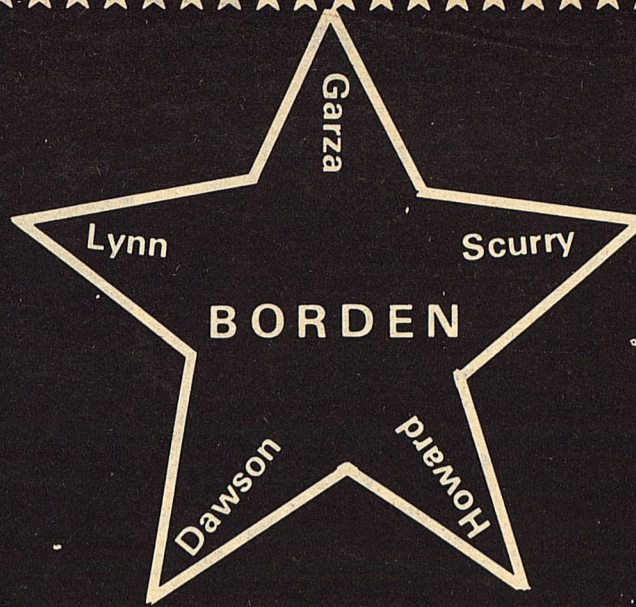


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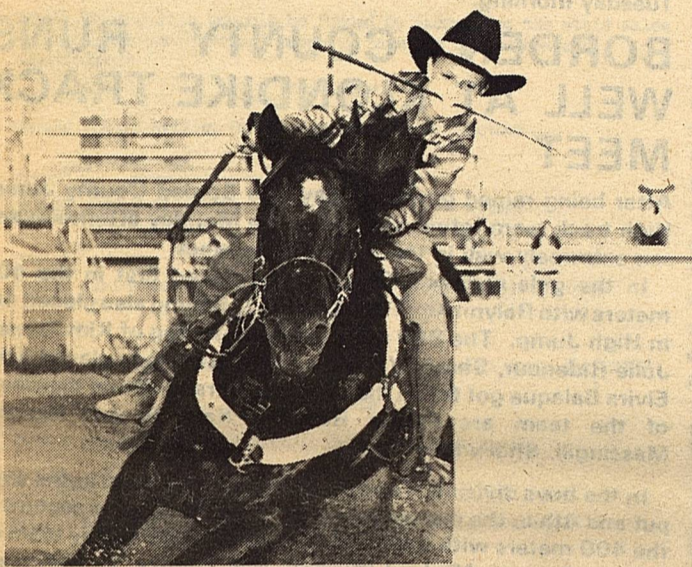


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RALYNN KEY

ROOKIE WORTH WATCHING

What does it feel like to be 12 years old, straight "A" student, starter on the basketball team, hold the AQHA World's record for the fastest pole run, 1982 WTBRA Junior Champion and have just obtained your professional Barrel Racing Card? Ask pretty, RALYNN KEY

Ralynn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Key and a student in Borden County Schools.

"It was quite a decision to make," Karan stated, but it was a move that they thought should be made now. So with a great deal of thought the decision was made for Ralynn to obtain her WPRA card. This meant several things for the Key family. Ralynn would have to give up her membership in the West Texas Barrel Racing Association as well as not being able to haul to the American Junior Rodeo Association Rodeos. The entire family will stay busy all year long, with either Father, Roland or Mother Karan, hauling the beautiful, big black gelding to all the major rodeos, while the other parent stays home

tending the place, keeping the kids in school, and seeing that Ralynn is flown to the rodeos in time to prepare herself and the horse for the important runs. The Keys will also stay quite busy seeing that brother, Brice is taken to the AJRA Rodeos. By the way, Brice is quite a Cowboy himself placing big at many of the AJRA shows. To add to this wonderful family, there is three-year old brother, Grant.

The Gail barrel racer wound up the 1982 American Junior Rodeo Association season with three saddles, seven buckles and a host of other prizes. She was half a point shy of the 1982 all-around cowgirl honors in the 12-and-under division, but took the world championship in barrel racing and pole bending.

Her 19.22 second time in pole bending still stands as the American Quarter Horse Association world record for the youngster who was the West Texas Barrel Racers Association junior champion in 1982.

Among her wins are a second place in the first

TSCRA CONVENES IN AUSTIN

Ft. Worth--The 106th annual convention, trade show and Heritage sale of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association opened Sunday, March 20, in the Palmer Auditorium and Civic Center in Austin, Texas. More than 2,000 cattlemen and their families from throughout the Southwest attended the meeting through Wednesday, March 23, says Frates Seeligson, TSCRA president from San Antonio, Texas.

A select offering of 20 Quarter horses, 12 registered bulls and 15 pieces of Western art and sculpture were auctioned

go-round and a fourth in the average at the \$35,000 Connie Combs Barrel Race.

At AJRA finals in 1982, she and J.J. posted 19-second runs in pole bending--the fastest time of the entire finals rodeo.

