

# **4-H Members**

Attend Camp

Seven 4-H members from Borden County were cooler than the rest of us this past week. They were all a part of a group of 150 attending the 4-H Electric Camp, located 28 miles southeast of Cloudcroft, New Mexico, high in the Sacramento Mountains. The camp is sponsored by Southwestern Public Service Company.



Don Pemberton, a Southwestern instructor, is shown talking to, front row, left to right: Van Lee York, Ben Murphy and Cole Herring. Back row, left to right: Darrell Green, Tammy Merritt, Gena McLeroy and Carla Jones.

Borden County Cowgirls competing in top four\_for AJRA Championships -- Gayla Newton, Talley Griffin, and Mayme McLaury.



Congratulations to Larry and Ellen Reeder on the birth of a new baby girl. Kristy Kay was born July 26th weighing 7lbs 3 1/2 ozs. The Reeder's live in Stephenville. Iva Reeder is the proud grandmother.







We are proud to announce the arrival of Faith Leigh Pewitt. Faith Leigh is new daughter of Nathan and Philena Pewitt. Faith was born July 30th and weighed in at 61bs 9ozs. The proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Farmer of Borden County and Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Pewitt of Lamesa. We now have our baby girl in the family!

Three big nights of rodeo action, beautiful Queen candidates, a parade, a dance and around 400 entries will all combine this weekend to meke the 1978 Lamesa Rodeo on e of the best ever.

The seven directors of the Lamesa Rodeo Association are pulling all stops to give the Dawson County area a rodeo to remember beginning with the parade Thursday evening beginning at 5 on through to the final awards and the crowning of a queen Saturday night.

Charlie Thompson's C-T Rodeo Stock of Lubbock is billed as the best there is for an amateur rodeo and all his bulls are leased for use at the national finals every year.

A bull scramble, barrelracing, bull riding, saddle branc

## Lamesa Rodeo Begins **Thursday Night**

and bare back branc riding, calf roping, county junior barrel racing, open calf riping and association calf roping and team roping are on tap for the three nights and Saturday morning of rodeo action.

Seven lovely young ladies are vying for the title of Queen of the 1979 Lamesa Rodeo and one will be crowned Saturday evening. The girls will be judged on the number of ticket and raffle sales, horsemanship, and personality. The 1978 Queen Lauri Britt will crown the new Queen. The drawing for the pair of boots will be held Saturday night.

Queen candidates include Debra Kountz, Lanier Beck-meyer, Terri Mires, Pam Harper, Jana Harris and Melissa Webb.

Entries for the rodeo will be taken by phone only by calling the rodeo headquarters number, 872-3175, between -noon and 6 p.m. Wednesday Aug. 2.

Admission to the rodeo will be \$2,50 for adults and \$1,50 children under 12 years of age.

Thursday night the action begins with the parade and at 5:30 p.m. the Sheriff's Posse will begin the Bar-B-Q which will be held at the fairgrounds area in one of the community buildings. The rodeo begins at 8:30 p.m. with a dance set for 9 p.m. at the National Guard Armory with "The Rex Thomas Band" play-ing the music.

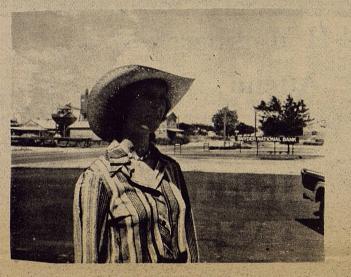
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# Local AJRA News



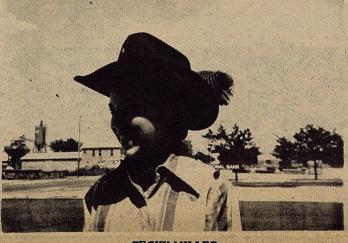
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MAYME McLAURY (16-19) age group--Mayme qualified in Barrels,



TALLEY GRIFFIN (13-15) age group--THey qualified in Barrels, Break-away Roping, Ribbon Roping, aand Goat Tying.



