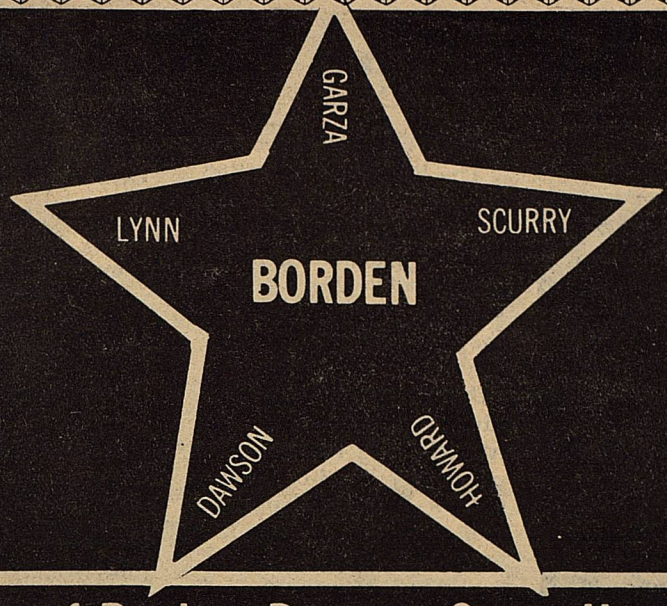


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Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Creighton are surrounded by their children who honored them on their Golden Anniversary recently. Pictured left to right are: Peggy Westbrook, Gail; June Durham, Lamesa; Bo Creighton, Paris, Texas; Irene and Vernon Creighton, the honored couple; Snooks Ogden, Plains Community and Jean Taylor of Gail.

Creightons Honored Golden Wedding Anniversary

Over one hundred friends and relatives attended the Golden Wedding Anniversary reception honoring Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Creighton Sunday.

The reception, hosted by the couples' five children, was held in the Borden High School cafeteria Sunday, December 9 from 2 until 5 p.m.

Two serving tables offered the guests spiced tea, coffee, punch, and an assortment of sweets. The tables were covered with handsome lace cloths and held silver appointments. The center piece was an arrangement of flowers in golden tones flanked by gold candle holders. Mr. and Mrs. Creighton's daughters and

granddaughters served the guests.

Miss Tammy Voss, a great granddaughter, was a poised young lady as she attended the registration table. The small round table was covered with a white cloth flecked with gold and held a bud vase containing two deep yellow rose buds.

Mrs. Creighton, looking young and vibrant in a bright red suit, was presented a corsage of white carnations for the occasion. Mr. Creighton was given a boutonniere.

Irene and Vernon Creighton were both born in Borden County where they have resided all of our lives. They were married December 14, 1929 in Brownfield, Texas.

Tower Introduces Bill

U.S. Senator John Tower is trying to make it more difficult for young people to experiment with heroin.

The Republican senator from Texas has introduced a bill (S. 2047) to require prescriptions for hypodermic needles and syringes.

Tower pointed out that 2.3 million Americans admit to having used heroin at some point in their lifetimes, and 450,000 Americans are addicted to that drug.

"I do not contend that making hypodermic needles and syringes prescription items will stop drug abuse," he said, acknowledging that "hard-core addicts will always find a way to continue their illicit deeds."

"But the incidental user, the first-time user, and the young person driven by curiosity rather than addiction, for the present at least, will be deterred if they have no means of using the drugs," Tower added.

The senator noted that at least 10 states already regulate the use of hypodermic needles and syringes. And, he added, his bill in now way interferes with the ability of diabetics and others with a legitimate medical need for hypodermic needles and syringes to obtain them.

"I would expect most physicians, who are acutely aware of the ravages wrought by drug abuse, would cooperate willingly by providing refillable or continuing prescriptions to ensure the items are available to their patients," Tower said.

"I believe restricting the

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Tammy Merritt - Most Beautiful of Borden High School

Most Beautiful B. H. S.

The stage was decorated in traditional Christmas style. Beautiful live cedar set off the baby-blue background paper. Lovely Christmas tunes came from the piano. Five very pretty young ladies stood on stage waiting for the big moment; the announcing of the Most Beautiful runners-up and Most Beautiful Girl 1979-80.

Tammy Merritt was named Most Beautiful in Borden High School for 1979-80. Fourth runner-up was Suzanne Walker, Jana Edwards third runner-up, Stephanie Stephens second runner-up, and Gena McLeroy first runner-up.

Another honor presented during the contest was the presentation of The Most Handsome Boy of B. H. S for 1979-80. Candidates for this honor were Craig Peterson and Ben Murphy. The winner was Craig Peterson.

