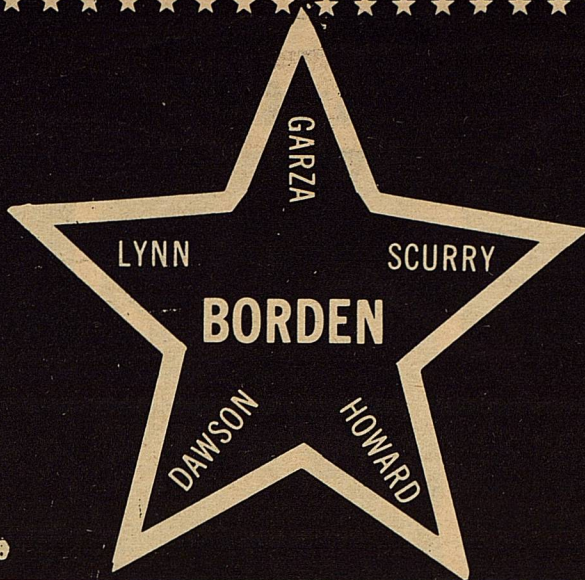


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MR. EARNEST KIKER

New County Agent

The Borden County Commissioners court met Monday April 1 to name a new County Agent in lieu of Tommy Haegelin who just recently resigned.

In cooperation with the Extension Service, the Court chose Mr. Earnest Kiker from among 6 applicants. Mr. Kiker was highly recommended by District Agent Billy Gunter.

Mr. Kiker is a young man having graduated from Texas Tech as recently as 1971 with a degree in Agricultural Education, Earnest was a transfer student from San Angelo College. Originally from Rotan, Earnest was born and raised on a ranch.

Mr. Kiker will be moving from Tullia where he has been Assistant County Agent of Swisher County for two years. While in Tullia, he worked closely with the 4-H program and assisted County Agent Ken Cook in the adult phase of the County Extension program.

Ernest, who is unmarried, will move to Borden County officially on May 1 and expects to get right to work on the summer 4-H program.

Editorial

With the primary elections only a month away it is time to stop and take stock.

There are more contested posts this year than previously. This is good. It shows citizens are becoming more politically aware and realize that actions are stronger than words.

Woefully this does not guarantee the voter a distinct choice. In some instances we will still be faced with "the lesser of Two evils" in the primaries. We wish we had an answer to this dilemma.

The Borden Star does not intend to editorialize for any particular candidate. However, we urge you to know the candidates and their philosophy before you go to the polls. If they do not make it to your door, seek them out and take the time to ask them pertinent questions. You are entitled to a direct answer.

Ask yourself; 1. Why is this candidate running? 2. How has the candidate managed his personal business? If he or she has held a public office before have they handled it with fiscal responsibility, trustworthiness, and have they put the welfare of the county above all else. If the candidate has not held office before, will he accept the above responsibility?

Granted, there is room for improvement in our County Government. However, let's guard against voting a change simply for change sake--"Well, he's done a good job but he's been in long enough" or the "I voted for him because he needed the job" syndrome. Be sure of the qualifications --County, State, and Federal.

VOTE

Thank You

A FRIEND IN NEED IS A FRIEND INDEED

We would like to express our most sincere gratitude to all Borden County residents answering the grass fire alarm. Our thanks also go to the Fluvanna Fire Department and to Dewey Everett for the use of his equipment.

Sincerely,
Mr. and Mrs. Aubry Stokes

First Grassfire

The first grass fire of 1974 hit Borden County last Sunday night.

The fire was first sighted by a traveler from Arizona (name unknown) going east on highway 180. He noticed the blaze about 6 miles east of Gail across the right of way fence on the OB Ranch. Driving on to Snyder, the traveler first reported the fire to the Snyder police department at 2:00 A.M. Sheriff Sneed was immediately notified and an alarm was put out.

Beginning in the north west corner of the OB Ranch the blaze traveled south and east destroying approximately one section of grassland, according to Mr. Stokes. The fire hit Bull Creek and swept on down the creek into Borden Grays, taking in a corner of Billy Max West's. An estimate of an additional 200 acres was destroyed in this area.

The blaze could be seen for miles. Mrs. Don Jones reported having seen it from their ranch close to Fluvanna. Vernon Miller said he was awakened by his dog's unusual barking and could see the flame from his house. The fire required nearly four hours of intensive fighting before it was brought under control.

Another grass fire of little consequence was reported the same night about 10 miles west of Snyder. Again the blaze began across the fence on the south side of Highway 180. It too was reported by the traveler from Arizona.

Refutes Statement

When he appeared on television two weeks ago at Houston before a meeting of the National Association of Broadcasters, President Nixon stirred up a storm of protest from cattlemen across the country. Their complaint was articulated promptly in a wire fired off to Mr. Nixon the next morning by the president of the American National Cattlemen's Association, Gordon Van Vleck.

Mr. Van Vleck Pulled no punches.

"The cattlemen in the United States resent your statement in last night's press conference that 'farmers have never had it so good,' said Van Vleck. 'We respectfully recommend that you check the record and become informed about the crit-

ical plight confronting cattle feeders in the U.S. Over \$1 billion has been lost by cattle feeders since September, 1973, as a direct result of your ill-conceived economic stabilization program. Further, we respectfully urge you to issue a public statement setting the record straight.'

A copy of the wire was sent to Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz.

The government two days later issued a consumer price index report which blamed beef prices for much of another food price hike. The American National promptly called attention to the erroneous impression given by the report, which was based on a survey made in early February, when wholesale beef prices were at record high levels because of the truck strike. The ANCA release noted that wholesale beef prices subsequently dropped sharply and that retail prices, including specials, also are down.

President Van Vleck also took issue with Administration officials who implied that beef prices were still high and that supplies were limited. Officials also were rapped for repeated "never had it so Good" generalizations which ignored the seriousness of the cattle industry situation.

Injunction

Early last month the United States Humane Society obtained a temporary injunction in federal district court in Washington, D.C. prohibiting the implementation of a program providing for the use of sodium cyanide for predator control in Texas.

In a program to control predator control on page 4



MRS. BEN JARRETT

President Elect

Mrs. Ben Jarrett was elected President of Delta Kappa Gamma Society, Epsilon Omicron Chapter of Dawson and Borden Counties, for the term of 1974-76.

Delta Kappa Gamma Society is a National Honorary Society for women teachers. The society was organized May 11, 1929. Epsilon Omicron Chapter was organized by Eula Lee Carter, May 21, 1959, Alpha State, Texas.

The Epsilon Omicron Chapter has an enrollment of thirty-eight members and these members are selected by invitation only.

