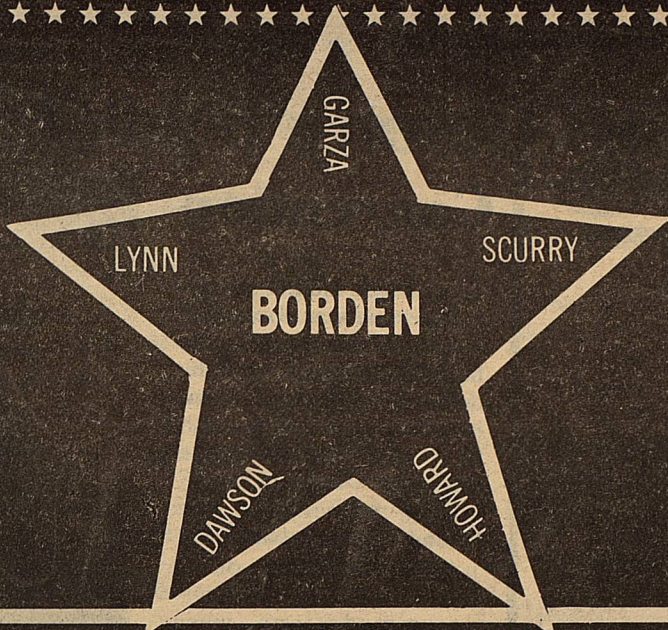


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Coyotes Put Bite On Consumers, Cattlemen Say

Coyotes in Texas have cheated consumers out of an estimated 259 million pounds of choice beef through the slaughter of cattle and calves on the range in the last 12 years, says Don C. King, secretary-general manager of Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.

Citing figures from the 1978 Agriculture Statistics for Texas Counties, prepared by the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service, King noted losses to Texas cattle producers from livestock predation during the same period were \$186 million. When added to the losses suffered by sheep and goat producers from predators, the cost was a staggering \$438 million for the same period.

The coyote and other predators, he concluded, are of serious concern not only to ranchers, but to all consumers.

King was one of several livestock industry representatives participating in the Predator Control Summit in Austin, Texas, Tuesday, Jan. 15. The meeting, sponsored by the Texas Department of Agriculture, brought together more than 150 ranchers, environmentalists and government regulatory agencies to develop satisfactory predator control programs protective of livestock and wildlife.

TSCRA, representing 14,000 livestock producers in Texas, Oklahoma, and other states, issued a joint statement with Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association and other livestock groups detailing the agricultural viewpoint on predator control. Bill Sims, TS&GRA executive secretary, presented the testimony.

U.S. Secretary of the Interior Cecil Andrus,

criticized by the livestock groups for his non-capture control policy issued last November, was the keynote speaker of the summit. Andrus advised the ranchers that the revised Federal policy ends research on Compound 1080, redirecting efforts to find another toxic substance that would be lethal without secondary poisoning effects of 1080. The policy also outlaws denning—the practice of killing coyote pups in dens.

The long-term goal of the policy will do away with lethal controls, proposing instead to expand availability of extension services to ranchers, develop improved husbandry techniques segregating livestock from predators, accelerate and redirect research towards controls which are environmentally sound.

Although the policy has significant effects on
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Temple Files For Railroad Comm.

Urging a Texas solution to the energy crisis, State Representative Buddy Temple formally filed today for the six-year term on the Texas Railroad Commission.

Temple said, "We can't depend on OPEC for solutions to our energy problems. As a nation, we have to become self-sufficient for our economic well-being and our security."

"Texas can and must provide the leadership to solve our energy problems. As the producer of a fourth of the nation's domestic

fuel, Texas ought to lead the way. The Railroad Commission, as our energy agency, ought to be in the forefront of the solution. And the commission should be articulating the Texas energy position forcefully in Washington.

"We have to get the government out of the way of the independent producers and let them get on with their business."

"As for the campaign itself, it is going better than I had ever expected. Fundraising is coming along exceptionally well. We have a campaign

organization in-place in each of the major metropolitan areas, and we will be able to put on a broad-based campaign in the Texas tradition.

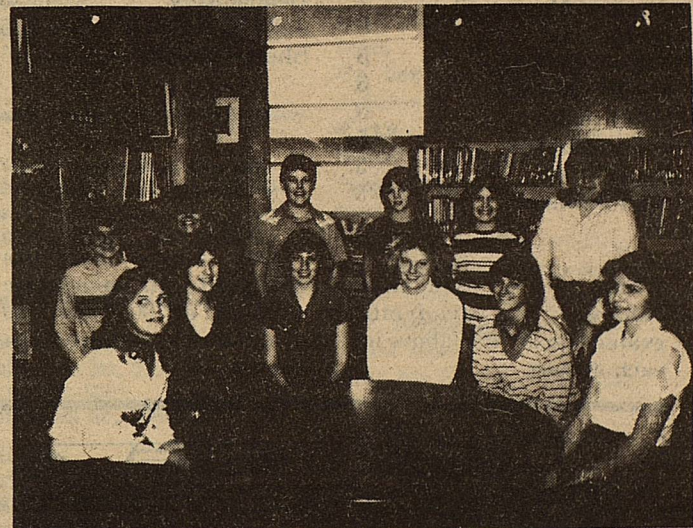
"I am on the road five and six days a week, aggressively seeking the office on a full-time basis. And I intend to work just as hard for the people of Texas once I am elected."

