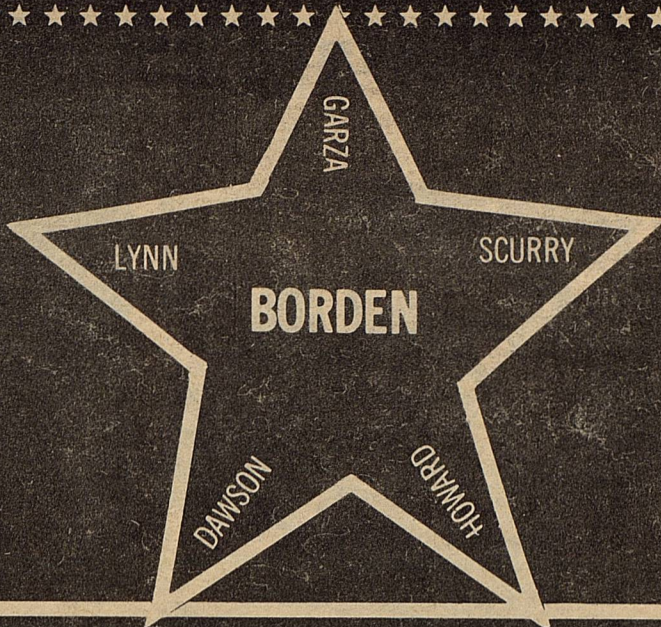


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Death Claims Beloved Friend



DOTTY WILLS

Borden County was shocked to learn of the loss of Mrs. Billy Wills, February 3, 1979.

After a short illness, Dotty succumbed Saturday at 10:00 a.m. in Methodist Memorial Hospital in Lubbock. Cause of death was attributed to a massive cranial hemorrhage caused by multiple aneurysms.

Dorothy Sue Cox was born March 13, 1929 in Stanton, Texas. She was graduated from Fluvanna High School in 1946. Dotty and Billy Noel Wills were married May, 4, 1947 in Fluvanna. They have lived in Borden County 29 of their 32 years of marriage.

Dotty inspired everyone she met with her enthusiasm, energy, and love. Besides working side by side with her husband on

the ranches, she was, at various times, employed by the Borden

County School system, the Sheriff's office and U. S. Post office in Gail. She was always the indomitable spirit behind the various charity activities in the county. She was very active in 4-H work as well as the Jr. Livestock Assoc. Dotty was also deeply involved in the 1st Baptist Church in Gail, where at the time of her death, was the elementary Sunday School teacher.

Survivors include her husband, Billy Wills of Gail, two daughters, Mrs. Shawna Johnson of Arlington, Mrs. Debbi Hanks of Dallas; two grandsons, Zack and Cody Johnson, also of Arlington; her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. John Cox

of Rotan; two sisters, Mrs. Loel Forrest of Snyder, Mrs. Gay Sherril and her son Belton from Kentucky; and one brother Bruce Cox of Rotan.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, February 5, at Colonial Baptist Church in Snyder under the direction of Bell-Seale Funeral Home. Officiating was Brother Steve Hillhouse, 1st Baptist Church, Gail. Internment was in Hillside Memorial Cemetery, Snyder.

Pallbearers were: Rex Cox, Corky Ogden, Buster Taylor, James McLeroy, Rusty Yadon, Scot Clayton, Mardes Clayton, and Rich Anderson.

The family requests that any memorials be given to the Borden County Heart Fund drive on February 17.

Tax Credit Given To Energy Savers

Dallas, Texas--Taxpayers who take certain steps to save energy in their homes can cut their income tax bills by up to \$2,500 as a result of recent legislation.

The law, which is retroactive to April 20, 1977, provides for a tax credit of up to \$300 for energy conservation materials installed in the home, with a separate credit of as much as \$2,200 for taxpayers who install "renewable" energy source devices such as solar or wind equipment.

The smaller credit is figured at 15 percent of the first \$2,000 spent on such items as storm or thermal windows and doors, insulation, weatherstripping and caulking. Also qualifying are furnace replacement burners, flue-opening modifications, electrical or mechanical ignition systems to replace gas pilot lights, and clock thermostats.

The "renewable" energy source credit is 30 percent of the first \$2,000 plus 20 percent of the next \$8,000 invested in qualifying solar, wind or geothermal equipment used to heat, cool or provide hot water for use in the home.

Both credits are available for items purchased and installed on a taxpayer's principal residence between April 20, 1977 and December 31, 1985. The "renewable" energy credit is available for both existing and newly constructed homes. Renters as well as homeowners are eligible for the credit.

