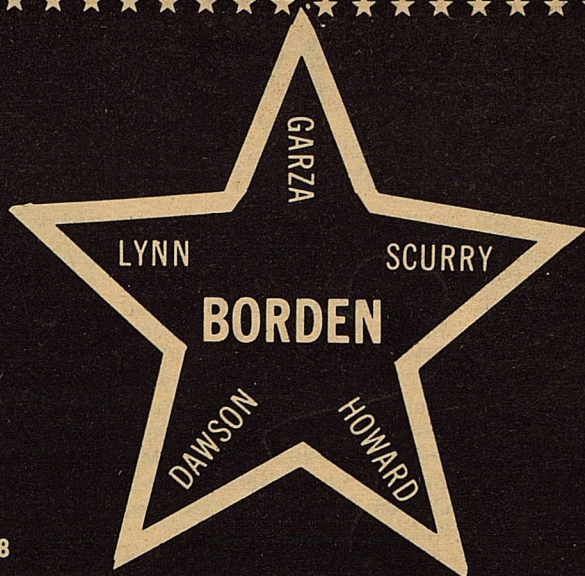


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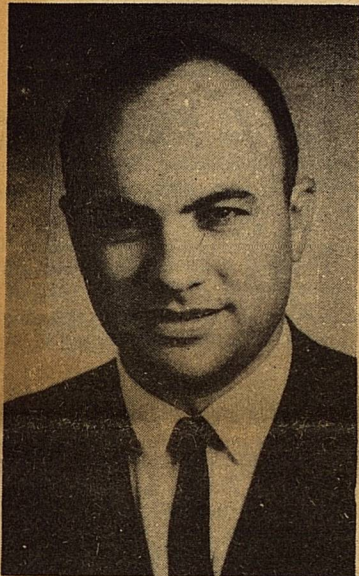
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Appointments made by USDA



USDA APPOINTED — Dr. Clayton Yeutter, Nebraska farmer-rancher, has been named Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture for marketing and consumer services.

The White House has announced that Clayton Yeutter, a Nebraska farmer-rancher, with a degree in law and doctorate in ag economics, will be an assistant secretary of the USDA.

Yeutter was named assistant secretary for marketing and consumer services, and he will be responsible for meat and poultry inspection, plus regulation of commodity trading, packers and stockyards regulations, and commodity grading and marketing market news. In addition, Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz announced that he will appoint Yeutter a director of the Commodity Credit Corp.

John Knebel, general counsel of the small business administration was named by the White House to be general counsel of the USDA, succeeding Edward who is retiring.

William Ervin, Indiana farmer, rural development leader and environmental consultant was named to the newly created post of assistant secretary of agriculture for rural development.

The appointee for assistant secretary for conservation research and education was not announced.

Plea To President

Commissioners of Agriculture of several western states have announced a program designed to bring an increasing problem of livestock losses to coyotes to the attention of President Nixon.

Representatives from 13 states, including Commissioners of Agriculture, members of livestock organizations and other concerned individuals packed a conference room at Denver and determined a course of action for a plea to the President.

The meeting was organized by the Western Assn. of State Departments of Agriculture (WASDA) as a result of increasing losses to coyotes. Colorado Commissioner of Agriculture Clinton Jeffers and members of the Colorado Agriculture Commission were in attendance representing the host state.

Losses to coyotes have increased significantly since use of toxicants was curtailed by Presidential edict. States reports losses of as high as 17 percent on their lamb crops. Many sheepmen were facing severe monetary losses and were being forced out of business some Commissioners reported.

The course of action decided upon by the Commissioners was to form two committees, one of which was to make a direct plea to the President for support and funding to help control coyotes. This committee was to be formed of the Governors of three states and leadership from livestock organizations.

The other committee is to consist of five Commissioners of Agriculture and members of cattlemen's and sheepmen's organizations and is directed to work toward a program for controlled use of toxicants consistent with the Environmental Protection Agency's requirements. The committee is particularly interested in permitting use of toxicants in areas where other methods of control are ineffective.

Facts brought out at the meeting included the fact that toxicant use was by far the most merciful way of controlling coyotes resulting in near instant death for the predator rather than the slow death resulting from trapping or wounding from gunfire.

Aerial gunning of coyotes has been reported effective in areas of flat terrain but useless in mountain areas where most sheep are grazed. Federal funds for aerial gunning were reported nearly exhausted.

One factor brought out at the meeting was that coyotes were running in packs this year instead of running in singles or pairs. This results when food is more difficult to obtain and causes lambs to become a prime target.

Another significant point was that cattlemen were for the first time suffering significant losses to coyotes in several states, including Colorado.

Grassfire In Plains Community

On Thursday, January 18, 1973 a grass fire of unknown origin began on the C.O. Carmack farm in the Plains Community of Borden County. A Southwest wind spread the fire to the E.V. Creighton farm burning off over a quarter of a section of grass before crossing over into the 49 Ranch belonging to Mrs. Freda Clayton. The fire covered ap-

proximately four sections before being brought under control.

Area neighbors came bringing whatever they had to assist in controlling the blaze. Precinct I Commissioner Hermon Ledbetter made all heavy equipment available in the area. Also, Fire Departments from Lamesa, O'Donnell, and Post were represented and assisted in this effort.

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EDITORIAL

With two very damaging grass fires in the county in less than three weeks it gives us pause.

No one, of course, knows positively the cause of either fire. It is evident however that neither none was the result of the elements—lightening being the most obvious culprit. Naturally then, the blame more than likely lies with human carelessness.

The air at this time of year is dry and full of static electricity—the wind is generally high—the grass is tall and crisp. This all adds up to a perfect condition for range fires.

The landowner always runs the risk of damage in one way or another by allowing hunters on their property. We know this and do not begrudge it as long as it is not abused by trespassers. Now would be a good time to take a long look at who we have given hunting permits to and the possibility of being trespassed upon. To those who have permission—please take heed of the

atmospheric conditions and be especially careful of your cigarettes, your camp fire, and any carelessness that could possibly cause such damage. Also report any trespassers to the property owner—now is the time to be especially cautious. It is not wise to set fire to trash or debris of any kind of course when there is any wind. If you must, be sure you have some one standing by equipped to extinguish the slightest spark that might go astray.

As frightening, damaging, and extensive as a grass fire may be it is good to know that we can always count on our neighbors to set up a line of communication and within a short time have men and equipment on the scene. Even so, because of the distance this does take time and extensive damage can be done. So—at the risk of sounding like Smokey the Bear "Matches don't start fires—People start fires."

Committee Appointments

State Representative Renal B. Rosson was named to three committees important to his district this week by newly elected Speaker Price Daniel, Jr., in appointments which generally reflected a shift of influence from the rural areas of Texas to major cities, particularly in the Houston-Gulf Coast area.

Under a new rule which gives the Speaker power to choose the chairman and vice chairman of each committee plus half the remaining members, Rosson, generally regarded as a conservative, retained his membership on the vital Appropriations Committee, and was also named to the Judiciary and Insurance Committees. Of the 21 chairmen appointed, 14 were from counties of over 100,000 population.

House committees have been reduced from 46 to 21, so each committee is more powerful and encompassing. Rep. Rosson's place on the Appropriations

Committee, generally considered the most powerful of all House bodies, assures at least one voice from rural West Texas.

Rep. Rosson stated he was also glad to gain a place on the Judiciary Committee, since that body would probably be called upon this session to consider judicial reform measures as recommended by the task force headed by former Chief Justice Robert Calvert.

The Insurance Committee is sure to consider problems of vital interest to the West Texas area, also, Rep. Rosson stated.

"Re-apportionment in the last legislature shifted 15 of the 150 House seats from predominantly rural districts to the metropolitan areas, with five new seats going to Harris and three to Dallas County. This inevitably will be felt in the makeup of committees and in the passage of legislation of greater concern and interest to the big-city delegations.