The Epsilon Omicron Chapter sponsors a scholarship each year to be given to a student who is preparing to be a teacher. Donations are also made to the Day Care Center of Lamesa, Texas.

Mrs. Jarrett has been a member for approximately ten years. She has also served two years as treasurer.

Mrs. Jarrett is employed as business teacher with the Borden County Independent School District.

You Are Invited

To A

Community Barn Dance

At The

Rich Andersons - Apr. 5th 8:30 p.m.

HOYLE NIX & HIS BAND

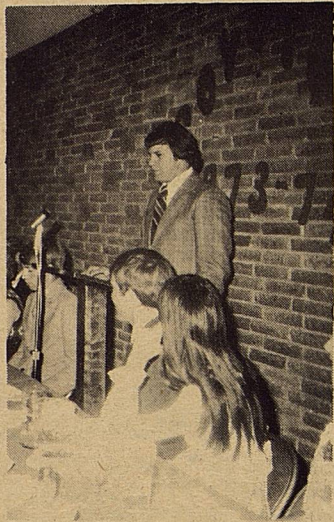
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The Borden County Cancer Society

Borden County School News



GUEST SPEAKER
MR. KENT HANCE



TECH QUARTERBACK
JOE BARNES,



COACH DYESS IS PRESENTED
GIFT BY JOE HANCOCK,



MELISA TAYLOR PRESENTS GIFT TO COACH KOUNTZ

Athletic Banquet

The Borden County High School Athletic Banquet was held at 8:00 P.M., Saturday, March 30, at the Big Spring Country Club. This is an annual event given in honor of the High School Athletes.

Acting as Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Joe Hancock, a senior and all-around athlete.

Prior to a delicious meal, the Invocation was given by Melisa Taylor, also a senior and all around athlete.

Athletic Director Bob Dyess introduced Mr. Joe Barnes, quarterback from Texas Tech. Recognizing Mr. Barnes as an outstanding young man, Mr. Dyess announced that Joe had signed to play football with the Chicago Bears and will start spring training in a few weeks.

Mr. Barnes, in turn, introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Kent Hance. Mr. Hance is a Lubbock attorney and a member of the American Bar Association. He currently serves on the Fight Drug Abuse Committee, is one of the original incorporators of Texas Boys ranch and is now serving as a Director. Mr. Hance taught Business Law at Texas Tech and is involved in many and varied civic organizations. He is currently a candidate for State Senator from the 28th District.

In his address Mr. Hance pointed out four areas of sports that carry through out life. BE COMPETITIVE: "You will find competition in all walks of life. High school athletics teaches you to handle pressures early--TO WIN' set a successful pattern' Mr. Hance advised. 'Whether you are on the starting line-up or on the bench, be ready', he said. TO LOSE; "Can you lose?" Mr Hance asked his young audience. He pointed out the importance of accepting defeat followed by a learning process of self-evaluation. Last of the four areas was CONFIDENCE; "Even if you do not start, do not sell yourself short. Set a Goal and carry through", he advised.

Following the address by Mr. Hance recognitions and awards were presented.

In closing the program, the Borden High cheerleaders led the guests in singing the school song. Doug Isaacs, a graduating all around athlete gave the Benediction.

Attending the 1974 Athletic Banquet were all High School

athletes and their parents, the Borden County School Board and faculty.

Arrangements for the banquet and program were done by Mrs. Bob Dyess, Mrs. Van Kountz, and Mrs. Ed Huddleston.

Awards And Recognitions

Following the address by Mr. Kent Hance at the 1974 Athletic Banquet, recognitions were presented by Coach Dyess, Coach Kountz, and Coach Ed Huddleston.

Coach Dyess announced the Coaches All Star recipients. They were Joe Hancock, a senior and son of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Hancock and Audrey Brummett, also a senior. Audry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C.B. Brummett. Coach Dyess then introduced the entire football, basketball, and track roster for 1973-74 recognizing the senior boys.

The High School girl athletes were introduced by their coach and assistant athletic director Mr. Van Kountz. After recognizing the entire roster, Mr. Kountz made a special mention of Debbie Herring, basketball manager, for a job well done. He also gave special recognition to Melisa Taylor for being selected to play in the Girls Coaches North-South All Star game to be held in Brownwood. Melisa is a senior and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Buster Taylor.

Recognizing the 1974 tennis team, Coach Huddleston announced those eligible for the 1974 District Match. They include: Boys doubles, D. M. Parks and Teddy Cooley, Monte Smith and Clifton Smith. Boys singles; Ken McMeans and Kim Lockhart. Those playing on the girls singles will be Marion Benavides and Catherine Jackson. Doubles include Tricia Jackson and Kristy Smith, Rita Cornett and Lesa Ludecke.

The three coaches and their assistants received gifts of appreciation from their respective teams. Presenting a gift to Ed Huddleston was Catherine



JOE HANCOCK CONGRAT
ULATES MR. COPELAND.

Jackson who introduced him as "The Bobby Riggs of Borden County". Melisa Taylor presented a gift to Coach Kountz in appreciation of his guidance and patience in basketball. Recognizing Head Coach Bob Dyess as an outstanding football coach was Joe Hancock. Joe also recognized Mr. Kountz as assistant coach and football trainer. Joe Copeland as a "sure enough good ol' feller." Special mention was given to Mr. and Mrs. Parker for their support through the band and as cheerleader sponsor. Pat Dyess was given a hearty thanks for loyalty and support by the football team.

Students participating in the 1973-74 athletic program are: Seniors; Audrey Brummett, Rex Cox, Joe Hancock, Henry Olivarez, Steve Whitaker, Doug Isaacs, Max Jones, D.M. Parks Frank Farmer, Clay Copeland, and Kem Lockhart. Underclassmen: John Anderson, Jim McLeroy, Clifton Smith, Monte Smith, Garland Williams, Creighton Taylor, Bob McLeroy Tommy Patterson, Richard Smith, Darin Tucker, Nestor Baeza, Ben Thompson, Ken McMeans, Eddie Parks, Jackie Lockhart, Toby Sharp, Junior Olivarez, Gene Cooley, Teddy Cooley, Joe Zant, and Larry Simer.

Senior girls: Diana McHenry, Rhonda Patterson, Melisa Taylor, Rita Cornett, Underclassmen: Barbara Brown, Catherine Jackson, Bica Baeza, Philena Farmer, Deidre Tucker, Sue Hancock, Tricia Jackson, Lisa Ludecke, Cindy Beaver, Donelle Jones, Mary Ledbetter, Elizabeth Ledbetter, Kristy Smith, Kathy Underwood, Dana Westbrook, Gay Griffin, Wanda Johnson, Debbie Little, Vaisy Benavidez, and Lupe Vidal.