The top ten beautys had already been chosen by the judges, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Polk of Snyder. Those top ten lovelies were Heather MCPhaul, Marquita Menix, Karen Williams, Lisa Smith, Gena McLeroy, Mayme McLaury, Jana Edwards, Suzanne Walker, Stephanie Stephens, and Tammy Merritt. The top five were then chosen from

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Craig Peterson Most Handsome of B.H.S.

Borden County School News



Gena McLeroy was chosen 1st runner-up in the Beauty Contest last week; Stephanie Stephens, 2nd runner-up; Jana Edwards, 3rd runner-up and Suzanne Walker, 4th runner-up. The contest is a yearly event, sponsored by the annual staff to select Most Beautiful of B.H.S.

Band To Present Christmas Program

Parents and friends are invited to attend the annual Christmas band concert to be presented Tuesday, December 18, 1979. This annual concert is for the Borden student body and is traditionally presented on the last day of school before Christmas. Featured on the program will be Newcastle March, Soulman, Winter Wonderland, Rudolph's Christmas Medley, It's So Easy, Dragons and Jet Planes, and others. The concert will be presented on Tuesday at 11:30 in the auditorium.

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JR. HIGH BOYS LOSE

The Borden Junior High boys blew a 20-10 halftime lead Monday night to lose their first district game to Dawson 25-27. After scoring 10 points in each of the first two quarters the Coyotes could only manage 5 the last two. The Coyotes hit on 11 field goal attempts (the same as Dawson) but could only net 3 of 12 free throws. Dawson dropped in 5 of 12 free throws for the winning margin.

Phillip Benavidez led Borden with 11 points (10 in the first half), Scott Brooks had 8 (all in the first half), Sam Williams 4 and Charles LaRue 2.

The Coyotes are 3-2 on the season now and will play Klondike at Klondike on January 7.

J.V. BOYS FALL

In a decisive victory, the New Home Leopards defeated the Borden Coyotes Boys Junior Varsity 42-28.

Mike Peterson was high pointer with 7 points; Jeffry Martin and Troy King had 6; Junior Benavidez, 3; Danny Holmes, Van York, and Jay Brooks (who surprised even himself by popping the net from past the free-throw line) all made 2 points.

The Coyote's season record is two wins and one loss.

need them for research papers or book reports. Would you want to deprive a good ole' boy or a sweet little girl of an A plus just because of your negligence in returning a book? I know we are all so deeply involved with so many things, but let's try to consider others and return books when due.

We are also having trouble keeping our magazines on the rack or proper drawers, for those who are working in debate or current events. We have asked that they not be taken from the library (s). If you think you just have to take one out, please leave a note in the check-out book card box, so we will know where to find it if someone does need it.

Thank you and have a very happy Christmas and a good 1979.

COYOTE GIRLS BURY LEOPARDS

The high school girls varsity swept victoriously through their game against New Home Friday evening. The Coyotes buried the Leopards 64-35.

Talley Griffin scored the most, 19 points; Glynda Burkett came in second, 13 points; Karen Williams captured 11; Jana Edwards, 10; Gayla Newton, 3; Janna Love and Joie Brummett, 2; Gena McLeroy, 4.

JR. HIGH GIRLS STAND 4-1

The Junior High Girls beat Dawson 43-31 on December 10. The team's standing is 4-1, having been beaten only by Greenwood in November.

Top scorer for the Coyotes was Simona Benavidez, 13; Shana Bradshaw was next with 8; Tracy McLaury, 5; Becky Massingill and Roxie Wolf, 4 each; Misty Merritt, 3; Penny Davidson, Tanya Hollis and Nancy Martinez, 2 points each.

The Coyotes held the Dragons to 11 points to their 27 in the first two quarters. The Coyote's back-up team played most of the second half.

GIRLS VARSITY SUFFERS FIRST LOSS

The Coyote Varsity Girls suffered their first loss of the season in last Tuesday's game against New Deal. After a tense game, New Deal beat the Coyotes 55-52.

In the first quarter of play, the New Deal Lions showed a strong defense that was maintained throughout the game. The Coyotes captured and maintained the lead until the final minutes of the quarter when the game score was 10-12 New Deal.

The second quarter proved to be much better for the Coyotes. Individual scores went up and team fouls were few. The score was 30-20 Borden when the half-time buzzer rang. But everything changed after half-time.

The Lions crept up onto the Coyotes in the second half. It was nip and tuck for several minutes, but at the

BOYS VARSITY WINS THRILLER

The boys varsity played a very exciting and tense game Friday against New Home and finally won 64-62.

Borden made several technical shots amid screaming New Home fan's shouts of "miss it".

The tension mounted to an unbearable level when Bart McMeans missed his second technical free throw and put the game into overtime. With seven seconds remaining in the overtime, New Home had control of the ball, fumbled around and missed the shot that was made as the game ended.

