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County Shocked By Youth's Death

David Holmes, 15 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Kent, Holmes died of an accidental gun shot wound Monday, March 10.

David was in his home when the accident occured. He was found by the parents Monday morning. The actual time of death was undetermined.

David and his family had lived in Borden County all of his life. He was born March 21, 1970 in Snyder.

David was A Sophomore in the Borden County schools where he was on the 4-H Trap Shooting team. He brought home the first place trophy in Trap Shooting from the State Meet in 1984.

He was in the Varsity Band as well as Varsity Basketball and tennis. Only last week he defeated the Grady singles 8-2 in a quardrangular meet.

Funeral services will be held in the school auditorium in Gail at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, March

David is survived by one sister, Dawn who is a Soph. at Tech, his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Kent Holmes of Gail, his grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. Hilmer Holmes of Snyder, Mrs. E. S. Kingston of Lamesa and several aunts and uncles

Letter to the Editor

I have just listened to the latest political ad on TV of Mark White, wherein he criticizes Loeffler, Hance and Clements on his no-pass, no-play plan. Please listen to it and especially how he pronounces the last word "again". He cannot say it correctly and it comes out "agin".

Then I thought of a plansince he has engineered a test for teachers, I feel all those running for governor-maybe even those running for the Senate and House should be given a literacy test. That is, they should take the test before they could announce their intent. I would like to suggest this test cover the following areas: art and literature, business, law, ranch and farm business, oil and gas,

economics, banking and each candidate would have to spend at least two weeks from 8-6 following a teacher around the class, including all extra-curricular activities involved, grading papers etc. Nor do I think it would be a bad idea for every elected official be tobe required to have a blood analysist check for drugs and or alcohol every Monday morning.

I want to be proud of the person representing my district, my state and my nation. Why shouldn't we expect the best?

Sincerely, Dorothy Austin Dennis

(While we're cleaning up every ones act, how about requiring each registered voter to pass a literacy test.) Editor



Hich School Beta Achievement

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FORMER REAGAN ADVISOR TO ADDRESS CATTLEMEN

Fort Worth, Texas, March 6, 1986--Robert C. McFarlane, former national security adviser to President Ronald Reagan, will headline a slate of nationally-known speakers for the 109th annual convention, trade show and Heritage Sale of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, says John M. "Jack" Shelton III, TSCRA president from Amarillo. More than 2,000 cattlemen from throughout the Southwestern United States are expected in San Antonio, Texas, March 16-19 for the meetings.

McFarlane, speaking on "The Global Agenda for the Next Three Years," will give the keynote address at the convention's kickoff luncheon on Monday, March 17. A Graham, Texas native, Naval Academy graduate and retired Lt. Colonel in the U.S. Marine

Corps, McFarlane spent 30 years in public service and was a driving force in arms-control strategy leading to the recent Geneva Summit.

Don Butler, National Cattlemen's Association president, and Alan R. "Bud" Middaugh, U. S. Meat Export Federation president, will address the board of directors meeting Monday afternoon at 1:30 p.m.

Other major speakers are scheduled for the first general session beginning at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday and include Dr. John Allen, professor of Food Systems Economics at Michigan State University; Dr. Scott Ward, professor of marketing at the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania; Hilmar G. Moore, National Live Stock and Meat Board chairman; Dr. Earl

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Junior High Beta Achievement

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HIGH SCHOOL HONORS

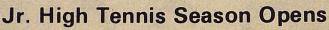
Beta Achievement

Honor Roll

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Dana Gray	12	Jeff Covington	12
Ralynn Key	10	Mickey Burkett	11
Sheloy Lewis	10	Kelli Williams	11
Kate Phinizy	9	Will Phinizy	10
Doyce Taylor	12	Randall Hollis	9

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL HONORS

Kristi Adcock	8	Paul Sturdivant	7
Amy Lewis	8	James Smith	8
Jim Ridenour	8	Cody Stone	8
Rachel Romero	8	d'Arceyanne Lemons	7
Chad Williams	8	Shane Hess	6
Randi Woodward	8	Kristin Kilmer	6
Shane Kemper	8	M'Lys Lloyd	6
Eric Lusk	7	Kristin Monger	6
Amanda Anderson	7	Kelly Ogden	6
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Patsy Underwood	6		
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The Borden County Junior High opened its tennis season Tuesday as they met Dawson in Lamesa. Fifteen students are out for this year's team. Borden won eight matches in their first opening headed by Amy Lewis and Rachel Romero who won both of their doubles matches by scores of 8-6 and 6-5. Also

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winning in doubles were Shara Dee Woodward and Shayne Hess with a 76-2 win, and Kristin Monger and Patsy Underwood with a 6-2 victory. Ins singles, Chad Williams took a 7-6 win and Cody Stone won 8-0. In girls singles, Kandy Belew won 8-0 and d'Arcey Lemons won 8-2. Also playing on this years tennis team are Cole Vestal, Angela Evans, A'Lise Lloyd, and Heather Jobe. Tammy Voss also plays but was unable to attend. Next match for the Junior High will be next Thursday, March 13, against O'Donnell.

Parent's Club

The Borden County Parents Club will meet on March 26, 1986 at 2:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. We wilo have a very special program given by Mary Ann Murphy, Director of our Bi-County Education Co-Op and Mrs. Mary Brown speech therapist for the Co-op.

Please try to attend this program. It will be very informative and if you have any questions feel free to ask. We have an excellent educational service in our school through our special ed department and everyone should be more knowledgeable about it.

High school, Junior high and Elementary parents are all invited to come. Please be there for this very informative program.

-Thanks Sue Mize, Pres.



