



On hand for the signing of the Arbor Day proclamation by Governor William P. Clements, Jr. (seated) are (l to r) Oliver Bass, Jr., President of the Texas Forestry Association, Kennard; George McKinney, president of the Beautify Texas Council, Dallas; and Paul Kramer, director of the Texas Forest Service, College Station.

Arbor Day Observed

Arbor Day activities throughout the state will be highlighted with the Official State of Texas Arbor Day Observance and tree planting ceremony, scheduled for Friday, January 18 in Dallas. Featured speaker will be Governor William P. Clements, Jr.

The state observance, which begins at 10:30 am in the Music Hall at Fair Park, is being sponsored by the statewide, nonprofit Beautify Texas Council in cooperation with the Texas Forest Service and the Texas Forestry Association.

The official state tree, a Tejas Pecan, will be planted at the conclusion of the ceremony and will be dedicated to the memory of the late William B. Dean, M. D. Dr. Dean was a longhime member and former chairman of the Dallas Parks and Recreation Board and a Dallas civic

Arbor Day was first celebrated in Texas in 1889 in Temple. The first statewide ceremony took place in Austin in 1890.

As provided by a resolution of the state legislature in 1951, the Governor proclaims each year the third Friday of January as "Arbor Day in Texas". In his 1980 proclamation, Governor Clements urges all citizens, especially those in the public schools, to observe this occasion.

"Trees have always played a major role in the development of our state and the well-being of her people. Trees purify the air we breathe, produce ozygen, absorb noise, help collect and store water in our underground reservoirs, and moderate the winds and temperature," he stated.

The Beautify Texas Council is a statewide, nonprofit, voluntary organization dedicated to mang Texas "the cleanest, most beautiful state in the nation". For more information on activities and programs of the Council, citizens are urged to contact the BTC at P.O. Box 2251, Austin, Texas 78768

Editorial

Demand For Beef Is Softening

Cattlemen long have planned their business and based their hopes on the Law of Supply and Demand. Supply they could measure, because they could count their cattle and, with help from the USDA, they got monthly and annual counts on the total U.S. supply.

Cattlemen know that the supply of beef fluctuates significantly over a period of about 10 years-that's what they call the "cattle cycle." When cattle numbers are up, prices usually are down. When cattle numbers are down, prices usually are up. Cattlemen expect this, because they believe in 'supply and demand," because they know numbers have fluctuated, and because they thought demand was remaining constant or growing.

Now comes the shocking word from Livestock Business Advisory Services (LBAS) of Kansas City that the demand for beef is not remaining constant; indeed, it may be softening.

Demand for beef is reflected in Percent of Disposable Income (PDI) spent on beef, according to LBAS. The USDA started reporting PDI spent on beef in 1949. From 1949 through 1964, it never was higher than 2.7 percent and never lower than 2.5 percent. From 1965 through 1978, it averaged 2.59 percent.

But in the last half of 1979, it slipped to 2.4 percent and is expected to soften further, to 2.37 percent in 1980.

These figures mean dollars to cattlemen. Because every 0.1 percent drop in Disposable Income spent for beef translates into a drop of about \$3 per cwt. in the price of fed cattle.

And that usually triggers an even bigger drop in the Con't on P. 5

Ledbetter Seeks Third Term

Gail - Herman Ledbetter announced today his decision to seek a third term as County Commissioner of Precinct 1. His candidacy is subject to the Democratic primary to be held in Borden County May 3, 1980.

Ledbetter is a long time resident of Borden County and farms in the Plains Community. In making his announcement, Ledbetter expressed his appreciation for the support he has received from the people in Borden Co. "It has been a pleasure serving in this office and I would like to continue to serve as Commissioner of Precinct 1.



HERMAN LEDBETTER
Your vote and influence would be appreciated," he

said.

Borden County School News

Jr. High Boys Win Third in Tourney

-s- Lynn Maxwell

The Borden Coyote Junior High boys won third place in the Grady Tournament this past week end. The Coyotes beat Forsan Thursday 30-19. The Covotes held the Buffs to one point in the second quarter and then outscored them 13-4 in the fourth for the win. Scott Brooks led the Coyotes with 10 points. Sam Williams and Phillip Benavidez each scored 7 points, Charles La Rue, Keith Martin, and Kirby Williams scored 2 each.

