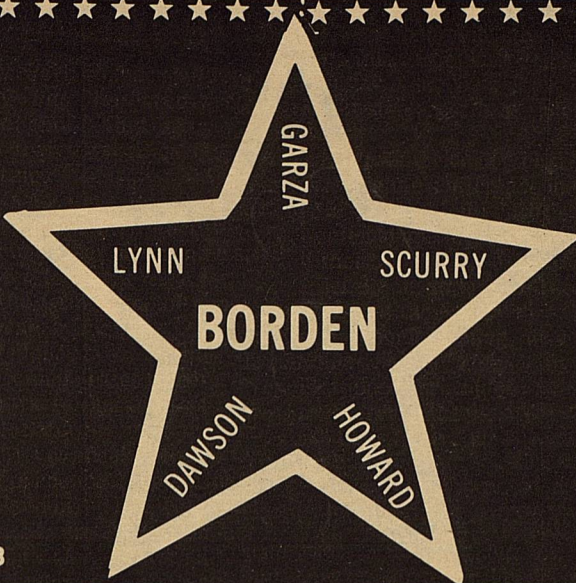


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Cancer Drive Successful

\$1908 For Cancer

Borden County did it again! The Borden County Chapter of the American Cancer Society surpassed their goal for 1973 by realizing \$1908 in their annual Cancer Drive.

Sponsoring a barn dance held at the Rich Andersons, over three hundred guests enjoyed an evening of dancing to the music of Hoyle Nix and his Western Band.

Collecting donations at the door, Chapter Treasurer Norman Sneed reported \$386 given at that time. Assisting Mr. Sneed was Rube Smith.

Mrs. Don Jones, Chapter President, reported that over 900 chances had been sold prior to the drawing for the winner of the club calf donated to the society to raise money. Mrs. W.O. Cox continued to sell chances during the dance.

Dance contests throughout the evening entertained the guests. Doris Rudd, chairman for the contests hand painted the plaques presented to each winning couple. Approximately thirty couples entered the contests, paying 50c each to enter.

Dorothy Browne headed the concessions committee as the Society sold soft drinks to the thirsty dancers. Assisting Dorothy was Mrs. Pat Hensley.

The barn was transformed to a festive "dance hall" by the directing committee chaired by Mrs. T.L. Griffin. Helping Gloria in this effort were Mrs. Doyle Newton and Mrs. Don Jones.

Mrs. Rube Smith pulled it all together as program chairman. Sue also did a fine job acting as Master of Ceremonies.

Among the "out of town" guests for the event were Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Anderson of Lovington, New Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. Buz Hubbard of Midland, Buddy Geter of Corpus Christi, and Mark Mills of Merkle—all of whom were house guests of the Rich Andersons. The Doyle Newtons also brought their guests, Nancy and Judy Willis of Dallas.

On behalf of the Borden

County Chapter of the American Cancer Society, Mrs. Don Jones, president said, "I would like to personally thank all those good people serving on my committees for making our 1973 drive the success it was. Our all time high reflects the hard work and dedication all of you in Borden County who gave so generously."

Lonny Doyle Wins Steer

Climaxing an evening of fun and music was the drawing for the winner of the club calf at the annual Barn Dance sponsored by the Borden County Cancer Society.

Drawing from a box of over 900 chances, Gay Griffin pulled the name of Lonny Doyle, 1973 winner.

Lonny and his wife Kay are residents of Gail and farm in the Plains community.

The Club Calf was donated to the Society by Gloria and T.L. Griffin to help raise money for the 1973 Cancer drive. Over \$900.00 was realized from this effort. The Society is mighty grateful for the Griffin's generosity.

Appreciation is also expressed to Town and Country of Snyder for donating the processing of the 1,000 lb. steer. A lot of meat for your deep freeze, Lonny. Congratulations!

LETTER

We appreciated your recent article concerning the heavy snow storm in Colorado. In response to the assistance and concern shown by people in your community we would appreciate your printing this note of thanks in your paper. Please advise of the charge.

(s) Excel and Elizabeth Smith, Gerald and Jamie Smith, Trinchera, Colorado

Special Awards Presented

In recognition of outstanding community service, the Borden County Cancer Society presented special awards to; Rich and Barbara Anderson, and T.L. and Gloria Griffin. These awards were in the form of plaques made and donated by Doris Rudd.

We wish to pay tribute to Rich and Barbara for their many years of service helping to raise funds for the cancer crusade. Last year, they donated the beef for our steer raffle. Also, for the past two years they have hosted our Barn dance, which always brings in a major portion of the funds raised. We say simply, "You have been very good for Borden County."

To T.L. and Gloria we also wish to say thank you for donating this year's steer, and the many other services rendered in our county-wide community. We know when anything is good for our community, you are always ready and willing to help.

Borden County Cancer Committee

Pick-Up Truck Overturned

Marie Ragan has been hospitalized following a pick-up truck accident last Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ragan were returning home following the Annual Borden County Cancer Drive Barn Dance when their pick-up overturned on the Muleshoe Ranch road. The accident occurred about 10:00 p.m. on the west side of Tobacco Creek, approximately four miles from the ranch Headquarters.

The pick-up evidently getting out of control on the gravel road, turned completely over. Mr. Ragan was able to start the vehicle and drove 30 miles into Lamesa where Marie was admitted in the hospital.

Marie is reported as having a crushed vertebra and will be hospitalized for several weeks. John escaped uninjured. We wish a speedy recovery for Marie.



MR. AND MRS. W.D. EVERETT SR.

Everetts Honored On 50th Anniversary

Open House, honoring Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Everett on their 50th Wedding Anniversary, was held Sunday, April 15th, 1973 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller in Borden County.

guests registered during the afternoon. Some had traveled a great distance to attend, from Amarillo, Midland, Austin and Dallas.

Dewey was born in Coryell County on April 24, 1896, and moved with his family to Borden County in 1906. His father, J.Y. Everett, served as Sheriff of Borden County from 1917 to 1922. July was born in Borden County, July 18, 1902. Mr. C.E. Reeder, Fay's Father, served as Commissioner of Borden County and as County Judge from 1913 to 1918. She was working in the Sheriff's Office for Mr. J.Y. Everett when she met Dewey. Everytime he came to call on her, Ima, Fay's younger sister, would insist on him dancing with her and many times "tagged" along on their dates.

They were married in her parents home in Gail, April 14, 1923. She chose this particular date because it was her Grandmother O'Kelly's birthday. John and Flossy (Everett) Johnson were their only attendants. Fay recalls that it rained so hard that her father almost didn't make it

in from the farm in time for her wedding.

Their first home was in the Plains Community (near where the Vernon Creightons now live). They later moved to Gail, where he was engaged in ranching and dirt contracting. They also owned and operated the 7 Mile Service Station East of Gail. They moved to Snyder in 1937.

Dewey was honored as Conservation Rancher of 1967, by the Upper Colorado River Soil and Conservation District. They are members of the First Baptist Church of Snyder.

They have four children, Mrs. Dewey Fay Miller of Borden County, Dub and Jess Everett of Snyder, and Donnie Everett of Odessa, and Roland Hamilton of Lamesa. Overheard Dewey remark at the reception that he wanted their pictures made with Roland and Blanche, after all, Roland was the only one of their children old enough to attend their wedding. Roland went to live with Dewey two years before Dewey and Fay married and continued to live with them until he and Blanche (Bennett) were married.

