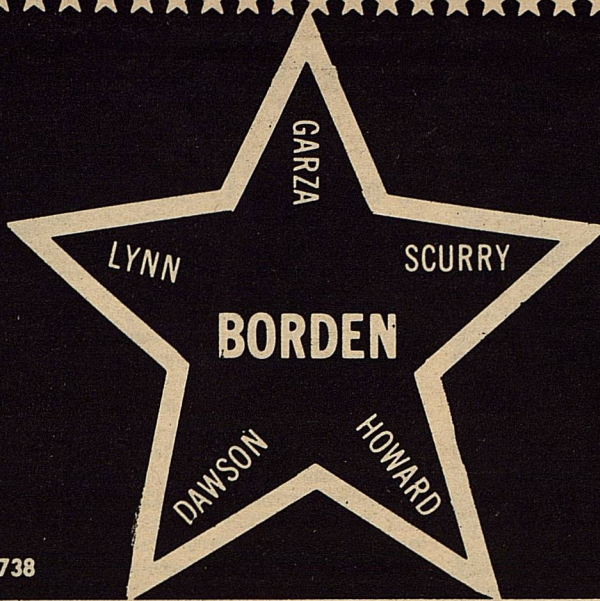


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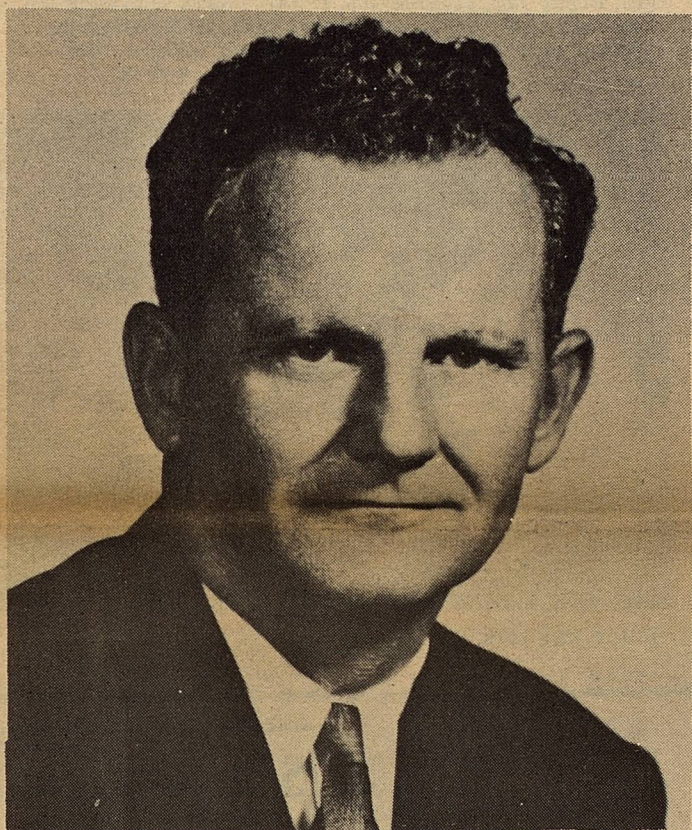
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MR. CHARLES H. YEATES

Welding Short Course

An oxy-acetylene welding short course for adult farmers will be held January 6-9 under the sponsorship of the Borden High School Vocational Agriculture Department, according to Mr. James McLeroy, Superintendent and Mr. Sid Long, teacher of vocational agriculture.

Mr. Charles H. Yeates, welding specialist with the Vocational Agriculture Division of the Texas Education Agency and the Department of Agricultural Engineering at the Texas A&M College, will be the instructor for the course. He is headquartered at Texas A&M College.

Mr. Yeates holds a B.S. degree from Texas A&M College in Agricultural Education. Mr. Yeates taught vocational agriculture and farm shop for a period of 15 years. He also taught automobile mechanics, electricity, electrical and acetylene welding and wood working in the Jasper County vocational school. He has had two years experience as a draftsman, and two years experience as a weld-

er.

"Many oxy-acetylene welding short courses in various parts of the state have been taught by Mr. Yeates and all have met with outstanding success," according to Mr. Hulan Harris, area supervisor of vocational agriculture Big Spring, Texas. Arrangements for the adult education shortcourse in welding and in other fields are made through Mr. Harris's office.

The short course at Borden is scheduled to begin Jan. 6 at 7:30 P.M. in the vocational agriculture building. Other meetings in the series of four will be held January 7, 8, 9. During the dates the short course is in progress, Mr. Yeates will be available to assist farmers and ranchers with individual problems and to provide on-the-farm instruction according to Sid Long.

Farmers interested in attending the short course should write or call the superintendent of schools, Mr. James McLeroy, or the teacher of vocational agriculture, Mr. Sid Long. An entry fee of \$10.00 will be charged.

Oxy-acetylene welding short course certificates are to be presented to each enrollee who attends all the training sessions.

Mr. Yeates stated that the short course will be adjusted to wishes and interests of farmers enrolled but that he expects to cover such subjects as safety in oxy-acetylene welding, factors controlled by the operator in oxy-acetylene welding, choosing adjusting torch flames, types of welding rods, preparation of joints, distortion, cutting and hardsurfacing.

Short courses in welding, as well as in other areas, are now available to farmers throughout the state under the new cooperative program between the Texas Education Agency and Texas A & M College.

This cooperative program is designed to make the services of specialist available to conduct short courses under the supervision of public schools. Such a program will enable teachers of vocational agriculture to provide improved educational services to farm and ranch people.

Specialist are now available in the fields of beef cattle, insect control, farm management, farm electrification, farm welding, swine production, tractor maintenance, dairy cattle, oxy-acetylene welding, and pasture improvement.

ATTENTION PLEASE

Agriculture Meeting

Mr. Marvin Sartin, Texas Extension Agriculture Economist specialist, will present a program on "Money Managing". It will be held Monday night, December 16, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will take place in the District Courtroom. The public is invited.

Some of the topics Mr. Sartin will speak on are Managing Income to minimizing tax burdens, Income tax averaging, Livestock sales for capital gains and other interesting and important subjects to farmers and ranchers.



L-R: CATHERINE JACKSON, KEM LOCKHART AND RITA CORNETT WERE SELECTED TO PLAY IN ALL REGION BAND.
(Staff Photo)

Students Receives Honor

Auditions were held Saturday December 7 at Iraan for the 1974-75 Regional VI - Class B-A-AA, All Region Band. Band members auditioning from the Borden Coyote Band were Catherine Jackson, Kem Lockhart and Rita Cornett, and all were selected for the band.

The band will meet in January

for a day of rehearsals and will present a concert that night. The date for this concert is January 11, 1975, 7:30 P.M. at Crane High School. Guest Conductor will be Dr. Charles Traylor, Abilene Christian College.

Congratulations for a fine job as this is the second year these fine seniors have been selected for this honor.

Plan For Party

Everyone is invited to the Homemakers Club annual Christmas Party. It will be Tuesday, December 17, at 6:30 p. m. in the Posse Building.

Each family is requested to bring a choice of chips and dips, candy or cookies. Punch and coffee will be furnished by the Club.

Members, please remember your secret pals.

As Santa will be present, parents should bring gifts to put under the tree for each of their children.

Program Invitation

The Gail Baptist Church invites everyone to come to the Christmas Program being presented by the Youth of the Church. It will begin at 5:00 p.m. December 15.

Everyone who wants to brave the cold are also invited to join in caroling through Gail after the program.

Fellowship, hot chocolate, hot spiced tea, coffee and other treats will be in the church after the caroling.

