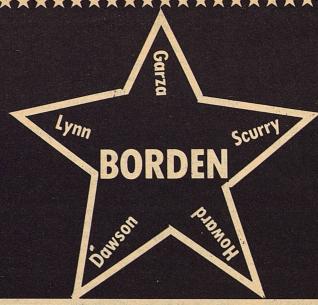
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The McLeroy's & McMeans standing outside Disney land Hotel



The Sr. s and sponsors outside Anaheim Stadium, after the game...



the Stadium scoreboard welcomed The Borden Co. group

#### SR. TRIP

The 1985 Borden High School Senior Class along with eight sponsors enjoyed an eventful trip to California, May 25-29.

The group left the Lubbock airport at 8:10 a.m. Saturday morning and made stops along the way in El Paso, and Phoenix Albuquerque, petore touching down in Los

Upon arriving in LA, next stop was the Disneyland Hotel which was the accommodate the seniors for the next four days. The hotel is comprised of three large buildings and is surrounded by a network of shops and restaurants.

Disney land was the first sightseeing event and was easily reached since the Disneyland monorail comes right up to the hotel's tront doors.

Sunday tound the BHS seniors at a California Angels-Baltimore Orioles; game, Four homeruns plus seeing a manager kicked off the held highlighted the atternoon. That night the Grand Hotel was the site of the dinner theatre that the class attended.

Monday and Tuesday were both guided tour days. Included in these tours were Beverly Hill, Universal Studios, Ports O'Call, the Queen Mary, and the Spruce

When Wednesday arrived, most everyone was ready for the return to Texas though California hospitality had been good. The 10:50 p.m. arrival back in Lubbock marked the end of a very successful and memorable senior trip.

The seniors would like to thank IVIr. & IVIrs. James McLeroy and IVIT. & IVITS. IVIICKEY IVICMeans for traveling with them. Also a special thank - you to Mr. Ross Sharp for getting up early Saturday morning and staying up late Wednesday night to drive the bus to and from the airport.

The Borden County Jr. Livestock Association wants to invite everyone to come out and enjoy the Rodeo. Concession stand will be open during the Rodeo. Proceeds from the Rodeo & Concession Stand enables Borden County to have the Livestock Show in January

Borden (ounty Junior Rodeo Gail, Texas June 14-15, 1985 8:00 p.m. Runt Stoan, Producer Books Open: June 10,11,12, 1085 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. Call in Entries to Connie Voss: 915/856-4361 8 & Under 128 Minder

#### ASCS NEWS BY JERRY STONE

CROP CERTIFICATION JULY 15th

Certification time is just around the corner. It is very important that you make an accurate certification

If the farm is picked for spot check and the acreage differs from the reported by the larger of 1.0 acre or 5 per cent not to exceed 50.0, that crop will be ineligible for program benefits and this also applies to the ACR spot checked land if it is and the reported acreage is less than the 1.0 or 5 per cent not to exceed the 50.0 acres, the farm will be out of compliance.

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU CERTIFY THE CROPS ON THE FARM. A timely report will protect the bases for future program participation.

#### MEASURING SERVICE

Yes, an accurate certification is very important. We do have measuring service available for all that wish to come to the County Office and request the service. This service is too cheap - so if you have any doubt that you might be unable to measure your fields don't gamble because that could end up being very costly. If you want this service, you would need to come by after you have the crops planted and make application showing where its planted, row pattern, irrigation

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To receive deficiency payments, the program crop must be planted and certified as planted. Final planting date for Borden County is June 20th for cotton. This means that if the crop fails prior to this final planting date, you would be required to replant until that date to remain eligible for program benefits.

Please don't misunderstand, there is nothing to prevent you from planting the crop after the established final planting date as long as you feel there is a reasonable chance of making a satisfactory yield.

