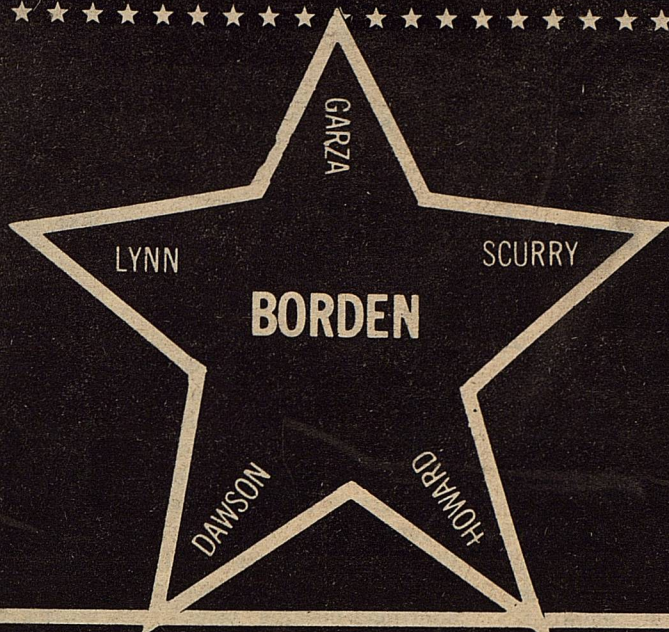


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New BHS Staff Members



Kay Hopper

English & Speech

Mrs. Rickey Hopper of Snyder will be teaching English and speech in high school. Mrs. Hopper is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University.



Bonnie Brumley

Homemaking & Home and Family Living

Mrs. Michael Brumley will be teaching Homemaking and Home and Family Living. Mrs. Brumley is a 1973 graduate of Texas Tech University.

Borden County teachers and students are busily getting ready for the first day of school, Tuesday, September 4, only 12 days away!

Student registration will begin Friday, August 31 following this schedule:

- 9:00-10:30 Seniors
- 10:30-12:00 Juniors
- 1:00-2:30 Sophomores
- 2:30-4:00 Freshmen

All books will be issued to high school students on the day of registration.

The school will observe the following time schedule beginning September 4:

- 8:20 a.m. School begins
- 12:00 noon Lunch
- 3:30 School will dismiss

Buses will run according to the above schedule on the first day.

Parents are invited to visit the school at any time during the school year. A special invitation is extended to parents to attend the opening assembly beginning on September 4 at 8:30 a.m.



Kim Fisher

Band & Music

Kim Fisher will be directing the Coyote Band. Mr. Fisher is a native of Sudan, Texas and is a recent graduate of Lubbock Christian College.



Dennis Teeters

English, Tennis & History

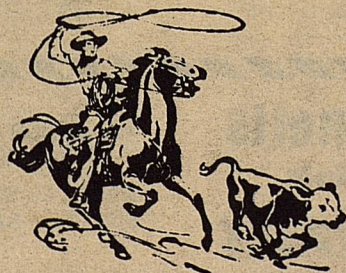
Dennis Teeters of Knapp will teach English in high school and junior high. American History in high school, and also coach tennis. Dennis is a graduate of the University of Texas - Permian Basin.

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Congressman
Charles W. Stenholm

Congressional Comment

WASHINGTON, D.C. — According to traditional economic thinking, inflation is caused by excess demand in relation to supply and a recession is the result of a decrease in the economic growth rate. Ten years ago most economists would have told you that it was impossible to experience both of these problems at the same time. The Recession of 1975 overturned this concept as we faced double digit inflation and large scale unemployment. Outdated proposals were used to combat "stagflation." The emphasis was placed on stimulating the demand for goods. We printed more money in order to spend more and found ourselves with a much larger Federal debt, and a greater number of Federal programs. The issue of inflation was not adequately addressed and it is still with us today.

As we now appear headed for another economic downturn, it is time to start planning how we will face the next recession. The Joint Economic Committee (JEC), under the leadership of our own Senator Bentsen, has proposed that more emphasis be placed on the supply side of the economy. With increased production we can promote employment and decrease inflation at the same time. By encouraging businesses to modernize their plant and equipment, more goods will be produced and more workers will be hired.

