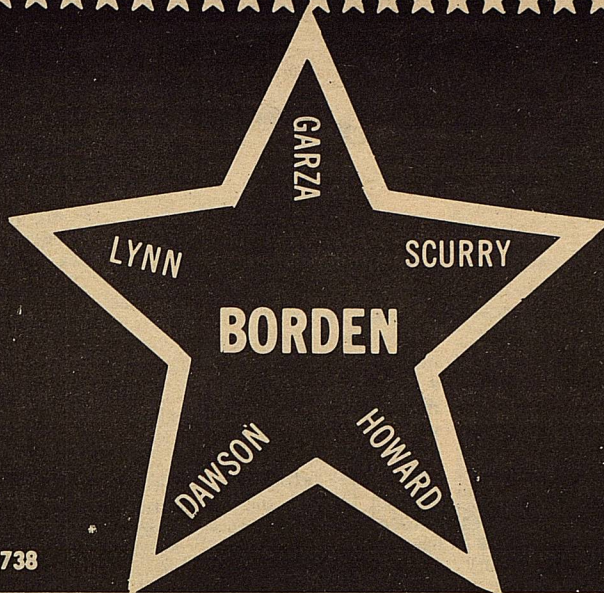


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RICHARD F. HAGELSTEIN

elstein is a 1955 graduate of Sul Ross University where he majored in Range Animal Husbandry. Active in professional societies, he is a member of the Range Society and the Soil Conservation Society of America, serving as a director of the Permian Basin Chapter, SCSA.

All members of the Hagelstein family are active members of the Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

Hagelstein and his wife, Marge are the parents of three sons, Rick, Lee, and Ronny. Mrs. Hagelstein and the boys will move to Midland after the end of the current school term.

## New Post

Richard R. (Dick) Hagelstein, Soil Conservation Service range conservationist on the Snyder Field Office staff for the past eleven months has been promoted to district conservationist for the Midland Field Office, assisting the Midland Soil and Water Conservation District, effective March 2.

Hagelstein succeeds Clyde Goodman who is now a Field Specialist on the staff of the California State Office.

He was an SCS Range Conservationist at Fort Stockton, and District Conservationist at Van Horn and Balmorhea. He came to Snyder from Stinnett after managing farm and ranch properties for the J.M. Huber Corporation of Borger for five years.

A native of San Angelo, Hag-

## SCS Directors Meet

Local conservation leaders were in Crosbyton last week attending the winter meeting of the South Plains Association of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors.

W.L. Wilson, Jr., Chairman, and Walter Stirl, Vice-chairman of the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Directors and Erwin A. Pavlik, district conservationist for the Snyder Field office, Soil Conservation Service, attended from Borden and Scurry Counties.

Participating on the program were Lit Moore, South Plains Association Chairman; Charles Wood, Lubbock, Secretary-Treasurer, Assoc. of Texas Soil

and Water Conservation Dist.; John Millican, Assistant Executive Director, Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board and Frank Mullican, Principal of Maedgen Elementary School in Lubbock.

Mr. Mullican, presented a slide program on the development and use of the Outdoor Classroom on the campus of Maedgen Elementary School in Lubbock. This outdoor classroom on the Maedgen Elementary School campus is recognized as one of the best in the State.

Mr. Wood reviewed pending legislation on land use at both the state and federal level and lead a discussion on effects it could have on soil and water conservation districts and the soil and water conservation program in Texas.

Mr. John Millican, Assistant Executive Director, Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, introduced Mel Davis to the group. Mr. Davis is the new Field Representative for the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board serving Area I. Mr. Davis who comes to Area I from Yorktown, Texas will replace the late Aubrey Dalrymple.

W.D. Criswell was elected Chairman for 1975 and Marvin Boling was elected Vice-chairman. W.L. Wilson, Jr., Chairman of the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation Districts Board of Directors served on the nominations committee.

The August meeting will be hosted by the Floyd County Soil and Water Conservation District at Floydada.

The Region I, Texas Conservation Awards Banquet will be held on the Texas Tech University campus on Thursday, May 8, at this time presentation of the first Aubrey Dalrymple Memorial Award will be made to an outstanding agricultural student at Texas Tech University.

## \$101 Per Lb.!

If meat were sold in retail stores based on prices paid for the champions at the International Livestock Exposition, it would cost a bundle reports the National Live Stock and Meat Board.

Consumers would be looking at top sirloin steak selling for \$101 lb., bacon, \$52.15 lb.; and ground beef, \$38.15 lb. The grand champion steer brought \$15 lb.; top hog, \$14.25 lb.; and top lamb, \$ 30 lb.

## Easter Seals Presented

The first sheet of 1975 Easter Seals has been presented to Governor Dolph Briscoe by Jeff Krajca, of Wichita Falls, 1975 Texas Easter Seal Child in behalf of the Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults of Texas and its affiliates. Jeff, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Krajca, Jr., of Wichita Falls, Texas, has been under treatment at the North Texas Easter Seal Rehabilitation Center, in Wichita Falls since 1972.

Jeff, pictured with Governor Briscoe, presented the seals to officially open the annual Easter Seal Appeal in Texas on behalf of the 20,152 handicapped adults and children who were served in 1974 by the statewide network of Easter Seal affiliates.

The Texas Easter Seal campaign, which will continue through Easter Sunday, March 30, is to raise funds to help in the treatment and rehabilitation of crippled children and adults in Texas. The Easter Seal Society of Texas and its affiliates will conduct the trad-

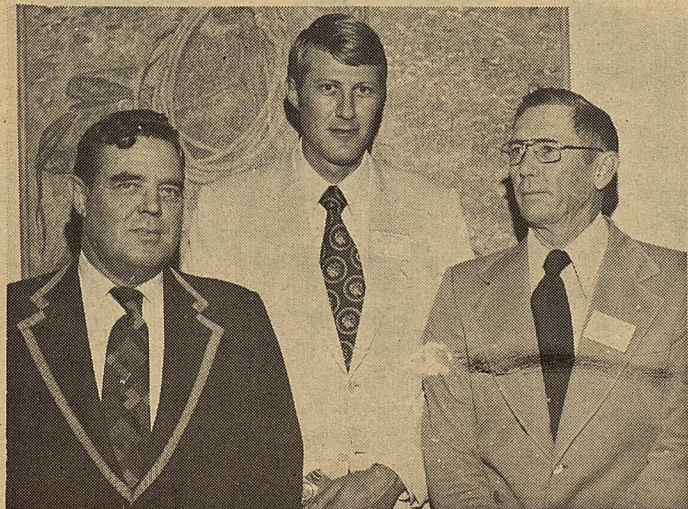
ditional Mail Appeal, House-to-House and Neighbor-to-Neighbor Campaigns, and a variety of local events throughout the state. Over 35,000 volunteers, led by Miss Greer Garson, the 1975 Texas Easter Seal Appeal Chairman, and 234 local Easter Seal Chairmen will participate in the traditional campaign. Through these volunteers, the Texas Easter Seal Society is represented in every county in Texas.



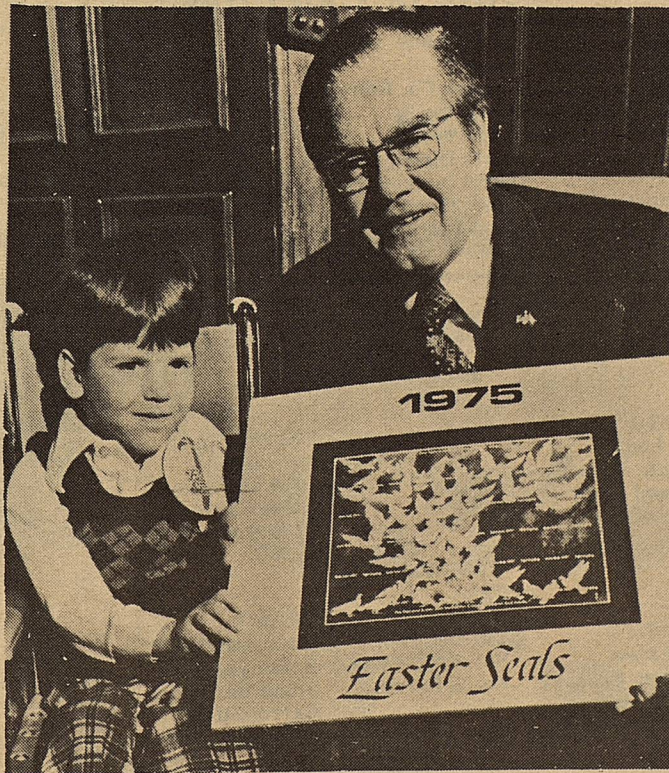
## Holy Week Services

The Dorward Methodist Church invites you to join them in Holy week services beginning on Palm Sunday March 23rd. Services will be held each evening through Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

Rev. Wayland Dowden of the Union Methodist Church will be the speaker. All are invited to come.