Rodeo publications dub her "the rookie to watch" and Ralynn follows in the footsteps of her barrel-racing mother, the former Karan Robinson who competed for Texas Tech.

To be able to make a decision such as this one, you must have a very consistent, horse with the ability to win and place at these tough shows. Ralynn does. His name is "Topper's Star, and he is a 13 year old, Sugar Bar bred gelding who was purchased from Cindia Bolton just one and one-half years ago. Ralynn is also prepared for emergencies, with "JJ" her back-up horse and top pole (who by the way was purchased from WT's own, Sharron Kiser).

Since receiving her WPRA card, Ralynn has ridden in Alabama, Florida, Arizona, Louisiana. She also rode in Houston and placed 2nd in San Antonio and 8th last week in Lubbock.

Sunday evening by Ruben Reyes, a San Antonio-based auctioneer.

The major portion of Monday morning was spent in committee discussing animal health issues, association promotion, soil and water resources and marketing alternatives for cow-calf producers.

In the animal health committee, Dr. John Holcombe, DVM, and executive director of the Texas Animal Health Commission, presented an update on the fever tick situation in South Texas. He was followed by Dr. Richard M. Botard, DVM from Kingsville, who discussed practical herd health. Dr. David T. Bechtol, DVM from Canyon, spoke on "Care and Handling of Stockers and Feeders."

In the soil and water resources committee, Charles E. Nemir, executive director of the Texas Department of Water Resources, presented a program entitled "A Look at the Texas Water Plan and Review of the Import Study."

Also, on Monday morning, Dottie St. Clair moderated a blue-ribbon panel discussing "From Calf to Carcass: Profit Alternatives for Cow-Calf Producers." That panel included John S. Cargile, former TSCRA president and current chairman of the National Cattlemen's Association futures market surveillance committee from San Angelo.

Following the kickoff luncheon featuring Admiral Inman, TSCRA's board of directors went into session at 1:30 p.m. Monday. Speakers included Dr. W. J. "Dub" Waldrip, a Lubbock, Texas rancher serving as president of the National Cattlemen's Association;

Hilmar G. Moore, Richmond, Texas cattleman serving as chairman of the Beef Industry Council; Dr. Burdette C. Breidenstein, director of research and nutrition information of the National Live Stock and Meat Board in Chicago.

Monday evening's entertainment included a social hour at the trade show, a Young People's Party at the Hyatt and the Western dinner dance at the Palmer Auditorium.

The first general session of the convention began at 9 a.m. Tuesday with a welcome by TSCRA President Seeligson. The speaker slate included Governor White.

A noon luncheon at the Hyatt featured noted Cajun humorist Justin Wilson.

On Tuesday afternoon, the agricultural research committee hosted a program on pasture management strategies to improve beef productivity.

Dr. Jeff Savell, assistant professor-meats and muscle biology section of TAMU's animal science department at College Station, Texas, addressed consumer demands for beef in a program entitled "What Kind of Beef Do Consumers Really Want?"

Current legislation addressing the nation's illegal immigration problem and its effect on agricultural labor was a major topic of discussion at the joint meeting of legislative and tax and labor committees. Burton Eller, NCA vice president for governmental affairs in Washington, DC, provided a legislative update on the bills.

William Bonde of the Western Range Association in Fair Oaks, Calif., was on hand to discuss his association's 30-year effort

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Borden County School News

GARDEN CITY TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Borden County took 5 tennis team members to the Garden City Tennis Tournament which had a large field of 64 entrants from schools Coahoma, O'Donnell, Garden City, Greenwood, Klondike, Grady, and Borden County. Borden placed 3rd overall in the team division behind Garden City and Coahoma. Garden City who had 21 entrants, won the team trophy, but Borden County was the only school to have every member of its team place.

Leading the way for Borden was Mark Rice and Keith Martin who placed second in boys doubles. In first round action, they defeated Ken Bobo and Steve Kelso of Garden City

6-1, 6-1. In the quarterfinals they beat Mike Berumen and Manuel Santos of O'Donnell 6-2, 6-1. Then in the semi-finals Mark and Keith played last years regional qualifiers from Klondike, Mith Mitchell and Lane Turner. Playing one pro set, the Borden duo played their best match of the tournament in winning 9-7. Ten in the finals, they met Mike DeHoyos and Kevin Breneman of Garden City. After jumping out to a 4-2 lead, Garden City came back strong to take an 8-6 win.

In girls singles, Tammy Miller was the only Borden entry. She defeated Marie Ernst from Garden City 6-4, 6-4 first round. Then she met O'Donnell's Sharmy

Rogers and won 6-4, 6-4. In the semi's she played Dana Souter from Coahoma and was defeated 8-2. She then won 3rd place over Shirley Giffon from Garden City 8-3.

The girls doubles action saw Becky Massingill and Shawna Vaughn also take third place. After a bye the first round, they defeated Lisa Sparks and Maria DeHoyos from Garden City 7-6, 7-4 6-3. Then in the semifinals they split sets with Klondike's Tammy Snell and Shelia Hogg, only to lose 6-4, 3-6, 7-5. They then were to play for 3rd but received a default from Grady.

