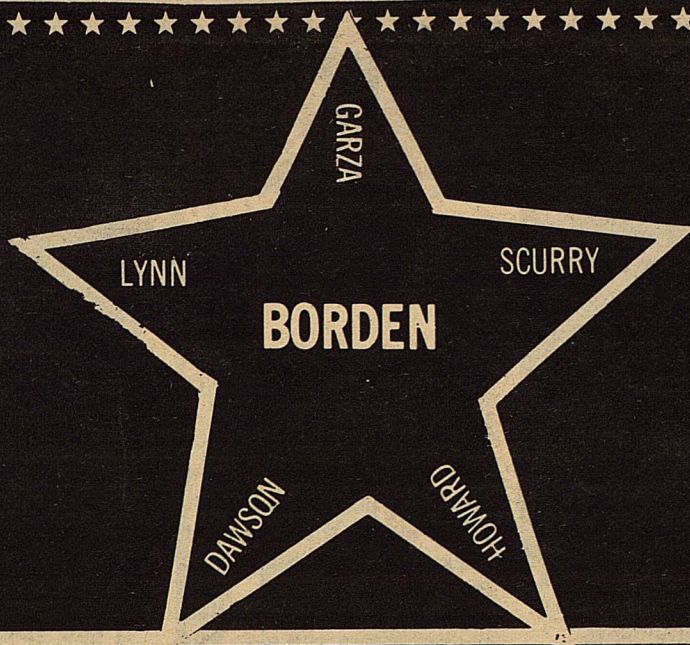


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BORDEN COUNTY COYOTES--Members of the 1980 Borden County Coyotes team are, left to right, sitting, Glen Gray, Kevin Telchik, Jibber Herridge, Darrell Green, Sam Williams, and second row, Doug Love, Charles LaRue, Phillip Benavidez, Tim Buchanan, Roscoe Massingill, Keith

Williams, and standing, assistant coach Bill May, Troy King, Maurice Herridge, Mike Peterson, head coach Randy Roemisch, Jr. Benavidez, Scott Jones, Jym Rinehart and assistant coach Lynn Maxwell. Not pictured are Roy Gonzales, Mark Mills and Van York.

Coyotes Rated In Top Three

There's a new face in area six-man ball this season, but you could hardly term Gail's Borden County High School Coyotes as "rookies".

Possessing a wealth of speed, good size and numbers, the Coyotes have been pegged to finish in the top three of District 2A along with Ira and Highland.

In fact, Coach Randy Roemisch's troops might have received the favorite's role if it were not for the fact that they didn't play six man ball on the varsity level last year. But Roemisch, is no newcomer to the game himself. He

formerly ran the program at Divide.

He's got six double-starter players returning from last year's 5-5 11-man squad. And though the game's different this year, Roemisch feels the experience they have will be invaluable.

"They know how to hit people and take hits. Just having been out there and having had pressure put on them will make a difference.

Almost all of our games were close last year so most of these kids had to come through in some fashion."

Returning are 5-9, 174 senior Van York, who played back and linebacker;

5-8, 145 senior Troy King, who played back and linebacker; 5-9 178 senior Maurice Herridge, center and defensive end; 5-11, 153 junior Mike Peterson, noseguard and back; 5-9 127 junior Jym Rinehart, quarter back and safety; and 5-11, 165 junior, Jr. Benavidez.

Also back are 5-4, 115 junior Darrell Green, 5-9, 156 junior Tim Buchanan and 5-8, 134 junior Jibber Herridge, all of whom started on special teams.

These nine lettermen give Roemisch the leadership he needs, but he admits there is still a vast difference between six and 11-man

football.

"The responsibility (for each player) is different. Each man has a larger responsibility in six-man. It's nearly one-on-one in that you don't have that much help."

Offensively, the responsibility won't be so great, but defensively is where the big difference lies. Here, Roemisch will probably run a 3-2 and a 2-3, but he adds that goal line and short yardage defenses give him three or four options.

Offensively, the Coyotes will run out of the type T

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School Caution Urged

As the 1980 school year opens, area drivers should give special attention to the rules of the road.

In its annual "School's Open, Drive Carefully" campaign the Texas Division of the American Automobile Association reminds motorists to be extra alert when driving down neighborhood streets and in school zones. Be on the lookout for children darting out from between parked cars. Many youngsters become excited about the new school year and seeing old friends again. They may tend to forget their safety rules. It is a good idea to review safe walking rules with your children and map out the safest route to school.

