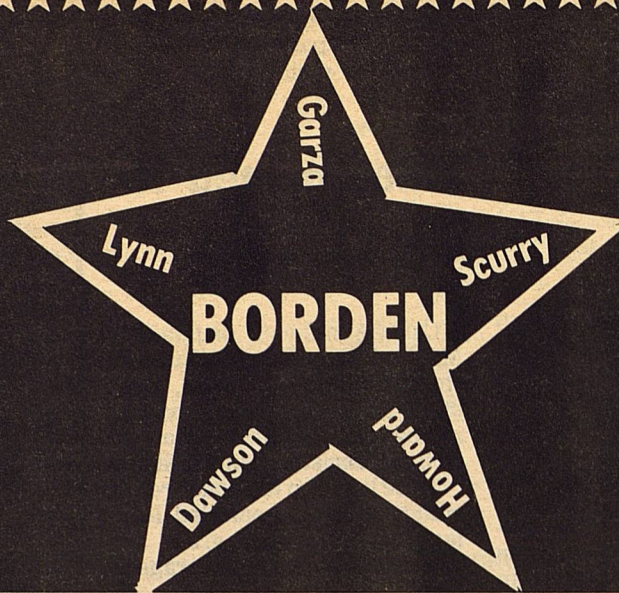


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Miss Melanie Marquez shown with her trophies and crown she received at the National Little Miss Pageant as 4th runnerup.

## Melanie Marquez 4th runnerup National Little Miss

Miss Melanie Marquez of Gail was crowned 4th runnerup in the National Little Miss Pageant held in Lubbock last week. The 32 finalists were interviewed by a panel of five judges and judged in casual and party dresses.

Melanie is the seven year old daughter of Bennie and Susan Marquez of Gail. She was sponsored by Beaver Ranch, Mr. and Mrs. WSaren Beaver Flint Construction, and Circle V Construction of Gail and S. & I. Cattle Co. and 49 Ranch both of O'Donnell. Melanie was honored with the attendance of her Grandmother from Mt. Vernon, Ohio during the pageant.

The girls were escorted by their fathers during the party dress parade and performed as a group, dancing to Mickey Mouse

disco. melanie and the other 31 finalist enjoyed ice cream and a pool party as part of the get acquainted ceremony on Friday afternoon.

The National Little Miss Pageant recognizes and honors the poise, personality, and character development of young girls ages 4 through 7. The program seeks to give recognition to girls in their little miss years, to broaden their awareness of their surroundings, to acquire confidence in a learning experience, an opportunity to meet new friends, and to discover that they are a very special person in our society.

Over \$100,000 in cash and prizes was given to participants in state and regional pageants this past year.

What do you do in a small town, printing a small newspaper when you just simply don't know any news. I can't report on the weather because it's just hot...hot...hot. And just about everybody is on vacation, just got home or is just about to go so what's better than little tidbits of news and gossip.

Mr. Juventino Herrera of Snyder died at 10 00 a.m. Monday morning as the result of a car wreck about 7 miles north of Gail on the Post Highway in Borden County. Mr. Herrera was pronounced dead by County Judge, Van L. York.

Congratulations are in order to Kurt Hess of the Plains Community. He and his mare, Beauty, won a big belt buckle at the Snyder 4-H Horseshow for the all around pee wee award.

Elma Smith has been hospitalized in a Lubbock hospital this past week, she is expected to be released this week.

By the way several weeks ago, it was reported in The Star that Terry Voss had been hospitalized and Glen Swann was scheduled for surgery, well we forgot to report they both did recuperate and were released! Glen is out and around feeling great and Terry is also doing fine, however the sheep he was doctoring is still in "Voss's intensive care."

Our Borden County AJRA contestants are doing great this year. We don't have any official results of the yearly standings but you can count on seeing each of them in the top of their events during the AJRA Finals in Snyder, August 13-18.

A big "Thank You" goes to Ed Rinehart for plowing and

watering the arena last Tuesday night for the 4-H Mock Horseshow.

Maurice Herridge has moved back to Gail from Snyder, he is driving a truck for Scurlock Oil Company.

Town residents will be viewing and hearing a drilling rig for the next couple of weeks as a rig moved in Monday morning on the Key property just about a mile from downtown Gail.