On Friday the Coyotes lost to Klondike by a score of 26-30, The Klondike Cougars outscored the Coyotes 6-2 in the fourth quarter to defeat the Coyotes. Phillip Benavidez scored 10 points to lead Borden. Sam Williams scored 7 points, Scott Brooks 5, and Keith Martin 4

Saturday afternoon the Coyotes defeated Sands 27-23 to win the first tournament trophy for the Jr. High in several years. Phillip Benavidez scored 17 points to pace Borden. Scott Brooks had 6 and Sam Williams 4.

The Junior Coyotes play Sands at home on the 14th and play New Deal Thursday at 3:15 in the New Home Tournament.

Mustangs Smash Coyote Boys

-s- Lynn Maxwell

Peterson had 14 points and

16 rebounds. Ben Murphy

scored 9 points and had 6

rebounds. Bart McMeans

had 6 points and 5

rebounds, and Jr.

The Coyotes had their

best game of the season

rebounding, grabbing 26

offensive and 20 defensive.

However, it was one of their

poorer shooting nights

hitting only 30 per cent from

the field and 46 per cent of

The Coyotes play

Wellman there on Tuesday

and Dawson there on

Thursday this week.

their free throws.

Benavidez had 3 points.

The Sands Mustangs shot an incredible 63 per cent from the field the last half to run away from the Borden Coyotes 89-51 Friday night. The Coyotes trailed by 12, 38-26 at the half in spite of shooting only 33 per cent to 54 per cent for the Mustangs. The Mustangs used ten players to successfully tire the Coyote squad and outscored them 51-25 the last half.

Blane Dyess led the Coyotes with 19 points and 10 rebounds, Craig

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Girls Varsity Destroys Klondike J. V.'s Bow

Girls basketball coach, Larry Steele, and the entire county-have reason to be proud of the high school girls varsity team. The girls destroyed Klondike 40-26. The record for the lady Coyotes is 19 wins, one loss.

The Klondike Cougars took the lead in the first quarter 8-5. Halftime score was 16-12 in Borden County's favor. Klondike crawled past Borden in the third quarter 24-26 and the final score was 40-36.

Karen Williams and Jana Edwards each scored 11; Talley Griffin, 9; Janna Love, 6; Joie Brummett, 2; and Glynda Burkett, 1.

In Junior Varsity action, however, the girls lost 32-17 to Klondike.

Teresa Wimberly made 8; Lisa Smith, 3; Sharon Brummett, Tammy Merritt, and Shellie Peterson, 2.

Girls J. V. Fall To Sands

The Borden Girls J.V. Team fell to Sands Friday night 34-43. Borden was ahead at the end of the first quarter 11 to 9 but the Sands team took over the ballgame in the second quarter and the Coyotes could not muster enough to get ahead.

Gena McLeroy had 13 points; Shellie Peterson, 6; Lisa Smith, 5; Sharon Brummett, 3; Kelley Richardson, Teresa Wimberly, and Kay Copeland, 2 each; and Tammy Merritt, 1.

The girls will travel to Wellman on January 15 and to Dawson on January 17th.

Varsity Girls Defeat Sands, Soundly

The Varsity Girls won their twentieth victory of the season last Friday night, defeating Sands 43-37.

The girls, now standing 20-1 in season play and 2-0 in district, easily dominated the first half of the game with the Mustangs. Halftime score was 27-13, Borden. Sands tried for a comeback in the third quarter, scoring 14 points

and becoming within 6 points of the Coyotes. The Coyotes held their ground, though, and came up with their second district win. The girls will meet Wellman on the 15th and Dawson on the 17th of January. Both are out-of- town games.

Jana Edwards led scoring against Sands with 14 points; Janna Love and Talley Griffin, 12 each; Glynda Burkett, 3; and Gayla Newton, 2.



PHILLIP BENAVIDEZ PUTS ONE IN FOR BORDEN_

Jr. High Girls Take Third In Tourney

The Junior High girls took 3rd place in the Grady Tournament last week-end. They over-powered Forsan on January 10,28 to 17, but lost to the powerful Klondike team the next day 17 to 26. They returned on Saturday to beat Sands by one point, giving them a 20-19 victory and a third place trophy.

The Coyotes failed to score in the first quarter of

play, and the halftime score was only 8 to 9 in the Coyotes favor. They held Forsan to 8 points in the last half and came up with 20 for themselves. Roxie Wolf had 12 points; Simona Benavidez, 10; Shawna Vaughn, 4; and Shana Bradshaw, 2.