Come and learn!!

4-H FAMILY SQUARE DANCE

FUN FOR ALL

Saturday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sheriff Posse Building

This is to form a square dance club. Everyone from novice to professional is invited.

Borden County School News



3rd. Grade Class entertained Parents Club-Back Row Kim Wills, Kelly Williams, Dawn Ann Holmes, Kelley McPhaul, Lorri Doyle, Tonya Newsom, and Roxie Wolf. Front-Sammy Williams, Scot Jones, James and Bobby Espinoza.

FFA Fruit Sale

The Gail FFA Chapter would like to express their appreciation to all persons purchasing grapefruit and oranges in this year's fruit sale. A record number of boxes of fruit were sold this year, 9,460 pounds. The fruit will be delivered this week by FFA members. The Chapter also has a limited supply of extra fruit, that can be picked up at the Vocational Agriculture building. Prices on the extra fruit is \$6.50 for a 40 pound box and \$4.50 for the 20 pound box.

FHA Meeting

The F.H.A. members held their fourth meeting on December 4, 1974. The meeting began with the opening ceremony. The members then recited the club purposes. Cindy Beaver, secretary, read the minutes and passed out membership cards. The deadline for the stamp collection is January 3, 1975. Mrs. Kountz read a Christmas poem. Refreshments and decorations were furnished by the December refreshment committee: Bica Baeza, Martha Anderson, and Sue Hancock. The Little Sisters revealed themselves and exchanged gifts. The meeting was adjourned by Catherine Jackson.

Parents Club

The Borden Elementary Parent's Club met on December 5 in the Elementary library. Mrs. McMean's 3rd grade class presented the program. It was titled "Christmas Around the World." It was very interesting and enjoyable for the mothers.

The minutes from October and November meetings were read and approved. The suggestion for a ball rack is still being discussed. Clara Walker made the motion for a bake sale to be held on December 19th. Cricket Vaughn seconded the motion. Cake, bread, candies, and cookies will be needed. Pies will not be sold because of interference with the 4-H pie sale. A motion was made and seconded for Christmas bags for all elementary students. The Elementary mothers are asked to meet at the Elementary Library at 9:00 A.M. on December 19 to fill the bags.

The 3rd grade class had the most mothers present for the meeting and received the prize which is a bag of candy.

The next meeting will be held on January 9, 1975.

Ollie Holmes made the motion that the meeting adjourn. Clara Walker seconded the motion.

ASSISTANCE CENTERS SET UP—Citizens of nine Texas counties classified as major disaster areas because of adverse weather conditions received briefings on the rights to assistance.

Anderson, Bell, Cooke, Denton, El Paso, Hopkins, McLennan, Parker and Williamson counties received the disaster classification.



MAIL LETTERS TO SANTA: Shellie Buchanon, Carl Daugherty Dewayne Dudd, Marcy Loftis, Cherry Vaughn, Mathew Massingill, Brice Key, John Stevens, LaTayne Rudd, Micky Burkett, Lin Long, Gerry Smith, and David Vidal, all Kindergarten students of Mrs. Joe Copeland's class.



BRICE KEY says "That's mine!"

BASKETBALL



Boys

Hi School

The High School Boys lost to Wilson in the first game of the New Home tournament 56-51. Scoring for the Coyotes were Monte Smith 15, Clifton Smith 13, Larry Simer 12, Richard Long 4, John Anderson 3, Kern Lockhart 2, and Matt Farmer 2.

In the second Borden game, the boys lost to O'Donnell in a close game 74-73. The Coyote scorers were Clifton Smith 24,

Monte Smith 16, Larry Simer 14, John Anderson 8, Richard Long 6, Ken McMeans 3 and Jim McLeroy 2.

The Coyotes play Grady for their first game of the Greenwood tournament Thursday at 3:00 P.M. Their second game will be either at 12:20 or 5:40 Friday depending on the outcome of their first game. The boys teams in the Greenwood tournament are Stanton, Westbrook, Grady, Borden, Midland Lee (Soph), Ira, Klondike and Greenwood.

"B" Team Wins

The Borden Junior High "B" team defeated Dawson 12-6 on Monday night.

Brad Smith hit for 6 points, while Tim Taylor, Jay Stroup, and Troyce Wolfe scored two points each. Campbell of Dawson hit for a total of 4 points and Seerver 2 points.

Jr. Hi

The Borden Junior High Varsity boys lost a tight game at Dawson Monday night. Final score for the second district basketball game was 33-29.

High point man for the Coyotes was Blane Dyess with 22 points. Remaining scorers were Ben Murphy, Travis Rinehart, and Perry Smith with 3, 2, and 2 points respectively. Davis was high point man for the Dawson Dragons with 11 points.

Girls

The Borden Junior High and 6th grade girls traveled to Welch Monday, December 9, for two games with Dawson and came away with two victories. The junior high girls won 42-23. Pennye Thompson scored 19 points, Talley Griffin 15, Karen Williams 4, and Lisa McLeroy 4 points. Glynda Burkett had 2 scoring assists and 3 recoveries. Talley and Pennye each had 3 rebounds each and Talley had 4 recoveries. The win gives the Borden girls a record of 4 wins and 3 losses.

The 6th grade girls won their game 40-6. Monica Dyess scored 18 points, Jana Edwards 8, Becky Miller 6, Suzanne Walker 4, Tammy Telchik 2, and Debra Kountz 2 points. Jana had 5 rebounds. Monica, Debra and Joie Brummett each had 6 recoveries.

Girls Hi School

The Borden High School girls defeated Wilson 67-56 in the first round of the New Home Tournament, Thursday, December 5, 1974. Deidre Tucker scored 26 points and had 3 assists; Catherine Jackson 19, Philena Farmer 12 and Sue Hancock 10 points. Tricia Jackson had 6 rebounds and 7 recoveries and Lisa Ludecke had 5 rebounds and 4 recoveries. In the second round of the tournament

the girls were defeated by the host team 64-52. Philena scored 21 points, Deidre 16, Catherine 6, Sue 5 and Gay Griffin 4 points. New Home then defeated Tahoka and advanced to the finals of the tournament, losing to Ropes. Seagraves girls won 3rd place and McCamey won Consolation.

The girls play Grady in the first round of the Greenwood Tournament Thursday at 1:40 P.M.

Teachers

Attend Clinic

Mrs. Corkey Ogden and Mrs. Jim Burkett attended a conference for school librarians on Friday, December 6 at the Mabey American Heritage Center at Lubbock Christian College.

Dr. Al Lowman, from the Institute of Texan Cultures in San Antonio gave a presentation entitled, "The Production of a Book as a Work of Art." Winifred Vigness and B. Watkins presented a very informative talk on background information and materials for the Texas Bicentennial Celebration. Dr. Mary Boyvey discussed guidelines for the development of campus learning resources centers.

School Menu

December 16-19, 1974

MONDAY

Corn Dogs
Green Beans
Tossed Salad
Peach Cobbler
Milk

TUESDAY

Beef Stew
Pimento Cheese & Crackers
Fruit Salad
Cornbread - Butter
Oranges
Milk

WEDNESDAY

Turkey
Mashed Potatoes
English Peas
Hot Rolls-Butter
Cookies - Oranges
Milk

THURSDAY

Chili Bun with Cheese
Cream Style Corn
Tossed Salad
Oranges
Milk

No opportunity is ever lost; someone else picks up those which you miss.

NAME APPROPRIATE

Don La Voice, of Enfield, Connecticut, is the male soloist for the Valley Singers Choral group.