Taxpayers need not itemize deductions to claim the residential energy tax credit. They do, however, have to file Form 1040 attaching IRS Form 5695 showing how the credit was computed. Form 5695, "Energy Credits," is available at IRS offices and many banks and post offices.

New Agent Named

Gail...Samuel L. Field has been named Borden County Extension Agent, according to an announcement by County Judge Jim M. Burkett and District Extension Agent Billy C. Gunter. His appointment becomes effective February 21.

Field comes to Gail from Abilene where he has served as Assistant County Extension Agent (agriculture) since June, 1976.

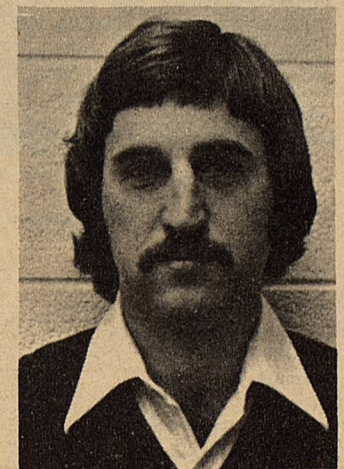
Son of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Field of Sundown and reared in Hockley County, he attended South Plains College, Levelland, two years, and received a B.S. degree in animal science from West Texas State University, Canyon, in 1975.

During his college career, Field was on the Dean's Honor List, and a member of the Student Council, Block and Bridle Club, and Rodeo Club.

Prior to becoming an assistant agent in Taylor County, Field farmed one year in Swisher County.

Married to the former Donna Howard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Howard, of Plainview, the Fields have a son, two and one-half years of age. The family attends the Church of Christ.

As county Extension agent in Borden County, Field will be in charge of agricultural and 4-H program.



STEVE MCMEANS

Steve McMeans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mickey McMeans of Gail, has been called as Youth Director for the First Baptist Church of Post. He will commute to Post from Dallas on week-ends until May, at which time he will serve full time until school begins in the fall.

Steve is a second year student at the Dallas Theological Seminary. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Texas Tech and graduated from Borden County High School in 1973.



Borden County School News



ONE ACT PLAY CAST— Left to right— Troyce Wolf, Mark Walker, Lisa McLeroy, Perry Smith, Tammy Telchik, Karen Williams and Carla Jones. Alternates are shown with Coach Randy Roemisch who is director of the Play "Rest In Peace". They are Carley Doyle, Chip Smith, Heather McPhaul, Maurice Herridge, Joie Brummett, and Charla Vaughn.

One Act Play Cast

This year's U.I.L. One Act Play is "Rest in Peace," a comedy by Pat Cook.

The play revolves around Horace Wilmerding (played by Troyce Wolf) who goes to a hospital for a physical. The physical lasts three days, which makes Horace think he is dying and no one will tell him. He regularly questions the long-suffering nurse (Tammy Telchik) until she forces him to take a sedative. Horace dies, at least in his

own mind, and he sees what happens to himself. He sees the Doctor (Karen Williams) comforting his distressed wife, Hazel (Lisa McLeroy) and his mother-in-law (Carla Jones).

In the world of the dead, he meets a man who died in the same hospital the night before, a Mr. Wilton (Mark Walker). They meet an accountant, Bascomb (Perry Smith) who is there to tell Horace and Wilton what is going to happen to them now that they are dead

This year's director is Coach Randy Roemisch, who has three years experience with the One Act Play.

Alternates are Heather McPhaul, Carley Doyle, Chip Smith, Maurice Herridge, Penney Thompson, Joie Brummett, Rhesa Wolf. The play will be presented once for the school, once for the community, and once for U.I.L. Contest.
/s/ David Smith

Course Sponsored

A representative of Echlin Manufacturing Company will teach a course on Electronic Ignition Systems at 7:30 P.M. on Thursday 15, of February at the agriculture building in Gail.

The course is sponsored by the Gail F.F.A. Anyone may attend and there is no charge for the course.

The course is an effort by the vocational agriculture department to keep abreast of the changing times

Boys vs Wellman

The Borden Coyote Varsity boys walked off the court Friday night with a 62-99 victory over the Wellman Wildcats.

The game began at 8:00 and Borden made the first two points and four after that before Wellman scored in the middle of the first quarter.

When the first quarter ended, Wellman had the Coyotes down 10-7.

Borden attempted a comeback late in the second quarter and tied the score once or twice, but by the time the first half ended, the score was 19-23, Wellman's favor. At

At one time in the third quarter, Borden gained a lead of ten points. Third quarter score was 43-33, Borden

County.

During the entire fourth quarter, the Coyotes hustled and brought the score to 62-49 in favor of Borden County.

