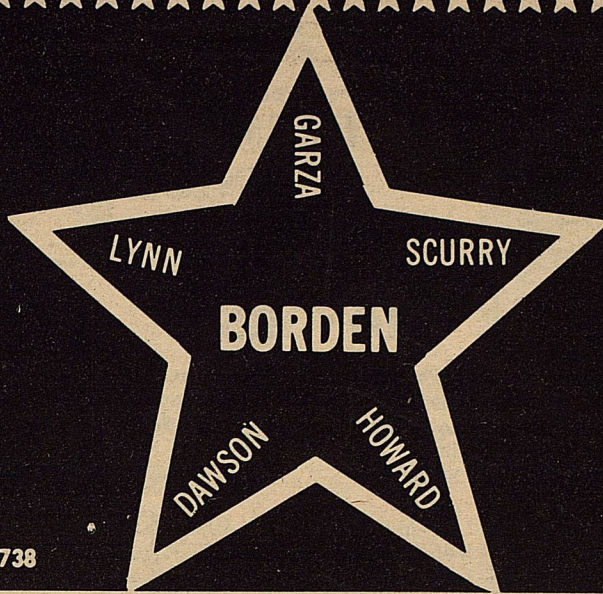


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SWEARING IN OF COURTHOUSE OFFICERS AND COMMISSIONERS. L-R: M.M. MONK, VAN YORK, LARRY SMITH, DORIS RUDD, DON COX, JIM BURKETT AND GLENN TOOMBS (Staff Photo)

Officers Sworn In

Newly elected officials in Borden County were sworn in on Tuesday December 31, one day early--by outgoing County Judge Glenn Toombs.

Included were Jim Burkett, who succeeds Toombs as county judge; and two new county commissioners, Van York of Precinct four and Larry Smith, of Precinct Two. All will be serving in public office for the first time.

York succeeds Don Jones, and Smith will replace Carl McKee.

Others who took the oath of office include Marvin Monk, justice of peace; Doris Rudd, county and district clerk; and Don Cox, county treasurer.

Burkett, born in O'Donnell but a resident of Borden County since he was five years of age, farms about 17 miles northwest of Gail. He and Mrs. Burkett are the parents of three children.

Smith, 37 is a native of Borden County and a farmer and stock raiser. His grandfather,

Tom C. Smith served as commissioner from 1926 and was reelected in 1928. Because of lost records, it is not known how long he served.

York, 33 operates the ranch his great-grandfather J.S. York established 13 miles east of Gail in the 1800s. He also follows his fore-father in taking office. J.S. York was one of the four original commissioners of Borden County. He was first elected in April 1894, and served until 1904.

Auto Insurance Up Again

AUSTIN, Tex.—Auto insurance rates are going up again—an average of 8.8 per cent statewide, or from \$8 to \$39 for majority 1A and 1B adult drivers, depending on the rating territory they live in.

State Insurance Board announced the new rates effective January 16.

While the increase was judged necessary in view of rising auto repair and hospital rates and other costs, it was less than half the 18.3 per cent requested by the insurance industry. It was also far below the boost recommended originally—16.8 per

cent—by the Board's own staff.

Overall cost to drivers is estimated at about \$50 million a year. Gov. Dolph Briscoe said the industry's request would have boomed the cost another \$60 million.

"Double digit inflation" destroyed potential savings which might have been achieved due to lower speed limits, reduced accidents and curtailed driving, said State Insurance Board Chairman Joe Christie.

In a sample county (Travis), \$100 deductible collision insurance will cost an aver-

age new car owner about \$13 more, property damage liability another \$5, bodily injury liability another \$1 and full coverage comprehensive \$5 more.

The Board also increased from \$50 to \$200 the amount of damages required for an insurance report on a traffic accident.

Governor Briscoe urged Texas motorists to take the National Safety Council defensive driving course (to obtain a 10 per cent automatic insurance discount for a three-year period) and to "shop" for companies offering competitive rates (with savings of up to 15 per cent.)

Beef Imports

In recent weeks we have heard much about cattlemen's requests to cut off imports of foreign beef. Cattlemen object to foreign beef for reasons other than loss of revenue for themselves and the related industries whose income depends on American beef sales. Cattlemen are also consumers and while all American beef is under strictly enforced rules of inspection for quality and health, this is not always true of imported beef.

Quoting Mr. R.L. Moore of the Independent Beef Producers of America. "The 10 USDA inspectors stationed overseas can't begin to inspect a reasonable amount of the meat from the 1077 foreign meat plants sending products to this country. Nor is inspection adequate when the meat arrives here. Of the two billion pounds imported into this country last year, over 31.3 million pounds were refused at our shores because it was unfit for human consumption. Only one sample is taken from each lot of meat on entry." His figures are taken from a USDA report dated last March.

Mr. Moore further states that "If the consumers of this nation could see and smell what they are getting in canned soups, chill, and hamburger, they would revolt and refuse to buy."

The idea of inspecting foreign meats as closely as domestic meat is not brand new, of course nor is the suggestion that foreign meat or any food products containing foreign meat be labeled as such. Many of the major American Cattlemen's associations are militating for the labeling, and also for the use of canned American meat rather than American grain in foreign aid programs.

Contrary to reports of less beef imports in 1974, meat imports in the first 4 months of this year subject to the law totaled 396,700,000 pounds, up 2% from 1973. In addition there were an estimated 115 to 120 million pounds of imported meat in the United States, in cold storage under bond to the shipped, and not yet included in reported import data.

The leading exporters of meat to the United States so far this year are Australia (148.5 million pounds through March), New Zealand (46 million), Costa Rica (22.4 million), Ireland (17.5 million), and Mexico (14.8 million). Amounts from the different countries may vary from

year to year, depending on where they can obtain the highest price. Ireland, for example, sharply decreased its sales to the United States in 1973, and then increased their volume by eight times in the first quarter of 1974, when previous market outlets were closed. Thus, most of the exporting countries are a less stable source of supply for the United States than domestic producers.

At present, the U.S. is the only major beef-eating nation in the world with its borders completely open to beef imports. Japan, European Economic Community Countries and Canada have banned or restricted imports in order to protect their own livestock producers and their balance of trade positions.

While other markets largely closed, the major exporting nations still "dump" their surplus beef on the U.S. market.

