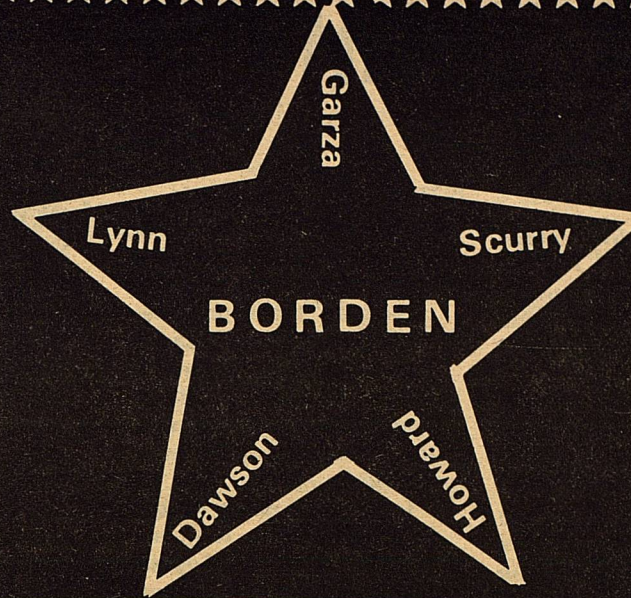


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There they go.... The children watch their Santa Letters go into the mail bag. Faces shown-Sandy Brummett, Raul Ortiz and Roy Clayton.

DEDICATES "SMILE" MONTH

Austin-December has been proclaimed as "SMILE Month" by Gov. Mark White.

Project SMILE (Student Myth-Information and Learning Experiences) is an alcohol awareness project sponsored by the Texas Commission on Alcoholism, the Texas Association of Student Councils and the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals.

The official designation of "SMILE Month" was made at a recent ceremony at the State Capitol. Student Council members from Marshall High School in Marshall, Texas, instigated having December declared as SMILE Month. Marshall student council members and their sponsor, Anne Newman, attended

the ceremony.

Marshall has been a district winner in SMILE for the past four years. District competitions are held by TASC.

Project SMILE consists of 20 activities, any or all of which may be undertaken by the student council and may involve other students at the school. Students are also encouraged to create their own alcohol education activities.

"Peer leadership is an essential component of any educational program designed to affect social behavior," Ross Newby, executive director of TCA, said. "For this reason, we have worked with the Texas Association of Student Councils in implementing SMILE since 1979."

Democrats planning forum for candidates

Washington-The House Democratic caucus has announced plans for a round-table candidates discussion as part of a nationally televised debate for the party's presidential

contenders Jan. 15.

The forum will include a discussion among the candidates, with anchorman Ted Koppel moderating, followed by questions from the

Washington, December 7--Congressman Charles W. Stenholm (D-Stamford) has called on Secretary of Agriculture John Block to reverse a decision that could lower cotton farmers' assigned yields.

The yield per acre is a factor in deficiency and other farm program payments. USDA assigns cotton yields based on past production, but present regulations prevent one year's yield from being less than 90 percent of the previous year's. USDA intends to lower this "floor" to 80 percent.

"After several consecutive years of heavy losses in the Southwest, a reduction in the yield floor can only cut producer income further," Stenholm said in a letter to Block. "And it threatens serious harm to the effectiveness of the 1984 cotton program."

The purpose of having a yield floor is to guard against

extreme year-to-year fluctuations in assigned yields. The lower the floor, the more assigned yields can drop, especially in consecutive years of unusually great crop losses because of disasters.

"The best way to prevent arbitrary decisions like this is to write a 90 percent yield floor into law, rather than leaving it up to USDA's discretion," Stenholm said.

The Agricultural Efficiency and Equity Act, which I recently introduced, does just that. But that applies to future crops. Action is needed now to take care of the 1984 crop."

Congressmen Kent Hance and Jack Hightower and Senator Lloyd Bentsen joined Stenholm in writing Block. The Texas legislators said that if USDA was trying to save deficiency payments by lowering the yield floor, then that was "a false economy" because the action will keep many

producers out of the 1984 cotton program, they will increase their plantings, and that will drive down cotton prices, thus actually increasing deficiency payments.

Planting Survey

The National Cotton Council will mail questionnaires in early January to a sample of cotton growers across the Cotton Belt to assess their 1984 planting intentions.

The Council initiated its own survey two years ago when the U.S. Department of Agriculture consolidated its January and March surveys into one carried out in February.

Results will be made available to all growers through the media, according to the Council.

Subscriptions

We have begun to receive Christmas gift subscriptions to The Borden Star. This makes a thoughtful gift that can be enjoyed weekly for twelve months.

Send us your requests for gift subscriptions this week to insure an acknowledgement and a Merry Christmas to the recipient from you.



The Kindergarten Class pauses to wish all their friends Merry Christmas. Back-Tye Parks, Laura Hensley, Stacy Edwards, Sandy Buchanan, Roy Clayton, Deann Parks, Kayla Drain, Faith Pewitt, Linda Martinez, Brandy Antuna, Levi Garrett, Leticia Rios, Ashley Barnes, Rosemary Silvia, Cindy Fowler. Their teacher, Mrs. Copeland and Mrs. Nicki Lackey.