The AAA offers some additional tips for a safe school year:

- Observe reduced speed limits posted in many school zones

- Watch for children riding bicycles

- Drive your children to school only when it's absolutely necessary. Increased traffic contributes to congestion in school zones. If you must drive your children, find the least congested area to drop them off.

An important reminder: Drivers are required to stop for school buses that have stopped to load and unload children and to remain stopped until the children are safely across the street and the bus is moving again. This applies whether you are in front of or behind the bus, unless you're separated from the vehicle by a divided

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Borden County School News



Junior, Michael Vaughn looks on as seniors Van York, Maurice Herridge, Bart McMeans, Troy King, Tina Wimberly and Talley Griffin are advised on subject requirements.



Sophomores-Velma Villanueva, Teresa Wimberly, Kelley Richardson and Belinda Ingram, a junior, register for classes with the assistance of Mr. McMeans.



Junior, Jr. Benavidez, Freshman-Scott Brooks, and Sophomore, Kevin Telchik were so excited about school starting, they arrived first to register.

Borden County Swimming Pool

The school board of Borden County I.S.D. proposes to build a swimming pool near the new school plant. The proposed pool would be 80 ft. X 50 ft. with concrete decking all around, diving boards, boys and girls separate dressing facilities, heater, filters and etc. The pool would be protected by a 6 ft. chain link fence.

The commissioners court of Borden County has agreed to pay the operating costs during the summer months when the public would be using the pool.

The school plans to establish a swimming instruction program for the kids, and adults of Borden County.

The preliminary cost estimate for the pool is \$81,950.00, but the school board set aside .03 cents per \$100 valuation in 1979-80 for swimming pool construction, therefore no increase in this years tax rate over last year will be necessary to provide sufficient funds to complete the project. In fact, the tax rate for the Borden County I.S.D. was cut a total of .6 cents per one hundred dollar value for 1980.

The school board and commissioners would like to have opinions from the citizens of Borden County on the swimming pool project.



A new sports equipment building has been built under the stadium seats.

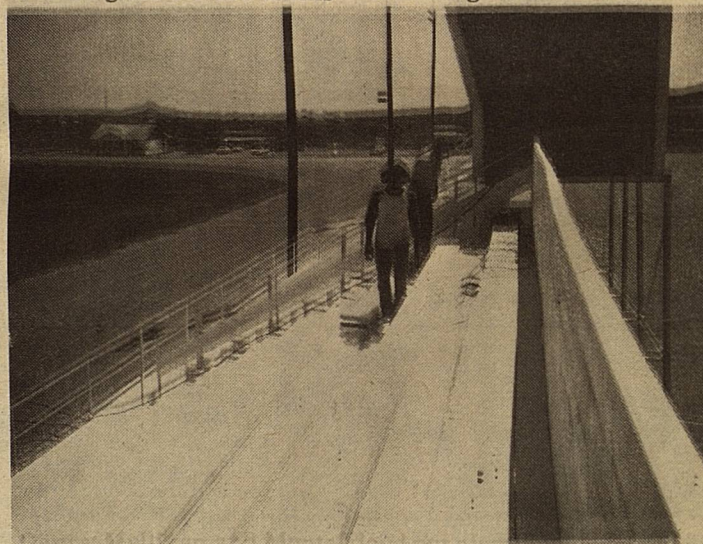
Campus Improvements

The administration and some of the employees have been busy this summer, putting a fresh face on the campus of Borden County School for the return of the students.

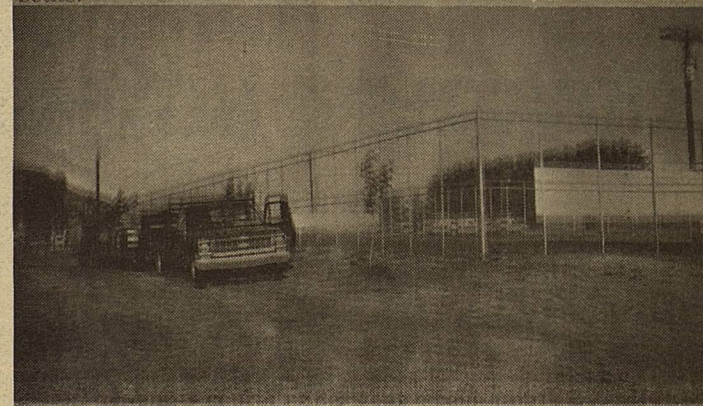
player and spectator. The playing surface is green with a red apron and white lines. Also, to cut the wind, 9' windscreens have been installed around the north, east and west fence.

New paint covers all the bleachers in the football stadium. For extra comfort of spectators, new aluminum seats are being added. The project will be completed before the next football game.