Klondike took the lead in the second game for the girls and held it throughout the game. Halftime score was 10 to 18 and the Coyotes had a scoreless third quarter, leaving them too far behind to recover. Simona Benavidez had 6 points; Roxie Wolf, 5; Misty Merritt, Shawna Vaughn, and Becky Massingill, 2 each.

The game with Sands was a neck and neck ballgame from beginning to end. The halftime score was tied 9 to 9. They gained 2 points on Sands in the third quarter and fell one in the fourth quarter, giving them a nerve-wrecking win of 1 point. Becky Massingill had 7 points; Simona Benavidez and Shana Bradshaw, 4 each; Roxie Wolf, 3 and Tammy Merritt and Tanya Hollis, 1 point each.

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Borden County School News



MRS BRENDA CONNER HAS BEEN HIRED AS NEW HOMEMAKING TEACHER FOR THE BORDEN HIGH SCHOOL.

Homemaking Teacher

Mrs. Brenda Conner, a 1979 graduate of Texas Tech University, has been hired as Homemaking teacher for Borden High School. Brenda and her husband, Ray, reside in Post, Texas where Ray is the agriculture teacher for Post High School.

Brenda was raised on a farm in Plains Texas where she graduated from high school in 1976. She enjoys snow skiing, sewing, and younger children as well as high school age.

Mrs. Conner replaces Mrs. Bonnie Brumley, who resigned to remain home with her new daughter.

Jr. High Boys Win In Overtime

Phillip Benavidez and Scott Jones sank clutch baskets to bring Borden back to a 31-30 victory in overtime here Monday over Sands. After trailing 20-22 going into the fourth quarter, Phillip Benavidez sank an 8 foot jumper from the right baseline with one second remaining to tie the score at 28-28. After falling behind 30-28 in the overtime, Sam Williams made one of two free throws to set the stage for Jones game winning shot. Good team defense in the final

seconds gave the Coyotes the ball with 29 seconds left.

Jones took a pass from Williams and drove to the left side of the lane and hit a 10 footer with only 17 seconds remaining. Steals and turnovers left the Mustangs with the ball with 9 seconds left, but they could not score before time expired.

Jones and Benavidez each scored 12 points for the Coyotes, with Sam Williams adding 5, and Keith Martin 2. The Coyotes are now 6-4. s-s Coach Lynn Maxwell

Jr. High Girls Bow to Sands

The Junior High girls played a good game against Sands Monday night, but could not score enough points for a win. Sands took home a 30 to 21 victory over the young Coyotes. A practically scoreless first quarter began the game. Borden's Roxie Wolf made the only point during the lst quarter with a free throw. Halftime score was 15 to 20, Sands. The Coyote girls could not get the ball to work for them and finished 9 points behind.

Roxie Wolf and Simona Benavidez scored 6 points each; Becky Massingill had 4 points; Shawna Vaughn and Tanya Hollis, 2 each and Mary Washington, 1 point.

Most students come from urban areas

COLLEGE STATION — Although Texas A&M University continues to have the nation's largest agricultural single-campus enrollment, most students come from the state's major metropolitan areas, according to an analysis of the university's record-breaking fall registration of 31,331.

While Texas A&M is attracting large numbers of students from the big cities and surrounding areas, it continues to draw from all sections, with students from 246 of the state's 254 counties.

Of the overall 31,331 enrollment at the state's second largest university, 27,207 students are from Texas, with 2,661 coming from all of the other 49 states and various U.S. territories and 1,463 from foreign countries, primarily in Latin America.

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SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

January 21-25, 1980

LUNCH

'BREAKFAST

MONDAY Burritos Chili and Cheese Salad Fruit Milk Salaf Bar

TUESDAY Chicken Pot Pie Salad Fruit Cobbler Milk Salad Bar

WEDNESDAY Pizza Squares Buttered Corn Jello with Fruit Milk Salad Bar

THURSDAY
Pork Steak
Mashed Potatoes
English Peas
Hot Rolls
Peanut Butter Brownies
Mill-

Salad Bar

FRIDAY
Hamburgers
Lettuce-Tomatoes-Pickles
French Fried Potatoes
Cake
Milk
Salad Bar

MONDAY
BUTTERED Rice
Toast
Fruit Juice
Milk

TUESDAY
Biscuits and Sausage
Jelly
Applesauce
Milk

WEDNESDAY Cowboy Bread Fruit Juice Milk

THURSDAY Cinnamon Toast Fruit Juice Milk

FRIDAY Cereal Fruit Juice Milk



School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District met in regular session on January 14, 1980 at 8:00 p.m. Routine business of minutes, bills, were handled in normal business proceedings. The Board appointed the Equalization Board for the school district for 1980. The following named people will oe asked to serve: Pat Hensley, Rich Anderson Nathan Zant. Zant.