Chris Cooley
Honorable Mention Selection





Mickey Burkett
Honorable Mention Selection
6-Man All State

Team Selected

The Board of Directors of the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association met on February 28, to select the all state football team.

Chris Cooley and Mickey Burkett were both chosen to the honorable mention team. Chris was a second team pick last year for the honorable mention team.

Congratulations to these two young men from Borden High School.



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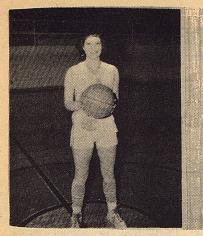


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MARCH 1986

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Kelli Williams

Teri Billington

Billington & Williams On All-District Basketball Team

Teri Billington, a senior at Borden High School, and Kelli Williams, a junior, were both unanimously selected to the District 10A All-District Basketball Team. They were two of ten girls selected to the elite unit. Teri led this year's team in rebounds, steals, assists, and field goal percentage. She was second in scoring. Kelli led this years team in scoring, and free throw percentage. She was second in steals, assists, and field goal percentage. Both are repeaters from last year's team.

Below is listed the players that make up this years District 10 A All-District team and their school and classification

Teri Billington, Borden County, Senior; Kelli Williams, Borden County, Junior; Stacie Bessire, O'Donnell, Junior; Kristi Slone, Wilson, Senior; Tami Snell, Klondike, Senior; Tammy Rogers, O'Donnell, Senior; Laura Schneider, Wilson, Sophomore; Holly Pugh, O'Donnell, Junior; Tammie Webb, Wilson, Sophomore; Michelle McGeheee, Southland, Sophomore.

High School Tennis News

The Borden County tennis team traveled to Lamesa for a with Loop and Lamesa Tast Tuesday. The results are as follows: Kelli Williams defeated Lamesa 6-3, 6-2. Kelli and Mindy Williams defeated Lamesa in a pro set 8-5. B.G. Kropp defeated Loop 8-1 and Spring Flint also defeated Loop in singles 8-1. B.G. and Spring Dropped a pro set to Lamesa in doubles. In boys action, Brice Key defeated Loop 8-1 in singles before teaming with David Holmes and dropping a close set to Loop in doubles. Monty Floyd and John Stephens earned a 8-6 win over Loop in the other doubles action.



Ralynn Key

TRACK TEAMS PLACE WELL AT WELLMAN

"I was really pleased," said Coach Frisbie after the boys and girls track teams did so well at Wellman.

Randell Hollis, a freshman placed fourth in the discus with a toss of 94-9 feet. Another freshman, Alex Lemons, placed fourth in the shot put with a put of 34-4½ feet. Alex missed third

place by only one half inch. Chris Kilmer, also a freshman was third place in the 400 meter dash with excellent time of 58.59. "Chris had the last place qualifying time in the prelims and the outside lane in the finals but ran a smart race to place third and get a medal., said Coach Frisbie.

Chris Cooley won both the 100 and 200 meters dash and set new meet records in both. His time in the 100 meters was 11.09 and 23.24 in the 200

In the girls events, Ralynn Key placed second in the 200 meters with a time of 28.41, winning time was 28.19, only 22 one hundredths of a second faster.

She placed fourth in the 100 meters and was third in the triple jump with a leap of 29-334. "On her last jump, she fell backward after losing her balance and braced herself with her hand, thus costing her second place," said the coach.

Shelly Lewis and Felicia

Romero are other members of the girls team. "These two girls worked just as hard as anyone and their time will come. I only wish more girls would compete so we could have some relay teams," said Frisbie.

The team will travel to Sands on the 15th.



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unreported are slim to none."

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TENNIS SCHEDULE 1986

HIGH SCHOOL			
DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Mar. 3	Dawson, Grady, Lamesa	Lamesa	4:00
Mar. 7	Loop	Lamesa	4:00
Mar. 11	Klondike	Lamesa	4:00
Mar. 14 & 15	Reagan County Tournament	Big Lake	TBA
Mar. 21 & 22	Garden City Tournament	Garden City	TBA
Apr. 2	Forsan	Forsan	4:00
Apr. 8	O'Donnell (Market)	Lamesa	3:30
Apr. 11	Zone Tournament	Lamesa	9:00
Apr. 14	District Tournament	Brownfield	4:00
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Mar. 4	Dawson	Lamesa	4:00
Mar. 13	O'Donnell	Lamesa	4:00
Apr. 1	Klondike	Lamesa	4:30
Apr. 19	District Tournament	Lamesa	9:00
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ire Department at Work-Members of the Fluvanna Volunteer Fire Department pictured during a recent work session on their 1949 Ford fire truck include Don Campbell, Charlie Barnes and Fire Chief James

Volunteer Firefighters

Fluvanna, Texas-The pride of this West Texas town's volunteer fire department fleet is a hand-me-down 1965 Ford that's hoses leak so badly it runs out of water within three minutes during a house fire.

The truck is backed up by a rusty '49 Ford, once retired pumper with a cracked windshield, heat-disfigured red top and barely enough water to douse grass fires.

(The 1965 pumper was acquired from the Snyder Fire Department thanks to funds contributed by Borden County and Scurry County's Pct. 2 headed by Commissioner Hassie Sneed.)

"We've kind of had to improvise," Fire Chief James Aaron said, looking about the tiny cinder-block fire station. As he spoke, rain dripped through the roof onto a plugged-in extension cord lying in a puddle on the concrete floor.

The Fluvanna department is among more than 500 in Texas that rely at least partially on volunteers.

Last year in Texas, volunteers outnumbered paid firefighters 2-1, according to Charles Page, director of the Texas Firemen's Training School at Texas A&M University.