The County Agent's house has arrived and county employees have made a pretty location for it. The Day's should be moving in before very much longer.

Joe and Sybil Gilmore have moved to Big Spring, they will be missed by all their Gail friends and neighbors.

Gayla Newton Mueller won the barrel race this weekend during the Snyder rodeo and Ralynn Key placed 3rd in this event. Way to go girls!

During the Snyder Rodeo stockholders roping Saturday morning, Keil Williams placed 1st in the 2nd go of calf roping and Jerry Kinchloe placed 2nd in the average of calf roping. In the team roping Terry Voss and Weldon Beck placed 3rd in the 1st go and Terry Voss and Vance Voss placed 3rd in the average. Ty Springer was the winner of the calf roping, and he and Johnny Eickie won the team roping, Ty received the overall saddle.

Sam and Lynn Harris are the new proprietor's of The Roundup Club in Big Spring. They invite their Borden County friends to their new business.

## Mock horseshow points running close

The Borden County 4-H Horse Club has had two of its "Mock Horse Shows" IN June and July.

The third point night will be held along with the County Horse Show, August 14.

Points from the two previous Mock Horse Shows are as follows

Pee Wee 8 and under Stormy Gass 41, Quintin Gass 13, Jill Voss 43, and Kurt Hess 33.

Junior 9-13 Shayne Hess 46, Kandy Belew 37, Tammy Voss 26, Lance Telchik 11, and Kelly Jo Ogden 13.

Senior 14-19 Dana Douglas 10, and B.G. Kropp 13.

Belt Buckles will be given to the high point winner in each age group. Trophies will be awarded to the high point in the performance events and high point in the racing events. These shows are held to help the 4-Hers with their horse projects.

This group of kids have put in lots of time and effort to gain these points. They also had a great time doing it. So for a fun night come on to the Borden County Horse Show, August the 14th at 7 00 and root these kids on.

# The Kandyland Express

By Kandy McWhorter

## SKIN CANCER PREVENTION

Hours spent working in the sun on farms and ranches, in construction or other outdoor occupations can add up to skin cancer.

Since skin cancer appears to be caused by long-term exposure to the sun, people who work mostly outdoors could be considered at risk.

The death rate from malignant melanoma, the most serious form of skin cancer, is increasing faster than any other cancer in the U.S. except lung cancer in women.

Malignant melanoma is common in light skinned, middle-aged or elderly people who have spent most of their lives in the sun. Most of their melanomas develop from moles they have had since childhood.

Most medical authorities recommend avoiding prolonged exposure to the sun between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., when the rays are strongest.

If you must work in the sun during these hours, wear a hat and a long-sleeved shirt. Also protect the back of the neck and the "V" formed by an open collar.

A sunscreen containing para-aminobenzoic acid (PABA), benzophenone or titanium dioxide will be most effective in protecting exposed skin from harmful rays.

Common sense precautions can reduce the risk of skin cancer, and early detection can result in successful treatment.

Consult a physician at the first sign of a new mole, or if old ones change in size, shape or color. The moles may not be

cancerous, but if they are, immediate treatment can eliminate the melanoma.

## Jones named to Dean's List

Carla Ann Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don A. Jones of Route 1, Box 26, Fluvanna, is one of 626 students listed on the 1984 spring Dean's Honor Roll at Abilene Christian University.

To be listed on the honor roll, a student must be enrolled in at least 12 hours for a grade and earn a 3.5 grade point average or higher.

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## Public Notice

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company has filed a tariff with the Public Utility Commission of Texas that will allow Centrex customers to control the number of access lines to the exchange network. Customers electing service under this proposed offering will be charged for exchange access based on the number of access lines rather than on the number of Centrex station lines.

The new offering, called Centrex III, is scheduled to become effective on August 10, 1984, unless the Commission suspends the effective date. The Commission has assigned the matter to Docket 5573.

The net effect of the Centrex III tariff will be a decrease in total billing.

Persons who wish to intervene or otherwise participate in these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible. A request to intervene, participate or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N Austin, Texas 78757. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission Consumer Affairs Division at (512) 458-0223 or (512) 458-0227, or (512) 458-0221 tele-typewriter for the deaf.



