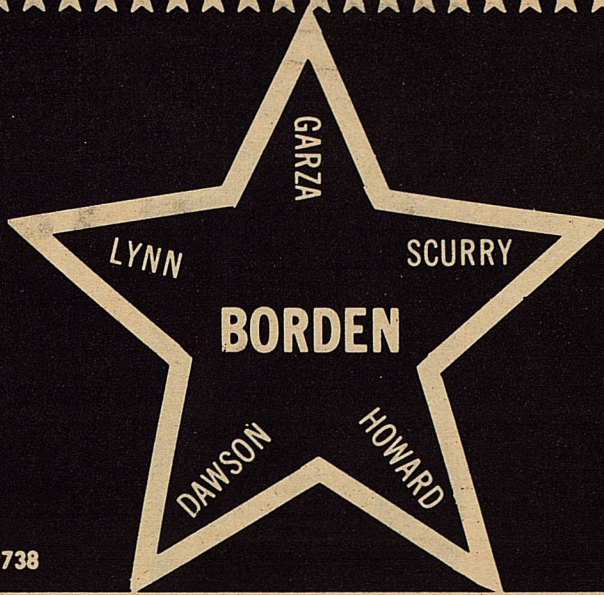


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Borden Co. Jr. Livestock Assoc.

There will be a meeting of the Borden County Junior Livestock Association Thursday night, January 30, 1975, at 7:30 P.M., in the Vocational Agriculture building at Borden County High School. This meeting is for all persons named below who have been appointed to the following committees:

If for some reason you will be unable to assist the Association by serving on one of these committees, please let me know.
Swine Superinten.-Dan Turner
Assist.-Tom Lockhart, E. L. Farmer.
Sheep Supt.-Buster Taylor,
Assist.-Ed Rinehart and Don Wills.
Steer Supt.-Elmer McClurg,
Assist.-Vernon Wolf, Eldon McClurg.
Concession Stand-Mrs. Dewey Fay Miller, Assist.-James McLeroy, Mrs. Earnest Kiker
Borden Co. Committee- Ralph Miller, J.R. Anderson, Martin Parks, Ray Herring, and Don Wills.

Food Committee- Mrs. E.L. Farmer, Dorothy Browne, Mrs. Brent Murphy, Mrs. Don Wills, Mrs. Kenneth Stroup, Mrs. Royce Patterson
Weighers-Roy Lee Beaver, Don Jones, Kenny Hensley, Rube Smith, C.B. Brummett, Jr.
Clerk-Don Cox
Trophies-Corky Ogden, Earnest Kiker
Announcer-J.R. Anderson
Set Up Buyer's Chairs-Weldon Hancock and Jake Holmes.
Work in Auction Ring-E.L. Farmer and Corky Ogden
Buy for Association at Howard County-Max Zant and C.B. Brummett, Jr.
Buy for Association at Scurry County-Don Cox and Brent Murphy
Obtain Floor Bids-Steers-Van York, Roger Williams
Lambs-Bert Dennis, Joe Canon.
Barrows-E.L. Farmer and Roger Williams
Haul Animals to Floor Bidders Ray Herring, Don Jones, Roger Williams, Royce Patterson and Herman Ledbetter.
The following is a list of people selected to serve as sales committees in the neighboring towns.

Slaton-Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Hancock, Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Farmer, Mr. and Mrs. Her-

man Ledbetter, Don Cox, Lubbock-Don Cox, Doyle Newton, Roger Williams, Van York, Roy Lee Beaver.

Tahoka-Mr. and Mrs. Dan Turner, Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Farmer, and Mr. and Mrs. Pat Hensley, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ledbetter, and Norman Ledbetter.

Lamesa-Mr. and Mrs. James E. Smith, Mardis Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Canon, Bill Stephens, Ed Rinehart, Norman Ledbetter, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Toombs, Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Nunnally, Mr. and Mrs. Corky Ogden, Mr. and Mrs. O.D. Jackson, Leonard Isaacs, C.B. Brummett, Jr.,

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State Store License Abolished

Austin--Comptroller Bob Bullock reminded Texas business operators Saturday that the state store license requirement has been abolished.

Bullock said his office has been besieged with calls and letters this month by businesses which were unaware that the license requirement was repealed as of Dec. 31, 1974.

"Obviously, the past administration didn't get the message out," Bullock said. "I consider it good news that we've been able to do away with the store license."

The store license, which started at \$5 for a single store, was a minor revenue source. Its repeal by phases was ordered by the Legislature in 1971.

Bullock said that some 240,000 stores in Texas had previously been covered by the license act.

He said his office is returning license money still being sent in by businesses unaware of the repeal.

"It's gratifying to see businesses voluntarily trying to do right and pay their taxes, but in this case we are saying - 'thanks, but no thanks,'" Bullock said.



GAIL FFA WINNING TEAM -Ag. Mechanics-Mesa District FFA
Clifton Smith, John Anderson, Jim McLeroy, Garland Williams, and Mr. Sid Long, Advisor.

Committee Positions Assigned

District 63 State Representative Mike Ezzell was pleased to report Thursday that the long awaited committee positions had been assigned.

Rep. Ezzell gained a spot on the traditionally powerful State Affairs Committee and a place on the newly created Health and Welfare Committee.

"I'm very pleased to be named to the State Affairs group. It was one of my first choices and I was really fortunate to get it," Ezzell said of his position on the committee of broad ranging authorities.

"And with my appointment to the Health and Welfare, I will be able to participate in my long standing interest in mental health and retardation. It looks like I'm going to be busy with some important business this session."

All committee appointments had been delayed as newly elected Speaker of the House Bill Clayton created several new committees and revised some old ones.

Letter To Editor

I really enjoy the Borden Star. I hear from people through it that I don't hear from any other way.

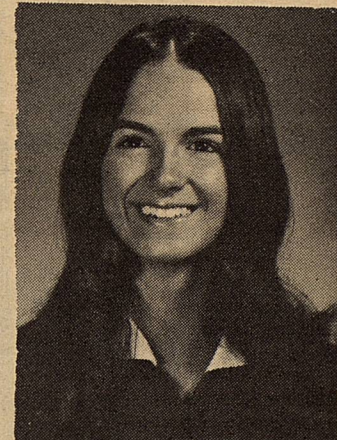
Say hello to Mrs. Allen Stephens for me.

Mrs. S. L. Lockhart

Autos.

De-Buzzed

(Wash) President Ford has signed a bill to abolish the auto interlock system that keeps a car from being started until the seat belts are fastened. The continuous buzzer now used to warn persons when seat belts are not fastened would also be eliminated; only a warning light on the dashboard would be required. Decisions on other requirements, such as mandatory air bag restraints, would be left up to the Department of Transportation, but are subject to the approval of Congress.



DEBRA ELAINE COX

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cox of Lubbock announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Debra Elaine to Don Martin (D.M.) Parks, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Parks of Fluvanna. The wedding has been set for June 7 at the Ford Memorial Chapel of the First Baptist Church in Lubbock.

