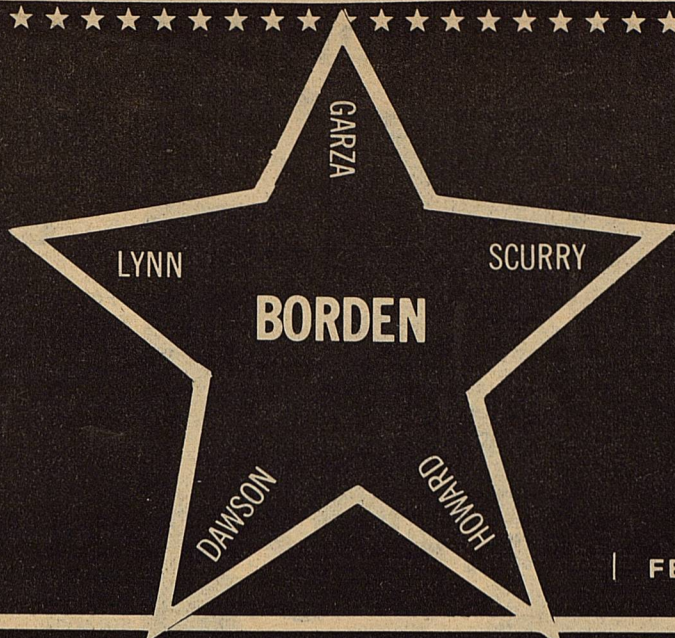


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CowBelles Meet With ANCA



LUCILLE STONE

1977 NATIONAL COWBELLE
PRESIDENT

Honors Arizonian

Natives of Arizona, Lucille and her husband Floyd have been cattle ranchers for over 25 years. They began as Hereford cow-calf producers, then switched to stocker steers about ten years ago. Their steers run on their Reavis and Tortilla ranches located in the Superstition Mountains on Tonto National Forest Grazing allotments. The Stones live in Mesa with their two daughters.

Lucille has served as officer, including the office of President, for the Camelback CowBelles and the Arizona State CowBelles. She began national level work for ANCB in 1969 and has served as committee member or chairman for the following committees: Public Relations, I.D.A., By-Laws, Communication, and Finance. She has served on the Executive Committee for the past five years.

In addition to CowBelle activities, Lucille has been involved in programs for Girls Scouts, Rainbow Girls, Mahnah Club (local woman's civic club), first Presbyterian Church and she is an active member in

PEO Chapter BR.

Her leisure time interests are: golf, bridge, archaeology, rock collecting, reading (metaphysics, psychology, southwest history and legends, mysteries) sewing and oil painting.

Lucille feels that cattle ranching, in addition to providing a livelihood, provides a distinctive life style involving the whole family. CowBelle programs emanate from Cattlewomen's understanding of the cattle industry and its merchandising requirements. From the beginning of her CowBelle membership, Lucille's family has worked with her on various programs and they continue to give support, cooperation and advice.

ANCA Highlights

"To a greater extent than ever before, the 1977 program provided information and ideas which cattlemen can take home and apply profitably in their own operations," said Richard A. McDaugh, ANCA first vice president and convention chairman. Holding meetings along with ANCA were American National CowBelles, the women's auxiliary of ANCA.

Following are highlights of the 1977 convention:

Tuesday, Feb. 1 - ANCA advisory councils and committees held work sessions on this day.

Wednesday, Feb. 2 - This was the day for opening general session, with a speech by the ANCA president and other special features. In the afternoon, ANCA committees held open, educational meetings for all cattlemen in attendance. The presentations were designed to inform cattlemen in various subject areas- such as the meaning of new tax legislation, new marketing ideas, lending policies for public lands ranchers animal health programs for cattlemen, the land-owner's

In Atlanta

position with hunters and recreationists, and the Council for Agricultural Science and Technology's report on hormonally active substances.

Thursday, Feb. 3 - The morning program explored ways in which the individual cattlemen can take advantage of opportunities in improved production efficiency, domestic and foreign markets, and improved business management. He also got ideas on coping with the cattle cycle.

Friday, Feb. 4 - The main program concluded with membership discussions and actions on policies developed by the association. At this time, the members voted on the proposed consolidation of ANCA and the National Livestock Feeders Association.

All of the educational and informational events were in addition to a full schedule of special lunch and dinner events and entertainment features.

Another highlight of the 80th annual ANCA convention was industry outlook session on Thursday morning, Feb. 3. The program was sponsored by Cattle-Fax, ANCA's market analysis service, and it provided both short and long range market forecasts.

Cattlemen Merge With Feeders

Atlanta, February 4--Members of the American National Cattlemen's Association (ANCA) meeting in final convention session, voted in favor of the proposed consolidation of ANCA and the National Livestock Feeders Assn. (NLFA).

The same proposal will now go before the members of the NLFA, meeting in St. Louis, Feb. 17-18. If NLFA members also approve the plan, the new organization---to be known as the National Cattlemen's Association---con't on page 4

Guest

Editorial

"WE HAVE A QUESTION"

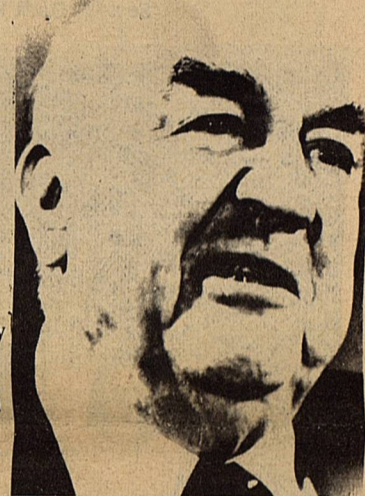
There is a raging controversy currently going on in newspapers, magazines, on radio, TV and person to person around the whole nation concerning amnesty for "draft dodgers-evaders" and pardons for deserters as was promised by our President. The opposition to his promised proposal is approaching the boiling over point with both the House and Senate as well as multi-millions

of AMERICANS across the land. Compassion is an admirable trait of human beings but, in connection with the draft dodgers-evaders and deserters, compassion should play little to no part in this matter. The author of this article wrote Mr. Carter two letters while he was running for President, strongly opposing his promise

and, an even bitter letter after his election. He also wrote several Congressmen and Senators expressing his strong opposition to the President's promise-proposal. We wonder what would happen if in the event this nation should get into a war, and which may possibly be inevitable in the not too distant future as things now appear.