Craig Peterson scored 20 points; Jym Rinehart and Blane Dyess tied with 14; Ben Murphy and Bart McMeans had 7; Junior Benavidez, 2.

This victory makes the record at four wins, three losses. The Coyote boys play Wilson Tuesday, December 11. The Borden County Invitational Tournament begins December 13 and continues to the 15th.

end, Borden went too fast and made too many mistakes and then the Lions pounced on the Coyotes, making the final score 55-52, New Deal. Here are the individual scores for the New Deal game: Talley Griffin 20; Karen Williams, 12; Jana Edwards 12; Janna Love, 6; Joie Brummett, 2.

The Coyotes have played ten games this season. They won the first nine of them. This loss was not unexpected. The day of the game, an article acclaiming the New Deal Lions appeared in the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal. The article gave heights and point averages for the Lion girls. Nevertheless, the Borden girls played an excellent game. As it turned out, both teams were evenly matched.

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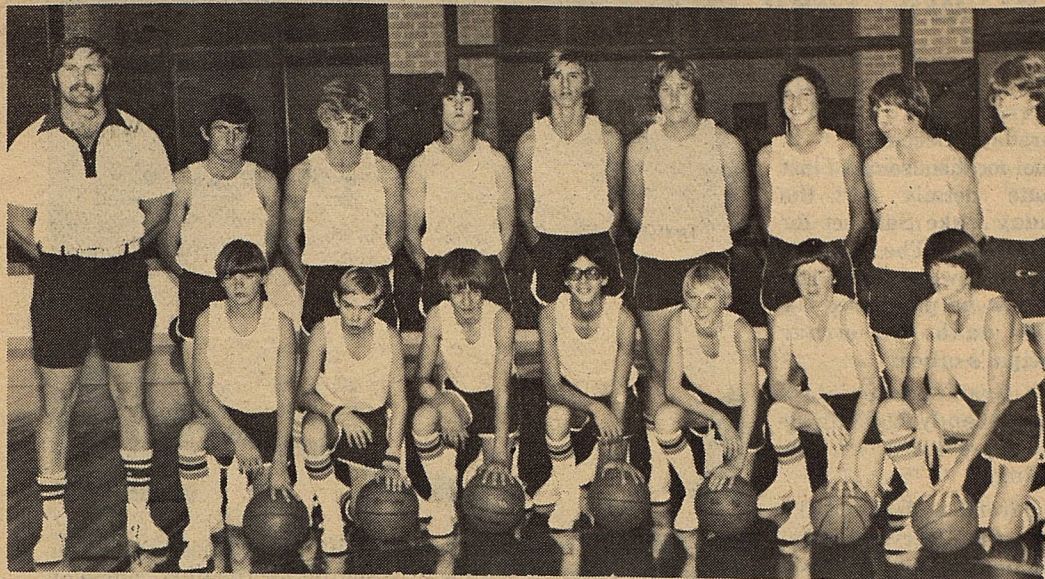
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BOYS JUNIOR VARSITY TEAM-L to R- Back Row- Coach Randy Roemisch, Glen Gray, Troy King, Van York, Mark Mills, Chip Smith, Keith Martin, Tim Buchanan, Doug Love. Front- Jay Brooks, Cody Newton, Kevin Telchik, Roy Gonzales, Darrell Green, Jibber Herridge and Roscoe Massingill.



The Kindergarten class mailed letters to Santa and toured the post Office last week with the assistance of Mrs. Lucky, postmaster and teacher, Mrs. Copeland. The students purchased stamps, mailed them and watched as they were postmarked and forwarded to the North Pole.



GIRLS JUNIOR VARSITY TEAM- L to R- Back Row- Lisa Smith, Maria Benavidez, Sharon Brummett, Kay Copeland, Tammy Merritt. Front Row- Terrie Moreno, Kelley Richardson, Jennifer Wilson, Shellie Peterson. Girls Coach is Larry Steele.



SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

December 17-21, 1979

LUNCH MONDAY
Beans and Franks
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Toast
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TUESDAY
Turkey and Dressing
Candied Sweet Potatoes
Cranberry Sauce
Fruit Salad
Hot Rolls
Milk
No Salad Bar

TUESDAY
Honey Buns
Fruit Juice
Milk

WEDNESDAY
Teacher Workday-No Classes

THURSDAY
Christmas Holiday

FRIDAY
Christmas Holiday



Beauty Contest

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the ten girls.