Borden County School News

JUNIOR HIGH SPLITS PAIR

The Jr. High girls basketball team split two games this past week as they defeated Greenwood 27-24 but were defeated by Klondike by a score of 26-25.

In the Greenwood game, Borden was behind by a score of 17-24 going into the last quarter, but outscored their opponents 10-0 the last stanza to escape with the win. Ralynn Key and Mindy Williams each made 8 points, followed by Kim Turner and Elvira Balague with 4 each. Shelly Lewis had 2 points and Susan Gwinn made 1. The Borden 6th grade played Greenwood 7th and came up on the short end of the score. Kristi Adcock and Lisha Sternadel each made 4 points.

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DEFEATS ROPES

Borden had to go into overtime for the first time this year last Tuesday night as they defeated Ropes at Ropesville 42-38. Foul trouble created a problem for the Lady Coyotes as Shawna Vaughn fouled out and Shana Bradshaw and Kelly Williams each picked up four fouls early, sending Ropes to the line 23 times. Borden managed to hit 6 of 8 free throws although never reaching a one-and-one situation.

Roxie Wolf led in scoring with 13 points followed by Kelly Williams with 10. Kelli Williams hit 7, Teri Billington had 6, Becky Massingill made 4 and Shawna Vaughn finished with 2. Season record for the girls is now at 5-0.

KLONDIKE VS BORDEN

Monty Floyd again carried top scoring honors for the Junior High Boys in their defeat at the hands of the Klondike team. Floyd had seven points, Randell Hollis had four and Will Phinizy had three. Chad Vaughn and David Holmes had two each. Other members of the team are Jon Herring, Lance Telchik, Armondo Soto, Alex Lemons, Chad Williams, Cody Cooley.

The Junior High Team will play January 9th at Sands.

GIRLS WIN HIGHLAND TOURNAMENT

The Borden County girls basketball team got their revenge from last year as they met Highland in the finals of the Highland Tournament once again but this time with a different ending.

In the first game against Sterling City, turnovers troubled the Lady Coyotes but still they escaped with 59-45 victory against a physical and aggressive eagle team. Eight players got into the scoring column with Roxie Wolf leading with 18. She was followed by Kelly Williams with 14, Kelli Williams with 10, Shawna Vaughn hit 5, Becky Massingill and Simona Benavidez each had 4, and Shana Bradshaw and Jeanette Massingill each made 2. Borden held a 35-19 half time lead in the win, their 6th of the season.

In the semi-finals, Borden hot out to a slow start against Garden City as the score was tied 8-8. But then the Coyotes came out with a press forcing numerous turnovers and turning them into easy baskets as they outscored the Bearcats 36-10 the next 2 quarters. In the 54-28 win, Shana Bradshaw led all scorers with 14 points followed by Kelly Williams with 12. Roxie Wolf had 8, Becky Massingill hit 6, Kelli Williams, Simona Benavidez, and Shawna Vaughn each made 4, and Jeanette Massingill made 2.

In a rematch of last years finals, Borden met the Highland Hornets and this time Borden came away the champion, but not after a close battle. Borden got out to a cold start as they could only manage to shoot 17 percent from the field but in

the next three quarters, the Lady Coyotes shot a blazing 67 percent from the field and 70 percent from the free throw line as they came away with a 45-44 win. In the overtime period, Kelli Williams hit 2 free throws with 5 seconds remaining to give Borden a 3 point lead and stood back and watched as Highlands last field goal could only bring them to within one point. Kelly Williams led in scoring with 11 points followed by Roxie Wolf and Kelli Williams with 10 each. Becky Massingill and Shawna Vaughn each made 5, and Shana Bradshaw hit 4. This raised the Lady Coyotes season record to 8 wins against 0 losses with Tuesdays game with Hermleigh and the Borden Tournament remaining on schedule before the Christmas break.

BOYS BEAT ROPES

Robin Hood and Keith Martin combined for 27 of the Coyotes 41 points to lead Borden County it its second win of the young season. Chris Cooley totaled nine, Sam Williams three and Mickey Burkett, to finish the scoring.

"The reason we won was due to our hustle on the zone press and only four mental errors" said Coach Frisbie. Mickey Burkett plays position on rebounds as well as anyone we've played" stated the coach.

Jerry Green was high point with ten for the Junior Varsity team as they lost to the Ropes J. V. 51-30.

BOYS WIN CONSOLATION TROPHY

The novice team started the stall game in the first quarter. Heading 2-0 the Novice coach stalled causing the taller Borden County squad to leave their zone defense and play man on man.

"We adjusted pretty well and after we got the lead we dropped back to our zone," said Coach Frisbie. The

Coyotes play zone to protect Keith Martin's bad ankle and not require him to make so many quick movements.

Martin did have ten points, Sammy Williams nine, Chris Cooley eight, Mickey Burkett, six, Robin Hood and Bric Turner four each.

The Coyotes play Hermleigh in Gail Tuesday.

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Letters to Santa



Kindergarten Letters

Dear Santa,
I would like a bike and a record player for Christmas. I have been good most of the time. Merry Christmas.

Laura

Dear Santa,
I have been good most of the time. I would like a sakes and caseydoll. Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa,
I have been good most of the time. I would like a speak and go doll. Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa,
I have been good most of the time. I would like a crybaby please.