A new three-year contract was awarded James McLeroy as superintendent of schools. The Superintendent was commended for the

leadership he had provided for the district.

A recommendation was made by the Superintendent that the resignation of Mrs. Bonnie Brumley be accepted. Mrs. Brumley had previously submitted her resignation because of the illness of her child. The Board accepted the resignation, but regretted losing her as a Homemaking teacher.

Mrs. Brenda Conner was recommended by the Superintendent to be given the position of Homemaking teacher. Mrs. Conner is a native of Plains, Texas, and a recent graduate of Texas Tech

University. Her husband is presently agriculture teacher in the Post Schools. The Board accepted the recommendation to hire Mrs. Conner.

A year-to-date financial report was given in the Superintendent's report. Attendance was reported at 227 students.

Curtains for the resource center were discussed. The Board asked the Superintendent to work out the bids and make a selection.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.





Political Season Has Now Officially Begun

By GARTH JONES Associated Press Writer AUSTIN (AP)—The 1980 political season is official-

ly underway.

Jan. 5 was the first day for political candidates to apply for a place on the ballot in the May 3 primary elections. Actually, most of them could not file until after the weekend since the first day fell on Saturday and county and state offices were closed.

The period for official filing ends at 6 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 4.

In past years, a great number of political filings are not made until the last few days or even hours before the deadline. Candidates for statewide offices and for district offices that involve more than one county will file with their respective state Democratic or Republican headquarters.

precinct and one-county districts will file with the county chairmen.

This same filing period, Jan. 5 through Feb. 4, applies also for candidates who want to run as independents in the Nov. 4 general election. However, the independents will have to wait until after the party primaries, and runoffs, if any, to gather voter petitions that will qualify them for the ballot.

Most political attention this year will center on the presidential race, and there is no race in Texas for governor or U.S. Senator to distract voters.

However, there will be several other active state-wide races on the ballot-including two for the Texas Railroad Commission and at least one for Texas Supreme Court.

In various areas of the state, there will be contests for congressional seats now held by 20 Democrats and four Republicans, Democrat Rep. Ray Roberts, McKinney, is the only one who has announced he will not seek re-election.

The 1981 Legislature will be selected in the primaries and general election. Currently there are 125 Democrats and 25 Republicans in the House and 26 Democrats and five Republicans in the Senate

After filing deadline, there will be a brief breathing period for voters, but for the rest of the year there will be political deadlines, events and elections every month of the year through the general election.

April 3 is the deadline to obtain a voter's certificate for the May 3 primaries.

Absentee voting for the primary elections begins April 14 and ends on April 29.

What's Hap-nin

Lisa & Keith Mohler arrived home from Frankfurt on Christmas The Dennises morning. had put 2 huge red bows on either side of the cattle guard with a large red streamer running from one side to the other reading "Welcome home - Lisa & Keith". All the Dennis family was together, Nancy & Steve from Odessa and Betty & Joel. Lisa & Keith will not report to Fort Hood until late January at which time Keith will be a He is with Captain. Military Intelligence.

Lisa & Keith are very happy to be back home and hope their friends will call at the ranch.

Quint Creighton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bo Creighton of Paris, Texas spent part of his Christmas vacation with Randy and Claudia Ogden. Quint is training to be a race horse jockey.

Shara Dee Woodward, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Woodward celebrated her 6th birthday Saturday with her kindergarten friends. LAKE NEWS

Jimmy Gray, Betty Eichor and Carrol Bunch and families were home during the holidays. Bettys school started a week before the kids so Michelle and John Eichor got to spend a week with their grandparents, the J. W. Grays.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry McDaniel have been sick with the flu.

The Isaac LaRue family visited with Christenes mother, Mrs. Della Brooks of Loop, during Christmas.

Rev. and Mrs. Richard Dickerson & family visited relatives on the south side of the lake.

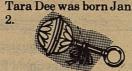
The LaRoy Shafer's had a "Watch Night" party at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hodnett have moved to Big Spring. They will be missed by their friends and relatives.

