamburgers
French Fries
Lettuce and Tomatoes
Peanut Butter Cake
Milk

FRIDAY
Tamales
Buttered Corn
Mexican Bean Salad
Wacky Cake
Milk
Salad Bar

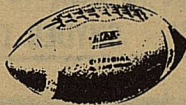
MONDAY
Cereal
Fruit Juice
Milk

TUESDAY
Cinnamon Toast
Pear Half
Milk

WEDNESDAY
Pancakes
Fruit Juice
Milk

THURSDAY
Hot Bread
Bacon
Applesauce
Milk

FRIDAY
Cereal
Fruit Juice
Milk



There are only four more football games left in this season- two High School and two Junior High.

Come out and watch them Play!!!



Jr. High Twirlers, Simonia Benavidez and Tonya Hollis have done a great job this season supporting the Coyotes.

BORDEN COUNTY Coyotes

Nov. 3	Sterling City	Away	7:30*
Nov. 10	Roby	Away	7:30*

* Denotes district games

JUNIOR HIGH

Nov. 2	Sterling City	Home	6:00
Nov. 9	Roby	Home	5:30

E. L. Short

For

State Senator

My family and I wish to take this opportunity to thank you folks of Gail and Borden County.

When finally elected, I pledge to use common sense and a business approach in representing West Texas as State Senator.

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What's Hap-Nin Around Town

Wacey Parks celebrated his 5th birthday at the Kiddie Park in Snyder last Thursday afternoon. Halloween was the theme with approximately 15 relatives and friends attending. Wacey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Parks of Fluvanna.

Darrell Taylor of Brighton, Colorado was home over the weekend visiting with his family the Buster Taylor's. Joe and Melisa Hancock of Lubbock were also weekend visitors of the Taylor's.

Ross, Sarah and Jason Sharp are new residents of Gail. Ross and his family moved from the Plains Community where he is employed by Borden County Precinct No. 1. Welcome to Gail!

Chad Vaughn son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vaughn of the Plains Community has been admitted to a Lubbock hospital to under go test. We wish you the best of luck, Chad!

Sue Smith of the Plains was hospitalized last week in Lamesa, however we understand she is home now and doing very well.

Mrs. Frank Mennix of Gail was hospitalized in Lamesa last week. She is expected to be released around the middle of the week. Best wishes to you Mary, we're all thinking of you.

Donna and Neal Holdeman and Shawna Johnson all of Wichita Falls were Borden County visitors over the weekend. Donna and Neal came to check on "Daddy Don" and help Teresa Cox celebrate her birthday and Shawna was visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wills.

Billy and Dottie Wills enjoyed having Billy's mother Mrs. Ila Mae Wills of Post, spend a couple of days with them.

It was nice seeing Richard Long Friday night at the football game. Richard plays on the Junior Varsity team for the Texas Tech Red Raiders.

After the 4-H food show Saturday, looks as if we Borden County cooks have competition. There sure were some good looking dishes prepared by our Junior cooks. Congratulations to all of you ribbon winners!

The Seniors certainly had things booming in Gail Saturday from their Turkey Shoot. From the sound and looks of all the cars, they had a real nice turn out for their "shoot out"!

Candidates Wife Visits Big Spring

A large group had the privilege of meeting Mrs. Jim Baker in Big Spring last week.

Mrs. Baker, wife of Attorney General hopeful, was entertained at the home of Mrs. Don Newsom with Mrs. Rich Anderson acting as co-hostess.

Making a whistle stop tour of West Texas, Mrs. Baker and her campaign manager Karen Jones were grounded in Lubbock due to fog and drove on to Big Spring for the afternoon tea.

The vivacious mother of eight drove on to Midland for an evening appearance there. "We have logged over 7,000 miles," she said, "and have found the people of West Texas enthusiastic and exceedingly friendly.