"I'll put our volunteers up against any paid department in the state," said Pasadena Chief

Fluvanna, a town of about 200 located 70 miles sougheast of Lubbock in Scurry County, is unincorporated. Its fire department includes a farmer-rancher, a preacher-mechanic, the gin manager, an oil field worker and his teenage son.

None is certified by the State Firemen's and Fire Marshall's Association of Texas.

"This is one of those towns with no mayor, no constable, no dogcatcher," said Aaron, full-time farmer and rancher who was drafted into the chief's job 10 years ago. "I suppose that if you're looking for a city official, I'm as close as you'd come.

Because its equipment is antique and its firefighters are uncertified, the State Board of Insurance makes the typical Fluvanna resident pay almost as much for fire insurance as someomne who lives in a community with no fire department. For every dollar an unprotected resident paid in 1985, the Fluvanna resident paid 98 cents.

"We just don't want to be like the volunteer fire department in the cartoons, where everybody shows up at the fire but nobody remembered the truck," he told the Dallas Morning News. "We

THE DEVELOPMENT OF BORDEN **COUNTY SCHOOLS**

We are indebted to "Cookie" Dyess, Dorothy Dennis, Doris Rudd, Edna Miller and O.D. Jackson for the following information.)

From the time the earliest settlers came into Borden County, the education of their children was of prime importance. Next to acquiring land and putting a roof over their heads, establishing schools and a place of worship were the common goals that bound the people together into a community

One family would donate land while others would supply the labor, money and materials. Teachers were supplied by the State and the families they served took terms boarding They developed close relationships with the families with whom they lived. If a teacher boarded with a family who owned a "hack", she drove the children to school; otherwise, they walked or rode their ponies or horses.

The students received sound education in the basics of reading, writing and 'rithmetic up to the 6th grade, which seemed ample for their needs at the time.

By an Act of the Texas Legislature in August 1876, Borden County was created from Bexar County but was not organized until 1891. The county and county seat were named for Gail Borden, a distinguished Texas patriot, surveyor and co-author of the first Texas Constitution and a member of a group which established Baylor University. The accomplishment for which he is best remembered, however, was as the inventor of the process for condensing milk. He actually never saw Gail or Borden County, his namesakes.

A one-room building served jointly as Borden County's first Courthouse and Gail school shortly after the county was organized in 1891.

In 1905, Garza County petitioned the Commissioners' Court to be separated from Borden County. When the petition was granted, the schools in Borden County were placed in districts. Scurry and parts of Borden County were divided and placed in the Fluvanna district.

Prior to the 1900's, small schools were scattered all over the county wherever one or more families had settled. At one time, there were 26 such schools. Probably the first was Grape Creek which was built on a section of land 8 miles southwest of Gail in 1878. The teacher a Mr. Jackson, lived in a half-dugout nearby and must have been a hardy individual.

Fairview was established in 1890 when W. T. Glasscock donated a portion of his land in the southern part of the county. An old record shows the signatures of 36 families who agreed to pay a total of \$69.50, in amounts of from \$1 to \$5 for the erection of that building. Still standing, about one-half mile off the road near Bill Wilson's, south of the Beal ranch, it is still being used today as a voting precinct for that precinct.

Early schools had planks hinged to the wall for desks. Slates and blue-back spellers were about all the supplies they had. Some schools had slatted seats but no desks. Two appurtenances they all had were a coal-burning pot-bellied stove and either a water barrel or bucket for drinking water. Sometimes the parents would haul the water barrel and sometimes the children would have to carry water from a spring in a bucket. A tin dipper hung on the wall from which everyone drank. Germs had never been heard of.

The Doyle school was in a

dugout lined to ground level with rock. Often the dugout would be flooded and school would have to be dismissed until the water could be dipped out and the books and papers dried out.

A random review of some of

the schools' earliest records

indicate considerable fluctuation in school terms, number of pupils, requirements for teachera and salaries. To the schools' credit, teaching requirements gradually improved from four years of high school to, eventually, four years of college and some teaching experience. Unfortunately, the teachers' salaries did not improve in line with their education and experience. Also, strict moral standards were imposed upon those employed in the teaching profession. They were to be paragons of virtue, an example to their young charges and without a flaw in their character. They were not allowed to marry in many communities nor should to bacco or liquor ever pass their pristine lips.

In 1918, Sealy school paid their teacher \$70 a month to teach 11 pupils in grades one through ten. Their teachers were at first required to have only four years of high school themselves.

At Midway, they once had a teacher with the illustrious name of Robert E. Lee (not the

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RESIST THE SELL

It's almost impossible to thumb through a magazine or watch a television show without seeing an advertisement that features food.

We may not like to thank that food ads influence us, but they do. They can make us psychologically hungry even when we're not physically hungry.

Notice that the relationship between the people in these ads and the food is made up. There will often be no logical reason to include the food. For example, does having fun with friends mean you must have a certain snack there?

The food ads that we find most tempting also tend to contain the least nutritional foods, like snacks and sweets.

To combat the "hungries" brought on by advertisements, try some of these strategies:

-Try guessing at the sugar and

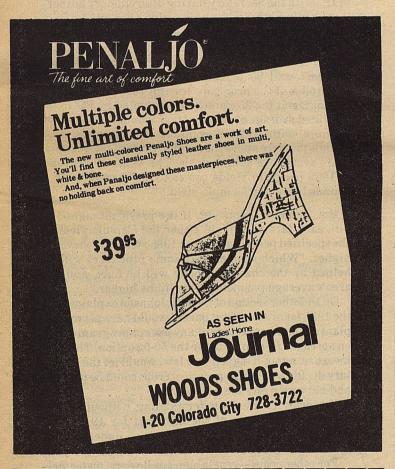
fat content of the food in the ad, the calories per serving and its nutritional value.

