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## 18 To Receive Diplomas



BILL MCALISTER

### To Speak

Bill McAlister of Lubbock will be the speaker for the graduation exercises at Borden County High School on Thursday night, May 26 at 8:00.

Mr. McAlister was born in the Hub city in 1940. He attended Monterey High School, Hardin Simmons University, and Texas Tech University. Bill and his wife, Rebecca, have three children, Gregory, Melinda, and Marcus.

Bill and his father purchased KSEL Radio in 1961 and operated it till 1974. They also established Lubbock's 3rd television station, KMCC Channel 28, in the fall of 1968. He has served as President and General Manager since its beginning.

Bill obtained his first manager's job in the broadcasting business at the age of eighteen in Big Spring, Texas. He was featured as the youngest radio station manager in the United States in a national broadcasting magazine in 1958.

In 1967, Bill was chosen as one of twenty-five newspaper and radio and television executives to make a trip to Vietnam and the far east. Over seventy-five radio broadcasts from Vietnam were aired back in the Lubbock and South Plains area on KSEL Radio.

Bill has served on many boards and commissions. He is a past Vicepresident of Lubbock Chamber of Commerce and currently serving a 4-year term on the Lubbock City Council. Bill is an active member of Trinity Church.

Eighteen seniors are candidates for graduation for Borden County High School.

### Graduation Exercises

HIGH SCHOOL-MAY 26-8:00 p.m.  
JR. HIGH-MAY 27-8:00p.m.

### High School Graduation

Eighteen high school graduates will receive diplomas in the Borden High School audit-P.M. Candidates for graduation are:

GENE COOLEY, son of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Cooley, Route 1 O'Donnell, Texas.

SUE HANCOCK, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Hancock, Route 1, O'Donnell.

TRICIA JACKSON, daughter of Mrs. B.W. Jackson, Gail Route, Big Spring.

ELIZABETH LEDBETTER, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ledbetter, Route 1, O'Donnell.

JACKIE LOCKHART, son of Mrs. Tom Lockhart, Gail Route, Big Spring.

BOB McLEROY, son of Mr. and Mrs. James McLeroy of Gail.

EDDIE PARKS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Parks of Fluvanna.

TOMMY PATTERSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. Royce Patterson of Snyder.

DAVID POOL, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Pool, Sr., Star Rt. Lamesa.

LARRY SIMER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Simer, Vincent Rt. Coahoma.

KRISTY SMITH, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Smith of Gail.

RICHARD SMITH, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rube Smith, Route 1 O'Donnell.

CINDI STEWART, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Buhrkuhl of Big Spring.

BEN THOMPSON, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. L.B. Jones, Route 5, Tahoka.

KATHY UNDERWOOD, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Underwood, Star Route 1, Fluvanna.

DANA WESTBROOK, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ross, Westbrook of Gail Route, Big Spring.

JOE ZANT, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Don Zant of Bealmoor.

GAIL GROSE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Grose, Vincent Route, Coahoma.



SAM KITCHING

### Baccalaureate Speaker

Sam Kitching gave the sermon in the Baccalaureate Services last Sunday.

Sam was born December 28, 1937 in Wetumpka, Alabama. He was one of twin boys born to Mr. and Mrs. S.B. Kitching. He lived in Wetumpka until 1945, at which time he moved to Birmingham, Alabama, completed his elementary education in the Birmingham school systems, attended Woodlawn High School in Birmingham until 1955, at which time he went to Harding College in Searcy, Arkansas. He completed his high school education and his under graduate work at Harding College. Since graduation he has taken courses at Harding Graduate School of Bible and Religion in Memphis, Tennessee, Arkansas State College in Jonesboro, Arkansas and North Florida College in Madison, Florida. He has a college Major in Bible and Speech with emphasis in Public Address. He minored in English and Political Science.

In August, 1958 he was married to Anne Vance of Meridian, Mississippi. Anne and Sam have three boys, Sam, Jr. born July 21, 1959; Brantley, born December 29, 1961; and Ken, born November 5, 1964.

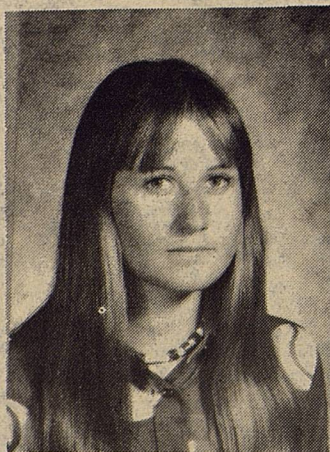
Sam has served as local minister for congregations of the Church of Christ in Harrisburg, Arkansas; Lake City, Florida; Macclenny, Florida; Valdosta, Georgia; and Snyder, Texas. In addition to his work as a local preacher he has also conducted evangelistic campaigns in Colingwood, Ontario, Canada. He has conducted revival meetings in Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Mississippi, Florida and Georgia. For ten years he served with Florida Bible Camp, five years as vice-president of the board and assistant director and an additional five year term as president of the board and director of the camp.

He has spoken at youth meetings.

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# Congratulations Class of 1977



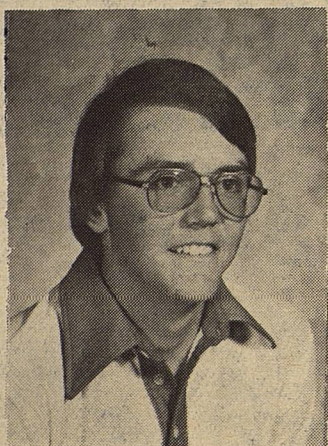
KATHY UNDERWOOD

Kathy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond (Babe) Underwood of Fluvanna. She enjoys riding horses, playing tennis and fishing. Kathy lettered her freshman year in track. She qualified for regional in her senior year and participated in the district track meet. She was elected class favorite for 1976-77.

Kathy plans to work and attend business school.

teen sense of humor listed under Achievements--Graduated. He was All District Linebacker, received Honorable-Mention in football. Joe played the position of Quarterback in football, and lettered four years in football and two years in basketball. Joe achieved the Lone Star Farmer degree and received the Area II Cattle Producter award.