BECKY MILLER (13-15) age group--Becky qualified in Polebending Break-away Roping and Ribbon Roping.



BRICE KEY

(12 and under) age group--Brice qualified in Boys Bareels.



PERRY SMITH (16-19) age group--Perry qualified in Ribbon Roping.

The American Junior Rodeo Association National Finals Rodeo will be held in Snyder, Texas, at the Scurry County Coliseum August 8-12 at 8:00 p.m. each night sponsored by the Snyder Chamber of Commerce and Scurry County Board of Development. AJRA was founded 26 years ago by Alvin Davis of Post, Texas. Secretary-Manager of the Association is Leslie McFadden of Rankin, Texas.

# **AJRA National Finals**

The AJRA continues to grow this year. There are 758 members this year, shich is the largest membership in the history of AJRA. The members are under 19 years of age, with some as young as eight. In order to be eligible to compete at the Finals, a member must place in the event he wishes to enter sometime during the year. Approximately 30 WJRA shows are held throughout the season. Some members have taken a good lead in certain events before arriving for the Finals, and others are still competing so close that only a few cents could keep them from winning the championship. This situation keeps the Finals quite thrilling and exciting

until the very last night. Yearly awards will be presented at the end of Saturday night's performance.

The AJRA National Finals

is a week of competition the young emebers and their families look forward to all year. They travel long and hard all year competing and building their points to the possibility of winning for themselves a title of "Junior World Champion".

Stock producer for this year is Burrell Markum, Valley Rodeo Company, of Valley Mills, Texas. Rick Chatman will be the clown. Jim Miller of Rapid City, South Dakota, and Marv Pierce, with K-Bob's Steak House of Sweetwater, will be announcers.

Cheryl Kiner and her "Texas Fiddle Band" will be featured at the performances and will play for the dance to be held following the performances on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday at the Ag Complex adjacent to the coliseum.

The National Finals Queen will be chosen on Friday, August 11. She will receive a \$200 trophy buckle made by Gary Gist of California. The Queen will be chosen by the most advance tickets sold in her honor. Queen Candidates are: Tammy Bruns, Snyder; Marcie Wagner, El Paso; Christie Adams, Big Spring; Sissie Doss, Big Spring; and Laurie Sharp, Kermit.

Some of the awards for the AJRA National Finals include 36 trophy saddles; 60 trophy buckles; 30 awards jackets; \$ \$3,000 added to the short-go by the Snyder Chamber of Commerce and Scurry County Board of Development; High Point Calf Roper bronze by Dubb Tubb; High Point Bull Rider bronze by Dr. Robert Taylor; All-Around Champion bronze by Terry Gilbreth; Joe York "Rookie of the Year" award (to 12 and under age group; Sportmanship buckles to boy and girl of 16-19 age group; PRCA Award-All Around Cowboy; Alvin Davis Founders Award; and George Paul Bull Riding Trophy.

Tickets for the five nights performances may be purchased through the Finals Queen contestants or at the Snyder Chamber of Commerce. Advance tickets will be sold as follows: Adults, \$2.00 and Children, \$1.00. Tickets sold at the door will be \$2.50 and \$1.50. All box seats will be sold at the Snyder Chamber of Commerce office only and are \$3.50 each.

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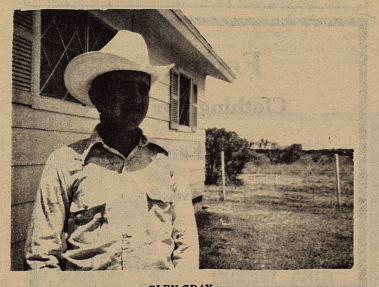
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GLEN GRAY (13-15) age group--Glen qualified in Tie Down Roping, Ribbon Roping, Break-away Roping, Team Roping.



Two Snyder girls named candidates for "Miss AJRA" Jamie Hataway and Tanya Boydston of Snyder have been named

candidates for "Miss AJRA" for 1978-79. There are four other candidates -- Sharla Howard of Lamesa, Texas; Sabrina Pike of Albuquerque, New Mexico; Carola Cox of Meridian, Texas; and Pam Powers of Sonora, Texas. These candidates are voted on and selected by the entire AJRA membership. Mandy Tubb of Snyder is now reining Miss AJRA and she will crown the New Miss AJRA on Friday night of the Finals Aug.11.



