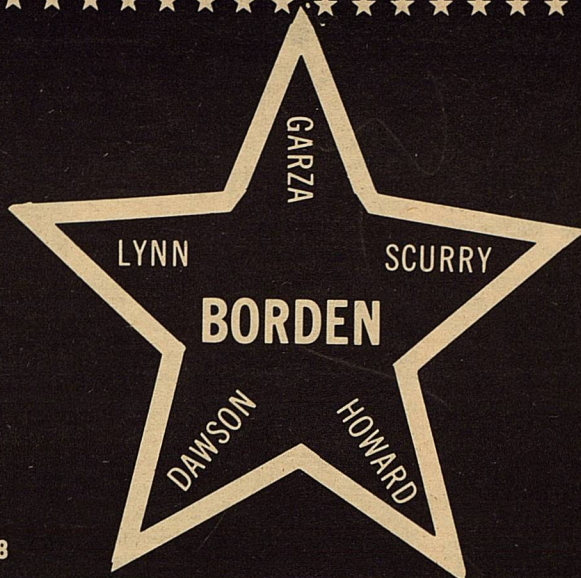


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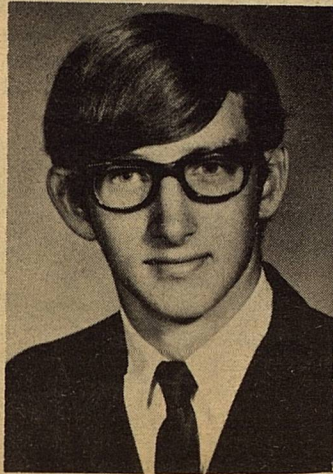
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JIMMY DEAN HAGINS

## Local Boy Killed

A car-truck collision took the life of Jimmy Hagins Friday evening near Snyder. Jimmy, the 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Hagins of Gail was driving West on Highway 180 when the accident occurred. The truck, owned by E.L. Farmer, was driven by Rodney Summers of Fluvanna who escaped injury. The collision occurred around 4:00 p.m.

Jimmy was taken to Cogdell Hospital in Snyder and immediately transferred to Methodist Memorial Hospital in Lubbock. Death occurred at 8:00 p.m., approximately one hour after arrival in Lubbock.

A 1971 graduate of Borden County High School, Jimmy was employed by Wicks Home Inc. of Snyder. Living with his parents in Gail, Jimmy was a member of the Gail Church of Christ.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Hagins, a sister, Mrs. Patricia Cole of Irving; and four brothers, Danny Eugene and Freddie Wayne, both of Midland, and Leslie Leon and Kenneth Randell, both students in the Borden County Schools. Mrs. Hagin has been a long time employee of the Borden County School system.

Services for Jimmy Dean Hagins were held at 2 p.m. Monday in the Gail School Auditorium with Robert Hawkins, who is associated with the Lubbock Sunset Church of Christ, officiating.

Burial was in the Gail Cemetery under the direction of Bran on Funeral Home.

## Top Steer Sells For \$1,000

A pretty Midland County 4-H'er paraded and skillfully showed her Hereford steer named "Ricky" to Stanley Blackwell, animal science instructor at John Tarleton and judge of the 40th annual San Angelo Junior Steer Show here Friday, to win champion honors over a highly competitive class of Angus and Crossbred steers.

Sharon Wise, 17-year-old resident of High Sky Girls Ranch at Midland, showed a 950-pound Hereford steer bred by Sterling County ranchman Tom Humble to take top honors in the show. She was sponsored and directed by Jack Daniels and Mrs. Daniels and advice and instruction about the show was given by Charles Green, Midland County agent. The steer came from the heavyweight class and was chosen champion of the Hereford division.

The reserve champion steer of the show as exhibited by Jim Milsap, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Millsap of Killeen. The Killeen FFA Chapter member's steer weighed 1,225 pounds and was bred on a ranch in Oklahoma.

Showmanship awards in the Hereford steer division went to Les Lane, Haskell, 4-H lightweight; and David Donnell, Brewster-Jeff Davis, heavyweight. In the Angus division, Koen McKimmey, Fisher 4-H, won in the lightweight. Crossbred awards went to Ross Burdick, lightweight, and Joan Patty, Jones 4-H heavyweight.

In the Junior Hereford Breeding Show competition, Sheila Martin, 13-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Martin, of Panhandle, showed the champion of the show with a summer yearling bred by Breeding and Caldwell of Miami. She is a Carson 4-Her.

Reserve champion Hereford heifer honors went to David Edwards, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Edwards of Clyde, with a spring yearling bred by Edwards. He is a Clyde FFA member, officer in the Texas Junior Hereford Association and a registered Hereford breeder.

Miss Martin was presented a registered Hereford heifer by

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Wallace of Big Spring. Judge of the Hereford Breeding Show as Billy Jones, McCulloch County ranchman. Trophies and ribbons were presented by Belinda Berkman, Lueders, Miss Texas Hereford.

In the Junior Barrow Show, Dirk Perry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Perry of Big Spring, showed the grand champion. The Howard County 4-H Club member's Hampshire-Chester White barrow weighed 211 pounds and was bred by Homer Hancock of O'Donnell.

Reserve champion swine was exhibited by Kent Payne, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Payne of Tahoka. The Tahoka FFA Chapter member's 240-pound Chester White-Hampshire cross was reserve grand champion at the Tahoka Stock Show and was bred by V.P. Carter and Taylor Knight, both vocational agriculture instructors at Tahoka.

Champion Hampshire honors in the show went to Clayton Mitchell, Slaton FFA; with Linda Rae, Abilene FFA, showing the reserve champion. The champion of the Duroc Division of the show was shown by Brent Dennon, Frenship FFA; and Summer Shaw, Howard County 4-H, had the reserve.

Showmanship awards in the swine show went to James Cleckler, Roscoe FFA. Hulan Harris, Big Spring, Teachers Education Agency supervisor, was superintendent of this show.



## Invitation

Friends and neighbors are invited to attend a Housewarming for Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Walker Friday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m.

Hosts and hostesses include Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Staggs, Mr. and Mrs. John Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vaughn, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wills, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Telchik, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Stephens and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Staggs.

## New Grade Rules

WASHINGTON—The Agriculture Department has adopted new grading standards which will identify for the first time in supermarkets beef from young bulls and that from old males.

Officials recently said that beginning July 1 the revised standards will enable young bulls to be identified as "bullock" when graded by federal inspectors. That will put bullock meat on the same grading standard as steer beef, the department said.

A spokesman said the new rule limits the bullock designation to animals no older than 24 months. But young bulls mature rapidly and most are expected to be marketed at weights reached at between 14 and 18 months, he said.

Scientists have known for some time that bulls gain more rapidly than steers but do not attain the fat "marbling" in their meat necessary to grade high on the federal scale, such as prime, choice and good.

Careful management including grain feeding at an early age, can produce choice-grade young bulls for the bullock meat market, officials say.

## Grass Fire

A grass fire on the John Whitmire ranch last Thursday burned approximately a section of grass. Jones Burrough, Volunteer Fire Department, East part of Big Spring, and Carl McKee, Commissioner Precinct No. 2, Borden County, and many others did a fine job putting out the fire. J.B. Fire truck had extensive damage.

If a fire truck is needed in Borden County, call Jones Burrough, Volunteer Fire Department, Howard County, East part of Big Spring.

## APPRECIATION

Mr. and Mrs. Whitmire express the deepest gratitude for the help they received in bringing the grass fire under control.