#### FAILED CROP ACRES

Again, you must remember that you need to report any crop acreage that fails before destroying evidence by planting an alternate crop. If you have any questions concerning the failed acres, please check with the County

PROJECT TEJAS: TEXAS AGRICULTURAL RELIEF DIRECT TO AFRICA

Between now and the next possible harvest over 145 million people in the drought areas of Africa teeter on the brink of extinciton. The death toll mounts daily. The survival of millions of children and their parents depends on immediate food aid. Under leadership of Texas farmers, ProjectTejas has been organized to send Texas whole grains and powdered milk directly from Texans to the people of the famine belt of Africa - People who will perish cost. This program is available without immediate outpourings of food.

Through a contribution of \$35.00, which is roughly equivalent to 10 bushels of Texas grain, you can fill the food bowls of 100 hungry children for a week. Every penny you give will be used to purchase Texas grain and powdered milk which will go directly to starving people. All administrative costs of the project are being contributed by Save the Children, a private voluntary international relief agency with over 20 years of experience in Africa.

The fund-raising drive will run through June 30, 1985. In early su mmer, Texas grain and milk will be purchased, and the food will be bagged and loaded on a ship at a Texas port. Texas grain and milk will be distributed to our neighbors in Ethiopia and other famine belt countries to help them survive through the year, until their long-awaited harvest in December. You may make your tax-deductible check or money TEJAS and bring it by or mail it to your local ASCS office.

#### 1985 WHEAT LOANS

It looks like we are going to have one of the best wheat crops leel free to ask. ever. For this reason we have been getting all kinds of questions about the wheat loan program. Here are some of the details you need to know. Government commodity loans are a marketing tool which will allow you to receive money without actually selling your crop. If market prices go up, you can pay back the loan plus interest, and then sell. li prices don't go up, you can forefeit the grain to the government with no further

only to those producers who are participating in the 1985 wheat program. The loan covers a 9 month period and at the end of 9 months you will have several different options to take. 1) Forfeit the loan and keep the money paid by the government. 2) Pay the loan back and redeem your grain. 3) It could be possible to extend the loan, or 4) You could put your grain into the Farmer Owned Grain Reserve., if it is still in effect. Unlike cotton loans,

warehouse stored and farm stored commodities. Warehouse loans are made on wheat stored in a UGSA warehouse. The loan reate on this type of loan is

grain loans can be made on both

\$3.30 per bushel plus freight. In some cases we will also pay the receiving and load out charges. It just depends where the warehouse is located and how the grain got there. Farm stored loans are made on wheat that is stored on the farm . the approved storage must provide safe storage and allow the commodity to be measured, inspected, and sampled. The order payable to PROJECT loan rate for farmed stored wheat is \$3.30 per bushel. The interest rate charged if you redeem your loan varies from month to month.

> If you are interested in a wheat loan, or would like some information about the program,



Fossilized animal bones, carbon-dated to 29,700 years ago, were found at a Bering Strait land bridge site in 1979. They seem to grated from Asia to the U.S. since the animals were slaughtered by men.

#### SCS NOTES

Sam Buchanan District Conservationist

Don't forget wildlife when harvesting wheat and oats. Quail, mourning dove, trukey, and other birds find food and cover in fields of small grains.

Strips of unharvested grain around field edges near brush or tall grasses provided excellent food for quail and trurkey. Quail and dove will use unharvested strips along terraces or around areas in the field that are to wet to cultivate. Mourning dove will feed on shattered seed where soils are shallow and the stand of grain is thin.

Even if the entire field is combined, these same areas can be left untilled until next planting season to benefit wildlife. Without tillage, waste grain is available to the birds and a 8-inch stubble provides suitabel cover until it deteriorates.

If an area in the field has athin stand of wheat and a good stand of native sunflowers, save this area for dove hunting next September

Do not burn the small grain stubble. Wildlife benefits are lost as well as organic matter; it also exposes the soil to erosion. The Upper Colorado SWCD and U.S. Soil Conservation Service

encourages soil protection through proper use of small grain residues.