CATHERINE JACKSON PRESENTS BOBBY RIGGS AWARD
TO MR. HUDDLESTON.

Debate Tournament

Borden County participated in the Seagraves Debate Tournament March 27.

Borden County was represented by Jim McLeroy and Monte Smith as the boy's A team and Bob McLeroy and Ben Thompson as the boy's B team. Dana Westbrook and Catherine Jackson are the girls A-Team while Deidre Tucker and Debbie Herring are the girls B team.

Catherine Jackson and Dana Westbrook won the girls division defeating host Seagraves. Monte Smith and Jim McLeroy were beaten in the boys finals by Seagraves boys.

Despite losing the final debate, Monte Smith was named best speaker. This was Monte's first debate experience. Also debating for the first time this year are Deidre Tucker, Dana Westbrook, Debbie Herring, Bob McLeroy and Ben Thompson.

The topic this year is Resolved: That the federal government shall provide a program for the employment of all employable United States citizens living in poverty. This particular topic is an extremely difficult topic to debate. The debate team has worked very hard for the past several weeks to prepare for the coming district contest.

UIL Eliminations

Pac Zachery, a graduate speech major from Texas Tech, conducted a workshop for Junior High poetry interpretation Tuesday, March 25. He served

as judge for the local eliminations. Lisa McLeroy and Matt Farmer were chosen as representatives for the seventh and eighth grade division. Martha Anderson and Pat Toombs are the alternates.

Carla Jones and Troyce Wolf will represent the fifth and sixth grade division, with Glynda Burkett and Danny Holmes as alternates.

The Jr. High U.I.L. meet will be held April 19 at Sands.

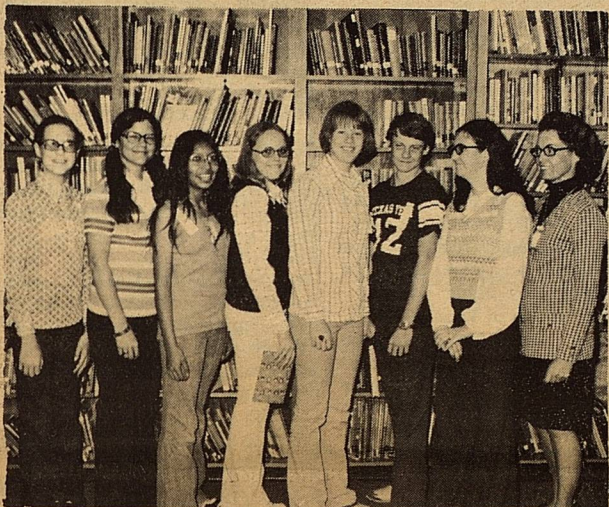
Coyote Band Wins 1st

The Borden Coyote Band attended the Jayton Band-Festival Clinic Friday, March 29. The band participated in concert and sightreading competition with approximately 15 other Class A and Class B bands. Mr. Charles Traylor, director of Abilene Christian College Bands, worked with the band to improve the numbers for U.I.L. Competition which will be held April 30, 1974, in Odessa.

Following concert competition the band turned in a fine performance and was awarded the first place trophy for the outstanding band in sightreading competition. They also received a second place trophy for concert performance. The music department of Borden High School will present grades 3-12 in it's Annual Spring Concert on May 2, 1974 at 7:30 P.M. The concert will be held in the Borden County High School auditorium. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy an evening of good listening.



SPELLING BEE CHAMP
MR. JAMES McLEROY, CARLA JONES, & MRS. WESTBROOK



(SPELLING BEE PARTICIPANTS) Glynda Burkett, Carla Jones, Sylvia Espinoza, Twila Telchik, Lesa Hensley, Patrick Toombs, Carol Burkett, and Spohsor, Mrs. Westbrook.

Spelling Bee Champ

Superintendent James McLeroy presented a plaque to Carla Jones, sixth grade daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Jones of Fluvanna, as winner of the Borden County Spelling Bee on Friday, March 29. Carla will represent Borden County in the Regional Spelling Bee in Lubbock, April 13.

Glynda Burkett, another sixth grader and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burkett of Route 1 O'Donnell won second place and will serve as alternate representative.

Other students participating in the contest were Patrick Toombs, Lesa Hensley, Carol Burkett, Sylvia Espinoza and Twila Telchik.

Dorothy Gray served as pronouncer. Ben Jarrett, Sue Smith and Doris Steadman were judges for the Spelling Bee, which is sponsored by the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.

Mrs. Peggy Westbrook is Director and coach of the Spelling Bee.

Girls Try-Meet

TEAM TOTALS
O'DONNELL 150
BORDEN 149
SANDS 88

440 RELAY:
1st O'Donnell 58.3; 2nd. Borden 62.3

330 DASH:
1st. Tucker-Borden 49.9; 2nd. Moore - O'Donnell 53.8; 3rd. Burkett-Borden 54.2; 4th. Sands Adam 57.0; 5th. Jackson-O'Donnell 58.2

220 DASH:
1st. Sanders - O'Donnell 31.3; 2nd. Floyd-Sands 31.5; Thompson-Borden 31.5; 4th. Brasher-Sands 31.9; 5th. McLeroy-Borden 32.2

6th. Franklin-O'Donnell 37.7

60 DASH:
1st. Hensley-Borden 7.9; 2nd. Follis-O'Donnell 8.4; 3rd. Nichols-Sands 8.8; 4th. Kemper-Sands 8.9; 5th. Wood-O'Donnell

6th. Tie-Skelton-Borden 10.7 and Burkett-Borden 10.7

80 HURDLES:
1st. Smith-Borden 15.3; 2nd. Tie Floyd-Sands 15.5 and Mayo-O'Donnell 15.5; 4th. Poe-O'Donnell 15.6; 5th. Kemper-Sands 16.1; 6th. Telchik-Borden

880 RELAY:
1st. O'Donnell 12:05.6; 2nd. Sands 2:09.9; 3rd. Borden 2:15.2;

100 DASH:
1st. Hensley-Borden 12.8; 2nd. Moore-O'Donnell 13.8; 3rd. Brasher-Sands 14.1; 5th. Thompson - Borden 14.3; 6th. Garza-O'Donnell 14.5

HIGH JUMP:
1st. Follis-O'Donnell 4'2"; 2nd. Tie- Hensley - Borden 4' and Robinson-O'Donnell 4'; 4th. McLeroy-Borden

BROAD JUMP:
1st. Mayo-O'Donnell 13'9 1/2"; 2nd. Hensley-Borden 13'8"; 3rd. Brasher-Sands 13' 4 1/2" 4th.

Holland Is Judge & Critic

Mr. Charles Holland of Snyder served as judge and critic at the U.I.L. One Act Play District Contest held in Gail, March 28.