Congratulations to Borden County for their great finish in the Garden City Tournament and good luck in upcoming district.



Amy Franks and Monica Munsinger of Greenwood prepare for U.I.L. District Typing competition in Borden County School Tuesday morning.

BORDEN COUNTY RUNS WELL AT KLONDIKE TRACK MEET

After being rained out on Friday, the Borden County Junior High track team returned to Klondike Monday afternoon and ran extremely well in the eleven-team meet.

In the girls division, Kate Phinzy placed first in the 400 meters with Ralynn Key a close second. Ralynn also placed 4th in High Jump. The 880 relay team consisting of Kim Turner, Julie Ridenour, Sherry Vaughn, and Kristi Stone placed 4th. Elvira Balaque got 6th in the 1200 meter race. Other members of the team are Felicia Romero, Kate Porter, Barbara Massingill, Shelly Lewis.

In the boys division, Tommy Soto placed second in the shot put and 4th in the discus throw. Rockie Harber was second in the 400 meters with a time of 61.6 and the mile relay team of Mickey Burkett, Michael Murphy, Will Phinzy, and kRockie Harber was fourth. Other members of the team who participated for Borden County were Matthew Massingill, Ray Martinez, Tracey McDuffie, Alex Lemon, Randell Hollis and Brice Key.



Jana Britton and Stephanie McAdams practice for U.I.L. Shorthand in Borden's large cafeteria.



DANA GRAY

MARCH FHA MEMBER OF THE MONTH

PRE-SCHOOL EGG HUNT

All pre-school children are invited to hunt Easter Eggs with the Kindergarten Class on Thursday, March 31. The egg hunt will be from 1:30 to 2:00 and refreshments will then be served. School

will dismiss at 2:30 on this day.

All pre-school children are asked to bring 6 eggs and meet in the Kindergarten class.



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24	25 Jr. High District Tennis Boys & Girls Klondike	26 Jr. Hi. District Literary Meet Grady	27	28 State UIL Literary	29	30

STENHOLM REQUESTS READERS RESPONSE

In the past few years, your views and opinions have been an important guide in determining how I vote on critical state issues. As the 68th Session of the Texas Legislature gains momentum, I'm again seeking your guidance in the quickest, most comprehensive way I know---through your

newspaper.

As you know, the issues this year are complicated by the leanest budget in more than a decade. The questions below will show me where your priorities lie. Please take a few minutes to respond, clip it out, and mail it to Rep. Larry Don Shaw, P.O. Box 2910, Austin, Texas 78769.



BARBARA STURDIVANT

POST STUDENT GOES TO STATE

Barbara Sturdivant, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. S.C. Sharp received a medal for a I Rating on a Class I Choir Solo. The competition was held at Coronado High School in Lubbock March 26. Barbara and five other students from Post High School plan to compete at state level sometime in June. State competition will be held in Austin, Texas.

HENDRICKS INDUCTED INTO SOCIETY

Bena "Bo" Hendricks was recently inducted into the Alpha Chi National Honor Scholarship Society at Angelo State University. Bo is a senior accounting major. A senior student must currently have a 3.56 or better cumulative grade point average to qualify for membership. Bo was one of 38 senior students at A.S.U. invited to join the society.

"I will speak ill of no man and speak all the good I know of everybody."
Benjamin Franklin

- Should first-time DWI offenders serve mandatory jail terms?
 yes no don't know
- Should open containers of alcohol be banned in cars, trucks and boats?
 yes no don't know
- Should teachers' salaries and benefits be increased?
 yes no don't know
- Should Texas public schools be funded by increasing the state sales tax and eliminating school property taxes on residences and automobiles?
 yes no don't know
- Should Public Utility Commission members be elected?
 yes no don't know
- Should county officials have ordinance-making authority?
 yes no don't know
- Should pari-mutuel betting on horse races be allowed in Texas?
 yes no don't know
- Should the Legislature grant authority to garnish wages for child support payments?
 yes no don't know
- Should the trucking industry in Texas be deregulated?
 yes no don't know
- Should Texas establish a permanent Water Development Fund?
 yes no don't know

I appreciate your cooperation and enjoy the opportunity to keep you informed on the issues. From time to time, I may ask you to respond to questions on the issues. Remember, your input is very valuable, and I also hope you'll let me

know whenever I can help you.

One final note--if you want your questionnaire to be counted and your name added to my mailing list, you must return this form with your name and address. I look forward to hearing from you.

