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April --- Cancer Control Month

Governor William P. Clements has proclaimed April Cancer Control Month in Texas. Governor Clements met at the capitol with Dr. Jim C. Terrell, Jr. of Stephenville, state President of the Texas Division, American Cancer Society and Dr. James R. Walker, an ACS cancer research scientist from the University of Texas at Austin.

In an Executive statement the Governor urged all Texans to heed the lifesaving messages of the American Cancer Society and to provide generous support for its 1980 Crusade.

Dr. Walker is one of 40 American Cancer Society researchers doing work in Texas. Over \$4.4 million of

ACS research grants are currently in effect at 11 Texas institutions. In accepting the Proclamation Dr. Terrell announced that the chairman of the Division Crusade Committee, Mrs. James (Juandelle) Lacy of Midland, had recently made a \$27,500 contribution toward one of those research projects; a new anti-tumor substance known as Interferon. Mr. and Mrs. Lacy have also announced a special statewide campaign to raise an additional \$2 million for research on the promising drug. According to Dr. Terrell the National Society has already committed over \$5.4 million toward Interferon research; some of which is being carried out at

M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston.

Funds given to the American Cancer Society are used to support its three-part program of Research, Service to cancer patients and Education. 29,536 patients were given assistance such as sickroom equipment loans, transportation, blood, rehabilitation and counseling last year. 2.8 million Texans attended ACS Public Education programs; including 580,000 who participated in "Actions" programs, such as Stop Smoking programs, free cancer screening clinics and personal instruction in Breast Self Examination. The fund raising goal of the Texas Division for 1979-80 is \$7,000,000.

Borden Co. Wins Literary Meet For 9th Time



U.I.L. District Participants

Incumbents Win

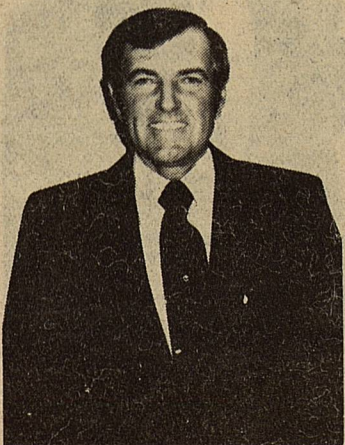
Two hundred Borden County citizens went to the polls Saturday, April 5, to vote in the Borden County School Board election. This total represents a good percentage of the registered voters in the county, but

was slightly lower than last years' turnout.

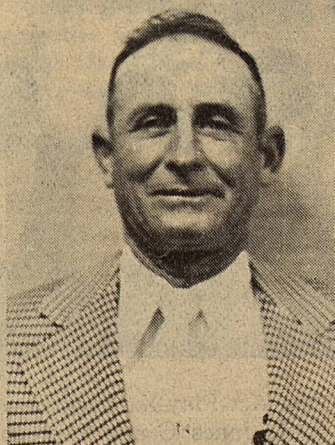
Doyle Newton, Ralph Miller, Martin Parks and Barbara Anderson vied for the three trustee positions. Incumbents Newton, Miller and Parks were placed in

the three year trustee seats by the Borden County voters. Their terms will expire in 1983.

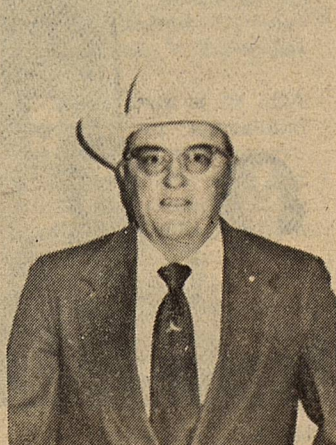
Precinct results are shown on page 6.



Ralph Miller



Doyle Newton



Martin Parks

Borden Co. Park Ground Breaking

Ground was broken last Thursday for the Borden County Park.

The idea for a community park was conceived in 1976 as the result of excess funds earned during the counties bi-centennial celebration. The motion was made by Sid Long and carried unanimously by the bi-centennial committee.

Mr. Long, vocational ag teacher at the time, was named chairman of the park committee.

The park will cover eight acres donated for the purpose by Mardes Clayton.

The land adjoins the north playground of the Borden Elementary school and will be accessible from the north east corner of the showbarn.

The committee expects the construction of the park to take about a year.

We were told that as plans progress, donations such as trees, shrubs, etc. to enhance the landscaping will be welcome.

Those serving on the park committee are: Roland Key, Chairman; James McLeroy, Joe Copeland, Mrs. Pat Murphy, Mrs. Wanda Smith, Kenny Hensley and Kent Holmes.

