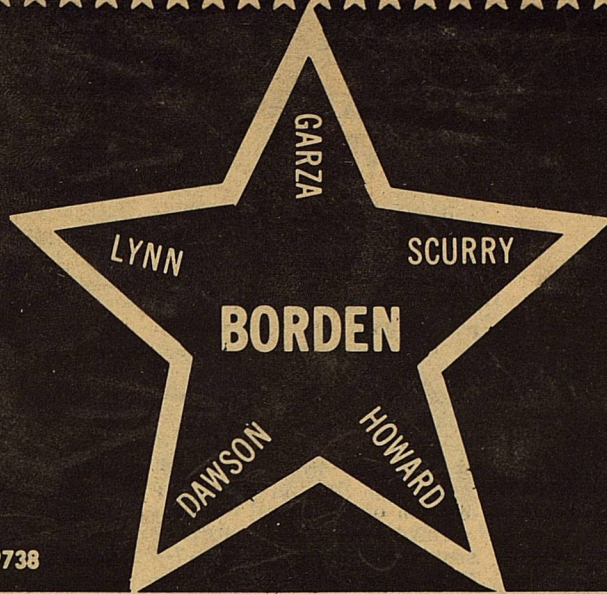


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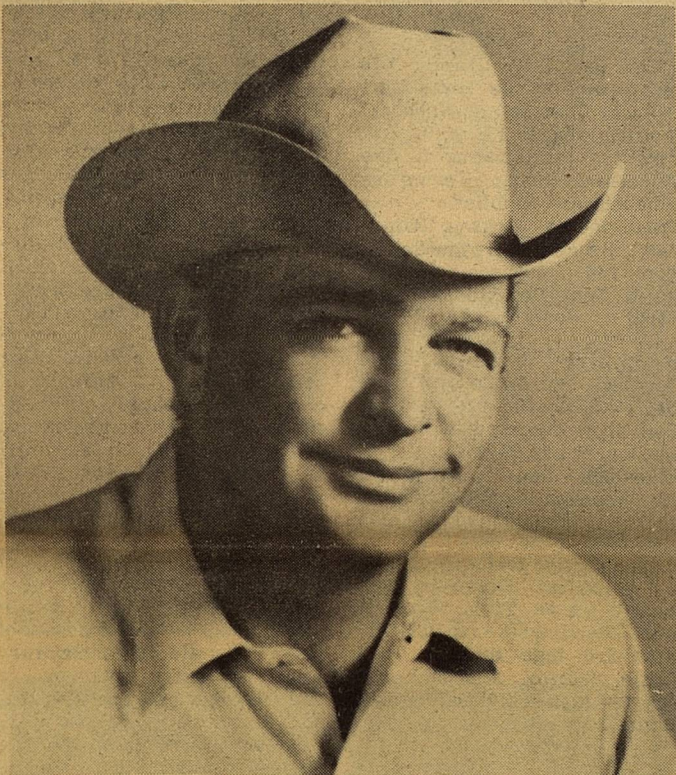
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JAMES E. (BUN) SMITH

## Local Rancher Dies

Services for James E. (Bun) Smith of Gail were held in Lamesa at the First Methodist Church Friday, April 25.

The Reverend Walter Horn, pastor of the Lamesa Presbyterian Church officiated. Burial was in Lamesa Memorial Park.

Mr. Smith collapsed and died about 10:30 p.m. April 22 in Austin while on a business trip. He apparently died of a heart attack.

A native of Junction, Smith was a well known area rancher and cattle buyer. He lived at Gail 27 years and was a member of the Dorwood Methodist Church here. He was a member of the Elks Lodge and a veteran of World War II, serving with the U.S. Army in Europe. He served on the Borden County School Board from 1958 through 1961 and was active in the Borden County Jr. Livestock Association.

He married the former Bessie Beulah Orson Feb. 27, 1947 at Lamesa.

Survivors include his wife, two sons, James E. Jr. of Corpus Christi and Lineous Orson of the ranch; his father Blackstone L and His brother, Blackstone L. Jr. both of Junc-

tion, and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Beulah Orson of the home.

## Comment

Borden County has lost a good friend. Bun Smith will be missed by old and young, by a multitude of friends in all walks of life.

Bun had a genuine interest in people--all people. He was not the least reticent to engage in conversation with anyone, any time or under any circumstances. He has been seen talking to the most influential one minute and the most humble laborer the next. He felt his life was enriched by knowing either one. Nor did he ever forget.

In this busy world, Bun always had the time to stop and visit. He was never known to be critical or malicious, but always straight forward, optimistic, and honest.

Bun had a lot of good living behind his 49 years. Feast or famine, he always had a twinkle in his eyes.

Our lives have been enriched by his.

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## Voter Turnout

### Moderate

Borden voters followed the state-wide trend of approving the two Constitutional amendments in a moderate turnout Tuesday April 22.

With a total of 113 votes cast, proposition No. 1, "Revising and consolidating provisions relating to state and local retirement systems" carried by 80 to 33.

A smaller margin was recorded in approving proposition No. 2 of "Setting salaries of members of the Legislature at \$600 per month and per diem allowance of \$30 per day during sessions". This amendment carried 64 to 49.

The first amendment carried in 6 of the 7 boxes with a tie of 7 to 7 in the Fairview box. South Gail had the lowest margin of 10 for and 8 against.

Proposition No. 2 had a slightly harder time of passing. Two of the seven boxes voted against the issue. They were: Plains 12-16, and Fairview 3-11. South Gail voted a 9 to 9 tie.

A light voter turnout was predicted statewide by election authorities who noted that proponents of the legislative pay raise were instructed to "conduct a low profile campaign" to keep opponents at home.

Even tho both amendments will be effective immediately, an entirely new constitution will be submitted to the voters in November which could nullify this recent action.

## Ezzell Named To Position

Austin--The House of Representatives Health and Welfare Committee has named Rep. Mike Ezzell to chair a subcommittee on child care facilities.

Before consolidating or eliminating any proposals, the group will study the eight bills currently pending in full committee. The measures seek to define, license, accredit and register child care facilities and child placement agencies under the Department of public Welfare.