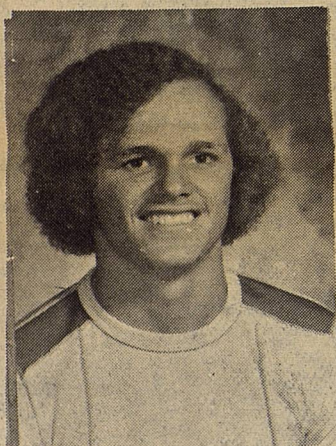
Joe plans to raise cattle and farm.



EDDIE PARKS

"Ed", the son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Parks of Fluvanna is a motorcycle enthusiast. He was Vice-President of his class and played football, basketball, tennis, and track.

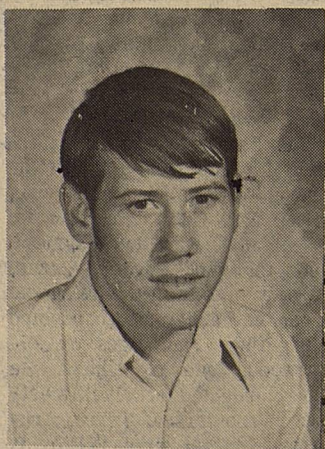
Eddie plans to ranch.



LARRY SIMER

"Rick", the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Simer of Coahoma enjoys hunting arrowheads and playing basketball. He won All-District and All South Plains as well as TABC All-Regional in Basketball his senior year.

Larry plans to attend college at Howard County.



JOE DON ZANT, JR.

"Broadway", the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Zant Sr. of Vealmoor, enjoys hunting, fishing, and motorcycle riding. He was captain of the football team and secretary of the Gail Chapter of F.F.A. Joe, having a

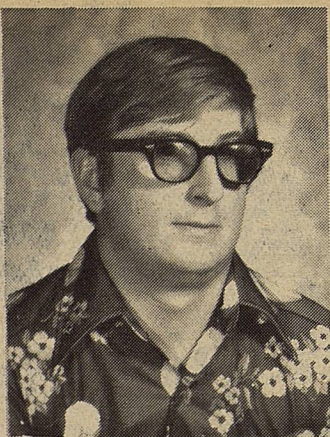
Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ledbetter of O'Donnell, enjoys all crafts as a hobby. She served as F.H.A. Second-Vice President and also worked on the annual staff. She played Band Solo, and completed all the Area Encounter. Elizabeth plans to attend WTSU in Canyon and study accounting.



SUE HANCOCK

Sue, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Hancock of O'Donnell enjoys playing the piano, riding horses, swimming and skiing. She was F.H.A. President, student council Vice-President, Senior Class reporter. She was in the Beta Club, participated in U.I.L. Debate winning first at district and regional, won 1st and 7th in typing at regional; won 1st and 2nd in district competition in journalism and won 5th at district in Ready Writing. Sue played varsity basketball 4 years and served as captain 2 years. She also ran varsity track 4 years and was a regional qualifier 4 years. She served as 4-H President and was cheerleader 4 years.

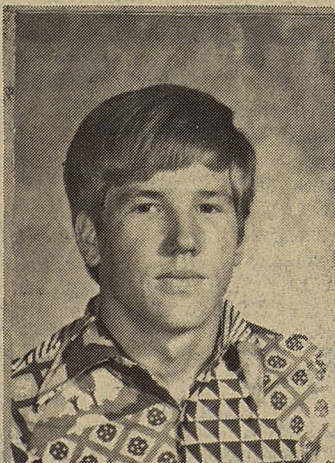
Sue plans to attend Tech after graduation.



RICHARD SMITH

"Rich", the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rube Smith of O'Donnell, was President of the F.F.A. Club, lettered all 4 years in high school, received the Chapter Farmer Degree in Agriculture.

Richard plans to get a job and work his way through Western Texas College.



TOMMY PATTERSON

Tommy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Royce Patterson of Snyder, likes to ride horses, and motorcycles. He also enjoys hunting and fishing. He served as Vice-President of his class, sentinal in F.F.A., was All District Offensive Guard and won district in the pole vault. He also achieved Chapter Farmer.

Tommy plans to attend WTC in Snyder Texas and to get married and raise a family.



ELIZABETH LEDBETTER



CINDI STEWART

Cindi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Buhrkuhl of Big Spring enjoys horseback riding, piano playing and tennis. She was Valetictorian of her senior class and achieved the Beta Club. She was on the tennis team and is an outstanding piano student.

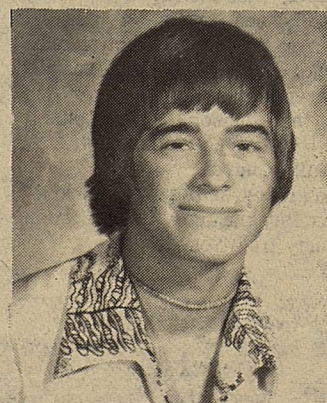
Cindi plans to attend San Angelo State.



KRISTY SMITH

Kristy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Smith of Gail, enjoys playing the guitar and other instruments as a hobby. She was F.H.A. Secretary-Treasurer, Senior Class Treasurer, member of the Beta Club, won 1st at district in Informative Speaking and 2nd at district in U.I.L. in Headlines. She was on the varsity Basketball team, serving as captain her Senior year. She was also on the varsity Track Team, being a regional qualifier. She placed 6th at Regional in the high jump, and qualified in the mile run. She was also a member of the tennis team. She served as 4-H Vice-President and Cheerleader.

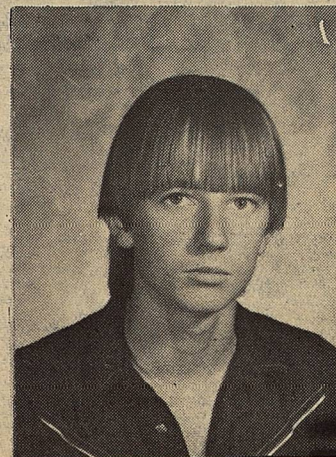
Kristy plans to attend Tech.