## LESA BARNES AND EURDIST RINEHART Lesa Barnes, Rinehart plan Aug. 25 marriage

Mr. and Mrs. James Telchik of Route 1, O'Donnell announce the engagement and approaching marriage of her sister, Lesa Suzanne Barnes to Eurdist Clair Rinehart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rinehart of Borden County.

Both are 1978 graduates of Borden County High School. Rinehart is currently engaged in farming. An August 25 wedding has been planned by the

couple in the home of the bride's aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. B.R. Barnes, 1601 S. 8th in Lamesa.

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## Rodeo

scramble when a \$ 20 bill is put on a bull's neck and it is turned loose in the arena while a number of cowboys go after it. If the \$20 bill is not taken the first night, it will be joined by another \$20 bill the second night and so on up ot the third night when perhaps a \$60 prize will be waiting the brave cowboy wo challenges the bull.

The kid's goat race (for 12 years and under) will be held eanch night with a \$5.00 prize awainting the winner each evening.

The association calf roping and team roping is set for Saturday beginning at 8:00 a.m.

area invited to join. The open calf roping will not have an entry fee.

The saddles which will be awarded to the Lamesa Roping Association top calf roper and team ropers have been donated

by the Lamesa Rodeo Association and Don Ethredge of Cowboy Supply.

Members of the Lamesa Rodeo Association are Dallas Vaughn, President, Corky Ogden, Vice President, Don Ethredge, Secretary, Gary Woodul Richard Reid, Kenneth Thomas and Greg Addison.

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> The AMAG Employees Federal Credit Union has announced the successful completion of its' first full quarter of operation. The local credit union was initiated during January of this year and has grown significantly since inception. The current mem. bership is 106 with share accounts of \$20,000.00 and a loan balance of \$15,000.00, ac-cording to David K. Henderson,

Treasurer. Credit unions are non-profit cooperation institutions or-

ganized to provide thrift services to members. To become a credit union member, one must have a "common bond" with members of the credit union. In this case, the "com-mon bond" involves working at the same firm, American Magnesium Company, Snyder, Texas.

"We are pleased to offer the additional services to our employees which our credit union can supply," stated Henderson. Historically, credit unions have had two purposes-to provide a systematic savings program and to extend helpful credit at reasonable cost. The AMAG Employees Federal Credit Union is looking forward to a dividend rate of 5 1/2% on normal share accounts held during 1978.





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### **ASCS** News

Failed Acreage Destroyed Wi-thout Feed or Other Benefit: Current regulations provide that a program crop affected by a disaster shall be appraised when the acreage will not be harvested for grain or lint. Furthermore, the appraised potential production shall be counted as production in determining eligibility and the amount of low yield payments (even though the producer may destroy the crop without any benefit). CHANGE-Waiver of Appraisal by Farm Operator:

Regulations will be amended to provide that a disaster affected program crop need not be appraised (or charged with an appraisal) and will abve an assigned yield of zero when the farm operator:

1. Files an ASCS-574 and certifies the acreage and the COC determines that the crop is disaster affected (either based on knowledge about the individual case or a farm visit).

2. Signs on agreement of understanding that:

(a) The potential production is so low that carrying the crop to harvest will not be feasible.

(b) The affected program crop will be mechanically destroyed wighout feed or other benefit.

(c) The affected acreage, even if normally double cropped, will not be subsequently devoted to:

(a) Another nonconserving crop (extending fall seeded crops for harvest the next year), or,

(b) A conserving crop for harvest (including hay or green chop) other than grazing.

(d) Should the agreement be violated, a yield shall be assigned to the affected acres. This change will allow a

producer to destroy disaster affected crop acres without having the acreage appraised and still be eligible for low yield disaster payments based on the planted acres. Payment computatuins are based on the following:

Cotton-Ac. for Payment x (75% of Established Yield) less Actual Production x 17.3¢ per lb.