UPPER COLORADO SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DIRECTORS W.L. WILSON, JR., AND WALTER STIRL WITH MEL DAVIS, AREA I FIELD REPRESENTATIVE, TEXAS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD.



GOVERNOR BRISCOE AND EASTER SEAL CHILD JEFF KRAJCA

# Brownfield Tennis Tourney

# Program

# News

Borden County made its first appearance in the Brownfield Invitational Tournament. The Brownfield Tournament is one of the strongest in West Texas attracting the better teams from the South Plains. Borden County won eight matches and lost nine to make a very strong showing.

Borden County won all their first round singles matches. Martha Anderson beat Susan Jones of Plainview 8-3 in a pro set to advance to the championship bracket before being beaten by the number 3 seed from Slaton.

Catherine Jackson also moved into the championship bracket by defeating Glenda Langston. Catherine was finally eliminated by Jeri Dobson from Morton.

Monte Smith surprised the number one player from Leveland 8-6. Monte was finally eliminated by Kenneth Cody of Brownfield who was the tournament runner-up.

Ken McMeans eliminated the number one Muleshoe player, Donnie Graves. Ken overpowered Donnie 8-1. Ken was eliminated in the second round by eventual semifinalist Jon Colbert from Abernathy.

Tricia Jackson and Kristy Smith were the only Borden County doubles to get into the championship bracket. The doubles teams ran into extremely tough competition in the first round. Tricia and Kristy defeated Hill and Heune 8-1 in the first round. They lost in the second round to eventual champion Denver City.

Rita Cornett and Lupe Vidal lost in a good effort to last years regional champions Nazareth. Nazareth eventually advanced to the quarter finals. Rita and Lupe also lost to Coahoma in the consolation bracket.

Teddy Cooley and Kem Lockhart turned in the best performance of the weekend in a losing

effort. They played last years Brownfield champions from Denver City.

Denver City who was seeded number one again this year had a tough time with Teddy and Kem managing two service breaks to win. Denver City was in the championship when we left. Kem and Teddy eliminated a good Stanton team in the consolation before bowing to a good Coahoma team.

Gene Cooley and Jack Lockhart were defeated in the first round by a good Seagraves team. Gene and Jack then made it to the quarter finals of the consolation bracket. They beat Plains, Idalou and Petersburg before bowing to the eventual consolation winners.

Borden County made its second straight strong showing. It was one of four class B schools in a 20 team tournament. Two hundred and eight tennis players participated in this tournament.

The following FFA members exhibited animals in the Houston Livestock Show that was held February 26-March 1: Jim McLeroy, Bob McLeroy, Richard Smith, Philena Farmer, Matt Farmer, Joe Zant, Ty Zant, Ben Thompson, Eurdist Rinehart, Patrick Toombs, Richard Long. Placing animals in the sale were the following: Eurdist Rinehart, two lambs, Philena Farmer, one barrow, Matt Farmer, one barrow, Bob McLeroy, one lamb, Richard Long one lamb. The group was accompanied by Mr. Sid Long, vocational agriculture teacher, and Mr. James McLeroy, Borden School Superintendent. Also attending the show were Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Farmer.

AG OPINIONS—Atty. Gen. John Hill held the legislature is limited in the amount of its appropriations to state employees and teacher retirement programs by a constitutional ceiling of six per cent of salaries paid participants.

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THE HIGH SCHOOL BOYS TRACK TEAM is running hard every day to be ready for the Borden County Relays on March 21. L to R Back row: Coach Dyess, Richard Long, Joe Zant, Richard Smith, Wendell Stroup, Monte Smith, and John Anderson. Front: L to R, Eurdist Rinehart, Bob McLeroy, Darin Tucker, Patrick Toombs and Tommy Patterson.

## Activity Calendar

- 10-14 Spring Vacation
- 15 Area FHA -March 14-15 Big Spring
- 18 4-H Meeting 12:35
- 20 Jayton Band Festival
- 21 Borden County Relays 1:00
- 27 FFA-FHA Banquet

## Calendar

- March 10-14
- April 7-May 22
- May 18
- May 20-22
- May 22
- May 23
- May 23

- Spring Vacation
- Sixth Six Weeks
- Baccalaureate
- Final Exams
- High School Graduation
- Junior High Graduation
- Teacher Work Day
- (Close Second Semester)

### Sports Calendar

March 14	Girls Track Hi. & Jr. Hi.	Spur
March 19	Tennis	Forsan Afternoon
March 21	Borden Co. Relays	
April 4	Girls Track	Jayton
April 5	Boys Track	Lamesa
April 7	Girls District Tennis	Brownfield
April 11	Girls District Track	Borden County
April 11	Boys Track	Sundown
April 17	Boys District Track	Borden County

### School Menu

March 17-21, 1975

**MONDAY**  
Hot Dogs  
Cream Style Corn  
Tossed Salad  
Pineapple Cake with Icing  
Milk

**THURSDAY**  
Corn Dogs  
Pork and Beans  
Green Salad  
Fruit Cocktail Cake-Icing  
Milk

**TUESDAY**  
Beef Stew  
Pimento Cheese  
Fruit Salad  
Cornbread-Butter  
Cookies  
Milk

**WEDNESDAY**  
Ham  
Sweet Potatoes  
English Peas  
Hot Rolls-Butter  
Peach Halves  
Milk

**FRIDAY**  
Roast and Gravy  
Baked Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Carrot Sticks  
Pineapple Slices  
Toast  
Milk



THE BORDEN COUNTY GIRLS TRACK TEAM will meet Spur on March 14 in Spur. L to R, Back Row: Liz Ledbetter, Catherine Jackson, Lesa dHensley, Kevva Tucker, and Donelle Jones. Front Row: L to R -Kathy Underwood, Kristy Smith, Gay Griffin, Sue Hancock, Deidre Tucker, and Dana Westbrook.



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## 4-H Cooking Group

The Plains Cooking Group met at Mrs. Edwards house March 5, on Wednesday. Jana Edwards, Glynda Burkett, Suzanne Walker, Charla Vaughn, Rosa Vidal, Heather McPhaul, Stephanie Stephens and Lisa Smith all attended the Plains cooking Group. Also, a new member Karen Williams attended. Lisa Ludecke was absent.

Our next meeting will not be until the Food Show is over. We made meatloaf at this meeting.

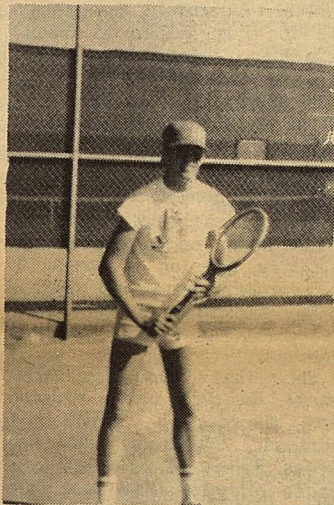
/s/  
Lisa Smith  
Secretary-Reporter



## Tourney Action



Was she ready for that serve  
KRISTY ?



Ready and waiting is  
GENE COOLEY.



RITA CORNETT in action.



TRICIA JACKSON is ready.



JACKIE LOCKHART  
is thinking it over.



OH ME!

## Teachers Ask Pay Increases

Mrs. Jewel Harris of Abilene district official in the Texas State Teachers Association, spoke to the local unit at the high school cafeteria Monday

## The Gail Gourmets

The Gourmets met Wednesday, March 5. Members present were Keil Williams, Danny Holmes, Lisa McLeroy, Terry Smith, Mrs. Bennett, and Mrs. Murphy. Visiting were Mr. and Mrs. Roger Williams, Kelly and Mindy, and Ben and Michale Murphy. We made Mexican salad and then ate it. This will be our last meeting before the food show.