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Are you a registered voter? Yes No

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COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Borden County Emergency Medical Service will be Tuesday, April 5, 1983, at 6:00 P.M. in the Borden County Ag. Building. A short program on the Hymbic Method for choking will be given. Visitors are welcome

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Dorothy Browne

In Memory of Billy Joe Rogers:
Fran Bennett
Doris Rudd
Mr. & Mrs. Roland Hamilton

In Memory of Clifford Vaughn:
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Fran Bennett
Doris Rudd
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Stephens

In Memory of Joseph Earl Ingle:

COTTON ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

The Cotton Arts and Crafts show will be held in the Lubbock Civic Center on April 7 and 8. The Arts and Crafts show is a special feature of the Texas Cotton Ginners Convention and it would be a very interesting time for anyone to visit the Civic Center.

Cotton Farmers really appreciate seeing some Cotton Art in places that they trade so a special invitation is extended to those looking for Art or Crafts With A Cotton Country theme. An interesting highlight of the show will be an Original Fabric Style Show taking

place at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday April 7. Unusual garmets such as handwoven, batic, crochet, knit and others will be shown.

There will be lots of art in every media, including photography, china, and sculpture.

The Jolly Quilting clubs of Slaton will be quilting and showing lots of their work. Craft demonstrations will be in progress all the time such as spinning, weaving, bread-dough, china painting, stained glass, whittling, calligraphy and several others.



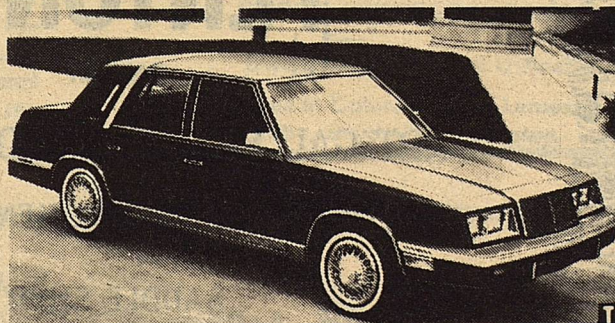
A completely blind chameleon will still take on the colors of its environment.

SCHOOL MENU

April 4-8, 1983

	Lunch	Breakfast
Monday	Easter Holiday	
Tuesday	Corn Dogs Pork and Beans Vegetable Salad Fruit Milk	Biscuits Applesauce Milk
Wednesday	Hamburger Steak & Gravy Fried Okra Blackeyed Peas Hot Rolls Honey Butter Milk	Coffee Cake Fruit Juice Milk
Thursday	Oven Fried Chicken Mashed Potatoes English Peas Hot Rolls Milk	Buttered Toast Fruit Milk
Friday	Hamburgers French Fries Lettuce-Tomatoes-Pickles Cookies Milk	Cereal Fruit Juice Milk

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Scene from "Texas", the musical drama by Paul Green which plays in the summers in Paloduro Canyon State Park near Amarillo. Photo by the Texas Highway Department.

INDIAN CEREMONY DECLARES "GOOD YEAR"

People who depend on the weather to make a living were anxious to see which way the wind blew Tuesday morning at sunrise, March 22.

Since 1096 the wind direction at sunrise on this date have told the story of good or bad crop years in Garza County as the old Plains Indian tradition of "Taba'na Yuan'e" has been repeated.

Again this year, as he has since 1973, "Chief" Frank Runkles patiently and quietly built the ceremonial council circle and began a fire by rubbing two sticks together.

Then, just at sunrise, "Chief" Runkles tested the wind direction and an observer declared the findings.

Last year the wind told the story of a "very good year."

"Taba'na Yuan'e" translates to mean Sunrise Wind and the ceremony is an authentic dance used by the Plains Indians to determine their success in the coming year.

Starting about 15 minutes before sunrise, Runkles prepared for the sun, just as the Comanche had done for hundreds of years and other plains Indians for perhaps thousands of years.

And as Runkles tells his friends, "you know if you're outside much at sunrise, that the wind always changes direction between the ending of dark and sunrise."

Cheering and applause broke the quiet morning air

when "Chief" Frank Runkles pointed the feather toward the northeast, predicting a very good year by the "Taba'na Yuan'e" ceremony.

There was a little anxiety amongst the audience just minutes earlier, when the wind blew the smoke from the east and southeast...but just at the moment of sunrise, 6:48 a.m., the wind shifted directly from the northeast.

Continuing a tradition of being one of the coldest mornings of the year, Tuesday broke with cloudy skies and a cold, brisk breeze.

Following the "Taba'na Yuan'e" ceremony, visitors were treated to a Chamber of Commerce sponsored breakfast of eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits, coffee and orange juice, catered by Jackson's Cafeteria.

Supported by Post merchants, the breakfast was served to approximately 150 people at \$1 per person.

LIGHTENING WILL STRIKE 59 TIMES IN CANYON

Canyon--If Mother Nature leaves well-enough alone, lightning will strike 59 times in the same place this summer. Sound like a site to avoid? Not at all--because the location of all those thunderstorms is Palo Duro Canyon's Pioneer Amphitheatre, home of the "Texas" Musical Drama.

All that rumbling sound and exploding light is just one of the carefully perfected special effects in Paul Green's story of grit and determination shown in the settling of the Texas Panhandle. The show which has played to 1,408,083 people in previous summers, will open its eighteenth season on June 15 and run through August 20, 1983.