Borden County Win 9th Literary Meet In A Row

Borden High School continued in it's Annual Spring Cleaning of the district literary meet by snatching the team title last Wednesday. The win, foreshadowed by an outstanding performance at the Lubbock-Cooper Meet, was the ninth victory in as many years for the Coyote scholars.

A total team effort was evident for competitors placed in seventeen out of eighteen events and gained 252½ points compared to second place Wellman's 124.

The One-Act-Play-composed of David Smith, Heather McPhaul, Troyce Wolf, Karen Williams, Mark Walker, Gena McLeroy, Ben Murphy, Carla Jones, Janna Love, Jennifer Wilson, and Marquita Menix-was the catalyst for the victory by its first place claim a few days earlier.

Others awarded top position in their respective events included Glynda Burkett in Science, Tammy Telchik in Spelling, Ben Murphy in Ready Writing, Gena McLeroy in Newswriting, Janna Love in Editorial Writing, Janna Love and Glynda Burkett in Debate, Mark Walker in Persuasive Speaking, Jones in Poetry Interpretation, McPhaul in Prose Reading, and Williams in Shorthand.

The individuals were overjoyed by their conquests.

"I did my Best," Carla Jones commented, "and I'm just proud that I was Good enough."

Tammy Telchik responded emotionally, "I feel like this can't be happening. Pinch me! I



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must be dreaming!"

Also receiving points in this championship drive were: Mayme McLaury-Second In Informative Speaking and third in Shorthand, Tammy Telchik-Second place tie in Poetry Interpretation and second in Typewriting, Karen Williams-second in Prose Reading, Ben Murphy-third in Headline Writing, and David Smith-third in Prose Reading.

In addition to these were Danny Holmes, who placed fourth in Persuasive Speaking and tied for sixth in Number Sense; Glynda Burkett, who placed fifth in Ready Writing and also tied for sixth in Number Sense; Ben Murphy, who placed fifth in Science and sixth in Feature Writing; Love, who placed fourth in Science; and Marquita, who placed fifth in Headline Writing.

The excellent showing was made possible by those who were involved in the "Behind-The-Scenes" work. These fine teachers include Kay Hopper, U.I.L. sponsor; Netta Jarrett, Typing and Shorthand teacher; Sue Jane Mayes, Ready Writing and Spelling teacher Randy Roemisch, One-Act Play director; Dave Briggs, Number Sense coach and Joe Copeland, Science teacher.

James McLeroy, Superintendent of Borden High School, remarked,

"I am very proud of the Borden County kids," he said. "This is a typical example of their efforts."

After worrying the majority of the day, Mrs. Hopper became very optimistic when the final tallies were made.

"With the fine showing our students had today," She commented, "The chance of capturing the regional crown has greatly been increased."

Borden will carry to the regional contest eleven students who will compete in thirteen events. The meet will be held April 18 at the South Plains College at Levelland.

The One-Act-Play area contest will take place April 12 at Lubbock-Cooper High School. The play won top honors at district with Mark Walker winning the Best Actor Award. David Smith, Heather McPhaul, and Karen Williams won All Star Cast, while Troyce Wolf received Honorable Mention.

-s-Ben "Scoop" Murphy,
 U.I.L. Newsman



Debate-1st Janna Love and Glynda Burkett.



Science-1st Glynda Burkett, 4th Janna Love, 5th Ben Murphy

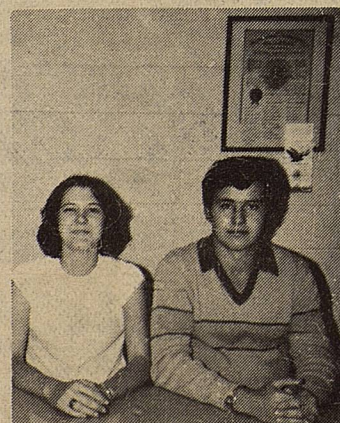
Journalism-(seated) 1st in Editorial-Janna Love, 3rd in Headline and 6th in Feature-Ben Murphy, 5th in Headline- Marquita Menix 1st in News-Gena McLeroy



