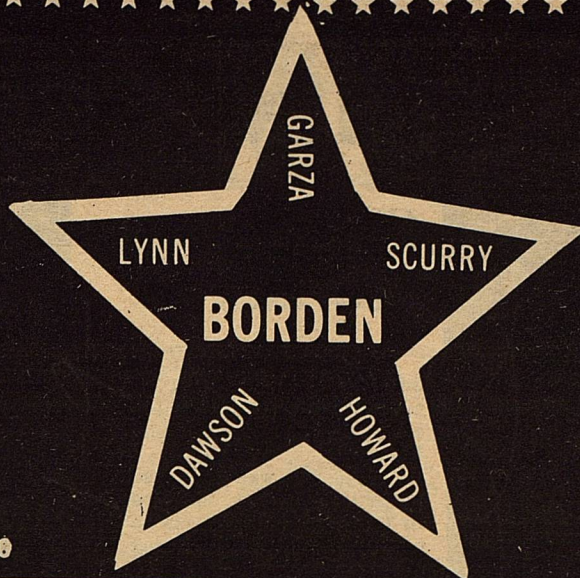


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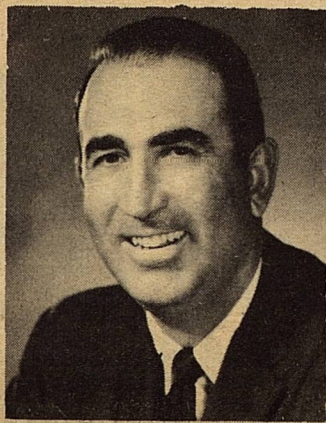
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# County Political Announcements



JOHN R. ANDERSON

## Runs for State Legislature

John R. (Rich) Anderson, Borden County rancher, announced Saturday he will be a candidate for the state legislature from the 63rd district. The district includes Dawson, Borden, Scurry, Howard, Sterling and Coke Counties.

Anderson is seeking the seat presently held by Rep. Renal B. Rosson, Snyder, who announced Thursday he will not seek re-election.

In 1970 Mr. Anderson was named by Gov. Smith to serve on the Colorado River Waste Water Management studyboard. In 1960 he was named "Outstanding Conservation Rancher".

Anderson and his family have ranched in Borden County for the past 21 years and also have been active in Community work. Formerly a member of the state Republican executive committee, Mr. Anderson served as Republican County Chairman for several years. He has served on the Borden County School Board for 9 years and as president of the board for the past five years. He is also an active member of the National Cattlemen's Association and serves on several committees of the Texas and Southwestern Cattlemen's Association.

Anderson is also active in civic work in Big Spring. He is presently on the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center Board, is a director of the Security State Bank, is on the advisory board of trustees for the Medical Center Memorial Hospital and is also active in St. Marys' Episcopal Church.

Reared on a ranch near Lovington, N. M., he is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma. He is married to the

former Barbara Clayton, a pioneer ranching family in Borden County. The Andersons have four children; Mrs. Buddy (Sally) Geter of Stillwater, Okla.; Mary, a student at T. C. U.; John Robert and Martha, who are students in Borden High School. They also have one grandson, John Edward Geter.

## Van York in Commissioner Race

Van L. York announces his candidacy for County Commissioner of Precinct No. 4 in Borden County, subject to the Democratic Primary.

Van is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee F. York of Lubbock. He graduated from Monterey High School in 1960 and attended Texas Tech. He married Barbara Smith in Lubbock in 1961. They have two children, Van Lee and Cathy, presently attending Borden County Elementary School.

The Yorks have lived in Borden County for the past 12 years where they have been operating the old J. N. York Ranch located 15 miles east of Gail. Van worked for Ezell Key Feed Lot for four years and was assistant manager for the past two years.

Van says that he is a conservative, he has the time, desire, and capability to do a good job representing the people of his precinct. He would greatly appreciate your support in his candidacy.

## Don Jones Announces

Don Jones has announced that he is a candidate for re-election, Borden County Commissioner, Precinct 4, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary.

Jones said, "I appreciate the cooperation and consideration which I have received, and I ask for your continued support."

## Melba Rinehart Seeks

### County Clerk

Melba Rinehart has announced that she will be a candidate for the office of county and district clerk of Borden County subject to action of the Democratic Primary.

She has lived in or near Borden County for about 30 years, attending Borden County

Schools her Sophomore and Junior years. Melba attended Western Texas College, where she took a one year Business Course. She is presently employed at General Aviation News as secretary and classified manager.

Melba is married to Edward Rinehart and they have three sons, Eurdist, Travis, and Jym who are students at Borden County Schools. She is a member of the First Baptist Church of Gail, where she serves as Sunday School Secretary.

"I have resigned my present employment, becoming effective January 31, at which time I will begin my active campaigning. I feel confident that I am qualified for the office of county and district clerk and would consider it an honor and privilege to serve the people of Borden County in this capacity. If elected, I will perform my duties efficiently and conscientiously."



MELBA RINEHART

## Nationals Burleson for Re-Election

Wash. D.C.--Congressman - Omar Burleson, who represents the 17th District of Texas in the United States House of Representatives, has announced for re-election. He has filed for a place on the ballot in the Democratic Primary Election on May 4, 1974.

Burleson was elected to the 80th Congress from the 17th District and has been re-elected to each succeeding Congress. He is a member of the Ways and Means Committee, considered to be the most powerful and prestigious in the House.

## Editorial

At the daybreak of a new year now is probably a good time for everybody to invest in some thoughtful self-examination. If things aren't going the way you think they should, are you trying to do anything about it or are you just standing there muttering?

It is a truism of civilization that affluence breeds apathy and apathy is eventually disastrous.

I find it appropriate now--at a time when we all resolve to do better--to quote from a speech made in October by Senator Byrd from West Virginia.

"One of the most prevalent and frightening attitudes in America today is that of being complacent, apathetic, and noncommittal--a lack of deep convictions----"How often do we hear our leading citizens stand up in public and declare themselves unequivocally on matters of real principle and consequence?" "Ethics cannot thrive in a neutral mind. Equally dangerous to our way of life are not only those who threaten to overthrow, but those who say they don't much care, one way or the other".

Two of our shortcomings were pointed out by Senator Byrd. Examples: so long as regular dividends keep coming in, too many stockholders don't care how a corporations management does business; or as long as pay raises come along and benefits get greater, too many union members don't want to be bothered if somebody discovers a leader dipping into the till."

Strength of character and dedication to principle are the foundations on which this nation was built.

A worthwhile resolution for the new year: get more concerned about the state of the nation. You are part of the action, not part of the audience.

## New Rules for Candidates

Monday the 7th of January was the beginning day for filing for the May 4 party primary elections. Anyone considering running for office should know the rules have changed.

