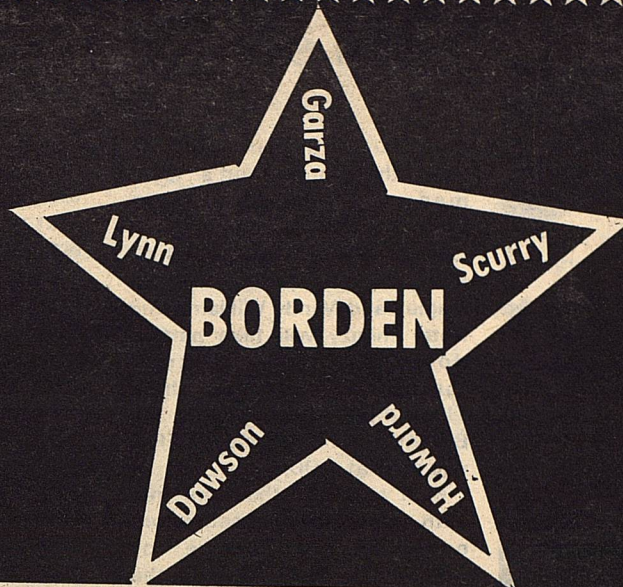


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BARN DANCE NETS \$4,812.00

The 1986 Borden County Cancer Society's Annual Barn Dance was Friday, April 11th. A very large crowd was in attendance to enjoy the dance.

The music was provided by Jody Nix and The West Texas Cowboys.

A total of \$4812.00 was collected. The Steer and Pig Chances brought in \$1893.00; Door Income \$1750.00; and Concession Stand \$169.00

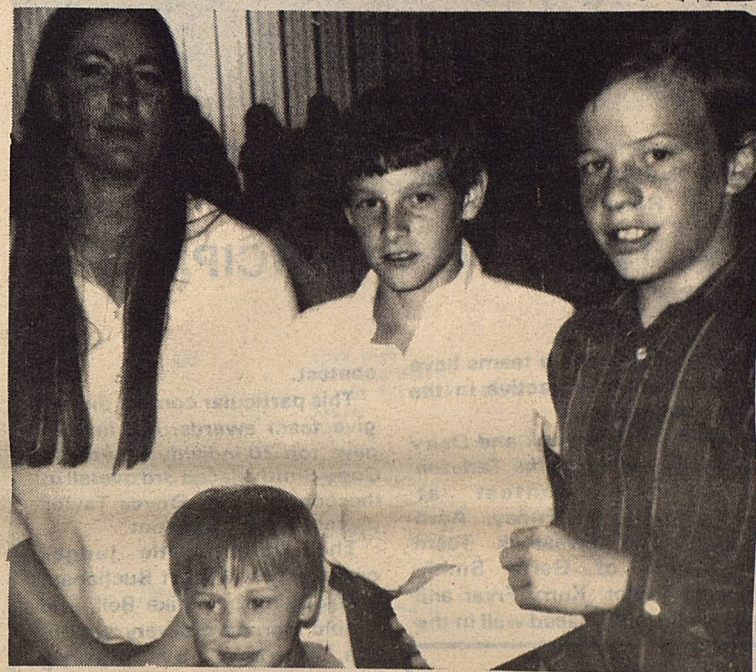
The winner of the beef was Renee Hobson of Lamesa and the winner of the Pig was D.M. Parks of Fluvanna.

Winners in the ticket selling contest. 1st-Jason Sharp, \$676.00; 2nd Corey Cox, \$320.00; 3rd - Cody Stone \$126.00.

The Dance Contest winners were: Waltz-Monty Paxton and Susan Robinson; Jitterbug-Billy Flint and Paula Grimmitt. Judges for the Waltz Contest

was Judge and Mrs. Gene Dulaney, while Chuck Canon and Susan Parsons judged the Jitterbug Contest.

The Steer was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Rich Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Canon and Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Stokes. The Pig was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Stone. The Processing was donated by Vestal Meat Company of Lamesa.



WINNERS-Rene Hobson of Lamesa won the beef, Jason Sharp-1st place in Salesmanship, Cody Stone, 2nd place and Corey Cox third place. D. M. Parks, not pictured won the pig.

NEW MEXICO RANCHWOMAN DIES

Daisy C. Clayton, prominent Lea County, New Mexico rancher and business woman died Tuesday, April 8, 1986.

Mrs. Clayton, step-mother of Mrs. Rich Anderson passed away in her ranch home after a long illness.

She was born June 3, 1922, at Old Plainview Community, northeast of Lovington, N.M. She graduated from Lovington High School and spent her entire life in that area.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. O. Chambers, a Lea County ranching family, Mrs. Clayton

continued to manage her parents property after their death as well as acquiring and managing more of her own.

She married Jerry Clayton, a Texas and New Mexico rancher, in July 1959. Mr. Clayton preceded her in death July 1984.

Mrs. Clayton was a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church and of the New Mexico Cattle Growers Association. She served that organization as secretary and vice president.

She had served as chairman of the New Mexico Junior College Foundation board and was on the board of trustees of the College of the Southwest. She was also Chairman of the Board of the Lea County Cowboys Hall of Fame until her health dictated her resignation.

Services were held at 3:00 p.m. Thursday at St. Mary's Church in Lovington, N.M. with the Rev. Tom Polk officiating. Burial was in the Lovington cemetery.

She is survived by her sister, Mattie Field of Bronco; two nephews, Mike Field of Lubbock and Dan Field of Bronco.; four nephews, two nieces; two step daughters, Jere Hubbard of Midland and Barbara Anderson of Gail; six step grandchildren and five step great grandchildren.



DAISY C. CLAYTON

CREDIT TOP PRIORITY

The credit situation in agriculture continues to be at the top of the priority list among farm state Congressmen. Farmers and ranchers are presently seeking operating loans for 1986, and this comes at a time when the Farm Credit System and commercial banks are experiencing many difficulties.