Tied for 16 points were Perry Smith and Blane Dyess; Craig Peterson, 10; Ben Murphy, 8; Travis Rinehart, 7; Bart McMeans, 4; Keil Williams, 1
Lynn Maxwell, coach for the Coyotes said this of his team: "The first half we pushed too hard and consequently didn't shoot well. The men were really trying hard and it paid off in the last half. I'm really proud of the way we have come back and played after a disappointing stretch of games."



Karen Williams (left) has qualified for state competition and will be named in The Who's Who Among American Students" during piano competition last week. Also receiving the highest grade possible was Gena McLeroy and Stephanie Stephens with a Division I rating. Karen earned her honor for her rendition of a Class I Kabalevsky Prelude.

Solo Ensemble Competition

Members of the music department recently participated in solo ensemble competitions. The Regional U.I.L. Competition was held at Midland College. Division I winners in this meet were Karen Williams and Gena McLeroy. Division II winners were Karen Williams, Gena McLeroy, Lisa McLeroy, and Suzanne Walker. Karen Williams qualified for the state competition to be held on the campus of the University of Texas, June 1-3 1979. She will be competing with other Texas musicians who received Division I ratings on advanced solo work! Stephanie Stephens and Tanya Hollis also competed in the Big Spring Invitational Solo Ensemble Contest and received a

Division I and Division II respectively.

The Coyote Band is currently preparing for the Region VI Concert Sightreading Contest to be held March 6, 1979 at Midland High School. The band will be playing three prepared numbers for adjudication and will perform another in sight-reading competition. Admission is free and friends and family are invited to attend and hear the Coyote Band compete. The performance times have not been announced at this date, but will be published as soon as available. Coming events in the music department are a spring piano and voice recital, annual Spring band Concert and Annual Coyote Band Trip.

School Meals

Breakfast

BREAKFAST
MONDAY
Cereal
Fruit Juice
Milk

TUESDAY
Toast and Jelly
Bacon
Fruit Juice
Milk

WEDNESDAY
Cinnamon Roll
Fruit Juice
Milk

THURSDAY
Cereal
Fruit Juice
Milk

FRIDAY
Biscuits
Sausage
Juice
Milk

Lunch

MONDAY
Fish Portions
Pinto Beans
Fruit
Cornbread
Milk
Salad Bar

TUESDAY
Poorboy Steaks
Buttered Rice
Cole Slaw
Peach Half
Batter Bread
Milk

WEDNESDAY
Tacos with Cheese
Lettuce and Tomatoes
Mixed Fruit
Brownies
Milk
Salad Bar

THURSDAY
Hamburgers
French Fries
Lettuce and Tomatoes
Jello
Milk

FRIDAY
Tamales
Buttered Corn
Stuffed Celery
Peanut Butter Cake
Milk
Salad Bar

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Borden County School News

Varsity Girls

The Borden Coyote Varsity Squad paced their district record to a 3-0 for this half of district play. The Coyotes had their first season victory over Dawson, winning by a cscore of 39-29. Scoring attempts were led by Talley Griffin with 14 points.

The Klondike Cougars suffered their second loss to the Coyotes last week. The Coyotes holding a lead on the Cou-

gars throughout the whole game were able to trail off with another district victory. Talley Griffin boosted the victory with a 14 point effort.

The Coyotes moved on to viciously trample the Wellman Wildcats 58-26. High scorer was Karen Williams with 19 points.

The Varsity squad travels to Sands to vie for the second half of district crown Tuesday night.

Jr. Varsity

JUNIOR VARSITY

Klondike defeated the Coyote Junior Varsity boys last Monday, January 29 by 23-71

Mark Walker scored 8 points, Carley Doyle, 7; Maurice Herdridge, 4; Van York, 2; Danny Holmes, 1.

Varsity Boys

Klondike defeated the Coyote Varsity Boy's squad 46-59. Blane Dyess scored 18; Perry Smith, 10; Keil Williams, 6; Travis Rinehart, 4; Ben Murphy, 2; Craig Peterson, 2; Bart McMeans, 2; Jym Rinehart, 2.

ATTENTION 4-H AND FFA

The Borden County Livestock Association shearing date has been set for February 10.

Please contact Mr. Bob Bagley if you have 4-H or F.F.A. lambs to be sheared.

Also, in conjunction with the shearing, a showmanship clinic has been set by County Agent, Randy Upshaw. Contact him if you are interested in the clinic.

THE RAIL CAR SHORTAGE experienced by U. S. grain producers could worsen in the next few years, says the Texas Department of Agriculture.