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#### AGENDA

Borden County Independent School District Regular School Board Meeting June 18, 1985 - 8:00 p.m. Board Room - Borden County Schools Gail, Texas

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I.  $\frac{\text{Minutes}}{\text{Read minutes of previous meeting.}}$ 

II.  $\frac{\text{Visitors}}{\text{Hear from visitors who have announced.}}$ 

III. Bills Consider bills for payment.

Discuss proposed building plans with architect.

Consider proposed budget for 1985-1986 school year.

VI. Superintendent's Report Financial report 2. Personnel Report

VII. T.A.S.A.-T.A.S.B. Convention Elect delegate and alternate delegate to convention.

VIII. Adjourn

## Rejected teachers show resentment on career bonuses

By Roxanne Evans

One of the stories circulating in teacher lounges at Austin schools this week tells of a fire discovered in a high school locker. Someone shouted for help from a nearby teacher. The teacher replied, "Don't call me, Call a Level 2 teacher."

The story showed the resentful mood of some Austin teachers as they opened the career ladder notices mailed Monday.

Nearly 1,340 Austin teachers selected for the second step of the four-level ladder are receiving a \$1,500 bonus with the notification letters. They will receive the bonus annually if they maintain their performance, and can earn higher bonuses as they move up the ladder. Teachers who were not selected for the second level are also being notified by letter.

The career ladder, a product of the education overhaul enacted by the Legislature last summer, is designed to provide an incentive for quality teachers to remain in the classroom.

However, the career ladder system has been the subject of dispute since January, when John Ellis, school superintendent, appointed a five-member committee to review the performance, experience, and job-related education of the more than 3,000 teachers in the district.

At the heart of the dispute is money. Because the district had only enough state and local funds to award bonuses to about half of the terchers believed to qualify, teachers were judged by performance standards stricter than those set by the State Board of Education.

Most of the other large urban school districts in the state added enough district funds to award bonuses to all qualified teachers. Austin district officials have said they did not have the money to do that.

Nita Smith was named teacher of the year at Crockett High School last year, but received disappointing word Tuesday in a letter that said she was not placed on the second level because of her performance evaluation.

"It is very unfair," said Smith, a social science teacher at Crockett with 12 years of experience.

Smith, who teaches four honor courses and has written curricula for the district, said all her evaluations were above average until last year, when a new administrator rated her only satisfactory.

Smith and other teachers said career ladder selections were based on evaluations that could be as much as 3 years old. They also said different evaluators rate teachers differently. The selection committee used a weighted rating scale to try to account for differences in evaluators' standards.

"I am very happy for those who got it." Smith said. "I hope if any teachers are angry, they will direct that anger toward administration, not toward each other."

Tom Prentice, a journalism teacher at Austin High School, said there are hard feelings among teachers over the career ladder se-

lections. Prentice received the bonus, but is changing careers next week because of frustration with the education overhaul. "The morale is in the subbasement now, but it will fester over the summer and get worse, and eventually drive the quality teachers out," he said.

Robert Franzetti, a social science teacher at Crockett, agreed that the career ladder selections topped off an already difficult year for teachers. "There is no morale. We are totally devastated. And I didn't think it could get worse. In 20 years, I haven't seen morale lower nor for such good reason," he said.

The refusal of the Legislature to fund the career ladder fully "so all quality teachers could receive it, and the refusal of the local board to fully fund it is poor policy and poor judgment," Prentice said. "The teachers who didn't get it are understandably bitter."

Robin Matthews, a Crockett geography teacher, was named to the second level. "Many of us who made it are reluctant to admit it," he said. "It is not a happy thing, not at all. This is the strangest end of a school year I have ever experienced."

Dane Adkinson, personnel administrator and chairman of the career ladder selection committee, said Wednesday that his office has received few complaints. "We've heard from a few people,"

he said. "That is to be expected, but it hasn't been widespread."