Merry Christmas
Kayla

Dear Santa,
I would like a stroller and a cry baby. I have been good most of the time. Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I would like a clock and a T.V. for Christmas. Have a merry Christmas.

Love,
Deann

Dear Santa,
I have been good most of the time. Bring me a dirt bike and a three wheeler please. Merry Christmas.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District met in a regular session on December 12, 1983 at 8:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Board President Ralph Miller.

Routine business of minutes and bills were considered and passed. The Superintendent gave a year-to-date financial report. A budget amendment was proposed and approved.

Dear Santa,
I have been good most of the time. Please bring a shortcake doll. I have been good most of the time.

Merry Christmas,
Ashley

Dear Santa,
I have been good most of the time. I would like a baton and a baby doll.

Merry Christmas,
Sandy

Dear Santa,
I have been good most of the time. I would like a race track and a batman.

Merry Christmas,
Eye

Dear Santa,
I have been good most of the time. I would like a pac-man game for Christmas.

Merry Christmas,
Roy

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been good most of the time. I would like a bicycle and drum.

Merry Christmas

Raul
Dear Sanda,
I have been good most of the time. I would like a doll for Christmas, please.

Merry Christmas,
Brandy

KINDERGARTEN

Dear Santa,
I have been good most of the time. I would like a bike and a doll.

Merry Christmas,
Linda

Dear Santa,
I have been good most of the time. I would like a doll and a crybaby for Christmas.

Merry Christmas,
Rosemary

Dear Santa, I have been good most of the time. Please bring me a doll and a stroller for Christmas.

Merry Christmas,
Stacey

First Grade Letters

Dear Santa,
I want a stumper and a Big Foot.

Love,
A. J.

Dear Santa,
I want a doll and a Monchichi.

Love,
Melanie

Dear Santa,
I want a bicycle and a stumper.

Love,
Romero

Dear Santa,
I want a Big Foot.

Love,
Clint

Dear Santa,
I want a kite and a stumper.

Love,
Buckv

Dear Santa,
I want a three-wheeler and a Big Foot.

Love,
Desmond

Dear Santa,
I want a Cabbage Patch Doll and a bicycle.

Love,
Mandi

Dear Santa,
I want a fire truck.

Love,
James

Dear Santa,
I want a train and Big Foot.

Love,
Marcus

Dear Santa,
I want a Baby Doll and a bicycle.

Love,
Jill

Dear Santa,
I want a 22 gun and a Big Foot.

Love,
Justin

Dear Santa,
I want a Baby Doll and a Three-Wheeler.

Love,
Gloria

Dear Santa,
I want a three-wheeler and a Cabbage Patch Doll.

Love,
Melissa

Dear Santa,
I want a mimi-cassette player and a Masters of the Universe Castle.

Love,
Kurt

Dear Santa,
I want a Christmas pin and some pom poms.

Love,
Candy

MORE NEXT WEEK

SCHOOL CALENDAR 1983-1984

Month	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
July 1983						1	2
Aug. 22-1st day							
Mar 24-last day							
Mar -bad weather							
May 20-Bacc.							
May 24-H.S. Grad.							
May 25-Elem. Grad.							
Six Weeks Ends:							
Sept. 30							
Nov. 11							
Jan. 12							
Feb. 24							
Apr. 13							
Mar. 24							
Dismiss 2:30							
Sept. 2							
Nov. 22							
Dec. 16							
Mar. 9							
April 19							
CHANGE							
Teacher workday moved from January 13, 1984 to January 27, 1984. January 13 will be a regular school day.							

School Calendar



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STENHOLM ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Congressman Stenholm has announced that applications are now available for his fifth summer internship program, planned for the months of June and July, 1984, in his Washington office.

Each year the program involves two Omar Burleson Congressional Interns and two Lyndon Baines Johnson Congressional Interns, with each spending one month in Washington. This year, applications must be postmarked by midnight, February 6, 1984, and mailed to the Abilene office.

receive full Congressional experience in Stenholm's office, participating in the functioning of the office, attending committee

meetings, observing debate and votes in the House Chamber, watching Supreme Court decisions being handed down, and taking advantage of the many other learning possibilities in Washington.

"We feel that we have an excellent program for the interns, and that we have had excellent interns for the program," Stenholm said. He added that with greater awareness of the program around the District, competition continues to grow more keen each year. "I would encourage anyone interested in an internship to request an application and return it as soon as possible," Stenholm concluded.

Selection for the internships is made by a

District-wide selection committee, chaired by former Congressman Burleson.

Both students and teachers are eligible for the internships. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age when in Washington, must teach or study in a college or high school in the 17th District of Texas, or have permanent residency in the 17th District while attending any college in the school year prior to the internship.

A stipend is provided for the month of work in Washington.

Formal applications and further details may be obtained from the Abilene District Office, P.O. Box 1101, Abilene, Texas 79604 or by calling 915-673-7221

COUNTIANS ELIGIBLE FOR SBA LOANS

Lubbock...Philip J. O'Jibway, district director of SBA's Lubbock office, announced that the Area III Disaster Office has now been authorized to accept and process applications under the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) Program from eligible businesses in several West Texas counties.

Additional counties now eligible for disaster loan assistance are Borden, Cochran, Cottle, Garza, Hudspeth, Kimble, King, Oldham, Runnels, Sterling and Wheeler.