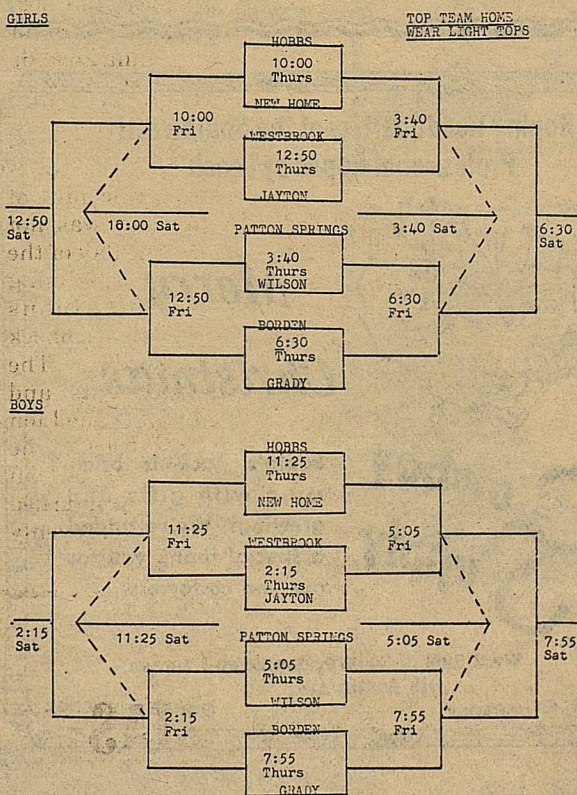
Each of the twenty participants in the contest were featured in street clothing in the first round and long dresses in the second round

Karen Williams, Heather McPhaul, Gena McLeroy, David Smith, and Carla Jones all sang songs while the judges made the decisions. Mrs. Chesley Wilson played the piano during first and second rounds, and with the vocal selections. Glynda Burkett played the electric piano in one song.

James McLeroy introduced the judges and master of ceremonies, David Smith



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What's Hap-Nin

It was good to see all of the long time friends at the Creighton's Golden Wedding reception Sunday. They came from far and near. Especially enjoyed visiting with Bo and Whiz Creighton and their daughter Christy from Paris, Texas.

It was also fun visiting with Shirley and Van Koontz and their pretty daughters Debra and Sandra.

We are glad to hear that Norval Cunningham is home and gaining strength after a serious bout with pneumonia and septicemia.

Lynn and Penny Maxwell enjoyed an early Christmas gathering with Lynn's family in Hobbs, Texas over the week-end.

Glad to see Melba Rinehart back at work after her fall and short hospital stay.

Bake Sale Big Success

Borden County's Elementary Parents Club held a bake sale during the high school basketball games Friday night at Gail.

The Parents Club holds several fund-raising activities to provide for various needs of the Borden County Elementary School such as the "goodie Bags" given to elementary students on the last day of school in December.

The Club sold cupcakes, fudge, cakes, and family directories. Club president, Sue Mize, seemed optimistic about future projects.

Tower

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availability of drug apparatus will translate into saving hundreds of lives. But if it is only one life, then I still contend there is strong justification for taking this legislative action," he continued.

Tower also has written to the commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration asking him to use his administrative authority to issue restrictions on the sale of hypodermic needles and syringes.

Newcomers to Borden County are Charlene and Harvey Smith. They recently moved from Guadalupe County, New Mexico and reside on the Muleshoe Ranch. Welcome to the County, "Char" and Harvey.

Sorry to hear that Becky Miller is still having trouble with her leg. Becky went back to Lubbock this week for further testing.

We also heard that Mike Peterson was injured when his motorbike overturned. Don't know the extent of the injury at this time.

Anderson Named To Connally Committee

John R. Anderson of Gail, Texas, a prominent Borden County resident, has been named to the John Connally for President Steering Committee as announced by State Organization Director Jim Campbell.

Anderson is part of a massive statewide delegation of more than 2,700 citizens who have voiced their approval of Governor Connally's effort.

"We are extremely proud that this outstanding Texan has joined the growing list of persons nationwide who recognize the leadership qualities of John Connally, and the need for that leadership in the White House at this time," Campbell said.

Parents Club News

The Borden County Parents Club met Thursday, December 6 at school for discussion of last minute details for the Holiday Bake Sale set for Dec. 7th. The Family Directories were shown and can now be purchased for \$1.75 each in either principal's office.

The first grade class received candy for being the best represented at this meeting.

The parents club would like to thank everyone who participated in the Bake Sale - whether you sent baked goods or bought them - we thank you.

A REMINDER

There will not be a meeting in January due to the Christmas holidays. The next scheduled meeting will be February 7, 1980.

-s- Sarah Sharp

The Borden County Parents Club family directories are now available from Mr. Jarrett or Mr. McMeans office. The price for the directories is \$1.75.