Although Adkinson said the committee selection of teachers is final, the Texas Education Agency will consider appeals if a decision appears arbitrary and capricious, or seems to have been made in bad faith.

The leader of one teacher organization said he is gearing up for a flood of complaints.

"We are distributing appeal forms to all teachers," said Richard Kouri, who is scheduled to depart as president of the Austin Association of Teachers. "Those who meet requirements should receive a bonus."

The selection committee "did as much as they could to make an unfair system fair," he said. "But given the fact they are using evaluations done from a different aspect that can be up to 3 years old, there is no way to come up with a

Adkinson said the committee faced two difficult challenges. "We were working with the fixed parameter of tunds, and the floating parameter of the state board."

The state board altered the selection criteria several times while the district committee was making its selections. Because of that, the board tried to keep the selection process open as long as it could to allow teachers who were on the borderline to clarify their education or experience, Adkinson said.



Every dollar invested in medical research results in \$13 in savings in medical costs and productivity.

## T RAINS

Odessa, Tx. - "Whenerver it Rains" returns to the Globe Theatre for its fifth annual production June 28, 29, July 5, 6, and 7. Written by Rick Smith and Tim Ryan, the play is a musical celebration of the early history of Odessa and the area.

"Whenever it Rains" was commissioned in 1981 by the Globe and the Ector County Historical Commission for the centennial of the arrival of the Texas and Pacific Railway in Odessa. The production has since become a regular part of the Globe's season. The play will get a rest in 1986, however, when the Globe presents a specially commissioned Sesquicentennial production.

Since "Whenever it Rains" was first produced in the summer of 1981, it has undergone several major revisions. 1982 saw the addition of Ryan's music and a rewrite of the second act to show the effects of the discovery of oil on the area.

The first act was rewritten for 1983 to allow more character development. While the play continues to tell the history of Odessa, "Whenever it Rains;; now captures the spirit of the pioneers who chose to make the Permian Basin their home.

With the coming of the railway in 1881, this portion of West Texas was opened for development. Initially, land developers attracted settlers to the area with promises of fertile tarm and ranch land. The lack of watrer and harsh climate proved these promises false.

The common problems and isolation all faced fostered a sense of cmommunity which survives today. The discovery of oil in the araea brought prosperity as well as a new set of problems to challenge the area's pioneers.

Although the characters in "Wheenever it Rains" are ticticious, more are based on personalities found in early Odessa and the Permian Basin. Audiences have delightediin being able to trace particular events back to their original source. One such case Daisy Johnson, the adaughter of two of the play's main characters.

In the play, Daisy is born during a drought and does not see rain until she is three. When it does rain, she begins to cry because she does not know what it is. While there never was a Daisy Johnson, there actually was a youngster living in Odessa who didn't know what rain was until the age of three.

"Whenever it Rains" will be performed at the Globe at 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday, June 28 and 29, and July 5 and 6, with a 2:30 p.m. matinee, Sunday, July 7. Admission is \$7 tor adults and \$4 for students and senior citizens. For reservations and information, please contact the Globe Thraeatre.

#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

#### **Invites** Whole Families

An all new and exciting program has been prepared by First Baptist Church, Gail, for Vacation Bible School to be held June 17 through June 21.IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS is the theme forthe school, to be held each weekday from 9:00a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Classes will be offered for all ages from Nursery (ages2-3) through the sixth grade.

A back to basics approach to Christian living is offered in VBS. Biblebased lessons will be taught with excitement and variety through the use of many advanced teaching methods. Students will be challenged and involved through such activities as these song time, bible study.

interesting visual demonstrations, classroon interaction, craft making, and many other innovative methods in keeping with the theme, IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS.

The challenging lessons confront the students with the challenge to be like Jesus, and leaves no doubt that Jesus is the one to follow.

workers in the school are needed and welcome. For information regarding attending and or assisting, call Bro. Pat Ray at 856-4363.