Other members on the subcommittee are Carlos Truan of Corpus Christi, Kenneth Vaughn of Garland, Buck Florence of Hughes Springs and Tim Bon Dohlen of Goliad.

## Soil Stewardship Week

Soil Stewardship Week, a nationwide observance which emphasizes man's responsibility to protect and conserve soil, water, and other natural resources, will be held May 4-11 this year, W.L. Wilson, Jr., Chairman of the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District, announced today.

This year's theme, "Test of Strength," emphasizes "how the many changes now occurring in the nation 'test our strength' and affect our continuing responsibility to be good stewards of the land," said Mr. Wilson.

A number of the churches in the district are scheduling special Soil Stewardship services.

Locally the district directors have provided copies of this year's observance booklet "Test of Strength" to the ministers serving churches in the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District, along with almost 3,000 similar districts throughout the nation, has sponsored Soil Stewardship Week. The custom of setting aside special "Rogation Days" for this purpose began more than 1,500 years ago in France, when French peasants prayed for help after crop failures had brought widespread hunger.

Mr. Wilson cited food and energy shortages, environmental pollution, and the growing concern over land use as examples

of changes and development affecting the use of America's natural resources.

"We hope," said Mr. Wilson, "that during Soil Stewardship Week, millions of Americans will pause for a moment to consider their responsibilities for the protection and use of the Lord's earth."

The material being made available to the churches and restaurants in the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District was prepared by the National Soil Stewardship Advisory Committee of the National Association of Conservation Districts. The advisory committee is composed of churchmen of different faiths.

Nineteen hundred and seventy-five will be the 21st consecutive year that the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District, along with almost 3,000 similar districts throughout the nation, has sponsored Soil Stewardship Week. The custom of setting aside special "Rogation Days" for this purpose began more than 1,500 years ago in France, when French peasants prayed for help after crop failures had brought widespread hunger.



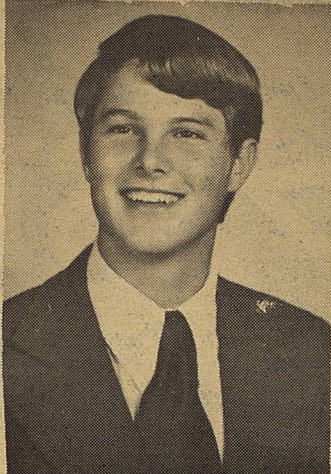
PROCLAMATION SIGNED

County Judge Jim Burkett signs a proclamation designating May 4-11, Soil Stewardship Week in Borden County. Looking on are, from left, Burl Belew, director and W. L. Wilson, Jr., chairman of the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation Districts Board of Directors.



CATHERINE JACKSON

Valedictorian



JIM MCLEROY

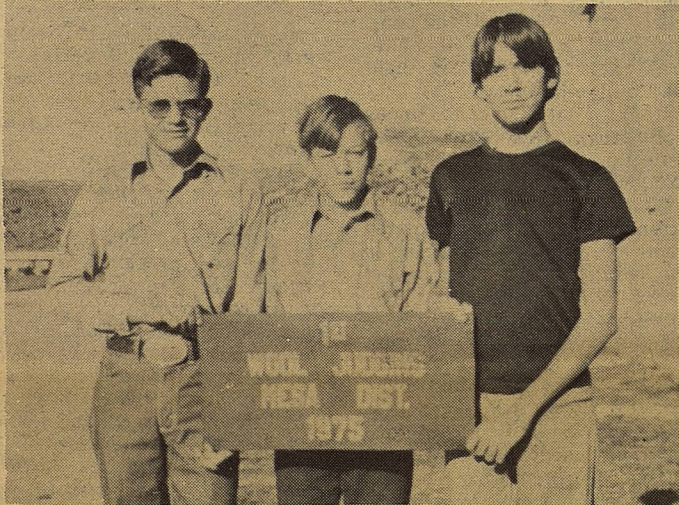
Salutatorian

## Honor Students

Honor students at Borden High School in Gail this year are Catherine Jackson, valedictorian, and Jim McLeroy, salutatorian. Catherine, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O.D. Jackson of Gail maintained a grade average of 94.61. Jim, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James McLeroy

of Gail maintained a grade average of 93.06. Catherine plans to enroll in Lubbock Christian College and Jim will attend Texas Tech University this Fall.

Commencement exercises will be held at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, May 22nd in the High School auditorium.



GAIL FFA WOOL JUDGING TEAM - 1st MESA DISTRICT Team Members; TED JOHNSON, RANDY SMITH, and TONY BENAVIDEZ.



GAIL FFA GRASS JUDGING TEAM - 1st MESA DISTRICT Team Members: TIM SMITH, JOHNNY JACKSON, BENNY TAYLOR, and RAMON VIDAL.

## School Menu

May 5-9, 1975

### MONDAY

Chicken Salad on Lettuce  
Ranch Style Beans  
Cornbread-Butter  
Fruit Salad  
Milk

### TUESDAY

Beans and Ham  
Cheese Wedges  
Cole Slaw  
Apple Strudel  
Cornbread-Butter  
Milk

### WEDNESDAY

Roast Beef and Gravy  
Green Beans  
Mashed Potatoes  
Hot Rolls-Butter  
Pineapple Slices  
Milk

### THURSDAY

Hamburgers  
French Fries  
Lettuce-Pickles-Tomatoes  
Ranch Style Beans  
Peach Halves  
Milk

### FRIDAY

Corn Dogs  
Pork and Beans  
Green Salad  
Pineapple Cake with Icing  
Milk

## U. I. L. Literary Meet

Borden Elementary and Junior High Students placed in every event in the District U.I.L. Literary meet held at Union School Friday, April 25. Borden County placed third in the meet with 52 1/2 points, yielding to the first-place Klondike with 74 points and to Wellman with 64 points.

Tammy Telchik won first place in 5-6 Spelling. Troyce Wolf took first place in 7-8 division of Boys Oral Reading.

Third place awards were presented to Karen Williams in 7-8 Girls Oral Reading, Bart McMeans in 1-6 Boys Oral Reading, Kim Wills in Story Telling, and the Picture Memory team made up of Lyndy Doyle, Gena McLeroy, Lisa Smith, and Stephanie Stephens.