Gr. Sorg.-Ac. for Payment x (60% of Established Yield) less Actual Production x \$1.14 per bushel.

Wheat-Ac. for Payment x (60% of Established Yield) less Actual Production x \$1.50 per bushel.

Supplemental wheat payment will be made after September 30 at rate increase of \$1.70 per bushel (The increase is delayed by law until then)



**RODEO QUEEN CANDIDATES** — Lauri Britt, center, 1977 Lamesa Rodeo Queen, surrounded by the 1978 Queen candidates. Left to right, Debra Kountz,

3. If Congress and the

Administration do not excessively delay a

Liquid Metal Fast Breeder Reactor demon-

stration project, un-employment could (a) increase (b) decrease

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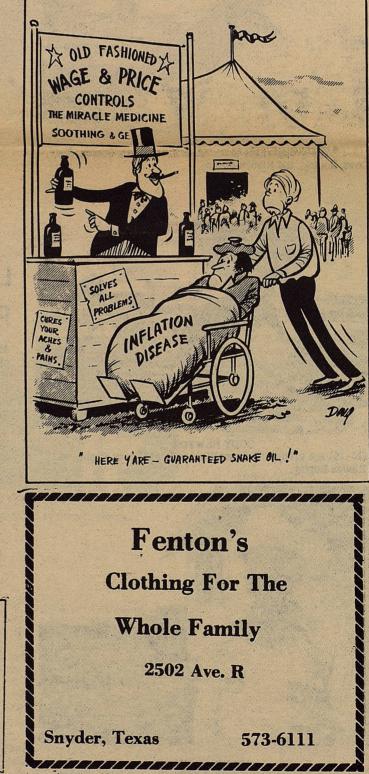
(c) stay the same?

Have you many mental resources on the subject of

energy and the economy? This quiz can help you tell.

Lanier Beckmeyer, Terri Mires, Pam Harper, Jana Harris, and Melissa Webb. The new queen will be crowned on the final night of the rodeo. (Staff Photo)

### **BAD MEDICINE**





1. Energy experts esti-



2. Increased energy consumption tends to cause the unemployment rate to (a) increase (b) decrease (c) stay the same?

much 4. How coal contribute to our total energy utilization? (a) 75 percent (b) 46 percent (c) 20 percent?

problems with mine safety, environmental effects, strip mining and the like, coal contributes less than 20 percent of our total energy utilization. employment and the environment. 4. (c) Because of create their own fuel. That would help the economy increase our available energy at lower costs since they employment and energy consumption. As the last rises, so, usually, do the other two. 3. (b) Plants like that, large enough to run commercially, could ANSWERS: 1. (a) If oil use is held at the current level, our domestic supply would disappear in under 50 years. 2. (b) Historically, there has been a close correlation between the Gross National Product, ampliquent and approvement one let approximation of the last



# What's Hap-Nin Around Town

Michael Murphy, son of Brent and Pat, had eye surgery Fri-day July 28th. in Herman Hosp-now and reported doing well.

Jerry and Carolyn Stone went to Houston Wednesday July 26th. Carolyn was to have a check-up.

Billy Wills flew to Houston Tuesday August 1st. for a check-up.

Jym Hendricks was taken to Lubbock Thursday July 27th by ambulance. Jym had a heart attack and is under going test in Method<sup>1St</sup> Hospital.

Ty Wills got his cast off his leg this past week, but con't walk on it for 3 weeks.

Delmo Pierce was in Gail visiting and doing a little business Friday. Delmo lives in El Paso but still feels at home here in Gail.

Creighton, Susan and Jay Taylor moved to Amarillo Saturday. Creighton will be working for a welding Company. We all hate to see them leave but wish them the very best of luck in their new job.

The Stone's, Daugherty's, and Ridenour's have been making several 4-H Play Day's. The Stone's and Daugherty's went to Roaring Springs. The Daugherty's and Ridenour's went to a playday at Vernon and all three families to Plains. It was reported that they brought home several trophies and buckles from these events. Congratulaions!