Agriculture related businesses who sustained losses due to drought occurring April 1, 1983 and continuing, may be eligible for the loans under SBA's EIDL program through May 18, 1984.

O'Jibway said, "Business loan applicants who file for Economic Injury Disaster Loans must be able to show

their losses are directly attributed to the disaster as declared for their county's physical losses, and further that their efforts to secure financing elsewhere have failed."

The SBA, as mandated by Congress, provides financial assistance to victims of disasters. An EIDL loan is made by SBA to small businesses which have sustained substantial economic injury as a direct result of the physical disaster, whether or not the business had actual physical damage.

The interest rate for eligible victims under the EIDL program is eight percent.

For more information, interested business persons may write or visit the Lubbock SBA office at 1611-10th Street, Suite 200, Lubbock, Texas 79401, or call (806) 743-7466.

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CHRISTMAS SEAL PEOPLE HAVE GIFT TAG

Are you one of those Christmastime procrastinators who ends up at the last minute scribbling names directly onto the wrapping paper between candy cane stripes or on some reindeer's flank?

Well, the American Lung Association of Texas, the Christmas Seal People, have good news for you.

Last year, for the first time in Christmas Seals 75-year history, the Seals came with matching gift tags. The tags were such a success that the Lung Association has repeated the concept this holiday season. This year's Christmas Seals gift tags carry the same wise, rosy, bespectacled Santa as the Seal itself, and like the Seal, the tags stick on with moisture and require no string, tape, or peel-off backing. The tags say "To" and "From" in green, ribboned script and each is decorated with a red and green holly sprig in its upper right corner.

Originally developed to combat tuberculosis, and

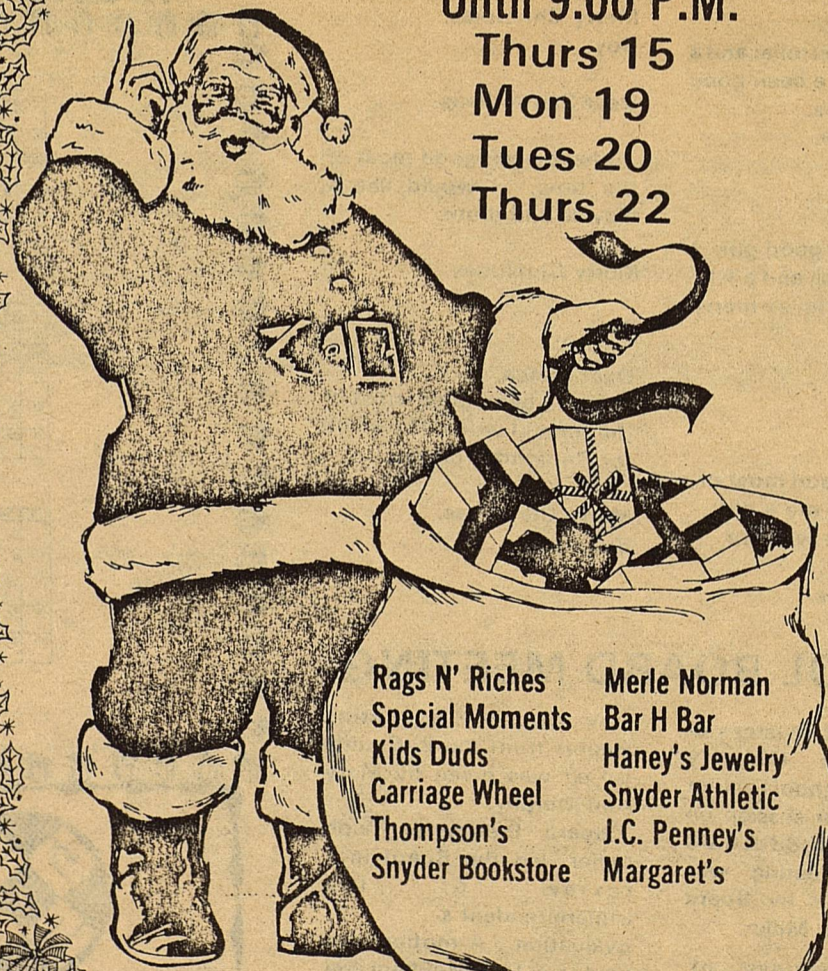
instrumental in lessening the threat of that disease in American Christmas Seals—now accompanied by matching gift tags—support the American Lung Association of Texas' year-round fight against smoking, air pollution and lung diseases such as emphysema, chronic bronchitis, TB, asthma and lung cancer.

This year's Seal art was designed by Bob Larkin, under the direction of Kent Salisbury of Salisbury & Salisbury, New York. And artist Larkin, more accustomed to creating space aliens for the movies than nostalgic visions for the holiday season, concedes that the old-fashioned style Santa was "fun to do."

The American Lung Association of Texas says "Have fun. Enjoy your holiday season and take care of your lungs. They're only human. Use Christmas Seals and matching gift tags on all your holiday cards and packages."



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MEDIA MISCHIEF

By Edwin Feulner

I'm sorry, but I just can't seem to fall into a paroxysm of anger over the Reagan administration's "censorship" of the invasion of Grenada. And, if the press is smart, it would cut out the grousing. Because all of the complaining just might cause people to begin asking themselves WHY the President refused to let reporters hit the beaches with our troops.