Previously, a candidate for the primaries could file at any time up until a certain date.

Now, Monday was the first day filings could be accepted and February 4 the last.

If a person now tells others, even in private conversation, that he is going to run in any public election, including city or school, he must "within a reasonable length of time" file a form naming a campaign manager or he may be found guilty of a felony.

New laws say how campaign money can be spent, when expenses and contributions must be reported to the public.

If a candidate accepts any kind of contributions, he must keep records meeting requirements.

Opposed candidates must keep up with contributions valued at more than \$10.

Full disclosure of personal finances applies only to state office holders and district judges.

## Local Rancher

### Dies

W. O. Cox, 51, Borden County Rancher, died at 7 A.M. December 20 1973 in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

Services were held at 10 A.M. December 22 in Nalley Pickle Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Jim Mosely, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Ackerly officiating. Burial was in the East Mound Cemetery at Matador, Texas.

Mr. Cox was born August 21, 1922 in Motley County and was married to Loys Cox February 2 1943 at Matador. They moved to Borden County July 31, 1949 and operated a ranch Northeast of Vealmoor.

Surviving him in addition to his wife, are his mother, Mrs. G. B. McElroy, Crosbyton two brothers, L. M. Cox, Matador, and Maurice Cox, Kansas City, Mo.; a sister, Mrs. John Russell, Matador; several nephews and nieces.

Serving as pall-bearers were: Paul Wasson, Big Spring, Billy Brown, Ackerly, Rusty Yadon, Gail, Max Zant, Joe Don Zant, Dwain Williams of Vealmoor.

## Hightower Announces

State Sen. Jack Hightower of Vernon announced as a Democratic candidate for congress in the 13th congressional district. Rep. Charles Finnell of Holliday announced for Hightower's senate seat.

# Borden County School News



APPROXIMATELY 50 PERSONS ATTENDED THE CHRISTMAS PARTY AND WERE ENTERTAINED BY THE "ROYAL WHAT NOTS".

## Christmas Party

Approximately 50 employees, members of the school board, and their guests attended a Christmas party at The Borden County School Cafeteria on Friday, December 20.

Dinner was prepared by Mr. and Mrs. James McLeroy, Mr. and Mrs. Mickey McMeans, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Jarrett.

After dinner, entertainment was presented by a musical group formed by Borden Coyote Band director, Mr. Jim Parker. Members of the group were

Mary Ledbetter, Diana McHenry, Kem Lockhart, Frank Farmer, Catherine Jackson, Rita Cornett, Kristy Smith, and Bica Baeza. They sang Christmas and popular songs to an audience that was very impressed.

After the entertainment, gifts were presented to Mr. McLeroy, Mr. Jarrett, and Mr. McMeans from employees. Acceptance speeches followed with words of appreciation for cooperation of the staff and hopes of a year as satisfying in 1974.



"THE ROYAL WHAT NOTS"

ENTERTAINING AT CHRISTMAS PARTY L. TO. R. MARY LEDBETTER, DIANE McHENRY, KEM LOCKHART, FRANK FARMER, CATHERINE JACKSON, RITA CORNETT, MR. PARKER, KRISTY SMITH, AND BICA BAEZA.

## 1973-74 BORDEN COUNTY BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Place	Time	Teams
Jan. 3	KLONDIKE	I	5:00	HS A & B Girls, A Boys
Jan. 5	GRADY	T	6:30	HS A Girls, A Boys
Jan. 7	UNION	H	5:30	JH Girls & Boys
Jan. 8	DAWSON	H	5:00	HS A & B Girls, A Boys
Jan. 11	UNION	T	6:30	HS A Girls, A Boys
Jan. 14	KLONDIKE	T	5:30	JH Girls & Boys
Jan. 15	SANDS	H	5:00	HS A Girls, A & B Boys
Jan. 17	WELLMAN	T	5:00	HS A & B Girls, A Boys
Jan. 21	SANDS	H	5:30	JH Girls & Boys
Jan. 22	LOOP	T	5:00	HS A & B Girls, A Boys
Jan. 25	KLONDIKE	H	5:00	HS A Girls, A & B Boys
Jan. 29	GRADY	H	6:30	HS A Girls, A Boys
Feb. 1	DAWSON	T	5:00	HS A Girls, A & B Boys
Feb. 4	WELLMAN	T	5:30	JH Girls & Boys
Feb. 5	UNION	H	6:30	HS A Girls, A Boys
Feb. 7 & 9	LOOP TOURNAMENT			JH Girls & Boys
Feb. 8	SANDS	T	6:30	HS A & B Boys
Feb. 12	WELLMAN	H	6:00	HS A & B Boys

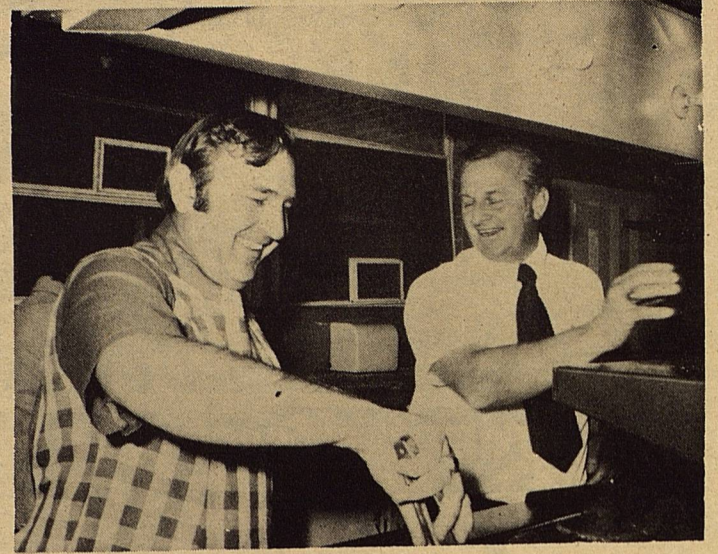
## Christmas Activities

Borden County Schools turned out for the Christmas holidays on Thursday December 20 after a full day of Christmas activities.

A program was presented to students, teachers, and parents by the Borden Coyote Band which had won a Division I rating in the Region VIU, I. L. Marching Contest recently. The program included rock numbers and Christmas songs. During the program, Frank Farmer presented a Christmas present, on behalf of the band, to Mr. Parker.

Students were dismissed from classes to see a movie entitled "The Cricket In The Hearth".

Christmas tree and class parties were held at 1:55 and school dismissed for the Christmas holidays to resume on January 3, 1974.



MR. McMEANS, HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL AND MR. McLEROY, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, COOK CHRISTMAS DINNER.

## Notice

DON'T FORGET MOTHERS!!  
PARENTS CLUB WILL MEET  
THURSDAY, THE 10TH. COME  
HELP THIS GREAT CLUB....  
YOUR CHILDREN APPRECIATE YOUR DOING SO.

