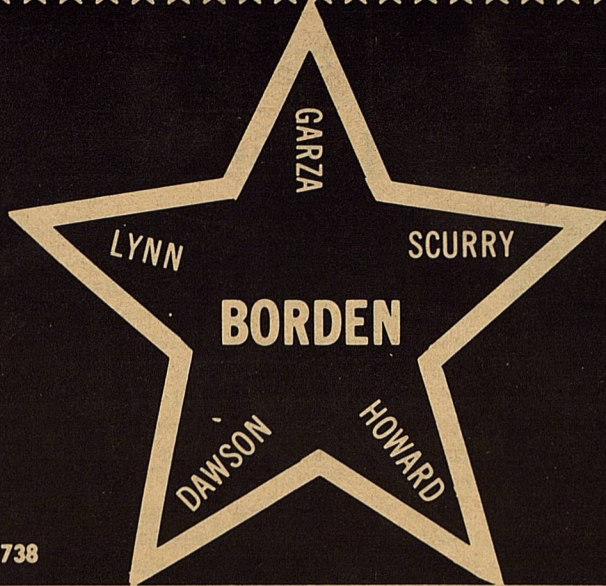


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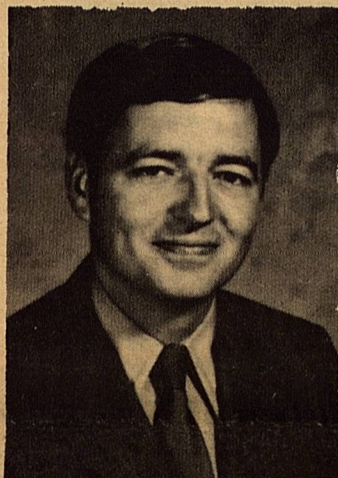
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MICHAEL EZZELL

Summer Youth Program

The Summer Program for Economically Disadvantaged Youth is scheduled to begin on June 3, 1974. This program is designed to provide work experience for the communities economically disadvantaged youth between ages of 14 and 21. Work sites will be provided by local public agencies in a variety of job training situations.

If you are between the ages of 14 and 21 and you meet a certain criteria for this program. Please contact your local County Judge and City Manager.

Don't Miss Out

The youth of this community are becoming readily involved in non-denominational youth group meetings once a week. If you are a youth and have not made the last two meetings; we feel that you have really missed "SOMETHING REAL." The next meeting will be held June 5th in the Posse building at 8:00 and we urge you to come. The following week, June 13th, we will meet on Gail mountain. IT'S THRILLING AND EXCITING!!! PLEASE COME.

In Hospital

Bud Cornett of Lake Thomas was rushed to Lamesa Hospital with severe chest pains. He is resting comfortably under oxygen at this time.

Probably creating the most interest in the run-off election June 1 was the race between Mike Ezzell and Glenn Toombs for state legislator from the 63rd District.

In a very light turn out, Democrats in their district nominated Mike Ezzell, a Scurry County School counselor over Glenn Toombs as their candidate for the general election in November.

Ezzell polled 3,890 votes to 2,623 for Toombs. In this six county district Ezzell carried five, leaving only Dawson Co. for Toombs to command. From a total vote count of a sparse 6,513 out of approximately 33,000 registered voters, Ezzell came up with a comfortable 67%.

Borden Co. vote by precincts:

Precinct	Ezzell	Toombs
Plains No. 1	48	23
Vealmoor No. 2	14	2
Gail No. 3	19	12
Fairview No. 4	26	11
Murphy No. 5	10	3
Pct. 4 No. 6	46	26

The following complete results were obtained through the office of the county clerks:

County	Ezzell	Toombs
Borden	200-60%	80-40%
Coke	224-53%	118-47%
Dawson	539-38%	870-62%

Cotton Obsorbs Oil From Ocean

According to some Texas Tech researchers, cotton may wipe out oil spill woes.

The U. S. Coast Guard researchers have experimented with everything from straw to synthetic pellets and foam as a method for removing the elusive substance that darkens coastal and inland waters.