We've been hearing a lot about how the administration's "insidious" gag on press coverage runs contrary to a 200-year tradition of battle-front reporting by our media. Well, maybe it does. But the Reagan administration wasn't the first to rupture that noble tradition. The press was.

Quite frankly, I'm sure the President would have welcomed coverage by journalists of the calibre of those who covered World War II. People like Andy Tully, the first U.S. reporter to enter Berlin, and the incomparable Ernie Pyle. Good battlefront journalism can help shore up the homefront during a crisis, and build the nation's morale and will to win.

But that kind of journalism is as dead as a doornail.

I think a legitimate case can be made for excluding today's media from actions like the liberation of Grenada. And that reason is, quite frankly, that many of today's journalists appear not to be on the same side as our Marines.

Now, I'm not saying that they're siding with America's enemies. I'm just saying that network news reporters and most of the nation's prestige press don't side with the United States. They have opted instead for a queer "neutrality" which they believe is objectivity. They think this serves the cause of truth. But in reality, it undermines the cause of freedom.

This first surfaced in Vietnam. The end result was the defeat of the United States, not at the hands of a third-rate Asian power, but on the homefront. We lost our will.

We are seeing further manifestations of this neutrality mindset in the coverage of Central America, Lebanon, and, most recently, Grenada.

The entire thrust of the coverage seems designed to cast mistrust on the pronouncements of the administration and military authorities, while often accepting at face value the claims of administration opponents, and the enemy nation and its supporters.

For example, throughout the entire Grenada operation, many in the media constantly referred to the Cubans fighting our troops as "workers," even though the organized resistance they mounted illustrated they were part of a military force. Rather than simply reporting that the administration considered the Cubans soldiers, they used terms like "the Reagan administration alleges . . ." to cast doubt.

In another instance, a network evening news broadcast contained a report on the Cuban and Soviet arms cache found on the island. While the camera panned a warehouse loaded with arms destined for Communist guerrillas in Central America, the correspondent took issue with the administration's phrase that the warehouse was "filled to the rafters" with arms. Though the warehouse contained a staggering amount of weapons, the correspondent quibbled, it wasn't "filled to the rafters" since the boxloads of arms didn't reach all the way to the roof. He didn't bother to touch on the real issue of the story — which was why the Cubans had stockpiled the arsenal in the first place.

The operational thought pattern at work among our media seems to be, "If it walks like a duck, quacks like a duck, and our government says it's a duck, it must be an oak tree."

Let Sam Donaldson, John Chancellor, and Dan Rather stew. They've earned it.

(Feulner is president of The Heritage Foundation, a Washington-based public policy research institute.)

EMS HOLDS MEETING

The regular meeting of the Borden County Emergency Medical Service was held Thursday, December 8, 1983, at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Conference Room. EMT's present were Buster Taylor, James kAaron, Dorothy Browne, Frances Burkett, Carol Lewis, Nelva Jones and Lisa Ludecke. Guests present were Jean Taylor, Don Jones, R.D. Lewis, Shelly Lewis, Amy Lewis, Shawn Lewis, and Mickey Burkett. Our Christmas supper preceded the regular business session and election of officers. The 1984 officers and directors are:

President-Gerald Boyd
Vice Pres.-James Aaron
Sec.-Tres.-Dorothy Browne
Reporter-Lisa Ludecke
Memorial Chairman-Lisa Ludecke
Directors-Nelva Jones, Frances Burkett and Jim Burkett.

The next meeting will be held on January 5, 1984, at 7:00 p.m. in the Ag. Classroom.

MEMORIALS

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The Bob Beal Family

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CLASSIFIED HOUSE FOR SALE

The R.C. Vaughn house in Gail is for sale for \$6,000.00. Those interested should call Ruben Vaughn (915) 573-2406 in Snyder or Wanda Tate (806) 744-0561 in Lubbock.

TIPS FOR SAFE HOLIDAYS

Austin--Keeping safety in mind when going to and giving parties, decorating, traveling, and buying gifts can help everyone avoid accidents which can mar a happy holiday season, according to George R. Gustafson, Executive Vice President of Texas Safety Association.

The following tips can help Texans keep their holidays safe:

-If you're using a real tree, choose a fresh one with flexible boughs and needles that are difficult to pull off. To keep the tree fresh, make a diagonal cut in the trunk, about two inches from the bottom, and place the tree in a water-filled container. Remember, a dry tree is a fire hazard.

-Place the tree away from a fireplace, radiator, space heater, or any source of electricity.

-Trim the tree with UL-listed lights. Check the insulation on older strings of lights. Wrap bare spots with electric tape, or better, replace those strings. For

outdoor lights, use exterior lights connected to weatherproof outlets.

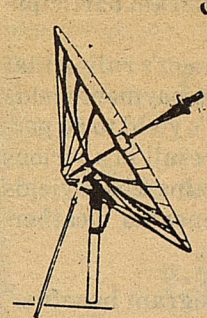
-Turn off the tree and outside lights before you leave the house or go to bed.

-Examine every toy you consider purchasing. Look for potential dangers to children. If a toy can be swallowed or has a sharp edge, choose another. It's strongly suggested that you observe the age recommendations which are indicated on toys.

-Keep children away from some holiday decorations such as berries of holly, mistletoe, and the leaves of poinsetta, all of which can be poisonous if swallowed.