## Donated To

## Youth Association

Producers Livestock Association of San Angelo, who set the floor price on lambs at the recent Borden County Jr. Livestock Show and Sale, sold the lambs last week at their regular auction for \$700.00 profit. This in turn was donated to The Borden County Youth Livestock Association by Producers. The Association would like to express their sincere appreciation for this generous donation. Producers Livestock have been long time supporters of the Borden County Show and Sale.



BECKY MILLER proudly shows her GRAND CHAMPION South-down at Dawson County Livestock Show. Story on page 6

# Borden County School News

## FHA Reaches Out

On March 9, 1973 Shirley Kountz drove Shelia Zant, Rita Cornett, Catherine Jackson, and Jo Ann Martin, to Odessa so they could participate in the Area 11 FHA activities. Shelia and Catherine practiced singing with the chorus while Mrs. Kountz and Jo Ann prepared for their panel discussion. Rita and several other girls were interviewed and eleven were selected as officers by the voters. Rita was not chosen, but really enjoyed the experience.

On Saturday, Mrs. Ralph Martin and Mrs. Dorothy Browne, the club parents, drove Melisa Taylor, Deidre Tucker, Philena Farmer, Bobbie Briggs, Donnelle Jones, Debbie Herring, and Mary Ledbetter to the FHA meeting at Ector High School.

The theme for this year's meeting as "Reach Out." The stage was decorated with large lifelike hands which supported a girl and a boy. The guest speaker was Mrs. Ronald E. DeBusk, the former Debbie Wright, 1972 Maid of Cotton. The area chorus sang several popular songs including "Reach Out."

Mrs. Kountz, Melisa, and Bobbie attended the House of Delegates luncheon in the high school cafeteria. Business of the past and upcoming year was discussed. Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Browne took the other girls to eat at a nearby restaurant.

The afternoon session began at 1:45 p.m. On the panel, Mrs. Kountz, Jo Ann and two FHA officers answered questions concerning the new degree program "Encounter." Skits and relaxers entertained the audience. The meeting concluded with the installation of the following officers: President--Elaine Martin, Sands, 1st, 2nd, rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th Vice Presidents--Mandy Lee, Wilson; Betty Curry, Tahoka; Sherry Rohre, Brownfield; Lisa Harwood, Sterling City; Paula Nunez, Socorro; and Alice Wood, Odessa; Historian--Nancy Priblya, Flower Grove; Parliamentarian--Debbie Morris, Van Horn; Secretary--Nancy Kay Smith, Loraine; Treasurer--Carla McCutcheon, Dell City.



Members of Gail FHA pictured above are: back row: Melisa Taylor, Deidre Tucker, Kathryn Jackson, Phelina Farmer, Bobby Briggs, Jo Ann Martin, Donnell Jones. Front Row: Rita Cornett, Sheila Zant, Debbie Herring, and Mary Ledbetter.

## School Board Election

Patrons of the Borden County Schools will go to the polls on April 7 for the purpose of electing three members to the School Board. Two regular three-year terms and one unexpired one-year term will be filled. Three candidates are running for the two regular terms --T.L. Griffin, Kenneth Williams, and Jo Don Zant. Ralph Miller is the candidate for the one-year unexpired term. T.L. Griffin and Kenneth Williams are incumbents. The unexpired term was left vacant when Ab Hendley moved out of the school district.

## John Anderson Receives Calf

Mrs. Fredia Clayton, Scott and Nan Clayton are giving a steer calf to the winner of the Borden County Steer Show. This

year's winner was John Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Anderson. John, a member of the Gail FFA Chapter, exhibited his Hereford steer to Grand Champion of the Borden County Junior Livestock Show on February 24.

John will get to select a steer calf from the Clayton Ranch with the understanding that he will feed the steer out and exhibit it next year in the Borden County Junior Livestock Show.

## Transferred

Dave Palmer, Game Warden, has been transferred to Abilene. He served Borden and Scurry Counties for approximately 8 years. Bud Howell of Post will be the new Game Warden for Borden County.

His boss would gladly pay him what he's worth—but it's against the Minimum Wage Law—Wyoming Wool Grower.

## County Spelling Bee

Carol Burkett is the winner of the County Spelling Bee. Carol, a seventh grade student and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mac Burkett, won over eight other contestants from sixth, seventh, and eighth grades. She will represent Borden County at the regional Spelling Bee in Lubbock on April 14. First alternate is Richard Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rube Smith, and second alternate is Gene Cooley, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Cooley. Other contestants include Sylvia Espinoza, Lesa Hensley, Jackie Lockhart, Brent Rhoton, Travis Rinehart, and Twila Telchik. Denise Currey had also prepared for the contest but was absent due to illness.

## Dual Track Meet

Borden County will host a junior high girls dual track meet on Friday, March 16, beginning at 3:30 p.m. Competing against the Coyotes will be Dawson Junior High. The junior high boys will host a triangular meet at the same time with Dawson and Loop Junior High teams competing with the Coyotes.

On Monday, March 19, the Borden County teams will host a dual meet with Sands Junior High, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Girls competing for Borden County in these meets will be Martha Anderson, Rita Baeza, Denise Currey, Gay Griffin, Sue Hancock, Lesa Hensley, Tricia Jackson, Elizabeth Ledbetter, Lisa McLeroy, Renee Sharp, Kristy Smith, Twila Telchik, Pennye Thompson, Kevva Tucker, Kathy Underwood, Dana Westbrook and Rhesa Wolf.

The boys team will include Tony Benavidez, Johnny Cortez, Blane Dyess, Matt Farmer, Pete Gonzales, Johnny Jackson, Ted Johnson, Jackie Lockhart, Richard Long, Bob McLeroy, Eddie Parker, Tommy Patterson, Brent Rhoton, Eurdist Rinehart, Travis Rinehart, Larry Simer, Perry Smith, Richard Smith, Wendall Stroup, Benny Taylor, Ben Thompson, Patrick Toombs, Darin Tucker, Ray Don Underwood, Marlon Vaughn, Ramon Vidal, Sid Westbrook, Joe Zant, Ty Zant, Gerardo Arreola, and Randy Smith.

## Roamins Round Town

In the Feb. 14th, 1973 wedding of Mrs. Marie Price and Dr. C.A. Aagesen each of Big Spring, Mrs. N.M. McMichael served as matron of honor. Rev. J.B. Sharp of the First United Methodist Church and Rev. Kenneth Patrick, pastor of the First Baptist Church, performed the ceremony in the chapel of the First Methodist, before a small group of friends and relatives. The couple honeymooned in Acapulco and are now living at 508 Highland Drive.



BORDEN COUNTY SPELLING BEE WINNERS: Mrs. Peggy Westbrook, sponsor, presents the winning plaque to CAROL BURKETT. Standing next to Carol and winning first and second alternate are RICHARD SMITH and GENE COOLEY.



Contestants in the BORDEN COUNTY SPELLING BEE are as follows: Back row: Sylvia Espinoza, Carol Burkett, Lisa Hensley, Twila Telchik, Gene Cooley, Brent Rhoton, Jackie Lockhart, Richard Smith, and Travis Rinehart.

Mrs. Ruth Weathers played 42 in the El Felix Club, Friday in the home of Mrs. Melvin Newton.

Mmes. Velma Huddleston and Thelma Bishop are visiting with relatives and friends at Marble Falls.

Mrs. E. Shuler has recently visited with Mrs. Lottie Shuler at Big Spring.

Mrs. N.M. McMichael returned Monday night from a ten day visit with her daughters and families at Ft. Worth and Houston.

Crappie fishing at North-side Marina located at the mouth of Bull-creek channel—operated by Paul Gordon—is plenty good. Howard Awtry of Vincent caught 20 crappie Monday with one weighing 4 lbs. Mr. Schroyer of Snyder caught 23 crappie up to 2 lbs and Billie Hunter of near Vincent caught 30 crappie weighing up to 2 lbs. Mr. and Mrs. Blackie Spraggin of Snyder caught 11 nice crappie Wednesday. Paul keeps the floating dock well baited with maize.