"Railroads' share of U. S. grain movement is estimated to reach 116 million tons by 1985, up 12 million tons over the 1977-78 market season," noted Agriculture Commissioner Reagan V. Brown. "By the year 2000 this share should be about 165 million tons, due mostly to increases in shipments of feed grains, both domestic and foreign.

"It is vital that the nation's railroads plan now for these future increases, and work to meet the projected needs," Brown stated.

He added that the Texas Department of Agriculture has recently added a top-notch transportation expert to its staff to help find ways the Department can work with the transportation industry for the benefit of Texas producers.

Girls vs Sands

The Sands Mustangs edged the Girls Varsity team last Tuesday night February 6, 47-41. This leaves a chance, but a very slim one for the team to capture the district title.

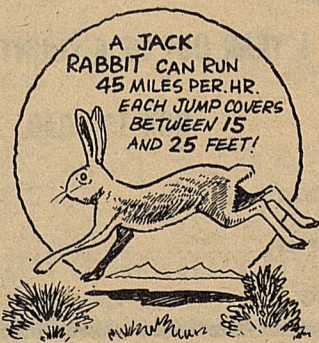
Sands grabbed an early lead, but the Coyotes came back to threaten the Mustangs and came within 6 points of winning.

Topping the scoring for the girls was Talley Griffin with 16 points; Karen Williams, 10; Jana Edwards, 7; Glynda Burkett, 6; and Penny Thompson, 2.

Boys Lose To Sands

The Borden Boys played their game plan to near perfection Tuesday night, only to have a hot shooting Sands team defeat them 67-53. The Coyotes played a slow deliberate game and forced the Mustangs to shoot only long range shots. The Mustangs, shooting well over 50% the first half, pulled to a 34-22 lead at half time. The Coyotes closed the gap to 8 points at one time in the fourth quarter. "We played perhaps the most intelligent game we've played all season. We controlled the tempo of the game completely. Sands had two players that didn't miss a shot the first half. I was very proud of our effort, even though we lost," commented Coach Maxwell.

Blane Dyess led the scoring for Borden with 18 points, Perry Smith had 16 and Craig Peterson 12, Travis Rinehart had 3, Ben Murphy and Keil Williams had 2 each.



Parents Should Prepare Child For School

By Julie M. Dappen,
Ranger Staff Writer-Wyoming

Minter said her own sweet daughter, LaRhea, once tried to slant the truth of a situation to her advantage. But Minter said she refused to take sides, although her heart was for her adorable child, and the end result was a student and teacher who learned to cooperate in spite of their differences. "She was rather frustrated when her efforts began backfiring on her. She first tried to make life miserable for the teacher, but she realized she was ineffective. She finally began to get along with the woman. I don't know whether she "likes" the woman today, but she does respect her.

Of course, parents shouldn't just go to school when there are problems. A lot of times the kids think parents aren't interested unless they're in trouble. They need to know

parents are interested in what they're doing, saying and thinking, according to Minter.

A student should be encouraged to talk about the book he or she is reading, or what happened in biology class that day.

No amount of strategy will make the school years flaw-

less. And cooperation, compromise and common courtesy are easier to say, they they are to actually do. Minter said parents and teachers have to learn to be mature, before they will be able to teach their children to be mature, which will be discussed in the next article in this series.

School Lunch Revision

The Borden County Independent School District would like to announce that recent revised regulations changed the maximum charge for reduced-price lunches from \$.20 to \$.10, effective February 1, 1979. The maximum charge for a re-

duced - price breakfast remains at \$.10.

Parents may apply for free or reduced-price meals for their children at anytime during the year by contacting the school office.



ASSEMBLY PROGRAM WED., FEB. 8, featured the Ragtime Review.

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					6:30 p.m. H.S. Basketball Boys & Girls *Wellman - Here	Solo Ensemble Monahans
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	4-H Meeting 2:35 - 3:05	6:30 p.m. H.S. Basketball Boys & Girls *Sands - There	Southern Assembly 8:30 a.m.		Texas Tech Forensic Tournament	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY		FFA-FHA Meetings ST. VALENTINE'S DAY	Electronic Short Course 7:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m. H.S. Basketball Boys & Girls *Loop - Here	Heart Fund Program 7:30 p.m.
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY			End 2nd Quarter TRADITIONAL WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY	Borden County Stock Show	
25	26	27	28			

What's Hap-nin

Joe Landrum from Fluvanna had surgery in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock, January 29, he is recovering nicely and was released from the hospital February 1.

Sue Smith was released from Medical Arts Hospital in Lamesa February 1, and is recovering at home. Sue expects to be back at work next week.

Wanda Chapman, sister of Shirley Kountz is resting comfortably after surgery in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

Buddy Sharp is reported to be improving slowly and expects to be released from Medical Arts Hospital in Lamesa the last of the week.