Except for feeder cattle purchases by feeders, most agricultural imports now cost substantially more than a year ago. Cattle prices, meanwhile, are sharply lower than a year earlier and even farther below 1973 highs.

Most cattle feeders have been in a loss position since last summer and have been in a loss position since last summer and have lost most or all of the equity invested in cattle sold during that period. The feeding industry has lost more than \$1.5 billion in the last 9 months.

Beef producers will continue to ask for import restrictions. Not only because of the loss of dollars to the American economy but to insure that the American consumer receives the highest quality meat available.

Thanks

We wish to thank everyone for helping to make the 4-H Basketball game a tremendous success.

Special thanks go to Mr. James McLeroy, the school board, Fluvanna Young Farmers, Bill Zimmerman, Charlott Toombs, the buyers of the pies, and all the 4-H parents.

/s/ Earnest Kiker, Co. Agent
/s/ Pat Murphy, Adult Leader

Borden County School News

Parent's Club Guest Speaker

Borden High School

BETA ACHIEVEMENT LIST

The following students made the Beta Achievement List the third six weeks of school, no academic grade was below 90:

Student	Grade
JOHN ANDERSON	Grade 12
RITA CORNETT	Grade 12
CATHERINE JACKSON	Grade 12
KEM LOCKHART	Grade 12
MELISSA LUDECKE	Grade 12
JIM McLEROY	Grade 12
CLIFTON SMITH	Grade 12
MONTE SMITH	Grade 12
PHILENA FARMER	Grade 11
DEBBIE HERRING	Grade 11
DONELLE JONES	Grade 11
MARY LEDBETTER	Grade 11
DEIDRE TUCKER	Grade 11
SUE HANCOCK	Grade 10
BEN THOMPSON	Grade 10
DANA WESTBROOK	Grade 10
PAT TOOMBS	Grade 10
KEVVA TUCKER	Grade 10

HONOR ROLL

The following students made the Honor Roll by achieving no academic grade below 85 with a 90 average in all academic subjects, for the third six weeks.

Student	Grade
GAY GRIFFIN	Grade 10
TRICIA JACKSON	Grade 10
LESA HENSLEY	Grade 9
RICHARD LONG	Grade 9
TY ZANT	Grade 9

Fall Semester

Beta High Achievements Honors

RITA CORNETT	Grade 12	JOHN ANDERSON	Grade 12
CATHERINE JACKSON	Grade 12	GAY GRIFFIN	Grade 10
KEM LOCKHART	Grade 12	BEN THOMPSON	Grade 10
MELISSA LUDECKE	Grade 12	DENISE CURREY	Grade 9
JIM McLEROY	Grade 12	LESA HENSLEY	Grade 9
CLIFTON SMITH	Grade 12	RICHARD LONG	Grade 9
MONTE SMITH	Grade 12	TIM SMITH	Grade 9
PHILENA FARMER	Grade 11	PAT TOOMBS	Grade 9
DEBBIE HERRING	Grade 11	KEVVA TUCKER	Grade 9
DONELLE JONES	Grade 11		
MARY LEDBETTER	Grade 11		
DEIDRE TUCKER	Grade 11		
SUE HANCOCK	Grade 10		
TRICIA JACKSON	Grade 10		
DANA WESTBROOK	Grade 10		

Enrollment

ENROLLED	66
Average daily attendance	63.37
% of attendance	95.55

SEMESTER

High attendance for grade	9-12-70
Present Enrollment for	9-12-66
Average daily attendance	
for first semester	64.45
Percent attendance for	
first semester	96.52

Boys

Jr. Hi

Borden County Junior High traveled to Union Monday night January 6. The boys team was defeated 38-30.

Perry Smith hit the net for 17 points, being high point man. Blane Dyess and Travis Rinehart each scored 4 points. Ben Murphy and Mark Walker added another 2 points each while Craig Peterson had one free shot.

Hi School

The Borden High School Boys lost to Sands High School Thursday night 80-52. Clifton Smith and Larry Simer were the scoring leaders for the Coyotes with 13 points each. Other scorers were Ken McMeans 5, Matt Farmer 5, Eurdist Rinehart 4, Richard Long 2, Kem Lockhart 2, and Monte Smith 2. This was the first district game for both teams. Frosty Floyd led the Sands scorers with 24 points.

ELEMENTARY AND JUNIOR HIGH

HIGH HONORS

The following students made the High Honors list by having no academic grades below 90 the third six weeks.

Student	Grade
LISA McLEROY	Grade 8
BRENT RHOTON	Grade 8
GLYNDA BURKETT	Grade 7
CARLA JONES	Grade 7
MONICA DYESS	Grade 6
TALLEY GRIFFIN	Grade 6
DEBRA KOUNTZ	Grade 6
BECKY MILLER	Grade 6
TAMMY TELCHIK	Grade 6
GENA McLEROY	Grade 5

HONOR ROLL

The following students made the Honor Roll by achieving no academic grade below 85 with a 90 average in all academic subjects for the third six weeks.

Student	Grade
PENNYE THOMPSON	Grade 8
SID WESTBROOK	Grade 8
RHESA WOLF	Grade 8
BEN MURPHY	Grade 7
KAREN WILLIAMS	Grade 7
DANNY HOLMES	Grade 6
BART McMEANS	Grade 6
HEATHER McPHAUL	Grade 6
KEIL WILLIAMS	Grade 6
GLEN GRAY	Grade 5
SCOT LONG	Grade 5

Fall Semester

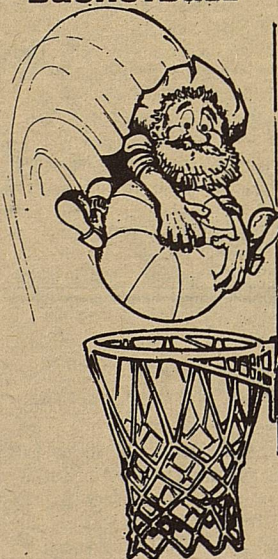
LISA McLEROY	Grade 8	BRENT RHOTON	Grade 8
GLYNDA BURKETT	Grade 7	BEN MURPHY	Grade 7
CARLA JONES	Grade 7	KAREN WILLIAMS	Grade 7
TALLEY GRIFFIN	Grade 6	MONICA DYESS	Grade 6
BECKY MILLER	Grade 6	DANNY HOMES	Grade 6
GENA McLEROY	Grade 5	DEBRA KOUNTZ	Grade 6
		TAMMY TELCHIK	Grade 6
		SCOT LONG	Grade 5

Enrollment

Average daily attendance:	117.85
Percentage of attendance:	94.74
Enrollment increase:	..10
Enrollment decrease:	2
Enrollment at the close of the third six-weeks period:	129

Congratulations to the fifty grade who achieved an average attendance of 98.150%

BASKETBALL



in District 8B. They defeated Loop 78-51. Catherine scored 27 points, Deidre 21, Philena 20, Gay 4, Kristy Smith 4, and Sue Hancock 2. Lisa Ludecke had 9 rebounds.