Several pieces of legislation have been introduced and several more are sure to appear as credit gets tighter. One major stumbling block is that, in past years, FmHA has been able to absorb many of the borrowers dropped by the PCA, FLB and ag banks. However, this year FmHA, direct lending funds are very limited and borrowers must urge their creditors to restructure loans, use the FmHA interest rate buy-down plan and utilize the debt adjustment plan. The following is a brief capsule look at several bills and how they would impact on creditors and debtors.

S. 1943 - Sponsored by Sen. Alan Dixon (R-Ill.) that would allow ag banks to amortize loan loses over ten years. A hearing in the Senate Banking Committee has spurred regulators to utilize existing accounting rules to allow banks to treat losses and

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Letters to the Editor

In recent weeks the integrity and character of Borden High School administrators, faculty, and student body has been attacked. Accusations of drugs on campus have been made; we feel it is time to speak up and let the surrounding communities know that we have a school system that has not been infiltrated by this problem. And, on the contrary, we have a student body that exemplifies positive and responsible behavior.

We will not be presumptuous in believing that we have a school without problems, but we do feel that the minor problems we have experienced in the area of drugs have been addressed by the administration.

To begin with, the board of past years set a policy of closed campus, meaning that no student leaves the school area anytime during the day, not even for lunch. When students arrive

to school in their own vehicles, they park these vehicles and do not return to them until the afternoon release bell. The school doesn't even have a smoking area. As one student commented, "They don't need to check our lockers for drugs; we don't even get to keep candy or any type food in them." When told of the drug-related accusations, Senior Charla Buchanan who transferred to BHS from Hawaii, said, "That's the most ridiculous thing I've ever heard." Finally, no teacher or student has ever been arrested for any drug-related charge.

In regards to the use of alcohol on school time, we would like to point out that Gail is dry and located a long distance from any large town; this makes alcohol not easily accessible. Add to this the fact that students are not allowed access to their

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TO COMPETE IN STATE-Back Front-Will Phinizy and Jeff Row Harold Barnes, Monty Floyd, Robert Buchanan. Covington

FFA TEAM TO PARTICIPATE IN STATE

The FFA Judging teams have once again been active in the past two weeks.

Both the Livestock and Dairy teams travelled to the Tarleton Invitational Contest at Stephenville on Friday, April 4th. The Livestock Team consisting of Gerry Smith, Doyce Taylor, Kerry Fryar and Randell Hollis placed well in the

contest.

This particular contest did not give team awards, but instead gave top 20 individual awards. Gerry Smith placed 3rd overall in the contest and Doyce Taylor placed in the 10th spot.

The Dairy cattle judges consisting of Robert Buchanan, Jeff Covington, Mike Bell, and Harold Barnes did very well in the contest by placing individuals in the top 30 spots.

There were approximately 500 livestock judges and 300 Dairy Cattle participants in the contest.

The two teams travelled to the Texas Tech Area contest at Lubbock on April 12th.

The Dairy Judging team had an excellent day as they placed 5th overall as a team in the contest. This placing qualified the team for the state judging contest as they were 2nd in Area II and 2nd in the Lone Wolf District.

The Dairy team consisted of Jeff Covington, who placed 6th overall, Harold Barnes, Robert Buchanan, Monty Floyd, and Will Phinizy. These members will attend the State Judging Contest held at A & M University on April 26. The livestock team consisting of Gerry Smith, Randell Hollis, Kerry Fryar, and Will Phinizy placed 18th overall and 2nd in the Lone Wolf District. There were 105 teams participating in the Livestock Contest at Tech and 85 dairy cattle teams.

Mr. Wallace said that "both teams had a good year, especially considering that this was a first year experience for most of the participants."

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HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS NEWS

All four of the tennis entries from the Borden girl's team made it past the zone tournament held Friday in Lamesa. Kelli Williams and B. G. Kropp will be participating in singles and Mindy Williams and Kate Phinizy will take part in doubles. The district tournament will be held Thursday, April 17, in Brownfield. First round matches will start at 4:00.

Kelli captured the zone title with an exciting split set victory over Stacie Bessire of O'Donnell. Kelli dropped the first set 6-4 before coming back to win the next two sets 6-2, 6-1. In the semi-finals, Kelli defeated Davenport of Southland by a 6-0, 6-0 score. She advanced to the semi-finals with a bye in the first round.

B.G. won her first round over Arguello of Southland by a 6-1, 6-0 score. She then dropped her semi-final match to Bessire of O'Donnell, putting her in the match for third place. Here she defeated Davenport of Southland 6-1, 6-1.

Mindy and Kate were finalists in the zone tournament. They began by defeating McGehee and Weaver of Southland by a 6-2, 6-2 score. In the

semi-finals against O'Donnell, they dropped the first game of the match before reeling off the next twelve games to win 6-1, 6-0. This put them in the finals where they dropped the championship match to O'Donnell's number one team.

In boy's action, Brice Key dropped his opening round match to Sutton of Klondike by a 6-3, 6-1 score. In doubles, Michael Murphy and Will Phinizy were defeated by Southland's Vasquez and McGehee 6-3, 6-2. John Stephens and Monty Floyd were defeated by Southland's Arguello and Farquhar 6-3, 6-3.

The first three places in the zone tournament advance to the district tournament. The district tournament to be held in Brownfield, will host the top three place finishers from our zone consisting of schools Borden, Klondike, New Home, O'Donnell, Southland, and Wilson. The north zone will also send it's top three place finishers from schools, Loop, Dawson, Meadow, Union, Wellman, and Ropes. The top two place finishers in the district tournament will advance to the regional tournament in Levelland to be held April 30 and May 1.



REGIONAL QUALIFIER
SHELLY LEWIS

QUALIFIES FOR REGIONAL

Shelly Lewis will be a Regional Contestant in Biology. She qualified for the chance at regional after winning 1st in the Biology Contest at District. She was also 7th overall highest individual in Science from 43 other students. Contratulations, Shelly.

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

The boys and girls teams rean well at Klondike in preparation for the district meet to be held on April 18th.