Their children and families were host and hostesses for the Open House and presented them

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Borden County School News

GIFTED TO COMPETE

During the first weekend in May, hundreds of the most gifted pupils in Texas public high schools will compete in Austin for honors in literary, drama, and athletic contests.

For many, the State Meet will be the culmination of years of dedication and hard work. Although hundreds of other talented boys and girls have failed to reach this level, their lives have nevertheless been enriched by working and learning and competing, even if they did not reach the State Meet. The League philosophy is that, even though every one cannot win, every one is made richer by his experience with educational competition.

In tribute to these boys and girls, it should be noted that participation in League activities is purely voluntary and is not a part of the school curriculum, nor is it required for graduation from high school. Several thousand young people have put forth the extra effort and have sacrificed their time in order to compete in these athletic and academic contests. The direction and impetus which their initiative has provided will make them better citizens and is evidence of the value and integrity of our youth, often too easily overlooked in the troubled world of today. We are encouraged when we realize that these young people are not content to be "average" but want to make their own contributions to their schools and communities.

Our hats are off to these fine young men and women. They are the "cream of the crop" of Texas youth.

We hope that every school will have special ceremonies honoring these fine students and athletes, who have gone beyond the regular call of duty by seeking and striving and winning the League's athletic drama or literary competitions.

Girls Dual Tennis Meet

The Borden High School girls tennis team won both doubles and singles in the A division at Dawson Wednesday, April 18. Bobbie Briggs beat the number one Dawson singles 6-3. Bobbie then teamed with Catherine Jackson to beat the Dawson number one doubles team 6-2. Bobbie and Catherine looked very sharp in their doubles match.

Several other matches were played. The Borden girls number three team consisting of Rita Cornett and Diane McHenry were defeated in a very close match, six games to four, by the Dawson number two team. Mary Thompson was defeated by the Dawson number two singles 6-2. Also the Borden number two team (Catherine Jackson and Mary Thompson) played the Dawson number one team a close game before losing 6-4. All the girls are playing much improved tennis according to Coach Huddleston. There was a dual boys meet with Dawson here yesterday but results were not known at press time.

SENIORS

ISSUES THANKS!

The senior class of Borden High School would like to thank each of those who purchased windbreakers and for their support throughout the year.

The class has experienced difficulty in washing the windbreakers so it may be advisable to have them dry-cleaned according to senior sponsors Mrs. Ben Jarrett and Mr. Sid Long. Thanks again for all the support to the Class of 1973!

Night Classes

Sufficient interest has been expressed to begin night classes in Self-defense.

The first session will be next Monday night April 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the Borden High School Auditorium.

Powder Puff Football Due

The Student Council of Borden High School will sponsor a Powder Puff football game Tuesday, May 1, 7:00 p.m. at the Coyote football field.

Everyone has heard of "Women's Lib"—well, the girls have decided to show the boys how to play football. There will be a junior high game and a high school game. Of course, the boys still have to get in on the action, so they will take the girls roles as cheerleaders and twirlers. A Twirp Queen will be nominated and the winner will be selected the night of the games.

Admission for the games is 50c for adults and 25c for students. There will be a concession stand for everyone's convenience. Come to the Student Council's Powder Puff games—they should be winners!

Pre-School Day

As in the past years, we will have a special day for pre-schooler who will start to school next September. Our pre-school day has been set for Friday, May 4. The children may ride the buses if they so desire. Activities will begin at 8:20 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. Their lunch will be furnished in the school cafeteria. The Parents Club will also conduct an eye examination of pre-schoolers. Miss Steadman and her first graders will serve as hosts.

If there should be students living in your area that do not receive the Borden Star, would you please pass the word along. We would like to include all children who will be six on September 1 of this year. If you should have questions concerning this matter, please contact the Superintendent or Elementary Principal.

Regional Qualifier Meet

Philena Farmer entered a Regional Qualifier Track Meet at Sundown Friday, April 20. No points or awards were given. Philena cleared 4'6" in the high jump. She will participate in the Regional Meet at Levelland Saturday, April 28, at 10:00 a.m. First two places in the Regional Meet qualify for the State Track Meet to be held in Austin, May 11-12.



PHILENA FARMER, Regional Qualifier

Student Council Election

Student Council election for 1973-74 President and Vice-President of Borden High School will be held during the week of May 14-18.

To be eligible for President or Vice-President, a student must have a 90 average, and no grade lower than an 80.

A President must have earned 9 units of credit, four of which were earned at Borden County Schools. A Vice-President must have earned 8 units, four of which were earned at Borden County Schools.

Outgoing President and Vice-President for 1972-73 is Randy Crittenden and Randy Hensley respectively.

Historic Map Donated

A historic map was donated to the history classes of Borden County Schools by Mrs. Don Jones on April 19, 1973. It is a map of Scurry County and surrounding areas with cities and highways of today, overlaying some of the period prior to 1880. The map was researched and drawn by R.J. "Red" Walker, 1971-72. Thanks are extended to Mrs. Don Jones for her donation.

FHA Grandmother Tea

The "Get Acquainted Tea" for the F.H.A. Secret Grandmothers is scheduled for Thursday, April 26, at 2:30 p.m. The tea will be in the home economics department. All Secret Grandmothers are invited to attend.

Short Course For Adult Farmers

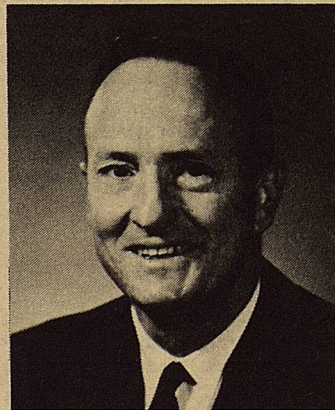
A beef production short course for adult farmers will be held May 7-10, 1973, under the sponsorship of the Borden County High School Vocational Agriculture Department according to Mr. James McLeroy, Superintendent, and Mr. Sid Long, Teacher of Vocational Agriculture.

Mr. Frank C. Litterst, Beef Production Specialist with the Vocational Agriculture Division of the Texas Education Agency and the Department of Animal Science at Texas A&M University will be the instructor for the course. He is headquartered at Texas A&M University.

Mr. Litterst is a graduate of Texas A&M University with a degree in Animal Science. Much of his work was done in livestock production.

After 3 years of service in the U.S. Army, Mr. Litterst served as instructor in the Veterans Agriculture Program in Hays County 4 years and was District Sales Manager for Burrus Feed Mills, Ft. Worth, Texas 4 years.

He then served as Manager, Baldwin Land & Cattle Company, with ranches in Travis and Shelby Counties until 1964. This included operation of a ranch consulting business in Texas and Louisiana. He has successfully operated his own ranching and farming business consisting of both registered and commercial cattle, sheep, Angora goats, pecans, and grain farming. He is a former director in the State Shorthorn Breeders Association and a member of American Angus, and Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.



FRANK LITTERST

The short course at Borden High School is scheduled to begin May 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vocational Agriculture building. Other meetings in the series of four will be held at the same

time each evening with the exception of Thursday's meeting which will be earlier in the afternoon. During the dates the short course is in progress, Mr. Litterst will be available to assist cattlemen with individual problems and to provide on-the-farm instruction, according to Mr. Sid Long.