I want to express a special thanks to Vickie Fulfer for her drawings and art work on the covers of the directories.

-s- Sue Mize, President

WE wish you a Merry Christmas



Vickie Fulfer, displays the Family Directories and Travel Bags the Parent's Club will be selling for the next couple of weeks. Prices for the directories are \$1.75 and \$6.95 and \$7.95 for the bags.

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Dear Santa,
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Thank you
Amanda

Dear Santa
I would like Bright Light for Christmas
Thank Yo
Tammy

Dear Santa
I would like drum skates for Christmas.
Ryan

Dear Santa
I would like for Christmas
Thank You
Ortencia

Dear Santa
I would like doll jump rope kite for Christmas
Thank You
Angela

Dear Santa
I would like clock sKates for Christmas
Thank You
SharaDee

Mr. Santa Claus
North Pole USA
Gresalda

Dear Santa
I would like drum skates for Christmas Mike
Thank You.

Dear Santa
I would likefor Christmas
Thakou
Briam

Dear Santa
I would like miTTens socks
A'lise

Dear Santa
I would like doll for Christmas
Kelly Thank You

Dear Santa,
I would like bicyclechalkboard for Christmas
Thank You,Shayne

Dear Santa.
I would like for Christmas
Dolores

Dear Santa
I would like for Christmas doll dancedanced sewing machine typewriter for Christmas
Thank You
Kristin

Dear Santa
I would like doll mad for Christmas
M'Lys ThankYou

Dear Snata
I would likeA bicycle for Christmas
Thank You
Juve

Dear Santa
I would like race track drum for Christmas.
Thank You
Wacey

Defensive Driving Offered

Defensive Driving will be offered at Western Texas College as a Community Services course in classes meeting on Dec. 17 and 20.

Each class will meet from 6-10 p.m. in room 101 of the Learning Resource Center, and students must attend both sessions to qualify for the certificate which entitled them to discounts on several types of automobile insurance.

Dr. James Palmer will be instructor for the course. Fees will be \$12 per person and a minimum of 10 persons will be required to form the class.

Persons wishing to reserve space in the class are to call the Community Services office at 573-8511, extension 240. Fees may be paid between 5:45 - 6 on the night of Dec. 17.



Barbara Sturdivant and Rhonda King participated in the District 4-H Food Show held in Lubbock December 1. Barbara exhibited in the Main Dish Division and Rhonda exhibited in the Bread & Dessert Division. Their winning recipes are below.

District Food Show Participants

MEXICAN CASSEROLE

Barbara Sturdivant

- 1 can of enchiliada sauce
- 1 can of chicken soup (cream)
- 1 can of mushroom soup (cream)
- 2 pounds of hamburger meat
- 1/2 cup of chopped onions
- 1/2 teaspoon of garlic salt
- 1 large bag of corn chips
- 2 cups of cheese (grated)

Brown your hamburger meat and add your onions and garlic salt to meat. Put your soup and enchiliada sauce in a 21 x 7 sauce pan and cook till boiling. Put chips and 1 cup of cheese in the bottom of a 16 x 9 pan. Pour soup and sauce into meat and put in the 16 x 9 pan. Put more chips and cheese on top and cook till cheese is melted in the oven at 350 degrees.

THREE LAYER PIE

Rhonda King

- Crust:
- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup pecans
- 1 cube oleo
- Combine ingredients and press into a 10-inch pie plate. Bake at 350 degrees until golden brown.
- Layer 1:
- 1 8-ounce package cream cheese
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1 cup whipped topping
- Combine and pour into cooled crust.
- Layer 3:
- 1 small package instant vanilla pudding
- 1-1/2 cups milk
- Mix; pour over layer 2.
- Top with whipped topping and sprinkle with chopped pecans.

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Jerre's Gottings

By Bruce Pearson

Can you visualize the uproar that would arise if cattlemen were told that all of them would be required to join a national union and pay dues in order to market their beef? Something on that order is about to happen if advocates of the proposed Beferendum have their way. Cattlemen are being asked to vote themselves (by a simple majority this time) a compulsory contribution from the proceeds of their beef sales to a large fund, to be spent for them by a national Beef Board. Members of the Board will be appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture from nominees selected by various cattlegrowers' association. Everyone who markets cattle will be required to pay, whether his sales are profitable or not, but anyone who wants his money back can fill out forms and file requests for refunds. This somewhat resembles the labor union closed-shop practice of requiring a worker to pay union dues to hold a job, with the promise that he can ask for a return of that part of his money which is spent for political purposes.

Referendum advocates are betting that most beef sellers are going to go along and not go to the trouble to ask the Beef Board to give them back their own hard-earned money, otherwise they will collect money only from those who support the program. This is not the objective, of course. More than one-third of the cattlemen voted against this proposal the first time, and if thirty or forty percent of the cattle-raisers routinely ask for a refund, the Beef Board program will probably fail.

