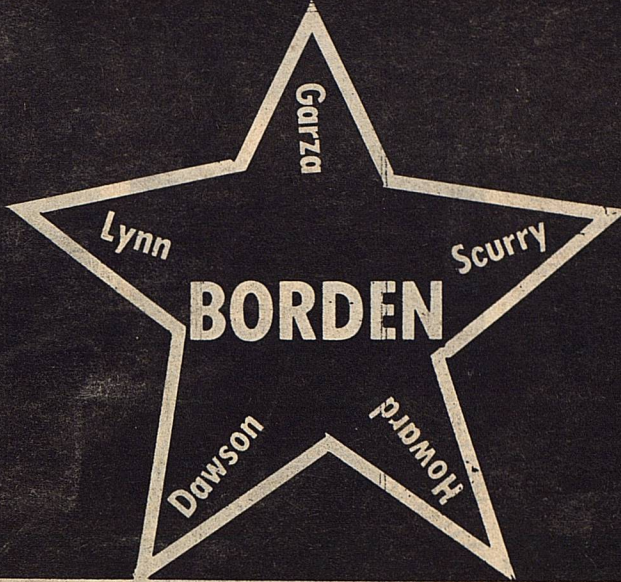


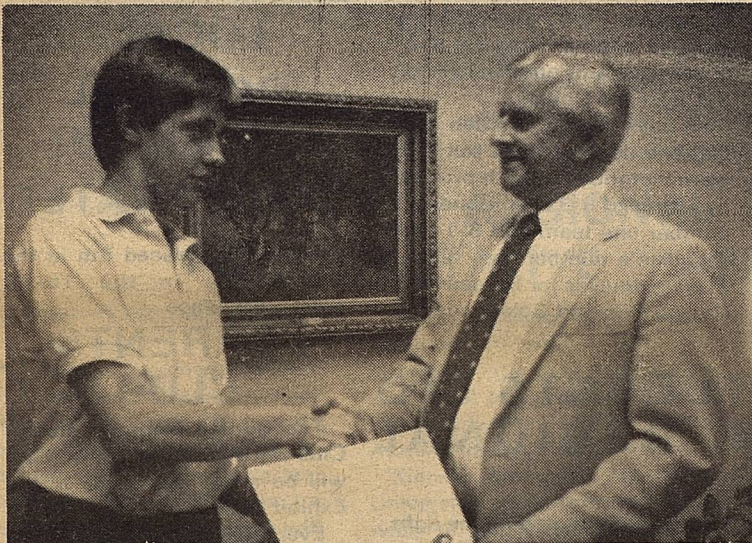
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Will Phinizy receives an award for "Outstanding ARTIST. Presenting the award is James McLeroy, Supt. Borden County Schools.

EXCEPTIONAL ARTIST

Will Phinizy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Phinizy, has been chosen as the exceptional artist to represent his county in the Hands Around Texas Sesquicentennial Showcase. The entry was selected by a judging committee over all other entries from the county.

Will's entry will now be included in the exhibit to include the winning entries from the other 253 counties of Texas. The opening of the exhibit is scheduled for Saturday, May 3, 1986, in Bastrop, Texas, at the Hands Around the World Museum.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

A heavy turnout of 374 voters elected two new school board members Saturday, April 5 in Gail. Steve Hess and Tom Ed Vestal took two of the 3 available seats. A tie for the third trustee slot indicated a rare runoff with Joel Dennis and Guy

Zant, each with 177 votes, to be on the ballot.

Steve Hess received 193 votes, Tom Vestal 192, Kenny Hensley 174 and Ralph Miller 165.

For complete results of the election, see page 7.



BHS PLACES THIRD IN DISTRICT LITERARY

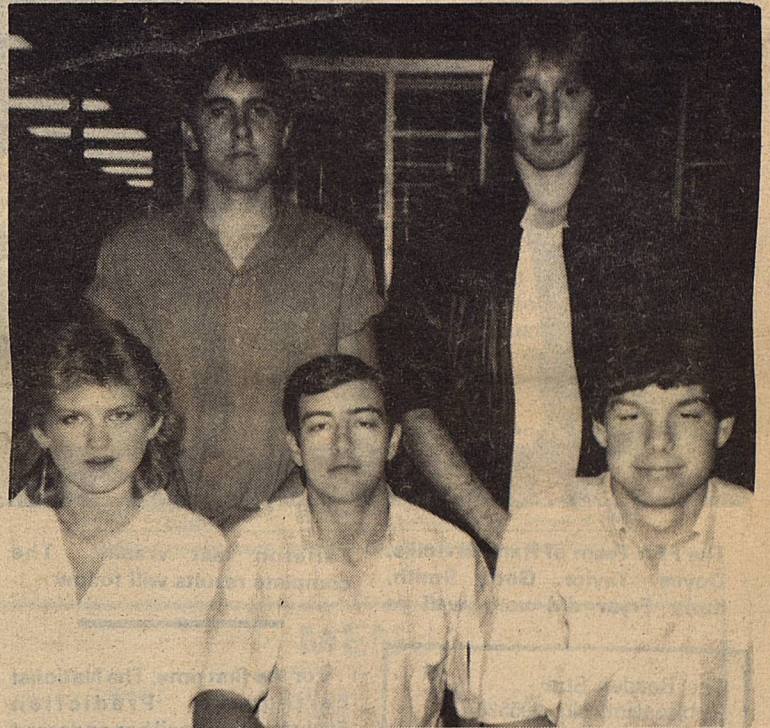
Borden County School students placed 3rd at the District Literary Meet in Meadow last Friday, April 4.