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## Aviso Público

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company pone en conocimiento de los usuarios que ha registrado una nueva tarifa ante la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas, lo que permitirá a los abonados del servicio Centrex controlar el número de líneas de acceso a la red central. A los clientes que adopten la opción propuesta mediante esta oferta, se les cobrará por el acceso a la red central en base al número de líneas de acceso y no en base al número de líneas de estaciones Centrex.

La nueva opción, llamada Centrex III, entrará en funcionamiento el día 10 de agosto de 1984. (Esta fecha está sujeta a cambio, dependiendo de la decisión final de la Comisión.) Se ha registrado la tarifa bajo el Docket 5573.

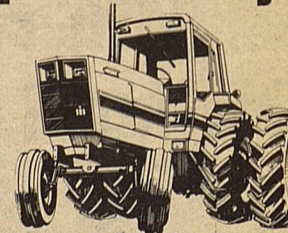
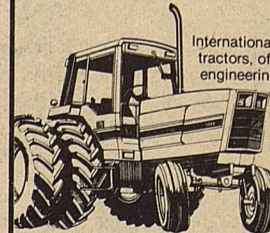
El efecto real de la nueva tarifa Centrex III se verá en la reducción del costo total de las facturas.

Los usuarios de Southwestern Bell Telephone Company que estén interesados en participar en esta reunión, o que requieran mayor información, deben dirigirse por escrito a: Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Blvd., Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757. También se puede obtener información adicional llamando a Public Utility Commission Consumer Affairs Division al 512/458-0223, al 512/458-0227, o al 512/458-0221 si requiere teletipo para sordos.

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### No secret to selecting a ripe watermelon

For some people, picking the "perfect" watermelon is a favorite summer rite that involves thumping and shaking and looking for telltale signs of what could be inside.

But, judging the quality of a watermelon is very difficult unless it's cut in half or quartered.

In fact, one recent produce industry study showed that about forty percent of consumers find melons the most difficult fruit to judge for ripeness and freshness.

There are a few appearance factors which may be helpful but not totally reliable in guiding you to a good, ripe, juicy watermelon.

The surface of the watermelon should be relatively smooth. The rind should have a slight dullness, neither shiny nor dull. The ends of the melon should be filled out and rounded, and the underside of the melon should have a creamy color.

It's easier, but usually more expensive to buy a cut melon. Even, then, you may not get the best melon for your money unless you inspect it well. The best melon has firm, juicy flesh

with good red color. Look out for white streaks and whitish seeds since these indicate immaturity.

Also avoid a melon with dry, mealy flesh or watery, stringy flesh. These are signs of overmaturity or ageing after harvest.

The peak watermelon season is here so there are plenty of delicious melons to choose from at the supermarkets and produce stands. With prices low and likely to get lower as the season progresses, you may have several chances to pick the "perfect" melon.

### 4-H Trap Club News

The Borden County 4-H Trap Club members will be attending the 1st annual Martin county 4-H Invitational shoot in Stanton July 26th. Approximately 12 shooters will be competing in both trap and skeet.

This shoot will be a warm up event preparing the 4-H shooters for the state 4-H trap and skeet shoot in early August. We look for good results from our 4-H youth at the State shoot to be held in San Antonio.

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### NOTICE OF CALCULATION OF EFFECTIVE TAX RATE AND PUBLICATION OF ESTIMATED UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCES

I, Van L. York, County Judge for Borden County in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 26.04, Property Tax Code, have calculated the tax rate which may not be exceeded by more than three percent by the Commissioner's Court of the Borden County without holding a public hearing as required by the code. That rate is as follows:

\$ - 0 - per \$100 for farm-to-market/flood control tax;  
 \$ .16 per \$100 for the general fund, permanent improvement fund and road and bridge fund tax;  
 + \$ - 0 - per \$100 for public road maintenance tax; thus  
 \$ .16 per \$100 TOTAL COUNTY EFFECTIVE TAX RATE

The estimated unencumbered fund balances are as follows:

<u>Farm-to-Market/Flood Control</u>	<u>Public Road Maintenance</u>
Maintenance & Operation: \$ - 0 -	Maintenance & Operation: \$ - 0 -
Interest & Sinking: \$ - 0 -	Interest & Sinking: \$ - 0 -
<u>General Fund</u>	
Maintenance & Operation: \$ 146,578.50	<u>Van L. York, County Judge</u>
Interest & Sinking: \$ - 0 -	July 24, 1984

### CALCULATIONS USED TO DETERMINE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE

Separate calculations are performed for each type of tax rate levied by Borden County in order to determine a 1984 total effective tax rate. The following guide corresponds with the calculations shown: A - Farm-to-market Road/Flood Control Tax; B - General Fund Tax; C - Maintenance of Public Roads Tax

I. DATA	Type of Tax: B
1. 1983 Total tax levy from the 1983 tax roll	\$ 892,398.79
2. 1983 Tax rate (\$ M&O and \$ I&S)	\$ .16 /\$100
3. 1983 Debt service (I&S) levy	\$ - 0 -
4. 1983 Maintenance & Operation (M&O) levy	\$ 892,398.79
5. 1983 M&O taxes on property in territory that has ceased to be a part of unit in 1984	\$ - 0 -
6. 1983 M&O taxes on property becoming exempt in 1984	\$ - 0 -
7. 1983 M&O taxes on taxable value lost because property is appraised at less than market value in 1984	\$ - 0 -
8. 1984 Total taxable value of all property	\$ 574,035,005.00
9. 1984 Taxable value of new improvements added since Jan. 1, 1983	\$ 21,336,010.00
10. 1984 Taxable value of property annexed since Jan. 1, 1983	\$ - 0 -
11. 1984 Tax levy needed to satisfy debt service (I&S)	\$ - 0 -
12. Rate to raise 1983 tax levy due to appraisal roll errors (lost dollars divided by 1984 taxable values) (\$ x 100)	\$ 0 /\$100
13. Rate to regain taxes lost in 1983 due to appraisal roll errors (lost dollars divided by 1984 taxable value) (\$ x 100)	\$ 0 /\$100
14. 1983 M&O taxes used to regain lost 1982 levy	\$ - 0 -

II. CALCULATION	COMPLIANCE '84
<b>MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION (M&amp;O) TAX RATE</b>	
1. (A) 1983 Total tax levy (Data 1)	\$ 892,398.79
(B) Subtract 1983 Debt service levy (Data 3)	\$ - 0 -
(C) Subtract 1983 Taxes on property no longer in unit (Data 5)	\$ - 0 -
(D) Subtract 1983 Taxes for exemptions (Data 6)	\$ - 0 -
(E) Subtract 1983 Taxes for productivity valuation (Data 7)	\$ - 0 -
(F) Subtract 1983 Taxes used to regain lost 1982 levy (Data 14)	\$ - 0 -
(G) Adjusted 1983 M&O levy	\$ 892,398.79
2. (A) 1984 Total taxable value of all property (Data 8)	\$ 574,035,005.00
(B) Subtract 1984 Value of new improvements (Data 9)	\$ 21,336,010.00
(C) Subtract 1984 Value of annexed property (Data 10)	\$ - 0 -
(D) Adjusted 1984 Taxable value for M&O	\$ 552,698,995.00
3. (A) Divide the adjusted 1983 M&O levy (1-G above) by the adjusted 1984 taxable value for M&O (2-D above) (\$ 892,398.79 ÷ \$ 552,698,995.00)	\$ .001614
(B) Multiply by \$100 valuation	x \$100
(C) Effective M&O rate for 1984	\$ .1614 /\$100
<b>INTEREST AND SINKING (I&amp;S) TAX RATE</b>	
4. (A) 1984 I&S levy needed to satisfy debt (Data 11)	\$ - 0 -
(B) 1984 Total taxable value of all property (Data 8)	\$ - 0 -
(C) Divide the 1984 I&S levy (4-A above) by the 1984 Total taxable value (4-B above) (\$ ÷ \$)	\$ - 0 -
(D) Multiply by \$100 valuation	x \$100
(E) Effective I&S rate for 1984	\$ 0 /\$100
<b>APPRAISAL ROLL ERROR RATE</b>	
5. (A) Rate to raise 1983 levy due to appraisal errors (Data 12)	\$ 0 /\$100
(B) Add Rate to regain taxes lost due to errors (Data 13)	+ \$ 0 /\$100
(C) Total Rate to adjust for appraisal roll errors	\$ 0 /\$100
<b>1984 EFFECTIVE TAX RATE FOR EACH TAX</b>	
6. (A) Effective M&O rate (3-C above)	\$ .1614 /\$100
(B) Add Effective I&S rate (4-E above)	+ \$ 0 /\$100
(C) Add Rate to adjust for appraisal roll errors (5-C above)	+ \$ 0 /\$100
(D) 1984 Effective Tax Rate for this tax	\$ .1614 /\$100
<b>TOTAL EFFECTIVE TAX RATE FOR 1984</b>	
7. Add 1984 effective tax rate for each tax	\$ .1614 /\$100
\$ .1614 /\$100 + \$ 0 /\$100 + \$ 0 /\$100	\$ .1614 /\$100