## SCHOOL MENU

(March 19-23)

### MONDAY

Frito Pie  
English Peas  
Browned Potatoes  
Hot Bread-Butter  
Plain Cake with Chocolate Icing Milk

### TUESDAY

Fried Chicken  
Potato Salad  
Glazed Carrots  
Buttered French Bread  
Pudding  
Milk

### WEDNESDAY

Beef Stew  
Grilled Cheese Sanwich  
Pink Applesauce  
Hot Bread-Butter  
Chocolate Chip Cookies  
Milk

### THURSDAY

Chopped Wieners  
Macaroni and Cheese  
Tossed Salad  
Green Beans  
Hot Bread-Butter  
Fruit Cobbler  
Milk

### FRIDAY

Pizza  
Black-eyed Peas  
Carrot Sticks  
Hot Bread-Butter  
Plain Cake with Pineapple Icing Milk

## FFA Team To Compete

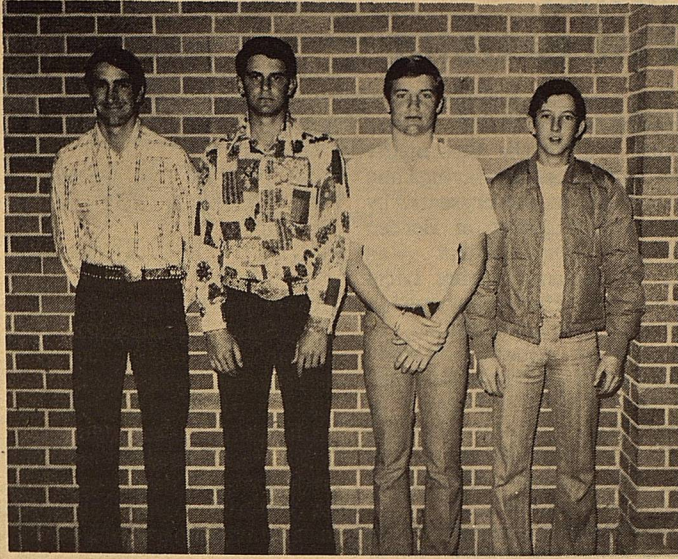
The Gail FFA Chapter will enter three teams in the Sweetwater Judging Contests to be held in Sweetwater, Saturday, March 17. The following boys will compete in the following contests:

**Livestock Judging Team**—Joe Hancock, Mike Herring, Randy Ogden, Max Jones and Rex Cox.

**Dairy Cattle Judging Team**—Randy Crittenden, Steven Lockhart, Butch Gass, Billy Jackson, Leslie Hagins, Monte Smith, and Teddy Cooley.

**Meats Judging Team**—Juan Baeza, Audry Brummett, Doug Isaacs, and D.M. Parks.

The Contests are to start at 8 a.m. and results will be given around 3:00 p.m.



FFA TEAM judging at San Angelo included MIKE HERRING, MAX-JONES, JOE DAN HANCOCK and RANDY OGDEN.

## FFA Fact Sheet

The Future Farmers of America is a National organization of, by, and for students studying vocational agriculture in the public schools.

The FFA is an educational, non-profit, non-political youth organization of voluntary membership, designed to develop agricultural leadership, character, thrift, scholarship, cooperation, citizenship, and patriotism. One of the requirements for membership is that the students must be enrolled in a high school class of vocational agriculture. In these vocational agriculture classes, students are provided an opportunity to secure technical and scientific training in all phases of agriculture.

Texas is the largest of the fifty (50) chartered State Associations with over 10 per cent of the National membership. Texas has 940 chapters with a membership of over 50,000. The National mem-

bership is over 450,000 and is sponsored by the United States Office of Education. The Texas Association of FFA is sponsored by the Texas Education Agency. The high schools in Texas serve as local sponsors and local vocational agriculture teachers serve as the local FFA Chapter Advisors.

The FFA provides training for those interested in production agriculture as well as those anticipating careers in off-farm agricultural occupations. The FFA, through the vocational agriculture classes, provides training for the entire agriculture industry, both on-farm and off-farm. Four out of every ten employed persons in the United States work in some phase of the agriculture industry.

The FFA strives to furnish well-trained leaders and citizens for responsible positions in agricultural business and industry, professional agricultural work, farming, and ranching. Presently Texas high schools are offering vocational

agriculture classes in production agriculture, agricultural mechanics, horticulture, meat processing, forestry, agricultural resources, farm chemical, and other off-farm agricultural programs.

### FUTURE FARMERS PRACTICE THESE:

1. Belief in God as we understand Him.
2. The importance of the individual.
3. The dignity of work.
4. Private ownership of property.
5. The government as a protector, not a provider.

The State of Texas is divided into ten areas. Members in each area select a State office nominee and in turn a President is elected from this group by delegates at the State Convention each July. The 1973 Convention is scheduled for July 11-13 in Fort Worth.

### ADVISORS AND OFFICERS FOR 1972-73 are:

**ADVISOR** — J. A. Marshall, Agricultural Education  
**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY** — Billy L. Conner, Texas Association, FFA, Austin.

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Ronald Allred, Area VI Tyler, Texas

Dan Boenig, Area VII converse, Texas

Kelly Martin, Area VIII corsicana, Texas

Pete Pawelek, Area X Jourdanton, Texas, Gerald Hobson, Area V Weatherford, Texas

**PRESIDENT** — Frederick McClure, Area IX San Augustine, Texas



SAN ANGELO Stock Show Exhibitors pictured above are: left to right: BRENT MURPHY, CHUCK CANON, JANICE BROWNE, MARTHA ANDERSON, SUE HANCOCK, CLAUDIA SWANN, and JOHN ANDERSON.

## Silver Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Glass were honored Sunday with a Silver Anniversary Dinner. The celebration was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Barnes of O'Donnell. Mrs. Barnes is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glass. Hostesses included all of their children: Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Paul Glass and Mr. and Mrs. Rickie Glass, all of Lubbock, Butch, Linda, and Cindy of the Glass home in O'Donnell.



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## Livestock Judging Contest

Four members of the Gail FFA Livestock Judging Team, Joe Hancock, Mike Herring, Randy Ogden, and Max Jones, competed with approximately 60 other teams in the livestock judging contest held at the San Angelo Livestock Show on Saturday, March 10. The team judged twelve classes of livestock, four classes of sheep, four of cattle, and four of swine.

Although the team was not announced in the top five, a re-tabulation of scores indicated that the Gail team would have been fifth in the contest. Joe Hancock, with 191 points in sheep judging, was third individual in judging of sheep. The contest was won by Harper FFA and Wall FFA was second.

## Seniors Sponsor Sale

The Borden High School Senior Class is selling windbreakers for a fund raising project to help finance their Senior Trip. The nylon jackets are blue with a red patch on the back with a stitched outline in white of a coyote with white stitched letters "Borden County Coyotes."

These beautiful jackets are priced at \$8.50 each, and are offered in all sizes from two-year olds to adult sizes. The patch is an original creation, using school colors.

Please support the Senior Class and in doing so, show your support of the Borden County Coyotes by wearing your windbreaker at school events.

The jackets will be delivered in two weeks, after your order is taken. You may pay one-half down and the balance when you receive your jacket.