4-H Project

The Plains 4-H group interested in the Food and Nutrition Program held its first meeting Wed. Dec. 4th in the Jarrell Edwards home.

The first order of business was the election of officers. President Jana Edwards, Vice-President Glenda Burkett and Secretary Treasure Rosa Vidal. Attending were Heather McPhaul, Lisa Smith, Stephanie Stephens, Tammy Telchik, Suzanne Walker & Charla Vaughn. The group then discussed the purpose of the program in relation to developing skills and understanding of safety, food preparation and nutrition.

4-H adult leaders Nancy Edwards, Carolyn Stephens and Junior leader Lisa Ludecke would like to remind all persons in our county the importance of this and other 4-H programs in preparing our boys and girls adequately for their youth and adult lives.

The next meeting on the Plains will be after school on Wednesday January 8, 1975 in the Edwards home. There are groups forming in the Gail and Fluvanna communities for interested youths in other areas of our county.

University Of Texas

Austin, Texas (Spl.)—A new course at The University of Texas next spring may increase the understanding of future doctors and nurses about "where it hurts" when they are working with Spanish-speaking patients.

The course, Spanish for the Medical Professions, is designed for students preparing to enter the health professions and is an attempt to add to the quality of health-care delivery to the Spanish-speaking population of Texas.

Besides focusing on scientific terminology (in Spanish), the course will include aspects of Spanish culture.

Official fall enrollment at The University of Texas at Austin is 41,841—an increase of 1,230 students over the 1973

fall figure of 40,611.

The totals show that 24,413 men and 17,428 women are enrolled.

The college having the greatest increase is Business Administration, which gained 837 more students. Only four UT colleges experienced enrollment drops, the greatest dip coming in Social and Behavioral Sciences, which is down 428 students.

University of Texas students gave 1,800 pints of blood in the recent fall blood drive, exceeding by 50 pints the stated goal. Next spring the UT goal will be 3,500 units of blood.

UT's blood drive, largest campus drive in Texas, has collected more than 13,000 units of blood in the past 10 efforts.

After the much-needed clotting factor in the blood is removed for distribution to hemophiliacs, the remaining blood is sent to various blood banks throughout the state.

Study Novels

Snyder—Four novels by Nobel Prize winner Hermann Hesse will be studied in Masterpieces of Literature to be offered in the mid-winter session at Western Texas College Dec. 31-Jan. 11.

Hesse is the most widely read novelist on the American campus today, Wendell Jones, instructor for the course, said. Hesse emphasized the plight of the individual in society and his struggles to retain his identity.

The novels to be studied are "Demian," "Steppenwolf," "Narziss und Goldmund" and "Siddharta." All the novels are short, Jones said, and all are available in paperback editions to that students planning to take the course can get copies and begin reading the novels before the class begins. There will be class discussion of the novelist and his works during class sessions.

The course is listed as English 233.

Registration for the mid-winter session is scheduled Dec. 13-31 in the registrar's office at WTC. Students enrolled at other colleges who attend the session will not be required to present transcripts. Minimum tuition is \$25 plus fees if required.

4-H Meets

The 4-H Club of Borden met Monday, December 9 in the Borden Auditorium. Opening ceremonies were held by Lisa Ludecke. Troyce Wolf led the Pledge of Allegiance. Carla Jones led the 4-H Pledge.

We discussed the basketball game between the Borden 4-H fathers and the Fluvanna Young Farmers. Each 4-H family should bring a pie or cake to sell at the pie sell at half-time and a dozen sandwiches or a dozen brownies.

The game will begin at 7:00 P.M. Saturday, December 21 at the School Gym in Gail. Everyone Come! Kristy Smith 4-H Reporter



JOYCE CHAPMAN

Fluvanna FFA Names Sweetheart

Joyce Chapman, 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Chapman has been selected Future Farmers of America Sweetheart at Fluvanna High School.

A sophomore, she is currently serving as class treasurer and secretary of Explorer Post 32. She is a Greenhand Farmer in the Fluvanna FFA Chapter, having shown the reserve champion sheep in the local stock show last year. She was named Most Likely to Succeed by the Fluvanna faculty in 1974. She is a cheerleader for the Fluvanna Buffaloes.

Miss Chapman plays the piano, enjoys sewing and embroidery, and likes basketball, track, and tennis.

She will compete for the title of District FFA Sweetheart in Sweetwater on Dec. 9.

Basketball



BASKETBALL!

BASKETBALL!!!

TO ALL 4-H-ers, PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Y'ALL COME

-WHERE-

TO THE BASKETBALL GAME

BETWEEN

FLUVANNA YOUNG FARMERS

and

BORDEN COUNTY 4-H DADS

-ALSO-

A PIE SALE AT HALF TIME

-WHAT TO DO-

Bring a pie to sell

-WHEN-

THE EVENT WILL BEGIN AT 7:00 P.M., SATURDAY,

DECEMBER 21 AT THE SCHOOL GYM

Admission: \$1.00 for adults
.50 for students

-REMBER-

Bring a pie and come to have fun

THERE WILL ALSO BE A CONCESSION STAND WITH SANDWICHES & DRINKS

(4-H parents are asked to please bring a dozen sandwiches and a dozen brownies).

Schedule (Revised) Junior High

Jan 6	Union	T	A GIRLS & A BOYS	5:30
Jan 9-10-11	Klondike Tour.	T	6TH GRADE GIRLS & BOYS	
Jan 13	Klondike	H	A & B GIRLS & BOYS	5:30
Jan 20	Sands	T	A GIRLS & A BOYS	6:00
Jan 23-25	Union Tour.	T	A & B GIRLS & BOYS	
Jan 27	Grady	H	A GIRLS, A & B BOYS	5:30
Feb 3	Wellman	H	A GIRLS & A BOYS	5:30
Feb 13-15	Dawson Tourn.	T	A GIRLS & A BOYS	

High School

Dec 12-14	Greenwood Tourn.		A BOYS & A GIRLS	
Dec 19	Forsan	H		5:00
Dec 20	Loop	T	A & B GIRLS	6:30
Dec 26-30	West Tex. Inv. Tour.		A GIRLS	
Jan 2	Sands	T	A BOYS, A & B GIRLS	5:00
Jan 7	Klondike	T	A BOYS, A & B GIRLS	5:00
Jan 9	Union	H	A BOYS & A GIRLS	6:30
Jan 14	Wellman	H	A BOYS, A & B GIRLS	5:00
Jan 17	Dawson	T	A & B BOYS, A GIRLS	5:00
Jan 21	Loop	H	A & B BOYS, A GIRLS	5:00
Jan 24	Sands	H	A & B BOYS, A GIRLS	5:00
Jan 28	Open			
Jan 31	Klondike	H	A & B BOYS, A GIRLS	5:00
Feb 4	Union	T	A BOYS & A GIRLS	6:30
Feb 7	Wellman	T	A & B BOYS, A GIRLS	5:00
Feb 11	Dawson	H	A & B BOYS, A GIRLS	5:00
Feb 13	Loop	T		6:30

TURKEY SHOOT



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BORDEN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR CLASS

Saturday, December 21

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— FOOD ON GROUNDS —

Jerre's Greetings

How do you feel about receiving money for a birthday gift? My answer: In the case of a 200 year old bankrupt nation, I think it a terrific gift suggestion. You know, by the time you are 200 years old, you either have everything or you have mismanaged so badly that you are living off your relatives. Seems like Uncle Sam is in that predicament.