On December 26 Borden High School opened play in the West Texas Girls Invitational Tournament in Slaton with a loss to Christ the King of Lubbock. The score was 41-37. Philena had 17 points and Catherine and Deidre 10 points each. Tricia had 8 rebounds and Lesa Hensley 4 recoveries. The following day Borden played Colorado City and won 53-37. Philena scored 17 points, Deidre and Sue 12 each, Catherine 6, Gay 5, and Martha Anderson 1 point. Tricia led in rebounds with 5 and Lesa Hensley led in recoveries with 5. On Saturday, December 28, they played Irann in the morning and lost 57-47. Philena had 27 points, Deidre 20, Catherine 8, and Gay 2 points. Martha led the rebounders with 6. The win over Irann placed Borden in

Girls Hi School

On December 19 the high school girls played Forsan and were defeated 67-49. Scoring for Borden were Philena Farmer 19 points, Catherine Jackson 14, Deidre Tucker 12, and Gay Griffin 4 points. Tricia Jackson led in rebounds with 6.

The following night the girls traveled to Loop to open play

The Borden Elementary Parents Club will meet on January 9 at 2:30 p.m. in the library. Mr. Glen Davis of Snyder will be the guest speaker. Mr. Davis is with the health clinic in Snyder. His talk will be on a very interesting subject, "Child Abuse" which is a growing problem in our society today.

the Consolation finals against Post and even though Post won the game, the Borden girls brought home a nice trophy. The score of the Post game was Post 69, Borden 47. Philena scored 15 points, Catherine 10, Gay 8, Deidre 7, Kristy 3, and Sue 2 points. Winning the 18 team tournament was Slaton. Greenwood finished second, Knox City third, Coahoma fourth Post won the Consolation Championship, Borden Consolation Runner-up and McCamey seventh place. Philena was elected to the 12 girl All Tournament Team.

On January 2, the girls traveled to Ackerly for a district game with Sands and lost 60-48. Sue led in scoring with 20 points. Philena and Deidre each scored 14 points. Lisa Ludecke had 5 rebounds.

"B" Team

The Borden B team girls played Forsan on December 19 and were defeated 28-21. Kevva Tucker scored 12 points and Dana Westbrook 9 points. Dana had 9 rebounds and Rita Cornett and Denise Currey each had 7 rebounds.

On January 2, the B. team lost in an overtime game to Sands 25-23. Kevva scored 17 points and Dana 6 points Donelle Jones and Mary Ledbetter each had 6 rebounds.

JR. HIGH GIRLS

On January 6, the Junior High girls traveled to Union. Union defeated Borden 32-24. Penny Thompson scored 15 points and Talley Griffin 9 points. Penny, Lisa McLeroy, and Gayla Newton each had 3 rebounds and Lisa led in recoveries with 4.

Beauty Pageant

Thursday
January 16
7:00 P.M.

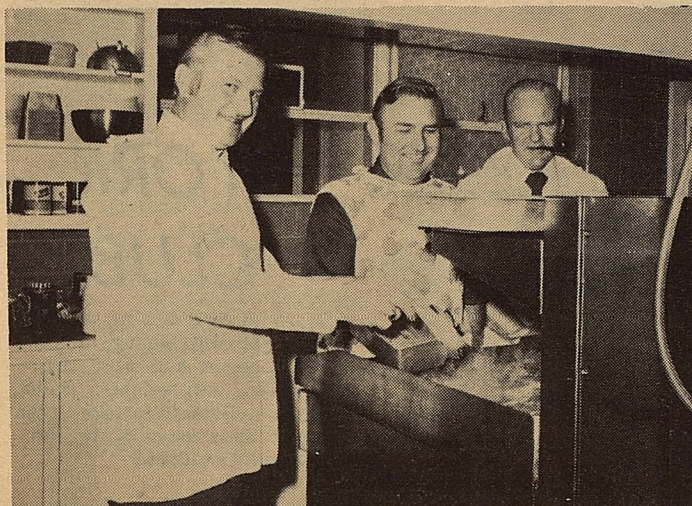
Activity Calendar

Jan. 6
Jan. 7
Jan. 10
Jan. 13
Jan. 14
Jan. 22

Welding Short Course Jan. 6-9
FFA In-Service Workshop
Beta Club goes to Dallas
Southern Schools Assembly 9:30 A.M.
4-H Meeting -2:45
Ag. Mechanics Contest



Philena Farmer is congratulated by Jim McLeroy for winning the All Tournament Team.



Mr. James McLeroy, Mr. Mickey McMeans and Mr. Ben Jarrett cook Christmas steaks for employees and Board members of Borden County Schools. The party was well attended.



REFEREES RICH ANDERSON AND MELBA RINEHART "HAM IT UP WITH CHEERLEADERS CLARA WALKER, LEONA DOYLE AND NITA BRADSHAW.



COMELLE WILLIAMS (front far left) and DEWEY FAYE MILLE (top far left) were twirlers for the 4-H basketball game while Cricket Vaughn was head cheerleader (she is front center) and Leona Doyle (not shown) Clara Walker, Pat Murphy, Nita Bradshaw, and Pat Porter were cheerleaders.

TEACHER GROUP ASKS MORE—Texas State Teachers Association's executive committee voted to ask the organization's legislative

committee to reconsider its request for \$8,200 a year starting pay for teachers.

The panel narrowly defeated a motion to direct the legislative committee to ask the

Wedding News

The Home and Family Living Class at Borden High participated in a wedding held in the auditorium sponsored by their teacher, Mrs. Shirley Kountz.