A new and very attractive surface has been added to the tennis courts. The laykold product will add cushion for comfort, extra footing for protection and reduce glare for the tennis



Danny Mulligan and Monte Floyd put aluminum on stadium seats.



The tennis courts underwent a revamping recently.



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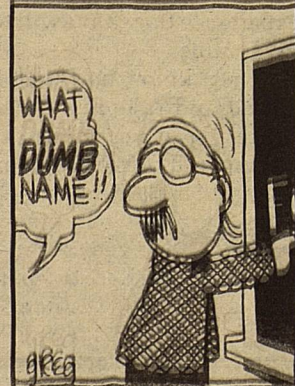
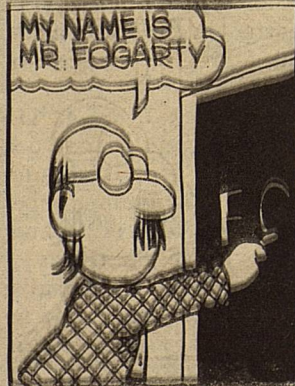
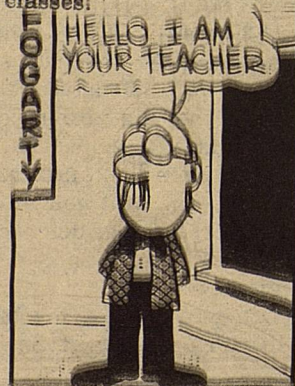
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Juniors-Mike Peterson and Tim Buchanan registering for classes.



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Menu

September 8-12, 1980

LUNCH	MONDAY	BREAKFAST
Burritos Vegetable Salad Pinto Beans Fruit Milk Salad Bar		Cereal Fruit Juice Milk
	TUESDAY	
Beef & Bean Casserole Tossed Salad Green Beans Fruit Cobbler Milk Salad Bar		Toast & Jelly Fruit Milk
	WEDNESDAY	
Pizza Squares with Cheese Lettuce & Tomato Salad Beans Jello & Fruit Milk Salad Bar		Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwiches Fruit Juice Milk
	THURSDAY	
Chicken Fried Steak Creamed Potatoes English Peas Hot Rolls Cake Milk Salad Bar		Cinnamon Rolls Fruit Juice Milk
	FRIDAY	
Hamburgers Lettuce-Tomatoes-Pickles French Fries Fruit Milk Salad Bar		Cereal Fruit Juice Milk

BORDEN COUNTY COYOTES

Player	Pos.	Wt.	Ht.	Class.
Van York	Back	174	5-9	Sr.
Troy King	Back	145	5-8	Sr.
Maurice Herridge	Center	178	5-9	Sr.
Mike Peterson	Back	153	5-11	Jr.
Jym Rinehart	QB	127	5-9	Jr.
Jr. Benavidez	End	165	5-11	Jr.
Darrell Green	Back	115	5-7	Jr.
Tim Buchanan	Center	156	5-9	Jr.
Jibber Herridge	Center	134	5-8	Jr.
Glen Gray	Back	147	5-6	Jr.
Doug Love	Back	150	5-10	So.
Kevin Telchik	QB	108	5-7	So.
Roy Gonzales	Back	112	5-7	So.
Rosecoe Massingill	End	130	5-9	So.
Keith Williams	End	147	5-10	So.
Mark Mills	End	145	6-2	So.
Phillip Benavidez	end	128	5-8	Fr.
Scott Jones	End	167	5-9	Fr.
Sam Williams	QB-B	135	5-7	Fr.
Charles LaBue	End	145	5-10	Fr.

BORDEN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL 1980-81 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
SEPTEMBER 5	COTTON CENTER	HERE	8:00
SEPTEMBER 12	DAWSON	THERE	8:00
SEPTEMBER 19	WELLMAN	HERE	8:00
SEPTEMBER 26	BLACKWELL	THERE	8:00
OCTOBER 10	IRA	HERE	7:00
OCTOBER 17	GRADY	THERE	7:00
OCTOBER 24	HERMLEIGH	THERE	7:00
OCTOBER 31	TRENT	HERE	7:00
November 7	Highland	There	7:00
November 14	McAulley	Here	7:00

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Holiday	2 First day of school	3	4	5 8:00 p.m. - Here 8:30 p.m. - Cotton Center	6
7	8 LABOR DAY	9	10	11	12 8:00 p.m. - Here 8:30 p.m. - Dawson	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 8:00 p.m. - Here 8:30 p.m. - Wellman	20
21	22 South Plains Matchplay contest	23	24 Assembly	25 6:00 p.m. - Here 8:00 p.m. - Blackwell	26 8:00 p.m. - Here 8:30 p.m. - Blackwell	27 Texas Tech Marching Festival
28	29	30	1980 SEPTEMBER		AUGUST 1980 SEPTEMBER 1980	

WHAT'S HAP-NIN

Mrs. Denzell Poston was honored Monday night with a surprise birthday party. Numerous friends and relatives helped her celebrate the occasion.