-If you're planning a party at which you serve alcohol, plan also for plenty of non-alcoholic beverages and food. Close the bar early, mix drinks moderately, and don't allow guests to drive home if they've had too much to drink. Do not count on coffee to sober guests. Coffee does not counteract the alcohol in the blood stream.

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LUBBOCK, Friday, December 2, 1983

In the thick of the 1983 harvest, many cotton producers on the Plains have not taken the time for a hard look at all the details of the 1984 cotton program.

"But those of us who have," say PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnson, "are sharply critical of both the program in general and of two features in particular that appear to be especially designed to make things difficult for High Plains producers."

Looking just at the big picture, Johnson states, the 25 percent voluntary acreage reduction program, with no provision for payment in kind or other means to reduce the adverse effect of the limit on payments, doesn't offer enough incentive for producer participation. "Without a payment in kind program or other paid diversion, we are concerned that producers will plant too much cotton, add 800,000 to a million bales or more to the 1984 carryover, and push the industry right back into an oversupply situation."

This lack of participation incentive is the program's major shortcoming, Johnson continues, the ill effects of which he expects to fall on the entire Cotton Belt with more or less equal force. "Although PCG is making the effort," Johnson says, "in all honesty there appears to be little if any chance that the basic program can or will be changed. And about all we can do in that regard is hope that our assessment of the potential for overproduction is wrong."

There is still hope however, the PCG executive believes, that something can be done to change two of the mandated procedures for 1984 that otherwise will serve as definite disincentives to program participation on the High Plains.

Johnson refers first to the Department's ruling that for 1984 reduces the floor under farm payment yields from 90 percent of the previous year's yield to 80 percent. This change, he explains, will result in a serious loss of payment yields on the High Plains where yields already have been depressed by repeated weather-induced crop failures in recent years.

"Reduced yields mean reduced program benefits," Johnson points out, "and that means even more of our producers may be tempted to ignore the acreage reduction program and plant every available acre, hoping to recover from the market what this ruling would take away."

The other program feature that hits hard at the Plains, PCG is telling the Department, involves program sign-up rules. In previous years, producers have been asked to "enroll" in programs early in the year, but were given the option to withdraw at any time before July 15.

But in 1984 USDA in effect has made the early sign-up (January 16 to February 24) irrevocable.

"Our producers can't possibly know in February what management decisions will best fit the conditions that exist at planting time in May or June," Johnson states.

And special hardship could fall on producers with both cotton and feed grain bases, he continues, explaining that if such a producer signs up in both programs and loses his cotton late in June, he will be denied the opportunity to replant failed cotton acreage to grain sorghum without paying prohibitive damages.

"So," says Johnson, "there's a real possibility that producers with this potential problem may opt to go outside the program on feed grains and possibly on both commodities."

Don't Forget To Send Us Your News

ASCS **News**
 by Jerry Stone

1984 COTTON PROGRAM

I know many of you are already planning on next years planting. So here's how the 1984 Upland Cotton Acreage Reduction program is going to work.

- Sign-up is January 16, thru February 24, 1984
- You must reduce your plantings by 25 percent of your base. 1984 bases are figured by taking the average of your 1982 and 1983 planted and considered planted acreage.
- 33.33 percent of what you plant must be in set-aside "Acreage Conservation Reserve" (This new work replaces CUA but means the same).
- The set aside requirements are basically the same as in the past. Cover on the set-aside may be grazed until April 15 and after October 15, 1984.
- Target price is .81 lb. and the National Loan rate is .55 lb. There is no PIK and no advance deficiency payments. Also each farm and each crop stand on its own.
- Unlike in the past, you will be signing an ARP contract. This means that after February 24, you can't back out. Well, actually you can, but you'll be paying liquidation damages for not complying.

1984 BASE AND YIELD APPEALS

1984 feed grain and cotton bases and 1984 feed grain and wheat yields may be appealed thru December 14, 1983.

PRODUCTION CARDS

Production cards for reporting 1983 cotton production have been mailed. If you do not harvest any production, please put a "0" in the new lint block, sign, date, and return the card to this office.

COTTON PIK

Producers who are eligible to receive PIK cotton entitlement from CCC inventory (60 percent) may pick up their cotton at any time. CCC will pay storage on the cotton until you take title to it, but no later than March 14, 1984. This cotton must be picked up by the close of business on March 14, 1984, or else, you will lose it.

OTHER REMINDERS

Applications and sales documents for Mohair, wool, and unshorn lambs must be filed no later than January 31, 1984 to be eligible for incentive payments.

Don't forget the Harvest for PIK requirement if you received some cotton from CCC inventory and need to satisfy the rest of your entitlement with your 1983 cotton crop. Cotton ginned at all gins in Borden County will be eligible for CCC loans.

AGRICULTURAL FOREIGN INVESTMENT

Any foreign person who acquires or transfers any interest other than security interest in agricultural land is required to notify the ASCS office not later than 90 days of the acquisition or transfer.

**Roemisch
Twin Boys**

Randy and Cynthia Roemisch are proud to announce that they are parents of twin boys, Jeremy Daniel and Joshua Bryan. The pair were born December 12 in Abilene and weighed 7 lb. 11 oz and 6 lb. 9 oz.