Opportunity is a bird that never perches.
-Claude McDonald

Candidates for county, seats now held

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Beck are proud to announce the arrival of their new daughter, Jackie Ann. Jackie was born December 31, and was welcomed by sister Jamie. Jimmy and Theresa Sterling are the proud parents of a new daughter. Tara Dee was born January





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Gains in Agricultural Cash Receipts May Boost Texas Farmers, Ranchers into No. 2 U.S. Position

AUSTIN-Gains in cash receipts, which have outstripped all other competing states, are likely to boost the national ranking of Texas' farmers and ranchers, Agriculture Commissioner Reagan V. Brown recently reported.

For the first nine months of 1979, Texas (currently ranked third) registered substantially greater improvement in farm cash receipts than either firstranked California or the No. 2 state, Iowa, said Brown.

"Cash receipts were up 18 percent in Texas, compared to a 13-percent increase for Iowa and only a five-percent rise for California," he said. "During 1979, Texas recorded excellent crops of cotton, wheat, grain sorghum, peanuts and pecans. When

marketings of crops and livestock for the entire year are tabulated, it is likely we will overtake the No. 2 position."

For the January-September period, Texas farm and ranch cash receipts totaled \$6.34 billion, compared to \$6.68 billion for Iowa and \$7.23 billion for California. Brown noted that for the nation as a whole, farm cash receipts were up 14 percent to \$85.59 billion.

However, he also pointed out that during this same time, farm and ranch production expenses rose an estimated 16 percent, led by a 45-percent average increase in fuel prices. In the 12-month period ending October 15, 1979, for instance, Texas farmers and ranchers saw

prices for on-farm delivered diesel fuel shoot up 36 cents a gallon, with gasoline prices following a similar pattern. Further price increases have come about since then.

"In spite of the fact that Texas farmers and ranchers are doing a tremendous job of producing and selling, inflation continues to severely erode net profits," Brown added.

Political Candidates

The Borden Star is authorized to announce the following candidates for political office weekly, subject to action of the General Election.

CONGRESS - 17th District Charles Stenholm -D-

COUNTY SHERIFF and TAX-ASSESSOR Norman (Slick) Sneed -D-

CO. COMMISSIONER
Precinct 1
Herman Ledbetter -D-

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Oh-so now what do we

do? Well, there are at least

two things we can do at this

late date. 1. Immediately

begin registering 18 year

olds for selective service, I

would advocate registering

females too but the libs

would have them in combat

first thing. So lets register

girls is a different

office-place them where

they ought to be-WACA,

WAVES, WAFS. 2. Not so

politely dismiss the U.N.

from our shores. This past

week has proven beyond

Pollyannas broadest smile,

that the U.N. is absolutely

ineffective. It is nothing

more than a forum for

debate--it is not a

peacekeeping body. We

have hosted this sham since

1945 and now it is time for

someone else to foot the bill,

play host, be a base for spy

operations, 3. Pay one, one

hundred and fiftieth of the

budget of the U.N. There are

151 nations-each one has

one vote, therefore each one

should pay the same. No

more being patsy. Quit

being the pushover-we'll

pay for what we gets-we'll

place as much importance

deserves--nothing more

than an ego trip for a bunch

release hostages or remove

Russia from Afghanistan,

but they might show the

world that we've placed our

spine in a brace and are

ready to straighten up.

These measures won't

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of ruffians.

IS THIS WORLD IN A OR IS THIS MESS? WORLD IN A MESS?

The gloomies have been shaking their heads for twenty years--pronouncing gloom and doom. But you notice even the Pollyannas are wearing a frown these days. It isn't all wine and roses---even the big spenders are beginning to wonder how long it will last. The most partisan of Democrats are asking if there might not be someone stronger suited for the White House. But so are the Republicans wondering if any of their hopefuls would be the answer. Certainly none of them have delineated what he would do, item by item, should he be faced with Iran, Afghanistan, energy shortage, inflation, social security, health insurance, crime, etc. Platitudes are offered but nothing substantive. The reigning power has failed miserably but the opposition is not capitalizing on its weakness for fear of upsetting the status quo. Hector! I'm fed up with status quos, fence straddling and nambie pambies.

Course it is easy to look over your shoulder and say had we done thus and so, this wouldn't have happened. But here is a list of just a few times the U.S. should have growled instead of purring-should have done thus and so. Way back early in 1979 when one of our diplomats was killed the U.S. should have 1. re-instated the draft, 2. sent the fleet to the Mid-East, 3. stepped up defense spending, 4. refused to confer on SALT II.-for starters. Had we shown we couldn't be toyed with, wonder would Iranian rebels be holding 50 or so hostages--would Russia have invaded Afghanistan?

