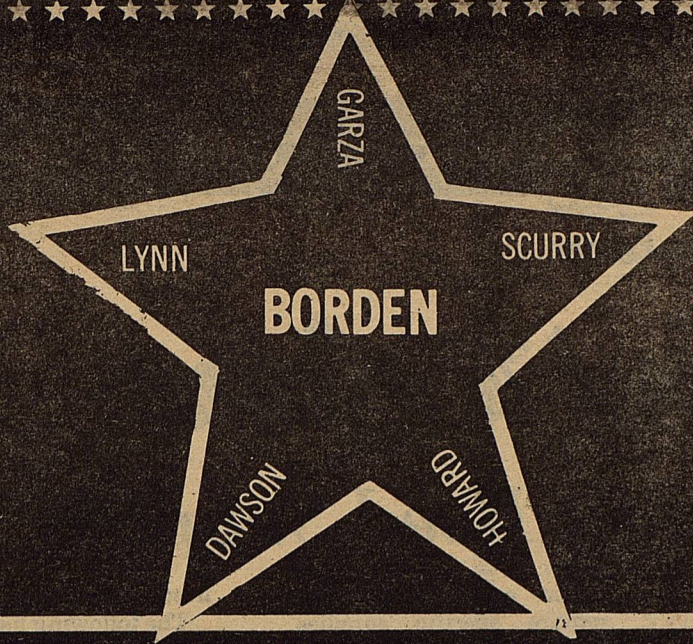


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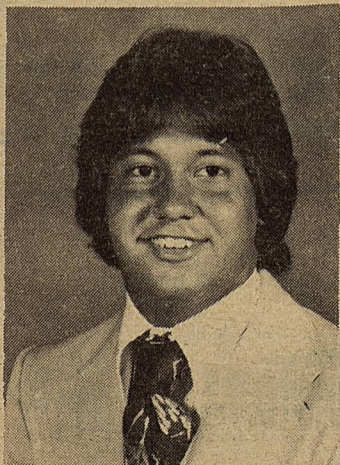
Texas Public Employee's week

Governor William P. Clements has designated the week of August 17 through August 23, 1980, as "Public Employees' Week" in Texas. This annual affair recognizes the role of the state, county and city employees in performing the vital functions of governments which all people in Texas enjoy.

The Texas Public Employees Association, composed of over 33,000 public employees, has selected the theme of "Proud - Professional - Productive" for the 1980 Public Employees' Week. These dedicated employees serve in all capacities while executing the functions of government in our complex society. Professionalism through pride in employment contributes to the efficient administration of our state and local governments.

Highlights of this year's Public Employees' Week will be the 35th Annual

New BHS staff member



Mr. Bill May

We would like to welcome Mr. Bill May to Borden County.

Mr. May will take over the coaching duties as girls basketball coach at Borden School. Mr. May will be coaching Junior High as well as High School.

He is a graduate of Angelo State University, and was previously employed as girls basketball coach at Westbrook.

Labor Day Roping



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School bells are ringing in Borden County

School will officially start on Tuesday, September 2, 1980. Teachers will attend workshops and prepare for the first quarter from August 25 through August 29. Students will start regular classes on Tuesday, September 2.

Student registration will begin Friday, August 29 in the following order:
9:00-10:30 Seniors
10:30-12:00 Juniors
1:00-2:30 Sophomores
2:30-4:00 Freshmen

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

We invite parents to visit the school at any time during the school year, and we extend a special

invitation to parents to attend the opening assembly beginning on September 2 at 8:30 a.m.

The school will observe the following time schedule beginning September 2, 1980:

8:20 a.m. School begins

12:00 noon Lunch

3:30 p.m. School will dismiss

Buses will run according to the above schedule on Tuesday, September 2.

Season tickets will go on sale on September 2, 1980. Tickets will again sell for \$16.00.

School insurance will again be available.