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Smith, Perry and Kristy, Ricky and Sandra, Kenneth, Exa and Nichol Cunningham and Glenn and Jackie Powell and sons went to Red River Saturday night for a picnic. (Glenn you didn't have to come to Gail, after-all, to get your name in the paper!) Larry, Wanda and Perry went to Wichita Falls this past week-end to visit. Kristy is going to summer school in Wichita Falls.

#### Don Cox was in Wichita Falls last week to visit Donna and while there visited with Tommy and Rosalie Haeglin. Tommy and family were in Wichita Falls visiting with Shawnna and David Johnson.

Rex, Teresa and Justin Cox went to Wichita Falls Friday and then on to Oklahoma for the weekend. Seems nearly half of Borden County was in Whichita Falls this last week.

## News

**4-H** 

4-H Members from Borden County competed in county record judging this past week. All of htese joungsters records will compete at the District record judging Aug. 31st. in Lubbock, All entries received blue ribbon awards at the county level . Entries were Senior sheep record-Glynda Burkett, Junior sheep record-Michael Murphy and Mickey Burkett, Jr. Santa-Achievement-Kristi Stome, Jr. Swine record Julie Ridenour, Jr. Horse record-Carl Daugherty, Jr. Achi-evement Girl-Kim Wills. All of these youngsters had outstanding records and should represent Borden Co. well at the District.

## **4-H Horse Show**

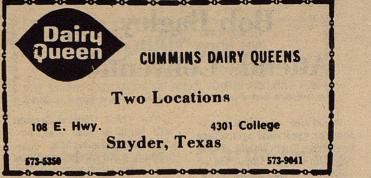
The annual Borden County 4-H horseshow is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. August 22nd. at the Borden Co. Rodeo Arena. The classes will be generally the same as in the past.

Donations are being taken for trophies to be given during the horse show. The Gail Roping Club has donated six sets of trophies for the event. A trophy set cost is \$10.00, anyone wishing to contribute contact County Extension office at 856-4201. A total of 23 sets of trophies will be needed . Watch for upcoming schedule of events and age groups in next 2 weeks paper.

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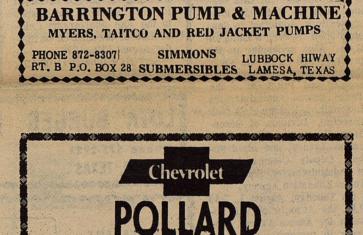
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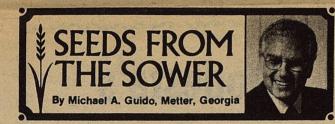


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terfeit bills.

The word "counterfeit" means "a copy made in imi- gious are really godly people," tation of something else to said our Lord. "They may deceive." These men hoped refer to Me as 'Lord,' but to go to a paradise by their still won't get to heaven. For deception. Instead they are the decisive question is whethin prison.

States makes bills, there will will tell Me, 'Lord, Lord, we be counterfeit bills. And as told others about You and long as Christianity makes used Your name to cast out believers, there will be coun- demons and to do many other terfeit believers. No one imi- great miracles.' But I will tates anything that is worth- reply, 'You have never been less, not even the Devil.

You will find counterfeit deeds are evil'." bills in circulation, and you

Some time ago the FBI will find counterfeit believers nabbed four men with four in churches. But you will not million dollars worth of coun- find any counterfeit believers in Heaven.

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# **Bob Bagley Attends Convention**

In-service education workshop for vocational agriculture teachers, Fort Worth, Texas July 31st-August 4th, 1978.

Vocational Agriculture Teachers, some 1,600 strong, will gather in Fort Worth, July 31st 1978 for the Annual In-Service Education Workshop and Meeting sponsored by the Vocatio-nal Agriculture Education Department of the Texas Education Agency, Austin, Texas, under the direction of J.A. Marshall, State Director, Vo-cational Agriculture Education.

Attending the In-Service Ed-ucation Workshop from Gail, Texas will be the following Vocational Agriculture Teacher: Bob Bagley.