Important Notice

The Sheriff's Office has been notified that the official, who operates the local driver's license bureau, will not be in Gail Thursday, February 6.

Since he comes the first Thursday of each month, March 6 will be the next regular time he will be in Gail.



Borden County School News



HIGH INDIVIDUALS-Ag. Mechanics Contest-Mesa District FFA
Gail FFA members won all individual honors with Clifton Smith winning high in welding, plumbing and identification; John Anderson winning high individual in electricity and overall high individual, and Jim McLeroy winning high in identification and second overall high individual.

Win Mesa District Ag. Mech

The Gail FFA Chapter's Agricultural Mechanics team composed of John Anderson, Jim McLeroy, Clifton Smith, and Garland Williams, won the Mesa District FFA Agricultural Mechanics Contest that was held in Tahoka, Wednesday, January 22. The contest is sponsored by Lyntegar Electric Cooperative in cooperation with the Agricultural Education Department of Texas Tech. Lyntegar provides facilities, personnel, awards, and a banquet after the contest for all contestants, ad-

visors, and judges. The Gail team was 1st with a score of 5075 points, Dawson FFA second with 4909 points, and Post FFA placed third. John Anderson was overall high individual of the contest and Jim McLeroy was second high overall individual. John also won the electricity phase of the contest and received two plaques for his efforts. Clifton Smith received two plaques for being high individual in welding, plumbing, and identification of tools. Jim McLeroy tied with

Clifton in identification of tools and received a plaque. This was the seventh time the Gail team has won the contest over a ten year period. This is the first time, however, a team has won all phases of the contest with one team's members receiving all the individual plaques for high individuals. The Gail team received a first place plaque and fifty dollars toward the purchase of electrical shop equipment. The team was coached by Mr. Sid Long, advisor, Gail FFA Chapter.



Girls

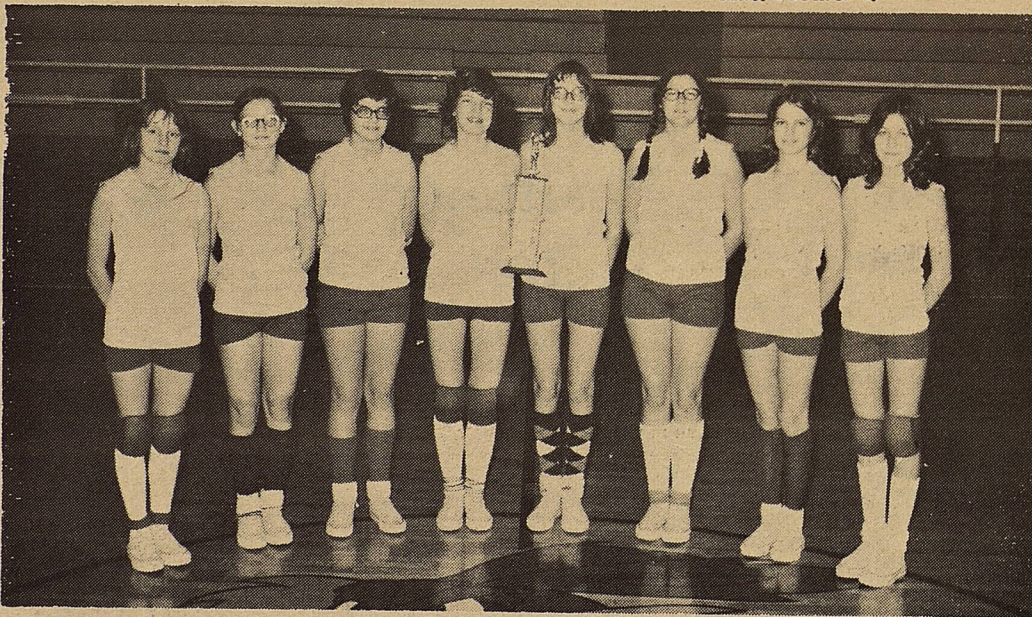
Girls Hi School

On Tuesday, January 21, the high school girls defeated Loop, 58-36. Scoring for Borden were: Philena Farmer 22 points, Deidre Tucker 16, Sue Hancock 10, Jay Griffin 8, and Kristy Smith 2 points. Deidre led the rebounders with 7 and Tricia Jackson had 6 rebounds and Catherine Anderson had 4 recoveries and Lisa Ludecke had 3.

Girls Lose

On Friday night the Borden girls lost to Sands 59-52. Philena and Deidre each scored 22 points and Sue had 8 points. Deidre and Catherine Jackson each had 5 rebounds and Catherine had 5 recoveries.

• A school board may meet in closed session to discuss salaries of individual employees, but not to discuss salaries of a class.



Jr. High A Girls Team Wins Second Place Trophy-Pennye Thompson, Terry Smith, Karen Williams, Talley Griffin, Glynda Burkett, Carla Jones, Lisa McLeroy, Rhesa Wolf.

Jr. High Girls Win 2nd

The Junior High girls won second place in the Union Tournament, beating Dawson 39-8, and Ropes 34-32, then losing to Smyer in the championship game 25-21.

In the game with Dawson Thursday, January 23, Talley Griffin scored 18 points, Glynda Burkett 12, Pennye Thompson 4, Karen Williams 2, Terry Smith 2 and Carla Jones 1 point.

Against Ropes Saturday morning, Talley scored 23 points, Pennye 9, and Glynda 2 points. In the final game

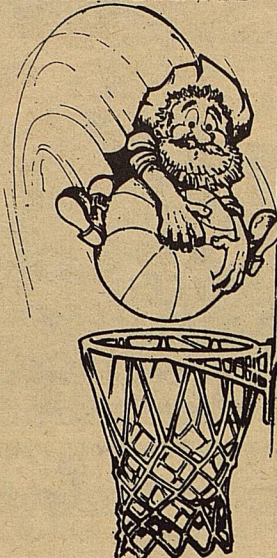
Saturday night against Smyer, Talley had 12 points, Pennye 6, Glynda 2, and Karen 1. Also playing the tournament on the Junior High team were Rhesa Wolf and Lisa McLeroy who did a good job on the guard end.

The 6th grade team was also entered in the tournament. They were defeated by the Weilman 'A' Team 30-21 and the Union 'A' Team 23-20. Against Wellman, Monica Dyess scored 14 points, Becky Miller 4, and Jana Edwards 3 points. Against Union Becky scored 8 points and Monica and Jana 6 points each.

Other members of the 6th grade team in the tournament were Tammy Telchik, Suzanne Walker, Heather McPhaul, Charla Vaughn, and Debra Kountz.

On Monday, January 27, the Junior High girls defeated Grady 44-25 after leading 34-5 at half-time. Talley Griffin scored 24 points, Glynda Burkett 8, Pennye Thompson 6, Monica Dyess 4, and Becky Miller 2 points. Lisa McLeroy, Carla Jones, and Jana Edwards each had 2 rebounds. Gayla Newton had 3 recoveries and Rhesa Wolf had 7.

