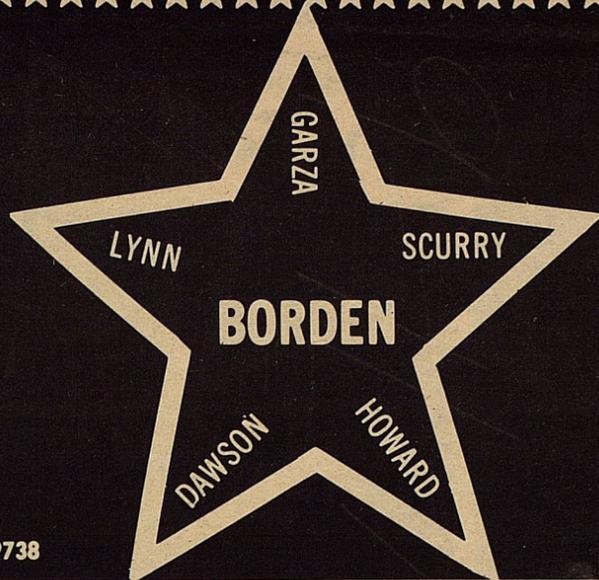


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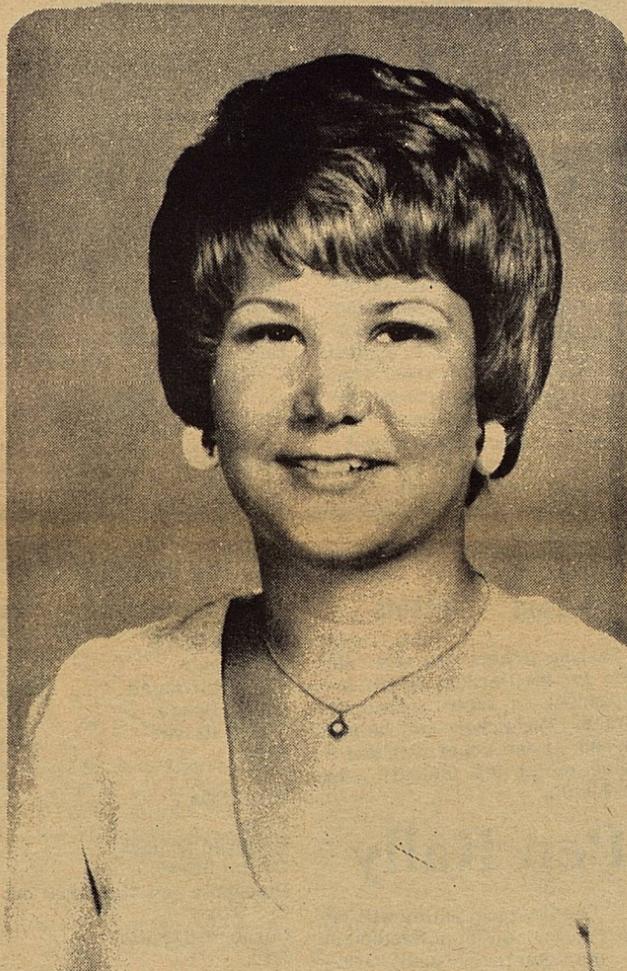
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JANICE REBECCA TODD

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Todd, 710 North 6th, are announcing the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Janice Rebecca, to Michal Dale Aslin, son of Mrs. J. P. Aslin and the late J. P. Aslin, Jr., 114 N. 18th., all of Lamesa. Miss Todd is a 1974 graduate of Lamesa High School and

is employed by Rene's Beauty Salon Aslin, a 1969 graduate of Lamesa High School, works for Atlas Van Lines in Big Spring.

The couple will marry November 9 in a 7:30 p.m. ceremony held in the Crestview Baptist Church of Lamesa.

Invitation

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mac Burkett, Carol, Glynda, and Mickey will be honored with an open house in their new home on Saturday, September 14th, at 3:00 o'clock P.M. All friends are invited.

Hostesses for the occasion are Mesdames Dee Burrus, Bob Ludecke, Garland Doyle, Weldon Hancock, John Stephens Jr. Steve Hess, Boots Turner, Adolph Telchik, Kenneth Williams, Ralph Martin, Lonnie Doyle, W.A. Telchik, and John Stephens, Sr.

ATTENTION

As you recall there has been a steer validation program set up state wide.

The Borden County Committee has set up September 21, 1974 at 8:00 A.M. as the date and time to bring your steers into Gail.

The committee will weigh, tag and take pictures of your steer.

All steers must be validated to show in the major stock shows.

Flea Market

SATURDAY-SEPTEMBER 21

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Courthouse Square
Gail, Texas

We invite everyone to participate in a County wide garage sale. There will be no charge for a booth. Each participant will be responsible for setting up her own display.

Coffee and cokes will be sold with all proceeds going to West Texas Boys' Ranch. Please donate a cake or cookies and if you have the time, please volunteer to work at this booth for an hour.

NO ONE WILL BE EXPECTED TO GIVE A PORTION OF HER SALES.

I will see that advertising is done in all area towns.

ANYONE WISHING TO MAKE A DONATION TO BOYS RANCH MAY DO SO AT THE COFFEE BAR.

If you have any questions, please contact: Dorothy Dennis
Dorothy Dennis
Box 97

Gail, Texas 79738
call (915) 856-4233

In case of rain, the Flea Market will be postponed.

What Do Editorial Writers Write About

What subjects most interested the writers of editorials for the nation's daily newspapers during 1973?

If you listed Watergate first, you're right. A survey of nearly 23,000 editorials in 16 American cities showed that Watergate, Vietnam and energy were the subjects most frequently mentioned in editorials.

The changes between 1972 and 1973 were also interesting. Watergate, for example, was the subject of 77 editorials in 1972 . . . and 1,458 in 1973. Energy was the subject of 97 editorials in '72 and 721 a year later.

The newspapers covered in the survey are in Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Denver, Detroit, Houston, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Louisville, Miami, Milwaukee, New York, San Francisco, St. Louis, Seattle and Washington.

Social Security

System Is Broke

WASHINGTON, D.C. (LLNS)—For many years the Social Security system has been considered a sacred cow, untouchable except for increasing benefits and carefully raising taxes. Now it appears something is very wrong with the program.

The Social Security System is broke.

It is about two and a half trillion dollars in the hole. This means if no new workers were admitted today, and taxes collected remained the same, and benefits paid only to those already covered, the system would be two and a half trillion dollars short over the next 75 years.

To make it a little more clear, the experts figure the system will be short \$20 billion by 1980, and we have a national debt six times larger than estimated.

One Washington legislator, who prefers to remain anonymous, said, "Should the Social Security system be reformed, or be discarded in favor of something else? There's no question, it can't survive long in its present form." It isn't that responsible Americans haven't tried to do something about the Social Security system. Senator Barry Goldwater advocated a re-examination of the funding of the Social Security system during 1964. His opponents branded the Senator as anti-senior citizen, anti-widow and anti-American. Regardless of sentiment, he was a prophet.

America's Social Security is verging on becoming America's "social insecurity". One reason is that the system is running out of money. The reason it is running out of money to pay benefits is because some Congressmen decided that their pet projects were more important than the Social Security system. Over recent years Congress has

spent billions in and for other countries . . . while ignoring responsibilities at home. After spending nearly 10 billion in India, it is difficult not to assume some U.S. dollars were used to develop their nuclear bomb.