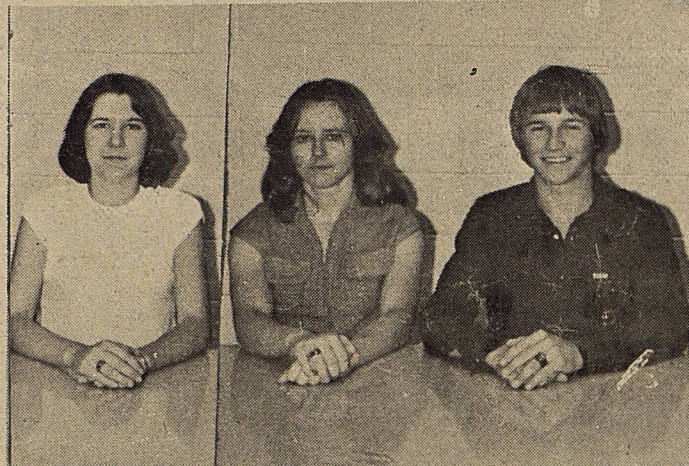
Tammy Telchik- 1st in Spelling and 2nd Typing and 2nd in Poetry.



Shorthand-Karen Williams 1st, Mayme McLaury 3rd



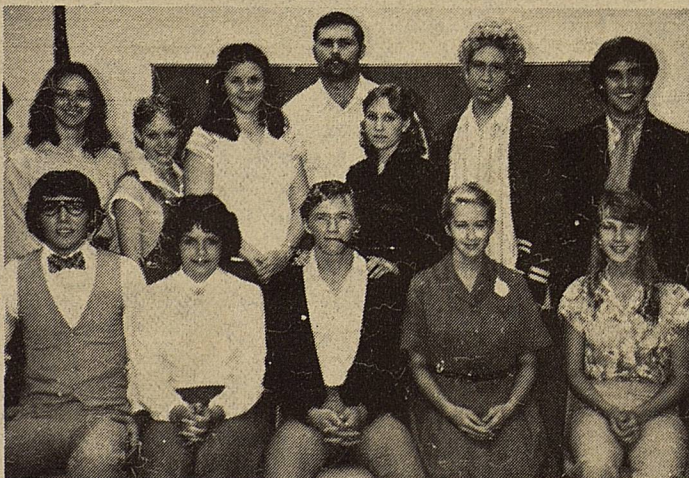
Number Sense-Glynda Burkett and Danny Holmes tied for 6th



Speaking-Seated-Danny Holmes 4th Persuasive, Mark Walker 1st Persuasive, Carla Jones 1st Poetry, Mayme McLaury 1st Informative. Karen Williams 2nd Prose, Heather McPhaul 1st Prose, David Smith 3rd Prose.



Ready Writing-1st Ben Murphy, 2nd Glynda Burkett.



One Act Play-1st-Back Row-Janna Love, Marquita Menix, Carla Jones, Coach Roemisch, Jenifer Wilson, David Smith, Mark Walker. Front-Troyce Wolf, Karen Williams, Ben Murphy, Heather McPhaul, Gena McLeroy.

Borden County School News



Win Second-Jr. Benavidez, Mike Peterson, Keil Williams, Craig Peterson, Tim Taylor, Bryn Bradshaw, Maurice Herridge, Coach Roemisch. Van York, Roscoe Massingill, Jay Brooks, Mark Walker and Keith Williams.

Boys Place Second at Dawson

The High School Varsity Track Team competed in a meet in Dawson last Friday, bringing home 2nd place trophy. The results are as follows:

DISCUS-1st Craig Peterson-135'11", 3rd Jr. Benavidez-110'9" which was the best for Junior this year. 6th Maurice Herridge.

SHOT PUT 4th Maurice Herridge-37'6"; 5th Bryn Bradshaw-37'2" which was his best this year.

POLE VAULT-1st Keil Williams-11'0"; 4th Mike Peterson-10'0"

HIGH JUMP-1st Tim Taylor-5'8"; 4th tie-Mike Peterson-5'0"

LONG JUMP-5th Mike Peterson-16'11" which was Mike's best this year.

In the running events, Borden County boys done the best this year as a

whole. Borden County was standing 1-3rd out of 1st place until the running of the Mile Relay. The results of the running events are as follows:

440 Relay-6th place-Troy King, Mike Peterson, Mark Walker and Van York.

880 DASH- 2nd Roscoe Massingill-2.18-Best this year

440 dash-4th Tim Taylor-57.7-Best this year

100 Dash-4th Tim Taylor-57.7 Best this year

100DASH-4th Van York

220 dash4th Van York

MILE RUN-3rd-Troy King 6th Roscoe Massingill

MILE RELAY-6th Tim Taylor, Mark Walker, Mike Peterson and Troy King.

Junior Band Program Plans Presented

Approximately 31 parents and friends attended a program presented by the Junior Band on Wednesday April 2. The band is comprised of:

FLUTES-Rhonda King and Cathy York

CLARINETS-Dana Gray, Cindy Balague, Mary Washington and Debbie King.