Then last fall when Cuba was again caught allowing the Reds to train troups and all that stuff--why didn't we 1. re-affirm the Monroe Doctrine, 2. with-draw from SALT II discussion, 3. reinstate the draft, 4. politely ask the U.N. to vacate the United States, 5. move the fleet to the Cuban area. Had we shown a bit of determination, would Iran be holding hostages-would Russia be sending troops to Afghanistan?

We Want Your News

Editorial

Con't from P. 1 price of feeder calves.

The main factor causing this softening in demand for beef is inflation. Because the cost of energy and other essentials have increased rapidly, consumers are being forced to cut back on many luxuries and to economize on their preferred foods. Thus, the demand for beef has softened.

Unfortunately, the cost of energy and inflation ore expected to continue soaring in the 1980's. Which will put still more pressure on Percent Disposable Income spent for beef. For example, Choice fed steer prices would have to be \$106 per cwt. by 1985 (compared with about \$70 now), just to keep up with an annual inflation rate of 8 percent. And who thinks inflation will be limited to 8 percent per year?

Another factor contributing to the slippage in PDI spent for beef is the claim by some consumer activists that beef is bad for your health. Although these claims are largely unproven (to the contrary, there is overwhelming evidence that beef is one of the best sources of protein, minerals, vitamin B-12 and other essential nutrients), many consumers believe the claims and are switching to other foods.

Fortunately, there is something cattlemen can do, and are doing. For the past five years, cattle industry leaders have been developing a self-help program of nutrition research, consumer

education and market development. And in the next few weeks, all cattlemen will have an opportunity to vote on whether they want such a self-help program.

If a majority of cattlemen voting favor the Beef Research and Information Program-"Beeferendum," the cattlemen call it-a uniform 20 cents out of each \$100 of value added to animals will be deducted at sale time to support the

The Borden Star, Wed., Jan. 16, 1980...5 program. This is calculated to raise \$30 million to \$40 million a year for beef research and market development.

> Cattlemen, who long have supported the free enterprise system, who traditionally have fought to keep the government out of their business, are to be commended for this self-help program. If passed, it can make a difference in their future.



Linda Perry Stanford, who does most of her sightseeing from a wheelchair was thrilled with a sightseeing trip over Lake J. B. Thomas from the cocpit of a helicopter. Her cousin was the pilot.

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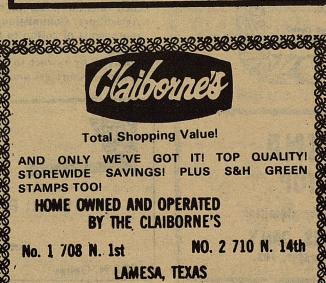
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Texas Agricultural Prospects For 1980

Texas farmers and ranchers face prospects of lower net incomes in 1980 than during the current year, an agricultural economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service says.

Dr. Carl G.Anderson, marketing economist, says it simply boils down to costs increasing faster than farm prices.

He notes that cow-calf operators generally will fare a little better in 1980 most agricultural producers. Fewer calves and strong demand are expected to help hold prices near the level averaged in 1979. An exception would be those ranchers of South and Southwest Texas who are hard-hit by the current summer and fall drought and are dispersing their entire herds.

Higher feed costs and the likelihood of a sluggish fed cattle market may mean that cattle feeders may find profit margins slim over the next 12 months, Anderson points out.

"Large supplies of competing meats, particularly pork and poultry, will likely dampen any big rise in price of fed beef. The expected economic recession will increase unemployment and add to the cooling off of demand for beef," he predicts.

As a result of abundent supplies, hog, broiler and turkey prices are expected to remain low until late in 1980, when a possible reduction of output could bolster markets.

Lamb prices may run slightly less than in 1979 as total meat supplies are expected to be sizable, particularly in the first half of 1980. A small increase in U.S. lamb and mutton production is likely in 1980, with the inventory of sheep and lambs expected to be up from a year earlier.

Crop farmers of the state can expect 1980 price levels to remain near those of 1979. Little price change is foreseen in average prices for cotton and grains, but soybean prices may weaken slightly as increasing world consumption failed to match this year's increase in production, says Anderson.

The ecomomist says vegetable supplies are up, causing market prices to weaken. And the plentiful supply of fruit and tree nuts points to moderately lower prices for producers until the 1980 crop size can be determined.

Anderson says production expenses for U.S. farmers moved up about 16 percent in 1979 and will probably increase another 11 percent or more in 1980.