Fifth place ribbons were picked up by Glynda Burkett in both 7-8 Spelling and 7-8 Ready Writing. Brent Rhoton in Number Sense, and Kelly Williams in Story Telling.

Dorothy Gray, Ann McLeroy, Peggy Westbrook, Ben Jarrett, and Jacqueline Wills accompanied the students to the meet.

## FFA Grass Judging

The Gail FFA Grass Judging team, composed of Ramon Vidal, Johnny Jackson, Benny Taylor, and Tim Smith, won the Mesa District FFA Grass Judging contest held in Brownfield, Tuesday, April 15. Brownfield FFA placed second and Loop FFA was third. Ramon Vidal was high individual, Johnny Jackson was second high individual, and Benny Taylor was third high individual. The team also placed 7th in Area II and 8th in the Texas Tech Judging Contests.



MRS. SID LONG pictured with local entrants STEPHANIE STEPHENS, CATHERINE JACKSON and SCOT LONG.

## National Piano Auditions

The National Piano Playing Auditions were held in Lamesa last week. Participating on Thursday, April 24, were three outstanding students from the class of Mrs. Sid Long. The names of the local entrants are: Catherine Jackson, Scot Long, and Stephanie Stephens. After

## Pre-School Day

Friday, May 9th will be Pre-School Day at Borden County Schools. All children who will be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 1975, are invited to be the guests of the Kindergarten class on Friday. Pre-Schoolers may ride the bus or be brought by the parents. The group will participate in a regular class day.

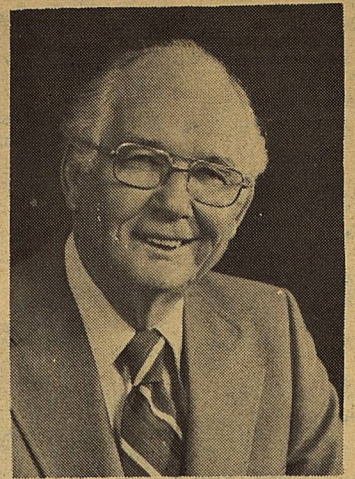
This is an annual event at Borden Schools and has been well received. The pre-schoolers always look forward to "their day in school" and go home in high anticipation of enrolling next fall.

## Gail FFA

The Gail FFA Chapter was represented at the Texas Tech Judging Contests in Lubbock, Saturday, April 19, with 18 members participating in five different contests. Teams and members are as follows: Grass-Johnny Jackson, Ramon Vidal, Benny Taylor, Tim Smith, Wool-Ted Johnson, Randy Smith, Tony Benavidez, Phillip Boyd.

Meats-Jackie Lockhart, Pete Gonzales, Bob McLeroy Dairy Cattle-Phelena Farmer, Ben Thompson, Creighton Taylor, and Randy Hagins. Livestock - Jim McLeroy, Patrick Toombs, and Richard Long.

Results of the contest are as follows for the teams that placed in the top ten: Grass-7th Area II, 8th Texas Tech. Wool-1st Mesa District, 3rd Area II. Livestock-3rd high team in Beef Cattle Judging, Jim McLeroy tied for high individual in beef cattle judging.



DELBERT DOWNING

## To Speak

Delbert Downing of Snyder will be Commencement Speaker for graduation this year. He is known as one of the most versatile speakers in the southwest. Downing was born on a farm and his love and respect for the land and for rural living seeps into his messages in a warm and often amusing way. He is the product of a one room school, small elementary schools, and a small high school, before entering Rice Institute on a football scholarship.

Downing has been a chain store manager, a chamber of commerce manager, a consultant of small communities, and is now a member of a family who manufacture livestock feed. He has always found time to contribute to the community in which he lives. He is an honorary Future Homemaker of America, a State Farmer, has received the Silver Beaver Award from the Boy's Scouts of America. He is an honorary Lion, an active Rotarian, a life member of the Jaycees, and is presently serving as General Chairman of the Bicentennial, and Scurry County Centennial which will be celebrated in 1976.

He is past president of the Christian Men's Fellowship of the State of Texas. He serves as an Elder in his Church.

Downing is sometimes called a humorist; sometimes a philosopher, and refers to himself as a country talker. His faith in God, America, today's youth, and his fellowman is stimulating.

## Spring Concert

The music department of Borden High School will present its annual Spring Concert, Tuesday, May 6, 1975, 8:00 P.M. The concert will be held in the school auditorium and there will be no admission charge. Everyone is invited to come and hear music students from grades 3 through 12 perform. Groups performing will be the Beginner Band, Junior Band, and The High School Band.

The High School Band will depart Wednesday, May 7 to compete in the Six Flags Band Festival. Students and sponsors are to enjoy the facilities of Six Flags Park along with an evening of ice skating and will return to Gail around 5:00 Saturday afternoon.

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CREIGHTON TAYLOR and DONELLE JONES were crowned KING and QUEEN of the High School.

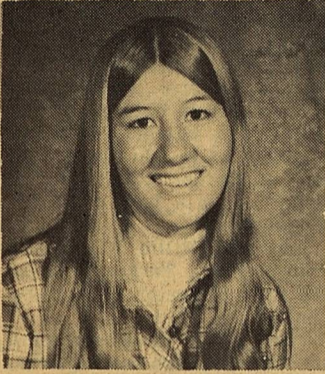


KING and QUEEN of JR. HIGH are PERRY SMITH and DEBRA COMPTON.

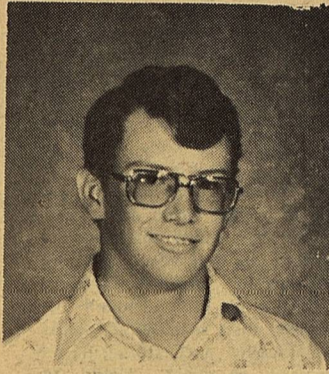


KEITH WILLIAMS and HOLLI CALHOUN were crowned KING and QUEEN of the ELEMEN - TERY SCHOOL.

