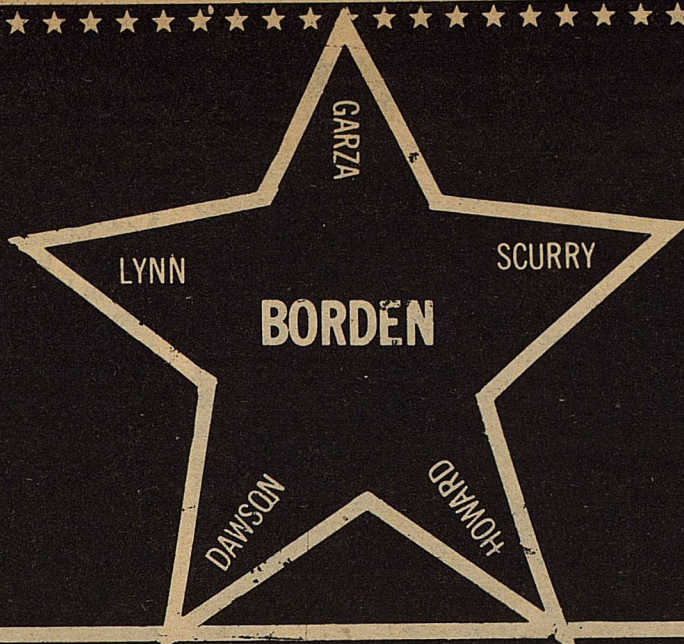


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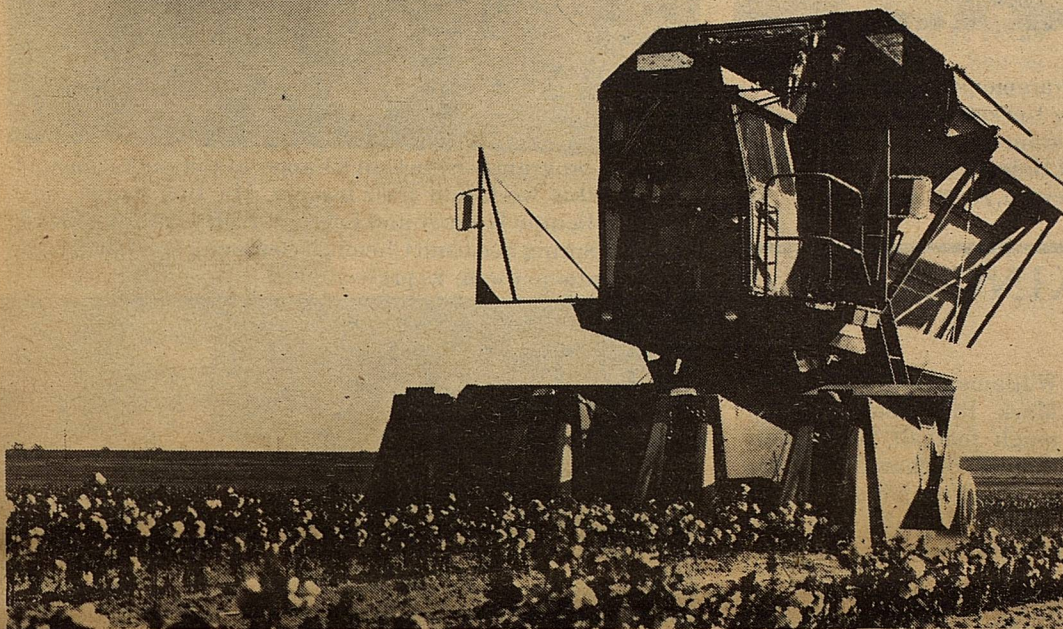
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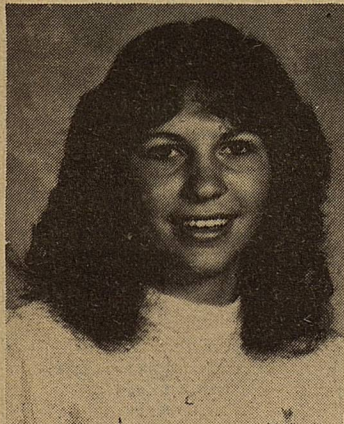


COTTON HARVEST: A familiar sight across the county. Many producers in the area defoliated their crops and are now in the process of harvesting while some are waiting on the first hard freeze before they move to their fields.

Youngblood Herefords through four generations ... a ranching heritage

BY Bo Griffin

The ranching business began as a natural thing for Arlan Youngblood and his family. They have been in the cattle business for four generations now, in some of the most stubborn and



ROXIE WOLF

Roxie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Wolf, has been chosen AS Sweetheart of the Gail Chapter of The Future Farmers of America.

awesome cow country in Texas.

The Youngblood Ranch lies along the CapRock Escarpment and borders both Borden and Dawson counties approximately 14 miles east of Lamesa.

Some 250 head of registered Hereford cows graze 17 sections which comprises the Youngblood Hereford Ranch.

"We began running Hereford cattle over 45 years ago when my father, Alton Youngblood, purchased the first registered cattle," says Arlan Youngblood.

It's tough country, comprised of sheer rock cliffs, narrow ravines and long falt stretches of mesquite brush. It's the kind of country that breeds tough cattle and tough cattlemen as well.

"Our stocking rate on this

ranch is about one animal unit per 25 to 30 acres," says Youngblood.

Youngblood says that have had some sort of brush control program on the ranch for the past 20 years.

"We've sprayed some areas of this ranch by airplane twice in the past 20 years and we've spot treated other areas either using chemicals like 2-4-D, 2-4-5-T or Tordon, we will go in and root plow, chop and over seed with grass," Youngblood explains.