1984 Effective Tax Rate for Each Tax Levied and the Total 1984 Effective Tax Rate are the rates published as required by Sec. 26.04, Property Tax Code.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

AT&T Communications has filed with the Public Utility Commission (PUC) of Texas to introduce a new intrastate, optional long distance service to begin August 1, 1984, the same date "Reach Out® America" plan will be available for interstate calls.\*

A new service designed to give customers the opportunity to reduce the cost of long distance in Texas has been filed with the state PUC by AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc.

"Reach Out® Texas" is an optional calling plan which will provide additional discounts on long distance rates for Texas customers who frequently place calls in the evening, weekend, and night time calling periods.

The new "Reach Out® Texas" plan for the first time extends the benefits of competition to many Texas consumers who previously have not had any discounted long distance service available to them.

AT&T Communications customers who choose this new optional service will pay a monthly charge of \$14 which entitles them to one hour of intrastate "Direct Dialed" (1 +) calling during the weekend and night rate period.

An additional customer savings for those participating in the plan will be that any Direct Dialed calls placed during the weekend and night rate period that exceeds the one hour period will be charged at an hourly rate of \$12, or \$ .20 per minute.

Customers selecting this option also receive an additional 15 percent discount for intrastate Direct Dialed calls during the evening discount rate period for a total savings of approximately 38 percent.

A one-time charge of \$6 is billed when a customer orders the "Reach Out® Texas" plan. The \$6 is collected by AT&T Communications and paid to the local telephone company to establish the service. This charge will be waived during the first 90 days that the offering is available.

AT&T Communications is proud to offer this optional service for its Texas long distance customers and will in the future continue to introduce cost cutting programs to help Texans reduce their long distance bills.

A complete copy of the "Reach Out® Texas" tariff and rate schedule is on file with the Texas Public Utility Commission at Austin, Texas.

AT&T Communications estimates that the revenue impact of this new service would be significantly less than 2.5 percent of annual gross revenues.

Persons who wish to intervene or otherwise participate in these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible. A request to intervene or participate or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757. Further information also may be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission Consumer Affairs Division at (512) 458-0223 or (512) 458-0227, or (512) 458-0221, teletypewriter for the deaf.

\*Customer billing for the optional calling plan will be provided for AT&T Communications through billing contracts with the local telephone companies. Therefore, the introduction of these rate plans into a specific area is contingent upon local company billing capabilities. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company has agreed to handle the billing in its service areas effective August 1, 1984.



**AT&T  
Communications**

## Thank You

I wish to express a special thank you to the Beaver Ranch, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Beaver Circle V Construction, and Flint Construction all of Gail. S & I Cattle Company and 49Ranch both of O'Donnell. My sponsors in the North Texas National Little Miss Pageant. -s- Melanie Anne Marquez  
Fourth Runner Up

## POLITICAL CALENDAR

The following individuals have authorized the Borden Star to list them as candidates for election to the respective offices shown as follows in the November 6, 1984 Borden County Democratic Primary Election. (Paid political advertising by candidates listed below.)