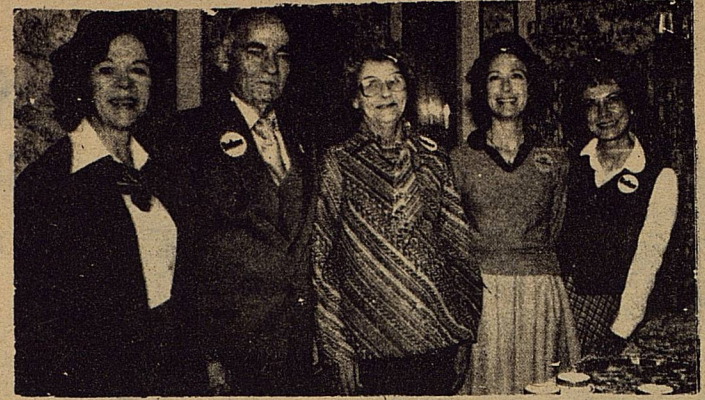
"Jim Baker, Republican candidate for attorney general believes that we must crack down on criminal sentencing to deter crime in Texas," Mrs. Baker, said in Big Spring Tuesday.

"Baker is emphasizing fixed-length sentencing which would be fair sentencing for all He is distressed at the present system where one man will get a probated sentence for a lesser crime," the candidates wife added.

"Although his opponet is claiming that he (Baker) is trying to take the place of the jury, this is not true. The sentencing would be flexible and take in such things as first offense, whether or not the crime was committed with a gun and others. But he does believe that we must cease to molly-coddle criminals if we want to halt crime," she continued.

She also came down heavy on a statement made here this week by Mark White, the Democrat candidate. "White was claiming to be economical when actually he is a big spender," Mrs. Baker stated firmly.

"White claimed he turned back \$4 million from his Secretary of State budget, but failed to say that money was forced to be turned back because it was budgeted to run the state's primaries. Actually he was reprimanded by the legislature for over-budgeting. Cont. to pg. 5



MRS. ANDERSON, left and MRS. NEWSOM, right, host candidate's wife, MRS. JIM BAKER.

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ENGLAND- Since Bruce and I are both contributing to the "imbalance of payments", we decided to let Henry Hazlitt summarize our feelings on inflation.

INFLATION IN ONE PAGE

1. Inflation is an increase in the quantity of money and credit. Its chief consequence is soaring prices. Therefore inflation - if we misuse the term to mean the rising prices themselves - is caused solely by printing more money. For this the government's monetary policies are entirely responsible.

2. The most frequent reason for printing more money is the existence of an unbalanced budget. Unbalanced budgets are caused by extravagant expenditures which the government is unwilling or unable to pay for by raising corresponding tax revenues. The excessive expenditures are mainly the result of government efforts to redistribute wealth and income - in short, to force the productive to support the unproductive. This erodes the working incentives of both the productive and the unproductive.

3. The causes of inflation are not, as so often said, "multiple and complex," but simply the result of printing too much money. There is no such thing as "cost-push" inflation. If, without an increase in the stock of money, wage or other costs are forced up, and producers try to pass these costs along by raising their selling prices, most of them will merely sell fewer goods. The result will be reduced output and loss of jobs. Higher costs can only be passed along in higher selling prices when consumers have more money to pay the higher prices.

4. Price controls cannot stop or slow down inflation. They always do harm. Price controls simply squeeze or wipe out profit margins, disrupt production, and lead to bottlenecks and shortages. All government price and wage control, or even "monitoring," is merely an attempt by the politicians to shift the blame for inflation on to producers and sellers instead of their own monetary policies.

5. Prolonged inflation never "stimulates" the economy. On the contrary, it unbalances, disrupts, and misdirects production and employment. Unemployment is mainly caused by excessive wage rates in some industries, brought about either by extortionate union demands, by minimum wage laws (which keep teenagers and the unskilled out of jobs), or by prolonged and over-generous unemployment insurance.