"For irrigated farming in Texas, the increase will be much higher because of rising fuel and energy costs," he points out.
No let-up is foreseen in th

No let-up is foreseen in the rising price of energy and climbing inflation rates.

"Early this fall, prices paid by farmers for fuels and energy were 44 percent higher than a year earlier. Prices for tractors and other machinery were 11 percent higher, and for building and fencing, prices were up 10 percent. Interest rates on farm mortgages had jumped 25 percent during this period," Anderson notes.

Thanks

Once again we would like to say thanks to our friends who have truely come through for us in our trying times. This time our thanks go to Pauline and Vivian Clark for their many acts of kindness.

What an awful place this world would be without precious and beloved friends.

God bless you two, Sincerely, Bud & Willie Cornett

Get Acquainted Party

Everyone is invited to come by the courthouse next Wednesday, January 23, 1t 3:30 p.m. and get acquainted with Kaci Blagrave, baby daughter of Doug and Kathy Blagrave.

Texas Ports Reporting Dramatic Increases in Exports of Cotton

AUSTIN--Cotton, once the undisputed king of traffic from Texas Gulf Coast ports, may be in the process of regaining its crown, according to Agriculture Commissioner Reagan V. Brown, with port authorities reporting recent dramatic increases in export activity there as the highest waterborne movement from the state in almost 10 years.

"Large movements of cotton to the People's Republic of China are accounting for the bulk of export increases from Texas ports," Brown explained. This has been bolstered by the fact that cotton shippers have been switching in recent months from minibridge movement via the West Coast ports to the Gulf port facilities due to container shortages and West Coast port congestion."

The bulk of the cotton going out of the Gulf Coast ports, primarily from the bumper 5.7 million bale Texas

crop, is being exported breakbulk instead of by containers.

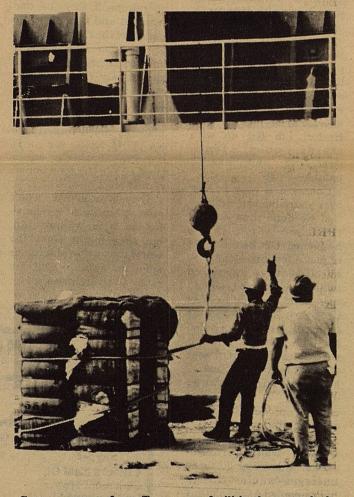
Port of Galveston's expected shipment of more than two million bales by the end of the year puts the annual total there up sharply over 1978 while Corpus Christi officials report that their movement of more than 150,000 bales in 1979 is three times that of a year ago.

Figures available from Port of Houston authorities show nearly 491,000 bales shipped out through August, 1979, an increase of 38 percent over the same period a year earlier.

"Indications are that totals for the year at the Houston facility will also prove to be the largest in many years," Brown said.

He added that despite a bumper Texas crop, cotton producers are contracting for next year's crops at good prices.

"Selling is the name of the game and we are doing all we can to help merchandise this king of crops, Texas cotton," Brown concluded.



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(3) Any feed production sold

(4) Small grain acreage planted (5) Number of livestock owned

This information is needed on all land you own, rent, or lease in Borden County, and any other county or state where you have an interest.

WOOL AND UNSHORN LAMBS

The 1979 marketing year ended December 31, 1979. Applications for incentive payment on shorn wool and unshorn lambs sold during the 1979 year must be filed by January 31, 1980.

CENSUS BUREAU SURVEY OF FARM ENERGY TO BE TAKEN IN JANUARY

Report forms for a farm energy suvey to provide current data on agricultural energy consumption and needs will be mailed to farmers and ranchers early in January by the Bureau of the Census, U. S. Department of Commerce.

Data on gasoline, diesel oil, electricity and other energy consumption by farmers will be collected. Census Bureau officials say the information requested by the Departments of Energy and Agriculture will provide the basis for timely and adequate distribution of fuel to farmers. Data for 1979 derived from the survey will be published for use by farmer and business organizations, the Congress, and Federal and state

Survey questions also will be asked on energy conservation practices and expenditures; fuel sources; crop drying and curing facilities; farm building heating, air conditioning and water heating; acreage owned or leased; crops produced and sold; and sales of livestock, poultry and their products. The data will be published in early 1981, as part of Volume 5, Special Reports of the 1978 Census of Agriculture.