/s/  
Danny Holmes  
Reporter

night March 3rd, discussing current teacher legislation.

Teachers were told again to write their legislator for additional pay raises. Base pay for a beginning teacher in Texas with a Bachelor's degree is \$6600 and \$7200 for a beginning teacher with a master's degree.

A statewide pay raise this school year increased the pay of each teacher in the state \$60 per month per teacher. The next built in increase across the state is scheduled for the 1978-79 school year and is \$66 per teacher per month.

The teachers are now asking that the next pay raise be moved up from 1978 to 1975 for this September, which would give them back-to-back state raises.

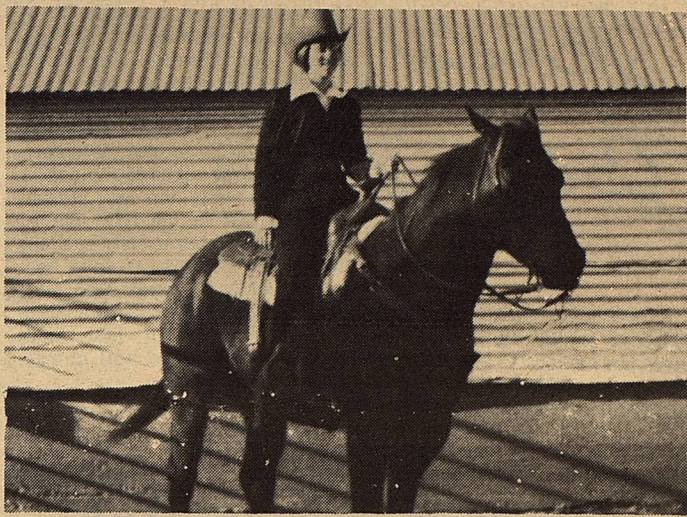
They are also seeking additional retirement benefits and other benefits. The teachers are urged to write their state legislator and senator favoring this legislation.

## Calf Scramble

Eurdist Rinehart who won a calf at The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, was one of 16 lucky boys to win in the scramble. Under the supervision of Earnest Kiker, he will feed, raise, and care for the calf until next year's show, when he will return it for judging in the calf scramble division and the junior breeding division.

To encourage and further educate 4H and FFA youngsters in the raising, feeding, and breeding of high quality Texas cattle, the calf scramble was started in 1942. Since its beginning, the calf scramble has paid young winners well over \$1 million to buy more than 7,000 calves to feed and develop. Only half of the 388 contestants taking part in this year's scramble will win in the event.

As the fourth event of each 1975 rodeo performance, the calf scramble begins with 24 contestants lined up within a square in the center of the Astrodome arena. After the signal is given, the youngsters race after 12 calves which have been turned loose nearby. The objective is to place a halter on a calf and return it to the square. The 12 contestants who manage this feat receive certificates from area businessmen for the purchase of the calf of their choice.



MISS MARTHA ANDERSON ON RED Q BAR

## Wins 3rd at San Angelo

Miss Martha Anderson of Borden County brought home a third place ribbon from the San Angelo Quarter Horse Show last Thursday.

Competing against a number of top Quarter horses in the A.Q.H.A. Youth Activity classes, Martha earned her ribbon in the Reining Division, 14 thru 18 yr. age group. Riding Red Q Bar, a 4 year old gelding, Martha also performed in the following classes; Halter, Showmanship at

Halter, Western Pleasure, and Pole Bending.

The show was held in the Coliseum as part of the San Angelo Stock Show Wednesday and Thursday. Larry Myerscaugh of Lexington, Illinois judged the two day event which included 45 classes.

Martha, 14, is a member of Borden County 4-H and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rich Anderson.

## Selection of Text Books

Longview -- Textbook analysts Mr. and Mrs. Mel Gabler of Longview this week made available to newspapers throughout Texas a list of approved textbooks which the State Board of Education has adopted for use beginning September, 1975, and which they recommend.

The Gablers devote their full time to research, reviewing books strictly for content from a parent's point of view.

Through their efforts during the past 14 years many changes have been made in textbooks prior to their adoption by the State of Texas and subsequently the nation.

Texas is fortunate in that its policy allows citizen review of

textbooks before they are adopted," Gabler points out. "Had West Virginia had a like system, that state could have avoided its present conflict."

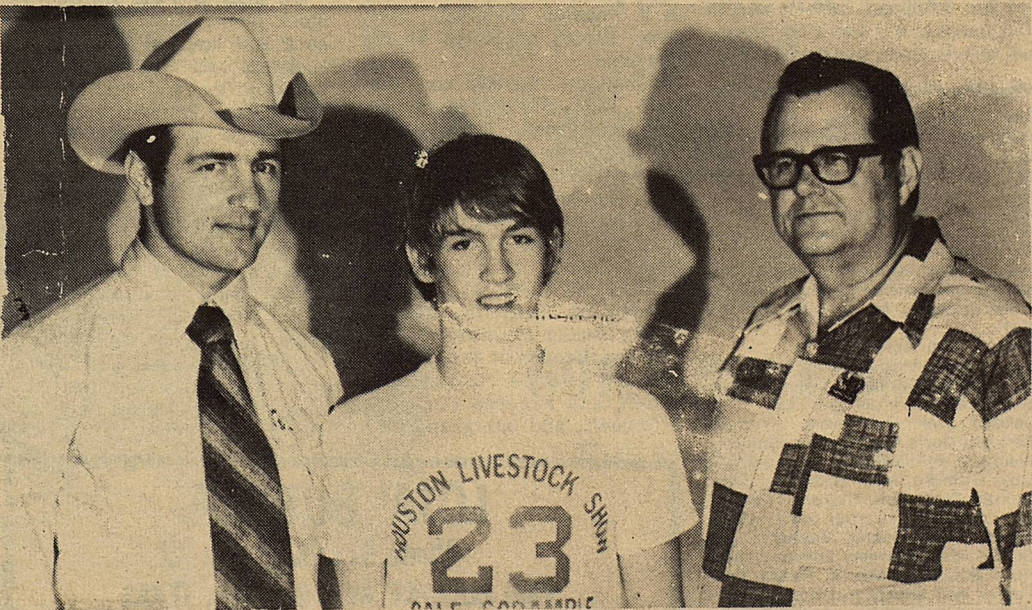
Final selection of textbooks used in local schools is dependent upon local textbook committees, but they are limited to the state approved books.

The Gabler's work entails reference sheets and Bills of Particulars they prepare on books under consideration.

"These pinpoint the 'questionable' material," the team points out. "Each reader must make up his own mind regarding it."

This list is on file in the office of the Borden Star.

## Patronize Our Advertisers



Pictured together at the Sat. Mar 1 Matinee performance of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo calf scramble are Earnest Kiker, Eurdist Rinehart, and Joe Blades.

# Jerre's Gottings

Somewhere along the way either I or the State Legislature has taken a wrong turn. I've never been too keenly aware of directions. But I believe the HTexas House of Representatives have lost all sense of direction.

I had thought the reason for the 55 mph speed limit was to conserve energy, not to enhance the coffers of insurance companies or the highway patrol office. But I find I was all wrong-misinformation. Now I'm to believe that the only reason Texas accepted 55 mph was to retain \$6 plus million of federal funds for highway construction. A Ha, the pork barrel has been moved to the middle of the road.

Course, I believe in States Rights-resent federal edicts and intrusion into areas where it doesn't belong. And I did my share of gritching when Washington told me to slow down. The feds' lofty mandate rankled us Texans more intensely than most because we are an energy producing state. For Washington to have contrived the energy shortage and then tell us to creep out of it made me mad. But it has been the only constructive measure Congress has taken. When they get through removing the depletion allowance and pass a windfall profits tax, place a higher tax on gasoline, there will be very little new energy produced. So we better conserve what we have. The lower speed limit has saved gasoline. Also it has saved lives.

According to Mr. Gallup, 73% of all Americans are in favor of the lower speed limit. And you know, that percentage includes me, of all people. Coming from a heavy footed family, I had a reputation of driving like a bat out of hell. But I like it, I like it-slowng down. And I surely rest easier with two young men driving here and yon. They generally were too broke to pay for speeding tickets, and they value their driver's license above their lives.

