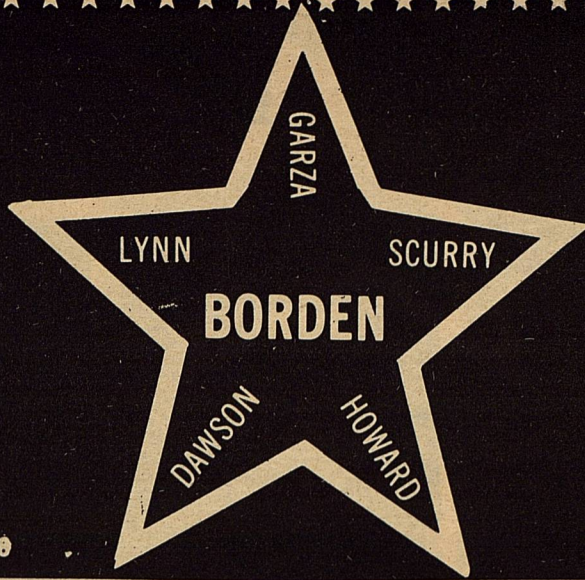


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Doc Blanchard Runs Again



MR. JIM BURKETT

Jim Burkett has announced that he is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Borden County Judge.

Born at O'Donnell 41 years ago, Burkett has resided in the Plains community of Borden County for the past 37 years. He attended schools at Mesquite and O'Donnell, graduating from O'Donnell High School. Burkett served 2 years in the armed forces during the Korean Conflict, and then began farming in 1955.

His wife, Frances, is employed at Borden Schools. They have 3 children; Carol and Glynda are in the eighth and sixth grades, and Mickey, 5, who will be enrolled in Kindergarten this fall.

Burkett served 3 years on the ASCS County Committee, and 7 years on the Borden School Board.

Burkett makes the following statement: "I am proud to be a citizen of Borden County, and I would like to serve as your county judge. I am very concerned about the seeming lack of morals and ethics which prevails in many areas of government around us, and if elected I will strive to uphold the traditions of honesty and self-reliance which have made this county what it is today. I hope to contact each voter personally, but if I am unable to, I take this means of asking for your vote and support in the May 4th primary."

Apologies

OUR APOLOGIES TO BUSTER TAYLOR FOR OMITTING HIS NAME FROM THE OFFICERS PRESENT AT THE BORDEN COUNTY LIVESTOCK MEETING. BUSTER IS THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE BORDEN COUNTY JUNIOR -- LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION

Veteran State Senator H. J. "Doc" Blanchard, D-Lubbock, today announced his plans to seek reelection to the Senate seat he has held since 1962.

The fifty year old Blanchard, who is fifth in seniority in the Texas Senate, represents the 28th Senatorial District - which includes thirteen West Texas Counties: Andrews, Borden, Cochran, Crosby, Dawson, Ector, Gaines, Garza, Lubbock, Lynn, Martin, Terry, and Yoakum.

Blanchard holds the record for longest continual service from the 28th District which was created in 1876.

Senator Blanchard is currently serving as the elected Delegate from this District to the 1974 Constitutional Convention where he is a member of the Committee on the Judiciary.

Blanchard was born on December 21, 1923, in Denison, Texas, and was graduated from public high school in Sudan, Texas, in 1941.

After the war Blanchard entered Texas Tech University and was graduated with a B.A. degree in government and economics. In 1951 he was awarded an LLB from the Southern Methodist University Law School where he served as president of the student bar association and editor of the S.W. Law Journal.

Blanchard entered private law practice in Lubbock, Texas, in January of 1952.

Senator Blanchard was first elected to the legislature in

1956. He was reelected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1958.

Blanchard was elected to the Texas Senate in 1962 and has continually served there since that time. During his service in the Senate, Blanchard has chaired the Labor and Management, Nominations, Insurance, and Economic Development Committees. He is currently serving as Chairman of the joint House-Senate Legislative Property Tax Committee. He is also a member of the Executive Committee of the National Conference of Insurance Legislators.

Blanchard has been instrumental in the passage of numerous major pieces of legislation dealing with insurance, public health and safety and higher education.

He was a principal architect



"DOC" BLANCHARD

of the bills that created the Texas Tech School of Law, the Texas Tech Medical School, The University of Texas at the Permian Basin, and the Lubbock State School.

Senator Blanchard is also the author of the present competitive insurance law which has produced major premium reductions for Texas motorists and property owners.

Blanchard has long been an active supporter of the efforts to secure an adequate and economical water supply for West Texas.

During the past year the Lubbock Senator has become increasingly involved in efforts to find solutions for Texas public school financing through a valorem taxation study by his Legislative Property Tax Committee.

Blanchard is active in civic affairs in both Lubbock and Austin.

Senator Blanchard is married to the former Mary Thomas of Lockney, Texas, and is the father of four sons and a daughter. (Adrienne, Jeff, John Ben, Hank and Cliff). The Blanchards are Methodists.

"I am today officially announcing my intentions to file with the State Democratic Executive Committee the proper papers to enter my name on the primary ballot as a candidate for reelection to the Texas Senate from the 28th Senatorial District", stated Blanchard.

Old Age Assistance

The state has issued its last old age assistance check in a \$4 billion program. The federal government will take over the Supplemental Security Income program January 1. Hazel G. McKinney, 76, of Smithville got the last state check before the switchover.

Margaret Sharp For Treasurer

In seeking the office of County Treasurer of Borden County, I state, "It would be an honor and a privilege to serve as a public servant for the County of Borden. If elected, I will perform my duties honestly and efficiently to the best of my ability. Your support and influence will be greatly appreciated.

I am married to S. C. (Buddy) Sharp. We moved from Williamson County to settle in Borden County in 1943. At that time, we had two small children, Barbara and Leon. Later came Helen, Beverly, Ross, Toby and Renee. The only school our children have attended is Borden County Schools. Five have graduated from Borden High School. Toby is a Junior, Renee is in the eighth grade. I am a member of the Gail Baptist Church. In the early 1950's, I was employed by Borden County School as a bus driver. Again in 1970-71, I was employed as a bus driver and lunch room substitute.

I am looking forward to my campaign, in the near future, for County Treasurer of Borden County subject to the Action of the Democratic Primary on May 4, 1974.

New State Laws

Austin, Tex.--Over 200 leaders of industry and representatives of professions met in the capitol last week to review the new state laws governing campaign contributions, expen-



MARGARET SHARP

ditures and lobbying.

Secretary of State Mark White and Attorney General John Hill discussed the major legal changes brought about by the "reform" legislation of the last Texas legislature.

"We are living in a period of legal transition," the Attorney General told the business and professional men and women. My office has produced over 200 opinions so far this year--more than the total last year--and over 100 opinions are stacked up to be prepared."

White outlined his recent "campaign contributions and expenditures directives" at the meeting sponsored by the Texas Society of Association Executives.

Other speakers reviewed the details of the new lobby law and the sections of the penal code which affect campaigns and lobbying.

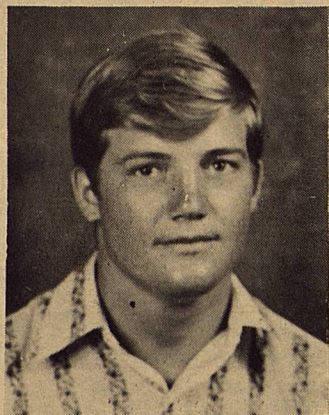
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Mesa District Vo-Ag Contest



MESA DISTRICT VO-AG CONTEST 2nd PLACE TEAM L to R: D.M. PARKS, SID LONG, advisor, AUDRY BRUMMETT, JOE HANCOCK, and MAX JONES.