I'm talking about Uncle Sam's 200th birthday which, so far, 1,659 cities, towns, and hamlets are preparing to celebrate in 1976. There will be scores more who will be designated a "Bicentennial Community" before the candles are lit and the cake brought in. This Bicentennial party was okayed by Congress in 1966. Then in 1973, the to do was officially launched with a re-enactment of the Boston Tea Party. That in itself seems extravagant considering the food shortages everywhere—surely the tea wasn't pre-sweetened.

Lots of planning—some abortive—and much money have gone into the drafting of the birthday party. Remember the uproar over the "official Bicentennial mural" done in Washington, D.C. last year? Terribly unpatriotic, suggestive and subversive. Yet we paid for it. The Congress has budgeted \$8 million annually—1973 through 1976. This money is to assist the Bicentennial Communities with their local projects for celebration.

Seems to me it would be prudent if each community and the Fed contribute all they would have spent painting their water towers and planting trees to the repayment of Uncle Sam's debts. He is almost destitute—poor ole man. The money contributed wouldn't begin to clear his name, but maybe it would at least pay the interest. This sort of payment would be the most anti-inflation expenditure that could be arranged.

The projects being considered are in part commendable. Some of them are silly—such as that of the National Zoo. They hope to mate their pandas—in order to produce a Bicentennial cub, see. If any mating is to be done, more appropo to the theme would be that of buffaloes. Then there is the chili-lympiad to be held in Texas as a commemorative function. Fire plugs are being painted to resemble Revolut-

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ionary soldiers. Artificial lakes have been proposed for arid regions. Lots of parks, gazebos, band shells, fountains and flag poles are being presented. I'm all for parades and hunting. I'd like to see the fife and drum played on every square. This is a great nation. But would we not be wise to help bale the ole birthday boy out before he collapses? Hopefully his next centennial would find him prosperous and better able to accept extravagant gifts.

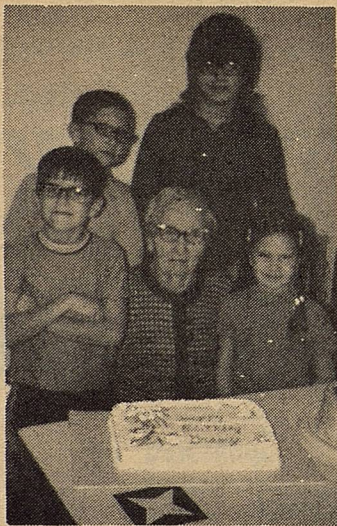
Christmas Spirit

The Murphy Home Demonstration Club met Thursday, December 5th, 1974 at the Knapp Community Center for its annual Christmas party with Miss Ruby Butts, County Agent, Mmes Jack Dunn, D.C. Jones, W. Ed Murphy, Herbert von Rodder, Jewel Bruner, Nina Garner, J. E. Sorrells, Geo. Murry, Sam Buchanan, Erika Blankenship, Jack Drake, Ella Bridge and daughter Tonya and Ruth Weathers, enjoying a versatile three hours of fellowship.

As a result of a short business session three shut-ins are to be remembered. Mrs. A. J. Ray gave the blessing with a bountiful salad luncheon, buffet style, following. Christmas songs were sung, with Mrs. Jones, as pianist. A variety of recreation led by different individuals was highly enjoyed.

From a beautiful white flocked Christmas tree, trimmed with colored ornaments, there was an exchange of unusual gifts ranging from a bowl of fresh hen eggs in an oven ware bowl, a home-cooked Christmas cake, to a foreign made porcelain stamp holder including stamps.

Happy Holidays were wished to each and all, those present, those absent.



MRS. MINNIE WISE surrounded by some of her great-grandchildren, Kirby, Keith, Karen, and Kelly Williams.

Celebrates

Mrs. Minnie Wise celebrated her birthday Sunday afternoon, December 8, in the home of her grandson, Kenneth Williams. Mrs. Wise, Kenneth and his family were later joined by her other grandson, Ralph Williams and his family.

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News

Gets Around

Glenn Rambin, who is attending college at New Orleans, La., spent the holidays with his parents the G.A. Rambins.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Ezell and son John Edd of Lubbock were Thanksgiving dinner guests of her parents the H.A. Smith's and visited with the Jack Ezells.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Henderson and family of Dimmitt, were holiday guests of her parents the Edd Franklin's and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Ellis were week-end visitors of their 2 daughters and families at Dallas.

Mrs. Prissy Thompson has returned home after an extended visit with her daughter and family at Brownsville.

The Jimmy Joe Key's are vacationing in Old Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Bryant and family of Odessa visited over the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Dessie McMichael.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Black of Brownfield visited during the holidays with their relatives the Murry's of Lake Thomas.

Dr. and Mrs. Ellis Wright Huddleston and family of Lubbock were Thanksgiving dinner guests of his parents the Wright Huddleston's.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gordon are the proud grandparents of another grand-daughter born at Waco, during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Smith and two children of Graham were week-end visitors of Snyder relatives.

Ruth Weathers was shopping in Big Spring, Saturday.

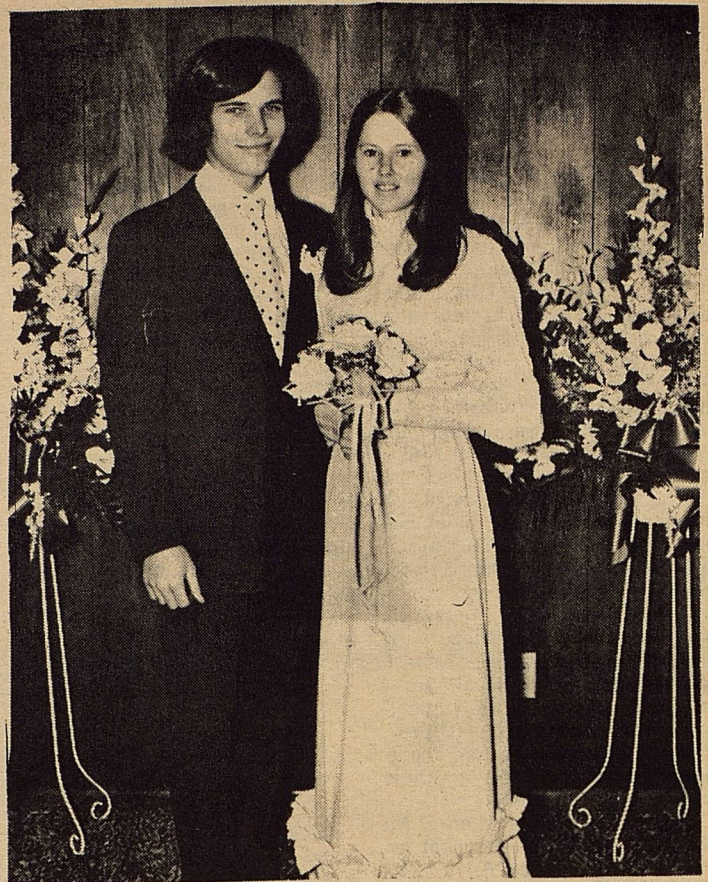
Mmes. Edd Franklin and Wayne Crow shopped in Lubbock Monday.

David Poe, stationed in Florida, has been a recent visitor of home-folk.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Woodards, the Joe Reeds of Justiceburg, Jewel Reed and children, Dale Cornett and Randy Cornett of Lamesa, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gilmore of Gail have been recent guests in the J.A. Cornett home at Lake Thomas.

Diana Jones of Dimmitt spent the holidays with her parents the D.C. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Dodson and Jeff Ellis of Colorado City have been visiting in Houston.



