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"Most Beautiful" VICKIE JONES and "Most Handsome" PERRY SMITH

## Vickie Jones Crowned "Most Beautiful"

Miss Vickie Jones, daughter of Mrs. Betty McMurrin of Fluvanna was selected "Most Beautiful" last Thursday night during a Beauty Pageant sponsored by the Borden County School's annual staff and sponsor, Mrs. Ben Jarrett. Perry Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Smith of Gail, was chosen "Most Handsome." Perry was selected by the student body during an election last week. The other candidate for "Most Handsome" was Craig Peterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Peterson of the Vealmoor Community. Ben Murphy, Student Council President, crowned the new "Most Beautiful" and presented her a bouquet of Red Roses.

To began the contest, Mr. James McLeroy, Superintendent, welcomed everyone and introduced the judges, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Pruitt of Post. Perry Smith was Master of Ceremonies for the contest with

assistance from Ben Murphy. The seventeen contestants modeled street clothing and long dresses during the contest. Those participating were Karen Williams, Glynda Burkett, Penny Thompson, Mayme McLaury, Vickie Jones, Heather McPhaul, Suzanne Walker, Gena McLeroy, Tammy Merritt, Kay Copeland, Lisa Smith, Rhesa Wolf, Janna Love, Lisa McLeroy, Talley Griffin, Carla Jones, and Jana Edwards.

A very difficult decision for the judges was choosing the top ten girls, as they were all lovely and did a wonderful job of modeling. The decision was finally reached with the following girls being the top ten finalists: Karen Williams, Mayme McLaury, Vickie Jones, Suzanne Walker, Gena McLeroy, Kay Copeland, Rhesa Wolf, Janna Love, Lisa McLeroy and Jana Edwards.

The top ten girls were asked once more to return to the stage which was decorated, in

red and white hearts with red streamers lining the stage. After much pondering, the judges named Rhesa Wolf, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Wolf of Coahoma; Karen Williams of the Plains Community and

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## Extravaganza Changes

The Extravaganza Production has been moved to the Howard College auditorium. It is still scheduled for April 21, 1979 at 8:00 P.M. Due to the fact that Lamesa was forced to drop out of the production, ticket prices have been adjusted! They are available from Mr. Parker and are priced \$4.00 for adults and children 12 and under- \$2.00. Tickets may be purchased at the door. If it would be more convenient as no rebates on tickets sold will be made to individual schools.

## Pioneer Rancher Honored

ALBUQUERQUE — Jerry Clayton, long time cattle rancher in Texas and New Mexico, has been selected "Cattleman of the Year" by the New Mexico Cattle Growers Association, according to Phil Harvey, president.

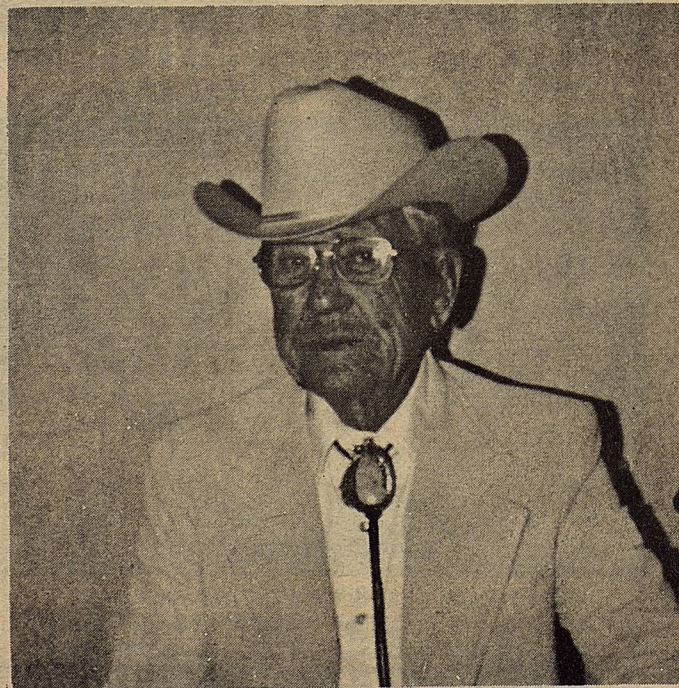
He was presented the award at the Association's annual convention banquet, Monday April 9 in Albuquerque.

In introducing "The Cattleman of the year," Felicia Thall of Bueno Vista, related several "yarns" concerning Mr. Clayton's early ranch days. In his acceptance speech the long time rancher thanked the association and Mrs. Thall by saying "---Felicia made one error--- that is, I don't call myself a cowman yet. I'm still just a cowpuncher."

The son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Clayton, the New Mexico rancher was born in Lubbock in 1901. Having attended San Marcos Academy and Hardin Simmons University, Mr. Clayton was wagon boss for the huge U Bar Cattle Company at Muleshoe, Texas at the age

of seventeen. He was later moved to Alamoquaco headquarters at Hatchita. It was at this time that he and the former Mary Dickinson of Lubbock were married in 1924. They had two children; Jere (Mrs. W. C. Hubbard) of Midland, and Barbara (Mrs. Rich Anderson) of Borden County.