Borden County All School Elections



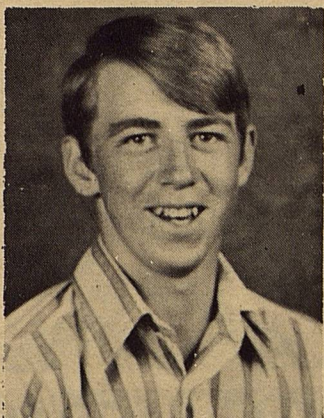
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Most Athletic
Mr. B.H.S.
Most Talented



Melisa Taylor

Most Athletic



Doug Isaacs

School Spirit



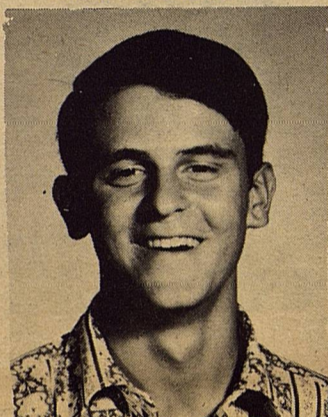
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School Spirit



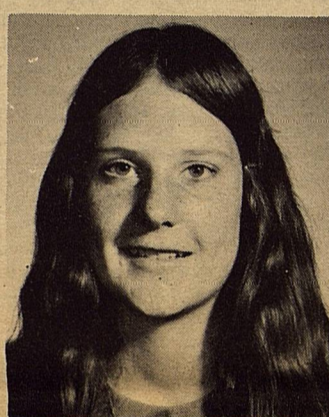
Catherine Jackson

Most Talented



Max Jones

Friendliest Boy



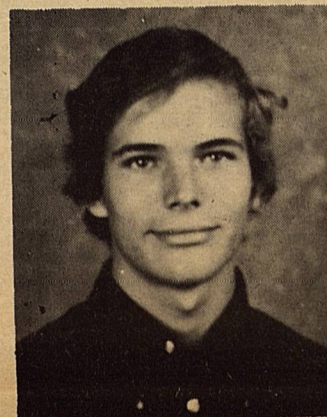
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Friendliest Girl



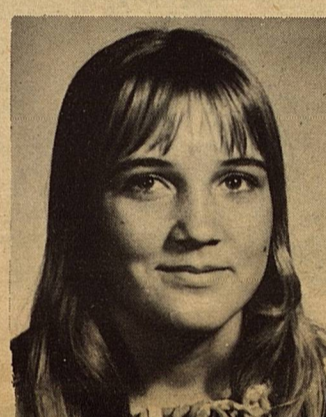
Janice Davis

Miss B.S.H.



Clay Copeland

Most Handsome
Cutest Smile



Sue Hancock

Cutest Smile

Basketball

Girls

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS
BEAT LOOP

On January 22, Borden High School girls went to Loop for a district game and won 35-30. Deidre Tucker scored 20 points for the Coyote team. Melisa Taylor scored 13 and Catherine Jackson 2. Deidre Tucker had 3 recoveries for the team and also assisted twice in scoring. Lisa Ludecke rebounded the ball 6 times. Rhonda Patterson and Tricia Jackson had 5 rebounds also.

Carla Todd scored 17 points for Loop. Tami Freeman made 6 points, Pam McKenzie 5, and Jackie Aldridge 2 for the Longhorns.

B TEAM LOSES TO LOOP

Borden B-team was defeated by Loop 23-15. Donelle Jones led the scoring for the team with 10 points. Kristy Smith had 3 points and Dana Westbrook scored with 2 free throws. Cindy Beaver had 5 recoveries for the Coyotes. Dana Westbrook had a great night for rebounds, bringing down 11.

BORDEN HIGH GIRLS
DEFEATED BY KLONDIKE

Borden High School girls were defeated on January 25, 61-58, by Klondike, the number one Class B team in the state according to the latest poll published by the Texas High School Girls Coaches Association. Melisa Taylor scored the most for Borden with 34 points. Philena Farmer was second with 14 points and Deidre Tucker had 10. Melisa Taylor also had 5 rebounds. Both Philena Farmer and Catherine Jackson had 4 rebounds each. Lisa Ludecke had 2 recoveries for the Coyotes.

Nancy Pribyla scored 26 points for the winning cougars. Leslie Davis was close behind, having 25 points. Dianna Wilson scored 10 points for Klondike.

Klondike, winner of the first half of District 8B with a 7-0 record, now leads the second half with a 4-0 record. Borden is now 3-1

Boys

VARSITY BOYS WIN

The Coyote Varsity team downed Loop 65-53, Tuesday, January 22, on Loop's home court. This began the second round of district play for the boys 1973-74 basketball season.

Leading Borden County as top scorer was Joe Hancock with 17 points, close behind him was Max Jones scoring 16 points, Monte Smith hit the goal for 11, with Clifton Smith adding on another 10, Doug Isaacs 5, D.M. Parks 4, and John Anderson 4. Loop's Casas hit for a total of 15 to be the Longhorn top scorer.

VARSITY TEAM BEAT
KLONDIKE

The Borden Varsity team beat Klondike Friday Night 71-62. Monte Smith led the Borden scoring with 26 points. Clifton Smith and Max Jones contributed 18 points each. Joe Hancock led the rebounding with 9 rebounds and also contributed 9 points. The Coyotes stand 2-0 in the second half of district play and host Grady Tuesday night.

Jimmy Ross and Jimmy Bradford led Klondike scoring with 21 points each. Rex Carr hit for 11 and Barry Harris 6 to total out the scoring for the Cougars.

"B" TEAM LOSES TO
KLONDIKE

The Borden "B" Team lost to Klondike 22-44 Friday night. Kem Lockhart lead Borden scorers with 14 points, Ken McMeans had 6 points and Eddie Parks made 2.

Borden Takes Second In Mechanics Contest

A team of FFA boys from Lamesa captured first place in the 9th Annual Mesa District V0-Ag Farm Mechanics Contest for the second year in a row.

The contest was held in Tahoka on January 23rd. It is sponsored annually by Lyntegar Electric Cooperative of Tahoka and is open to Mesa District Teams, many of which are in the service area of the cooperative.

The winning team was comprised of Billy Mayfield, Lee Barron, Lyndon Whisenant and Bert Wristen. Fred Chandler is team advisor.

SECOND PLACE WENT TO SID LONG'S TEAM FROM BORDEN COUNTY. This is the second time for Gail to place second. Gail won the contest in each of the first six years the event was held. Team members were: Audry Brummett, Joe Hancock, Max Jones, and D.M. Parks. Audry Brummett was overall high individual and Max Jones was second overall high individual. Audry won the electrical phase of the contest and Max Jones won the plumbing phase. The team received a plaque for second place and \$25.00 to be used toward the purchase of shop equipment. Audry received two plaques for his efforts and Max received one plaque.

Tahoka placed third in the contest. V.P. Carter and Taylor Knight are team advisors. Team members were Trent Leverett, Johnny McDonald, Glen Chandler, Denny Johnston.

Proficiency in 3 farm skills are what the contest is all about. A fourth category, identification is included and each contest is to identify the materials associated with the other skill, namely Farm Electrification, Welding, and Plumbing.

Six teams participated including Post, Welch and Brownfield.

Parent's Club

The Borden County Parent's Club met Thursday January 10. They discussed the new carpet that they had installed in the Kindergarten building and their next project, which will be the FFA, FHA Banquet.

The next meeting will be February 7, at 3:30. Parents please come help your school.

Assembly

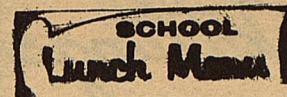
There will be an assembly program in the Borden School Auditorium on February 4th at 9:30 A.M. The entertainment will be "The Sandwiches", featuring Vocal, Drama, variety Vaudeville, and Audience Involvement. The admission price will be \$.25. Everyone is invited.

1973-74 Borden High School Favorites

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ATTENTION!

School will dismiss early Friday, February 1, 1974, at 3:05 for the Dawson game there at 5:00 p.m.