School will begin for all professional personnel on

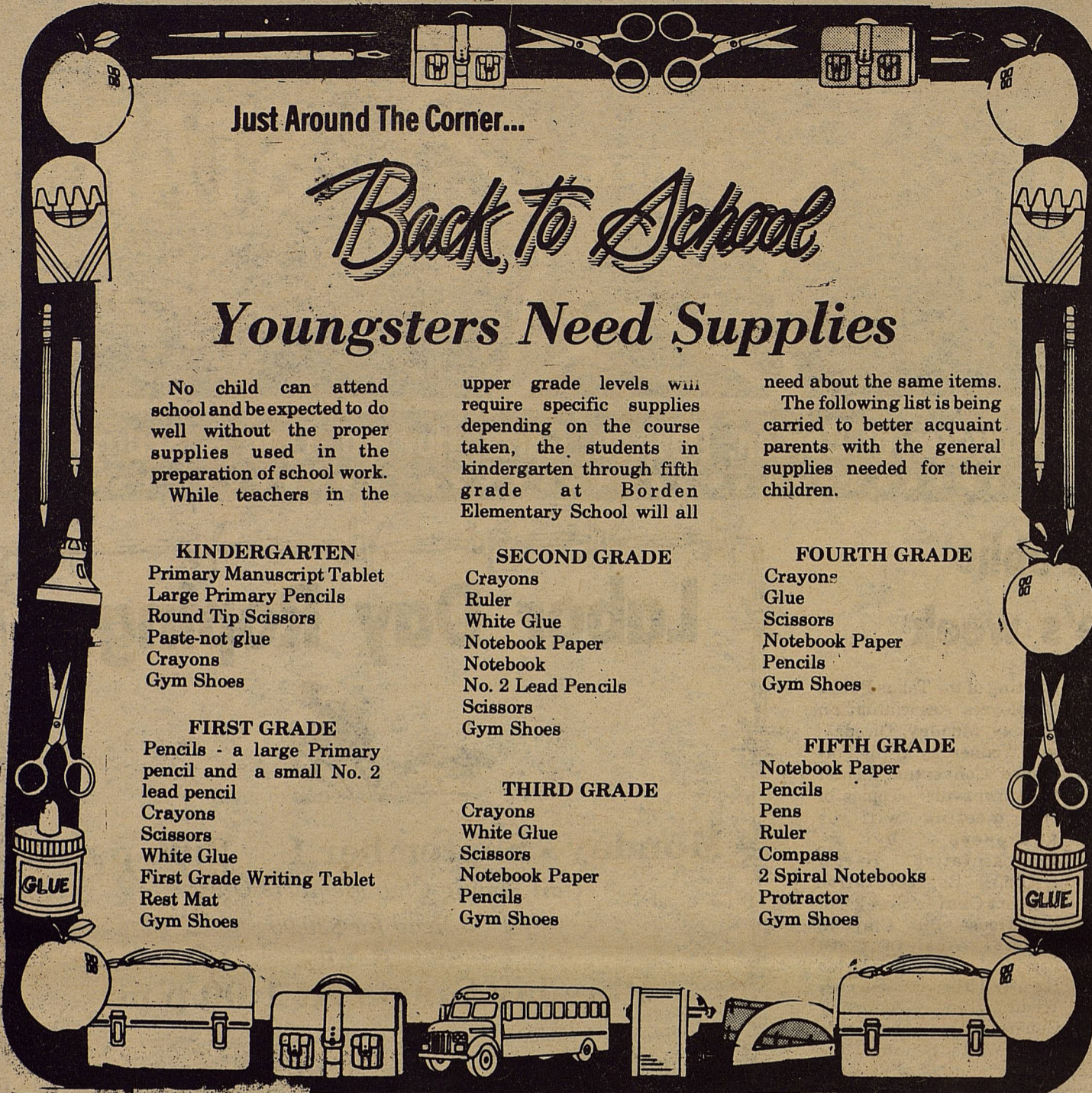
Monday, August 25, 1980 at 8:30 a.m. Teachers are required to be given eight days of in-service during the 1980-81 school year. Five of these days are required to be strictly in-service and three may be days of preparation.

In-Service Education Schedule is as follows: August 25, 1980 General teachers meeting and Accreditation Procedure Workshop.

August 26, Building faculty meetings and Patty Arnold of the Evelyn Wood Reading Dynamics will present a clinic.

August 27, Inez Moore with Education Service Center will bring Hartsell

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Just Around The Corner...

Back to School

Youngsters Need Supplies

No child can attend school and be expected to do well without the proper supplies used in the preparation of school work. While teachers in the

upper grade levels will require specific supplies depending on the course taken, the students in kindergarten through fifth grade at Borden Elementary School will all

need about the same items.