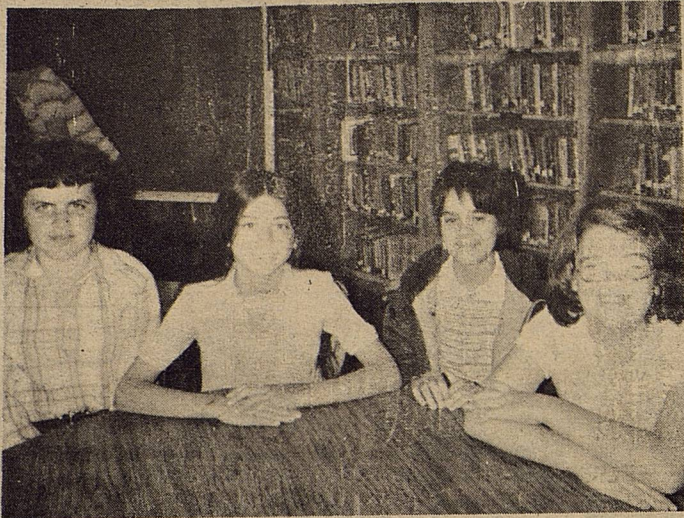
Having ranched in western New Mexico for a decade, the Clayton's moved to Roswell in 1938. From there Mr. Clayton leased and operated a ranch in Lea County, New Mexico from the Dora Roberts estate of Big Spring, Texas. Later he bought the McClure ranch in Lea County. Since that time he has owned and operated successful Hereford cattle ranches in Borden County, Texas, Quay and Guadalupe counties, New Mexico and his home ranch in Lovington. The Borden Co. ranch has been in the Clayton family for three generations. Widowed in 1965, Mr. Clayton married Daisy Chambers in 1959. The Chambers are also long time ranchers in Lea County.



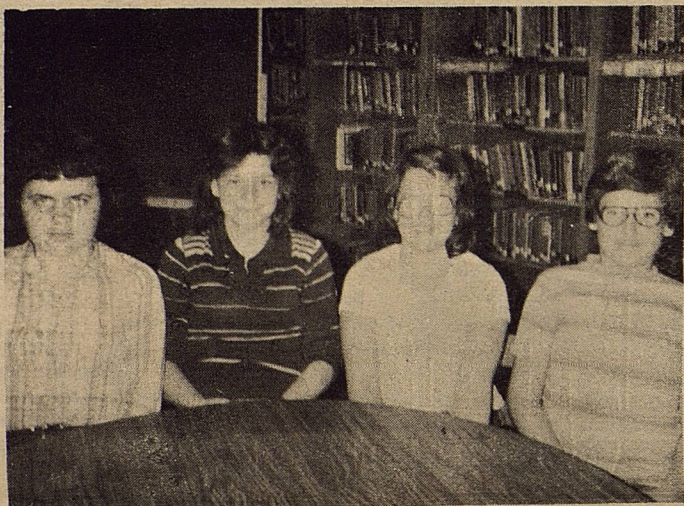
JERRY CLAYTON, "Cattleman of the Year"



# Borden County School News



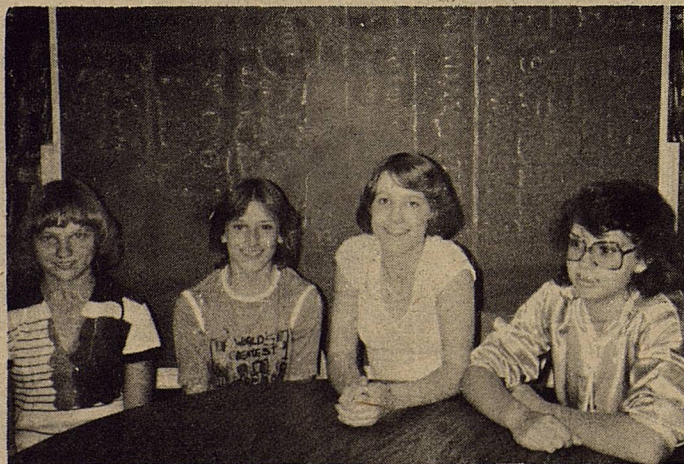
FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADERS PARTICIPATING IN SPELLING AND PLAIN WRITING ARE Dana Gray, Cindy Balague, Nedio Villanueva and Samantha Porter.



ELEMENTARY AND JR. HIGH STUDENTS COMPETING IN U.I.L. ORAL READING are Dana Gray, Shana Bradshaw, Samantha Porter, and Bric Turner.



NUMBER SENSE PARTICIPANTS: Keith Williams, Kevin Telchik, Kelly Williams, and Tammy Miller.



SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE ORAL READING: Kim Wills, Tammy Miller, Jennifer Wilson, and Shelly Peterson.

The students pictured on this page are competing in the Elementary Literary Meet this week. Results will be in next weeks paper.

## TENNIS



### Varsity Boys

Borden's boys qualified one doubles team and one singles player for the district finals by defeating players from Sands in a district preliminary match in Lamesa. Perry Smith, playing with extreme nausea and some vomiting, defeated Dennis Martin of Sands in three sets for the top seed from these matches. Perry's scores were 5-7, 6-4, 6-4. Earlier in the day, Perry beat Danny Peugh 2-6, 6-4, 6-0. "Perry really showed a lot of style playing with the sickness today and I think that leadership is very important," said Coach Lynn Maxwell. In other singles action, Bart McMeans was beaten in the first round by Martin 3-6, 6-2, 3-6.