Mrs. Bill Williams is in Methodist Hospital at Lubbock and enjoys hearing from her friends.

Plains News

Billy, Shawna, and Debbi, we were saddened of Dottie's death.-- "So let your grief be softened and yield not to despair. You have only placed your loved one in the loving Father's care." - By Helen Steiner Rice

The Plains Community has three ladies who are to be commended for the hard work and effort they have put forth over the years.

Wilma Currey and Marie Ragan, members of the South Plains Writer's Association were awarded for their efforts in the association's annual contest. Wilma placed second with her article, "The Draw Tornado". (If you remember, the tornado at Draw took place in 1938.)

Wilma will have one of her poems published in a forthcoming book, Best Loved Contemporary Poems, - sponsored by World of Poetry. Marie placed third with her poem in the poetry division.

Karen Williams, who participated in the U. I. L. Piano Competition held in Midland in January, is eligible to compete in the State Competition which will take place in Austin in June. To gain this honor, Karen received a rating of for her rendition of a class 1 Kabalevsky Prelude.

Mike, Candy, and Kelly Billingsley hosted a Birthday Dinner, February 3rd, for Mike's mother, Tootsie. (I've known Tootsie Billingsley for about thirty-five years and never did know her by any other name-Verna.) Also present for the occasion were Tootsie's husband, Johnny, and her aunt, Mrs. Maude Shaw, of O'Donnell. Candy asked Tootsie how many candles to put on the birthday cake. "Thirty-six," she replied.

Guests in the home of John and Marie Ragan were Jerry Gandy and Family of Odessa.

Mickey Burkett's guest Friday night was John Stephens.

Shopping in Lubbock Saturday were Gae and Lisa Ludecke, Carolyn and Stephanie Stephens, and Holli Calhoun of O'Donnell. Holli spent the week-end with Stephanie.

Bany and Juanda Hancock had a "house-full" over the week-end, Sue, Joe, Melissa, Sandra, Rickey, and Mandy. Saturday evening Doug, Debbie, and Shelby Lynn Isaacs, Mike, Candy and Kelly Billingsley dropped in for a visit. Tom Hancock and family were unable to come due to the Olton Stock Show.

It is approaching the time of year for Women's Volley ball Competition. Pam Hess will be playing on a team sponsored by the Louder Gin of Tahoka.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Arrendo and family are moving to Lamesa.

Clarence and Josie Eckman of Lubbock were Sunday afternoon guests of Garland and Eva Doyle. Clarence is minister of the Mesquite Church of Christ.

Wedding Shower

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Farmer were honored with a bridal shower February 4th in the Plains Community Center.

An arrangement of apricot and beige silk flowers adorned the serving table, which was covered with an ecru lace tablecloth over apricot.

Special guests were Barbara Farmer, Fannie Farmer, Philena Puit, and Diane Farmer.

Cheese rolls, sausage balls, cookies, punch, and coffee were served by the hostesses: Gae Ludecke, Juanda Hancock, Marilyn McPhaul, Christine Ledbetter, Waldine Martin, Jo Hensley, Cancy Billingsley, Ouiday Turner, Wanda Smith, of Gail, Beth Barton, and Judy Woolman of O'Donnell.

The hostesses gift was a queen size bedspread with matching sheets and pillowcases.

Ambulance News

The only run the Ambulance has made was to bring our Dear Friend, Jessie B. Jackson home from the hospital.

Memorials made since last publication:

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Hamilton in memory of Ray Swann
Frances Bennett in memory of Ray Swann

In Memory of Dottie Wills:
Gail Friends, to numerous to list everyone.

Buddy and Margaret Sharp
Preston Sharp
Ross and Sarah Sharp
Bill and Sadie Ludecke
Roland and Blanche Hamilton
Rusty and Eunice Yadon
Bob, Gae and Lisa Ludecke
Randy and Bobbie George
Larry and Wanda Smith and Family
Frances Bennett in memory of Donald Howell
A generous donation given by O.D. Jackson.

Please remember that this ambulance is for anyone who needs assistance. Don't fail to call the sheriff's office, Mr. McLeroy, Buster Taylor for assistance. If you are on the Plains, call Buddy Telchik or Frances Burkett. Each of these are ready to help any time they are needed.

/s/ Fran Bennett

Obituary

DONALD HOWELL
Services for Donald Joe (Hot-shot) Howell, 41, of 1606 Fargo was a 2 p.m. Monday in East-erling Funeral Home chapel with burial in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Howell was dead on arrival Friday afternoon at Medical Center Hospital after an illness.