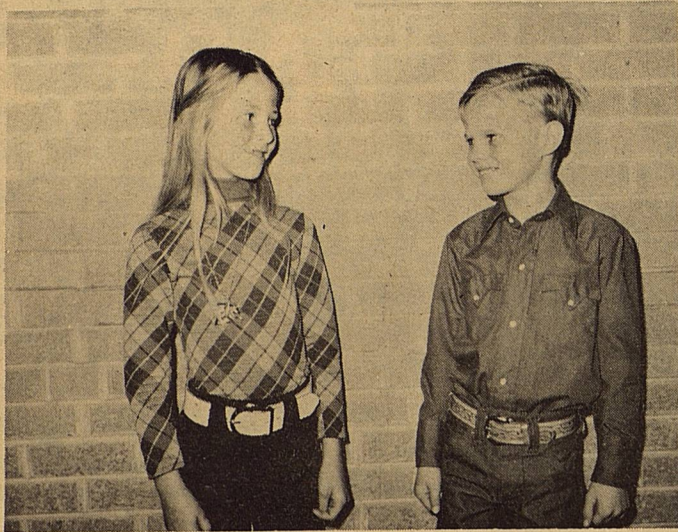
NOTE OF THANKS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the friends and neighbors who came to our assistance to help put out the recent grass fire on the 49

Ranch. I appreciate your time, use of equipment and any other services rendered. Sincerely,
(s) Mrs. Freda Clayton

Borden County School News

Elementary Favorites



GENA McLEROY AND TY WILLS

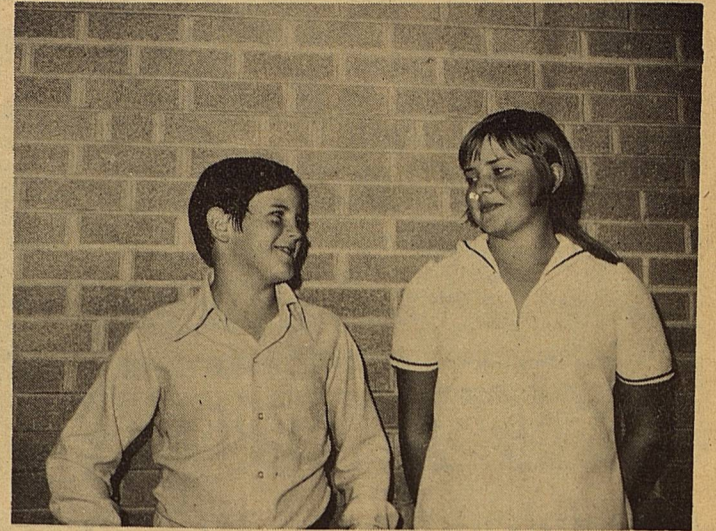
Favorites

Elected

Borden Elementary and Junior High School students elected favorites recently. Gena McLeroy and Ty Wills were chosen as **Elementary Favorites**. Both are in the third grade. Gena's parents are Mr. and Mrs. James McLeroy. Ty is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Wills.

Tricia Jackson, grade 8, and Perry Smith, grade 6, were elected as **Junior High Favorites**. Tricia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wayne Jackson and Perry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Smith.

Junior High Favorites



PERRY SMITH AND TRICIA JACKSON

SCHOOL MENU

(Jan. 29-Feb. 2)

MONDAY

Barbecued Wieners
Buttered Potatoes
Green Beans
Hot Bread-Butter
Pudding
Milk

TUESDAY

Beef Stew
Pimento Cheese with Crackers
Applesauce
Cornbread-Butter
Rolled Wheat Cookies
Milk

WEDNESDAY

Fried Chicken
Baked Potato
Cabbage Slaw
Hot Rolls-Butter
Fruit
Milk

THURSDAY

Hamburgers
French Fries
Lettuce-Tomato-Pickle
Fruit Cocktail
Cake
Milk

FRIDAY

Turkey Pot Pie
Tossed Salad
Hot Bread
Plain Cake with Chocolate Icing
Milk

FHA Meets

The Gail Future Homemakers of America Chapter met on January 17 for their regular monthly meeting. Sherry Jackson discussed the February project which was concerned with sending Valentines. It was decided that the chapter send them to **BUCKNER'S CHILDREN HOME**. Big Sisters drew for their Little Sisters for the last time this school year. They will be revealed at the end of the year.

A panel discussion is to be held next month to cover subjects that are relevant today. Catherine Jackson, Cindy Beaver, and Philena Farmer are constructing the discussion.

Refreshments were served by Rita Cornett, Bica Baeza, Cindy Beaver, and Philena Farmer. President Janice Browne adjourned the meeting.

BASKETBALL

Jr. Hi Boys Lose

The Borden Junior High boys "A" team lost to host Klondike January 15, 35-23. Scoring for the young Coyotes were Larry Simer with 10 points, Blane Dyess 4, Richard Long 3, Matt Farmer 2, Jackie Lockhart 2, and Perry Smith 2. Roy Martinez was high point man for the winners with 20 points.

In the "B" game, Klondike slipped by Borden County 12-11. Tommy Patterson scored 4 points, Johnny Jackson 3, Darin Tucker 2, and Ben Thompson 2.

Jr. Hi Girls Lose

The Borden Junior High girls team lost to Klondike 36-26 January 15 at Klondike. High scorer for Borden was Kristy Smith with 10 points. Others adding points were Sue Hancock, 6, Martha Anderson 6, Kevva Tucker 2, and Lesa Hensley 2.

Martha Anderson was on her toes collecting 7 rebounds and 8 recoveries. Tricia Jackson also did well with 6 recoveries.

Sands Beats Varsity Boys

Borden County traveled to Ackerly Tuesday night, January 16 and were defeated 56-39. The Coyotes just simply couldn't seem to get things going. High point man was Max Jones with 8 points, followed by Clifton Smith 7, Randy Ogden 7, Steve McMeans 6, Randy Hensley 4, Joe Hancock 3, Monte Smith 2, and John Anderson 2. Frosty Floyd hit 17 for the winning team.

Sands Beats Varsity Girls

Sands also beat the varsity girls from Borden County January 16 with a score of 51-49. Melisa Taylor led the scoring for the Coyotes with 16 points. Also scoring was Vickie Newton with 14, Philena Farmer 13, and Deidre Tucker 6.

Shelia Zant led in rebounds

and recoveries with 7 and 6 respectively. Melisa Taylor had 5 rebounds and Catherine Jackson 4 rebounds and 3 recoveries.

Varsity Boys Beat Wellman

The Borden County Coyotes varsity boys team downed the Wellman Wildcats 61-49 on January 18. High point man for the winners was Randy Hensley with a total of 24 points. Also scoring to the total points were Max Jones with 16, Joe Hancock 10, Steve McMeans 5, Monte Smith 3, and Clifton Smith 3.

Varsity Girls Lose to Wellman

Wellman beat the Borden County varsity girls on the Coyotes home court January 18 with a score of 64-49. High point girl for the Wellman winners was Kathy Bevers with 26 points. Melisa Taylor led the losers with 26 points also. Deidre Tucker added 12 more and Philena Farmer 11.

Melisa Taylor had 5 rebounds. Sheila Zant and Philena Farmer each had 4 rebounds. Deidre Tucker had 3 recoveries.

First 1/2 Ends for Boys---

This ends the first half of the varsity boys district play. Records are as follows:

	WON	LOST
Sands	7	0
Loop	5	2
Union	5	2
Wellman	3	4
Borden Co.	3	4
Dawson	3	4
Flower Gr.	1	6
Klondike	1	6

Sands will play the winner of the second half to determine the District Champion. If Sands wins or ties the second half, no play-off is necessary.

Beta Club Convention

Seven students from Borden High School attended the Fifteenth Annual Texas Beta Club Convention held at the Statler-Hilton Hotel in Dallas January 19-20. The students were among some 1,200 in attendance.

The first session of the convention held Friday evening, included a welcome, songfest, and a challenge from the state officers. The last part of the evening's program was devoted to a campaign rally by students running for 1973 offices.

The second session was held Saturday morning and featured Murphy Martin, News Director of WFAA, T.V. in Dallas. The central theme of Mr. Martin's speech was the inconsistencies in Americans. He went on to tell

the group that it is young Americans such as they who have established their priorities in life that keep America the great country that it is.

The Saturday evening session included a talent show and the installation of the new 1973 officers. After the program, the Betas attended the Annual Beta Ball.

The group enjoyed their trip, the programs, and renewing and making new acquaintances among Betas from all over the state of Texas. Sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Huddleston. Students making the trip were Steve McMeans, Bobbie Briggs, Janice Davis, Janice Browne, Catherine Jackson, Donelle Jones, and Deidre Tucker.



BETA CLUB members before leaving for convention, L. to R. Bobbie Briggs, Donelle Jones, Deidre Tucker, Janice Browne, Steve McMeans, Janice Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Huddleston.

GO
COYOTES!!!