Charla Buchanan placed 1st in Editorial Writing. The team of Brice Key and Doyce Taylor placed 2nd in debate. Doyce also placed 3rd in Headline Writing. John Stephens placed 3rd in LD Debate. Rockie Harbor will be alternate in Editorials at Regional.

Kelli Williams, Mickey Burkett, and Michael Murphy participated in the district typing U.I.L. contest. Kelli placed 1st., Mickey placed 2nd., and Michael placed 8th out of twenty-three students.

Dana Gray and Cindy Balague participated in district shorthand. Dana took first place and Cindy placed second.

These students will represent Borden County School at the Regional U.I.L. Meet on April 25.



REGIONAL QUALIFIERS--Seated-Charla Buchanan, Doyce Taylor, Brice Key. Standing-John Stevens and Rockie Harbor.

BARN DANCE

FRIDAY

APRIL 11

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BARN DANCE



REGIONAL QUALIFIERS IN BUSINESS--Seated-Dana Gray, Kelli Williams. Standing-Michael Murphy, Cindy Balague and Mickey Burkett.

BOYS 1600 METER RELAY WINS AT LOOP

Chris Cooley, Rockie Harber, Will Phinizy and Chris Kilmer won the 1600 meter relay in their best time of 3:45.41., but all were disappointed not to run in the 3:30 area. Cooley ran a 52.4, Harber a 55.3, Phinizy a 57.5, and Kilmer a 60 flat, to win the trophy.

Cooley and Harber finished in first and third in the 200 meter dash and first and fourth in the 100 meters.

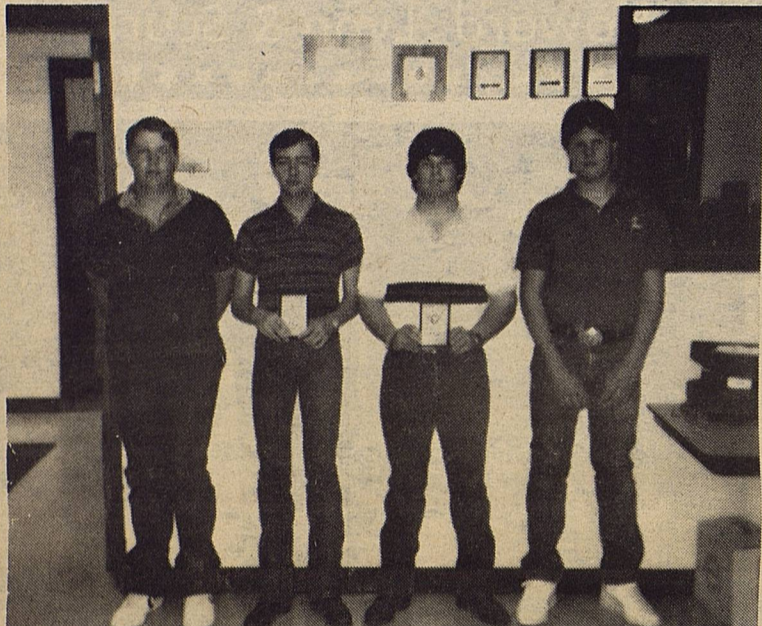
Phinizy and Kilmer ran the open quarter but failed to make the finals.

In the field events, David

Martinez qualified for the finals in the shot and placed sixth. Ray Martinez and Randell Hollis participated in the shot and discus but failed to make the finals.

Kate Phinuzy, Felicia Romero and Shelly Lewis made up the girls squad and Kate ran fourth in the 400 meters with a time of 70.1. Shelly and Felicia failed to make the final in the 100 and 200 meter dashes.

The squad will travel to Klondike on April 123 to prepare for district on April 18 also at Klondike.



The FFA Team of Randell Hollis, Doyce Taylor, Gerry Smith, Kerry Fryar did very well at

Tarleton last week. The complete results will follow.

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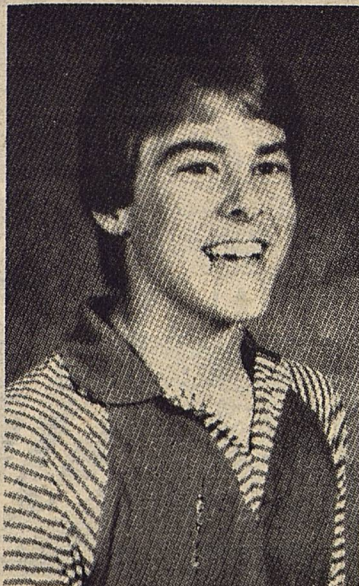
For the first time, The National Earthquake Prediction Evaluation Council has endorsed the prediction of a specific quake. International Wildlife magazine reports that the federal panel agrees with scientists that chances are very good that a moderate quake will strike near Parkfield, California by 1993.

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JR. HIGH NETS KLONDIKE

The Junior High tennis team traveled to Klondike Tuesday and came away with seven wins in nine attempts. This was the last matches of the year before the district tournament set for April 19. In singles action, Amy Lewis won 8-0 and Rachel Romero won 8-5. Also winning were Kandy Belew by a 8-0 score and d'Arcey Lemons by an identical 8-0 score. Kandy dropped one pro set in a

tie-breaker 9-8 and d'Arcey dropped another close set 9-7. In doubles, Amy and Rachel won 8-1 over the Cougars.

