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Americans Overprotected?

(Ed. note: We found the "Letter from the president" editorial as interesting as our friend Dick Crow of the Western Livestock Journal did so we are taking the liberty of printing it. Bill Dameron, who wrote the article, is president of the International Limousin Journal.

"I recently read," wrote Dameron, "a statement by Henry Fairlie of the Washington Post 'That the once rambunctious American spirit of innovation and adventure is today being paralyzed by the desire to build a risk-free society. The desire to build a completely safe society has always been the sign of decadence-as if the nation has given up; as if it has retired from history to pet itself.

"The accident at Three Mile Island was a misadventure to be expected in any complex human endeavor. The nation's reaction? Ban nuclear energy forever! One engine falls off of one DC-10 in circumstances unlikely ever to be repeated. The reaction? American authorities set out to destroy the reputation of as trustworthy an aircraft as is now flying.

The President recently spoke of the decline in America's confidence in the future. If the American people for the first time no longer believe that life will be better for their children, it is at least in part because they are beginning to think that there will be no food for them to eat without dying like rats of cancer; no form of transport that will get them safely from here to there. Annually, hundreds of safety regulations are enacted to protect us from everything we buy, other

people, and even from ourselves.

I turn from the notion of a risk-free society to the epic of Homer, to the magnificent testimony to a people's will in the Old Testament, to the sagas of the Vikings and the daring of the Elizabethans, and there is not a hint of safety regulations in one of them. It was not just the wretched and oppressed that came to America-but it was also the strong who would risk. They didn't ask if the Mayflower was seaworthy. They just came.

Part of the malaise of the American spirit at the moment seems to me simply an expression of pure boredom. It hangs like a pall, worse than any pollution over the lives of the people. We've been programmed to stay safe-take no risks-buy and consume only what's approved-there's danger in adventure-protect yourself! Life's challenge is reduced to carefully inspecting the

list of ingredients on a package of dried parsley.

'Adam and Eve lived in a risk-free society of two where everthing was furnished them, where they were protected in a garden on no-risk security. It must have been a life of infinite boredom. Perhaps the sheer tedium made them bite the apple."

Bill finished his letter with some of his own observations that we liked very much.

"This malady, to the cowman, is like the Chinese. He risks more in one season than many people do in a lifetime. He fights storms, disease, drought, vermin, environmentalists, cattle cycles, high feed, cheap cows, frozen stock tanks, loco horses, busted fences, hail, fire, cows getting out, bulls gettin' in, rained-on hay and warmed-over turnip greens. Yet he stands because of his indomitable spirit. He has inner pride because he has

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Great American Smokeout

November 15 marked the American Cancer Society's third annual "Great American Smokeout". This was designed by the Society to encourage people to quit puffing for at least 24 hours.

Millions tried to give up cigarettes for many reasons -- for love, health, economy, fear, vanity, or to set an example.

Thousands of smokers in previous smokeouts have quit for long-term periods and many quit entirely. Last year, approximately 2.5 million smokers who participated in the smokeout still weren't

smoking two weeks after the "day".

Even though the smokeout is over, the cancer society encourages those who try, but can't quit smoking, to examine their habit more closely; possibly even seek professional assistance to help them quit.

In charge of the smokeout for Borden County was Sue Smith, president of the Borden County Cancer Society. Assisting Sue by judging posters for a Smokeout poster contest was Mrs. Sally Wilson. See story on page 2.



KAY COPELAND



STEPHANIE STEPHENS

Borden High School Twirlers recently earned Division 1 ratings for their twirling performances at the Region VI U.I.L. Twirling Contest. This superior rating at the region level qualifies them for State Twirling Finals to be held the last weekend in May 1980. The competition will be held on the campus of the University of Texas, Austin. Congratulations to Kay Copeland and Stephanie Stephens on a fine job!

"Candlelight At The Museum"

"Candlelight at The Museum," begun last year with an after-dark visit to the Ranching Heritage Center, will become an annual event. Dates for the 1979 observance are Dec. 5 and 6, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. each night.

The Ranching Heritage Center, a 12-acre outdoor exhibit depicting the history of ranching in America, will be lighted by a full moon, luminaries, lanterns and candles for a nighttime glimpse of 19th century holiday activities.

Visitors can peek in the windows of selected buildings to see holiday scenes, family Christmas preparations and activities. Holiday music will be furnished by fiddler Cecil Caldwell and the Country and Blue Grass Department of South Plains College, Levelland. Visitors can join in a "barn dance" south of

the Reynolds-Gentry Barn.

Lighted buildings will include El Capote, Hedwigs Hill, the Jowell House, the Matador Half Dugout, the C. C. slaughter Two-Story Dugout, the Harrell House, the JY Bunkhouse, Las Escarbadas, and the Picket and Sotol House.

Programs in the various buildings on display will be appropriate to the period and lifestyle each represents. The authentic buildings restored at the site represent almost a century of ranching development, from log-cabin living to the era of the affluent rancher at the turn of the century.

Admission to the program is \$2 per family. Assisting with "Candlelight at The Museum" will be the volunteer and professional staff of The Museum.

Borden County School News.

Smoke-Out Poster Contest

Millions of smokers across the nation tried to kick the habit on November 15. They were joined in their efforts by Borden County students in grades 1-5 who tried to encourage them by making "Quit Smoking" posters. The contest, sponsored by the American Cancer Society was organized by Sue Smith, president of the county unit. Mrs. Salley Wilson was contest judge.