The storm, of course, is not real, but all that crashing

and rolling against the canyon's gullies and cliffs often startles unsuspecting campers settled farther down the canyon and sends them scurrying for their cars. People in the audience have been known to open their umbrellas, much to the dismay of those seated behind them.

Maybe better than any other part of the show, the storm demonstrates the harshness and severity of the elements that faced Panhandle pioneers of the 1880's. Life is so much easier for travelers to Palo Duro Canyon today; paved roads lead directly to the theatre where many conveniences are available. Barbeque dinner is served every night, and a well-stocked souvenir shop has just the right gifts for

those left at home.

Even though flash floods have occurred in the Canyon, visitors to the theatre have never been in danger from rising water since it is located well above the water line. In seventeen years, and more than 976 performances, only 24 have been lost to rain.

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HOBBY TO GIVE LUNCHEON ADDRESS

Lubbock--Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby will give the luncheon address at the West Texas Natural Resources Conference April 22 at Texas Tech University.

The conference will focus on economic perspectives for the future in West Texas. It is sponsored by Texas Tech's International Center for Arid and Semi-Arid Land Studies (ICASALS), the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce and the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

Following registration at 8 a.m. in the University Theater, six energy and economic experts from throughout the state will address the future of West Texas' natural resources and their economic impact.

Victor Arnold, director of the Bureau of Business Research at the University of Texas, will talk at 9:15 a.m. on the Texas 2000 Report and its implications for West Texas.

Giving the long-term economic outlook for the region at 9:45 a.m. will be Dr. Robert L. Rouse, Texas Tech economics professor. At 11 a.m. Dr. Harold E. Dregne, Horn professor of plant and soil science at Texas Tech, will talk on West Texas land resources beyond the year 2000.

Lt. Governor Hobby will give the luncheon address at noon in the University Center Ballroom. Afternoon sessions will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the University Theater with a talk by Dr. Robert M. Sweazy, director of the Texas Tech Water Resources Center. Sweazy will address the future of water resources in West Texas.

Thomas J. Tibbitts, regulatory affairs manager, Midcontinent Production Division for Exxon in Midland, will give an account of the oil and gas resources beyond the year 2000 at 2 p.m.

Milton Holloway, executive director of the Texas Energy and Natural Resources Advisory Council in Austin, will conclude the conference with this talk on

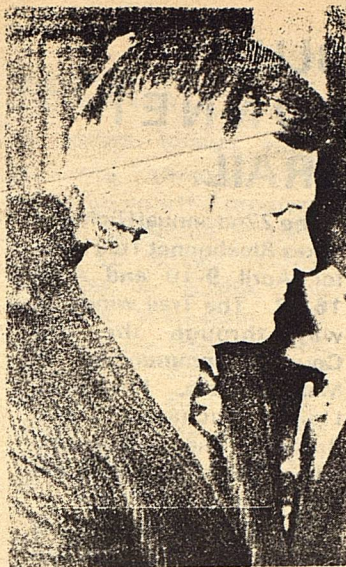
the Texas energy plan at 3 pm.

Joe R. Goodin, deputy director of the international center and conference coordinator, said the future of natural resources in West Texas should be of concern, not only to agriculture, but also to businessmen.

"All segments of the West Texas economy are affected by water, gas and oil reserves," Goodin said. Concerns for the management of those reserves and long-term planning in seeking economic alternatives are needed now.

"The West Texas region is not only the part of the state with the greatest shortage of water but also most of the oil and gas reserves are located here," Goodin said. "We feel this is a logical place to hold such a conference and we hope to attract representatives from business, government, agriculture and the university."

Registration deadline is April 15 with a fee of \$20 per person. For more information or to register, contact ICASALS, P.O. Box 4620, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas 79409, or call (806) 742-2218.



CHARLES STENHOLM

AG. FORUM ORGANIZED

Washington--Congressman Charles W. Stenholm (D-Stamford) presided over the organizational meeting of the National Agricultural Forum today and called the gathering "a resounding success and a hopeful sign for the future."

Stenholm, instrumental in founding the Texas Agricultural Forum in 1982, said the guiding principle of a Forum, whether state or national, is to provide a full view of the policy options which face the agricultural community.

"The key word is alternatives," Stenholm

said. "Through the Forum, producers and others are able to identify the alternatives before us. Then, through the democratic process, we can begin to see more effective action on the legislative front."

About 300 agricultural leaders from across the nation were present in the historic Cannon Caucus Room in Washington as Stenholm and other members of Congress, including House Agriculture Committee chairman Kika de la Garza, presented the Forum concept and led a discussion on how it would work. Those present ranged from Kansas wheat farmers to Federal Reserve Board economists, and from Texas cattlemen to fertilizer company executives.

Stenholm stressed that the National Agricultural Forum cannot be in competition with existing farm groups which take positions on various issues.