Craig Peterson and Blane Dyess defeated David Mosely and Larry Feaster of Sands in the doubles finals 6-1, 4-6, 6-2. Dyess and Peterson beat Nathan Zant and Van Gaskins in the first round 6-2, 6-3. Danny Holmes and Brad Smith were beaten in the first round by Feaster and Mosely 4-6, 3-6.

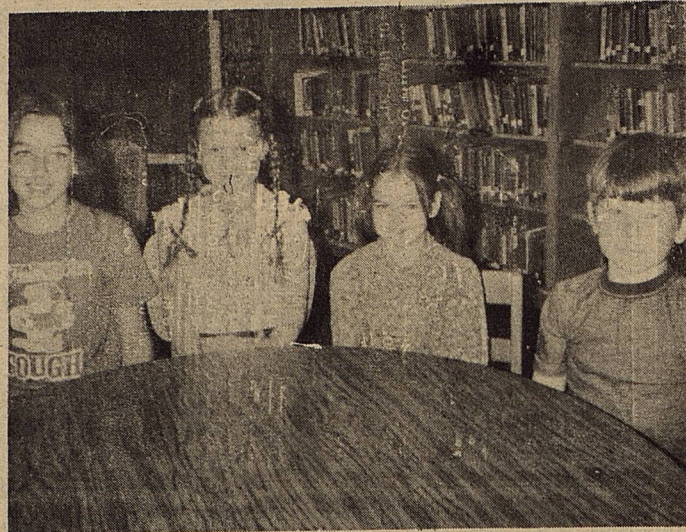
These wins qualify Perry Smith, Blane Dyess and Craig Peterson for places in the district finals April 17 at Klondike. There are six doubles teams and six singles competing for regional qualifying spots that day.

Coach Maxwell had these remarks about the days efforts, "Craig and Blane played very well today considering the practice time they have had. Perry and Bart played good matches also. Perry was off his game a little because of illness, but did a good job. Bart played good tennis, but just missed some key shots that might have changed the outcome. Danny and Brad got off to an early lead and showed real good doubles teamwork before losing to a good team."

### Jr. High

The Junior High boys and girls tennis teams played in the district tournament Tuesday April 10 in Lamesa. Kelli Richardson was defeated in the first round of singles competition by Sims of Wellman. Brandi Campbell was beaten by Bearden of Sands also in the first round of girls singles. In boys singles, Sam Williams was defeated by Rod Stringer of Sands. The doubles team of Phillip Benavidez and Cody Newton was defeated by Braly and Smith of Loop. Also in the first round of boys doubles Scott Jones and Kevin Telchik were beaten by Edwards and Martin of Wellman.

All of the people involved did a good job considering the limited practice time this season. With most of the players being seventh graders, we are looking forward to next year. /s/ Coach Maxwell



ELEMENTARY STUDENTS COMPETING IN STORY TELLING ARE Kim Turner, Ralynn Key, D'Lynn Lloyd, and Wayne Daugherty.



ELEMENTARY STUDENTS COMPETING IN U.I.L. PICTURE MEMORY this week are Kelli Williams, Mary Washington, Dana Gray, and Cindy Balague.



SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADERS READY WRITING: Stephanie Stephens, Jennifer Wilson, Kelly Richardson, and Keith Williams.



SEVENTH & EIGHTH GRADE SPELLING AND PLAIN WRITING: Kim Wills, Roxie Wolf, Tammy Miller, and Stephanie Stephens.



# Borden County School News

## School Meals

### Breakfast Lunch

April 23-27, 1979

<b>MONDAY</b> Cereal Fruit Juice Milk	<b>MONDAY</b> Spaghetti with Meat Sauce English Pea Salad Mashed Potatoes Pineapple Slices Hot Bread Milk Salad Bar
<b>TUESDAY</b> Angel Biscuits Fruit Juice Milk	<b>TUESDAY</b> Tacos with Cheese Lettuce and Tomatoes Potato Salad Canned Fruit Milk
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Muffins Fruit Juice Milk	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Fish Sticks Pinto Beans Jello with Fruit Cornbread Milk Salad Bar
<b>THURSDAY</b> Toast Sausage Fruit Juice Milk	<b>THURSDAY</b> Hamburgers Lettuce and Tomatoes French Fries Cookies Milk
<b>FRIDAY</b> Cereal Fruit Juice Milk	<b>FRIDAY</b> Barbecued Beef Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Applesauce Hot Bread Milk Salad Bar



**RUNNERS-UP IN THE BEAUTY PAGEANT:** Left to right- 1st runner-up, Rhesa Wolf; 2nd runner-up Karen Williams; 3rd runner-up -Gena McLeroy and 4th runner-up- Janna Love.



**Entertaining for the Pageant** were Mr. Jim Parker, Glynda Burkett, and Heather McPhaul. They were joined later by Scott Jones and Carla Jones.

## Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees for the Borden County Independent School District met in regular session on April 16, 1979. All members were present for the meeting.

The board considered the Evelyn Wood speed reading course for inclusion into the school curriculum. The board decided on a two year trial period.

After routine business of minutes and bills, the board canvassed the election returns of the School Board Election held on April 7, 1979, and certified Bill Phinzy and Bob Dyess as school board members. Superintendent McLeroy administered the oath of office to Mr. Bill Phinzy and Mr. Bob Dyess.