The following list is being carried to better acquaint parents with the general supplies needed for their children.

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- SECOND GRADE**
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 Ruler
 White Glue
 Notebook Paper
 Notebook
 No. 2 Lead Pencils
 Scissors
 Gym Shoes

- FOURTH GRADE**
 Crayons
 Glue
 Scissors
 Notebook Paper
 Pencils
 Gym Shoes

- FIRST GRADE**
 Pencils - a large Primary pencil and a small No. 2 lead pencil
 Crayons
 Scissors
 White Glue
 First Grade Writing Tablet
 Rest Mat
 Gym Shoes

- THIRD GRADE**
 Crayons
 White Glue
 Scissors
 Notebook Paper
 Pencils
 Gym Shoes

- FIFTH GRADE**
 Notebook Paper
 Pencils
 Pens
 Ruler
 Compass
 2 Spiral Notebooks
 Protractor
 Gym Shoes

Local Home Economist Attends State Meet

LaRhea Pepper, Borden County Extension agent (home economics) was among about 200 home economists at the 37th annual Texas Association of Extension Home Economists (TAEHE) state meeting, August 6-8 in Lubbock.

With a theme of "Changing Reflections" for this year's meeting, home economists scrutinized their changing roles and responsibilities during the 1980's at workshops and in general sessions.

Programs and discussions focused on today's most pressing "people concerns"—economic conditions, energy, social conditions, marketing and policy, land and water resources, and leadership development.

Keynote speakers included Dr. Daniel C. Pfannstiel, director of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, an Dr. Jennie C. Kitching, assistant director for home economics. In addition, several other speakers will address the major concerns.

Also, ceremonies for the recipients of the national Distinguished Service Awards, tours, an entertainment segment and installation of officers, along with several other award presentations completed the three-day program.

School

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Haws for the program "Creating a Positive Learning Environment" August 28 A continuation of the Accreditation Procedures.

August 29 Teacher Preparation Day and Professional Organizational Meetings.

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Coyote Scrimmage

There will be a Football Scrimmage Thursday, August 21, 1980 at the Borden Football Stadium, between Loop and Borden County.

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BORDEN COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
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		Student Days	Teacher In-Service and Workdays	Holidays
Aug. 25	Teacher In-Service		1	
Aug. 26	Teacher In-Service		1	
Aug. 27	Teacher In-Service		1	
Aug. 28	Teacher In-Service		1	
Aug. 29	Teacher Workday Student Registration Seniors 9:00-10:30 Juniors 10:30-12:00 Sophomores 1:00- 2:30 Freshmen 2:30- 4:00		1	
Sept. 1	Labor Day Holiday			1
Sept. 2	First Semester Begins			
Nov. 27-28	Thanksgiving Holidays			2
Dec. 20	Teacher In-Service		1	
Dec. 22-				
Jan. 2	Christmas Holidays			10
Jan. 16	First Semester Ends	87		
Jan. 19	Teacher Workday		1	
Jan. 20	Second Semester Begins			
Mar. 16-20	Spring Vacation			5
May 24	Baccalaureate			
May 28	Second Semester Ends High School Commencement	88		
May 29	Teacher Workday Junior High Commencement		1	
School Year 1980-1981		175	8	18



3rd in a Series - Family Living Committee

In the past articles we've talked about what a Family Living Committee is and what their purposes for the exciting part!!! This is the action phase - actually carrying out the plans.

The Family Living Committee will be working closely with us - the County Extension Agents and resource people in carrying out the program that will meet the needs of the people in the county.

Last but not least, is evaluating the program - was each activity successful? Did the county people learn new information and ideas that they can use? By evaluating what has been done - we can all strive to do a better job the next time!