In boys action, Borden only had one doubles team but they were victorious in both pro sets by scores of 8-3 over Klondike's number one team and 8-1 over Klondike's number two team. Playing doubles for Borden were Cody Stone and Cole Vestal.

BUSINESS STUDENTS TO COMPETE IN REGIONAL COMPETITION

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Dana Gray and Cindy Balague participated in district shorthand. Dana took first place and Cindy placed second.

These students are to be commended for their district

efforts, and for earning the right to represent Borden County School at the Regional U.I.L. Meet on April 25.

Kelli and Dana also placed 1st. in a practice meet at Post High School in March. Each received a gold medal. Mickey and Cindy also entered this meet.

I wish to commend these students for their dedicated efforts and the extra work they did in preparing for the district contest.

-s-Netta Jarrett

INTERESTED IN LAW ENFORCEMENT?

The Permian Basin Law Enforcement Academy will offer a five (5) week course to qualify individuals to take the State of Texas Liscensing Examination for Peace Officers. All individuals must have completed the sceven (7) required college classes and must be sponsored by a local law enforcement agency. The Course will begin May 5, 1986 and shall conclude on June 5, 1986. All classes will be held at the Permian Basin Law Enforcement Academy. Registration deadline is April 15, 1986. All interested individuals should contact Mr. Eddie Rohrer at the Permian Basin Lae Enforcement Academy at (915) 563-1061.

LOCAL COWGIRL PLACES IN SWEETWATER

Dana Gray placed 6th in the Sweetwater in the 16-19 poles...6th place.

PARENTS CLUB

The Borden County Parent's Club will meet April 24th. There will be a pot luck lunch in the Exhibit Building.

Everyone young and old are invited to come. Take time to come have lunch with us.

Rocks may not be much of a delicacy to people. But sea lions are frequently seen eating the.m. Scientists are trying to discover why. International Wildlife magazine reports that rocks may make diving easier, kill stomach parasites, or just take away the sea lion's hunger pangs.

APRIL 1986						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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13	14	15	16	17	18 Six Weeks	19
20	21 4:00 p.m. District Tennis Brownfield	22 1:25 p.m. Band Contest Frenship	23	24 Reg. One Act Play	25 District Track Meet Klondike	26
27	28 Texas Sesquicentennial Day (no school)	29 4:00 p.m. Elem. & Jr. Hl. Ready Writing O'Donnell	30	Regional H.S. Literary Meet	9:00 a.m. District Jr.-Hi. Track Meet Boys & Girls Wellman	
	7:00 p.m. FFA-FHA Banquet		Regional Tennis Levelland			

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The Board of Trustees met in a called meeting on Monday, April 7, 1986 for the purpose of canvassing election returns and swearing in new members.

Ralph Miller presided. Election returns were canvassed and results were as follows:

	Ab. Plains	So. Veal- Gail moor	Fair- Murphy	No. Snel- Gail ling	Totals				
Joel Dennis	56	29	13	9	8	12	23	27	177
Tom Ed Vestal	15	46	34	21	18	15	23	20	192
Kenny Hensley	56	24	16	14	7	10	25	22	174
Ralph Miller	56	23	16	9	7	7	27	20	165
Guy Zant	11	38	31	32	13	17	22	13	177
Steve Hess	15	54	34	29	12	12	25	12	193
Pat Porter	1				1		1		3

Steve Hess and Tom Ed Vestal were declared winners and were given the oath of office by James McLeroy.

The Board declared a tie between Joel Dennis and Guy Zant. The two candidates were given an opportunity to resolve the tie by a recount of votes, to cast lots, or to have a tie breaker election.

Joel Dennis asked for a recount. The recount was granted and scheduled for Friday morning at 9:00 a.m.

If the two candidates are still tied after the recount of ballots, the board will call a tie breaker election. Although the date for the election has not been set, there is a possibility that it will be set for May 10.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE APPROVED

Senator Phil Gramm (R) Texas has announced that his nominee for Regional Representative of the Secretary of Transportation, John M. Kinnear, has been approved by the White House and Secretary of Transportation, Elizabeth Dole. Kinnear, a resident of Arlington, Texas will oversee Region VI, which includes Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arkansas.

"John's background as a business executive and his understanding of accountability and fiscal responsibility makes him a valuable addition to this Administration," Gramm said. Kinnear graduated from the University of Arizona in 1959 with a bachelors degree in business administration and entered a 20-year career in medical products manufacturing and distribution.

He began his career with Hudson Oxygen Equipment Corp. of Los Angeles. After that, he consulted with Johnson & Johnson and later founded two companies: Aerwey Laboratories and Intec Medical Corp. In 1979 he became senior associate of Ron Walker and Associates, a firm headed by Ron Walker, who organized the 1984 Republican National Convention and President Reagan's 1985 inauguration.

Kinnear began his government service as associate director of Presidential Personnel in the White House at the beginning of the Reagan Administration in 1981. He has served in executive positions with the Environmental Protection Agency, Consumer Products Safety Commission and the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Kinnear married the former Coreen Mencimer in 1958 and they have three sons.

If you see an animal plunge into a lake and come out with a fish, then run into the field and snatch a mouse, you've just spotted a mink. National Wildlife magazine says that birds and insects aren't safe from this esemi-aquatic cousin of the otter, either.