Straw, absorbing six times its weight in oil, has been the standby. Now, however, it has been discovered that cotton absorbs 50 times its weight in oil with out sinking.

An \$89,219 contract, effective this month, has been signed between the University and the U.S. Coast Guard to develop cotton as a source for cleansing waters of hazardous oil spills.

The best news for the West Texas cotton farmer is that the most absorbent substance is the cotton waste. This is a short, weak fiber marketed only for stuffing cheap furniture.

In explaining the concept, James Halligan, associate professor of chemical engineering, said, 'The network is where it's at.'

Tony Ball, head of fabric structures at the Textile Research Center, explained the concept. Called the 'capillary phenomena' the oil is not actually absorbed. The oil, Ball said, 'doesn't go into the fiber... it sticks to the surface,' clinging to 'tinybridges' within the naturally waxy surface or emeshed cotton fibers.

Experimenting with the concept cont. on page 2

Editorial

Well, God was will'in' and the creeks didn't rise, so we can't even blame it on the weather! Borden County reflected the voter apathy of the entire state in the recent Democratic 2nd primary. Only 280 votes were polled out of 561 registered voters in the county. This 50% turn out is opposed to over 90% who voted in the first Democratic primary in May.

Voter apathy has caused consternation and frustration through out history.

If you think your one vote doesn't amount to much, consider the race in Howard county this year between Margaret Crittenden and Fern Cox for county clerk--Mrs. Crittenden, on first count, won the race by one vote!

What is frustrating for the candidates is when they hear people who have supported them in spirit but didn't bother to go to the polls.

Elections involve a lot of people, money, hard work, and time. The candidates, the election clerks, and the poll watchers are all willing to work as hard and as long as the job requires. It takes me maybe 40 minutes to go to the polls and cast my ballot. If we fail to exercise their privilege--and it is a PRIVILEGE--then we have no right to complain about our elected officials nor to question their decisions once in office.

Voter disenfranchisement has not yet occurred in America but it very well could if we let it.

Howard 1,151-61% 669-39%
Scurry 1,715-50.3% 862-49.7%
Sterling 61-61% 24-39%

Ezzell faces another hurdle in November in the general election. John R. (Rich) Anderson Republican, received that nomination in the May 4 primary. Anderson, rancher in Borden County, ran a strong race against incumbent Renal Rosson two years ago, losing by 1200 votes out of over 20,000 votes cast.

Thanks

My thanks go to those who supported me in the May Primary and the June Runoff Election.

I have high regard and deep admiration for my true friends in Borden County.

I have deemed it a personal privilege to serve as your County Judge and will continue to serve faithfully until January 1.

Glenn Toombs



Couple Observe 50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. Johnnie L. Ellis of O'Donnel will observe their golden wedding anniversary with a reception from 2-4 p.m. Sunday June 9 in the home of his brother Mr. & Mrs. O.O. (Buck) Ellis at 2104 S. 4St. Lamesa.

The couples children and Ellis' brothers and sisters will host the occasion.

Texas was declared officially hog cholera free last week marking the first time all 50 states have had that designation from USDA. The state's last confirmed case was found May 2, 1973. The only others found in the U. S. since were Feb. 3 in Mississippi and May 4 in Puerto Rico. In both cases the outbreaks were quickly confined without spread to other herds, so that a cholera free status was maintained.

On behalf of Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz, a certificate will be presented to Texas Animal Health Commission Chairman Norman Moser by Dr. Francis J. Mulhern, administrator of USDA's animal and plant health inspection service. Mulhern points out that 14 states have had no hog cholera for five years or longer, and 30 states for three years or more. During the 1950's the disease struck 5000-6000 herds a year, costing producers \$40-50 million annually in vaccine.

Lest anyone fear that the officials will run out of anything to do, however, Texas last week had an outbreak of exotic Newcastle disease in chickens.