A family Living Committee insures that the

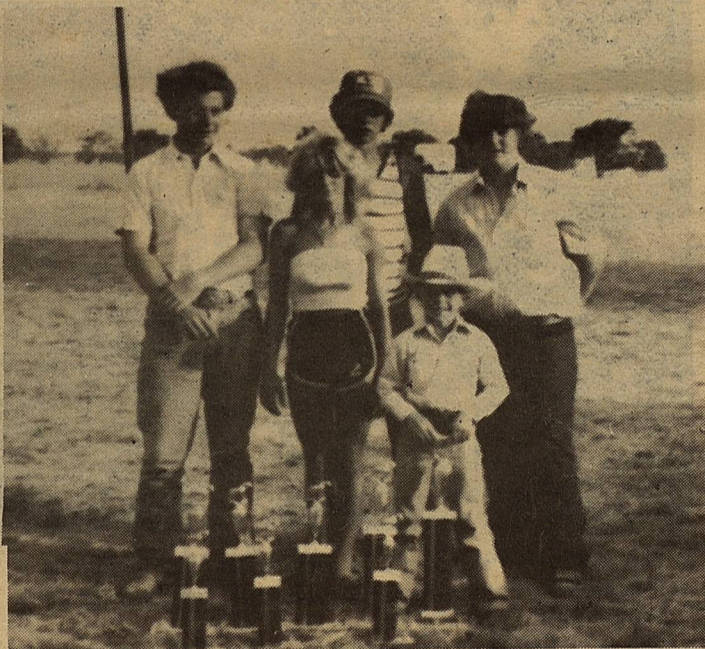
County Extension Agent will be well informed about the needs in the county and how we can best meet those needs.

The individual members of the committee are the most important part of the Family Living Committee.

Think of the committee as a row boat - the combined effort of each person using an oar helps to make the boat move at a desired speed to reach an objective. No committee can perform its role and be productive without the active participation of each member.

If you have any suggestions about who you'd like to serve on the Family Living Committee, or would like to serve in this capacity - contact me at the office.

LaRhea Pepper
County Extension Agent
915-856-4201



Pictured above is J. J. Kincheloe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Kincheloe of Snyder, shown with other team members and trophies received at the National Finals of the American Association of Sheriffs Posses.

New Arrival

Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Evans of Fluvanna are proud to announce the arrival of Bradlee Norman. He was born August 18 in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock and weighed 6lb 7oz.

Angela and Jim Evans are the proud sister and brother and grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Slick Sneed of Gail and Bunyon Evans of Snyder and Opal Evans also of Snyder.

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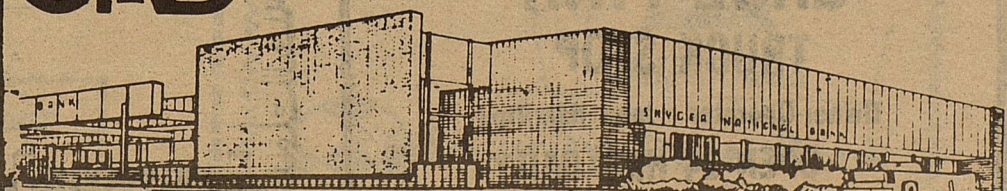
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Congressman

Charles W. Stenholm

Congressional Comment

WASHINGTON, D.C. — "Do we really need it? Can we afford it? Can the need best be realized at the local level?"

Those three questions have become as close to the "Stenholm philosophy" as anything I can devise. Those are the questions that I believe the people of the 17th District elected me to answer each and every time their money is to be spent through the federal budget. Sometimes the resulting answers aren't easy ones.

I recently proposed an amendment to the Department of Transportation (DOT) Authorization Bill which would have answered those questions in what has appeared to some to be opposition to the transportation needs of the handicapped. That amendment would have created a local option which would allow transit authorities, in consultation with members of the local handicapped community, to establish programs which effectively meet local transportation needs, rather than leaving those needs to the discretion of "Big Brother" in Washington.

At issue are DOT regulations that require that all public transportation systems receiving federal financial assistance become accessible to handicapped persons, including wheelchair users. For the most part, this requires lift-equipped buses and modified rail vehicles and stations. One-half of peak-hour bus service must be accessible by 1982, which could be extended to 1989 in the case of "extraordinarily expensive" com-

pliance. However, beginning July 2, 1979, all new transit buses purchased must be lift-equipped. Rail systems must be made accessible over 30 years.

Do we really need it? There is no question about the need for adequate transportation for the handicapped. But we have to look at the results: The Congressional Budget Office has estimated that full-system accessibility would serve only about 7 percent of the handicapped population while special services (such as portal-to-portal van service) would benefit about 26 percent of the handicapped in this country.

Can we afford it? Cost estimates for complying with these regulations range from \$6 billion to over \$8 billion (current dollars, excluding inflation). Specialized services designated by the local community would cost an estimated \$4.4 billion.