It Did Rain!!!!

Although very scattered, the much needed rain finally came. Unofficial rainfall amounts in the area are as follows:
City of Gail 3"
Fluvanna Area .8
Roland Key 4.6
Roger Williams 1.5
Muleshoe Ranch 2"
Billy Wills 1.3
Corky Ogden 1.3
Bill Phinizy 5"
Don Cox 1.5

W.T.C. News

A Community Services course in judo will be offered during the fall semester at Western Texas College.

Dr. Shel Hillis will be instructor for the classes, which will meet from 6:30-8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Health-Physical Education Building. Fees will be \$35 per person.

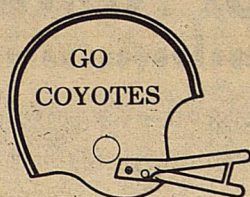
The class is open to men and women and boys and girls.

Sign language for communication with the deaf will be taught in an Adult Vocational Education course starting Sept. 11 at Western Texas College.

Ellen Rumpff of Snyder will be the instructor. Fees will be \$30 per person, and students will be requested to purchase a sign language dictionary costing about \$7.

Classes are to meet from 6:30-9:30 p.m. on Thursdays through Dec. 18.

A minimum of 10 persons will be required to form the class and enrollment will be limited to 20. Information about the course may be obtained by calling the Continuing Education office at WTC, AC 915-573-8511, extension 240.



BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Miller of Fluvanna are the proud parents of a son born September 2 in the Garza County Hospital. He joins brothers Clay and Clinton.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Riley Miller of Justiceburg and Mr. and Mrs. Turner of Fluvanna.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Teeters are proud to announce the arrival of Caleb Austin. He was born August 31 in Tech Medical Center in Lubbock, weighting 5lbs. 2oz.



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"When the Roll is Called Up Yonder, I'll Be There."

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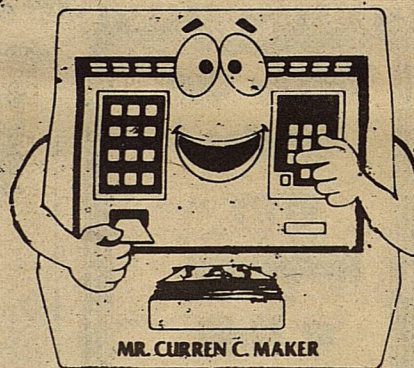
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Thanks to everyone who helped in any way in fighting the grass fire behind my house last Thursday. I appreciated it very much.

-s Dorothy Browne

Coyotes

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with a split backfield.

"We've got the quickness to get outside both offensively and defensively," Roemisch said. "As far as the kid's physical ability and depth of the team we're in good shape; it's the knowledge of the game that we really lack."

"Some people out there probably think we're going to try to play 11-man football with six players. But I know you can't do that. We know how this game is supposed to be played and we plan to play it right. The kids are excited about it. We've had great workouts," Roemisch stressed.

Depth-wise, Roemisch hopes to be able to platoon his team generally, starting several both ways, but resting them frequently. He's got a roster of 20 strong-large for a six man team which includes nine with varsity football experience and at least four freshman that played six-man ball at the junior high level last year.

Borden County aside, Roemisch feels like Highland is in the best shape to take the 2-A crown this year, followed by Ira, Trent, Hermleigh, Grady and McCauley.

"I'd rather not pick us, but I do believe that we'll be more competitive than a lot of people think we will," he said.

The coyotes will get an early test in non-district opponent Cotton Center, always a tough one, when the season opens Sept. 5. From that tilt, to be held in Gail, the Coyotes travel to Dawson on Sept. 12, host Wellman on Sept. 19 and go to Blackwell on the 26th.

Oct. 3 the team has an open date before opening loop wars at Coyote Stadium against Ira.

Assistant coaches are Lynn Maxwell, boy's basketball coach, and Bill May, girls coach. Maxwell has been with the program for the past two years. May, who coached at Westbrook for the past three years, is in his first year at Borden County.

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highway with a median strip.