Students pictured below were King and Queen candidates



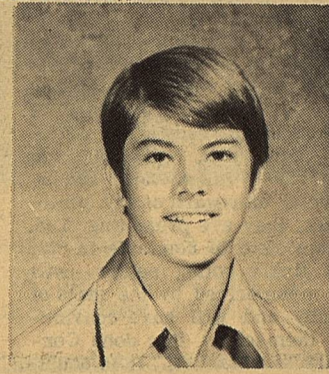
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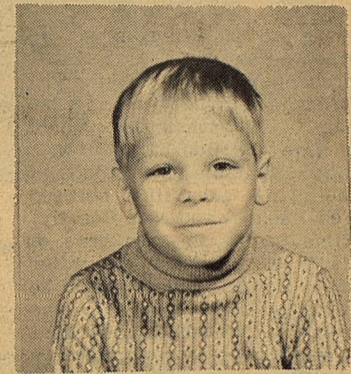
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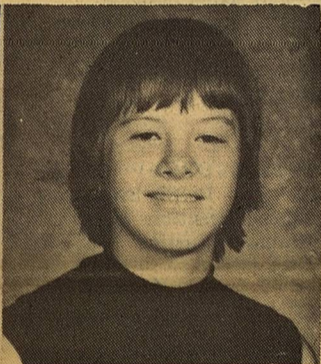
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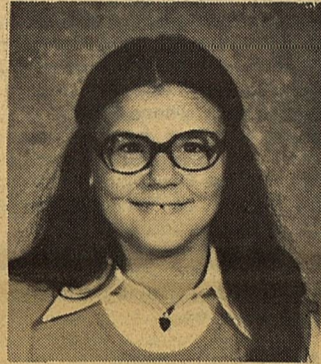
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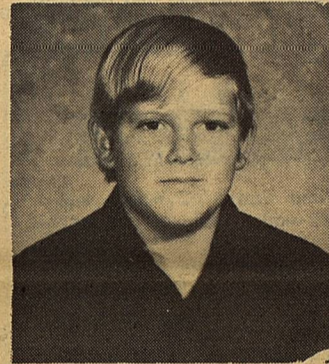
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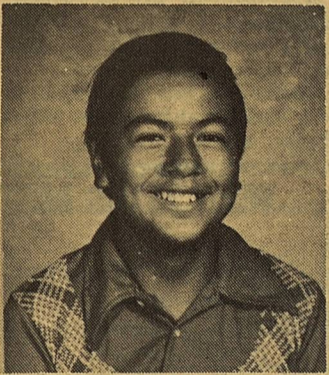
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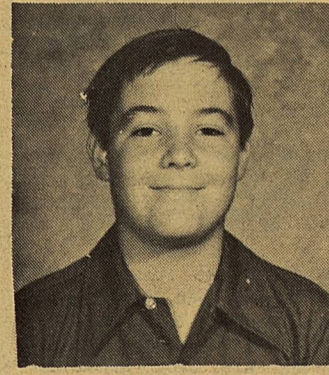
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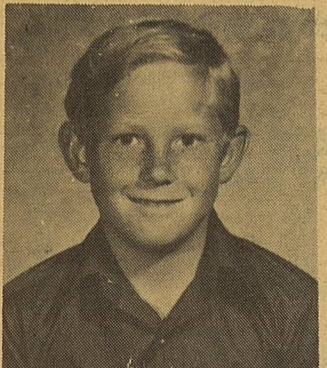
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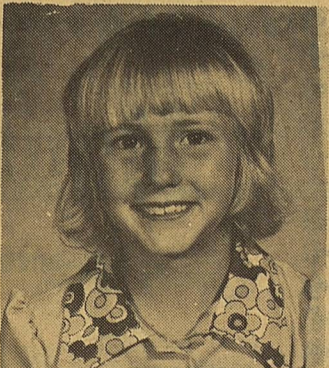
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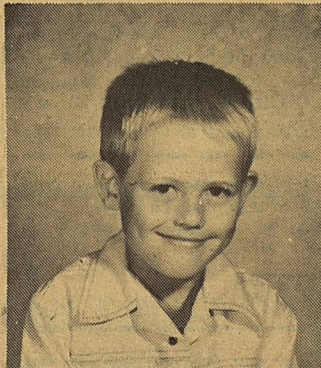
SCOT LONG



SCOT JONES



LORRI DOYLE



WILLIAM HOGAN



SHANA BRADSHAW

### Regional Tennis

Ken McMeans, Clifton Smith, and Richard Long competed in the Regional Tennis Meet in Levelland on Friday, April 25. Ken represented Borden County in single while Richard and Clifton played doubles.

Ken McMeans lost in the third round to the eventual third place finish at region. Richard and

Clifton also lost in the third round to the team from Valley. The Valley team won the regional title easily.

These boys did an excellent job. They ended up in the top eight in their respective divisions. Seventy-two tennis players from twelve districts participated in the regional meet.

### Spring Carnival

The annual Borden School carnival was held in the new Activity Center on Saturday, April 26.

Each class, from the first grade through the twelfth grade, had a booth. Old and young

enjoyed an evening of fun and games. The twelfth grade once again sponsored the bingo game; the eleventh grade served refreshments in the food booth; the tenth grade had the cake walk; the Freshmen sponsored the basketball throw, giving pies

to the winners. In Junior High and Elementary, every game was sponsored from roping, dart games, football throwing at a swinging tire, throwing basketballs at live targets to the Student Council's ladder climb. Several students and adults won prizes. Keil Williams won the roping contest and carried home a brand new rope for his talents. Terry Beth Smith won a rope in the eight grade raffle. Craig Peterson won a prize in the football throw contest and Max Jones won the transistor radio given away by the seventh grade. Johnny Jackson proved to be the best dart thrower in Borden County by beating all competition and took home a set of ear phones. Dozens of other prizes were given away in the bingo games and other games. At least 50 cakes were won by contestants in the cake walk. Jacqueline Wills won twenty books of stamps in the raffle sponsored by the Elementary Parents Club. Melba Rinehart won ten and Pat Telchik won six books.

After all the money was turned in from the booths and counted, the contestants for King and Queen were announced. The winners were: Donelle Jones and Creighton Taylor from the eleventh grade; Debra Compton and Perry Smith from the eighth grade and Holli Calhoun and Keith Williams from the fourth grade.