Born in O'Donnell Feb. 19, 1937, Howell was a field representative for Dialog Corp. and was a member of Western Hills Church of Acts. Howell was a veteran of the Korean War.

Survivors include his wife, Helen, two sons, Michael Howell of Odessa and Jeremy Wade Howell of the home; one daughter, Kim Howell of Odessa; one stepson, Kyle Bruton of the home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dock Howell of Gail; three brothers, Henry Wade Howell of O'Donnell, Alvis Howell of Odessa and Martin Howell of Casper, Wyo.; four sister, Mrs. Tommy (Lavada) Flood of Odessa, Mrs. Alvin (Opal) Smith of Gail, Mrs. Milton (Frances) Owens of Ballinger and Mrs. Bob (Linda) Crutcher of Hobbs, N. M.

Thank You

We would like to take this opportunity to express our heart felt appreciation to all of the many many friends who remembered us during our bereavement. Your prayers and generosity will always be remembered.

Sincerely,
Billy, Shawna, David, Zack, and Cody, Debbie and Bryan

I would like to express my appreciation to everyone for their concern during my recent stay in the hospital. The cards, flowers and phone calls were appreciated.

Thank you for your kindness.

/s/ Sue Smith

Congressional Comment

Charles W. Stenholm, M. C. 17th District, Texas

WASHINGTON, D. C. - - I come to Washington with feelings of optimism and appreciation--appreciation for the people who sent me here and optimism for the people whom I will work with in the 96th Congress. I am happy to be a part of the younger and increasingly more conservative leadership of this Country. This leadership has been elected by constituencies that are frustrated by inflation, excessive regulation, and high taxes. The People of this land desire stability and a chance to live more productive and satisfying lives. Too often this has proven an illusion. Discontent has been so widespread that many writers have called this the era of the "Tax Revolt".

The 95th Congress reacted to their cries--although with some reluctance. An airline deregulation bill was passed that sunset a whole government agency and will do much to increase competition and decrease air fares. Congress also passed a budget that had a deficit \$20 billion lower than the Administration had predicted. Certainly these pieces of legislation are important in analyzing the direction of Congress, but more significant is what the 95th Congress did not pass; regulatory nightmares such as hospital cost containment, the Consumer Protection Agency, the Labor Reform Act, and Cargo Preference never received final approval. Several fiscally extravagant measures such as counter-cyclical funds, welfare reform, and national health insurance also did not pass.

Our job will be to continue this trend. Government regulation can be averted by sunsetting such agencies as OSHA, the Consumer Products Safety Commission, and the Department of Energy; together with

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Don't Forget

TALENT SHOW

February 17, 1979

7:30 p.m.

Borden High School Auditorium

Jere's Gottings

I'd just like to make a few observations this week. Strictly my own you understand, but should you agree, I welcome the company.

You remember as how I felt Richard Nixon's impeachable crime was his opening the door to Red China? And you recall how candidate Jimmy Carter felt that Ford's pardon of poor Richard was unpardonable? And are you aware that candidate Jimmy campaigned with the promise of equal justice for all-rich or poor, black or white? Now let's put all the pieces together and see what emerges.

The first puzzle piece was laid on the table by Richard Nixon when he made his famous overture to Mao. This piece fitted next to Taiwan, secured to US by a defense treaty which no one was willing to disturb. But then James Earle the President "independently" decided to rearrange the puzzle. He replaced Taiwan with one big puzzle piece--Red China. The President of the United States spoke as if he had made an ingenious move. Of course he hedged by giving credit to Mr. Nixon and Mr. Ford for laying the groundwork. But remember, neither former President ever mentioned abandoning Taiwan.

Now comes time for Teng to pay a visit to US and seal the deal. And who but Richard Nixon is invited back to the White House to pay court to his only friend--China. It occurs to me that had Mr. Carter been applauded for his actions, he would have wrapped the mantle of praise close about himself--sharing the adulation

with no one. But since he had in truth received wide criticism for crass treatment of our friend and ally, Taiwan, that he immediately turned to Nixon. Poor Richard had been persona non grata at the White House for four years. Alas, he wanted recognition again so badly he couldn't refuse the Chop Suey invitation.. I don't think Nixon ever caught on that he might be being used--that the blame might be being layed off on him.

Then we read Teng's itinerary--Texas of all places. I know we have a big port city in Texas--Houston. And that there will be lots of oil, cocaine, and chip sticks to flood in. But we never opened an embassy there for Taiwan who shipped tons of goods to US. Could it be because Texas has now elected a Republican governor and JC is going to spread any blame as far afield as possible? I'm proud of Governor Clements for requesting no demonstrations but at the same time voicing his dis-approval of the whole deal. An I'm proud of Texas' two Senators for having prior commitments and being unable to host Teng in Texas.