Temple, a 37-year-old businessman from Diboll in East Texas, is a four-term member of the Texas House.

He paid his \$1500 filing fee at the State Democratic Party Headquarters in Austin.



BETA ACHIEVEMENT STUDENTS FROM GRADES 9-12 FOR THE 3RD SIX WEEKS: Back Row- Keith Williams, Heather McPhaul, Gena McLeroy, Jana Edwards. Front Row- Mayme McLaurry, Troyce Wolf, Janna Love, and Glynda Burkett. Tina Wimberly was not available for picture.



ELEMENTARY AND JUNIOR HIGH BETA ACHIEVEMENT STUDENTS FOR THE 3RD SIX WEEKS ARE: Back Row- Michael Murphy, Gerry Smith, Mickey Burkett, Jeanette Massingill, Kelli Williams and Dana Gray. Front- Becky Massingill, Tanya Hollis, Tammy Miller, Kim Wills, Kelly Williams and Roxie Wolf. Kristi Stone and John Stephens III were unavailable for picture.

Beta Club Convention

The State Beta Club Convention was held over the weekend of January 18-20. The B.H.S. Beta Club members attending were Ben Murphy, Karen Williams, Glynda Burkett, Carla Jones, Mayme

McLaurry, Talley Griffin, Jana Edwards, Heather McPhaul, and Gena McLeroy accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Hopper and Mrs. Sue Jane Mayes. Also eligible was Tammy

Borden County School News

High School Honors

The following named High School students,

grades 9-12 have achieved academic honors for the third six-weeks.

BETA ACHIEVEMENT

Glynda Burkett 12
Janna Love 12
Mayme McLaury 12
Troyce Wolf 12
Jana Edwards 11
Heather McPhaul 11
Tina Wimberly 11
Gena McLeroy 10
Keith Williams 9

HONOR ROLL

Carla Jones 12
Ben Murphy 12
Karen Williams 12
Danny Holmes 11
Joie Brummett 11
Talley Griffin 11
Doug Love 9
Jennifer Wilson 9

Elem. & Jr. High Honors

The following named Elementary and Junior High Students, grades 5-8,

have achieved academic honors for the third six-weeks:

BETA ACHIEVEMENT

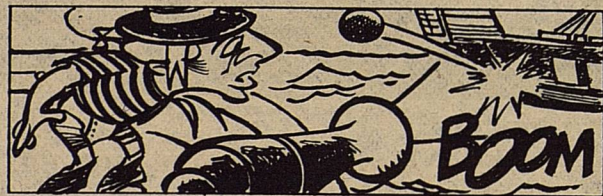
Tammy Miller 8
Kelly Williams 8
Kim Wills 8
Roxie Wolf 8
Tanya Hollis 7
Becky Massingill 7
Jeanette Massingill 7
Dana Gray 6
Mickey Burkett 5
Michael Murphy 5
Gerry Smith 5
John Stephens 5
Kristi Stone 5
Kelli Williams 5

HONOR ROLL

Keith Martin 8
Oscar Gonzales 7
Nancy Martinez 7
Samantha Porter 7
Lenora Gonzales 5
Brice Key 5
Debbie King 5
Julie Ridenour 5
Sherry Vaughn 5

The above students achieved an academic evaluation of 90 or above in each subject.

The above students achieved an academic average of 90, with no evaluation less than 85 in a subject.



Old Ironsides actually had a wooden hull but earned the nickname when a cannon shot in the War of 1812 fell harmlessly off her side and a sailor is said to have shouted, "Huzzah! Her sides are made of iron."

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Convention

Telchik who did not attend.

Everyone was so excited and knew this would be the best trip yet. The suburbans departed school at about 8:30 Friday morning with Mrs. Mayes leading the way.

Upon arriving at the Dallas Hilton about 3:00 p.m. and finding the rooms inadequate, accommodations were acquired at the Holiday Inn in Arlington.

Saturday was spent with Mr. and Mrs. Huddleston, Brian and Eric. Mrs. Mayes, Gena, Heather, Brian, and Eric went ice skating while the rest of the group went to Mr. Huddleston's office building. From there all went to a mall and shopped, ate at the Spanish Gallion, dining in the presence of Pricilla Davis, and then to the show.

The group left Dallas at 10:00 a.m. Sunday and arrived in Gail about 4:30 p.m.

-s- Mayme McLaury



High School Honor Roll for the 3rd six weeks are: Back Row- Doug Love, Danny Holmes, Talley Griffin. Front- Karen Williams, Ben Murphy and Carla Jones. Joie Brummett and Jennifer Wilson were not available for picture.



Elementary and Junior High Honor Roll students for the 3rd six weeks are: Back Row- Left to Right- Debbie King, Brice Key, Julie Ridenour, Lenora Gonzales. Front- Samantha Porter, Nancy Martinez, Keith Martin and Oscar Gonzales. Sherry Vaughn was not available for picture.