Bring the lamily, friends, and neighbors. There is help (and lun) and spiritual growth for all

at Vacation Bible School!



The word "vogue" comes from the French voguer meaning "to sail". People in vogue are "sailing with the tide" of popular taste.

# LOSING WEIGHT WITHOUT LOSING MONEY

Many Americans feel the need to lose weight. Some people turn to weight loss clinics, hoping that a special program will provide the help they need to get those extra pounds off. Unfortunately, some of these businesses are designed to take more than just pounds—they want a good portion of your money also.

#### WEIGHT LOSS SCAMS

You may have seen advertising that promises "Lose 20 pounds for only \$69." My Consumer Protection attorneys tell me that in some cases the \$69 you pay is only the beginning. In order to stay in the program, the would-be thin person is required to make weekly payments for various unnecessary products, such as "protein drinks". These products are frequently very costly to the consumer, having been marked up by 300 per cent or more by the clinic. In addition, some of the products have no nutritional value.

If a weight loss program uses the word "medical" in its title or advertising, then it should have a doctor on call for consumers at all times. A drastic change in your eating habits may cause fatigue, headaches, or worse symptoms. It is best, in fact, to ask a doctor what kind of diet is best for you. Unfortunately, most commercial weight loss establishments do not tailor the diet to the individual. The diet that helped your next door neighbor may not be the right one for you.

Be especially wary of weight control programs that are new in town. Or, if a particular clinic has recently changed its name, you should try to find out what happened to the old clinic. Are the same people still working there? What happened to the customers from the previous operation?

#### THE CONTRACT

Before you sign a contract with any weight loss organization, ask what the company will do if you do not lose weight or if you are dissatisfied with the program. If there is no refund policy, look elsewhere. If there is a refund policy, get it in writing. Find out how long the company has been in business and whether it has more than one location. Ask your local BBB or the Attorney General's Office if they have any unresolved complaints about the company.

If you have had a problem with a weight loss clinic or other kind of weight loss program, you may get help from the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division. We also offer a free brochure on selecting a health spa, and many other consumer brochures.

#### FOR MORE HELP

If you need more help or information on this or other consumer problems, contact your nearest Attorney General Consumer Protection Office (in Austin, Dallas, El Paso, Houston, Lubbock, McAllen, and San Antonio). The Attorney General's Office is the people's law firm. We're here to help you.

This is an interesting opinion that I want to share. I'm sure people involved in agriculture will enjoy it.

My bill at the grocery store last week was \$137. If I had five kids and a hungry husband at home that wouldn't have been to bad.

But I thought it was a terrible price to pay for food for two people.

I was home stashing my supplies in the cabinet when a triend came over. In the midst of my singing the grocery blues, she commented, "Oh, well you probably bought a lot of meat."

She didn'tknow that we have a half a beef in our freezer. The \$137 went for flour and sugar and canned goods and cabbage, but not for meat.

But her comments piqued my interest. Her opinion is a popular one. Most people blame their high grocery bill on the "high" cost of meat.

I decided to do some

went shopping.

I tound that the same grocery store that sells beef loins for 16 cents and ounce charges 31 cents an ounce for halibut steak and 87 cents an ounce for lobster.

Something was starting to smell a little fishy.

I like good home grilled hamburgers, so I decided to find out what they were really costing.

Ground beef was a bargain at seven cents an ounce.

But the accompanying catsup, and mayonnaise retail for six, nine, and sixteen cents an ounce. OUCH!

In the next aisle, peanut butter was selling for 13 cents an ounce and an ounce of crackers to go with it cost 26 cents.

The new sugar-free jello is selling like hotcakes at the prohibitive price of \$1.36 an ounce. And corn chips at 90 cents and cheese puffs at 98 cents could sure run the bill up

At those prices, I didn't think eight cents an ounce was too

Prepared breakfast cereal was selling for 18 cents an ounce, tour cents more than the cost for an ounce of choice sirloin steak. Beet was looking like a better buy all the time!