Mr. Holland received his Master of Arts degree from West Texas State. Pryor to accepting the position as chairman of the Speech and Drama department at W.T.C. in Snyder, he was at one time Drama Critic for the Chula Vista Star News in San Diego, California. Mr. Holland has also directed professionally and had his own theater in Madrid, New Mexico. He was also director of the Community theater in Sherman, Texas. Mr. Holland has acted in T.V. Commercials and in one full length film.

After naming the place one play and choosing an All Star Cast, Mr. Holland spent several hours with the casts from all eight schools participating. He gave each cast and their director a very detailed critique and spoke to all in general. Mr. Holland did an outstanding job and all speech and drama students benefited.



KEN McMEANS AND RITA CORNETT



JANICE DAVIS, JO ANN MARTIN, AND FRANK FARMER.

One Act Play

The District 7-B One Act Play Contest was held March 28 in the Borden County High School Auditorium. The program began at two o'clock with eight schools participating.

Anticipation ran high as the curtain was drawn on the last play and judge Charles Holland of WTC retired to make his decision.

The winning play went to Sands High School with their presentation of "Still Stands The House" under the direction of Donnita Cunningham. Second place was captured by Loop presenting "The Doctor in Spite of Himself". "The Sisters McIntosh" won third place for Union. Sands will present their play for regional competition at Howard College Auditorium April 5th.

Announcing the All Star Cast Mr. Mickey McMeans awarded the following: Best Actor, Kent Smith of Loop; Best Actress, Elaine Martin of Sands; All Star Cast; Teresa Singleton, Klondike, Ken McMeans, Borden County, Leslie Wood, Grady, Quinn Broadman, and Elda Carmona, both of Dawson, David Zant and Cindy McDonald of Sands, and Gail Floyd of Union. Honorable Mention went to: Belynda Blake of Grady, David Jones, Loop, Kim Hamm, Wellman and Janice Davis of Borden County.

The participating schools and their cast in order of their appearance are as follows:
SANDS-Still Stands The House
Ruth Warren (Cindy McDonald)
Arthur Manning (Danny Gillespie)
Bruce Warren (David Zant)
Hester Warren (Elaine Martin)

GRADY-And Silently Steal Away
Marge Bassett (Korinne Wright)
Joe Bassett (Leslie Wood)
Fred (Daniel Lozano)
Gertie (Belynda Blake)
LOOP-The Doctor in Spite of Himself

Sganarelle (Kent Smith)
Martine, wife (Brenda Chaffin)
Monsieur Robert (Harole Glaspie)
Lucas (David Jones)
Valere (Larry Layman)
Geronte (Troy Laymah)
Jacqueline (Tami Freeman)
Lucinde (Elaine Freeman)
Leandre (Tony Hord)

BORDEN CO. A Doll's House
Torvald Helmer (Frank Farmer)
Nora Helmer (Janice Davis)
Neal Krogstad (Ken McMeans)
Christine Linde (Rita Cornett)
Dr. Rank (Darin Tucker)
Helen (Jo Ann Martin)

UNION-The Sisters McIntosh
Tizzie McIntosh (Renee Cline)
Lulie McIntosh (Gale Floyd)
A woman (Sherry McNeil)
DAWSON-The Lesson
The Pupil (Elda Carmona)
The Professor (Quinn Boardman)
The Maid (Rheena Brown)
WELLMAN-A Canterbury Tale
From the Wife of Bath
The wife of Bath and Queen (Vicki James)

Jack-of-all-trades (Timmy Hamm)
Princess Oscarina and Crone (Kenya Brashears)
Sir Gallant Dilemma (Steve Brown)

Lady Stumble (Kim Hamm)
Lady Bumble (Debbie Adair)
Wizard (John Rowden)
Lord Bumble (Greg Crutcher)
KLONDIKE-The Rose of Sharon
Mary (Teresa Singleton)
Tom (Jimmy Ross)
Tildy (Teri Airhart)
Mr. John (Jayson Jones)

Schedule Change

EASTER PARTIES
WILL BE HELD ON
FRIDAY, APRIL 5,
AT 1:30 P.M.
INSTEAD OF THE
PREVIOUSLY PLANNED TIME
SCHOOL WILL DISMISS
AT 2:30 ON APRIL 5.

Thompson-Borden 12'11 1/2"
SHOT PUT:
1st. Sharp-Borden 28'1"; 2nd. Sherrill-O'Donnell 21' 1"; 3rd. Nichols-Sands 20'9"; 4th. Jones Borden 19' 1 1/2"

TRIPLE JUMP:
1st. Hensley-Borden 29;4"; 2nd. Floyd-Sands 27'5"; 3rd. Moore O'Donnell 26'5 1/2"; 4th. Anderson-Borden 24' 5 1/2"

DISCUS:
1st. McLaurran-O'Donnell 57'8"
2nd. Sharp-Borden 52'9"; 3rd. Sanders-O'Donnell 49'1"; 4th. Tucker-Borden 46'



RENEE SHARP

MARCH 19, 1974

TEAM TOTALS:
DAWSON 136
LOOP 134
BORDEN 127
HIGH JUMP
1st Turner-Dawson 4'; 2nd. Cordona-Dawson 4'; 3rd. McLeroy-

Borden 4'; 4th. Thompson-Borden 3'10"; 5th. Harris-Loop 3'8"

BROAD JUMP
1st. Hensley-Borden 15'9"; 2nd. Cardona-Dawson 14'3 1/2' 3rd. Thompson - Borden 12'8" 4th. Webb-Dawson 10'11 1/2"

SHOT PUT:
1st. Sharp - Borden 27'1" 2nd. Henson-Dawson 22'1"; 3rd. Jones-Borden 20'3"; 4th. McDonald-Loop 10'11"

TRIPLE JUMP:
1st Hensley- Borden 30'8 1/2"
2nd. Holley-Dawson 28'1"; 3rd. McLeroy-Borden 26'5"; 4th. Forshee-Loop 25'10'

DISCUS:
1st. McDonald-Loop 64'9"; 2nd. Foshee-Loop 63'4"; 3rd. Cardona-Dawson 56'1"; 4th. Sharp Borden 53'8 1/2"; 5th. Tucker-Borden 49'6 1/2"

330 DASH:
1st. Cardona-Dawson 49.1; 2nd Tucker-Borden 50.9; 3rd. Ancinec-Loop 52.5; 6th. Burkett-

Borden
220 DASH:
1st. Hensley-Borden 29.9; 2nd. Young-Loop 30.2; 3rd. Lowe-Loop 31.2; 5th. Thompson-Borden