To Editor

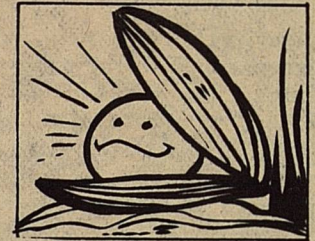
Last weekend I had the privilege (along with Mr. and Mrs. Hopper) of accompanying nine Beta Club students to their annual convention. We did run into some problems with the Hilton, but no school trip is complete without something going wrong.

The purpose of this letter is to express some appreciation to the parents of these kids who have obviously done a good job of raising their children. There was never a time when the Hoppers and I had to worry about what the kids were doing or where

they were going. Borden County can be very proud that they were represented so well by these nine students.

The Beta Club would like to thank Mr. McLeroy and the school board for giving us the opportunity to go on this trip.

-s- Sue Jane Mayes, Beta Club Sponsor



Fine pearls are obtained from an inedible oyster of the genus *Meleagrina* that lives in warm parts of the Pacific. Edible oysters never produce valuable pearls.

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3	4-H Meeting 10:16-11:01 5:00 p.m. J.H. Basketball Boys & Girls Wellman-There	5 5:00 p.m. H.S. Basketball Boys & Girls Dawson - Here	6	7 Jr.Hi. District Tournament at Borden	8 5:00 p.m. H.S. Basketball Boys & Girls Loop - There	9 Jr.Hi. Dist Tourney-H 3:00 p.m. H.S. Basketball Boys & Girls Loop - Here
10	11	12 6:30 p.m. H.S. Basketball Boys Only Klondike - T	13	14 ST. VALENTINE'S DAY	15	16 Heart Fund Talent Show 7:30 p.m.
17	18	19	20	21	22 Borden County Stock Show Teacher Workday	23 Solo & Ensemble Monohans UIL Literary Contest at Stamford
24	25	26	27	28	29 3rd Quarter Ends Track Meet Meadow Jr. Hi.	

Basketball News

Boys sports reporter:
Lynn Maxwell

Girls Sports Writer,
David Smith

Hard Luck Coyotes Drop Another

The Borden Coyotes boys suffered their 11th loss of the season Friday night as Klondike defeated the Coyotes 55-53. The loss marked the 6th loss by less than 3 points this season.

The Coyotes played perhaps their best ball of the season during the first half and took a 32-26 lead at halftime. The Coyotes connected on 16 of 39 field goals attempts in the first half for 41 percent.

After being outscored 19-12 in the third quarter, the Coyotes trailed 45-44 going into the final stage. Poor shooting and crucial turnovers resulted in the

final score of 55-53.

Blane Dyess again led Borden with 20 points and 7 rebounds. Craig Peterson followed closely with 14 points and 13 rebounds. Ben Murphy, playing with a sprained ankle, contributed 9 points and 5 rebounds. The remainder of the scoring was Bart McMeans and Jym Rinehart, 4 each and Carley Doyle 2.

The Coyotes shot 38 percent from the field and made 3 of 6 free throws. The season record is now 6-11 and 1-3 in district. Borden plays Sands in Ackerly Tuesday night (29th) and Wellman at home Friday (Feb. 1).

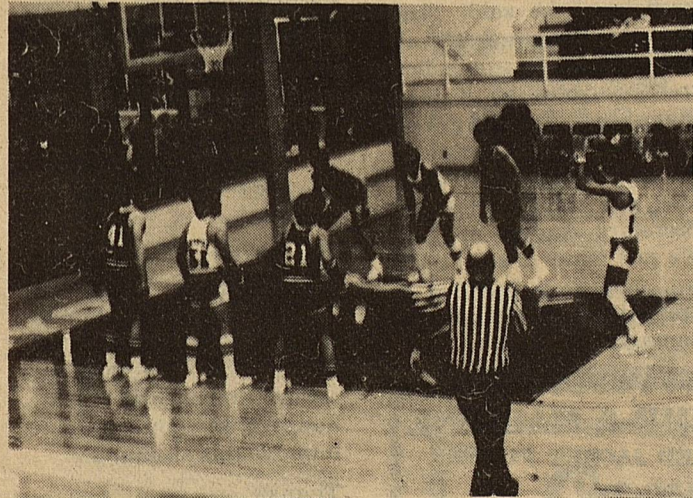
Girls Lose First District Game

Klondike barely defeated the Borden girls varsity 41-40 Friday here. This is the only other loss the girls have suffered since defeat by New Deal earlier in the year.

The Coyotes did not play up to par, considering they smashed Klondike January 8 by 40-26. Free throw percentage for both teams was 55 percent. The Klondike game was an unusual game for the Lady Coyotes, from the

beginning. The girls were 7 points under at the close of the 1st quarter. They still trailed 15-18 at the half, but came out of the third quarter ahead 30 to 28. Poor shooting hurt the girls throughout the game and was the cause of the girls first district loss.

Jana Edwards scored 17; Talley Griffin, 8; Karen Williams, 6; Glynda Burkett tied with Gayla Newton, 4; Janna Love, 1.