"Part of this ranch, we got 20 years ago and the brush problem was really tough," he remembers. "What we call Tobacco Creek runs through the flat part of this ranch and the brush was something else. Just to give you an idea of how bad it was, you could go in there on horseback and the brush

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Bill Flint killed in one-car accident

Gail-A one car accident took the life of Bill Flint, Borden County resident, Sunday October 31.

Tommy Gwinn, driver of the pick-up, and Flint were returning from Lamesa when the accident occurred three miles west of Gail on hiway 180. According to Sheriff Sneed a front wheel was blown out apparently causing the driver to lose control. The vehicle rolled several times throwing Flint twenty feet or more from the truck. Gwinn was also thrown out the back window landing in the pickup.

Mrs. Gwinn, who was following the pickup was the first to arrive after the accident. Justice of the Peace Carolyn Stone pronounced Flint dead on the scene. Both Flint and Gwinn were carried to Big Spring by the Gail ambulance.

Gwinn suffered a broken leg and multiple abrasions.

He is recovering in Malone-Hogan.

Services for Flint were held at 2 p.m. Monday in First Christian Church in Lamesa with the Rev. Ron Crews, of Madill, Okla., and the Rev. Rob Scofield, pastor, officiating.

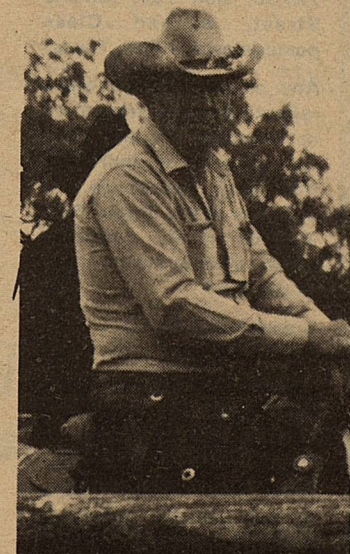
Burial was in Lamesa Memorial Park under direction of Branon Funeral Home of Lamesa.

He was born May 23, 1932, in Llano and was rancher and owner of Flint Oilfield Construction. He moved to Gail in 1978 from Breckenridge and was employed on the OB ranch by Aubry Stokes.

Mr. Flint married Fanny Lee Jones, October 27, 1979. They resided on the Dick Jones ranch northeast of Gail.

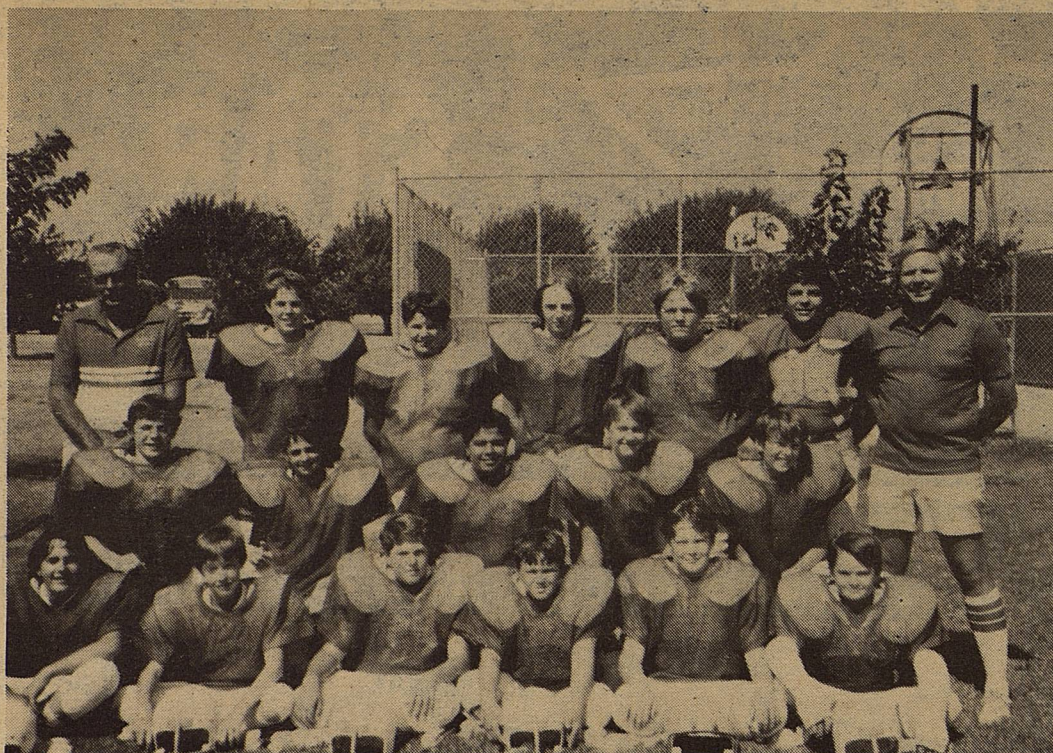
Survivors include his wife, Fanny Lee; two daughters, Robbin Roberts of Tuscola and Spring of Buffalo Gap; a son, Billy of Gail; his mother, Mrs. Elsie Flint of Madill, Okla.; three sisters, Hazel Holiday of Wichita Falls, Shirley Orr of Sweetwater and Rae Morgon of California; a brother, J. A. of Holdenville, Okla; and a grandchild. He is also survived by three step children; Jane Cox of Austin, Keith Perryman of Midland, and Richard Perryman of Tyler, Texas.

Serving as pallbearers were Aubry Stokes, Don Jones, Ralph Miller, Bob Beal, Walter Boldin and Gary Simpson.



BILL FLINT

BORDEN COUNTY SCHOOL NEWS



ZONE CHAMPIONS

The Junior High Coyote Football team has won the Zone Championship. They are shown with their coaches-left to right- Coach Frisbie, Mickey Burkett, Gerry Smith, Rocky Harbor, Matthew Massingill, Tommy Soto and Assistant Coach Maxwell. Center Row-Brice Key, Michael Murphy, Ray Martinez, David Holmes, Monty Floyd. Front-John Stephens, Will Phinizy, Randall Hollis, Richie Anderson, Alex Lemons and Harold Barnes. Absent for picture-John Martin Carrol .