The former Miss Lora Wright and Ellis were married June 7, 1924 in Tuscola, Texas. He was a barber at Buffalo Gap and she was a school teacher.

The couple moved to O'Donnel in 1928 where he later became a car dealer, retiring last year after 37 years in the dealership. Mrs. Ellis was postal clerk for 24 years, retiring in 1960.

Appeal To Washington

New Mexico livestock feeders and producers met last week in an emergency session called by the Livestock Committee of the N. M. Farm and Livestock Bureau. They voted to send a four-man committee to meet with the New Mexico congressional delegation in Washington, D. C., in an attempt to resolve the present cattle price crisis and personal financial disaster which is overtaking everyone in the industry.

Appointed to meet the congressional delegation were A.W. (Bill) Langenegger, chairman of the New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau; Charlie Lee, Otero county rancher and president of the N. M. Cattle Growers Assn.; Harry Lee, Valencia county rancher and representative of the New Mexico Wool Growers Assn., and Ben McAllister, manager of the Production Credit Assn., in Curry County.

Chief among the topics discussed at the day-long meeting was a possible moratorium on the import of beef until such time as the current surplus is gone; more government purchase of beef for school lunch programs; general promotion of beef directly to the housewife; and the possibility of beef directly to the housewife; and the possibility of long-term low-interest loans that would enable cattlemen to remain in business.

During the lunch break the cattlemen ate hamburgers. Langenegger explained the catered 1/4-pound hamburger cost \$3 while there was only an estimated 22 cents worth of beef between the buns, indicating the food industry profits are going somewhere, but the cattlemen aren't getting their fair share.

McAllister said, in general, the cattle industry and all of agriculture at the present time are on the verge of disaster, and the rest of the country doesn't seem to care or at least they are putting other things first and ignoring the nation's basic industry.

Tex Elliott, a cow-calf operator from DeBaca county, suggested the cattlemen put pressure on the Congressional delegates in Washington.

Correction

In last weeks paper, we had that K.T. Reddell was selling the Indian Jewelry on consignment. The jewelry is not on consignment.

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Miss Phylliss Mosier, Bride-Elect of Gaylan Dickey, and Mrs. V.L. Clark, aunt of groom.

Bride Elect Honored

Miss Phylliss Mosier of Abilene, bride elect of Gaylan Dickey was guest of honor at an introductory tea Sunday afternoon May 26 in the house of Mrs. Normon Sneed.

Miss Mosier, formerly of Hobbs, New Mexico, is an art major graduate of McMurry University is currently employed with Abilene Reporter News. Miss Mosier and Mr. Dickey, who is a senior at McMurry, will wed June 7, in Abilene at the Fairmont United Methodists Church.

LOCALS

Approximately a hundred relatives and friends attended the Von Roeder reunion held Memorial week-end at the Murphy cabin, Lake Thomas.

Lee Good of Calif. is visiting in the Wright Rudd'eston home.

Jeff Ellis and Dick Scurlock of Lubbock were dinner guests in the Ben Weathers home Wed.

Bro. and Mrs. Miller Robinson and family are visiting in the Temple and Gatesville area with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Ellis of Col. City were visitors Sun. in the Weathers home and spent the week-end at their Lake Thomas cabin.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gordon have spent the week-end in Waco with their daughter and family.

Gaylan Dickey and Phylliss Mosier of Abilene visited the V.L. Clarks this weekend.

Mr. & Mrs. Eddie James, of Seminole Tex. were visitors in the Museum Saturday- Eddie coached in the Borden Co. School in the 1950's and Mrs. James taught 1st grade.

The Birch Log

(Ed. note: This is the first of a new editorial column the Borden Star will be running during the summer months. Let us have your comments.)

Marijuana Trend Changing?

Belmont, Massachusetts — When the National Commission on Drug Abuse called in March 1972 for liberalization of laws against the use of marijuana, their report represented the most prestigious endorsement to date in the drive for freer use of "pot." Even though the Commission did not call for full legalization, its permissive recommendations were widely publicized and gratefully endorsed by "pot" promoters.