BORDEN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Date	Opponent	Place	Teams	Time
Feb. 1	Wellman	H	A Girls, A Boys, B Boys	5:00
Feb. 5	Dawson	H	A Girls, A Boys, B Boys	5:00
Feb. 8	Loop	T	A Girls, A Boys	6:30
Feb. 12	Klondike	T	A Boys, B Boys	6:30

January 24 Wilson JV Tournament- B Girls, B Boys
January 26 Wilson JV-B Girls B Boys

J.V. Girls Lose

The Girls Junior Varsity won one of three games in the Wilson Tournament last week. They were defeated by Meadow 34-38 in the first game. Borden outscored Meadow in the last half but were too far behind.

Teresa Wimberly had 17 points; Misty Merritt, 9; Shellie Peterson, 6; Lisa Smith and Sharon Brummett, 1.

Borden beat Smyer 54 to 17 in the second game. Teresa Wimberly had 24; Kay Copeland, 11; Shellie Peterson, 6; Misty Merritt, 5; Lisa Smith, Kelley Richardson, Simona Benavidez, and Stephanie Herring, 2 each.

Borden lost the last game 43 to 48 to Wilson. Lisa Smith had 6 points; Kay Copeland, 5; Shellie Peterson, 8; Teresa Wimberly, 6; Misty Merritt, 4; Kelley Richardson, 3; Simona Benavidez, 6; Jennifer Wilson, 2; and Stephanie Herring, 3.

J.V. Boys Lose

The Borden Coyotes Junior Varsity boys saw action in the Wilson J. V. tourney last week as well as a home game with Klondike.

In the Wilson Tournament the Coyotes lost to Meadow on Thursday 43-34. Mike Peterson led the Coyotes with 11 points and Troy King had 10. Others scoring were: Chip Smith and Kevin Telchik 4 each, Van York 3, and Danny Holmes 2.

On Saturday Sundown defeated the Coyotes 51-30. The Coyotes could only manage 8 of 29 free throws while Sundown connected on 15 of 23. Mike Peterson again led Borden with 15 points. Kevin Telchik had 4, Troy King 3, Danny Holmes, Jeff Martin, and Maurice Herridge 2 each, and Doug Love and Roy Gonzales 1 each.

Against Klondike on Friday the Coyotes played one of their better games of the season only to lose on a 35 foot shot at the buzzer. Troy King and Mike Peterson led the Coyotes with 12 and 11 points respectively. Jeff Martin and Kevin Telchik had 6 each, Darrell Green had 3, and Van York 2.

The J.V.'s are now 3-5 with 5 games remaining.



SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

February 4-8, 1980

LUNCH MONDAY

Pork Steak
Vegetable Salad
Mashed Potatoes
Hot Rolls
Pudding
Milk
Salad Bar

TUESDAY

Pinto Beans and Meat
Tossed Salad
Fruit Jello
Cornbread
Milk
Salad Bar

WEDNESDAY

Poor Boy Steak-Gravy
Buttered Potatoes
English Peas
Hot Rolls
Fruit Cobbler
Milk
Salad Bar

THURSDAY

Goulash
Tossed Salad
Blackeyed Peas
Cornmeal Twist
Fruit
Milk
Salad Bar

FRIDAY

Hamburger
Lettuce and Tomatoes and Pickles
French Fries
Brownies
Milk
Salad Bar

BREAKFAST MONDAY

Oatmeal
Toast
Fruit Juice
Milk

TUESDAY

Cinnamon Toast
Fruit Juice
Milk

WEDNESDAY

Granola Muffins
Jelly
Fruit Juice
Milk

THURSDAY

Pancakes
Juice
Milk
FRIDAY
Cereal
Fruit Juice
Milk

WAR

By David Smith
Today a man did I kill.
God help me, but I did.
He was not so different from me.

Young and fair-in truth but a kid,
No older or younger than me,
Same yes, same mental will.

I would be lying where he lies
Had I not been the quicker man.
He lies peacefully in the meadow,
With so many others-unburied,
Sensing not pride, fear; he can
No longer feel the emotions that robbed his tomorrow.
Never again will he span
The ocean might to his far-off land
That he fought valliantly for,
And in the end, became part of the gore
Long associated with war.

Did he long for the woman
He loved with his dying breath?
Or did he die in glory,
Defending the country of his birth?

He no longer must justify the killing,
The endless bloodshed.
For the ground washed ugly red
Has become his last earthly bed.
He no longer must justify the killing,
But I live still-and I am willing,
To lie where he lies,
No longer to justify the killing.

"Good resolutions are simply checks that men draw on a bank where they have no account." Oscar Wilde

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What's Hap-nin

It was good to hear that Warren Beavers was released from the hospital with good results from test and minor surgery.

We are sorry to learn that little Brian Bacon has been ill. Brian is the son of Connie Bacon and they are newcomers to the city of Gail.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley Gene Ogden of San Angelo were weekend visitors of The Corky Ogdens.

Kristi Stone entertained several classmates last Friday afternoon with a skating party and supper in Snyder. The occasion was a belated birthday party for Kristi.

The Van York family enjoyed a weekend trip to Fort Worth, and attended the rodeo while there.