ALTO SAX-Kelli Williams, Kristi Stone, Rene Telchik, Shellie Buchanan.

TENOR SAX-Sherry Vaughn, Julie Ridenour

LOW WOODWIND-Kathy Craig, Dana Douglas, Donna Sturdivant.

CORNET-Mickey Burkett, Bric Turner, Lenora Gonzales, Michael Murphy.

BARITONE-Harold Barnes, Carl Daugherty.

TROMBONE-Chris Cooley, Jerry Green
PERCUSSION-John Stephens, Brice Key, Gerry Smith.

Kathy Craig and Mickey Burkett presented a solo as an extra treat.

Other music department activities are coming up in May. Mrs. Chesley Wilson will present a voice and piano recital and as a special treat, the department is preparing a musical for your enjoyment.

Selections from many Broadway musicals will be staged on a date to be announced as soon as possible. Selections will include those from Oklahoma, Mary Poppins, Annie, Fiddler on the Roof, Cabaret, and the Sound of Music.

Girls Win Dawson Meet

The Borden County High School girls basketball team won first place at the Dawson Track Meet last week. Results are as follows:

880 Run-Stephanie Stephens-2nd

440 Dash-Jana Edwards, 1st; Gena McLeroy, 3rd; Karen Williams, 4th.

220 Dash-Gayla Newton, 1st; Teresa Wimberly, 5th

110 Hurdles-Gayla Newton, 1st; Lisa Smith 2nd

880 Relay-Talley Griffin, Teresa Wimberly, Lisa Smith, Jana Edwards, 2nd

100 Dash-Gayla Newton, 1st

Mile-Stephanie Stephens, 3rd; Tammy Merritt, 5th; Shelley Peterson, 6th

Mile Relay-Talley Griffin, Jana Edwards, Lisa Smith, Gena McLeroy, 1st

High Jump-Talley Griffin, Jana Edwards, 1st

Long Jump-Jana Edwards, 1st; Gayla Newton, 3rd

Triple Jump-Gayla Newton, 1st

Discus-Carla Jones, 3rd; Karen Williams, 4th; Teresa Wimberly, 5th

Shot-Karen Williams, 2nd



Places 1st-Tammy Merritt, Maria Benavidez, Belinda Ingram, Carla Jones, Talley Griffin, Mayme McLaury, Stephanie Stephens. Front-Shellie Peterson, Stephanie Herring, Jana Edwards, Gena McLeroy, Lisa Smith, Teresa Wimberly and Gayla Newton.



SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Lunch	Monday	Breakfast
Hot Dogs with Chili Carrot Sticks Mixed Vegetables Fruit Milk Salad Bar		Toast and Jelly Fruit Juice Milk
	Tuesday	
Beans and Meat Tossed Salad Corn Bread Jello with Applesauce Milk Salad Bar		Oatmeal Toast Fruit Juice Milk
	Wednesday	
Chicken & Spaghetti Casserole Vegetable Salad Green Beans Hot Rolls Pineapple Slices Milk Salad Bar		Hot Biscuits Jelly Fruit Juice Milk
	Thursday	
Pizza Squares Tossed Salad Potato Rounds Cookies Milk Salad Bar		Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich Fruit Juice Milk
	Friday	
Hamburgers Lettuce-Tomatoes-Pickles French Fries Banana Pudding Milk Salad Bar		Buttered Rice Fruit Juice Milk

Student Transfers

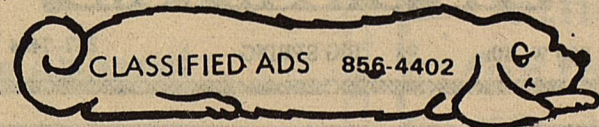
If you should know someone who plans to transfer their child or children to the Borden County Independent School District, please have them contact the Superintendent's office. All applications for transfer must be completed and returned to the school before May 1, 1980.

Recipes Sought For Publication

AUSTIN-It's time again for Texas cooks to share their recipes with others in the state, Agriculture Commissioner Reagan V. Brown has reported.

The July issue of the TDA Quarterly, an agricultural magazine of general interest, is in the planning stage and recipes are needed for the regular column "Recipes from Our Readers." Deadline is May 15.

Recipes should be sent to the TDA Quarterly, Texas Department of Agriculture, P. O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711. Subscriptions for the magazine are \$3 per year and can be sent to the same address.



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What's Hap-nin

The Borden Squares made their first invitational personal appearance Friday night at the Muleshoe Ranch. The group entertained a Study Club from Big Spring.