Nearly \$6 billion were spent in the Mideast, where it appears the area is once again on the verge of renewing hostilities. The U.S. subsidized the discontinuance of poppy farming in Turkey at the cost of millions of dollars. Tens of billions were expended in Southeast Asia and the war goes on.

America's productive capacity and her economic system are capable of maintaining a sufficient cash reserve to pay off Social Security claims, if our legislators will consider the needs of their constituents instead of the rest of the world.

STATE JOBS TO INCREASE

—State employment will increase substantially during the next half dozen years, according to Texas Research League.

The League, a privately-supported research group, predicted non-educational employees will increase from 58,700 to between 78,000 and 95,000 by the fiscal year 1980. The average cost per employee is estimated by TRL to increase from \$9,174 (a 1972 figure) to more than \$12,000.

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Youth Meeting

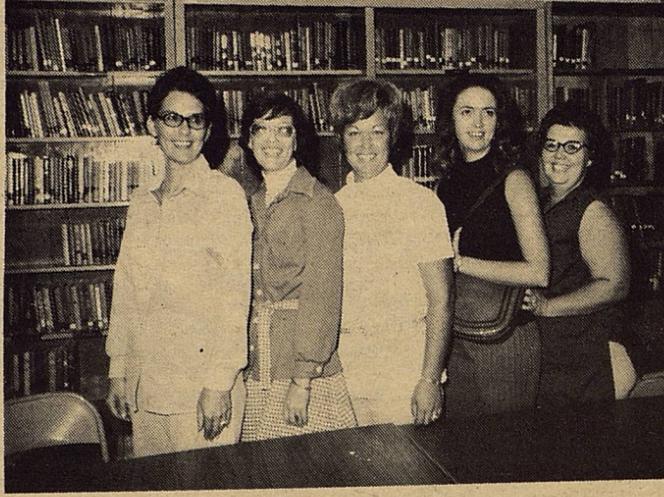
The youth will meet in Sid Long's backyard, Sunday, at 3:30. All youth are invited to come and join in the singing, worship and refreshments. Please invite a friend to come with you.

Borden County School News

Student Council



MRS. DEWEY FAY MILLER ACCEPTS A GIFT FROM MRS. JACKIE WILLS ON BEHALF OF THE PARENT'S CLUB FOR THE OUT-STANDING JOB SHE HAS DONE THIS PAST YEAR AS THE PRESIDENT. (Staff photo)



PARENT'S CLUB NEW OFFICERS--L to R: MRS. PAT PORTER, MRS. CLARA WALKER, MRS. OLLIE HOLMES, MRS. LEONA DOYLE, AND MRS. BETTY STROUP. (Staff Photo)

The Student Council convened on Wednesday, September 4, to elect officers and discuss ideas for this year. Clifton Smith, president, presided over the meeting and the election of officers. Vice-president Monte Smith assisted him.

Lisa Ludecke was elected Secretary. Sue Hancock was elected treasurer and Teddy Cooley was elected reporter. Several ideas and projects were discussed that should prove to be interesting.

The Student Council plans to be quite active this year. We want to encourage students to help us on some projects! An example is keeping the school and schoolgrounds clean.

The Student Council is on the move!

Parents Club Elects Officers

Borden County Elementary Parent Club met September 5th in the elementary library for their first meeting of the year.

Plans were made for preparing a meal for the Seminar to be held in the school cafeteria on September 1.

New officers were elected for the new year. They are Pat

Porter, President; Clara Walker, Vice-President; Ollie Holmes, Secretary; Leona Doyle, Treasurer and Betty Stroup, Reporter.

New Homeroom mothers were chosen by parent club members. They are Jeanette Turner, first grade; Cricket Vaughn, second grade; Leona Doyle, third grade; Carolyn Stevens, fourth grade;

Jacqueline Wills, fifth grade; Nancy Edwards, sixth grade; Pat Murphy, seventh grade; and Wanda Smith, eighth grade. Any mothers who have questions or find that they cannot serve on their appointed day, should contact the Homeroom mother.

A gift was presented to Dewey Faye Miller, out-going Pres-

ident, by Jacqueline Wills on behalf of the Parent's Club. Other out-going officers are Jacqueline Wills, past-Vice President; Pat Murphy, Treasurer; Comelle Williams, Secretary; and Leona Doyle, Reporter.

The next meeting for Parent Club will be October 3rd. This club meets on the first Thursday of every month. All parents and interested persons are invited to attend.

ACTIVITY CALENDER			
DATE:		PLACE:	TIME:
EPT. 13	PEP RALLEY	GYM	3:15 P.M.
EPT. 17	CLASS GROUP PICTURES		8:00 A.M.
SEPT. 19	DIST. F.F.A. MEETING	BROWNFIELD	3:30 P.M.
EPT. 21	F.F.A.	SOUTH PLAINS FAIR	
EPT. 23	BAND TO MARCH	SOUTH PLAINS FAIR	10:00 A.M.
EPT. 25	SRS. ORDER INVITATIONS JRS. ORDER SR. RINGS SOPH. ORDER JR. CHAINS		
EPT. 25-27	SIX-WEEKS TEST		
CT. 25	HOMECOMING		
NOV. 22	HARVEST CARNIVAL		

Students Win Blue Ribbons

Two Borden County students made a good showing with their 4-H Record books at the District Contest. Dana Westbrook entered her senior record in Home Environment. She won a Blue Award, and her record was entered in State competition. Brent Rhoton entered a junior record book in Swine and won a Blue Award.

Dana and Brent are members of Gay Hill 4-H Club of Howard County.

Season Tickets

Season tickets are now on sale for the Borden County Independent School football games. The tickets may be purchased at the Superintendent's office or at the football gate, for \$16.00.

Pep Rally

The first pep rally will be on Friday the 13th of September in the Borden County Gymnasium. All Boosters, parents, and friends are encouraged to come and get the Coyotes off to a good start for their football season. The Coyotes will meet Southland in Gail at 8:00 p.m. on Friday.

SCHOOL Lunch Menu

September 16-20, 1974
MONDAY
 Chopped Barbecued Beef
 Mashed Potatoes
 English Peas
 Fruit Cobbler
 Hot Bread/Butter
 Milk

TUESDAY
 Burritos
 Pinto Beans
 Tossed Salad
 Peas
 Chocolate Chip Cookies
 Milk

WEDNESDAY
 Corn Dogs
 Vegetable Salad
 Green Beans
 Peach Halves
 Milk

THURSDAY
 Fish
 Buttered Spinach
 Carrot Sticks
 Pineapple and Marshmallow
 Salad
 Cornbread/Butter
 Milk

FRIDAY
 Pizza
 Pork and Beans
 Lettuce Wedge
 Cake
 Milk

Bake Sale

Friday, Sept. 13

Southland Game

Seniors

Cakes & dozens of Cookies

Everyone Come



I THINK THAT I SHALL NEVER SEE--THE THIRD GRADE CLASS AND THEIR TEACHER, MRS. SHIRLEY MCMEANS TOOK ADVANTAGE OF ONE OF THE LAST FEW DAYS OF SUMMER WEATHER TO HAVE AN OUT-DOOR ART CLASS. THE STUDENTS ARE DRAWING A TREE. (Staff Photo)

4-H Banquet Planned

On September 3, 1974 Earnest Kiker, county extension agent, and the 4-H adult leader association officers met to plan the 4-H Awards banquet. The Banquet will be held on the 12th of October. This is the Saturday night during National 4-H week which is October 6th through 12th. Each family is asked to bring meat, vegetable or salad and dessert. Bread, plates, silverware, and drinks, will be furnished. The banquet will be in the school cafeteria at 7:30 P.M.