Registration will begin at 3:00 P.M., Monday, July 31, at the Sheraton-Fort Worth hotel, according to U.D. Ad-ams, President, Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas. The First Gen-eral Session will begin at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, Aug.1, in the Centre Theater Tarrent County Convention Center. The keynote speaker for this ses-sion will be Fred McClure, Agriculture Addidtant to Sen-ator John Tower, Washington D.C. Also appearing on the program will be Delwin Webb, Superintendent of Schools, Abernathy and President of the Texas School Administrators Association, Hayden McDaniel, Director, Division of Secondary Programs, Texas Edu-cation Agency, and Alton Bo-wen, Deputy Commissioner of Administrative Services, Texas Education Agency.

On Tuesday, August 1, 7:30 P.M. the Association will sponsor the Annual Awards Pro-gram to present tenure pins to the membership and other awards to Legislators, School Administrators, Texas news media, individual teacher awards to Legislators, Schoolards and to individuals who have contributed to the progress of Agriculture Educa-tion and the activities of the Future Farmers o America.

On Wednesday and Thursday the teachers will take part in Area Meetings and ten In-Service Education

Workshops. These workshops are conducted on the following tipics: Estate Planning (Ag-riLaw); Communications (Pub-lic Relations, Publicity, and Photography); Community In-volvement in Adult Education; First and Second Year Teachers; CVAE-VEH (General Farm and Ranch Mechanical Repair and Horticulture Related); Creative Teaching; Explanation of New National Judging Contests; Horticulture; Organization and Better Use of Time; Multiple Teacher Departments.

The speaker for the 2nd. General Session on Wednesday will be Mrs. Cecil Wright, Consultnat Occupational Educaion and Technology, Texas Education Agency, Austin.

The Third General Session will begin at 9:00 A.M. on Thursday, August 3rd. Appearing on the program will be Joe Griffin, Hummorist, Dallas Texas and Steve Richie, President Combat Pilots Association of America, Golden, Colorado.

A Membership Meeting for the VATAT will be held on thursday 7:30-9:00 P.M. in the Centre Theater of the Tarrent County Convention Center, U.D. Adams, Associatoon President, will conduct the meeting. On Friday the teachers will meet in area meetings and plan their In-Service Education meeting for the 1978-79 school year. Activities and entertainment

are also planned throughout the four-day meeting for the wives who will be attending the meeting.

Approximately 1,600 Vocat-ional Agriculture teachers and friends are expected to attend the workshop.

The members of the Berry Flat Baptist Church invite all former members and friends to the 70th Anniversary Celebration of the Church on Sunday August 13th, 1978. Service will be at 11:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M.

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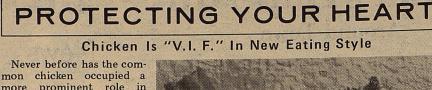
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prominent role in more American eating habits. As homemakers search for appealing low saturated fat dishes to tempt their families, the chicken has become a "Very Important Food." More and more doctors are urging Americans to decrease the amount of saturated fat in their menus and increase the amount of cholesterol-lowering foods. This means eating fewer dairy products and fatty meats and more poultry, fish and vegetable oils.

Chicken plays a big role in the program. More enticing ways to serve the "V.I.F." are needed. This Chicken and Rice duet is a good solution. It is a one-dish meal which means little cleanup. And it is low in saturated fat and high in polyunsaturates. Various spices and vivid green peas, chopped tomatoes, parsley and onion co-star with rice, chicken and Fleischmann's Corn Oil Margarine. Fleischmann's Margarine

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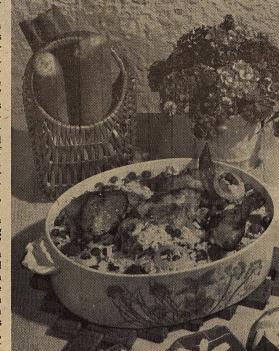
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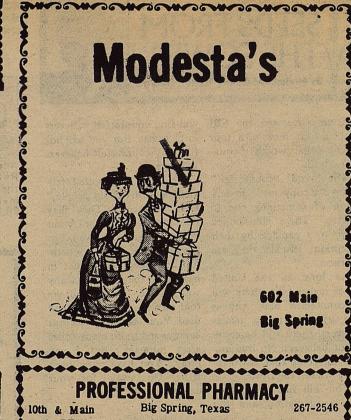
1/4 teaspoon pepper 1 medium bay leaf