Shelly Lewis and Felicia Romero ran for the girls squad competing in the 100 and 200 meter events, but neither made the finals.

Again the boys 1600 meter relay ran their best time with a 3:42.5 clocking. Mickey Burkert ran for Will Phinizy on the fifth place team. Chris Kilmer ran 57.7, Burkett 58.5, Rockie Harbor 53:4 and Chris Cooley ran a 52.7 "Mickey has not ran a regular member of the relay, but wants to challenge Kilmer and Phinizy for their spot," said Coach Frisbie.

Chris Cooley won both the 100 and 200 meter dashes. Chris had a 11.2 in the 100 and a 23:2 in the 200. Harbor missed the finals in both by only .01 of a second.

In the 400 meter race Burkett ran a 58.8 and Kilmerran a 58.4, but both failed to make the finals.

David Martinez participated in the shot and the 100 and 200 meters dashes but was unable to qualify for the finals.

The squads return to Klondike on Friday 18th for the district meet.

BORDEN TENNIS NEWS

The Borden County tennis team has played many opponents the past two weeks and the following account lists the winners and their opponents in the matches. In singles action, Kate Phinizy defeated Forsan 8-1, Mindy Williams defeated Forsan 8-3, and B.G. Kropp beat another girl from Forsan 9-7. Brice Key defeated two boys from Forsan by a score of 8-5 in the first and 8-2 in the second. Spring Flint won the final singles match against Forsan by an 8-6 count. In doubles action against Forsan,

Kate and Mindy defeated their first opponents by an 8-3 score and 8-2 in their second match. B.G. and Spring won their doubles match 8-5, and Mindy and B.G. won 8-4. Monty Floyd and John Stephens defeated Forsan in boy's doubles action by 8-5. Against other opponents, Kelli Williams defeated O'Donnell by a 6-2, 6-1 score and then defeated Lamesa by 7-5, 3-3 (ret.). Mindy and Kate defeated O'Donnell 7-5, 6-4. Next action for Borden will be Friday in the Zone Tennis Tournament in Lamesa. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers will advance to the District Tournament in Brownfield on Monday, April 14. Zone matches, April 11 in Lamesa will begin at 8:00.

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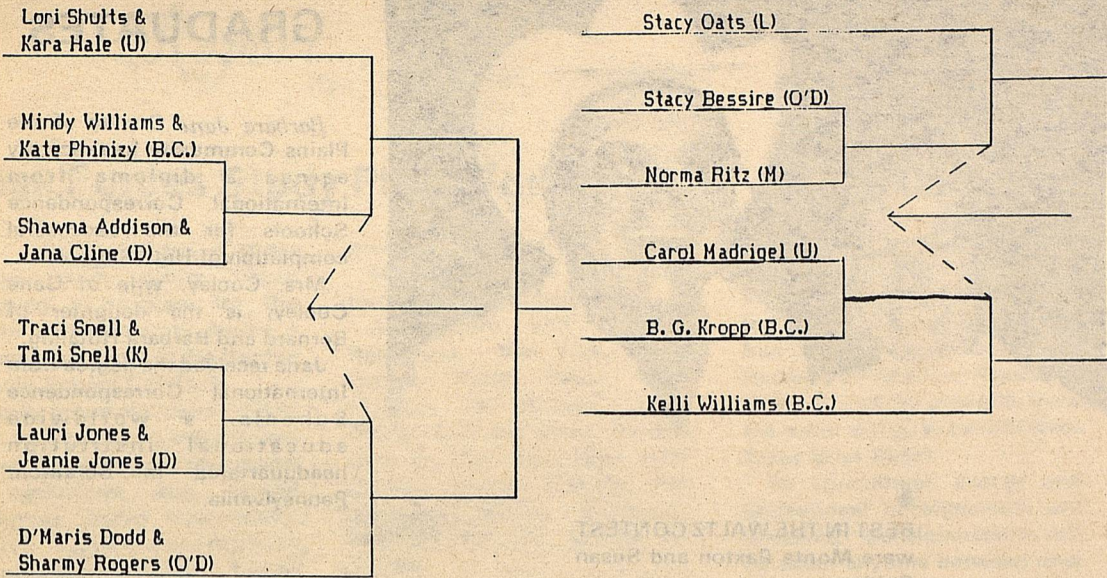
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION

The Borden County Independent School District Board of Trustees hereby gives notice of a tie breaker election to be held on May 10, 1986, for the purpose of electing one trustee for full three year term.

Absentee voting by personal appearance will begin on the 22nd day of April, 1986, and continue through the 6th day of May, 1986, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on each day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or an official holiday.

Absentee voting in person shall be conducted at Borden County School. Applications for absentee ballots by mail should be mailed to Joan Briggs-P.O. Box 95-Gail, Texas 79738.

The polling places designated below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election:

School District Election Precincts	Polling Places	Election Officers
Box No. 1	Plains Community Center Community of Plains	Melba Vaughn Presiding Judge Charla Vaughn Alt. Presiding Judge
Box No. 2A	Borden County Courthouse South Gail	Lisa Ludecke Presiding Judge Carolyn Stone Alt. Presiding Judge
Box No. 2B	Vealmoor Teacherage Vealmoor	Lela Porter Presiding Judge Debra Brummett Alt. Presiding Judge
Box No. 3A	Murphy Election House Murphy	Melton Davis Presiding Judge Martha Davis Alt. Presiding Judge
Box No. 3B	Fairview Election House Fairview	Dorothy Buchanan Presiding Judge Mary Ruth Gray Alt. Presiding Judge
Box No. 4A	Exhibit Building North Gail	Lorene Jones Presiding Judge Joyce Herridge Alt. Presiding Judge
Box No. 4B	Hurston Lemons, Jr. House Snelling	Buck Lemons Presiding Judge Trina Lemons Alt. Presiding Judge

MENU

April 21-25, 1986

Monday	No School
Tuesday	Corn Dogs Pork and Beans Peanut Butter & Crackers Fruit Milk Salad Bar
Wednesday	Steak Fingers Mashed Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Fruit Cobbler Cornmeal Twists Milk Salad Bar
Thursday	Pizza Squares Buttered Corn Vegetable Salad Fruit Milk Salad Bar
Friday	Hamburgers French Fries Lettuce & Tomatoes Cookies Milk Salad Bar

SCHOOL CALENDAR 1985-86

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Make-up Days If Needed: Jan. 24; May 30 (Work Day 33). If more than 2 days missed, classes will go into first week of June.
 Instructional Year = 175 Days
 Total Instructional & Work Days = 182
 In-Service Work Day
 In-Service
 Holidays
 End of Six Weeks
 End of Semester
 Bad Weather Day

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cars. "There is continual supervision in school," said another senior. Class-cuts are non-existent.