All auxilliary personnel were recommended by Superintendent McLeroy and were hired for the 1979-1980 school year. The board acted on continuing the commodity program and approved Joan Briggs as Authorized Representative for the commodities. The board's final action was to endorse the textbook selections as recommended.

The following board members were elected in the re-organization: Ralph Miller, President; Jack McPhaul, Vice-President; and Doyle Newton, Secretary.

Superintendent James McLeroy gave a year - to - date financial report. The attendance was reported at 224. The old gym floor was reported to have been re-finished and was in operation for classes.



**VICKIE JONES**  
-MOST BEAUTIFUL



**Bro. Steve Hillhouse helps to load donations for tornado victims in Wichita Falls.**

## Students And Community Aid Victims

The vote was unanimous to assist victims of the Wichita Falls and Vernon, Texas tornado, in a meeting of school officers last Friday. Officers of the Beta Club, F.H.A., F.F.A. and Student Council had a called meeting to discuss the possibility of helping the victims.

With the help of school administrators, Mr. McLeroy, Mr. McMeans, and Mr. Jarrett, the students immediately launched a full-scale drive for anything the victims might need such as canned food, blankets, coleman lanterns, flashlights, batteries, pampers, etc. The student council had some money earned from selling candy af-

ter school which they took to town, along with donations from various people in the county to purchase needed items. Churches were contacted to spread the word, notices were typed and sent home that afternoon, a deadline was set (Tuesday, April 17), and the students divided into groups representing five areas of the county to make plans for transporting and informing residents of the certain areas.

Bro. Steve Hillhouse pastor of the 1st Baptist Church and Larry Smith carried the load of donations to Wichita Falls Tuesday morning.

## Boys Track

The Borden Coyotes track team traveled to New Home last week to compete in the relays in that town. They scored 48 points, having a good day in the field events and had good individual efforts for the day.

In field events, the following tracksters placed:  
SHOT: Craig Peterson, 3rd  
DISCUS: Craig Peterson, 2nd  
HIGH JUMP: Tim Taylor 3rd, Mike Peterson 4th, and Blane Dyess 5th.  
POLE VAULT: Blane Dyess 3rd.

The following placed in the running events:

440 RELAY: 5th- Van York, Mark Walker, Blane Dyess, Sid Westbrook.  
100 DASH: 6th-Sid Westbrook  
220 DASH: 4th-Van York  
MILE RELAY: 4th- Mark Walker, Tim Taylor, Troyce Wolf, and Sid Westbrook.

**RETIRING**  
Inez McBrayer, who recently retired after serving with the Farmers Home Administration for many years, will be honored with a reception at the Forrest Park Community Center in Lamesa on Sunday, April 22, from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. Friends from Borden County are invited to attend.



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# What's Hap-nin

## Lake News

Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Whitaker and son, Jason visited with Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hodnett last week-end.

Mrs. Pete Anderson is visiting in Harlington, Texas this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Smith are having a vacation in Ruidoso, New Mexico.

Mrs. Della Brooks is visiting with the M. L. Perry's, and the Isaac LaRue's this week-end.

Mr. & Mrs. A. P. Brooks delivered a lovely Arkansas Orchid to Linda Stanford and we all had a nice visit.

The M. L. Perry's are planning a much needed trip to the Pacific-Northwest soon.

Jarrett Stanford will have his 7th birthday April 7th. We wish him a happy birthday.

Mr. & Mrs. Dale Doizer are leaving and many of us will be sorry to see them go.

Heard that the Easter Bunny was seen hopping around Gail early, early last Sunday morning. Hope he stopped at your house.

Sky Steven Jones is doing fine. He was born with pneumonia but now weighs 5 lbs. 12 oz. and as soon as he starts eating good, he will get to come home from the hospital in Lubbock. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Jones. Know they will be very happy to get him home.

Last Wednesday was a day of tension in Gail. Everyone was waiting to hear from their loved ones in Wichita Falls, Vernon, Lawton, etc. We were lucky and very thankful that Donna Cox Holdeman and Neal, The Kenneth Cunninghams, The Ricky Cunninghams, David Johnson and Billy Will's Neice, Sandy, all came through without damage to themselves or their property. Our hearts go out to the ones who suffered losses.

Last week was a bad week with the wind in Borden County Pat Hensley's hay barn blew away. The wind also took the roof from Scotty Clayton's hay

barn and deposited it on top of his big, new barn. Scotty does not think the extra roof did much for the new barn.

Madge Hendricks has come home from the hospital. Glad to report that she felt well enough to go home with her daughter, Calley, who came from Oklahoma to see about her.

Bob and Gae Ludecke are in North Carolina visiting their daughter and son-in-law, Randy and Bobbie George and two granddaughters. At least, we think they made it. Bob may have had trouble since this was the first time to fly for Gae.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Frances Burkett in the loss of their loved one, Tom Holden, father of Frances.

Little Kayla Drain, daughter of Daryl and Cindy Drain is home from the hospital. She had tubes inserted in her ears to cure the ear infection that has been troubling her for some time.

Vernon Miller has been having very bad luck. Not only does he have a very sore hand from getting it cut, he also had his race winning Stud colt to die recently.

Many Borden County youngsters were entered in the AJRA Rodeo at Sweetwater over the weekend. Keil and Kelli Williams, Tammy and Becky Miller, Dana and Glen Gray, Perry Smith, Travis Rinehart, Gayla and Cody Newton and Talley Griffin. We may have missed someone but hope we did not, and at this time we have no report of final results but about Friday, some of them were doing fine in the standings.