Now our question: May it be possible to probable that parental excessive permissiveness for the last two or three generations with their children may lay the cause of "draft dodgers-evaders and deserters" in many of the cases. We are now dealing with the effects, and NOT the CAUSE! THIS prompts the old adage: "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Very truly yours,
J. Lloyd Cantrell
1310 54th Street
Lubbock, Texas 79412



SEN. SAM ERVIN

Speak Out On Gov't Intervention

Former Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr. (Dem., N.C.), one of America's foremost experts on the Constitution and our unique form of government was the featured speaker at the Closing General Session on Friday.

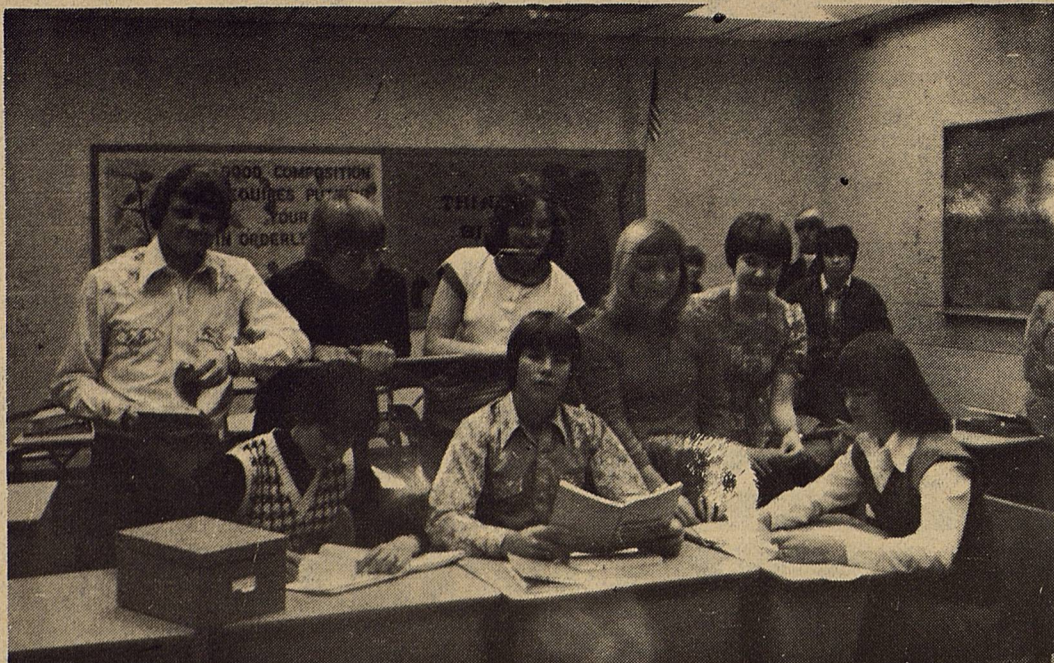
Senator Ervin hammered home the necessity of a free economic system of supply and demand if this government was going to survive.

"The law of supply and demand is the only system based on the realities of life.." the Senator said. "The free enterprise system in the only one that gives the producer incentive, he added, "and increased government regulations are encroaching on this freedom every day."

Ervin, a veteran of over 20 years in the Senate, has a warm convivial style and a complete command of his subject made an enjoyable insightful talk. He is a tough, shrewd lawyer with a working understanding of crucial problems confronting American self-government.

Borden Stock Show To Be February 24, 25, 26

Borden County School News



UIL DEBATE TEAM- Left to right- standing- Patrick Toombs, Brent Rhoton, Jana Love, Sue Hancock, and Glynda Burkett. Seated- Dana Westbrook, Bob McLeroy, and Lisa McLeroy.

To Attend Spring Forensic Meet

Fourteen Borden County High School students will be attending the Texas Tech Spring Forensic Meet in Lubbock on February 11-12. Those BHS students participating will be: Dana Westbrook, Sue Hancock, Bob McLeroy - Championship debate
Brent Rhoton, Lisa McLeroy, Glynda Burkett, Jana Love - Junior Debate
Kristy Smith - Informative speaking
Lesla Hensley - Persuasive speaking
Rhesa Wolf, Martha Anderson - Poetry Interpretation
Tricia Jackson, Twila Telchik,

Denise Currey - Prose Interpretation

Each year B.H.S. students attend the meet as part of their preparation for Interscholastic League Literary Competition. The Tournament competition, which is difficult and extensive, gives the students a chance to compete against other fine speakers from all classes of schools across the state.

Borden County will be among an expected 50 schools and 600 students who will participate in the forensic activities to be held in the new Mass Communications building on the Texas Tech Campus.

Basketball News

High School Girls Win Last Games

The High School girls completed their season last week, winning two ball games. On Tuesday night, they traveled to Welch and defeated Dawson 44-40 in a game that was close all the way. Leading scorer for Borden was Sue Hancock with 20 points, Kristy Smith and Karen Williams each scored 12 points. Martha Anderson had 7 rebounds as the Coyotes out-rebounded Dawson 20-13.

On Friday night, the girls defeated Union 49-40, Kristy scored 24 points, Sue 20, and Karen 5 points. Karen had 7 rebounds, Lisa McLeroy had 6 rebounds, Lesla Hensley had 5 rebounds, and 4 recoveries and Martha had 5 rebounds and 3 recoveries. Playing in their last game for Borden High School were seniors Sue Hancock, Kristy Smith, Tricia Jackson, Dana Westbrook and Gail Grose. These girls have had a fine career at Borden High and have provided a lot of leadership for this years ball club.

Final statistics for the 1976-77 season show Sue Hancock to be the leading scorer with 407 points for a 15.6 game average. Sue shot 46% from the field and 83% from the free throw line. Kristy Smith scored 386 points for an average of 14.8 per game and led the team in field goal

percentage with 48%. Karen Williams scored 342 points, an average of 13.1 per game in the well-balanced scoring attack for the Coyotes. As a team, the Borden girls shot 44% from the field and 70% from the free throw line.

Leading rebounders were guards Martha Anderson with 145 (5.6), Lesla Hensley 126 (5.0), Tricia Jackson 85 (3.3), and Lisa McLeroy 71 (2.8), Martha also led in recoveries with 66 followed by Lesla with 59. Other members of the A team were Dana Westbrook, Gail Grose, and Kevva Tucker.