-Make a mental note of the emotions being used to sell you the food. Are the advertisers suggesting that your family will love you if you serve a certain food, or that you will find fun and friendship at a fast food restaurant? Is the advertiser selling the food or the feeling?

-Look closely at the people in the ad. They are probably slim and good-looking. Did they get that way by eating the food being advertised?

-Ask yourself if you would really feel better or just momentarily gratified after eating this food.

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SUMMER CAMPING AT 4-H

Summer camping programs abound for Texas 4-H'ers this year.

Center

The Texas 4-H Center, located on Lake Brownwood in the heart of central Texas, offers a unique camping experience for youth 9-19, says Kandy McWhorter, county 4-H program leader with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

For 9 to 11 year olds, four-day camps are scheduled for July 6-9 and July 9-12.

Youth aged 12 to 14 can attend camps July 13-16 and July 16-19.

These camps offer fun and adventure and include swimming, sailing, canoeing, shooting sports, crafts, outdoor cookery, high adventure, recreation and parties.

For youth aged 14 to 19, a weeklong jspecial interest camp is offered June 23-28 to provide in-depth training in a selected area, including computers, shooting sports, food and fitness, canoeing and sailing, clothing, tennis, photography or water skiing. This training is combined with the fun and and excitement of camp life, and evenings provide "whole camp" activities.

Campers of all ages learn to adjust to camp environment, share responsibilities and appreciate natural surroundings while enjoying the fun of activities designed especially for them, McWhorter points out.

Experienced resource teachers and qualified college-aged counselors conduct activities. County Extension agents and volunteer adult leaders supervise campers at all times.

For applications or additional information, contact the county Extension office, says McWhorter.



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COUNTY AG-AGENT REPORT

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Fruit, Nut Trees Need Oil

Have you given your fruit and nut trees their annual "lube" job? This refers, of course, to an application of dormant oil to control scale insects.

Why control scale insects?

the tree. If a scale insect such as the San Jose scale or white peach gets started, it could kill

Dormant oil can be purchased at many different stores where garden supplies are sold. Be sure to follow all label directions and apply the mixture when the temperature is between 40-70

degrees F. Do not apply if a freeze is likely within 48 hours after application, and do not apply after the tree has budded out, cautions Poole. Dormant oil is applied when the tree is dormant. Spraying flowers and leaves could cause leaf burn and flower drop.

Scale insects are difficult for most people to detect, so dormant oil should be applied once each year. Sooner or later your tree will probably be attacked by scale insects, so be ready by guarding against them with an application of dormant oil

Texas 7-Eleven Stores To Support Statewide Voter Registration Drive

March 1, 1986-March has been proclaimed Voter Registration Month by Governor Mark White, and according to the secretary of state's office, it will be the largest voter registration drive in Texas history.

To help ensure the success of the statewide drive, The Southland Corporation's more than 1,000 7-Eleven stores in Texas will be carrying voter registration cards throughout March.

Those interested in registering to vote must be at least 18 years of age within 60 days of filling out the application, Texas residents and U.S. citizens.

Registered voters will have the opportunity to participate in state primary elections on May 3, and on April 5, many Texans will be able to participate in local elections.

While voter registration applications are accepted throughout the year, applicants must have submitted their cards to the county voter registrar's office at least 30 days before an election to be eligible to vote.

To assist voters in choosing candidates, the League of Women Voters publishes a voters' guide that contains non-partisan information on all candidates. To obtain a free pamphlet, visit a public library or call the local League office.

THANK YOU

I would like to say thank you to all the Borden County Farmers and Ranchers who contributed towards the premium purchase of my lamb at the Garza County Jr. Livestock Show. We appreciate your continued support each year.

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Statement By The President of Texas State Teachers Association

Travis County District Court Judge Harley Clark's decision that the statewide literacy test is constitutional will allow the state to make or break the careers of professional Texas educators on the basis of whether or not they pass a single test. This fact is more than a disappointment to educators and severe blow to their already devastated morale.

It is an injustice to educators, to their students, and to the public. Faced with taking a test that will determine whether or not they will continue their chosen careers, it is unrealistic to think that ateachers are not distriacted from their classroom duties. That, in addition to the lower and lower morale and higher and higher freustration of their teachers, is not fair to the students.

And the public is being sold a bill of goods. Taxpaying citizens of Texas have been led to believe that the literacy testing program will identify "incompetent" teachers. First, we don't know if there are any. Second, a single test is an improper, ineffective and invalid way to find out.

The State Board of Education, Texas Education Agency, and local school districts should turn their full attention to working with classroom teachers and building administrators to develop a valid, fair, and effective evaluation system that really will identify poor and unqualified teachers, and provides remedial assistance to improve the quality of teaching. TSTA is eager to devote its considerable resources to work with them to that end.

The percentagerof of individuals who pass or fail a standardized test -- any standardized test -- is more or

EMBROIDERY PARTY

An "Embroidery Party" will be held Thursday evening March 17th at the Courthouse at 6 P.M. Anyone who would like to work on the Sesquicentennial Quilt is welcome to come. Even if you don't embroidery, you can thread needles and help in some way.

Bring a sack lunch and come join the fun.

less pre-determined by the otcutoff score set for passing. Based on the cutoff score the State Board of Education has set for the Texas Examination of Current Administrators and Teachers, the Texas Education Agency predicts that five percent of those taking the TECAT will fail.