Norval Cunningham is at the hospital at this time seeing the doctor and having tests run. Hope all he gets is good news.

Heard that O. D. Jackson broke his finger last week. Hope it is better by now.



WATCH OUT EASTER EGGS!

Pre-schoolers joined kindergarten for their annual Easter Egg hunt and party last Friday. Approximately 44 eager youngsters lined up for the Mark, Set, Go, of the hunt.

At least eighteen of the youngsters will be attending pre-kindergarten day, Friday, April 27 and eagerly awaiting the first day of Kindergarten next fall.

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MISS CATHERINE JACKSON

### Gail Student Wins LCC Honor

Catherine Jackson, a senior psychology major from Gail, received one of two President's Awards at the Lubbock Christian College all-school banquet. Miss Jackson also was second runnerup for the Miss LCC honor.

Catherine is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Jackson.

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## New Arrival

### Lions Club Meeting



The Gail Lions Club met Monday, April 16 in their regular meeting. New officers were elected and the club saw a Cancer film.

They accepted an invitation to play the O'Donnell Lions in the O'Donnell May 18th, Outsiders Basketball game. Benefits to go for the O'Donnell Little League.

Max and Bethe Jones of Rt. 1, Fluvanna, are parents of a 6 lb. 14 1/2 oz. baby boy born at 8:53 p.m. April 9 at Cogdell Hospital in Snyder.

The proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Don Jones of Fluvanna and Mr. and Mrs. B.U. Terry, Jr. of Eagle Nest, New Mexico.

He has been named Sky Steven Jones.

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# Jerre's Gottings

I think I'll apply for the job of speech writer for the sitting president. James Earle had the perfect opportunity to redeem himself to the whole nation but he blew it and I've had a stomach ache ever since. I'm talking about Carter's energy speech and his following press releases.

He had the chance of a lifetime if only he'd eaten humble pie and said, "Well fellas, you greasers were right all along and I've been wrong. But here's the fix government has gotten the whole country into and I'm here to tell ya, I'm gonna help get US out." Then he would have gone on to say that controls on the market place never work and that he by executive order is going to de-regulate the price of oil and gas. Instead, he narrowed his focus and announced decontrol as if the light had just turned on in only his head. Well, never mind--J.C. finally did what everyone personally involved in the business of oil and gas has been begging for for years.

But then came the part that gave me the stomach ache. I have never heard such a manifesto for socialism, in all my days. There he blew it again. Such an opportunity to give an economics lesson to all of US. Why, he had the whole nation as a classroom. He could have explained why we have a shortage of oil and gas--why we must import. He could have told the masses that due to poor returns on their investments, the oil companies were having to invest in such money makers as circuses, department stores and timber. James Earle, the businessman, could have taught how a free market always delivers--be it peanut oil or fossil oil. While giving it to US straight, he could have said that yes, prices will go up. And yes, we must conserve, but higher prices will be a far better conservation measure than government interference by edict.

Instead, the President of the United States got surly.

He demanded a "windfall profits" tax on 50% of this new "unearned" income to the rip-off oil companies. You heard him--on and on he raved. He will establish his own slush pit where these oily dollars will be pooled. This barrel full of "unearned" money will be doled out to perfect new sources of energy. But best of all--to alleviate the bite on the poor by dividing the unearned money among them. This will be called an "allowable", I assume.

Well, it's all so illogical that I splutter. First off, prices of oil and gas will continue to go higher and higher until we find more and more. Therefore, isn't it logical to assume that by allowing the oil companies to use their own returns--all of them--to more quickly find more oil and build new refineries, the sooner prices will go down? If it is only higher prices the President is worried about, and not shortages, then why decontrol at all? But if it is increased production that decontrol will assure, then why turn around and tax half the money received which would become the incentive to increase production? Stupid.

About his conservation measures. Just what constitutional authority does a president have to fiddle with our thermostats? And I'm wondering if JC can order "mandatory steps" such as closing filling stations on the weekends. Seems to me that is interfering with a man's private business. Or is all this--"mandatory steps"--windfall profits tax-- compulsory thermostat setting--are all these the first hints of nationalizing our oil and gas industry?

It occurs to me that the price of peanuts and peanut products have escalated along with everything else. No one required James Earle Carter to plow back all of his unearned profits into the peanut business. I will agree that Mr. Carter's profits are a windfall and unearned, but they don't come from peanuts.



STENHOLM HONORED -- Congressman Charles W. Stenholm, right, of the 17th District was honored by the Texas Tech University Board of Regents in ceremonies at its March 30 meeting. The Texas Tech alumnus was recognized for having realized "his dream of serving his country" by his recent election to the Congress and becoming one of the first two Texas Tech graduates ever to serve in the U. S. Congress. The official resolution was read and presented to Stenholm by Regent James L. Snyder of Baird, chairman of the board's subcommittee on public affairs and a long-time friend of Stenholm.

## W.T.C. News

Snyder - Texas Tech University has announced that it will not offer graduate level courses at Western Texas College this summer. Tech is expected to resume the graduate courses at WTC in the fall semester and persons interested in information about those courses may contact Mary Pinkston in the WTC Administration Building.