I was glad I didn't like steak sauce when I found it would cost 23 cents an ounce to put sauce on my 14 cent steak.

I tound that a quarter would puprchase an ounce of toothpaste or shampoo and razors retailed for 30 cents a piece. Deodorant cost 30 cents

And you can take a porterhouse steak home for 20 cents an ounce, a nickel less than it takes to buy a roll of toliet

And the list contines. One ounce of tea bags sells for 89 cents, but we haven't seen a reenactment of the Boston Tea

An ounce of Kool-Aid costs 75 cents, and coffee goes for 27 cents an ounce. But boneless hams are sold for nine cents an

I just can't figure why people will complain about paying eight cents an ounce for round steak and turn right around and buy Stove Top Stuffing for 16 cents an aounce. That is double the money! I prefer standing over, a. hot grill tending the beef ribsbought for six cents an ounce to dusting turniture with my eleven cents an ounce polish. (Wumm, I can almost taste the barbecue right now!)

The store was full of paradoxes. Breakfast bars go for 30 cents. Chuck steak, on the other hand, can be bought for less than a dime. Ounce for ounce, candy bars sell for more than three times the price of

chuck staeak. When steaks are cheaper than paper towels or chocolate chips or coffee, I find it hard to believe that people can gripe about the prices they pay over the meat counter.

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in a recent Gallup Poll, 61 percent of Americans surveyed said top priority should be given protecting the environment--even at the risk of curbing economic growth, reports National Wildlife magazine.

There are now 270 species officially listed as "endangered" in the United States, reports National Wildlife" magazine. Among these endangered species are 38 mammals, 72 birds and 71 plants.

## New England grocery shelves to feature a Taste of Texas more importantly, those food brokers Currently, about 100 Texas food companies and 2,000 retail outlets are

(AUSTIN)--"Consumer taste buds across New England are beginning to Texas food tastes like sold two major savor a real Taste of Texas," Agriculture Commissioner Jim the widespread media fascination with Hightower said. Hightower announced that the J. F. Griffin Company, a food broker, and Millbrook Distributing Company are marketing a new "Tex Mex" section of Texas products in the New England area.

The specialty section features 11 Texas companies which manufacture picante sauce, barbecue sauce, tortilla chips, tamales, rice, mesquite wood chips, seasonings, chili mix, and canned chili products. Through Griffin and Millbrook Distributing, the Taste of Texas products are now available in approximately 250 grocery stores, with outlets.

"We took Taste of Texas to Boston because we believed there was room for our style of food on the aisles of New England grocery stores along with Italian, German, Oriental and other ethnic food products," said Paulette Schwartz, director of the Texas Department of Agriculture's Market Promotion Office. "Now that's exactly what Griffin and Millbrook have done, by creating special shelf space for our Tex-Mex style. The companies in the Tex-Mex section participated in TDA's Taste of Texas food show last July in Boston's famed Faneuil Hall. That show was a promotional activity of TDA to introduce buttoned-down Boston to hot-and-spicy Texas, taking our homegrown food companies to new sales outlets and bringing food dollars back to Texas

Wick Fowler's Two-Alarm Chili is one of the companies receiving wider distribution in New England because of Taste of Texas. Marc "Blue" Nall, the company's national sales representative says, "I think Taste of Texas helped all Texas products that went to Boston, because New England food buyers were able to visit personally with company sales representatives and members of the TDA market promotion staff. But

products. The combination of that personal visit and a sample of what New England food buyers. "Of course, the Texas event didn't hurt one bit

Taste of Texas was developed and launched by TDA in April, 1984 as part of its agricultural product promotional effort, under the direction of Assistant De Marco.