The drive for easy marijuana continues today. Fueled by clever propaganda and widespread flouting of the law, the pressure for legalization of "grass" has only grown stronger. But the consequences of marijuana usage are so serious that no nation in the history of the world has ever legitimized its use.

A recent development in the marijuana controversy may hopefully be a signal that a trend toward a healthier respect for this dangerous substance is beginning. It reinforces our conviction that marijuana is harmful and should never be legalized.

In 1967, Dr. D. Harvey Powelson, chief psychiatrist at the University of California at Berkeley, stated his belief that there were no long-term harmful effects from marijuana and that it should probably be legalized. Since then, Dr. Powelson has come full circle and now agrees that marijuana is dangerous and should be avoided. His new position is based on personal observation of hundreds of students at the Berkeley campus.

Dr. Powelson's first doubts about marijuana developed when he detected a "mushy" thinking process in an extremely bright student whom he had come to know. On one occasion, when his attempts to follow the young man's conversation became exceptionally difficult, the doctor learned that his young friend had smoked "particularly good grass" two nights earlier.

Dr. Powelson's concern increased as he observed a growing paranoia and a constant

suspicion in numerous marijuana users. He also noted the heightened tendency of users to fool themselves — insisting that they were more "aware" and had greater "insight" than ever before. According to the doctor, a typical marijuana user "talked glibly, using clichés, theories and insights, all to avoid noticing concretely and immediately whatever he was really doing . . ."

Dr. Powelson's report included his observations of those who had abandoned the use of marijuana as much as six months before he met them. Describing the attempts of former users to return to studies, he likened their inability to think clearly to "wandering in a swamp which has islands of solidity and sudden holes with no markings for either the island or the bog." In short, he found that their ability to concentrate had been destroyed.

After five years of extensive clinical experience, he now believes that the use of marijuana leads to a "disorder" of the thinking process; that the "effects of marijuana are cumulative"; and that, after six months of daily use, "chronic changes occur which are similar to those seen in organic brain damage."

We admire Dr. Powelson's willingness to admit his error. And we hope that his new findings can be shown to youngsters and parents across the country.

Marijuana users are marijuana promoters. Once started in a community, the use of "pot" can spread like smallpox. Most of the young people who fool around with "grass" have no appreciation of the damage they may be doing to themselves. But others *do* know of marijuana's harmful effects — that is why they promote it.

There are sinister forces presently at work in our country to gain increasing respectability for "pot" as a tool to further weaken this nation. That these forces should include a Presidential Commission is a clear indication of how serious the marijuana problem is.

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On a small scale, the men handsprayed heavy, heavy crude oil" on the water surface of a plastic swimming pool, 12 feet in diameter, 18 inches deep.

Tossing a thin layer of cotton waste ("the thinner the better") they discovered the cotton contained the oil in the pool and matted so we could move it around. We pushed it with a stick," Meenagan said.

In a hypothetical "base case," the men calculated a 1,000-barrel spill, 78,000 square yards in area and .007 feet thick, could be picked up with 18 bales of cotton.

The real exciting element, Ball said, is their proposed method for cleaning up open sea spills."

From a hovering helicopter, the "featherlight" cotton will be sprayed by a fan or blow duct, over the water, encircling the spill.

After the cotton falls on the

spill "just like snowflakes," Ball said, "You want it to just float."

Once contained by the cotton, the "spill" could be retrieved by a vesicle equipped with a cotton picker device and transferred to a tank which could float in the area until towed inland by barge or hydrofoil. The cotton-contained oil could remain intact on the water's surface for an estimated six weeks, if retrieval were delayed.

Once inland, squeeze-rollers will separate the cotton from the oil and water combination. The oil could be salvaged and the cotton burned in an incinerator.

"In the wildest dreams, you could see boats carrying bales of cotton with them," Ball said, to spray on the oil immediately after an accident.

The method is quicker and more efficient than current methods emphasized it could be applied '10 nautical miles offshore' or to an inland body of water.