BEN THOMPSON

Ben, the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. L.B. Jones, of Tahoka is a photographer, enjoys woodwork and farming. He was President of the Student Council, and President of the Beta Club. He won first place in Debate in 1975-76 and second place in U.I.L. Debate for 1974-75. He lettered four years in football and was football captain in 1976-77. Ben holds the Lone Star Farmer Degree in Agriculture.

Ben is undecided as to whether college is in his future but has his eye on farming or construction as a living.



JACKIE LOCKHART

Jackie, the son of Mrs. Tom Lockhart loves to ride motorcycles. Jackie worked on the annual staff in his senior year.

Jackie plans to work in the oil field.



DANA WESTBROOK

Dana is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Westbrook of Gail Route, Big Spring. She was class-secretary-treasurer, and reporter and served as Beta Club secretary-treasurer. She was Salutatorian of her graduating class with the highest grade average her sophomore and junior years in High School. She lettered 1 year in basketball, lettered 4 years in track, being a regional qualifier 4 years and served as track captain in 1977. Dana was the Gold Star Girls in the Howard County 4-H. She qualified for regional in Debate 3 years and won 1st in Regional in 1977.

Dana plans to attend Abilene Christian University. She will work this summer and attend college in the fall.

Because of limited space we will have cheerleader and officer pictures next week.



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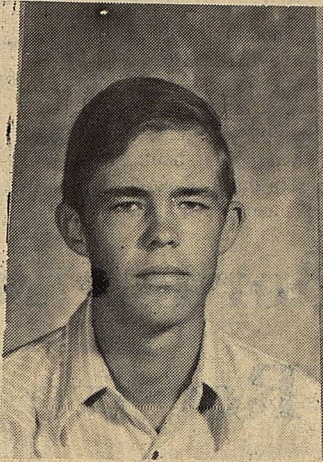


GENE COOLEY

Gene, son of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Cooley of the O'Donnell community hunts, rides horses and collects old pennys as a hobby. Gene was a district champion in the long jump ran the 220 yard dash and the 440 relay.

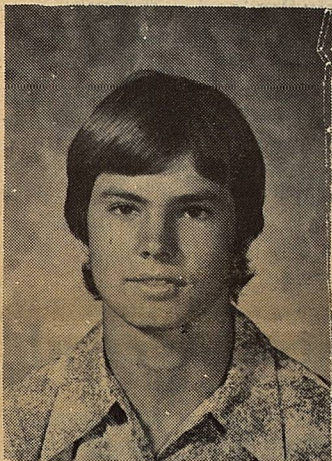
Gene plans to go into the farming business.

Secretary of her Class, and F.H.A. Reporter. Tricia won 2nd in U.I.L. Journalism at the district meet. She also participated in the one-act play 3 years and Prose Interpretation. She played varsity basketball for 4 years, track 3 years and tennis 3 years. Tricia was captain of the basketball team. Tricia plans to attend San Angelo State University.



DAVID POOL

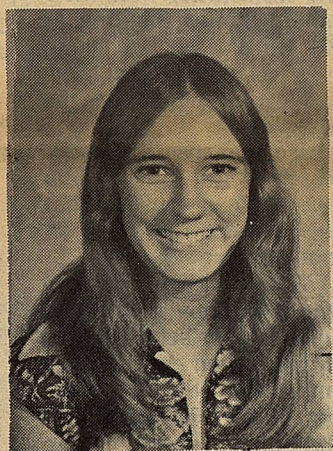
David, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Pool, Sr., Star Route, Lamesa enjoys roping calves as a hobby. He was a member of the Gail Future Farmers of America.



BOB MCLEROY

Bob, son of Mr. and Mrs. James McLeroy of Gail likes to hunt, fish and ski. He served as President of his class and Gail Chapter of F.F.A. 3 years. He won first, second, and third in U.I.L. Debate, qualifying for regional competition. He lettered all four years in football, won third in District in the mile run. He also served as captain of the football team. Bob achieved the Lone-star farmer, Star Green hand, and was a district officer in Gail Chapter of F.F.A.

He plans to attend Texas Tech.



GAIL GROSE

Gail is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Grose, Vincent Route, Coahoma. She enjoys crafts and domestic endeavors of all kinds. She was an outstanding trackster, and was also a member of the tennis team. She qualified for Regional in U.I.L. Poetry Interpretation in 1975. Gail was also a member of the F.H.A. and plans to marry July 8.

July 8.

## Jr. High Graduates

Junior High Commencement Exercises will be held Friday, May 27 at 8:30 P.M. in the high school auditorium. Candidates for graduation into high school are:

Valerie Avery  
Raymond Charo  
Talley Griffin  
Cole Herring  
Debra Kountz  
Heather McPhaul  
Ronda Newsom  
Ricky Smith  
Charla Vaughn  
Keil Williams  
Joie Brummett  
Jana Edwards  
Cindy Grose  
Danny Holmes  
Bart McMeans  
Becky Miller  
Gayla Newton  
Tammy Telchik  
Suzanne Walker  
Shelly White  
Van L. York, Jr.



THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 1977 and sponsors before leaving on the senior trip. Left to right-back-Johnny Kite, Ben Jarrett, David Pool, Bob McLeroy, Joe Zant, Larry Simer, Richard Smith, Jackie Lockhart, La Gene Cooley, Eddie Parks, Jay Hataway. Front-Joe Copeland, Netta Jarrett, Kathy Underwood, Elizabeth Ledbetter, Kristy Smith, Dana Westbrook, Sue Hancock, Ben Thompson, Tricia Jackson, Tommy Patterson and Beverly Copeland.

## Seniors Take Trip To Mountains

By Sue Hancock, Tricia Jackson and Kristy Smith

The major reason our senior trip was a great success is because everyone enjoyed each other and got along well.

We started our trip with a tearful farewell to our parents, teachers, and friends thinking we might not be back if we froze to death in the mountains.

We left Gail with loads of food and between sleeping, eating and playing cards we made it to Santa Fe around 8:00 p.m. We ate at the Hilton Inn Restaurant. Yuck! Following supper, we walked around the streets of Santa Fe and watched Jack and Larry climb the adobe walls and anything else they could find. After we returned to the hotel, we were entertained by Jay Hataway and his singing guitar and we watched Mohammed

Ali almost get beat by Evangelista. The next morning we toured the Saint Miquel Church and the famous church with the winding stair case.