3:30



KEM LOCKHART, KEN McMEANS, LISA LUDECKE, RITA CORNETT, CATHERINE JACKSON, MARY BENAVIDEZ AND BARBARA BROWN COUNT STAMPS.

## Thanks

The Kindergarten class and their teacher, Mrs. Joe Copeland wish to express their appreciation to the Borden County Elementary Parents Club for the new carpet. The students returned from the Christmas holidays to find the new, colorful carpet installed in the activity and work rooms. Mrs. Copeland added that the carpet had helped tremendously toward warmth and the moral of the students.

## Stamp Project

Sophomores-1,643 and Seniors-6,986. These classes are to be commended for their fine work.

The tremendous success of this project can be attributed to many people other than F.H.A. members. People from our community as well as many from other towns assisted the FHA with this project.

The Chapter would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support in this project.

The Gail FHA Chapter was the sponsor of a stamp collecting contest between the high school classes. The cancelled stamps were sent to Norway to help in its fight against tuberculosis.

The winner of this years contest was the Junior Class. This class brought a total of 10,405 stamps.

The remaining three classes brought the total to 21,151 stamps. The class statistics were as follows: Freshmen- 2,097,

## BORDEN COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR 1973-74

Dec. 21	Teacher Work Day (Close First Semester)
Dec. 22-Jan. 1	Christmas Holidays
Jan. 2	Teacher Work Day
Jan. 3-Feb. 15	Fourth Six Weeks
Feb. 22	Teacher Work Day
Feb. 18 April 5	Fifth Six Weeks
April 8-12	Spring Vacation
April 15-May 23	Sixth Six Weeks
May 19	Baccalaureate
May 21-23	Final Exams
May 23	High School Graduation
May 24	Junior High Graduation
May 24	Teacher Work Day (Close Second Semester)

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## Borden High School

### BETA ACHIEVEMENT LIST

#### BETA ACHIEVEMENT 3RD SIX WEEKS

These students received no grade below 90 with an average of 90 or above.

RHONDA PATTERSON	grade 12
CATHERINE JACKSON	grade 11
KEM LOCKHART	grade 11
MELISSA LUDECKE	grade 11
JIM McLEROY	grade 11
CLIFTON SMITH	grade 11
DEBRA HERRING	grade 10
DEIDRE TUCKER	grade 10

#### BETA ACHIEVEMENT

These students received no semester grade below 90 with a semester average of 90 or above in all subjects.

JANICE DAVIS	grade 12
RHONDA PATTERSON	grade 12
TEDDY COOLEY	grade 11
CATHERINE JACKSON	grade 11
KEM LOCKHART	grade 11
JIM McLEROY	grade 11
DANA WESTBROOK	grade 9

## ELEMENTARY AND JUNIOR HIGH

### HIGH HONORS

#### 3RD SIX WEEKS

The following named Elementary and Junior High Students, grades 5-8, have achieved academic honors for the third six-weeks period:

RICHARD LONG	grade 8
PATRICK TOOMBS	grade 8
KEVVA TUCKER	grade 8
LISA McLEROY	grade 7
GLYNDA BURKETT	grade 6
CARLA JONES	grade 6
KAREN WILLIAMS	grade 6
MONICA DYESS	grade 5
TALLEY GRIFFIN	grade 5
DEBRA KOUNTZ	grade 5
TAMMY TELCHIK	grade 5

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

#### SEMESTER HONOR ROLL

The following students have achieved an academic evaluation average of 90, with no evaluation less than 85 in a subject for the fall semester, 1973-74 school year.

GERARDO ARREOLA	grade 8
KEVVA TUCKER	grade 8
BRENT RHOTON	grade 7
BEN MURPHY	grade 6
TALLEY GRIFFIN	grade 5
SUZANNE WALKER	grade 5

#### ENROLLMENT:

Average daily attendance: Percentage of attendance: 116.98  
Enrollment increase: 95.54  
Enrollment decrease: 1  
Enrollment at the close of the third six-weeks period: 123

### HONOR ROLL

#### 3RD SIX WEEKS HONOR ROLL

These students received no grade below 85 with a six weeks average of 90 or above.

DANA WESTBROOK	grade 9
BICA BAEZA	grade 10
PHILENA FARMER	grade 10
MARY LEDBETTER	grade 10
TEDDY COOLEY	grade 11
KEN McMEANS	grade 11
MONTE SMITH	grade 11
REX COX	grade 12
JANICE DAVIS	grade 12
FRANK FARMER	grade 12
DOUG ISAACS	grade 12
MELISSA TAYLOR	grade 12

#### FIRST SEMESTER HONOR ROLL

These students received no semester grade below 85 with a semester average of 90 or above.

MELISSA LUDECKE	grade 11
CLIFTON SMITH	grade 11
MONTE SMITH	grade 11
PHILENA FARMER	grade 10
DEBRA HERRING	grade 10
MARY LEDBETTER	grade 10
DEIDRE TUCKER	grade 10
SUE HANCOCK	grade 9

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

GERARDO ARREOLA	grade 8
DENISE CURREY	grade 8
LESA HENSLEY	grade 8
BRENT RHOTON	grade 7
BEN MURPHY	grade 6
SONIA ARREOLA	grade 5
JOIE BRUMMETT	grade 5
JANA EDWARDS	grade 5
BECKY MILLER	grade 5
SUZANNE WALKER	grade 5
KEIL WILLIAMS	grade 5

#### SEMESTER HIGH HONORS

The following students have achieved an academic evaluation of 90 or above in each subject for the Fall Semester 1973-74 school year.

RICHARD LONG	grade 8
PATRICK TOOMBS	grade 8
LISA McLEROY	grade 7
GLYNDA BURKETT	grade 6
CARLA JONES	grade 6
KAREN WILLIAMS	grade 6
MONICA DYESS	grade 5
DEBRA KOUNTZ	grade 5
TAMMY TELCHIK	grade 5

Congratulations to the third grade who achieved a 98.14 average attendance for this period.

Congratulations to the fifth grade who placed 55.5% on either the High Honor or Honor Roll for the third six-weeks period.

## BASKETBALL

### High School Girls

On Thursday, January 3, the Borden High School girls were defeated by Klondike 57-41 in a district 8B game. High scorer for Borden was Melissa Taylor with 13 points. Philena Farmer scored 12 points, Deidre Tucker 10, and Sue Hancock 6 points. Catherine Jackson led the rebounders with 7 and Philena contributed 3 scoring assists. Nancy Pribyla led Klondike with 29 points.

The Borden B team was defeated 58-30. Kristy Smith scored 21 points, Donelle Jones 7 and Diana McHenry 2 points. Dana Westbrook pulled down 9 rebounds. The games were played in Klondike.