Clearly, we can do better than we have done in the past. The Joint Economic Commit-

tee has advocated a responsible plan which I believe should be adopted. These policies include moderation in fiscal and monetary policy to fight inflation. A reduction of tax barriers is needed to improve competitiveness and increase productivity, growth, and employment. Accelerated depreciation rates would allow businesses to invest in new plant and equipment. A liberalized unemployment tax credit would help employers hire more workers. The JEC also called for a concerted effort to reduce redtape and regulation to promote efficiency and speed economic development. It is my belief that my proposed sunset bill would reduce unnecessary government spending and regulation. This legislation would require government programs to be reauthorized by Congress every 10 years or they would go out of existence. Also we should adopt a two-tier regulation system that would relieve some of the compliance costs for small businesses. Traditionally, government regulation has been applied equally to all firms across the board, without regard to the company size or impact on the economy. It is time that the Congress and regulatory agencies provide flexibility in all regulations that would reduce paperwork and compliance costs for small businesses.

A commitment to these goals would do a great deal to improve economic stability at home and improve our leadership position around the world.

Washington Refines a Gasoline Shortage

By Jay Van Andel and Richard M. DeVos

As lines at gasoline stations spread from California to the East Coast, the question on most people's minds was "Who's responsible?"

The oil companies, Iran, OPEC, and even independent truckers-themselves deeply affected by fuel prices and shortages-became scapegoats in the worst "fuel crisis" since the Arab Oil Embargo of 1973.

It appears, however, that the shortage can be attributed to the federal government, the media, and a nervous public. The federal government started the problem by applying price controls to domestic crude oil, thereby increasing our reliance on the OPEC cartel. It added to the problem by applying environmental restrictions to domestic drilling. It compounded the problem by mandating that non-leaded gas, which requires about 20 percent more crude oil, be used.

It further confused the issue by prohibiting, for environmental reasons, construction of new refineries needed for Alaskan crude. And it now proposes to add a high tax

to oil production in the twisted belief that this will somehow create more oil.

With all the confusion created by government intervention in the marketplace, it then set about to allocate gasoline supplies instead of letting the free market operate. The effect was a constantly changing system of priorities which resulted in full gasoline storage tanks and closed gas stations-almost within sight of each other!

Well-intentioned comments by news reporters and disc jockeys on local radio stations warning motorists: "You'd better fill up today because it looks like most stations will be closed over the weekend" then produced long lines in many cities. There is little doubt that the extensive TV coverage of the lines in California was a factor in creating the hysteria which later gripped major eastern cities.

Reacting to the media reports and the shoulder shrugging of politicians and bureaucrats alike, many people have been hoarding gasoline. With 110 million autos in the

country, it is not difficult to understand why fuel stocks dwindle, if only 5 more gallons of gasoline are stored in those cars each week, that takes 550 million gallons out of the stations' supplies. That is what happens when drivers "top off" while they still have plenty of fuel.

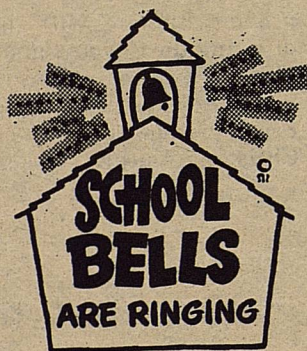
Surely the reporting of the media and the panic reactions of the public have helped to shrink supplies; but the hand of big government, meddling in the marketplace, is the real cause of the lines at the gasoline stations. Nothing was learned from the 1973 embargo, and it appears the same mistakes will be repeated indefinitely. No one in government seems to understand the simplest solution-let the free market system operate.

(Note: Richard M. DeVos is President and co-founder of Amway Corp., Ada, Michigan. Jay VanAndel is Chairman of the Board of Amway, and also is serving during 1979 as Chairman of the Board of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.)

Brands Still Being Considered

Nominations for Borden County brands to be selected for use in the Robert J. Kleberg Jr. Center at Texas A & M are still being taken. Forms to use in nominating a Brand can be picked up in the County Judge's office. The County Livestock Subcommittee of the Program Building Committee will review all nominations and select 10 on the basis of historical significance, etc., the brand must still be in use.

Please pick up forms and send your nominations to the County Agent's office as soon as possible.



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What's Hap-nin

The Jim Burketts spent last week vacationing in Coudcroft, New Mexico. They reported a good time but lots of rain.



Jarrell and Jana Edwards and Jana Love are in southern Colorado backpacking for a couple of days.



Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gilmore are leaving this week for a trip to Colorado. They plan to spend a couple of weeks vacationing in the Rockies.



Joe and Julie Wells of San Angelo were weekend house guests of Janice and Dorothy Browne.

Births

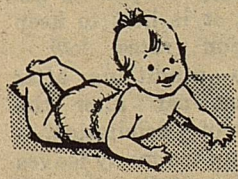
Keith and Jackie Hackfeld of Rt. 1 are parents of a 7 lb. 14 oz. baby boy born Aug. 10 at 3 p.m. at Malone-Hogan Hospital, Big Spring. He has been named Brandon Keith.