MR. AND MRS. CLAYTON COPELAND

Wed In Home Ceremony

Double ring nuptials were solemnized by Miss Rhonda Sue Patterson and Clayton Dean Copeland at 3 p.m. Friday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt Hataway, brother-in-law and sister of the bride, Mike Ezzell, minister of Fluvanna Church of Christ, officiated.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal length gown of winter ivory polyester cotton with an old fashion high collar. The cape collar was trimmed in ivory lace. The long sheer bishop sleeves had deep cuffs with matching lace on top and bottom. She carried a cascade designed bouquet of gardenias nested in candlelight satin ribbon. The cascade was of variegated pittosporium leaves with touches of baby's breath. She wore a gardenia atop a royal blue headpiece. For something old the bride wore earrings belonging to her sister, Cindy Hataway. Something new was her dress, made by her aunt, Mrs. G.K. Fambro; something borrowed was her necklace and something blue was her garter.

The reception was held in the

Hataway home. The table was covered with an ivory linen cloth centered with a prayer candle surrounded by ivy and ivory colored chrysanthemums. The tiered wedding cake was served by the bride's sister, Mrs. Tommy Smith of Midland, and punch was served by Fay Sullenger, cousin of the bride, Miss Kay Copeland, sister of the groom registered guests. Guests were from San Angelo, Lubbock, Midland, Fluvanna, Gail and Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Ogden of Gail served the couple as honor attendants. After a wedding trip to Ruidoso, New Mexico, the couple will reside in Amarillo.

A graduate of Borden County High School, Mrs. Copeland attends Amarillo Junior College. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Royce Patterson of Fluvanna.

Copeland is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Copeland of Gail. He is also a graduate of Borden County High School and attends Texas State Technical Institute in Amarillo.

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College Station--The South Plains was well represented when the 53rd National 4-H Congress kicked off in Chicago on December 1. Ten 4-H members from Extension District 2 were among the 40-member Texas delegation joining over 1,600 4-H youth from all 50 states, Puerto Rico and Canada in the windy city of the Midwest. Four others from areas surrounding the South Plains will be among the 40-member group.

"4-H--We Can Make It Happen" is the theme of this year's Congress. The national event is the highlight of the 4-H year and honors those 4-H boys and girls who have outstanding records for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the parent organization of the state 4-H program.

Those attending have earned the trip through their 4-H accomplishments as evidenced by record books completed in a wide range of subjects.

"Texas delegates will leave from Dallas Nov. 30 following an orientation meeting," say District Extension Agents Billy C. Gunter and Catherine Crawford.

The 4-H'ers, the programs in which they have excelled, and their counties are listed below.

Teresa Clemmer, achievement, Taylor; Norman Acker, citizenship, Castro; Deana Finck, clothing, and Aaron Parker, rabbit, both of Swisher; Mary Hunt, dairy foods, Howard; Larry Hand, dog care and training, and Kim McMenamy, field crops science, both of Lubbock; Ramona Skinner, dress revue, Childress; Brad Hughes, electric, and Janice Hughes, recreation, both of Gaines; Van Miller, horticulture, Floyd; David McClen-don, Santa Fe, Hale; Kenneth Dieschnick, Santa Fe, Wilbarger; and Rodney Logsdon, sheep Lamb.

Accompanying the Texas delegation will be C.R. Salmon, area 4-H and youth specialist, College Station; Edwin T. Garnett, district Extension agent, Vernon; Kathy Hufnagle, Potter County Extension agent; and Bill McCutchen, Milam County Extension agent.

Parent Involvement

It's important for parents to be involved in their children's out-of-school, educational programs, says Earnest Kiker, county agent for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Such involvement is especially important in the 4-H program.

"Because a child's attitude is strongly influenced by his parents' attitudes, it is important for parents to show enthusiasm and interest in their children's activities," says Kiker. "Parents can provide a great measure of support, confidence and security to their own child."

He believes that if parents meet with the leader of a youth group or club and keep informed of the club's activities, their children will have a more enjoyable club experience.

"Parents can serve on planning committees, encourage project work, hold meetings in their homes, share special talents and hobbies, and help locate other adults to help with special activities," points out the county agent.

4-H and other youth programs offer good opportunities for families to do things together, contends Kiker.

Time To Chain

Lubbock -- Heavy rains this fall have provided almost ideal conditions for getting rid of mesquite by chaining, says a noted brush control scientist here.

C.E. Fisher, a 40-year veteran researcher who heads the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station's Brush Control Field Team says that heavy rains during the 1974 fall months made it considerably easier to uproot mesquite trees and brush by the chaining method.

He explains that two or sometimes three powerful crawler tractors are used to pull a 400-foot chain weighing up to 36,000 pounds over the ground, destroying any dead brush or trees in its path.

"Chaining when the soil is wet helps to pull up larger trees. Smaller brush plants are at least knocked down to ground level," Fisher says.

Best results have been obtained in the late fall and winter, he adds, when mesquite is dormant and brittle so that it breaks up readily.

"We have found when the soil is dry, most of the trees are broken off at a ground level and are able to sprout again the following year," the scientist reports.

Chains, much like anchor chains of large ships, are able to cut a swath through the mesquite, knocking down everything in its path.

Fisher notes that the chains most commonly used range from 300 to 400 feet and weigh 60 to 90 pounds per foot.

Costs of this method vary from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per acre, he reports, depending on the type of growth, terrain and whether the land has been sprayed before.

"Chaining mesquite that has not been aerial sprayed is usually more costly and ineffective," Fisher says. "On sprayed mesquite, more power is required to pull up large trees while small ones either bend or break off at ground level easily sprouting back again. Sprayed mesquite pulls up much easier since most of the roots are dead and are not clinging to the soil."

Says Fisher, one of the most effective and economical methods of controlling mesquite on extensive areas of rangeland is to aerial spray with 2,4,5-T, Tordon 225 or Banvel 2 plus 2, and then chain the treated area one to three years later. The spray kills a high percentage of the small brushy plants and the chain uproots most of the large trees.

"This combination of chemical and mechanical control yields good control at low cost, opens up vast acreages of productive rangeland, and reduced the cost of gathering cattle by as much as 50 to 80 percent," he concludes.

Proper Harvesting

Lubbock--As if summer drought, a wet fall, disease, hail and low prices were not enough, some cotton producers now may have to face the prospects of reduced grades and possibly even yield due to "barkly" cotton.

The strange condition is the result of prolonged periods of wet, humid conditions during the latter part of the season, says Dr. Robert B. Metzger, Cotton Specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Cotton plants that were killed by desiccants, verticillium wilt or other diseases prior to the prolonged wet spell now have deteriorated to the point that limbs and stalks break off during stripping, he explains. Strips of bark are peeled from these broken sticks and limbs in harvesting and ginning operations.

The former Lubbock-based specialist who now serves the state from Extension headquarters at College Station says that barky cotton will be reduced by delaying stripping until the cotton plant has time to dry out.

"With green stalks, it is difficult to remove the bolls from the plant, requiring close setting of the stripper rolls to get the cotton," he adds. "Under these conditions, considerably more barky bales can be expected."

"Under dry, open weather conditions, stripping will improve each day. Grade, whiteness of the cotton, also will improve with open weather. But, excessive delay of harvest will result in deteriorated plants, and thus bark, loss in grade and even yield can be expected, he says.

"Only dry cotton should be harvested," Metzger advises. "This is essential in maintaining lint quality, whether it's ginned immediately or placed in storage."

"UFO"

AUSTIN - "UFO" could save your life this hunting season; not an unidentified flying object but "use fluorescent orange clothing."