Netta and Ben Jarrett enjoyed the Easter weekend in Rising Star, Texas with relatives.

Bob, Gae and Lisa Ludecke are enjoying Bobbie George and girls from Goldsboro, North Carolina. They are here for a week's visit.

It was good to hear that Mrs. Lee York is recuperating nicely from her surgery last week.

We are all glad to see Frank Herridge back behind the steering wheel of his truck after his hospital stay.

Nita Bradshaw is now resting comfortably at home after several recent hospitalizations.

Congratulations to Don and Charlotte Jackson, who were married Saturday night in Abilene.

The Dee Postons had a nice Easter surprise with a visit from their granddaughter and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wooten.



Hardy varieties of oats are grown almost to the Arctic Circle.

On With The Trip

Last week we left you at the "three corners" of Brazil, Argentina and Paraguay.

The group flew from Iguassu, Brazil to Buenos Aires, Argentina--without the Andersons.

We and twelve other folks volunteered to "catch the next plane" due to over booking on the original flight.

Well, the next flight, nor the next, etc., etc. ended up with our spending another night in Brazil, crossing the Parana on a raft like ferry, and working our way 250 miles down the road to Pasado, Argentina where we were able to catch a flight to Buenos Aires. We arrived late at night, thirty six hours behind schedule.

Because of this delay we missed the tour of this most European of Latin American cities. However, before leaving B.A. the next morning, we were able to visit the famous stockyards.

These look like anything but a typical stockyard with their concrete floors which was thoroughly washed before and after each sale. They look to be aseptic.

The day we visited, 28,000 head of 4 to 5 year old grass fed cattle were sold for 45 cents a pound during the auction.

It was explained that there are four primary commission houses, each with their own auctioneer, who sell through the stockyards. The day we visited was a short day, their full capacity being 40,000 head.

Leaving Buenos Aires we bussed through the most temperate and productive climate region of Argentina. In this area we visited the ranch "La Luisa", a 5000 acre commercial cattle breeding ranch with 1500 head of calves and steers and 1000 cows.

This ranch is in the "Pampas" region--much like our Llano Escondado with the exception that there is good shallow well water all over the region. Argentina is natural ranch country with very good native grasses. Visits to two of the ranches

scheduled on our tour were cancelled due to the droughty conditions and would you believe a heat wave? At this point we were approximately at the same latitude south of the equator as Borden Co. is north and were suffering more from the heat than when we were only 3 degrees from the equator. We were told that this was the worst in history and that they had even turned out the schools.

We spent the weekend of March 21 at Mar de Plata and it was here that the heat wave and drought was broken with eleven inches of rain in one night.

Argentina has been under military rule since the Peron's were ousted. They are still suffering, however, from Isabella Peron's intentionally caused conflict between the lower class and upper class. Unlike Brazil they are having a hard time forming a middle class. This is very obvious in the public schools.

Through out Argentina, we were aware that the school children all wore navy blue knee socks plus white smocks over their regular clothes. The smocks were of three or four different designs. I asked if this designated which grade they were in. "No, I was told, "it designates which social class they came from."! Argentinians did not seem as friendly or as industrious as the Brazilians. They have, however, lowered their inflation rate from over 100

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percent to 80! The exchange rate was 1,719 pesos to one dollar. Like their neighbors to the north, they hold our president in very low esteem.

From Mar de Plata on the Atlantic, we flew to the lovely town of Mendoza nestled in the foot hills of the Andes. Mendoza is famed for it's vineyards and wineries.

Leaving Mendoza by bus, we topped the Andes at 10,000 feet going by way of the Upsallata Valley, Puenta del Inca and Cristo Redentor, then winding our way down into Santiago, Chile.

We recieved a royal welcome in Santiago--a bustling city of 4 million.

The Chilians have recovered extremely well in the past four or five years since they assassinated their communist dictator. The exchange rate here was 37.50 pesos to one dollar.

This ended our month long tour of just a small part, really, of the southern hemisphere of the Americas.

We are thankful that we had the opportunity of being a part of this livestock tour and if we ever get caught up at home, well be thankful for that!