GOOD PASSING, BLOCKING, KICKING BY COYOTES

The offensive line of the Coyotes out-played the larger McCaulley defensive line and enabled the Coyotes backfield time to select holes, to run for. Telchik had ample time to complete nearly all his passes. It was the work of Sammy Williams and Charles LaRue that enabled Telchik time to find Mark

Rice on his pass routes. "We put in one new pass pattern to take advantage of McCaulley defensive backs" said Coach Frisbie. The McCaulley defense was trying to stop Sammy Williams, so LaRue and Rice were able to find lots of open spaces to run into.

"Our line did an excellent job of blocking Keith

Williams, Doug Love and Mark Rine really played tough football, and again Dennis Buchanan did an outstanding job of kicking us out of trouble time and time again."

The Coyotes have an open date this week and end the season at home against Paint Creek on November 12 at 7:00 p.m.

BEAUTY PAGEANT SLATED FOR NOVEMBER 16

The Borden County annual beauty pageant will be held Tuesday, November 16, at 7:00 p.m.

This pageant is planned to provide an opportunity for our students to improve their social graces. It is designed to improve poise, posture, charm, and reflect inner personalities to the audience which exemplifies ones true beauty.

The judges this year are from Western Texas College, Snyder, Texas. They are as follows:

Mickey Baird-director of all student activities; which includes cheerleaders, sports, and dances. She holds a BS and MA degree from Sul Ross.

Eunice Irwin-new director of the Scurry Museum and the Diamond M Museum of Fine Arts.

She is a history major and came from Emporia, Kansas.

Dave Foster-boys golf coach and manager of the pro-shop. He is a graduate of Western Texas College and Mary-Hardin Baylor University. He was the youngest golf coach in the U.S. last year. He was selected Region V golf coach of the year.

The annual staff and Mrs. Jarrett extend to each high school girl an opportunity to participate in the contest this year. The candidates of most handsome boy will be presented and revealed at this time.

We urge each of you to come and support these students as they have fun participating in this year's pageant.

November 9 at Sundown
5:00 p.m.- 2 games-Junior Varsity and Varsity Girls.

November 15 at Ira
4:00 p.m.-Junior Varsity and Varsity girls.

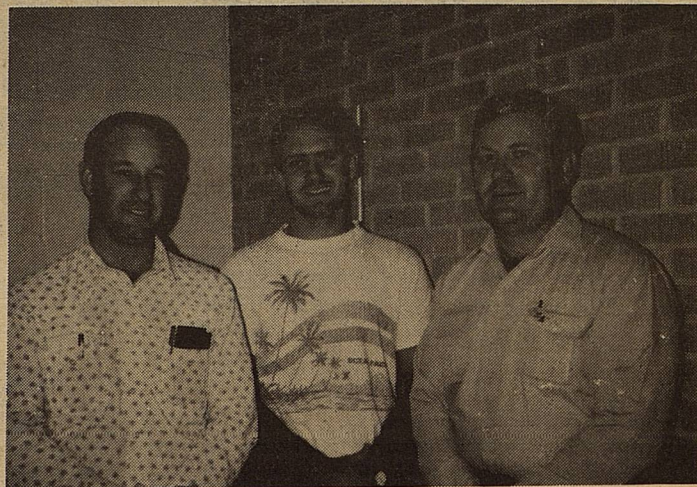
JUNIOR HIGH ZONE CHAMPIONS

The Borden County Junior High ended a perfect season last Thursday with a win over the Ira Bulldogs.

The alert play of Brice Key aided both the offense and defense to perform extremely well. Brice returned a punt for a score

and that was the big play for the Coyotes.

Tommy Soto ran well and played good defense along with John Stephens and Mickey Burkett. "The defense has played very well for the last three weeks," stated Coach Frisbie.



Giving a program for the Gail Chapter of Future Farmers of America this week and their teacher, Mr. Bob Bagler (left) were Mr. Ronnie Wagner and Larry Billberry. Mr. Wagner is with Big Spring Seed and Chemical Company and Larry is an area nutritionist with Evergreen Feed.



Some of the spooks found roaming the Coyote's halls last week were Nancy Martinez, Stephanie Stephens and Tanya Hollis.

MENU

November 8-12, 1982

	<u>Lunch</u>	<u>Breakfast</u>
Monday	Chicken Strips Mashed Potatoes English Peas Hot Rolls Salad Bar	Toast & Jelly Fruit Milk
Tuesday	Burritos Pinto Beans Carrot Sticks Fruit Cobbler Milk Salad Bar	Biscuits Fruit Milk
Wednesday	Lasaena Green Beans. Cole Slaw Hot Rolls Pudding Milk Salad Bar	Cinnamon Toast Fruit Juice Milk
Thursday	Hobo Stew Vegetable Salad Applesauce Hot Rolls Milk Salad Bar	Coffee Cake Fruit Milk
Friday	Hamburgers French Fries Lettuce-Tomatoes Chocolate Cake Milk Salad Bar	Cereal Fruit Juice Milk

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BORDEN COUNTY SCHOOL NEWS

COLLEGE CORNER



LISA McLEROY

Lisa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James McLeroy of Gail, is a senior at Texas Tech University. Lisa will graduate in May with a B.S. in Elementary Education. She is presently doing her student teaching at Lubbock Public Schools.