What we would like for people to see at Borden High School is the quality and certainly that quality revolves around the academics. "I have received a quality education at Borden High," said senior Jeff Covington when asked what he valued most from his years at BHS after transferring from Arkansas. Academic achievements are evident when one considers the overall accomplishments of our student body. Two-thirds of our students go on to college, and all of the 1986 senior class members who have taken the ACT have made higher than the minimum score. One senior has even been recognized as a National Merit Scholar.

Believing that a student should be well-rounded, Borden schools continue to offer many extracurricular activities for student development. 100 percent of the senior class is involved in just such activities. Cultural events, such as yearly trips to theater productions, are examples of providing a balance in the education of our students. Students are even involved in some decision-making processes, such as student representation on the Disciplinary Policy Committee.

Just this week, the State Accreditation Team visited the school campus. They gave Borden Schools a superior rating in the implementation of House Bill 72 and student faculty, administration cooperation. The members of this team also noted the fine facilities offered

to students, and gathered samples of educational materials to serve as guides to other schools.

Due to the small class size, an average of eight, transfer students especially have commented on the close relationships shared between students and faculty. "Teachers can enjoy their students, and their school because they don't have to continually worry about problems such as drugs, discipline, and poor communication," noted one senior class sponsor. "We know our teachers are moral, church-going people, and we respect them for it," noted Senior Doyce Taylor.

Probably the strongest argument in support of our school's reputation is the fact that several students have a choice in attending. "Some of us drive 27 miles (one way) to come to this school," said Jerry Green, BHS student. And these students live out-of-district and make that choice. Teri Billington, another senior, remarked, "Other schools who have been here and visited us know we have a good school."

Doyce Taylor best summed up the atmosphere when he commented, "How can people claim we are immoral and delinquent here at school when we can't even hold school dances?"

We intend to protect the reputation of our school and we ask you to consider our point of view if gossip rears its ugly head again.

-s- Members of the 1986 Senior Class

GRUMBLINGS AT THE GAIL CAFE

The other day, I was sitting in the Gail Cafe having coffee, and I overheard some fellows saying, "Too many vehicles, too many employees, spending too much money." Naturally, I thought they were talking about the Federal Government and I was in agreement. But wait, in a moment, I found out they meant the Borden County School System!

In a short time those fellows left, but I remained on my stool and pondered upon what they had said. "I wonder if other citizens of Borden County have the same notion about our school system?"

"Too many vehicles," I reflected. Let's see now. There are 220 students in school, and the daily bus routes total 1500 miles. That's equal to the distance from Gail, Texas to Los Angeles, California every single day! You don't get a job like that done with junk or with teams and wagons.

In the past 8 years the school has bought very few new buses or cars. They get the buses reconditioned at Huntsville State Prison very economically, and they buy mainly good used station wagons, suburbans, and pickups for use until they wear out, then trade for more used ones.

In our county nothing is available locally. Parts, supplies, and equipment must be fetched by a school employee in a school vehicle and brought back to Gail.

How many vehicles are enough? How many farmers do you know that have one or two extra units sitting around, just in case?

It seems to me when you have the number of vehicles you need to get the job done, you have just the right amount; and every vehicle at Borden Schools is there for a purpose and is used effectively.

Then I thought, "Too many employees." Hm. They must not have been referring to teachers because everyone understands a school must have a teacher in every classroom and that is what we have.

Maybe they meant the people that clean the school and cook the food



BEST IN THE WALTZ CONTEST were Monte Paxton and Susan Robinson.

in the cafeteria. But those men and women are putting in a full day, every day, to get their jobs done. So, if we want the school clean, and nutritious food served to our kids, we need everyone of them.

Aha! Now I know. These fellows are complaining about the workmen at school. The ones that keep the buses and cars running, fix the air conditioning, electricity and water system, and repair the teacherages. But let me think now---about 8 years ago, a school board member told me it would soon be necessary for Borden County to pass another bond issue to pay for remodeling and rebuilding the teacherages because they were getting old and dilapidated. He believed this project would be in the one million dollar range.

But the teacherages and all other buildings are in better shape now than ever before. What happened? Mr. McLeroy hired three or four extra men with skills as carpenters and mechanics. He put a few thousand dollars in the budget every year for materials, then had these men work over every house on campus and get them in top shape. They constructed a new bus shop, worked on the stands at Coyote Field, repaired almost every mechanical problem in the school building, and remodeled the old gym.

Now, Mr. McLeroy could have hired someone out of Lubbock or Big Spring and paid their mileage plus the added fee that out of town workmen want for coming to our county to do any kind of job. But this would have cost the taxpayers a lot more money, and we wouldn't like that; would we? Or, the School Board and Administration could have let every building on campus go to pot; then have a big push to pass an enormous bond issue to repair everything at one time, with expensive, outside labor. This would have cost the taxpayers much more in the long run.

Too many employees? I think the school has just enough to get the job done the most efficient and economical way possible.

Now what was the last complaint? Oh yes. "The school spends too much money." That is absolutely true! I spend too much money, my wife spends too much. My neighbors spend too much.

Inflation in the last 10-15 years has ruined everyone's budget. We have seen prices go up like we never would have believed was possible a few years ago. The same thing has happened to the school. Teachers, administrators, and other employees must pay more for groceries and clothes, and the cars and gasoline to go after them, just like the rest of us.