On Saturday, Jan. 5, the Borden girls traveled to Grady for a district game and won by the score 69-34 after trailing at the end of the first quarter 6-10. Philena Farmer scored 24 points, Deidre Tucker 17, Melissa Taylor 16, Catherine Jackson 7 and Sue Hancock 5 points. Catherine led the team in rebounds with 10 and recoveries with 9. Sue had 6 scoring assists.

### Jr. High Girls

On Monday, January 7, the Borden Junior High girls defeated Union 37-23 in a district game.

For Borden, Martha Anderson scored 28 points, Lesa Hensley 9, Twila Telchik 1 and Karen Williams 1 point. Rita Baeza had 6 rebounds and Penney Thompson 4. Rita and Martha led in recoveries with 3 each and Lesa led in scoring assists with 4.

### Jr. Boys Win

The Borden Junior High boys won over Union here, Monday, Jan. 7, 48-08. Richard Long tossed in 19 points, Eurdiet Rinehart 6, Johnny Jackson, Ty Zant, Matt Farmer, Marlon Vaughn, and Tim Smith scored 4 points, Blane Dyess, 2 and Patrick Toombs 1 point.

Both the boys and girls teams travel to Klondike Monday evening, Jan. 14 for district games.

#### LOSE TO KLONDIKE

The Borden High School Boys lost their first district game to Klondike Thursday night 55-45. Monte Smith led the Coyotes scoring with 14 points followed by Max Jones with 10 points.

### Coyotes Beat Grady

The Borden Coyotes played a strong second half game at Grady Saturday night and came home with a 72-39 victory. The Coyotes were behind 27-25 at the half.

## Thanks

The Senior Class wishes to express their sincere thanks to those who brought fruitcake and helped to make their project a success.



LEONA DOYLE, GLORIA GRIFFIN, WHIZ, CREIGHTON, COMELLE WILLIAMS, AND DEWEY FAYE EVERETT STUFF CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS.

## College Corner

#### MARDES CLAYTON

A. Mardes Clayton of Lamesa has been selected among 30 Texas A&M University delegates to the 19th Student Conference on National Affairs at College Station February 13-16.

There were 141 applicants for the 30 TAMU student positions to the conference on "Reordering American Priorities."

SCONA XIX delegates will interact with top students from the U.S. and Mexico while examining the nature and quality of American priorities. Questions such as civil rights vs individual freedoms, isolationism vs political detente, guns vs butter, free market vs controlled economy and energy needs vs the controlled economy will be covered.

In plenary session and roundtable, delegates will also look at aspects of mass-produced materialism vs interpersonal relations.

Featured speakers for SCONA XIX will include Deputy Secretary of Defense William P. Clements, political scientist Dr. Hans Morgenthau, former Deputy Attorney General William D. Ruckelshaus, and American

Petroleum Institute president Frank Kard, among others.

Clayton is a senior agricultural education major at TAMU and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mardes Clayton, 811 N. 14th St. Lamesa. He is the Outstanding Junior in the College of Agriculture National Merit Scholarship recipient and a member of the Student Senate.

#### BILLIE BRIGGS

Billie Briggs was honored at the Christmas luncheon of Delta Kappa Gamma December 8th that was held at the Phasant Grill in Lamesa. Billie is the recipient of the sorority's 1973 scholarship.

Delta Kappa Gamma is an international organization for women educators.

Attending the luncheon from Gail were members: Ann McHenry, Nancy Loretto, and Shirley McMeans and special guest Joan Briggs, mother of the recipient.



ALPINE-- JAMES (SMITTY) MCKENZIE AND DEBBIE DENNIS OF GAIL ARE NAMED BRAND KING AND KING AT SUL RODD ROSS.

# Jere's Gottings

If you didn't set your clock up an hour last Sunday, you are running an hour late (and more than a dollar short) everywhere you go—except for those schools and businesses which have moved their starting time up an hour. They have done this to compensate for the government's decision to return to daylight saving time. If you are smart enough to catch on to when you should be where, and your clocks aren't worn out from switching back and forth, you are in good shape.

RMN (RM is not roval Majesty) has signed into law the bill which has put the continental United States on daylight saving time until at least October, 1975. Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands are exempt—as well as Indiana. Some twelve states which straddle a time zone have the option of adopting one time zone or the other. Why Indiana is completely exempt eludes me since that state is divided half in two by a time zone.

But the logic of the whole action is beyond me. There are just so many hours in a day—some are dark and some are light. In the winter time it is just about half and half—which just proves that the first clock maker knew what he was doing when he wound it up and set it.

I'm told that this will be an energy saving measure, but from my habits, it surely won't be. I like to take an early morning walk. By the time we went off DST in October, I was having to use a flashlight or stumble in the dark. Now, here I am back to stumbling. And farm chores can't be done until about 8:20 a.m.—or else use that precious energy which is supposed to be conserved.

Another thing, the coldest temperature readings in these parts register about 5 a.m. On DST when the clock says 6 a.m. and we have to get up, we'll be using furnace energy to warm up instead of blanket warmth. Besides, we'll have to use the lights an extra hour in the a.m.

And then there are those folks who report to work at 7 a.m. (like nurses). They can't drop their kiddies off at a dark, cold school house which has outfoxed the government and won't commence for 2 1/2 hours. No one has ever advised leaving little children unattended in a cold, dark house until the car pool comes by.

Sure there is an energy crisis, but tampering with Mother Nature and the clock maker's isn't going to cure it. It'll only cause us on the western side of the time zone to freeze in the dark—and we're not the ones who deserve it.

## Visits Las Vegas

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Beal of Gail, Mr. and Mrs. James Cox of Colorado City, Barbara Elliott and Melba Love of Seabrook, Texas have just returned from Las Vegas, Nevada where they attended the opening of "Bottoms Up" starring Robert Beal, at Circus Circus Hotel and Casino.

## FAMILY GET-TO-GETHER

The Christmas Holidays were a time for the Raymond Lloyds of Hermleigh to have their children and families visit. The Lloyds, are former residents of Borden County having lived 16 miles south of Gail near the Fairview school. Mrs. Lloyd is the daughter of the Carl Grays. Family and friends gathered Christmas Eve at the Hermleigh Community Center for a supper of sandwiches and snacks. After much visiting, movie film of past Christmas' and other events were shown. Some of the films date back over 20 years and brought back many memories of the past.

Christmas Day, family and friends again assembled at the community Center. Some were said to have been delayed by heavy traffic on main street in Hermleigh. After the changing of gifts, a bountiful dinner was served. The highlight of the afternoon visiting, was making acquaintance of three new additions to the family, namely 3 1/2 mo. old David Patrick son of Dot and Jim Patrick, and 2 mo. old twins, M'Lys and A'Lise, daughters of Weldon and Sue Lloyd.