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The best way to avoid having to "borrow back a lost investment" is by insuring the investment in the first place. As your agent can explain, insurance is far less costly and — unlike money paid out in interest — it does provide you with protection against the possibility of future losses.

If it takes 90 percent of the income from a good crop to cover production expenses, losing one crop is equal to losing ten years' profits.

HANCE ORGANIZING TO HELP PREVENT STATE AUTHORITY OVER SCHOOLS

Kent Hance, Republican candidate for Governor, announced today that he will organize and lead a statewide drive to prevent the State Board of Education from passing new regulations which place private schools under state authority for the first time and impose unneeded restrictions that border on violation of individual rights.

"I believe that people should have a choice," Hance said. "I believe in strong public schools, strong private schools and strong home schools. The goal is to achieve quality education and to allow parents the freedom to choose their children's schools."

Hance also said that the new regulations are too restrictive and could lead to small private schools facing closure and would put unrealistic restrictions on home schools.

The Board of Education, appointed and doing the bidding of Gov. Mark White wants to sweep down for the first time to impose state regulation on thousands of students in hundreds of private schools all over the state. This is unnecessary intrusion of government."

Hance also cited the fact that the State Board of

Education has no rulemaking authority under the Education Code relating to truancy, which is covered in the new regulations.

Under current law, Hance said, general rulemaking authority for accreditation applies only to public schools, and therefore, any rule promulgated for a non-public school stands to be invalidated under the Texas Administrative Procedures Act.

"I seriously question whether the State Board of Education has the authority to make or enforce these regulations," Hance said. "I don't understand why Governor White has allowed this sort of procedure to continue when the rights of so many Texas parents and students are about to be

violated."

Hance said that one possible result, in an extreme case, is that under the new rules, the state could remove a child from the home of the parents who are in non-compliance with the regulation. Violation of the rules gives the state the authority to place those children in foster homes or even in juvenile detention centers should the parents continue to resist.



Coffeehouses were once the centers for news distribution.

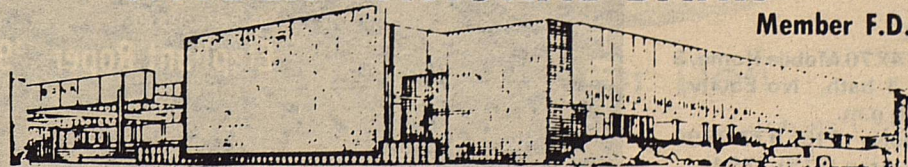
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MAY WEDDING PLANNED--Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sternadel announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lynn, to Frank Maurice Herridge, son of Frank and Joyce Herridge of Gail. The couple will exchange vows on May 31 in the Gail Baptist Church at 7 p.m.

LOST & FOUND

A yellow Tupperware bowl is in the office of Mrs. Briggs at the school. It was left from a recent funeral. Please pick up as soon as possible

Also found is a Rival Slow Cooker, which may be picked up in the cafeteria.

COMMUNITY RUMMAGE SALE

There will be a county wide community rummage sale Saturday, April 12, downtown Gail from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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TRAP CLUB MEMORIALS

The Borden County 4-H Trap and Skeet Club has received donations in memory of David Holmes from the following people:

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Lin Smith and Family
Norman and Bonnie Sneed
Buddy, Patsy, Tammy and Lance Telchik
Tom Ed, Barbara, Cole, and Seth Vestal

The members of the Borden County 4-H Trap and Skeet Club would like to express to you our appreciation of your contributions. Your donations will be used to help keep the cost of the shooting sports project as low as possible for those 4-H'ers who participate.

EMT NEWS

In Memory of Joe Gilmore:

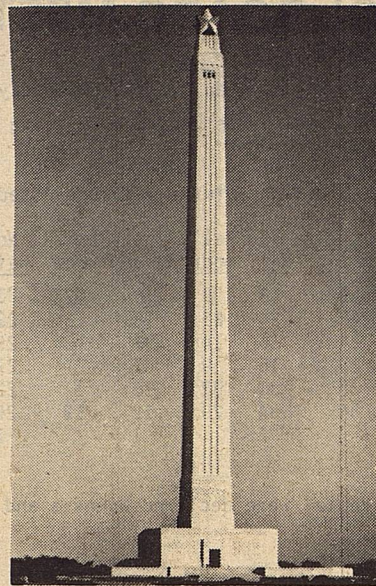
Jarrell and Nancy Edwards
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burkett

In Memory of David Holmes:

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Dennis
Mr. and Mrs. Don Wills and Family
Tom Ed, Barbara, Cole and Seth Vestal
Jarrell and Nancy Edwards
Doris Rudd



The dandelion blossom is actually a bouquet of about 150 to 200 tiny flowers set in a solid head on a stem.



SAN JACINTO MEMORIAL MONUMENT Texas 150 Celebration

The "Texas 150 Celebration" is the state's official commemoration of the Sesquicentennial. The Celebration will take place Sunday, April 20 and Monday, April 21 from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. The place is the San Jacinto Battleground State Historical Park (17 miles east of downtown Houston; off Highway 134, La Porte).