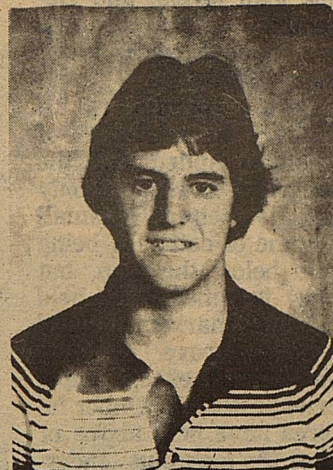
RHESA WOLF

Rhesa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Wolf, is a senior at Texas Tech University. She will receive a B. S. Degree in Elementary Education in December. Rhesa is doing her student teaching in Lubbock Public Schools.



PENNYE THOMPSON

Penny, granddaughter of Mrs. L.B. Jones, has finished a 2 year pre-nursing course at Texas Tech University. She is now attending nurses training classes at the Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. She will receive her R.N. degree in 18 months.



PERRY SMITH

Perry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Smith, will graduate from Texas Tech in May. He will receive his B.S. degree in Animal Production.



SID WESTBROOK

Sid, son of Mr. Ross Westbrook, is a senior at Texas Tech University. He is working for a B.S. Degree in Animal Production.



BRENT RHOTON

Brent, son of Mr. and Mrs. S.C. Rhoton is attending Texas Tech. Brent is working toward an Electrical Engineering Degree

BEAUTY PAGEANT
SLATED FOR
November 16

JUNIOR HIGH PEP RALLY

Brice Key presented the team talk for the Junior High's last pep rally. Brice showed appreciation to Coach Frisbie and the cheerleaders. "We couldn't have done it (have a perfect season) without them," said Brice. "I think we are going to beat them tonight", he said. The Junior high finished the season with a 6-0 season and the Zone Championship.

Mrs. Westbrook was presented the "Spirit stick" for the assistance given the team and good pep rallies she helped to plan.

Coach Frisbie was appreciative of the good season for the junior high,

as shown in his pep talk, "We have been very lucky this season, having no injuries and no hurt feelings. We have a good,

hard-working, physical team in our junior high Coyotes. If we block and work well together we will win the Zone Championship."

The pep rally had a special twist this week. The color guard from the Coyote Marching band had an exhibition planned, including rifles, flags and the twirler. Candy and spirit footballs were thrown to a delighted audience to make the last pep rally even more special.

CLASS OF 1979

High School Basketball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TEAMS	TIME
Nov. 23(Tues)	Roby	H	A-B Girls A Boys	5:00
Nov. 30(Tues)	Loop	H	A Girls A Boys	6:30
Dec. 2,3,4	New Home Tournament			
Dec. 7(Tues)	Ropes	H	A-B Girls A Boys	5:00
Dec. 9,10,11	Highland Tournament			
Dec. 14(Tues)	Hermleigh	T	A Girls A Boys	6:30
Dec. 16,17,18	Borden County Tournament			
Jan. 4(Tues)	Hermleigh	H	A Girls A Boys	6:30
Jan. 7(Fri)	Dawson	T	A Girls A Boys	6:30
Jan. 11(Tues)	*Klondike	H	A-B Girls A Boys	5:00
Jan. 14(Fri)	*Greenwood	T	A-B Girls A Boys	5:00
Jan. 18(Tues)	*Sands	H	A-B Girls A Boys	5:00
Jan. 20(Thur)	*Grady	T	A Girls A Boys	6:30
Jan. 25(Tues)	Loop	T	A Girls A Boys	6:30
Jan. 28(Fri)	*Klondike	T	A-B Girls A Boys	5:00
Feb. 1(Tues)	*Greenwood	H	A-B Girls A Boys	5:00
Feb. 4(Fri)	*Sands	T	A-B Girls A Boys	5:00
Feb. 8(Tues)	*Grady	H	A Girls A Boys	6:30
Feb. 11(Fri)	(Open)			

Jr. High Basketball Schedule.

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Nov. 22(Mon)	*Klondike	Here	6:00
Nov. 29(Mon)	*Greenwood	There	6:00
Dec. 6(Mon)	*Sands	Here	6:00
Dec. 13(Mon)	*Grady	There	6:00
Jan. 3(Mon)	(Open)		

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Jan. 31(Mon)	*Grady	Here	6:00
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	4-H Meeting 11:14-11:41	UIL Band Marching Contest				
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		5:00 p.m. H.S. Basketball Girls Scrimmage Sun-down-There		VETERAN DAY	END SIX WEEKS	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	4:00 p.m. H.S. Basketball Girls Scrimmage Ira - There	7:00 p.m. Beauty Contest School Aud.		4:00 p.m. H.S. Basketball Boys Scrimmage D/Donnell - T		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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Cotton program participation urged

Wherever you care to take it, the vote is unanimous: supplies of cotton, corn, sorghum and wheat must be whittled down to levels more nearly in line with demand. There's no other way agriculture can emerge from what has been called the current "economic swamp."

Leaders of farm organizations, congressmen and senators, U.S. Department of Agriculture officials, economists and marketing specialists to a man are exhorting producers to comply with 1983 acreage reduction programs. Financial ruin, economic suicide, perpetual poverty and an enduring economy-wide depression are among the terms used to describe the alternative.

USDA, to its credit, is beefing up export credit programs, offering more attractive interest rates and repayment terms and considering other means to lure more foreign buyers of U.S. agricultural commodities. But the mountain of surpluses defies all hope of near-term price boosting success for these actions unless they are supplemented by producer planting restraint next spring.

Ideally, farmers without exception would comply with 1983 acreage reduction programs to the fullest, cutting cotton acreage 25 percent and idling 20 percent of wheat, corn and sorghum acres. Failure to comply renders a producer ineligible for government commodity loans, deficiency and diversion payments.