Cattlemen interested in attending the short course should write or call the superintendent of schools, Mr. James McLeroy, or the teacher of vocational agriculture, Mr. Sid Long. An entry fee of \$3.00 will be charged.

Beef Production short course certificates will be presented to each cattleman who attends all the training sessions.

Mr. Litterst states that the field of beef cattle production must take a close look at efficiency of production in the future. With land prices, feed, and taxes rising, the producer is meeting more and more competition for the consumers' dollar at the meat counter.

From the economic view of the beef cattle business, there is every indication that in comparing the producer of yesteryear and the producer of tomorrow, beef must be produced more efficiently in order to be a profit-making business. Mr. Litterst indicates that the beef production short course will deal with methods of producing beef at a lower cost and the ways of producing the kind of beef that the homemaker wants to buy. He also states that the course will include such important topics as cattle reproduction and pregnancy diagnosis, selecting bulls and replacement heifers, calf crop percentages, and supplemental winter feeding. The course can be changed to meet the wishes and interests of the farmers and ranchers enrolled.

"Short courses in beef production, as well as in other areas, are now available to farmers throughout the state under the cooperative program between Texas Education Agency and Texas A&M University," states Bob Jaska, associate professor, Department of Agricultural Education at Texas A&M University, who coordinates the program for Texas A&M.

"This cooperative program," states Jaska, "is designed to make the services of specialists available to conduct short courses under the supervision of public schools. Such a program will enable teachers of vocational agriculture to provide improved educational services to farm people."

Specialists are now available in the fields of beef production, farm electric wiring and safety, farm electric motors, arc welding, swine production, tractor maintenance, pasture and oxy-acetylene welding.

BEEF PRODUCTION SHORT COURSE OUTLINE
SPECIALIST: Frank Litterst
FEE: \$3.00

The major emphasis in this course will be Reproduction and Fertility Problems of Beef Cattle to increase calf-crop

Sorority Meets

The Alpha Eta Upsilon Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met at the home of Mrs. Rex Zant of Ackerly.

During the business meeting, officers for the 1973-1974 club year were elected. They are Mrs. Zant, president; Mrs. Jerry Hall, vice-president; Mrs. Blackwell, recording secretary; Mrs. Derrell Bearden, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Derwood Blagrove, treasurer.

Elected as committee chairwomen were Mrs. Barr, ways and means; Mrs. Jerry Iden, social; Mrs. Jerry Merrick, telephone; Mrs. Davis, program; and Mrs. Don Shortes, scrapbook.

Mrs. Bob Davis, Mrs. Bobby Barr and Mrs. Dwayne Blackwell presented the program and spoke on "Tools for the Art of Life".

Mrs. Davis outline the history and origin of words and how they eventually led to the written language. She said works serve men by defining accurate information as well as providing literature for the pleasure of readers or listeners.

Mrs. Barr said physical activity is important to people for pleasure, health and happiness. She said dancing, swimming and personal prowess are all examples of gracefulness, and that actions are used to express love, courage or almost any emotion.

"Thought can be emotional, creative or realistic," said Mrs. Blackwell discussing the third "tool of life." "People are said to get lost in thought, and people tell you to think things through. Thought is merely the slipping over of the pages of your mind to come to a conclusion."

Accident Claims Life In Borden County

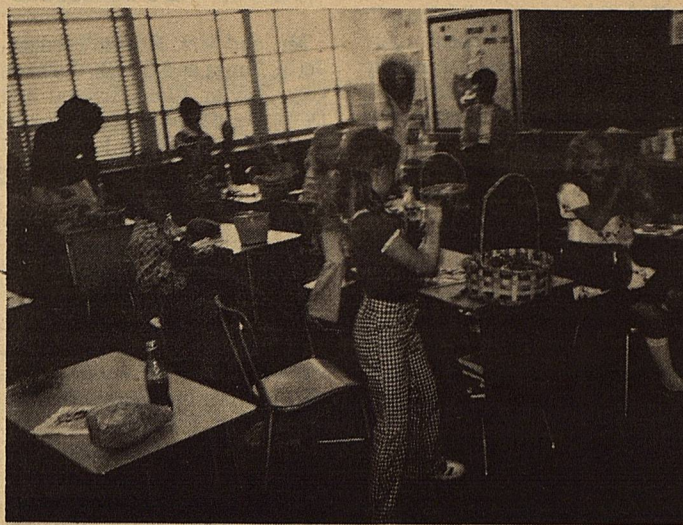
Borden County had its first death fatality of 1973 early Tuesday morning, April 24. The one car accident occurred twelve miles east of Gail. Pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace Marvin Monk, was Mr. Charles Walker age 42. He was a former Border Patrolman from Del Rio, Texas and had only recently moved to Snyder.

According to Borden County Sheriff Slick Sneed, it appeared the vehicle's left front tire blew out causing the car to careen at once but was upright in the water when discovered. Investigation is still underway. Sheriff Sneed said plans were to drain the creek to be sure there were no other occupants in the car.

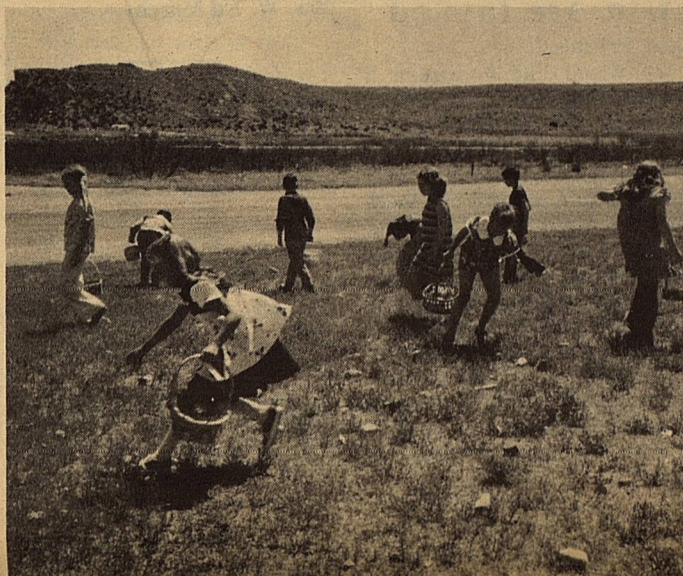
Survivors include his wife, Clarissa, two children, and his parents Mr. and Mrs. O.B. Walker of 1808 Thirty-seventh Street in Snyder.

Rites are pending at Bell-Seale Funeral Home.

Governor Dolph Briscoe issued a proclamation delaring the week of April 22-28 as "Lock and Pocket The Key" week in Texas.



PICTURED ABOVE is one of the many Easter parties at Borden Elementary School Friday, April 20.



CHILDREN at Borden Elementary School had fun finding Easter eggs Friday, April 20, 1973.

commercial cow man—A. When to put out bulls—advantages and disadvantages of systems; B. Cows per bull.