The bride was Miss Rita Cornett and the bridegroom was Mr. Kem Lockhart. Performing the ceremony was "Reverend" Ken McMeans. Miss Lisa Ludecke was ring-bearer and Mr. Teddy Cooley was best man. Due to a shortage of personnel, Miss Catherine Jackson was flower girl, maid of honor, and performed the special music. We were honored by the presence of Cookie Walker, who acted as the bride's mother and photographer.

All in all the wedding was a big success. A reception was held afterward in the Home-making Department. This exercise was part of the class activities in the course.

Fluvanna Food Group

On December 17, the Fluvanna Food Group met at the house of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ridenour. Mrs. Jane Ridenour, food group leader served refreshments which every member enjoyed. They elected officers which are as follows:

President—Carla Jones
 Vice-President—Travis Rinehart
 Secretary-Treasurer—Gayla Newton
 Reporter—Ben Murphy

The group then decided to make muffins and the utensils they would need to make them. The meeting was then adjourned.

Other group members that attended the meeting were Cody Newton, Cole Herring, Ty Wills and Ricky Smith. Debbie Herring and Cindy Beaver are the junior leaders. The next meeting will be on January 16.
 Ben Murphy
 Reporter.

Marijuana

The last Texas Legislature reduced the penalty for possession of marijuana. At that time one of the major arguments was that marijuana is an innocuous drug—"no more dangerous than alcohol." Recent research findings now make it clear that marijuana is hardly an innocuous drug. A study at Oxford discloses that it interferes with cell division and cell metabolism and can interfere with growth development. One key mind concludes: "Use among children may result in a generation of 'old people' since it produces brain shrinkage often found in older people."

If used regularly the drug produces a dangerous toxic

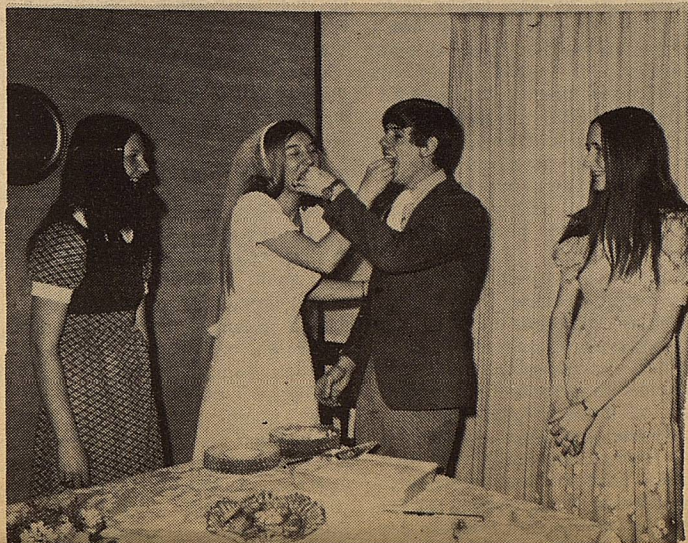
legislature for a starting \$12,000 salary base. The beginning minimum is now \$6,600.

Texas Federation of Teachers, an AFL-CIO affiliate with growing membership in major cities, has offered a legislative program calling for a \$10,000 minimum.

The TSTA executive committee further endorsed a change in the constitution which would unify TSTA with National Education Association, subject to ratification in a statewide referendum.



Kem Lockhart (Groom) and Rita Cornett (Bride) kiss after wedding ceremony and Catherine Jackson and Ken McMeans wait.



EXCHANGING BITES are Rita and Kem and Lisa and Catherine watch amused.

affect that will impair the body's immunity system. This causes researchers to suspect that frequent use of marijuana lessens the body's ability to combat disease. Also suspected—but not yet proved conclusively—is a possible linkage between marijuana use and cancer, genetic mutation and birth defects. Perhaps of greatest interest to youth is the potential danger of sterility in male marijuana users.

Estimated marijuana consumption in the U.S. has increased from 600,000 pounds in 1968 to 7 million pounds in 1973.




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guest commentary by
BRUCE PEARSON

Plans for conservation of fuel recently suggested by various experts, economists, and government officials have ranged from only slightly impractical through absurd to wildly destructive. A currently popular proposal is the fifty-cents per gallon tax on gasoline the scary thing about this one being that President Ford has sworn that we will never have it, which means that it won't be put into effect until at least January. In olden times this might have been classified as "punitive taxation", which some statesmen would have opposed as a matter of principle, but principles seem presently to be a minor consideration in comparison to being popular (i.e. reelected). Punitive taxation, if you remember, was the type which punished you for smoking cigarettes or drinking whiskey, or (during wartime) being an airplane passenger, by placing an extraordinarily high tax on these luxuries, so that only the rich could enjoy them. It is a little surprising that there has not been more protest about the gasoline tax being a tax to punish the poor for using too much gasoline, while the rich would go on filling up even if they had to use high octane cognac.

Another insidious thing about the gasoline tax is that the billions of dollars in revenue would be sucked up into the federal vacuum and disappear. Money withdrawn from private purses at filling stations by unpaid private tax-collectors would be turned over to the Treasury Department, never to be seen again. If the price of gasoline were to rise because of scarcity, by the operation of supply-and-demand, it is possible that some of the extra money paid for this increasingly dear commodity might be spent in exploration for new supplies, whereas tax money would be scattered like dust among the great bureaucracies. That is, unless a national oil company is created which could spend the tax money more efficiently than profit-motivated private (major and independent) oil companies; and there is no doubt that a national oil company would have some distinct operational advantages. Land owners would have to accept terms, bonuses, roy-

alties, etc. determined to be fair by the Federal Power Commission, for instance, and the company would not have to pay taxes, which would be ridiculous, nor compete by bidding for Texas University lands, nor worry about cost-per-barrel of finding and producing and refining oil in comparison to sale price. That old devil profit would not have to be a consideration at all.