John Parker celebrated his 5th birthday last Wednesday afternoon with a party. Several of John's playmates and friends were in attendance.

Ropers - - Don't forget to attend the meeting Monday night. Let's have some ropings and picnics!

Valentine Partys
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BordenCounty School

Borden County Stockshow
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RJR Gives \$75,000 To Rodeo Hall

OKLAHOMA CITY — R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., a long-time sponsor of professional rodeo, recently contributed \$75,000 to the Prorodeo Hall of Champions located in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Ralph Seagraves, manager of the company's special events program, made the presentation of the check to Dale Smith, president of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association and Ken Stemler, president and executive director of the Hall.

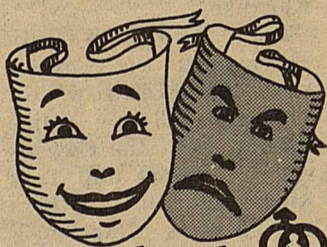
"R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., through its sponsorship of the Winston Rodeo Awards program for the past nine years, has been proud to be a part of helping the country's original athlete — the rodeo cowboy," said Seagraves.

"Today, the company is even prouder to participate in preserving the legacy of the rodeo cowboy and the nation's original sport. It is with great pleasure that I present our contribution to a most worthwhile and deserved endeavor."

The funds will be applied toward the costs of exhibit research, collection of artifacts and exhibit construction at the 27,000-square-foot facility.

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Coyote

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federal lands, the Secretary explained that there will be no immediate changes in the use of other current animal damage control techniques on private lands as long as state and federal law is not violated.

"We will use animal damage control specialists, traps, M-44 devices, aerial hunting and other methods that have proven to be effective in reducing the offending animals where substantial losses of livestock have been sustained," Andrus said.

Dr. Guy Connolly, wildlife research biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Center in Denver, contradicted Andrus' statement on Compound 1080's secondary poisoning effects. In research he has supervised, even "overkill" doses of 1080 in coyote carcasses failed to poison scavengers.

Steven D. Jellinek, assistant administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency's pesticide program and toxic substances, offered virtually no hope to ranchers for future reinstatement of 1080 or other poisonous chemicals for emergency use in predator control.

King, in response to Andrus' statements, reaffirmed recent comments made by O. J. (Jim) Barron III, TSCRA member, West Texas rancher and chairman of the National Cattlemen's Association's predator control committee. "There is no practical way to keep livestock out of the way of predators," he said. "The Secretary's non-lethal, non-capture control policy treats coyotes as if they were an endangered species—which is certainly not true. We don't propose to kill all the species as Secretary Andrus implies. We just want to keep their numbers under control to prevent massive livestock damages."

King also reiterated that "allowing coyotes and other predator populations to overrun the countryside will create a serious human health hazard. Coyotes spread rabies, bubonic plague and other serious diseases and their numbers have multiplied so rapidly they are even showing up in Eastern urban areas."

Dr. Wallace Klussman, head of the wildlife and fisheries department of Texas A&M University, warned government officials that focusing the control program solely on the offending animal through non-lethal means was not practical in Texas at this time.

In 1978, Texas Department of Agriculture statistics show predators accounted for 58 per cent of all death losses in sheep and lambs and 72 percent of all deaths in goat and kid losses. Sheep and goat numbers in Texas have declined 30 percent in the last six years and 75 percent since the 1940s.

Among the recommendations made by the agricultural contingent were requests for adequate research funds for developing additional control methods, the transfer of animal damage control and research back to the U. S. Department of Agriculture from the Department of the Interior, that the toxicant 1080 be approved for use in toxic collars worn by sheep, and the executive order limiting the use of toxicants on federal lands like Fort Hood and the North Concho Reservoir be rescinded.

Other TSCRA participants were Charles R. Rollins, administrative assistant, and Steve Munday, news director.

Letter

Dear Friends,
We want to send our Thanks and appreciation to those who have contributed to our cause. We have not received much help so far, however we hope we can improve this situation.

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Meeting

GAIL ROPING CLUB

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Everyone interested in roping, please make plans to attend.

Jerres Gottings

I wish I was a cartoonist instead of a piece writer. Can't you just visualize little minskys in various contortions of laughter while listening to the State of the Union recitation? To the Iranians and the Russians, James Earle must have sounded laughable--to the rest of the world, pitiful and disappointing. Where others used to look to US for strength and direction, now it must be with pity and apology. There were some good things said by the President--but it took David Brinkley's recap for me to realize the few strengths in the speech. My word, the delivery was weak. I wish I had just listened to recaps or even read the transcript--then I could have imagined all the strength and assertiveness I was yearning for.

The pluses in the State of were the call for registration, the boycotting of the Olympics and the threat of sending a fleet to the Persian Gulf. But how silly it all sounded coming from a man who has sat in the oval office for three years and let US get in this mess. Ho-hum the communists thru-out the world must have thought.