Hunter safety officials at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department have compiled evidence which shows that fluorescent or hunter orange clothing reduces accidents, not by eliminating the problems but by making it more obvious.

In the same state, however, three hunters who wore yellow and 20 hunters clad in red were shot.

Pennsylvania hunters who wore drab or camouflage clothing had the worst record--43 were injured in the three-year period.

Massachusetts was the first state to adopt fluorescent

orange for big game hunting and today at least 14 other states have laws which require hunters to wear varying amounts of the colored clothing. Last year another 18 states had similar laws before their legislature for consideration.

Blaze or fluorescent orange is the only color which is detected by persons with varying degrees of color vision deficiency.

Tests conducted by vision experts in the U.S. have found that some eight percent of the male population is affected by color blindness.

Fluorescent orange is completely out of place in nature and it is immediately apparent.

Fluorescents are the most brilliant during the accident-prone hours of dawn and dusk or when heavy shadows destroy much of the available light.

A standard yellow can be seen as gray and white at certain hours of the day, particularly just as the sun rises or sets. And yellow does not stand out at all when seen by a hunter wearing yellow or amber shooting glasses.

A common objection of hunters to blaze orange clothing is glare. Some of the first caps, vests and jackets made of hunter orange were of a slick material which produced a glare that warned game of a hunter's presence.

New, softer fabrics are used now which reflect little glare but still are highly visible.

Hope For Cattle Market

"Despite feedlot losses, high feed costs, and large supplies of feeder calves, some faint rays of hope are beginning to appear in the cattle industry," says Earnest Kiker, county agent for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Several factors indicate some improvement is coming in the cattle industry, according to Kiker.

"The slaughter of yearling cattle and cows has gone up sharply in recent weeks. There

will probably be about 4.8 million non-fed steers and heifers slaughtered this year, which will greatly reduce supplies of carried-over feeders.

"Calf slaughter should be 26 per cent greater than last year, which will also help reduce the supply of feeder animals," notes Kiker.

At the same time, retailers are moving this younger beef in increasing quantities, using such fancy names as "baby beef, young beef, thrifty beef and junior beef."

"The increase in cow slaughter indicates some breaking up of breeding herds, which is probably the only real solution to the overall beef problem," believes Kiker.

"There is also relief in sight for feedlots. If fed steers continue to increase in price and if feedlot marketings continue at a low level, feedlots should finally show some profits in the coming weeks."

Another good indication for an improved beef situation is the fact that imports of beef and veal into the U.S. during August were down 29 per cent from last year. Also, imports of cattle from Mexico were down 47 per cent and Canadian cattle imports were down 87 per cent, says Kiker.

All these factors are positive in effect, but the real results may not be felt until late 1975 or early 1976.

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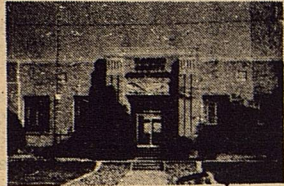
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Court House Happenings



Borden County

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WHEREAS, On the 25th day of November, 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
CARL McKEE-Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
VERNON WOLF-Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
DORIS T. RUDD, County Clerk and ex-officio clerk of the Commissioner's Court, with Don A. Jones, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4, constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

The minutes of the meeting had on November 11, 1974 were read. A motion was made by Commissioner Vernon Wolf to approve said minutes as read. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Herman Ledbetter and approved unanimously.
A motion was made by Commissioner Herman Ledbetter to rescind the motion dated November 11, 1974 to sell at public auction a lot located in the town of Gail. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wolf and passed unanimously.
A motion was made to reduce the price of truck bought by J. W. Gray, by sealed bid on January 28, 1974, from \$1750.00 (the original bid price) to \$1488.00, a depreciation of \$262.00 due to the County having used the said truck for the past nine months. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf to advertise 1969 model truck, with no dump bed, for sale, bids to be opened December 9, 1974 at 10:00 a.m. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
A motion was made by Commissioner Vernon Wolf due to 2 dump trucks in Precinct No. 3 having been wrecked, to issue notice for an emergency purchase of 1 dump truck, with the 10 day waiting period to be waived. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BORDEN

BID NOTICE

Notice is herewith given that Borden County, Texas will purchase two new 1975 dump trucks for operation in Precinct #3 one which was previously advertised for as recorded in Commissioners' Court minutes of April 22, 1974, Vol. 7, pg. 987.

Because of the emergency sit-

uation the 10 day notice period will be waived and trucks will be purchased immediately upon the availability of the equipment desired by the Commissioners.

Equipment, after purchase will be delivered to American Trailer Company, Lubbock for the installation of dump beds. BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT

/s/ Judge Glenn Toombs
County Judge, Borden Co.

A motion was made to pay current accounts in the amount of \$12,362.41 plus \$5,000.00 transferred from General Fund to Officers Salary. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

There being no further business Commissioner Ledbetter made a motion to adjourn, motion seconded and passed unanimously.

Insurance Reductions

Austin, Tex.--State Insurance Board Chairman Joe Christie Tuesday, said a parade of management changes within the department is showing increased productivity and major cost reductions.

Christie said the latest by-product of the agency's year-long reorganization efforts will be a reduction in insurance company maintenance taxes.

These taxes are assessed by the Board on companies writing all lines of insurance in the state on a premium dollar volume as a means to help finance the operation of the State Board of Insurance.

The state has been taxing insurance companies to create a building fund reserve to assist in the financing of expansion facilities in future years.

"Our management consultant program showed us that we aren't going to need what virtually amounts to a new multi-million-dollar building because we can make changes to make more efficient use of the space we are now using," Christie said.

Christie said a major waste-saver was to make more efficient use of the department's filing system.

"That's a gimmicky way of saying that we had too many filing cabinets, for one thing and we've gotten rid of unneeded

storage cabinets and found we can use existing floor space and thereby reduce the need for additional floor space."

The five maintenance tax categories yielded the Department \$7.3 million this year based on the 1973 premium volume.

Estimated income after these tax reductions is projected at \$3.9 million on a premium volume of \$1.8 billion.

Christie's laundry list of cost reductions and efficiency improvements also included nearly a quarter of a million dollars in savings in the Department's current budget.

"We instituted a personnel hiring moratorium in August of this year. Since that time, more than 29 full-time employees have left the Board and our work load has been redistributed in such a way to make the hiring of 29 new employees unnecessary."

Christie said that the net reduction of employees represents a 5 percent cut in personnel strength at this time.

He said the improvements will save Texas taxpayers an estimated \$220,982.00 during the current fiscal year.

"I expect additional cost savings as we continue to revamp our operations."

Work performed under this new environment has actually improved, Christie said.

For example, the Practices and Claims Section processed 4,356 complaints, inquiries, acknowledgements and follow-ups during October for health, accident, fire and casualty insurance.

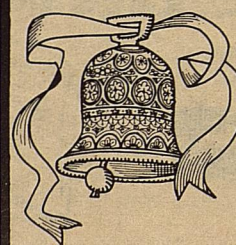
Monies paid to policy holders by the companies as a result of this work amounted to \$1.1 million, according to Christie.

"That one month represents as much activity in numbers of complaints and dollar volume as we used to do in six months. It's obvious to me, this is one heck of a turnaround to the notion that the bureaucracy has gotten fat and out of hand."

Party

Mike and Mark Murphy and Tommie Brown, celebrated birthdays at the Ira community Center Thursday afternoon with approximately 35 boys, girls and adults in attendance. Happy birthday was sung with games following. Delicious chocolate cake, cup cakes and ice cream were served with party favors as balloons, beads, puzzles, and bubble gum.