The rest of the day we spent shopping on the sidewalks of Santa Fe, buying turquoise jewelry and other keepsakes from the Indians.

We left Santa Fe and traveled to Espanola where we stayed at the Chamisa Inn. After unpacking our gear at the Inn, we went swimming at the Espanola Youth Center. It was real neat and fun!

Rising early the next morning we journeyed to Chama where we stopped at the local Grocery Mart and completed last minute necessities.

We went to Lobo Lodge where we began to get ready for our mountain climbing. We drove the bus across the Colorado state line where we mounted the horses and rode into the mountains.

Preceding our arrival at camp we watched as Mrs. Jarrett took a spill from Ole Blue when he tripped on a rock. When asked about her accident, Mrs. Jarrett snickered "It was nothing."

After viewing a log cabin built in the early 1920's we reached our campsite.

Some of the adventurers went fishing and some of the more daring went hiking to the waterfall.

"It was beautiful" exclaimed Kristy Smith, while Sue Hancock stated "It was fun dodging falling rocks."

After everyone returned to camp, we enjoyed a weiner roast and had smores for dessert.

That night it was very cold and everyone ran to the warmth of the campfire the following morning.

After a delicious breakfast cooked over the open fire, the group headed for Chama Lake.

After 2 1/2 hours of hiking up 12,000 feet, part of the group

reached Chama Lake which had a frozen top of about 5 inches.

A cold trip down the mountain brought the group into camp with cold wet feet. Here the majority dried their socks and shoes (some burning their shoelaces into) by the fire.

The guides then served us superb steaks and potatoes baked by coals.

Because of the cold lesson we learned the night before, we slept fairly warm the second night.

Upon rising at the late hour of 8:00 we ate breakfast in the falling snow. Following breakfast, we packed the horses and rode out of the mountains.

We said farewell to our guides and headed for Red River in the falling snow. Arriving at Red River Inn, we were served a private meal. Following a brief bus tour of Red River and telephone calls home, we went to bed.

In the morning, we shopped for last minute gifts and boarded the bus at 10:00 to return home.

We drove for 11 hours and arrived home at 9:30 p.m.

We really had a blast, especially the pack trip because we had the chance to be close to our classmates one last time.

Our trip was well planned and scheduled and lead by enthusiastic sponsors which added to our complete enjoyment.

## Local Youth Place In Rodeo

Several local youth won places in the Tahoka rodeo held May 12, 13, and 14.

Mayme McLaurry, sophomore at Borden High School, won 1st in the 13-15 barrels. Travis Rinehart, a Freshman at B.H.S. won 1st in the 13-15 tie down roping. Perry Smith, a B.H.S. sophomore, won 1st in the 16-19 ribbon roping. Matt Farmer, a junior at B.H.S. won 2nd in 1-19 ribbon roping and 2nd in 1st go in the association roping.

Congratulations to all these cowboys and cowgirls and also to Sissy Guinn on her 1st place buckle in the poles.

## Baccalaureate Services

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ings in five different states and has worked with young people in every local work he's been involved in.

Sam is a member of the National Phi Kappa Delta Forensic Fraternity with a degree of honor in oratory. He serves as an advisor to the board of Harding College in their School of Bible and Christian Communications. For the past six years he has served as the local preacher for the East Side Church of Christ in Snyder, Texas.

To begin the Baccalaureate Service, the eighteen candidates for graduation filed down the aisle as Mrs. Sallie Wilson played the Processional. Rev. Roy Haynes gave the Invocation and Cindy Hataway performed the special music accompanied by Ben Miller. Mr. James McLeroy introduced the speaker, Mr. Sam Kitching of Snyder. After music by Cindy Hataway and Ben Miller, the Benediction was given by Rev. David H. Pohl. The seniors then left the auditorium as Mrs. Wilson played the Recessional.



TRICIA JACKSON

Tricia is the daughter of Mrs. B.W. Jackson of Gail Route, Big Spring. She likes ceramics, arts and handcrafts as well as painting. She was vice-president of the Beta Club and secretary of the Student County and



## Jere's Gittings

There's a ray of light at the end of the tunnel. Faint tho it be, it is a ray. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has a new director who hopes to improve the image of her agency. The best imagery that OSHA could project would be that of self destruction. But since Ms. Bingham would be loathe to do away with her high paying, fringe benefit ridden, federally funded job, she is doing the next best thing. She aspires to make her charge less an adversary of industry and more of a cooperative "partner".

OSHA got out of bed on the wrong side from the very start. Its enforcement agents have the reputation of harassing the folks they are supposed to protect. The rules they abide by are picky, trite, ridiculous and absurd. Should industry, large and small, abide by all the silly rules, the expense would be bankrupting. And in most instances, the rules do not prevent sickness or injury to employees. Conversely, those in management positions are apt to sicken and die while attempting to please the OSHAcrats.

Ms. Bingham is honest enough to admit that the agency is riddled with Micky Mouse (her term) procedures. She wants all that foolishness cut out but she would "hate to see it go down the drain until it has had a chance to work". How long is a chance? It has been seven years since the creation of the nosey agency. To my knowledge, nothing good has been accomplished. All the dumb rules and precautions that the Peter Principle types can think of cannot rid the world of human error. Furthermore, progress necces-

sitates risk to a degree. We cannot live in a safety proof sterile environment and live free. Yet no manager/owner is out to destroy his own livelihood by injuring all of his employees. It is to his economic benefit to make the job surroundings as safe and pleasant as possible. The problem comes when Big Brother takes it upon himself to tell one and all how to protect his employees.

Her Ladyship of OSHA has obviously heard all the jokes about and seen the cartoons of OSHA. She is wise to step in with the diversionary tactic of shaping up her crew. The agency seems to be perilously close to becoming denuded by the Appropriations Committee. Rather than that, Ms. Bingham thinks she can change the image and forestall abolishment. She thinks like a true fed--act like you are cooperative and sympathetic with the public sector and the heat will be taken off.