Decorating for the banquet will be at 9:30 Saturday morning. All 4-H'ers are asked to meet and help with the project. Gloria Griffin, Dewey Fay Miller, and the 4-H Council officers are in charge of the decorations.

The 4-H Council officers are Lisa Ludecke, Eurdist Rinehart, Kristy Smith, Sue Hancock, Matt Farmer.

4-H Meeting

The Borden County 4-H Club had a meeting in the High School Auditorium September 9.

Lisa Ludecke called the meeting to order. Philena Farmer led the Pledge of Allegiance and Martha Anderson led the 4-H Pledge. Sue Hancock called the roll.

There will be a Steer day on September 21 at 8:00. All persons who are planning on showing their steers in shows other than the Gail show, must come and get their steers ear tagged and photographed.

A lamb shearing day is being planned for October 5.

A 4-H party was discussed and a committee was chosen. Those on the committee are Cindy Beaver, Gay Griffin, Philena Farmer and Martha Anderson.

A 4-H Poster Contest will be held October 4. If you have a poster, hand it in to your principal and Mrs. Murphy will pick them up. National 4-H week will be October 6-12. The posters will be displayed around Gail. Prizes will be given and the best 10 posters in the county will go to district.

KRISTY SMITH
4-H Reporter

Youth Honored

Sharon Elaine Martin of Ackery will be one of 51 outstanding rural youth in the state who will be recognized on Oct. 4 at the 28th annual State Fair of Texas awards dinner for 4-H Club members, Future Homemakers and Future Farmers.

Miss Martin is the only area youth to be recognized at the state awards dinner. She will be presented a bracelet for exemplary achievements in Future Homemakers work. The bracelet will feature a small, engraved map of Texas.

The dinner will be held in the grand ballroom of the Sheraton-Dallas Hotel.

POPULATION BOOMING—

Texas population is growing by 30,000 a year due to migrations from other states, and nearly 250,000 new baby Texans are born annually.



GLAZING--SHARON HAMM, JANICE BROWNE AND LARRY BALLARD WERE WORKING IN THE CERAMICS LAB AT WTC WHEN THIS PICTURE WAS MADE DURING THE SPRING SEMESTER. MISS BROWNE, CENTER, IS THE DAUGHTER OF DOROTHY BROWNE OF GAIL AND WILL BE A SOPHOMORE STUDENT AT WTC THIS FALL.

Ceramics

Snyder--Ceramics is relaxing, rewarding and potentially habit forming, Mike Thornton, ceramics instructor at Western Texas College says.

Ceramics by Thornton will be included in the faculty art show opening at the college on Sept. 9 and continuing through Oct. 4. Watercolor paintings by Warren Cullar will also be included in the show. Cullar will be exhibiting 25 watercolors, most of them done during the past summer while he was in Massachusetts and Maine.

Thornton, beginning his second year with WTC, uses the traditional approach in teaching ceramics students. His students learn both wheel thrown and handbuilding techniques, with classes totally individualized to fulfill the needs of each student.

'We've had students from 17 to 70 in ceramics classes,' Thornton commented, 'and it's a study well suited to people of any age. Anyone who really gets his hands into the clays can get a feeling of achievement from what he creates,

and this is rewarding both for the student and for me.

Ceramics students may take the courses either for college credit or as non-credit courses in afternoon evening sessions. All the equipment used is provided in the ceramics lab, and the fee of \$41 includes the cost of all materials used.

The student keeps all the pieces he makes and there is no limit on the number of pieces he may make. These pieces may include many functional pieces--oven-proof casseroles, vases, planters, bowls and a variety of other items.

Classes in the fall semester began Sept. 5, but students may register late until Sept. 13. Prospective students are invited to visit the ceramics lab in the Fine Arts Building and talk to Thornton about the courses. Commuting students may arrange a variable schedule with the instructor to minimize the number of trips they must make to attend classes, and the lab is open throughout the day so students may work at any time that does not conflict with other classes.

Schools Cut Energy Consumption

During the period from January through March, Texas public schools cut energy consumption by one-third according to individual reports submitted by more than three-quarters of the State's 1,140 school districts.

The schools were able to surpass Governor Briscoe's goal of a 30 percent reduction in the categories of natural gas, fuel oil, and LP gas.

School districts across the state realized an overall reduction in consumption of energy of 32.7%. This is a savings of 5,070,714 million BTU's or an equivalent of 874,261 barrels of crude oil.

To achieve such impressive results, almost all school districts, through cooperation of school administrators, teachers and students, instituted plans to conserve energy.

Some of the more common measures used by districts to reduce energy consumption are listed below:

1. Reduce thermostat to 68 degrees in winter and 78 degrees in spring and summer.
2. Curtail and/or eliminate field trips.
3. Reduce the number of operating hours of air-conditioning and heating systems.
4. Limit school bus and other district-owned vehicles speed to 50 mph.
5. Provide students and teachers with energy conservation techniques.
6. Begin school day 30 minutes to one hour later to take advantage of more daylight.
7. Reschedule athletic events to afternoon when possible.
8. Reduce lighting in hallways

and corridors during school hours.

9. Reduce the number of extra-curricular activities after school and during evening hours.

10. Restrict custodial and maintenance work to daylight hours.

More than 140 school districts reduced energy consumption by 40% or better in at least one category. Seventeen of these districts equaled or exceeded the 60% mark.

Ingleside ISD slashed their consumption of natural gas by 83%, mostly by not heating large shop buildings on extremely cold days. Like many other schools, they credited the mild winter as responsible for some of the savings. Llano ISD reduced the school day during the first three months of this year and managed a 66% savings of electricity. Marble Falls ISD cut natural gas consumption by 76%. Climate control systems were installed in all buildings in their district. Southside ISD cut their natural gas consumption by 71% and gasoline consumption by 50%. They attribute their success to their 'Energy Saving Program', and a mild winter. The reward for Walnut Springs ISD's efforts to conserve energy was a 78% reduction in natural gas consumption. Cuero ISD curbed their electricity consumption by 62% and natural gas by 50%.

Other school districts that attained a 60% or better reduction in at least one energy type are: Hardin ISD, Wortham ISD, New Waverly ISD, Novice ISD, Rio Hondo ISD, Grandview ISD, Goldthwaite ISD, and Boerne County Line ISD.

Some school districts instituted unique plans to conserve energy. Johnson City ISD was able to realize a reduction of more than 70% in electrical consumption. They modestly attribute a 'mild winter' for their success. They state that their future plan will be to pray for mild winters. Lamar Consolidated ISD is looking into the feasibility of installing turbo-ators on their boilers. They anticipate that this will result in a saving of 8 to 12 percent. Houston ISD reports that they are in the process of establishing a comprehensive program in the conservation of natural gas, electricity, gasoline and water. Dallas ISD has developed 'Operation Involvement.' They are also in the process of setting up a plan of action to increase the energy efficiency of each school in the district.

Over half of the school districts reported 'daylight saving time' as being counter-productive to their efforts to conserve energy. Many districts across the state attempted to make adjustments by shifting their starting and closing time by 30 minutes to an hour.

These energy consumption reports were submitted to the Texas Education Agency by the individual districts at the request of the Governor last November.