Tony and Donna Issaacs of Fluvanna announce the arrival of their son, Joe Thad.

He was born July 25, 1979.

Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Martin Parks of Fluvanna and Mr. Leonard Issaacs of the Plains Community.



Kyle and Valancia Ditto are the proud parents of a baby boy born August 18 at Hogan-Malone Hospital. He has been named Shea Kyle and weighed 6lbs. 10oz.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Son Ditto of Knott and Mr. and Mrs. Horace Rankin of Big Spring.

Ambulance News

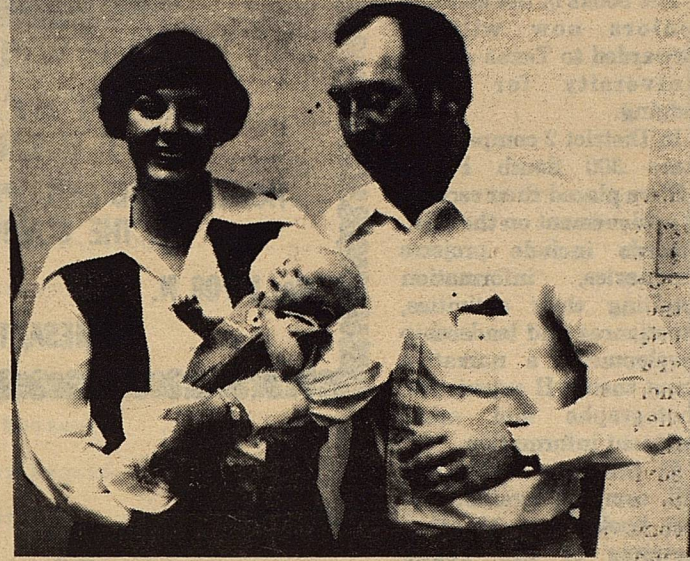
Ronnie, Donna and Neal Adams were weekend visitors of Don, Rex, Teresa and Justin Cox.



Perry Smith had good luck over the week-end. Perry placed 5th in the calf roping at Ralls Amateur Rodeo.

The Emergency Medical Technician Course for Borden County residents will begin with registration at 7:00 pm, Thursday, September 4, 1979 at the school meeting room. If as many as 12 people enroll, there will be no tuition fees charged.

Everyone is encouraged to attend.



Tony, Donna and Joe Thad Issaacs

Issaacs Shower

Joe Thad Issaacs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Issaacs of Fluvanna was honored with a gift shower August 17 at the Fluvanna Community Center.

Cake and ice cream was served to numerous friends and relatives.

Hostess's for the occasion were: Beth Jones, Nelva Jones, Gwen Herring, Nanette Belew, Dewey Fay Miller, Ina Lou Smith, Carol Lewis, Mary Howle, Mary Miller, Jennifer Knight, Lynda Baaver, Sue Lloyd, Jacqueline Wills, and Donelle Hensley.

Increase in Cash Receipts May Boost Texas into No. 1

AUSTIN--Texas is presently the No. 3 farm producer in the nation based on cash receipts, but increases recorded during the first few months of this year will boost the state's chances to achieve the top position, according to Agriculture Commissioner Reagan V. Brown.

"It's no secret that Texas wants the No. 1 spot, and we're pushing harder than ever to get it," Brown said. "Compared to last year, increases in farm cash receipts in Texas have outstripped California, the No. 1 state, and exceeded Iowa, which holds the second position."

"My goal as Commissioner has been to help make Texas agriculture No. 1--not only in production but in profits," he commented. "Farming and

ranching must remain profitable if our producers are to continue to supply consumers with abundant food and fiber at reasonable prices."

According to the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service, cash receipts from farm marketings for the first four months of this year were up 28 percent in Texas over the same period in 1978. This is six percent higher than the 22-percent increase recorded for Iowa, and 18 percent above California's. A 136,000-head increase in marketings of fat cattle in Texas was one of the major factors affecting this year's cash receipts.

"For the year at hand, it is very possible that Texas will surpass Iowa, which has held

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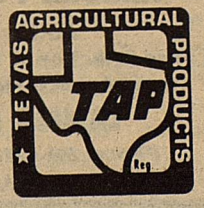
the No. 2 spot for several years," said Brown. "We will probably continue to trail California for now, but we'll be much closer to the top position."

Brown noted that Texas farmers have moved the state past Illinois to capture the No. 3 position, and almost overtook Iowa in 1977. Drought throughout most of the state last year slowed this advance, but improved weather this year, along with expected record yields and increased acreage in several of Texas' major crops, should help this state in its move toward the top.