"Well," you may say--" If you choose to sneer at the Harvard Business School solution to the Energy Crisis, what, then, is your alternative?" I thought you'd never ask. The Plan is simply this: Revoke and cancel the drivers' licenses of everyone under the age of twenty-one. Not only would this effect a tremendous saving in wasted--I mean wasted--gasoline, but it would have some beautiful side effects. Young people would learn to walk again, resulting in better health and physical development, stronger legs and lungs. There would be a lessened tendency toward youthful crime--who wants to hold up a 7-11 store and escape on a bicycle? A great many temptations would be removed. Venereal diseases, high-school pregnancies, drive-in movies and other such undesirable effects of the automobile age would wane. Nights would be quieter, streets safer, and the air cleaner. Family income now spent on maintenance, insurance, and fuel could go to savings for better education or other useful purpose. There might even result some beneficial adjustments of values--you are not supposed to have it all when you turn sixteen--some things have to be acquired by earning or waiting. Walking to class in a snowstorm may instill some small appreciation for the opportunity to receive a good education--it's worth suffering for a little. It might even be realized that the ultimate American goal is something more than marriage to an exotic wheeled, powered vehicle, Evel Knievel notwithstanding.

One thing you can be sure of: if the President or Congress would seriously consider taking such a step it would arouse the eighteen-twenty-one-

year voting age group, perhaps almost as much as the draft, and we wouldn't have to worry about youthful apathy at the polls for a while.



OH! MOMMIE! I LOVE HIM, BUT HE SCARES ME!

The Homemakers Club had their annual Christmas Party December 17th in the posse building.

Santa paid the children a visit and they each received a gift from him.

Entertainment was provided by Richard Shaw and Guz Turner. Lorene Jones and Carolyn Long led everyone in Christmas Carols.

Refreshments were enjoyed by all. The next meeting will be in January.

Excuses
for not wearing
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What's your excuse?

★ Weather ★

WEATHER AT THE COUNTY SEAT!
By K. T. Reddell.

		MAX	MIN	RAIN
MONDAY	12-30	50	35	0
TUESDAY	12-31	48	32	.26
WEDNESDAY	1-1	41	29	0
THURSDAY	1-2	48	29	0
FRIDAY	1-3	45	27	0
SATURDAY	1-4	55	26	0
SUNDAY	1-5	52	34	0

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News

Gets

Around

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Huddleston have recently attended to business at Lubbock and Ralls.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Murry have been visiting with Brownfield relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright Huddleston attended to business at Big Spring, Thursday.

Mrs. Dessie McMichael spent Monday night with Dr. and Mrs. C.A. Aagesen at Big Spring.

Ruth Weathers was visiting Wednesday with Mrs. Leslie Terry and the Buck Ellis's of Colorado City.

Nila Mae Huddleston of Sweetwater visited Sunday in the Wright Huddleston home.

John Rowe of Big Spring is visiting in the Art Leon Lewis home at Lake Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Crow and family have been visiting with his mother Mrs. R.A. Hardee at Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Graham of Lake Jackson are visiting with her dad, J.P. Ellis.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Ellis of Colorado City visited Tuesday night with Ruth Weathers.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Stewart of Lubbock are visiting at Lake Thomas and in the Claude Sorrells home on the McDowell ranch.

Bill Hood Jr. of Dimmitt is spending the holidays with his parents the Bill Hoods of Snyder.

Mrs. Melba Morgan and family of Port Arthur are visiting with her mother Mrs. Ross Kennedy and sister Mrs. Howard Sterling and family.

Pvt. Johnny C. Currey, U.S.M.C., son of Edythe Currey of Lamesa and the late Johnny Coke Currey of Borden County has returned to San Diego Calif. after spending two weeks with his family and relatives. Currey is to enter "Data Processing School" at San Diego.

STORK CLUB

Born to Mr. & Mrs. Freddie Brown of Big Spring, a son, Brian Lee, at 8:29 a.m., December 26. He weighed 5 lbs, 15 ozs. Brian's mother is the former Judy Harding, a Borden County graduate.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Beam are the parents of a girl born on December 21 weighing 8 lbs, 12 ozs.

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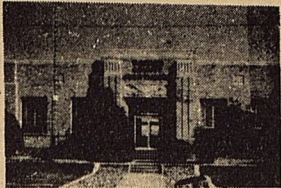
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Court House Happenings



Borden County

WHEREAS, On the 20th day of December, A.D. 1974, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special 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
VERNON WOLF-Commissioner Precinct No. 3
DON A. JONES-Commissioner Precinct No. 4
DORIS T. RUDD-County Clerk and ex-officio clerk of the Commissioners' Court

with Carl McKee absent, due to illness, constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

A motion was made by Commissioner Don A. Jones to pay current accounts in the amount of \$17,174.53. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Herman Ledbetter and passed unanimously.

The minutes of the Commissioners' Court meeting of December 9, 1974 were read. A motion was made by Commissioner Herman Ledbetter to approve said minutes as read. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Don A. Jones and passed unanimously.

A called meeting was set for December 31, 1974.

Commissioner Don A. Jones made a motion to purchase a set of grass samples to be used for 4-H member instruction. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vernon Wolf and passed unanimously.

There being no further business Commissioner Don A. Jones made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Commissioner Vernon Wolf and approved unanimously.

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BORDEN
BE IT REMEMBERED:

WHEREAS, On the 9th day of December, A.D. 1974, 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
VERNON WOLF - Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
DORIS T. RUDD-County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners' Court and Carl McKee, Commissioner Precinct No. 2 and Don A. Jones Commissioner Precinct No. 4 absent, constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

Mr. Boyd Latham of Latham A Stults, Inc. Valuation Engineers, appeared before the Court concerning valuation of County

taxes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vernon Wolf to accept the bid by Mr. J.W. Gray in the amount of \$1,288.00 on 1969 Ford Truck belonging to Precinct No. 3. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Herman Ledbetter and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vernon Wolf to issue bid notice for lease purchase maintainer for Precinct No. 4, bids to be opened January 13, 1975. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ledbetter and passed unanimously.

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BORDEN

Bid Notice

Notice is given herewith that the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas will accept sealed bids for the purchase of one new motor grader for use in Precinct #4.

This will be a lease purchase with arrangements being made through the Security State Bank, Big Spring, Texas for payment.

One used Galion Motor Grader will be offered as trade.

The Commissioner's Court of Borden County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., January 13, 1975. BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF BORDEN COUNTY

/s/
Glenn Toombs, County Judge
Borden County

Specification-Motor Grader

Specifications for Motor Grader as per Bid Notice issued December 17, 1974:

Proposed unit should be as good or better than the Galion 118 or Caterpillar 12G series as has been bid in past years. The Motor Grader should be equipped as follows:

Minimum HP 135' (Diesel)
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Power shift transmission
Minimum weight 27,800#
Lights (2 front, 2 rear and dir-

ectional turn signals)

4 wheel Brakes (hydraulic) Self-adjusting, power boosted Electric Windshield wipers (front & rear)

Defroster fan
Rear view mirror (inside cab)

One used Galion 118 motor Grader, located in Commissioner Precinct #4, will be offered in trade or bid outright to the highest bidder.