II. Crossbreeding—A. Programs; B. Hybrid vigor; C. Crosses of various breeds.

III. Twelve month cow-calf calendar program—A. Discuss all ranching problems and programs that should be performed each month of the year on a practical cattle operation; B. Give out mimeographed programs, feeding, vaccination, and parasites; C. Slides on external parasites and slides on working cows and calves. Discuss slides; D. Summary and conclusions.

Fifth Class (Daytime)

I. Instruction in rectal palpation: A. Students need not all participate, but should observe; B. At least three cows are needed for every 3 students palpating. Cows in last 6 months of pregnancy desired; C. Elaborate set up not needed. Discuss on first night.

Daylight Saving Time

It is time once again to roll the clocks forward one hour. Borden County Schools will observe Daylight Saving Time beginning Monday, April 30. Buses will run on regular schedules which will mean that everyone will lose an hours sleep.

SCHOOL MENU

April 30-May 4 MONDAY

Frito Pie
English Pea Salad
Hot Bread-Butter
Plain Cake with Chocolate Icing Milk

TUESDAY

Fried Chicken
Potato Salad
Glazed Carrots
Buttered French Bread
Pudding
Milk

WEDNESDAY

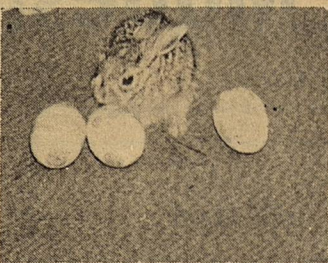
Beef Stew
Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Pink Applesauce
Hot Bread-Butter
Chocolate Chip Cookies
Milk

THURSDAY

Tuna Fish Salad
Tossed Salad
Buttered Corn
Hot Bread-Butter
Fruit Cobbler
Milk

FRIDAY

Pizza
Black-eyed Peas
Carrot Sticks
Hot Bread-Butter
Plain Cake with Pineapple Icing Milk



SMALL BUNNY lays large eggs!?!

percentages.

First Class (Night)—I. Introduction and opening remarks—A. Define Specialist Program; B. Scope of Short Course—1. Reproduction is most essential; 2. Loan agencies requiring pregnancy diagnosis and bull fertility testing by borrowers; 3. Veterinarian's position; C. Outline for week's course

II. The Herd Bull—A. Selection of bulls as to type; B. Physiology of bull's reproductive organs; C. Bulls breeding problems—1. Injuries; 2. Inherited defects; 3. Nutritional; 4. Environment.

III. Break

IV. Fertility testing of bulls—A. History of testing and Experiment Station results. Show transparencies and discuss; B. Procedure of test; C. Practical application for the ranchers; D. Benefits of the test to producer

V. Plan and discuss future classes—A. Time; B. Place

Second Class (Night) I.

Physiology of the cow's reproductive tract—A. Anatomy; B. Conception; C. Breeding problems—1. Twinning; 2. False heats; 3. False pregnancy; D. Fetus development; E. Pregnancy diagnosis—1. Classroom demonstration; 2. Show color slides on fetus development and palpation; F. Nutritional requirements of the cow; G. Display of live reproductive tracts, open and bred.

II. Break

III. Dr. Jan Bonsma Theory of cattle selection—A. Background; B. Background; C. Visual selection of cattle for high fertility—1. Signs of abortion; 2. Poor producers; 3. Good producers; 4. Things to look for in buying a brood cow.

Third Class (night)

I. Parturition on birth process in the cow—A. Expulsion of fetus—1. Normal calving; 2. Abnormal deliveries and ranchers part :show transparencies) Demonstrate difficult deliveries; 3. Care after delivery of calf; B. Expulsion of placenta—1. Normal; 2. Retained-cause, effects, and care

II. Diseases that affect breeding—A. Bangs program and its effect on the rancher—1. The disease and your brood cow; 2. Control of bangs; B. Leptospirosis—1. Economic impact; 2. The disease as it affects your cattle; 3. Control.

IV. Genetics the rancher should know: A. Inheritance from sire and dam; B. Dwarfism-cause and effects; C. Color and other basic inheritance of interest to the rancher

V. Break

VI. Bull selection by performance testing—A. Heritability estimates for weaning weights, rate of gain, etc.; B. Heat tolerance in bulls; C. Economics of buying performance tested bulls (show transparencies)

VII. Steers, the new look—A. Trend to new type; B. Slides on Hereford and Angus steers, live and dressed; C. Economics from the packers standpoint

VIII. Film on the Rumen Story (20 minutes)—A. Show film on nutrition; B. Discuss.

Fourth Class (night)

I. Breeding programs for the

Weather

Weather at the County Seat
By K.T. REDDELL

Weather conditions for week of April 16-22.					
	Max.	Min.	8:30 p.m.	Rainfall	
Monday	69	38	55	Misty	
Tuesday	71	48	62	.30	
Wednesday	83	48	73	Cloudy & Windy	
Thursday	81	52	63	.05	
Friday	83	43	70	0	
Saturday	81	50	70	0	
Sunday	78	55	65	0	

Thank You

We wish to express our gratitude to the many people who showed concern, came to help, loaned the use of their trucks, brought and sent hay, food and medicine during the recent 3 weeks snow storm.

The spring blizzard of 1973 will go down in history as one of the worst in our area, but what we remember most is not the snow and loss of livestock but the wonderful help, concern and love shown us.

Our thanks especially goes to Riley Miller, Ralph Miller, Joe Landrum, Martin Parks, Don Jones, James E. Beaver, Willie Moreno, Chock Mulkey, J. Martin Basinger, Dr. Harry Tubbs, Bruce Reed, Tom (Red) Sims, Doyle Newton, Mrs. Ralph Miller, Mrs. Riley Miller and Mrs. Joe Landrum.

Our sincere thanks, (s) Excel and Elizabeth Smith, Gerald and Jamie Smith, Trinchera, Colorado.

On Sale

At Museum

The Gail Homemakers club met Tuesday April 17, in the Borden County Museum, for the regular monthly meeting.

Drift Wood that had previously been varnished, was put on bases and decorated. These table decorations are on sale at the museum to help defer the cost of museum operations.

A business meeting was had, the minutes were read and approved, thank you notes were read, and a financial report was given. There will be one more meeting in May before the club adjourns for the summer.

Refreshments were served to 23 members, Easter theme was carried out in the decorations. Hostess were Mrs. Dottie Wills, Mary Zella Monk, Lorene Jones, Doris Rudd, Fran Bennett and Pauline Clark.

Jerre's Gottings

It sure is difficult to try to sort everyone out—to separate the sheep from the goats—or the wheat from the chaff. Psychiatrists must be itching to get their hands upon all the schizos running loose in Foggy Bottom.

First you have a president who at one time decried wage and price controls but did little about cutting government spending. Then he had a seizure and clamped on wage and price controls and began cutting government spending in great slashes (outwardly, that is).

Then you have a Congress who demands controls on wages and prices. But those guys who are pitching a fit over high prices are really irate over the cut backs in Federal spending. If the object is to confuse the general public who are the victims of their abnormal behavior, they have succeeded.

Few want to share the secret of what causes inflation and what could be the cure. Heck, I'm not afraid, so here we go. Inflation is nothing more nor nothing less than an increase in the money supply—it is not and never has been rising wages and prices. The high prices and high wages we are paying, my friends, are only the direct result of inflation.