So what happens-the State legislature is compromising. They have extended the slower limit in order to get those federal dollars, but they have set a maximum speeding fine at \$25 when apprehended driving between 55 and 70. So speed, baby-it won't cost much and it won't be reported to your insurance company.

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No need to worry about higher insurance rates. Speed-on-your-violations won't be counted against your driver's record for eventual license suspension. Now I ask you? Does that action appear to be as directionless to you as to me? Where did they lose sight of the conservation angle-the only reason for the law in the first place. When deterrents to breaking the law are removed, it sure becomes easy to break that law. I just hope enough Texas State Senators have not lost their directions too, and will defeat this bill.

## Votes

### "Nay"

A bill making it relatively inexpensive to break the 55 mph speed limit, and preventing such violations from marring insurance records, passed its third reading in the State House of Representatives, 74-62, despite "no" votes from Representatives Mike Ezzell, Snyder and Elmer Martin, Colorado City.

The bill will now go to the Senate for action.

Ezzell said that he voted against the bill because it would tamper with the federal law concerning the 55 mph speed limit. Ezzell did not elaborate but his honesty in voting "no" because the 55 mph is a state and federal law was correct. The House was not voting to rescind the law-possibly because this would eliminate any Federal Aid to the Highway Department-but only to make an illegal act legal. In other words, the House did not wish to give up the federal aid nor did they wish to enforce the 55 mph. Sort of "Have your cake and eat it too", attitude.

The speed limit bill won preliminary approval last week 71-69 after a lengthy debate. It's provisions include a maximum, fine, including court costs, of \$25 for driving between the 55 mph speed limit and the old speed limit of 70 mph. Speeding tickets within that range would not go on the offenders driving record and could not be used to increase a driver's car insurance premiums.

## Obituary

MRS. LOUISE BARRINGTON

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Friday at the Nyday Funeral home Chapel in Houston for Mrs. Louise Barrington, 58, who died Tuesday in a Houston Hospital. Rev. John Elder, officiated at the services.

Survivors include her husband, W.H. Barrington of Houston; two sons, Tommy and Tiner, of the home; two daughters, Mrs. Linda Deer and Mrs. Loretta Orlando, both of Houston; her father, Tom Hendon of Welch; five brothers, Gene Hendon of Welch, Lynn Hendon of Lubbock, John T. Hendon of Bellville, Kansas, Royce Hendon of California, and Houston Hendon of Morton; two sisters, Bertie Lisenbee of Welch, and Frances Burkett of O'Donnell; and one grandchild.

## BITS AND Pieces

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Franklin have been recent visitors of relatives in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gordon returned Friday from a visit with their daughter and family the Dan Wash's of Waco.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weaver were week-end visitors at San Antonio.

Bill Hood Jr. was a week-end visitor of his parents the Bill Hoods.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Kleibrink and family of Quannah were week-end visitors in the Miller Robinson home.

Mr. and Mrs. G.A. Hembree visited Sunday with their daughter and family at Abilene.

Mrs. N.M. McMichael was a week-end visitor of daughters at Ft. Worth and Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Woodard of San Diego, California, visited Saturday p.m. with Ruth Weathers.

Ruth Weathers visited Sunday p.m. with Mrs. Fern Wright in the Colorado City hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Burrus of Miles, Texas, are proud parents of a daughter born February 28th. She was named Geri Faye, weighed 9 lbs. 9 oz. and measured 21 3/4 inches.

Mrs. Linda Wright, a former teacher and coach in the Snyder High School, was honored with a Pink and Blue Shower on March 1st, in the home of Mrs. "Red" Favor, Snyder. Punch and cookies were served to approximately thirty-five guests.

Hostesses for the occasion were; Mary Favor, Brenda Otto, Peggy English, Kathy Williams, Kathy Roberts, Patsy Williams, all of Snyder, and Pam Hess of the Plains Community.

The Hostess gift was a Baby Changer.

Visiting in the Ralph Martin home last week were Mr. and Mrs. Morris Coward of San Angelo. Mr. Coward is Waldine's brother.

Pam Hess, Shayne, and Carolyn Stephens were in Big Spring Monday morning. They spent the afternoon in Sand Springs with Carolyn's sister, Mrs. Shirley Bodine.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stephens visited Mrs. Buleah Orson Sunday evening.

On their way to the Houston Stock Show, Mrs. Weldon Hancock and Sue, and Mrs. Tommy Hancock and children stopped in Hamilton and visited with Mrs. Leone Poston. Mrs. Poston was a teacher for several years in the Plains School.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Burrus were in Miles several days getting acquainted with their new granddaughter.

Hollie Calhoun spent Friday night with Stephanie Stephens.

In Lubbock recently were Mrs. Dick Tune and Wes of Lamesa. Recent Tahoka visitors were Mrs. Thurman Wells and Mrs. Walter Teeter of O'Donnell.

## Nurse's Notebook

by Francis Burkett  
School Nurse

### Are You Killing Your Feet

While almost everyone is born with perfect feet, only ten percent of the people in this country are free of some form of foot trouble by adulthood. Since almost all of these miseries are self-inflicted, it might be appropriate to admit "I'm killing my feet" instead of the familiar complaint, "My feet are killing me."

The Texas Medical Association points out that the most common offense against our feet is committed when we sacrifice foot health for fashion by wearing shoes that interfere with the foot's functions or do not fit properly. Platform heels, for example, force the feet to function in a way they were not intended to. The weight of the wearer is forced forward to the ball or wide part of the foot. High heels also lead to bad posture, a wobbly gait, strained muscles, calluses, and corns. If you must wear high heels, (which, fortunately, most people don't) limit them to dress occasions. If you are going to be on your feet for long periods of time, wear a heel that is no higher than an inch or an inch and a half.

With the exception of specific mechanical problems of the feet, special shoes are not necessary. Fads come and go, but the primary function of shoes is to protect the feet from injury. Other than proper fit, there is no reason to consider one shoe over another.

Shoes that are too tight can cause the two most common foot disorders -- corns and bunions. Shoes that slip or press tightly on the heel can cause blisters. The best way to prevent these, or to relieve them if they are present, is to buy shoes that are properly fitted. Go into the store yourself, have your foot measured, try the shoes on, and make sure that the tip of the shoe is at least one-half inch longer than your longest toe. It's a good idea to buy shoes toward the end of the afternoon when your

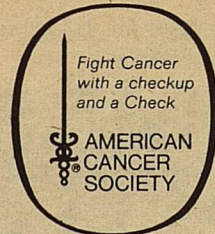
feet are slightly larger than they are in the morning.

Very little can be done by way of home treatment for corns and bunions, except to relieve the discomfort they cause. You should never attempt to pare away a corn with a razor blade or any other sharp instrument because this can lead to a serious infection. The safest home treatment is to apply a thin, doughnut-shaped pad to hard corns or a piece of lamb's wool to soft ones. This will relieve the pressure and, eventually, if you have switched to properly fitted shoes, the corn may disappear.

Bunions, which form most frequently on the first joint of the big toe, may be caused by crowding your foot into shoes which are too narrow. Changing your footwear may ease the problem, although sometimes bunions have to be removed by surgery.

One of the most neglected of health habits is the brisk daily walk. Our feet, marvelously constructed of 26 bones, 107 ligaments, and 19 muscles, are capable of supporting approximately 65,000 miles of walking in an average lifetime. Regular daily walks not only stimulate circulation but maintain the strength of the foot's muscles and other structures.

Foot comfort can also be promoted by elevating your feet when you are lying down, walking barefoot around the house, taking warm foot baths, rubbing your feet with a rough towel after bathing, and using foot powder to keep your feet dry.



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# Bond Requirements

Austin--Comptroller Bob Bullock said Tuesday that some sales tax permit holders who had to post bonds because their businesses changed legal status in 1974 may request that their bond requirements be reconsidered.

Bullock said reconsiderations would apply to businesses which had been in existence without bond requirements prior to 1974 but during 1974 underwent changes in legal status without actually changing management or ownership.

These could include such changes as a small business becoming a corporation, a single ownership becoming a partnership, a merger of two businesses or a former permit holder applying for reinstatement.