Then there is Patty Hearst. Jimmy didn't think much of the President pardoning Nixon for sneaking a peek in Democrat headquarters and then fibbing about it. How is it that James Earle, the President, can commute the sentence of a convicted accomplice to a bank robbery? It makes one wonder if a sizeable portion of the Hearst fortune has found its way into the Democrat coffers.

All and all Mr. Carter's puzzle pieces are very jagged and don't fit into the picture of the United States of America.

For Sale

SPINET - CONSOLE PIANO Available to responsible, local party on small payment balance. Write before we send truck Lolin Piano, P. O. Box 8241, Waco, Texas 76710.

To know Dotty was to love her. She spread a little bit of heaven everywhere she went.

All of our hearts are full, and I know each of us would like to express our thoughts.

The following are two that came our way and we would like to share them:

"Dottie, Take a little rest before you start all those special jobs the Lord will have waiting for you."

Love Mendy O'Banion

"A precious friend left our midst this past week-leaving a void that never can be filled.

Dot, how did you manage to touch each of us--- to make us love you so much? It happened gradually over a long period of time when we shared our children's growing pains, through school, church and social events. Ah! the marvelous life we share in living in a small community where each of us learns early to care about the other - really care!

Since I have joined the ranks of the older generation, I feel a bit bossy around the younger women in the county. It isn't that I like being a know-it-all, but I'd like for them to avoid the mistakes I made. I always lectured Dot about taking life a bit easier - to slow down and take time to smell the flowers. She'd always say, "I know - I'll try." Then, full of vim and vigor, she'd bounce on to another project.

Everything Dot did she tackled with every ounce of energy and vitality and she did things so well and so beautifully. I truly believe she loved everyone and loved every job she undertook. And isn't that the secret of a life lived to the fullest? What a lesson for us all!

God, in his infinite wisdom, needed Dot more than we and

"A Tribute To Dotty"

we must remember what she left us - - that pixy smile filled with love and affection.

Billy, Shawna and Debbi you have been among the most blessed - remember that it isn't the number of years one manages to eek out of this life, but what we do with the precious moments given us in trying to make the world a better place.

Dot was a Christian who lived every day to its fullest, giving great joy and pleasure to

those around her. We thank her for her unselfish nature, her art of giving and her love for her neighbor.

It is assuring to know that Dot is more than likely getting the angels organized in preparation to clean out any cobwebs from the corners of heaven."

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Time To Get In Shape, Mom

By Eva Sanderlin
 Knippa, Texas- Everytime I see a beaming 4-H member trotting proudly behind a prize-winning animal at a stock show, I can usually spot her and identify with her- a frazzled, dusty woman, holding a jacket, or a brush, biting her lips, eyes glued to her child, making frantic, unconscious motions with her free hand.

POWER OF TEAM
 Truth is that she's the power behind the team that now has its hour of triumph. She's had the brunt of the 4-H projects and reaps none of the glory. Without her, that eager 4-H'er wouldn't be standing now, ankle-deep in the dust of the judging arena, anxiously awaiting his ribbon or his trophy.

For 20 years, my children have showed animals in stock shows and I believe my husband, A.C., and I have suffered vicariously through every experience the enterprise has to offer.

Each 4-H show animal we've had has turned into a family project and we all had a part in seeing that it got to the show. I've always maintained that it was easier for A.C., because he has instant rapport with animals and I don't. We've held the gate and coaxed while the kids walked hogs and coaxed them in or out of the pens. We've held lambs while they were trimmed and blocked. We've turned on the hose and furnished brushes so they could groom them. We've kept Grade A homogenized milk in the refrigerator so we could stuff pigs to reach the minimum weight and we've formulated high-protein diets to draw them.

BEAMED, SWEATED
 When our animals were sifted, we dried tears and swallowed our own. We've beamed with pride when our offspring brought home purple rosettes and trophies. We've sweated and scrubbed and helped reluctant owners get animals ready for judging, when said owners would much rather be playing tackle football in the corridors of the show barns or swinging from the rafters like Tarzan.

Because the children's father is more even-tempered than I, he doesn't become a nervous wreck before the stock show is over, but I take it seriously. I've watched in the heat while cold sweat trickled down my back because the judging was so close or the bidding lagged during the sale.

I've stood unprotected as a blizzard shipped my jacket open holding a flashlight while someone doctored a sick animal. I've ruined my manicure helping to give a pedicure to a pig and I've lost the baby's talcum powder because the show pig needed it to emphasize his beauty.

I remember when I waked my teenage son at the crack of dawn, wailing desperately, "You've got to unload that feed so I can tend to the show animals while you're gone to your basketball tournament!