The money supply is increased by the Federal government is limited by law. But, for years, we have been burdened with a weak Congress who raises the national debt which must allow more money to be put into circulation. The law is there if only it were enforced.

There also was another safeguard at one time. In order for money to be issued, it had to be backed by gold or silver. We haven't had that security in a long time. Now, new money can be circulated upon the say so of the Federal Reserve. There is absolutely nothing backing this money. Doesn't that make you feel queasy?

Step by step, here's what happens. The government spends more than they take in in taxes. It sells bonds—private banks buy the bonds—they are resold to the Federal Reserve Bank who pays for them with new issued money or credit. These deficit born dollars are

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called "high powered dollars." Each one is bent or spent many times—hardly ever does it stay in the bank to which the Fed. credited it. And the music goes round and round.

Since inflation is caused by government, it can only be stopped by government. Here are four steps by which the government could act responsibly and pull US out of a morass of inflation: 1. Remove wage and price controls. 2. Stop all spending above tax receipts. 3. Stop all wasteful and unnecessary government programs. 4. Attempt to re-establish the issuing of redeemable currency.

Inflation's home is in Washington. Let the tenants know that you know the secret of existence.

You Are Invited

Dear Friends,

We would like to extend a cordial invitation to the young people of the area to attend our Youth Meeting Sunday afternoon, April 29, 1973, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. A student of Sunset School of Preaching will be the guest speaker. This young man will be speaking of his own past drug problem and how he cured it through Christ. We plan to have a lot of songs, and prayers led by young men from various churches in the area. There will also be a question and answer session. Refreshments will be served.

In Christian Love,
Youth Group of
Vealmoor Church of
Christ

42 Party

The Third-Thursday 42 Party at the Community building in Forsan, turned out to be a Welcome Back Party for Mrs. Katie Lewis who recently moved to Lubbock. Sixteen attended and presented Mrs. Lewis with a well bloomed money tree. Sandwiches, salads, desserts and coffee were served to: Mr. and Mrs. Jack McCall, Mr. and Mrs. D.L. Griffith, Vera Harris, Mrs. F.E. Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. Don Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. G.L. Monroney, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Craig, Mr. and Mrs. L.T. Shoults, Mrs. Joe Gilmore and Mrs. Lewis. Many more friends added their bloom to the money tree. Many thanks to all for a wonderful time.

Nancy Hanks

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Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Turnery, Jetta, Tonja and Bronk, Johnson City, Taylor Rudd, Latane and Dewayne visited over the Easter Holidays with Doris Rudd.

Mrs. N.M. McMichael has been visiting with her daughter at Houston.

Mrs. Ruth Weathers returned Tuesday from a week's visit with her brother Burris Barrett and wife at Trenton.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Murphy of Melrose, New Mexico and Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Murphy of Gracy, New Mexico have been recent visitors of their mother, Mrs. W. Ed Murphy.

Mrs. Sue Crow and daughter Blanche Crow of Bonham are visiting in the Wayne Crow home. Jimmy Crow is nursing a broken bone in his left ankle.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bean and son Jim Bob of Patricia visited with Mrs. W. Ed Murphy last Sun.

Mrs. Joyce Hibbs spent last week with her daughter and family at Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Jones and children of Silver City, New Mexico visited last week-end with his parents the D.C. Jones of the Amerada camp.

Joe Gilmore suffered an accident Saturday afternoon when the lawn mower he was running threa a piece of wire about two inches into his leg.

Visiting in the Joe Gilmore home over the Easter holidays were: Ida Owens, Ernestine Ashley, Bob, Nelda, Jay, Shawna, and Tatia Traylor and Gertrude Rodricks of Big Spring, Carl Luft of Webb Air Force Base and Chuck, Marcia and Katie Lewis of Lubbock.

Ross and Dana Westbrook were in Lubbock Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H.N. Zant visited Thursday and Friday with Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Zant in Goalthwaite.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bennett and children from Corpus Christi, Texas visited his mother, Frances Bennett during the Easter week-end.

Mrs. Sid Reeder spent the weekend in Rule with her daughter, Mrs. Mike Wilcox and family. While there Mrs. Reeder, Sidney and Mikeana attended Sun Rise Easter Services in Sagerton, Texas. After the services, breakfast consisting of sour dough biscuits, bacon, eggs and coffee, cooked over an open fire was served to about two hundred people.

Brad Cotten of Lubbock spent Friday night with Dorothy and Janice Browne; and Suzy Cotten, Lubbock, spent the day Sunday with the Brownes.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cunningham and Nicholas of Artesia, New Mexico, and Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Cunningham of Burkburnett spent the weekend in Gail visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Norval Cunningham and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Smith and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W.O. Cox visited in Odessa Sunday.

Town

Mrs. Lela Porter is visiting in Fort Worth with Mr. and Mrs. Pat Patton.

Recent visitors in the home of Mrs. Leola Green were Mrs. Randy Ratliff and Baby Jeff of Arlington and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Richardson of Canyon.

Mrs. Bert Massingill is home after spending several days in the hospital.

Leslie Green will be leaving May 1st for the Marine Corps.

Mrs. W.O. Cox, Mrs. Joe Don Zant and Mrs. Kenneth Stroup were in Lubbock on business Thursday.

W.O. Cox, Billy Brown and Joe Don Zant reported good luck when they returned from fishing at Amistad Lake.

Mrs. Nettie Rogers reported her daughter was not injured in the Plainview tornado. Mrs. Rogers said they went to Plainview when they were not able to get a call through.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Don Zant attended a family reunion in Hermligh Saturday and Sunday.

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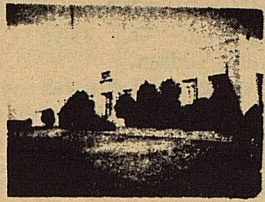
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Court House Happenings



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BE IT REMEMBERED:

WHEREAS, On the 9th day of April A.D. 1973, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session at the regular meeting place thereof in the Courthouse at Gail, Texas, the following members of the Court being present and participating, to-wit:

Hon. Glenn Toombs—County Judge, Presiding; Herman Ledbetter, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1; Carl McKee, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2; Vernon Wolf, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3; Doris T. Rudd, County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners' Court

with Don A. Jones, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4 absent, constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

Minutes of the Commissioners' Court meeting of March 26th, 1973 were read, motion was seconded by Commissioner Carl McKee.

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting of March 26th, 1973 were read. A motion was made by Commissioner Vernon Wolf to approve said minutes as read, motion was seconded by Commissioner Carl McKee.

Voting For: Commissioners Wolf, McKee and Ledbetter

Voting Against: None
Absent: Commissioner Jones.
School Trustee Election Returns were canvassed and Order Declaring Result of Trustee Election by Commissioners' Court was recorded in Court minutes and filed in the Clerk's office.

Commissioner Herman Ledbetter made a motion to enter into the same contract with Ackerly Fire Department as contract in 1972, and to contribute \$500.00 as per contract, for their services to Borden County, and to replace two tires on Howard County Firetruck that was destroyed while fighting fire in Borden County. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vernon Wolf and approved unanimously.

Commissioner McKee made a motion to pay current accounts in the amount of \$20,937.16, Commissioner Vernon Wolf seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Herman Ledbetter to adjourn, motion seconded by Commissioner Vernon Wolf and approved unanimously.