Winners of the contest were presented Great American Smokeout T-shirts. Recipients of the awards were as follows:
FIRST PLACE WINNERS-Amy Lewis, 2nd grade; Sandy Buchanan, 3rd grade; Sammy Harris, 4th grade; Shelly Buchanan, 5th grade
SECOND PLACE WINNERS-Jim Ridenour, 2nd grade; Richie Anderson, 3rd grade; Will Phinizy, 4th grade; Kelli Williams, 5th grade.

STEPHANIE

STEPHENS WAS THE WINNER OF THE BEAUTY CONTEST DURING THE LAST PEP RALLY ALONG WITH Jay Brooks. Sorry, Stephanie.



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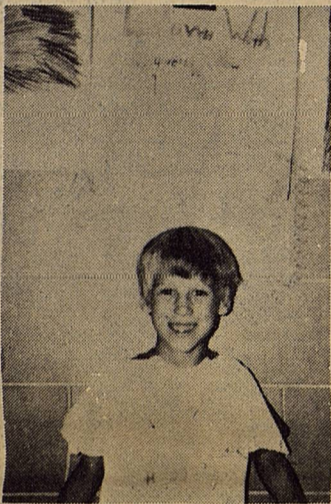


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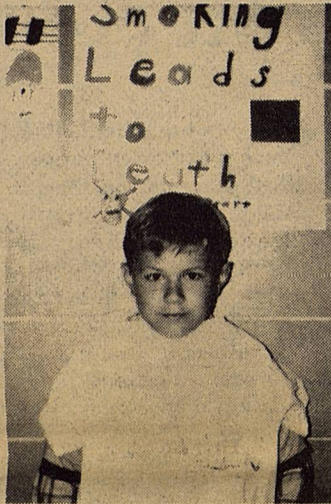


Shelly Buchanan

1st Place Poster Contest Winners



Jim Ridenour



Richie Anderson



Will Phinizy



Kelli Williams

2nd Place Poster Contest Winners

Coyote Football Team-

According to the final statistics for the Borden Coyote Football team, they had an average of 18.4 points per game to their opponents 16.8 for the season. Borden County won 4 and lost 6 games. They had a total of 184 points for the season. Rushing, they carried 454 times for 1785 yards. They caught 4-111 for 625 yards and averaged 41.4 percent passing.

Points-Blane Dyess made 8 TDs, 121 pt. conversions, 2-2 pt. conversions, 2 fieldgoals for a total of 70 points. Travis Rinehart made 6 TDs for a 36 total. Craig Peterson made 5 TDs and 1-2 pt. conversion for a total of 32. Mark Walker

had 4 TDs, 1-2 pt conversion for a total of 26 pts. Jym Rinehart had 2 TDs for a 12 pt. total. Bart McMeans had 1 TD for a 6 pt total. The defense also had a 2 point safety, bringing the total points to 184.

Rushing-Craig Peterson carried 165 times for 759 yards-84.3 yards per game-4.6 yds per carry. Travis Rinehart carried 166 times for 796 yards-79.6 yards per game-4.7 per carry. Blane Dyess carried 67 times for 101 yards-10.1 yards per game-1.4 per carry. Mark Walker carried 45 times for 92 yards total-9.2 per game-2.2 per carry. Junior Benavidez carried 9 times for 25 yards-25 yards per game and 2.7 per carry.

End of season Statistics

Darrell Green carried 2 times for 12 yards per game-6 yards per carry.

Receiving- Jym Rinehart caught 12-37 for 205 yards. Troy King caught 12-30 for 193 yards. Mark Walker caught 7-20 for 61 yards. Craig Peterson caught 11-17 for 99 yards. Travis Rinehart caught 3-6 for 22 yards. Bart McMeans caught 1 for 45 yards.

Passing- Blane Dyess threw 46-111 completed passes for a 625 yd. total. He averaged 62.5 per game and 5.6 yards per catch. His average closed at 41.4 per cent.

Defensive-Craig Peterson had 118 tackles-85 assisted

and 33 unassisted. Tim Taylor had 82 tackles-76 assisted-6 unassisted. Maurice Herridge had 97-86, 11; Mike Peterson, 109-92 and 17; Troy King-43, 33-10; Van York-60, 45-15; Blane Dyess-72, 58-14; Bart McMeans-46, 39-7; Travis Rinehart-70, 56-14; Jym Rinehart-50, 42-8; Mark Walker -28, 22-6. Chip Smith-22, 20-2; Darrell Green, 4; Jibber Herridge, 5; Tim Buchanan, 1; Junior Benavidez-33, 28-5; Keith Williams-1 unassisted.

Punting- Craig Peterson punted 27 times for an average of 30.1. Travis Rinehart punted 5 times for an average of 29.0 yards.

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Borden County School News

Basketball News

VARSITY GIRLS

Jana Edwards made 25 points to help cinch a 62-36 win over Garden City on November 13. Talley Griffin had 15 points; Glynda Burkett, 7; Karen Williams, 6; Joie Brummett, 4; Gayla Newton, 3; and Janna Love, 2. Halfman of Garden City was the leading scorer for their team with 10 points.

The Varsity Girls captured their 4th win of the season on November 15 as they fleeced Greenwood 43-38. The girl's record is now 4-0. They will battle Ira in Gail November 20 at 6:30.