FEB. 4-8

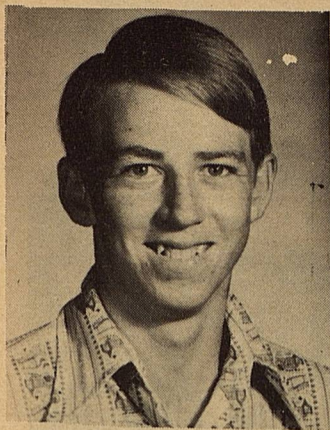
MONDAY
Spanish Rice
Buttered Mixed Vegetables
Hot Rolls/Butter
Fruit Cobbler
Milk

TUESDAY
Pigs in a blanket
Cabbage Salad
Pinto Beans
Chocolate Cake
Milk

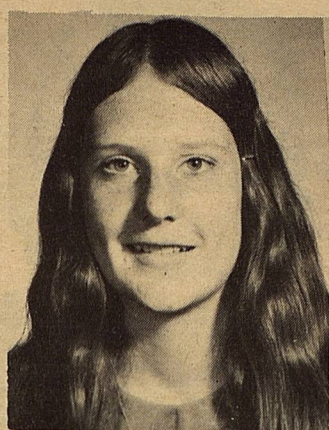
WEDNESDAY
Fried Fish
Buttered Spinach
Jello Salad
Corn bread/Butter
Rolled Wheat Cake
Milk

THURSDAY
Pizza
Vegetable Salad
Orange Juice
Hot Buttered Bread
Brownies
Milk

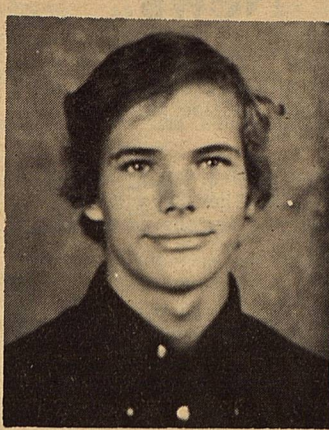
FRIDAY
Beef Stew
Peanut Butter and Crackers
Applesauce
Cookies
Cornbread/Butter
Milk



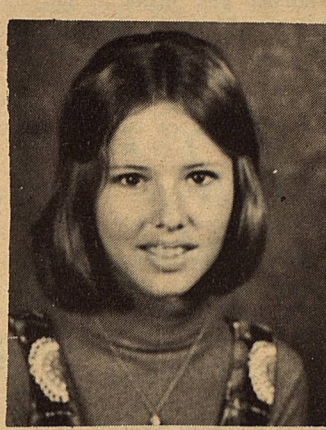
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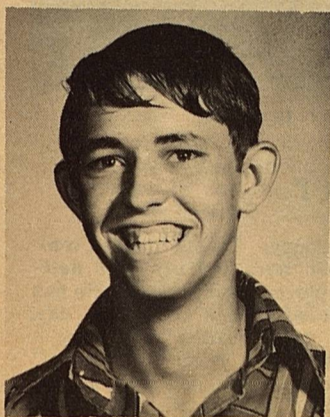
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Rhonda Patterson

All School Favorites

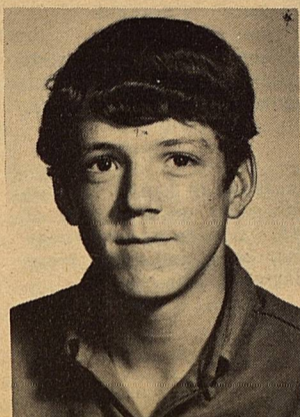
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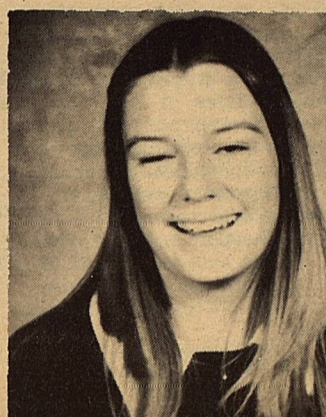
Clifton Smith



Linda Gass



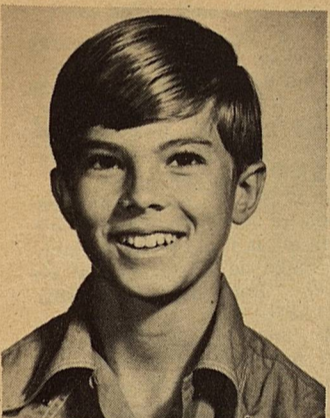
Creighton Taylor



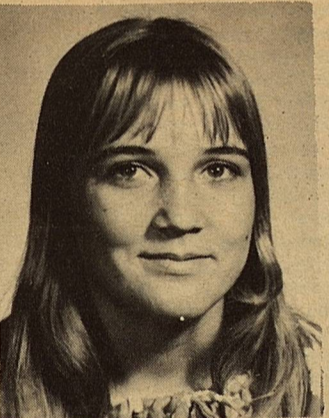
Debbie Herring

Junior Favorites

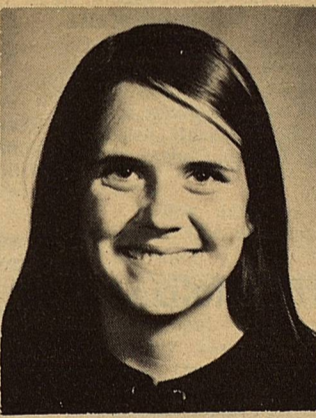
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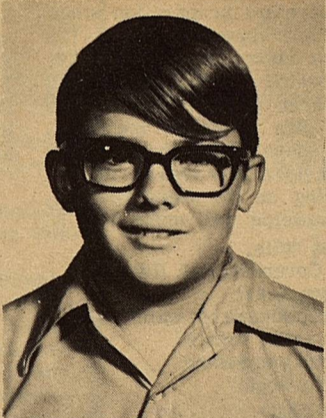
Bob McLeroy



Sue Hancock



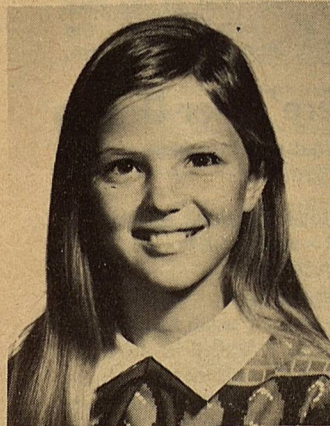
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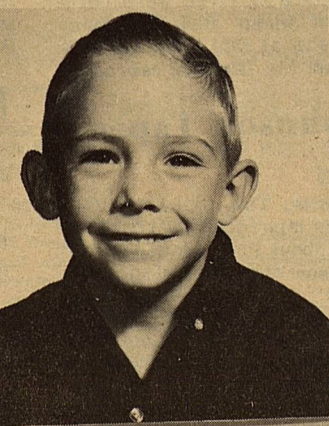
Johnny Jackson

Freshman Favorites

Junior High Favorites



Debra Kountz



Cody Newton

Elementary Favorites

Home Furnishing Course

Home Furnishings is a semester course being offered in the Home Economics department. Students this semester are Barbara Brown, Marion Benavidez, Lisa Ludecke, Rita Cornett, & Catherine Jackson.

To introduce the course, Mrs. Kountz guided the class on several field trips. The first of these was taken to the Borden County Museum. Vivian and Pauline Clark assisted the class in observing various pieces of furniture in the museum. The students classified furniture as to style and period and found many interesting examples of various types.

A second field trip was taken to tour homes of several members of the community who are interested in the collection of old furniture for repair and refinishing. Homes visited were those of Mrs. Wilson Walker, Mrs. Weldon Hancock, and Mrs. Ralph Martin.

The class will begin their projects. Each student will refinish and antique two pieces of furniture. The interest of members of the community has been a great asset to the course.

Short Course

The Spanish Language Class is again being offered as part of the Adult Education Courses. The course will start February 4, 1974 at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Jarrell Edwards of the Plains Community will be teaching the course. Classes will be held every other Monday night, and all interested persons should be present at the first session to enroll. No tuition is required.

Rhesa Wolfe Takes 1st

A 1015 pound steer shown by a Borden County 4-H'er walked off with 1st place in the light weight class at the 1974 Fort Worth Livestock show.