The foregoing minutes read and approved this the 23rd day of April, A.D.

Many Fields Too Wet

COLLEGE STATION—Wet weather last week brought further delays to land preparation and spring planting, said Dr. John Hutchinson, the director of the Texas Agriculture Extension Service.

Farmers are trying to plant cotton, corn, grain sorghum, rice and peanuts, but many fields are just too wet. Cold weather also has damaged some planted crops to the extent that replanting is necessary.

The late freeze destroyed many peach, apricot and plum crops and also damaged pecan trees and vegetable crops, he said. Some young corn and grain sorghum was damaged in northern and western areas.

Hutchinson said livestock conditions are generally good over the state with above average grazing, and some livestock in western areas are still receiving supplemental feed due to recent cold weather.

District agriculture agents gave these reports:

SOUTHPLAINS: Freezing temperatures caused heavy damage to fruit trees. Some small grain crops in the root stage also were damaged. Land preparation is active where weather permits. Cold, wet conditions damaged some young corn.

SOUTH: Growth of cotton, corn and grain sorghum has been slowed by cool weather. Spring vegetables planting is complete with crops about three weeks later than normal.

Harvesting of carrots, cabbage and citrus is nearing completion. Onion harvesting should peak into to three weeks.

ROLLING PLAINS: Small grains being kept for a grain crop received some freeze damage. Fruit trees were also damaged. Alfalfa is making good growth with some being harvested. Some grain sorghum is being planted.

Back To Wood Stoves?

Liquid petroleum gas dealers will meet in an "emergency" session next Thursday to discuss dwindling gas supplies.

Lowry Carpenter, the executive vice president of their association, said about 80 of the state's nearly 1,000 liquid petroleum dealers "will be out of business within 60 days," leaving "tens of thousand of Texas Consumers" without any gas.

"Today in some areas tractors are setting idle in the field, drilling rigs are post-poning startup, and some highway construction may come to a standstill due to lack of an approved fuel for hot mix plants," Carpenter said. "Several rural towns and communities, dependent entirely on LP-gas, will soon be without fuel."

He also said approximately 1.5 million Texans depend on liquid petroleum gas, and some might not have the gas to heat their homes next winter unless something is done.

Director for district 15, T. H. McCann, said the board will meet at 9 a.m. Thursday. An open forum for all dealers is scheduled at 1 p.m.

Attending the meeting from Big Spring are Earl Stovall, Bill Wilson and Carl Coleman. Also attending will be Randall Reid from Coahoma; Earl Newcomer and Hollis Kenner, both of Ackerly; and Delbert Franklin and Charles Blocker, both of Stanton.

Few Contracts

Few local cotton farmers have contracted to sell their future crops, J. O. McCrary, a farmer and cotton buyer, said. His firm contracts to pay a certain amount, determined by a schedule of quality, above government loans.

He anticipates some cotton planting may start after this Easter weekend. So far, he has heard of no "serious" sorghum

or cotton planting.

He and Gerald Miller, district conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service, agreed: Most farmers are inactive at the moment as far as planting and contracting are concerned.

Borden Co. ASCS News

During the last half of May, some 24,000 Texas farmers will receive a crop acreage questionnaire from Charles E. Caudill, Agricultural Statistician In-Charge of the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service, Austin, Texas.

This information will be the basis for determining the planted acreage for the State of Texas and for each county. There are 254 counties in Texas, and reports are needed from many farmers so that each county will be well represented. Accurate estimates are of great importance to farmers in planning production and marketings and in providing an unbiased picture of Texas agriculture.

The Texas Legislature has provided a program of estimates for each county. Texas covers such a wide area that State totals alone do not provide adequate information on Texas' most basic industry—agriculture. This is a cooperative effort of USDA's Statistical Reporting Service and the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Beware of the person who can withstand the friendship of a puppy.

Local Girl Judges Horse Show

Miss Billie Briggs of Gail, Texas and a sophomore student at Wayland College judged the Sixth Annual Lovington Junior Horse Show on Sunday, April 15, 1973.

The classes included—
Showmanship at Halter: Western
Stock Seat Equitation
Pleasure Pairs
Hunt Seat Equitation
Hunt Seat Pleasure
Working Hunter
Championship Working Hunter
Hunter
Jumper

The ring secretary was Miss Bobbie Briggs, a junior at Borden High School.

Altizer Wins Roping

West Texas Boys Ranch held their annual Matched Roping contest last Saturday at San Angelo.

Jim Bob Altizer was the champion in the roping defeating Olin Young by 1 second.

Winning the jack pot roping was Tony Verden.

Claudia Swann of Borden County, placed second in the jack pot girls barrel race, bowing to Pam Upton for 1st. Pam, Claudia and Marla Thomas of Lamesa tied for 1st place in the first go-round. Claudia placed second in the second go giving her second in the average. Twenty-two girls competed in the event.

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Dance Contest

"Best Dancers" were once again recognized at the Barn Dance sponsored by the Borden County Cancer Society.

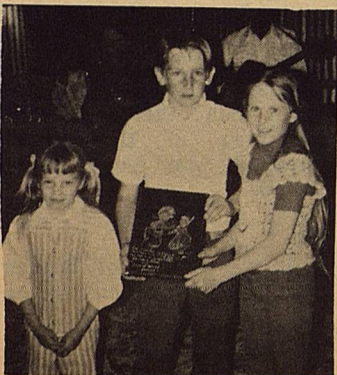
Graceful in the Waltz Contest and being taped as winners were Mrs. Edna Miller and her grandson Frank Farmer. Talley Griffin presented the plaque.

Competing with ten couples in the Jitter-bug Contest, Janice Browne and her cousin Brad Cotton took top honors. This is the second time for Janice and Brad to win this contest. Jetta Turner made the presentation.

Gayla Newton and Travis Rhinehart won the Modern Dance Contest hands down. Gayla, a 4th grader, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Newton. Travis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rhinehart and in the 6th grade. Presenting this award was Christie Creighton.



Waltz King, FRANK FARMER and his charming partner, MRS. EDNA MILLER receive plaque for best in the Waltz Contest. Frank is the grandson of Mrs. Miller.

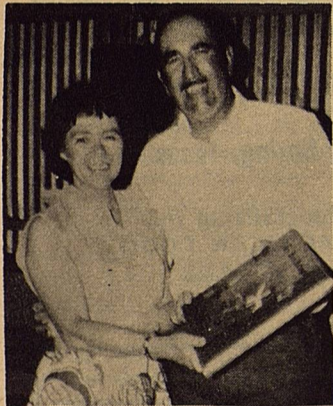


CHRISTIE CREIGHTON presents award to GAYLA NEWTON and TRAVIS RHINEHART as they win the Modern Dance Contest.



JANICE BROWNE and BRAD COTTON accept Best Jitter-bug award from JETTA TURNER.

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- .. God is like Alka Seltzer—Try Him and you'll like Him.
- .. God is like All State—You are in good hands with Him.

by Rose Butler

Agricultural Labor

Recently, Mr. Charles Wilson, Chief of Agricultural Branch-Standards Development OSHA-United States Department of Labor stated that it has been his experience that it is impossible to apply a uniform set of standards regarding safety and health to urban industry and rural industry (i.e. agriculture).