FHA Chapter Recognized

In the most recent FHA Action Newsletter, Jo Ann Martin, a junior at Borden High School, and her Future Homemakers Chapter were recognized. The Newsletter is printed in Washington D.C. for FHA advisors throughout the United States.

The following are excerpts from the Newsletter:

"We learned that ENCOUNTER means just that... to meet unexpectedly. When you ENCOUNTER, you meet a new you. You find out where you are going and what really counts in your life," writes Jo Ann Martin, a member of the Gail FHA Chapter, Gail, Texas. The Gail Chapter, which once participated in a degree program, discovered ENCOUNTER is an exciting approach to growth.

Mrs. Shirley Kountz, chapter advisor, tells her students, "In

the past, when you worked on a degree, you had to set up goals in a variety of areas even if you didn't feel you needed a goal in some areas. Through ENCOUNTER you work only on the goals you choose for yourself.

The following guidelines for using ENCOUNTER were developed by the executive council, Borden County FHA. "The form is flexible, as our emphasis will be on growth of the individual rather than on the written report."

1. The Key to Individuality
2. The Scroll of Involvement
3. The Torch of Independence (adulthood)
4. Evaluation

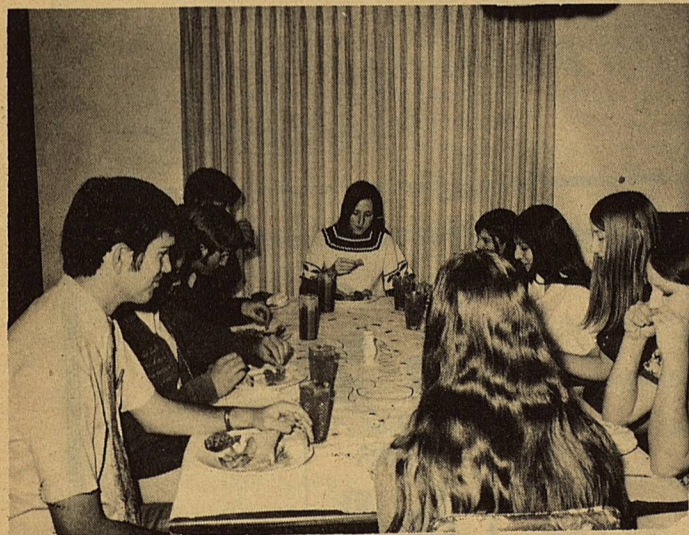
Summarizes Jo Ann Martin, "You don't take ENCOUNTER lightly. You find a new you without realizing it until it is over. We hope ENCOUNTER is here to stay."

Boys Help Make Project Success

Last semester the Borden Future Homemakers of America Chapter of Gail sponsored a cancelled postage stamp collection. This project was sponsored by the Sons of Norway, a non-project charitable organization. When the stamps arrived at the International Headquarters they were packaged and shipped to the Tubfirm headquarters in Norway. These stamps are sold to stamp collectors and the proceeds from these sales are then used to care for unfortunate tubercular and crippled children.

In order to raise enthusiasm, the FHA decided to have a contest between the classes in high school. It was decided that the winning class would be given a party. After all stamps had been counted, the sophomore class came out on top. A party was given and prepared by the sophomore FHA girls. Finger sandwiches, numerous desserts,

chips and dips, and punch were served to those sophomores who participated. A tablecloth was made from stamps by Barbara Brown and Marion Benavidez. Those sophomores were Billy Jackson, William Roper, Teddy Cooley, Rita Cornett, Barbara Brown, Marion Benavidez, Catherine Jackson, Linda Gass, and Lisa Ludecke. Mr. Barnes, science teacher, also brought stamps and was an honored guest. Since this contest was strictly FHA, the chapter was extremely proud of the boys in the class as well as everyone else in the community that contributed to this worthy cause. The chapter feels that this is a very humane program that turns a product which is often discarded into a valuable commodity for good. They would like to encourage everyone to begin saving their stamps for next year because the FHA will have the project again.



FHA STAMP PARTY

Hypodermic On Wings

Once it has homed in on a warm-blooded animal, it is next to impossible to deter the pesky horsefly from its determination to sting. Deciding to cash in on this bit of fly psychology, Texas wildlife workers plan to use the horsefly or stable fly to deliver a dose of life-giving medicine to a

small herd of bighorn sheep roaming the rugged and sprawling terrain of the Big Bend.

Dr. R.M. Robinson of Texas A&M University's College of Veterinary Medicine thinks the flies may be used as airborne hypodermic needles to inoculate

Ackerly Show

Feeders in 4-H Clubs and the Future Farmers of America divided prizes of \$1,000 in a successful stock show held Friday in the Sands High School vocational ag building.

Lon McDonald, ag teacher, said the event was well attended, and well supported by merchants in Ackerly, Big Spring and Lamesa. "We are deeply indebted to those who encouraged the kids," he said.

Saturday the group left with 20 steers and 20 lambs for the Abilene show, then will take 12 steers to the Southwestern show in Fort Worth.

Dennis Armstrong had the grand champion steer, an animal bred by R.T. Foster Jr.; Stacy Parker the champion barrow bred by Bruce Parker; Dannie Gillespie the top fine-wool lamb bred by Marck Shafer; Jackie McDonald the top medium wool lamb bred by Bob Ballard.

Cindy McDonald, Sands FFA, was top lamb showman; Dennis Armstrong, Sands FFA, top steer showman; David Long, Knott 4-H top swine showman. Dr. Edwin DuBose, Abilene Christian College judged the show, and Herschell McDonald and David Farris, ACC senior ag students, the showmanship events.

Results included (places in order listed):

BARROWS

Lightweight—Jana Long, David Long, Ronnie Long; heavyweight—Stacy Parker, Stan Parker, Kelly Zant; grand champion Stacy Parker (Knott 4-H); reserve Stan Parker (Knott 4-H)

LAMBS

Finewool—Dannie Gillespie, Kathy Mahaney, Jan Reed; crossbred—Summer Shaw, Cindy McDonald, Leslie Guitar; grand champion, Dannie Gillespie (Sands FFA)

Medium wool—Jackie McDonald, Jan Reed, Dannie Gillespie; champion Jackie McDonald (Sands FFA).

STEERS

Angus—Jackie McDonald, Billy Reed, Mark Kennemer, Jan Reed.

Crossbred—Jill Hunt, David Hall, Frosty Floyd, Jan Reed.

Light Hereford—Kent Robinson, Karen Cowart, Jill Floyd, D'Ann Hall.

Medium Hereford—Cindy McDonald, Dean Armstrong, Brad Ingram, Billy Reed.

Heavy Herefords—Dennis Armstrong, Aletha Kemper, Billy Reed, Cindy McDonald; grand champion Dennis Armstrong (Sands FFA); reserve champion, Cindy McDonald (Sands FFA), calf bred by R.T. Foster Jr.

the wild sheep against the deadly bluetongue disease. He has successfully used the technique in the laboratory and now will try it out in the Black Gap Wildlife Management Area in Brewster County.

Star of new "anti-hero" western: "My partner and I shoot up a cattle town, rob its bank and start a stampede. And we're the Good Guys!"

First Half Crown Goes To Sands

LOOP—Sands clinched the first half championship in District 8-B boys' play by defeating Loop, 51-42, before a packed house last Thursday night.

The win was the sixth without a loss in league competition for Sands. Over-all, the Ponies are 17-4.

Coach Bob Davis got a fine team effort out of his troops. Kenneth Schuelke hit six of six from the floor and played outstanding defensive ball against Danny Yocum, Loop's chief threat.

Yocum, who stands 6-4 scored 8 points but practically all of them came from underneath.

Reserve guard David Zant played well on defense and committed no turnovers, David Barnes, Sands' top scorer with 14 points, also pulled down 10 rebounds.

The Sands' girls also played their final game of the season to run their second half record to 2-0 winning by a 75-43 tab.

Leah Roman and Ann Nichols each had 29 points for Sands.

In boys' B team play, Sands won, 47-45. Edward Kennemer counted 20 points for Sands while Tom Hard paced Loop with 14. The Sands reserves have won seven of eight starts.

The Sands girls now have a 17-10 won-lost record.

NEWS GETS AROUND

Visitors in the Bob Dyess household over the week-end were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dyess & Bobby Jack of Waco. Also visiting were Mr. and Mrs. Gary Dyess of Lubbock.