Rhesa Wolfe exhibited the steer which was out of a Maine Anjou bull and a Charolais-Angus cross cow. The cow owned by Rhesa's dad, Vernon Wolf, and was artificially inseminated to the Maine Anjou Bull. Rhesa's brother Troyce, also

exhibited a Maine-Anjou steer during the junior show last week. His calf placed 5th in the heavy weight class.

There were approximately 660 steers entered at the Ft. Worth show and a Limousine cross steer from Martin County was named Grand Champion. Reserve Grand Champion went to a Llano County Hereford steer.

1973-74 BORDEN COUNTY BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Place	Time	Teams
Feb. 1	DAWSON	T	5:00	HS A Girls, A & B Boys
Feb. 5	UNION	H	6:30	HS A Girls, A Boys
Feb. 7 & 9	LOOP TOURNAMENT			JH Girls & Boys
Feb. 8	SANDS	T	6:30	HS A & B Boys
Feb. 12	WELLMAN	H	6:00	HS A & B Boys

Jerre's Gottings

Memories are made of this: From twine to scotch tape--from handkerchiefs to kleenex--from the flat iron to drip dry--from the dirt road to Interstates--from the woodstove to microwave ovens--from the train to the SST--from the steamer trunk to the "carry-on"--from the kerosene lamp to the reo-state--from cash on the barrel head to the plastic credit card--from the wind-up victrola to piped in stereo--from the palmetto fan to air conditioning--from the crank phone to push button, one line, direct dialing--from the telotype to tel-star--from Birdseye diapers to disposables, and on and on.

These memories are just in my life time. I am considered middle aged today (mid 40's) but fifty years ago, I would have been considered elderly. But consider the memories of the generation before me--my father for example. That generation has gone from the buggy to the moon. When you reflect upon what it took to get from it to that, you have lots of memories. Some are good but some are regrettable.

Most regrettable is that the "now" generation have so few memories. The baby boom was from 1949 to the advent of the pill--around 1960. Those born in that interim are adults or entering that phase of life. What do they remember? Elvis Presley to whomever is playing loud--est now--or maybe continental TV to tel-star--or the 707 to the SST? How many have ever ridden on a train? Of course some of this generation contributed to getting us from the buggy to the moon--but memories? uh-uh.

What worries me even more is that with the world situation as it is now, we may foreseeably go back to the buggy. Can this generation cope? I wonder are they not so used to what we consider "yankee ingenuity" or progress, if you will, that they might be a might spoiled. Can they revert to a way of life they have never known or even wondered about?

It looks to me like revert we will have to do. This country was built on profit--if you didn't make a profit, you went out of business or into something profitable--or went to work for someone who was making a profit. But right today profit is a dirty word. Congress is now meeting--and from all indications, the "wind-fall" profit legislation is bound to pass. Course lack of profit to the petroleum industry is what caused the majors to drill in Arabia--and what has caused the independent to go out of business--resulting in an energy crisis that is becoming a major threat to this generation's way of life. And come to think of it, the petroleum industry made most of the memories mentioned above.

I don't want to revert either; I have had a good life. Up to now, I have been able to travel when and where I wanted to, sitting Sunday out IF I wanted to. I have been fortunate enough to drive a big car, send my kids to "fine" schools--I've enjoyed every minute of it. But I do

know what it was like in my childhood. My kids, and yours, have no comparison. I feel sorry for those who can't say--Memories are made of this.

From 's Kitchen

Mexican Chicken

1 - 3 to 3 1/2 lb. chicken, cut-up
 1/4 cup cooking oil
 1 tbs. chili powder
 1 1/2 tbs. grated onion
 1/4 tsp. pepper
 1/4 tsp. cinnamon
 1 tsp. salt
 1-20-oz. can chunk pineapple
 3 ripe bananas
 1 ripe avocado
 1/2 lb. white grapes or 1/2 cup golden raisins
 Wash chicken and dry with paper towels. Heat oil and brown chicken on both sides. Sprinkle with chili powder, pepper, cinnamon, grated onion and salt. Pour pineapple and juice over all. Cover and cook 30 to 45 min. or until tender. If necessary add a little water while cooking.

Bette Fulcher

correction for last week

From "B's" Kitchen

Company coming for dinner; include homemade yeast rolls, and your guests will know how much you think of them. Cornmeal Ref. Rolls add a personal touch to any meal.

There's a preparation bonus in these appealing rolls. The dough rises once, then is refrigerated overnight or as long as three or four days. When you plan to serve the rolls, just shape, bake, and enjoy the fresh-from-the-oven flavor. Depending on the shape you use, this recipe will make 4 to 5 dozen rolls.

Cornmeal Ref. Rolls
 2 pkgs. yeast
 1/2 cup lukewarm water
 1 cup milk, scalded
 1/2 cup shortening
 1/2 cup sugar
 1 tbs salt
 1/2 cup cold water
 5 1/2 to 6 cups sifted flour
 2 eggs, beaten
 1 cup cornmeal
 melted shortening

Soften yeast in lukewarm water. Pour scalded milk over shortening, sugar and salt; stir occasionally until shortening melts. Add water; cool to lukewarm, stir in 2 cups of flour and the eggs; add softened yeast and the cornmeal. Stir in enough additional flour to make a soft dough.

Turn out on lightly floured board, knead until satiny, about 10 minutes. Round dough into ball, place in greased bowl, brush lightly with melted shortening. Cover and let rise in a warm place until double in size, about 1 hour. Punch down, brush with melted shortening, cover with wax paper and a damp cloth and ref. overnight or for as long as three or four days.

Remove dough from ref. and punch down. Shape into rolls, brush with melted shortening. Cover and let rise until nearly double in size, about 45 minutes. Bake in preheated oven (400 degrees) 15 to 20 minutes. Makes 4 to 5 dozen rolls.

Other News

Mrs. T.J. Sterling spend the week with her granddaughter and husband the Joe Murphy's of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright Huddleston visited Thursday with Mrs. Bama C. Murphy of Stanton.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gordon visited Monday with the Jeff Ellis's of Colorado City.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Ellis of Colorado City visited with Ruth Weathers and attended the basketball games between Goliad Big Spring and Lamar School in Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Murphy, Mike and Mark were in Big Spring last Friday on business.

Jap Jones is finally back on the job after quite a bout of illness. Loreen was kept busy running back and forth from cooking and selling gas.

Kay Copeland, fourth grader and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Copeland, saw her first snowfall last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Anderson had as week-end guests, Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Hubbard of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Warner Bacon of Erie Pennsylvania. This is an annual visit from the Bacons who come down to enjoy the bountiful quail hunting offered in Borden County.

Hospitalized

Mrs. Ned Smith entered Medical Arts Hospital in Lamesa Monday, January 28 for surgery. She is reported to be in fine condition and is recovering nicely

Patt Dyess was admitted to Medical Arts Hospital (Hogan-Malone) in Big Spring Monday, with surgery scheduled for Tuesday morning.