Talley Griffin led scorers for Borden County with 12 points. Karen Williams followed with 10 points; Jana Edwards, 9; Gayla Newton, 4; Joie Brummett and Janna Love, 3 each; Gena McLeroy and Glynda Burkett, 1 each. The top scorer for Greenwood was Mobley with 13 points.

Borden County fell behind in the first quarter of play giving Greenwood a 6-8 lead. Borden then took advantage of free throws during the 2nd quarter to gain a 22-12 lead over the tough Greenwood team. Greenwood scored only 4 points during the 2nd quarter to Borden County's 16 points. The third and fourth quarters were very well matched offensively and defensively, making the 43-39 win a very hard-earned one for the Varsity girls team.

BORDEN JR. HIGH GIRLS BEAT IRA

The Borden Junior High girls stormed pass the Ira Junior High on Monday, November 19, beating them 51-7.

Simona Benavidez had the most total points with 12; Tracy McLaury and Penny Davidson, 10 each; Roxie Wolf, Sh'ana Bradshaw and Becky Massingill, 4 each; Misty Merritt, Shawna Vaughn and Tanya Hollis, 2 each and Rhonda King, 1 point. The only two scorers for Ira were Irma Sanchez, 5 points and Lisa Dunn, 2 points.

JUNIOR VARSITY GIRLS

The Junior Varsity Girls took their first win of the season on November 13, dominating the Garden City girls 40-28. Top scorer for the girls was Lisa Smith with 13 points. Sharon Brummett made 9 points; Shellie Peterson and Tammy Merritt, 6 each; Maria Benavidez, 4; and Kay Copeland, 2. G. Smith of Garden City was the top scorer for their team.

Greta Black of Greenwood shot 17 points for her team to help defeat Borden County Junior Varsity 24-39. Leading scorer for Borden County was Gena McLeroy with 8 points. Maria Benavidez had 6 points; Tammy Merritt and Lisa Smith, 4 each; Kay Copeland, 2 points.

The Junior Varsity is now 1-3 for the season.

COYOTE BOYS DROP OPENER

The Greenwood Rangers flexed their state ranked muscles Tuesday night and bounced the Coyotes 63-24 in the season opener for both teams. The taller, quicker Rangers dominated the game after the first minute of play. Blane Dyess' 20 ft. jumper gave Borden a 2-0 lead early in the game, but Greenwood quickly took charge. Trailing 28-15 at the half, the Coyotes found the going rough the last half and could only muster 9 points against the tenacious Greenwood defense.

Blane Dyess scored 10 points, all in the first half, to lead Borden. Craig Peterson followed closely with 9. The Coyotes shot a frigid 21 percent free throws. Carley Doyle made up the other 5 points for Borden.

JR. HIGH BOYS VS IRA

The Borden Junior High Boys lost to Ira by 1 point in the last few seconds of the game Monday night. The game was a close one from beginning to end—being tied practically the entire game. The final score was 23-24.

Scott Brooks headed the scorers with 10 points; Phillip Benavidez, 6; Sammy Williams, 4; and Keith Martin, 3.

FFA Meeting

The Borden County F.F.A. held their monthly meeting on November 13, 1979. The business of entering the major stockshows and their entry deadline date was discussed. The entry deadline date for the four major stockshows is Houston and Ft. Worth, December 10; Odessa, December 15; and San Angelo, February 1. An individual list for each stockshow was taken to get the names of those who plan to go. Following this, a film was presented on new Heston combines. The closing ceremony was held and everyone returned to their regular classes.

-s- Keil Williams, Reporter



Placing 3rd at the Mesa District Leadership Contest in Lamesa were: Back- Chip Smith 2nd row - Jibber Herridge, Sharon Brummett, Tim Buchanan - Front-Ricky Summers, Ty Wills, Darrell Green and Glen Gray.

School Board Meeting

Jim Parker rehired as band director.

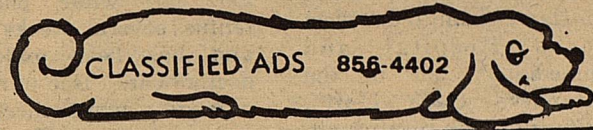
The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District met in regular session at a noon meeting on Monday, November 19, 1979.

After routine business of minutes and bills, the Board heard the annual audit report given by Dale Newberry C.P.A., of Wilson Accounting of Lamesa. Mr. Newberry reported that all accounts were in order. The Board accepted the audit report.

Mr. Larry Donham, Architect, visited with the Board concerning the construction of a swimming pool. No decisive action was taken on a swimming pool at the meeting.

A financial report was given by the superintendent and the attendance was given at 229.

It was recommended by the superintendent that the resignation of Kim Fisher, band director, be accepted; and, that Jim Parker be employed as band director. The recommendation was accepted by the Board.



November 26-30, 1979

LUNCH	BREAKFAST
MONDAY Beef Vegetable Soup Peanut Butter Sandwich Fruit Milk Salad Bar	MONDAY Buttered Rice Fruit Juice Milk
TUESDAY Tacos Cheese-Lettuce-Tomatoes Pinto Beans Fruit Cobbler Milk Salad Bar	TUESDAY Pancakes Fruit Juice Milk
WEDNESDAY Chicken & Spaghetti Tossed Salad Green Beans Jello Hot Rolls Milk Salad Bar	WEDNESDAY Scrambled Eggs Bacon & Toast Fruit Juice Milk
THURSDAY Fish Salad Buttered Spinach Pudding Corn Meal Twists Milk Salad Bar	THURSDAY Toast & Jelly Fruit Juice Milk
FRIDAY Hamburgers Lettuce-Tomatoes-Pickles French Fries Cake Milk Salad Bar	FRIDAY Oatmeal Toast Fruit Juice Milk

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Letter To Editor

Dear Editor:

We are a faithful reader of the Star paper and enjoy it very much.