"If our review shows the bond is unnecessary, we'll release it," Bullock said. "As I've said before, it's wrong to penalize a business with a good taxpaying record just because the business changes its name."

Bullock said businesses which think they might qualify for review should contact the Comptroller's district office where their bonds were assessed originally.

Several types of securities have been used to fulfill bond requirements. Cash or securities put up as bonds can be refunded by the Comptroller, but surety bonds can only be released, meaning that any premium refund is a matter between the merchant and the bonding company.

The big test in all reviews will

## Mutilation Cases

A cow, with its udder and reproductive organs missing, was found dead in pasture land seven miles west of Patricia this week, and authorities are following a lead developed by the Dawson County Sheriff's Office.

An oil field well maintenance man saw suspects in the immediate area of the Dawson County cow-killing Monday, the same day the cow is believed to have been mutilated. Howard County Sheriff A.N. Standard said.

He said his information came from a nationwide, law enforcement teletype message released Thursday by the sheriff's office in Lamesa.

The oil pumper reported seeing a red and white Chevrolet Blazer with a two-wheel stock trailer, possibly followed by an old car. In the vehicles were several "hippie-type suspects."

Local officers stressed that information the suspects may have an electric blood pump is unconfirmed.

No blood was seen where the cow belonging to Cecil O'Brien was discovered southwest of Lamesa. And little blood was said evident at the places a cow and calf belonging to Howard County Commissioners Jack Buchanan were located near Luther last week.

The Howard County Sheriff's Office is sending questionnaires to law enforcement agencies in other locations of cattle mutilations. Standard said he is awaiting the lab report on the cause of death of Buchanan's cow.

be the past tax payment records of the business before it underwent its legal change, Bullock said. There will also be a close check made to determine that there was no substantial change in management and operations.

The right to review does not apply to bond requirements on sales tax permit holders who started new businesses for the first time in 1974.

The reconsiderations are a follow-up to Bullock's announcement recently that in the future the Comptroller's Department will take a taxpayers previous payment record into consideration when businesses make technical legal status changes and have to apply for a new sales tax permit.

## Oldtimers and New Cars

I have heard of quite a few funny things that happened when the Old Timers in Borden County first began to buy new automobiles. Sometimes the drought let up long enough that they could pay off their mortgages and have a little money left. When they did, they would usually buy a car. It might be a model T Ford or it might be a \$5,000.00 Cadillac. Some cars were expensive, even then.

Having never driven anything but a team of horses or mules, some funny things happened. One old fellow fought a high priced new car and would only drive it in second gear. Somebody asked him why he did not shift to high. He replied, "Why shift to high - it will run fast enough in second!" Another old cow-man bought a new car and drove it from Gail to Tredway. The road up the caprock was not very good. Just a wagon road. When he got back to Gail he was telling how his new car would pull. Says he, "I did not know if I could make it up or not but I just stepped on the differential and it pulled right on up!"

One of the natives drove up on the baldies in his new car, picked up another fellow and started to 'O'Donnell. Soon they came to a corner. The corners were square the, not

rounded as they are now. He saw he couldn't make the corner, so he just ran on through the fence, out into the pasture, turned around and drove back through where he went out and went on his way, all without slowing up. Then there was the old timer who bought a new car, drove up to a gate, reared back on the steering wheel with all his might and yelled, "Whoa, whoa, you so and so!" And went on through the gate, tearing it down. Mr. Roper's driving speed was 20 miles an hour. If the road was paved, he drove 20 miles an hour. (Looking neither right or left.) If the road was a wagon track, his speed was still 20 miles an hour.

An old time rancher in Scurry County drove into Snyder and not finding a parking space, just crowded in between two parked cars. (I imagine we all feel like doing that sometimes.) He smashed a few fenders. After that, he would just drive to the edge of town and walk the rest of the way. Another old timer drove his new car to Clements feed store in Snyder. He forgot how to stop it, and drove right through the plate glass window into the store! Well, they did not have to carry the feed out to the car! Martin Taylor bought a new car and drove it down on main street to show it off. Then after helping whittle a bench for awhile, he got in a domino game. When it came time to go home, he forgot all about his new car and walked home. Sometime during the night, he thought about it and walked back to town and got his car! John Cranfill, one of our native sons, was quite a mechanic. He bought a new Model T. In a few days, he decided it was not running right so he would just over haul it. Soon, the parts were scattered all over the car shed. I do not think he ever got it all back together and running again, and I expect there are parts of it still in the pasture!!



The House Agriculture Committee deserves a full round of applause for the dispatch with which it reported emergency farm legislation March 6, according to Don Marble of South Plains, President of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., Lubbock.

The bill approved by the committee, if passed and signed into law, would raise the support prices for cotton, wheat, feed grains and milk, plus reinstate a loan program for soybeans, "measures which are badly needed if financial ruin is to be avoided by thousands of farmers," Marble said.

Committee Chairman Tom Foley, Democrat of Washington, expects the bill to go to the Rules Committee in the week of March 10 and it could reach the House floor as early as March 18. Foley is quoted as saying the bill has a good chance of passage in the House, but there are others who are much less confident and point also to the possibility of a Presidential veto.

The bill as reported by the committee calls for raising the CCC loan on cotton to 40¢ per pound, basis Middling one inch, from the 34.27¢ announced as a "preliminary" loan in October of last year. Cotton's target price under the new measure would be 48¢ per pound, up from 38¢ under present law.

Two other changes would be made in the cotton program. Producers using the Commodity Credit Corporation loan program would have the option to extend the 10-month loan period for an additional eight months. Currently, the law calls for all loans to expire ten months from the first day of the month in which they are written.

The other change, which came as a last minute amendment and also concerns the loan program, has not been fully explained as of this writing. It would call for the Secretary of Agriculture to "... insofar as practicable establish the same terms and conditions on storage costs and interest for each of the commodities cotton, wheat and feed grains."

Under the present act, feed grain and wheat producers using the loan program have been required to prepay storage costs for the term of the loan, while cotton producers have paid the storage only if and when cotton was redeemed from the loan. Washington sources indicate that the language of the new law, if the Secretary so desired, would permit him to require cotton producers also to pay storage charges in advance.

The CCC storage rate on cotton is currently 70¢ per month per bale. Therefore a requirement that 10-months' storage be paid on cotton in advance would have the effect of lowering the proposed 40¢ loan level to about 38.5¢.

USDA had previously announced there would be no loan program for soybeans in 1975, but if the Ag Committee bill should pass, that loan program would be reinstated, reportedly at about \$3.81 per bushel.

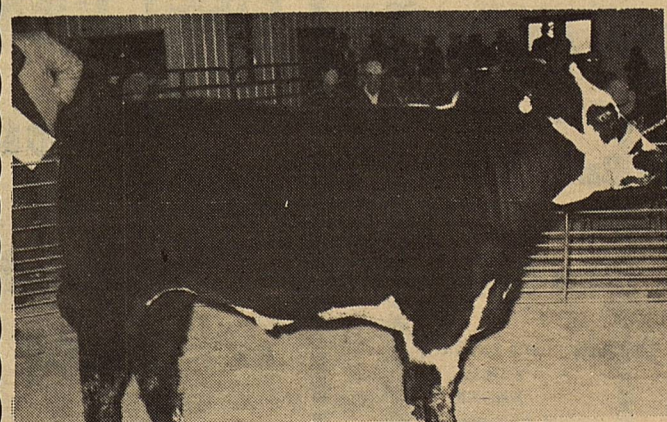
The Ag Committee agreed on target prices of \$3.10 per bushel for wheat and \$2.25 per bushel for corn (about \$3.81 per cwt for grain sorghum), and set loan rates of \$2.50 for wheat, \$1.87 for corn (about \$3.17 for grain sorghum).

CCC recently announced that CCC loans would carry an interest rate of 6.125 per cent, down from 9.375 per cent. The Ag Committee bill would require that CCC interest rates on commodity loans be reviewed quarterly and be set at a rate no greater than the current cost of money to the government.

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## Youth Program

4-H and youth programs help young people know the "when, how and why of decision-making," says Earnest Kiker. And the 4-H meeting is a key part of the decision-making process.

"By involving young people in the planning and evaluation stages of 4-H meetings, they learn to become better decision-makers," points out Kiker.