In his opinion, agriculture is a unique field that is not readily subject to standardization. For example, of the 287 safety and health standards which have been effective under the Occupational Safety and Health Act, only four have been applicable to agriculture 1) use of slow moving equipment; 2) use of anhydrous ammonia; 3) temporary labor camps; 4) pulpwood.

The National Safety Council is an 11-state survey has filed a report stating that the working of animals is one of the greatest causes of injuries. Mr. Wilson stated that he did not anticipate safety standards in the livestock industry soon and when they do come, they will probably be by way of education rather than safety equipment.

Mr. Wilson warned about bogus OSHA inspectors who have been fraudulantly assessing penalties and appropriating the same. He suggested that each employer demand the proper identification. He also emphasized the importance of proper record keeping.

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Lady Patrolmen In Near Future

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — If the highway patrolman who stops you in October looks like a woman, that just might be the case.

Col. Wilson E. Speir, director of the Department of Public Safety, said Friday women applicants will be eligible for the highway patrol for the first time in the DPS's 38-year history.

Applicants must be between 20 and 35, meet the department's height and weight requirements, and have approximately one year of college credit.

Persons selected as cadets will be assigned to an 18-week training school here, beginning June 26.

One thing is impossible—to hold a torch to light another person's path without brightening your own.

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with a gold platter and server. The platter was engraved, "50th Anniversary - Our Deepest Love and Gratitude for Your Years as Dedicated Parents - Your Children." On the server was engraved, "Our Love - The Grandchildren."

The serving table was covered with a beautiful white open work cloth over gold belonging to their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Jean Everett. (The cloth had been sent to Jean by a friend from Indonesia). The center piece was an arrangement of many beautiful flowers, with gold lilies predominating, arranged by Mrs. S.L. Terry, and a three tiered cake.

Bennie Everett, granddaughter, and Ann Everett, granddaughter-in-law, presided at the table. Vanette Everett, granddaughter, presided at the register. In the houseparty were Fay's sisters, Mrs. Ola Peveto, Ima Ricker, Exa Stovall, all of Lubbock (Mrs. Mae Ona White, sister was unable to attend), Mrs. Melba Cooper, Mrs. S.L. Terry, Snyder, Mrs. Glenn Toombs and Mrs. Roy Beaver of Fluvanna. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Reeder of Fluvanna, Mr. and Mrs. Naymon Everett of O'Donnell, 2 nieces, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parker of Dallas, and Mrs. Sidney Wilcox, and daughters, Rule, Texas were other family members attending.

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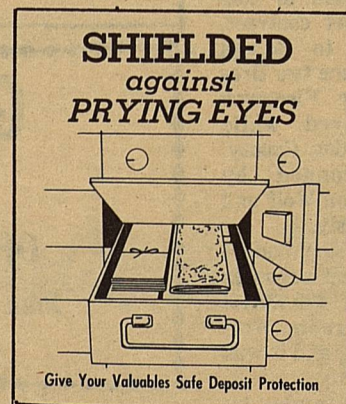
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Coyotes Driving Cotton Men Out Of Sheep Business

In Howard County where a dozen or more ranchers once kept sheep, only two are left. They are Jack Buchanan and R.L. Powell, who are both working with government trappers trying to combat the hungry coyotes. Regulations that forbid the poisoning of coyotes is driving a large number of sheepmen out of business. The ranchers along the fringe areas of the sheep country are getting out first, says Bruce Griffith, Howard County Extension agent. He says there is not enough money in sheep to lose a high percentage of the lamb crop and come out ahead. Earl Brownrigg, a man more familiar with coyotes than anyone else in the area, has served as county trapper for more than a score of years, during which time he has killed thousands of coyotes and bobcats. "Not being able to poison now makes trapping almost useless in some pastures," said Brownrigg. "Nearly every time I set a trap, it is sprung by a badger, skunk, ringtail, opossum or fox before the coyote ever gets a chance at the bait. These smaller predators are always around. With poison I'd get a few of them but I'd also get some coyotes.

An example of how the law has affected the kill of coyotes, Brownrigg said he bagged 125 coyotes during a 120-day period in late 1971 and early 1972. Later, after the law went into effect, he got 50 coyotes in a 90 day period, with rate of kill being reduced almost by half.

Mr. Brownrigg also said most of the sheepmen he knows will restock their pastures with cattle, but if the coyotes continue to multiply as they are now they will pose a problem to cattle. They'll attack calves when they are hungry and there is a straggler they can find, and when they get desperate, as they will when there is an overpopulation of them, they will attack larger animals. If a cow doesn't get up soon enough after having her calf, coyotes will started eating on her exposed organs.

"I think this is the silliest law they ever passed. If they want to help the rancher and keep down the price of meat, they better repeal it soon."

Brownrigg says there is not danger of killing off all the coyotes, as the ecologists predict. He says for years the industry used guns, poison, traps and airplanes, and still the coyotes population remained about the same. Now with the main weapon, poison, outlawed, the coyote and other predators will enjoy a great population boom. This will be true as long as there are enough sheep to provide a major food source.

Cotton Advisory Group

J.T. Woodson, Texas Farm Bureau President, has recently sent a letter to all county Farm Bureau presidents announcing that formalities had been completed for the formation of a Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Commodity Division. Mr. Woodson is expected to announce the appointment of a State Cotton Advisory Committee soon.

The county presidents were advised to appoint County Cotton Advisory Committees and designate the chairmen of these committees to represent their county Farm Bureaus in the State Cotton Division.

Woodson commented that "Through this Division cotton producers, geographically located over the state, can join together in a united effort to discuss mutual problems and promote more opportunities for this commodity."

The major responsibility of the Cotton Advisory Committee will be to evaluate current Farm Bureau programs and their effectiveness in fulfilling cotton producers' needs.

The committee will develop a suggested Program of Work for the year which will be submitted to the Texas Farm Bureau Board of Directors for approval. It will function only in those areas approved by the Board.

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OBITUARIES

C.H. HUNNICUTT

Funeral service was set for 2:30 p.m. today at the Fluvanna Church of Christ for C.H. (Jack) Hunnicutt, 72, who died Monday in a Lubbock nursing home.

Mr. Hunnicutt was a native of Kaufman County, but had lived in Scurry County since 1910. A retired farmer and rancher, he was married on Nov. 11, 1922, in Fluvanna to Miss Eula Carmichael.

Edward Steph of Abilene was to officiate at the funeral service. Burial was to be in the Fluvanna Cemetery, under direction of Bell-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Hunnicutt is survived by his wife; three sons, Preston Hunnicutt of San Angelo; John R. Hunnicutt of Ozona and Jack R. Hunnicutt of Midland; two sisters, Mrs. Millie Gleghorn of Abilene and Mrs. Lela Jacobs of Clovis, N.M.; a brother, Charlie Hunnicutt of Fluvanna; and five grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Norman Sneed, Panch McDonald, Orville Mathis, Hurston Lemons, Harry Kingston and Clyde Smith.