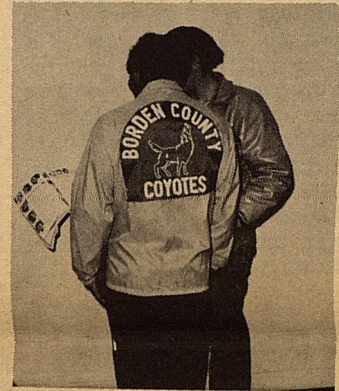
The seniors will appreciate your support.

## Tooth Can Survive If Replanted

Anyone who has a tooth knocked out, need not despair. According to Dr. Maury Massler of the University of Illinois College of Dentistry, it may be possible to replant the tooth and save it.

For the soft interior pulp of a tooth to survive it should be replanted within about 30 minutes according to Dr. Massler. "The outer periodontal tissues may survive and reattach after periods up to six months." Young teeth survive better than mature teeth.

As soon as a tooth has been ejected, he advises that it be wrapped in a wet cloth soaked in a weak salt solution and taken to a dentist as fast as possible.



ROBY RIOS models windbreaker

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# Jere's Gottings

OSHA, Office of Safety and Health Administration, is by now a familiar title to the owner of a private business. Maybe you were one of the 9,300 businesses visited by OSHA Compliance Officers in the first six months of operation. If you were, there is a 75 percent chance that you were found guilty of violating one or more of the 100,000 safety standards imposed on employers. In which case, should you have appealed, your letter was probably lost and there is no recourse and you are liable for a fine of less than \$500. BUT in order to bring your business up to "standard," the cost to you will be anywhere from \$1,000 to \$100,000, depending upon the requirements to be met.

This Office was created by Congress, but that is as far as Congress' authority goes. The Office now exercises all the powers: legislative, executive and judicial. The appointed administrators have the power to make all the rules and regulations and to enforce them. Not one of the regulations is a law passed by Congress. Whatever requirements the

Secretary of Labor and underlying administrators decide upon, they automatically become a legal requirement.

Sounds mighty like complete control over private business doesn't it? And private business is what built this nation in the first place. We have come a long way from sweat shops and women and child enforced labor. Industry in this country prides itself on its safety standards and pleasant working conditions. Otherwise, labor would be impossible to hire. But now Big Brother says we don't know how to run a safe and healthful business and not only will he tell us how, but penalize us for not complying with a standard we didn't know anything about.

Funny thing too, OSHA's requirements must be met only by private business, but not by the government employing agencies. This makes one suspicious that the real goal is not safety and health for the working folk at all—could it be they really ARE after control of private business? Can you imagine?

There is an ad hoc committee call Nix-on-OSHA (NOO) being formed. The committee hopes to inform all businessmen of the dangers of this agency and ask that we all discuss it with our Congressmen and Senators. Unless something is done, you may be required to build a lunch room with space for 13 square feet per person using the room. That's a heckuva big lunch room come roundup time.

## Snyder Writers Guild

The program for the March meeting of the Snyder Writers Guild, held in the Community Room of the Snyder Savings and Loan Building, was presented by Edna Clark Miller of Borden County. Her subject was "Gathering and Writing Local History." The presentation covered various phases of preserving local history reflecting experience gathered in more than eight years of publishing the "Borden Citizen," newsletter of the Borden County Historical Survey Committee.

Mrs. Miller was also invited to speak before the Rotary Club in O'Donnell on March 6. For this program the history and success of the Borden County Museum and the importance of historical preservation were discussed. The Amite Junior Study Club of Snyder have invited Mrs. Miller to participate in a program of Ranch history for their March 13 meeting at the Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Mrs. Ruby Sawdy is visiting with her daughter and family at Lubbock.

Gay Sealy spent a few days with her son Joe in Andrews, Texas.

Mrs. Martha Shotwell of Elk City Oklahoma has been visiting her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Denzil Poston.

Ruth Hendley of Ft. Sumner stopped in Gail last week for a short visit at the Borden County School. Ruth, a former resident of Borden County, and her sister, Bea Killough, also of Ft. Sumner, were on their way to Snyder to enroll Mrs. Killough's daughter in Western Texas College for the fall semester.

## Wins Essay Contest

Sonia Brookerson, freshman student at Lamesa High School, has been named the winner of the annual conservation essay contest sponsored by the Dawson Conservation District. Sonia's essay "Natural Resources Meeting the Needs of People" will be entered in the statewide conservation Awards contest.

Runner-up winner was Paul McLaurin, student from O'Donnell High School. Both students will be awarded \$25 savings bonds by the local conservation district.

## Best Sellers

### Fiction

JONATHAN LIVINGSTON SEAGULL—Richard Bach  
THE ODESSA FILE—Frederick Forsyth  
SEMI TOUGH—Dan Jenkins  
THE PERSIAN BOY—Mary Renault  
AUGUST 1914—Alexander Solzhenitsyn  
GREEN DARKNESS—Anya Seton  
THE CAMERONS—Robert Crichton  
THE EIGER SANCTION—Trevanian  
THE SUNLIGHTER DIALOGUES—John Gardner  
ELEPHANTS CAN REMEMBER—Agatha Christie

### Non-Fiction

THE BEST AND THE BRIGHTEST—David Halberstam  
DR. ATKINS' DIET REVOLUTION—Robert C. Atkins  
HARRY S. TRUMAN—Margaret Truman  
I'M O.K., YOU'RE O.K.—Thomas Harris  
JOHNNY, WE HARDLY KNEW YE—Kenneth P O'Donnell and David F. Powers  
SUPERMONEY—Adam Smith  
JOURNEY TO IXTLAN—Carlos Castaneda  
ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL—James Herriot  
THE PETER PRESCRIPTION—Laurence J. Peter

### New Books— Just Out

SIMPLE PAPER CRAFT—Gunvor Ask  
THE DOCTOR WHO MADE HOUSE CALLS—Malton P. Bass  
NOBODY EVER DIED OF OLD AGE—Sharon R. Curin  
THE GREAT AMERICAN ICE CREAM BOOK—Paul Dickson  
THE WINDS OF MARA—Colin Fletcher  
THE CHAPERONE—Ethel Gordon  
ADAY NO PIGS WOULD DIE—Robert Newton Peck  
GOD WAS HERE, BUT HE LEFT EARLY—Irwin Shaw  
THE ROBERT MITCHUM STORY: "IT SURE BEATS WORKING"—Mike Tomkies

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Fields were week-end visitors of relatives at Houston.

## Obituaries

O'DONNELL—Mrs. Roxie Lee Isaacs, 68, died Sunday at 11 p.m. in the Medical Arts Hospital.

Services were held Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. in the First Baptist Church in O'Donnell, with the Rev. Bob Whitten of Bryan Baptist Church in Lamesa officiating and the Rev. Roy Smith of Tulia assisted. Burial was in the O'Donnell Cemetery under the direction of Branon Funeral Home in Lamesa.

A native of Fannin County, she was a resident of O'Donnell for 49 years and a member of the Baptist church for 50 years.

Survivors included her husband, William Isaacs; three daughters, Mrs. Eupha Nell Sacks of Farmington, N.M., Mrs. Willie Mae Mitchell of Waco and Mrs. Ouida Joyce Turner of O'Donnell; two sisters, Mrs. Sallie Hudston of Bonham and Mrs. Naomi Ponier of Farmersville; three brothers, Eddie Smith of O'Donnell, William Smith of Bonham, and Lawrence Reed Smith of Dallas; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Billie Hankins Dorward, wife of the late Russell Dorward, native of Borden County, died on March 9 in a San Antonio Hospital. Funeral services were held on March 11, in Eagle Pass, Texas. She was preceded in death by her husband who was buried in Eagle Pass on December 9, 1972. They had lived for many years on ranches in Old Mexico. Mrs. Dorward is survived by a brother of Denver, Colorado, her mother and a sister of California.