We've all been taught that yelling and screaming won't get us anywhere. But by golly, I was ready for the President of US to get our the leather strap and give the bullies of the world a verbal dressing down, as

well as straighten out his own household. With flint in his eyes and determination in his voice he could have reminded US that the house was a mess, the back yard rat infested, all the rules had been broken and that he was at the end of his patience. He could have cut off all allowances until all the toys were back in their right places. He could have grounded US and forbad US to play with the bullies. He could have told US to get rid of the rats immediately--even if it took using that big stink bomb in the closet--after all that's what it's for--rats. He could have encouraged US to set up our own lemonade stand so that in time we would be able to refuse to buy from the shieks across town. He could have bought US a new piggy bank that didn't have a hold draining into the trough. He could have told US that saving would be rewarded and that we would no longer have to divide our reward with him. And he could have told mama that from now on the household was on a pay as you go basis. All credit cards would be collected and if she didn't have the money in her apron, she couldn't help the lazy neighbor.

If I were a cartoonist, I would rather draw a big strong president with the strap ready to use than a bunch of little minskys doubled over in laughter.

Education Hearing Scheduled

Governor Bill Clements has recently announced that the Governor's Advisory Committee on Education will conduct a public hearing in Lubbock.

The Lubbock hearing will be on Monday, February 25, at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, Room S-107, 1501 Sixth Street.

The hearing will begin at 2:00 p.m.

Citizens are invited to testify regarding the State system -for public elementary and secondary education. The Governor's Committee is seeking comment on issues of citizen interest and recommendations for improvement of the education system.

Persons wishing to testify should notify the Committee in advance by mail at Governor's Advisory Committee on Education, 112 Sam Houston Building, Austin, Texas 78711, or by telephone at (512) 475-0386.

Those who do not register in advance may request to be placed on the agenda immediately prior to the beginning of the hearing.

Testimony will be taken in the order of registration. Written testimony may be mailed to the Committee by those unable to attend the hearing.

The blue ribbon Committee was created by Governor Clements to advise him concerning policies and programs on education. It is studying priority areas identified by the Governor and the Committee and is scheduled to submit a report containing recommendations to him during the summer of 1980.

The Committee is composed of 21 persons from throughout the State with recognized interests and-or expertise in education. Dr. Willis M. Tate, President Emeritus of Southern Methodist University, is the chairman.



Like many other Borden County students, Kelly Ogden enjoyed the surprise snow and day off from school by building her interpretation of a snowman. (Kelly did have a little help from her Grandmother.

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Cattlemen Urged To Register And Vote

Borden county cattlemen will have an opportunity to register Jan. 28-Feb. 6 and to vote Feb. 19-22 on a proposed nationwide Beef Research and Information program, according to Bill Phinzy, County Beeferendum Coordinator.

Beeferendum is a cattle industry effort to win approval of a uniform collection plan for beef research, consumer information, promotion and foreign market development. The Beef Research and Information program will be established if a majority of cattlemen vote "yes" in the Feb. 19-22 referendum.

Phinzy said both the registration and voting will take place at the county

ASCS office. Absentee registration and voting will be permitted; cattlemen interested in the absentee procedures should contact the ASCS office.

The referendum rules provide for one vote for each separate cattle business entity—be it an individual, a family business, a partnership or a corporation.

Phinzy urged all local cattle producers and feeders to vote "yes" in the referendum. He pointed out the urgent need for a self-help program that would provide the funds to fight anti-beef propaganda, promote the nutritional value of beef, combat beef substitutes, counter extremes of the cattle cycle

expand foreign markets and increase demand for beef.

"Consumer demand for beef, as measured by share of income spent for beef, will continue to decline unless we take positive steps now. Nobody else is going to provide the nutrition research and information that are needed. We are going to have to do the job ourselves, and the only way to be sure an adequate job is done is to set up an industry-wide, uniform collection plan."

"Just having a superior product isn't enough any more. We must take charge of our own destinies. We must be sure the research and information program is approved."

CAPITOL UPDATE



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The Constitution requires the President each year to report to the Congress on the State of the Union. Unfortunately, this year all the Congress received was a self-serving dossier of alleged administration grand accomplishments -- a document more suited to a campaign stump than the State of the Union Message.

The 75-page document submitted to the Congress is nothing more than a collection of re-hashed programs and ideas, many of them already rejected or completely overtaken by events.

The most serious failing was in the area of national defense. Stepped-up Soviet aggression has made it crystal clear that the U.S. must act and act now to rebuild itself as a military power. Even the President has admitted Soviet adventurism in Afghanistan caused him to reassess his view of Russian intentions. But the State of the Union Message ignores any lessons that should have been learned.

For the Administration apparently to have concluded that its Five Year Defense Plan -- already woefully inadequate -- in any way would deter the Soviets from future aggression is patently ridiculous.

The Administration even has the audacity to claim to have reversed several years of reduced defense spending. That assertion ignores a history of cuts to defense budgets by a Democrat-controlled Congress, Carter's own campaign pledge to further reduce defense spending, and his reluctance even to meet his promise to our NATO allies for a 3 percent real growth in the budget.

The new 1981 defense budget and Five Year Defense Plan have been gradgingly drawn up by the Administration. Close examination of these proposals clearly shows that most of what is advertised as new additions is really only catch-up spending for long-underfunded programs. And that spending would be paid for largely by deferring other vital programs to the years beyond 1985 -- a classic example of robbing Peter to pay Paul.