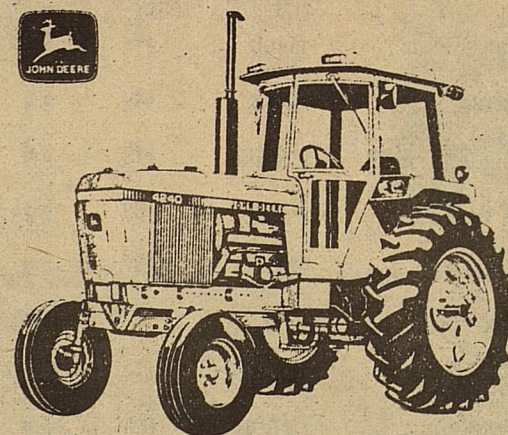
The first few weeks of school are the most hazardous, since many youngsters are either attending school for the first time or they are in a different school where they may be unfamiliar with area traffic patterns. AAA urges all motorists to take special precautions at that time.

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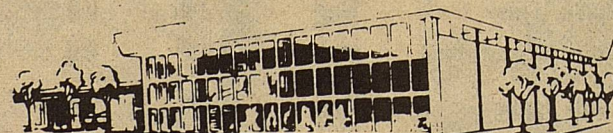
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My word but it has been a long hot summer-and it hasn't broken yet. What is it-something like 75 days of 100 degrees and over in Dallas? Makes me wonder if the good Lord isn't preparing US for what we are doomed for, if we don't vote right this November. On the other hand it just reaffirms my belief in a merciful God. I am convinced that only He intervened to prevent either political party from holding their convention in Dallas this particular summer. Why, those poor people could not have survived the heat wave of '80 with the additional hot air that emanated from those meetings.

You must admit that the Republicans were wafting along at a fairly gentle velocity until the media and Henry Kissinger accelerated the wind speed with their own particular brand of environmental pollution. That blast of hyp for Gerald Ford was ludicrous. Thank goodness Ronald Reagan took it only as long as he could before stepping in decisively with his choice of George Bush as his V.P. There again tho, the media attempted to blow up a hurricane of rumor. They would have you believe that Reagan leaned with the wind and couldn't batten down for a crisis. What crisis, I wondered? It was Reagan who realized he was being manipulated and he put a stop to it. My only disappointment was that he ever even entertained the idea of a Reagan-Ford ticket-he who is supposed to be a strict Constitutionalist.

The most refreshing breeze to come from the Republican camp meeting was Jack Kemp. He is articulate and he makes sense. Of course the movers and shakers would never have allowed him to be the V.P. choice-frankly, he and Reagan would not be a winning ticket. But look hence four years. A

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Bush-Kemp ticket could be mighty appealing.

Then came August and the Democrats began to blow. They must have broken all velocity meters. I never heard so much rhetoric. But there were two truths that withstood the big blow. One that Ted Kennedy reached the pinnacle. It will be hard for him to ever again deliver such a memorable speech. It was pure-pure unrefined liberalism and it was masterfully executed. The other truth left standing was that James Earle Carter is once again Jimmy--Jimmy Carter the greatest campaigner in modern times, it not ever. He has been the worst president ever, but he is once again doing what he likes and can do-campaign. Don't ever sell him short in that area.

You can bet that the hot air will continue until November 4, 1980-even if Mother Nature gets over her flashes and night sweats. The Republicans have only this chance-and they best stand into the wind. They can either use the Democrats hot air to their advantage by pointing out just that-hot air. Or they can blow themselves out not harnessed to a productive pump. Surely they have the momentum to blow the cover off the slush pit of the Democrat record. If they don't, we may just think we've had a preview of hell this summer of '80.

Are You Retired? Continue Your Education

Are you retired and looking for an interesting way to spend those lazy autumn days?

Texas Tech University's Division of Continuing Education may have something that strikes your fancy. Under a special program, persons 65 and over may audit most classes at the university--except for workshop or laboratory courses requiring special knowledge and participation--and do so for free, said Dr. Michael Mezack III, director of Continuing Education.

In inflationary times, it's not possible to stretch a fixed income any farther than that.

Those auditing courses do not receive a grade, nor do they receive credit toward a degree. Instead, they receive the same knowledge available to others in the class.

Auditees may improve their English, brush up on a foreign language, indulge themselves in a favorite period of history, examine the growing role of the mass media in society, study art or do any of a number of thing they may not have had time to while pursuing a career.

Senior citizens interested in auditing courses at Texas

Tech should register during special Continuing Education registration

Neither transcripts nor prior college experience are required of those auditing courses.

Auditees are given free library privileges at the Texas Tech Library and may use the campus bus system, Mewack said.

Further information about free auditing of courses for persons 65 and older may be obtained from Dr. Suzan Schafer, associate director of Continuing Education, at 742-2354.