Can the need best be realized at the local level? My amendment (which was narrowly defeated) and a similar amendment, the Cleveland Amendment to the Surface Transportation Act which will be debated later this session, would allow communities to pursue alternative approaches for meeting the transportation needs of handicapped persons. Programs created as local options to full system accessibility must be developed in consultation with members of the local handicapped community.

This is a complex and often emotional issue, however, the bottom line remains: Do the benefits really justify the costs?

American Junior Rodeo Association

National Finals Results

The AJRA National Finals closed the curtains Saturday night on the 1980 season. It was the largest Finals ever held with 291 contestants competing. The 1981 season will start next week August 20 in Midland, Texas.

Although our local contestants had a lot of hard luck at the finals, they still performed so well. The competition is so great, it's really hard to come up with a placing time. For instance in the 13-15 age boys, 2.96 did not even place in breakaway roping for the second go. Cody Newton had a 3.26 time in first go placing about 7th and close to the same time for the second go and was not in the average.

Gayla Newton was 3rd in Optional Race for the year, 7th for All Around, 7th in Optional Roping. At the Finals, Gayla placed 5th in each go of goat tying with 9.96 and 10.73. Sabrina Pike of Clovis New Mexico won both go-rounds of goat tying with times 8.70 and 9.05.

Little Raylynn Key has done so well her first year in AJRA. She won 5th in the average at the Finals in Barrel Race and was 5th in the standings for the year. This is a great accomplishment for the 12 and under age group of girls

is more competitive this year than ever in history of AJRA.

Brice Key has done so well also. He won 4th in Optional Race for the year. He placed 3rd in Poles first go-round, 3rd in average. He was 5th in Breakaway roping first go for boys 12 and under. This is Brice's first year to enter roping events.

Talley Griffin won 3rd in barrels for the year, 4th place in All-Around of 16-19 age group. At the Finals she placed 4th in Ribbon Roping first go, 2nd in barrels and 2nd in average.

Maybe they didn't get to bring home the saddles and buckles as they did last year, but we're still proud of these young contestants in AJRA. They have all worked hard, hauled far in a blistering hot summer of competition. They will hit the road again next week for their 1981 season in Midland, Texas. God Luck Kids--You'll get'em next year!

- SPECIAL AWARDS**
 Alvin Davis Founders Award - Carola Cox, Meridian, Texas
 Sportsmanship Awards - Debora Lewis, Dell City, Texas and Walt Poyner, Odessa, Texas.
 Rookie of Year - Kenna Boltinghouse, San Saba, Texas
 Miss AJRA - Debora Lewis, Dell City, Texas
 George Paul Bull Riding Trophy - Ty Watkins, Odessa, Texas and Larry Williams, Denver City, Texas
 Roy Cooper Roping Award - Freddie Hernandez, Abilene, Texas
 Dubb Tubb Bronze - Kenna Boltinghouse, San Saba, Texas
 PRCA - Freddie Hernandez, Abilene, Texas
 Dr. Robert Taylor Bronze - Todd Watkins, Odessa, Texas
 1981 President - Jerry Alley, Abilene, Texas
 1981 Vice-President - Gayla Newton, Gail, Texas



GAYLA NEWTON will be serving as Vice-President of the American Junior Rodeo Association for the year 1981.

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Childrens Immunizations Important

Children's immunizations are important, and now's the time for "all good parents" to review their records and update their children's protection from diseases, says a health education specialist.

Immunizations are "tedious business" to many people, but they don't have to be--especially if you know what's needed and keep updated records, Mary Ann Shirer stresses.

Dr. Shirer is on the home economics staff of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the Texas A & M University System.

First, know what your children should be protected against, and then be sure to keep immunization records in a safe, organized file--make photocopies before sending the record to school or to a child-care facility, the specialist advises.

IMMUNIZATION 'MUSTS'

Here's what children need to enter first grade or kindergarten:

--at least three doses of diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis--(DPT)--with one dose received after the fourth birthday.

(--or tetanus-diphtheria (TD) vaccines--with one dose received after the

fourth birthday)

--three doses of polio vaccine (one dose must be received after the fourth birthday)

--one dose of measles vaccine (must be received after the first birthday)

--one dose of mumps vaccine

--one dose of rubella vaccine.

Remember, all public school children in Texas must show a validated record of their immunizations upon entering school.