One interesting statistic shows that the Borden girls shot 422 times from the free throw line, hitting on 296, while their opponents shot only 230, hitting on 126. Final record for the team was 17 wins and 9 losses.

The High School B team girls finished the season with a record of 5 wins and 3 losses. Leading scorers were Penny Thompson with 144 points (18.0) and Vickie Jones with 99 points (14.1). Glynda Burkett was the leading rebounder with 59, an average of 7.4 per game. Other members of the B Team were Twila Telchik, Jana Love, Rhesa Wolf, Carla Jones, Lesla Barnes, and Mayme McLaurry.



WIN DISTRICT WITH UN-DEFEATED SEASON- Left to right are "A" team from Borden Junior High, Becky Miller, Gayla Newton, Tammy Telchik, Suzanne Walker, Joie Brummett, Gena McLeroy, Coach Van Kountz. Front row- Debra Kountz, Cindy Grose, Jana Edwards, Talley Griffin, and Shelly White.

Jr. High Girls Win District

The Borden Junior High girls completed their season Monday night with a 54-12 victory over Wellman. With the win, the Borden girls claimed their second District Championship in a row and completed their second consecutive undefeated season with a record of 20-0. They have won 39 games without a loss over the last two seasons.

Scoring for the Coyotes against Wellman were Talley Griffin 20 points, Jana Edwards

10, Tammy Telchik 6, Lyndy Doyle 6, Joie Brummett 4, Gena McLeroy 4, and Shelly White 4. Also playing in the final game of the season were Gayla Newton, Debra Kountz, Cindy Grose, Suzanne Walker, Lisa Smith, Sandra Kountz, Kay Copeland, Sharon Brummett, and Tammy Merritt.

For the season, the Borden girls scored 926 points, an average of 46.3 per game while

their 20 opponents scored 438 points, an average of 21.9 per game. Leading scorer on the team was Talley with 436 points (21.8). Jana scored 195 points (9.8), Joie 102 points (6.0), Shelly 86 points (58.4), Tammy 67 points (3.5), and Gena 16 points. Five girls, Shelly, Gayla, Debra, Suzanne, and Becky Miller started for the Coyotes on the guard end at various times throughout the season.

Jr. High

Wellman Junior High beat Borden Junior High in the last game of the season Monday night by the score of 27-18. Scoring by Quarters:
Wellman: 4 7 6 10 27
Borden Co2 4 4 8 18

Gail FFA News

Twelve members of the Gail FFA Chapter will be competing in the 1977 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Entering market lambs are Bob McLeroy, Ben Murphy, Travis Rinehart, Patrick Toombs, Sid Westbrook

and Perry Smith. Matt, Ben Thompson, Tommy Patterson, Tim Smith, Ray Don Underwood and Richard A. Smith will enter market barrows. Their vocational agriculture teacher is Bob Bagley.

Boys Lost

The Dawson boys beat Borden County boys in a close contest last Tuesday night at Dawson by the score of 60-54. Scoring for Borden were Larry Simer 28, Blane Dyess 6, Craig Peterson 6, Gene Cooley 4, Matt Farmer 4, Eurdist Rinehart 3, and Tim Smith 3.

Scoring by quarters:
Dawson 14 15 12 19 60
Borden 19 8 10 17 54

Runs Past Union

Borden County beat Union 70-58 last Friday night. At one time in the 3rd quarter, the Coyotes mounted a 21 point lead and saw it dwindle to nine points before they finally beat them by twelve. Scoring for Borden High were Larry Simer 24, Blane Dyess 12, Gene Cooley 12, Craig Peterson 8, Tim Smith 6, Matt Farmer 4, Eurdist Rinehart 2, and Jay Hataway 2. Scoring by quarters
Union 15 1 16 26 58
Borden 10 16 22 22 70

Girls Win Tourney

Three teams, Borden, Klondike, and Grady, finished with records of 2 wins and 1 loss in the Klondike Junior High B Team Tournament but the Borden girls brought home the First Place Trophy by virtue of scoring the most points in the tournament.

The Borden girls opened the tournament with a 29-17 win over Klondike. Lyndy Doyle scored 15 points, Lisa Smith 8, Maria Benavidez 4, Sandra Kountz 1, and Kelly Richardson 1 point. The girls next defeated Sands 43-30 with Lyndy scoring 27, Lisa 10, Maria 5, and Kelly 1. Borden then was defeated by

Grady 28-26. Lyndy scored 12, Maria 8, Lisa 4, and Kelly 2 points.

Also playing in the tournament were: Kay Copeland, Sharon Brummett, Tammy Merritt, Shellie Peterson, Paige White, Terry Moreno, Stephens, Lavenda Elliott, Diana Villanueva, and Gloria Villarveva.

The B team finished the season with a record of 6 wins and 1 loss. They scored 176 points (25.1) while their opponents were scoring 124 points (17.7)

Other members of the team were Holli Calhoun, Julie Redding, and Valorie Avers.

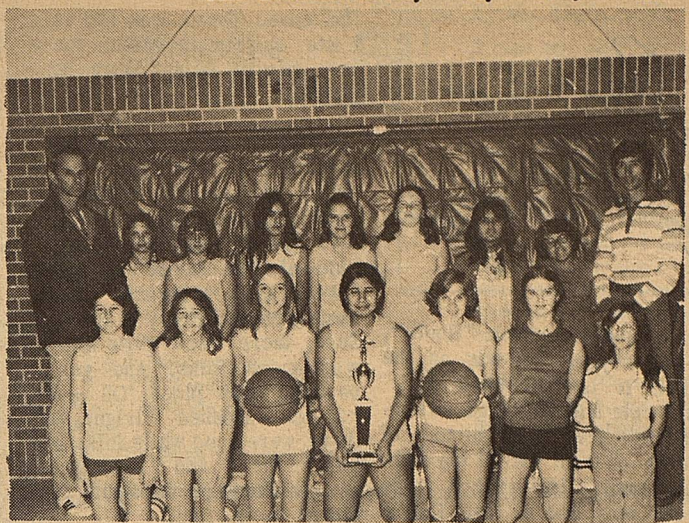
Board Meeting

Borden County Independent School District met in a special meeting on January 26, 1977 at the South Park Inn in Lubbock at 12:00 noon. The called meeting was for the purpose of opening and taking under consideration bid proposals of school plant additions for the Borden County Independent School District.