And Hurry! Before the school bus gets here!"

Nominally, of course, the child-owner is supposed to do all the feeding, watering, pen cleaning, etc, but what's a

parent to do when said owner is playing basketball in Center Point and is not expected home before 11 at night? Or when he is felled by the cur-

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rent virus and runs a temperature of 102 degrees. Someone has to substitute!

IRONED AND MENDED

I've cheerfully ironed and mended and done without new outfits so the kids could be booted and belted and jeaned for the stock show. I've listened to dinner conversations and after-dinner conversations that began, "Do you think if we breed that white gilt to the red boar we could still get pigs that are high off the ground?"

At our dining table, salad was known as "hay" and the baby used to demand her "Suckle" instead of her bottle. (Suckle is a medicated, powdered milk we fed to puny little pigs and lambs.) It was no surprise to me when the high-fiber diet became popular. We've fed roughage to our sows for years, and, to paraphrase a close relative, "What's good for pigs is bound to be good for people!"

When the phone would ring, I would take messages as follows: "Tell Allen I want to breed her to the new boar, not the old one." Or a child's voice would say, "My daddy said you might have some show lambs for sale!"

I've been called from under the dryer at the beauty shop to hear this: "Pick up two sacks of pig feed at that farm supply store that has the sacks with the checkerboard."

MAINTAIN COMPOSURE

Through it all, I've tried to maintain my composure as farm wife and mother, but it hasn't been easy. I lost my aplomb several times; when I came home to an otherwise clean house to find baby pigs in a box in front of the fireplace. Or when I needed someone during a crisis and they were halfway across the state looking at pigs or attending a stock show.

I was somewhat distressed when a white sow escaped the farrowing shed and had her pigs in the shrubbery on the south side of the house. I didn't mind as long as her group and I didn't see one another, but when we started meeting at the front door, it was too much!

However, like most of us who live on the land, I have lots of stamina. I'm made of stern fiber and I'm determined to survive. I know I can do it, because many of my friends have been through it all and are still around. Their kids graduated from high school and 4-H projects and have gone on to bigger and better things. And now their parents are free as air! They can take stock shows or leave them!

Especially, now, I have to get with it because I have to take my 14-year-old daughter to town to buy a new outfit for the stock show. But before I go, I must put on the coffee.

Our neighbor just called and he's bringing over the scales so my husband can weigh the pigs. We need to know whether to draw them or hold them or push them! It's just a short time until the stock show!

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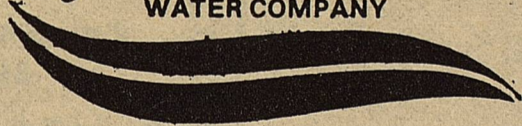
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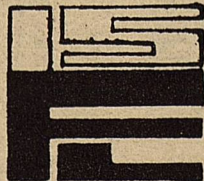


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While serving in this body my goals will be to reduce government spending and regulation; work toward a sound agricultural policy that will provide a reasonable return on investment for our farmers, and take the government out of the energy industry allowing market forces to guarantee a supply and price we can afford. Hopefully, with your help, we can accomplish these goals. Now is not a time for the paternalism of Big Government but the rugged individualism of private initiative. Our foremost goal should be to insure that each person is allowed to reap the benefits of his labor without the government constantly standing in the way.

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Another thing to check is your tire's "footprint"—the flattened section where the tread meets the road. It can be easy to see in snow, dirt or mud. When that footprint is worn smooth—down to 1/16th of an inch or less tread depth, your tire is dangerous. Nearly 90 percent of tire trouble happens in the last 10 percent of tread wear.

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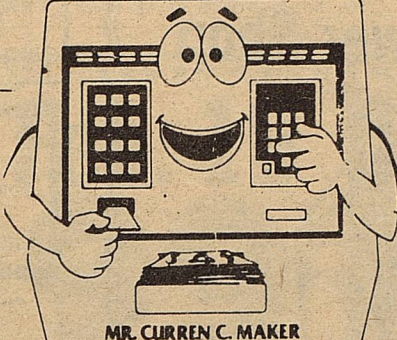
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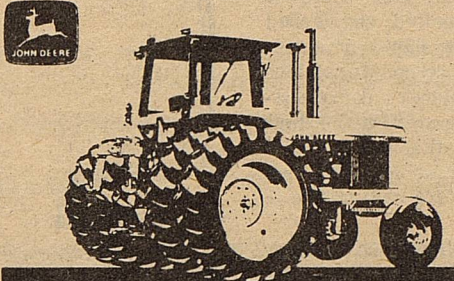
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