BASKETBALL



Boys

Wins Over Loop

The Borden Varsity Boys won over Loop by a score of 76-45. The Coyotes pressed to Loop Longhorns into several mistakes and pulled away for a comfortable lead in the first half and to coast on to a easy victory. Clifton Smith led the scoring for the Coyotes with 32 points. Monte Smith followed closely with 30. Others scoring for the Coyotes were John Anderson 9, Richard Long 4 and Larry Simer 4.

"B" Team

The Borden "B" team lost to Sands "B" 43-21. Scoring for the Coyotes were Patrick Toombs 6, Ben Thompson 5, Jackie Lockhart 4, Eurdist Rinehart 3, Tim Smith 2, and Matt Farmer 1.

Kell Williams 1.

The Borden "A" team opened tournament play losing to Dawson 40-28. Scoring for the Coyotes were Blane Dyess 11, Perry Smith 8, Ben Murphy 6, and Travis Rinehart 3. This loss put them in the consolation side of the bracket.

In the second game, Borden beat Ropes 32-20. Scoring for the Coyotes were Blane Dyess 14, Perry Smith 10, Travis Rinehart 4, Ben Murphy 2 and Craig Peterson 2.

The Coyotes won the Consolation trophy in their final tournament game with a 42-31 cut line tournament game with a 42-32 win over Union. Scoring for the Coyotes were Blane Dyess 20, Craig Peterson 10, Travis Rinehart 8, and Perry Smith 4 points.

Varsity To Sands

The Borden Varsity lost a good game to the Sands Mustangs Friday night 77-70. The Coyotes led at the end of the first quarter 23-21. Sands led at the half 39-37 and the score was tied 57-57 after three quarters. Clifton Smith was the leading scorer for the Coyotes with 27 points. Others scoring were Monte Smith 14, Larry Simer 13, John Anderson 8 and Richard Long 8 points. The Coyotes play Klondike at Gail Friday night in their next district game.

Jr. Hi

The Borden "B" team opened play in the Union tournament with a loss to Wellman 41-20. Scoring for the Coyotes were Kell Williams 6, Tim Taylor 4, Ruben Vidal 4, Danny Holmes 2, Brad Smith 2, and Ricky Smith 2 points.

In the second game for the "B" team, they lost to Union 59-13. Scoring for the Coyotes were Tim Taylor 8, Ray Don Underwood 2, Troyce Wolf 2 and

Jr. Hi Boys Lose

The Borden Junior High boys lost to Grady Junior High Monday night 44-26. Leading scorer for the Coyotes was Perry Smith with 13 points. Others scoring for the Coyotes were Blane Dyess 8 points, Craig Peterson 4 points and Ben Murphy 1 point. The Junior High boys have Wellman yet to play and the Dawson Junior High Tournament.

Borden B Wins

The Borden "B" team won their first game of the season beating Loop 49-22. Scoring for the Coyotes were Jackie Lockhart 13, Eurdist Rinehart 10, Darin Tucker 6, Marlon Vaughn 5, Patrick Toombs 5, Ben Thompson 4, Tim Smith 4, and Ramon Vidal 2 points.

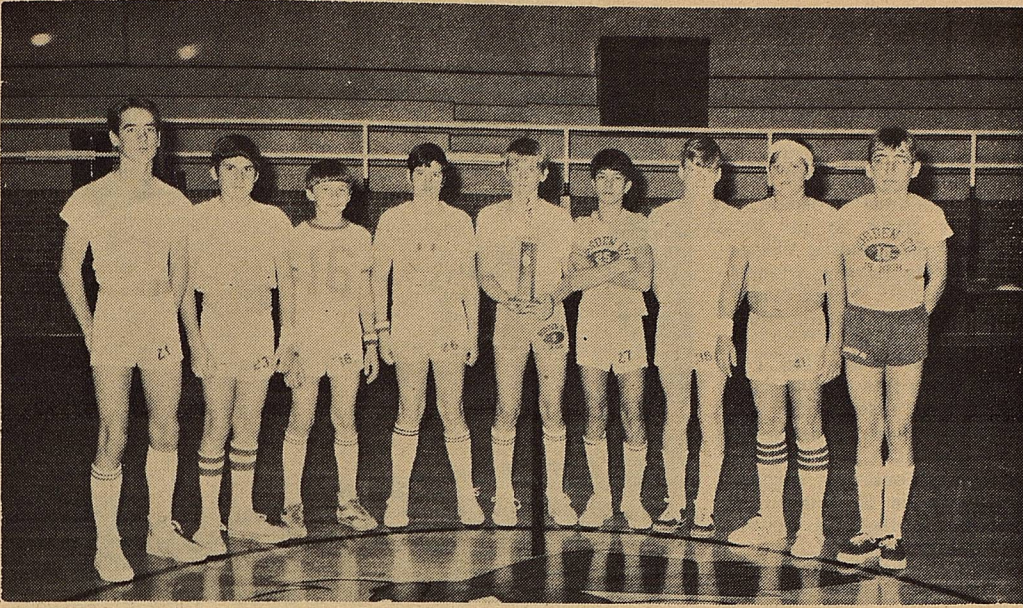
WELFARE SPENDING UP

—Welfare spending during the last fiscal year came to

\$613.7 million in Texas, the State Welfare Department reported.

Of the total, \$405.8 million was in federal funds. Medical expenditures increased sharply, but average family payments declined slightly. More than a million Texans received food stamps at the end of fiscal 1974.

• Class A and B misdemeanor complaints may be lodged before a justice of the peace.



Jr. High Boys A Team Wins Consolation Trophy-Mark Walker, Bart McMeans, Ben Murphy, Perry Smith, Travis Rinehart, Blane Dyess, Sid Westbrook, Craig Peterson, and Brent Rhoton.



FHA STUDENTS AND PRESCHOOLERS.

School Menu

February 3-7, 1975

MONDAY
Frito Pie
Green Beans
Vegetable Salad
Oranges
Milk

TUESDAY
Fish
Baked Potatoes
Buttered Spinach
Cornbread-Butter
Apple
Milk

WEDNESDAY
Hamburgers
French Fries
Tomato-Lettuce-Pickles
Fruit Cobbler
Milk

THURSDAY
Sliced Turkey
Cranberry Sauce
Potato Salad
Lettuce Wedge
Hot Rolls-Butter
Cookies
Milk

FRIDAY
Enchiladas & Chili
Mexican Bean Salad
Corn
Plain Cake with Icing
Milk

STOCK SHOW

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Snyder- Mr. and Mrs. Doyle
Newton, Mr. and Mrs. Brent
phy, Mr. and Mrs. Roger
Williams, Mr. and Mrs.
Dewey Everett, Mr. and Mrs.
Ralph Miller, Mr. and Mrs.
Ray Herring, Mr. and Mrs.
Don Wills, Mr. and Mrs. Roy
Lee Beaver, Mr. and Mrs.
Glenn Toombs, Mr. and Mrs.
Bert Dennis, Mr. and Mrs.
Frank Beaver, Mr. and Mrs.
Don Jones, Mr. and Mrs.
Martin Parks, Mr. and Mrs.
Martin Parks, Mr. and Mrs.
Ed Rinehart, Mrs. Sid
Long, Mr. and Mrs. Kenny
Bennett, and Mr. and Mrs.
Borden Gray, Jr.
San Angelo-Mr. and Mrs. Joe
Canon, Mr. and Mrs. Frank
Beaver, Mr. and Mrs. Bert
Dennis.