Members of the Governor's energy staff in the Division of Planning Coordination are working with TEA to pursue this successful conservation effort through such measures as developing energy conservation curricula and continuation of the quarterly consumption reports.

Comic Book Used In Education

NEW YORK — The comic book has joined the more serious text books of education to help developing readers.

"The Electric Company," television's contribution to easing education's reading crisis, has published "Spidey Super Stories," a new four-color com-

BORDEN COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR 1974-75	
Aug. 19-Sept. 27	First Six Weeks
Sept. 2	Labor Day Holiday
Sept. 30-Nov. 7	Second Six Weeks
Nov. 8	TSTA Convention
Nov. 11-Dec. 19	Third Six Weeks
Nov. 28-29	Thanksgiving Holidays
Dec. 20	Teacher Work Day (Close First Semester)
Dec. 23-Jan. 1	Christmas Holidays
Dec. 31	Teacher Work Day
Jan. 2-Feb. 20	Fourth Six Weeks
Feb. 21	Teacher Work Day
Feb. 24-Apr. 4	Fifth Six Weeks
March 10-14	Spring Vacation
April 7-May 22	Sixth Six Weeks
May 18	Baccalaureate
May 20-22	Final Exams
May 22	High School Graduation
May 23	Junior High Graduation
May 23	Teacher Work Day (Close Second Semester)

ic starring the super-hero "Spider-Man" as an education device.

SHORT SNORTS
September 16-21 has been designated Voter Registration Week.

AG OPINIONS—A law prohibiting membership by licensed vocational nurses in labor unions with the right to strike is unconstitutional, Atty. Gen. John Hill held.

BORDEN COUNTY FOOTBALL 1974	
Sept. 6	Open
Sept. 13	Southland at Borden County
Sept. 20	Borden County at Smyer
Sept. 27	Grady at Borden County
Oct. 4	Borden County at Whitharral
Oct. 11	Dawson at Borden County
Oct. 18	Borden County at Loop
Oct. 25	Garden City at Borden County
Nov. 1	Borden County at Wellman
Nov. 7	Klondike at Borden County

Jerry's Gottings

Gerald R. Ford, unelected president of US, has no obligation to carry out the conservative mandate which elected Poor Richard to office in 1972. But all things being considered, and after listening to G. R. F's platitudes about being the people's president, you'd sorta expect a slight deference to that mandate. But gollee--the plans revealed just within his first two weeks reign make me a little car sick.

It wouldnt take an Einstein to know that inflation is about to do US in. Mr. Ford was quick to say that was among his top priorities--fighting inflation, that is. He astutely admitted that government would have to tighten it's belt. But just look here. I guess the first major bill bearing Ford's signature was the education one--to the tune of \$25 billion. Being pushed hard is a revised national health bill which calls for an ante of \$6 billion and probably would cost \$30 billion before the end of the game. Signed into effect has been the \$11 billion mass transit morass, plus an \$11 billion to be funneled into communities for housing and community development.

Makes you wonder where the cut back is. Well, the only noticeable place is in the defense spending. And all along, Mr. Ford was spoken of as the watchdog of the defense department. While South Vietnam again is racked with survival pains, the President utters not a word in defense of defense spending. Military aid to those folks is considered essential by those who altruistically think we are still an ante-communist nation.

Course most patriotic folk are still in shock over Ford's announcement to the V.F.W. convention. Amnesty yet! Oh, he emphasized all the right words, EARNED amnesty, he said. First off--those bums who deserted their country made it quite clear that they didnt want any part of repatriation if it involved any work. That's like an insolent kid sneering at you when handed the keys to the pickup instead of the Mercedes. Seems like as a father of boys, those guys reaction would have made Ford so mad that he would retract ANY olive branch scheme.

Besides being a conniving bit of politics, the amnesty plan is inflationary. Those few who took advantage of the offer to return with no reprisals will be absorbed into VISTA, Peace Corps, etc. It takes money to run those benevolent organizations--and it isn't Rockefeller money--it's OURS. So there goes the spiral-government spending of money they don't earn - higher taxes--printing more money--.

There are more little surprises. All of a sudden Cuba is being mentioned again. There have been feelers put out that Cuba will again be recognized and trade resumed. East Germany will now have a U.S. diplomat. And on the national front, the females are cackling. There are now two friends in the White House. Mr. and Ms.

Ford are both promoters of ERA in their era. Betty Ford jokingly remarked that a way to do away with wars would be to let the women fight them--some joke. Sure looks like a bumpy road ahead.

LOCALS

Robert Beal, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Beal of Gail, appeared at 1:30 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 1 on the Jerry Lewis Telethon for Muscular Dystrophy. Robert was in the "Bottoms Up Review" now appearing at the Hilton at Las Vegas.

Bobby Stewart and family of Fort Worth were visitors in the Borden County Museum on Sunday. Bobby is a 1959 graduate of Borden County High School, where his father, S.P. Stewart was Superintendent.

Bobby and his brother, Philip are connected with the Fenger Furniture Company of Ft. Worth. Bobby serves as vice-president.

HOSPITALIZED

Mrs. Jack McPhaul, of the Plains Community is in the Medical Arts Hospital in Lamesa for observation.

Mrs. Kenneth Williams, of the Plains Community, is recuperating at home after surgery in the Lamesa Medical Arts Hospital.

W. T. Boys Ranch Report

Thanks to Gloria and T.L. Griffin for their generous donation to Boys Ranch. Anyone wishing to send in their gifts, please mail to Bert Dennis Box 97 Gail, Texas 79738

"Gail Goof-Offs"

You haven't heard much from the famous 'Gail Goof-Offs' this summer, but they are still around and still in demand. They recently played for a Get Acquainted and Birthday Party at the Murphy and Sorrel's Cabin on Lake Thomas. Hosted by Freida Murphy and Agnes Sorrel's in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Von Roeder who recently retired and moved to Lake Thomas and Max Von Roeder who was celebrating a birthday. Over 75 friends and neighbors came by. Coffee, punch, and cookies were served. The Goof Offs were joined by Charles Dickey of Abilene who plunks a piano like it was going out of style. I know it was an honor for Charles because he just gets to play with those large pop and jaz bands.

They also played for the annual Bison reunion held on Monday, September 1. at the Bison Community Center.



First Place Linda Lamphere and Martha White

Wins Doubles

Linda Lamphere and Martha White won top honors in the Lamesa Tennis Association - Women's Scramble Tournament this past weekend at the Boys Club Courts in Lamesa.

Lamphere and White defeated Jane Hill and Jan Chiles 6-4,

6-4, for the championship. Judy Leatherwood and Squeaky Todd defeated Barbara Murphy and Dorothy Woods, 6-2, 6-3, for consolation.

Linda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Hamilton of Lamesa.

Howard County Fair

A wide range of displays is open for the Big Spring, Howard County and area residents in the annual Howard County Fair, September 16 thru 21.

The range is from cookies to cotton, from rabbits to barrows, from lines to cloths, from pictures to crafts.

In addition, there will be numerous special events, including the barrow show and sale, the Shrine Circus, a week-long carnival, motorcycle rodeo, pet show and horse show. The Agri-Business appreciation barbecue luncheon is also on tap.

Through the generosity of the Dora Roberts Foundation, the Fair this year will have a new 125 x 125 building to house the commercial and other special exhibits.