The school carnival is a worthwhile project for the students at Borden School. The money their booth makes goes into the class account, and is used by the class when they go on their senior trip and other class projects.

# Jerry's Gottings

T'ain't it a shame that Ted Kennedy didn't choose the night of June 17, 1972 to jump from the Chappaquiddick Road into Katama Bay? Had he been drowned in the mire of Watergate investigations, would he have lucked out with only a suspension of his drivers license?

Course, in the frenzy of covering up the Vietnamese betrayal, the Watergate trials probably would have submerged Teddy's escapade to the sports page. But nevertheless, would a time equation have drawn a more equitable comparison of the crime accusation between Ted Kennedy and John Conally? Time seems to have been on Ted's side. After the water had flowed under the Dyke Bridge, John Connally was caught in the backwash of Watergate—all over a subsidized flow of milk.

John Connally has been acquitted of the charges of accepting a bribe of \$10,000. And by the way, those charges were brought against him only by the plea bargaining of Jake Jacobsen. Jacobsen had been accused of swindling \$800,000 plus in order to side step, he rat finked and tried to make Mr. C. the fly in the bucket. All of which makes one ponder the morality of plea bargaining, more-over, our justice system. But back to bribery—has anyone researched and made public the rumor that Teddy and family bribed the Kopechne family by providing them with a fine home plus a comfortable pension for life?

Don't misunderstand me—I have never been a strong devotee of John Connally—nor have I switched allegiance upon the verdict of a jury. But I do believe he has been made a victim of Watergate fall-out. He trusted the system which has made US unique. He denounced the party which is honestly liberal and took up with the party which henaively believed to have been conservative. Thereby, John Connally was done in by his own trust. He was framed. The Democrats were out to get him for grabbing onto the Republican raft rather than sink with them in 1972. But poor John found himself up that proverbial creek without a paddle. The Republicans had their handsfull

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trying to slip Nelson in. John Connally didn't fit into the game plan, yet he had the largest following among just folks—plain voters.

With all the many victims of Watergate who have been judged guilty, but only one victim (living) of Chappaquiddick, will John Connally be judged guilty by association by the voting public? More and more we are reading of Ted's re-assessment of his chances in 1976. His picture appears on covers again more frequently. He is being quoted such sage remarks. Nothing is being said about the taint of a court record upon dashing Ted. And yet, we hear and read that John Connally is thru. There is no future for anyone who has sat in the box. T'ain't it a shame that we will be denied such political acumen as John Connally has, they mouth.

No one seems to really care that there is no comparison between the crime of Ted and the alleged crime of John. The media has already accomplished their goal. By innuendo they have ruined John and by careful disregard of any similarity, they are promoting Ted. Come time to nominate in '76, the fickle voting public will be mesmerized by the feats of Teddy and will have convinced themselves that John Connally is a rascal. It is doubtful that the public will be allowed to believe that the taint on John Connally t'aint near so bad as that on Ted Kennedy.

## Local Briefs

Alan Smith of Waco, was a week-end visitor of his parents the H.A. Smith's and of his granddad Harley Smith in the Snyder Nursing Home.

Roger Mize and the Mickey Nunnely's have been recent visitors at El Paso.

Ruth Weathers returned the latter part of the week after attending the funeral of her Uncle E.B. (Cap) Barrett of Trenton.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Franklin, and the Wayne Crow family were visiting in the A.J. Henderson home over the weekend.

Mrs. Ernest Turner, Jetta and Tonja of San Marcus, and Doris Rudd of Gail spent the week end in Andrews visiting Mr. and Mrs. Babe Turner and children. They attended the Andrews Quarter horse show where Jetta won 1st in pole bending, 2nd in reining and 6th. in Western Pleasure. Tonja won 1st in English Pleasure, 3rd. in cutting, 2nd in reining and 4th in trail.

## Plains News

Playing 84 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E.S. Kingston, Friday evening were club members Misters and Mesdames V.C. King, A.B. Middleton, Jasper Case, and W.H. McColluhall of Lamesa.

Recently, Mrs. Kingston was hostess for a Nutri Metics products party. Mrs. Jean Case of Lamesa presented the demonstrations to eighteen guests. Cookies and coffee were served.

Jack Foust and John Stephens were in Ruidoso and El Paso over the week-end.

Visiting Six Flags were Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hess and Shayne. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. James Teeter and family of Mesquite, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Teeter, and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Watkins and Tonya Gaye of Arlington.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Williams were in Roaring Springs, Wednesday. Harlan graduated from school there, so the afternoon was spent just looking and visiting. That evening, Harlan and Nellie attended church services at the Methodist Church, where Reverend Johnny Williams was holding a revival. Reverend Williams pastor of the Crosbyton Methodist Church, is Harlan's brother.

Glen Kingston, Clay and Greg spent Saturday with the Kingstons and Doyles.

Mrs. Lucille Smith has returned home from a three weeks visit with her sister Ophelia Coff of Phoenix, Arizona.

Kenneth and Mary Lynn Williams and John and Katherine Stephens are in the process of remodeling their homes.

Mr. and Mrs. E.S. Kingston spent several days in Texarkana week before last with his relatives.

Attending the Spring Festival from O'Donnell were Mr. and Mrs. Snooks Ellis, Mrs. Bobby Cox, and Mr. and Mrs. Doc Howell.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bradshaw attended the 50th Wedding Anniversary of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Armsby of Elbert, Texas.



## PEANUT MARSHMALLOW LOG

2 Tbsp. butter or margarine  
1/2 of 10-ounce package marshmallows  
1 cup confectioners' sugar  
1/4 tsp. vanilla extract  
1 1/2 cups chopped peanuts  
1/2 of 14-ounce package caramels  
1 Tbsp. water

Melt 1 Tbsp. butter. Add marshmallows and stir until melted. Beat in enough confectioners' sugar to make mixture of kneading consistency. Add vanilla and 1/2 cup peanuts. Knead further with more sugar and shape mixture into thin roll, 12 inches long. Place remaining peanuts on wax paper cut into 12 x 4 inch rectangle. Combine caramels with remaining butter and water. When melted, pour caramel over peanuts in a thin even stream, spreading caramel mixture with a knife dipped in hot water. When caramel peanut layer is cool, place marshmallow roll in center. Using wax paper, lift caramel around marshmallow center and seal edges, pressing peanuts in carefully. Place in refrigerator long enough to harden, then slice. Wrap pieces individually and store in an air-tight container. Yield: 24 1/2-inch slices.