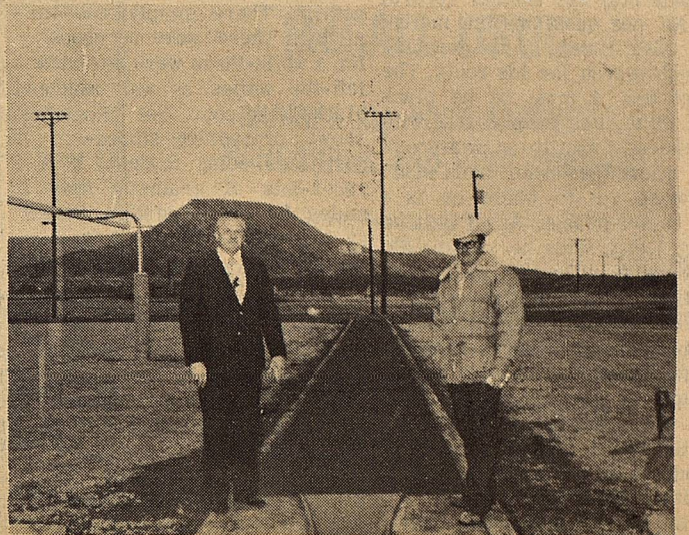
Representatives present from the school were: Rich Anderson, T.L. Griffin, Doyle Newton, Kenneth Williams, Ralph Miller, Martin Parks, E.L. Garmer, and James McLeroy. Tommy Huckabee and Larry Donham, School Architects, were also present. There were 57 people present when bids were opened. The bid proposals were as follows:

Company	Base Bid
Herman Bennett Company Box 999 Brownwood, TX	\$1,105,000.00
Haney & Sivley Box 2196 Abilene, TX	1,099,787.00
Knox, Gailey & Meador Box 5701 Lubbock, TX	1,099,419.00
Monterrey Construction Box 647 Wolforth, TX	1,037,777.00
Pharr Construction Box 2791 Lubbock, TX	1,121,000.00
Rose & Sons, Inc. Box 1598 Abilene, TX	Dropped out in the final minutes.
Rose Construction Company Box 602 Abilene, TX	1,144,000.00
R.B. Sneed Construction Box 6505 Odessa, TX	1,137,000.00
C.B. Thompson Construction Co. Box 6556 Lubbock, TX	1,084,000.00
James E. Walker and Company #5 Briercroft Office Park Lubbock, TX	1,119,850.00

The Board discussed the bid proposals with the four lowest bidders. The bid was tentatively awarded to Monterrey Construction; however, no contracts have been awarded. Another meeting is scheduled for February 8, 1977 at 8:00 P.M.



WIN 1st in TOURNAMENT- These Junior High B team Girls won the Tournament at Klondike last Saturday. Left to right- Coach Van Kountz, Debra Kountz, Shellie Peterson, Dianne Villanueva, Stephanie Stephens, Kelley Richardson, Gloria Villanueva, Terry Moreno, Ass't Coach Tommy Varner. Front Row-Kay Copeland, Lisa Smith, Lyndy Doyle, Maria Espinoza, Sharon Brummett, Tammy Merritt, and Lavinda Elliott. Not pictured, Paige White



James McLeroy, Superintendent of Schools and Van York, Borden County Commissioner, Precinct #4 shown with the new run-way for the pole-vault to be used during the Borden Relays on March 18.

Menu

February 14-18, 1977

MONDAY
Enchiladas with Chili
Mexican Bean Salad
Canned Fruit
Valentine Cake
Milk

TUESDAY
Corn dogs
Cheese Wedge
Tossed Salad
Fruit Cobbler

WEDNESDAY
Fried Chicken
English Peas
Mashed Potatoes
Cookies
Hot Rolls and Butter
Milk

THURSDAY
Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
Pinto Beans
Carrot Sticks
Applesauce Cake
Cronbread and Butter
Milk

FRIDAY
Hamburgers
French Fries
Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles
Ice Cream Cups
Milk

Card Of Thanks

The Future Homemakers of America, Borden High School, would like to thank all the people who brought magazines to our Home Economics Department. We needed a new supply,

as they are a valuable resource to our curriculum. We appreciate the continual support of our community. You help make our Home Economics activities more current and enjoyable.

Pee Wee Tourney

Klondike 14-Borden 12

The Borden County Pee Wee's lost the first game of the Klondike Pee wee Tournament to Klondike in overtime 14-12. At the end of Regulation play the score was 10-10. Scoring for Borden County was Darrell Green 6, Kevin Telchik 2, Van York 2, Jeff Martin 2, and Ricky Summers 2.

Scoring By Quarters:
Klondike 2 6 0 2 4 4
Borden; 2 2 2 4 2 12
In the second round, Borden County met a much bigger team in Sands and found the going a little rough. Sands beat Borden County 28-13. Scoring for Borden County were Darrell Green 5, Van York 4, Kevin

Telchik 3, and Ricky Summers 1.
Scoring By Quarters
Sands 2 10 10 6 28
Borden 1 2 5 5 13
In the third and final game, Borden County met Grady and won by the score of 19-12. Scoring for Borden County were Jeff Martin 8, Kevin Telchik 5, Darrell Green 2, Cody Newton 2, Van York 1, and Keith Williams 1. Others who play in the tournament were Doug Love and Brad Williams. Borden County tied for 3rd with Klondike and lost the flip and won consolation and a trophy.
Scoring by Quarters:
Grady 2 0 2 8 12
Borden 8 3 5 3 19



The Fourth Grade Class gave a patriotic program about Washington and Lincoln to the Parent's Club Last Thursday. Shown left to right are (back row) Simona Benavidez, Shana Bradshaw, Dennis Buchanan, Shawna Vaughn, Deuane Summers, William Hogan, Samantha Porter, (front) Becky Massingill (narrator), Joe Villanueva, Barbara Sturdivant, Nedio Villanueva and Kirby Williams.

Change Of Menu

Carolyn Stone, President of the Elementary Parents Club, wishes to announce a change of menu for the ICA Dinner, March 2, which was discussed at their last meeting.

It will be chunky barbeque on buns, potato salad (fixed at school by Melba Rinehart), slices of pickles, onions and peppers and dessert.