### Beauty Pageant

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daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Williams; Gena McLeroy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James McLeroy of Gail; Janna Love, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Love of the Midway Community; and Vickie Jones as the top five finalists. They were escorted back on stage by Ray Don Underwood and Chuck Canon.

These finalists were each asked a question and they were to answer it to the best of their ability. Rhesa's question was "Do you feel that a girl should pursue a career?" Her answer was "Yes, you never know when you may have to support your husband or family". Vickie's question was "What are the advantages of attending a small school?" The answer was "In attending a small school, the advantages

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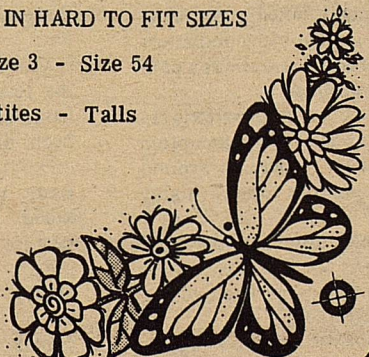
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# ASCS News

By JERRY STONE

## 1979 FARM PROGRAM SIGN-UP --- DEADLINE APRIL 30

As the wheat, feed grain, and upland cotton sign-up period enters into its final days, producers are advised to seriously consider program bene-

fits which offer protection against both natural and economic disasters.

Participating farmers will have the opportunity to obtain loans while holding their crops for higher prices. They will have the advantage of defic-

incy payments to help them stay in business, and disaster coverage to help protect against crop loss. Set-aside, voluntary diversion, target prices and loan rates under the 1979 Program are:

CROP	SET-ASIDE	VOL. DIV.	TARGET PRICE	LOAN RATE
Wheat	20%	None	\$3.40 per bu.	\$2.35 per bu.
Corn	10%	10%	\$2.20 per bu.	\$2.00 per bu.
Gr. Sorg.	10%	10%	\$2.30 per bu.	\$1.90 per bu.
Barley	20%	None	\$2.40 per bu.	\$1.63 per bu.
Cotton	None	None	57.7¢ per lb.	50.23¢ per lb.

Producers who planted wheat for harvest in 1979 have yet another option, the Grazing and Hay Program, whereby farmers would be allowed to graze cattle or cut hay on wheat acreage equal to a maximum of 40 percent of their total intended planting of wheat, feed grain and upland cotton, or 50 acres whichever is larger.

The final planting dates for program crops in Borden County were set as May 1 for corn, June 15 for cotton, and June 20 for grain sorghum.

The final certification date for wheat, oats, rye, and barley is May 1. Cotton, grain sorghum, corn and set-aside acres must be reported by July 15.

### MEASUREMENT SERVICE

For your protection, it is very important that acreage certifications be correct. If you cannot determine the correct acreage, measurement service is available through this office. A fee is charged for the service.

### FUEL SHORTAGE

Borden County farmers who have exhausted all means of obtaining needed fuel may obtain assistance and fuel allocation forms from the county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) office.

Under Department of Energy (DOE) regulations, far-

mers are entitled to 100 percent of their farm needs of propane, butane and gasoline for production of food and fiber.

In an effort to solve agricultural related fuel problems locally, the County Office will help farmers by assisting in preparing applications and distribute copies of Federal and State instructions and regulations from the State Energy Office.

### NON-DISCRIMINATION

Eligibility for participation in all programs administered by ASCS is established under law without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or National origin.


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are the close relationships, special attention you receive, the friendships and activities offered." Karen's question was "If your boyfriend called you and said he could not take you out because he could not afford it, what would you do?" Karen answered "I will treat you this time" or "Come on over and we can watch T.V." Gena's question was "What advice would you give to a student just entering high school?" Her answer was "On entering high school, have a positive attitude and get involved in the new activities." Janna's question was "What was one of the most helpful encounters during your high school career?" The answer was "Debate has helped me to talk before an audience and to develop my mind more fully".

The 4th runner-up was Janna Love, 3rd runner-up, Gena Mc-Leroy; 2nd runner-up, Karen Williams; 1st runner-up, Rhesa Wolf and the winner was Vickie Jones.

Special music for the evening was provided by Mr. Jim Parker (guitar), Mrs. Salley Wilson (piano), Carla Jones (guitar), Scott Jones (drums), Glynda Burkett (electric piano) and Heather McPhaul (vocalist). They were aided by John Eldridge, sound engineer. Some of the music was "A Million Tomorrows", "Pearly White City", and "Caught On the Wheel of Romance".



**CUMMINS DAIRY QUEENS**

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**SPRINGTIME IS LIGHTNING TIME**--With four out of five human deaths or injuries from lightning occurring in rural areas, Agriculture Commissioner Reagan V. Brown warns that springtime weather increases the likelihood of lightning strikes and the need to guard against personal injury and property damage.

## Springtime Storms Increase Lightning Damage Danger

AUSTIN--Four out of five human deaths or injuries from lightning occur in rural areas, the Texas Department of Agriculture warns, and, as spring approaches, the likelihood of the violent electrical charges increases.

Isolated buildings and equipment in rural areas are interconnected by a network of water pipes, electric wires and metal fencing to make them irresistible conductors in lightning's search for a path to the ground.

Barns are particularly vulnerable as they are often the tallest structures around and regularly contain highly combustible material. Burning country homes and buildings are also at the mercy of limited rural fire-fighting equipment.