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Jerri's Greetings

International Terrorism

Whereas Marxist oriented terrorists, militants and guerrillas are setting a patten of seizing diplomats, business men and citizens with impunity, holding them hostage with their lives and safety imperiled, and successfully extorting \$500 million from multinational corporations since 1970, and

Whereas four Puerto Rican terrorists, imprisoned for an assassination attempt on President Truman, a shooting attack on the U.S. House of Representatives and the wounding of five congressmen, were released by President Carter last September and immediately began a new campaign of hatred in the U.S. and Puerto Rico, demonstrated by an attack on fourteen unarmed U.S. Navy personnel in Puerto Rico in December, killing two and wounding ten, and simultaneous attacks on presidential campaign quarters in New York and Chicago on March 15, and

Whereas informed sources including the White House, the California Institute of International Studies at Stanford and Business International Research organization in New York agree that there is a Soviet supported activity to train terrorists in Czechoslovakia, Iraq, Cuba and Puerto Rico and to coordiante global plafs to create chaos and disintegration in the free world, whereby the power and authority of the United States is no longer respected,

Resolved that individuals urge the United States government either to close endangered American embassies or to take steps to protect our diplomatic personnel and property and our citizens residing or traveling in foreign countries and to enforce sanctions against countries condoning such blatant

violation of international law.

Isn't it a pity that the President of US hasn't as much spine and resolve as little ole ladies in tennis shoes? If this one step of closing our embassies would be taken forthwith, we would be in a stronger position. But here it is 5 months after Iran went to war with US and we are haggling over the safety of 50 hostages. Yes, we are at war and are yet consumed with the release of 50 POWs rather than admitting that international law has been broken and we win this war.

Can you believe the President is still operating under the yellow flag of "restraint"? Weren't you appalled when he set his supporters in front of cameras and mikes to brazenly say, "The President has had enough--he will make a definitive statement of resolve tomorrow--it will be strong". Tommorrow came and the head line read "Carter Places Iran Sanctions on Standby".

Of course, Carter has so weakened our national defense system that we couldn't fight a war. But there ARE things we could do: 1. Stiffen and ENforce economic sanctions against Iran; 2. Close Iranian embassies; 3. Incarcerate all Iranian "students" in this country; 4. Confiscate Iranian assets in this country; 5. Blockade all Iranian oil shipments; and I repeat again; 6. If the hostages are not released within 24 hours of this warning, every oil field in Iran will be bombed.

A Soviet ambassador when asked what his country would do should Iran being holding Russian hostages looked at his watch and said, "It is now 3 p.m., at 3:45 there would be no Iran". Russkys would make good DARs--they're tough.

Record Book Workshop

Borden Co. 4-H members and leaders are invited to attend a recordbook workshop Saturday April 19, at 10:00 a.m. in the High School Conference Room. Martha Couch, area 4-H Specialist will conduct the workshop giving the how to and opportunities through record books. Martha, who is a native of Borden County is a top notch authority on 4-H and she will also be available to help with 4-H demonstrations and answer questions about other 4-H activities. This will be a great opportunity for members and leaders whether or not they intend to complete record books. Bring a sack lunch to the workshop and we'll have a picnic while we're at it.

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Pancake Supper Benefit

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ASCS News

By JERRY STONE

NOTICE OF ESTABLISHED YIELDS AND NORMAL CROP ACREAGE

Form ASCS-476, Notice of Established Yield and Normal Crop Acreage (NCA), were mailed Thursday, April 3, 1980. Remember-Any producer on the farm may request the County Committee to reconsider any entry on the form which he believes is incorrect or inequitable. The request must be in writing and mailed or delivered to the County Office within 15 days of the mailing date shown.

MEASUREMENT SERVICE AVAILABLE

Measurement service from aerial slides will be available at a reasonable price again this year. If you are not sure of your acreage, we suggest you use this service.

NOW IS THE TIME TO CERTIFY

May 1, is the final date to certify small grain acreages in Borden County. It is very important that the acreage report is accurate. An error in reported acreage could result in loss of program benefits.

GRAIN SORGHUM PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS TO RECEIVE DEFICIENCY PAYMENTS

Farmers who complied with the 1979 grain sorghum set-aside program will receive deficiency

payments from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Deficiency payments are made to program participants when the national weighted average market price for the first five months of the marketing year (October-February) falls below the government-established target level for the commodity. The payment rate is the difference between the target level and the five-month average price or the national average loan rate, whichever is higher.

For eligible 1979 sorghum acreage, the deficiency payment rate is 13 cents per bushel, the difference between the \$2.34 per bushel target level and the \$2.21 average market price. There will be no corn deficiency payments since the average market price of \$2.31 exceeded the corn target level of \$2.20 per bushel.

Eligible sorghum growers who have not signed applications for payment should do so as soon as possible. Payments cannot be made until applications are signed and approved.

1980 AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM

A limited amount of funds are available for conservation practices that will be carried out in May and June. Interested producers should make

application during the sign-up period to be held April 14, 1980, through May 2, 1980. Request will be considered for approval during the regular meeting of the County Committee on Tuesday, May 6, 1980.