Some teachers may simply be poor test-takers. Other teachers may excel at test-taking, but be ineffective at conveying information in such a manner that students actually learn it. A standardized pencil and paper test cannot make the distinction.

That means some extremely competent teachers will fail the test and some incompetent teachers will pass the test. And percent or more of all teducators, 199,500 professionals, will be put through an agnonizing wringer for no reason at all.

For these substantive reasons and because we remain convinced that the TECAT requirement and its method of implementation are clearly unconstitutional, TSTA will continue to pursue every avenue to make certain that a single test is not the sole criterion for determining whether or not a teacher keeps his or her job. At the very least, we will insist that remedial assistance be provided for anyone who fails and that this help be provided before a certificate is revoked.

certificate is revoked.

Our attoreneys are carefully reviewing and analyzing Judge Clark's written decision and we will make a decision regarding an appeal based upon their recommendation.

Further, based upon TEA's preliminary datea, we believe the test, if given, will be discriminatory against minorities, handicapped, some

bilingual teachers and those whose area of specialty is outside language arts. We will track the results and we will take the issue to federal court if we find discrimination has, in fact, occurred.

A Thursday

Specifically, Judge Clark ruled lthat:

1. The statute in question is found to be constitutional;

2. The decisions made and the actions taken by the State Board of Education in connection with implementation of the statute are found to be lawful and in keeping with the intent of the statute and the legislature; and 3. The testing already planned and announced should proceed as scheduled

San Antonio Businessman Enters Lt. Gov. Race

Bemus Glenn Jackson,
Oewner - Instructor of Loyle
Leonard's Training School, has
filed his candidacy for
Lieutenant Governor. Jacksoin
was the first Republican Mayor
in Fort Bend County since
Reconstruction, serving in that
capacity for Missouri City, a
suburb of Houston, from April,
1973 to February, 1975. During
his tenure, Jackson was Vice
President of the Harris County
Mayors' and Councilmans'
Association. He subsequently
served as a Councilman of
Missouri City from February,
19875 to April, 1976.

Jackson established the Loyle Leonard Training School in San Antonio over 7 years ago. The facility offers state exam preparation courses in the fields of real estate, insurance and securities.

HOME PLATE

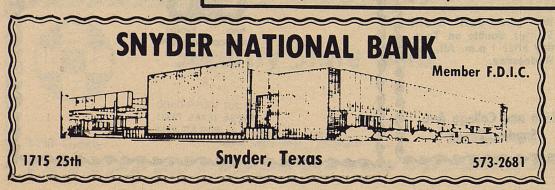
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LUBBOCK, Friday, March 7, 1986

The cumulative effect on High Plains cotton producers of legislative action completed in Washington March 6 as yet can't be accurately labeled either "good" or "bad."

So says Donald Johnson, Executive Vice President of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., Lubbock. "As now understood," Johnson states, "the section affecting program yield calculations would prove an advantage to some farmers with no effect at all on others."

But, he continues, the part which would give the Secretary of Agriculture power to limit the crops that can be planted and harvested on acreage not planted to cotton under the program's 50-92 option "could be a disadvantage to producers considering that route."

According to spokesmen from the offices of Texas Senator Lloyd Bentsen and 19th District Congressman Larry Combest, the new bill passed by the House and Senate, yet to be signed by the President, would leave intact the 1985 farm act's formula for calculating farm program yields, but add a new wrinkle. The formula calls for 1986 and 1987 farm yields to be frozen at the average of program payment yields for the five years 1981 through 1985 after dropping the high and low years, with the Secretary having discretionary authority to begin phasing in actual yields after 1987.

The new bill would use the same formula but put a floor under each farm's yield equal to 97 percent of the farm's 1985 yield for 1986, 95 percent of the 1985 yield for 1987, and 90 percent of the 1985 yield for the remainder of the program through 1990.

Looking at the 25 counties represented by PCG, the weighted average of payment yields under the original formula, with no floor, comes to 380.7 pounds, 33.4 pounds per acre above the median three of the past five years average of actual yields. The weighted average of 1985 program yields comes to 362.2 pounds, 18.5 pounds below the formula yield.

But, Johnson points out, if the president signs the bill, each farmer will get either the formula yield or the specified percentage of the 1985 yield, whichever is higher. "Which should mean some producers will be helped by the change, nobody will be hurt, and the area's average payment yield will be higher."

On the other section of the bill, Johnson explains that the 1985 farm act as first passed would have permitted planting and harvesting of any except program crops on acreage "freed up" under the 50-92 option. The new measure, again if signed into law, would let the Secretary decide which non-program crops could be planted and harvested on such acreage.

However, it is PCG's understanding, without having seen an actual copy of the bill, that for 1986 only, having and grazing of forage crops on underplanted land will be permitted.

For other crops—vegetables, sunflowers, watermelons, popcorn, etc.—those considering the 50-92 option will have to wait, first on the President, then on the Secretary.

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SOUTH PLAINS BUSINESSES PLAGUED BY PHONEY INVOICE con from 4 SOLICITATIONS

South Plains businesses are cautioned to be on the look out for a mailing from a company CHECKWRITER PROTECTION of Dallas, Texas. The company has mailed and continues to mail solicitations for business that strongly resembles legitimate bills or invoices. Bureau experience has shown that many businesses, believing the mailing to be a bill, send a check to CHECKWRITER PROTECTION without ever realizing that they did not owe anything to the company. The product offered by the company is checkwriter machine insurance which is under written by AMERICAN BANKERS INSURANCE COMPANY OF Miami, Florida.