Free public parking and shuttle bus transportation for the Texas 150 Celebration starts daily at 7:30 a.m. April 20, 21 from the following satellite parking facilities: Astrodome, San Jacinto College Central Campus, Pasadena's Memorial Stadium, and Gilley's Ballroom. Special transportation for senior citizens and handicapped is available at San Jacinto College Central Campus. NO PUBLIC PARKING IS AVAILABLE AT SAN JACINTO STATE PARK!! FREE. (Admission will be

charged for the battleship U.S.S. Texas, the tall ship ELISSA and the Museum's observation deck to defray operating expenses.) SEVEN STAGES WITH 50 ENTERTAINERS performing Texas music and dance: Country-western rock'n roll, mariachi, classical, rhythm and blues, bluegrass, Texas swing, conjunto, gospel, folk, Norteno, ballads, Latin jazz, reggae, Cajun-tex, yodels...and more!!

Headline Entertainers will include Larry Gatlin and The Gatlin Bros., B.J. Thomas, The Texas Playboys, Asleep at the Wheel sponsored by Texaco. The San Jacinto Eve Concert will include the Houston Symphony Orchestra featuring Willie Nelson and band from 6-8 p.m., Sunday, April 20 and broadcasted live by KTRK-TV (Channel 13). The largest fireworks display ever staged in Texas will take place 8-8:30 p.m. CST, Monday, April 21. Brazoria Militia, Crossroads of Texas, Texas Army, wagon train encampments and exhibits and demonstrations will show a living history.

For the children there will be entertaining and educational hands-on activities for the young-at-heart. Also in the children's pavilion will be music, theater, art, crafts, kites, ethnic and pioneer culture, puppets, gymnastics...from museums, schools and theaters all across Texas! Sponsored by Texaco.

The taste-tantalizing food will feature ethnic and regional with a "six flags" theme.

There will be a Service, from 11-12 a.m. Sunday, "Black Heroes of the Texas Revolution". At 2-3 p.m. Sunday "Historical Remembrance", "Hispanic Heritage Remembrance" (5:15-5:45 p.m. and "San Jacinto Day from 4-5 p.m. Monday.

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Extension Home Economics Report

By: Kandy K. McWhorter

SOUTH PLAINS DISTRICT 4-H FASHION SHOW

Angela Evans placed third in the junior 2 tailored daywear category at the South Plains District 4-H Fashion Show held April 5, 1986 at Texas Tech University.

Other 4-H'ers from Borden County who participated were Kristi Stone, senior non-tailored daywear; D'Lyn Lloyd, senior evening wear; d'Arcey Lemons, junior 2

non-tailored daywear; Jim Evans, junior 1 tailored daywear or evening wear; and Mandi Herring, junior 1 non-tailored daywear.

These 4-H'ers competed for honors along with 4-H'ers from the other nineteen counties in the South Plains Extension District.

Congratulations on a job well done.

RATING FABRIC QUALITY

It does not matter whether you are buying a new dress, an upholstered sofa, some linens or material to sew at home--the quality of the fabric will determine the quality of the finished product.

To be sure you get the best quality for your money, read the product labels for fiber content and care instructions. Then do these simple tests on the fabric to determine its quality:

To test for wrinkle resistance, crush the fabric in your hand for several seconds. Release it and look for wrinkles.

Colorfastness can be tested by wrapping a small square of white fabric over the end of a pencil eraser and then rubbing it on the fabric in question. Then check to see if any color has rubbed off on the white fabric.

Check on stretch recovery by measuring a small section of fabric. Stretch it firmly and release. Then measure the section and compare it to the original dimensions.

Look at both sides of the fabric for an even distribution of color. Check the side seams for color differences.

Also look for fabric flaws. Open up the garment or fabric and hold it to the light so you can see any imperfections. To determine if fabric crispness is due to sizing, rub the fabric together briskly. Look for flaking which indicates the presence of sizing. Once the

sizing has washed out, the fabric may be more limp or has less shape than needed to look good.

"Pilling" is the formation of balls of fiber on the surface of a fabric. Rub fabric against itself or rub lightly with a nail file or emory board, then look for breakage or rough surfaces.

Check to see whether designs are woven into the fabric or simply printed on the face side where they may wear off with repeated launderings or use.

Insert your thumbs into the fabric and apply pressure in opposite directions. Look at how closely yarns are woven or knitted together. The number of threads per inch can indicate the strength of the fabric.

After testing the fabric, ask yourself if it is suitable for the intended use. Combine your information about fabric quality with other product information such as care instructions and price to get the best buy for your money.

TICKETS AVAILABLE

Free tickets for the Western Texas College intercollegiate rodeo will be available for Borden County school students again this year, Bob Doty, WTC rodeo coach, said.

The free tickets will be good for the Saturday afternoon rodeo on April 19. Students are to pick up the tickets in the office of the school principal. The rodeo will begin at 2 p.m. in the Scurry County coliseum.

All rodeo fans are invited to attend the rodeo, which opens on April 17 and runs through April 20 in the coliseum. Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for students and \$6 for box seats. They can be purchased at Bar H Bar Western Wear and Koda Koda Kountry Western Wear in Snyder, from Rodeo Queen contestants and rodeo club members or at the gate. The rodeo will begin at 8 p.m. on April 17, 18, and 19 and at 2 p.m. on April 19 and 20.

WTC will also be having homecoming during the rodeo, with most of the activities on April 19. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. on that day in the Student Center and a barbecue is planned at 11:30 a.m.

ADOPT A HIGHWAY

The State Highway Department's Adopt-a-Highway Program--heretofore limited mostly to pilot projects in the Tyler and Corsicana areas--celebrated its first anniversary March 9 by going statewide.