MUMPS VACCINE FOR OLDER STUDENTS

Last year, mumps immunization was required for first graders only, but each year the grade requirement will increase.

Here's how that will work:

For the 1980-81 school year, all first and second graders must have mumps immunization.

For the 1981-82 year, all first, second and third graders must have mumps immunization.

This age progression in requirements for mumps immunization will continue through the next 11 years, so that, finally, mumps immunization will be required of all students grades one through 12.

However, remember, once a child age 15 months or

over has received the mumps vaccine, he is thought to be immunized for life--so just the one dose of mumps vaccine is required in most cases.

MEASLES VACCINE FOR OLDER STUDENTS

Also, measles immunization will eventually be required for all public school students in Texas, grades one through 12.

For the 1979-80 school year, measles immunization was required for children in grades one through six.

This year, grade seven will be added to the requirement, and each year another grade will be added until the progressions reach grade 12.

RUBELLA REQUIRED THROUGH AGE 12

Rubella immunization is required for students up to their twelfth birthday.

DANGER: MEASLES OUTBREAKS, OLDER STUDENTS

Because of measles outbreaks among junior and senior high school students recently, parents may want to ask their private physicians about immunizations for children beyond the official age requirements for this current school year--especially measles immunization and, perhaps, mumps immunization.

Measles can be a serious

illness, Dr. Shirer warns.

It causes ear infection or pneumonia in nearly one of every 10 students who contract it.

Encephalitis--inflammation of the brain--results from measles in one child of every 1,000 who contract it. This can lead to convulsions, deafness or mental retardation.

Finally, measles is fatal to one child of every 10,000 who contract it.

MUMPS COMPLICATIONS SERIOUS

Mumps also can cause serious complications.

Mumps causes a mild type of meningitis in about one of every 20 children who contract it.

Meningitis is inflammation of the membranes which envelop the brain and spinal cord.

Mumps also can cause encephalitis and deafness. RUBELLA, PREGNANCY DANGERS

Even though rubella immunization is not required past the twelfth birthday, the Texas Department of Health recommends it for non-pregnant students who haven't had the immunization.

If a pregnant woman contracts rubella, there is a high-percentage chance that her child will be born crippled, blind or with other defects, especially if the disease is contracted in the first trimester of pregnancy (the first three months).

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4-H Foods and Nutrition Leaders from Borden County are encouraged to attend a September 20 and 21 weekend workshop at the Texas 4-H center near Brownwood. Workshops will include a wide variety of 4-H foods and nutrition project helps for teen and adult leaders. Topics to covered include: Teaching methods; Method Demonstrations; Food show preparation; and recreation. Instructors for this workshop are: Dr. Rose Postel, Extension foods and Nutrition Specialist, College Station; Mrs. Janet Yeates, area 4-H and Youth Specialist, Bryan; and members of the Texas 4-H 4-H Center Staff.

For further information and registration details, those interested in participating may contact LaRhea Pepper at the Borden County Extension Office 915-856-4201. Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of Socio-Economic Levels, Race, Color, Sex, Religion, or National Origin.

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The Second Annual Funday Festivities honoring Congressman Charles Stenholm are scheduled for Saturday, September 6, at the Ericksdahl Picnic Grounds near Stamford. Pictured is Stenholm talking with a group at last year's event.

Second Annual Funday Festivities

Friends and supporters of Congressman Charles Stenholm are invited to the Second Annual Funday Festivities, Saturday, September 6, 1980, at the Ericksdahl Picnic Grounds near Stamford.

Stenholm and his wife Cindy, along with their children Chris, Cary, and Courtney Ann, will return

to Texas for the September 6 festivities sponsored by Friends of Charlie and the Stenholm -80 Committee.

Congressman Stenholm will address the gathering of friends and supporters of the thirty-three county 17th Congressional District. A down-home fried chicken picnic will begin serving at 5 p.m. Live entertainment

will also be planned.

Tickets for Funday are \$10.00 each and can be purchased by contacting the Stenholm -80 Committee office, P.O. Box 1032, Stamford, Texas 79553, or by calling 915-773-5521 for more information. In case of inclement weather, activities will be held in the Ericksdahl Lutheran Church.