We are interested in any and everything that goes on in our home county of Borden.

It seems there has been a very lax period of reporting on the happenings in our Courthouse. It is our understanding that the Commissioners meetings are open to the public.

Would it not be more convenient to have a report of each of these meetings printed in the Star paper, than for each and every concerned citizen of Borden County to try personally to attend each of these meetings to find out what is happening in our county government?

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Hospital Notes

NORVAL CUNNINGHAM

Norval Cunningham was taken by ambulance to Lubbock Thursday, Nov. 15. He was admitted to West Texas Hospital and immediately put in the Intensive Care Unit, suffering from Septicemia and pneumonia and in serious condition. The latest report, Sunday Nov. 18 was that he was still in I.C.U. but much improved. We wish him a speedy recovery.

BECKY MILLER

We are happy to report that Becky Miller is recovering nicely following surgery Friday Nov. 16 in

Methodist Memorial hospital in Lubbock. Becky sustained a muscle injury in her calf while playing tennis several weeks ago and has been under a doctors care. Due to nerve damage a sympathectomy was performed. From all reports the surgery didn't keep her down long and we understand she will be home this week-end.

TOBY SHARP

As we go to press we hear Toby Sharp has been hospitalized in Medical Arts Hospital in Lamesa. Details are not known at this time.

4-H Food Show Results

The Borden County 4-H Food Show was held Saturday, Nov. 17 in the Conference Room of Borden Schools. Judges for the event were Blanche S. Shisium, County Extension Agent in Scurry County and Patty Schuelke, 4-H Leader from Howard County.

Four categories were represented in the Junior division. They were Main Dish, Side Dish, Snacks & Beverages, and Breads & Desserts. The winners were John Stephens, III, Snacks & Beverages; Rhonda King, Breads & Desserts; Barbara Sturdivant, Main Dish; and Deborah King, side dish. Winners in each category will represent Borden County in the District Competition in Lubbock Dec. 1.

Awards of stainless measuring were presented to the winners by Carolyn Stephens and Terry Smith. Margaret King presented the judges with a gift to show the 4-H's appreciation for their help.

A special thanks goes to the Food and Nutrition Project Leaders. They were Robin Zant, Terry Smith, Carolyn Stephens, Marilyn Williams, Francis Burkett, Sherry Telchik, Carolyn Stone, Margaret King, Jane Ridenour, & Jere Daugherty.

'Witching' Still Popular Among Texas Farmers

AUSTIN--Call it witching, dowsing, sham or trickery, the ancient art of divining water has long been popular on the parched Texas Plains.

With the primary source of water background in many sections of the Plains and the cost of drilling quite expensive, any method to reduce the uncertainty of finding water is welcomed, according to Agriculture Commissioner Reagan V. Brown. And while scientists and city folk may propose theories and hypotheses to explain the art of dowsing, rural Plainsmen take a more pragmatic view: They want water, not theories," Brown explained.

The art of dowsing has become so widespread that presently there are more than 25,000 dowsers actively working in the U. S., many of whom claim they inherited their ability to detect water.

The trademark of the diviner has always been the forked twig--either willow, peach, or some other wood limber enough to bend. Witch hazel was used by the early American settlers so that the practice of dowsing became known as "water witching" in the colonies.

Today, dowsers use everything from straight rods to forked objects such as whalebones, hay baling wire, or barbed wire from the nearest fence.

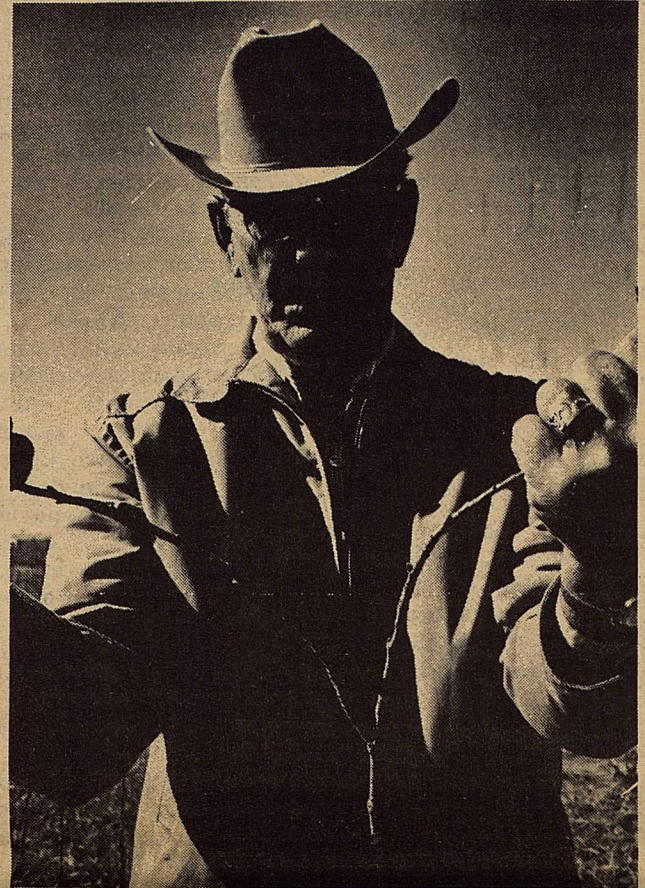
When a dowser uses a tree twig, he grasps the two branches of the twig, palms up, with the neck of the twig pointing skyward. When over a spring, the twig will twist towards the body and downward, the strength of the pull sometimes enough to twist the bark off in the hands of the dowser.