As developed by Billy Black, public information officer for Highway Department District 10 in Tyler, the program enables civic groups to adopt stretches of state highways, in the process assuming responsibility for keeping them clean and litter-free.

COUNTY AG-AGENT REPORT

DENNIS POOLE

RUSSIAN WHEAT APHID

Lubbock--An Aphid which for almost a century has plagued small grain producers halfway around the world has made its first U.S. appearance in wheat fields on the South Plains of Texas.

Entomologists with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service revealed today (April 1) that the Russian wheat aphid has been identified in fields from Gaines to Hall counties and from Parmer to Scurry counties, and in Curry County, N.M.

"This is no joke to our wheat farmers," said Dr. William P. Morrison, Extension entomologist, at a press conference at the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center here. The infested area annually produces some 17 percent of the state's wheat, with a yield of about 26.4 million bushels on 1.3 million planted acres. Yield reductions can result from infestations by this aphid, Morrison said.

The Russian wheat aphid injects a toxin into the plant on which it feed. This can make the plant turn purple; cause infested leaves to exhibit white, longitudinal streaks; and give heavily infested plants a flattened appearance with the tillers lying almost parallel to the ground, the Extension entomologist said.

"The aphids are found mainly on the newest growth of the wheat plant, generally at the base of the tightly curled last leaf," Morrison said. In later growth stages, the aphids infest the flag leaf. Emerging wheat heads may become bent and white.

Morrison said a few fields he has examined on the South Plains in the last few days were beginning to experience whitish circles, three to five feet in diameter, where the aphids had begun to kill the wheat.

The Russian wheat aphid is relatively small, less than two millimeters long. It is green, with an elongated, spindle-shaped body. The Extension entomologist said it is easily distinguished from other aphids by extremely short antennae; a characteristic

projection above the cauda (or tail) which gives it a "double tail" appearance, and, to the naked eye, absence of prominent cornicles (or dorsal tubes) typical of other aphids.

It got its common name because it is indigenous to southern Russia, where it has been a pest of wheat and barley since the turn of the century. It also has been common in the Middle East and Mediterranean coastal regions of North Africa and Europe. In 1978 it was found to cause severe damage in South Africa. By 1981 it was found throughout South Africa and also was identified in central Mexico. By 1983 it has spread to northern Mexico.

There are no records until now of this aphid occurring north of Mexico.

Wheat producers and county Extension agents across the Texas South Plains began seeing the unfamiliar symptoms in area wheat fields about March 20 and asked Morrison for help. He examined specimens and recognized that the aphid wasn't common to the area. On March 25, Morrison consulted Dr. Bob Burton, USDA Agricultural Research Service entomologist at Stillwater, Okla., and sent him specimens by express mail. Burton tentatively identified it as the Russian wheat aphid.

Very little research has been done on the pest, and that was in South Africa under conditions different from the Texas South Plains, Morrison noted. Since the pest was identified here, Dr. Tom Archer, research entomologist with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at Lubbock, has initiated tests on chemical control measures and to determine if the aphid will feed on grain sorghum and corn, major area crops.

The recommended control measures, at present, are treatment with a combination of a contact insecticide, such as parathion, plus a systemic insecticide, Morrison said. He said this would cost farmers approximately \$5 an acre.

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TECAT TEST FOR PARENTS

There has been an overflowing amount of material, facts, figures and letters regarding the controversial TECAT test in recent months. This paper has had its fair share.

This week I want to strike out on a new avenue and try to make a point.

Public education has been traditionally recognized as a three-way cooperative venture of home, state and local school. Everyone is placing the blame of TECAT on Governor Mark White. H. Ross Perot is getting his share of criticism over education reform. The teachers of this state are upset over increased paperwork, TECAT, etc.

I advocate that we're not seeing the forest for the trees with respect to the public education of our children. We're forgetting one very important facet of the school, home, state education tri-angle. The home.

I think parents should begin sharing more of the responsibility for education reform. We are, because we brought the children into the world, responsible for our children's education. It is our duty to teach our children morals, ethics, respect, patriotism, self-discipline and dedication. How many parents in this day spend as much time with their children as do the teachers in our school system? Not many. I think we should initiate a PECAT test for all parents (PECAT-Parental Excellence Cooperation Achievement Test).

Start with a clean piece of paper (put plus points on one

side of the ledger, minus points on the other).

1. Give yourself 20 points: For naming the members of your school board. Another 20 points for listing the subjects your child is taking and the teacher's responsible for educating your child in that subject. Give yourself another 20 points if you have made an attempt to read House Bill 72.

2. Give yourself 10 points: If you contacted just one of your child's teachers in the past six months to see how your child was progressing in the classroom. Another 10 points if you have read all the paperwork your child carted home since September. A final 10 points if you can recall the grades your child received in each subject taken on his-her last report card.

3. Take another 5 points on the plus side: If (a) you went over your child's homework last week to make sure he-she understood the assignment. (b) 5 points if you encouraged your child to do his-her homework last week. (c) 5 points if you personally monitored your child's evening activities (telephone, visiting, television). (d) Take 5 points if you sent your child to school every day this week with a good breakfast.

That takes care of the plus side of the ledger. Now move over to the minus side and begin deducting points. You could have scored a possible 110 points on the plus side.