Quality education is a tradition in Borden County and to keep it we must hire and retain quality people. Without good wages, quality teachers, principals, and superintendents would not come here. We pay our people comparably with other schools our size; if we didn't, we couldn't keep them.

Eight years ago, the school budget was about one million dollars annually, and no one was complaining; because an excellent job of educating our kids was expected, and we were all proud of our school system. In the time since then, the cost of living has more than doubled and, of course, gasoline prices have tripled! This year the school budget was approximately two million dollars, just about in line with inflation if you compare 1978 prices with 1986 prices.

I wish we could have school in 1986 at 1978 costs. I wish I could live and farm in 1986 at 1978 prices. But I can't, and no one else can either!

The oil industry is paying 97 percent of all expenses in Borden County Schools, and they are proud of our school system and never complain about the taxes they pay here. I want to keep the excellent education and educational facilities we now have.

As I got up and paid for my coffee and left the cafe, I thought, "we are very, very fortunate to live here and have the Borden County School System."

A Borden Cafe Coffee Drinker and a Fan of the School,
GO BLUE!

JANE COOLEY GRADUATES

Barbara Jane Cooley of the Plains Community has recently earned a diploma from International Correspondence Schools for the successful completion of High School.

Mrs. Cooley, wife of Gene Cooley, is the daughter of Bernard and Barbara Hotaling.

Jane received the degree from International Correspondence Schools, a worldwide educational institution headquartered in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

THANK YOU

Thanks to the following people for helping make the 1986 Borden County Cancer Society's Barn Dance such a success:

Jody Nix and The West Texas Cowboys
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Sarah Sharp
Dan Turner
Buster Taylor
Dean Smith
Joe Stone.
Tammy Telchik
Bess Smith

Thanks also to each of you who were able to come and enjoy the dance. We appreciated your presence and invite you back next year.

-s- Lisa Ludecke

Ground nesting birds sometimes sue good acting to protect their chicks, says Ranger Rick magazine. For example, a female killdeer will lure a predator away from the nest by acting as though it's crippled. After it entices its enemy safely away from the nest, the killdeer simply flies away.

Extension Home Economics Report

By: Kandy K. McWhorter

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Sale To Benefit Boys Ranch

An auction sale of Agricultural, Energy related, and Recreational equipment will be held Saturday, May 3, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Northington, Inc., yard, 4 miles west of the San Angelo, city limits, on Highway 67 (Mertzson Highway). A portion of the proceeds from the event will go to benefit West Texas Boys Ranch.

All agricultural, energy and recreational consignments are welcome. Consignments will be taken anytime between now and April 25th. Minimum bids will be accepted and consignments can be left for future sales. Auction fees will be 10 percent to \$5,000 and 5 percent above \$5,000. These fees do not go to Boys Ranch. The portion going to Boys Ranch will be strictly up to the seller.

Pre-sale donations of equipment to West Texas Boys Ranch will be cheerfully accepted.

Equipment will be on display at the Northington yard as it comes in. Consigners and buyers are urged to call either Odus Wittenburg at (915) 949-2647 or Ty or K. V. Northington at (915) 949-8820 for details.

Refreshments will be available at the auction with all proceeds going to West Texas Boys Ranch.

ABSENTEE VOTING FOR PRIMARY

Absentee voting for the Borden County Democratic and Republican Primaries will be held April 14-29 in the County Clerks Office in the Courthouse.

The Courthouse will be open each day for absentee voting.

The Democratic and Republican Primaries will be held May 3. Please plan to vote.

The fronds of some palms are over 70 feet long. Stood on its end, a leaf that length would equal the height of a seven-story building.

COUNTY AG-AGENT REPORT

DENNIS POOLE

Pecan & Fruit Tree Management Shortcourse

On April 29, 1986 at the Dawson County Community Building located at the Fairgrounds in Lamesa, Texas a multi county pecan and Fruit Tree Management Shortcourse will be held at 2:00 p.m.

Dr. George McEarchern-Horticulturist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service -College Station, Texas will be on hand to discuss timely tips for good

management of fruit and nut trees.

Dr. McEarchern will also demonstrate pruning and grafting procedures at a nearby orchard.

This shortcourse would be an excellent time to gather good management information for the coming spring.

Should you have any questions or need assistance give us a call.

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS

Orientation and safety for 4-H shooters who have not participated in the 4-H Trap & Skeet project before this year will be offered at 4:00 p.m. Thursday, April 24 in the 4-H Exhibit Building and 4-H Trap and Skeet Range.

All parents of new shooters are requested and encouraged to attend this meeting. Safety procedures and the basic

fundamentals of trap and skeet shooting will be introduced to all new members.

If you are interested or would just like to know more about the 4-H shooting sports program - please try and attend.

Our first practice session will be held May 1st at 4:00 p.m. on the Borden County 4-H Trap & Skeet Field located directly north of the school house.

USING YOUR "COMMON SENSE" FOR SAVING MONEY

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PARENTS CLUB

School Board Absentee Voting

A run off election following the recent School Board election has been set for May 10. The announcement was made following last weeks recount between candidates Joel Dennis and Guy Zant who tied with 177 votes each.

Absentee voting will be held from April 22 through May 6.

Task Forces Study Plans For Action

A special Borden County citizen study group began mapping a program for the future of the county during a meeting last night at the Borden County School Cafeteria.

Study group members formed four task forces to identify and discuss broad issues of concern in agriculture and natural resources, home economics, youth and community development, said Kandy McWhorter, county agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

Similar study groups have been organized to represent all 254 counties of Texas, and more than 10,000 leaders are contributing their ideas, as well as those of their friends and neighbors, to assist in identifying critical concerns. Many of the problems have been triggered by rapid changes occurring in the state economy and population.

At the local meeting, task force moderators were named and the four task forces began the process of identifying and prioritizing the critical and key issues in each of the program areas.

A second meeting of the Borden County task forces is planned for June 3, 1986 to present the findings and establish priorities of the

greatest concerns.