Oscar and Beulah Telchik visited the Edgar Telchik home in Hereford and the Lester Lancasters of Hart, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Dulton and children of Port Alegre, Brazil visited Jarrell, Nancy, and Jana Edwards of the Plains Community.

Bro. Miller Robinson and Frank Pruitt of Colonial Hill Baptist Church attended the Baptist Convention at Ft. Worth the first of the week.

Mmes. Jack Dunn and N.M. McMichael were Lubbock shoppers Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Murphy of Abilene were week-end visitors of their parents the Mickey Sterlings and the Pat Murphy's of Ira.

Mrs. Pearl Sterling of Snyder visited Sunday in the Mickey Sterling home.

Joe Turner of San Antonio spent Tuesday through Friday with Harley Smith and Mrs. Ben Weathers.

James and Billy Jackson were weekend visitors at Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Jones and family of New Mexico visited with his parents the D.C. Jones of Amerada-Hess Oil camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Taylor, Hico, Texas visited their daughter, Doris Rudd, over the weekend. Mrs. Taylor celebrated her 78th birthday while in Gail.

Mr. and Mrs. D.R. Covey, Seagoville, Tex., visited Frances Bennett, last weekend. Mrs. Ruby Covey returned home with them. Mrs. Covey transferred from the Leisure Lodge in Lamesa to Hilltop Haven, Gunter, Texas.

HOLIDAY VISITORS

Charlotte and Mike Toombs were at home over the Christmas Holidays. They are both students at Texas Tech University.

Charlotte is a Senior English Major and has just finished her student teaching at Monterey High School in Lubbock. She was on the Dean's Honor List last semester. Charlotte has also been very busy refereeing basketball games.

Mike is a Freshman at Tech and plans on majoring in Political Science.

They are the children of Judge and Mrs. Glenn Toombs of Borden County.

CAMEL GO IN RAGS

A group of geese on the water is called a plump. When airborne, these birds become a skein. Put them on the ground and they are called a gaggle.

Several camels are know as a rag. A group of mules is a barren. A number of sheep is called a huddle or flock. There is a clamor of rooks, a murder of crows, a mutation of thrushes, a murmuration of starlings. Perch come in packs, smelt in quantities and herring in shoals.

Believe in yourself, and what others think won't matter.

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There is a marvelous bumper sticker available, "Let the B— Freeze in the Dark." That just about covers it all don't you think?

But the sad thing is that we here in the patch are having one heckuva cold winter. Schools have been closed, industry curtailed, lights dimmed and good people shivering in the dark. This energy crisis has hit home now when we all hoped the full brunt of the storm would cause chillblains in Washington first.

The news that is causing the most consternation and fear is that all oil import rules have been suspended. As soon as the fires sputtered in the East, those B— really became nervous and began opening the gates. Immediate action was taken when New England Congressmen requested the limitations be removed in order to "ease the heating situation in that area." Of course they have been told for ten years that an energy crisis was imminent if measures weren't taken to inspire research and further domestic production. But they seem to think the whole problem can be solved by allowing "furiners" to supply our fuel.

Comes the Revolution, those foreign valves will be snapped shut with a resounding clang. The U.S.S.R. has been cementing relations with Arab oil producing nations for time enough for everyone to have noticed. Soon they will have a stranglehold on the world's energy resources. It is perfectly ridiculous to imagine a Communist controlled country providing US with the fuel and power to possibly hinder their intentions. And where will we be when those valves snapshivering in the dusk, that's where.

Suspending import rules will not solve one single domestic problem - only multiply them. Importing fuel will not lead to further production here. Importing will only forestall the inevitable. What with imports and the environmentalists, we may never build another pipe line or drill another "nasty oil well." In which case, should we ever need to go it on our own all the relaxed rules in the world won't help us catch up.

This nation has aplenty of potential energy sources; there are undiscovered reserves in deeper formations; offshore areas, as well as the Santa Barbara Channel, are virtually unprobed; the Artic region is waiting only on adequate pipe line; the steam deposits are promising. All of these sources must be developed if they are to provide energy.

But the government has almost ground the energy search to a halt by detrimental programs and environmentalist

wailings. It is imperative that the domestic producer and researcher be allowed a fair chance in the market place. Otherwise, all us good guys may freeze in the dark too.

'Heritage'

In speaking to the After Five Garden Club in Big Spring Mrs. R.B. Cowper said "Some say there is no heritage in Big Spring or Howard County." "Our heritage is in our geology," she continued. "Fossils provide the first written history of the area, as well as the erosion from waters which tell much of the area's history."

Mrs. Cowper told of several historical sites in the city and county, and related their significance in heritage. She said there are 30 known Indian campsites in Howard County and that some members of a local geological society are currently excavating at the sites.

Scenic Mountain contains several carvings made by travelers through this area, according to Mrs. Cowper. She said a professor at Texas Tech University believes some of the carvings are modern and were made with steel tools, and that some of the old carvings were destroyed.

Mrs. Cowper said the most outstanding carvings on Scenic Mountain include a Spanish cross and a mark believed to have been made by Coronado. She told about various incidents which occurred in the area, including some about Capt. Marcy and his corps of engineers.

The Heritage Museum is trying to save the heritage of Big Spring," said Mrs. Cowper, "and any items lent or donated to the museum will be appreciated." She urged people to visit various displays at the museum, and that some people are trying to establish a trail of Texas watering holes which could include Big Spring.

Daylight Time

Congressional boosters of a plan to extend Daylight Saving Time to a year-round basis say their chances are better than ever because of increasing crime and the nation's fuel shortage.

The extra hour of daylight on winter afternoons would hamper purse snatchers and muggers who prey on late-afternoon pedestrians and it would reduce

the use of electric lights in office buildings, they say.

Rep. Craig Hosmer, R-Calif., planned to introduce in the House a bill to extend DST from its present six-months-a-year status to a fulltime basis. DST is in operation in virtually all the states from the last Sunday of April to the last Sunday of October.

Hosmer's office said 31 other House members had agreed to sponsor the legislation as of Wednesday night. The bill that died in the last Congress had 14 sponsors.

One of the most important names on the bill is that of Rep. John Moss, D-Calif., chairman of the subcommittee that must first consider the bill.

"I've been sponsoring this bill for several years in the hope that sooner or later its time would come," Hosmer said in a statement Wednesday. "This year may be it."

Moss, who was cool toward similar legislation in the past, said the fuel shortage is the primary reason he has decided to back the measure this year. "I think at a time when we are admittedly faced with an energy crisis it makes very good sense to have year-round Daylight Saving Time," Moss said.

Moss explained that under Daylight Saving Time big office buildings, for example, could take advantage of sunlight until later in the day and thus save on electricity.

Hosmer stressed what he thinks extension of DST would do to the crime rate.

"We want to get the people home from work before the twilight hours, which are the worst crime hours," Hosmer said.

Wedding Ceremony

Wedding vows were exchanged by Miss Brenda Gale Nichols and Marvin James Boyd Jr., in the Apostolic Faith Church.

The Rev. Otto Busch of Baxter Springs, Kan., performed the rites as the couple stood before an altar centered with a large arrangement of white gladioli, white palms and pink carnations. Twin branched candelabra with white tapers flanked the altar.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. M.J. Boyd Sr., Gail Route, Box 220, and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Nichols, 710 Abrams.

The bride wore a formal-length gown of white crepe fashioned Victorian style with leg-of-mutton sleeves. Her elbow length illusion veil fell from a cluster of lace orchids

highlighted with seed pearls, and she carried a cascade of white carnations entered with a pink cymbidium orchid.

Mrs. Lonnie Smith, sister of the bride, served as matron of honor. She wore a floor-length pale pink gown which featured sheer belled sleeves with French cuffs. The empire bodice was accented with applied dark pink flowers. She carried a nosegay of pink carnations and white babies-breath with burgundy satin highlights.

Tommy Lockhart of Waco was best man, and usher were Phillip Boyd, brother of the bridegroom, and Darrell Nichols, brother of the bride.

The bridegroom's sister, Miss Carolyn Boyd, was pianist, and accompanied David Stevenson, vocalist.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd will reside on Knott Route, Big Spring. She is a graduate of Big Spring High School and was formerly employed by Cook's Discount Department Store. Boyd graduated from Borden County High School and attended one year at Howard County Junior College. He is currently employed at Cook's.