Discussions and programs are planned by officers and volunteers before the meeting begins. Materials such as films, speakers, brochures, reports, panel discussions and trips are also planned before the meetings.

"The 4-H meeting is a good example of democracy on a small scale," says Kiker. "Business is handled through parliamentary procedure and decisions are made by the group."

Each member of the club should have a part in program planning. And special attention should be given to provide for different age interests within a club.

Recreation is also a vital part of 4-H activities. It provides a physical outlet and helps promote a team spirit.

"The decision-making skills acquired in 4-H can carry over into school, work and play," adds Kiker.

## Family Inventories

College Station--Inventories are just as important for families as they are for profitable businesses, Mrs. Doris Myers, family resource management specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System, pointed out this week.

"This can determine net worth and guide future needs and planning. Another use is as a basis for insurance coverage or even claims if property is lost," she said.

A good place to begin is the household inventory--a room by room listing of every item. This should include the date purchased, original cost and present value. To determine present value, figure replacement cost, less deductions for depreciation, the specialist explained.

For gift and homemade items estimate value of cost. Heirlooms and antiques may have increased in value rather than depreciated. This may call for an appraisal by an authority to determine present value. Don't forget to include personal effects such as clothing, jewelry, etc., she said.

Mrs. Myers pointed out that items in the garage and store room such as the family car, yard care and recreation equipment can amount to a sizeable sum.

"If the home is paid for, find out its value today. If you are paying on a mortgage, determine how much is invested. Add the value of any other real estate owned."

"Include in your inventory the name and value of investments, bonds, other savings and life insurance. Figure cash value for each."

Also include the amount of money in checking accounts and the amount others owe you. If

there is any other item that has value, add its worth to complete the total family assets.

Turning to the liabilities column, the specialist advised listing each by name and amount owed. The list may include debts such as home mortgage, installment contracts, notes, charge accounts, credit card obligations and personal loans.

"Total the debit side, then take the difference in what is owed and what is owned--this gives the family's financial picture," she said.

"In fact, they find out exactly where they stand overall--and many families are pleased to find out they're really doing better than they thought they were."

## Specialist

## Coming

Marvin Sartin, Area Economist and Management Specialist will be in Borden County on March 18.

Mr. Sartin will hold a Farm Production meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Plains Community Building. He will discuss sunflower production and the outlook for agriculture products in the future.

Also, Dr. Tommy Welch, Brush Control specialist, will be in Borden County at 8:30 a.m. on March 18th. If you have any brush control or range management questions please contact this office, or feel free to stop in on the morning of the 18th.  
S/ Earnest Kiker

## The Circus Is Coming

The O'Donnell Booster Club is sponsoring a Big Tent, 3-Ring Franzen Bros. Circus Tuesday, March 18. There will be two performances; 1:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. on the Paymaster Gin Lot. This is the first time the Franzen Bros. Circus has been in this area and they are comprised of all young people trained in their professions, with all the attractions! Clowns, Elephants, High Flying Trapeze Girls, etc. The advance tickets are \$1.75 for adults and \$1.25 for children under 14. Gate tickets will be \$2.25 for adults and \$1.75 for children. "O" Club members will be selling tickets or you can contact Becky Moore at the Mini Mall (old Lott Drug Store) Nancy Mott at Wayland Taylor Inc., Francis Rains at Moore Insurance; Donna Hopkins at the High School; Donna Moore at Elementary School.

# Be Fuel Conscious

College Station -- Farmers and ranchers must continue to be "fuel conscious" and stay abreast of the changing fuel situation if they expect to operate as efficiently as possible during 1975.

"Fuel use for agricultural production will continue to increase in the coming years while farm family fuel use is expected to decrease," points out Charles Baker, marketing specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

He expects fuel used in agricultural production to be exempt from any government imposed price increases although the economic situation may dictate increases.

"Current stocks of crude oil and other fuels are high and consumption is down, but a lengthy embargo could still present serious problems," points out Baker. "Furthermore, agricultural producers are concerned with shortages of two types of fuel-- natural gas and LP gas."

The demand for natural gas has far outpaced its supply at the regulated interstate price, notes the Texas A&M University System specialist. Not only has the low price depressed supply, but it has also encouraged consumption.

"LP gas supplies are also being threatened with overconsumption due to low prices," points out Baker. "LP gas is used widely within the petroleum industry as well as in agriculture."

The economist advises agricultural producers to be "fuel conscious" throughout the year and to consider the following points to minimize inconveniences:

1. Maintain contact with a reliable supplier.
2. Keep the supplier advised of future fuel needs and changes.
3. Keep on-farm storage filled.
4. Schedule machine work to avoid rush seasons when possible.

"Farmers and ranchers are generally leading the way in fuel conservation," contends Baker, "and they must continue to do so if they are to meet their production schedules."

### COMMERCIAL SATELLITE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The nation's first commercial domestic communications satellite, Westar-1, was launched in April, 1974, for Western Union by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. -- CNS

# Looking Up

College Station-- "Things are looking up in the livestock business," according to one livestock specialist.

An increase in the cattle slaughter, lower grain prices, reduced interest rates, and a decrease in meat imports are some of the factors enabling Dr. Ed Uvacek with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service to forecast some relief for ranchers.

"Feed grain prices are down and in some parts of Texas milo is selling for under \$4 per hundredweight. This will help feedlots bring down costs of feedings."

"The slaughter of cows, calves and non-fed steers and heifers continues to increase. This is especially important since an oversupply of cattle is the main cause for present low prices. Every cow and calf slaughtered now means less of a beef problem down the road,

points out Uvacek. Cow and calf slaughter for 1975 should be up a third from last year's level, predicts the specialist, while non-fed steer and heifer slaughter could be up as much as 56 per cent.

Another good sign for ranchers is that interest rates are coming down. "This will help loosen up the money supply and decrease interest costs for rancher," notes Uvacek.

He adds that meat imports into the U.S. for 1975 should be close to the same levels as last year and maybe even lower. "This would make the proportion of net beef and veal imports to U.S. production the lowest since 1968, and would also help cattle producers."

## Concerned

Governor Briscoe expressed concern that President Ford's energy proposals, including excise taxes on domestic oil and gas production, may take \$3.4 billion out of the Texas economy in the form of higher utility and gasoline bills.

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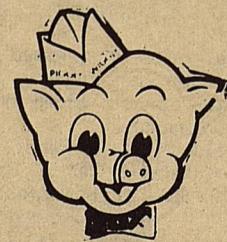
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(CHESTERWHITE--Heavy Wt.) First Place, Kerry Smith, 2nd. Richard Tabor, 3rd. Kenny Smith, 4th. Barry Doss.  
CHAMPION: Kerry Smith  
RESERVE: Richard Tabor

(CROSS --Light Wt.) First Place Gene Quintana, 2nd. Tracy Moore, 3rd. Shane Crawford, 4th. Linda Gass, 5th. Alex Renteria, 6th. John Smith, 7th. Alan Traylor, 8th. John Smith.

(CROSS -- Medium Wt.) --- First Place, Kenny Smith, 2nd. Karla James, 3rd. Benny Hancock, 4th. Kevin James, 5th. Karla James, 6th. Charmi Wood, 7th. Cindy Cook, 8th. Tracy Moore, 9th. Gene Quintana.

(CROSS -- Heavy Wt.) First Place, Darren Smith, 2nd. Alan Traylor, 3rd. Kevin James, 4th. Monty Hancock, 5th. Kerry Smith, 6th. Barry Doss, 7th. Alan Traylor, 8th. Shane Crawford, 9th. James Leal.  
CHAMPION: Kenny Smith  
RESERVE: Karla James

(DUROC -- Light Wt.) First PLACE, Richard Tabor, 2nd. Kenny Smith, 3rd. Leigh Ann Moore, 4th. Debra Sanders, 5th. Eddie Hancock.

(DUROC -- Medium Wt.) First Place, Kevin James, 2nd. Karla James, 3rd. Tracy Moore, 4th. John Smith.

(DUROC -- Heavy Wt.) First Place, Cindy Cook, 2nd. Alex Quiterrez, 3rd. Cindy Cook, 4th. Gene Quintana.  
CHAMPION: Kevin James  
RESERVE: Karla James

(HAMP. -- Light Wt.) First Place, Eddie Hancock, 2nd. Charmi Wood, 3rd. Shane Crawford, 4th. Ramiro Montez, 5th. Ramiro Montez.