Big Spring- Mr. and Mrs. Max
Zant, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan
Zant, Mr. and Mrs. C.B.
Brummett, Jr., Mr. and Mrs.
Tom Lockhart, Mr. and Mrs.
Vernon Wolf, Mr. and Mrs.
T.L. Griffin, Mr. and Mrs.
Bill Wilson, Jr., Mr. and
Mrs. Dwaine Williams, Mr.
and Mrs. J.R. Anderson, Mr.
and Mrs. Joe Don Zant, Mr.
and Mrs. Kenneth Stroup, and
Mr. and Mrs. James
McLeroy.

O'Donnell-Mr. and Mrs. Wel-
don Hancock, Mr. and Mrs.
E.L. Farmer, Mr. and Mrs.
John Stephens, Mr. and Mrs.
Nolan Jones, Mr. and Mrs.
Bob Ludecke, Mr. and Mrs.
Herman Ledbetter, Mr. and
Mrs. Pat Hensley, and Mr.
and Mrs. Kenneth Williams.
Post-Don Cox, Mr. and Mrs.
John Dennis, Mr. and Mrs.
Ray Herring, Mr. and Mrs.
Ralph Miller, Mr. and Mrs.
Mickey McMeans.
We know that all the hard

work and time spent in prepara-
tion for our show and sale is
reflected in the outstanding
young people we have in Borden
County.

Thanking you in advance for
contributing to the success of
our Junior Livestock Show.
Stock Show Dates: February 20,
21, and 22, 1975.

/s/
Sid Long

Community Services

Snyder--Rex Hopkins, Dir-
ector of Continuing Education
and Community Services at
Western Texas College, would
like to contact persons quali-
fied to teach community ser-
vices courses at the college.

Community services courses
are non-credit courses offering
instruction in whatever subjects
those enrolling wish to study.
Community services courses in
the past have taught cake decor-
ating, genealogy, creative writ-
ing, sign language for the deaf,
selection and care of house and
yard plants, powder puff
mechanics, and many other sub-
jects.

Community services courses
may be arranged at the con-
venience of the instructor and
students since they do not fol-
low the regular college schedule,
and meet for as many sessions
as the instructor feels will be
necessary. Class size, course
content and cost are largely de-
termined by the instructor. The
college furnishes meeting fac-
ilities and assists in other ways.

Persons who would like to of-
fer their skills as instructors
may contact Hopkins at ex-
tension 237 at WTC, 573-8511,
or may write him at the col-
lege.

Play School Day

On January 24, the Freshman
Home Economics I Class held
a Play School Day for ten chil-
dren, ages four to five years old.
The young children attending
were David Holmes, Mindy Will-
iams, Christi Ortiz, Wayne
Daughtery, Kim Turner, Leddy
Doyle, Kelli Williams, Shelly
Lewis, Ray Lynn Key, and
Deanna Arrendondo.

The activity climaxed a unit
on Child Development which
emphasized growth and develop-
ment of the four and five year
old child. The Play School Day
was a fun and learning activity
for the class.

Denise Currey greeted the
young children and gave each
child a name tag. Martha An-
derson led the children in singing
"Mary Had A Little Lamb"
and "Jesus Loves Me". She
also led them in two action
songs, "If You're Happy and
You Know It" and "The Hokey-
Pokey".

Twila Telchik taught a lesson
on the colors, helping the chil-
dren to learn and identify colors.
Sylvia Espinoza led story time
by reading the story, The Big
Happy 1-2-3- Book. The story
helped the children recognize
and apply the numbers.

Carol Burkett had a Surprise
Box which helped the children

identify and explain the func-
tion of regular household sup-
plies and tools. Rita Baeza led
a lesson on the alphabet, helping
the children identify the letters
of the alphabet.

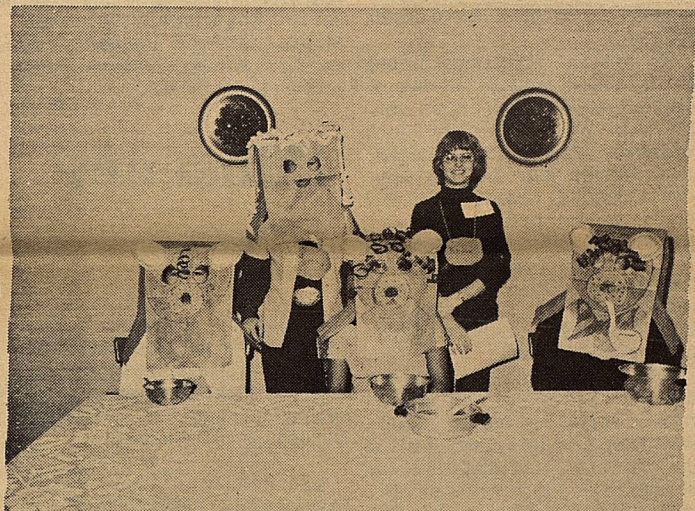
Kevva Tucker entertained the
children with an action story,
The Three Bears. Kevva nar-
rated the story. Characters
wore paper sack masks, por-
traying their part. Denise play-
ed the role of Pappa Bear,
Sylvia Espinoza-Mamma Bear,
and Rita Baeza-Baby Bear.
Martha Anderson was Goldilocks.

Lesa Hensley led the creative
play which was to stimulate the
children's imagination. Lesa
provided ten large boxes
wrapped in bright colors, blan-
kets, and chairs. The children
all joined in, playing everything
from house to driving cars down
main street. Their imaginations
were certainly stimulated!

Each child was given a small
book at the end of the class.

The Homemaking girls and
Mrs. Kountz would like to
thank the parents and children
for making this enjoyable ac-
tivity possible. They would also
like to thank Mr. McMeans for
allowing them to have this ac-
tivity in conjunction with their
classwork.

/s/
Twila Telchik



THE THREE BEARS

Baby Bear-Rita Baeza, Moma Bear-Sylvia Espinoza, Papa
Bear -Denise Currey, Goldilocks-Martha Anderson and narrat-
or Kevva Tucker



PLAINS FOOD GROUP

Heather McPhaul, Jana Edwards, Glynda Burkett, Lesa Ludecke,
Suzanne Walker, Chara Vaughn, Tammy Telchik, Lisa Smith,
Rosa Vidal, and Stephanie Stephens, with Mrs. Jarrell Edwards.