PRICE SUPPORT LOANS

Loans on both baled cotton and field stored modules and ricks are available through the County Office. Loan rate is 50.35 cents per lb. based on strict low middling 1 1-16 staple with micronaire reading of 3.5 thru 4.9. Interest rate is 9

Price support loans are also available for wheat, corn, oats, barley, sorghum, and rye at increased loan rates effective January 7, 1980. New loan rates are as follows:

- Carlo		Old Rate	New Rate	Increase
Wheat	(Bu)	2.35	2.50	.15
Corn	(Bu)	2.00	2.10	.10
Oats	(Bu)	1.03	1.08	.05
Barley	(Bu)	1.63	1.71	.08
Sorg.	(Bu)	3.39	3.57	.18
Rve	(Bu)	1.70	1.79	.09

Provisions have also been made for a new Grain Reserve Program for agreements made on or after January 7, 1980. For more information please come by te ASCS Office.

COTTON PRODUCTION

Please remember we need your cotton pickin cotton production as soon as you get all your cotton ginned. Be sure the card contains warehouse weights and is signed by both you and a representative of the gin.

If you need additional cards let us know.

1979 DEFICIENCY PAYMENTS

There will be no deficiency or haying and grazing payments for 1979 wheat due to the average market price received by farmers during the five month period from June 1st through October 31st of \$3.83 per bushel exceeding the target price of \$3.40 per bushel.

Cotton and grain sorghum deficiency payments will be announced later.

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

Cattle Raisers Applaud Bill Passage

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association President John B. Armstrong of Kingsville, Texas, applauded President Carter's signature on the counter-cyclical meat import bill this week as a 'milestone for cattlemen."

President Carter signed the bill into law December 31 after the Senate approved the bill unanimously December 18 and sent it to the White House. The House of Representatives had already approved the bill, which Armstrong said strengthens the 1964 Meat Import Act in many ways.

"It will have a more stabilizing effect on cattle prices than the 1964 bill. It will encourage cattlemen to rebuild herds by removing some of the highs and lows of the cattle cycle. And it will reduce our reliance on other countries for foreing beef and meat. The present oil situation in the United States has shown us how dangerous dependence on other countries can be," Armstrong siad.

The counter-cyclical formula in the new law allows fewer beef imports into this country when domestic beef supplies are abundent and more imports when domestic supplies dwindle.

TSCRA, which represents 14,000 cattlemen in Texas, Oklahoma and other states, worked closely with other livestock groups and the Texas Congressional delegation, which almost unanimously supported the bill, in developing specific language and provisions of the bill. Armstrong, who testified in support of the legislation before the Senate last year, called the passage of the meat import bill the major legislative goal of the cattle group in 1979 and a major victory for TSCRA.

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Texas Beef Cook-off Recipes Being Accepted by Cowbelles

AUSTIN--Whether chop it, grind it, smother it, or serve it plain, your favorite recipe for beef may be worth \$300 in the 1980 Texas Beef Cook-off.

The Texas CowBelles are sponsoring the statewide contest to find the best recipe for cooking beef chuck, round, rump, or brisket. Following selection of the best five recipes submitted for judging, the five finalists will receive expense-paid trips to Amarillo to prepare their dishes for judging during the Texas Beef Conference, April

Besides receiving \$300, the first-prize winner of the Texas competition will advance on an expenses-paid trip to the National Beef Cook-off to be held in Scotsdale, Arizona,

Sept. 3-5.
Beef dishes entered in the competition will be judged on the basis of taste, appearance, originality, ease of preparation and practicality. All recipes submitted to the competition become the property of the Texas CowBelles.

Entry blanks for the Texas Cook-off are available from the Texas Department of Agriculture, P. O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711 or from disrict offices in the following locations: Amarillo, Lubbock, Odessa, Vernon, Stephenville, San Antonio, Pharr, Dallas, Brenham, Houston, Tyler and Beaumont. Entry blanks must be submitted no later than March 15, 1980, to: Texas CowBelles Beef Cook-off, 5401 Interstate 40 West, Amarillo, Texas 79106.









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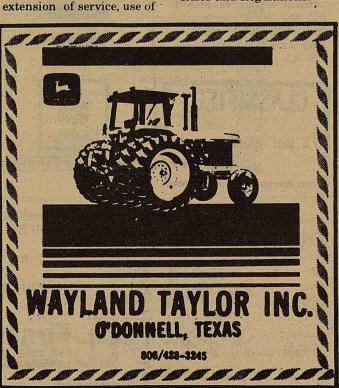
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