1 medium clove garlic, minced

1-1/4 cups uncooked rice 1 package (10 ounces) frozen peas

Heat corn oil margarine and oil in Dutch oven or large heavy saucepan. Add chicken and brown well. Add tomatoes, chicken broth, onion, parsley, salt, pepper, bay leaf and garlic. Cover and cook over low heat 25 minutes. Add rice and cook 10 minutes; stir occasionally. Add peas and cook 10 minutes longer, or until done and all liquid is absorbed. Makes 6 servings.





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## Gun Control Legislation

### By Phyllis Schlafly

When Congress recesses for campaingning this year, among the bills that will be left in the circular file are the gun control bills.

Letters from the American people run 18-to-1 against such legislation and the issue is too hot to touch in an election year.

Proponents of gun control are fond of trotting out a battery of statistics to justify their creative interpretation of the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The banning or registration fo firearms is needed, they say, because "studies show" that such laws lead to a reduced crime rate.

There is no hard evidence to support that hypothesis. A massive 1975 University of Wisconsin study concluded that gun control laws have "no individual or collective effect in reducing the rate of crime." The study compared homicide rates to rates of handgun ownership, state by state, and found no correlation.

Last year, GMA Research Corporation surveyed police officials and found that they place little faith in additional gun control laws as a means of reducing crime. More than 80 percent of the 6,000 res-

pondents felt that existing gun control legislation has no effect of crime in their area. A 1977 national poll by Decision Making Information, a respected national opinion survey firm, showed that 67 percent of the American people believe that additional gun controls are not an effective means to control crime.

Many experts believe that the unrestricted availability of guns actually gelps in preventing crime. St. Louis University Law School Professor Don Kates Jr. points out that armed shopkeepers often foil robberies. His data show that armed civilians capture, wound, kill or scare off criminals in 75 percent of reported confront ations, while the police success rate is only 61 percent.

Above and beyond any empirical evidence about the use of guns for good and bad purposes is the constitutional argument for the right of American citizens to own firearms. The Second Amendment states simply: "A well-regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed."

The gun control advocates try to argue that the right of the people to keep and bear arms is not an individual right, but a collective right which pertains only to the state militia. For authority they site the 1939 U.S. Supreme Court opinion in United States vs. Miller, which appears to support this view.

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## EDITORIAL RESOURCE SECTION

Perspective on Wage and Price Controls

"The fight against inflation is not going well," reported Barry Bosworth to Congress recently. This candid admission by the director of the White House Council on Wage and Price Stability stirred fears among leading businessmen and economists that some form of wage and price controls are on the way.

Deceleration Theory

The administration's current strategy in controlling inflation is "deceleration." If businesses hold their price increases below those of last year and labor leaders seek smaller wage boosts, the theory goes, the inflationary buildup can be gradually chipped away without serious economic consequences.

Holding down wage and price increases is to accomplished by ''jawboning''—using the power and prestige of the White House in the person of Presidential inflation counselor Robert Strauss to pressure business and labor into moderating their demands.

Opponents of administration policy believe it addresses the symptoms of inflation, not the causes. They argue that inflation is not caused by business and labor, that these groups are merely trying to stay even with governmentally induced inflation. They feel that as long as the administration refuses to recognize the real cause of inflation, it is likely to look to an easy solution in stronger wage and price controls.

#### **Fueling Inflation**

Critics point to a number of actions taken by the federal government which have forced up the rate of inflation. They include:

• Running a projected \$50 billion budget deficit this year, coming four years into our economic recovery.

• Spending an estimated \$500 billion in fiscal 1979, an increase of 24 per cent in two years—well beyond the expected increase in inflation for this period.