The ladies who volunteered to fix a cooker of beans do not need to do so now, and the reminder notes that will be sent out later will ask each mother to bring two desserts instead of a salad and dessert.

Borden Relays Planned

Borden County Schools are getting ready for the relays to be held in Gail on March 18. Fifty-four teams are registered for the track events and more are expected. To aid competitors, two new run-ways have been installed. One is for the pole vault and the other for the long jump events.

The improvements were made possible by the Borden County

Commissioner's Court and the School Board. Further construction is underway at the present time. Van York and James McLeroy are making a final inspection of the pole vault runway. Commissioner York co-operated with the school district by bringing in blow-sand and other fill dirt to make this project possible.

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Jerre's Gottings

If you didn't watch "Roots", I guess your TV was on the blink. It is calculated that said epic had the largest viewing audience in the history of TV on at least two of the eight night runs. The record made broke only that of last Fall's showing of "Gone With the Wind." And by the way—the showing of those two controversial films has put quite a strain on at least one inter-marriage (Yankee/Southern). Survival of the matrimonial bonds may set another record.

No one questions the motive of Alex Haley in his geneological search for his roots. The fact that a man, be he black or white, has been reared with a sense of family—an awareness of where he came from and how he got to where he is—is commendable. And I believe Mr. Haley when he says he did not write "Roots" with any notion of stirring up racial strife, nor inflaming the smoldering embers of the civil rights demonstrations. He says he was taught by his grandmother that he was a descendant of a proud culture and that he wanted to find out all he could about that culture and his ancestors.

But the TV portrayal devoted proportionately little time to that culture seven generations back. And what insight that was given the viewers was historically not true. The slave traders dealt with the chiefs of the tribes. It was not their custom to fan out through the bush and snare young warriors and wenches with nets. No, the trading was done between white trader and black trader. To say that slave trading was carried out only by the white man (and only from the South) was not

the case. There was and is a caste system in Africa too—with blacks being slave to blacks.

And what a difference in the portrayal of the white slave owner of Margaret Mitchell's research and that of Alex Haley. The argument on the north side of this house is that "Well, Miss Margaret was white and Alex Haley is Black." Sure, there were white scalwags—mean folks. And yes, beatings took place. Oh—the rapings happened alright. But there were good white folks and lots of them. And I don't know of a history of the South that ignores the the fact.

The economic conditions of the South in GWW were more accurate than what "Roots" would have you to believe. Nobody—black or white—had any money right after the Civil War. The Confederate dollar wasn't worth nothin'. There simply was no money. There were no crops for a while—there were no mules left—the whites as well as the blacks were poor. Yet "Roots" shows prospering stores—purchases being made by both races—lots of grain—six new mules for one plantation. Sorry but that's not the way it was.

And I'm afraid Mr. Haley's altruistic motives may have backfired. There have been racial outbreaks in schools across the nation—the "united nation" that is. Even here in my town. Minority groups have threatened violence with the chant of "roots, roots, roots." And we are a lot more isolated from strife than the industrial areas of Michigan and Pennsylvania.

Speaking of industrial areas—wonder when a tycoon in industry will trace his roots back to a scurried waif in a sweat shop?

P.S. Champagne(e)—a broad expanse of plain; flat, open country. Champagne—a brew made from grapes with which you toast a new president.

Merger

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socioation---will become operational Sept. 1, 1977.

The ANCA members voted by a 98% majority to adopt a resolution approving a plan of procedure for the proposed consolidation. The plan spells new organization.

The new commodity group would represent approximately 275,000 professional cattlemen in all segments and areas of the beef cattle industry--- the largest single part of American agriculture.

Over the past year, a 10-man study committee made up of representatives of both ANCA and NLFA developed the consolidation plan. The plan was then modified and approved by the boards of directors of both groups, prior to being submitted to the members for a vote. Heading the joint study committee were Gordon Van Vleck, immediate past president ANCA, and Milton Brown, immediate past president of NLFA.

The ANCA members' action today included adoption of a resolution providing authority for the study committee to make necessary initial decisions to get the new organization under way. This includes appointment of interim officers to serve from Sept. 1 to February, 1977 when members of the new association would elect officers. In order to fully acquaint the officers with decisions made by the study committee prior to Sept. 1, these appointments are expected to be made soon after the conventions of both groups have been held.

The basic purposes of the new organization would be to represent and speak for all cattlemen nationally in public and economic affairs; to create and maintain an economic and political climate that will give individual members the opportunity to earn optimum returns on their investments within the free enterprise system; and to provide members with economic information and other services that can help them improve their

management decisions.

ANCA President Wray Finney, who was elected at the convention for a second term, said he was pleased with the positive action of the ANCA membership. Finney said: "A new unified organization is in the best interests of all segments and areas of the beef cattle industry. For some time, the leaders of both associations have felt the need to coordinate all available resources so as to avoid all unnecessary duplication of efforts and speak with a strong, united national voice".

The ANCA has individual members plus 45 affiliated state cattle and 15 national breed associations. The group was founded in 1898 with a largely western membership. Subsequent industry developments--including more cattle in other regions, development of a feeding industry, and integration of production and feeding--brought increases in membership; and ANCA now represents all parts of the industry nationally. The association has a headquarters office in Denver and a Government affairs office in Washington, D.C.

The NLFA, formed in 1946, represents livestock producers and feeders in 20 states, with primary concentration in the north central region---an area which feeds 55% of the fed cattle marketed annually in the U.S. and has 1/3 of the nation's beef cows. In addition to individual members, nine state organizations are affiliated with the Omaha-based association.

There is a slight overlapping among ANCA and NLFA state affiliates. The new group would have a total of 52 affiliated state associations as well as 14 national breed organizations.

Side By Side

A multi-media presentation entitled "Side by Side-The Story of the American National CowBelles" highlighted the CowBelles' 25th anniversary celebration. Women who are members of the CowBelles Women's auxiliary of the American National Cattlemen's Association viewed the one-time showing during ANCA's 80th annual convention, Feb. 1-4, in Atlanta.

According to Mrs. Smith, "Side by Side" gave a broad historical perspective of the women behind the American cattle industry. "The CowBelles have been organized for 25 years," she noted, "but we wanted to delve even deeper into the history of cattlemen. The spirit of what the CowBelles are all about has always prevailed--its just that cattlemen in the past had little time for activities other than those necessary for survival. Technological advances on the farm and ranch and in the home have made it possible for cattlemen to devote more time to promoting their industry."