Similar but smaller reduction plans for these commodities were in effect in 1982, but their effectiveness was blunted by a \$50,000 per person limit on aggregate government payments. Large farmers, who produce a high percentage of the crops, preferred to take a chance on market prices rather than lay out high priced land in return for partial payments and eligibility for loan levels below their cost of production.

The results have been far worse than anyone ex-

pected. Both corn and wheat are selling in the cash market at prices below loan levels, and December futures for both are quoted even lower than cash prices.

Cotton producers, a higher percentage of whom complied with the program, have fared only slightly better. A small volume of cotton is being sold below the loan, but most is either being held off the market or sold slightly above its loan value. And except for a brief period, December futures have held above or near the loan plus tendering cost. In short, for the

most part the loan has served as a floor under prices.

"But," says Donald Johnson, Executive Vice President of Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., "if we produce another large crop in 1983, and if half of it or more is ineligible for the loan, the floor will collapse just as it has for grains."

Partial payments for large producers may not be much of an incentive to participate in acreage reduction, Johnson continues, "but without high program participation, 1983 market prices 10 or 15 cents below the 55-cent

1983 base quality loan level are a very real threat, and that alone should be enough to make every farmer think long and hard before going outside the cotton program."

Incumbents re-elected by Sweetwater PCA

Three incumbent directors were re-elected to their positions during the 48th Annual stockholders meeting held Oct. 15 at the Scurry County Coliseum in Snyder.

Elected for three-year terms were Othell O'Kelly of Trent for Position 2; Audry Head of Snyder for Position 3; and J.D. Crawford of Midland for Position 7.

Approximately 250 members and guests attended the meeting from the 13-county area which is served by Sweetwater Production Credit Association. W.J. (Dub) Harvey Jr., Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order. J.D. Crawford of Midland presented the Report from the Board, and Billy Hallman, president, reviewed the financial status of the association. The Association has total assets of \$68,732,518, total liabilities of \$54,981,258.

and a total net worth of \$13,751,260.

J.G. (Garland) Moore of Roby presented the Nominating Committee report, and members elected to serve on that committee for 1982-83 were: Ray Ritchey (member) and Landus Finley (alternate) from the Colorado City Office; R.D. Echols (member) and Leroy Vogler (alternate), Lamesa Office; Frank Mitchell (member) and Jerry Hoodenpyle (alternate), Roby Office; Mark Lyons (member) and Wayne Crow (alternate), Snyder Office; Eddie Odom (member) and Malcolm Tunnell (alternate), Stanton Office; and Morris Guelker (member) and Alton McCain (alternate) from the Central Office.

Mrs. JoVan Sears, known as "The Country Cousin", was entertainment for the meeting. Al's Barbeque served lunch for members and guests.

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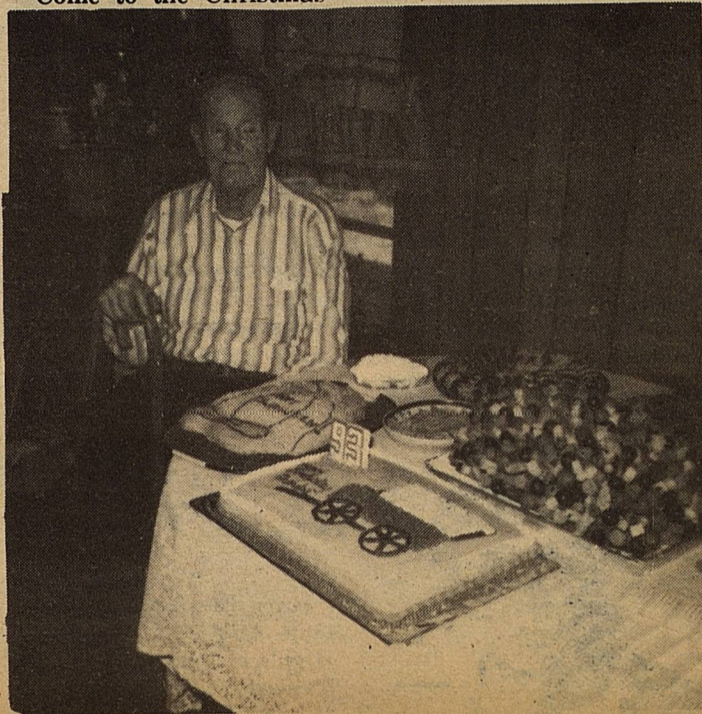
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4-H Christmas Bazaar

The annual 4-H Christmas Bazaar will be held on Tuesday, November 30, 1982 in the Borden Schools Conference Room from 3:00 p.m. until the start of the basketball game.

Come to the Christmas

Bazaar to buy some of your gifts, holiday decorations, candy, and baked goods. A few of the items that will be available are initial pillows, Christmas wreaths, tree ornaments, divinity, etc.



Mr. Preston Sharp was honored with a come and go birthday party Sunday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Sharp. Seventy five friends and relatives dropped in to visit and enjoy refreshments. Big Spring, Fort Stokton, Hobbs New Mexico, Wink, Clyde, Post, O'Donnell, Lamesa, Marble Falls, Snyder and Midland were among the addresses on the register.

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Youngblood

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would still be way over your head."

Youngblood says it used to take 14 cowboys to work their cattle. "We would ride down there on Tobacco hootin and hollerin and hope some of those cattle would come out on a high place where we could see them. Today through, with our brush control program, it only takes four cowboys and we don't miss too many cows. I guess it's a good think too, because I don't think you could find 14 cowboys in this county anymore," he laments.

According to Youngblood, they handle their brush program the most economical way they can. "After all, the cattle are the one's that are going to pay for it."

"Some people have oil money and can afford to pretty much get rid of their entire brush problem," he exclaims. "When you're talking about \$13.50 per acre for an aerial spraying, you're talking about quite an investment on your brush. It's the type of investment that cattle will not be able to afford."