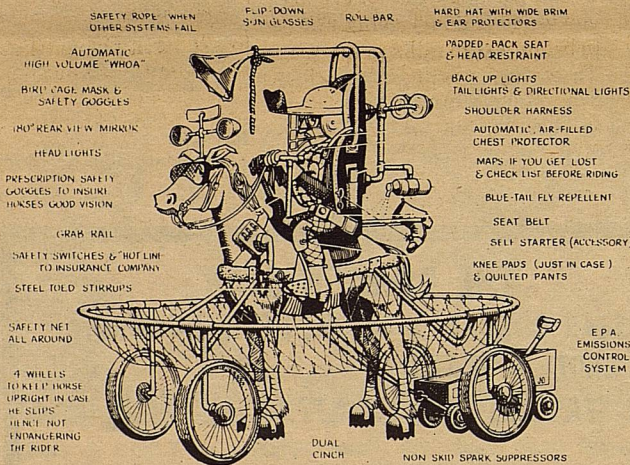
### Legal Notice

A trustee election will be held in the Borden County Independent School District on April 7, 1973 for the purpose of electing two members for three-year terms and one member for the unexpired term of Ab Hendley. The unexpired one-year term must be specified on the application.

The absentee voting for the above designated election shall be held at Borden County Schools beginning on March 19, 1973 and continuing through April 3, 1973. Absentee polls shall be open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on each day for said absentee voting. The absentee clerk shall be Joan Briggs, Box 95, Gail, Texas.

The said election shall be held at the following places:

Gail Box  
Willow Valley Box  
Plains Box  
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## Gail Homemakers Meet

Gail Homemakers met Wednesday, April 7th in the Sheriff's Posse Building for an informal Tupperware party hosted by Mrs. J.E. Shaw. The purpose of the party was for a money making project. Everyone was delighted to find out the party sold \$350 worth of merchandise and the club will receive a small 1 percent of this as profit.

A short business meeting was held and it was decided to give the Sheriff's Posse a \$25 donation in their drive to repair the building.

Approximately 20 members were present and were hosted by the "ladies from the Plains" to delightful snacking of cookies and punch.

Melba Rinehart received the 10c gift of dish cloths.

## House Guests

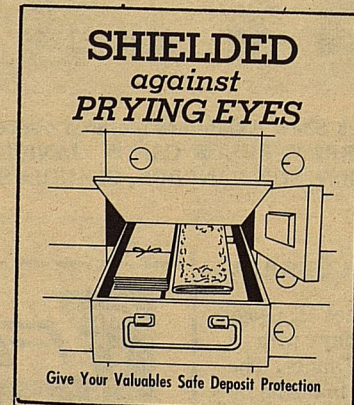
The Rich Andersons enjoyed having their daughter Sally over the weekend. Visiting with Sally were two house guests, Miss Terry Stuart of Caddo, Okla. and Buddy Geter of Corpus Christie. The impromptu visit was most welcome and the Andersons are looking forward to next Friday when both Sally and Mary are expected home for their spring break.

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## Spider Control

Spring, with its attendant crawly pests, is not too far off. Texans are becoming increasingly concerned about one pest in particular--the brown recluse spider.

A brochure from the U.S. Department of Agriculture says that the brown recluse has been in North America for centuries, but until 1957 it was not known that it had a poisonous bite.

The little spider is not aggressive. It prefers to hide in dark quiet places. But it will sometimes bite if handled, or when it is trapped in clothing.

Normal reactions to the bite include intense, local pain, a blister, inflammation of the affected area and an ulcerated sore.

The bite of this pest is especially dangerous to children, to the elderly and to those in poor physical condition. However, fatalities from the bite of the brown recluse are very rare.

The mature brown recluse spider, also called the brown spider or "fiddleback spider," has a body about 3/8 inch long and 3-16 inch wide. Its legspan is about the size of a half dollar.

The most noticeable mark on the brown recluse is a dark, fiddle shaped area on the front half of its back.

The bite from the spider is usually followed by intense pain. Sometimes the victim is not immediately aware that he has been bitten, and an hour or more may pass before he experiences discomfort.

The first visible symptom of brown recluse poisoning is a small white blister at the site of the fang punctures. The affected area enlarges and becomes inflamed. Eventually, affected tissues begin to die and peel away.

If you think you have been bitten by a brown recluse spider, get immediate medical attention. Keep clam, and if possible, try to find the spider that bit you--positive identification of the spider by an expert can be helpful.

Although there is no specific antidote for the bite of the brown recluse spider, patients have responded well to steroids, antihistamines and antibiotics.

Immediately after being bitten:

-Apply an antiseptic solution to the fang punctures to help prevent infection.

-Apply ice packs to the area surrounding the bite.

Do not treat the wound as you would a snake bite. Do not cut the fang punctures. Do not apply suction. Do not employ a tourniquet.

The Department of Agriculture brochure says an insecticide called lindane is effective in controlling this pest. It should be sprayed along baseboards, behind furniture and pictures, beneath boxes and around other objects which serve as hiding places.

You should limit the amount of lindane you use. Do not spray large surfaces such as walls, floors or ceilings.

The brochure warns lindane users to follow directions on the insecticide package carefully, taking notice of the cautions listed.

## Windbreaks

Tree windbreaks have a great potential for this area, and now is the time to get ready for planting. Bob Kral, District Soil Conservationist at Lamesa, said that his office will provide information about suitable trees, spacing and other essential items to anyone interested.

"There is not as much interest in windbreaks and other tree plantings as there should be," Kral said, "possibly due to bad experiences in the past. For many years, Chinese elm was the main tree used. These grew rapidly, but that may have been their only virtue. I think disappointment with Chinese elm may be a big reason why there is not more interest in tree planting today."

Evergreens should be a part of every windbreak. Kral mentioned Arizona cypress, Western red-cedar, and a type of arborvitae as possibly our three best evergreens for windbreaks.

For shade trees that can get by with only a minimum of care, Kral suggests locust, native hackberry, or mulberry. "Some people object to mulberry because of the fruit," Kral said.

However, this is an excellent tree otherwise, and many mulberries are growing around Dawson County, left from long abandoned farmsteads. Nobody has tended them for years, yet they remain strong and healthy."

Fruitless mulberry has become very popular for home plantings. These don't have the fruit problem, but are probably not as rugged nor as long lived as the common mulberry, Kral believes.

Persons interested in attracting birds should consider Russian olive. It grows a fruit about the size and shape of navy beans that many birds use for food. The silver-gray foliage is attractive, and the tree grows well in this area.

For home plantings where more care is available red oak and goldenrain tree are good choices. Red oak is a strong, long lived tree with beautiful fall foliage. It grows slowly, but probably should be used more than it has been. Goldenrain tree has lovely yellow blossoms that last several weeks in the spring. It is a strong tree with a moderate growth rate.

The Texas Forest Service now has a specialist headquartered in Lubbock to study windbreaks and other tree plantings in this area. Their research is being coordinated with local agricultural offices, and Kral said SCS is keeping up with latest data available.

"We hope there is a renewed interest in tree planting," Kral said. "We are convinced that trees can help make this a more attractive area to live, if we will work at it."

## Freeze Branding Requires Skill

Mr. Sid Long, vocational agriculture instructor at Borden County High School, submits the following suggestions for freeze branding animals. The information was provided by Elmer Krehbiel, Adult Education Beef Cattle Specialist, headquartered at Texas A&M University.

This method of permanent identification can be used on cattle, horses, swine, dogs and other species of animals which shed and regrow hair, according to Krehbiel. The freeze branding technique (Cryogenic) changes the pigment hair cells (melanocytes) or prevents hair regrowth. Normally, new hair will be white, which will not contain the normal pigment (color). On the other hand, the branding time can be extended, thus preventing new hair growth, which will result in a bare skin brand.