6. To avoid irreparable damage, the budget must be balanced at the earliest possible moment, and not in some sweet by-and-by. Balance must be brought about by slashing reckless spending, and not by in-

creasing a tax burden that is already undermining incentives and production.

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have further centralized governmental authority in Austin
* Agriculture : Clements believes that Texas farmers deserve fair market prices, that consider parity, for their products. He supports an aggressive national export policy and a corresponding Texas overseas marketing program to expand world markets for Texas farmers. He also strongly believes that new water resources need to be developed in Texas and that beef imports need to be controlled.

His opponent is in league with a national administration that has done nothing but hurt Texas farmers.

* Unions Clements wants a job-creating climate in Texas and he wants the working men and women of Texas protected from the excessive demands of the labor bosses. Clements strongly supports Texas' Right-to-work law and he is absolutely opposed to public employee unions in any form.

His opponent was silent when he had the opportunity to specifically oppose the attempted Labor Reform Act which would have weakened Texas' Right-to-Work law. And, he stood by as his party endorsed collective bargaining for public employees.

* Crime Clements believes that the most important goal is to get the repeat offenders off the streets. He also supports mandatory minimum sentences for specific crimes, so that a potential criminal clearly knows the consequences of his acts. Clements opposes gun control because it is an infringement on Constitutional rights.

His opponent's answer to fighting crime has been to increase the bureaucracy. He wants to establish a statewide grand jury, that would remove power from local grand juries.

Mrs. Baker

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"My husband was the first candidate to advocate fighting the federal pricing control and allocation authority over Intra-state Oil and Gas. When the other party saw how popular that stand was, they jumped over at the last minute and claimed it as their own," Mrs. Baker continued.



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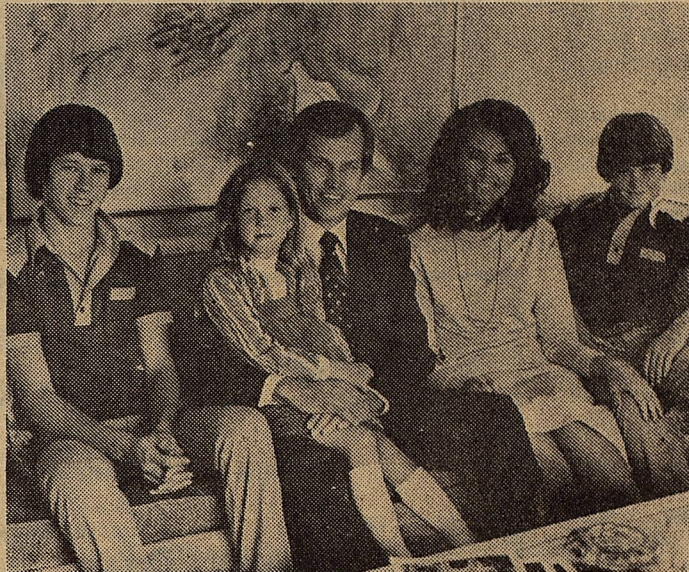
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4-H Food Show

The Borden County 4-H Food Show was held Saturday, October 28 in the Conference Room of Borden High School.

There were fourteen entrants in the three divisions: Honorary, Junior and Senior. Those entering the honorary division were Will Phinizy, Main dish and Ralyn Key, Breads and Desserts. In the Junior division those entering by classes were: Side Dish- Cathy York, Julie Ridenour, Wayne Daugherty; Main Dish- Samantha Porter, John Stephens, Carl Daugherty, and Michael Murphy; Snacks and Beverages- Kristi Stone; Breads and Desserts- Gerry Smith, Brice Key and Mickey Burkett. The Sr. division was entered by Glynda Burkett in the Breads and Desserts Class.