According to Brown, increased planted acreage and good spring moisture have resulted in predictions of a near-record wheat crop in

Texas, and, with prices improved from a year earlier, should further boost farm cash receipts.

As presently compiled, Texas farm cash receipts statistics do not include total receipts from forest products. When these receipts are added, they will do much to enhance this state's national ranking.



The Heritage Foundation FORUM



LET'S ALL WATCH
SALT II DEBATE

By Edwin Feulner

When Congress returns from its summer recess, debate will begin in earnest on the SALT II Treaty signed last June by President Carter and Soviet Premier Brezhnev.

The pros and cons will be argued at length. Politicians will stake out positions. There will be maneuvering and haggling. Political fortunes will rise and fall. And in the end, despite millions that will be spent by news organizations covering the debate, the American people may very well not understand the terms of the treaty any better than they do today.

Does it decrease the risks of nuclear holocaust? Does it encourage or discourage Soviet military adventurism? Will it increase, decrease, or leave relatively untouched American military strength vis-a-vis the Soviet Union? If the Soviets find it in their best interest to secretly violate the terms of the treaty, will we be able to detect this, and what would we do about it — close our eyes and make believe they didn't cheat; complain loudly and then drop the subject, so as not to make waves; or declare the treaty null and void?

If the treaty is rejected by the United States Senate will the Congress provide necessary funds to upgrade our military arsenal? Instead of rejecting the treaty, might not the Senate — under its constitutional mandate to advise and consent in all treaty decisions — make its approval conditional upon the inclusion of certain provisions not in the present draft: a provision for on-sight inspection, perhaps, or a provision which would count the Soviets' fleet of "Backfire" bombers in its arsenal of nuclear weapons?

All of these questions will arise, in one form or another, in the weeks immediately ahead.

That is why we must recommend to you an important proposal by Senator Jake Garn (R-Utah) which would allow — for the first time ever — live television coverage of a Senate debate.

Upon introducing his resolution, Senator Garn — an outspoken foe of SALT II — said there were two urgent reasons for televising the debate. "The first is that the subject matter is of overwhelming importance. We will not be discussing just another social program, but the strategic balance of world forces. In a very real sense, I expect this debate to concern the defense and foreign policy course this Nation will take for the next 25 years. The American people ought to be vitally interested, and there is every indication that they are vitally interested, in the terms and outcome of this debate." And that interest leads directly into the second reason for televising this debate.

"Cynicism about Government is growing in the land. There are many reasons for its growth, but in my opinion, there is only one cure: that is to make Government accessible to the people. And there is no better way to do that than by making the vital debates of the Congress available to them in the form most easily consumed by everyone: television."

We hope the Senate will afford the American people this opportunity to make an informed choice on this crucial matter. The Senator's proposal makes good sense.

(Feulner is president of The Heritage Foundation, a Washington-based public policy research institution.)



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Top 4-H Record Books Selected

The top ranked 4-H record books in 33 awards programs have been selected to represent District 2 in state competition this month.

They were judged the best representations among 7,624 junior and senior 4-H Club members in the district's 20 counties.

The books of the winning seniors now will be forwarded to Texas A & M University for state judging.

In District 2 competition, some 300 South Plains 4-H'ers placed their records of achievement on the line. Records include projects summaries, information detailing their activities, experiences and leadership development, a narrative about their 4-H experience, photographs and other pertinent information.

At the state level, they will compete against the best books from 13 other districts of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The 4-H program in Texas is administered by the Extension Service.

Senior 4-H'ers are competing for scholarships, plaques, trips to the National 4-H Congress in November and other awards.

Record book competition is the critical measurement of the youths' achievements over the years, explained Mrs. Catherine Crawford and Billy C. Gunter, district Extension agents. The records reveal their consistency in achieving their goals, their experience in 4-H, and their growth and development in personal, community and civic responsibilities and leadership.

Borden County 4-Hers did very well at the District 2 Junior Record Book Judging.

First place ribbons were awarded to Michael Murphy for his sheep record book and Julie Ridenour for her swine record book. Kristi Stone's Santa Fe Achievement record book and Kim Will's Achievement Record book also received first places.

Second place ribbons were awarded to Brandi Campbell for her clothing record book, Carl Daugherty for his horse record book and Wayne Daugherty's Foods and Nutrition.

"To be great is to be misunderstood." Emerson



Wedding Announcement

Don Cox of Gail announces the marriage of his daughter Donna to Mr. Ronnie Adams of Wichita Falls, Texas. The couple were married August 16 and will be making their home in Wichita Falls.