Here are some of the area of exhibition open to all residents:

Field Crops - Cotton, Small Grains, Feed Grains, Grasses, Beans, Peas and Hay. Vegetables and Fruits-Potatoe, Onion, Turnips, Beets, Carrots, Radishes, Squash, Cucumber, Pumpkin. Watermelon, Peppers, Collards, Apples, Pears, Peaches, Plums, Grapes, etc.

There will be a Women's division which also will include home and hobby items, regular and metal crafts, glassware and other personal treasures, clothing, linens, breads, cakes, canned fruits and vegetables, preserves and pickles. There will be a Junior division in most of these categories.

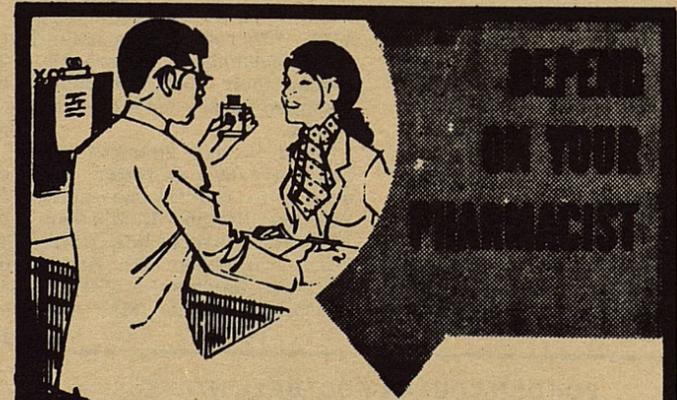
There will also be an Art Show, Antique Show, Gem Show,

and a special division for the 'Over 60' group in most of these categories.

There is no charge for entering any of these divisions and any one interested in participating may contact Arnold Marshall, general superintendent or Ruth Mitchel, secretary, at the Extension office in the basement of the Court House.

Of special interest to all local and area young women will be an open Jackpot Barrel Race for senior and novice horses. This event will be held on Saturday evening in the Rodeo Bowl and \$15.00 of the \$18.00 entry fee will be jackpotted in the senior division and \$5.00 of the \$8.00 entry fee will be jackpotted in the novice division.

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Obituary

JOSIE (YORK) LEMLEY

Services for Mrs. Josie York Lemley, 89, of San Angelo were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the First United Methodist Church of San Angelo with Dr. Ray M. Johnson and Dr. Merle Waters, pastor officiating.

Graveside services were held at 3 p.m. in the old Snyder Cemetery. Burial was under direction of Robert Massie Funeral home.

Mrs. Lemley died at 11 a.m. Sunday morning in her home in San Angelo.

Mrs. Lemley was the oldest child of Joe S. and Catherine York, a pioneer ranch family who settled in Borden County in 1890.

She was a well-known pioneer schoolteacher in Borden and Scurry Counties until she moved to San Angelo in 1936 where she continued her teaching career. She retired in 1959, having taught for 50 years.

A member of the United Methodist Church, she was active until recently in church work, in the Business and Professional Club and the Association of American University Women.

Survivors include one son, Joe R. of San Angelo; one brother, Joe B. York of Snyder; and two grandsons.

Reunion

The Gilmore clan held their annual reunion on September 7-8 at Lamar Forrest Park in Lamesa. The crowd dwindled this year, probably on account of a change in dates. There was 28 present for lunch Sunday. The Pitzers traveled farthest coming from San Marcos Texas. Ida Gilmore from Throckmorton was the only one of the original Gilmore family to attend this year. Food was plentiful, good and fattening and we are looking forward to September of 1975.

Jr. Rodeo News

Steve Powers of Midland, nephew of Bob Powers of Gail won Reserve All Around Cowboy at the West Texas Junior Rodeo Finals held in Big Lake August 29, 30 and 31, and was presented with a saddle. He was named Mr. WTJRA and was presented with a gold wrist watch and hand tooled Breast collar. He also won Reserve All Around Bronc Rider of the year and was presented with a silver belt buckle. Francine Edwards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Edwards of San Angelo was named Miss WTJRA.

Landmark Project

Austin--Governor Dolph Briscoe and Major General Thomas S. Bishop announced today that the Texas National Guard has agreed to spearhead a landmark environmental project in cooperation with the Texas Water Quality Board and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Governor Briscoe and Major General Bishop, the Adjutant General of Texas, explained the effort is aimed at helping state and federal authorities identify and analyze potential water pollution threats to selected fresh water lakes and reservoirs in Texas from excess nutrients. The agreement provides for the use of National Guard personnel and resources to collect an estimated 3,584 water samples from the tributaries flowing into the 39 Texas lakes designated for the year-long research effort.

In announcing the agreement, Governor Briscoe emphasized, 'This project provides another demonstration that the Texas Guard utilizes its assets in a wide range of valuable services to our state and communities that go far beyond the normal involvement of the military. The Texas Guard's record in supporting civil government in hurricanes, tornadoes and most recently during the Anthrax Epidemic in Falls County has been outstanding in every way,' the Governor said.

Specifically, Texas Guardsmen will conduct monthly sampling at 256 sites, both to enable assessment of the eutrophication threat endangering surveyed lakes and to assist in the identification of nutrient sources. At the same time, three specially-equipped jet helicopters--supplied to EPA by the Department of Defense--will be landing on the 39 Texas lakes to conduct a series of intensive water quality samplings.

'Eutrophication' is one of the most serious water quality problems facing many areas of the Nation today. Excess chemical nutrients, notably phosphates, can overstimulate aquatic plant growth. In extreme cases, the eutrophication process so deteriorates water quality that fish die and the lake's aesthetic and recreational values are lost. Over an extended period of continued growth and decay of plant life, the lake can slowly fill to the point where it will disappear. The nutrients which feed plant growth variously enter lakes from natural land runoff, effluent discharged by municipal sewage treatment plants and industries, however, is desirable to serve

as sources of nourishment for lower organisms in the food chain.

'We have been pleased by the enthusiasm expressed by our Guardsmen toward this project,' declared the General. 'The men know that it will be demanding, but they realize the great long term benefits that the study may develop for Texas.'

The Texas Water Quality Board will furnish a team of specialists to assist in the technical training of Guardsmen.

Fishing News

Catches of black bass and channel catfish topped reports from Lake E.V. Spence during the past week, but there were several strings of white bass and striped bass.

Reports included: Counts' Grocery and Bait--Kenneth Fincher, Water Valley 3 1/2 lb. black bass; six channel cat to 1 1/2 lb. John Leach and John Ramey, Big Spring, 1 black to 6 1/4 lb., two channel cat to 1 1/2 lb., two white bass to 2 lb., and a 2 lb. striper Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Armstrong, Midland, five channel cat to 3 1/2 lb. and a 1 1/2 lb black bass; V.L. Hagman and D.A. Counts, Robert Lee, six black bass to 5 1/2 lb. and 20 channel cat to 6 lb. Cleo and Dee Reed, Big Spring, six crappie to 1 1/2 lb. Ben Frieble and Johnny Lockhart, Big Spring, 1 channel cat to 5 lb.

Dink's Grocery and Bait--Tom Logan, Robert Lee, 6 lb. black bass; Gene Jennings, Big Spring, 4 lb. striped bass; Harvey Chapman, Robert Lee, 15 channel cat to 5 1/2 lb.

Y.J.'s Marina--Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Purser, Big Spring, four striper to 3 3/4 lb., 2 1/2 lb. white bass; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Cherry, Odessa, 54 white bass to 2 lb. Mike Farrell, Odessa, 5 lb. black bass; James Hathcock, Andrews, 3 1/2 lb. striper, 2 white bass to 2 1/2 lb.