A reception honored the couple in the church parsonage. The serving table was covered with a pink linen cloth and overlaid with white lace. The matron of honor's nosegay served as a centerpiece. Crystal and silver appointments were used, and the tiered cake was topped with a miniature bride and bridegroom.

Refreshments were served by the bridegroom's sister, Mrs. David Stevenson, Miss Myrtle Carney and Miss Betty Carney.

Out-of-town guests for the ceremony included Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Nichols and family, Monahans.

Illegal Trophies

DALLAS--Game Wardens Gary Tarpley, James McElroy and Jim Riggins and Federal Warden Dick Droll recently paid a visit to a local taxidermy shop.

Acting on a tip that something more than trophy bucks were being mounted in the shop, the wardens found 24 protected birds in various stages of processing.


Owls, hawks, song birds and shore birds were being stuffed someone's mantel.

The wardens confiscated the illegal trophies and filed charges against the shop owner for possession of protected birds.

The proprietor was fined \$110. Officials say that the guilty taxidermist is the exception rather than the rule. Most taxidermists refuse to mount protected species of animals.

Careless Camper

One Careless Camper will undoubtedly be more careful the next time out. After returning home, a letter arrived from an Arizona rancher whose property they had used saying they had left behind some personal belongings which would be sent if they were willing to pay the shipping charges. They accepted the offer and soon received a \$33 collect shipment of old newspapers, empty cans and bottles, paper plates, assorted cardboard boxes, comic books, and old milk cartons—and a used envelope containing their name and address.




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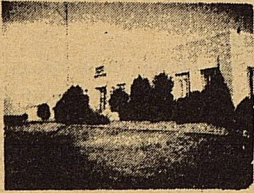
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Court House Happenings



Borden County

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BORDEN

BE IT REMEMBERED:

WHEREAS, On the 11th day of December, 1972, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session at the regular meeting place there in the Courthouse at Gail, Texas, the following members of the Court being present and participating, to-wit:

Hubert Walker—Commissioner, Precinct No. 1.

Don A. Jones—Commissioner, Precinct No. 4

Doris T. Rudd—County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners' Court

with **Hon. Glenn Toombs**, County Judge, **Carl McKee**, Commissioners, Precinct No. 2, and **M. Eddie Simer**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3, absent.

NOW THEREFORE, there not being a quorum present, no official business was had.

Mr. Carrol D. Curm, Regional Administrator, Region 002, State Department of Public Welfare and Mr. Loye Tankersley, Program Director for Food Stamps, Region 002 appeared before the Court to discuss the new regulations for issuing Food Stamps, and the Welfare program. Beginning March 1, 1973 the Post Office Department will be in charge of issuing the food stamps, when the State of Texas will assume all obligations concerning the Welfare Program. They requested that Borden County continue their participation in the program until that date. No action had.

There not being a quorum present, the Court adjourned.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 29th DAY OF DECEMBER, A.D. 1972.

(s) Glenn Toombs,
County Judge
Borden County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BORDEN

BE IT REMEMBERED:

WHEREAS, On the 18th day of December, A.D. 1972, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special Session at the regular meeting place thereof in the Courthouse at Gail, Texas, with all members of the Court being present and participating, constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

Judge Toombs reported that Delmo Pearce had been in to discuss the Right of Way, on Pearce Estate Property for the antenna to be placed thereon, and also the existing Right of Way. Mr. Pearce had stated that

he was willing to work with the Court, however he requested certain repair work, cattle guard and fence for the existing Right of Way.

Judge Toombs reported on the work he had done last week in Austin and El Paso on the proposed property tax changes. The Judge stated that he had made the following recommendations to the legislative committee: That delinquent tax suits be handled in County Court rather than District, That there be no dual offices concerning tax offices, that the half payment of taxes be discontinued and that no discount be allowed.

Commissioner Don A. Jones made a motion to approve current accounts in the amount of \$17,586.05 and \$2,177.38 transferred from Road and Bridge, divided equally to each precinct and \$3,500.00 transferred from General to Officer's Salary.

Judge Toombs reported that Borden County has received \$9,408.00, Revenue Sharing for the first half of 1972. Commissioner Don A. Jones made a motion to put this amount in Certificate of Deposit, motion seconded by Commissioner Carl McKee and approved unanimously.

It was agreed that the Court would meet December 29, 1972 to approve bills for Precincts 1 and 3.

A motion was made by Commissioner Don A. Jones that the Courthouse be closed December 25 and 26 for Christmas, motion seconded by Commissioner Hubert Walker and approved unanimously.

Commissioner Don A. Jones made a motion to adjourn, motion seconded by Commissioner Carl McKee. Motion carried.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 29th DAY OF DECEMBER, 1972.

(s) Glenn Toombs
County Judge
Borden County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BORDEN

BE IT REMEMBERED:

WHEREAS, On the 29th day of December, 1972, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special Session at the regular meeting place thereof in the Courthouse at Gail, Texas, the following members of the Court being present and participating, to-wit:

Hon. Glenn Toombs—County Judge, Presiding

Hubert Walker—Commissioner, Precinct No. 1

Carl McKee—Commissioner, Precinct No. 2.

Don A. Jones—Commissioner, Precinct No. 4.

Doris T. Rudd—County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners' Court constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

A motion was made by Commissioner Don A. Jones that current accounts be approved in the amount of \$1261.25, motion

seconded by Commissioner Carl McKee.

Voting For: Commissioners McKee, Jones and Walker
Voting Against: None.

Minutes of the November 27 and December 11, 1972, meetings were read. Commissioner Hubert Walker made a motion to approve said minutes as read, motion seconded by Commissioner Don A. Jones and approved unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Don A. Jones to adjourn, motion was seconded by Commissioner Carl McKee. Motion carried.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 8th DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 1973.

(s) Don A. Jones
Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
Presiding in the absence of
County Judge, Glenn Toombs.

Speaker Elected

AUSTIN—State Representative Price Daniel, Jr., of Liberty, was elected as Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives.

Daniel, 31, was selected by an overwhelming majority of his fellow House members to serve a two-year term in this legislative leadership position.

Daniel announced his candidacy for Speaker on June 21, 1971, in the wake of the Texas stock fraud scandal. At that time, he promised to devote himself to cleaning up state government and to take his campaign to the people of Texas.

Never before in history has a candidate for Speaker carried his campaign to the citizens of the State.

Daniel campaigned on a program to reform the legislative process and make the House of Representatives more open and democratic. Among the reforms advocated by Daniel were an Ethics Code, providing for financial disclosure by state officials, and a strong lobby Regulation Act.

Although opposed by most lobbyists and special interest groups, Daniel's only opponent in his campaign for Speaker withdrew from the race more than six months prior to his election.

Daniel was nominated by Representative Dave Finney of Tarrant County. The nomination was seconded by Representatives Matt Garcia of Bexar County and Eddie Bernice Johnson of Dallas County.

In his acceptance speech, Daniel told his fellow members and the people of Texas, "Let us all resolve to have the courage to oppose the most powerful when they are wrong and let us all have the compassion to support the most helpless when they are right."

Daniel also advised the members of the House of Representatives to "make use of the best advice available. . . .

But let us all determine to listen to our constituencies, because the best and ultimate wisdom of

the state is there."

He pledged to the people of Texas, "I will be as much a listener as a Speaker. I intend to listen to the democratic will of this House and the people it represents. I intend to listen to the hopes and aspirations of Texans for a new morality in State government and a better life for all."

Daniel was sworn in by his father, Judge Price Daniel, Sr., of the Texas Supreme Court. Judge Daniel, formerly U.S. Senator, Governor, and Attorney General of Texas, also served as Speaker of the Texas House, from 1943 to 1945. Young Daniel is also the great-great grandson of Governor Sam Houston.

The new Speaker is married to the former Diane Ford Womack of Austin, the great granddaughter of Texas

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Governor Thomas M. Campbell, who served from 1907 to 1911.

The Daniels have one son, Thomas Houston Daniel, 2, who is named for the three Texas Governors from whom he is descended.

Other reforms advocated by the Liberty lawmaker include: a strengthened campaign contribution and finance reporting law; an open meetings law; a law guaranteeing public access to government documents; legislation to limit Speakers to one consecutive term of office; a law to prevent the use of threats or promises of favor in Speakership campaigns; a law to require the disclosure of campaign contributions and expenditures in Speakership races; a law to limit the jurisdiction of conference committees; and rules reforms.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION:

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Any individual or group who believes himself or herself to be subjected to discrimination prohibited by Title VI of the Act may, be himself or by a representative, file with the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250, or Rural Electrification, Washington, D.C. 20250, or this organization, or all three, a written complaint. Complaints must be filed not later than 90 days after the alleged discrimination. Identity of complaints will be confidential.