Once an underground spring has been located, some dowsers claim that they can even tell how deep the water source is located by holding a straight limb three or four inches off the ground over the site. According to dowsers adept in the technique, the limb will start bobbing, with the number of bobs indicating the depth of the water in feet.

Although water witching may seem a little out of place in this age of computers and

fast-paced technology, many Plains farmers rely on the dowser and his ancient art when the fields are dry and water is needed. If you ask a water witcher why the

mysterious method works, he is more likely than not to reply, "I don't know, it just does." For water-hungry Texas farmers, that's answer enough.



Dowser Willard Emerson, Abilene, claims he inherited his water finding talents from his father. While he has been known to locate water using a forked peach branch (above), he prefers using steel rods when witching a well (below). Grasping one in each hand, he begins to walk slowly across a field with the rods pointing forward. When they detect an underground spring, according to Emerson, the rods begin to turn outward, sometimes moving completely around to touch his shoulders.

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Jere's Jottings

November 15, 1979

It seems strange at this Thanksgiving, 1979, that there are Americans being held hostage by a group of rebellious dissidents in a foreign land. Those employees and friends of the American Embassy in Iran must wonder about representing the land of the free and the home of the brave. Up to this time any American diplomat and his staff could be thankful for the protection provided them simply by being emissaries of the greatest and strongest free nation in the world. Not anymore. And if this sieze is allowed to go on, it could become a fad just as hijacking airplanes became.

The entire mess in Iran is shocking and deplorable but could have been avoided. In case I didn't tell you at the time the Shah was deposed and that butcher Khomeini allowed rule, I felt then the good guys were being betrayed by US. The Shah had his faults but he was a friend of US--he allowed over-tracking stations to be in Iran--he sold US oil at a slightly lesser price than the OPEC nations. But the United States sat back and watch Khomeini and his henchmen wrest control from a good man.

But hindsight does not free hostages. What should we do at this point? It is a very sticky situation. Should the Marines move in, the loss of life could be considerable. But it seems to me that several things could have taken place and still could. At the first moment that our government knew the American Embassy had been siezed, the immigration agents should have rounded up every single Iranian in this county. They should have been incarcerated--not sent home--but held in return for our citizens. You say,"but you can't do that--what about their human rights?--they are in this country legally." Well, what about human rights? Don't our citizens have rights? Were they not in Iran legally? The very first to be locked up should have been those Iranian pilots who are being trained by U.S. Senator Lloyd Bentsen is exactly on target when he demands an immediate halt to this program. Those pilots are trained at our expense. The instructors are paid with our tax dollars--the equipment used belongs to US. And the pilots have abused their privileges consistently

since the program began.

And then we should have with drawn diplomatic relations and immunity with & to Iran. It is only logical to me that if a president can close a friendly embassy, (Taiwan), he durn sure can lock the door to an unfriendly one.

President Carter has made at least one positive gesture. He has frozen all Iranian assets in the country. That is good. But his boycott of Iranian oil is silly. Iranian oil will find its way to our shores--and at an even higher price. That is just like me getting mad at Neiman Marcus--cancelling my charge account and then using sisters. Can't we turn a boycott around?--by refusing to send anything, I mean Anything, to Iran. Surely were a check run, we would find that the United States ships agricultural products, Machinery, Medical Supplies, whatever, to Iran. That should be stopped immediately.

And then Ross Perot should be urged to organize a posse to rescue those hostages. If Khomeini got accidentally obliterated in the process, the world would truly have something to be thankful for in 1979.

November 17, 1979

BLEEP

Things have happened in Iran since we received Jere's Jottings.

I was sitting peacefully needlepointing and watching the news when I heard "the women and blacks will be released"--that got my attention but i calmly laid my hand work down and thought, very rationally, "that's a step forward and it makes sense to release the employees first - I guess." Then I saw Khomeini's picture and heard him quoted saying, "We are allowing this because in America, women and the black race have been under pressure and terrorized for ages."

There went my composure. "Surely I can think of something sage to say in an editorial," I said - but all that came out was "bleep - bleep - bleep--" I agree with Mrs. Fowler, the mother of a black Marine stationed at the embassy, when she said "I don't know - I'm afraid it's just more politics."

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Concealed Tax On Horizon

The Board of Directors of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, during its fall board meeting held recently in Amarillo, went on record as strongly aoposing proposed legislation thah would create a value added tax.

Basically, VAT would be a tax on value added to a product at each production step on its way to market. As each manufacturer increases the value of a product, the difference between the buying and selling price would be taxed. The retail price paid by the ultimate consumer would include the total of all value added taxes paid along the manufacturing chain. Some exemptions might be allowed such as food.

Ed Coltharp, WTCC Executive Vice President, reported that Chairmen of Congress' two tax-writing committees, Al Ullman of House Ways and Means and Russell Long of Senate Finance, haf indicated support for a 10 percent value added tax, predicting that such a tax may come as early as 1980 or 1981.

The WTCC National Affairs Committee points out that most of the information presently available concerning VAT proposals is still speculative. Rumors about a value added tax indicate that it supposedly would be enacted as a dollar for dollar replacement tax aimed at reducing Social Security taxes and allowing a cut in personal income taxes.