Deduct 20 points: For each time you stormed into the school demanding that a teacher be fired for giving your child what he or she probably deserved on a

test. Take off another 20 points if you criticized the school administration or school board in your child's presence in the last two months. Deduct 20 points if you gave your child money to avoid spending time with him or her.

Deduct 10 points: If (a) You tossed paperwork from school, sent home with your child, in the trash can in the last six months--without reading it. (b) If you have accepted the excuse that your child has "no homework tonight" more than once a week. (Note: Most students have assigned homework four nights a week.) (c) If you insisted that your child should participate in extra curricular activities without passing the required courses.

Deduct 5 points: If (a) You left your child alone at night more than one time a week in the past three weeks. (b) If you let your child watch any and all television shows or movies. (c) If you let your child stay up as late as he-she desires on school nights or if you don't have a set time that personal telephone calls are to stop at night and finally, (d) deduct 5 points if you sent your child off to school without a good breakfast in the past two weeks.

Unless you, as a parent, can make a 70 on such a test, you should voluntarily relinquish the deduction you take on the income-tax form until you successfully pass a parenting course.

I think parents should get more involved in the education of their children. Education reform, "return to the basics" by school districts is a positive step in turning out better educated children. As parents we should "return to the basics" by sending our children to school

motivated to learn. We should provide the supervision at home, the love, understanding and guidance our children need and have every right to expect. That's our job--the school teachers are paid to teach.

Parents have a responsibility in education--we should accept that responsibility, move that responsibility to its proper place on the priority ladder and cooperate in assuring the success of our children in the education chair.

The "tongue in cheek" PECAT test has caused this writer to study deeper my personal role in the education of my children. I hope it does the same for you.

Kim Pease--Rotan Advance:



HALLEY'S COMET IS CLOSER

If you haven't gotten up early and seen Halley's Comet, your chances are just about over. Halley is racing toward Earth at a speed of 18 miles per second. The comet will be at its closest point to Earth April 11. By June 1, Halley will no longer be visible to the naked eye. If you miss Halley this time, you won't see it again for another 75 years.

Astronomers at The University of Texas McDonald Observatory have been keeping a close eye on Halley and watching its departure from the sun. Three of the astronomers will be available for interviews whether over the phone or in person April 7-11. Ed Barker, Anita Cochran and Jackie Green will be available for live or taped interviews from 1 until 4 each afternoon during those days. They can be reached at (915) 426-3263. They will be able to answer any question concerning Halley or McDonald Observatory.

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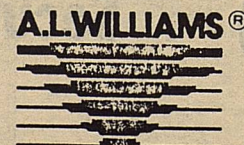
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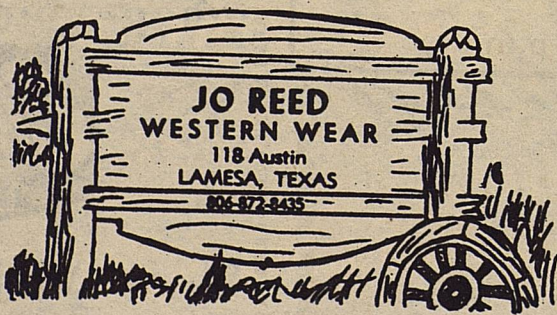
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Joel Dennis	56	29	13	9	8	12	23	27	177
Tom Ed Vestal	15	46	34	21	18	15	23	20	192
Kenny Hensley	56	24	16	14	7	10	25	22	174
Ralph Miller	56	23	16	9	7	7	27	20	165
Guy Zant	11	38	31	32	13	17	22	13	177
Steve Hess	15	54	34	29	12	12	25	12	193
Pat Porter	1								
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Patrick Terry

New Director at Sesqui Commission

Patrick Terry has been selected to replace Lynn Nabers as executive director of the Texas Sesquicentennial Commission.

Dr. Emmie Craddock, commission chairman, said Nabers resigned to manage his family business after his mother suffered a major stroke. "We appreciate Lynn's decision but regret losing him," Craddock said. "Under his capable direction the Commission has set a firm course for the successful implementation of Sesquicentennial events throughout the state. It was a job well done and we owe Lynn a debt of gratitude."

Terry has served as deputy director of the commission since August of 1985. He holds a Bachelor of Science in advertising and marketing from the University of Texas at Austin. The Abilene native worked as account executive for Tracy Locke-BBDO Advertising in Dallas and as a marketing consultant.

"We have the ideal replacement in Mr. Terry," Craddock said. "His experience and proven talents qualify him for the key leadership role in carrying out our Sesquicentennial policies during the 1986 celebration."

SPRING FLING FOR AGE 55 AND OLDER

College Station--The Texas 4-H Center at Lake Brownwood will again host a "Spring Fling" this year for people aged 55 and older.

Spring Fling, in its eighth year and boasting almost 4,000 participants, will feature five special camps for individuals 55 and older dealing with a wide range of educational and recreational activities, points out Marshall Crouch, 4-H specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System. Crouch supervises programs and activities at the

4-H Center which is about 11 miles north of Brownwood on Texas 279.

The five sessions are scheduled for April 8-11, April 15-18, April 22-25, April 29-May 2 and May 6-9. Registration is from 2:30 to 4 pm. the first day of each session.

Those participating in Spring Fling '86 can choose from a multitude of activities, Crouch points out. All sessions will feature educational programs presented by Extension Service specialists in such areas as horticulture, insurance, entomology, gardening, and foods and nutrition.