(HAMP. -- Heavy Wt.) First Place, Monty Hancock, 2nd. Bennie Hancock, 3rd. Charmi Wood, 4th. Darren Smith, 5th. Debra Sanders  
CHAMPION: Monty Hancock  
RESERVE: Bennie Hancock

(POLAND CHINA & SPOTS) First Place, Kerry Smith, 2nd. Darren Smith, 3rd. Richard Tabor.  
CHAMPION: Kerry Smith  
RESERVE: Darren Smith  
LAMBS

(FINE WOOL - Light Wt.) First Place, Eddie Hancock, 2nd. Anita Franklin, 3rd. Karla James, 4th. Richard Tabor, 5th. Terri Franklin, 6th. Jay Durham.

(FINE WOOL - Heavy Wt.) -- First Place, Bennie Hancock, 2nd. Monty Hancock, 3rd. Monty Hancock, 4th. Ben Franklin, 5th. Doris Franklin, 6th. Jay Durham.

CHAMPION: Bennie Hancock  
(MEDIUM WOOL - Light Wt.) First Place, Mary Ann Sumrow, 2nd. Karla James, 3rd. Steve Payne, 4th. Richard Tabor, 5th. Shari Singleton, 6th. Kim Burleson, 7th. Keith Swinney, 8th. Shana Edwards, 9th. Eddie Hancock, 10th. Shelly Singleton.

(MEDIUM WOOL-Heavy Wt.) -- First Place, Bryan Swinney, 2nd. Ben Edwards, 3rd. Sheri Barton, 4th. Kevin James, 5th. Tami Thompson, 6th. Eddie Hancock, 7th. Debra Sanders, 8th. Steve Payne, 9th. Shana Edwards, 10th. Katrina Sanders  
CHAMPION: Bryan Swinney

(FINE WOOL CROSS-Lt. Wt.) First Place, Richard Tabor,

2nd. Sheri Barton, 3rd. Charmi Wood, 4th. Terri Franklin, 7th. Cindy Cook, 8th. Anita Franklin, 9th. Cindy Cook, 10th. Anita Durham.

(FINE WOOL CROSS- Heavy) First Place, Charmi Wood, 2nd. Kevin James, 3rd. Monty Hancock, 4th. Bennie Hancock, 5th. Bennie Hancock, 6th. Debra Sanders, 7th. Sheri Barton, 8th. Katrina Sanders, 9th. Ben Edwards, 10th. Ben Franklin.

CHAMPION: Charmi Wood  
(SOUTHDOWN-Light Wt.)---- First Place, Kevin James, 2nd. Karla James, 3rd. Tami Thompson, 4th. Mary Ann Sumrow, 5th. Tami Thompson, 6th. Katrina Sanders.

(SOUTHDOWN - Heavy Wt.) First Place, Shana Edwards, 2nd. Ben Edwards, 3rd. Debra Sanders, 4th. Mary Ann Sumrow.

CHAMPION: Kevin James

STEERS  
(ANGUS) First Place, Don Forbes, 2nd. Travis Mires.

CHAMPION: Don Forbes  
RESERVE: Travis Mires  
(HEREFORD) - Light Wt. -- First Place, Traci Clark, 2nd. Travis Mires.

(HEREFORD-Medium Wt.) -- First Place, Sheri Barton, 2nd. Ben Edwards

CHAMPION: Traci Clark  
RESERVE: Sheri Barton

(CROSS -- Light Wt.) First Place, Sheri Barton, 2nd. Tami Thompson, 3rd. Steve Payne  
(CROSS -Medium Wt.) First Place, Sheri Barton, 2nd. Katrina Sanders,

(CROSS - Heavy Wt.) First Pl. Shana Edwards, 2nd. Katrina Sanders, 3rd. Ronia Kizer.  
CHAMPION: Shana Edwards  
RESERVE: Sheri Barton

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RES. GRAND CHAMP. STEER Sheri Barton

SWINE SHOWMANSHIP Darren Smith

SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP -Ben Edwards

STEER SHOWMANSHIP Sheri Barton

OVERALL BOY SHOWMANSHIP Richard Tabor  
OVERALL GIRL SHOWMAN -- Charmi Wood

## Short Snorts

A "bakery" lease can be broken when the business starts permitting topless dancers to perform for supper club guests, the Court of Civil Appeals held.

The Senate Finance Committee is conducting hearings on a \$12.5 billion proposed 1976-77 appropriations bill.

Texas turkey growers may raise six per cent fewer turkeys in 1975 than they produced last year, Secretary of Agriculture John White said.



## WASHINGTON

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Washington, D.C.--People's complaints about obscene and indecent material on television are paying off. By reason of these complaints and pressure from Congressional sources, the Federal Communications Commission will seek legislation making it a crime to show these programs.

A ten-page report to Congress on the broadcasting of violent, indecent and obscene material proposes to close what the Commission believes to be a loophole in Federal law which makes it a crime to use indecent language in broadcasting.

Under present law, the FCC says it is uncertain whether the Commission has authority to proceed against video depiction of obscene and indecent material. The report does not specifically say what kind of programming would be considered indecent. In the past, some Commissioners have expressed concern that X-rated movies might be shown on television and some have already been shown. The report points to recent guidelines the Commission issued in a decision involving complaints against a New York radio station which had broadcast during midafternoon a sexy program in what they considered to be vulgar terms. The Commission ruled that in that case it would not permit indecent language to be broadcast during hours when children might be listening. One Commissioner wrote in the report that there should be no specification as to time. "To me," the Commissioner said, "the language used in this case has absolutely no place on the air whether it be 2:00 p.m. or 2:00 a.m."

In the past the problem has been, can the Government regulate the limit programs under the provision of the First Amendment to the Constitution guaranteeing freedom - guaranteeing freedom of speech. Under this Constitutional provision, it is sensitive for the Government to get into the business of determining what is offensive and what is not and this has been a hangup in trying to reach solutions to the problems of some broadcasting.

The National Association of Broadcasters' television code review board has adopted guidelines which will come before the broadcasting industry in April. In reviewing the reform proposal by the industry, the FCC has already said that it will not provide absolute assurance that children or particularly sensitive adults will be insulated from objectionable materials. The Commission says, however, that the new commitments by the broadcasting industry suggest it is

prepared to regulate itself to bring about improved conditions. It goes on to say that if this were done to the proper extent, legislation may not be necessary.

One of the Commissioners who is a former broadcaster himself said that to try to set specific rules or setting aside certain times when more objectionable programs may be shown is not the answer. He said that "garbage is garbage" and, under no stretch of the imagination, should filth be permitted to be broadcast in the context of literary, artistic, political or scientific value.

The Commission's report and the proposed guidelines of the broadcasting industry are expected to be examined this month during Congressional hearings on how well the Federal Communications Commission is doing its job. It is hoped that the broadcasting industry in consultation and cooperation with the FCC will come up with agreement to clean up the airways and that, preferable, strict legislation will not be necessary. Government intervention and more control is not desirable if the problem can be resolved otherwise. Even drafting legislation for this purpose will be difficult in defining limits under the First Amendment of the Constitution.

### LANGUAGE ABILITY

Deaf children of deaf parents seem to acquire language better than deaf children of hearing parents, according to New York University's Deafness Research and Training Center. — CNS

## Members Reappointed

Austin-Governor Dolph Briscoe has announced the reappointment of Pearce Johnson of Austin and Joe Kirk Fulton of Lubbock to six-year terms as members of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission. Mr. Johnson was also named chairman.

Chairman Johnson had been appointed to the commission in June, 1969, and served as chairman from that time until February, 1972. Commissioner Jack R. Stone of Wells had been chairman from that date to the present.

An attorney, rancher and businessman, Chairman Johnson was a state representative for 10 years beginning in 1947. He has been a lifelong resident of the Del Valle community south of Austin.

Commissioner Fulton was appointed to a four-year term on the Parks and Wildlife Commission in September, 1971. cut last line mission in September, 1971, when the board was enlarged from three to six members. At the time of his reappointment he was serving as vice-chairman. He is a banker and rancher active in raising quarter horses.