"This is not another general farm organization," the Stamford Democrat said. "We've got some fine groups already, and the last thing we need is another one to duplicate their work. The Forum will not lobby, nor will it impose a position on the issues with which it deals."

"It will say, 'These are the options before us,'" he added, "but it will not choose among them. That's up to the individuals and groups who belong to the Forum. The lobbying, the advocacy is their job."

Stenholm led a bipartisan group of farm-state Congressmen in organizing the kickoff Forum meeting. The group includes nineteen other Members of Congress, and Stenholm said the list is growing all the

time.

"There's a great feeling, both in the Congress and among agricultural groups, that the time has come for an approach like this," Stenholm said. "The idea is to bring a little unity to our diversity, not by imposing a consensus, but by helping one to develop through education."

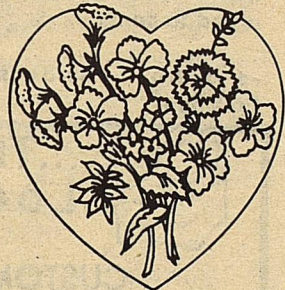
Groups like the Texas Agricultural Forum have been formed in several states, Stenholm said, and the national effort would aim at pulling them together. In addition, he said, all segments of agriculture and agribusiness would be represented. Staffing for the Forum would be provided through the Agriculture Council of America, a nonpartisan educational group which annually sponsors National Agriculture Day.

The first full-scale meeting of the National Agriculture Forum is tentatively slated for early May in Kansas City. Once the group's work gets off the ground, Stenholm said, various groupings within the larger Forum would analyze each issue and its alternative solutions, and try to predict the likely consequences of each so that policy-makers will have a better basis on which to choose.

"Never in my political experience," Stenholm said, "has there been a greater opportunity to bring agriculture together than right now--because never before have our problems been so critical. The vital thing is to move toward greater unity, and I believe the Forum is one step--a crucial, important step--along that road."

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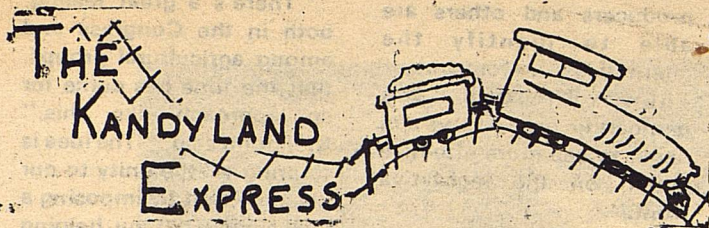
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Cleanliness is the key to limiting housedust. Frequent cleanings will help eliminate most dust.

Also, take precautions to help you lower housedust conditions around your home in the first place.

Here are some precautions:

(1.) Don't use dusters, mops and brooms. They scatter dust. Instead, use a damp

A&M professor advocates use of smaller tax forms

COLLEGE STATION — A Texas economist says income tax forms for most Americans should be no larger than a postcard and easy enough to fill out without the help of a tax accountant or attorney.

"Our income tax system is an absurdity, better yet, a monstrosity," says Dr. M. L. Greenhut, who holds the rank of Alumni Distinguished Professor of Economics at Texas A&M University. "The system remains a disgrace and is in dire need of simplification and reform," he said.

Greenhut subscribes to a flat-

cloth to wipe moldings, light fixtures, shelves, doors and windows.

(2.) Upholstered furniture, heavy draperies and long-pile carpeting generate dust so consider using washable, lightweight draperies or curtains that hang straight or smooth plastic-coated shades that are easy to clean. Short-pile or washable rugs limit dust accumulation, too.

(3.) Choose wood furnishings with simple lines and cushions stuffed with synthetic fibers to reduce dust accumulation.

(4.) Encase mattresses and pillows in dust-proof covers.

(5.) Buy only washable bedspreads, blankets, sheets, pillowcases and draperies.

(6.) Repair holes or cracks in floors, walls or ceilings and seal any loose-fitting window frames.

(7.) Replace or clean air filters on heating and cooling units frequently.

(8.) Finally, if you are sensitive to dust, furnish your home in a simple and uncluttered way with easy care and cleaning in mind.

rate tax proposal that would tax individual incomes at a single rate. Indications are a flat rate as low as 19 percent of earned income without any deductions could generate the same amount of income taxes collected today, he said.

Under Greenhut's proposal, deductions would be allowed only for interest paid on mortgages, undue medical expenses and capital losses. He would eliminate deductions for consumer installment interest, union dues, moving and educational expenses.

BLUE BONNET TRAIL

The 22nd annual Highland Lakes Bluebonnet Trail is set for April 9-10 and April 16-17. The Trail winds its way through the Hill Country communities of Marble Falls, Kingsland, Llano, Buchanan Dam, Burnet, and Lampasas, where the bluebonnets are sure to be in full bloom.

The map of the Trail is provided by the Highland Lakes Tourist Association so the lover of bluebonnets will know where the best areas are for viewing. In each of the Bluebonnet Trail communities, a special local arts and crafts fair has been prepared as an added attraction to the natural beauty of the Texas State Flower.