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BY EARNEST KIKER
COUNTY AGENT

American agriculture is the success story of the 20th century. And with increased techniques and higher yields, US farms are feeding 210 million Americans and a significant part of the world's population.

"To maintain its lofty position as the world's No. 1 provider of food and fiber, requires the constant infusion of new people into the agricultural industry," says Norman C. Mindrum, director of the National 4-H Service Committee. "Young people, such as America's million plus 4-H members enrolled in agricultural projects are gaining a wealth of knowledge and experience in their work with crops, animals and machines. These are the future leaders of agriculture," the director explained.

He noted that one of the country's leading farm machinery manufacturers, International Harvester Company, is aiding in this push for young people to find their future in agriculture. And to assist them the company is providing a full schedule of incentives and recognition in the Cooperative Extension Service conducted national 4-H agricultural program. Topping the list of awards are six \$1,000 national scholarships to the college of their choice. Additionally, IH provides an expense-paid trip to the National 4-H Congress in Chicago, Dec. state. And up to four medals of honor are provided for outstanding accomplishments at the county level.

In 1973, nearly 6,500 4-H'ers shared in the recognition. While most of them received medals of honor, 50 attended National 4-H Congress. And five of the six scholarship recipients look to agriculture for a career - ranching, farming or agribusiness.

Advancements in mechanization and increased use of petroleum have helped boost farm production. With increased dependency on fuels, plus the present fuel shortage, farmers are being called on to conserve fuel supplies and to strive for maximum efficiency in all operations.

Earneest Kiker, county agent for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, offers some suggestions for possible fuel savings:

Eliminate unnecessary operations and combine operations where possible. This includes the operation of cars, trucks, tractors and all farm equipment. Make each trip or operation count.

Select engine equipment for the job to be done and the available power. Don't use a big tractor or engine for light work, and don't overload.

Know your equipment and operate it according to the manufacturer's recommendations. Study the owner's and operator's manuals.

Maintain complete records on all machines and engines, including speeds for best fuel and machine efficiency. Most engines and machines are designed for rated speeds. However, if you must pull light drawbar loads with a large tractor, fuel efficiency may be increased by shifting to a faster gear and throttling back.

Plan your operations and keep engine idling time to a very minimum.

Operate trucks and automobiles at reduced highway speeds

for best fuel efficiency.

Keep engines and equipment properly tuned. Replace spark plugs, distributor points and air filters; check ignition timing, choke control and cooling systems; and lubricate and clean at periodic intervals.

Select fuels and lubricants for the job and machine. High oct. cont. on p. 4

Thank You

Thank you so much for making our grief more bearable with your thoughtfulness.

All of the hospitality and refreshments were greatly appreciated.

The singing was beautiful. The songs were very good selections. Thank you.

The family of Lowell Lee 'Bose' Moore.

★ Weather ★

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

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TUESDAY	5-28	103	70	0
WEDNESDAY	5-29	103	71	0
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ane fuel in engines designed for low octane fuels will not improve their operations. Diesel fuel requirements also vary with engines. Engine oil and lubricants are designed for particular types of engines, fuels and operating conditions.

Store fuel underground, in the shade or in light colored tanks to minimize evaporation.

Maintain proper tire inflation and keep tire slippage to a minimum. For heavy drawbar loads use wheel weights, but remove them for light work. This will increase tire life and fuel efficiency.

Clean and properly service each machine. Repair or replace worn and broken parts and adjust machines so as to reduce down-time during the rush season.

Select and train operators for the job and equipment. Remember, equipment management for increased fuel efficiency means reduced operation costs and increased profits. This information comes from Henry O'Neal, Extension Agricultural Engineer.

Twirling Camp

Borden County High School Band twirlers Twila Telchik and Martha Anderson are in Cisco this week. They are among 300 attending Southwest Twirling Camp and Drum Major Clinic being held at Cisco Jr. College June 2-7.