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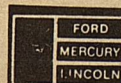
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MATERIALS NEEDED:

1. a sharp knife or pruning shears
2. rooting media like 1-2 peat, 1-2 sharp sand
3. Containers
4. Cuttings from many trees, shrubs, vines, annuals, houseplants and ground covers are easily rooted. Some which you may like to include are:

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Rhotinia
Fig Trees
HOUSE PLANTS
Arrowhead Ivy
Philodendron
Pedilanthus
Dracena
Geraniums
Reperamia
Sansevieria

5. Plastic Film - to cover the cuttings in order to keep the humidity high and to facilitate rooting
6. Containers for potting after the plants have rooted in 2-6 weeks, or whenever roots have formed, plants should be either placed in their permanent place, or repotted into 26" containers for further growing.

7. Environment - be sure to place cuttings in an area with considerable light but little or no direct sunlight.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Taking cutting - For home rooting of most plants it is best to take cuttings that are recent growth but not in a flush or fast growth period. A sharp knife or pruning shears which cuts on about a 45 degree angle are suggested. Cuttings are best taken in the early morning or late evening and prepared and stuck as soon as possible in the rooting media. 2 6" long cuttings are usually best. All leaves should be removed that are to be buried in the rooting media. If the cutting is very leafy, removal of additional leaves may be helpful.

The plastic material covering the cuttings usually makes it unnecessary to water them during the rooting period but it is essential to keep a close check to be certain that sufficient moisture is available.

Rooting of cuttings can save homeowners money and provide a real sense of accomplishment. Good luck with your cuttings!

LaRhea Pepper
County Extension Agent
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Labor Day Events Ended Wet

Barrel racers, Pole benders, Ropers and Fans enjoyed themselves in Gail Labor Day.

Events began at 1:00 p.m. when the trophies were passed out to those winning at the County horseshow. The trophies were unavailable at the time of the show therefore the anxious contestants were ready and waiting for their trophies.

8 and under Barrel racers proved to be the highlight of the day with 16 young cowboys and cowgirls competing for the 1st thru 3rd place trophies. 1st place went to J. J. Kinchee, 2nd Lisa Ward and 3rd Jim Ridenour.

Five contestants competed in the 9 to 12 barrels with Leslie Ward placing 1st, Sherri Hataway 2nd and Julie Ridenour 3rd.

Pole bending 8 and under with twelve contestants, J.

J. Kinchee 1st, John Bland 2nd and Dane Driver 3rd.

9 thru 12 Pole bending, 1st Dana Gray, 2nd Julie Ridenour, 3rd Rusty Lawson.

In the Open Jackpot Barrel race with eight entries Kelly Pearch placed

1st and Beck Harrell and Wanda Driver tied for 2nd and 3rd place.

Skipper and E. P. Driver won the Father and Son Steer roping and due to rain the 3 header will be completed Saturday night.

The fish fry and covered dish supper was enjoyed by ropers, friends and family and the afternoon was ended with a good ole country rain.

Back to School

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There are other reasons to run. Some people do it because they enjoy it, or because it helps them get rid of tensions. Others do it for the competition, or to prove something to themselves. Many run to shed pounds and tone flabby muscles.

Running also exerts a favorable influence on personal habits. For example, smokers who begin running often cut down or quit.

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1980 WHEAT PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

For the second year in a row U.S. wheat producers will not need to set aside acreage to be eligible for the farmer-owned reserve, commodity loans and target price protection. Wheat producers need only to be sure they plant within their normal crop acreage to be eligible for all program benefits in 1981.

The farmer-owned reserve release and call prices will be increased from the current \$4.20 and \$5.25 to keep them consistent with the cost of producing wheat. The exact amount of the increase will be decided when more precise cost information becomes available.

The 1981 crop target price will be increased from \$3.63 for the 1980 crop to at least \$3.81, with the final amount dependent upon the magnitude of the increase in short-run production costs.

Those who want to be guaranteed target price protection on the normal production from their entire 1981 crop will need to hold plantings to no more than was planted for harvest in 1980.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION LOAN INFORMATION

To date, 178 counties in Texas are eligible for disaster recovery assistance because of extreme drought and other weather conditions. Borden County is included in this number.

SBA disaster loans are available to agricultural producers in the affected

counties who have suffered crop and livestock losses.

The loans are low interest and may compensate losses not covered by insurance or other disaster payments.

The interest rate on loans is either 5 percent or 8 1/4 percent, depending on whether SBA determines that the producer could receive credit somewhere else.

It is not necessary for a producer to be turned down by a bank before applying for SBA assistance.