One thing that triggered her resolve to improve was Representative Mahon's ire. George is chairman of the Appropriations Committee and can precipitate a money squeeze. No one in OSHA worried about George until he came to and realized that the cotton industry was being subjected to unkeepable standards. Cotton is votes to Mahon. So he got high behind and has hinted that he'll just shut her (OSHA) down.

The ray of light is that OSHA may become less gestapo like. But the real new dawning is that Mr. Mahon has about had it. If all of you who have been harassed and have had to spend unnecessary dollars to meet OSHA standards would let George know your feelings, maybe the whole agency can be closed down. That would be a lot cheaper and easier than trying to retrain those monkeys from Washington who make your life miserable.



## To Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Dale O. Grose, Vincent Route, Coahoma, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Gail Rae, to Kenneth Wayne Platte, the son of Mrs. Myrle Platte, Gail Route, Big Spring. The couple will be married July 8 in the Crestview Baptist Church in Big Spring with Jim Wilkerson Jr., pastor of the Westview Baptist Church, Slaton, officiating.

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# Here And There

The Knapp Home Dem. Club hosted a surprise "Going Away" party for Mrs. Herbert von Roeder in the W. Ed Murphy home, Thursday with 13 members and two visitors present. Cookies, punch and coffee were served. Mrs. Von Roeder has recently moved to Abilene.

Mrs. W. W. Weathers of Hamilton has recently been visiting with her brother Hugh Birdwell who is in the Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Olen Horn have been recent visitors with Colorado City friends.

Mmes. Rosie Hodnett, Exa Grant of Ira and Mae Huddle of Snyder have been recent visitors in the J. E. Sorrells home. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Perkins,

Billy, and Eddie and Teresa of Lubbock, Mrs. J. W. Holinds and Barbara of Abilene, Mike Whithers of Lubbock spent Mother's Day week-end in the Olen Horn home.

Mrs. J. E. Sorrells and Mrs. J. M. Sterling were shopping in Lubbock, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gordon have been recent visitors in the Erda Lewis home at Big Spring.

Trot-line fishing has been excellent at Lake Thomas, since the recent rains.

An early Spring garden with small tomatoes, Irish potatoes and bean vines blooming and a small fruit crop of peaches and plums was lost Monday afternoon in a hail-storm by Ruth Weathers.

## Borden Co. Writers

## Receive Awards

Two O'Donnell women were among those who received awards Monday night at a Book and Authors Dinner in Lubbock.

The South Plains Writers' Association held their annual dinner meeting at the Hilton Inn, honoring area residents who have had works published the past year.

Also, awards were handed out by the Association to winners of contests that are held each year by its members.

Wilma Currey of Route One, O'Donnell received an award for second place winner in non-fiction. Her entry was titled "Paralysis: Rabies or Vaccine." Her short story, "The

Missing Letters" won fourth place in fiction.

Marie Ragan, also of Route One, O'Donnell received cash prizes as well as awards for her first place winner in fiction entitled "A Farewell For Danny," and her poem "Mind In Twilight" which took third place in poetry.

## New Arrival

J.J. Kincheloe of Lubbock, Texas is proud to announce the arrival of his baby sister, Jana Janetta, who was born May 20, 1977 at 9:16 A.M. and weighed 5 pounds 21/2 ounces. The happy parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Kincheloe of Lubbock. Dorothy Browne of Gail is the proud Grandmother.

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## Mike Ezzell's Report

Several major pieces of anti-crime legislation were approved by House members recently in our efforts to curb the increasing rate of crime:

--SB 156 proposes to authorize search warrants for items "tending to show" that a particular person committed a crime, rather than existing law which requires that search warrants be issued only for specified items.

--SB 52 will allow trial courts to deny bond during appeal procedures where punishment does not exceed 15 years.

--SB 154 increases the penalties for welfare fraud; while SB 159 increases the penalties for medical assistance fraud.

--SB 152 would deny probation for persons convicted of certain violent crimes or who used a firearm in the commission of a second degree felony. The measure would also provide for mandatory supervision of certain released felons.

--Senate Joint Resolution 3 proposes a constitutional amendment to permit denial of bail to persons accused of a felony while free on bail for allegedly committing another crime.

--SJR 18 proposes another constitutional amendment to enlarge the Court of Criminal Appeals from five to nine judges and would permit them to sit in panels of three to speed the handling of cases.

### TEACHER PAY BILL

In regard to our public school teachers, the House approved an increased teacher pay raise measure totaling some \$369 million and two measures to in-

crease teacher retirement benefits which will put some \$2.3 million into the Teacher Retirement System.

The teacher pay bill establishes a minimum salary level for beginning teachers on ten month contracts at \$9,024 for 1977-78 and \$9,385 for the 1978-1979 school year. The bill will also increase the salaries of more experienced teachers by creating three additional pay steps above the current maximum pay level.

HB 979 provides \$104 million in retirement benefits for already retired teachers, with those who have been retired the longest receiving the largest pension increases.

HB 612 proposed \$109 million in benefits for teachers who will retire in the future and will increase the benefits by about 14 per cent.

House bills 927 and 928, granting additional authority to the boards of the two Coke county hospital districts, have been approved by the Senate. The two measures, which I sponsored, have already received House approval and now need only the Governor's signature to become law.

SB 700, the updated Mentally Retarded Persons Act, has received House approval. The bill must now return to the Senate for approval of House amendments to the measure before going to the Governor's desk.

## Workshops

Lubbock--Sheep - to - Shawl workshops on dyeing, spinning and weaving wool will be offered in June by the Ranching Heritage Center of The Museum of Texas Tech University.

Each workshop is limited to 12 persons and reservations may be made now.

Natural dyes workshops will offer two one-day sessions, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., June 6 and June 9. Instruction will cover obtaining of primary colors on wool with natural dyes, over-dyeing for secondary colors, and effects of chemical mordants on color. The fee is \$20.

Weaving workshops are offered from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in three-day sessions, June 6-8 and June 9-11. Participants will be taught warping and use of table looms with emphasis on mastering mechanics of loom and four harness weaves. The fee is \$45.