Howell Honored

Carl W. Howell, Snyder, Texas, has just returned from Kansas City, Missouri where he and 99 others from 16 states were honored as being among the top 100 salesmen of the Moorman Mfg. Co., Quincy, Ill.

He and his wife arrived in Kansas City Friday evening, January 21 to participate in the special festivities at the Crown Center.

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To Compete In Houston

Twenty-one members of the Borden County 4-H Club will be competing in the 1977 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. The Club will enter a total of four market steers, ten market barrows and 16 market lambs. Their county extension agent is Earnest C. Kiker.

The Livestock Show opens February 23 and runs through March 6, with rodeo performances every night in the Astro-dome beginning February 25.

The second week of the '77 Show will be devoted to competition among junior exhibitors of all major beef and dairy breeds, swine, sheep and goats, rabbits and poultry. It is the largest junior livestock show in the country.

Members of 4-H and FFA groups from all sections of Texas, along with adult exhibitors, will contend for a record total of \$510, 363 in premium money to be awarded at the show. Approximately 20,000 entries are expected.

Rodeo audiences will be entertained by this exciting line-up of TV and recording stars: K.C. and the Sunshine Band, February 25; Mac Davis, February 26; Helen Reddy, February 27; Conway Twitty and Loretta Lynn, February 28; Mel Tillis, March 1; Merle Haggard, March 2; Roy Clark, March 3; the Osmonds, March 4-5; and Charley Pride, March 6.

Ray Of Hope

College Station-- Although cattlemen may have a difficult time seeing a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, 1977 does offer a ray of hope.

Dr. Edward Uvacek, a livestock marketing specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, sees a reduction in fed cattle marketings for the early part of the year, about 9 per cent below last year's level. But he believes marketings will increase slightly--two to three per cent--during the second quarter, April through June. This rather small increase, together with lower levels of cow and non-fed cattle kill, should keep cattle slaughter low for the next six months.

"All this means that beef supplies should be down for a while," says Uvacek. "Therefore fed cattle prices should move up during the next few months. This, plus more favorable feed grain prices, could stimulate an increase in feedlot placements."

Thus, if the feedlot business does pick up during the first part of 1977 then some beef supply problems could develop during the latter part of the year.

Because of a limited carry-over of calves from last year and a lower calf crop, feeder cattle and calf numbers should be down during most of the

year, adds the specialist. This means feeder cattle prices should also show some improvement, following the pattern being set by the fed cattle market.

Uvacek believes that cattle feeders will remain much more cautious in the new year, and this will keep them from overpaying for feeder animals.

TABS Research Assistant

Lubbock--An area agricultural research assistant has received first place honors for a research paper on potato production which he submitted in regional graduate student competition recently.

Doug Smallwood of Slaton, working as a research assistant in potato breeding research for the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at Lubbock, garnered the first place citation and a \$50 cash prize during the Southern Weed Science Society's (SWSS) 30th annual convention held in Dallas in mid-January. The contest was sponsored by the SWSS.

Smallwood's paper concerned the effectiveness of several herbicides used in potato production under different methods and soil conditions.

About 1,500 members of the week science society attended the three-day regional gathering. About 45 of the 187 papers presented at the meeting were graduate student contest papers, one of which was Smallwood's.

The grad student contest featured papers from each of the 13 states in the SWSS's region. Smallwood is working toward his Master's degree at Texas Tech University.

Lubbock Field Office

Austin -- Comptroller Bob Bullock announced today that taxpayers served by his Lubbock Field Office now can have oral appeals of tax assessments heard at that office instead of having to travel to Austin for the hearing.

"We just didn't think it was fair to require aggrieved Lubbock-area taxpayers to travel all the way to Austin for an oral hearing, so we have decided to take the hearing to them," Bullock said.

Any taxpayer who feels that the taxes assessed him by the Comptroller's Office are wrong or unfair has the right to appeal, Bullock noted. The aggrieved taxpayer may request an oral hearing or present his arguments in writing.

In the past, taxpayers who have requested an oral hearing have had to come to Austin to present their case. Now they can request the hearing be held in the nearest field office if they live roughly 200 miles from Austin or more.

Because of the trouble and expense involved, many aggrieved taxpayers probably have paid taxes they felt were unfair rather than travel all the way to Austin for an oral hearing, Bullock said.

"These taxpayers deserve the same consideration as those fortunate enough to live close to Austin and we're going to see they get it by moving the hearing to them," Bullock said.

Bullock urged taxpayers to contact the nearest Comptroller's office to see if they are eligible to have their appeal heard locally.

The Lubbock Field Office, headed by Don F. Paxton, is located at 4902 34th Street, Suite 400, Terrace Shopping Center. It is open from 8 a. m. until 5 p.m. on week days. The telephone number is 765-0691.



PORK CHOP DELIGHT

- 1/2 cup uncooked rice
- 3 cups cold water
- 1 tsp. salt
- 2 Tbsp. chopped fresh parsley
- 1/3 cup chopped pecans
- 1 (1 3/8 oz.) package onion soup mix
- 1 Tbsp. salad oil
- 2 (1 1/2 inch) Texas loins pork chops

Combine the uncooked rice with

2 cups cold water and salt. Bring to a boil. Simmer until rice is

tender. Add and mix chopped fresh parsley and chopped pecans. Set aside. In another pan bring to a boil 1 cup water and add the onion soup mix. Set aside. In 10 in. skillet, heat salad oil and brown the pork chops. Cut pockets on side of chops and allow to cool. Stuff with rice mixture and place in a 2-quart casserole. Pour onion soup mixture over chops and sprinkle with pepper. Cover and bake at 350 degrees F. for one hour or until pork chops are tender. Yield: 2 servings.

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Beef Still Plentiful

Housewives take note: There'll be plenty of beef available at the grocery stores in coming weeks, but it won't last.

Later in the year, the supplies will start decreasing and, as a result, prices will go up.

That was the prediction Wednesday by Wray Finney of Oklahoma, president of the American National Cattlemen's Association which is holding its 80th annual convention at the Georgia World Congress Center.