The committee voiced strong opposition to the value added tax proposal, labeling it as a concealed tax that, if enacted, will end up as another source of citizen funding for increases in burgeoning federal spending programs.

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Ullman estimatet VAT would bring in between 120 and 150 billion dollars annually. Both senators stressed it would not increase the overall tax burden and could result in elimination of double taxation of corporate earnings and accelerated depreciation of plant and equipment.

Ricahrd Bacon of Abilene, chairman of the WTCC National Affairs Committee, commented that while the promises of reduced taxes and accelerated depreciation for capital investments sounded good and were issues supported by the WTCC, they should be achieved through means other than a value added tax and not used as enticements for passage of VAT legislation.

risked much, fought hard, and has asked no quarter. He knows he'll never get rich, that he'll frequently get stomped on, and that his most precious freedom includes giving him a good lettin' alone.

"He knows that if Ralph Nader had been head of the wagon train, no one would have made across the plains and none would have crossed the Rockies. Riskfree? Living is sweat, danger and death. From those come the laughter. And curiously, from those comes also the peace in the cowman's heart."

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ASCS News

By JERRY STONE

County Committee Election

Ballots for the ASCS Committeeman Election will be mailed Friday, November 23, 1979.

Voted ballots must be returned to the County Office or postmarked no later than Monday, December 3, 1979.

County committeemen are responsible for administering all phases of the farm programs on the county level by informing farmers and ranchers of the purpose and provisions of ASCS programs, keeping the State Committee informed of local conditions, recommending needed changes in farm programs and other duties as by the State Committee. Please show your interest by participating in the election.

Candidates for this year's election include:
Kenny Hensley
Steve Hess
Donnie Isaacs
Blaine Turner

Seed Cotton Loans

If you have or plan to put your cotton into ricks or modules and will be unable to get the cotton ginned before January 1, you may be interested in the Seed Cotton Loan Program in order to have income from the crop during the 1979 calendar year. For more information please check with the Borden County ASCS Office.

Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP)

Applications for cost-share assistance under the 1980 ACP Program will be accepted through Friday, November 30, 1979; Practices are the same as those offered in 1979 which include:

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Interested producers must be ready to begin work on the practice requested and file a request by the November 30 deadline.

Wool And Unshorn Lamb Program

Wool producers are encouraged to file application for payment as early as possible buy not later than January 31, 1980.

We will need the original sales document covering the sale of wool and unshorn lambs marketed during the 1979 calendar year signed by an authorized representative of the marketing association.

Crop And Livestock Reports

From mid November to early January many 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.

Each farmer or rancher receiving a questionnaire is urged to fill it out and return it to the Crop and Livestock Reporting Service in Austin. Individual reports are confidential and used only for state and county estimates.

TEXAS AGRICULTURAL FACTS is published twice a month by the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. Subscription is free and available from this office upon request. 512-397-5581.

Emergency Feed Program

The Livestock Feed Program is an on-going program. Producers may apply for assistance any time he has suffered at least a 40 percent loss in feed normally produced for eligible livestock, and is making feed purchases in quantities larger than normal. If you feel you meet these requirements then you need to come by the ASCS Office and file your request as soon as possible.

Holiday

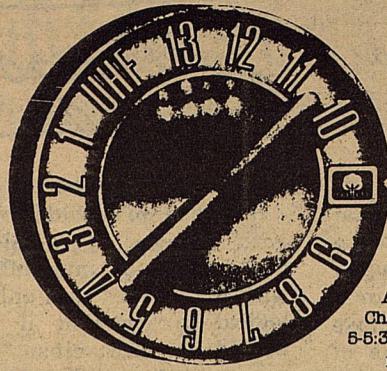
This office will be closed Thursday, November 22, in observance of Thanksgiving Day.

THOUGHT:

Let us pause on this day, as our Pilgrim forefathers did so long ago...to give prayerful thanks, not only for the food on our table, but more importantly, for those freedoms we hold so dear...freedoms our forefathers sought and won in the new land, America.

Non-Discrimination

Eligibility for participation in all programs administered by ASCS is established under law without regard to race, color, religion, sex or National origin.



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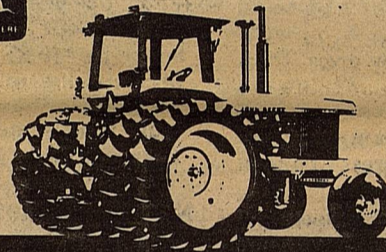
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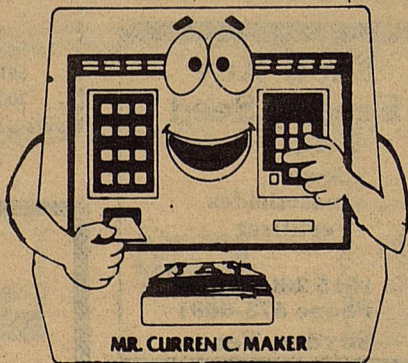
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Your County Agent Says

By Sam Field

THIS YEAR'S SEED CRUCIAL FOR NEXT YEAR'S COTTON

Seed for next year's cotton crop on the South Plains will have to come largely from this year's yield, and handling of this seed will be crucial, area cotton specialists say. Since much of this crop will be moduled, particular attention should be given to modulating only dry cotton, the area cotton agronomist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service cautioned.