60 DASH:
1st. Garcia-Loop 7.9; 2nd. Hensley-Borden 8.0; 3rd. Kelley-Loop 8.0; 4th. Server-Dawson 8.1; 6th. Burkett-Borden

80 HURDLES:
1st. Foshee - Loop 14.5; 2nd. Smith-Loop 14.7; 3rd. Smith-Borden 15.9; 6th. Telchik-Borden

100 DASH:
1st. Server-Dawson 12.8; 2nd. Kelley-Loop 13.4; 3rd. Hensley-Borden 13.4; 6th. Skelton-Borden

440 RELAY:
1st Dawson 56.9; 2nd. Loop 57.4; 3rd. Borden 62.9

880 RELAY
1st. Dawson 2:04; 2nd. Loop 2:05.6; 3rd. Borden 2:14.4

See Boys Tri-Meet on page 4

Jere's Gottings

Let's talk about under developed nations and the role the United States has and is playing in the development of same. Keep in mind, an under developed country is preferably communistic, at best socialistic. Certainly the U.S. has never qualified for aid, but I can't see why not. We measure up to all the criteria; socialistic for all intent and purpose and certainly lagging in development of natural resources and keeping abreast in the arms race.

On March 8th, the Export-Import Bank was told that it had no authority to catch up \$6.1 billion in credit to develop energy projects in the Soviet Union. Hooray? Then on March 24th, Robert McNamara predicted that the oil producing nations (that, unfortunately, is U.S.) would increase their aid to underdeveloped nations (that ain't U.S.) to help pay for higher priced oil. Boo! He was hopeful that Congress would reverse their previous decision and allow funds from "his" bank (World Bank) to be loaned to those poor nations. Now get this! That bank had announced that it had borrowed \$200 million from Iran at 8% interest. This money will be used to develop the undeveloped.

Back to the hooray part. The Export - Import Bank was created in 1945. It was chartered to operate under legislation which prohibited the extension of credit to a Communist nation unless the President determined a loan to be in the national interest. OK, in 1972, President Nixon decided that credit should be awarded the Soviets (in our national interest, you understand). But the whopping sum of \$6.1 billion was blocked when the U.S. Comptroller General said each and every transaction must be determined to be in our national interest. In this case, the Russians wanted the money to develop liquified natural gas in Siberia.

WOW! How does one justify exporting a ship load of money provided by U.S. for energy development when price roll backs, depletion cuts and wind fall profit tax legislation are all pending? And another thing - the Ruskies would be charged 6% interest. When was the last time an independent or major oil company could borrow funds for energy development at 6%?

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And how about that Iranian moola at 8%. Even using new math and the metric system, the U.S. comes out loser.

If there is going to be any 6% money passed out for energy development, let's shove to the head of the line. Nothing the F.E.C. has done has found one new barrel of oil. Sure, we are learning to conserve what we've got-but we are still under developed and will be until money is made available to develop the reserves (and I don't mean Federal money). Tightening the noose in this country while playing Daddy Warbucks with the rest of the world will only make U.S. more and more dependent upon those "poor" nations we have developed. - Crazy.

From



's
Kitchen

By Bette Fulcher

Mississippi Mud Cake

4 eggs
1 cup oleo
1/3 cup cocoa
2 cups sugar
1 1/2 cups flour
pinch of salt
1 1/2 cups pecans
Small bag marshmallows
Melt oleo and cocoa together add to sugar, flour, salt, eggs and pecans. Mix well. Bake in a 2 x 10 x 13 1/2 inch pan, 350 degrees, 40 minutes or until done. Take from oven and spread the package of marshmallows over the top of the hot cake, put the cake back into the oven and melt the marshmallows slightly. After the cake has cooled, spread the frosting over the top.

Frosting

1/2 cup oleo
1/3 cup cocoa
1/3 cup milk
1 teas. vanilla
1 box of sifted powdered sugar
Melt oleo, cocoa and milk together. Beat with sugar and vanilla. Spread over cake.

Snake Round-Up

Around 3,000 live rattlesnakes, exotic reptiles, beautiful girls, rocks and a few custom cars were featured at the Big Spring Jayces' Rattlesnake Roundup March 28-31.

Delbert Hutchings demonstrated snake handling. The professional snake handler showed how to milk rattlers and told about their characteristics, habitats and uses of their venom.

At the same time, visitors were shown how to skin snakes. Snake meat was used to prepare snacks and dinners by Jaycee-Ettes.

Reptiles of all types were shown and offered for sale by Lee Box, an exotic reptile dealer from Wichita Falls.

The Prospectors' Club of Big Spring displayed rocks. And a sampling of antique and custom cars were exhibited at the Howard County Fair Barns and shown at the armory.

Early Car Club members, displayed a variety of vehicles at the fair barns March 30 and 31.



TOMMY AND ROSALIE HAEGELIN, STEPHANIE AND JODY.

Haegelins Honored

The Borden County 4-H Club and their sponsors honored County Agent Tommy Haegelin and his family at a reception Thursday March 28.

The "Get-to-Gather" was held to express the club members appreciation of Tommy's work as County Agent. The event was held in the Sheriff's Posse Building with 4-H members and their families attending.

As a going away gift, the 4-H had designed a "money-tree" on which everyone tied a dollar bill. This was used as a center piece on the serving table. Guests were served coffee or punch and dips or cookies throughout the evening.

During the party all of the 4-H members and their little brothers and sister, par-

ticipated in a Boot Scramble. Keil Williams proved to be the fastest "scrambler" and won the prize.

Adult leader Helen Patterson, in behalf of the 4-H Club and their parents presented the "Money Tree" to the Haegelins with words of appreciation to Tommy for the work he has done for our children. Tommy stated that he and Rosalie had thoroughly enjoyed being a part of Borden County for the last 2 1/2 years and complimented the 4-Hers as being an outstanding group of young people.

Tommy has retired from the Extension Service and plans to go into the cattle business near Davilla, Texas. He, Rosalie, Stephanie and young Jodie expect to leave Borden County the second week in April. They will be missed.

LOCALS

Don Cox left Monday for Arizona to visit his brother, Murle Cox, who is in St. Mary's Hospital in Tucson.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Rambin have been recent week-end visitors of relatives in Louisiana.

Mrs. R. E. Hardee spent the week in Tulsa with relatives.

Dan and Don Fox and Jeff Ellis visited Friday afternoon in the Ben Weathers' home.

Nick Vassacek of Midland visited Friday with Ruth Weathers. Mrs. Alf Huddleston was a week-end visitor in the Wright Huddleston home.

Mrs. Prissy Thompson spent the week-end in Colorado City in the Billy Bob Hardy home.

Revival

There will be a lay-witness revival on April 19, 20, and 21 at the Gail Dorward Methodist Church. Evening services each night begins at 8:00. The Sunday morning service begins at 11:00. Everyone from all denominations is invited and urged to attend.