One major cattle producer, H.W. (Bud) Harrington of Grand Island, Neb., also said it is "inevitable" that retail beef prices will go up—probably not more than 10 cents a pound by June 1, and then "match inflation rates for at least three years."

Finney pointed out that currently, "because of relatively low farm prices last year and again this year, food price increases are considerably less than the overall rate of inflation," and that they would be even lower if it were not for increases in labor, energy and other costs.

He added, "Prices will have to increase again soon if the industry—the largest segment of American agriculture—is to remain viable. The bankers who loan us money know that most cattlemen have been operating in the red for the good part of three years..."

"Most cattlemen have been forced to cut back their operations and many—including numerous producers—in this region have dropped out of the business, at least temporarily," Finney said the bankers "also know that the only way we can recover our losses and continue producing beef is to have an extended period of prices that more than cover our now substantially higher operating costs."

However, he told the convention, attended by some 4,000 persons from all over the country, that he was emphatically against price controls.

Finney said leading consumer advocates now agree that "the 1973 boycotts and price freeze were counter-productive."

"Issues with which we will be dealing in the coming years," he pointed out, "include land use, consumer protection legislation, water pollution, animal drug use, pesticides, taxes, public land grazing, feeder cattle grading, basic farm policy, occupational safety and foreign trade."

One of the speakers Wednesday was Anne Armstrong, U.S. Ambassador to Great Britain who remarked that she will be returning to her Texas home next month. A Republican appointee, she will be replaced by President Jimmy Carter.

Mrs. Armstrong, in praising the CowBelles, ANCA's women's auxiliary which is celebrating its 25th anniversary, commented, "The cock croweth, but the hen delivers the goods."

Hance Bill Protects Car Owners

Austin—"It is time for the responsible drivers of this state to be protected against the uninsured motorist," commented state Senator Kent Hance (D-

Lubbock) after introducing legislation aimed at preventing uninsured Texas motorists, who cannot establish financial responsibility, from operating their vehicles.

Senator Hance's bill would prohibit county tax assessors from registering motor vehicles and prevent the Department of Public Safety from licensing drivers unless the car owner is able to prove financial responsibility.

If a liability insurance policy is terminated, the insurer must notify the D.P.S. and the insured at least twenty days in advance.

In addition, the car owner must

prove financial responsibility after his/her liability insurance policy is terminated, or the D.P.S. will suspend his/her registration.

"Last year, 563,160 autos were involved in accidents where insurance reports were filed in Texas. 196,840, or 35.9% of these cars were uninsured," Hance cited.



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Check Titles Before Buying Land

Austin, Texas -- Most everyone remembers the tale of young Abe Lincoln at home, doing his sums by fireplace light in a log cabin.

With observance of the birthday of the sixteenth President on February 12, another aspect of the Lincoln-at-home story emerges to bring a strong precautionary reminder for home buyers in the 1977 market.

During Abe's boyhood, his family lost three Kentucky farm homes because of land title problems--a type of hazard that still can prove costly to real estate purchasers. Land title difficulties finally proves so onerous that the Lincolns moved from Abe's native Kentucky--and that state lost a future President.

Title trouble first emerged when Abe's father, Thomas Lincoln, tried to sell a family farm and found it measured 39 acres less than it was supposed to cover. An obligation on a second farm proved to be larger than represented, and the title holder demanded money instead of merchandise as originally agreed upon. The Lincolns lost a third farm through a suit of ejectment to remove them from the real estate.

After these misfortunes, the Lincoln family moved to Indiana in search of secure home ownership.

Writing of the departure years later, Abe recalled, "This removal was partly on account of slavery, but chiefly on account of the difficulty in land titles."

Home buyer safeguards against possible land title hazards are as important in 1977 as they were in Abe's time, according to James H. Garst, President of the Texas Land Title Association. When title problems arise, they stem from the enduring nature of land and claims that different parties may file against it. Advance precautions include a title search of public records so that possible land title difficulties can be disclosed before a real estate transaction is completed--and owner's title insurance to protect against title hazards including those a search cannot reveal.

The TLTA president said advance preparation and safeguards are necessary for the full protection of home ownership, regardless of whether an upcoming purchase involves free-standing home, town house, condominium unit, or log cabin. Garst, who is Vice President of Commonwealth Land Title Insurance Company, Houston, pointed out that a home still presents an excellent long-range investment despite rising costs and suggested these guidelines for buyers in the 1977 market:

--Study the particular advantages and disadvantages of a free-standing home, town house, condominium or other type of residence before deciding what to purchase

--Consider the condition of and outlook for the neighborhood where the residence is located

--Check the distance from the prospective home to public transportation, shopping, schools,

and other conveniences of importance; estimate the gasoline mileage that would be required to reach these and your place of employment

--Carefully go over the design and structural condition of the residence; if a free-standing home or town house is involved, it may be desirable to call in a structural expert for his opinion

--Shop for the mortgage financing that best suits your need; ask about interest rate, late payment penalty, amount of insurance required, whether taxes and interest will be included in monthly payment, refinancing requirements, and prepayment penalty

--Learn in advance the facts on closing costs and services in your area and obtain an estimate of related charges you will be required to pay

--Ask about the protection of owner's title insurance before you close a real estate purchase; lender's title insurance that you may be required to pay for protects only your mortgage lender

As an example of the need for advance precautions, Garst recalled the experience of a modern-day Illinois home buyer who purchased real estate with an apparently clear land title. After moving in, the buyer received notice that property taxes from a prior year were past due on the home. The problem was not found in earlier title search of public records before completion of his purchase because of a mistake by public employees in posting the county tax rolls. Fortunately, the owner's title insurance of this buyer paid the tax claim to save the insured financial loss and possible loss of his real estate.

In another instance, a Georgia property owner charged that the

home of a neighbor extended onto his land. After a new survey proved the claim to be correct, the title company insuring the encroaching neighbor was able to arrange for the insured's purchase of a strip of land--including that occupied by part of his house--to solve the problem.

For free information on things to consider in buying a home, write Texas Land Title Association, 220 West 7th Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

Cunningham

Testifies

T.A. Cunningham, President of the over 100,000 members of the Independent Cattlemen's Assn. of Texas testified recently before the Texas House Agriculture and Livestock Committee in behalf of Rep. Bill Sullivan's House Bill 22. "The importance of the concept of untaxing open space cannot be stressed enough when the country is experiencing such dark days in agriculture. Fewer and fewer Texans are entering into the business of ranching and farming because the profitability of the business is becoming non-existent," Cunningham stated in opening remarks.