AG OPINIONS—Jurisdiction
over minors 14-17 years old
for fish and game law viola-
tions is in juvenile courts,
Attorney General Hill held.

Where minors are taken
into court, they must be re-
leased promptly to parents
on promise to bring them to
court on request.

Fort Worth

Several local boys and girls
carried their animals to the
Ft. Worth Stock Show last week.

Gayla Newton placed 4th in
light weight steers; Joie
Brummett placed 4th in heavy
weight steers; and Cindy Beaver
placed 16th with her steer.

Jerre's Greetings

Dear Mr. Arab Shiek:

I hear that while your son was in San Antonio learning to fly that he became enamored with the Alamo. Not wanting to deprive your son, you have asked to buy it as a gift for him. Knowing Texans as I do, I was not surprised that you were told that our symbol of valor and strength weren't for sale.

No, the Alamo isn't for sale at any price. Even if Texas were as hard pressed as some other states for money, all of yours couldn't buy our shrine. Texans are a proud lot. We have inherited the courage and desire for independence which the Alamo signifies.

But there is a piece of real estate on the East coast of the United States in which I own an interest. I would be willing to negotiate with you for my interest in Washington, D.C. In fact, if the price is right, you you might be able to purchase it 100%-if you have not already done so.

Washington, D.C. is not listed on the stock market but every citizen of the United States own stock in WDC. We buy stock whenever we pay taxes. There are citizens who only pay hidden taxes-they are the folks who don't work. And by the way, those who don't work are the only ones who receive dividends. Dividends are paid in the form of welfare checks, food stamps, and payments to mothers of illegitimate children.

WDC does carry a group insurance policy or retirement plan of sorts. An employed person pays into this fund until he or she is 65. At that time the person begins to receive small monthly allotments from the sum paid in. So far we have had no one live long enough to regain what he had paid in. This plan tends to encourage older couples to live together outside of wedlock-which would not offend you, I should think.

Washington, D.C. does not have a salable product, therefore, all income is derived from the stock holders. What with the huge disbursements, the financial statement does not look sound. What with a debt in the billions, you might get WDC at a distressed price. It would not take you long to turn the picture around, since you are in a position to back the currency with gold.

The management and person-

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nel would be included in the sale. I do not think you would find a language barrier. It is a phenomena indigenous to WDC that once employed, the personnel begin to speak a language unintelligible to the employers (citizens). They may be speaking Arabic, which would certainly be to your advantage.

In case you are short of ready cash-I've heard you've been to Las Vegas-terms could be arranged. Gold or payments in oil would be quite acceptable. Some of the personnel could be traded immediately for oil. I think Messrs. Proxmire, Jackson and Kennedy would be amenable to your policies. They, for starters, would fit right into your organization.

There are many lovely shrines in Washington, D.C. which might catch your son's fancy. He would probably be just as pleased with a gift of WDC, wrapped in red tape, as he would be with the Alamo.

Homemakers Club

The Gail Homemakers Club will meet Wednesday January 29 at 7:00 P.M. in the school cafeteria. This will be an organizational meeting and Mrs. Jarrell Edwards will show some slides. All club members are urged to attend. Please come and bring a friend.

Museum News

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. (Bud) Hollas of Amarillo visited in Gail this week. They brought with them an antique sewing machine for loan to the Borden County Museum.

The Family of Maple Richie has loaned a beautiful old car that had been in the John Curry family for over 150 years.

West Texas College

SNYDER -- The American cowboy captured the imagination of the world, and if his image in the movies was not truthful it was nonetheless fascinating.

Students in English 233 at Western Texas College will be studying western films as literature during the spring semester. Richard Lancaster and Janet Halbert will be teaching the course, a sophomore course which may be selected as an option to either American Literature or British Literature. It is transferable.

English 233 at Western Texas College is a course designed for offering a variety of topics of interest. "We consider the western film to be one of the most important narrative forms of the twentieth century," Lancaster said. "They have a special relationship with American society, for they represent America looking at the complexity of its agrarian past." The western film will be

studied in terms of its presentation of the myth and reality of the West, its concept of evil and virtue, its attitude toward violence, and its advocacy of individual freedom. Among the films to be shown are "The Virginian", "Stagecoach", "My Darling Clementine", "Shane", "High Noon", "Fort Apache", "Soldier Blue" and "The Wild Bunch." WTC is one of the few colleges offering this type of study, and the WTC instructors were invited to present a discussion on "Films as Literature Option" at the Southwest Regional Conference on English in the Two-Year College in Houston last October.

Two sections of the course will be offered at 10:30 Tuesday and Thursday mornings. The course is open to freshmen students by special permission. Persons wishing additional information may contact Lancaster or Mrs. Halbert at WTC. Enrollment for the spring semester is planned Jan. 13-14.

Grass Production

Grass to the rancher is a cash crop, the same as cotton, grain sorghum or wheat to a farmer.

The key to the entire process of growing and maintaining an ample supply of grass is summed up by Erwin Pavlik, district conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service here, in one word:

"MANAGEMENT."

The more good grass that is produced per acre, he points out, the more pounds of beef that can be produced per acre. "The two best tools to aid the rancher in a good grazing management plan are deferred grazing and proper grazing use," Pavlik says.

A sound rule-of-thumb for proper range use, the conservationist says, is to take half and leave half, by weight, of the annual grass production.

Pavlik says the reason for leaving half is to give the grass sufficient leaf surface to produce more grass.

"The food for the grass is manufactured in the leaves," he explains. "From this we can summarize that it takes grass to produce grass."

Grazing should be deferred on all rangeland for three months or more during the growing season each year, if possible or practical, Pavlik says.

"This," he points out, "gives the grass a chance to make seed, make regrowth, and to store food nutrients."

Deferred grazing and proper stocking will help to increase the better and more palatable grasses, he says, with the end result of being able to stock more livestock because of more grass.

"Overstocking leads to loss of vigor in the better grasses," he adds, "with the end result being an invasion of poor grasses and weeds and the ranch being able to carry less stock."

"The properly stocked rancher keeps his livestock in top shape; they bring more per pound and he has more pounds to sell. The overstocked in poor condition, would sell for less per pound, and would have fewer lbs. to sell."



JON GANDY PARKER

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Parker, of Gail, are the proud parents of a 7 lb. 11 oz., 19 in. baby boy. Jon Gandy was born January 26 at 4:13 in Post, Texas. His maternal grandparents

are Mr. and Mrs. Journey of Dublin, and paternal grandmother Mrs. Parker also of Dublin.

Mr. Jim Parker is the Band Teacher and Mrs. Jan Parker teaches English at Borden County Schools.

New

Arrival

Shanna Dawn Hodge arrived the 13th of January to live with Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Hodge of Muleshoe, Texas. Shanna Dawn is the great-grand-daughter of Jap and Lorene Jones of Gail.

San Marcus Stock Show

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Turner, San Marcus, placed high in County Fair and Live Stock Show. Jetta, placed 1st in reining, 3rd in Western Pleasure, fourth in halter and pole bending. Her calf placed also placed 1st and 3rd in crafts and had 1st through 5th in baking.