Willie Nelson To Appear In Big Spring

Willie Nelson, 1979 Country Music Association Entertainer of the Year, will appear in concert at Memorial Stadium, Big Spring, Texas, at 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 31, 1980, (Labor Day Weekend).

The event will be

sponsored by the Snyder JayCees and co-sponsored by the Big Spring Jay Cees with the proceeds to go to the Texas JayCee Campus for the Handicapped. Gonzales Warm Springs, Texas.

Advance tickets will be

\$8.00 and tickets at the gate will be \$10.00. Tickets will go on sale Monday, Aug. 11, 1980 at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and the Snyder Chamber of Commerce and other designated locations later next week.

Willie is starring in the Movie, "Honeysuckle Rose" currently showing at the R-70. He also appeared in the movie, "Electric Horseman" with Robert Redford and Jane Fonda.

Willie was inducted into the Country Music Song-Writers' Hall of Fame in 1973. Since that time he has established himself as the Superstar of "Redneck Rock" with songs such as, "Blue Eyes Crying In The Rain", "Georgia On My Mind", "Good Hearted Women" and "My Heroes Have Always Been Cowboys."

A line of "Willie" blue jeans was introduced earlier this year. He will start filming a movie with Gary Busey, "Barbarosa," in the Big Bend country next month.

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ASCS News

by Jerry Stone

FAILED ACREAGE

Producers are requested to report failed acreage to the County Office before making any other use of the crop. Don't bale or graze your feed grain acreage before it is appraised. Otherwise, disaster credit cannot be approved for that acreage.

Program crops such as grain sorghum, corn, and cotton may be assigned a zero appraisal if you feel the potential production is so low that carrying the crop to harvest would not be feasible. The acreage must be destroyed with no feed or lint benefits. Should the agreement be violated, the disaster yield would be assigned to the affected acreage which would result in no disaster payments.

For acreage harvested you must file requests for disaster credit within 15 days from the date harvest is complete.

1980 COMMODITY LOAN PROGRAM

Loans are available to eligible producers on commodities stored on the farm or in approved warehouses. The interest rate is 11.5 percent. Loan maturity date is the 9th calendar month following the month in which the loan is disbursed. 1980 loan rates for Borden County are as follows:

Corn.....\$2.41 Bu.

Wheat.....\$3.01 Bu.
Oats.....\$1.31 Bu.
Sorghum.....\$3.82 Cwt.
Barley.....\$1.85 Bu.
Rye.....\$1.97 Bu.

SBA DECLARATION

In view of the prolonged drought and extreme heat wave that has covered Borden County, the USDA Emergency Board has requested that Borden County be declared a disaster area for the purpose of securing Small Business Administration (SBA) assistance for the farmers and ranchers in the county.

As more information becomes available we will notify you.

EMERGENCY FEED PROGRAM

Livestock owners are reminded that the Emergency Feed Program is available at all times if the following requirements are met: A loss of at least 40 percent in pasture and feed production. An insufficient amount of feed for animals on the farm, and the necessity to purchase feed in quantities larger than normal.

Eligibility For Participation In All Programs Administered By ASCS Is Established Under Law Without Regard To Race, Color, Religion, Sex, Or National Origin.



Fun is the name of the game for the 4-Her's that attended the Borden-Scurry County Vamp at Palo Duro Canyon! A total of 26 people were involved - 20 4-Her's and 6 adult sponsors.



Your County Agent Says by Sam Field



Hurricane "Allen" has brought some reprieve from the drought with cloudy and somewhat cooler days. We could sure use some good ole rain through. Crops all over Borden County are hurting although some cotton is holding up better than one would expect.

Producers may be interested in a tour of the Lubbock Experiment Station, Thursday August 21. As stated in an earlier article the Annual Field Day and Tour will be held at Halfway, so some may wish to see the work at Lubbock.

I will be attending this tour and will leave the office at 7:00 a.m. Anyone wishing a ride to Lubbock is welcome.

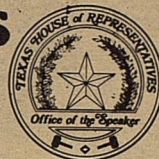
Also in the near future is the Annual Sheep and Goat Field Day at the San Angelo Experiment Station. It is scheduled for Thursday, September 4 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Several programs on Sheep and Goats production have been lined up and should be very informative. Producers wishing to attend should contact me as soon as possible. I will try to provide transportation.