The Borden County Commissioners' Court reserves the right and privilege to reject any and all bids received.

May I also call to your attention that payment will be by lease purchase only. Arrangements should be made through our bank (Security State of Big Spring, Mr. J.D. Nelson, President 915/267-5555) BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT /s/ Glenn Toombs

PUBLIC NOTICES

because the people must know

The Texas Highway Department is planning the construction of F.M. Highway 1054 from its present terminal point 11.2 miles South of U.S. 180, South to F.M. 1584.

The proposed highway is 4.5 miles in length and is located approximately 14 miles Southwest of Gail. It will be a usual farm to market type highway, consisting of a two lane, 20 ft. asphalt paved surface. Construction will be within the existing 100 ft. right of way except in the area of three curves near the beginning of the project where additional right of way will be required.

Maps and other drawings showing the proposed location and geometric design, environmental studies and any other information about the proposed project are on file and available for inspection and copying at the Resident Engineer's Office at 111 North Avenue V, Snyder, Texas. Also, the drawings showing the proposed geometric design have been placed on file with the County Judge of Borden County.

Information about the State's Relocation Assistance Program, the benefits and services for displacees and the relocation assistance office as well as information about the right of way and tentative schedules for construction can be obtained at

the Resident Engineer's Office.

Any interested citizens may request that a public hearing be held covering the social, economic and environmental effects of the proposed location and design for this highway project by delivering a written request to the Resident Engineer's Office on or before January 22, 1975.

In the event such a request is received, a public hearing will be scheduled and adequate notice will be publicized about the date and location of the hearing.

Sealed proposals for constructing 106.711 miles of Seal Coat from Glasscock Co. Line to FM 700 in Big Spring, from SH 70, S. of Jayton to Stonewall Co. Line, from Haskell Co. Line to Aspermont, from 4.5 miles N of Roby to SH 92 in Rotan, from 6.4 Mi. W. of Hamlin to Jones Co. Line, from S. of Wild Horse Cr. to Mitchell Co. Line, From 5.6 Mi. SW of Snyder to Snyder, from FM 53 to Taylor Co. Line, from FM 669 to 4.9 Mi. E, from US 180 to SH 350 at Ira, from SH 350 at Ira to SH 208 at Dunn, from Scurry Co. Line to Hobbs, from US 180 to Fisher Co. Line on Highway Nos. US 87, US 380, SH 6&US 380, SH 70, SH 92, SH 350, FM 126, FM 1785, FM 1606 & FM 1614, covered by C 69-1-22, C 106-18, C 106-6-21, C 263-4-15, C 318-2-13, C 693-1-18, C 693-3-21, C 733-4-12, C 1155-5-3, C 1155-5-3, C 1526-1-6, C 1526-2-5, C 1532-1-4, and C 1532-2-7, in Howard, Kent, Stonewall, Fisher, Scurry, Nolan and Borden Counties, will be received at the Highway Department, Austin, until 9:00 A.M., January 23, 1975, and then will be publicly opened and read.

Plans and specifications including minimum wage rates as provided by Law are available at the office of Joseph H. Smoot Resident Engineer, Big Spring Texas, and Texas Highway Department, Austin, Usual rights reserved.

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Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc. has filed with the Federal Government a Compliance Assurance in which it assures the Rural Electrification Administration that it will comply fully with all requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Rules and Regulations of the Department of Agriculture issued thereunder, to the end that no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the conduct of its program and the operation of its facilities. Under this Assurance, this organization is committed not to discriminate against any person on the ground of race, color or national origin in its policies and practices relating to applications for service or any other policies and practices relating to treatment of beneficiaries and participants including rates, conditions and extension of service, use of any of its facilities, attendance at and participation in the conduct of the operations of this organization.

Any person who believes himself, or any specific class of individuals, to be subjected by this organization to discrimination prohibited by Title VI of the Act and the Rules and Regulations issued thereunder may, by himself or a representative, file with the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250 or the Rural Electrification Administration, Washington, D.C. 20250, or this organization, or all, a written complaint. Such complaint must be filed not later than 180 days after the alleged discrimination, or by such later date to which the Secretary of Agriculture or the Rural Electrification Administration extends the time for filing. Identity of complainants will be kept confidential except to the extent necessary to carry out the purposes of the Rules and Regulations.

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Cattle Lice Treatment

With the onset of cooler weather, livestock producers need to turn their thoughts to the problem of lice control. Generally, lice problems are more severe in the northern United States but sufficient numbers are often present in the southwest to cause economic damage.

Both types of lice--blood-sucking and biting--attack cattle. The sucking lice pierce the animal's skin and draw blood while the chewing lice feed on particles of hair, scales, scab and skin exudations. The life cycle of both is similar with increase in populations starting in the fall. Peak populations normally occur in late winter and early spring and then a rapid decline occurs.

Low numbers of lice may be present on certain animals year round. Since lice do not do well at high temperatures, the reproduction nearly ceases in the spring and the lice will migrate to the tips of the ears or tail to avoid the excessive body heat. With the arrival of cooler temperatures, lice reproduction increases. Cattle will tend to bunch or crowd up more allowing transfer of lice from one animal to another. Heavy hair coats also offer more protection to the parasites.

Often the first signals of lice problems are signs of rubbing and intense irritation to the animals. Large patches of hair may be "rubbed off" and fences may be pushed down. Lousiness is generally first noticed on poor, weak and unthrifty animals.

Some animals will have heavy infestations every year while others seldom have a problem. There is definitely a resistance factor present in many animals.

If you wait until lice problems are too severe, large economic losses may occur prior to treatment. Cattle that harbor lice often do not respond to feed properly and are more subject to diseases because of their weakened condition. Anemia may result from blood loss from sucking lice and calves may become stunted.