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Harvest-aid Chemicals Useful

Harvest-aid chemicals are useful tools for preparing cotton for harvest, but proper management still remains the key to a profitable harvest, reminds a cotton specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

Dr. Robert B. Metzger says good management of cotton defoliants and desiccants is an essential step toward earlier harvest and higher lint and seed quality.

"Best results with cotton harvest-aid chemicals are obtained when calm, sunny weather is at hand. Temperatures should be above 60 degrees Fahrenheit, and soil moisture and nitrogen levels should be relatively low. Additionally, plants should have stopped vegetative growth and have a high percentage of open bolls," Metzger recommends.

"Actually, the ideal situation is to have uniformly expanded leaves with little or no regrowth," the specialist adds.

He suggests that producers check weather forecasts closely before treating cotton. "If possible, it's best to delay treatment until at least a favorable five-day forecast is received," Metzger says.

The percentage of open bolls is the best guide to use

in determining when to apply harvest-aid chemicals. "Defoliants may be applied when 60 percent or more of the bolls are open. Application of a desiccant, however, should be delayed until 75 percent or more of the bolls are open.

In irrigated cotton, it is desirable to have at least 80 percent open bolls before applying a desiccant," he adds.

Treating cotton too early will not only reduce micronaire value, but will also reduce lint yields, Metzger warns.

Producers are encouraged to add insecticides to harvest-aids to reduce overwintering bollweevils.

The cotton specialist reminds that when conditioning the plant or attempting to open up the canopy, it is best to keep defoliation rates low. Weather conditions after treatment can alter the degree of defoliation. Removing too many leaves can be harmful in terms of reduced yield and encouraging regrowth.

For more detailed information on the use of harvest-aid chemicals, producers should consult their local county Extension agents. The leaflet, L-145, "Cotton Defoliation Guide," also is available at County Extension offices.


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Calendar 1979-1980

	Student Days	Teacher In-Service and Workdays	Holidays
Aug. 27 Teacher In-Service		1	
Aug. 28 Teacher In-Service		1	
Aug. 29 Teacher In-Service		1	
Aug. 30 Teacher In-Service		1	
Aug. 31 Teacher Workday Student Registration		1	
Seniors 9:00-10:30			
Juniors 10:30-12:00			
Sophomores 1:00- 2:30			
Freshmen 2:30- 4:00			
Sept. 3 Labor Day Holiday			1
Sept. 4 First Quarter Begins			
Nov. 21 First Quarter Ends	57		
Nov. 22-23 Thanksgiving Holidays			2
Nov. 26 Second Quarter Begins			
Dec. 19 Teacher In-Service		1	
Dec. 20- Jan. 1 Christmas Holidays			9
Feb. 22 Teacher Workday		1	
Feb. 29 Second Quarter Ends	59		
Mar. 3 Third Quarter Begins			
Mar. 17-21 Spring Vacation			5
May 25 Baccalaureate			
May 29 Third Quarter Ends High School Commencement	59		
May 30 Teacher Workday Junior High Commencement		1	
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Soil Testing Fees to Increase

Fees for soil and irrigation water tests conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service soil testing laboratories will increase Sept. 1.

The increase in fees is necessitated by the increase in the costs of chemicals, equipment and labor, said Dr. Dale Pennington, soil chemist in charge of the soil testing laboratory at the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center here. It is the first fee increase in several years, Pennington said.

Beginning Sept. 1, the Extension laboratories will charge \$4 for each regular soil fertility test, which now costs \$2. A test of soil fertility plus testing for zinc, iron and manganese will cost \$7 instead of \$5. Testing for soil salinity, which now costs \$4, will increase to \$7. Irrigation water tests will cost \$8 instead of \$5.

The new fees will be charged by the Extension laboratories at College Station and Seymour as well as Lubbock, and the labs at Stephen F. Austin University and Wharton Junior College, said Dr. Uel (cq) Stockard, state Extension agent, College Station. Kits and instructions for collecting soil samples continue to be available free of charge at county Extension offices.

Even with the fee increase, these tests are still a good investment for the farmer, rancher and homeowner, Pennington said. The increasing costs of fertilizers and fuel used in applying them make it more important than ever to know exactly what is needed and in what amounts to improve the soil for maximum yield, he said.

In the last 12 months, the Lubbock lab processed 8,168 samples. The lab here serves 82 counties in West Texas.

Future Bride

Honored

Miss Janice Browne, bride-elect of Joe Wells was honored with a gift shower in the conference room of Borden High School, Saturday afternoon. The bride-to-be's chosen colors of apricot and ivory were featured in table decorations, cookies and mints.