DIRECT WHEAT PURCHASE PROGRAM

The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) is committed to the removal of wheat from the market place to offset the effect of suspending exports to the Soviet Union.

Beginning April 8, CCC solicits offers from farmers to sell wheat on the basis of a posted price. Offers will be accepted on a first come first served basis at local ASCS Offices. The posted price for Borden County is \$3.88 per bushel for No. 1 Hard Red Winter Wheat containing 13.5 or less moisture.


The farmer must be a producer of wheat and own and have possession of the wheat when an offer is submitted. The wheat must be stored on the farm it must be delivered to a receiving point for storage or shipment to a UGSA approved warehouse.

Under the provisions of this purchase program all potential sellers of wheat currently under price support loan are encouraged to offer wheat for sale. Offers must be delivered to the County Office by 3:00 p.m. (local time) on April 10, 1980.

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.

Precinct Returns

	Abs.	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	No. 5	No. 6	Total
Anderson	5	21	23	14	9	3	15	90
Newton	20	41	7	15	11	9	31	134
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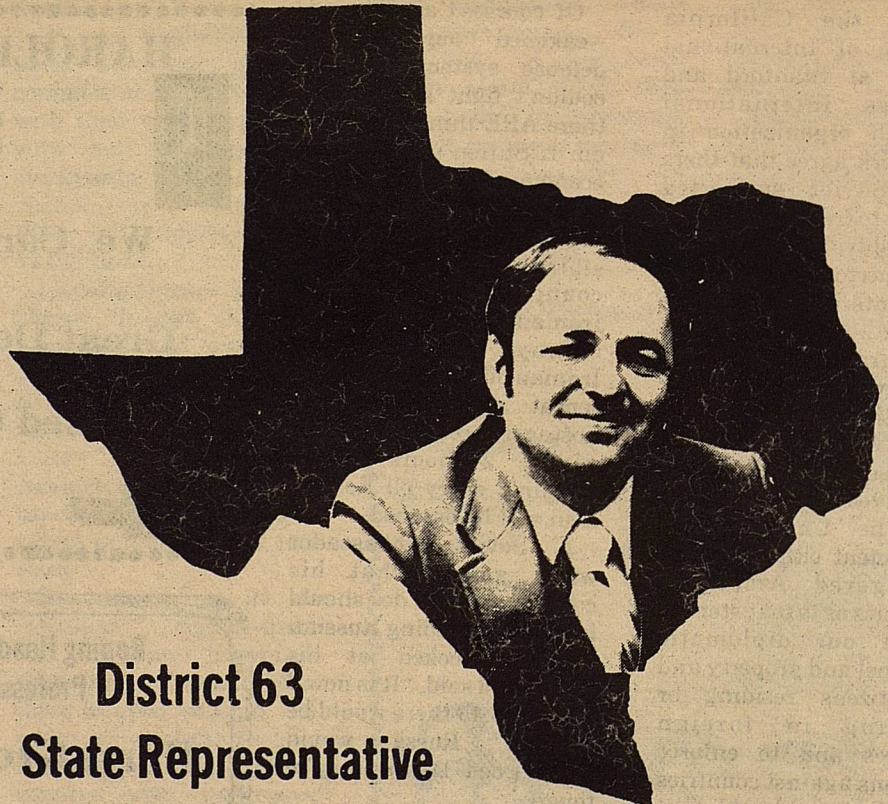
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Home Eye Test Prevents Blindness

April is Prevent Blindness Month in Texas and no parents in the state appreciate its message more than do Mr. and Mrs. Larry McLain of Taylor. Their four year old son Mitchell almost became one of the 1,300 Texans who needlessly lose their sight each year. The tragedy was prevented, however, the day that Mr. McLain just happened to pick up at his office and bring home a copy of a little Home Eye Test for Preschoolers distributed by the Texas Society to Prevent Blindness.

"Until that day, we had no idea that Mitchell had an eye problem," says Mrs. McLain. "His eyes always looked all right and he never complained that he couldn't see. That's why it was such a shock to us when we gave him the test and he failed it. The doctor to whom we took him diagnosed the problem as amblyopia or 'lazy eye' and said that if it hadn't been caught and treated early, Mitchell could have lost all sight in that eye by the time he was seven or eight."

"I am so grateful to the test for preventing such a tragedy that I've made it a personal project to distribute the test wherever I can. At the office. In our library. Through local stores. My hope is that every parent whose child has an eye problem will be as fortunate as we were to discover it early."

"My husband and I are also monitoring the sight of our 20-month old Melanie very carefully since we've learned that amblyopia can run in families."