If the moisture content of the plant components - lint, seed, burs, stems and other - going into the module exceeds 10 to 12 percent, excessive heating could occur, damaging the seed and even the lint, explained Dr. James R. Supak, the Extension specialist.

Similar damage can occur to "wet" cotton that is stored in ricks or trailers for two to three days before ginning, he said.

"The last good cotton seed crop we had was 1977," Supak said. Some good seed was produced in 1978, but with 4.6 million acres of cotton planted on the South Plains this year, the seed supply has been nearly depleted.

"Cotton farmers will depend heavily on 1979 seed for their 1980 planting," Supak said. Producers and delinters both will have to be careful how they handle this seed, he stressed.

Particular attention should be given to monitoring the temperature of cotton stored in modules, the Extension agronomist said. Temperature readings should be obtained and recorded daily until it is apparent that temperatures have stabilized.

The critical temperatures for cottonseed are around 110 to 120 degrees Fahrenheit, he noted. Seed from modules that reached these temperatures shouldn't be saved for planting seed.

"If the decision is made to 'risk' seed that were exposed to temperatures of 110 degrees or more, let your delinter know about the

problems and show him the daily temperature readings obtained for that module," Supak urged. "This will give him an indication of the extent of damage and enable him to make a more critical inspection of the seed."

In addition to the standard germination test, the delinter may suggest additional evaluations of such seed, such as cold germination, Tetrazolium (TZ) and fatty acid tests, the agronomist said.

"This extra effort will involve some time and money, and in the end the seed may still be sent to the oil mill," Supak said. "This, however, is a much better alternative than ending up with a barn full of seed that fails to produce a stand."

Computers help take guesswork out of ranching

COLLEGE STATION — Ranching, in the past, usually depended on a sharp eye, experience or luck.

Computer technology is now taking some of the guesswork out of raising cattle, says Dr. Lowell Schake, professor of animal science at Texas A&M University and a researcher who develops computer applications.

Where once a rancher with a sharp eye for beef flesh could get by, a computer does the job comparing variables to determine which feed rations are best, what cows to keep and how the hands are working out.

With the advent of inexpensive, programmable calculators, the speed of the computer is now available to every cattleman from feedlot manager to small rancher.

If the cattleman doesn't want to write his own program, there are plenty of private consultants, extension specialists, breed associations and feed companies who will help, Schake said.



By, Kathy Blgrave

Thanksgiving is a time families come together and share joys only families can give. In the excitement of family living we sometimes forget grandparents. Let's make a special effort this Thanksgiving to include grandparents and make them feel special.

Though grandparents cannot demand respect from grandchildren just because they are older adults, they can - and usually do - "earn" respect.

Growing older together and sharing their generations develop love and respect for the young child and grandparents alike, says Dorthy Taylor.

Miss Taylor is a family life education specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

However, the idea of becoming a grandparent takes time getting used to.

There are too many "new" things that surface - grandparents are now members of a third generation, they "must be" old, but don't feel old, or they "should be" rocking, yet they don't even own a rocker for the new grandbaby.

Frustration is further compounded because they could "feel like grandparents" but don't feel any different, the specialist explains.

Grandparents shouldn't feel any different - nothing has happened to them. The baby was born to their child, not to them, she reminds.

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Some grandparents forget, though, that the new baby is not theirs and that he already has parents, she points out.

Kinds Of Grandparents

Grandparents come in all sizes, shapes, ages and temperaments.

The "typical" grandparents maintain a sincere interest in close relationships with the grandchild and provide special treats and indulgences.

They baby-sit sometimes but leave the parenting of the baby to the parents.

Some grandparents are fun-seekers. They appear to be the grandchild's playmate and have very few rules of discipline, Miss Taylor continues.

Other grandparents serve as substitute parents. They take over full responsibility

for the child - including discipline.

Sometimes grandparents have to do this for the sake of the child - otherwise they do it against the parent's wishes.

Most grandparents are wise because of experience, but when grandparents "know-it-all," it threatens the child's parents.

The least respected and cherished grandparents are the ones who buy everything but give nothing of themselves - especially love.

Truly wise grandparents acknowledge their new role in life as the opportunity to see that life goes on through their developing grandchild - and they should view that as one of their greatest rewards, in addition to "earning" their own special grand status.