Tonja won the over all showmanship award, placed 1st in Western Pleasure and 3rd in halter. She had a 3rd and 4th in Crafts and 1st, 3rd, and 4th in baking.

This is Bronk Turner's 1st year in 4-H and he placed 1st in Western Pleasure out of a class of 38. They are the grandchildren of Doris Rudd, Gail and neices and nephews of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Turner and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Turner Fluvanna.

Referees

I think that I shall never see
A satisfactory referee.
About whose head a halo shines
Whose merit rates reporters
lines.

One who calls them as they are
And not as I would wish by far.
A gent who leans not either way,
But lets the team decide the play.

A man who knows the rules by
heart
And uses judgement from the
start.
Poems are made by fools like
me
But only God could referee.

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(San Antonio) Photographic equipment originally designed for America's space program is now being used to make the nation's highways safer and reduce the cost of highway operations and maintenance.

The Department of Transportation and the City of San Antonio is actively engaged in the use of a new photographic technique known as "photologging." The process involves equipment developed for the space program and results in a film record of the highway environment, which can be used to improve highway safety operations, and maintenance. Funded by state and participating federal highway monies, more than 30 states are currently involved in filming highway conditions along some 269,000 miles of U.S. roads.

In Texas it is estimated about 5,000 miles will be photologged within the San Antonio area. The new program was originally requested for inventorying capabilities; however, the many advantages of the system were soon recognized by the police, courts, health department, public works, tax department and other city divisions besides traffic.

The microlog photologging system provides a color photographic view of the "driver eye-view" of streets and highways.

The photolog pictures are taken by a camera that is actuated by a device attached to the vehicle's odometer, resulting in pictures produced at specified distances.

The finished films can be viewed on a special type of projection unit which can be stopped or speeded up to over 600 mph.

The photolog pictures provide an inventory of all traffic devices evidenced by the film. This information is then fed into the San Antonio computer. This programming includes information such as street class,

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Fixing Fresh Citrus Segments Is Simple

AUSTIN—Preparing fresh citrus segments is simple when homemakers follow the steps suggested by Texas Department of Agriculture home economists.

First, chill whole grapefruit or orange thoroughly. With a straight-bladed sharp knife cut a slice from the top. Then cut off peel in strips from top to bottom or remove it round and round in one long spiraling cut. Always cut deep enough to remove white membrane.

Go over the fruit again, removing any remaining membrane. Now cut along the membrane of each section from outside to the core. Tip the knife outward and roll the whole section out one at a time. Section fruit over a bowl to retain juices.

The result will be whole segments, free of membrane, that can be stored in their juices in the refrigerator, used as garnishes or heaped on lettuce leaves for a fresh citrus salad.

The outer colorful peel of citrus fruit has its own special uses. The peel contains tiny oil sacs that are full of subtle and distinctive flavor. When it is grated and

used in place of synthetic citrus flavorings, the result is a fresh-as-fruit taste. Fresh grated peel can be frozen in sealed plastic bags or glass jars for quick and easy use.

To grate peel, wash and dry the fruit. With two quick downward strokes, remove the outer colored layer only. Slivered peel is obtained by scoring the peel into quarters and removing it with the fingers. With the tip of a spoon, scrape as much of the white membrane as possible. Stack two or three pieces at a time on a cutting board and cut into very thin strips.

Citrus shells can be filled with fresh citrus sections or other fruits for an attractive salad. To make them, cut oranges or grapefruit in half crosswise. Cut out meat with curved grapefruit knife and scrape clean with a large spoon. Edges may be notched with kitchen shears or a paring knife. For scalloped edges, outline a pattern with a coin and cut around the pattern. To prevent tipping, cut a small slice from the bottom of the shell. Shells store well in the freezer if they are sealed in plastic bags.

Another Fine
Texas Recipe



HOT-SAUCE CITRUS SALAD

4 medium oranges
2 medium Ruby Red Grapefruit

Arrange sections on lettuce leaves. Top with sour cream dressing.

Sour Cream Dressing

3/4 tsp. salt
2 Tbsp. frozen orange juice concentrate
1/2 tsp. sugar
1/4 tsp. hot sauce
1 Tbsp. lemon juice
1/2 cup mayonnaise or salad dressing
1/2 cup sour cream

Blend ingredients and serve on citrus salad. Yield: 6-8 servings.

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street design, direction, location, sign type, material, facing, color, mounting, landscape, size, visibility sign condition, (both day and night), Manual On Uniform Traffic Control Devices compliance and others. This information is easily and rapidly retrievable, thus eliminating expensive on-site investigations.

The cost of the film is about five dollars per one-way mile of road. The visual aid is considered easily understood as compared to a typical road map or engineering plan with its masses of lines, diagrams and codes showing the complex features of roadway design.

The City of San Antonio intends to utilize the photologging equipment in keeping up to date on their traffic control devices inventory. They also hope to aid "area Townships" on a contract and time available basis.

Even though the full potential of photologging has not been realized, it has already proven itself extremely valuable in many areas. Federal Highway Administrator Norbert T. Tiemann tags the photolog as a "veritable road encyclopedia."

Dried herbs are more concentrated than fresh ones. Texas Department of Agriculture home economists recommend using about 1/4 teaspoon of a dried herb for two cups of vegetable, adding it at the beginning of cooking. With fresh herbs, increase the amount to about 3/4 to 1 teaspoon for 2 cups of vegetable.

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Nurse's Notebook

by Francis Burkett
School Nurse

Eye Screening

It is estimated that each year, for lack of a simple vision test, 100,000 American children pass the point at which they could be rescued from possible vision impairments. According to most accurate estimates now available, approximately 1 out of 4 school-age children need professional eye care. These visual difficulties vary from minor refractive errors to severe abnormalities where the child sees so poorly that he needs special help in the classroom.

Most learning is acquired through the sense of sight. If a pupil has poor vision, and this fact is not known, the difficulty affects his entire adjustment in school. Early recognition and treatment of eye diseases and defects can often prevent further loss of vision as well as prevent lasting psychological damage. Every child should have a complete eye examination before entering school and periodically throughout school life,

however, many factors prevent this ideal situation.

It is essential that careful vision screening be started as early as possible which should include the preschool child. Visual screening does not give positive proof of a defect, no matter how carefully given. A doctor's examination can determine if a defect is present. Every child who needs eye care will not be identified through screening, nor will every child referred need glasses or treatment.

No matter how thorough the screening and examination may be, the child will not be benefited unless parents understand the findings and are able to institute recommended corrective measures. Barriers to carrying through such measures may be financial, emotional, or social problems in the family. These barriers can all be overcome by seeking help. All children should be tested for eye defects each year.

Food Still A Bargain

AUSTIN—Though retail food prices advanced 11.2 percent in the United States last year, a recent survey conducted by the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service revealed seven countries exceeding this increase.