Attending the get-to-gether were Mr. and Mrs. Horace Davis, Randy, Terry and Monty of Midland.

of Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bob Lloyd, Greg, Tony, Pam and Doug of Albuquerque nN. M., Mr. and Mrs. Billye Joe Lloyd, Robert and Gary of Dalhart; Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Lloyd, D'Lyn, M'Lys, and A'Lise of Lubbock; Ivy Smoot of Lake Thomas, Mrs. W. O. Hart of Seagraves; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wright, Hermleigh; Ms. Lorena Brown, Raydene and Mr. Cole of Big Spring; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Lloyd and Christi; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Cornett, Richard and Donna; Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Kincheloe, Joey, Bobbie and Vicki; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Patrick and David all of Snyder.

Danny Lloyd, a grand-son, who works on a ranch near Dalhart was a visitor of his grand parents in Hermleigh the following Thursday.

Mrs. Raymond (Leta) Lloyd

## New Years Eve Dance

The annual New Years Eve Dance sponsored by the Borden County Sheriff's Posse was held December 31 in the Posse Building in Gail.

Approximately 80 people attended and enjoyed the music of the Buttermilk Kowboys from Andrews. The band is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Vaughn of Andrews. Bill grew up in Borden County and attended the local school. His wife, Bobby Joe is the future singer for the Band.

Refreshments were served by the Host and Hostesses.

# NEWS GETS AROUND

Doris Rudd, Taylor Rudd, Latane and Dewayne, Gail, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Turner, Jetta, Tonja and Brank, Johnson City, spent the Christmas Holidays in Hico with Mr. and Mrs. Martin Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Keeter, Evelyn, Loyd, and Boyd Holley. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor returned home with the Rudds for a few days visit. Also spending Christmas week with the Rudds were Jetta and Tonja Turner. They will be entering the San Marcus school after the holidays where the Ernest Turners will be operating training Stables.

Visiting in the home of Frances Bennett during the Holidays were her sons Wayne Bennett and family of Corpus Christi, Texas; Ronny Bennett and family of Brownfield, Texas and her daughter Sue Short and two daughters, Debbie and Terri Short of Azel, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bennett of Hutto, Texas and Clara Johnson of Snyder, Texas was guest in the home of Frances Bennett during the Christmas holidays.

Holiday guests of Mrs. Sid Reeder were Mr. and Mrs. Borden Reeder, Vickie, Black and den Reeder, Vickie, Blake and Graeg of Dublin, Tex.; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Reeder, Laura Ann of Tulare, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Wilcox, Mikeana, Mindy and Zackery of Rule, Tex.; Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Reeder, Connie and Ronnie of Lovington, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. Jess Everett of Snyder, Tex.; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Beal, Luther Tex.; Nancy and Jeff West of Big Spring, Tex.; Mr. and Mrs. Borden Gray Jr., Glen and Dana of Gail, Tex.; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller, Becky and Tammy of Fluvanna.

Bro. and Mrs. Sam Parker and daughter of Knapp Church are visiting with her father in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Ezell and son of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Smith of Waco and Harley Smith were Christmas dinner guests in the H. A. Smith Jr. home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright Huddleston were Christmas dinner guests in the Ellis Wright Huddleston home at Lubbock with their granddaughter Kem returning to Snyder for a short visit.

Mrs. Dessie McMichael spent the holidays with her daughter and family the Don Bryants of Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Crow, Melinda and Kennie were weekend guests of his mother Sue Crow and sister at Bonham.

Bill Hood Jr. of Austin is spending the holidays with his parents the Bill J. Hoods, Supt. of Schools, Snyder.

Bro. and Mrs. Miller Robinson and two sons are visiting with Waco relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Cox and family spent the holidays with her parents the C. J. Smiths of Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Ellis of Colorado City, and Mrs. Dessie McMichael were supper guests of Ruth Weathers, Friday night.

The Lee F. Yorks of Lubbock visited in the Van L. York home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wise of Atlanta Georgia visited with the Van Yorks New Years Day. John is a tax lawyer in Atlanta.

Spending part of the Christmas holidays in the Skeet Porter and Wilson Walker homes were Mr. and Mrs. Pat Porter, their daughters Samantha and Kate of Plano, Texas.

Coach, Patt, Blane, and Monica Dyess spent Christmas Day in San Angelo with Patt's parents.

Bobby Jack Dyess, cousin of Blane Dyess from Waco spent two nights with Blane. The boys spent their time quail hunting during the day and coon hunting one night.

Bob, Patt, Blane, and Monica Dyess spent three days in Spur after Christmas with Bob's parents, sisters, brother, and all their families.

Bill, Cary, and Bobby Jack Dyess from Waco spent one day in Borden County hunting with Coach Dyess and Blane before Christmas.

Coach Dyess and family spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Bass and family in Post. They went rattlesnake den hunting and MUCH to Patt's disappointment had no luck. Patt is an avid rattlesnake hunter, killing nearly 140 this fall before they denned up for the winter. Her "pride and joy" was 5' 8" in length, as same as Patt's height.

## GOOD SELECTION

The Gail GooF Offs were well in demand over the holidays. On the evening of Dec. 18th, they made music for the Home Demonstration Club Christmas Party held in the home of Jim and Agnes Sorrells. Their home was decorated with Christmas decorations. Coffee, cocoa, do-nuts and apple strudles were served to many friends and neighbors.

On Dec. 20th they were called to Justiceburg to play in the Milton Woodard Home for a part-time family reunion.

On Dec. 21st they played in the Bud Cornett home on Lake J. B. Thomas.

Members of the band: Vivian and Pauline Clark, Willie Cornett and Joe Gilmore. They were joined on those occasions by Floyd Buchannon, Robert Fernie Reed.

Visitors in the Vivian Clark home over the holidays were Virgil and DEdyth Clark of Big Spring, Addie Ruth, Gaylon and Charles Dickey, and Phillis Mosier of Abilene; also Catherine and Don Jackson and Rita Cornett.

Jana Weston of Clovis New Mexico spent a few days with Edna Miller. Edna returned home with her to spend some time in Clovis.

Visitors in the Joe Gilmore home during the holidays were: Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Lewis and children, Mrs. Katie Lewis of Lubbock, Mrs. Margie Cleavenger, Terry and Toni, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Rife and children of Farsan, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Traylor and children of Big Spring. Mrs. Lewis remained to spend some time visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. Joe Gilmore and mother, Mrs. Katie Lewis spent Saturday with Lester and Hattie Owens near Big Spring.

Gay Sealy of Gail and Joe Sealy of Andrews spent Christmas with Billy and Gene Sealy and Family in Snyder.

## Thank You

Thanks to all the hostesses for a fun filled New Year's Eve Dance at the Possee building. There was a good crowd and everyone seemed to have a great time ring in the New Year!