The test that alerted the McLains to Mitchell's problem was one of 100,000 Home Eye Tests distributed last year by the Texas Society to Prevent Blindness on a grant from Soroptimist International of Houston. Many of the tests were sent to companies in the Society's industrial eye safety program. Among them is the Texas Poser and Light Company in Taylor where McLain is employed as a Service Representative Supervisor.

Early detection of children's vision problems is a major thrust of the Texas Society to Prevent Blindness programs. In addition to distribution of its free Home Eye Test for Preschoolers, the Society trains volunteer groups to do preschool vision screening in their local communities and is working with the Department of Health on the implementation of the new

state law that requires a vision test for every child entering school as of September 1980. The Society also works to prevent adult blindness with programs on glaucoma, cataracts, and macular degeneration as well as eye safety ones for school, home and industry. It is affiliated with the National Society to Prevent Blindness.


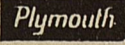

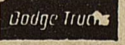
For information on its programs or for a free copy of the Home Eye Test for Preschoolers, write Prevent Blindness, P.O. Box 2020, Houston 77001.




Mitchell McLain, 4, of Taylor marks April, Prevent Blindness Month, by sharing with his young sister Melania the Home Eye Test that alerted his parents that he had a very serious eye problem known as amblyopia or "lazy eye". If the problem had not been caught in time, Mitchell could have been blinded for life in his "lazy eye". Now, however, with treatment, his vision is rapidly improving.

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The committees urge each of you to bring your family and friends, Friday night and join in the fun supporting such a worthy cause.

The total donated in 1979 amounted to \$3,448.47. "We would like to top that figure this year," expressed newly elected President Shorty Farmer.

Officers for 1980 are:

Shorty and Barbara Farmer, Co-Presidents, Gloria Griffin, V. Pres.; Slick Sneed, Secretary; Fran Bennett and Kay Doyle, Memorial Chairmen.

Directors are: Bob and Gay Ludecke, T.L. Griffin, Lorene Jones, Ed and Melba Rinehart, Bannie and Wanda Hancock, James and Ann McLeroy, Dorothy Browne, Doris Rudd, Barbara Anderson and Sue Smith. New members include: The Bob Dyess', the Bill Phinizys, the Jack McPhauls, the Lonnie Doyles, the Van Yorks and Rube Smith.

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Your County Agent Says by Sam Field

NEW PUBLICATION AIMED AT REDUCING CALF LOSSES

Cattlemen can prevent some calf losses at birth if they know what steps to take to help the cow.

Now an expanded and updated publication has been prepared by the Extension Service that will assist cattlemen in dealing with calving problems.

The publication, "Recognizing and Handling Calving Problems," is authored by John R. Beverly, Extension animal reproduction specialist. It guides cattlemen through the calving process, instructing them and showing by illustrations how and when to give assistance.

If a cow does not successfully give birth to a live calf, the total management and feed cost invested in her is lost. Research indicates that 80 percent of all calf deaths occur at or near birth and that calving difficulty accounts for two-thirds of these deaths. Furthermore, calving problems are most common in heifers giving birth to their first calves—with more than half usually having calving problems.

"Since the reproductive capability of a cow—that of conception, gestation and parturition—is by far the most important economic factor in cow-calf production, good management of the cow herd is of vital importance. If calving problems develop, cattlemen should be able to recognize these and provide assistance," the county agent says.

The new publication on calving problems should be of value to all cattle producers.

Copies of "Recognizing and Handling Calving Problems" B-1203, are available from the Borden County Extension Office.

A note to cotton producers — Don't forget the Cotton Production Meeting at the Fluvanna Community Center, Thursday, April 10, at 7:30 p.m.

Political Candidates

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

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Parents Club Meeting

The Borden County Parent's Club began their monthly meeting on April 2, 1980 at 2:30. The program was presented to parents and friends by the Junior Band, which consistence of 5th and 6th grade students. We enjoyed the program very much.

The business meeting was then moved to the Conference Room and last minute details for the FFA-FHA banquet were discussed.

The fifth grade class was best represented at this meeting.

-s- Sarah Sharp



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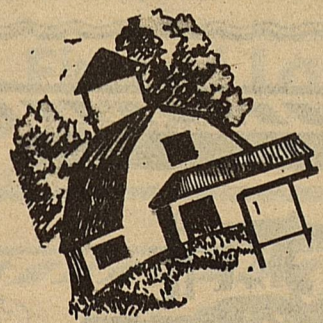
BARN DANCE

April 11, 1980 - 9 p.m.

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