• Allowing the money supply to grow at a 7.3 per cent rate in the last year with continued

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growth at 8 per cent, a rate of growth inconsistent with stable prices.

 Putting pressure on coal operators to agree to a contract which the administration itself now concedes is inflationary.
Increasing the minimum

wage—a move that both raises prices and destroys jobs. Ineffective But Costly

These critics contend that the administration's current antiinflation strategy, while ineffective, is not without costs. This is because it focuses attention away from the real causes of inflation. They fear that the failure of this program will cause the administration to look to stronger controls—rather than to re-examine the premises on which current policy is based.

On the surface, wage and price controls seem to offer a simple solution to a complex problem. Unfortunately, our two most recent experiments with anti-inflation controlsfrom 1962 to 1966 and from 1971 to 1974-resulted in even higher rates of inflation when controls were lifted. And as George Hagedorn, chief economist of the National Association of Manufacturers, has pointed out, 'in each case, inflationary forces became so strong that (controls were) helpless to resist them and had become an economically disruptive factor.'

#### Political Appeal

In 1968, Richard Nixon stated that wage and price controls "do not work, can never be administered equitably and are not compatible with a free economy." Nixon's subsequent imposition of wage and price controls in 1971 indicated the enormous political appeal of such a policy. Resisting the pressures for increased federal spending, on the other hand, has been politically impossible.

However, opponents of controls are encouraged by the recent vote to limit taxes in California. This suggests, they argue, that a genuine antiinflation policy consisting of fiscal and monetary restraint may now be feasible.

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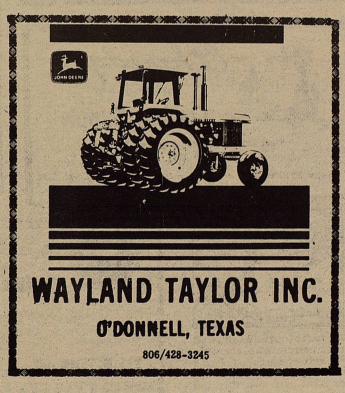
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The legislative history of the Second Amendment shows that it was passed only after the Congress decisively rejected a motion to insert the words "for the common defense" after the words "to bear arms." This demonstrates a clear intent by the Founding Fathers not to limit the right to bear arms to the common defense.

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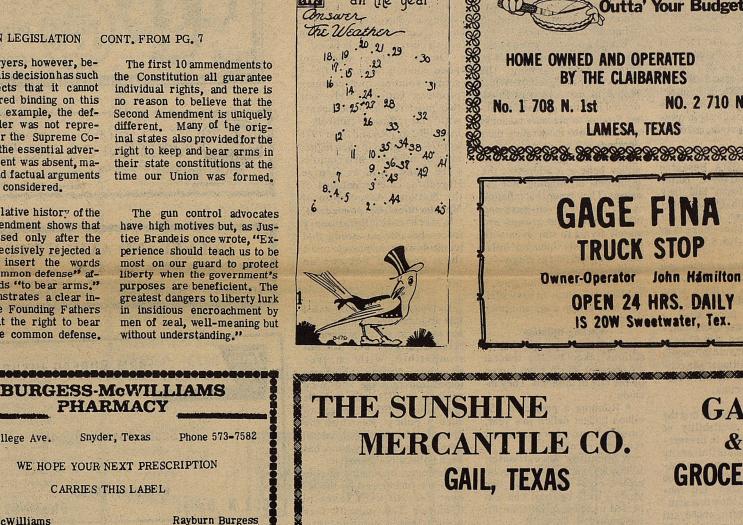
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individual rights, and there is no reason to believe that the Second Amendment is uniquely different. Many of the orig-inal states also provided for the right to keep and bear arms in their state constitutions at the time our Union was formed.

The gun control advocates have high motives but, as Justice Brandeis once wrote, "Experience should teach us to be most on our guard to protect liberty when the government's purposes are beneficient. The greatest dangers to liberty lurk in insidious encroachment by men of zeal, well-meaning but without understanding."



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