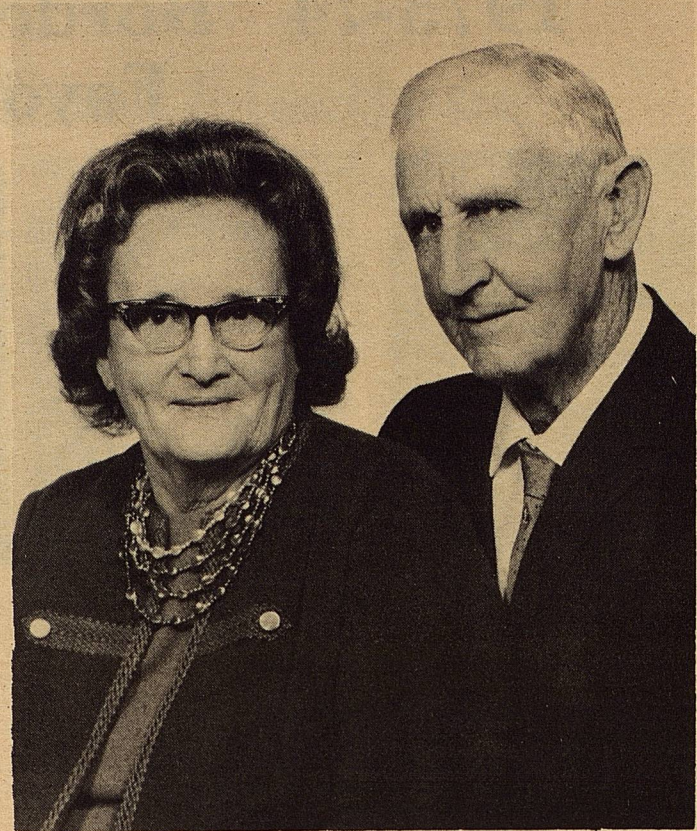
Exchange Vows

Miss Patricia Gail Gannon became the bride of James (Butch) Gass in a double ring ceremony at 9:30 A.M. Saturday in the home of her brother De Wayne Gannon. Officiant was Judge Darby of Post.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrk. Sam Gannon of Post.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Gass of O'Donnell.

The couple will make their home in O'Donnell where Butch is engaged in farming.



MR. and MRS. "DOC" HOWELL

Old Timer

"Doc" Howell of O'Donnell celebrates his 82nd birthday on Thursday. Those that know him say he will probably put in a full days work "just as always."

Mr. Howell was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wade Howell of Lam-passes in 1892. The elder Howell was a farmer around the Plainview Community south of O'Donnell.

When "Doc" was ten years old the family moved to Borden County and "Doc" attended school in the "old school house" for a short time. His parents moved back to Plainview in a couple of years where they resided until their death.

Doc joined the army during the First World War and served in France. It was here that he met a young man from Stonewall, Oklahoma who had a very comely sister....

Howell and Lena McGuire started corresponding and did so throughout the war. Doc was discharged in 1919, went to Oklahoma and met the Miss McGuire. They were married two years later in 1921.

After their marriage, the young Howells moved back to the small Texas community of Plainview. Doc did some farming and work on the Slaughter ranch.

In 1936, the small family--there were three children by this time--moved to O'Donnell. Six more children were born--one of whom died in infancy.

It was at this time that Doc started his life long career of

masonry. He did his own contract work and has been self-employed ever since. "He has worked at this art every day, all day--weather permitting--ever since I can remember" states his daughter, Opal Smith. "Right now at 82 he can and does out work all the "young-buttons" around him," she continues.

As a matter of fact, it is hard to find any cement work around O'Donnell that he didn't have a hand in. He even laid some of the cement work around the Borden School. "You can't beat ol' Doc" is the general concenses of all who know him and his work. "If a job is worth doin', it's worth doin' well", seems to be Mr. Howells philosophy--an attitude too seldom realized "these days."

Mr. Howell can indeed be proud of his "job Well Done" in an art fast becoming extinct. But make no mistake about it--at 82 "Doc" Howell is still hard at it.

Mr. and Mrs. Howell are indeed fortunate to have all but one of the eight children within a 200 mile radius of the "home place." They are: Henry Wade Howell, O'Donnell, Francis--Owens, Ballinger, Lavada Flood and Alvis Howell, both of Odessa, Martin Howell of Carper Wyoming, and Opal Smith of Vealmoor. Mrs. Smith is an employee in the Gail is an employee in the Borden County School system.

Here's Her Dream

What will I do when the kids are grown?

Finish a meal before the food and plates disappear from the table.

Find scissors, pencils and pens in their usual habitat.

Not be stranded in the bathroom with only dirty clothes, while girls entertain their boy friends for the evening.

Be able to travel.

Have time to write articles and hope someone will publish them.

Fall behind with the housework.

And miss them TREMENDOUSLY!

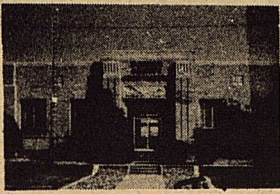
Johnson Tapes

Austin, Tex. (Spl.) A project that is tape recording recollections about President Lyndon B. Johnson shows he had an "awesome" knowledge of the workings of government, says a University of Texas historian.

Prof. Joe B. Frantz, who directs the L.B.J. Oral History Project, says the tapes are rich in "anecdotal depth" and will provide a "world of understanding" about L.B.J.

Dr. Frantz reports that about 1,100 persons--friend and foe alike of LBJ--have been interviewed thus far. The tapes are being placed in the LBJ Library as they are completed.

Court House Happenings



Borden County

MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 1974

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BORDEN
BE IT REMEMBERED:

WHEREAS, On the 14th day of January, A.D. 1974, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session at the regular meeting place thereof in the Courthouse at Gail, Texas, the following members of the Court being Present and participating:

to-wit:
Hon. Glenn Toombs
County Judge, Presiding
Herman Ledbetter
Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
Carl McKee
Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
Vernon Wolf
Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
Don A. Jones
Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
Doris T. Rudd
County Clerk and Ex-officio
Clerk of the Commissioners' Court
constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

The minutes of the Commissioners' Court meeting had on the 20th day of December, 1973 were read. Commissioner Vernon Wolf made a motion to approve said minutes as read, Commissioner Herman Ledbetter seconded the motion, motion carried by unanimous vote.

A letter from Eddins-Walcher Oil Company was read in which an increase in the price the county pays for butane was requested.

A motion was made by Commissioner Don A. Jones to grant the purchase price increase making the total price per gallon \$.27,8 for butane seconded by Commissioner Herman Ledbetter and approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Don A. Jones to pass a Resolution urging corrective legislation in the County and District Retirement System. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vernon Wolf and approved unanimously.

In accordance with H.B. 384 enacted by the 62nd Legislature

of the State of Texas (Sec. 2 (1) (2) the grievance committee was selected, to-wit: The list of Grand Jurors who served in Borden County in 1973 were placed in container and drawn, with the following names drawn: Roy E. Smith, Route 1, O'Donnell, Texas 79351

Mrs. W. O. Cox, Box 10, Vealmoor, Texas 79720
Douglas Blagraves, Route 1, Ackerly, Texas 79713
Billy Wills, Box 112, Gail, Texas 79738

Bob Beal, Gail Route, Big Spring, Texas 79720
To serve with the regular members as set by law.

The Court made a recommendation that the Court House hours be set for the winter mos. at 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. with respect to daylight savings time.

Commissioner Don A. Jones made a motion that the holidays for 1974 be set the same as 1973. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Herman Ledbetter and approved unanimously.

Commissioner Don A. Jones made a motion to approve current accounts in the amount of \$27,229.96 plus \$28,956.41 out of Farm to Market Fund in equal amounts of \$7,239.10 to each Precinct, \$15,000.00 from General Fund to Officer's Salary Fund and \$4,400.26 transferred from various funds to Social Security Fund. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McKee and approved unanimously.

Residents of Precinct #1 informing them the county dump ground in that precinct would be locked. Borden County residents in Precinct #1 were mailed a key. The purpose being to prevent people from surrounding area using the dump ground and causing the trash to litter the surrounding farms.

A motion was made by Commissioner Don A. Jones that Court meet only one day a month and that be on the regular Court day, same being the second Monday of each month. All employees pay period be changed to this date and all other accounts be paid on this date. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Herman Ledbetter.

Voting For: Commissioners Don A. Jones Herman Ledbetter, and Vernon Wolf.

Voting Against: Commissioner Carl McKee.

A motion was made by Commissioner Don A. Jones to set the salaries that are paid on a monthly basis for 1974 as shown in the budget. Motion seconded by Judge Glenn Toombs.

Voting For: Commissioner Don A. Jones
Voting Against: Commissioners Carl McKee, Vernon Wolf and Herman Ledbetter.

A motion was made by Com-

missioner Vernon Wolf that all salaries be raised 5 1/2% except Commissioners and County Judge and the hourly wage employees, and raise the County Treasurer's salary to the same as the County and District Clerk's salary. Motion seconded by Commissioner Herman Ledbetter.