## Piano And Vocal Recital

The public is invited to the annual piano recital presented by students of Mrs. Sid Long.

Graduating senior, Catherine Jackson, will be presenting some of the selection she performed in order to earn a high school diploma in social music. Also featured, will be a group of students combining instruments and voices doing popular and country-western music.

The recital will be in the Borden County auditorium at 3:00, Sunday, May 4.

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## District II Winners

Borden County 4-Hers won top honors in the District 2 Eliminations contests here April 26, and as a result, won the right to enter state competition at College Station in June, according to County Extension Agent Earnest Kiker.

Martha Anderson, Philena Farmer, Sue Hancock, and Twila Telchik won the Dairy Cattle judging in the senior division at Lubbock last Saturday. Philena Farmer was 2nd high individual and Sue Hancock was 3rd, high individual of the contest. In junior dairy Ty Wills, Scot Long, Penny Thompson, and Glen Gray.

In Junior Livestock Judging, Troyce Wolf won top honors. Troyce won high individual in Beef and second high individual in Sheep. The over all junior team composed of Troyce Wolf, Travis Rinehart, Gayla Newton and Van York amade 901 points, placing close behind the winning team who had 970 points.

Perry Smith, Talley Griffin, Terry Smith, and Keil Williams was on the junior horse team who placed 12 th in the District competition. The Senior horse team was composed of Tommy Patterson, Eurdist Rinehart, Cindy Beavers, and Gay Griffin.

Others attending the district contest was Mr. and Mrs. Roger Williams, Mendy Williams, Sharon Brummett, Jym Rinehart, Vickie Kiker, Corkey Ogden and Rex Cox.

I would like to thank Corky Ogden for training the horse teams, Rex Cox for roping at the district contest, and Rich Anderson for the use of his horse at the contest.

## Final Round

Gail--A third and final round of district contests will be staged next Saturday (May 3) to determine who will represent Extension District 2 at 4-H Roundup (State Contest) in College Station this June. Among the approximately 300 youths competing will be 5 4-Hers from Borden County, according to County Extension Agent Earnest Kiker.

They are as follows: Ben Murphy-Sheep Demonstration; Kim Wills-Cooking Demonstration; Scot Long and Ty Wills-Farm and Ranch Management; and Tally Griffin and Gayla Newton Safety and Emergency Procedures.

The youths will be competing in 27 method demonstration contests. Two rounds of eliminations already have been held--District 2 4-H Food Show on March 22, and judging contests on April 26. Winners from these two rounds will join those who win this Saturday as district representatives for the state 4-H Roundup.

Award presentations will be staged in the University Center Ballroom on the Texas Tech campus, said Kiker.

Borden County youths will be competing in both senior and junior divisions against contestants from 19 other South Plains counties. To qualify for state competition, a team or individual must have a first or second place win in the senior division.

All Roundup contestants must have passed their 14th birthday and not have passed their 19th birthday before January 1, 1975.

To be eligible to compete in the junior division at the district

level, a 4-H Club member must have passed his 9th birthday but not his 14th birthday before January 1 of the current year. Juniors do not compete beyond the district level.

## Loans Increase

The average size of agricultural loans increased in Texas last year, but credit quality appears to be deteriorating.

That's the result of a recent survey of 100 Texas agricultural lenders by Dr. Wayne Hayenga, economist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"Sixty-nine per cent of the lenders surveyed said that the average loan size increased the past year. However, that may not be all good," says Hayenga, "since loan repayment was lower at 49 per cent of the responding institutions."

Credit quality is slipping, according to the Texas A&M University System economist, because thirty-six per cent of the lenders reported more applicants that couldn't be served. "This may be because collateral requirements were increased at 28 per cent of the financial institutions."

The survey showed the average interest rate was 9.84 per cent for feeder cattle loans, 9.57 per cent for farm and ranch operating loans, and 8.93 per cent for real estate loans.

"Cattle feedlot loan margin requirements averaged 40 per cent and compensating balance requirements averaged about 13 per cent," notes Hayenga.

On crop contracting, the lenders noted that 36 per cent of all farm and ranch customers contracted part of their



THESE BORDEN COUNTY 4-H'ERS WON THE DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING IN THE SENIOR DIVISION AT LUBBOCK, SATURDAY APRIL 26. THEY ARE L-R: SUE HANCOCK, TWILA TELCHIK, PHILENA FARMER AND MARTHA ANDERSON. PHILENA AND SUE WERE 2ND AND 3RD HIGH INDIVIDUALS.

crops in 1974. Also 15 per cent of the agricultural lenders surveyed required at least partial forward contracts for low equity borrowers to obtain loans.

The demand for operating loans increased in 1974 while those for feeder cattle and dairy loans decreased.

What do lenders see in store for 1975?

"About one-half of the lenders and a majority of the bankers expect lower ranch earnings during the first six months of this year, with an increase in spending by farmers and ranchers," reports the economist.

Bicycle fatalities have jumped 39 per cent since the energy crisis began, according to the Transportation Dept. in Wash.

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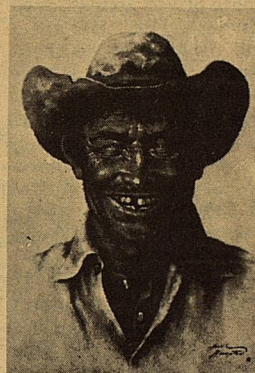
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JOEL FAULK

### Veteran Clown At 5

Five-year-old Joel, son of bull rider Jack Faulk, Carlsbad, N. M., has wanted to be a rodeo clown all his life. A veteran of the rodeo circuit, Joel travels via camper with his father, mother and 10-month-old brother Jay.

The little clown has a polished act; can immitate almost word for word the style and act of famous clowns like Quail Dobbs, Larry Clayman, George Doak and the Kajun Kidd; and designed and applies his own clown make-up.