A farmer perched high in the cab of a tractor or rancher straddling a metal corral fence

join the ranks of highly susceptible targets.

Like humans, animals are not nearly as often hit directly by lightning as they are electrocuted by ground currents radiating from a tree or other object. An estimated 80 percent of all accidental livestock losses have been attributed to lightning. Agriculture Commissioner Reagan V. Brown pointed out.

Cases of electrocution as the result of current passing from land to animal have also been documented, including one Utah incident in which more than 500 sheep were killed instantly when the pasture in which they were grazing was struck. The ability of electrical current to travel from object to object explains the fact that most people and animals struck by

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# Your County Agent Says

## By Sam Field

PECAN TREES NEED FREQUENT ZINC SPRAYS DURING THE SPRING

Beautiful pecan trees and regular harvests of high quality pecans begins each spring with frequent zinc sprays. Good foliage is the secret to optimum growth, healthy trees and regular production. Mature pecan trees can have double the amount of foliage with three or four zinc sprays in April and May. Leaves on mature trees are full grown by June, so spray early and frequently. Young pecan trees can grow six feet instead of six inches in one year if zinc is sprayed onto the foliage every two to three weeks from April until August. This is of course in combination with a good management program.

There are two types of zinc which can be used in Texas, zinc sulfate or NZN. Each is effective. Commercial pecan producers have used zinc sulfate with good results for over 40 years. Caution will need to be used however because zinc sulfate can kill many types of plants, so spray it only on pecan foliage. NZN is a new type of zinc which is a liquid. It was developed by Dr. J. Benton Storey of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. NZN is highly soluble, less toxic to other vegetation and readily available at many garden centers.

The commercial rates of

zinc for spraying pecan foliage in Texas are 2 pounds of zinc sulfate or 1 1/4 quarts of NZN per 100 gallons water.

The homeowner should use 2 teaspoons of zinc sulfate or NZN in one gallon of water.

Other forms of zinc, such as zinc chelates or tree injectors, have been tested but have not been found to be an effective source of zinc for pecans in Texas.

Zinc is utilized by pecan foliage for the manufacture of a growth hormone called indole-acetic-acid. Without zinc and indole-acetic-acid pecan growth is greatly reduced. The leaves will be small and the shoots will be short and in clusters forming what is commonly called "zinc rosette". Zinc is not readily translocated from shoot to shoot; consequently, frequent zinc sprays are needed if new growth is to receive zinc. This is also why good coverage is important. Since aerial application does not give complete tree coverage, commercial growers have to depend on ground sprayers for zinc applications.

There are over 600,000 acres of native pecan trees in Texas. Yet strange as it may seem pecans are one of the few plants that cannot absorb zinc from the soil. Texas soils frequently contain very high levels of zinc but because of the high pH nature of alkaline soils a high percentage of the soil zinc is not soluble in the soil water and is thus unavailable to the pecan. Applications of zinc to the soil are of no

significant value to pecan trees in Texas.

Relative humidity has a great effect on foliar absorption of zinc. In far west Texas extreme difficulty can be encountered in getting the zinc into the leaf. Along the Gulf Coast, absorption can be extremely easy. Zinc should not be concentrated to 2X or 4X rates because foliage burn can result during periods of high humidity. The use of spreaders are not recommended because they can result in accelerated drying and reduced zinc absorption.

A pecan grower can determine if his zinc sprays are effective by observing the amount of terminal growth the trees make during the year. Mature trees should make 5 to 10 inches of shoot growth annually. Nonbearing trees should make 24 inches of shoot growth each year. In addition, leaves collected in August or early September can be analyzed in a chemical laboratory to determine the concentration of zinc in the leaves. A level of 75 ppm is considered a minimum and 125 ppm is optimum. It is very important to have the leaves washed before analysis to prevent measuring the zinc that may remain on the surface of the leaf.

Zinc alone is not the answer to perfect pecans. It is however a very important cultural requirement. With good zinc management other cultural practices such as fertilization and irrigation will be more effective. However, fertilization or irrigation without zinc sprays is of little value. So, zinc sprays are one of the pecan growers most important first steps to success each year.



Extravaganza Cast: Back row: left to right: Cole Herring, Becky Miller, Mike Peterson, Kay Copeland, Jym Rinehart, Lisa Smith, Marurice Herridge, Marquita Mennix, Terri Moreno. Center row- Lisa McLeroy, Mark Walker, Carla Jones, Chuck Canon, Pennye Thompson, Ben Murphy, Heather McPhaul, Van York, Gena McLeroy. Front: Rhesa Wolf, Suzanne Walker, Karen Williams and Vickie Jones. Not pictured Jibber Herridge, Chip Smith, Darrell Green, and Glynda Burkett.

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### Storms

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lightning bear no visible scars. Some good seems to come along with most of nature's evil and such is also the case with lightning, as it causes some of the nitrogen in the air to combine with part of the oxygen, forming nitric oxide gas. The gas, eventually dissolved in precipitation, comes back to the earth as soil-enriching nitrate at an estimated rate of hundreds of millions of pounds yearly.

"While lightning presents an obvious danger, both in rural and urban environments the wise person can protect himself and his belongings," explained Brown. "Lightning rods are the best preventive medicine, but once lightning has struck, check for fire damage immediately."

In case of a storm, get inside, stay low and away from metal objects, water, electrical equipment and telephones. A car is a good place to be; a boat is not.