Voting For: Commissioners Vernon Wolf and Herman Ledbetter

Voting Against: Commissioners Don A. Jones and Carl McKee

Abstaining: Judge Toombs.
A motion was made by Commissioner Don A. Jones to adjourn until 10:00 A. M. Tuesday, January 15, 1974. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Carl McKee and approved unanimously.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 1974

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BORDEN
BE IT REMEMBERED:

WHEREAS, on the 15th day of January, A.D. 1974, the Commissioners' Court of Borden Co. Texas reconvened at the regular meeting place thereof in the Courthouse at Gail, Texas, the following members of the Court being present and participating, to-wit:

HON. GLENN TOOMBS, County Judge, Presiding
HERMAN LEDBETTER, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
CARL MCKEE, Commissioner Precinct No. 2.

VERNON WOLF, Commissioner Precinct No. 3.

DON A. JONES Commissioner Precinct No. 4

DORIS T. RUDD, County Clerk and Ex-officio Clerk of the Commissioners' Court.

constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

A motion was made by Commissioner Carl McKee to increase all salaries 5 1/2 % except employees paid on an hourly basis and raise the County Treasurer to same pay as the County and District Clerk. Motion was seconded by Judge Glenn Toombs.

Voting For: Commissioners Carl McKee and Herman Ledbetter.

Voting Against: Commissioners Don A. Jones and Vernon Wolf.

Abstaining: Judge Toombs.

Delmo Pearce came before the court concerning Borden County securing an easement from the Pearce Estate for a site for radio tower and equipment. After a discussion with Mr. Pearce, Commissioner Herman Ledbetter made a motion that the County make a five year contract with the Pearce Estate at \$150.00 per year, with option concerning future easements, on said site. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Don

A. Jones and approved unanimously.

Commissioner Herman Ledbetter made a motion to raise the County Treasurer's salary to same pay as County and District Clerk and increase all monthly paid employees 5 1/2%.

Voting For: Commissioners Carl McKee, Herman Ledbetter and Vernon Wolf.

Voting against: Commissioner Don A. Jones.

County Employees Salaries are Herman Ledbetter, \$528.68, Carl McKee, 528.68; Don A. Jones, \$528.68; Vernon Wolf, \$528.68; Tommy Haegelin, -- \$427.28 plus salary received from State of Texas; Wanda Smith, \$474.75; Normon Sneed, \$678.95 plus \$10.00; Frances Bennett, \$528.68; Doris T. Rudd, \$667.82; Dorothy Browne, \$528.68; Glenn Toombs \$667.82; Don Cox, \$667.82; John Clie, \$50.83; Marvin Monk, \$139.70

wage Employees are Ed Rinehart, \$3.00; Maintainer Operators, \$3.00; Loader and Truck operators, \$3.00; Motor Grader Operators-Pickup Use \$5.00 Per Day.

The salaries of Borden Gray Jr. and Earl Abercrombie are set by the District Judge and have not been set as of this date.

Commission Carl McKee made a motion to adjourn, motion seconded by Commissioner Vernon Wolf and approved unanimously.

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Hospitals Affiliated

Houston, Tex. --The Scott and White Clinic; Scott and White Memorial Hospital and Scott, Sherwood and Brindley Foundation of Temple have formally affiliated with Baylor College of Medicine to strengthen medical care, training and research in Texas.

The affiliation was jointly announced by Dr. EO Bradfield, Scott and White Clinic president; Dr. Richard D. Haines, Scott and White Memorial Hospital and Scott, Sherwood and Brindley Foundation president; and Dr. Michael E. DeBakey, Baylor president.

The agreement provides for mutual cooperation for the public benefit through the advancement of medical services, medical investigation, and expanded training of medical and auxiliary personnel.

"Since the Scott and White complex and Baylor have many common objectives, we recognize this affiliation as an opportunity to strengthen health care in Texas without unnecessary duplication of facilities, programs and personnel," Dr. Bradfield said. "This exciting partnership will enable us to improve in-patient medical care by expanding our role as a teaching hospital in the advancement of medical education," Dr. Haines added.

"The availability of the outstanding resources and personnel of the Scott and White Clinic and Hospital will strengthen our educational programs enormously," Dr. DeBakey said. "This affiliation will allow us to reach beyond the Texas Medical Center in acquainting our students and physicians with the challenges and realities of medicine throughout the state."

Scott and White and Baylor officials have appointed a joint Policy and Planning Committee to coordinate common programs including medical education, recruitment of faculty and staff and medical research. Dr. G.V. Brindley, and Dr. John Bonnet, will represent the Scott and White group. Dr. Hebbel E. Hoff, associate dean for faculty and clinical affairs and professor and chairman of the department of physiology, and Dr. Henry D. McIntosh, chairman of the department of medicine, will represent Baylor.

The Scott and White complex, which was established in 1897, consists of an association of 120 full-time physicians and surgeons and a 315 bed hospital. The facility is annually responsible for 207,000 out-patient visits and 88,500 in-patient days. It presently has under construction a \$10 million addition to its hospital facilities.

Scott and White is associated with the Santa Fe Memorial Hospital, Temple Veterans Administration Hospital, the Bell County Rehabilitation Center, the Bell County Mental Health and Retardation Center, Baylor University in Waco, and University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.

Baylor College of Medicine is the only private medical school in Texas. It was founded in 1900 and separated from Baylor University in 1969 to become an independent, non-sectarian institution.

The College is affiliated with eight hospitals and a number of leading universities including-

Rice University, the University of Houston and Texas A&M University.

The Baylor faculty is composed of 693 full-time physicians and scientists and 1,051 clinical members supported by a staff of 1,436 personnel. The college has an enrollment of 550 medical students, 1,245 allied health students, 100 graduate students and 524 interns and residents.

Mandatory Bloodtesting

The beginning of mandatory brucellosis bloodtesting for Texas sale cattle created considerable confusion around the state last week.

Dr. H. Q. Sibley, executive director, said he knew of no auction sale facilities in the state which have not arranged for veterinarians to bloodtest cattle according to the new federal-state regulations.

He said no exceptions are being granted to the rules. All eligible cattle which change ownership--in town or in the country--are either being bloodtested or sent directly to slaughter.

Here is what has to be tested: All cows two years old and older, plus any heifers "obviously bred" even if under two years old, including any pregnancy tested and found pregnant, any guaranteed bred, any which have a calf at side at any age, and any which have a calf and lost it.

Bulls two years old and older. If the rancher sells at private treaty in the country, he must contact a veterinarian to bloodtest the cattle before ownership changes. If the owner chooses to send the cattle to an auction or terminal market, he has two options, either have them bloodtested before sale or slaughter only. A consignor is not permitted, however, to split a consignment; either all breeding cattle in the shipment must be tested, or none of them.

When cattle remain untest-

ed and are sold for slaughter, a blood sample is drawn in the packing house. The original owner's identity is recorded so that if the blood sample should be positive, indicating brucellosis, the premises of origin can be identified.

If a breeding age animal passes through an auction without a bloodtest, it is automatically consigned to slaughter. It cannot be returned to the country.

If a reactor is found in a consignment of cattle at auction or terminal market, or in the country, the reactor is branded and sold for slaughter only. The owner has two choices on the rest of his consignment. He can return them to the premises of origin under quarantine, to be bloodtested with the balance of his herd. Or, he can have the cattle identified with a yellow "disease-exposed" tag and sold either for slaughter or to a quarantine feedlot.

If a reactor is found, either in country testing, at the market or through the testing of slaughterhouse blood samples, the consignor's home premises are immediately and automatically placed under quarantine. This quarantine can be lifted only after two consecutive negative tests taken of the entire breeding herd, the first of these no less than 30 days after removal of reactors, the second test no less than 90 days after the last known reactor cattle are shipped to slaughter.

Although eventually some Texas breeding cattle will be exempted from bloodtests as areas or individual herds are certified, there are at present no exemptions beyond a few small registered herds which have been certified brucellosis free.