While most kids play cowboys and Indians, Joel practices his act. New Mexico milk cows substitute for bulls as Joel pops in and out of his clown barrel getting ready for the big time. During the first performance of the 55th Silver Spurs Rodeo in Kissimmee, Fla., Joel got a chance to perform in the arena with Larry Clayman and Tony Boyd.

He lapped up the applause and adulation.

Joel made his first clown debut at the Jack Pot midget rodeo in Odessa, Texas where he challenged an old bull who refused to cooperate. Joel flung the Kajun Kidd's already bull-stomped hat at the animal "but, he didn't do a thing", Joel said. "So there was this here hereford. I picked up my hat and threw it at him, and it hit him right in the stomach," giggled Joel. The crowd gave the ovation, but Joel was unimpressed. He was too exasperated at the bull for refusing to liven up his act.

"We've tried to talk Joel out of becoming a rodeo clown," his father said. "It's a dangerous profession. We suggested he become a doctor." Joel immediately decided that would be a good job for his brother, Jay, "then he can fix me up if'n I get hooked by a bull."

After his Spurs performance Joel chatted with his still mending fellow clown George Doak, recovering from a goring in Fort Worth, Texas.

"Ever since he was about two years old, Joel has wanted to be a rodeo clown," Jack said. "Maybe if he gets hooked a few times, he'll change his mind."

But, if Joel has his way, the Spurs debut was only the beginning. Mention the little clown name to cowboys on the circuit and you get a smile and "isn't he something" reaction.

Joel is a very determined, talented young man, mature for his age," Larry Clayman said, adding. "I think he'll make

it."

Joel's mother is the former Debbie Mathis of Fluvanna. His grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Orval Mathis and his great grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Mathis live in Fluvanna now.

### Obituary

ELI B. BARRETT

Funeral services were held at 2 P.M. Tuesday, April 15 for Eli Brown (Cap) Barrett, 85, who died Monday morning in a Leonard nursing home. Rev. George Wilcoxson of Farmersville, pastor of the Blanton Chapel Methodist Church, conducted the services. Burial was in Burns Cemetery.

Mr. Barrett was born Aug. 9, 1889, in Trenton. He married Miss Lillian Jinks on December 24, 1911, in the Pike Community. A retired school teacher and superintendent at Trenton, Barrett served two terms as a state representative from Fannin County. He was a retired farmer and one of the first pecan grafters in Texas. Mr. Barrett attended school in Gail School and in Scurry County.

He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. A.R. Barrett and was a member of Blanton Chapel Methodist Church. He was a graduate of East Texas State University.

He is survived by a sister-in-law and nephews and nieces.

Pallbearers were Arthur Latimer, Henry Donaghey, Lewis Donaghey, Dewey Riley, Homer Withrow and Taft Duns-worth.

Mr. Kenneth A. Wigner, the Meteorologist for Agriculture in Lubbock, sent the following 10 year climatological data to Mr. K.T.Reddell, the weather recorder for Gail.


PERIOD OF RECORD: 1964-74

MONTH	AVG. MAX.	AVG. MIN.	MONTHLY AVG.	PRECIP.
JAN.	59.3	31.4	45.4	.36
FEB.	61.0	33.3	47.2	.73
MAR.	69.8	41.6	55.7	1.31
APR.	79.2	51.8	65.5	1.28
MAY	85.6	58.8	72.2	2.84
JUNE	92.3	66.2	79.3	1.99
JULY	95.5	69.8	82.7	2.15
AUG.	91.7	67.4	79.6	3.49
SEPT.	84.2	61.7	73.0	2.89
OCT.	77.4	51.7	64.6	1.76
NOV.	67.8	42.1	55.0	.63
DEC.	60.0	34.0	47.0	.54
ANNUAL	77.0	50.8	63.9	19.97

### Cooking Group

The Plains Food Group had its last meeting Thursday, April 17, at the Edwards'. Rosa Vidal, Heather McPhaul, Karen Williams, Stephanie Stephens, Jana Edwards, and Glynda Burkett were there, as well as kindergarten John Stephens and leaders Carolyn Stephens and Nancy Edwards. Rosa, Heather and Karen made Mexican Salad, while Stephanie, Jana, and Glynda made Blueberry cobbler. The cobbler was cooked in a microwave oven. Everyone got to sample both dishes. Those who weren't there missed a real treat!

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Wash, D.C.--A number of us in the U.S. House of Representatives recently introduced a welfare reform act that will save the taxpayers at least \$1.5 billion. The legislation has more than 50 sponsors.

At a news conference held in the capitol at the time the legislation was introduced, it was pointed out that, "It is time that we limited public welfare to its original purpose--helping those who are really incapable of helping themselves. We do not believe that able-bodied citizens should be permitted to enjoy a relaxed lifestyle at the taxpayers' expense."

Every welfare reform proposal offered in recent years has promised nothing except an expansion of welfare at a cost of many billions of dollars. This is a reform proposal that is uniquely concerned with helping those who, for reasons beyond their control, can not help themselves, while at the same time saving tax dollars.

Similar successful reforms in several major States prove that we can save enough money through this Welfare Reform Act to increase benefits to those who truly need them, while at the same time saving the taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars.

Both political parties should work together to restore fiscal sanity to this Country and this legislation is a step in the right direction. No program of government should escape pruning as we try to escape the growth of an inflationary budget deficit that could exceed \$80 billion in the next fiscal year.

The main purposes of the act

are: To provide assistance only to those entitled by need to receive it; to provide sufficient aid to the truly needy; to operate the system within the limits of public resources; to prevent fraudulent abuse of the system; and to provide incentives for recipients to find employment and leave the system.

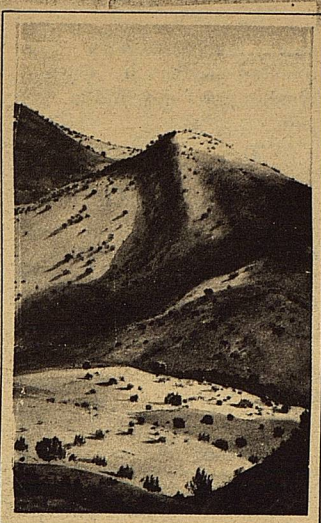
The principal focus of the welfare reform act is upon the program of Aid to Families with Dependent Children, the category of welfare which has been the most costly and subject to greatest abuse. The AFDC caseload which doubled in the decade ending in 1965 had doubled again by 1970.