Some of the advantages of this method are that it is considered to be painless, no hide damage, no screwworm infestation, and easier to read without clipping the hair later. However, it may take longer than hot branding, the initial cost may be more, and the procedures of application are more exacting.

Important factors that affect the development of legible brands are: (1) stage of hair growth (active growing periods are best); (2) hide texture; (3) temperature of irons; (4) adequate contact time. The branding techniques generally recommended are as follows: (1) use an insulated chest large enough for all irons; fold and insert wire mesh on the bottom to keep the irons suspended in the solution; (2) mix alcohol-type anti-freeze (1 gallon-25 animals) and dry ice (1/2 to 1 pound-animal); (3) place freeze branding irons in the solution; when the vigorous bubbling

subsides and the handles frost up above the solution, the irons are ready for use; (4) select brand location over a muscled area; (5) clip hair close; (6) wet clipped area with anti-freeze solution at regular temperature; (7) press the cold branding iron firmly against the animal until the branded area is frozen; (8) release the branding iron and press the edge of the branded site with your finger to determine if the entire area is frozen. If not frozen, the iron may need to be reapplied in the same location.

The time required for a white hair brand will vary from the 30 seconds on a weanling calf to about 60 seconds on a cow. For a bare skin brand, the time should be nearly doubled.

The brands are usually legible from the time of application. It generally requires six to ten weeks for the white hair to appear. A four-inch white hair brand may be legible for a distance of over 100 feet. Many breeders have experienced a 100 percent legible branding job with these procedures.

## Bring Mills West

Commenting on his appointment as interim director of Texas Tech University's Textile Research Center, long-time cotton leader Roy B. Davis, said one of his primary goals will be to bring textile mills to the West Texas-New Mexico area which is a major source of production of the natural fibers--cotton, wool, and mohair. Davis says this area has as much potential to become a textile center as it had become a beef cattle feeding center.

## Credit Outlook

COLLEGE STATION—Farmers are going to use a lot more credit this year, and adequate funds should be available at only slightly higher interest rates to meet these demands.

That's the credit outlook projected by Wayne Hayenga, economist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

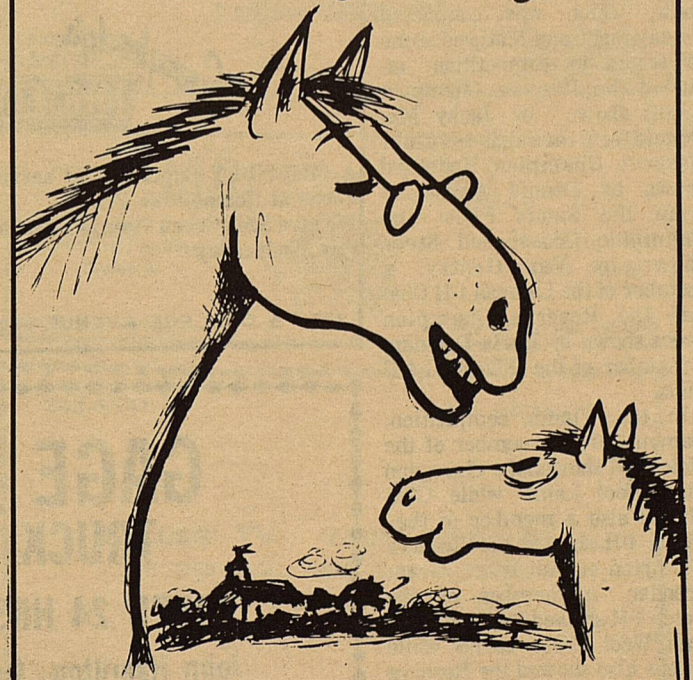
"Texas farmers are expected to borrow 10 to 12 percent more money this year than in 1972," says Hayenga. "But we expect credit prices to be only slightly higher. Interest rates on short and intermediate-term loans will probably increase about one-half percent while interest charges on long-term loans should increase less."

Why the big increase in credit needs?

"First of all, there's the normal inflationary factor," points out the economist. "However, the big factor that will boost credit needs is the higher cost of replacement cattle and feed. Agricultural producers faced with a favorable demand situation for their products, both at home and abroad, are also expected to increase production. This will mean the need for more operating capital to purchase additional inputs."

According to Hayenga, the larger institutional lenders such as banks, production credit associations, federal land banks and life insurance companies are expected to have adequate funds to satisfy credit demands. Merchants, dealers and other lenders are also expected to provide their usual financing.

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# Dawson County Jr. Livestock Show



**TOP SHOW ANIMALS**—Kelli Youngblood once again showed the Grand Champion Steer at the annual Dawson County Junior Livestock Show. Randy Airhart showed the Reserve Grand Champion Steer again this year. It is the second year Miss Youngblood has shown the Grand Champion Steer at the livestock show and the third consecutive year that Airhart has shown the Reserve Grand Champion. Here the two youngsters are pictured with their animals just after the judge's decision had been announced Friday night.

Kelli Youngblood and Randy Airhart pulled repeat performances Friday night, claiming the top honors in the annual Dawson County Junior Livestock Show by showing the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Steers, respectively, for the second consecutive year. Miss Youngblood, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arlan Youngblood and a Caprock 4-H Club exhibitor, first won the Hereford breed championship with her animal and then beat out all comers for the top honors.

While it was only the second consecutive year for the top steer winners combination, this is the third consecutive year in which Randy Airhart, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Airhart and a Klondike 4-H member has exhibited the Reserve Grand Champion Steer in the annual show. His animal first won the championship of the Angus breed, before being selected as the second best steer in the show.

Other top winners in the steer show, which was conducted Friday night and featured some 35 steers in competition, included the Reserve Champion Angus shown by Jacky McDonald from the Sands 4-H Club; Reserve Champion Hereford shown by Dennis Armstrong from the Sands FFA; the Champion Crossbreed Steer shown by Van Gentry, a member of the Lamesa 4-H Club and the Reserve Champion Cross shown by Darla Dorman, a member of the O'Donnell 4-H Club.

In the lamb competition, Damon Harp, a member of the Welch 4-H showed the Champion Fine Wool Lamb while Glen Phipps also a member of the Welch 4-H showed the Reserve Champion of that breed. Grant Drennen, a member of the Welch 4-H showed the Champion Fine Wool Cross Lamb while Phipps also showed the Reserve Champion Lamb. Gayle Griffin,

a member of the Lamesa 4-H showed the Champion Medium Wool Lamb while Ben Phipps, a member of the Welch 4-H showed the Reserve Champion Lamb. Becky Miller, a member of the Borden County 4-H showed the Champion Southdown Cross Lamb while Lisa Montgomery, a member of the Caprock 4-H showed the Reserve Champion.



**GLEN GRAY and BECKY MILLER** did well with their Lambs at Dawson County Show.

## State Sales Tax Bond

AUSTIN—State Representative Joe Allen's bill to institute a state sales tax bond was passed by the House last week and sent to the Senate for final approval. House Bill No. 433 directs the Comptroller's office to fix a surety to protect the state against failure to pay collected sales tax.

"Each year the state loses at least 20 million dollars by tax payment default. Some authorities place the figure as high as 80 million, and the real figure is undoubtedly somewhere between the two. But not only do we lose the tax revenue, but we have to spend other tax dollars to have the Attorney General's office try to collect delinquent taxes. It's a losing effort all around. The sales tax is the only state tax which does not currently require such a security. For instance, since a bonding requirement went into effect for the cigarette tax, there has not been a single certification on a delinquent account," Rep. Allen stated.