All tests prior to slaughter will be at the owner's expense, whether done in the country or in town. The only exception is in the case of a whole-herd test done after discovery of a reactor; this testing on premises will be at the state's expense.

Reading the fine print may give you an education--not reading it will give you experience.

Outdoors In Texas

BY VERN SANFORD
"Wildlife is a product of edges." This statement has long been an axiom in game management circles. Although hunters may not have thought of it in these terms, this principle is one that most of them realize instinctively.

What does it mean? Dr. J. P. Linduska of Remington Arms, explains it this way. When you go hunting for cottontails (and that's legal in Texas anytime) you don't put your beagle down in the center of a cornfield, or in the middle of dense wood. You work the hedgerows, brushpiles, and woodland borders...the edges.

It's the same with quail and pheasants. For everyone of these birds you find out in the center of the field, you'll stir up a dozen on the borders, on the banks of ditches and just inside the thickets. Again it's the edges.

Of course the real give-away as to where game hangs out is couple of seasons of savvy behind him. He won't putter around in the big uniform places. He will skirt the edges of the field, the edges of the plum thickets, the edges of the orchard, and all the other edges where different types of vegetation meet.

Dr. Kinduska says "It's no mystery why game inhabit the edges. That's where they find, in close proximity, all the things necessary for a good life.

He points out that the center

food plenty and occasionally the birds will wander to the center. Also the center offers protection, so now and then the birds will stray in. But by far the greatest advantage to the hunter is to be found at the edges...since that's where the game spends most of its time.

Succinctly put "it's a matter of safety and logistics". Whether it's game or some other species of animal life it's not enough simply to have lots of food and cover. Unless they are properly distributed... one in relation to the other... the amount of wildlife an area will support will be limited well below its real potential.

That's why, other things being equal, 10 one-acre ponds will produce more ducks than one big 10 acre pond.

It's a large part of the reason, too, why the small patch farms of yore were more productive of game than the big, consolidated, Texas ranches of today.

Modern day game management strives to improve habitat partly by increasing and bettering "edge" conditions.

Naturally, such a program doesn't allow for too many generalities. In a large timber stand it might well mean creating openings to insert food producing units in a uniform habitat of trees. In a large area of open fields it might call for hedges, or fence-row plantings of shrubs and trees to add cover to a barren landscape.

Whatever the formula, it will vary with the nature of the countryside and the type of game you want to encourage. But you can be sure that giving wildlife an edge on numbers will require, first of all, giving them an edge on which to live.

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TAX MANAGEMENT VITAL

Managing a modern farm or ranch business requires a large amount of capital and the handling of large sums of money annually.

As farm businesses become larger, the tax consequences of farm business decisions have a greater impact on cash flow and net income, says Dr. Wayne A. Hayenga, economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"A farm or ranch manager is constantly making decisions during the year that affect the amount of income tax to be paid and the amount of cash available," explains Hayenga. "To make wise decisions in the framework of minimizing income tax while maximizing after-tax income, farmers and ranchers must understand the tax consequences of various business transactions throughout the year."

Tax management is concerned

with maximizing after-tax incomes over a long period of time. Frequently, there is no conflict between a wise tax decision and a good farm business decision. However, when a choice must be made, the one resulting in the larger net income after taxes should be followed, advises the Texas A&M University System specialist.

If farmers and ranchers filed an estimate of taxes before January 15, they have until April 15 to complete their 1973 income tax returns. Otherwise the deadline for final income tax returns is March 1.

"The next few weeks will be important from the overall management standpoint as farmers and ranchers prepare their tax returns and plan their 1974 operations," emphasizes Hayenga. "We hope to provide specific information in subsequent articles that will help producers with these particular tasks."

Game Warden Of The Year

Austin--Game warden August Timmerman of Hondo will be honored Jan. 24 as the Shikar-Safari Club's outstanding game warden of the year in Texas.

Timmerman received the club's annual award at the meeting of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission.

He joined the department as a warden in 1943 and has spent his entire career in South Texas with assignments in Carrizo Springs, Raymondville, Uvalde and in Medina County where he has been since 1945.

Timmerman, 65, is scheduled to retire from the Parks and Wildlife Department in August after 31 years of service.

During July 1973, Timmerman led rescue efforts during flooding in Medina County.

As a result of his leadership, 14 lives were saved. One family of eight was taken from trees which were inundated 40 minutes after the rescue.

In the rescue action, Timmerman sustained injuries which required hospitalization and surgery.

During the past few months, he has been collecting information concerning the early days of Texas wildlife law enforcement.

above the number on feed a year ago and 19 per cent above a month ago.

Current intentions to market are January 38,000 head; February 35,000 head; March 24,000 head. The February and March intentions are incomplete since additional lambs could be placed on feed and marketed during this period.

FUEL NEEDS

Agriculture producers - throughout the state are urged now to get their fuel needs known to their local distributors. Federal officials in charge of the fuel allocation for agriculture recommend that farmers let their suppliers know how much fuel they will need for 1974.

County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service offices are designated as the agency to handle fuel supply programs through the federal fuel program.

ASCS offices are receiving the detailed information on how the federal program will work, and should be contacted by producers having problems in getting sufficient fuel for food and fiber production in 1974.

Water Corp. Meet

Austin--Leaders of rural water systems will gather in Dallas at the Baker Hotel, February 1-2 during the fifth annual meeting of the Texas Association of Rural Water Corporations.

Association President Bob Elder, Brock, announced that several state and national officials will highlight the meeting sessions.

Senator John Tower will be the featured speaker during the annual banquet on February 1. Tower will discuss the need for increased services in rural areas to insure growth and development.

During earlier February 1 sessions Land Commissioner Bob Armstrong will discuss the "Energy Crisis and Land Use Planning" and the effects on rural Texas. Reagan Brown, Special Assistant to the Governor, will serve as the afternoon speaker covering the subject - "Rural Texas, A Place to Grow".

Special workshops Friday afternoon are designed to aid directors and employees of rural water corporations in their responsibility to the membership. Featured on the workshops are Johnny Feagan, Texas A&M University; Preston Horton, Temple; Bill Parnell, Cleburne and Judge Jim Clawson, Temple.

Fishing At Lake Spence

FISHING AT LAKE SPENCE

Cold weather, until mid-week held fishing to a low level at Lake E.V. Spence, but there were reports of several good catches.

Striped bass continue to crop up in the reports, but this time most were of the small to medium variety. Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Taylor, San Angelo, who have been landing the big ones, came in with three striped bass, the largest 12 1/4 lb. Greg Williams and Mrs. Joyce Lloyd of Lubbock reported a pair of stripers, the largest 5 lb., a long with 17 white bass. Also reporting in at Henry's Cafe were Howard Henry, Robert Lee a 5-lb. striper; E.O. Wheelock, Lubbock, a 2-lb. striped bass.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor bought in their big striped bass to Y. J. 's Marina, plus six channel cat to six pounds and a 5-lb. 13 1/2 oz. black bass. G. M. Bankhead, Robert Lee, had eight channel cat to 5 lb., and Perry Smith, Robert Lee, 16 channel cat to 5 lb., and the two of them together with others in their party landed 54 channel cat, the largest six pounds; Mr. and Mrs. Y.J. Sherrill, Robert Lee, seven channel cat to 5lb. and a 3 1/2 lb. blue cat.

Farmcast

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John C. White, Commissioner

COTTON

THE BEST YEAR SINCE 1961

Even though the 1973 estimate for cotton has declined from earlier predictions, the Texas' crop will be the best since 1961. Texas' cotton crop is now estimated at 4,650,000 bales.

Yield is expected to average 429 pounds of lint per acre compared with 408 pounds in 1972 and only 263 pounds in 1971. Harvested acres are estimated at 5,200,000 compared with 5,000,000 in 1972.

Harvest of the crop is virtually complete except for a few isolated fields.

Stalk destruction and land preparation for the 1974 cotton season is active in the southern Texas. Planting of the crop in the Rio Grande Valley will begin in mid-February.