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BORDEN

January 8, 1973

LEGAL NOTICE—

Notice is given herewith that the Commissioners Court of Borden County, Gail, Texas will receive and accept bids for motor grader blades 7' x 6' x 1/2" to fit 14' moldboards in lots of 100 sets, with one delivery to Gail, Texas or 25 sets, with delivery at each Precinct storage yard in the county and F.O.B. bidders warehouse.

Please give brand name of all blades offered plus cost of bolts for each set.

Direct all bids to the office of the County Judge, Box 156, Gail, Texas 79738.

Bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., February 12, 1973.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT

(s) Glenn Toombs
County Judge, Borden County

LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BORDEN

January 22, 1973

Notice is given herewith that proposals will be considered from Banks or Banking Corporations desiring to serve as depository for public funds and county public school funds of Borden County, Texas. Such proposals will be considered Monday, February 12, 1973 at 2:00 p.m., and the Commissioners' Court of Borden County may at its discretion reject any and all bids or proposals submitted. Applications submitted should be in accordance with Article 2545, Vernons' Civil Statutes, and it is desired that same stipulate per cent interest to be paid on time deposits and rate of interest Borden County would pay on borrowed funds. Depository Bank would be expected to furnish printed checks and deposit slips for all accounts.

Glenn Toombs
County Judge
Borden County

LEGAL NOTICE
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BORDEN

January 22, 1973

Notice is hereby given that proposals will be considered from Banks or Banking Corporations desiring to serve as depository for Trust Funds of the County and District Clerk of Borden County, Texas. Such proposals will be considered Monday, February 12, 1973, 2:00 p.m. and the Commissioners' Court of Borden County may at its own discretion reject any and all proposals submitted. Applications should be in accordance with Article 2558-a, Vernons' Civil Statutes, and it is desired that same stipulate percent interest to be paid on time deposits. Depository Bank would be expected to furnish printed checks and deposit slips for all accounts.

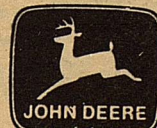
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Agriculture

Farm Reports

According to reports in The American Farmer government payments for cotton and feed grains will be sharply reduced in 1973. As an offset producers will be able to use more acres for crops.

The base for cotton payments has been reduced from 11.5 million acres to 10 million in 1973; however the setaside requirement has been eliminated.

The basic 1973 feed grain program calls for a set-aside of 30 percent of base for payments of 35 cents per bushel for corn on the production of one-half of base acreage. In 1972 the basic program was a set-aside of 25 percent for a payment rate of 40 cents.

Nation's agricultural exports in current fiscal year ending June 30 are expected to total about \$10 billion, almost \$2 billion above previous record high of \$8.1 billion last fiscal year.

Agriculture's contribution to the U.S. trade balance will also be at an all-time high, \$3.5 billion compared with \$2.0 billion last year. This contribution helps offset the unfavorable nonfarm trade balance, which was \$7.1 billion in 1971-72.

Two-thirds of this year's increase in farm exports will be due to increased volume (primarily of grains, soybeans, and cotton) and one-third to higher prices.

CATTLE LOSSES

Cattle losses in the Texas, Oklahoma Panhandle and Western Kansas area may reach eight to 12 percent which is well above the normal two percent loss figure.

Sources have reported to Western Livestock Journal the greatest losses have occurred in cattle on wheat pasture in the three states mentioned. Light cattle in the 400-500 lb. range have been affected by severe winter storms.

TEXAS FEEDLOT

Despite heavy cattle losses due to cold weather and rising feed prices, the feedlot industry of the Texas Panhandle continues to grow. Estimates are now that feedlots will increase their capacity by about 200,000 head during 1973.

The increase had not been anticipated by some feedlot managers. One is Wayne Bedwell, general manager of Happy Wheat Growers, Inc., a 25,000-capacity feedlot northeast of Happy, Texas.

"I thought the industry was large enough," Bedwell said, "particularly here in the Panhandle. We are using most of the local grain, and stocker calves are high-priced and often hard to find. Yet many feedlots are increasing their pen space, while a few new ones are planned."

Bedwell says his own company will likely expand to 40,000 capacity during the year. Originally built for about 15,000 cattle, the feedlot had only 2000 cattle when Bedwell became manager a year ago. It is now at full capacity of 25,000.

BEEF PRODUCTION

Beef production in November was 1897 million pounds, six percent above the 1786 million pounds in November 1971, but six percent below the 2012 million pounds produced last month. Cattle kill totaled 2,986,000 head, up two percent from a year earlier. Liveweight per head was 1055 lb., 20 lb. more than a year ago and 12 lb. above last month.

LAMB, MUTTON UP

There were 45 million pounds of lamb and mutton produced in November, one million pounds above a year earlier, but five million pounds below last month. Sheep and lamb slaughter totaled 854,200 head, one percent less than a year ago. Average liveweight was 107 lb., two pounds more than a year earlier and a month earlier.

HOGS, PIGS ON U.S. FARMS

Hogs and pigs on U.S. farms December 1, 1972 were estimated at 61.5 million head—2 percent less than a year earlier, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Hogs and pigs kept for breeding were estimated at 9.0 million, an increase of 6 percent. Market hogs and pigs number 52.5 million, down 3 percent.

The June-November 1972 pig crop is estimated at 45.7 million head, 1 percent below a year earlier. The 6.3 million sows farrowed during this period is the same as a year earlier. The 1972 pig crop (December 1971-November 1972) totals 93.7 million head, 4 percent below a year ago.

The December 1971-May 1972 pig crop was estimated at 48.1 million head, 8 percent below a year earlier. Hog producers intend to farrow 7.0 million sows during December 1972-May 1973, 6 percent more than a year earlier. If pigs per litter are average, allowing for trend, the pig crop will be 51.2 million head—up 7 percent.

The inventory value offall hogs and pigs totaled \$2,575 million, up 45 percent from December 1, 1971. The value per head averaged \$41.90, up \$13.40 per head.

Experience is something one always need to get a job, but by the time he has got it, he is too old.

Land Concept Is Not Always True

The concept of land plowed being more productive than unplowed soil is not necessarily true, according to Mike Bogard of the Soil Conservation Service.

In many cases, said Gobard, farmers who leave their sorghum stubble, cover crops or burr mulches on soil surface not only reduce expenses, but they also reduce cost of labor.

"We know there are many problems the plow cannot solve and many problems the plow creates, he added. "Often, plowing destroys soil structure and soil compaction from heavy equipment does considerable damage to fields."

Bogard advocates use of crop residue to help reduce tillage operations. He said some times these can be cut by as many as five, yet not affect yields adversely. Residue may be from stubble, cotton burrs, sorghum seeded in blank rows, or other types. When Land is plowed with some type of chisel, the soil residue is left on the surface to help protect the soil.

New Regulations

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has made some recent changes in the original Safety Regulations approved last year. Effective January 1, 1973, OSHA has exempted small employers from its record keeping provisions.

With specified exceptions, it exempts employers who had no more than seven employees at any one time during the prior calendar year.

Four subcommittees of the OSHA Agricultural Advisory Committee are working to develop standards relating to:

Temporary farm labor camps.
Use of pesticides.
Tractor rollover protective systems.

Farm Machinery.
These subcommittees are in most cases reviewing drafts of proposed standards.

OSHA will then take the full committee's recommendations and make such revisions as it considers desirable. Proposed standards will then be published in the Federal Register for comments by interested parties before final standards are established.

Butz Receives Award

Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz was a recipient of the American Farm Bureau Federation's Distinguished Service Award made during the 54th annual meeting of the AFBF in Los Angeles, California, in December.

One of the criteria for judging such contributions is the service must have been performed as a result of an unselfish desire to advance the well-being of farm people.

In presenting the award AFBF President William J. Kuhfuss recalled some statements by Secretary Butz since his appointment.

In his first public address to the 53rd annual meeting of the AFBF Butz said, "I intend to be right with you speaking up on behalf of farmers. Not speaking for farmers. That's your job, your responsibility and your right as farmers and as members of a free, voluntary farm organization...But as Secretary of Agriculture I intend—with all the vigor I have—to speak in behalf of farmers and ranchers to the President, to the Cabinet, to Congress, to consumers and to the American people."