Members of the four task forces are listed below.

Agriculture and Natural Resources: Van York, Frank Currey, Ralph Miller, Kent Holmes, Jim Burkett, Jerry Stone, Rich Anderson, Borden Gray Jr., Don Wills, Mary John Phinzy, Margie Toombs, Pat Melba Rinehart, Norman Ledbetter and W. A. Telchik.

Home Economics: Vernon Wolf, Pat Ray, Mickey McMeans, Betty Beaver, Sandra Evans, Carolyn Stone, Kenny Hensley, Bill Phinzy, Pat J. Porter, Verna Adcock, Barbara Farmer, Bob Dyess, Kenneth Williams, Kathy Blagrove and Ross Westbrook.

4-H and Youth: Larry Smith, Ben Jarrett, Rex Cox, Danny Stone, Sid Hart, Roland Key, Dorothy Browne, Lisa Ludecke, Brent Murphy, J. Pat Porter, Trina Lemons, V. W. Ogden, Randy Adcock, Tom Ed Vestal and E. L. Farmer.

Community Development: Norman Sneed, Edward Rinehart, Jarrell Edwards, James McLeroy, Barbara Anderson, Royale Lewis, Jack McPhaul, Bert Dennis, Nathan Zant, Hurston Lemons Jr., Bob Beal, Wanda Smith, Cookie Dyess, Frances Burkett and Buster Taylor.



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Hance Expects Strong Finish In May

Kent Hance, Republican candidate for Governor, announced today that his campaign account shows "\$1 million in the bank" that will assure him enough resources for a strong finish in the May 3 Republican primary.

"When they count the votes on May 3, Kent Hance will be there," Hance said. "We've raised \$700,000 just in the month of March. That kind of commitment translates into lots of momentum going down the stretch."

Hance said that on Thursday his campaign report will show that he has a cash-on-hand balance of \$1,043,206 as of March 24. Hance also said he has two key fund-raisers scheduled in Houston and Dallas in early April and has commitments beyond that for another \$350,000.

"All the elements are in place for a fast finish for Kent Hance," he said. "In 1984, I was further behind in the polls than I am today and I still finished first in the primary."

Hance said that in the next few weeks his campaign will place orders for about \$900,000 in media advertising.

Hance also said he was not

surprised by a recent statewide poll that showed him only slightly behind Tom Loeffler, even though Loeffler has spent more than \$1 million on television while Hance has spent less than \$200,000.

"If I were a supporter or backer of Tom Loeffler, I would be a little worried about what \$1 million on television has failed to do for Tom," Hance said.

The recent poll, published by the Houston Chronicle, Hance said, did not reflect all elements of the vote in Texas that might be drawn into this primary. "The poll made no allowance for those who might participate in our primary outside a few heavily Republican boxes and it was unable to reflect any opinion of those who might vote for the first time. It really did not poll areas which had not previously participated in Republican primaries."

Concerning Bill Clements, who led in the latest polls, Hance said he would remind Texas voters of the general election in 1982 when Clements himself announced that his own polls showed him far ahead of Mark White just before the election, yet Clements went down to defeat at the hands of White by 230,000 votes.

WAGON TRAINS HEAD FOR DAWSON

Covered wagons will once again be rolling across the South Plains this Spring as the Texas Sesquicentennial Wagon Train ventures through the area on its 6-month, 3,000 mile circle through the state.

Area residents will have one of their best opportunities to see the rolling exhibit of Texas heritage when it heads through Dawson County with an overnight stay Sunday, May 4, at the Klondike community followed by two nights in camp at Forrest Park in Lamesa.

The Wagon Train's 2-night stay in Lamesa is the only such layover between Odessa and Springlake in which the wagons will be in camp a full day for public viewing and other activities.

Numerous events are being planned in conjunction with the Wagon Train's strip through Dawson County, and area residents are invited to join in all of them, according to Peggy Barron, Coordinator for these Lamesa events.

Just a sampling of the activities include a hamburger supper and old-time gospel hour at Klondike on the evening of May 4th. Bands & Music, a pancake supper, a street dance in the park on May 5th- school field trips, judging of a beard growing contest, roping and riding at the rodeo arena, a square dance exhibition, and a western dance on May 6th in Lamesa.

In addition, there will be a sidewalk sale, food booths, arts and crafts booths, craft demonstrations, a carnival, and \$1,000 in cash and gift certificates given away while the wagons are in Lamesa.

Having started January 2nd at Sulphur Springs, Texas, the Wagon Train has traveled over 1,600 miles already through East, South and Central Texas and is now in the El Paso area. At least 31 wagons are making the entire trip and 35-45 wagons are expected to be in the group when it comes through our area. In addition, a number of horseback riders are included in the venture which is scheduled to conclude July 3rd at the Fort Worth Stockyards.

Fourteen official sponsors have wagons in the Train, including a coach donated by the maker of Winchester arms. Many of the wagons are authentic Conestogas and even an original Studebaker wagon will traverse the entire route. A motorized trailer resembling an old-fashioned, one-room school house is also part of the train. In it, 25 children from families on the Train are being taught.

Farriers and blacksmiths are on the train to shoe horses and repair wagons.

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Statement On National Cattlemen's Association Lawsuit

Lubbock--The National Cattlemen's Association filed a lawsuit today aimed at reversing the disastrous cattle market decline caused by the government's dairy whole-herd buyout program.

The suit was filed this afternoon in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Lubbock Division. The plaintiffs ask that the U.S. Department of Agriculture be ordered to halt the marketing of dairy cattle under the buyout program until an effective orderly marketing plan is implemented.

On Monday, April 7, representatives of seven cattlemen and three associations--NCA, Texas Cattle Feeders Association and Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association--appeared before U.S. District Judge Halbert Woodward of the Northern District in an informal conference, prior to seeking a temporary restraining order and injunction relief. Counsel representing USDA were also present. The formal pleadings were filed today.