None of the money collected can be used for lobbying or influencing legislation, but what about using the funds for fighting the federal government, for resisting excessive regulation, restriction, and over-control of cattle-raising operations? The Department of Agriculture has done many things for the beef producer and consumer: the screwworm eradication program, cattle-disease control, and meat inspection service, for example. Government agencies, on the other hand, have supported high prices of feed and have encouraged housewives to use soybean substitutes, chicken and pork, in

support of the housewife's beef boycott and in the name of consumer protection. Texas cattlemen are aware that their compadres in the western states, where there are huge chunks of Federal grazing lands, are fighting for survival, not against adverse market conditions, but against the hostile actions of agents of the federal government, particularly those of the Department of the Interior, and especially those from the Bureau of Land Management. Most Texans, however, have never experienced a ranch visit from a hippy, with a degree in biology, in a government uniform, driving a brand new pickup with a BLM decal on the side. If the Secretary of Agriculture is involved in the Beef Board, how is he going to react to use of the funds to bring legal action against the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture, or to use of the funds to expose and to attempt to curtail government abuses and excesses? How is the Secretary of Agriculture going to tolerate criticism of his bureaucratic empire, or of himself, or publication of cattlemen's grievances against various departments of the federal government? As a matter of fact, why is the government involved in this grand scheme at all? The answer may be that only the government has the power of enforcement. Only the government has the right to impose and collect taxes and to assess penalties or punishment for non-payment or refusal to "voluntarily" participate.

This sales tax, or added on tax, although self-imposed by a vote of cattlemen, would ultimately be paid by-guess who? - the consumer, who might be buying more beef now if it were cheaper. The housewife, who will eventually have to pay the added-on cost of being told how wonderful beef is for her to buy, and presumably what a bargain it is, is not being asked to vote, will not be represented on the Beef Board, and will not be allowed to ask for her money back. I hope Bella Abzug doesn't hear about this.

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JIM COLLINS

High Cost of Legislation

Congressman Jim Collins reviewed the results of "innovative and creative" legislation and concluded that "fiscal responsibility required congress to say NO to things we simply cannot afford."

Collins reports it now takes 42 cents in taxes out of every dollar earned to pay for these inflationary programs. Some of the results are: **COMMITTEE STAFFS:** Much of the innovative and creative legislation has been formulated by congressional committee staffs. At the end of the Eisenhower years there were 398 House committee staff members. In 1968, staffs had risen over 60 per cent to 621. By 1978, committee staffs numbered 2114, a 333 per cent increase since 1968. In the House from 1949 to 1979, the total

number of committee positions for members increased from 484 to 765. This keeps committees meeting 12 months of the year.

WELFARE: In 1960 the total expenditures for social programs was 21.8 per cent of the budget. In the 1980 budget, social programs account for 50 percent of all federal spending. Over the past 20 years federal spending has increased from \$100 billion in 1960 to \$550 billion in 1980.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY: In 1977 Congress created the Department of Energy to help solve our energy problems and funded the new agency with \$5 billion. Last year DOE's budget was \$11 billion and our energy problem grew into a crisis. Oil and gas are the only commodities in the

United States under price control.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION: Congress did not stop with the Department of Energy and has since created another cabinet-level agency, the Department of Education. The initial cost of the new department will be \$14 billion and will be staffed with 18,000 bureaucrats. As federal involvement in education increased, scholastic achievement decreased. In 1964-65, when the federal government first decided to become involved in local educational activities, the Scholastic Achievement Test (SAT) averages were 473 Verbal and 496 Math for a 969 total. In 1977-1978, the SAT averages were 429 Verbal and 468 Math for an 897 total.

Engineers Offer 103 Scholarships, Grants

The National Society of Professional Engineers is making available 103 grants and scholarships to aid high school seniors interested in pursuing engineering careers, Dr. James R. McDonald, local chairman or the nationwide program, announced today.

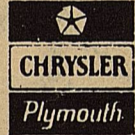
Dr. McDonald, who heads the scholarship effort of NSPE's South Plains Chapter, said students will be selected for the awards on the basis of academic standing, participation in extra-curricular activities, evidence of leadership, character and self-reliance, comments of teachers and administrators, and financial need. NSPE scholarships are provided with the cooperation of 34 leading companies and educational institutions; recipients receive awards of \$1000 to \$4000 with some full scholarships.

To be eligible for awards, a student must be a high school senior ranking in the top quarter of his or her


graduating class, plan to enroll in a college or university with an engineering curriculum approved by the Engineers Council for Professional Development (the profession's accreditation body) and be a U.S. citizen or plan to become a naturalized citizen. Students must submit scholarship applications to


the local chapter by December 15, 1979. National winners will be selected by March 31, 1980.