Patt Dyess

## In Appreciation

I am so deeply grateful to all our friends for each expression of love and friendship during the illness and loss of W. O. I want to take this way to thank everyone for the prayers, visits, flowers, cards and special friendship shown to us when we needed it so much.

May God bless each of you in a special way.

Mrs. W. O. (Loys) Cox and family,

## Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Zane Curry are the proud parents of a baby girl born Sunday Jan. 6 at 3 a.m.

The baby weighed 7 lbs and 3 oz.

Mrs. Curry is the former Dana Turner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Turner of the Plains Community. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Curry of Odessa.

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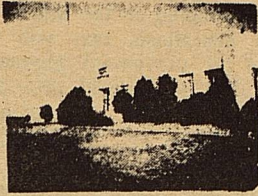
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**Borden County**

**Lamesa Courthouse Action**

Lamesa--The County Courthouse will be opening at 9 a.m. and closing at 6 p.m. with the start of Daylight Savings Time, Jan. 6, as a result of action taken during Monday's Commissioners Court meeting.

During the meeting, Dawson County commissioners voiced concern for county employees, especially working mothers with school age children and how the Daylight Savings Time change would affect them. The changing of the opening and closing times was prompted by Lamesa schools next Monday. At that time, Lamesa schools will begin opening at 9:30 a.m. and dismissing at 4:30 p.m. However, that time schedule will be temporary only, being scheduled to end on Feb. 28.

Commissioners also agreed that their time change would be temporary in nature, with the traditional 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. courthouse times being used again later in the year. It was noted the county would just do what the schools and merchants are doing-going by the sun.

After providing for a public hearing in regard to proposed salary increases for 1974, the commissioners approved the ten per cent over-the-board salary hike for all county employees. No one met with the commissioners in regard to the proposed salary hikes. The increases will raise commissioner's annual salaries to \$6,600, the County Judge's, Clerk's, Sheriff's and County Attorney's salaries to \$9,350, the County Treasurer's, Justice of the Peace's and District Clerk's to \$8,400 annually and the Tax Assessor-Collector's to \$9,590 annually. In previous discussions concerning the salary raises, it has been pointed out that the cost of living has increased over ten per cent in the past year.

**DOVE Hunting**

Dove season began January 5 and will extend through January 20. Birds and possession limit is 20 birds. Shooting time starts at noon and shuts down at sunset. No hunting is permitted in game refuges, state and



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**Legal Notice**

Notice is hereby given that it is the intention of the Commissioners Court of Borden County, Texas to raise the annual salaries of county employees for the calendar year 1974.

Consideration will be given the proposed increases at regular meeting of the Commissioners Court on Monday, January 14, 1974.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT

SIGNED  
Glenn Toombs  
County Judge  
Borden County

Posted at the Courthouse door this the 3rd day of January, A. D. 1974.

Doris T. Rudd, County Clerk  
Borden County, Texas  
By Dorothy Browne Deputy

**Legal Notice**

STATE OF TEXAS  
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NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Notice is given herewith that Borden County, Texas will accept sealed bids for the purchase of two new 1974 two-ton trucks for operation in Precinct #2 and Precinct #4 and three new dump beds.

Bids will also be accepted for one 1974 automobile for the Borden County Sheriff's Department.

The Commissioners' Court reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids submitted.

Vehicles offered in trade as follows: Two 1969 F600 Ford Trucks with dump beds and one 1971 Oldsmobile, Delta 88, 4 door sedan.

Bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., Monday, January 28, 1974. All bids should be mailed to County Judge, Borden County. All bids received after this date will be returned unopened.

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Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc. has filed with the Federal Government a Compliance Assurance in which it assures the Rural Electrification Administration that it will comply fully with all requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Rules and Regulations of the Department of Agriculture issued thereunder, to the end that no person in the United States shall

on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the conduct of its program and the operation of its facilities. Under this Assurance, this organization is committed not to discriminate against any person on the ground of race, color or national origin in its policies and practices relating to treatment of beneficiaries and participants including rates, conditions and extension of service, use of any of its facilities, attendance at and participation in any rights of such beneficiaries and participants in the conduct of the operations of this organization.

Any person who believes himself or any specific class of individuals, to be subjected by this organization to discrimination prohibited by Title VI of the Act and the Rules and Regulations issued thereunder may, by himself or a representative, file with the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. 20250, or the Rural Electrification Administration, Washington, D.C. 20250, or this organization, or all, a written complaint. Such complaint must be filed not later than 90 days after the alleged discrimination, or by such later date to which the Secretary of Agriculture or the Rural Electrification Administration extends the time for filing. Identity of complainants will be kept confidential except to the extent necessary to carry out the purposes of the Rules and Regulations.

**Democratic Council**

Texas State Land Commissioner, Bob Armstrong will be the featured speaker at a general meeting of the South Plains Democratic Council in Lubbock Thursday, January 10, 1974.

The meeting of area Democrats is slated for 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Bann's Catering on the Slaton Highway.

A popular, dynamic speaker, Armstrong is increasingly in demand at Democratic functions throughout the state.

The Lubbock meeting is the first in a series scheduled by the South Plains Democratic Council for 1974. All area Democrats are urged to attend and the General public is also invited.

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**Registration at W. T. C.**

Snyder--Registration for the spring semester at Western Texas College is scheduled Jan. 14-15, Dr. Duane Hood, Dean of Student Services, has announced.

No pre-registration is planned, but students may schedule pre-enrollment conferences with counselors through Jan. 11. Students who plan to apply for Basic Education Opportunity Grants must do so by Feb. 1.

Sophomore students are to

register from 1-5 p.m. on Jan. 14. Evening students will register from 6:30 to 9:30 on that date. Freshmen will register from 8 a.m. to noon on Jan. 11. Classes begin the following day.

Tuition at WTC is \$4 per hour with a \$25 minimum charge.

There are some vacancies in the dormitories, and inquiries about rooms may be directed to Dr. Hood.

WTC offers both academic and occupational-technical courses. The college, now beginning its third year, was voted full accreditation by the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges in December, having fulfilled requirements for the accreditation in the shortest time possible.

**SHORT SNORTS**

Credit life and disability insurance rates have been slashed 22.7 per cent.

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## Call to Citizens

Austin--State Representative Buddy Temple (D) of Diboll, Saturday called upon the citizens of Texas to contact their State Representatives and State Senators and insist that Initiative, Referendum, and Recall provisions be included in the draft of the new Texas Constitution.

State Representatives and Senators will sit as delegates to a Constitutional Convention to write a new Texas Constitution beginning January 8, 1974.

A Recall provision would allow elected office holders to be dismissed from office before the end of their terms by petition and special election of the citizens in their areas. Thirteen state constitutions contain Recall provisions.