The Youngblood's, for the most part, work their own cattle without hiring any outside help.

"When I've got my kids here, I don't need any help," says Arlan. "We never hire any extra help but when we need it, we'll swap out with the neighboring Canon Ranch."

All of the Youngbloods' were trained in the cow business at an early age. Arlan began working these Hereford cattle on horseback with his father at the age of four.

"My kids are used to working cattle. Heck, Kent and Kelli (son and daughter) were making a full run at these cattle on horseback when they were four years old. Now, Katti Merritt, my granddaughter (Tom and Kelli's daughter) is beginning to make short runs with us on horseback but she's just 18 months old.

I figure by the time she's

four, she'll be making a full run at these cattle." Youngblood proudly says.

The Youngblood Ranch is designed to handl cattle in an easy manner. The cow herd is located in a 11 section part of the ranch which is divided into six pastures. The corrals are located as close to the center of the six pastures as possible.

"When we get through working a bunch of cows all we have to do is turn them directly back into their respective pasture from the pens," he says.

Youngblood is proud of the fact he hasn't added a single cow to his herd from outside the ranch in 25 years.

His cows are modern-type Herefords, long, deep bodies with lots of leg, plenty of stretch and growth. About 85 percent of his cows are eigher daughters or descendants of the big Mischief 119 herd sire which at one time weighed 2,540 pounds.

There are several reasons Youngblood hasn't added any outside females to his herd for the past 25 years.

"We got rid of the dwarfism problem about 30 years ago and we certainly don't want that problem again," he explains. "Another reason is that a man will not sell his best heifers and we certainly don't want his culls. Besides, we know what our cows have done for us and what they're able to do. We expect and demand a great deal from out cattle and we get it," he adds.

"We were not hurt with dwarfism problems like a lot of other breeders were," Youngblood states. "Even back then, we relied quite a bit on our herd records. We never, to this day, have ahad a dwarf born on this ranch, mainly because we were lucky enough to have kept good records," he adds.

"We solved our problem with the dwarfism gene when a customer of ours called one day to tell us he had had a dwarf calf out of a bull we had sold him, to a bull we had bought from a ranch way up north. he way we got rid of the problem

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Stanley Strout, auctioneer
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was to check our herd records and sell every daughter and descendant including the herd sire himself no matter how good the cattle appeared," he adds.


The Youngblood cattle have been producing for a long time. There are still a few cows which will trace back to the first two herd sires Arlan's father, Alton, purchased in 1937.

"Those first two herd sires were Domino Return 316 bought from the Winston Bros. Ranch at Snyder and Anxiety Domino 23 bought from the W. J. Dodson Ranch at Albany," rmembers Youngblood.

In 1957, the Youngblood Ranch purchased the entire heifer calf crop of Howard Hampton's at Logan, New Mexico. "These Real Silver Domino and Real Onward heifers were the very last femalek ever brought onto your ranch," Youngblood states.

Youngblood keeps approximately 25 heifers a year out of his herd as replacements and these heifers are bred to Longhorn bulls.

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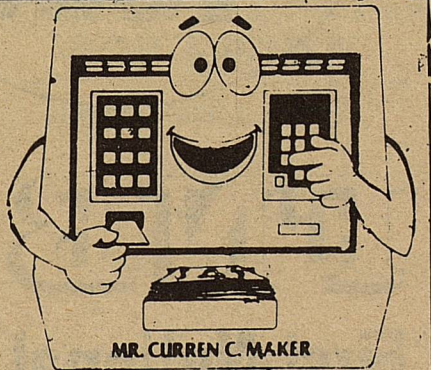
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Back on standard time...

Let's see now, how do you reset a sundial?

NEW YORK (AP) — When daylight-saving time starts and ends, I'm never sure whether I'm supposed to turn the clock forward or back. However, those versed in horology tell me that when the change to standard time occurs Oct. 31, we turn the clock back and somehow regain the hour we lost last spring.

Not so in my case. I'll lose more than those 60 minutes just resetting the 10 clocks in our house.

For a few of them it's just a simple operation: a quick flip of the minute hand once around the dial. But changing others requires poring over the blueprints that came with the timepieces, manual dexterity, a knowledge of higher mathematics, patience — and a little bit o' luck.

The living room is easy — spin the long hand of the battery-run, open-face wall clock one revolution and we're back in business. Clock No. 2 in that room sits on the bookcase, providing not only the time but also the day of the week and how far along we are in the month — as long as I remember to wind it every eight days. If it happens to be on target all I have to do is turn it over, put on my glasses and try to determine which knob changes the time as opposed to the alarm.

Now to the dining room. It sports an electric clock that marks the minutes by flipping numbered tabs. There's a knob on the side to do the job fast on these semiannual occasions. But since it flips only forward, it takes a steady hand and

close attention to stop at the proper place. One extra flip and I'm a minute ahead of everyone else all winter. The alternative, if I've flipped too vigorously, is to pull out the plug, wait 60 seconds and then reinsert it.

On to the kitchen. That clock, retained in its antiquity because it has a timer, has for the past 10 years refused to move its hands backward. Therefore it requires 11 forward trips of the minute hand to get it synchronized with its comrades.

Our bedroom has a clock on each bedside table. The one on my husband's side offers little challenge: just find the pliers and turn the setting stem, which has long since lost its knob.

On the other hand — and on the other side of the bed — my clock-radio plays go-to-sleep music, wake-up music, pulsates brightly 60 times a minute through the night, allows me to snooze a few extra moments, buzzes, rings and all but serves me coffee in bed.

The drawback to this complicated marvel of the electronic age is that, when I bought it, it took me half an hour and four pages of instructions to press all the right buttons to get it started. Now I not only have to locate the right buttons again, but I also have to locate the instruction booklet.