LANHAM HODNETT

Services were held April 24, 1973, at the Nalley Pickle Funeral Home for Lanham Brown (L.B.) Hodnett 61, of Vincent, who passed away Sunday night, April 22 at 9:30. Mr. Hodnett was born Nov. 8,

1911, in Mitchell County. He married Mary Guffee on Nov. 11, 1933 in Big Spring.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Mrs. Bobby J. Baker, Lovington N.M.; two sons, Guy Hodnett, Eunice, N.M., and R. Lanham Hodnett, Vincent; five brothers, Arch Hodnett and Claude Hodnett, Big Spring, Jim Hodnett and Lloyd Hodnett, Vincent, and Gordon Hodnett, Forsan.

H.B. SPROTT

Horace B. (Doc) Sprott, 78, a resident of Fluvanna for the past year, died at 4:30 a.m. today at Claxton Lodge in Colorado City.

Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Nolanville Church of Christ near Belton, and burial will be in Pleasant Hill Cemetery there. Bell-Seale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Sprott is survived by his wife; a stepson, Fred Shafer of Snyder; two sisters, Mrs. T.B. Wooley of Encino, Calif., and Mrs. Louise Smart of DeSoto, Tex.; a brother, Herman Sprott of Long Beach, Calif.; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

H. MOORE

Herbert Moore, a long time resident of Borden and Howard County passed away Monday afternoon at Veteran's Hospital in Big Spring. He is survived by one son, Warren Moore, of Seattle, Washington, three daughters, Henrietta Brackett of Albuquerque, Sue McKee of Odessa, and Rita Jolly of Bryan. His mother, Mrs. Ada Hanks of Denison also survives. Mr. Moore is survived by one sister, Mrs. Oppy Owens, and one brother, Henry Moore of Vealmoor.

Services are pending at Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home in Big Spring.

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"Orphans In The Storm"

WASHINGTON, D.C.— "Orphans in the Storm" truly describes the great number of illegitimate children left in South Vietnam as an aftermath of the war. The number has been privately estimated from 15,000 to 100,000 or more. Of course, no one really knows except that there are many of them and that they face a sad and pitiful life. This is one of the continuing tragedies of the war. It is made more so because of difficulties involved in trying to help them. Even in the case of an American serviceman wanting to bring his child back to the United States, the problem of his doing so is extremely complicated.

A child born out of wedlock in this country naturally acquires all the rights of citizenship, but one born outside the United States must be legitimate before being allowed to enter this Country. There are other legal requirements which make it extremely difficult if not impossible for the child left fatherless in South Vietnam to be eligible for entry into this Country.

The sadness of it all is deepened since the child is often branded as an outcast or half breed in Vietnamese society. On moral grounds it is obvious these children, by virtue of blood, have as much right to be citizens of this Country as of Vietnam. It is a disturbing feeling to have to answer our own question: "Do we Americans have a moral and compelling responsibility to these children?"

While talk goes on, and will intensify in the months ahead, about providing economic aid to both North and South Vietnam, should not these abandoned orphans be high on the list of any financial assistance to Vietnam?

These questions should be prominent in any consideration:

(1) Should the United States Government not insist that part of any economic aid be specifically earmarked for abandoned children of our servicemen?

(2) Should regulations and existing laws be amended to simplify the procedures for a servicemen who wishes to bring his legal wife and children back to this Country?

(3) Should not the same be provided for the serviceman who wants to take responsibility for raising his own illegitimate child?

(4) At a time when more Americans are seeking to adopt children than there are children for adoption, should the immigration laws and adoption regulations be changed to meet this particular situation?

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Legislation has been introduced in the Congress to create a temporary Vietnam child care agency to help these children but it is no long-term solution.

In addition to our own restrictions the South Vietnamese government places strict barriers against permitting children of GI's to leave the country and reports indicate they even oppose special aid for the half-American children unless it is equally available to Vietnamese children whose parents were killed in the war.

Our Embassy people in Saigon have been urging the South Vietnamese government to pass laws which would allow Vietnamese children born out of wedlock to be adopted by American families. But even if this were done our own laws going back to 1952, dealing with normal situations, are not fitted to the special conditions of war and its tragic human consequences.

Whatever the ideas may be of our government assisting South Vietnam, the care of these unfortunate children should be high on the list of all considerations. It will be high on the conscience of many Americans.

Cattle Numbers

If cattle and calves could vote, they could take over the state. For years, the human population in Texas and the cattle and calf population have been about equal.

But not any more. Figures from the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service show that as of Jan. 1 there are 15,350,000 cattle and calves in Texas. The human population in Texas is around 12,000,000.

Texas also is first in beef cows that have calved with 6,320,000 head.

And naturally, Texas continues to be the number one cattle feeding state in the nation. Last year, about 4,300,000 head of cattle went through feedlots in this state.

ORCHIDS FOR

Orchids to Mrs. Don Jones, President of Borden County Cancer Society, and her committees for a job well done in the 1973 Cancer Drive.

Safeway Seeks Damages

United Farm Workers' beef with Safeway Stores over the sale of UFWU lettuce came to a head last week and the battleground was not a lettuce field or even the produce department, but the retail meat counter.

Safeway filed a \$150 million suit in Los Angeles Superior Court against the United Farm Workers Union, Cesar Chavez, the union's president, and two clergymen.

The suit charges that the union and its supporters are engaged in a conspiracy to harass and intimidate the store chain in order to force it to bring pressure on iceberg lettuce growers to unionize.

Specifically, the suit alleges that the union and its supporters have engaged in mass picketing and have made false and misleading statements concerning the store and its meat department. Among the charges allegedly made by the defendants which Safeway says "they knew and know to be false" are the following:

That Safeway is guilty of mislabeling and false advertising of its ground beef products;

That plaintiff refuses to honor its guarantee of its meat products;

That older customers are exploited by charging them higher prices for meat products;

And that tests show that there is no significant difference in fat content between Safeway's grades of ground beef. These tests were confirmed by independent lab analysis and by USDA certified chemists.

In all, the suit lists 51 false and misleading statements concerning the store attributed to the defendants.

Named as defendants were the union and Chavez, the Interfaith Committee to Aid the Farm Workers, the Rev. Frederick Eyster and Father Eugene Boyle.

Safeway Board Chairman Quentin Reynolds told a San Francisco news conference called to announce the suit that the campaign constituted attempted extortion and abuse of judicial process.

"The object of this conspiracy is to induce Safeway to exert pressure on iceberg lettuce growers to conclude collective bargaining agreements with

United Farm Workers," he said. "Safeway has repeatedly stated throughout this long controversy that its position is one of neutrality."

Reynolds said that Safeway favors neither the United Farm Workers nor any other union and will continue to buy lettuce strictly on the basis of quality, price and availability.

He admitted, however, that a combination of high meat prices and farm workers' harassment had caused Safeway to temporarily lay off 85 meat cutters at its Richmond, Calif., plant.

In Washington last week, Rep. Jerome Waldie, an announced candidate for the California governorship, accused Safeway of mislabeling meats so that it

could charge higher prices. Waldie said that club steaks are sometimes labeled T-bone top sirloin as New York steak and chuck steak as beef rib steak.

Reynolds said that such charges as Waldie's are made in order to support the farm worker unionizing effort and are without merit.

An \$80 million suit filed by Father Boyle, accusing the store of mislabeling meat, was thrown out March 2 by San Francisco Superior Judge Ira Brown who commented: "This lawsuit borders on the vrilofous."

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