Nature hikes, boat rides, tennis, fishing, shuffleboard, dancing, bingo, social recreation and table games all are available for the enjoyment of those attending the camp.

Crouch assures that accommodations at the 4-H Center are comfortable and that the food is good. A dietitian is on hand to help with special dietary requirements.

Cost of each of the sessions is \$81. Individuals interested in attending should send in their reservations as soon as possible since each session is limited to 100 people. County Extension offices have reservation forms and additional information on Spring Fling '86. Forms should be sent to the Texas 4-H Center, Rt. 1, Box 527, Brownwood, TX 76801; telephone: 915-784-5482.

BOGGLING STATISTICS

Rick Craig--Hamlin Herald: The fast paced world that we live in has created mind-boggling statistics, according to an article in The Old Farmer's 1986 Almanac.

The article lists what Americans consume, buy and build in a single day. According to the article in one day:

Americans print more than a quarter of a million dollars of counterfeit money. Some 90 percent of the funny money is seized before it reaches the public.

The U.S. Postal Service handles 176 million first-class letters. About 800 of them are reported lost. It's popular to blame the post office, but based on these figures, a person would have to mail a letter a day for over 600 years before one would get lost en route.

Americans gobble 75 acres of pizza.

Americans spend \$3.6 million on toys and accessories for their pets. They spend \$27,000 per day on pet clothing.

Americans purchase 25,000 new automobiles and 2,500 new motorcycles. American smash up to 50,000 cars and trucks and 1,500 motorcycles. Americans junk 20,000 cars and 4,000 trucks and buses.

A total of 137,000 Americans stay home from work because they have a cold. Some 164,000 children stay home from school with the same excuse.



The Election Judges for the Borden County School Board Election go over new election laws before the election. Mr. James McLeroy, Supt. hosts the meeting each year to help Judges understand how to hold the election according to state requirements.

BEEF INDUSTRY COUNCIL FORMED

San Antonio--Texas has a Beef Industry Council! The Council became a reality at a meeting in San Antonio on Sunday, March 16, at the presidents of the seven founding organizations met and elected the first Board of Directors. The first Board includes the following: Independent Cattlemen's Association: Roy Wheeler and Robert Bracken; Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association: Jimmy Owens and John Birdwell; Texas Cattle Feeders Association: Mike Bowles and Bob Josserand; Farm Bureau: S. M. True and Billy Huddleston; Texas CowBelles: Lucille Sterling; Southwestern Meat Packers Assoc.: Leon Kothman; Livestock Marketing Association of Texas: George McDonald; Representing the Dairy Industry in Texas: Lee Wolf; Representing the Texas Purebred Associations: Tom Risinger; Ex-Officio Members (Bylaws designate all (National) Beef Industry Council directors an Ex-officio member of the Board) Hilmar Moore, Zay Gilbreath and Leon Locke

After their election, the new Board of Directors approved the Bylaws which define the objectives of the Texas Beef Industry Council. The primary goals of the organization are

1. To develop, implement and monitor the checkoff collection system and
2. to plan, implement and conduct programs of promotion, research, consumer information and industry information designed to strengthen the cattle industry's market position in Texas and nationally.

The Board also elected officers. Jimmy Owens, a representative from Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, was elected President and Billy Huddleston, representing Texas Farm Bureau, will serve as Vice President. Secretary-Treasurer will be Roy Wheeler of Independent Cattlemen's Association.

Until the \$1 per head checkoff is implemented, probably in late summer, 100 percent of the revenues from the voluntary \$.25 checkoff will go to the national program.

"In the few months remaining until the new checkoff goes into effect, the newly elected Board of Directors faces tremendous challenges," says Jimmy Owens, President. "In that time we must develop and implement a collection system in Texas, plan a program for industry feedback and make decisions regarding research, education and promotion in the state."

CAR AND TRUCK SALES UP

Austin--The improvement in new car and truck sales apparently continued in January as Texas registered 11.6 percent more new vehicles during the first month of 1986 when compared to the same 31-day period in 1985, said Gene Fondren, president of the Texas Automobile Dealers Association.

According to numbers provided by Detroit-based R.L. Polk Co., Fondren said the sales improvement reflected in the registration figures continued an upward trend that has been recorded almost monthly for the past year-and-a-half.

New car and truck registrations last January were 90,281, an increase of 9,400 over the number of vehicles registered in January 1985. New car registrations increased 15 percent in January to 57,374 and new truck registrations were up 5.7 percent in January to 31,907.

The Chrysler Corp. saw the

greatest increase in registrations among the domestic lines with a 22 percent improvement when comparing the first month of 1986 to January 1985.

Registrations of new cars produced by the Ford Motor Co. were up 13 percent to 11,840 in January 1986 from 10,435 in January 1985. The General Motors Corp. saw the smallest gain. Registrations of new GM cars increased 4 percent from 22,720 in January 1985 to 23,629 in January 1986.

There were some shifts in the market share. Fondren said 28.2 percent of the new cars

registered in Texas during the first month of this year were imported while 23.7 percent of the new car registrations in January 1985 were imports.

The share of the market controlled by GM slipped slightly in January from 45.6 percent in 1985 to 41 percent in 1986. Ford's market share slipped slightly in January from 20.9 percent in 1985 to 20.6 percent in 1986. Chrysler gained some of the Texas market. Fondren said 6 percent of the new cars registered in January 1985 were Chryslers, while in January 1986 6.3 percent of the new cars registered were from the nation's third largest automaker.

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