Hostess for the occasion were: Teresa Cox, Fran Bennett, Gladys Williams, Shirley McMeans, Wanda Smith, Barbara Farmer, Tharon Todd, Comelle Williams, Pat Murphy, Janice Hogg, Sarah Sharp, and Bonnie Sneed.

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Ferguson Tops Pro Calf Ropers, Collects First-Half Winston Bonus

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — Winning \$100,000 in a season is becoming routine for world champion cowboy Tom Ferguson, but the young Oklahoman is zeroing in on another Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association money mark: \$100,000 in Winston bonuses.

Ferguson is one of 60 PRCA cowboys who collected over \$62,000 in Winston Rodeo Awards bonuses here July 22 during Cheyenne Frontier Days, and his \$3,000 bonus boosted him to nearly \$90,000 in cash from Winston cigarettes for his career.

At the conclusion of the first half of the PRCA season, R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. paid out bonuses to the top 10 performers in each of six events. Since 1972 Winston has paid out over \$1,360,000 in bonus money for first-half, second-half and world championships.

The top cowboy in each of six events claimed a \$3,000 bonus with the runner-up collecting \$2,250. Third place in the

standings was worth a \$1,500 bonus; fourth place was \$1,250; and fifth was \$1,000. The remaining five cowboys in each event shared \$1,425.

Ferguson, a five-time world all around champion, led the calf roping standings to claim the top bonus. Ironically, he failed to place in steer wrestling, an event in which he has won the world championship the past two years. He hasn't won a world calf roping title since 1974.

Nebraskan John Rothwell wound up some \$13,000 behind Ferguson in calf roping to claim second, and former world champion Roy Cooper captured third.

Other standings leaders pocketing the top payoff in their respective events were: former world titleholder Don Gay in bull riding; Bruce Ford in bareback bronc riding; Canadian Mel Coleman in saddle bronc riding; Stan Williamson in steer wrestling; and Kent Winterton and Don Kimble in team roping.

Gay, the world champion in his event from 1974 through 1977, barely edged Kansan Lyle Sankey for the first-half bull riding title. In fact, the margin between them was a mere \$348. Denny Flynn of Charleston, Ark., was third.

In another close race, three-time Canadian saddle bronc champion Coleman edged past Bud Munroe of Billings, Mont., to win the \$3,000 first prize in saddle bronc. Doug Brown, a 33-year-old veteran from Silverton, Ore., claimed third place.

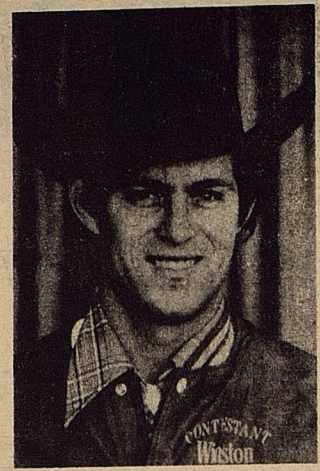
Ford wasn't as dominant during the early part of this season as he was in 1978 when he literally ran away with the bareback bronc regular season championship. But he still won enough first-half money, nearly \$26,000, to beat out runner-up Joe Alexander. Current world champion Jack Ward of Stephenville, Tex., was third.

Oklahoman Stan Williamson, who could do no better than 12th place in 1978, found his way to the top of the steer

wrestling standings in the first six months of this year. Williamson took home the \$3,000 Winston bonus for his event while two Texans, Carl Deaton and young Byron Walker, claimed second and third place.

Last year, it was Walt Woodard and Doyle Gellerman who seemingly came out of nowhere to control PRCA team roping. This season the Arizona duo of Winterton and Kimble handed last year's regular season champs some of their own medicine during the first half.

Winterton and Kimble split first and second place money totaling \$5,250. Woodard and Gellerman won \$1,375 apiece. In addition, Reynolds Tobacco will award \$5,000 bonuses to the world champions in each event plus \$10,000 to the all-around champion following the National Finals Rodeo in Oklahoma City in December.



To world champion cowboy Tom Ferguson, winning \$100,000 in a season has become a routine. Now the five-time world all around winner is closing in on a new record — \$100,000 in career Winston Rodeo Awards.

Dates for Maid of Cotton Selection

Mr. Howard Yandell, Chairman of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce Maid of Cotton Committee, announced today the dates for this year's selection. The Maid of Cotton applications should be filled out and returned to the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce no later than 5:00 pm, September 26, 1979 with the actual selection of the Maid being held October 26 and 27.