The best way to enjoy the Bluebonnet Trail is to plan a leisurely drive through any parts of the trail, stopping to enjoy the scenery, the points of interest, and the arts and crafts fairs. There are no admission charges to enjoy the flowers and no specific order in which the trail should be followed.

A special Bluebonnet Trail Bus Tour has been planned for those who prefer to travel with a group. These tours will leave the Austin Chamber of Commerce at 9:00 a.m. each morning of the Trail, April 9, 10, 16, and 17 and return at 5:00 p.m. The Bus Tour will include the best of the Bluebonnet Fields, stops for photos, stops at several arts and crafts fairs, and a luncheon.

For a free map and brochure of the Bluebonnet Trail, or for more information on the Bus Tour, write the Highland Lakes Tourist Association at: Bluebonnet Trail, P@O@ Box 1967, Austin, Texas 78767



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Your County Agent Says by Alan Day

COUNTY BICENTENNIAL PARK LOOKING GREAT

Work on the Borden County BiCentennial Memorial Park has gone back into a full swing the past two weeks. Shade covers for park tables have been built and will soon be in place. A patio is being built under one shade area so as to house a barbecue pit.

A drip irrigation system is now in the process of being installed to water fruitless mulberry trees that are in the park.

A skeet range is built on the northeast corner of the

park. This range is in mid-stage of being finished for use by the Borden County 4-H skeet Trap Club and the general public. Concrete foundation will be poured this week and amd wppdem jpises wo; sppm be built to house the throws.

The park should be able to be used by groups this summer for family reunions and such. We hope that you will plan to use this park for it is being built to be used by Borden County people.

GRAZING SHORTCOURSE GIVEN

Eight local ranchers attended an intensive study on grazing systems and management Tuesday, March 29th.

Dr. Jimmy La Baume, consultant with Land and Livestock International, came to Gail to specially teach those attending about intensive grazing systems and their management.

He covered many topics

during the day, including how to grow grass, management of grass using livestock, financial management for the ranch unit, management of renewable resources and management of the labor element on the ranch.

This was an excellent shortcourse on ranch management and grazing systems management.

ROPING CLUB

The Gail Roping Club will meet Thursday, April 7 at 7:30 in the 4-H Exhibit Building. They will elect new officers, so everyone is urged to come.

-s-John Anderson, President

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HIGH PIK SIGN-UP SHOULD HELP FARMERS

College Station—Now that the wraps have been pulled off the PIK (payment-in-kind) sign-up, it's clear that farmers went for "this latest government farm program."

Consequently, the high level of participation in the program, as announced by USDA officials yesterday (March 22), should bolster farm prices by getting rid of surplus stocks of commodities that have plagued the marketplace for the past several years.

"We have the potential for a substantial drawdown in surplus stocks of farm commodities due to the large number of farmers signing up for PIK," said Dr. Ron Knutson, an economist in marketing and policy with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. The PIK program revolves around paying farmers with surplus commodities if they sign up to take a portion of their cropland out of production. So it reduces current stocks plus should reduce 1983 production.

"The potential effects of PIK have already caused positive reactions in some commodity markets," Knutson pointed out. "Whether this trend continues will depend largely on weather conditions this crop year and the level of export demand."

Knutson noted two keys to future market trends. The first is the yield that can be anticipated from land remaining in production, since this is the highest quality cropland. Weather conditions will have a big impact.

The second key to future price prospects, said the economist, is the export picture. While the strong PIK participation may make it more difficult for U.S. farmers to sell in the export market, the potential

for shorter supplies of farm products next fall may prompt some importing countries to buy now rather than wait and face possible higher prices.

If PIK works as planned, what kind of farm program can farmers expect in the future?

"If highly successful, PIK will likely not be used again next year," said Knutson. "At the same time, PIK's effectiveness in reducing production this year could mean that we'll see it again when surpluses become a problem."

"Assuming that PIK will get us through the 1983-84 crop year without major policy changes, lawmakers are already looking ahead to 1985," said the economist. "The choice for 1985 becomes one of a continuing drift toward production controls or a policy reversal—moving back in the direction of a freer market in which farmers would have to accept lower levels of price and income support."

One strategy for moving toward the freer market concept involves self-help programs in which farmers would automatically share a portion of the costs of government programs when surpluses arise, said Knutson.

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to secure foreign sheep herders through the government's H-2 program.

Also scheduled to speak were Ed Small, TSCRA attorney in Austin, and Richard Weinstein, tax attorney for Oppenheimer, Rosenberg, Kelleher and Wheatley in San Antonio. Small discussed proposed state legislation important to cattlemen. Weinstein presented information on estate planning applicable to the average cattleman.

Wednesday begin with a Cattle-Pac breakfast at 7:30 a.m. in the Hyatt. Cattle-Pac is TSCRA's political action committee.

Several state legislators including House Speaker Gib Lewis attended.