Loan maturity is based on the individual needs and ability to repay the loan.

Up to 50 percent of the loan amount may be used to pay outstanding obligations such as accounts payable, operating expenses, reasonable living expenses, etc. The other 50 percent of the loan must be held for planting and operating expenses for the new crop.

We have a supply of forms in the County Office if you are interested in applying for a loan. The form 1150 must be filled out by this office verifying your losses. After completing the rest of the forms each applicant is responsible for submitting the forms for processing to: Small Business Administration

720 Texas Avenue
Lubbock, Texas 79401

The final deadline for submitting applications is February 12, 1981.

Eligibility for participation in all programs administered by ASCS is established under law without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or National origin.

Annual Farm Tour Planned

The Annual Dawson County Farm Tour will begin at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, September 4 leaving from Forrest Park Community Center, corner of South Houston and Ninth Streets, Lamesa, Texas.

Guest speakers on this year's tour will include Dr. Calvin Orr, Nematologist; Dr. Laven Ray, retired Cotton Breeder and Dr. John Ganoway all who are with the Texas Agricultural Research and Extension Center, Texas A & M University System, Lubbock.

The first farm to be visited will be Donald Voglers at 1:30 p.m. for cotton variety. At 2:00 p.m., the next stop, will be Donald Airhart's farm for a seeding rate demonstration.

The remainder of the schedule includes: 2:45 p.m., Chloice Shofner farm for a dryland cotton variety demonstration; 3:15 p.m., Val Stephens farm for cotton variety demonstration. The tour will conclude with a stop at 4:00 at the Galand Airhart farm where producers can view another dryland cotton variety test.

The Farm Tour is sponsored by the Lamesa Area Chamber of Commerce, Lamesa Cotton Growers and the Dawson County Subcommittee on Crops chaired by Lloyd Cline. Other Crops Subcommittee members are: E.D. Adeock, Leland Bartlett, Jim Beam, L.D. Echols, Elwood Freeman, Herbert Green, Bob Hale, Bill Hambrick, Bill Meares, Dale Merrick, Elia Morris, John Palmore, D.V. Phipps, M.S. Sellers, W.L. Snellgrove, Jesse Stephens and Bobby Warren.

According to Joe E. Wise, County Extension Agent all area farm producers and interested agri-business people are invited to make this tour.

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Congressman

Charles W. Stenholm

Congressional Comment

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Two years ago, the Food and Drug Administration and the Department of Agriculture announced that nitrite, used as a preservative in cured meats and poultry, caused cancer. This week, they changed their minds.

The revision was certainly good news for both consumer and producer of those meat products, but the nagging question remains: After two years of consumer uncertainty and untold millions of dollars worth of damage to industry, who is to be held accountable for this error?

As background, in 1978 the two agencies acted on the basis of a single study done at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology that said that nitrite had been found to cause cancer in rats when used in such foods as bacon, hot dogs and other food products.

Despite cries from the industry that the research was inclusive, the agencies proceeded to loudly decry the use of nitrite, creating an immediate reaction by the consuming public. Since nitrites have been used for years for the control of bacteria that cause deadly botulism, secondary fears were raised as to the safety of products that did not use nitrites. An estimated \$12.5 billion worth of food — 7 percent of our food supply, has nitrite added to it. In many respects, the nationwide production and distribution system for processed meats, poultry, fish and other products depended on the use of nitrite. And yet, on the basis of a single study, a phase-out of its use was begun and the costs to the industry and the consumer began to add up.

And what, after all of that, was the government's response to the costly error?

The senior official from the Food and Drug Administration told Congressmen at a special briefing this week that he was "sorry that this has caused problems, but that is the price we pay for open government."

My response to that lukewarm apology is that sometimes "sorry" just isn't enough. Uncle Sam, in the cloak of regulatory authority, taps on the shoulders of American industry and American consumers at every turn. This latest example of the over-use of that authority and lack of judgment on the part of those regulatory decisions, tells us that we have reached the point where producer and public alike must demand government accountability.

Congress itself, in passage of the Delaney Clause which requires the ban of any agent suspected of causing cancer, must admit its own role in that accounting. In the well-meaning guise of protecting the public, Congress opened the way for unlimited regulatory decisions, which — hastily executed and slowly retracted — have had the two-fold effect of alienating both the producer and consumer. The producer of the product in suspect must pay in the form of decreased demand for his product and for the costly defense of his product. The consumer has heard the government "cry wolf" with its various cancer warnings long enough to begin to ignore thoroughly substantiated, real dangers.