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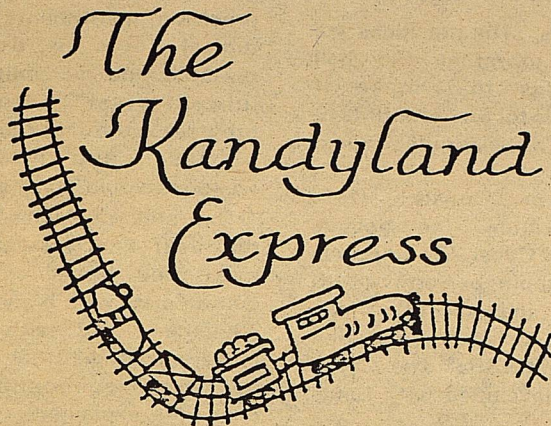
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THE FINISHING TOUCH

"The Finishing Touch," a color and grooming seminar for young ladies, grades 5 through 12, and their mothers will be held on Monday, December 19, 1983 in the 4-H Exhibit Building in Gail. The seminar will last from 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. with a salad luncheon being served at noon.

The seminar will include four different sessions for each of the age groups. The young ladies will be divided into two groups-5th-8th grade and 9th-12 grade. There will also be sessions for the mothers.

The sessions that will be offered and the speakers for each session are as follows:

- Modeling by Linda Lynch, Lubbock, County Extension Agent-Home Economics.
- Color, Wardrobe, Makeup

by Betty League, an independent beauty consultant.

-Manners by Mickie Baird, teacher and counselor at Western Texas College.

-Body Language and Voice Tone by Jan McCathern, Borden High School speech and drama teacher.

This seminar is being sponsored by the 4-H and Youth Committee, the 4-H Adult Leaders and the Borden County Extension Service.

Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of race, color, sex, religion, socio-economic level, national origin or handicap. Plan to attend this educational activity.

DISTRICT FOOD SHOW RESULTS

Shayne Hess and d'Arceyanne Lemons placed second overall in their respective categories at the District 4-H Food Show held December 10, 1983 at Texas Tech University.

These two 4-H'ers along with Cody Stone and Charla Lewis represented Borden County at this district-wide activity.

The categories and

awards are as follows: Shayne Hess, main dish, blue award, second overall; Cody Stone, nutritious snacks and desserts, blue award; d'Arceyanne Lemons, breads and cereals, blue award, second overall; and Charla Lewis, fruits and vegetables, red award.

Each of these 4-H'ers are to be congratulated on their accomplishments in the 4-H food and nutrition project.

BODY SCULPTURING

Houston- Inherited fat deposits usually found in the thighs, buttocks and abdomen, and generally unresponsive to exercise and weight loss programs now can be permanently removed by a medical procedure relatively new to the United States.

Lipo-Suction Surgery allows trained physician to first loosen and then extract fat with a high vacuum suction probe, which is introduced into a particular area of the body through a tiny skin incision.

Houston surgeon Garry W. Fenno has performed Lipo-Suction Surgery on more than 50 patients since last June. He does not advocate it as a cure for obesity, but as a method that allows physically fit people to eliminate offensive bulges.

Once fat cells-cellulite-accumulate in the body, they are there for life. There is a theory that heredity plays an important role in their establishment, explains Dr. Fenno.

"In other words, an adult has a fixed number of fat cells, which increase in size due to their storage capacity as the adult gains weight. When an adult loses weight, these fat cells will shrink, but not to their original size," says Dr. Fenno, noting that although the person may return to his original weight, his body shape is altered permanently.

Dr. Fenno is the only Texas surgeon who is a member of the American Society of Lipo-Suction Surgery-an organization that perfected the French procedure to also remove fat from the cheeks, jowls and

neck.

"There is, of course, a limit as to how much fat can be removed. Fat is necessary to insulate the skin and underlying muscle," says Dr. Fenno.

Although there is no real age limit, each patient is evaluated on an individual basis and should be in good health. According to Dr. Fenno, few or no long-term effects or consequences have been found to occur in the procedure when performed by a properly qualified physician.

The surgery may be performed in either the doctor's surgical outpatient suite or in a hospital. There is little discomfort, and many patients see results within several weeks of the surgery.

Dennis Newborn

Congratulations to Nancy and Steve Dennis on the birth of their first born!

Burt Patrick Dennis was born November 22, 1983 in Odessa. He weighed 7 lbs and 3 ozs.

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SELLING ROPE TO THE HANGMAN

By Richard A. Viguerie
Washington, D. C.--Ed Hume, the writer of "The Day After," was quoted in the New York Times as saying, "I would like to see people start to question the value of defending this country with a nuclear arsenal." If that was his goal when he wrote the movie, he apparently failed.

According to most surveys, the program merely reinforced existing fears about the danger of nuclear war. There was even a slight increase in public confidence in President Reagan's peacemaking efforts. The only clear message from the people was that they want to avoid nuclear war at any price

short of surrender to the Soviets. Exactly how to avoid war is an open question.

For example, reasonable men and women disagree over whether a nuclear freeze will reduce the chance of war. But almost everyone would agree that it is madness to provide our enemies with the computers and other sophisticated gear they need to destroy us.

American companies are selling to the Soviets the very equipment they need to blow Kansas City off the map, and the U.S. government is using taxpayers' money to promote trade with the Soviet Empire.