Cattle lice may be controlled in a variety of ways. One practice that will lessen lice problems is to eliminate the "carrier" animals that constantly harbor high populations. Chemical treatment is very effective. Self-treatment devices such as dust bags, back rubber, chain oilers and other such devices generally afford effective control at a low cost and with a minimum of labor. The location of these devices is very important to insure adequate use. The old practice of using used crankcase oil is not recommended since it often will cause more severe skin irritation than light populations of

lice.

Approved sprays, dips and pour-ons are also effective but the animals must be gathered for treatment. If one of these methods is used, two applications on a 10-14 day interval may be necessary. After this is done, any new animal to be introduced into the herd should be treated in a similar fashion before it is placed with the previously treated animals.

Numerous materials are currently registered for cattle lice control. Before any material is used, the label should be thoroughly read and all restrictions and precautions should be followed. The product best suited for your use will depend on its price and availability. Producers are urged to check with local suppliers to determine the most economical and effective material.

Contaminated Saddle Pads

In September 1974, an outbreak of anthrax in carnivores at a Washington state game farm was traced to infected horse meat. Subsequent investigation revealed that the horse had probably acquired its infection from a contaminated saddle pad which had recently been purchased at a local retail outlet.

The implicated saddle pad, which contains imported goat hair, is manufactured by the Perforated Pat Co. in Woonsocket, Rhode Island. Pads which contain goat hair are called "Alaskan Hair" pads, and have one of the following style numbers on the label: 238, 238R, 500, 500R, 832, or 832R. Cultures of these pads have been found positive for B. Anthracis (10 of 10). Also, samples of raw goat hair which is incorporated into the pads were obtained from the manufacturer and were positive for B. Anthracis.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is issuing a press release announcing a "Recall" of these pads. It states that individuals who own such pads should place them in sealed, double-walled plastic bags and contact their local or state health department for disposal instructions. Incineration in a unit designed to handle biologically contamin-

ated material is probably the preferred method of disposal.

These pads can be brought in sealed double-walled plastic bags to the County Agents office.

Cotton In 1975

The cotton year for 1975 may not equal 1973, as we'd like to see, but there's an excellent chance it won't be another 1974, either. On the High Plains, acreage may well decline, but production prospects are greatly improved by the existing underground moisture. Cotton acreage, in fact, is almost certain to be down across the U.S. cotton belt. Some acres that might have gone to cotton already are committed to competing crops. And if current prices relationships between cotton and feedgrains, soybeans, foodgrains etc. hold much longer, more such commitments will be made. Per-acre yields, of course, can be expected to recover from this year's projected 443 pounds, so total production could about equal this year's short crop.

World cotton production outside the U.S. according to some estimates isn't likely to exceed 49 million. Several countries, including Sudan, Egypt and India have stated publicly that land previously devoted to cotton must be used now to grow grain for increasing populations. And there are others in the same situation.

So, unless world demand completely fails to recover from this year's low, no surplus can be expected, to say the least.

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OBITUARIES

ADDIE RICHIE

Services for Mrs. Addie Maple Richie, 75, were conducted Monday afternoon at the Downtown Church of Christ with Allen Hahn, minister, officiating. Burial was in Plainview Cemetery, located east of O'Donnell, under the direction of Branon Funeral Home.

Mrs. Richie died at Medical Arts Hospital after a brief illness. A native of Bell County, she had resided in Lamesa for the past 22 years.

Survivors include two sons, Frank Currey of O'Donnell, and Doyle Currey of Gail; three daughters, Mrs. Blanche Dulin and Mrs. Occo Dickinson of Hobbs, N.M., and Mrs. Versa Snowden of Lamesa; two sisters Mrs. Lila Colum of Floydada and Mrs. Marie Falley of Hindsville, Ark., one brother, William Henry Finley, Jr., of Floydada; 16 grandchildren; and 22 great grandchildren.

AMANTHA DUGGER

Services for Amantha Isabelle Dugger, 81, have been held in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Bill Hardage, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Lamesa Memorial Park under direction of Branon Funeral Home.

Mrs. Dugger died in Cottonwood Acres Nursing Home.

A native of Brooken, she had lived in Lamesa 38 years. A Baptist for 70 years, Mrs. Dugger was a member of the Woodman Circle.

Survivors include a son, W.D. "Bill" of Brownfield; three daughters, Mrs. J.B. Mashburn of Stanton, Mrs. Vernon Todd of Lamesa and Mrs. Leon Lewis of Plains; assistant, Mrs. Ivy House of Chula Vista, Calif.; two brothers, Allen and Pershing Milner, both of Vernon; 16 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

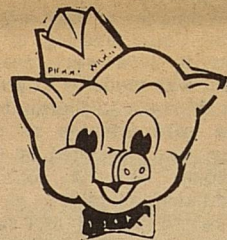
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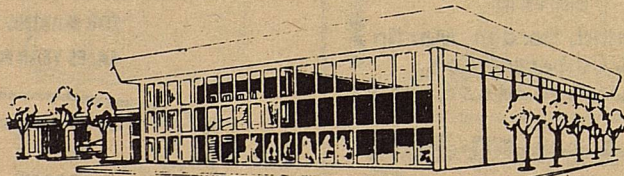
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Many Exceeding Limit

Austin-The reduction of the speed limit due to the energy crisis has definitely affected the number of traffic fatalities in Texas, but many drivers are starting to disregard the limit and drive at greater speeds.

Jim Arnold, Administrator of the Governor's Office of Traffic Safety, issued a plea for the motorist to cooperate and observe the 55 mph limit on a voluntary basis. He also announced plans for a state-wide study to determine the effect of the lowered speed limit in relation to fatal accidents.

Said Arnold, "When the energy shortage hit and the limit was set at 55 by state and federal law, most motorists complied and kept their speed down and limited their travel. Now that gasoline is more readily available and travel more frequent, we are finding the driver is starting to allow his vehicle to surpass the regulated speed limits. While this is certainly not all drivers, it does appear we have a huge increase of speeders on our highways."

He continued by pointing out the increase in traffic citations that have been issued in recent weeks. "State Troopers are finding the motorist is traveling at increased speeds without regard to law, and some are creeping toward the 70-mile-per-hour mark. Department of Public Safety statistics show a total of 78,295 arrests were

made for speeding during the three summer months of 1973. Comparatively, there were 188,976 arrests during June, July, and August of 1974. Convictions for the violations also reflected an increase," said Arnold.