Yuletide Joy

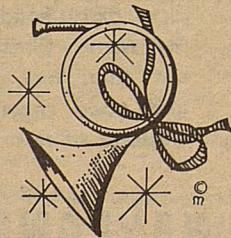


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School Nurse

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--But the pain does go away by itself. The pain may come and go but arthritis is CHRONIC--once you have it you're probably stuck with it. The damage it does cannot be reversed.

--I can take something for fast pain relief. There is no "instant relief." The only effective treatments are long-range. Symptoms can be relieved but it takes time and patience.

--Special Diet can cure arthritis. There is no special diet for arthritis. No food causes it and no food will cure it. (Gout is an exception--certain foods are bad for gout victims).

--A warm climate will make arthritis better. There's no medical evidence that a warm climate favorably alters the course of arthritis. Warmth does relieve symptoms in many people--yet others find no change at all.

Beware of "Quack remedies" Arthritis spend \$400 million a year on phony "cures". Some do no harm except to waste time and money...others are actually harmful and dangerous. There's no substitute for the care of a physician.

Chances For Cure

Many private and government organizations are doing research, promoting education and providing treatment for arthritis. A major breakthrough could happen any time? Scientists are working to discover "weak links" and to discover drugs that could shut off the whole process. Some cells intended to protect the body can get mixed up when arthritis strikes, and work against the body. The cause of this mix-up may be the key to the cure of arthritis.

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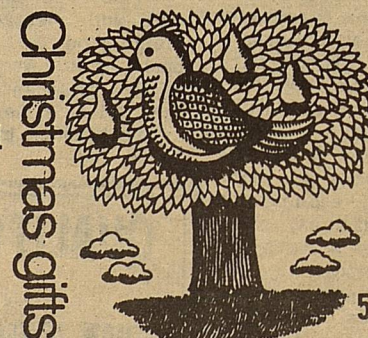
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A study group of the National Cotton Marketing Study Committee met December 4 in Memphis, Tennessee, and developed recommendations for improving cotton sampling, classification and standards.

The group's proposals will be submitted to the full committee prior to its next meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, on January 6, 1975. A total of eight such study groups, established in line with the major problem areas identified by the industry and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, will make recommendations for consideration at the January 6 meeting.

Don Marble of South Plains, member of the Sampling, Classification and Standards Study Group and President of Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., reported after the Memphis meeting that this group would recommend:

- 1) That the integrity of the bale package be maintained by taking only one sample from each bale, and that this sample accompany the bale through the marketing system to its final destination;
- 2) That quality evaluation by whatever means be developed to the point that a single classification will be accepted by the industry without the necessity for multiple testing; and
- 3) That certain cotton quality standards be eliminated when the volume of such qualities falls below a predetermined insignificant level at all classing offices.

Realizing the long-range nature of the sampling recommendation, the group will also propose that any sampling done after the initial sample is taken be done hydraulically on the open or uncovered side of the bale.

In discussion of the proposal for a single classification, Marble said the group agreed that a revision of the present standard should be considered as a means to providing the simplest possible system that would indicate only those quality differences needed in cotton marketing and utilization.

At Marble's suggestion, the study group also discussed the possibility of having all bales classed both manually and by instrumentation, with both results put through a computer to determine if the two were equal or within a given tolerance. Such a system would call for the computer to "throw out" for reclassification any bale which did not fall within the allowable tolerance.

The other groups working under the Marketing Study Committee include those studying Functions and Operations of Spot Markets and Market News services, Forward Crop Contracting, Seed Cotton Storage, Bale Packaging, Warehousing and Transportation, Export Marketing, and Labor, Health, Safety and Environment.

Rainbow Trout

Austin--The first of some 21,000 rainbow trout scheduled to be stocked in Texas waters this fall were placed in the Brazos and Guadalupe River systems this week.

On Nov. 19, 5,000 seven-to-eight-inch rainbows were stocked in the tailrace of Possum Kingdom Reservoir on the Brazos River. Another 2,000 fish were retained in the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Possum Kingdom Fish Hatchery for future stockings.

The Guadalupe River below Canyon Dam received 5,000 rainbows Nov. 21 with 2,000 held in the nearby San Marcos Hatchery.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department hatchery coordinator Ted Lowman said that the fish were provided by the Norfolk National Fish Hatchery near

Mountain Home, Arkansas.

"The federal hatchery supplied the 21,000 fish at no cost to Texas," said Lowman. "All the department had to provide was transportation from Arkansas to Texas."

As part of experiment to determine if trout will survive in the acidic waters of East Texas, some 500 fish were placed in Tonkawa Springs in Rusk County Nov. 21.

Lowman emphasized that Tonkawa Springs was leased to the Parks and Wildlife Department for trout study and not open to the public.

"The small number of trout placed in Tonkawa Springs is strictly an experiment," he said. "We plan to monitor their growth, survival and movements as part of a potential trout fishery for that part of the state."

An additional 500 trout are

being held at the department's Jasper Fish Hatchery.

In the first week of December, the remaining 6,000 fish will be shipped to the Possum Kingdom and San Marcos Hatcheries to be stocked at the same time as the fish which were held over from the November shipments.

Rainbow and brown trout are stocked during the late fall as part of a put-and-take fishery. Daily bag limit of trout, to include rainbows, brown trout and kamloops, is five in the aggregate with a possession limit of 10 in the aggregate.

Don't Duck Duck

Port Arthur--If you're ever out in an airplane looking for waterfowl and someone yells "duck!", play it safe and consider it a warning.

Biologists at Sea Rim State Park on the Texas coast certainly won't ignore such an alarm after their recent experience.

They were making an aerial waterfowl survey of the park when one of the birds, later identified as a female gadwall, crashed through the plane's windshield.

The occupants of the airplane were covered with blood which alarmed them somewhat because they thought it was theirs. Fortunately, it turned out to be the duck's.

The landing was touch and go due to the wind rushing through the windshield, but when the plane did roll to a stop, everyone was miraculously unscathed.

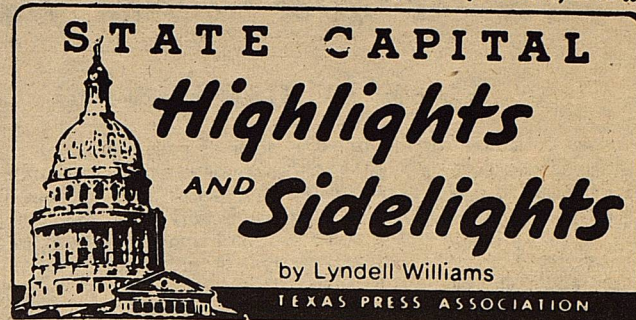
Waterfowl biologists are hoping that on future surveys the ducks won't be so intimately involved.

Warning

—Agriculture Commissioner John C. White warned Texas motorists to beware of bogus anti-freeze peddlers who may be offering brine water and cake coloring to "protect" radiators against low temperatures.

Anti-freezes must be registered in Texas with the State Department of Agriculture which oversees quality.

White advised car owners to buy only well-known brands. He invited those who feel they may have been duped into buying a faulty product to contact his office.



AUSTIN — Agenda for the 1975 Texas Legislature already is getting stacked high.

At the top of nearly everybody's things-to-do list is reform of the public school finance formulas to assure equal opportunities in rich and poor districts.

Complicating the job is expected legislative balkiness toward placing any greater property tax burden on local land and homeowners. Property tax reform is considered an almost-inevitable prerequisite of effective revisions of the school aid system.