"This survey shows that food is still a bargain in the United States," said Agriculture Commissioner John C. White.

He pointed out that prices have climbed 41.9 percent in Brazil, 26.2 percent in Japan, 21.6 percent in Italy, 21.3 percent in Mexico, 17.3 percent in the United States, 15.7 percent in Canada and 12.6 percent in France.

Sweden, the Netherlands,

Belgium, Germany and Denmark all had lower rates of increase than the U. S.

The recent survey compared prices in 15 world capitals and found boneless sirloin steak selling for \$15 a pound in Tokyo, \$4.09 in Bonn, \$1.79 in Washington, D. C. and 83 cents in Buenos Aires. Median price was \$2.47 a pound.

Eggs went from a high of \$1.35 a dozen in Paris to a low of 70 cents in Brasilia. Eggs in Washington sold for 81 cents a dozen, lower than prices in 12 cities.

Milk was selling for 17 cents a quart in London and 62 cents in Tokyo. Washington milk was 46 cents, the median 35 cents a quart.



SEASON FOR CITRUS SALADS—Segments of Ruby Red grapefruit and oranges make a refreshing winter salad. Agriculture Commissioner John C. White recommends buying Texas citrus now while it is at its peak.

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VOLUNTEER LEADERS

"Volunteer 4-H leaders in Texas contribute more than \$6.5 million every year to the 4-H program," says Earnest Kiker, county agent for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "This is a permanent investment in the future of American youth."

Kiker says that 4-H leaders offer an average of three hours of their time each week to working with 4-H boys and girls. Based on a minimum wage of \$2 per hour and the almost 21 thousand 4-H leaders in Texas, the total value of leader contributions is gigantic.

"4-H leaders spend time attending meetings, demonstrations, special programs and other events, helping 4-H'ers learn new skills and ideas," says Kiker.

Because of their contact with 4-H leaders, these youth have an advantage over other youth, in a priceless youth development process, says Kiker.

SOIL SAMPLING TIME

Fall offers numerous advantages for taking soil samples for testing, says Earnest Kiker, county agent for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

First of all, field conditions are more favorable for doing a thorough job of sampling the key to a good soil test.

Also, the urgency of having test results back immediately is not as pressing as during the spring rush.

More time is available to study results before purchasing fertilizer, and dealers will have a better selection of fertilizer materials to meet specific needs.

With fertilizer costs rising and some materials in short supply, a current soil test is the best guide for fertilization for 1975 crops, Kiker adds.

So, get the jump on next season's production schedule with a soil test. It's a step in the right direction for a profitable crop year, believes Kiker.

CHECK COTTONSEED

College Station--Cotton farmers who are planning on saving seed from their 1974 crop should be sure it is high in germination and low in free fatty acid.

"Most farmers check germination closely but may not be aware of the importance of the free fatty acid content," points out Dr. Robert Metzger, cotton specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"Free fatty acid is a by-product of seed deterioration so its content should not be more than 1 per cent. Seed exposed to long periods of wet weather prior to harvesting or subjected to poor storage after harvesting will generally have a higher acid content, indicating considerable seed deterioration," notes the Texas A&M University System specialist.

The acid content of cottonseed is especially important this year since much of the 1974 cotton crop suffered from wet weather this fall, explains Metzger.

He adds that cottonseed de-

linting plants commonly use the 1 per cent level of free fatty acid as the breaking point in saving or rejecting seed for planting purposes.

"Seed with a high acid content often shows a high germination test, initially, but these seed will deteriorate rapidly in storage and germination will drop," explains the cotton specialist. "Of course, a low acid content does not insure top quality seed. Immature seed may be low in free fatty acid content."

Metzger advises producers against saving cottonseed for planting that has 2 per cent or more free fatty acid. Seed delinting companies can assist producers in obtaining an acid test on their planting seed. Numerous laboratories in the state are equipped to check the acid content of cottonseed.

"So, get your seed tested and then store it in a dry location," says Metzger. "The use of high quality planting seed is important in getting a crop up to a good stand and growing vigorously."

Rehabilitation Permits

Austin--It would take a hard-hearted person to turn his back on an injured wild animal, and therein lies a dilemma for persons with normal sensibilities.

If you leave the wounded animal in the wild, it will surely suffer and die, but if you take it home and try to nurse it back to health, you could get in trouble with the law which prohibits the possession of game animals and most birds.

Members of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission relieved the pressure from good samaritans recently when they approved the creation of rehabilitation permits. The permits enable holders to nurse game animals and birds back to health and prepare them for eventual release into the wild. They also allow holders to receive or possess specimens accidentally killed on highways for the purpose of donating them to museums zoological gardens or

universities for educational and scientific purposes.

Department officials stress that issuance of permits will be strictly regulated, and only those whose names have been submitted by department game wardens and biologists will be contacted.

Those desiring permits are interviewed to see if they have the expertise and facilities to care for wild creatures. If so, a permit may be issued allowing them to do so.

Eventually, most areas of the state should be represented by persons with permits to care for injured animals.

Hydrogen As Energy Source

Hydrogen was discussed as a possible new energy source that can realistically be expedited to meet mankind's energy needs at hearings before the Federal Energy Administration's Project Independence in Kansas City recently.

"Hydrogen is the only new fuel which can come close to meeting our needs in this country," said Austin Rising, vice president of Beech Aircraft. "Present fossil fuels cannot meet our energy requirements and neither, in our opinion, can any of the other proposed energy sources."

"Hydrogen is perfectly feasible as a power source for everything from lawn mowers to locomotives, home heating units, automobiles, boats and airplanes," Rising said.

He said scientists agree there is an unlimited supply of hydrogen in the seas. The nation's coal resources (as a source of hydrogen) are estimated to be adequate for 500 years. However, research is needed in developing improved methods of recovering hydrogen from these two sources.

Converting an automobile to operate on hydrogen instead of gasoline involves only minor engine modifications and a special cryogenic fuel tank. If new engines were manufactured especially for the use of hydrogen, it is estimated they would cost less and be simpler than present gasoline versions.

Experts in the field say with proper handling, hydrogen in today's state of the art poses no more danger than the flammable fuels currently in widespread use.

The above article was taken from THE TAC BULLETIN.

WTCC

Burl Hulsey, Jr., President of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, has announced a series of four Chamber of Commerce Leaders' Workshops sponsored by the WTCC Local Action Committee and chambers of commerce throughout West Texas--February 11 in Lamesa at the Forest Park Community Center, February 12 in Amarillo at the Hilton Inn, February 18 in Brownwood at the Coliseum, and February 19 in Graham at the Community Center.

The Leaders' Workshops are designed to provide instruction in the basic concepts of chamber of commerce work for voluntary and professional chamber leaders including directors, committee chairmen, members and executives. Executives and leaders from 164 chambers of commerce throughout West Texas are expected to attend.