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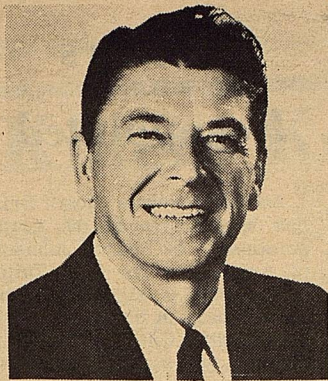
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## THE REAGAN COLUMN

While the attention of most Americans is focused now on a record deficit federal budget, inflation and unemployment, we should be saying "pass the SALT" when it comes to the proposed Strategic Arms Limitation agreement announced in Vladivostok last fall by President Ford and Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev.

Embedded in this proposal are some inequalities so far as our defence is concerned that need a good deal more public review than they've received.

In 1972, SALT I concluded with the United States conceding that the USSR would continue to have more land-based missiles than we and could catch up or surpass us in the number of submarine-based missiles. Congress, worried that the agreement precluded development of effective antimissiles by either side, attached a rider to the agreement requiring that in the future equality of strength be maintained. President Nixon agreed and Gerald Ford--then Congressman Ford--voted for it.

The preliminary agreement announced by Mr. Ford and Chairman Brezhnev at Vladivostok covered all the major weapons systems; sea and land-based missiles and long-range bombers. It set a ceiling of 2,400 vehicles for each side, 1,320 of which could have multiple warheads (MIRVs) independently targeted, thus making them much more destructive.

At first glance that seems equal. The agreement equalizes the number of missiles. It also freezes missile sizes to current dimensions, and that's where we should take a second look. The Soviets already have missiles much greater in size than ours.

Given the multiplier effect of the MIRVs, the Soviets will be able to deliver five to ten times as many hydrogen bombs as we can. The significance of this is mind-numbing. Secretary of Defense James Schlesinger has conceded this would give the USSR the ability to deliver a successful "first strike," knocking out our land-based missiles and bombers, leaving only our sea-based weapons to defend us. This is hardly equality.

Only an on-site inspection program (omitted from the agreement) would permit us to know for sure how many Soviet missiles had been MIRVed.

On the other hand, the public nature of our defense expenditures is such that the Sov-

iets would have no trouble keeping score on us and making sure we stick to our part of the bargain. More "equality."

The proposed agreement reportedly says that either side may deploy as many "cruise missiles" as it likes, so long as their range doesn't exceed 600 miles, the limit of such missiles already in Soviet service. The United States has developed cruise missiles with a range of 1,000 miles. So, the Soviets could keep their current fleet and add as many more as they want while we would not be permitted to deploy our longer range missiles. This "equality" is beginning to look like Horse & Rabbit Stew--one horse to one rabbit.

Some say when this much destructive power is involved numbers don't really matter. Why is it, then, that invariably these same people are the ones who are most anxious to limit numbers by means of SALT agreements? A balance in destructive power matters greatly, both factually and psychologically.

So far, we've been sitting "below the salt" at the bargaining table. It's time for the President to order his bargainers to insist on real equality. It's nice to come home from one of these meetings with a deal. It makes the negotiators feed cut last line.

It makes the negotiators feel good. But, we'd better realize there is a considerable difference between making a deal and being taken in by one.

## Tourism Fares Well

Austin--The tourist industry in Texas fared better than expected in 1974, despite forebodings over gasoline prices and shortages and the economy.

Texas tourist Development agency said Texans traveled more within the state on vacations, while the number of out-of-state visitors declined. Those who came from other states stayed longer and spent more than in the past.

The Texas Highway Department found that the average visitor in 1975 stayed 6.9 days compared to 1973 average of 5.7 days. Average spending rose from \$16.49 per person daily to \$20.47. And average miles driven by a tourist went down

from 1,294 to 1,106.

The state lodging tax for the first 11 months of 1974 rose 12.8 per cent. But Herbert Wilson, executive vice-president of the Texas Hotel and Motel Assn. said that only about 4 per cent represented increased occupancy. The remainder reflected higher cost.

Gasoline volume sold during the first 11 months of 1974 was nearly as large as in 1973. Consequently, the state motor fuel tax was down only 2.3 per cent. Obviously motorists continued using their vehicles in near normal fashion despite substantially higher costs of fuel and the 55 mile an hour speed limit.

Only 12 of the reporting 50 attractions had more business last year than in 1973. Gainers included Huntsville's Sam Houston Museum, the Johnson Space Center near Houston, Aquarena Springs at San Marcos, San Antonio's Buckhorn Hall of Horns-Fins, and inexpensive state parks and lakes. From a category standpoint, the scenic-recreational attractions were up one per cent, commercial sites were down 1.7 per cent, and those historically-oriented fell 15 per cent.

"In view of the troubled year just ended, these early indicators point to a considerably better 1974 than we expected," said Frank Hildebrand, executive director of TTDA.

## Grandpaw Says

Hi!

About the only fellow who can tell a woman where to get off and get away with it is a bus driver!

Teenagers are persons who are thoroughly informed about anything they don't have to study.

Shock absorbers on subcompact cars are called passengers.

This world doesn't pay for what a person knows--it pays for what he does with what he knows.

One of the few times a man hears every word his wife says is when she's bragging about him.

Depending on luck for success is like fishing without bait.

Great men leave tracks that cannot be plowed under.

Thinking a smile all the time will keep your face youthful.  
Frank Gelett Burgess

Most people know how to say nothing--but few know when.

Humor is the hole that lets the sawdust out of a stuffed shirt.

Travel is when you want to see America first; conservation is when you want to see America last.

Hope to see you real soon. GP

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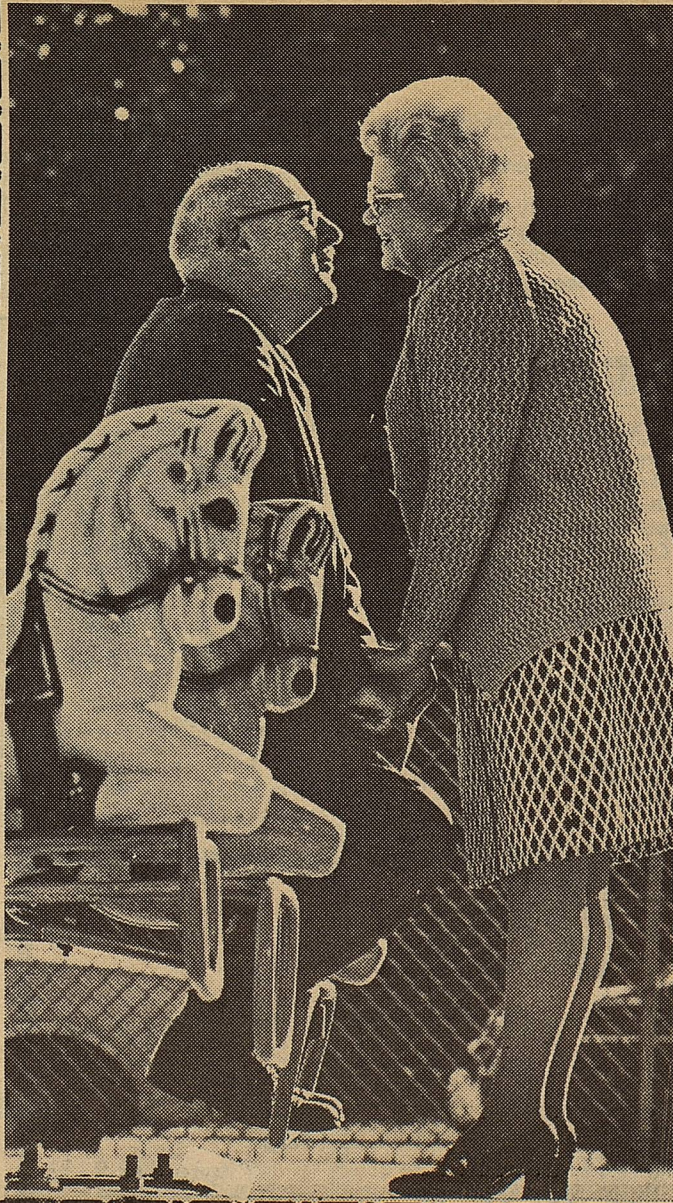
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