Spinning workshops will be offered from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in two two-day sessions, June 7-8 and June 10-11. There will be demonstrations and student participation in sorting, washing fleece, carding, spinning with spindle and wheel, and plying. The fee of \$30 includes fibers, wheel use and instruction. Students must provide their own spindles and cards, or these may be purchased at the workshop. Spindles cost \$5 each and cards \$12.

Deadline for registering for any of the workshops is June 1. More information may be obtained by calling Judy Hunter, assistant program coordinator, The Museum, 742-2424.

## Letter To Editor

### Cattle Producers. . Time To Take Charge

Beef producers will soon be faced with the most important decision they've had to make in a long time.

Basically, here's the question: will producers continue to take their lumps in an erratic, boom-or-bust industry like they have for the last several years, or will they take charge of the beef business and run it like a business?

Cattlemen will answer that question themselves the first week in July when they vote in the national beef referendum.

Up for consideration is the beef research and information plan--a producer program to strengthen markets here and overseas, step up research on producer problems and improve decision-making information throughout the industry.

Producers will fund the program through a deduction of 30¢ on each \$100 of cattle sales. But the program is voluntary. Any producer who doesn't want to participate can get a quick refund.

A Beef Board of 68 working cattlemen will decide how the money will be invested and will contract with appropriate organizations--like universities, or the national Live Stock and Meat Board--to do the actual work.

This isn't a program put to-

gether in some corporate boardroom. It came from farms, feedlots and ranches. It was developed by producers; producers wrote the law and worked it through Congress; and producers themselves are paying for the referendum thorough voluntary donations and fund-raising projects.

Most cattle producers we've talked with--including virtually all national cattle leaders--endorse the plan. At six USDA hearings held last autumn where almost every recognized cattle organization sent a representative, 150 people testified in favor of the plan, just six against.

What it all boils down to is this: an opportunity -- maybe the last for a long time -- to take charge of the beef industry and build a profitable future.

The beef research and information plan is a serious and down to earth approach to everyday problems that face cattle producers. It deserves serious consideration. And it deserves a "yes" vote.

Our program to explain this proposition will be held in Gail on May 31. Producers will be receiving notification of this important meeting so please mark it on your calendar.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING

In obedience to the order of the Board of Equalization, regularly convened and sitting, notice is hereby given that said Board of Equalization will be in Session at its regular meeting place in the Court House in the town of Gail, Borden County, Texas, at 9:00 A.M., on Monday the 13th day of June, 1977, for the purposes of determining, fixing and equalizing the value of any and all taxable property situated in Borden County, Texas, for taxable purposes for the year 1977, and any and all persons interested or having business with said Board are hereby notified to be present.

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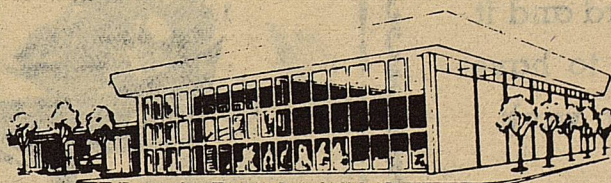
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## 4-H Roundup Features Top Talent

College Station -- Texas 4-H Roundup brings together the top youth talents in the state in judging contests and various demonstrations and skill events. Their goal is to be the best in Texas.

Some 1,600 4-H boys and girls will be at Texas A&M University June 7 and 8 for the annual event which has become a highlight of the 4-H year. Competition is keen in the 36 events which range from public speaking and livestock judging to demonstrations on safety and use of electricity. A new contest in method demonstrations has been added that is open to all members regardless of their project interest.

A major event of 4-H Roundup is the State 4-H Food Show on June 7, with judging of entries beginning at 9 a.m. All other competition will be on June 8, with some events beginning as early as 6:30 a.m.

Roundup headquarters will be the Rudder Center, and activities will officially get under way with an opening assembly at 5:30 p.m. on June 7 in the Center auditorium, points out George McArthur, 4-H and youth specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Roundup coordinator.

Featured at the assembly will be an awards program recognizing five individuals, businesses or organizations that have made outstanding contributions to 4-H. Winners of numerous 4-H scholarship awards will also be announced. Presiding will be Bonnie Helwig of Runnels Co., vice chairman of the Texas 4-H Council.

In addition to the various contests and demonstrations on June 8, a special luncheon will be held in honor of 28 outstanding 4-H adult leaders in Texas. These leaders are selected on the basis of two from each of the 14 Extension Service districts, notes McArthur.

Wrapping up Roundup activities will be a special recognition program at 8 o'clock that evening at which winners in the day's competitive events will be presented. Master of ceremonies will be Ken Jordan of Mason, County, Texas 4-H Council chairman.

State 4-H Roundup not only attracts a host of youth but also brings together some 500 adults, including county Extension agents, 4-H leaders, friends of 4-H, mass media representatives, contests donors and members of the board of directors of the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation, the service organization of 4-H in the state.

"Many in 4-H consider Roundup the top event of the year," says McArthur. "It provides an opportunity for youth to grow and develop and to share learning experiences across a broad spectrum of activities. And really, that is what 4-H is all about."

The 4-H and youth specialists point out that Texas 4-H Roundup is one of the oldest annual

statewide 4-H events in the nation. Through the years it has offered challenges and thrills to those who have competed.

## Named Assistant

George Henry Kimbriel has been named assistant county extension agent (agriculture) for Dawson County, effective May 16.

Announcement of his appointment was made by County Judge Leslie Pratt and Billy C. Gunter, district agent for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

George was born in Gillespie County and reared on a stock farm south of Mason.

He graduated from Mason High School in 1973 and was a May graduate of Texas A&M University receiving the B. S. degree in Animal Science. While at A&M he was a distinguished student and a member of Alpha Zeta and Phi Eta Sigma Honorary Fraternities. He graduated from A&M with high honors.

## Thanks

We wish to express our appreciation to neighbors, friends and relatives in the help we received after the loss of our home by fire, April 29.

Thanks to the ladies that gave our shower, to friends and neighbors that gave love offerings, donations, clothes, and especially to the Gail Baptist Church and the Knott Fire Department.