The final general session of the convention began at 9:30 a.m. Following President Seeligson's remarks, the secretary-general manager's annual report to the membership will be given by King.

Committee reports, including policy resolutions, were made along with the election of officers and directors for the coming year.

The discussion on the Brucellosis program drew the most interest from the

convention goers. Because of the interest shown, the committee meeting was moved from a regular meeting room to the Palmer auditorium.

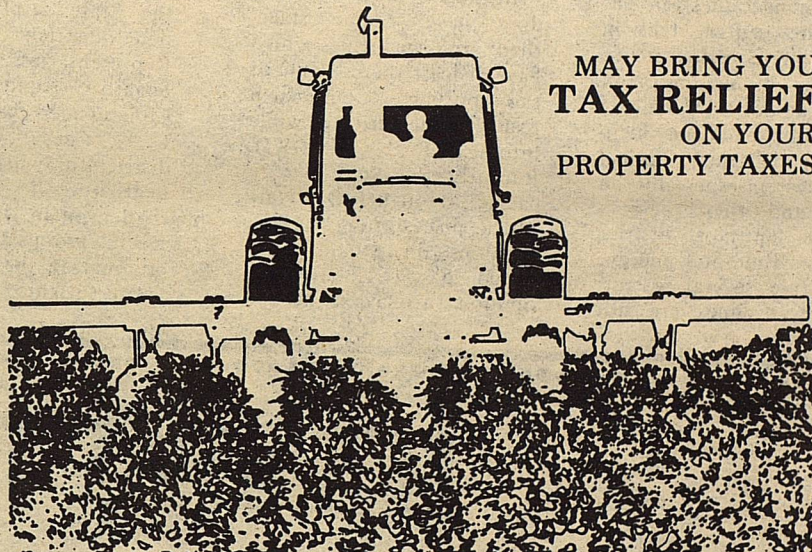
After a very heated debate led by former Governor Dolph Briscoe opposing the federal Brucellosis program, the TSCRA passed a resolution in favor of the program and instructed the Texas Legislature to act accordingly.



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Reports
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Capitol



AUSTIN - The 68th Session of the Texas Legislature is moving at a fast pace and already has proven to be a very active session. Many things have occurred which I feel would be of interest to you.

First and foremost is the question of financing State Government in Texas for the next two years. As you have already heard, the expected revenues of the State of Texas are some 1.5 billion dollars short of the Legislative Budget Board recommended budget for the next two years. This means we must find ways of reducing state spending or increasing revenues.

The finance question has taken the center stage in this legislative session due to the impact money has on all state programs. Financing education, road and highway repairs, our criminal justice system especially the prisons, and other programs is taking up most of the legislators time and energy.

There are several reasons our tax revenues are not

reaching their expected balances, but the key reason is the price of oil and of our agriculture economy. Texas has been dependent on our vast oil and agriculture industry for a large portion of our revenue. For example, last year the petroleum industry paid approximately 28.7 percent of all taxes collected in the State of Texas. That totals to some \$3.7 billion.

With the price of oil in decline, these tax revenues are also declining. Another example is this, for every dollar the price of oil drops at the barrel price, the State will lose \$40 million dollars in tax revenue.

Although State finance does have center stage, there are other issues which have at least shared some of the spotlight. One such issue is the driving while intoxicated laws (DWI). Recently the State Senate passed a tougher DWI law which places more serious penalties on persons convicted of DWI. In my opinion this law is needed

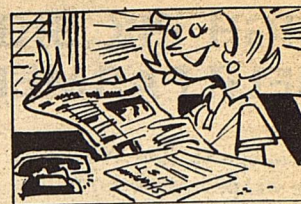
and I debated on the Senate Floor to insure the bill passed without any amendments which would "water-down" the penalties.

One such amendment which failed would have continued the deferred adjudication, a provision that enables an individual to have a DWI conviction erased from their record if that person successfully completes a type of court-ordered probation. In the current system some repeat offenders have no record of a DWI conviction because of this deferred adjudication. This amendment did not pass the Senate, but the stiffer DWI penalties did pass and were sent on to the House of Representatives.

In other legislative matters, State Senators now know how long their terms of service are in the Legislature. On Thursday, March 17, 1983 all State Senators drew for either a two-year or four-year term of office. I drew a two-year term. The reason for the drawing was related to the redistricting of State Senate districts and the law suits that were filed by several groups challenging the redistricting plans. Every ten years, following a federal census the State of Texas draws new districts for State Representatives, State Senators and U. S. Congressmen based on the U. S. Census data. The districts drawn by the 67th Legislature in 1981 were challenged in the courts by several groups claiming discrimination based on the voting Rights Act. As a

result of these suits, the Senators postponed the draw for term of office until a settlement was reached with the plaintiffs in the suits.

I would appreciate hearing any comments you might have on current State legislation. My address in Austin is, P. O. Box 12068, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711. The Austin phone number is Area Code 512/475-0176. Please feel free to contact me.



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