A most popular type of phoney invoice promotion comes from small directory companies that try very successfully to appear as the "yellow pages" people from the phone company... These promoters even use the yellow page "fingers do the walking" logo and yellow page format to enhance their mailing piece. One such company is DIRECT

MAIL ADVERTISING DEPARTMENT of McAllen, Texas. Many businesses have reported to the BBB that they paid this company thinking it was a bill from the telephone vellow page office.

For more information and a copy of the BBB Business Advisory Pamphlet on "Solicitations in the Guise of Invoices", please call the BBB office at 763-0459 (Lubbock) or 1-800-692-4466 (South Plains).

High Attendance, Sesquicentennial Salute Mark 1986 Houston Livestock Show &

Record breaking temperatures joined with record breaking crowds to make the Sesquicentennial edition of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo one for the books.

Beautiful weather throughout the Show's duration and a spectacular Sesquicentennial celebration contributed to the highest general attendance figure ever recorded at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo - 1.120.796 individuals.

The 1986 Houston Rodeo attracted 547,736 spectators. The all-time record for rodeo attendance in the Astrodome was set by the George Strait's performance Friday, Feb. 28. Total rodeo attendance was 48.642 for the evening.

Saturday evening, March 1, Barbara Mandrell's performance drew a Saturday night rodeo record crowd of 48,219.

Total auction sales were \$4,574,973.46, down 20 percent from 1985 totals, reflecting a depressed livestock industry and sluggish economy.

However, individual prices paid to the champion animals in the junior market shows were still impressive. Laura received \$115,000 for her grand champion steer while Keith Przilas, Dalhart, Texas, received \$35,000 for his grand champion barrow. The grand champion pen of broilers sold for \$31,000; the grand champion barrow.

The Grand Champion pen of broilers sold for \$31,000; the grand champion turkey brought in \$29,000 while the grand champion lamb purchase price was \$22,000.

A total of 27,827 livestock entries were recorded for the 1986 Show.

In rodeo competition, 784

cowboys and cowgirls competed for their share of the \$339,170 in rodeo prize money. Philip Fournier, Raceland, La., won the all-around Houston Rodeo cowboy champion award and Lewis Feild, Elk Ridge, Utah, captured the runner-up title.

Sixteen-year-old Charmayne James, Clovis, N.M., won the 1986 Houston Rodeo champion barrel racer award.

The national spotlight focused on the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo this year when both **ABC's Good Morning America** and NBC's Today Show conducted live spots from the Astrodome.

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Butz, former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture; and Shelton.

Featured speaker at the Tuesday luncheon will be Sister Thomas More Bertels, professor of history at Silver Lake College, Manitowoc, Wisc., and a nationally-known lecturer on social and political issues as they relate to urban and agricultural communities.

The second and final general session on Wednesday will be preceded by a Cattle PAC breakfast featuring the Honorable Henry Cisneros, mayor of San Antonio. Cattle PAC is TSCRA's political action

Wednesday morning's business includes an address by Mrs. Lucille Sterling, Texas CowBelles president, and reports by Don C. King, TSCRA secretary-general manager, and Shelton.

Fluvanna Fire Dept.

always bring the truck."

Like their counterparts. Fluvanna's volunteers are a spirited, generous crew, struggling for any equipment or training they can fnind.

"These are today's Vinutemen," said Texas A&M's , who for 18 years was a nteer in Alto. "They have to a jack-of-all-trades, familiar th chemistry, physics, hysiology and emergency hedical care. It's a lot more than holding a hose and squirting water."

Aaron and his volunteers have had other training at regional fire schools, "but I'm not trained in arson investigation or anything like that," the chief said.

In 1985, the department received about 25 calls, almost all of them grass fires, Aaron Occasionally, the said. Fluvanna volunteers are called to the oil fields to fight lighting-produced blazes and to the gin or cotton fields, where bales sometimes ignite from a spark during harvesting.

The department, originally a project of the Young Farmers Association, owes its existence to donations. In 1968, the city of Snyder gave the 1949 truck it had retired, and a Fluvanna resident donated a building to serve as the firehouse.

A decade later, the Fluvanna volunteers obtained the '65 Ford the mainstay of the department.

POLITICAL CALENDAR

GOVERNOR Kent Hance (R)

U.S. CONGRESS-17th District Charles Stenholm-D

STATE LEGISLATURE (69th Dist.) Rich Anderson (R)

COUNTY JUDGE Van York (D)

COMMISSIONER **Precinct 1** Larry Smith (D) Dan Shortes (D)

Precinct 2 Ed Rinehart (D) **Buck Lemons (D)**

COUNTY CLERK Dorothy Browne (D)

COUNTY TREASURER Lisa Ludecke (D)

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE Carolyn Stone (D)

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF LAND SALE

Pursuant to the Orders of the District Court of Borden County, Texas, in a Judgment dated November 20, 1985, in Cause No. 834, styled "WELLTECH, INC. VS. RKP, INC., ET AL", I will sell, at Public Auction, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real and personal property, to-wit:

The Leasehold Estate covering the Southeast One-fourth (SE-4) of Section Eighteen (18), Block Thirty-two (32), Township - 3 North, T. & P. Railway Company Survey, Borden County, Texas, created by that Salt Water Disposal Agreement dated July 1, 1982, between J. Pat Porter and jRobert W. Dyess, Lessors, and RKP, Inc., Lessee, recorded in Vol. 179, Page 861, of the Deed Records of Borden County, Texas, together with the Porter A SWD No. 1 Well, personal property and equipment situated thereon.

This Leasehold Estate,

together with the personal property situated thereon, is located approximately 13 miles South and 11 miles West of Gail, Texas. The premises is known generally as the Porter A SWD No. 1 Well and Lease and the sale will include the Leasehold Estate, the well, and all other personal property situated thereon. The land covered by the above described Agreement contains approximately 180 acres.