For applications and more information on the NSPE scholarship program, contact Professor L.J. Powers, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas 79409. Phone is (806) 742-3563.



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Accessories, fabrics, notions and sewing tools make great Christmas gifts or stocking stuffers.

Accessories

Belts are a fashion must this fall and range from wide to skinny. Choose from fabric belts in sashes, cummerbunds, obis or cinches.

Or, select thin belts in leather or leather-like strips, braided ropes, or shiny silver or gold metals.

With emphasis on the leg, choose opaque or textured hoisery in fashion colors or skin tones if unsure of colors.

If the person on your list is a bit daring, select knitted leggings to team with boots or pumps for a warm winter.

Jewelry is always a popular gift. Choose jeweled pins, clips or brooches, bead necklaces or pearl chokers and ropes.

Or, select big geometric earrings and bold colored bangle bracelets.

Gold or silver chains, pins or earrings are classic and always appreciated.

Hair ornaments are fun and include feathers, combs, jeweled or plain picks, clips and bows.

Hats may be just the choice for your favorite female. Popular styles include the pillbox, brim, fedora or cloche.

Fabrics, Notions, Tools

For the homesevers on your list, give yardage of fabric teamed with notions and a pattern.

Other appreciated items include a cutting board, scissors, shears, pinking shears, thread clippers, a needle board, a sewing organizer caddy, fashion or French rulers, a wall thread holder, a steam iron and-or iron cover to prevent shine when pressing, and pressing hams, rollers or boards.

Stocking Stuffers

For stocking stuffers, choose an assortment of thread, needles, elastic, zippers, buttons, buckles

and hem, bias or twill tape.

Other handy items include folding purse scissors, a tape measure with metric measurements, a knit picker to remove picks or pulls in knits, a needle threader, marking pencils and personalized embroidery name patches to sew into home-sewn garments.

Also, a small sewing kit is handy for travelers.

Spirited COOKING

Have a Happy Holiday Party

Originally the "nog" in eggnog referred simply to "ale," but today it's often wine or spritely spirits. Rum Eggnog, for instance, served with properly glazed holiday treats like baked ham and turkey with Mini-Mince Pies can make your holidays happier.

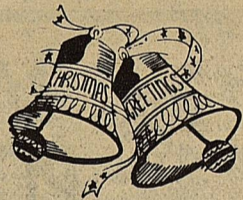
RUM EGGNOG


12 egg yolks
1/2 pound sugar
1 quart milk
1 fifth gold Puerto Rican rum
Nutmeg

Beat egg yolks until very light. Beat in sugar till thick. Stir in milk and rum. Chill 3 hours. Pour into punch bowl. Or, simply combine 12-oz. gold Puerto Rican rum with a quart of prepared eggnog mix. Top with nutmeg. Serves about 12 this way. Fills about 24 small mugs.



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ASCS News

By JERRY STONE

NEW TEXAS ASCS CHIEF CONFIRMED

Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland confirmed Stephen J. Pringle as the new Texas ASCS State Executive Director, as of December 2.

Pringle, a Bryan resident, has been with the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service since September of this year, serving as a Consultant to the U.S. Department of Agriculture as Assistant to the President of Texas A & M University, directing the University's government relations program at both the State and Federal levels, and providing liaison between private industrial groups and the University President, Jarvis Miller.

Speaking for the State ASC Committee, Committee Chairperson John D. Smith of Sudan said Pringle was the right man for the job. "His management qualifications are excellent, and his background is oriented to agriculture. He has served as a Staff Consultant to the Committee on Agriculture with the U. S. House of Representatives in Washington, D. C., and also served as Assistant to the Director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in College Station."

Pringle was born in Marlin in 1949. Upon his graduation from Hubbard High School in 1967, he attended Texas A & M University where he received a Bachelor of Arts in Finance. Pringle also

attended Baylor University in Waco as well as George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Prior to his career commitment, he served in the Army as a first lieutenant.

COMMITTEE ELECTION

Kenny Hensley was elected to a three year term on the Borden County ASC Committee during the recent committee election.

We would like to thank each producer who participated in the election by returning their ballots. A very special thanks to all the candidates, Kenny Hensley, Steve Hess, Donald Isaacs, and Blaine Turner.

CONSERVATION PROGRAM

If you are interested in a long term agreement under the 1980 Conservation Program please file a request by Friday, December 21.

COTTON PRODUCTION




ASCS-503, Producer Identification of Cotton, should be turned into the office as soon as they are available. Remember only compress weights are acceptable.