Legal Notice

Sealed bids for the construction of an all-metal 60 X 80' Agricultural Building will be received in the office of County Judge Glenn Toombs, Box 156, Gail, Texas until 2:00 P.M., Monday, September 23, 1974, at which time the same will be publicly opened and considered.

Plans and specifications may be seen in the office of the County Judge at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas anytime after this notice.

The right is reserved as to the interest of Borden County taxpayers to reject any and all bids, and to waive any informality in bids received.

Request of Sheriff of Sheriff

Sheriff Guy Kinnison of Dawson County submitted a letter to District Attorney Joe Smith requesting that a Grand Jury investigate allegations of improper conduct on the part of himself and his deputies.

The letter to the District Attorney stated, 'Allegations of impropriety have been made against me and my department as a result of certain bail bond practices. It is my desire that my office be kept above reproach and I would request that the Grand Jury make an investigation of these allegations against me and my department.'

During the August 15 preliminary infraction hearing in federal court in Lubbock, charges of attempted bribery and conspiracy were leveled at the Sheriff and the Sheriffs Department by Milton Lozano Sr. and his attorney, F.B. Godinez, who represents the father and son in a law-suit against the Sheriff's department. Kinnison has denied all such charges but has requested the grand jury investigation to clear the air.

Fishing Violation

Austin--Summer has always been a time when game wardens come across more than the usual number of sport fishing violations.

This year it's gotten out of hand.

As of July 31, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department wardens filed 1,229 citations for various sport fishing infractions. The majority--1,167--were for failure to have a \$4.25 fishing license.

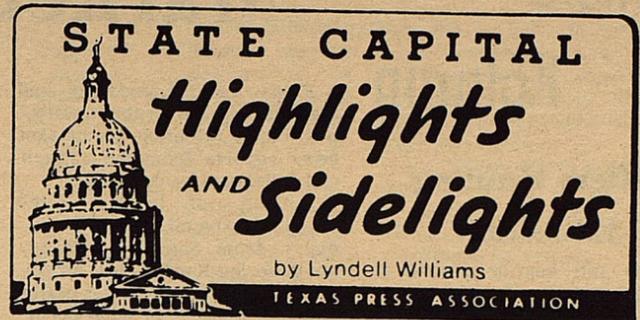
Following close behind the Texans who ran afoul of fishing laws were the 1,208 boating enthusiasts who were cited for water safety violations. Most failed to have the proper number of life jackets on board their crafts.

Borden To Receive Aid

Following a recommendation to federal government authorities by Gov. Dolph Briscoe, five more Texas counties were designated as drought disaster areas.

The latest counties recommended to Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz are Borden, Coryel, Gray, McLennan and Menard.

Five other counties approved for the disaster assistance are Coleman, Earth, Stonewall, Swisher and Taylor.



Austin--Hopes for a no-new-taxes session of the legislature soared with surprise predictions of a \$910.4 million general revenue surplus at end of the fiscal year next August.

Lawmakers, according to Legislative Budget Board estimates, actually will have \$1.5 billion for 'extras' over and above.

Maintaining programs at present levels, giving state employees a 23.8 per cent pay raise, adding \$80 million to the foundation school program, allocating \$393.8 million for emergency measures and allowing for possible loss of \$124 million in federal revenue sharing funds.

LBB staff members reported sales tax revenue, spurred by inflation, soared 20.3 per cent during fiscal 1974. Normal growth rate is 9.6 per cent.

The energy crisis also boomed oil and gas production taxes. The oil tax income jumped 65.7 per cent, and the natural gas tax 38.8 per cent. These taxes normally are expected to increase 1.1 per cent and 7.3 per cent annually.

Indications are the legislature, without raising taxes, can expand state aid to local school districts and many other state services.

Full impact of inflation on state operations cannot be measured precisely, however.

The forecast prompted Sen. Tom Creighton of Mineral Wells to announce he will introduce legislation to reduce the state sales tax from four per cent to three per cent.

CONVENTION DATE SET

The federal circuit court of appeals in New Orleans upheld a district court order that the

State Democratic Convention can go on September 17.

Jewish delegates filed suit to delay the convention because the date conflicts with that of Rosh Hashana, a high Jewish holy day.

The court noted the convention date is set by state law, and ruled there was no effort to discriminate against anyone because of religion.

SCHOOL AID PROVIDED

School aid provided--Gov. Dolph Briscoe announced a plan for advance payments of foundation school funds to districts this month to ease financial strain.

Legislative Budget Board went along with the plan which usually is paid in 10 monthly installments. This goes along with regular payment of a tenth of 1974-75 salary and transportation allocations.

State payments to schools in September thus goes up from \$81 million to \$154 million.

This early payment will allow the school districts to proceed in an orderly manner without having to resort so heavily to short-term borrowing in anticipation of later receipt of state and local revenues, Briscoe said. This, of course will save the schools the interest costs they would otherwise be forced to pay and will alleviate some of the borrowing problems caused by the present tight money situation.

Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby recommended a future statute providing that the plan can be used again only with specific legislative approval.

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The fall hunting season is around the corner, and youngsters interested in hunting and hunting safety can discover valuable training through 4-H.

More than 700 Texas boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 19 are participating in 4-H Hunter Safety Education each year, points out Kiker, county agent for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The program starts with a shooting safety and marksmanship course, and moves up to individual and team competition. State competition is held annually during 4-H Roundup at Texas A&M University.

As a 4-H participant in a rifle club, a youngster can shoot with the National Rifle Association as an individual or in a shooting club. The NRA will supply information for all your shooting aids and for adult instructors and club leaders.

For complete information on this exciting 4-H Hunting Education and Rifle Program, contact the county Extension office adds Kiker.

Screwworm Cases Climb To 2,046

AUSTIN--Through the end of July, Texas had recorded 2,046 confirmed cases of screwworms as compared to 634 cases for the same period in 1973, Agriculture Commissioner John C. White has announced.

White added, however, that officials of the U. S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service believe the eradication program is holding the population of wild flies in check this year.

In the late summer and fall of 1973, a massive infestation of Gulf Coast ticks in South Texas predisposed thousands of wounds for screwworm infestation. The result was a major factor in the total of 7,793 cases in Texas from August through November of that year.

In contrast to that extremely wet season, this season has been dry in South Texas and along most of the coastal areas that were so heavily infested.

Screwworms are the parasitic larvae of the screwworm fly which lays its eggs on the edges of wounds in warm-blood animals. The pests are extremely destructive to the cattle industry. As larvae hatch, they enter the wound to feed on living flesh.

The pest is eradicated by releasing millions of sexually sterilized flies over infested areas. Sterile flies for the current eradication effort in the Southwest are produced at Mission, Tex.

Market News

Folks in the livestock and meat trade, all over the country, pay close attention to market news reports from the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles.

Volume of trading in the 60,000 square mile 'beef Factory,' from Seminole, Texas, north to the Kansas line, ranks this as one of the largest cattle markets in all parts of the world.

'There is intense interest in all livestock and meat market news, these days, as production costs are so critical and as consumers are so aware of increased food costs,' points out Jerry McCarty, in charge of the federal-state livestock market news office in Amarillo.

The Panhandle area always has been known as 'cattle country,' but never to the extent it is today. Only a dozen or so years ago, the zooming cattle industry around Amarillo was just a dream among a few enterprising persons. Realization of that dream is reflected in hard facts gathered and told by McCarty and his professional staff of two others--Gordon Duty employed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Ed Wright, a Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) marketing specialist--with invaluable help from two office clerks, Edana Davis and Margie Barron.