Cunningham said the north is presently experiencing the effects of government imposition on the private sector in that instead of encouraging the exploration and production of Texas natural gas, it discouraged it. He stated that the government must provide incentive to the private sector and that this is what Rep. Sullivan's bill would do to agriculture.

"I want to make it clear that this Association wants in no way to downgrade free public edu-

Community Calendar

If your club, organization, or church wishes a listing in this calendar, contact the Borden Star, Box 137, Ph. 915-856-4402, by Fri. noon.

<p>Gail Baptist Church</p> <p>Rev. J. Roy Haynes Pastor Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Services 11:00 a.m. Evening Services 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>★ ★ ★ ★</p> <p>Dorward Methodist Church of Gail</p> <p>Don Elliot Pastor Worship Services 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Evening Services 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>★ ★ ★ ★</p> <p>Gail Church of Christ</p> <p>Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Services 11:00 a.m. Worship Services 11:00 a.m. Robert Hawkins Minister</p> <p>★ ★ ★ ★</p>	<p>Lions Club</p> <p>1st and 3rd Mondays 7:00 a.m. School Cafeteria</p> <p>★ ★ ★ ★</p> <p>Parents Club</p> <p>First Thursday of every month 2:30 p.m. Elementary Library</p> <p>★ ★ ★ ★</p> <p>Fluvanna Baptist</p> <p>Bro. Clayton Pennington (Pastor) Sunday School 10 AM Church 11 AM-6 PM WMU Tues. 9 AM Wed 8 PM</p> <p>★ ★ ★ ★</p>
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cation; but, it is time that the burden of taxation be spread to all citizens of this state rather than primarily to those who are actively engaged in ranching and farming. Agriculture is too important to the nation to be hindered in any form or fashion. We of course want to carry our fair share for the financing of public education," Cunningham continued.

that the members of the Texas Legislature would in formulating a new method of public school financing place an absolute ceiling on the rate at which property could be taxed. He also urged the Legislators to consider the adoption of the use valuation method of taxation when revision of state inheritance tax laws comes before them this session.

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Carter Appoints Journalists

Austin, Texas, January 26-- Publisher Michael R. Levy has announced that a third member of the TEXAS MONTHLY editorial staff has been appointed

to President Jimmy Carter's White House staff. Most recently named to the president's staff is Barry Jagoda, contributing editor of TEXAS MONTHLY,

who will be special assistant to President Carter for media and public affairs. He joins James Fallows, former associate and contributing editor of

TEXAS MONTHLY, who is Carter's new chief speech writer, and Griffin Smith, jr., TEXAS MONTHLY senior editor, who has accepted the position of speech writer and top assistant to Fallows in Washington.

TEXAS MONTHLY editor Wil-

liam Broyles notes, "The TEXAS MONTHLY contingent in the White House will probably be second in size only to the Carter family," Broyles adds, "We will miss them sorely, but, in

the words of a former presidential aide, we will all sleep a little sounder knowing they are on the job. We will do our best to make do without them, and will be looking forward to

their return."

Jagoda's responsibilities in his new position will include policy making in arts and hu-

manities. He will be working with President Carter to develop an open relationship with the people of the country through media. A Houston, Texas, native and graduate of the University of Texas Jagoda earned his

M.A. from the Columbia School of Journalism in 1967. Before joining TEXAS MONTHLY in March 1976 as a contributing editor, he was a senior producer for CBS news and in 1974 won an Emmy award for CBS Watergate coverage. Previous to his association with CBS, he was a writer and editor for NBC. In January 1976 he joined Carter's campaign staff as television advisor.

President Carter's chief speech writer Fallows has been associated with TEXAS MONTHLY since 1975 and is winner of the INGAA-University of Missouri Award for excellence in business, financial, and economics reporting for the year ending May 31, 1976, for his article, "The Great Airline War," which appeared in the December 1975 issue of TEXAS MONTHLY. Raised in Redlands, California, the 27-year-old Fallows was a Rhodes Scholar and editor of the Harvard student newspaper.

Senior editor Griffin Smith, jr., 35, who has been with TEXAS MONTHLY since January 1973, is a native of Little Rock, Arkansas. Former editor of the student newspaper at Rice University, where he also earned his B.A. in history, Smith holds a master's degree in government from Columbia University and studied at St. Catherine's College, Oxford University. A member of the State Bar of Texas, Smith served as an attorney in the Estate and Gift Tax Division of the Internal Revenue Service and later served as Chief Counsel of the Texas Senate Interim Drug Study Committee. Since 1973, he has been editorial consultant to the Natural Areas Survey Project at the University of Texas. While at TEXAS MONTHLY, he was awarded the 1975 Stanley Walker Award for Outstanding Journalism from the Texas Institute of Letters.

TEXAS MONTHLY, an award-winning magazine based in Austin, Texas, marks its fourth anniversary with the February 1977 issue. It has a paid circulation of 200,000

Grandpaw Says

-Hi-

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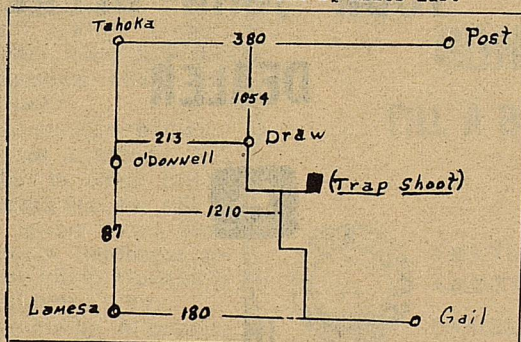
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Atlanta- Thursday, cattlemen's other woes were expressed here at the National Cattlemen's Association convention where U.S. Sen. George McGovern's Select Committee on Nutrition has them "boiling mad."

"Senator McGovern's Select Committee on Nutrition issued a report urging reduced meat consumption and implying a relationship with heart disease," said Wray Finney, president of the association.

Contending there is absolutely no scientific basis for the committee's position, Finney said, "The report is simply a collection of pre-formed biases aimed at assuring the continuation of the committee-not at helping the American consumer."

Finney contended that no valid evidence shows that eating less meat or consuming grass-fed beef will reduce the chance of heart disease.



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