Just as disturbing are the President's words of praise for the SALT II treaty. The Administration has ignored all objective analyses which reveal serious flaws in that treaty, including the report from the Senate Armed Services Committee that concluded the treaty is not in the best interests of our national defense.

As for the domestic policy aspects of the President's message, they reflect the Administration's continued dependence on unworkable ideas, and a tendency to believe spending money with or without having effective programs will solve any problem.

There is nothing of the shift in attitudes and direction that is required if we are to effectively address the problems of inflation and energy.

The Congress faces grave responsibilities this year. It would be easier for Congress to meet its challenges with wise and effective leadership from the Administration. But even if that leadership fails to appear, Congress has the power, and I hope the will, to take decisive action to improve the American position in the world, and to start on the road to solving our domestic problems.

Borden County LIVESTOCK SHOW

The Borden County Junior Livestock Show will be held on Feb. 21, 22, 23. Animals will be weighed from 8:00 to 12:00 noon Thursday Feb. 21.

The Barrow Show will begin at 1 p.m. on Friday with the Sheep Show beginning at 4:00 p.m. Friday afternoon. The Stockshow will get off to a big start on Saturday morning with a Steer Show at 9:00 a.m.

A Bar-B-Que lunch will be served following the steer show in the School cafeteria. The annual Stockshow Sale will take place at 1:00 p.m.

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G. Ray Sawyer Named To Texas ASC State Committee

Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland appointed G. Ray Sawyer of Hillsboro to the Texas Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) committee.

The ASC committee, headed by Chairperson John D. Smith of Sudan, is a five member group of prominent Texas farmers and ranchers appointed to administer federal farm programs in the State. Mr. Sawyer succeeds Mrs. Marguerite B. Snyder, prominent rancher from Baird, who completed her second one-year term of office in December.

Sawyer, long active in county agricultural activities, operates a cotton, grain sorghum, wheat, hay and livestock farm near Hillsboro and is co-owner and manager of Blackland Farm Service, Inc. He is a member of the Blackland Cotton and Grain Producers Association, Grain Sorghum Producers Association, Texas Farm Bureau, and Texas Association of Farmer Elected Committeemen. Mr. Sawyer also serves as Chairman, Board of Supervisors, Hill County Soil and Water Conservation District, and is a member of the Natural Fiber and Food Protein Commission of Texas. He is a Texas A & M University graduate and a U. S. Navy veteran.

The new committeeman and his wife, Betty, have three children, Lisa and John Sawyer, undergraduates at Texas A & M, and Joel who is a senior at Hillsboro High School.

Other members of the State ASC committee are Edward L. Lehman, Jr., of Vernon; Joe E. Chapa of Linn; and Max B. Rotholzer Wharton, all of whom have accepted reappointment to the Committee, and continuing member, Dr. Daniel C. Pfannstiel, Director, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A & M University.

The Texas State ASCS office, headed by Stephen J. Pringle, State Executive Director, is located in College Station

ASCS News

By JERRY STONE

1980 BEEF REFERENDUM

Beef producers will soon have an opportunity to vote in a referendum on a Beef Research and Information Order. All cattle producers would be affected by the order and each individual who owned cattle during 1979 is eligible to register and vote. To vote, a producer must register between January 28 and February 6 with the county ASCS office serving the county where his/her farm or ranch headquarters is located. Voting, for those who timely registered, will be by secret ballot February 19-22. Registration and voting can be completed by mail if information and ballots are requested in advance.

The program will be funded by assessments based on the value of cattle sold. During the first two years of the program, assessments could be up to two-tenths of one percent of the value of cattle sold (20 cents per \$100). After two years, the board could recommend and increase up to five-tenths of one percent.

Any producer could request and receive a refund of the assessment paid.

Wool Producers

In order to be eligible for Incentive Payments on

wool and unshorn lambs you must submit your sales invoices and file an application no later than January 31, 1980.

1980 Farm Program

As of this date there is no required set-aside on any program crop and still no disaster program. We will inform of the final details as soon as we get them.

Cotton Production

As soon as you have completed harvest, including green bolls, please bring your cotton production card to the county office.

Emergency Feed Program

If you are feeding more than normal and have had at least a 40 percent loss in feed or pasture production, you may qualify for cost shares of feed expense. Please come and sign up as soon as the loss is apparent.

Reminder

Any owner or operator change needs to be reported to the county office as soon as possible after the change is made.

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Farmers Tax Deadline

College Station--While most taxpayers have until April 15 to file their 1979 income tax returns, farmers and ranchers face an earlier filing date--March 3.

The March 3 date stands for agricultural producers who did not file an estimate of their income taxes and pay these estimated taxes by Jan. 15. Those who did file an estimate have until the April 15 deadline to file final returns.

For Texas farmers and ranchers preparing their 1979 income tax returns, Dr. Ashley Lovell of Bryan, area economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A and M University System, offers several considerations.

Filing requirements for 1979 are changed from 1978. For example, an individual must file a return if his gross income is \$3,300 or more and a married couple under 65 years of age must file if their joint gross income is more than \$5,400. If both are 65 years of age or older, they may make \$6,400 before having to file a return.