According to DeMarco, the red. trademark of TDA to be used by manufacturers of Texas food products and retailers in whatever ways they a potential of reaching 1,000 retail deem most effective in their own marketing and promotional efforts.

participating, DeMarco said.

"This Tex-Mex section in New England confirms our belief that Texas foods are a unique blend of Mexican, Black and Southern Anglo cultures that form a popular ethnic cuisine. Tex-Mex is the fastest growing foodline in the United States, and we plan to help expand it in other parts of the country, DeMarco said.

Schwartz says a Taste of Texas food Commissioner for Marketing Susan show is now being planned for Chicago, hub of the large and lucrative Midwestern U.S. food market. "Taste of Texas directly benefits the food white and blue Taste of Texas logo is a companies and processors who participate, and it also generates new sales for producers of basic agricultural commodities in Texas, like beef, pork and lamb," Schwartz said.



The Taste of Texas flag is now flying over New England grocery store shelves. Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower announced that the J.F. Griffin Company and Millbrook Distributing Company are marketing a new "Tex-Mex" food section in that part of the country. Tortilla chips, picante sauce, barbecue sauce, rice, chili mix, canned chile products, seasonings and mesquite wood chips are the products featured in 250 New England grocery stores at present.



#### The Scientists Tell Me . . .

## Capital Deterioration In Agriculture Can Have Long-Term Consequences

By Robert L. Haney TAES Science Writer

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Lower levels of farm output and associate professor in Agricultural pinch and numerous banking institu-gher food prices, by the late 1980s Economics at Texas A&M and Texas tions are endangered or have failed.

United States farm sector, warns an agricultural economist with the Texas perienced by many farmers," Penson lessening of cash flow and taxes. Agricultural Experiment Station at says, "and this is not surprising bethe says, "and this is not surprising because these problems, as yet, have the 1960's and 1970's, when a seem-Capital deterioration is an overoked cost of current farm financial

not significantly affected the availaingly endless growth of equity in land
bility and price of food and fiber values financed heavy investments in

jor consequences, according to re-consumers will be affected by the search by Drs. John B. Penson, Jr. deterioration of the farming industry. and Dean W. Hughes, professor and Farm suppliers have already felt the

"Since farming is a source of 'repotential longrun effects of current the part of the general public to the pinch, many small merchants and po-"There has been little reaction on newable wealth", when it feels the low levels of investment in the financial distress currently being ex- litical entities experience a severe

ment, farm machinery, and farming astic.

values, and farm products often in percent decline in farm output could surplus quantities, farm returns when cause anywhere from a 12 to 27 pernot negative, certainly don't justify cent increase in the price of these replacing worn- or worn-out equip- commodities. ment. Total interest payments on pro- "Since farm commodities account duction capital and other loans are for about one-third of the value of now higher than net returns, on many retail sales of food, an increase in

investment in depreciable assets consumers by as much as seven percould create substantial problems in cent the economy later in the decade. To "This partial analysis is not meant tive value of depreciable assets, and what will actually happen. Continued the service flows they provide to pro-declines in depreciable farm assets duction, fall off rapidly in the last could lead to an increase in the use of few years of the asset's service life in substitute inputs such as labor, which

investment in farm tractors back in gests," Penson cautions, "but it does 1970, for example, could result in a explain why farm output has yet to rapid decline in productive capacity decline and illustrates the extent to of tractors on farms by the mid which food prices could increase, if 1980s, as these machines reach the current low levels of investment conend of their service lives.

"Only a level of replacement in- "Even if policies are changed vestment in the mid-1980's large quickly and interest rates decline, enough to offset this deterioration there will be echoes of recent low would prevent declines in raw food levels of farm investment over the and fiber production.

cent low levels of investment in de-low levels of investment may lead to preciable assets, our research sought a farm sector characterized by declinto determine the long run impact on ing productivity. the capital stock, farm output, and "If this occurs, farm production food prices paid by consumers." would no longer help control infla-

able assests through 1995. These sustain real economic growth, by ture annual real gross investment inputs," Penson concluded. flows remaining at their 1983 level.