Provisions for the amount, method of collection, and type of acceptable bonds are outlined in the bill. However, if the taxpayer's account has not been delinquent in the prior biennium, no bond will be required.

Mr. Allen continued, "Attorney General Hill, and the Comptroller's office both felt the bill was necessary and the need is immediate. The veteran Representative, who is considering entering the race for the Comptroller's office in 1974 stated further that "The greatest part of the tax revenue Texas is not able to collect, could be obtained if this bonding proposal is passed in the Senate and signed into law. If we require businesses to post a bond, we can help avoid a tax increase in our state, but even more important, we can stop the abuses of our present tax statutes, and collect the revenue we are missing. Passage of the bill by the House indicates that the legislature is serious about curing these injustices."

## Scenic River Bill Killed

### Capitol Staff

A House subcommittee Tuesday killed a bill that would have given the Parks and Wildlife Department authority to create and administer a Natural and Scenic River System in Texas.

After two hours of testimony, the committee voted 5-1 to report H.B. 13 by Rep. Joe Allen of Baytown back to the full Committee on Environmental Affairs with the recommendation that it not pass.

The bill, which would have given the state the right to control access to and preserve easements along major river and stream beds for recreational and esthetic purposes, had an estimated price tag of \$22 million in the first five years.

Violent objections to the proposal that have been stirring since its introduction were evident at the hearing when more than 50 people showed up to listen to and take part in testimony.

No one spoke in favor of the bill.

Opponents—most of them land owners along major waterways—said forcing them to turn such areas into recreational parks was an infringement on their private property rights.

Joseph C. Reichert, who said he owns 131 acres near Pflugerville, told the committee that the bill would make the P & W "a virtual czar in its powers to destroy the rights of private property ownership."

"At first glance into the concept of such a system it has the appearance of the innocence and freshness of a 'babe in swaddling clothes,'" Reichert said, "...but its parameters are loose-ended. It would largely place under an agency of government the mantle for making the law

through interpretation of a concept, administrative decisions and implementation of agency policy."

He gave the committee three petitions which he said contain the names of more than 200 river residents from the Austin area who oppose passage of H.B. 13.

A Junction rancher, David Akers, told the committee that he already permits camping on his land in all but two periods of time during the year: when his ranch animals are giving birth to and raising their babies in his fields and during dry season when there is a danger of grass fires.

Akers said that when disturbed new animal mothers will sometimes abandon their young in fear—leaving them orphaned. Public access to the creek on his property during this time would result in a lot of abandoned calves and kids, he said.

A provision of the bill that would prevent fencing of land which keeps the public from having free access to waterways would hinder range management efforts and make it difficult to control interbreedings of the stock, Akers told the committee.

Rep. Bennie Bock of New Braunfels also testified against the proposed bill saying it "raises more problems than it solves."

"We have come to a point in this state where private property rights are under attack," he said.

Stetson Reed, director of law enforcement for the Parks and Wildlife Department, said the state's 324 game wardens have more to do now than they can handle just enforcing game laws. To add policing of river beds to their duties would make their job "impossible" he said.

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# Increase In Cow Herds

COLLEGE STATION—Most cattlemen would have to have a good memory to recall the last time they bought a cow for \$200. Today, higher calf prices are continuing to expand the demand for breeding cows and heifers.

Of course, this demand is showing itself in the increased size of beef cow herds.

"On January 1 of this year we had about 6.3 million breeding cows and heifers in Texas—that's a 16 percent increase over the year ago level," explains Dr. Ed Uvacek, livestock marketing specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "The rate of growth in Texas is ahead of the rest of the country. This emphasizes the increased reliance of the feeding industry upon Texas as a source of feeder animals."

What effects will the larger cow herds and increased production have on prices for the rest of the year?

Uvacek offers these predictions:

Beef cattle marketings in the first quarter should be moderately larger than a year ago, but not large enough to cause any severe price reductions.

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Supplies of finished cattle by the second and third quarters are expected to be near or below year earlier levels, thus holding prices up.

Marketings for the fourth quarter will probably be up from last year and will cause a little price weakness toward the end of the year. However, placements of cattle into feedlots during January, February and March will greatly affect the marketing levels in the third and fourth quarters of the year.

"Feeder cattle prices will be reinforced by a strong demand by feedlots for replacement animals," the specialist adds. "Spring price gains this year may again be substantial and will, undoubtedly, record new record high levels."

## Farm Income

USDA has predicted a new record high gross farm income in 1973 despite lower direct government payments to farmers. It forecasts a realized net farm income that will be slightly lower than 1972's high of just over \$19 billion.

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## How To Communicate With Congress

Before you can effectively communicate with your elected official, you need to know him, his staff, and his mode of operation.

This is the collective advice offered by four experienced congressional aids.

"At our office," says Ken Guenther, aide to Senator Jacob Javits of New York, "the squeaking wheels are the ones that get the grease."

"You should write a letter for first contact on an important matter," says Dan Minshew, aide to Senator Herman Talmadge of Georgia. "And it should always be a personal one, never a form letter."

Your next step, Minshew advises, should be a phone call. It's good personal contact, and takes less of the elected official's time than a personal visit.

However, Jim Thornton, legislative aide to the Senate Agriculture and Forestry Committee, points out that a personal visit is sometimes the best way to get your point across. Before you plan a personal visit, follow these guidelines: 1) make an appointment, 2) be organized, 3) be concise, and 4) include the official's staff in your discussion.

"Keep in touch with your Congressman, but don't just contact him when you have a problem," warns Tony Coelho, aide to Representative B.F. Sisk of California. "Tell him some good news once in a while. Laud him when he does a good job."

All aides agree that you can earn the attention and respect of your congressional representatives by being fair and factual.

Communicating with Congress, they add, is a two-way street. Visit your Senator or Congressman when he holds office hours back in his home state or district.

Each aide strongly advises against abandoning your Senator or Congressman just because he can't deliver a favorable vote every time. And, when he does help you, show appreciation for work he's done for you.

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## FARMERS FEAR FOOD CONCERN

Farmers fear the "Misguided public concern" over food prices will lead to a price freeze on raw agricultural products, Texas Farm Bureau President J.T. Woodson said.

The farm leader said that, despite publicity over food price increases, food is still a bargain. He spoke after an announcement that retail food prices made the greatest one month increase in at least 20 years.

"We cannot produce food unless we make a profit which will permit us to stay in business," said the head of the 137,000-member farm organization.

"Consumers must realize that prices farmers received over the past 20 years have gone up only about 12 percent while farm production costs have soared to 10 times that."

Nothing is impossible to a faithful and willing heart.

## Lamesa Senior Citizen

The Borden Star received the following information from Mrs. Grace B. Motley concerning the Senior Citizens activities in Lamesa.

"The Senior Citizens are doing a lot of things. We have different kinds of Demonstrations each Friday evening of the month. On Friday, March 16th Mr. Peltier from the Lamesa Floral will give a demonstration in terrarium - planting flowers in bottles and jars which have lids. Some call them sunshine gardens. Mr. Peltier will be at the center at 2:00 p.m. on the above date. Everyone is invited to be there. We think it will be a very interesting demonstration.

All are invited to come to the Center anytime. It is open 5 days a week. This is the Dawson County Citizens Center and the Number to call is 872-3324. Come and play games, or bring some of your ideas, or just visit with friends. All you people down the Gail way come and see what a wonderful place we have. If you have any projects or hobbies you would like to come and demonstrate for us feel free to come. We will appreciate it so much."

## Food For Thought

Recently I read the following article and thought it fitted in with our day and age so well that I would pass it on to you. I don't know who wrote the article but I wish I did. I would like to congratulate him. S.G.