Credits to communist

countries from the Export-Import Bank alone amounted to more than a billion dollars during the last four years. From January 1981 through March 1983, the communists paid an average interest rate 7.1 points below the prime rate.

White agencies such as the Commodity Credit Corporation, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, and the International Monetary Fund have provided assistance to the USSR and the governments it has imposed on other nations, the Soviet bloc's debt to U.S. banks has grown to more than \$70 billion.

With their financial health assured, the Soviets have acquired the hardware they need to improve their nuclear capability.

The Bryant Chucking Grinder Company sold 164 of its unique precision grinding machines to the

Soviets. The machines are used to grind the ball bearings that make it possible for Soviet ICBMs to hit our missiles in their silos.

From Control Data Corporation, the Soviets bought Cyber 73 computers that could perform at 80 times the speed of the fastest computer designed in the USSR. The Cyber 73s, developed with funds from the U.S. Defense Department, reportedly operate the system that would protect the USSR from retaliation for a nuclear strike.

IBM computers are believed to be a mainstay of the Warsaw Pact air defense system. The Western-built radar devices and computers in the Moscow airport's traffic-control system can accurately project the future flight paths of airplanes and missiles.

The Soviets have used our computer technology to develop laser weapons such as one used recently to blind a U.S. observation satellite. According to defense expert Miles Costick, a former top Soviet official testified that "without the use of American computers,

precision instruments and digital tools in Soviet research and development laboratories." Soviet progress in the development of laser and nuclear weapons would have halted.

To protect ourselves from the threat of nuclear war, we must stop furnishing the communists with high-tech equipment and with the loans and credits that prop up their economies. Properly explained, tight restrictions on trade with the Soviet bloc would be supported by the vast majority of the American people.

The sequence of events in "The Day After" was apparently intended to blame the United States for the final war. In that fiction, there is a grain of truth:

It, one bright morning, Kansas City vanishes in the burst of a Soviet missile, it may indeed be the fault of some Americans--the Big Business establishment that gave major assistance to our enemy. IBM, Control Data, Citicorp, the Chase Manhattan Bank, their allies in the Commerce Department, and others will bear responsibility for selling the Soviets the rope with which to hang us.

Public Notice

In order to comply with the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) Computer Inquiry II (CI-II) order and subsequent FCC Orders or rulings, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWB) has filed with the Public Utility Commission (PUC) an Application for transfer of certain assets to American Telephone and Telegraph Company (AT&T), and/or its subsidiaries.

This Application affects the provision of customer premise equipment (CPE) throughout SWB's service area in the state of Texas. Effective with the implementation of this transfer of facilities, which is expected to be on January 1, 1984, CPE equipment previously provided by SWB, under tariff, will be detariffed and as of that date will be offered to customers by AT&T and/or its subsidiaries in accordance with the order in FCC Docket No. 81-893.

The FCC's order also provides that this embedded CPE shall be offered to in-place customers on a sale or lease basis for 24 month transition period. The order furthermore outlines the rates and conditions under which these sale or lease plans may be carried out.

For the purposes of this Application, SWB has filed proposed tariffs with the PUC, anticipated to be effective January 1, 1984, withdrawing its offerings of such customer premise equipment.

Persons who wish to intervene or otherwise participate in these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible. A request to intervene, participate, or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission Consumer Affairs Division at (512) 458-0223 or (512) 458-0227 or (512) 458-0221 teletypewriter for the deaf.

Aviso al Publico

A fin de cumplir con el decreto Computer Inquiry II (Investigación de Computadoras II: CI-II) de la Federal Communications Commission (Comisión Federal de Comunicaciones: FCC) y otros decretos o decisiones posteriores de la FCC, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWB) ha presentado ante la Public Utility Commission (Comisión de Servicios Públicos: PUC) una Solicitud para la transferencia de ciertos bienes a American Telephone and Telegraph Company (AT&T) y/o compañías filiales.

Esta Solicitud afecta la suministro del equipo ubicado en instalaciones del cliente, en toda el área de servicio de SWB en el estado de Texas. Con vigencia desde el cumplimiento de esta transferencia de instalaciones, presuntamente el 1° de Enero de 1984, los equipos ubicados en instalaciones del cliente que anteriormente proveía SWB bajo una determinada tarifa, se proporcionarán por AT&T y/o compañías filiales a partir de esa fecha, siendo eliminadas las tarifas, de acuerdo con el decreto en la Orden del Día número 81-893 de la FCC.

El decreto de la FCC también dispone que este equipo fijo ubicado en instalaciones del cliente se ofrecerá a los clientes en venta o alquiler por un periodo de transición de 24 meses. Asimismo, el decreto indica en líneas generales las tarifas y condiciones según las cuales deberán llevarse a cabo los planes de venta o alquiler.

Para el propósito de esta Solicitud, SWB ha registrado las tarifas propuestas ante la PUC, presuntamente con vigencia a partir del 1° de Enero de 1984, suspendiendo la suministro de dicho equipo.

Toda persona que desee intervenir o participar en el proceso debe notificar a la Comisión lo antes posible. Las solicitudes de intervención, participación o información deben dirigirse a: Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757. Para obtener mayor información debe llamar a Public Utility Commission Consumer Affairs Division, (512) 458-0223, al (512) 458-0227 o al (512) 458-0221 si requiere teletipo para sordos.



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