Friday has been designated as youth night. Several Tech students will be present to help lead the program. Refreshments will be served.

Following the morning ser-

vices on Sunday there will be a dinner at the posse building. Everyone is invited to the dinner and asked to bring covered dishes.

The lay speakers are: Kenneth Rogers, Mr. Cecil Drake, Charlie Riebars, and Ruben Vaughn.

Local and out of town people will help lead the singing, bring special music, witness, and testify. These lay singers and speakers come representing several denominations.

Be sure to come Friday night April 19, and bring some youth.

WTC Rodeo

Snyder--The Western Texas College Rodeo Club will sponsor its second annual National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA) rodeo April 4-6, with 2 to 25 colleges expected to be represented.

Performances are scheduled at 8 p.m. daily in the Scurry County Rodeo arena on West 30th Street. Admission prices are \$2 for adults, 1\$ for students and 50 cents for preschool children. All profits from the rodeo will be used for rodeo scholarships at WTC, Van Rigby, WTC Rodeo Club sponsor, said.

In addition to the rodeo events, open jackpot roping and barrel races are scheduled at 10 a.m. Saturday and at 1 p.m. Sunday. Ropers will pay \$45 for two head barrel racers will pay \$40 for two runs, novice barrel racers will pay \$11 for one run, and junior barrel racers will pay \$11 for one run each day.

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100 LOW HURDLES

1st. Rinehart-Borden 14.0 2nd. Renteria-O'Donnell 14.0; 3rd. Gardenhire-O'Donnell 16.5; 4th. Jackson - Borden 17.2; 5th. Parker-Sands 17.5; 6th. Sarvel-Sands 17.6.

50 YARD DASH

1st. Kennemer-Sands 6.5; 2nd. Brewer - O'Donnell 7.0; 3rd. Tristan - O'Donnell 7.2; 4th. Shaw-Sands 7.25; 5th. Dyess-Borden 7.5; 6th. Cannon-Borden 7.6.

BROAD JUMP

1st. Martinez - O'Donnell 15' 8 1/2"; 2nd. Rinehart-Borden 15' 5 3/4"; 3rd. Toombs-Borden 14' 7"; 4th. Brewer-O'Donnell 13' 9"; 5th. Moore-Sands 12' 4".

SHOT PUT

1st. Long-Borden 41' 6 1/2"; 2nd. Hernandez - O'Donnell 38' 11"; 3rd. Smith-Borden 33' 11 1/2"; 4th. Nichols- Sands 33' 9 1/4"; 5th. Rantina - O'Donnell 31' 10"; 6th. Gonrez-Sands 31' 6 1/2"

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1st. Renterria III' 9' -O'Donnell 2nd. Hernandez - O'Donnell 105' 9"; 3rd. Nichols - Sands 92' 11 1/2"; 4th. Smith- Borden 84' 4 1/2"; 5th. Stroup-Borden 81' 8"; 6th. McDonald- Sands 54' 6".

60 YARD HURDLES

1st. Long-Borden 9.8; 2nd. Gardneraire-O'Donnell 10.8; 3rd. Teal-O'Donnell 11.0; 4th. Zant Borden 11.3; 5th. Nicholes-Sands 11.4; 6th. Moore Sands 11.6.

440 YARD RUN

1st. Toombs-Borden 62.9; 2nd. Westbrook-Borden 69.2; 3rd. Moore-Sands 71.3; 4th. Hernandez-Sands 71.4; 5th. George-O'Donnell 76.6.

880 RUN

1st. Hernandez - O'Donnell 2:45 15; 2nd. Walker-Borden 2:34.0; 3rd. Quintora-O'Donnell 2:40.4; 4th. Mosly-Sands 2:45.2; 5th. Zant-Borden 2:45.3; 6th. Robinson-Sands.

PULL UPS

1st. Tristan-O'Donnell 15; 2nd. Rinehart Borden 13; 3rd. Stut- eville 12; 4th. Forbes-O'Donnell 11; 5th. Mangum-Sands 9.

HIGH JUMP

1st. Farmer- Borden 4' 10"; 2nd. Parker-Sands 4' 10"; 3rd. Zant - Borden 4' 8"; 4th. Shaw-Sands 4' 2"; 5th. Gardneraire - O'Donnell 4'.

POLE VAULT

1st. Long- Borden 9'
2nd. Kennemer- Sands 8'6"
3rd. Dyess- Borden 7'6"

night following the rodeo. Jody Nix and the Comancheros from Big Spring will play Thursday night. David Price and the Rodeo Hands from Alpine will play Friday and Saturday nights. The dances are sponsored by the Rodeo Booster Club and tickets will be on sale at the door.

James Mickler of Haskell will be rodeo clown and will present specialty and featuring Oscar. "The World's Only Bullfighting Buzzard." Campbell & Crodell Robeo Co. of Childress are producing the show.

Fuel Allocation

Judge Glenn Toombs announced that an increase in fuel allocation will come to the Permian Basin within a few weeks. Representatives of the Federal Energy Office in Dallas informed Permian Basin officials that wholesale suppliers and retail gasoline station operators desiring an increased allocation should fill out Federal Energy Office Form #17. Retail station operators who already have a supplier should forward these forms to their wholesale supplier and station operators seeking a new supplier should forward these forms to the Dallas Federal Energy Office. Any person in the area who needs forms or any information regarding the proper preparation of these requests may contact Jack Martin, Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission, P.O. Box 6391, Midland, Texas, 79701 or call area code 915-563-1061. In addition to the permanent allocation requests, emergency supplies may be obtained by applying to the State Energy Office in Austin.

All oil companies serving the Permian Basin area have been requested to make sure adequate supplies of petroleum products are on hand to meet the month-end requirements of priority users, according to information received from FEO officials last week. The request was made by the FEO officials after a delegation from the Permian Basin met with Deputy Administrator John Sawhill in Washington, D.C. several weeks ago. Sawhill suggested that the request for increased allocations in the region could be speeded up by the use of recently authorized Summary Class Action requests to the regional office in Dallas.

The Texas delegation which met with Sawhill included Senator John Tower, Representatives George Mahon, Richard White, Representatives from Senator Lloyd Bentsen's staff, Midland Mayor Ernest Angelo, Odessa Mayor Jim Reese, and Ernie Crawford, Executive Director of the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission.

The notification of increased fuel allocations climaxes a month-long effort coordinated by the PBRPC through local elected officials. Regional efforts began with a meeting in early March with Governor Dolph Briscoe and representatives of the State Energy Office.