COTTON LOANS


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Your County Agent Says By Sam Field

Don't Waste Feed On Lousy Pigs

Swine producers, it's time to begin checking your animals more closely for external parasites.

Severe infestations of hog lice (*Haematopinus suis* L.), the only sucking lice found on swine, can cause serious weight loss due to poor feed utilization and general unthriftiness. So, in effect, your'e wasting feed because weights are not increasing as they should. As the weather becomes cooler, lice tend to cluster, therefore becoming more noticeable. During the winter lice are found on the inside of the ears or in folds of skin about the neck or on the upper insides of the legs.

All the life stages of the lice are passed on the host. They never voluntarily leave a host except when they can crawl immediately onto another animal. If dislodged from their host, they may live only 3-4 days. The females attach their eggs on the hairs. Each female may lay up to 90

eggs over a 3-week period. When the young lice hatch, in 12-20 days, they begin feeding almost immediately. These young lice become sexually mature in only 2 weeks. There can be as many as a dozen generations in one year. Very high populations can be attained in a very short period of time.

Lice can be effectively controlled with several insecticides which may be applied in various ways, i.e., sprays, dusts, dips, etc. Many of the procedures are listed below. Use the chemical and procedure which is most convenient, safest and economical for your individual operation. Many producers have found the pour-on method using Fenthion (listed in the table below) very convenient.

The frequent feeding of the lice causes severe irritations and infections often appear rather quickly.

When hogs are observed rubbing against feed troughs, fences, etc., or scratching with their feet, take the time to make a close inspection for lice.

Recommendations for Controlling Lice on Swine

PRODUCT	APPLICATION METHOD
Fenthion (Tiguvon)	Pour-on
Coumaphos (Co-Ral)	Spray, Dust
Crotoxyphos (Ciodrin)	Spray, Dust
Dioxathion (Delnay)	Spray or Dip
Lindane	Spray or Dip, Dust
Malathion	Spray or Dip, Dust
Methoxychlor	Spray or Dip, Dust, Rub
Toxaphene	Spray or Dip, Rub

Refer to label for rates, restrictions and precautionary remarks.

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the understanding that no discrimination is intended and no endorsement by the Cooperative Extension Service is implied.



Congressman
Charles W. Stenholm
Congressional Comment

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A \$1.5 billion stamp of approval of poor management practices and non-competitive wage increases is currently being pushed through Congress. Supported by the Administration and carefully marshalled by a powerful — and expensive — lobbying effort, the Chrysler "bailout" sets an unwise, open-ended precedent, and is, in my opinion, a classic government "boondoggle".

There is no doubt that the mammoth manufacturer is in trouble. And both management and labor have to take their share of the blame for those problems. Poor management practices will put the firm in the red to the tune of nearly \$700 on every vehicle it sells this year. Yet, the company's cash registers have racked up sales of \$65 billion since 1974, with a cumulative net loss of \$665 million. That, to me, suggests that major surgery is necessary, such as dropping some product lines, closing inefficient plants or development of a new, more selective, competitive marketing strategy.

These are precisely the kinds of drastic steps that other failing firms are forced to undertake every day. Are we in essence saying that henceforth any company and its workforce big enough and capable of mounting a strong enough lobbying campaign can be exempted from competition and can avoid the pain and inconvenience of reorganization when costs get out of hand, products don't sell, or large losses mount up?

On the other side of the Chrysler see-saw, the United Auto Workers (UAW) did the firm the "big favor" of limiting their pay increases to a cost-of-living allowance that will give the average assembly line worker at least a \$10,000 raise during the next three years and, if inflation continues at the present 13 percent rate, an increase of \$13,500.

I know of very few people in the 17th Congressional District that are going to be looking at a 30 percent-plus increase in wages in the next three years, yet this is what the UAW are saying that they are sacrificing and this is why we in the Congress should vote to

give \$1.5 billion of taxpayer's money to Chrysler.

One of the strongest arguments in favor of the bailout is the reported loss of 400,000 to 600,000 jobs. But these numbers reflect merely a gross inventory of existing payroll at Chrysler, its dealers and suppliers and secondarily related firms.

These jobs would be threatened only in the event of a complete and total liquidation, which is only a risk, not a

certainty. Automotive industry jobs are likely to shift, not disappear, however. Even if Chrysler fails completely, the total number of U.S. vehicle sales is not likely to decline measurably, meaning no net loss of jobs downstream of the factory gate — truckers, dealers, mechanics and so forth — which represent better than 20 percent of the total.

In short, the advocates are confusing the possibility of temporary employment turnover with permanent net job losses. If the free enterprise system is to work, you must preserve the right to fail as well as succeed. My vote on the Chrysler bailout is "NO".

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