Temple said this provision was particularly needed with the new four year terms for state wide elected officials.

The Diboll representative said, "It is intolerable that in Texas an elected public official can violate the public trust either, by incompetence, inaction, or corruption, in the most blatant fashion, and continue to hold his office for several years with the public being unable to act."

Temple said such a mechanism would also go far to temper the arrogance assumed by some elected officials after taking office.

The Initiative and Referendum allow citizens to pass or repeal laws without action of the Legislature. Some 20 states have initiative provisions in their constitutions. They provide that a citizen or group of citizens may draft a law and, after obtaining signatures of usually 10% of the voters in the state, have the measure placed on the ballot for a majority of the citizens to enact or turn down.

The Referendum is a similar petition and election device that allows the citizens to repeal a law already enacted by the legislature.

Temple stated that his reason for supporting these items was that any new Constitution would

likely increase the powers of the legislative and executive branches of the state government.

"The increased authority given to those branches of government must be offset by reserving to the citizens of the state the power of Initiative, Referendum, and Recall," Temple said.

## Short Courses

College Station--Five short courses and a symposium will be combined in the first Texas Animal Agriculture Conference set for January 21-23 at Texas A&M University.

Conference sessions in the new J. Earl Rudder Conference Center are expected to attract about 2,000 participants, according to L.A. Maddox, general chairman.

Livestock production Short courses are being offered in beef and dairy cattle, horses, swine, and forages and pastures.

Joint general sessions for all groups will feature some of the nation's outstanding leaders in animal agriculture, Maddox says.

An added feature will be a Latin American Animal Agriculture Symposium for participants from throughout Latin America. Most presentations will be in Spanish.

A multi-theme approach by the beef cattle short course will cover a wide range of topics in animal breeding, reproduction, nutrition and animal health. Dr. Dennis Herd is chairman for that section.

The horse production short course will include latest information on horse nutrition, feeding, breeding, and selection, health behavior and pasture management. B.F. Yeates will chair the session.

A general theme of keeping pigs healthy and growing will be used for the swine short course. Discussions will center around respiratory diseases, stress as it affects commercial production, the importance of size of breeding animals, and a panel talk on methods of feeding sows. Dr. W.B. "Bill" Thomas is section chairman.

For dairymen, two important aspects of the dairy industry-- nutrition and farm records-- will be highlighted. Emphasis will be placed on production and storing of quality forages, on-farm storage and various processing systems. A.M. Meekma will chair the short course.

The pasture short course will focus on profits available when forage is utilized by efficient, high producing cattle. Using pastures for grazing steers to slaughter weights will be a panel topic. The economics of new hay handling equipment will be discussed along with forage nutrients for all classes of livestock, according to Dr. Neal Pratt, section chairman.

The Institute of Tropical Veterinary Medicine will present a program for Latin American livestock producers on improved methods of management, prevention and control of important diseases of cattle. A thrust will be recent information on the control of anaplasmosis and piroplasmiasis in imported cattle. Dr. Fred Maurer of the College of Veterinary Medicine is chairman.

On January 23, Texas A&M's Animal Science Department

will present a program of breeding for tropical environment, feedlots in the tropics, artificial insemination and marketing. Dr. Tom Cartwright, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station researcher in animal breeding, is chairing the session. Dr. O.D. Butler, Animal Science Department head, is general adviser.

The Animal Agriculture Conference is sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Texas A&M University System.

two years of age and over that change ownership are required to be brucellosis tested. Breeding cattle may be tested on the farm or ranch or at an auction market. Slaughter type breeding cattle may be sold through livestock markets without test until sampled on the kill floor. The brucellosis test will be good for movement purposes for a 30 day period provided animals are ear tagged and accompanied by test certificates.

The new brucellosis regulations were adopted unanimously by the Texas Animal Health Commission at an official Commission meeting in Laredo on Oct. 15, 1972. The new regulations will bring the Texas brucellosis program into compliance with the National Uniform Methods and Rules which are considered minimum standards.

Texas Rehabilitation Commission has been credited with leading the nation in successful rehabilitations in fiscal 1973.

## New Brucellosis Laws

Joe Allen, Hamilton County Extension Service agent, has announced that new regulations for brucellosis testing of breeding cattle being sold or traded will be in full force and effect beginning Jan. 15, 1974.

In brief, the new regulation requires that all breeding cattle

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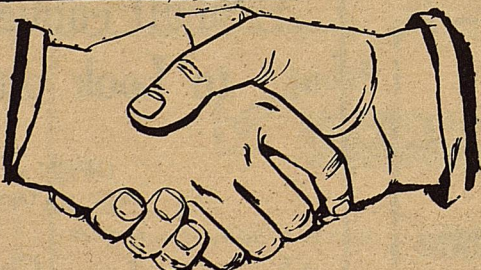
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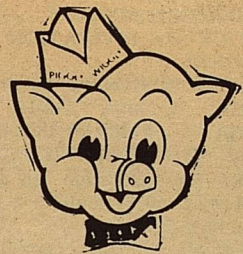
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1 cup orange juice  
1 tsp. salt  
1/8 tsp. dried thyme  
1 1/2 cups packaged precooked rice or use 1 cup raw regular or processed white rice, cook, covered, over low heat 25 minutes, or till tender.

In hot butter in saucepan, cook celery and onion until tender but not brown. Add water, orange rind and juice, salt, thyme. Bring to boil; mix in rice. Cover, remove from heat. Let stand 18 minutes. Nice served with ham, chicken, or duckling. Makes four servings.

**Register In Courthouses**

**SELECTIVE SERVICE**

Austin, -Colonel Melvin N. Glantz, the State Director of Selective Service for Texas has announced the appointment of new registrars for Selective Service in each Army National Guard Armory in Texas and in each County Court House.

Glantz reminds young men of their duty under Federal Law to register with Selective Service at age 18. Timely registration may be completed within a 60 day period beginning 30 days before the young man's 18th birthday.

The State Director announced the appointment of a registrar in each Army National Guard Armory through the cooperation of Major General Thomas S. Bishop, the Adjutant General for Texas. These Armories are located in all parts of Texas.

Glantz noted that with almost 200 Guard Armories and 254 Court Houses now having Selective Service registrars, registration with Selective Service is now more convenient than ever before.

Registration can be completed at any Selective Service System Area Office, at many High Schools, and now at every County Court House and Guard Armory. The man should have some positive means of identification, like his drivers license, his Social Security Number, and should be able to give the names and addresses of at least two people who are not members of his immediate family who will know his whereabouts.

Any question about Selective Service should be taken to a

Selective Service System Area Office, where compensated Selective Service personnel are located. The appointment of these new uncompensated registrars for Selective Service is for the purpose of registration only.