In 1973, McCarty's office reported sales, prices, grades and trends on 3,141,217 cattle and calves. This included 2,611,055 head sold directly to meat packers from the areas 100 huge feedlots, and 530,163 head, mostly feeders, sold at auction in Amarillo. This volume is almost three times the 1,110,433 head reported in 1968, just five years earlier. In addition, the Amarillo staff reports carlot meat sales at 12 modern meat packing plants in the area.

The volume of livestock trading reported in the Panhandle area was 10.8 percent of the total number of cattle and calves reported by the 60 market news offices of USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), including 26 cooperating state departments of agriculture, according to Paul M. Fuller, chief of AMS's livestock market branch Washington D.C.

'So the Amarillo reports definitely are of the bell-weather type, of interest and value to

anyone who buys or sells livestock and meat at any market in the country,' Fuller says.

Information gathered by the Amarillo market news team is sent immediately total major markets in the country by USDA leased wire, and to cooperating wire service, newspapers, radio and television stations and livestock publications. Printed weekly summaries on this and other Southwest livestock markets are available by mail from the Texas Department of Agriculture in Austin, Texas.

In addition, market data from the Panhandle 'beef factory' are incorporated with other statistics that become the basis for national studies on long-term trends, feed ratios, farm-to-table prices spreads, and similar economic research.

'We tell it like it is, whether it is good news or bad news,' McCarty points out in explaining philosophies of the 58-year-old USDA market news service.

'Our reports have to be timely, accurate and completely unbiased if we are to maintain the respect of sellers, buyers and consumers alike,' McCarty adds.

A new pamphlet, 'State-Federal Livestock Market News from the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles,' explains how the Amarillo office does its job.

It lists the seven daily and two weekly reports issued, and what each contains; and it explains how persons interested in these reports can obtain them, by listening to radio or television stations, reading newspapers or other publications, or by making a telephone call to the office's recorded instant market news system--phone (806) 372-3494.

Copies of the leaflet are available from County Extension Agents offices in the area; directly from the Livestock Market News Office, Box 9175, Amarillo, Texas 79105; or from the AMS Regional Information Office, 1100 Commerce Street, Room 5C40, Dallas, Texas 75202.

State cigarette tax revenues declined more than a million from August 1973 to August 1974 -- from \$24.7 million to \$23.7 million.

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John C. White, Commissioner

Hay Front Better ... Pastures Growing ... Cotton Farmers Recall 1971

THERE'S GOOD news on the hay front, including rains that might have delayed harvest of some crops. The rains will help hay meadows. The U. S. Department of Agriculture reports that imports of baler twine is up, and domestic production of sisal and of plastic twines has increased. Additionally, more jumbo balers are being used to harvest hay, and they require less twine per ton of hay. Further, early tests on the use of aluminum in baling wire are encouraging, and more tests will be made. Plans for the tests were made at a meeting in the offices of the Texas Department of Agriculture which has been concerned for some time about the shortage of baling wire and twine. Field tests of aluminum wire showed that it could be used in baling machines, but the wire broke at places where ties were made when the bale was handled. On the bad-news side, the price of baling twine is high, around \$25 per roll, compared to around \$9 in 1973, according to USDA. Meanwhile, rains have improved pasture grasses over much of Texas and cattle have a good chance to go into winter in good condition.



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The Consumer Alert

by John L. Hill
Attorney General

Austin--The health food industry has become a billion dollar business in the past few years, for a number of reasons.

Perhaps one of the most significant is the desire of some persons to return to a simpler, more natural way of living.

Also, some people are concerned about the state of the environment and its effect on the foods that are available for human and animal consumption. In addition, some people want to protest the increased use of food additives and the advertising claims for certain foods by choosing alternatives to 'supermarket foods.'

Yet sometimes, the consumers purchasing 'health' or 'organically grown' foods and frequenting 'natural food stores' don't really have a clear idea of what such terms mean.

According to the White House Office of Consumer Affairs and many health food advocates these distinctions should be made:

1. 'Natural' foods have no preservatives, stabilizers, or artificial ingredients. They are as unrefined as possible, but aren't always organically grown. Honey, blackstrap molasses, whole wheat flours, and brown rice are examples of natural foods.

2. Organic foods are virtually the same as natural foods, but this term also means they have not been treated with pesticides or chemical fertilizers. They are usually grown with natural fertilizers such as animal manure or compost. This definition excludes just about everything you could buy in a supermarket, but it also excludes a lot of what many health food stores sell.

3. Health foods can include both natural or organic foods but can also refer to vegetarian and dietetic foods. Yoghurt is often thought of as health food but it isn't 'natural' if it has sugar, and it isn't organic if it contains preserved fruit that was sprayed with a pesticide.

Consumer experts point out that comparative shopping indicates health foods can cost an average of 15 to 25 percent more than regularly processed foods. Meat and some dairy products may even be twice as expensive. It's necessary for consumers to decide if such foods are worth this extra cost.

While health food enthusiasts acknowledge that prices are higher, they say it's because without chemical pesticides or fertilizers crops are smaller, making expenses per product greater.

Some items that show the biggest difference between supermarket prices and health food store prices are sugar, preserves, juices, butter and margarine, all meats, bread, and peanut butter.

Health food advocates point out that a health food diet can often cost less on the whole than a regular one, however, because meat substitutes such as soybeans provide enough protein so high-priced meats may be

eliminated from the diet. Such meatless meals then would cost about the same as a regular diet with meat.

Consumers should be aware that many nutritionists and medical authorities feel health food proponents sometimes exaggerate the benefits of health foods.

Many health food enthusiasts claim that natural fertilizers are safer and healthier, that modern food processing destroys vitamins and minerals in foods, that natural vitamins are better than synthetic vitamins, and that natural foods are safer and more nutritious.

But nutritionists from the Food and Drug Administration dispute these claims and say that processed 'supermarket' foods can provide a nutritious balanced diet if properly selected and prepared.

The Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division advises consumers who are considering a total or partial switch to 'health' or 'natural' foods to:

1. Get all the facts necessary to make an informed decision about the advantages and disadvantages of such foods.

2. Consult your physician about using any special diets, diet supplements, or vitamins to correct a health problem.

3. Patronize a reputable merchant or supplier to make sure you get what you pay for;

4. Examine food labels to see that ingredients are as represented; and

5. Check the shelf life or expiration date of health foods carefully. Since some contain no preservatives, this is im-

portant. Perishable foods must be used quickly or refrigerated.

Pattern Your Gun

Austin---Most bird hunters would have to admit that they know little if anything about what comes out of their shotgun when the trigger is pulled.

But it only takes a few minutes to learn exactly what kind of pattern a shotgun tosses and it could mean the difference in the number of clean kills scored this hunting season.

With dove season beginning Sept. 1 in the North Zone, hunters are advised by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department that patterning can be accomplished anywhere that shooting is permissible. All that's needed is a roll of wrapping paper or several sheets of newspaper. Draw a 30-inch circle and pin the paper target to a frame or suitable stand; never shoot at a tree or anything else which could be damaged by a load of birdshot.

Since most doves are taken at a range of about 40 yds., pace off 40 steps for the first shot at the circle. Be sure to use the exact loads you will be shooting during open season. The number of pellet holes within the 30-inch circle shows the effective pattern you can expect on a well-placed shot at a flying target.