Leaving the bedroom, we come to the den, wherein repose three timepieces. One is so slow that it will probably already be on standard time — no problem. Another is a clockradio of the old-fashioned kind that

puts up no resistance to ticking off the same hour over again.

The third was a gag gift and has numbers that run counterclockwise, the 1 being where the 11 should be, and so on. Since I never can figure out what it's trying to tell me anyhow, I may let that one go.

I recently mentioned to my husband that the bathroom was the only room in the house that didn't have a clock. Guess what I just got for my birthday!

Computers And Crop Insurance

The computer is coming to the aid of farmers considering the new "all-risk" federal crop insurance in their production and financial plans. The Texas Agricultural Extension Service of the Texas A & M University System has been awarded a \$186,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Extension Service to develop microcomputer software programs related to the year old crop insurance plan. A software package will be developed by next January to help farmers analyze their exposure to crop production risks and to evaluate the effectiveness of USDA's all risk insurance and private crop insurance plans as risk management tools, says an Extension economist.

"There are many paths to the top of the mountain, but the view is always the same." — Chinese Proverb



HYPERTENSION A MAJOR HEALTH CONCERN

Hypertension, or abnormally high blood pressure, is one of the most prevalent health problems in the United States and is also one of the major contributors to heart attacks and strokes.

Although progress has been made to increase public awareness of hypertension and to develop effective ways of treating it, the problem still remains a major health concern.

"High blood pressure often has no clear signs or symptoms and a person can have it and not know it. That's why it's so important to get your blood pressure checked regularly and, if it is high, to follow the treatment your doctor prescribes."

Leaders of an industry funded symposium on nutrition and blood pressure control recently gave these guidelines concerning hypertension. They recommended that people:

1. Define their risks status, including diabetes, obesity, and family history of the disease.

2. Check blood pressure regularly, whether or not they are in a high risk group.

3. If pressure is normal, continue present lifestyle.

4. If pressure is slightly high, begin a program of moderate exercise; lose weight, if needed; and reduce salt intake as necessary.

5. Stop smoking and cut down alcohol intake.

6. If over 40, get a doctor's advice on exercise and take a stress test.

7. Do not drastically alter your diet by cutting out all fats and all salt containing foods, or by following only a high fiber diet. If you cut out dairy products because they contain salt, you will also lose calcium, which is essential to blood pressure regulation.

8. If sodium sensitive, follow a prescribed medical diet. Persons with normal blood pressure need not heir salt intake, but prudent use is advised.

9. If you doctor decides that you don't need medication, don't insist on it. It's better to regulate blood pressure through diet and exercise then with chemicals.



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Earth-sheltered housing seminar slated at WTC

An earth-sheltered housing seminar which attracted an enthusiastic audience at Western Texas College in August, 1981, will be repeated on November 13.

Michael Hitt will present the seminar, basing his presentation on five years of research. He is currently pursuing his doctorate at East Texas State University and also holds the master of science degree from that university. He is a member of the American Underground-Space Association and the West Texas Solar Energy Society.

The seminar touches on the major benefits and problems associated with earth-sheltered homes. Students will pay fees of \$35 each and will receive workbooks and handouts designed to accompany the discussion.

"Families in virtually every climate are discovering that living tucked into the earth offers some real advantages: low costs for energy and maintenance, peace and quiet, and a feeling of security," an article in "Better Homes and Gardens" pointed out.

Hitt tells his audiences much the same thing and has the added advantage of having lived in West Texas so he knows the firsthand conditions of the area.

To reserve space in the class, students are to call the Continuing Education office at 573-8511, extension 240. Reservations are to be made by November 10 so Hitt will have time to prepare materials for the class.

Food found in forest is good eating

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — If you're unhappy about prices at the local supermarket, then consider cattail soup, violet blossom or dandelion roots.

You can substitute boiled hemlock for your morning orange juice and still get plenty of Vitamin C. And milkweed, boiled with salt, pepper and butter, makes a tasty entree.

In fact, a hungry wanderer can find a feast in the forest, says assistant state agriculture commissioner Bill Gillespie, who recently gave foraging tips to members of the Kanawha District of the West Virginia Garden Club.

Gillespie says dining on wild plants and flowers isn't for the faint of heart — boiled hemlock needles make a broth that tastes like turpentine. But he says it does serve a purpose.

"If nothing else is gained from eating wild plants, it helps eat many weeds out of existence," he said.

The number of Americans aged 65 and older increased by 27.9 percent in the decade of the 1970s, while the population as a whole increased by 11.4 percent during this 10 year period.



The turkeys we eat at Thanksgiving are not the same breed as those enjoyed by the Pilgrims. That breed died out. Today's birds are descended from Mexican varieties.

Annette Sumrow

Services for Annette Sumrow, 60, of O'Donnell were held at 3 p.m. Monday at First Baptist Church of O'Donnell with the Rev. Mike Hinton, pastor of First United Methodist Church of O'Donnell, and the Rev. Tommy McKibben of Lubbock officiating.

Burial was in O'Donnell Cemetery under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

She died at 3:50 a.m. Saturday morning at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock after an illness.

She was born in Venus in Johnson County and her family moved to Lynn County in 1924. She married Darus Sumrow on Feb. 18, 1940, in Clovis, N.M. She was a graduate of Joe Bailey School at O'Donnell and attended beauty college in Lubbock. She also was a nurse.

She was past matron of the O'Donnell chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and at the time of her death was affiliated with Lamesa Chapter 363 of the Order of the Eastern Star. She was a charter member and past president of the 1946 Study Club in O'Donnell, past president of the PTA and was on the administrative board of First United Methodist Church of O'Donnell.

Her husband died Dec. 20, 1972.

Survivors include a daughter, Mary Ann Winkle of Lubbock; two sisters, Mrs. J.W. Gardenhire of O'Donnell and Anne Uzzle of Odessa; and a brother, Joe T. Brewer of O'Donnell.