A lot of lawmakers are conceding, too, that the fact they are confronted, for a change, with a fat general revenue surplus is almost as big a problem as a modest shortage.

If they spend all the mounting surplus in sight, fiscal realists warn, they will be assured of having to pass a nightmare tax bill of more than \$1 billion in 1977.

Creation of a state utility commission is also on many priority lists, although the proposal is certain to set off some bitter opposition.

Prison system reform is another widely-publicized objective. Reformers want to halt construction of large prison institutions and switch to community-based correctional programs, with release of 40 per cent of inmates to the new-type facilities.

In the wake of the 1974 Constitutional Convention's failure, legislators also are seeking a way to salvage some of this year's work and assure eventual revision.

The list will grow longer and longer as January starting date for the 64th Legislature nears.

JOB DATA SOUGHT—Texas Employment Commission has launched a new program to project future worker-

skill requirements of Texas industries.

The so-called "Occupational Employment Statistics Program" has sanction of the Governor's Office, Texas Education Agency and groups concerned with development and expansion of human resources.

The three-year project is designed to assist both public and private educational and training programs, including vocational training, in becoming responsive to manpower needs.

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Texas has one of the finest systems of roads and highways in the nation. We Texans can justly boast of the ease we find in traveling from point to point in our State despite its massive size and complex metropolitan areas. Two, three, and even four-car families have become quite common within our society. Recognizing that our system of transportation is integral and vital to the economic health of our State, I have long supported and will continue to support a strong and expanded system of federal highways throughout Texas.

During recent years, however, economic and ecological realities have challenged our traditional life styles and have demanded efficient alternative methods of transportation, especially within our urban centers. Mushrooming metropolitan populations have brought the bumper-to-bumper traffic congestion long experienced in other parts of the nation to our Texas cities. Energy shortages during the past year precipitated lengthy waiting lines at the neighborhood gas pumps. Car-pooling became a national pastime. Without question, the time has come for the development of more sophisticated systems of mass transportation if our cities are to continue to grow and prosper and offer the services demanded by their citizens.

Those who depend most on public transportation are our young people, senior citizens and families of lower incomes. The crisis facing our systems of public transportation today centers on the farebox. With increasing costs for labor, fuel, and equipment, how can the fares be kept at levels low enough to provide the service for these to whom the service is essential? As fares increase, more and more are "priced-out" of the opportunity to use the system, regardless how good the service.

Others need to be attracted to the advantages of mass transportation if our freeways are ever to be unclogged and travel facilitated. Only improved service, better equipment, and expanded routes will lure the average citizen away from his automobile and make the bus or other "people mover" a visible alternative.

I believe that it is a proper function of the federal government to assist local areas in providing adequate transportation for our people. Congress has attempted for several years to pass adequate mass transit systems.

This year Congress, once again passed a short-term mass transit bill for operating funds only. I opposed this bill for several reasons. This legislation did not allow state and local governments to plan and implement improvement programs. The formula for distributing the funds was not sound. I felt the funding was too inflationary and there was no incentive to provide better services and efficient management.

The bill met strong opposition from the Administration and it was finally recommitted to the conference committee to be reconsidered. I was one of the Senate conferees on that committee. We realized the urgency of passing this legislation as

soon as possible. In an unprecedented move, the committee held public hearings and worked closely with the Secretary of Transportation to write a bill that would answer all objections.

The present legislation is a six-year comprehensive package. While operating subsidy money remains as part of the package, the decisions now rest with the community as to whether the money will be used for operating assistance or for capital improvements. Additionally, the funds are distributed on a more equitable basis. To involve the state governments, governors will be the sole allocators of funds for cities under 200,000 in population. State and local governing all transit systems within urbanized areas.

The final version of the National Mass Transportation Assistance Act is the product of serious legislative compromise among the House, the Senate and the Administration. Although the process used to arrive at the present legislation was highly unusual, unprecedented needs require unprecedented action. The National Mass Transportation Assistance Act is supported by President Ford, Secretary of Transportation Brinegar, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the National League of Cities, the National Association of Counties, the American Public Transportation Association, the AFL-CIO and bipartisan gubernatorial support.

I will always support better highways for Texas because they are a vital part of our economy and transportation needs, particularly in the rural areas. The development of adequate public transportation in our urban areas is necessary for our nation's future and I will work to that end.

Communication!

Over two years ago area law enforcement officials began working together to eliminate a severe problem in the area of police communications. Realizing

that a large majority of Permian Basin cities and counties were operating on the same low band transmitting frequencies, area law enforcement representatives along with elected officials and PBRPC staff, began a study to implement a system which would allow each local entity to use its own separate high band frequency for local, with no outside interference. The system study also called for a designated frequency state wide to allow for instant communication with agencies in a large geographical area.

With expected completion date of October, the new communications system represents \$729,781.00 dollar expenditure. Local governmental agencies funded 15% of this expenditure with 85% funding being provided through the Governors' Criminal Justice Council. The basic radio units that are being installed are complete General Electric systems consisting of consoles, vehicle radios, portable radios, and course radio towers, transmitters, and receivers. In many counties transmission facilities are being shared by sheriffs' department and municipal police agencies.

When the staff of the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission formulated the specific request for funding of the radio communications project, it was decided to join with two other councils of Government in the purchasing procedures. This measure is credited with saving a great deal of expense for both local governments and the state of Texas. PBRPC staff members have been working closely with engineers, General Electric representatives, and are elected officials throughout the entire installation period the insure smooth conversion to the new system.

With the implementation of this improved system, modern up to date communications will be provided to the Permian Basin region both now and in the future.

Short Snorts

Unemployment for September stood at 4.1 per cent in Texas, the same as August.

David Kendall is new first assistant attorney general and Robert Heath is new head of attorney general's opinion division.

Grandpaw Says

The answer to a query about working on Sunday, Billy Graham said, "It should not detract from man's reverence to do what is required. Even Jesus spoke about the ox in the ditch on the Sabbath. But if your ox gets in the ditch every Sabbath, you should either get rid of the ox or fill up the ditch."

Have you ever noticed that when a man with money meets a man with experience, the man with experience gets the money and the man with the money gets the experience.

If you're going to climb, you've got to grab the branches not the blossoms.

Some people are like blisters. They don't show up until the work is finished.

Sign in factory supervisor's office: Caution--be sure brain is engaged before putting mouth in gear.

Idleness is leisure gone to seed.

The difference between an itch and an allergy is about \$25.00.

Nothing makes a toy more educational for a child than having his father trip over it.

Never give up. For 50 years they said the horse was through. Now look at him--a status symbol.

How come a slight tax increase costs \$200 while a substantial tax cut saves you 30 cents?

Truth is most a virtue when you know when to keep it to yourself.

You never get a second chance to make a good first impression.

★ Weather ★

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

		MAX	MIN	RAIN
MONDAY	12-2	47	27	0
TUESDAY	12-3	56	28	0
WEDNESDAY	12-4	63	33	0
THURSDAY	12-5	60	45	0
FRIDAY	12-6	61	43	0
SATURDAY	12-7	58	38	0
SUNDAY	12-8	41	34	0

Season's Best

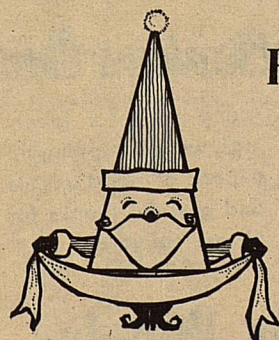
When your stockings are hung by the chimney with care... our holiday greetings are sure to be there.

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SNYDER, TEXAS 79549



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MIDLAND, TEXAS



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