Glantz urged all young men to comply with the Law by prompt registration with Selective Service at age 18.

**Water Development**

Governor Dolph Briscoe addressed the first meeting of the newly created Texas Water Resources and Conservation Task Force in Austin in late November. The Governor told the Task Force that "There is an urgent need for an affirmative action program that will place needed water development firmly on its way."

The Task Force is chaired by James M. Rose, Director of the Governor's Division of planning Coordination. Rose received reports from three committees chaired by Walter J. Wells, General Manager of the Brazos River Authority; Joe Carter, Chairman of the Texas Water Rights Commission; and David Brune, General Manager of the Trinity River Authority.

The Task Force reported that the greatest financial problem facing Texas at this time in water development activities is

the Federal trend to abandon the field of water projects. Accordingly, the State of Texas and local governments will have the burden of financing more and more water project costs.

The Task Force also reports that the days of cheap water supplies are things of the past. Making the public aware of methods to conserve water, of the environmental benefits of sound water development, and of re-using water are high priorities of the Task Force.

The Task Force will also suggest that Governor Briscoe meet with the Director of the U.S. Office of Management and Budget to discuss current federal actions in water matters. The Task Force is also recommending that the Governor meet with the Texas Congressional delegation with proposals as to what should be done in the field of water problems.

Weather modification to produce precipitation and desalination of sea and brackish water seem to be showing great promise as a means of helping water supplies, according to the Task Force.

The Task Force also believes that a regional water authority could aid in trying to replace the dwindling ground water supplies of that area.

The Task Force will meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

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**OBITUARIES**

EDWARD LEMONS

**ANGIE HOLLER SCOTT**

Mrs. Angie Holler Scott passed away in Pomona, California on January 6. A former resident of Gail, she is survived by one son, E. L. Holler, Pomona California, 2 daughters, Mrs. Taqlor Sego, Rochester, Texas; Mrs. Glenn Knowles, Riveria Beach, Florida; one sister, Mrs. Martin Taylor, Hico Texas. She is an aunt of Doris Rudd, Gail.

Fluvanna-Services for Edward Lemons, 88, who died Friday in Snyder's Cogdell was held in Fluvanna Baptist Church.

Lemons had been a Scurry County resident 66 years and was a retired farmer.

Survivors include his wife, Gertie, three sons, Jesse and Bob, of Snyder, and Hurston of Fluvanna; a daughter, Mrs. Alma Pylant of Ackerly; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

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The year just ending has been a good one for America and her foreign policy. Shortly after 1973 got underway, President Nixon finally was able to extricate us from a confusing, unpopular war in Southeast Asia. He did it in a manner so that our Allies' trust in our commitments to them was undiminished.

The cease-fire agreement negotiated by Secretary of State Henry Kissinger has given the Vietnamese people the first semblance of peace they have had for decades without surrendering our principle that the South Vietnamese have the right to determine their own future. And they now have the means to defend themselves against further aggression, and just as important, a greater understanding of the necessity of half a million of our servicemen and our prisoners of war, many of whom were still crippled by inadequately treated wounds, bearing the mental scars of torture, isolation and years away from family and friends.

While 1973 saw a resurgence of fighting between Israel and Arab states, I am hopeful that in this case, too, strength at the negotiating table will bring peace. There is already a cease-fire in the Mideast but the problem now is achieving a durable, just settlement of the two major issues that cause continued violence there.

First of all, Arab governments are incensed by what they believe to be unjustified occupation of their lands since the 1967 war. They have demanded a return to the pre-1967 recognized boundaries with Israel. The Israelis, on the other hand, need defensible borders. Retention of the Golan Heights prevents Syrian artillery from shelling northern kibbutzes as was commonplace before 1967. Return of Jordan's lands west of the Jordan River could place their troops within 15 miles of Tel-Aviv and 25 miles of the Gaza Strip. Loss of the Sinai Peninsula would cost a hundred miles of buffer zone with Egypt. Clearly, Israel cannot afford to return to the pre-1967 lines as long as there is a threat to her security, though she may wish to trade portions of these lands for concessions from the Arabs.

The second major issue that remains to be settled on the Mideast is the Palestinian refugee situation. This is, of course, at the heart of the Arab-Israeli problem and until it is settled to the satisfaction of both sides, the probability of continued war or terrorism is high. Unfortunately, this will be a much more difficult problem. I can only hope that the same spirit of compromise that marked the bargaining over Vietnam will characterize the negotiations in the Middle East, for obviously peace will come only after both sides have compromised.

In addition to a Vietnam cease

fire, and the possibility for serious negotiations between the Arabs and Israelis, 1973 saw the passage of a very satisfactory military procurement bill. There were attempts by well-intended but misguided senators to cut some of our most important defense programs--the Trident, the B-1 bomber, a new nuclear aircraft carrier. But these programs were fully funded, and of more personal interest to Texans, we provided money for 24 more A-7 attack aircraft built by LTV in Dallas and for twelve F-111 bombers built by General Dynamics in Fort Worth.

There were attempts to attach legislation that would force unilateral withdrawal of U.S. forces stationed in Europe. I opposed these amendments because we are about to engage in negotiations with the Soviets on just this matter. To give them what they want beforehand would leave them no incentive to seriously negotiate. Besides, too many people think we are in Europe to defend the Europeans and that simply is not so. We are there to defend our own interests.

Should Western Europe fall, militarily or diplomatically, into Soviet hands, the long effect on our economy would be disastrous, not to mention the

tremendous boost to Soviet military technology Western Europe scientists would provide. Clearly, any change in our military presence in Europe should take account of our interest there.

While there have been favorable signs that our foreign policy is working--in Vietnam, in the Mideast--the road ahead is not a smooth one.

We cannot disregard the growing Soviet military strength Southeast Asia, though more peaceful than for a decade, is still gripped by Communist terrorism. And the difficulty in achieving a lasting Middle East peace should not be underestimated.

The cold facts are that the military strength of the United States is solely responsible for the free world remaining free. Let us resolve that in the new year we will maintain that traditional strength that has sustained the world peace and deterred major aggression over the past quarter century.

Tourism promoters fear the gasoline shortage has brought to a jarring halt the skyrocketing growth of Texas travel attractions. Tourist Development Agency sliced its January newspaper advertising schedule.

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WEATHER AT THE COUNTY SEAT By K. T. REDDELL

Weather conditions for the week of Dec. 31-Jan. 1-6 1974

		MAX.	MIN.	RAINFALL
MONDAY	31	45	20	0
TUESDAY	1	32	09	0
WEDNESDAY	2	30	08	0
THURSDAY	3	31	11	0
FRIDAY	4	42	13	0
SATURDAY	5	58	20	0
SUNDAY	6	58	32	0

## Congratulations

Happy birthday to Jon Allen who will be two years old on January 16.

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