Said sale will be conducted by me, at the door of the Courthouse of Borden County, Texas in Gail, Texas, at 10:30 o'clock A.M., on Tuesday, April 1, 1986, same being the first Tuesday of said month.

TO ALL OF WHICH WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE this 3rd day of March, A.D. 1986.

NORMAN SNEED, SHERIFF£ **BORDEN COUNTY, TEXAS**

-s- Norman Sneed

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION

The Borden County Independent School District Board of Trustees hereby gives notice of an election to be held on April 5, 1986, for the purpose of electing three trustees for full three year terms.

Absentee voting by personal appearance will begin on the 17th day of March, 1986, and continue through the 1st day of April, 1986, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on each day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or an official holiday.

Absentee voting in person shall be conducted at Borden County School. Applications for absentee ballots by mail should be mailed to Joan Briggs-P.O. Box 95-Gail, Texas 79738.

The polling places designated below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election:

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School District Election Precincts	Polling Places	Election Officers
Box No. 1	Plains Community Center Community of Plains	Melba Vaughn Presiding Judge Charla Vaughn Alt. Presiding Judge
Box No. 2A	Borden County Courthouse South Gail	Lisa Ludecke Presiding Judge Carolyn Stone Alt. Presiding Judge
Box No. 2B	Vealmoor Teacherage Vealmoor	Lela Porter Presiding Judge Debra Brummett Alt. Presiding Judge
Box No. 3A	Murphy Election House Murphy	Melton Davis Presiding Judge Martha Davis Alt. Presiding Judge
Box No. 3B	Fairview Election House Fairview	Dorothy Buchanan Presiding Judge Mary Ruth Gray Alt. Presiding Judge
Box No. 4A	Exhibit Building North Gail	Lorene Jones Presiding Judge Joyce Herridge Alt. Presiding Judge
Box No. 4B	Hurston Lemons, Jr. House Snelling	Buck Lemons Presiding Judge Trina Lemons Alt. Presiding Judge

SCHOOL

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famous general) who did not even have a high school education but was paid \$75 a month to teach 19 students for the term of 89 days.

By 1921, at Fairview school, grades two through eight were being taught to 12 students and the teacher was paid \$100 for 160 days. By 1923-33, Gavitte school required high school, two years of college and four years teaching experience. They taught grades 3, 4, 5 and 7 and earned \$45 a month and the school boasted a library with five volumes. The next year, three years of college was required for the same wage.

At Durham, in 1932-33 when there were only two pupils in the 2nd and 4th grades for a term of five months, teachers were required to have three years of college and three years of teaching experience but were paid only \$35 a month. This, apparently was an aftermath of "the Depression", when so many people moved away from the area because in 1928-29, there were 18 students for a 160 day term and the teacher was paid \$100. Surprisingly, Hackberry, also in 1928-29, had 29 students in grades 1 through 7 for a term of 160 days and paid top wages of \$125 a month.

After the first merging of the schools, Fluvanna with a nine month school year and 21 students, required two years of college by its teachers but still paid them only \$100 a month.

Other schools of that era, now just a name in memory, included Plains, Murphy, Miller, Snelling, Willow Valley, Union, Abney, Jumbo, Love, West Point, Mesquite and others. As the towns of Fluvanna, Snyder and Lamesa grew, their larger and more advanced school systems drew the boys and girls from *Borden County who wanted a high school education.

For a period of time, probably in 1940-41, according to Jackson, grades went only from one to, six and children were bussed to Fluvanna or Lamesa for the higher grades. There was a school at Vealmoor but no way to cross the Colorado River even if they did want to attend the Gail school. In 1947, a bridge was built across the river on Highway 669. Jackson served on the Borden County School Board from 1955-65.

Doris Rudd shared some of her schoolday memories with us. "People don't realize there was a high school in Gail before the present one," she says.

"The school was farther down the highway than it is now. It was east of where the Texas Highway Barn now is." Johnnie and Zada Mae Bills (their maiden names) told this writer that they attended high school in Gail. With this credential Zada Mae taught the two Abney children at their



This was the West Point school thirteen miles west of Gail on Buck Canyon Creek. This picture was made in the spring of 1914. These are the Pratt Children. They had been to Gail the night before to a "Literary". They went in the buggy with the teacher and spent the night with a family by the name of Hudson. Mr. Hudson was school teacher. The children and teacher went back the next morning to the school house and then on home that afternoon.

ranch home for the grandsum of \$50 a month. The Bills sisters are still living. Zada Mae married Charley Miller and is now living in Snyder. Johnnie married a Mr. Proffitt and moved to Missouri and California. She now resides on the Rafter Cross ranch. Both ladies are widowed.

In 1910, the Gail school was moved to the present location and housed in a newly constructed three-story building. The second story was used by the Masonic Lodge. In the building was renovated and the third story was removed as it was not needed. In 1953, when the present fine new facility was dedicated, there were those who wanted to tear the three story structure down but there were some, Edna Miller, in particular, who were adamant in insisting the building should be retained. It was stuccoed on the outside to harmonize with the new consolidated school and has since been useful as the offices of the Borden Star as well as a storage and maintenance center

Doris recalls further, attesting to the date the second Gail school was built. "When I was a baby, my folks took 100 head of cattle and went to New Mexico. My Dad drove a wagon team and my mother drove a buggy with me at her side. We lived out there two or three years and then came back. When we got in sight of Gail, my Dad was so anxious to get back to Gail that he ran off and left my mother. I was in the buggy with her and when she came around the mountain, the horses must have been in a hurry too, because they ran away with us. A big red-haired Irishman ran out and grabbed the horses' reins and stopped them by running them into a pile of rocks and gravel which was being used to build the new school.