"I Am A Miniskirt"

I want to make it very clear that I am a Christian miniskirt. That is, I go to church every Sunday. Of course, I am not the only Christian miniskirt in town. There are many others who go to church with me.

Though we represent a variety of colors and patterns, there is one thing we all have in common; we all have a way of revealing attractive thighs, especially when the legs are crossed. They tell me that's the most comfortable way to sit.

Unless I am misreading the situation, we seem to make our wearers a bit self-conscious. At least the girl who wears me is tugging at my hem. Though I am not an expert on human nature, this appears to indicate kind of complex.

I have also noted that we miniskirts have the ability to attract a good deal of masculine attention, even in church. At first I took pride in the fact that men were fascinated by my pattern and color design. However, just this morning I heard the preacher say that this was not really what the young men (some not so young) were looking at. Though I was all ears when he started to preach, "The Appeal of a Miniskirt," I was embarrassed when he was through. He said the only appealing thing about me was my appeal to the flesh. Then he spoke for ten minutes on the carnality of human nature. He publicly accused me of contributing to the lust of the flesh. I felt a hand tug on my hem when

he said that.

You could have heard a pin drop when he quoted the following statement from Kerry Elliott: "To flaunt sexuality in public is a betrayal of your femininity, not an endorsement. It is like playing the tuba on the subway to prove you are a musician....It isn't honest to expose a man to the aroma of apple pie and then accuse him of being a glutton because he licks his lips! I think everyone got the point.

I really blushed when he began asking questions about what the miniskirts did when out in the work-a-day world. He wondered what we thought our testimony amounted to in the presence of men who couldn't care less about feminine purity. He said, "He that looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart,"

The preacher claimed there is nothing about a miniskirt that would suggest to the man on the street that the wearer's body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. He said that the Spirit-indwelt body should be adorned in modest apparel (I Tim: 1:9-10) Furthermore, he had secured some statistics from somewhere that prove there is a vital relationship between miniskirts and the increase of crime against women in America. I began to feel as though I was abetting the crime wave.

I suppose it is the truth that hurts. That's why I hurried out of the church this morning. I saw several other miniskirts slinking out too. I guess what we really need is to be converted into something modest.

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## FLUVANNA QUILTING CLUB

### Women Like To Make Quilts

FLUVANNA — For the last 25 years, more or less, the Fluvanna Quilting Club has been meeting to quilt quilts. The club has no officers and no dues, and no records to show exactly when it came into being; but its lack of organization in no way affects the success of its program of work.

"The club got its start when a group of women began to meet at the Fluvanna Baptist Church to make quilts," says

Mrs. T. M. Hughes. "We made the quilts to give to families whose homes had burned and to missionaries and children's homes at first."

Mrs. Hughes, who will be 81 in April, is the oldest member of the club. She started making quilts before she was married 63 years ago, and quilting is her favorite hobby.

The women moved their meeting to the Fluvanna Community Center when that building was constructed. More women began attending until membership reached a peak of 17, and there were days when the quilters finished three quilts at one session. Membership is down to 10 now, but there are still enough skilled hands to turn out a quilt each time the group gets together.

"We quilt for each other now," explains Mrs. Ray Fulford. "We put the name of each member in a jar and draw out names in advance so each one will know when it is her time to have a quilt ready for quilting."

The club quilted for Mrs. Fulford at a recent meeting. She had brought a quilt top pieced by her husband's grandmother, 86-year-old Mrs. Effie Keller of Snyder. The quilt, a Nine-Patch design, will be a gift for Mrs. Keller's great-granddaughter, Xan Fulford of Lubbock.

Mrs. Bob Jones is another club member who said she

started making quilts when she was "just a kid," and remembers carding cotton for batts. The introduction of dacron batts was a boon for quilters, she said.

"There aren't any lumps in a dacron batt like there are in cotton batts," she explained, "and your needle just slips through easier and faster. The dacron batts stay smoother after washing, too."

Quilting was a necessary homemaking skill when the Fluvanna quilters were growing up.

"I can hardly remember a time when my mother didn't have a quilt in the frame at our house," says Mrs. Robert White. "We thought we had to make quilts, and I guess we did. Nobody bought blankets."

"Mother sometimes quilted for other people," Mrs. White said. "She was paid a dollar for each spool of thread she put in the quilt. That was one cent per yard of thread. The price for quilting has gone up a lot since those days."

Quilting doesn't interfere with talking, so while their hands are busy with needles and thread the women can catch up on visiting. Most of them enjoy sewing and other types of handwork as well as quilting and they often bring

new patterns and finished projects to show and exchange. At noon there is a covered dish meal served from the community center's kitchen, then more quilting.

Other members of the club are Mrs. Stella Mae Jones, Mrs. Cleo Lindsey, Miss N. E. Browning, Mrs. Virginia Huddleston, Mrs. Ethel Boulware and Mrs. Opal Evans.

Visitors are always welcome to attend the quilting sessions, held on alternate Thursdays. It is interesting to watch the quilters as they work the tiny stitches into the quilt, moving around the quilt frame and rolling the quilt from outside to center as their work progresses. The sight of an old familiar quilt pattern often stirs memories of quilts used years ago.

The members of the Fluvanna Quilting Club have been pleased to read in current magazines that quilts are being "discovered" as a new form of art, and that quilts are "back in style." None of the club members ever seriously considered that an item as pretty and practical as a handmade quilt could be out of style.

By ALINE PARKS

### Students Eat Only Dog Food

STILLWATER, Okla.—Two Oklahoma State University seniors, tired of "95 cents a pound hamburger that just fries away" said Saturday they will eat nothing but dog food or a week in protest against rising food prices.

The canine ration will be no great shock to their systems. Terry Arnall and Jerry Dizmang have been working dog food into their diet for some time.

"It's getting to the point where a person cannot afford to eat," said Arnall, a 22-year-old stoneworker from Tulsa who is studying architecture. "I'm tired of paying 95 cents a pound for hamburger that just fries away. I'd rather pay \$1.52 for a 10 pound sack of dogfood."

Arnall said the idea originated when Dizmang, a 22-year-old botany student from Bartlesville, Okla., bet him he wouldn't eat dogfood. The bet was cancelled when the roommates discovered they liked the stuff.

"One night we made some real good beef stew out of 'Skippy' and baked potatoes and carrots," Arnall said. "For lunch the other day we took cheddar cheese soup and put some 'Purina' in it. 'Chuck-

wagon' is my favorite dry food." "We've been eating 'Alpo' on toast but it wasn't too good. We like 'Recipe' real well and it's cheaper. We put a lot of garlic and salt on it and it really brings out the flavor."

Arnall and Dizmang checked out their doggie diet with Health Director Donald Cooper, who gave his approval.

"Dr. Cooper said there would be no nutritive problems with the diet and the hospital dietitian told me there was nothing in the processing of dogfood that could hurt me," Arnall said. "It's all psychological. The dog is eating better than we were."

The two draw perplexed reactions from Phi Kappa Tu fraternity brothers and they get some strange telephone calls.

"Most of our friends at the fraternity house don't know what to think," Arnall said. "Sometimes people will call and we pick up the phone and all we hear is barking."

Arnall said the protest will last only a week but both would probably continue to supplement their diets with dog food. He said even now they put dog biscuits in their pockets to eat between classes.

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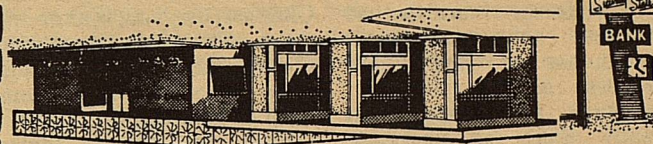
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