**FOR SHERIFF**  
Slick Sneed

**FOR COMMISSIONER PRE-CINCT NO. 1**  
Frank Currey

**FOR COMMISSIONER PRE-CINCT NO. 3**  
Vernon Wolf

**FOR DISTRICT JUDGE**  
Gene Delaney R

**FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY**  
Borden and Scurry Counties  
Ernie Armstrong D

## Notice

COUNTY OF BORDEN  
STATE OF TEXAS

### BID NOTICE

Bids will be accepted by the Borden County Commissioners' Court for a self-propelled broom for Borden County Road & Bride No. 2 Bids will be opened August 13 at 10:00 a.m.

For further information or specifications contact County Judge's Office, 915-856-4391.

Borden County reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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# ASCS News

by Jerry Stone

## DISASTER AFFECTED CROPS

I realize many of you have spotty stands of cotton and more of you have no stand at all. If you consider replanting another crop, you must file a disaster claim before replanting, and you must report the new crop acreage to us within 5 days after planting is completed. You will remain eligible for a possible deficiency payment on your cotton acres provided you maintain your ACR (Set-Aside) ground. Remember grain sorghum is not an approved cover on ACR.

## HAYING & GRAZING ACR

You must file a request at this office before haying or grazing crops on ACR ground. ACR baled or grazed must be fed to your own livestock. Baling on the halves is not permissible. Eligible livestock are those you owned as of April 15, 1984.

## EMERGENCY FEED

Applications are still being taken for the Emergency Feed Assistance Program in which you could be eligible to purchase government lowgrade corn at a price of \$2.05 bushel. Grain Sorghum that was sold in 1983, including PIK, will no longer count against you as feed on hand. So, if you were ineligible before because of the Grain Sorghum provision, you may want to reapply.

## 1985 WHEAT PROGRAM

The provisions for the 1985 Acreage Reduction Program are as follows

Signup period is October 15, 1984 through March 1, 1985. The Target price is \$4.38 per bushel and the National Average Loan

Rate is \$3.30 per bushel.

The 1985 acreage bases will be the average of the farms' 1983 and 1984 planted and considered planting. The maximum permitted acreage will be limited to no more than 70 percent of the farms' base.

There will be no PIK program, and no advance deficiency payments. There will be a required paid diversion payment on 10 percent of the farms' base at a rate of \$2.70 per bushel. Producers can receive 50 percent of the diversion payment at signup upon request.

The Acreage Conservation Reserve requirements will be basically the same as in 1984. Producers will be required to sign binding contracts when enrolling in the program.

## FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL NEWS

Food and Agricultural Council, FAC committee, this group wants to give an update on the drought situation and suggest several recommendations concerning proper grass management and practices to protect cropland from wind and water erosion.

County is still continuing to experience severe drought conditions. Official county rainfall records indicate that only 10.28 inches have been received during the period of September 1, 1983 through June 30, 1984. Some parts of the county have received even less. The average rainfall for this 10 month period based on a 48 year average is 17.86 with the highest rainfall months being September and May averaging 3.10.

Producers greatly depend on receiving rainfall during the months of September and May to provide moisture to plant small grains, cotton, and grain sorghum. Peak grass production also occurs during these two months. Below average amounts of rainfall have been received during these two peak periods giving a good indication as to why our grass production is depleted and shy our fall and spring crops have failed.

Hay for livestock consumption is in short supply now and prospects for this winter are not favorable. Producers with a failed cotton crop should consider planting a forage crop to be harvested and sold as hay. This would alleviate some of the problems of locating hay during the winter months as well as deriving income and protecting the soil.

Since pastureland has been severely set back because of the drought, a minimum of one growing season will be needed on a majority of the pastureland to allow time for plants to recover. If livestock numbers have been reduced or disbursed a careful analysis of the grass conditions should be completed before any restocking is done after conditions begin to improve.

Contact the local Soil Conservation Service or Extension Service for assistance in evaluating your rangeland, and for recommendations of cover crops to be established on cropland. The local ASCS office should be contacted before replanting failed program crops to other crop uses.



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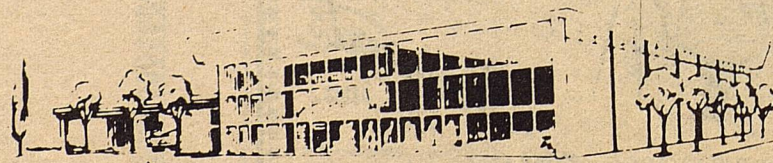
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