Outreach Project

Beginning in January, 1974, the Federal government instituted the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program, a monthly cash payment to people in financial need who are 65 or older, or blind, or disabled. In an effort to locate and inform eligible persons, a short-term outreach project called SSI-Alert has been initiated under the auspices of the Governor's Committee on Aging.

No fee is charged for enrollment in the income program, explains Darrell Carr, State Coordinator of SSI-Alert. Eligibility is determined according to Federal guidelines by the Social Security Administration.

In general, these benefits can be paid to people whose monthly income is below \$160 for a single person or \$220 for a couple, if this income comes from Social

Security, retirement or other pensions; or below \$365 for a single person or \$505 for a couple, if this income is from wages, salaries, or self-employment income.

This means that even persons who already receive Social Security can receive Supplemental Security Income, as SSI is not paid out of Social Security tax money. In addition, those who qualify for SSI are automatically eligible to receive Medicaid payments for medical care.

The first SSI payments were made in January, 1974. These are the new gold-colored checks. Application should be made immediately in order to begin receiving payments as soon as possible. Under no circumstances should a person wishing to apply for SSI benefits pay a fee to anyone for this service. If any person attempts to charge a fee, the applicant should refuse to pay it and should report the incident to the local SSI-Alert office immediately.

Free interviews for referral to the Social Security Administration are available by SSI-Alert volunteers.

In Borden County, Judge Glenn Toombs can provide information about the program.

Primary Election

The Borden County Democratic Primary election will be held Saturday, May 4, with polling places open from 8 A.M. to 7 P.M.

There have been a number of changes since the last election so we warn everyone to check where they will be voting. Precinct #1-Box #1 will be at the Plains Community Center.

Precinct 2: Box #2 will be placed at the home of Mrs. Lela Porter for all voters south of the river. Box #3 will be held at the Court House in Gail with all voters in South Gail and North of the River voting there. If you have any questions contact your commissioner or Precinct Chairman, Mrs. J. O. Creighton.

Precinct 3: There are no changes in Precinct 3. Box #4 will be at the Fairview School south of the lake and Box #5 at the Melton Davis home North of the Lake.

Precinct 4: Box #6 will be placed

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Absentee Voting will begin in the County Clerks Office April 15 through April 30. Applications can be accepted now in the Clerk's Office for ballots to be voted by mail.

Scholarship Auditions

The music department of Western Texas College announces that scholarship auditions for the 1974-75 school year will be held April 20 in the Fine Arts Building.

Applicants should prepare a 10 minute program of representative literature. Scholarships will be awarded in piano, voice, applied instruments, stage band, and choir.

Persons wishing further information may contact Dr. Robert Blocker, chairman of the Fine Arts Division at Western Texas College.

Injunction

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 ators which have seriously menaced livestock production the Environmental Protection Agency had earlier approved the experimental use of 3,900 Sodium Cyanide Spring Loaded Ejector Mechanism and 39,000 Soduim Cyanide Capsules in 44 Texas counties.

The agency's guidelines provided for strict control of the program and close monitoring of its effectiveness and the need for such control. The program was to have been directed by the Texas Department of Agriculture in cooperation with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

The federal agency had acquired to petitions be a number of groups representing livestock producers who are suffering heavy losses from predators.

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Nat'l FHA Week

The Texas Association of Future Homemakers of America observed National FHA-HERO WEEK, March 31 through April 6. Using the theme Impact '74 the 68,000 Texas members will join some half-a-million young men and women across the country in demonstrating projects that are challenging, stimulating, and of real value to youth in preparation for future responsibilities.

"We have a new approach to program planning, Annette Reznik, State President, of Friona, pointed out. Working with our Program Action Impact kit is exciting. IMPACT was developed by youth and introduced to chapters this year by state and area officers. We analyze member concerns and then develop what we call 'indepth' projects that are related to our home economics classroom study. Most people have no idea of what is taught in home economics classes today. They think of home economics as cooking and sewing and of Future Homemakers of America as just another 'fun and games' club.

During NATIONAL FHA-HERO WEEK we want to impress on people that Future Homemakers of America, as part of home economics education, provides opportunities for us to learn, to know, to care and to do the things that help prepare us for future living."

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Week with several activities.

MONDAY: Awareness Day
Let everyone know that this is F.H.A. Week by giving F.H.A. pencils to all students in school.

TUESDAY: Color Day
All members wear red and white.

WEDNESDAY: Teacher Appreciation Day
Try to be kind to your teachers today.

THURSDAY: FFA Appreciation Day.
Be nice to the FFA'sers

Friday; Ecology Day
Clean out lockers and pick up paper around school.

Everyday is teacher Appreciation Day. The FHA'sers are putting "goodies" in the high school and elementary teachers workrooms. A display has also been placed in the hall.

HISTORY
Future Homemakers of America was founded June 11, 1945 as an incorporated, non-profit organization supported by membership dues. There are two types of chapters. FHA chapters place major emphasis

on consumer education, home-making and family life education combined with exploration chapters, taking the name from home economics related occupations, place major emphasis on preparation for jobs and careers with recognition that workers also fill multiple roles as homemakers and community leaders. Nationwide in membership and effort, Future Homemakers of America is co-sponsored by the U.S. Office of Education through the Division of Vocational and Technical Education and The American Home Economics Association. National Headquarters are located in Washington, D.C.

High School home economics teachers, members of the state home economics education staff and leading home economists serve as advisors to chapter, state and national youth officers giving guidance and counseling to the program.

The annual state meeting of the Texas Association will be April 25-26 in the Convention Center, Dallas. More than 5,000 members and advisors are expected to attend.

The theme of the meeting is "Today's Concern - Tomorrow's IMPACT." Programs are planned to provide delegates

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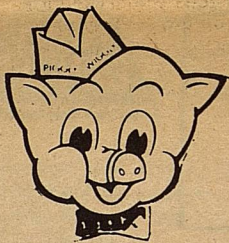
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further information and ideas about implementation of the new Impact program of work, which was first introduced last July at the National Meeting of Future Homemakers of America in Dallas.

Keynote speaker for the meeting will be Roger Staubach, Dallas Cowboy quarterback and popular youth speaker. Other highlights include an address by Vonda Van Dyke, former Miss America and popular entertainer, presentation of Honorary Membership to non-members

who have contributed their time and effort to the organization and a breakfast honoring members who are to be recognized at the meeting for their outstanding achievements in FHA.

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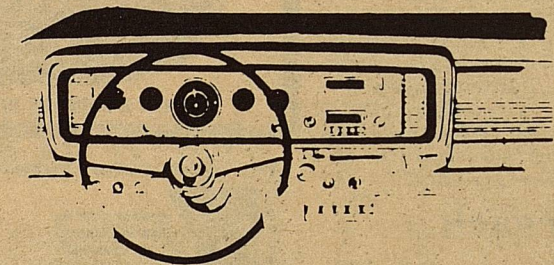
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Polls and surveys serve a purpose but doubt they should be taken as absolute or final. Some polls are supposedly taken Nationwide but some coming from cities in the North, East, West or South do not necessarily reflect the opinion of people in the 17th Congressional District of Texas.