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# Cattlemen To Vote In Referendum

COLLEGE STATION—Texans who own beef or dairy cattle--and other cattlemen of the nation--will soon have an opportunity to register and then vote on whether or not they want a new research and promotion program for the beef industry. The occasion will be the upcoming referendum on the Beef Research and Information Act--an Act signed into law on May 28, 1976, by former President Ford. The Act is Public Law 94-294 and serves as enabling legislation that authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct the referendum among beef producers to determine whether they want a beef development plan.

The referendum will be similar to others conducted in recent years for various agricultural commodities. Public hearings on the proposed program were conducted by the U. S. Department of Agriculture in six major cities across the nation, including Dallas, from mid-September to mid-October of last year. Additionally, the proposed order and notice of hearing locations were published in the Federal Register, August 1976. The final Beef Research and Information Act decision and order, along with the proposed referendum appeared in the April 15, 1977 Federal Register.

According to the referendum rules announced, livestock producers who want to express themselves on this issue first need to register at their local Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service offices during June 6-17, and then vote also at the local ASCS offices during July 5-15. At least 50 per cent of the cattle owners who register must vote in order for the referendum to be valid, and two-thirds of those voting must vote affirmatively

for the program to carry. County meetings for beef producers presently are being held in all counties of Texas to acquaint producers with the program. Generally, these meetings are being called by county chairmen of the Beef Development Task Force. The Beef Development Task Force is an organization of key leaders in the beef industry who have organized to promote the program. Educational meetings are also being sponsored by some of the general farm organizations.

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service has been invited to participate in these meetings to present the provisions of the law.

As with past referendums, the Extension Service of each state has the educational responsibility to present facts about the proposed program, while at the same time maintaining a stance of strict neutrality. The Extension Services of land-grant institutions of the nation have been assigned the educational responsibility for the referendum through their USDA af-

filiation. Efforts of the State Extension Services have been directed both toward creating awareness of the referendum and explaining the law as it applies to the proposed program for the beef industry.

Just as the Extension Service was asked to assist with the educational efforts, the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service offices at the local level have been asked to assist with the registration of beef producers in each county during the sign-up period. The ASCS offices also will have the responsibility for conducting the election during the sign-up period. The ASCS offices also will have the responsibility for conducting the election during the designated dates established by the USDA.

Thus, preparation for any referendum conducted at the national level becomes a cooperative project for a number of federal-state agencies working in conjunction with local leaders and producers to provide facts upon which to base decisions.

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## Free Food Stamps

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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- If President Carter's proposal to adopt "instant" registration for voting in Federal elections is approved, it is a good guess it would not be long until it applies to primaries.

The conduct of elections in the States is not the business of the Federal Government. The President's proposal would eliminate any pre-registration to vote. A person would simply need to walk into a polling place on election day and present some form of identification to be able to vote. What this form of identification is, no one yet knows, but it certainly could not be made foolproof. At this very time, false identification used in various forms of fraud is a serious problem. It is estimated that the use of false identification costs the American taxpayers \$10 billion annually in cases ranging from welfare fraud to illegal immigration. There seems to be no problem at all in producing any kind of required identification. There would be no problem in producing the same to vote although such an elaborate effort would probably not be necessary.

The theory behind the no pre-registration proposal is that many citizens are prevented or discouraged from voting by restrictive registration laws. The concern of low voter turnout is understandable. Only 53% of the electorate bothered to vote last November.

It does not follow, however, that universal registration means universal voting. According to surveys, only 2% of last November's non-voters listed registration as the reason they failed to vote. It hardly seems that such a small number who say they were affected, would justify the spending of \$24 million every year which the proposal is estimated to cost.

The American political report shows that last November the farm belt and the Rocky Mountain States had the highest turnout of any region. These States are mostly rural, and voting is not as easy where distances are involved as it would be in the cities. Fraud is frequently mentioned as an argument against no registration. No doubt, this method of voting would invite all sorts of cheating. The real fraud, however, probably lies in the fact that an "instant" voter who had not registered and who had not intended to vote could be herded to the polls by political machines and special interest groups.

Voter apathy is a problem, but a walk-in voter with no other qualification than his bodily presence hardly appears to be the solution. Participatory Government is meaningless unless citizens carefully weigh their votes. As the Dallas Morning News recently pointed out, "It is questionable whether the elimination of registration will spur many apathetic voters to go to the polls. But it should step up considerably the number of individuals voting more than

once a voting day. The plan would thus produce more votes even if it didn't turn out more voters." The editorial went on to say, "If President Carter and his fellow electees in Washington really want to get Americans out and vote in great numbers in future elections, we believe that the best way would be for them to keep the faith with those who elect them."

This is really the crux of the matter. Voting is a right and a privilege and people need to feel that their vote will once again have effect and meaning. Taming the bureaucrats and cutting Federal spending, hence restoring public confidence, would do more to spur voters to the polls than universal registration gimmicks. Such would demonstrate the recognition of the privilege, the right and the responsibility of having a real voice in choosing public officers.

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Washington -- If President Carter gets his way in the coming fight over food stamps, no eligible person will have to pay for them.

Free food stamps, besides helping the poor, will eliminate some of the problems that have dogged the program since it began, the administration argues. With no cash changing hands, there would be less chance for fraud.

But some strategically placed members of Congress want to keep the purchase requirement. They feel that it prevents the program from becoming a welfare giveaway.

As the program stands now, recipients must come up with a certain amount of cash each month to pay for an allotment of food coupons worth more than the required payment.

For example, a four-member family of four with a net income of \$250 has to pay \$71 to get \$166 in stamps. The difference between the payment and the amount of stamps received is called the bonus -- in this case \$95. If the purchase requirement were eliminated, the family would get \$95 in stamps free.

Only about 50 per cent of those now eligible for food stamps participate. The administration predicts that figure would rise

to 66 percent if the purchase requirement were dropped. Some studies suggest that many needy persons are too poor to "buy in" to the program. But other studies indicate that pride, disinterest or lack of information are the main reasons why eligible people choose not to enroll.

Should the purchase requirement be eliminated?

Proponents of eliminating the purchase requirement argue that "the poorest of the poor" can't get enough money together once a month to buy their stamps.