Judge Woodward yesterday took the matter under advisement. He scheduled a hearing on a preliminary injunction for April 22, which was said to be the earliest date available on his schedule. The judge asked the parties to provide further information at that time as a basis for his decision.

The suit filed today asks the court to immediately grant a temporary order restraining USDA from further implementation of the buyout. It also asks for an injunction requiring USDA to withdraw the initial buyout regulations and reissue regulations which establish a cattle slaughter schedule that minimizes impact on the nation's 1.2 million beef cattle producers.

USDA has failed to specify orderly marketing procedures required by the 1985 farm bill. The law states that USDA, in implementing the buyout, must follow procedures that minimize any adverse effects on livestock producers.

The plaintiffs have been "irreparably injured" by the program. Cattle prices in the week ending April 4 plummeted by as much as \$6 per cwt. Losses to persons who sold cattle during the week were estimated at more than \$25 million. Unless the current buyout program is halted and precisely scheduled marketings are ordered, losses will mount even higher in coming weeks.

Furthermore, the initial market drop caused the value of the cattle inventory to decrease by an estimated \$2 billion. The inventory value decrease makes it impossible for many producers to plan ahead and borrow money to survive in the beef cattle business.

The sharp price drop and the market uncertainty caused by the possible "bunching" of dairy cattle slaughter totally disrupted normal cattle marketing. This can cause even more serious and longer term problems in the weeks and months ahead.

Cattlemen have already suffered "immediate and irreparable injury." Unless an injunction is granted, they will continue to be "severely and irreparably injured."

The regulations which were issued did no more than specify bid procedures for dairy producers electing to sell out their herds. USDA did not promulgate regulations which specified marketing procedures and properly scheduled marketings among and within three disposal periods during the next 18 months.

Meanwhile, at a meeting in Washington, D.C., the NCA executive committee also voted to pursue all possible avenues through Congress to see that the full intent of the law is carried out.

Map Features Rare Plants

Austin--Calling it "a salute to the precious natural heritage of Texas and the unsurpassed beauty and diversity of our state," Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro today unveiled a major new land office surface map that features the state's rare and endangered plants and animals.

Titled "The Natural Heritage of Texas," the beautifully illustrated 54"x55" multicolor map illustrates the state's physiography, vegetation regions, river systems, and distinctive geographic features. Created by Austin cartographer Rick Hubbard, the map also illustrates major political boundaries, county seats, and each Texas city with a population of 5,000 or more. Using the work of Austin artists Terry Powell, Sally Hickman, Molly Ogorzal, Hal Irby, Priscilla Vogt, David Griffin, and Michael Sullivan, the map features 31 full color renderings of rare plants and animals that are an integral part of Texas' natural heritage. The map will be produced by the Continental Map Co. of Austin.

"This Sesquicentennial contribution to Texas from the General Land Office is in keeping with this agency's historic responsibility, dating from the Republic of Texas, for commissioning, preserving, and maintaining rare Texas maps and plats for the use of the public," Mauro said.

"It's my belief that the quality and definitive nature of this map will make it a natural for collectors," Mauro said. "It's our hope that individuals, environmental groups, or corporate sponsors will donate copies of this important new map to schools and libraries across the state so that all Texans can fully enjoy this extraordinary work."

Information on rare plants and animals used in creating the map was provided by the Texas Natural Heritage Program, which is a joint project of the General Land Office and The Nature Conservancy, a non-profit national organization that purchases and preserves important and biologically unique areas. The Texas Natural Heritage Program has developed a computerized central inventory of all the state's surface lands to identify unusual natural features and wildlife that should be protected

HEARING ON TECAT LAWSUIT

Austin--The 3rd Court of Appeals ruled last week it will grant the Texas State Teachers Association an expedited hearing on its appeal of the TECAT lawsuit decision rendered in March by 250th District Court Judge Harley Clark.

The court also ruled that it would consider TSTA's motion to enjoin the Texas Education Agency from scoring or otherwise processing all examinations until the TECAT issues have been resolved.

TSTA President Charles Beard said the expedited hearing will mean that the case could be

considered during the first week in May.

TSTA attorneys filed the appeal and the separate motion to stop the scoring of the tests Friday morning. The decision concerning the test scoring was handed down on the same day.

TSTA initially announced it would appeal its case directly to the Texas Supreme Court, but Beard said that in light of the various TECAT decisions in other district courts, it is not to TSTA's advantage to file the initial appeal in the 3rd Court of Appeals so that both constitutional and statutory arguments can be presented.

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S. 1906 - An interest rate buy-down bill that Sen. Rudy Boschwitz (R-Minn.) introduced aimed at getting money to producers at a lower interest rate. Losses would be shared by the federal government, state government and the bank itself.

S. 2144 - A bill introduced by Sen. Don Nickles (R-Okla.) aimed at preventing the Farm Credit System from foreclosing on loans if the cost of restructuring is less than foreclosing.

H. R. 4073 - Allows banks to issue tax-free agricultural savings certificates. The proceeds would be credited to the Farm Trust Fund. Bankers could get money from the fund based on the percentage of ag loans. The interest could be no higher than a Treasury established rate of 9 percent.

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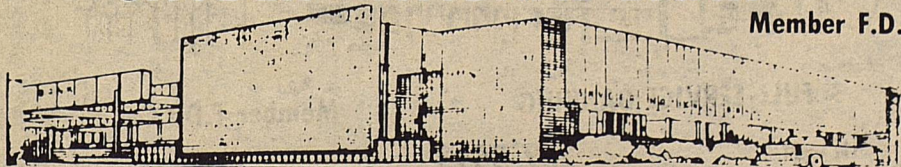
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Miniature Horses

By Donna Worthington

The animal family of Eddie and June Curtis includes four quarter horses, a hackney poney, a cocker spaniel, a Labrador retriever, an elderly dachshound and a cat, plus the prime attraction of 15 miniature stallions and 18 of their babies in various stages of growth.

The Curtis' have always had horses. At first, June raised Belgian horses (one of the largest breeds) and has since progressed downward in size to the miniatures. What does she do with them? "I just love to pet them and play with them," she admits. She also takes them, on invitation, to county fairs and horse shows for exhibition.