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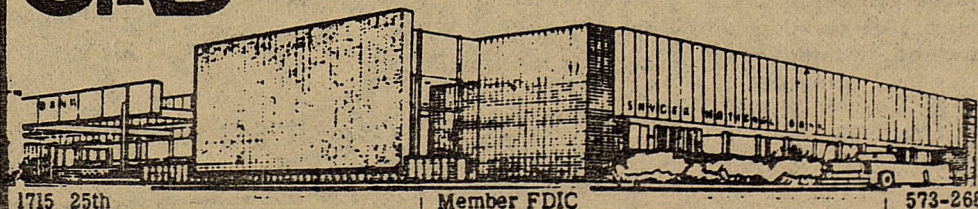
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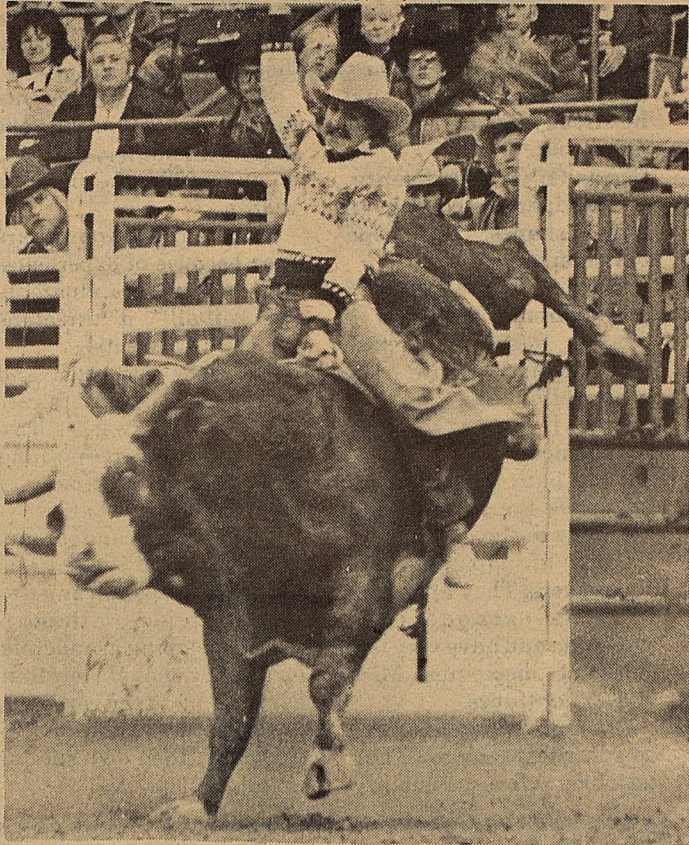
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JOHN BLAND

With The Luck Of The Draw

Hogs may be supplying the pork on the table at the John Bland house—but as far as supplying the bread, potatoes, etc...they are not.

Bland, employee and partner of Big 3 Pork Producers, McCaulley, has plans to remedy the situation. Maybe the Blands will even get turkey for Thanksgiving.

Bland is a professional rodeo cowboy, who now rodeos only part-time due to family and job commitments. He will be participating in the Lone Star Circuit Finals Rodeo in Abilene starting on November 22-25.

Rodeo is not just a "hobby" to Bland. It has been his livelihood since the tender age of eight and is a business to him just as is the "hog farm".

Bland started participating in junior rodeos—winning numerous buckles, saddles and trophies.

He attended Tarleton State University and was a member of the college rodeo team. Bland was the Southwestern Regional bull riding champion his

freshman year.

Bland decided to give the professional rodeo circuit a try. He became a member of the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association in 1971.

After many miles and numerous rodeos (average 125 rodeos a year), Bland qualified for his first National Finals Rodeo (NFR) in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma in 1976.

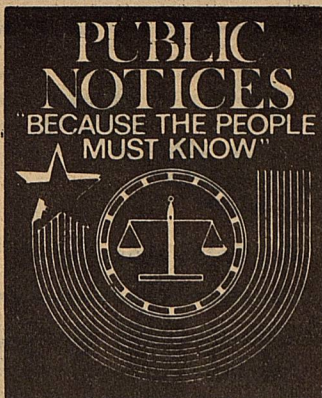
He was to make a repeat performance in 1977. Bland ended up in sixth place for the year, winning \$23,000.

Bland failed to qualify for the 1978 and 1979 NFR. He did qualify for the Circuit Finals in 1978 and this year.

The Circuit Finals are comprised of the top 15 cowboys and cowgirls in Texas. The top 15 are determined by points made by competing in PRCA rodeos held in Texas.

Bland is currently in ninth position in the bull riding.

With the luck of the draw and experience to contend with, maybe the Blands will have more than hog jowls and beans for dinner!



Legal Notice

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Commissioners Court of Borden County will consider proposals for an oil and gas lease on the following described property in the Townsite of Gail in Borden County, Texas:

All of 2 acre Blocks 32, 87, N-2 Blk. 81, N-2 Blk. 82; all of Lots 2,3,4,7,8,10, 11, Blk. 12; Lots 6 & 12, Blk. 13; Lot 2, Blk. 18; Lot 8, Blk. 19; Lots 2,4,6, Blk. 21; Lot 18, Blk. 25; Lots 1,2,3,4,10, Blk. 27; Lot 6, Blk. 28; Lots 2,6, Blk. 29; Lots 2,4,8,10,12, Blk. 36; Lots 8,10,12, Blk. 37; Lots 4,6,8,10,12,14,16, Blk. 38; Lots 1,9,12, Blk. 41; Lots 4,6, Blk. 63; Lots 7,8,9,10,11,12, Blk. 69; Lots 1,2,3,4,7,8,9,10,11,12, Blk. 70; Lots 1 thru 10, Blk. 73; Lots 1,3,5,7,10, Blk. 75; lot 7, Blk. 77; Lot 5, Blk. 81; Lots 1,3,4,7, Blk. 84; Lot 7, Blk. 85; Lot 8, Blk. 86; Lots 2,4,8,9,10,12,, Blk. 87; Lots 2,6, Blk. 92; Lots 8,10,11, 12, Blk. 96; Lot 12, Blk. 100; Lots 10,11,12, Blk. 101, 2 acre blocks 18 and 19, and all streets and alleys in the Gail Townsite according to the Plat recorded in Volume 2, Page 456 of the Deed Records of Borden County, Texas.

Proposals will be considered December 10, 1979, at 10:00 am in the Commissioners Courtroom of the Courthouse in Gail.

The Commissioners Court of Borden County reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Borden County Commissioners Court
-s- Jim M. Burkett
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