Harry W. Clark, Senior Vice President of The First National Bank of Midland and chairman of the WTCC Local Action Committee, will be in charge of each workshop. Billed as strictly "working sessions", the one-day program at each location will begin with two morning lecture sessions. Speaking on "Program Building and Committee Operation" will be several persons from Lamesa, Amarillo, Tulia, Brownwood, and Sweetwater.

Other topics will be "Membership Sales and Retention", "Teaching Free Enterprise Concepts in the Public Schools," "Presidents and Board Members".

Registration can be made through any local chamber of commerce or by contacting the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, Box 1561, Abilene, Texas, 79604.

Sales Tax Bonding

Austin--Comptroller Bob Bullock issued regulations early this month to ease sales tax bonding requirements on existing businesses which change their technical legal status without actually changing ownership or management.

Under the new regulations the Comptroller will take into account a business' tax payment record in deciding bond requirements in such situations as when a partnership becomes a corporation, a single ownership becomes a partnership or two businesses merge.

"We shouldn't penalize a good taxpaying business just because it changes its name. The bond requirement on new businesses is an effective way of cutting tax losses but it should be applied with common sense," Bullock said.

Bullock said the new regulations will be retroactive to Jan. 1, 1974, the date the new bonding law went into effect, and that "unreasonable bonds slapped on good businesses during the past year will be reviewed

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Strange Catch

Tyler--The 80-acre lake at Daingerfield State Park in Northeast Texas yielded a strange catch for a park visitor recently--an eyeless catfish.

The one and a half pound channel catfish was caught at night on earthworms.

Park Superintendent Larry Lacewell said skin covered the areas where the fish's eye sockets should have been. It was 18 inches long, which is ordinarily long enough for a four-and-a-half-pound fish, according to Lacewell.



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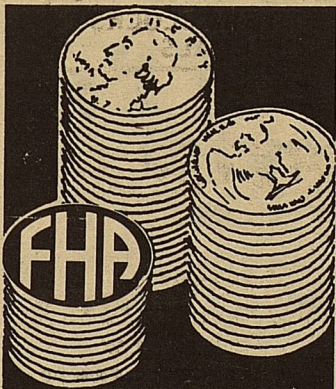
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Poka-Lambro Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. filed with the Federal Government a Compliance Assurance in which it assures the Rural Electrification Administration that it will comply fully with all requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act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

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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

The Texas Highway Department offered an opportunity for a public hearing to be requested by publication on January 1 and January 8, 1975, of a notice reporting the proposed construction of F.M. Highway 1054 from its present terminal point 11.2 miles South of U.S. 180 to F.M. 1584. No requests for a public hearing were received, therefore, the District Office of the Texas Highway Department, at Abilene, has submitted all of the engineering data and information received in connection with the development of this project for approval of the proposed route and design by the Administration of the Texas Highway Department.

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

Maps, drawings showing geometric design, environmental studies and all other available data concerning the development of this project may be inspected and copied at the Resident Engineer's office at 111 North Avenue V, Snyder, Texas.

Bid Notice

Notice is given herewith that proposals will be considered from Banks or Banking Corporations desiring to serve as depository for public funds and county public school funds of Borden County, Texas. Such proposals will be considered Monday, February 10, 1975 at 10:00 A.M., and the Commissioners' Court of Borden County may at its discretion reject any and all bids or proposals submitted. Applications submitted should be in accordance with Article 2545, Vernons' Civil Statutes, and it is desired that same stipulate per cent interest to be paid on time deposits and rate of interest Borden County would pay on Borrowed funds for ordinary operating expenses and borrowed funds for equipment purchases. Depository Bank would be expected to furnish printed checks and deposit slips for all accounts.

/s/
JIM M. BURKETT
COUNTY JUDGE
BORDEN COUNTY

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF EXECUTION SALE

By virtue of an execution issued out of the District Court of Howard County, Texas, 118th Judicial District, on a judgement rendered in said court on the 11th day of July, 1967, in favor of First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Big Spring and against Thomas J. McAdams and wife Lula Belle McAdams, in a case styled First Federal Savings and Loan Association vs. Thomas J. McAdams et ux, Cause No. 16,980 on the docket of such court, I did, on the 20 day of January, 1975, at 10 o'clock A.M., levy upon the following described land in Borden County, Texas, as the property of Thomas J. McAdams, to wit:

All of the interest of Thomas J. McAdams, being a 1/6 interest in the oil, gas and other minerals in, under and that may be produced from said land, subject to its proportionate part of the non-participating royalty interest reserved in a deed from H.W. Harlin, Sr. et ux to W. J. McAdams, dated March 27, 1943 recorded in Vol. 39, page 95, Deed Records of Borden County Texas, reference to which is here made, of that portion lying

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in Borden County, Texas, of the following described lands:

All of Sections 26 and 27 and the N/2 of Section 35, Block 32 T-3-N, T&P Ry, Co, Survey, all wholly or partially in Borden County, Texas, said land in Borden County, Texas containing 1130 gross acres, the interest herein described consisting of 1/6 of that number of mineral acres, less its proportionate share of the royalty reservation hereinabove mentioned, and on the 4th day of March, 1975, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. on said day, at the Courthouse door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all of the right, title and interest of the said Thomas J. McAdams in and to said property.

Dated at Gail, Texas this
22nd day of January , 1975.
/s/
NORMAN SNEED
Sheriff of Borden County Tex.

Forget Depleted Oxygen

Dr. John J. McKetta has a surprise concerning the air we breathe. You have been reading that we are seriously depleting the oxygen in the atmosphere and replacing it with toxic substances such as carbon monoxide.

We all have been taught that oxygen in our atmosphere is supplied by green plants using the process of photosynthesis. It is known that plants take in carbon dioxide and through activation by sunlight, combine CO₂ with water to make starches and cellulose, and give

off oxygen.

In this way the whole chain of plant and animal life is sustained by energy from the sun. When the vegetable or animal materials thus produced are eaten, burned, or allowed to decay they combined with oxygen and return to the carbon dioxide and water from whence they came. We all know this. Then, what is the surprise?

Surprise number one is that most of the oxygen in the atmosphere doesn't come from photosynthesis. The evidence is now overwhelming that photosynthesis is just inadequate to have produced the amount of oxygen produced the amount ucut last line have produced the amount of oxygen that is present in our atmosphere. The reason is that the amount of oxygen produced by photosynthesis is just exactly enough to convert the plant tissue back to the carbon dioxide and water from which it came. In other words, the net gain in oxygen due to photosynthesis is extremely small.

The oxygen in the atmosphere had to come from another source. The most likely possibility involves the photodissociation of water vapor in the upper atmosphere by high energy rays from the sun and by cosmic rays. This process alone could have produced (over the history of the Earth) about seven times the present mass of oxygen in the atmosphere.

The significance of this information is that the supply of oxygen in the atmosphere is virtually unlimited. It is not threatened by man's activities in any significant way. If all the organic material on Earth were oxidized, it would reduce the atmospheric concentration of oxygen by less than 1 per cent. We can forget the depletion of oxygen in the atmosphere and get on with the solution of more serious problems.

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