In its 15th year, the camp is staffed with twirling champions from as far off as Florida provided by the International Twirling Teachers Institute headed by the nationally known professional twirler Ken Sasser of Ft. Lauderdale.

The students will be instructed in solo and ensemble routine, march and dance twirl routine and strutting and fire work. Although their days will be full with lessons and practise, the students will enjoy recreation and swimming at Lake Cisco Park.

Twila and Martha were driven down Monday and will return Sat. Arrangements were made by Jim Parker, Borden Co. Band

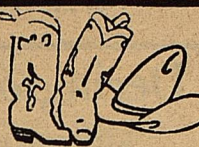
Summer School Registration

Registration for the first six weeks of summer school at Howard College will be conducted Monday, June 3, in the college library.

Hours will be 8 a.m. to noon, 1 p.m. to 4 and 6 p.m. to 8. Classes start Tuesday, June 4.

Late registration will be conducted in the admissions office through Friday, but Ben F. Johnson, assistant to the president, recommends students try to register Monday.

Schedules of classes are available in the administration building.




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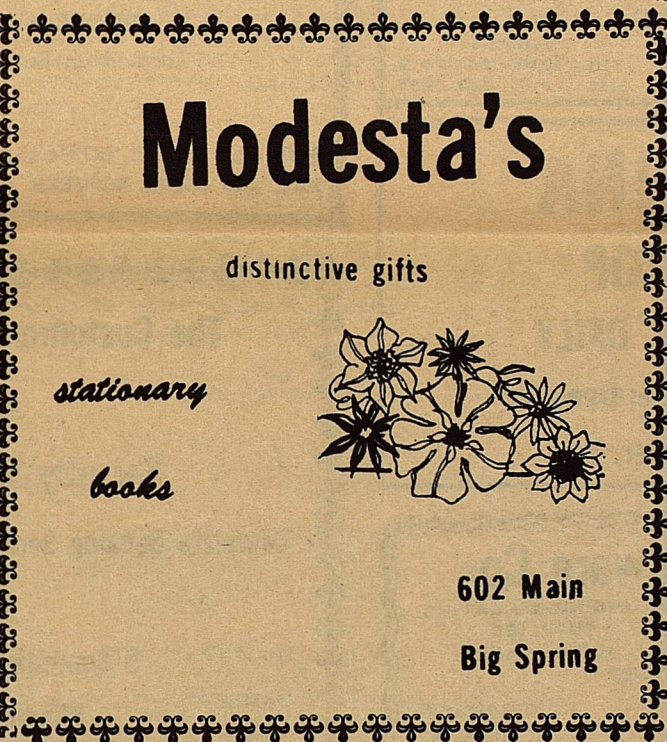
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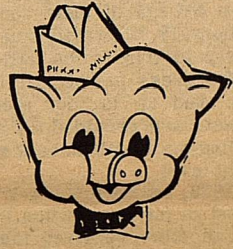


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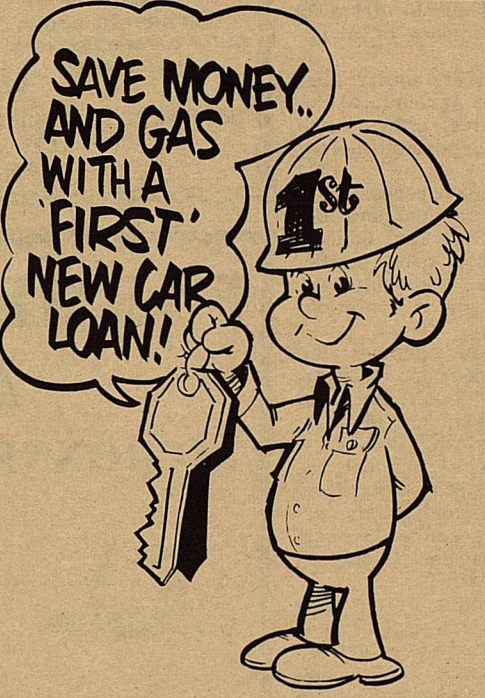
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