Jeff Kirsch, legislative coordinator for the Food Research and Action Center, which has lobbied actively for free stamps, says that the existing system "looks good on paper" but is designed so that "half the people (it is designed to help) won't show up."

Many people with limited incomes have a cash flow problem, the proponents say. It is difficult for them to get 25 per cent of their monthly income -- the average amount spent on stamps -- together at one time.

"It is not that poor people cannot manage their affairs," said Sen. Edward W. Brooke (R Mass.), sponsor of a bill to eliminate the purchase re-

quirement. "In deed, it is because of their ability to manage month after month, bill after bill; putting a little toward this and a little bit toward that; that they are often unable to put out large chunks of cash at one time."

Proponents also argue that eliminating the purchase requirement would simplify administration of the program and would eliminate much of the fraud and abuse.

Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland noted in testimony before Congress that 17.3 million recipients pay more than \$3-billion a year in cash to 15,000 vendors ranging from banks and post offices to churches, fire stations and corner stores.

More private agents collect more cash from more persons than in any other federal program. This has led to numerous, well-publicized tales of abuse. All cash transactions would stop if the purchase requirement were eliminated.

With \$3-billion less in stamps being printed, shipped, stored and redeemed, Bergland said, there would be far fewer points where fraud could take place.

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Opponents of free food stamps argue that the so-called "poor-

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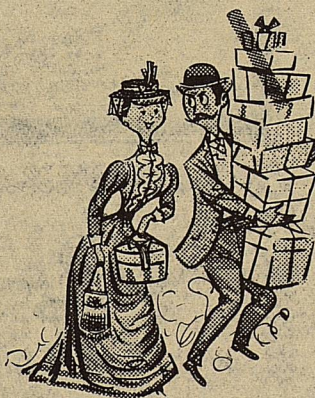
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## Legislation status given

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SB3—Prohibit directory assistance telephone charges. Passed Senate.

SB34—No insurance penalty for 55-70 mph speeding tickets. Passed Senate.

SB39—Statewide adult probation system. Passed Senate.

SB51—State Commission on Human Rights. Passed Senate.

SB54—Sunset law, periodic review of state agencies. Passed Senate.

SB91—Establish school-community guidance centers. Passed Senate.

SB140—Free textbooks for non-public schools. Passed Senate.

SB148—"Living Wills." Passed Senate.

SB151—Organize-crime penalties. Passed Senate.

SB152—No probation with use of guns. Senate and House approved, returned to Senate.

SB154—Obtaining welfare benefits by fraud. Passed Senate and House, sent to governor.

SB364—Inheritance tax exemptions for widows, orphans. Passed Senate.

SB368—Creating 21 new district courts. Passed Senate.

SB407—Regulation of monopolies. Passed Senate.

SB740—Extending no smoking law. Passed Senate.

SB896—Revising Texas Unemployment Compensation Act. Passed Senate and House, returned to Senate.

SB933—Crime victim compensation. Passed Senate.

SB1139—Merger of water agencies. Passed Senate.

SB1227—County regulation of nudity. Passed Senate.

SB1266—Regulation of monopolies. Passed Senate.

SB1302—Insure car inspection fees. Passed Senate.

SJR1—Farm land assessment. Passed Senate.

SJR2—Legalization of bingo and raffles. Passed Senate.

SJR3—Denial of bond to certain felons. Passed Senate and House, sent to voters.

SJR13—Authorize \$200 million more in veteran land bonds. Passed Senate and House, sent to voters.

SJR18—Supreme Court of Criminal Appeals, passed Senate and House, sent to voters.

HB1—Repeal sales tax on utility bills. Passed House.

HB10—Generic drug substitutes. Passed House.

HB22—Valuation of farm land by productivity. Passed House and Senate, in conference committee.

HB34—County regulation of massage parlors. Passed House and Senate, conference committee report adopted, sent to governor.

HB179—County ordinance-making power. Passed House.

HB180—Pay toilet prohibition. Passed House.

HB510—General Appropriations Bill. Passed House and Senate, in conference committee.

HB678, 679—Penalties for prostitution or promotion of prostitution. Passed House.

HB750—Public school financing. Passed House.

HB846—Property tax revision. Passed House.

HB893—Ballot stub signatures. Passed House and Senate, sent to governor.

HB991—Rent-a-bank regulations. Passed House and Senate, sent to governor.

HB1048—Medical malpractice insurance. Passed House and Senate, in conference committee.

HB1574—Sale of Laetrile. Passed House and Senate, sent governor.

HB1597—School teacher pay raise. Passed House.

HB1875—Regulation of abortions. Passed House.

## Food Stamps

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est of the poor" already are included in the food stamp program because persons with net incomes below \$3- per month don't have to pay.

They question the proponents' contention that the purchase requirement is keeping people out of the program; they also challenge the administration's estimate that participation would increase by only about 15 per cent.

"I fear that the proponents of eliminating the purchase requirement are playing down the increase in participation in order to lower their cost estimates," said Sen. Herman E. Talmadge (D Ga.), chairman of the Senate committee that handles food stamp legislation.

"However, they can't have it both ways," he said. "Either the elimination of the purchase requirement will greatly increase participation and cost millions more; or it would not greatly increase participation thus fail to accomplish its main purpose."

Talmadge is among those who oppose doing away with the purchase requirement because they say, it would destroy the programs unique characteristics as a nutrition supplement and turn it into another welfare program.

"If a household is willing to help itself, by coming up with the purchase requirement, the federal government will match, and in most cases exceed, that amount in bonus stamps," Talmadge said. "The American people favor this arrangement over a giveaway."

Other opponents argue that food stamps are a necessity to help poor people manage their money and assure them and their children a nutritionally adequate diet. This reinforces "the idea of family responsibility," said Rep. Robert H. Michel (R Ill.), sponsor of a bill last year to tighten the program.

The opponents also say that proponents have overstated promises of significant administrative saving if the purchase requirement were eliminated.

Transactions must still occur: bonuses must still be calculated; and the stamps must still be issued," said Sen. Carl T. Curtis (R Neb.). Eliminating the purchase requirement to stop vendor abuse, he said, is "akin to shooting a gnat with a shotgun."

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