Beat a little water into eggs when making an omelet, instead of milk or cream, for a more tender result.

Your County Agent Says

by Alan Day

Frost will be hitting Borden County very soon, and this could lead to prussic acid poisoning in livestock grazing certain pasture grasses and forages.

Although many plants contain the toxic material that causes poisoning, those causing the highest mortality in livestock when grazing after they have been frozen and wilted are Johnson and Sudan grasses and sorghum or hybrids of these.

The most dangerous time as far as the grazing of these plants is concerned is following frost when the plant material begins to wilt. Livestock should not be allowed access to the wilted material until it has dried completely. This usually takes three or four days of good sunlight. New plant growth usually becomes nontoxic and can be grazed within 10 days to two weeks following a rain.

As far as prussic acid poisoning is concerned, the poison acts rapidly and can kill animals within minutes. In most acute cases, animals become affected within 10-15 minutes after eating toxic material and can die in two to three minutes. Symptoms may include a brief period of stimulation followed by depression and paralysis. Signs of colic may be present. Stupor (loss

of sensibility), difficult breathing and frequent convulsions may result. Death is caused by suffocation since oxygen remains in the blood and is not exchanged to the tissues. This also causes the blood to appear bright red.

To prevent prussic acid poisoning in livestock, follow these steps:

1. Allow plant material affected by frost to dry thoroughly before grazing. This may require a week or more of good sunlight.

2. Feed animals hay or a supplement before turning them in on plants that may contain prussic acid.

Animals that are not hungry will not be affected as seriously by toxic material since their intake will be limited.

3. Remove all animals from the pasture if one of the herd shows any signs of poisoning.

4. Call a veterinarian immediately if an animal appears to be poisoned. An antidote to treat affected animals is highly efficient if given early. This product is available from veterinarians.

The overall key to prevent prussic acid poisoning in livestock is to be aware of plant materials that may cause poisoning and then to keep cattle from grazing such plants until a safe period has passed.

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ASCS News

by Jerry Stone

MAJOR CHANGES SLATED FOR FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE PROGRAM

The FCIC Board of Directors recently approved a number of major changes and improvements designed to make the Federal Crop Insurance program more responsive to the needs of American farm producers.

The changes, which are being published for public review and comment prior to becoming effective, include easing the requirement for the Individual Yield Coverage Plan (IYCP); major changes to corn, cotton, and soybean contracts; strengthening the standards which must be met by federal crop insurance agents; and establishment of an

extended planting program.

The Board also moved to reduce the calculated reduction in an indemnity when a producer sustains a fire or hail loss after selecting a fire hail opt out provision.

In his report to the Board, FCIC Manager Merritt Sprague stated that the image and credibility of FCIC should be improved as a result of these changes. "I'm excited about these changes because they are perhaps the most significant steps forward since the passage of the Federal Crop Insurance more attractive to the good producers of this nation."

The Individual Yield Coverage Plan (IYCP) allows farmers with above average production yields to receive protection based upon their individual yield

records. Under the new program producers will find it easier to qualify for higher coverages using the revised yield formula.

The Board also approved a new program for the 1983 spring crops called the Individual Certification Yield Program. It is for producers who customarily feed crop production to livestock or poultry and do not have adequate yield data to qualify for IYC. Crops covered by this program include grain sorghum, corn and small grains.

Changes approved in the corn and soybean insurance contracts would eliminate the indemnity reduction on unharvested acreage and would allow a replant provision. Under certain conditions FCIC would provide a payment to farmers to cover the cost of replanting, not to exceed \$20.00 per acre.

The FCIC Board approved changes in the cotton insurance contract which reflect producer requests and needs for

increased coverage. Stage guarantees have been revised for cotton. Stage one coverage for cotton has been increased to 60 percent of the insured loss, and stage two coverage has been increased to 100 percent. In addition, the definition of stage one coverage has been changed to end after the blooms are shed or 50 days after the final planting date whichever comes first.

Every year some producers are faced with adverse conditions and are not able to meet FCIC's planting deadlines. For the 1983 crop year FCIC has developed the extended planting program which will allow a producer to receive coverage up to 20 days past the last planting date. Yield coverage will be reduced by 10 percent for each 5 day period past the planting deadline. However, premium levels per acre would remain unchanged in order to maintain an actuarially sound program.



In Wales it was thought that rubbing your palm with an oak leaf would keep you healthy for a year.

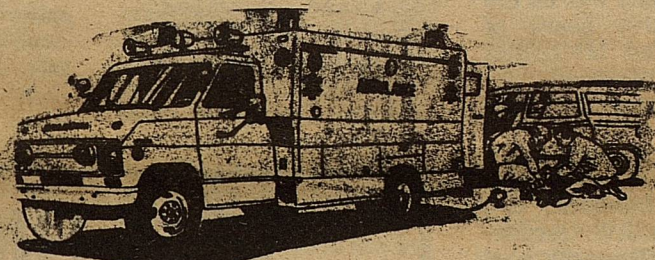
ADVANCE DEFICIENCY PAYMENTS 1982

Advance 1982 deficiency payments, based on 70 percent of the projected deficiency rate, will be available to eligible producers. Advance payments will be calculated by multiplying the farm yield times the acres for payment times the following rates: upland cotton 9.7 cents per pound, corn 10.5 cents per bushel, and grain sorghum 12.6 cents per bushel.

For each farm you have three options; request an advance payment for any eligible crop to be made before the end of this year; request an advance payment for any eligible crop to be made early next year; and elect not to receive an advance payment. In this case, the full payment will be made in February for cotton and in April for corn and grain sorghum.

No 1982 advance payments can be issued unless requested. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact this office before December 1, 1982.

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