Too many in the welfare bureaucracy and among legislators at all levels forget that the goal of a successful welfare program ought to be getting people off welfare and into productive employment again. Through this bill, we propose to give meaning to that goal.

The thrust of the legislation is to rid the welfare rolls of "Professional recipients," not to penalize those with genuine needs for help. Welfare reforms are long overdue. Since the cost of these programs has doubled in just five years, it is time to call a halt to burdening the productive men and women of this Country with those who do not want to work.

Many federal social programs need corrective legislation to insure that aid is channeled exclusively to the legitimately needy.

This act will complement similar actions which have been taken in a number of states since 1971. By tightening eligibility and cracking down on fraud, several of them have managed to improve assistance to citizens in critical need.



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/s/  
Doris T. Rudd  
County Clerk  
Borden County, Texas



**To Wed**

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Wayne Geeck of Gilbert, Arizona wishes to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Betty to Royce Lynn Rhea, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oran Rhea, Jr. of Lubbock, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Telchik of Borden County and Mrs. O.F. Rhea, formerly of Ackerly. The wedding is set for Friday, August 1, 1975 at the Monterey Church of Christ in Lubbock. Betty is presently employed by Dr. James T. McCorkle D.D.S. Royce is a senior accounting major at Texas Tech and is employed by Gibson Discount.

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**THE  
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The bureaucrats, aided by Ralph Nader and a few determined liberal senators, are out to fleece the taxpayers by creating yet another federal bureaucracy.

This one will be called the Agency for Consumer Advocacy if Senate Bill 200 goes all the way through Congress and is signed by the President. It is a rehash of the Consumer Protection Agency bill defeated last year--and that one might as well have been named the Consumer Ripoff Bill.

There are existing federal agencies with the responsibility for preventing consumers from being harmed by bad products or trade practices.

These range from the Federal Drug Administration to the Consumer Product Safety Commission. Congress has it within its power to pass corrective legislation to improve the workings of these agencies any time it wants to.

Why then a new agency which, in effect, would compete with existing agencies, challenging their actions and causing a great deal of heat but generating very little light? One thing is certain: it would spawn a large new bureaucracy and it would set its own rules and regulations.

It would have the ability to harass businesses large and small, something that will inevitably cost you more money in the form of increased prices for goods and services.

It is doubtful that even the bill's sponsors think the new agency, if created, would do much real good, since it won't plow any really new ground.

What it will do is please some left-liberal constituents here and there, as well as the professional consumerists who thrive on finding more and more ways to tighten the federal vise on your life. These are the folks who are obsessed with the need to control every aspect of the marketplace, leaving little or nothing to the cycles of supply and demand which, till now at least, have served us best when left pretty much alone.

There is scant evidence of public clamor for the agency. In fact, a recent poll showed a majority of Americans believe they have ample access to redress of market grievances now.

Since consumers don't speak with a single voice, critics of the bill ask how can a federal agency develop a consensus? The answer is, it can't.

It will, instead, reflect the opinions of the bureaucrats, the more strident consumerists and the politicians who created it.

Creating a new Agency for Consumer Advocacy, when already there are many of them but under different names, is a little like the situation a retail chain might find itself in if one of its own stores began to do poorly. In that case, it would take a good look at pricing, inventory, displays, advertising and personnel, and then make changes. What it certainly

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By K. T. Reddell.

		MAX	MIN	RAIN
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TUESDAY	4-22	79	64	.02
WEDNESDAY	4-23	90	61	0
THURSDAY	4-24	92	59	0
FRIDAY	4-25	89	56	0
SATURDAY	4-26	86	63	0
SUNDAY	4-27	85	70	0

**Grandpaw Says**

HI Advice, unlike mercy, is twice cursed, by him who gives it, and him who takes it.

Adam may have been created first, to give him a chance to say something.

It's much more fun to count your blessings than to air your complaints.

We expect happiness in a world made wise by unhappiness.

Live for today. Dream for tomorrow. Learn from yesterday.

When you are arguing with a fool, make sure he is not similarly occupied.

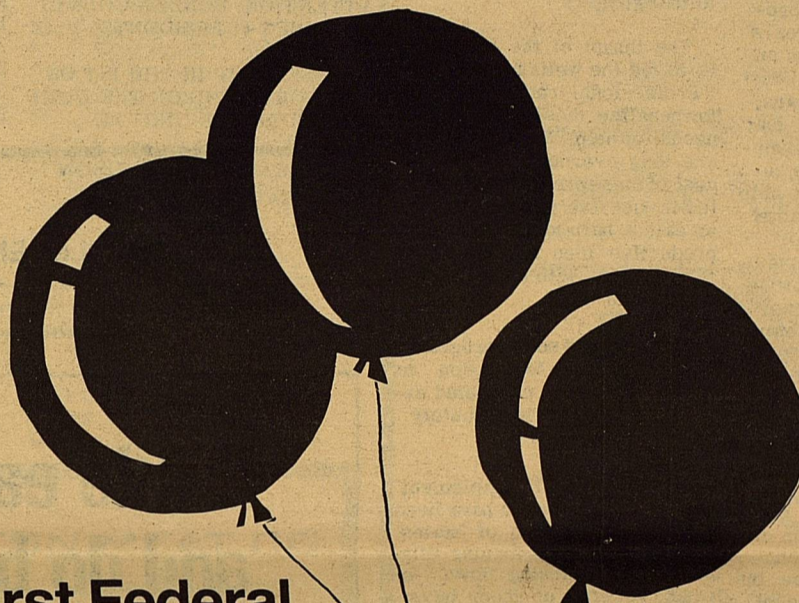
Let us make time our servant

and not our master.

Beware of temporary solutions. They tend to become permanent.

A different world can't be created by indifferent people.

Ponder on the story about the little old man that was seen every Sunday morning walking to the church of his choice. He was deaf; so he could not hear a word of the sermon, or music by the choir, or the hymns sung by the congregation. A scoffer asked, "Why do you spend your Sundays in that church when you can't hear a word?" He replied, "I want my neighbors to know which side I'm on."



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