For some businessmen, a more urgent deadline is Jan. 31, the due date for Form 943 and Form W-2.

Form 943, "Employer's Annual Tax Return for Agricultural Employees," must be filed if you were required to withhold and pay social security tax, or if you withheld income tax under voluntary withholding agreements on farm labor wages during 1979.

Form W-2, "Wage and Tax Statement," must be provided to each employee to whom you paid wages subject to social security taxes or from whose wages federal income tax was voluntarily withheld. Employees should receive Form W-2's by January 31.

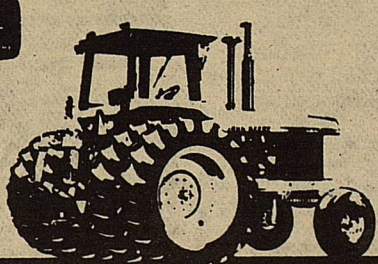
For other changes and reporting requirements regarding 1979 income tax returns, Lovell suggests a copy of Internal Revenue Service Publication No. 17, "Your Federal Income Tax" (1980 edition).

Farmers and ranchers will want to get a copy of I.R.S. Publication No. 221, "Farmers Tax Guide" (Revised October 1979).

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams

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AUSTIN—Texans are going to have to wait at least until August, maybe later, to watch their Legislature debate tax relief, initiative and referendum, and wiretapping . . . and possibly a few other issues thrown in a la carte.

Governor Bill Clements last week announced he will wait until next fall to call his promised special session.

Clements wants to spend a state surplus for tax relief in the special session, but, he said no one really knows right now how much surplus will be available.

The governor has estimated there will be some \$600-\$700 million he can turn back to taxpayers, but State Comptroller Bob Bullock recently predicted a biennial surplus of only \$124 million. Clements said he is putting the issue on the back burner until he and Bullock get a clearer picture.

Others say there is more to the postponement than meets the eye. One view is that Clements is waiting until right before the general election in November to give Republican challengers an advantage over incumbent Democrats in the Legislature. However, Clements has recently angered rural Democrats and he may be afraid of losing Senate confirmation of some of his new appointees. The Senate may vote to confirm in any session meeting longer than ten days.

Hunger Strike

A Central Texas farmer continued his hunger strike outside the governor's office last week to symbolize his disillusionment with Clements' agricultural policy.

Charlie Fitts of Milam County vowed he would stay at Clements door until he can personally apologize to Clements' 1978 opponent, former Attorney General John Hill, for voting for Clements.

Fitts was irritated by the dismissal of the Texas farmers' liaison in Washington DC, and for Clements' failure to keep campaign promises to farmers.

Clements v. White?

Attorney General Mark White says the Texas Department of Human Resources can build its planned \$40 million office building and the governor says it can't.

Clements vetoed the project in June 1979, but White said then that the governor lacked the power of veto in that issue. Clements then raised 31 questions of illegality in the project.

White came back again last week and ruled down the governor's objections. Clements has threatened to take the issue to the Texas Supreme Court.

Teacher Pay Hikes

House Speaker Bill Clayton said the Texas Legislature will be inviting unionization of the state's public school teachers if they don't receive a bigger pay raise in the 1981 session.

Teachers received a 5.1 percent pay increase last spring at Clements recommendation. They had wanted a 7 percent hike.

Clayton said he will fight unionization and make the pay raises a priority issue.

Presidential Polls

President Jimmy Carter and former Texas governor John Connally have moved out front in their parties in this state, a recent poll showed.

The *Texas Monthly* magazine poll showed Carter leading Ted Kennedy 52.7 percent to 20.6 percent among Democrats. California Gov. Jerry Brown registered 5.9 percent in the poll.

Carter led Kennedy in virtually all areas of the state and other categories, except among Mexican-Americans and Blacks where Kennedy led by some 15 points.

Republican Connally with 35 percent had a nice lead over Ronald Reagan's 26.6 percent. Fellow Texan George Bush received 12.1 percent approval and Tenn. Sen. Howard Baker got 5.7 percent.

Like the Democratic front-runner, Connally led his party in all areas of the state, with Reagan showing a lead among blacks and senior citizens.

AG Opinion

In a legal opinion last week, Attorney General White ruled the sale contract of rock may be voided where a county commissioner receives royalties on the sale of the rock to a company which in turn sells it to the county.

Obituary

J. T. Creighton

J. T. Creighton, 66 died Tuesday, January 22, 1980 in the Rankin District Hospital after a short illness.

Services were held at 3 p.m. today in the First Baptist Church of Rankin with the Rev. Ray Singleton, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Rankin Cemetery under the direction of Dennis Gregg Funeral Home of McCamey.

Mr. Creighton was born May 5, 1913 in Sanco. He was married to Frances Fulgim Dec. 21, 1940, in Carlsbad, N.M. He was a rancher and a member of the First Baptist Church. He was a resident of Rankin for 15 years.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Jean Baley of College Station and Fran Phillips of Sabine Pass; and son, Jay Creighton of Rosanky; a sister, Sarah Bilberry of Portales, N.M.; two brothers, James Creighton of Tucumcari, N.M. and Ben Creighton of Elida, N.M.; and six grandchildren.

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