Another contributing factor that may increase the chances of traffic crashes, injuries and fatalities, is the "variances of speed ranges." "For example said Arnold, "a motorist is on the highway at 50 miles-per-hour and he is passed by a driver traveling 70 or more. This variance is the range greatly increases the opportunity for an accident."

Arnold said as the speed is violated to excess, the fatality figures may increase; therefore, he has called for a state wide study to determine the relationship of traffic accidents to the speed limit reduction in Texas.

Mankind Responsible?

Many people feel mankind is responsible for the disappearance of the animal species. It is possible that in some instances man may hasten the dis-

appearance of certain species. However, the abundance of that evidence indicates that he has very little to do with it.

About 50 species are expected to disappear during this century and 50 species the century before that and so on.

Dr. T.H. Jukes of the University of California points out that about 100 million species of animal life have become extinct since life began on this planet, about 3 billion years ago. Animals come and animals disappear. This is the essence of evolution as Mr. Darwin pointed out many years ago. Mankind is a relatively recent visitor here. Surprise No. 6 is that he has had nothing to do with the disappearance of millions of species that preceded him.

In fact, one of man's failures is that he has not been successful in eliminating a single insect species, in spite of his all-out war on certain undesirable ones in recent years.

Here's the seventh surprise, The late Dr. William Pecora has calculated that all of man's air pollution during this thousands of years of life on Earth does not equal the amount of particulate and noxious gases from just three volcanoes (Krakatoa, Java, 1883; Mt. Katmai, Alaska, 1912; Hekla, Iceland, 1974).

Dr. Pecora pointed out that nature's pure water is not so pure after all.

The natural springs feeding the Arkansas and Red rivers carry approximately 17 tons of salt per minute.

The Mississippi River carries over 2 million tons of natural sediment into the Gulf of Mexico each day.

Grandpaw Says

A good marriage is like a good handshake--there is no upper hand.

The only things you can be sure of accomplishing are the things you do today.

Ideas are much like children--your own are wonderful.

MAN'S highest achievements have been accomplished by two kinds of persons--those smart enough to know something could be done, and those too dumb to know it couldn't.

There is only one rule for being a good talker: learn to listen.

Know what it's called when a man shows strength of character in his own house? Stubbornness.

Good work is done without hesitation, without difficulty and without boasting. Observe a bird building its nest, for example.

A little boy was showing his mother his report card. The grades were not anything to write home about. When the boy saw the frown on his mother's face he said, "Mom, I'm not a slow learner. I'm a quick for-getter."

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This week the 93rd Congress comes to a close, ending a year of history that we are not likely to see repeated, at least in our lifetime. While much of the attention of Congress was diverted from legislative business, I can truthfully say that we did pass several important pieces of legislation this past year which we can be proud of.

First of all, the Housing and Community Development Act was signed into law this year. This is the first comprehensive urban renewal legislation since 1949 and the first major housing legislation since 1968. This is also the first time that urban renewal and housing assistance have been combined under one program. The new act streamlines distribution of \$11.1 billion in federal funds to cities and towns into single "block grant" approach designed to clip away the tangles of bureaucratic red tape. The program also contains considerable funding for housing for very low income families and provides assistance to middle income home buyers. As ranking member of the Senate Banking, housing and Urban Affairs Committee, I am pleased that this program will boost the sagging housing industry as well as provide more adequate housing for those in need.

Another first for legislation is the National Mass Transportation Assistance Act of 1974 which is the first long-term, comprehensive mass transit legislation. This legislation combines \$11.8 billion in operating subsidies and capital grants over a period of six years for development of transportation systems in all of our towns and cities. I served as a Senate Conferee on the conference committee that wrote the bill in its final form. Our cities now can develop suitable alternatives to the automobile, keep public transportation fares at a level that our lower income families, students and older citizens can afford, and provides some solutions to our energy and pollution problems.

Many Texas cattlemen have been hit very hard by our current economic conditions and could go broke, forcing another meat shortage. I introduced a bill this session, and it was signed into law, that would provide government guaranteed loans to cattlemen similar to a program now available to businessmen through the Small Business Administration and the Rural Development Service. Under the program, \$2 billion is made available to cattlemen with a maximum amount of \$250,000 to each cattleman and 80% of that guaranteed by the government.

Of special interest to Texans was the passage this year of the Big Thicket Preserve Act which climaxed 40 years of efforts by many Texans to preserve this

ecologically unique area of our state. I am very proud to have had a part in this action. While I had hoped that we could include more acreage in the preserve, I think this legislation is probably the best compromise that we could arrive at and we can look forward to enjoying this beautiful area of Texas for decades to come.

Other important legislation passed include the bilingual vocation training bill which I introduced and is a part of the Education Amendments of 1974. This, of course, will directly benefit our Spanish-speaking Texans who are presently linguistically disadvantaged. Also, Congress put the final touches on a Deep Water Port bill during these last days of the session. This legislation has the potential for giving our Texas economy a substantial boost, especially in those areas along the Gulf Coast.

The overriding concern of everyone is our current economic condition. Almost every piece of legislation that we consider in Congress has an effect on our economy. As we look back over a long year's work in Washington, it's tempting to accept the attitude of the prophets of doom that our economic problems will worsen in the future. I recognize the problems are severe, but I believe that we have made some progress and that we are capable of finding solutions to these problems.

We can turn the corner, perhaps by the third quarter of next year, but you might say that I am cautiously pessimistic about our prospects for recovery. I would be optimistic if I were not concerned that measures may be taken by Congress that would adversely affect our economy, particularly in the long run. I believe that our economic system is basically sound--and that if the proper measures are taken to stimulate industry to produce more jobs, we can hope for a much more productive economy next year. We must guard against measures that have short-term appeal, but in the long run, would extend the inflationary spiral while carrying the danger of a bigger bust--or deep recession.

This is my final report for the year and the last report until Congress comes back into session in late January.

In this beginning of a new year, I want to wish every Texan a happy, productive year in 1975.

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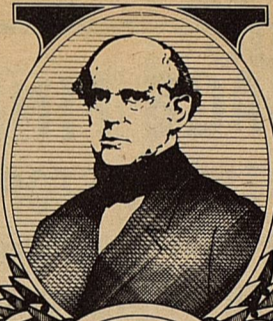
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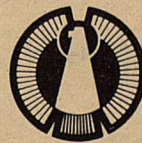
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