Judges, Paula Cawthon and Patricia Sanders were very impressed with the Borden County Cooks. The competition was so close they were all awarded blue ribbons. In order to receive a blue ribbon one has to receive a 90 or above in the scoring. Class winners were chosen as being the one that had the highest score in the class. The following class winners will represent Borden County 4-H in District Competition: Junior Division Side Dish, Wayne Daugherty; alternate Julie Ridenour; Main Dish, John Stephens; alternate Carl Daugherty; Snacks and Beverages Kristi Stone; Breads and Desserts, Brice Key, alternate Gerry Smith.

After judging, the contestants served their food to about thirty guests. Awards of Cook Books, Rosettes, and Ribbons were presented to winners by Jere Daugherty and Kathy Blagrove after sampling of food.

Borden 4-H wishes to thank all those involved for a very successful and enjoyable Food Show.

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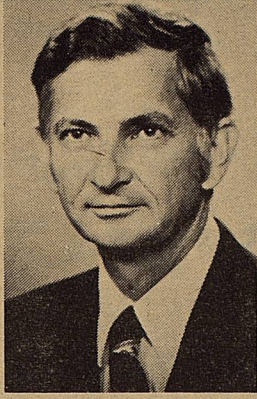
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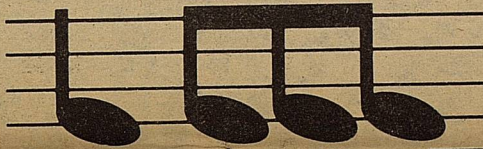
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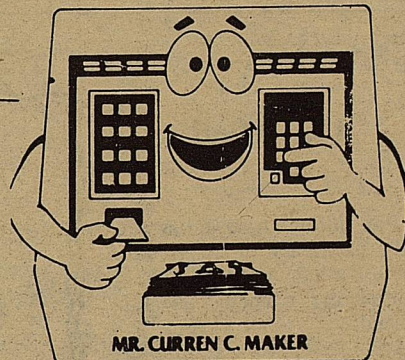


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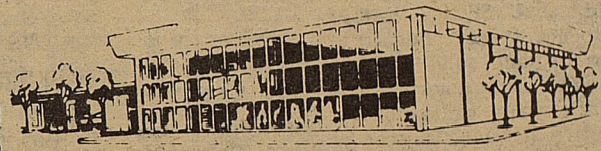
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DISASTER

If cotton production is less than 75% of the farm established yield, and grain sorghum production is less than 60% of the farm established yield, you may be eligible for a low yield payment, applications must be filed with in 15 days after harvest is completed before any other use is made of the acreage.

LIVESTOCK FEED PROGRAM

Producers with a pasture loss of 40% or more below normal and are purchasing feed in excess of the amount normally purchased for eligible livestock, could be eligible for assistance under the emergency feed program. Affected producers should contact this office.

WOOL & UNSHORN LAMBS

Producers are reminded to bring in your sales receipts for wool and unshorn lambs and file your application for incentive payment as soon as marketings are complete. January 31, 1979 is the final date to file your application.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK REPORTS FROM FARMERS AND RANCHERS NEEDED

From mid-November to early January, thousands of Texas farmers and ranchers will receive a crop or livestock questionnaire from the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service or will be personally interviewed by the Service's field staff. The information gathered through the questionnaires and interviews provides the basis for determining the final acreage, yield, and production of crops and end-of-the-year livestock and poultry numbers for the state of Texas and for each county.

Reliable information on what is produced, how much, and where is important to farmers, ranchers, and others in making production and marketing decisions and in providing an unbiased picture of Texas agriculture. These are also essential to farm organizations and legislators in promotion, planning, and enacting wise legislation and are used in establishing acreages and payment levels to producers under the various commodity program.

The collection and publication of agricultural statistics are a cooperative effort between the Texas Department of Agriculture and USDA. This cooperation avoids duplication of effort, promotes economies, and increases the effectiveness of statistical reports. All individual farm and ranch information is kept confidential, and only state and county summaries become part of the final published estimate.

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