"I'll fight like a wounded steer against the imposition of price

controls on raw agricultural products." This remark was made during the public debate on food prices in response to demands from some quarters for price controls on beef and other unprocessed farm products.

When an ion disputes on the water front last fall tied up grain export shipments Butz had this to say; "We must fight to move our harvests to market. We must fight to end it (transportation tie-ups) once and for all."

And Secretary Butz didn't mince any words about the Chavez campaign to boycott food products. "The secondary boycott in un-American and illegal. I stand on the right of labor to organize and bargain collectively...but not through a secondary boycott."

Kuhfuss also pointed out that the AFBF distinguished service award to Butz was not based solely on his performance of the past year but in recognition of his service to agriculture which spans most of his adult life. Much of this service was at Purdue University where he was a professor of agricultural economics and later Dean of Agriculture for 10 years.

Howard County Roads

County road crews were busy patching spots in asphalt that curbed during cold weather 2 weeks ago.

All but 30 miles of paved county roads were winterized, and Marvin Hanson, road ad-

ministrator, said these roads fared better. But even winterized roads were damaged some, Hanson added.

The weather damaged city streets and highways including IS 20 as well, he noted.

Man Sentenced

James Henry Byars pleaded guilty to felony theft of two head of cattle in Stanton Wednesday afternoon.

In Cattle Theft

District Judge R. W. Caton of Big Spring gave Byars a five-year, probated sentence. The cattle belonged to D. E. Richards.

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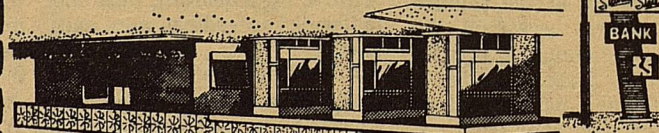
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GOLDEN ACRES! That's the glowing word picture painted by some in describing sunflower farming.

True, in 1972 the sunflower brightened some new faces by adding crop dollars. Will it be a cash crop that finds its way on more farms in 1973? Does it really face a golden future?

Increasing popularity of the sunflower is the result of vegetable oil needs of the world. Since 1962, the sunflower has climbed from fifth to second place in international oil production. The soybean is first.

Although the oil-type sunflower is most in demand, a second type, used for bird seed, animal feed, and human consumption, commands a substantial market.

The traditional sunflower growing areas are in the Red River Valley of North Dakota and Northwest Minnesota and in the Southern states. But, California cotton and rice growers, for example, are looking for another crop where acreage is not being reduced. Sunflower oil appeals to the same market as cottonseed and the same crushers can be used. Growers like the idea because it offers potential for double cropping.

Interest in raising sunflowers last year came in part from the Secretary of Agriculture's declaration that certain oilseed crops, including sunflowers, could be grown on diverted acres with only a \$6 to \$10 per acre reduction in the set-aside acreage payment.

For example, a farmer receiving 4 cents a pound and averaging 1,500 pounds per acre could gross about \$50 an acre on his "set-aside" land, allowing for a \$10 reduction in the payment. Actually, some growers in 1972 averaged considerably more than 1,500 pounds per acre. Yields as high as 2,400 pounds were reported in Iowa and Illinois.

In previous years, although allowed to grow sunflowers on diverted land, farmers were faced with an approximate \$45 reduction in payments per acre. Sunflowers may also be raised on diverted acres in 1973 with a deduction of 30 per cent of the average payment per acre for full compliance.

The sunflower lends itself well to contract marketing. A major contract arranger in 1972 was the Illinois Agricultural Association (Farm Bureau in Illinois.)

IMCA arranged for production contracts of more than 17,000 acres of sunflowers of the estimated total of 35,000 to 40,000 acres in Illinois. About 350 growers signed ICMA-provided

contracts with two buyers of oilseed sunflowers—Pacific Grain Company of Farmer City and Victoria Feed Company of Davenport, Iowa.

Work is being done on higher yielding, as well as bird-resistant and disease-resistant varieties. At Texas A&M University, they've developed basic sunflower lines for producing new hybrids using male sterilization and incorporating genes to reverse the sterility, the same technique used to produce hybrid corn.

Texas testing of the hybrid crosses was started in 1972. Work is also being done in hybrid production in foreign countries such as Russia and Argentina. Hybrids should boost yields 20 to 30 per cent.

What is the potential of sunflowers in the future? Much depends on the vegetable oil market and on whether the government continues to allow oil crops, such as the sunflower, to be raised on diverted acres. It further depends on whether a new sunflower hybrid with higher yields—perhaps almost double those of present varieties—will be on the market to make planting on non-diverted acres pay off.

A word of caution. If you decide to plant sunflowers, be sure to have a written marketing contract. Some growers have discovered that what they thought was a "sure market," disappeared at the last minute.

Railroad Commission

The Texas Railroad Commission was created in 1891 for the purpose of regulating railroad rates and tariffs, preventing discriminatory practices, and enforcing state laws concerning railroads generally.

In 1917, it was given by statute the authority to supervise the production of oil and gas in Texas. Today the regulation of this industry is one of the major functions of the agency.

The Commission is also charged with the duty of enforcing laws pertaining to reasonable prices on natural gas

and fair rate charges for producing, transporting, distributing, buying, selling, and delivering natural gas by pipelines. It apportions the natural gas supply among towns, cities, and corporations.

Another of the Commission's responsibilities is that of regulating matters affecting the supervision of transporting property for hire by motor vehicles on the Texas public highways. The Commission fixes the rates which motor carriers may charge for their services.

In addition to these functions, the Railroad Commission prescribes railroad passenger fares and freight rates, as well as motor bus passenger fares. It establishes rule governing the transportation of passengers and freight and formulates baggage rules and sets the rates thereon.

The Railroad Commission also inspects butane and propane equipment in all public buildings such as schools, churches, and hospitals. Many times when a home is financed by FHA loan or a Veterans Administration loan, these federal agencies will require that an inspection be made by the Commission to insure that certain standards are met in regard to the use of butane and propane.

While many people do not think of the Texas Railroad Commission as being a consumer agency, you can see the vital role which it plays. If you have a problem in the areas discussed above, you should contact this agency.

Gasoline Plant Fire

Three men were critically burned and two others less severely burned in a flash fire near the Skelly Oil Company's East Vealmoor Natural Gasoline plant last week.

Byron E. Conway, Big Spring and James Lee, Snyder, were flown by hospital plane to the Galveston burn center.

They have second and third degree burns over about 54 per

cent of their bodies with most of the burns on their backs and flash burns to the face. Conway's eyes were probably saved by safety glasses.

Billy Sanders, Snyder, was to be flown to Galveston soon. He has second and third degree burns over 38 per cent of his body.

Hospital spokesmen at Medical Center Memorial Hospital said that the men were seriously injured, but that physicians considered their chances for recovery to be good. The hospital assigned a nurse and paramedic with each flight to Galveston.

Gerald Houghton, Coahoma, is in the Cogdell Hospital in Snyder suffering from minor burns on his back. Billy Elliott was treated at a Snyder doctor's office for an injured knee and released. These two were taken to the Snyder Hospital by pickup.

They told the Snyder hospital authorities that the mores severely burned were coming by car. The three severely burned were delivered to Malone-Hogan Clinic and admitted to Medical Center Memorial Hospital in the intensive care unit. Alert Ambulance declined to comment on the accident so it was not known

whether or not the ambulance reached the scene.

The men were working on a storage well used to store FM Propane Mix. They were working on the well head cutting off bolts when the flash fire occurred.

One of the victims said that they hthought a pressure valve blew off at the accident.

The men who went to the Snyder hospital said that the clothes were burned off the backs of the other three men.

Conway is employed by Skelly Oil Company. The remainder of the injured work for Snyder Well Service.

Skelly investigators are investigating the incidents that led to the blaze.