Yandell stated any interested girl between the ages of 19 and 23 that has never been married, born in a cotton producing area, and is 5 feet 5 inches tall or taller may contact the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce for an application.

School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees met in regular session at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, August 20, 1979. All board members and administrators were present. Visitors were Mr. Don Hanson, Union of California, and Mr. John O'Neil, Texaco.

The Board, upon completion of routine business of reading the minutes of the last meeting and consideration of bills, engaged in a short recess to acknowledge and welcome the visitors.

Following the recess, President of the Board, Ralph Miller, called for a hearing on the proposed official school budget for the 1979-80 school year and asked Superintendent McLeroy to lead the group in review and consideration of the budget.

Upon completion of the budget review, Board members and oil representatives briefly discussed future modification and construction plans for continued educational facilities excellence in

Borden County. The possibility of a swimming pool for the school was explored. A motion to poll the Board indicated an interest was sufficient to warrant future consideration.

The oil representatives praised the School Board and Superintendent on the outstanding performance in their responsibilities. Superintendent McLeroy concluded the budget hearing which resulted in a lowering of the tax rate from \$1.50 to \$1.43 in maintenance and operation; reduction in the interest and sinking fund from \$.23 to \$.20. The overall reduction \$.10.

The Board by a unanimous decision adopted the 1979-80 school budget.

A lengthy discussion was conducted on future football plans—11-man or 6-man for Borden County. It was decided to enter 6-man football for the 1980 season.

Other business included a continuation of the breakfast program and

issuing for bids on gasoline, butane and the sale and purchase of the school car.

Superintendent McLeroy presented the financial report and the Board gave permission to amend the budget.

The Board by a unanimous decision accepted the recommendation of Superintendent McLeroy to employ the following teachers for the 1979-80 school year: Mr. Kim Fisher - Band and Music Teacher, Mrs. Bonnie Brumley - High School English Teacher, Mr. Dennis Teeters - English and Tennis Coach.

Superintendent McLeroy presented a building report that called for carpeting the newly constructed benches on the patio, replacing carpet in the science room, and patching excessively worn carpet in High School and Elementary. Also completion of the tennis court and fencing and curb work nearing completion.

The Board opened and considered the following bids for two 19-passenger busses - per unit: Bolain Equipment Company \$15,920.00; Searcy Bus Sales, Inc. \$14,447.00; Superior Coach Sales of Texas \$16,500.00; Commercial Body Corporation \$14,000.00; Longhorn Bus Sales, Inc. \$14,920.00; Smith Sales Company \$13,101.00.

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ASCS News

By JERRY STONE

1979 UPLAND COTTON TARGET PRICE ANNOUNCED

The target price for 1979-crop upland cotton will be 57.7 cents per pound, the same as the preliminary target price announced last December 26.

Since the target price is used as a base to determine disaster payments, the 1979 disaster payment rate will be one-third of the target, or 19.2 cents per pound. Disaster payments are made if the producer is prevented from planting upland cotton or other nonconserving crops or if yields are substantially reduced. ASCS county offices may now begin making 1979 disaster payments to eligible upland cotton producers.

The target price is also the basis for a later determination of any deficiency payments to upland producers. If the national average price received by farmers during calendar year 1979 is less than 57.7 cents per pound, cotton producers will receive a deficiency payment at a rate equal to the difference between the higher of such average prices or the loan level of 50.23 cents.

To receive disaster or deficiency payments, on

upland cotton, farmers must comply with the set-aside requirements for any wheat and feed grains on the farm.

USDA SEEKS COMMENTS ON PROPOSALS FOR 1980 UPLAND COTTON PROGRAM

The public has until October 15 to submit recommendations concerning provisions of the 1980 upland cotton program.

Public comment is being sought on the following:

- loan rate for upland cotton;
- whether a seed cotton loan program should be offered and, if so, what the loan level should be;
- the specifications for bale packaging materials;
- resale policy for cotton owned by the Commodity Credit Corporation, and
- premiums, discounts, and location differentials for the upland cotton loan rates.

The department is required to announce the upland loan rate by November 1.

Prior to making these determinations, the secretary will consider any written recommendations received by the director, production adjustment

division, USDA ASCS, P. O. Box 2415, Washington, D. C., 20013. Comments will be available for public inspection during normal business hours in room 3630 of the department's South building.

The request for comments will appear in the Federal Register August 14.

USDA PROPOSES AMENDMENTS TO BEEF REFERENDUM REGULATIONS

Proposed amendments providing for confidentiality in voting and making the conduct of a beef referendum more efficient and less time consuming have been announced.