It is time for Congress to demand that all regulatory agencies adhere strictly to the old adage: Be sure you're right; then go ahead. Not the other way around. Of course the real problem is simply too much regulation; by too many regulators; that cost too much money.

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One 1980 Pontiac Catalina Sedan - fully loaded

This car is in excellent condition with approximately 16,000 miles.

The vehicle may be inspected at the Borden County Schools.

The Borden County Independent School District reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to waive any or all formalities.

You will not need a special form to place your bid. Just a note bearing your signature stating the amount you are prepared to give. All bid envelopes should be clearly marked, "Bid on Vehicle".

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CAPITOL UPDATE

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If the inflation rate could be brought down to 5.9 percent this year, everyone would be delighted. Politicians would stampede to take credit for the near-miraculous feat. But in 1970, when that WAS the inflation rate, the figure caused alarm and indignation. People feared for the state of the economy.

Now, economists and government officials yearn for a 10 percent rate of inflation. That would mean prices would double only every 7.2 years.

The consumer price index -- the most commonly used measure of inflation -- was 18 percent for the first quarter, and then dropped in the second quarter to 11.6 percent. That sounds like a big improvement, even if it was the result of recession. But the consumer price index is not the best measure of what is happening to the inflation rate because home mortgage rates are a major factor in calculating it. For the CPI to be an accurate indication, every family would have to buy a home every month.

The most comprehensive measure of inflation in the economy -- called by economists the "implicit gross national product deflator" -- rose from 9.5 percent in the first quarter to 10.4 percent in the second quarter. In 1976, it was 5.2 percent. All this indicates we are not winning the battle against inflation. Finally, the astounding 1.7 percent one-month jump in the producer price index -- a measure of wholesale prices -- indicates there may be even more serious trouble ahead.

The Carter Administration's commitment to fighting inflation was questionable from the start, in spite of loud public promises to make that battle the first priority. This Administration has accumulated \$132.1 billion in actual and estimated deficits, more than the combined total deficits from the end of World War II until 1972. Federal tax receipts this year will gobble up 22.4 percent of our gross national product, compared to only 21.9 percent at the height of World War II. In fact, taxes have increased from \$357 billion in 1977 to a proposed \$628 billion in 1981.

Personal income has not begun to keep pace, as every family knows. Government economists tell us that incomes from wages and salaries actually dropped last month.

Home mortgage rates, which plunged as the full impact of housing costs and recession hit potential home owners, are on the rise again. Food costs for months kept the rate of inflation down with prices so low that farmers have been driven into bankruptcy by the thousands. Now drought, and the cuts in production that were inevitable when farmers were unable to make a living with their business, have started to push food prices up to realistic levels.

Yet, at this critical time, even the half-hearted inflation battle waged by the Administration is in danger of faltering. The President now asserts that creating jobs is the number one priority of the federal government. Does that mean hundreds of thousands of artificial make-work jobs at a cost of billions of dollars? Certainly, he already is under pressure to take that step.

Unemployment is a serious problem, one that damages our nation's economic health and causes personal suffering. But inflation hits every American, and the unemployed most of all. We must work to solve our unemployment problem. However, if we lose sight of the overriding need to control inflation, we will not have helped anyone.

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THE HOOF — THE FOUNDATION

Your County Agent Says by Sam Field

Since 1909, the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station has been working in Lubbock and on the South Plains to help the farmer and rancher find better ways of producing his crops and livestock.

"And each year, we've had an annual field day to show the public what the scientist are doing, and why. For many years the field days have alternated between the TAES research facilities at Lubbock and Halfway.

This year's field day will be at Halfway on Tuesday, Sept. 9. The facility is 14 miles west of Plainview on U.S. Hwy. 70.

The program will begin at 12:30 and continue until 5 p.m. Visitors will be conducted on motorized tours of the research plots and see demonstrations of work being done on crop varieties, irrigation, cultural practices and other research, as well as new equipment.

Key stops on the tour will feature work with low energy precision application of irrigation water, furrow diking, weed

control and control of mites in corn and other crops.

Visitors will have an opportunity to discuss specific concerns with the researchers and with agents and specialists of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The annual field day is a cooperative presentation of the Experiment Station, the Extension Service, High Plains Research Foundation, USDA-Science and Education Administration, and the National Weather Service.

I will be attending the Field Day and would be happy to provide transportation for anyone wishing to attend. Agents have to be there at 9:30 so I will leave the Courthouse at 7:00 a.m. Please contact me if you wish a ride.

Don't forget our own Cotton Tour. It will be held Thursday, September 11 and begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Plains Community Center. Lunch will be served at the Plains Community Center before proceeding to the Demonstration in other parts of the county.

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