CITRUS

It's Official: the freeze in the Rio Grande Valley of several weeks ago has cut into production of the 1973-74 citrus crop. The Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service notes that the crop now is forecast at 18,700,000 boxes. This is three per cent below the 19,200,000 boxes produced last season.

The January 1 estimate is down from the December 1 forecast due to the hard freeze that hit the Valley in late December. Grapefruit production is ex-

pected to be three per cent below the production of last year. Overall tree condition has dropped in many areas because of the low temperatures.

MILK

Milk production, which has shown a steady decline in Texas and the nation for the past year, did show a one per cent increase in December of 1973 and a three per cent increase above the previous month.

Milk production, which has

Milk production per cow kept for milk averaged 755 pounds during December which is 10 pounds above a year earlier. Nation wide, however, milk production declined three per cent during December.

SHEEP and LAMBS

An increase of 19 percent in numbers of sheep and lambs on feed in Texas is reported by the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. Drylot sheep feeders with a lot capacity of 2,000 head or more had 108,000 sheep and lambs on feed as of January 1. This is 20 per cent

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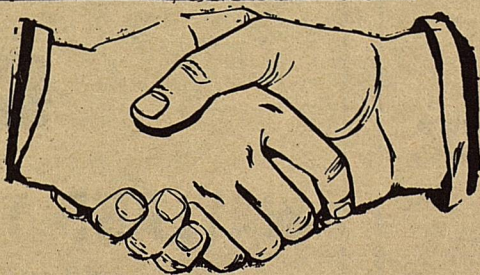
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The Consumer Alert

by John L. Hill
Attorney General

Austin--Concern over the possibility of gas cutbacks or electrical brown-outs during Texas' current foul-weather months of January and February have prompted many people to look around for an alternate source of heat for homes.

And what many think of first is a cozy blaze in a fireplace. Although it may be debatable how much good a fireplace does in actually heating a house, there's no doubt that it can provide warmth and comfort around the hearth on a cold winter night.

That is, if it's installed correctly and proper materials are used. Otherwise, some of those considering adding a fireplace could find the problems that could result would be much more upsetting than comforting.

The Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division has had several reports of fireplace difficulties. In one instance, the purchasers of a new \$50,000 house attempted to enjoy a fire in their fireplace only to find that the builders had installed a false one. Before they could put out the fire, their new home suffered smoke damage.

Another incident involved a woman who hired two itinerant contractors to build a fireplace for her. When it was finished, she was puzzled to find that she couldn't light a fire in it.

The contractors had built the flue and chimney straight up, and had not installed a damper to regulate air flow. The resulting draft blew out every fire the woman tried to start.

To avoid problems after a fireplace is built, give plenty of advance thought to what you want, and take certain precautions before hiring a contractor to do the job.

The initial step is to decide on the type and size of fireplace desired. Three kinds are available. The best-known is the traditional version with firebrick interior and brick or stone chimney.

Another is a preassembled built-in unit with metal firebox and flue. This kind can be installed to look like the traditional version, even to the point of enclosing the metal flue within a chimney.

The third is a freestanding prefabricated unit that can be placed anywhere in a room.

Any of these types, if properly installed and made of quality materials, should be satisfactory and safe.

Various sizes of fireplaces are available. The size you select will determine the maximum size of the logs you can burn.

You should also decide whether to include certain options in a fireplace, such as a gas or butane starter or an outside door or special drawer for ash removal.

After these decisions are made, it is advisable to get several bids before selecting the firm or individual to build or install the fireplace. Ask to see other fireplaces they have worked on or talk to persons who have employed them.

Reputable companies or individuals will be happy to show examples of their work.

When you have decided on a contractor, discuss with him exactly what you want. After you've reached agreement on the work to be done, the price,

and a timetable for completion, draw up a contract. Some companies or individuals will have their own contract.

If you don't draw up a contract, at least write down what has been agreed upon and give a copy to the contractor. If there is any misunderstanding, it can be ironed out before the job is begun. If not, you both will have guidelines by which to judge the completed job.

When contracting for a fireplace, be wary of paying too much money before the work is finished. Our Consumer Protection lawyers say a good rule of thumb is to hold back a substantial portion of the price until the job is completed to your satisfaction.

By doing a little advance planning and by being cautious, you should be able to avoid any problems when building a fireplace.

If you do have a complaint, however, contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division, your county or district attorney, or your local Better Business Bureau.

Too Many Drivers

Three-fourths--77 percent--of America's working people who lived in the Nation's large metro areas in 1970 traveled to work by private auto.

And over 85 percent of those who traveled by auto were drivers!!

These percentages have been computed from figures which appear in a new special report of the 1970 census, "Journey to Work", just issued by the Bureau of the Census, part of the U.S. Department of Commerce's Social and Economic Statistics Administration.

The report shows there were some 47.2 million workers 16-and older living in Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas (SMSA's) of 250,000 or more population at the time the census was taken, and that 36.2

million of them got to work by car. It shows, moreover, that only 5.2 million of that number were passengers while 31 million were drivers. And the data indicate, most significantly, that at least 26 million of the drivers drove to work alone.

The remaining 11 million of these workers, included 3.8 million who traveled by bus or streetcar; 1.7 million, who went by subway, elevated train, or railroad; 3 million who walked; nearly 1 million who worked at home; and about 1.5 million who used "other means" of transportation, including taxicabs, bicycles, motorbikes, etc.

These figures may have prompted the Bureau of the Census to develop an inexpensive and efficient computer car pool program to ease the energy crunch, announces Under Secretary of Commerce John K. Tabor.

Under Secretary Tabor said that the Census Bureau will ship a tape to any business, government agency or consortium desiring to establish a car pool. All a local company or municipal government need do is collect the applications from drivers and riders and feed them into the computer. The Census "CARPOOL" tape will match the people up.

"We think this is the fastest, cheapest and most efficient car pool system now available," Tabor said. "Part of its economy is that it takes advantage of a heavy investment already made by Federal and local governments in automated geographic data files."

Laws

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is unconstitutional," stated Frank Maloney, Austin attorney. "It violates both the first and fifth amendments to the constitution."

He cited federal cases which supported his opinion on the new Texas lobby law, and other speakers pointed out that several AG opinions are needed in this state to clarify sections of the campaign expenditures law and lobby law.

Political action committees for state businesses and associations are being formed as a

Weather		By K. T. REDDELL		
WEATHER AT THE COUNTY SEAT		Weather conditions for the week of Jan. 21-27, 1974		
		MAX.	MIN.	RAINFALL
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TUESDAY	22	74	39	0
WEDNESDAY	23	48	29	.11 1 1/2-
THURSDAY	24	49	31	0 2in. snow
FRIDAY	25	49	32	0
SATURDAY	26	65	32	0
SUNDAY	27	65	32	0

result of the new laws.

Labor unions must go the PAC route in Texas now also, because they are prohibited under

the new law from contributing to political campaigns.

Speakers on the program indicated that the Sharpstown scandal and Watergate investigations are going to make office holders, candidates and those who work and contribute to campaigns very wary about future political activities in this state.

"Until we get more information from the Secretary of State's office, and additional Attorney General's opinions, most representatives of business, professionals, labor and

industry are going to be very cautious about participating in political campaigns and contributing to campaigns," one spokesman for the group said.

"None of us wants to be the first 'test case' under these new

laws," he concluded.

Others observed that it was going to be harder to get good people to run for public office because of the tough new laws, and predicted the strict campaign laws would make it easier for incumbents to remain in present offices.

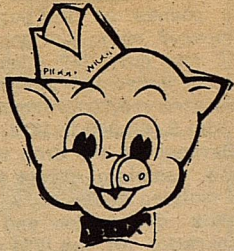
Both Jack R. Martin, Houston, president of TSAE, and Gene N. Fondren, chairman of the TSAE Government Relations Committee, outlined the need for future briefings for state business and industry leaders on the new laws governing the mechanics of "Texas politics."

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