Around 50 percent of the shot will be within the circle. Surprised? Most gunners are. The percentage varies with the choke and can range from almost 75 percent on full choke to only 40 percent with cylinder bore (no choke).

To determine percentage, divide the circled holes by the shot pellets contained in the load you shoot. For example, a 12 gauge shell with 1 1/8 ounces of No. 7 1/2 shot contains some 395 pellets (consult a chart in a good gunning book). If the circle has 229 holes, the percentage is 58.

A couple more shots on fresh paper at 20 and 30 yards are equally eye-opening. Even

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improved cylinder barrels tighten considerably at shorter ranges where the shot string, like a stream of water from a garden hose, is beginning to disperse.

While you're at it, it's worth the time to pattern shotguns with various choke settings, tubes or barrels and the different shot-shell loads to be used later for ducks, geese and quail.

Knowing your shotgun, perhaps it will be less of a mystery why some birds last season flew right on through a sure shot.

means regulations are established as Non-regulatory' are governed by general law or special statute as established by legislative action.

The county listing for Borden, Garza, Scurry, Dawson, and Howard are as follows:
ANTELOPE--Sept. 28-Oct. 6; 1 antelope by permit.

DEER--Archery only, Oct. 1-Oct. 31; regular, Nov. 16-Jan. 1; 2 bucks.

SQUIRREL--No closed season; no bag limit.

QUAIL--Dec. 1-Feb. 16; 12 per day, 36 poss.

TURKEY--Archery only, Oct. 1-

Oct. 31 regular, Nov. 16-Jan. 1; 1 turkey, either sex.

FISH--Limit 100 hooks all devices, limit 2 trotlines not to exceed 50 hooks each.

Howard County also listed JAVELINA--Oct. 1-Jan. 1; 2 javelina

Regulations

In A Guide to Texas Hunting and Freshwater Sport Fishing Regulations' Borden Co. and surrounding counties were listed as regulatory. This

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Dove Season Starts

Dove hunting in Texas got underway Sunday Sept. 1 for the 1974 season. Requirements for Texas hunters are set annually by both the state and federal regulating agencies. Since Dove are classed as a migratory bird, regulations are stricter than for the quail or pheasant.

The mourning dove is found from Alaska to Mexico. The habitat of the dove in Texas covers all of the farmlands, ranches, towns, mesquite, woodlands, open country and desert. Nests are usually of twigs in trees, shrub, cactus or on the ground. An average nest will have two white eggs.

Sportsmen consider the mourning dove a difficult target. They will argue about what gauge shotgun to use but most will agree that small size shot such as number 7 1/2, 8 or 9 are adequate to stop the birds.

Wonderful - West Texas

Nine major lakes beckon water enthusiasts in an area some 50 miles wide and 170 miles long running from Gainesville on the east to Quanah on the west along the Red River in West Texas.

The Wichita Falls metro-area is a focal point for excursions throughout this region of West Texas. Within 50 miles of Wichita Falls lie five of the lakes--the largest of which are Lake Kemp located south of Vernon near Seymour and Lake Arrowhead 15 miles southeast of Wichita Falls below Henrietta. Lake Wichita, Diversion and Kickapoo are popular recreation areas and all are located a short drive southwest of the city of Wichita Falls.

Lake Pauline near Quanah, the town which was named for the famous Comanche Chief Quanah Parker. Lake Nocona, Moss Lake near Gainesville and Lake Bridgeport round out a fine selection of lakes for the consideration of the serious angler or the family out to enjoy a weekend of boating.

"There is indeed something for everyone in this fascinating region bordering the Red River" says J. Fike Godfrey, Executive Vice President of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

Visit historic Doan's Crossing, 16 miles north of Vernon on the Red River. Doan's was the most famous crossing on the Red River for the massive cattle drives of the turn of the century. Longhorns by the hundreds of thousands crossed here on the way to Kansas and other northern markets.

Medicine Mound, near the present city of Chillicothe, ech-

oes chants of civilizations past and a short drive south from Quanah is Copper Breaks State Park, the state's newest park named for the copper deposits in the area. This new recreational area opened to the public last year is rich in scenic beauty and when finished will feature a lake complete with swimming beach. It is also being stocked for fishing.

Museums unfolding chapters out of the past are to be found in just about every town in this part of West Texas. The Modern motif of the Wichita Falls Museum and Art Center is a must for the visitor. Nearby Burkburnett is home of the 'Boomtown' Oil Park Museum featuring equipment depicting of the early day oil booms of West Texas.

Decatur has a fine museum and visitors should not miss the Fort Richardson State Park Museum near Jacksboro.

Nocona, famous for the manufacture of quality western boots and Bowie, hero of the Alamo, lie to the east of Wichita Falls.

Detailed information on points of interest throughout West Texas is available free through the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, Box 1561, Abilene, Texas, 79604. Request a copy of the 'Wonderful West Texas Fun and Adventure Map' locating over 74 points of interest throughout West Texas or ask for information on specific towns and attractions.

Short Snorts

The Texas delegation was thrilled to see Russia's number one hero, Mr. Titov, get on the same plane in Zurich. He was the No. 2 Cosmonaut, and the No. 1 was killed in a re-entry accident.

TPA President Glenn Sedam inquired about the income of Russian workers--found it had grown to 136 rubles a month (\$1--.74 ruble). There are 1,20 industries now, including 300 international manufacturers in Moscow. Formerly 38% textile industries here--it has grown to include turbines and electronics etc.



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Cotton Figures Down 1.6 Million Bales

AUSTIN--Latest cotton figures reveal that production has declined more than 1.6 million bales from last year and projected yield is 3.1 million bales, according to Agriculture Commissioner John C. White.

White said dry conditions throughout Texas are responsible for the heavy decrease, which also has hit grain sorghum and wheat.

Sorghum production is projected at 295 million bushels, a 122-million bushel decrease from 1973.

Wheat yields are down 45.8 million bushels from 1973's record 98.6 million bushel yield.

"These are the final production figures for the 1974 wheat crop, and they indicate just how badly some of the High Plains' farmers were hurt by the drought," White said.

Harvested cotton acreage has decreased almost eight percent to 4.8 million acres. Cotton being harvested is averaging only 305 pounds an acre compared to 431 pounds in 1973.

Harvested sorghum acreage is estimated at 5.9 million acres, a million acre decrease from last year. White said many dryland farmers were unable to plant because of lack of preplant moisture in the soil.

Prospects look brighter for corn and rice. Corn is expected to yield almost 70 million bushels and acreage is up 135 thousand acres. Rice production is projected at around 24 million pounds per hundredweight, a 15 percent increase over 1973.

Grandpaw Says

If there was any real threat in criticism, the skunk would be extinct.

Money is like manure, it doesn't do any good unless you spread it around.

Most of the time people who complain the most about the way the cookie crumbles, are the one's that dropped it in the first place.

It's a mystery to me how a farmer makes ends meet. He's

the only part of the economy that sells everything he produces at wholesale, buys everything at retail, and pays the freight both ways.

The man who trims himself to suit everybody will soon whittle himself away!

As you ramble on through life, Brother.

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By K. T. Reddell.

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MONDAY	9-2	84	56	0
TUESDAY	9-3	69	52	0
WEDNESDAY	9-4	75	50	0
THURSDAY	9-5	81	52	0
FRIDAY	9-6	86	55	0
SATURDAY	9-7	86	54	0
SUNDAY	9-8	88	56	0

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