One thing, however, seems very likely, according to questions put to a rather wide area. Americans have lost a lot of confidence in the Legislative Branch of the Federal Government and there is reason for it.

Part of the problem is traditional. Congressman William Redfield said in 1911, "Congress is probably a cross section of the people, showing us very much as we are and throwing faults and virtues into high relief." President James Polk said in 1846, "I begin, more than ever, to distrust the disinterestedness and honesty of all Mankind. There is more selfishness and less principle among Members of Congress, as well as others, than I had any conception of, before I became President of the U.S."

So, there has always been a considerable distrust of Congress but, of course, more at times than others, depending on the trend of things. One reason is that the Legislative branch of the Federal Government is a cross section of America and because the individual Congressman is available to his constituents. It is somewhat natural that the buck stops with him in many cases of unhappiness of the people with anything. They are not and can not be in close relation to the President, to the Supreme Court the military, or the great bureaucracy which is unidentifiable. It is understandable when people write to their Congressman and say either directly or indirectly, "What are you guys doing up there?" (Many of us who sit

in the middle of it ask the same questions.)

Among other reasons why the Congress, according to the polls now rates below the popularity of the President is the availability of the news media and the news interpretation of what is going on. Oftentimes little things are likely to make more news than something big. Anything sensational and out of the ordinary, whether of any great consequence, is likely to receive publicity beyond its importance.

Among the other reasons is that, during the last several years, Congress has attempted to be the "big daddy" to the whole Country. It has overly promised and overly spent in effort to cure all the ills and yielding to all demands from Presidents who wanted to go down in history as another great emancipator of something.

Then there are all the special organizations which have access to means of communications, which grind their own ax for some special cause. Their interest is in one thing and when an action or vote is contrary to their lobbying effort, condemnation is pronounced to all who will read or listen.

About every organizations rates the performance of members of Congress. One special group may give a 100% to a Member while another will give a zero.

There is no doubt that Congress deserves much of the criticisms it gets and will deserve more if we do not get our house in order by controlling needless spending and balancing the budget. The pressures are "do something - do something" and the one thing that is done most is spend money the Treasury does not have.

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3. Non-orthopedic or non-hearing items (such as glasses,

contact lens, dentures, cosmetic devices, etc.)

4. School material (such as books, paper, pencils, etc.).
5. Clothing or food.

Should you have any specific questions please write the Easter Seal Society at 4429 N. Central Expressway, Dallas, Texas 75205.

In case of emergencies after hours or weekends, call AC 214-328-4849.

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Political Candidates

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Rules Proposed

The U.S. Department of Labor has announced a proposed job safety rule which would require rollover protective structures on new agricultural tractors purchased after August 31.

Rollover structures are designed to protect farm workers from injury in the event of tractor overturn. They may be a frame or a frame and enclosure.

The National Safety Council reports that a 1969-1972 survey of 10 states with nearly one-third of the nation's farm workers showed that on-the-farm deaths due to over-turns occurred at a rate of 8.6 per 100,000 tractors.

The requirement for a rollover protective structure would apply to all agricultural tractors of more than 20 engine horsepower and the various type structures would have to meet specified performance requirements based on prescribed test procedures.

The rules would apply only to tractors used by employees-not to those used by farm employers or members of their immediate family.

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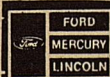
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Congress has estimated that 26 million additional housing units will be needed nationally by 1980. Efforts to meet this goal are lagging. And housing will have to be provided for 100 million more Americans over the next 30 years-- in addition to replacing approximately half of all existing residences.

Statistics like these leave little doubt that the time to buy a home is now--as soon as you can afford it. Real Estate authorities indicate that a home generally is an excellent long-range investment, even with today's rising costs. The purchase of a home also is the largest investment most people ever make, so it's wise to buy carefully.

Prudent purchasing begins with becoming well informed on home buying before you enter a real estate transaction. Preparations should include consideration of all factors affecting your investment, and of steps to safeguard your financial interest from possible land title problems. The Texas Land Title Association recommends that thought be given the following points as you contemplate home ownership.

When you engage in a real estate transaction, make sure your interests as a buyer are well represented.

As you consider the purchase of a particular home, check its location for nearness to facilities that are important to you--such as shopping, schools, public transportation, etc. Also, look around the neighborhood for signs of healthy growth--or deterioration. And check at city hall and/or the court house regarding the outlook for the area in terms of planning and zoning.

Investigate financing that's available and obtain the latest information -- whether you are obtaining a conventional, FHA, or VA loan. Calculate the impact secondary financing will

have on your budget if this type of assistance is needed. Find out about closing costs you will need to pay for items including services to protect purchaser and lender. Review the amount you will need for down payment, and for monthly outlays to cover principal, interest, taxes, utilities, hazard insurance, and maintenance.

Ask about an up-to-date land title search of separately located public records for possible defects that could threaten the security of your real estate investment. Examples are unpaid taxes and special assessments, unsatisfied mortgages, and pending lawsuits. There are many other possibilities. Any defects of record that exist should be brought to your attention so they can be cleared up before your purchase is completed.

Look into obtaining owner's title insurance, which offers financial protection from loss due to defects in the title as insured, including those hidden defects even the most thorough search won't reveal. Some examples of these hidden hazards are forged deed that transfers no title, a claim by a missing heir, mistakes in the records, and others. For a one-time premium, owner's title insurance pays for defending against an attack on a

title as insured and pays claims proved to be valid. Remember that lender's title insurance, sometimes called mortgagee's policies, required in many transactions, is protection for the lender only. If desired, you simultaneously can obtain owner's title insurance to safeguard you, the buyer--usually for a small additional premium.

Becoming well informed on home buying--before you enter a real estate deal--will help you in making important decisions and in protecting your interests. As a result, chances will improve for your enjoyment of home ownership with peace of mind.

For free literature on things you need to know in buying a home, write to the Texas Land Title Association, 220 West 7th Street, Austin, Tex. 78701.

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WEATHER AT THE COUNTY SEAT!
By K. T. Reddell.

Weather conditions for the week of March 25-31, 1974

	MAX.	MIN.	RAINFALL
MONDAY	25	78	30
TUESDAY	26	78	42
WEDNESDAY	27	88	51
THURSDAY	28	84	61
FRIDAY	29	81	60
SATURDAY	30	93	56
SUNDAY	31	95	65

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