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The Speaker Reports



by Bill Clayton

AUSTIN—Texas as a Sunbelt state has enjoyed accelerated increases in employment over the last 20 years. Gains have developed in every job sector of the local economy in the Sunbelt while manufacturing showed the largest source of employment decline in the Frostbelt.

The Department of Commerce found that Frostbelt cities, by 1972, lost an average of up to 18 percent of their 1958 employment in manufacturing, retailing, and wholesaling. The average employment gains in the Sunbelt cities were 60 to 100 percent in these three sectors.

It is found when studying employment changes and competitive gains in five Texas cities—Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, and San Antonio—that they compare like apples to oranges.

All Texas cities in the study, excepting Austin, re-

flected the greatest amount of employment increase in selected services, which was also the sector reflecting the highest average employment in the Sunbelt and the Frostbelt. It was discovered that not one of the Frostbelt cities exceeded the national growth rate in this sector while all but three Sunbelt cities surpassed the national rate.

Fort Worth and San Antonio were among the slowest growing Sunbelt cities but it was determined that their growth rates in all sectors were higher than all of the Frostbelt cities studied.

In view of the affirmation that our economy is becoming a service economy, it should be noted that Dallas and Houston showed the largest source of competitive gains within the manufacturing sector as did five other Sunbelt cities. Austin showed manufacturing as the second

largest source along with two other cities in the Sunbelt.

San Antonio suffered a loss in competitive position only because of a steep drop in the growth rate in the local manufacturing sector but outperformed the national averages in all other sectors of economy.

Texas as the largest Sunbelt state, is celebrating a thriving economy because of the advancement in all areas of economy and lack of dependence on one sector of industry. The slow growing sectors have been nourished and nudged to perform above the national average just as the fast growing sectors.

This long-term analysis of our economy could have even more significance as we face the present economic downturn and seek to lessen the impact it will have on Texas.

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The size and diversity that have brought Texas so many rich natural resources also leave us vulnerable to a wide range of natural disasters. But last week, as I stood on the beach and beheld the havoc wreaked by Hurricane Allen, I was struck by a force greater than the forces of nature — the spirit of our people. It is this spirit that has made it possible to overcome the devastation of hurricanes, tornadoes, drought, and flood.

No matter how great the damage, how intense the human suffering, the people of Texas always pick themselves up and rebuild. And what comes from the rebuilding process always seems stronger than that which was destroyed.

Certainly, federal and state assistance will be required to help its victims recover from Hurricane Allen, and from the drought that has caused such suffering in the form of both individual and public aid programs.

Still, Texans realize that government assistance is just that, a boost to help them start to get on their feet again. They don't expect anyone to do the job for them. And they don't sit on their hands waiting for help from outside to come.

Time and time again, I have been deeply moved by the way in which my fellow citizens respond to disasters affecting themselves or their neighbors. As soon as the danger is past, the victims of disaster are back, seeing what is left of their homes or businesses — recovering what they can, and helping those worse off than they.

Communities hundreds of miles away respond as quickly as news is received. Emergency service volunteers flock to the scene, bringing food, clothing and other necessities donated by residents of their cities. Frequently, more assistance is offered than can be used effectively.

Disaster also bonds the citizens of a city into a real community. Civic pride increases dramatically. Restoring each home, each business, each public facility — and making them better than before — becomes everyone's goal. When I go back a year or two after a major flood or tornado, I almost always find a rejuvenated downtown, new business initiatives and a citizenry filled with renewed confidence and optimism after having survived their ordeal.

This effect often surprises people from other parts of the country. But really it is a continuation of the cooperative spirit which built our state. The grandchildren of the settlers who helped their neighbors build barns find it only natural to help their neighbors repair their homes today. And with that spirit we can overcome any problem.

My heart goes out to those who suffered at the hands of Hurricane Allen, and I will do everything that I can to make sure that all available assistance is forthcoming quickly. But I am proud to tell the world that I am confident the communities on the Texas coastline will recover and will be better places than ever to live and work.

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The following named members of the Commissioners Court voted for the proposal.

- Jim M. Burkett
- Herman Ledbetter
- Larry Smith
- Vernon Wolf
- Ed Rinehart

This Notice of Tax Increase is required by the State Property Tax Code. The only taxpayers whose taxes will be increased are those whose property values have increased, as the proposed tax rate is the same as last year.

Obituary

Mallie Vondy

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