Your chances are still a million to one of being hit by lightning, but if that statistic doesn't offer enough comfort, remember the wise words of a longtime expert:

"If you heard the thunder, the lightning didn't strike you. If you saw the lightning, it missed you;

And if it did strike you, you would not have known it."

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TOM HENDON

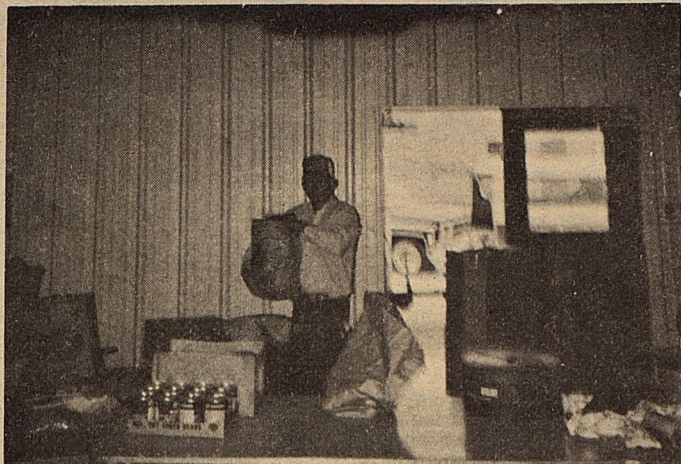
Services for William Thomas (Tom) Hendon, 92, were held at 3 p.m. Thursday in the First United Methodist Church in Lamesa with Rev. Harvey Whittenburg of Oklahoma Lane, Texas, officiating, assisted by Rev. George Butler of Welch. Burial was in Lamesa Memorial Park under the direction of Brannon Funeral Home.

Hendon died about 4 a.m. Wednesday at the Seventh Street Leisure Lodge in Lamesa.

A native of Mississippi, he came to Dawson County in 1930 from Knox County, Texas. He married Iris Lee Winn in 1910. She preceded him in death on June 24, 1959.

He was a 49 year member of the Welch Methodist Church and farmed in that community for many years.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Berdie Lisenbee of Welch and Mrs. Frances Burkett of O'Donnell; five sons, E.L. (Gene) Hendon of Welch, Lynn of Lubbock, J. T. (Pete) of Bellville, Kansas, Royce (Jack) of La Junta, Colo., and Houston (Tobe) of Morton; 19 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren.



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Cooking for a crowd? Go Italian with Easy Lasagne!

Prepared with economical ground beef, this flavor-packed entree is ideal for informal gatherings points out Reba Stagg, home economist with the National Live Stock and Meat Board.

EASY LASAGNE

- 8 lbs. ground beef
- 1/2 cup lard
- 2 qts. chopped onion
- 6 cloves chopped garlic
- 4 cans tomatoes (1lb. 12 oz. each)
- 3 cans (12 oz. each) tomato paste
- 3 tablespoons salt
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- 1 tablespoon basil (leaf)
- 2 tablespoons oregano (leaf)
- 4 bay leaves (optional)
- 2 pounds lasagne noodles
- 2 pounds Cheddar cheese, grated (2 quarts)

Cook ground meat, onion and garlic in lard slowly, stirring occasionally, until meat is browned, about 30 minutes. Pour off Drippings. Add tomatoes, tomato paste, salt, pepper, basil, oregano and bay leaves. Mix well. Simmer mixture 30 minutes, stirring occasionally. Cook lasagne noodles. Drain and divide noodles into 4 equal parts. In each of two 20-3/4" x 12-3/4" x 4" pans, alternate layers of ingredients as follows: 1 quart meat mixture, 1/4 lasagne noodles, 1 quart meat mixture, 2 cups grated cheese, 1/2 of the remaining meat mixture,

1/4 lasagne noodles and 2 cups grated cheese. Bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees F.) 30 minutes. 48 servings.

BEEF STEAK STRIPS BASKIN A SWEET - SOUR SAUCE TO PROVIDE DELICIOUS FARE FOR A LUAU-STYLE DINNER

Can a dinner-in-a-dish go to a party? The answer is "yes" when it's an exotic creation called Beef Steak Strips, Luau-Style. Ideal for entertaining, this easy-to-prepare entree requires less than an hour cooking time.

Purchase 2 pounds of round steak, cut 1/2 inch thick for this recipe, advises meat expert Reba Stagg of the National Live Stock and Meat Board. Then slice the meat in strips 1/8 inch wide and 2 inches long.

Brown the beef in 1 tablespoon lard or drippings. Add 2 medium onions sliced 1/8 inch thick and 1/2 cup water. Cover tightly and cook over low heat for 30 minutes or until tender.

Next, drain 1 can (13 1/4 oz.) of pineapple chunks and reserve syrup. If necessary add water to syrup to make 2/3 cup liquid.

For the sweet-sour sauce, add 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar, 1 teaspoon ground ginger, 2 tablespoons cornstarch, 1/3 cup soy sauce and 2 tablespoons vinegar to the pineapple liquid. Cook, stirring until thickened.

Add sauce, pineapple and 1 can (4 oz) mushroom stems and pieces to the meat. Cover and cook 5 minutes. Fold in 2 medium - sized tomatoes, peeled and cut into wedges and 1 medium sized avocado, peeled and cut in 2 1/2 inch strips and heat through. 6 to 8 servings.

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