"Each asset category echoes the surge in investment which took place in the 1970's, that has not been offset by replacement investment. Our computations show this will cause declines in productive capacity that will begin showing up in the late-1980's and early-1990's.

'Tractors peak in 1981 and then decrease by 35 percent by 1995. Trucks and automobiles decline by 10 percent and 44 percent, respectively, from their peak values. Other depreciable assets decline by 34 percent, from a peak level in 1981.

"The stock of all machinery and equipment peaks in 1981 and then declines by 33 percent by 1995. Only real estate improvements show little deterioration by 1995. This can be attributed to the length of their service lives assumed in this study (40 years).

"The 19 percent decline in the stock of total depreciable assets by 1995, coupled with the partial elasticity of production of 0.20 estimated in our study, translated into a four percent decline in aggregate farm

'This means that if replacement investment does not increase to offset this decline and if no substitutions take place among inputs, farm output will be four percent lower in 1995 than it was in the early-1980's. While this might not seem to be a major reduction in farm output, it must be remembered that domestic demand for farm commodities is highly inel-

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Last day for aerial spraying is July 9th.

The Soil Conservation Service is Snyder offers assistance in measuring soil temperatures related to mesquite spraying. For more information call 573-0171 or you may leave a message with the borden Co. ASCS.

Ricky Linex

The state's largest teacher organization has evaluated the 69th Texas Legislature's grade on improving education as "not even close" to a 70, which the lawmakers legislated as the passing grade for school children during their special session last summer.

"The Senate saw the light, but the House leadership turned it oft," said Becky Brooks, president of the 96,000 member Texas State Teachers Association.

TSTA said the failing grade is a result of the House's inaction on a paperwork reduction bill, tunding for the career ladder, clarification of career ladder placement, payment for tutorials, and stronger disciplinary authority for teachers. Librarians and vocational teachers will also remain barred from the career ladder.

Brooks expressed disappointment in Governor White's ineffectiveness and tailure to intervene on issues critical to teachers, including the career ladder.

Brooks said that under the leadership of Speaker Gib Lewis, the House of REPRESENTATIVES
UNLIKE THE Senate, did not

have the opportunity to openly and democratically consider and vote on the issues that would encourage excellence in the public school.

Our worst fears have come true, Brooks said. "The career ladder is a nightmare.

For lack of adequate funding, teachers with equal or superior abilities are not receiving the additional career ladder compensation as a minority of their colleagues are receiving.

"It is not fair and it has plummeted teacher morale to an

all-time low. As it exists with present funding, the career ladder program will not attract bright and competent young people to teaching careers. It will discourage them from entering teaching and encourage practicing teachers to leave, Brooks added.

TSTA praised Lt.

Governor Hobby, Senator CariParker and the Senate Education Committee for resisting strong pressure to gut tunding for full-day

kindergarten, delay or abolish implementation of strict class size limitations in primary grades, and water down the new no pass-no play requirements that place the emphasis on academics over athletics and extracurricular activities.

She praised both houses for passing a duty-free lunch bill for teachers, and health insurance for retired teachers, measures that were supported by TSTA.

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lukewarm, it could indicate a problem with the ductwork, compressor, evaporator or retrigerant.

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-Tighten the electrical connections on the condenser, and check the operating current and supply voltage with volt amp meter.

-Check the refrigerant levels

and pressures.

-Inspect the compressor start and run capacitors.

-Clean and or replace the blower filter.

-Lubricate an unsealed blower fan motor and blower bearings. Check and adjust the belt tension and inspect the belt if the fan is belt-driven. Clean the blower wheel.

-Clean the evaporator coil and check the fin condition o n blower unit.

-Clean and inspect the drain lines and pan in the blower unit.

-Check for excessive attic air leakage into the return air chamber of the blower unit.

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