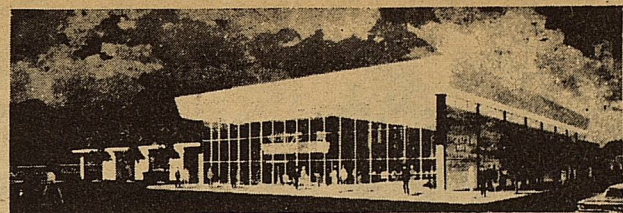
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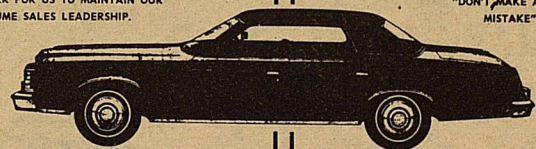
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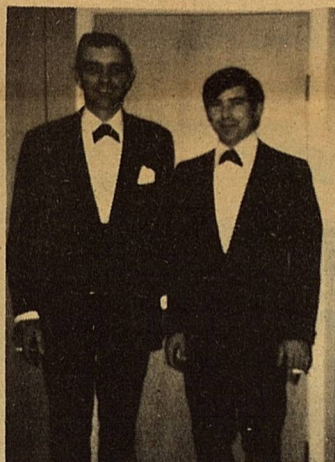
Bert Fritz was born in Sweetwater, Texas November 8, 1891. He passed away January 20, 1973 after a lengthy illness. He moved with his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Fritz to Gail in the early 1900's later moving to the Treadway Community in Borden County, then on to O'Donnell, Texas where he remained until his death. He is survived by his wife Kay, one daughter, Mrs. Price Seely of O'Donnell, 5 grandchildren, and 10 great grandchildren. One brother, Calvin of Denver, Colorado, also survives. Mr. Fritz was an uncle of Vernon Creighton.

DOLPH FAVER

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday at the First Baptist Church in Snyder for G.R. (Dolph) Faver, 83, who died at 6 a.m. Saturday.

The Rev. Ken Address, pastor of the church, officiated. Burial was in the Snyder Cemetery, under direction of Bell-Seale Funeral Home.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Estelle Pirtle of Boise, Idaho; two sons, Jeff Faver of Santa Ana, Calif., and Morris Faver of Keller; a brother, T.A. Faver of Snyder, and nine grandchildren.



ACOWPUNCHER and a peddler dressed up and went to see the Governor.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Turner, Johnson City, Doris Rudd and Taylor Rudd, Gail, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dickie Travis, of Austin at the Governors Inaugural Ball in Austin Tuesday.

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Duck Trapping

WACO—Hybrid ducks are rarities in the wild but Parks and Wildlife Department biologists have come up with one of the unusual crosses.

Biologists are currently involved in a winter-long trapping and banding project on Lake Proctor near Comanche.

The department men had banded 382 mallards and the 383rd proved to be the product of a mixed marriage.

The beautifully marked drake was a cross between a mallard and pintail.

Department biologists say that chances are slim for interbreeding in the wild. The mallard duck most often involved in feathered miscegenation.

Hybrids are usually sterile and male.

Lake Proctor is in a peanut-producing area and annually attracts 30,000 to 60,000 mallards.

Striped Bass Growing Fast

ROBERT LEE--Those striped bass stocked in Spence Reservoir are getting big enough to cause some excitement.

In a recent netting survey, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department biologists caught a 12-pounder. Only one large striped bass has been caught from Texas waters, a 12-pound, 12-ounce fish stocked in the Sabine River by Louisiana biologists.

Trotliners have reported several striped bass catches of more than 10 pounds from Spence Reservoir.

Bill Follis, department project leader, said he believes the saltwater fish may be growing faster in Texas waters than in reservoirs in other states where they have been stocked.

Although biologists still term the striped bass "experimental," they say the species is firmly established as a sport fish, and the 12-pound record shouldn't last long.

Medical Future

In a small town community meeting in a rural area of the southwest an elderly man becomes ill and topples over. There is a cry, "Is there a doctor in the house?" In the majority of rural areas the answer is "no" Not only is there no doctor in the house, but in some rural areas none in the entire county.

Texas, for example, has 24 counties out of its 254 that do not have a single doctor, and there are 58 with only one physician each. Many of these doctors are nearing retirement age. So the situation is likely to worsen rather than improve. The doctor-shortage dilemma is a problem not peculiar to Texas.

The total effort being made to solve the rural doctor shortage is widespread—but even so; it is

doubtful that every rural community now seeking a resident physician will find one. Only those that offer real inducements and make a continued determined effort—using not one but many avenues of approach—are likely to succeed. It is quite important that they do succeed, not only to improve the health of rural people, but to maintain a private practice medical system. The medical schools and profession absolutely must come up with more new, adequate, and innovative solutions than they have in the past. So long as rural areas are without adequate health services, there will be a strong demand for an overall nationally financed and controlled health program.

Conquest Of Cancer

The conquest of cancer is now a national goal. Both Houses of Congress, both political parties and the President of the United States supported the legislation setting up an agency that will intensify efforts to find causes and cures of cancer, and with it additional, vitally needed financing.

We think our readers are sophisticated people who know that important laws such as this don't just happen. There's a long history of work and education behind them. Here we want to single out one agency, a voluntary, private agency made up of Americans all over the country, for its part in this achievement. The organization is the American Cancer Society.

Little more than 25 years ago the government and private agencies together spent a meager \$1,000,000 for cancer research. It was the American Cancer Society which awakened the nation to the tragedy of cancer and the need for a greater research attack against the disease. It was the prodding of the Society that helped establish the government's National Cancer Institute and its research program. At the same time the Society developed its

own research supporting programs, second only to the NCI.

So, too, with the new legislation making the conquest of cancer a national priority. The patient and persistent prodding of the American Cancer Society helped pave the way for this legislation.

If history teaches an important lesson in this battle against cancer it is the importance of the private voluntary work along with the governmental action. One suffers without the other.

Neither can do the whole job alone. The pioneering work of the American Cancer Society in all its programs, including education and service as well as research must and will continue.

It deserves our generous support more than ever in this year's Cancer Crusade.

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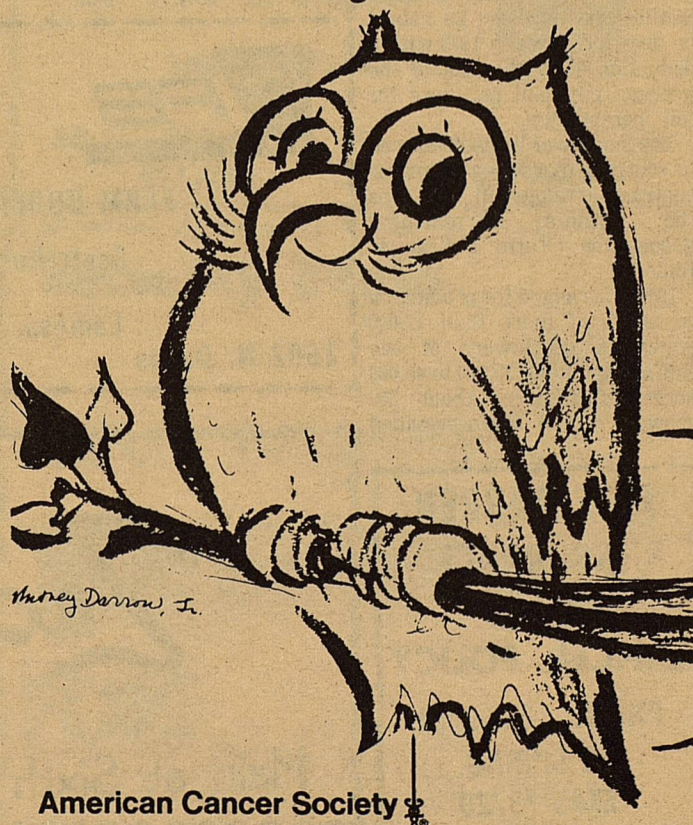
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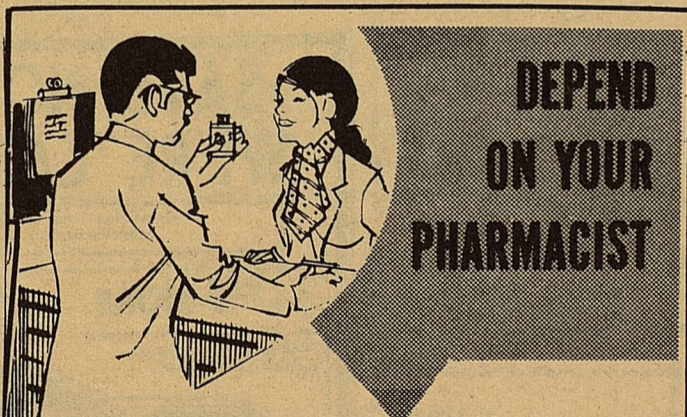


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