Under the Beef Research and Information Act, beef producers may vote to authorize the federal government to withhold a fixed amount from each cattle sale to be used for research and promotional purposes. Under an amendment to the Act passed last year, the number of producers needed to approve such an order was reduced from two-thirds to a majority of producers voting in a referendum. Today's proposed amendments to regulation are to reflect this change in the law.

The proposed changes provide for: (1) voting by secret ballot; (2) reducing the registration and voting periods from 12 days to 4 days; (3) reducing the time allowed for challenging a producer's eligibility to register and vote; and (4) reducing the time for the county ASCS executive director to make a determination on the challenges.

The proposed amendments in no way obligate the Secretary of Agriculture to hold a referendum.

The amendments appeared in the Federal Register August 7. Written comments must be received no later than October 9 and may be sent to the Hearing Clerk, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. 20250. For further information, contact Robert Cook, emergency and indemnity programs division, ASCS, USDA, room 4095-S Building, Washington, D. C. 20013. Phone: (202) 447-7997

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COTTON TALKS

FROM PLAINS COTTON GROWERS, INC.

Constant monitoring of weather developments for the next two months on the High Plains and in the mid-South and Southeast is almost a must for cotton producers seeking clues to this fall's cotton prices, according to Donald Johnson, Executive Vice President of Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

"Barring highly unusual circumstances, good to excellent yields from crops in the far West and in parts of Texas are now assured," he notes, "but on the High Plains and in the heavy producing states of Mississippi, Arkansas, Alabama and Louisiana, cotton is still vulnerable to adverse weather and the final out-turn still very much in question."

USDA in its August 10 report projected production from the High Plains at just over three million bales and combined production from the mid-South and Southeast at about 3.5 million.

"That's 6.5 million bales, or over 47 percent of USDA's 13.7 million bale total estimate," Johnson figures, "so any significant weather problems either here or there will have strong implications for future price movement."

The High Plains crop, about which many observers believe USDA is already overly optimistic, ranges from the early squaring to early bloom to peak bloom stages and even beyond. But the mix heavily favors late cotton, which means reaching USDA's projected 357 pounds per acre yield will require exceptionally good weather.

Squares appearing on the High Plains August 15 will become blooms after September 1, and in a 1965-78 study at Lubbock, September 1 blooms made mature bolls only in 1977 - once in 13 years.

Of the mid-South and Southeast, where crops are also late, Dr. George Mullendore, Mississippi Extension Cotton Specialist, said in a recent article "We are at the point of no return." He explained that "... today (August 10) is the last day a square initiated has an average shot at maturing in the mid-Delta," where the average killing frost date is November 4. And he adds it is already past the time when initiated squares have an average chance in areas where the frost date is earlier.

Without referring to the 30-day forecast that calls for above normal rainfall over the eastern half of the U.S., Mullendore also reminds that if it rains before noon on the day a white bloom appears, that bloom will not pollinate, preventing the formation of a boll.

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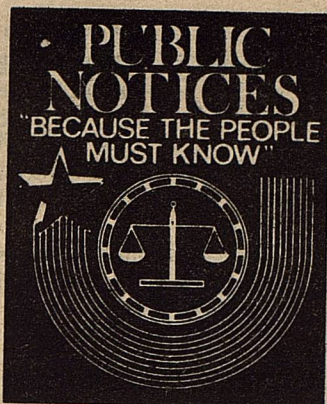
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"Last filing period, many married couples who expected refund checks were suprised to find out that they instead had to write a check to cover a balance due on their tax bill," noted A. W. McCanless, Director for the Dallas District of the Internal Revenue Service. "The problem lies in the fact that the withholding rates are designed around the individual's wages and do not take a spouse's wages into account."

For example, the highest tax rate applicable to a couple filing a joint return with only wage earner making \$26,000 is up to 32 percent. The withholding would be adequate. But for a couple with one spouse earning \$10,000 and the other \$16,000, the likelihood that an insufficient amount would be withheld is very great.

Mr. McCanless offers several alternatives for the two-paycheck couple. One possibility is to pay additional tax by means of estimated taxes. In this system, the amount is paid in quarterly installments directly to the IRS using vouchers that come with Form 1040-ES, "Declaration of Estimated Tax for Individuals."

Another choice is to file a revised Form W-4, "Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate," with the employee claiming fewer or no allowances or requesting additional withholding. Also, married taxpayers may choose to have taxes withheld as if they were single. Both Forms 1040-ES and W-4 are available by calling the IRS taxpayer assistance telephone operation.

Additional information may be found in IRS Publication 505, "Tax Withholding and Declaration of Tax," available free from the IRS.

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