"In 1918-20, you had to have a

certain number of students in order for a school to be accredited. There were some years when they didn't have that number so they would give the students a certificate and they could transfer to Snyder. They used to graduate pupils in the 11th grade then. I got my diploma in 1932 or '33. After that my teacher sent away to some Baptist school in Abilene and got some material that was similar to first year college work for another student and me and we did the work.

"In 1949, the state legislature passed a law requiring all the small schools to consolidate. That's when this building program began. Everyone in the county was not in favor of it. The lack of roads, or bad roads, and the long distances involved for children to travel were some of the reasons they opposed it. It took some time for people to become adjusted to the idea of a centralized school. Today, it is still a controversial issue in some parts of the country."

However, on June 30, 1951, the citizens of Borden County voted a bond issue of \$500,000 and on June 30, 1951, another bond issue of \$150,000 was supported. More than 80 percent of the voters in both elections supported the bond issues just as they had agreed to the consolidation of all the school districts into one.

Sunday, March 8, 1953 was an historic day as a galaxy of educators, representatives of most neighboring school districts and citizens of Borden County gathered to observe formal dedication services and an open house for the splendid new educational plant.

The men who shouldered the responsibilities and burdens of bringing the dream to reality were the seven members of the school board, organized in June,m 1951. They were: Bert Dennis, president; Melton Davis, vice-president; H.D.

Williams, Secretary; Frank Beavers, Roy Burdett, E. S. Kingston and J. C. Sheppard. The consultants who worked in an advisory capacity to the Board were all members of Texas Technological College. They were Dr. John S. Carroll, head of the Dept. of Education; Dr. Ted E. Edwards and Horace C. Hartsell, and Miss Katherine Evans, professors of education at that institution.

Since its inception, the facility has been an object of pride to the community and is still considered a model for other systems throughout the nation.

At first, financing appeared to be a major hurdle to overcome but, as O. D. Jackson recalls, when they began drilling for oil around 1950 and wells started coming in, they found a solution to their problems. Back in the 1800's, the State allotted a certain amount of property to the school fund and considerable land is still owned by individual school districts. Many are fortunate to have a good income from producing wells on their land.

S. P. Stewart was Superintendent in 1953. There were 30 students enrolled in the sixth and seventh grades. At that time there were three conventional school busses, two Jeep station wagons with four-wheel drive, and two Chevrolet station wagons, all used to cover 857 square miles of territory covered by the school system. The school district covers more than 90 percent of the 914 square miles of territory in the county which had a population of only 1,106 persons.

If gathering up students was a big problem, rounding up teachers for the system was an even bigger problem. According to Stewart, "There was no enticement for teachers here so we had to furnish housing. Eleven modern one-family residences were built - seven at Gail and the others at the communities of Glenn Creek, Plains and Murphy. The pay scale was raised to the Gilman-Aiken standard set for the state, plus special consideration for most of the

With these incentives we have been able to fill our system with some of the best teachers anywhere. We had more than 100 applications last year. All our teachers have either Bachelor or Master's degrees in their fields. As a contrast, almost the entire faculty of the old Borden County system had only teachers with teaching certificates."

Prior to the organization of the district centered at Gail, the pupils of the county had been sent to Snyder, Coahoma, Ackerly, Lamesa and O'Donnell, all located well outside Borden County. This district had furnished busses and sent their pupils to the other schools.

The present School Board is comprised of Ralph Miller, president; Jack McPhaul, vice-president; Doyle Newton, secretary-treasurer; Kent Colmes, Kenny Hensley, Bill

Phinizy and Jon Monger. They preside over a budget in the amount of \$1,600,000. There are 224 pupils enrolled, 26 teachers on the staff, and 10 bus routes which travel a total of 1,500 miles daily.

The Borden County Consolidated Schoool, is presently administered by James McLeroy, Superintendent; Mickey McMeans, Principal, High School; Ben Jarrett, Principal, Elementary. During the 1985-86 season the Junior Varisoity girls basketball team emerged as District Champions as well as the girls Junior High. In the county 4-H program Borden County is the No. 1 school in enrollment in Texas, with 85 percent of the students enrolled.

The young people who have been students here have found their place in society and have become part of the backbone of this nation. Many have gone on to national renown but most of all, they are a credit to themselves, their families and the community in which they were raised.

Edna Gladney Home To Become Center

The Edna Gladney Home, the largest maternity home and infant placement agency in the United States, has recently changed its name to The Edna Gladney Center it was anknounced today by Mr.s. Eleanor Tuck, Executive Director.

"Gladney's program has come a great distance since its founding in 1887," Mrs. Tuck stated. "We have grown from being housed literally in Mrs. Edna Gladney's home to having a facility today that encompasses one entire city block in Fort Worth, Texas. Our focus today centers on providing services that are meaningful to young women experiencing an untimely pregnancy.

"The decision to become The Edna Gladney Center came, in part, as the result of listening carefully to what was being said to us by the young women whom we serve," Mrs. Tuck continued. "Almost without exception they have told us that upon their arrival at Gladney they were surpsrised and very pleased to see that it was not actually a large home with all of the girls staying in one room!

"Additionally, they have indicated that because of the scope and dimension of the programs that are offered at Gladney, "Center" would more accurately describe what goes on here. We firmly believe that the time spent at The Center should be not an "in-waiting" period but rather an opportunity to begin setting goals and obtaining the confidence and skills to carry them out. Our program is "centered" around that concept."