It was about four years ago, while attending the Tennessee Walking Horse Celebration in Shelbyville, Tennessee, that she saw her first "mini." A young girl was leading a 17-inch miniature horse through the crowd like a dog. June knew then that she had to have one. Her first purchase was a 33-inch coal black stallion, "Stormy." It wasn't long before she had acquired nine mares, then two more stallions, and began a breeding program.

Miniature horses come in two

types: the sturdy, barrel-chested draft horse and the more refined, dainty Arabian type. Opinions vary as to their beginnings. History records the use of small horses to pull carts in Europe's coal mines as early as 1765. Eventually they were imported to this country for the same purpose. In the 1890's, two royal English sisters, the Ladies Hope, began breeding a more refined type than those used in the mines. They were readily accepted as the pets of royalty and stabled on the palace grounds. Unfortunately, the royal ladies left no breeding records when they passed on.

Today, many horse lovers in the United States have caught the mini-fever. Moody and Lucy Bond at Lavonia, Georgia, have been breeding minis for 40 years. They wanted to see how small they could breed horses and still maintain good conformation - not an easy matter. "Some miniatures look like sausages...legs short in proportion to their heads and bodies. Ideally, body length should about equal height," say the Bonds.

Presently, Texas has the largest concentration of the little

horses in the country, with Florida a close second. In Kentucky, where the emphasis has always been on thoroughbreds, a few breeders have begun to show interest and 124 miniatures are now registered in the Bluegrass State.

There are three registries for miniature horses. The World Wide Miniature Horse Association accepts only those 30 inches or under in height, which they consider the "Rolls Royces" of the industry. The American Miniature Horse Association, located in Burleson, Texas, has more than 9,000 on its registry and the number is growing steadily. There is also the American Miniature Horse Registry, which is managed by the same people in charge of the Shetland Pony Club. It is located in Peoria, Illinois.

Miniature horses are a distinct breed. They are a scaled down model of a full-size horse with the same gestation period and life span. If raised as family pets, they are easily trained and can be taught simple tricks. They reach maturity at age three and can not measure above 34-inches (8.5) hands at the withers and still be accepted for registry. As the size goes down, their value goes up. A mature 34-inch horse can be priced at \$1,000 or higher. At 30 to 32 inches, the price goes to \$5,000, and for those few who stand 30 inches or less, the seller can name his own price.

Breeding is a risky business. Mrs. Curtis says, "Sometimes they'll take a growing spell and just grow right off and leave you. All you can do is sit there and watch as a \$1,000 horse grows half an inch above the standard, leaving you with an animal of much less value after three years of watching and waiting."

At birth, a foal may weigh from 14 to 20 pounds. At maturity, their weight fluctuates from 150 to 250 pounds, depending upon their type.

The advantages of owning a miniature horse, other than their novelty, is that they are so economical to feed and require little space. The Curtis' stalls in their mini-sized barn are 7' x 7' x 30". One acre of pasture is suggested for two minis, but it is possible to keep one in a good-sized backyard with

supplemental feeding. Fence boards and gates must be low enough that the little animals cannot crawl under or through, as the Curtis' learned when a fiesty little stud managed to get into a pasture occupied by several quarter horses.

Miniature horses come in all the usual horse colors, including Appaloosa and "paint." They are hardy and pose no particular care problems. Unlike ponies, (which are technically less than 14.2 hands high) miniatures and not mean, nor are they given to biting, kicking or tricky turns.

Children up to the age of seven or eight can ride minis (this varies with the size of child and beast). Beyond that age, kids can hitch them to wagons or carts. Miniatures are ideal for children to learn to care for a horse but are physically unable to handle a full-sized animal. Even so, it is in the show ring that enthusiasm for this breed reaches its peak. Breeders vie for top honors and prestige in classes from halter and lead-line

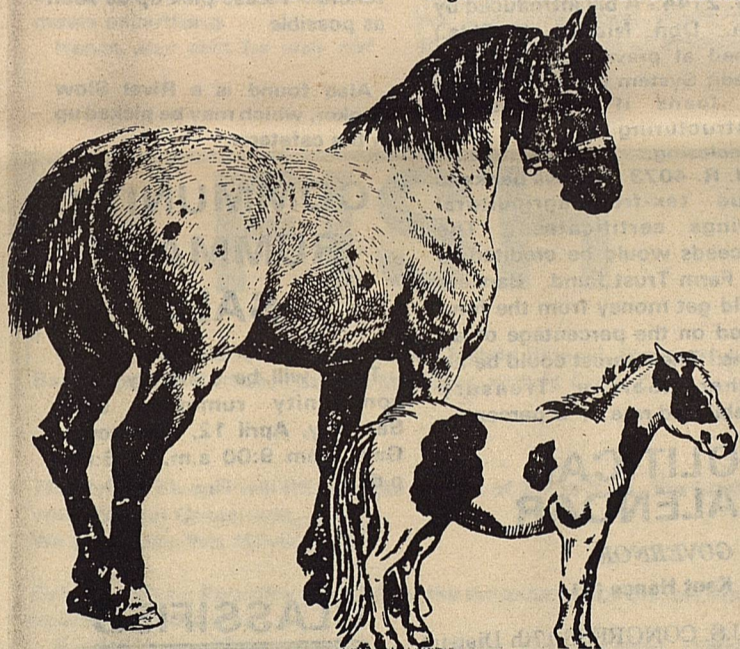
to driving carts and wagons.

Although miniature horses are now riding the crest of their popularity, it is easy to see that they are not for everyone. It is hoped that only knowledgeable people will get into the breeding of these diminutive, unusual animals.

For more information on minis, write the American Miniature Horse Assoc. P. O. Box 129, Burleson, TX 76028, The American Miniature Horse Registry, P. O. Box 3415, Peoria, IL 61614 and The World Wide Miniature Horse Association, 5433 Fernhoff Rd., Oakland, CA 94619.



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