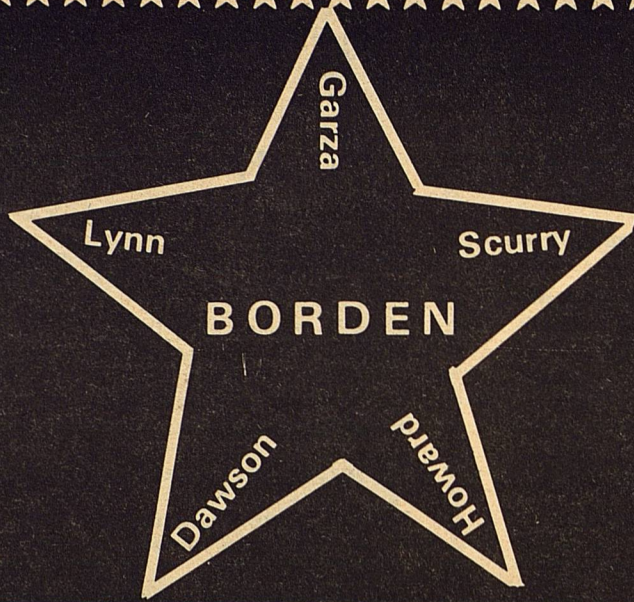


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Armstrong Announces for D.A.

Earnie Armstrong has announced that he is a candidate for the office of District Attorney serving Borden and Scurry Counties. Current D. A. Pete Greene has announced that he will not seek reelection to that office.

Mr. Armstrong has previous experience as a prosecuting attorney, having served in that capacity for four years prior to moving to Snyder in 1975. Since that time, he has been active in his law practice with Rosser, Armstrong and Terrell. Additionally, he has been City Attorney for the City of Snyder since 1975.

He obtained his undergraduate degree from Baylor University and graduated from Baylor Law School in 1971. He has served as President of the Scurry County Bar Ass'n and has been active in his community.

Armstrong is the Immediate Past President of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce, is a member of the Lions Club and serves as Chairman of the Agriculture Extension County Education Development Committee. He is a member of Colonial Hill Baptist Church, where he also is a

Voting Box Changed

The Borden County Democratic Executive Committee would like to express thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Reeder for the devoted service they have given to this committee and to the voters of Box 4B, Snelling, Fluvanna Community, for their tireless efforts as Election Judge and Alternate Judge over the many years.



EARNIE ARMSTRONG

Sunday School teacher, Deacon and past President of the Board of Deacons. He and his wife, Betsy, have two children Amy, age 11, and Jeffrey, age 8.

Armstrong is the only candidate for District Attorney who attended the meeting in Gail on low level nuclear waste disposal in opposition to the location of such a site in Borden County.

"At a time when the present District Judge and District Attorney are leaving office, we must elect the most experienced and qualified attorney available to serve as the chief law enforcement officer for our counties. I believe my experience and willingness to work for my community make me that person," said Armstrong.

Due to a recent illness of both Mr. and Mrs. Reeder they have decided they are no longer able to hold the election. They will be truly missed.

The new voting place for Precinct 4B, Snelling, will be held at the H. B. Lemon Jr. Residence, Fluvanna Community.

-s- Helen Price, Chairman

Hudspeth Site Dropped

According to the Texas Low Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Authority plans to locate a nuclear waste dump in remote Hudspeth County in far West Texas have been dropped.

Rick Jacobi had said his agency had pushed for the site despite strong opposition from nearby residents.

On Saturday Jacobi said that the authority has determined it would be too expensive to build the man-made barriers needed to guarantee that radio activity could not leak from this porous land site.

Several area papers have printed articles from Austin recently that would lead their reader to believe that all Borden sites had also been discarded by the authority. However, according to Jacobi, a landowner with property in Garza and Borden Counties has offered sites to the agency. So let us not get complacent.

Absentee Voting

April 16...Polls opened today for absentee voting in the Borden County primary election, both Republican and Democrat. Absentee voting continues through May 1, 1984.

The names of Democratic Presidential contenders will not appear on the May 5, 1984 Texas Democratic Primary ballot.

Texas Democratic Party Chairman Bob Slagle today reminded all Texas Democrats that in order to

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RECEIVES AWARD

Bo Creightons Farm Family of the Year

The 1984 Farm Family of the Year in Lamar County is the Bo Creighton Family of Glory. The Creightons were presented the honor Tuesday night at the Rural-Urban Meeting sponsored by the Lamar County Chamber of Commerce and held at Aaron Parker Elementary School in Powderly.

James Allcorn, the executive director of the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation office in Paris, presented the award to the Creightons for their involvement in both agriculture and community activities.

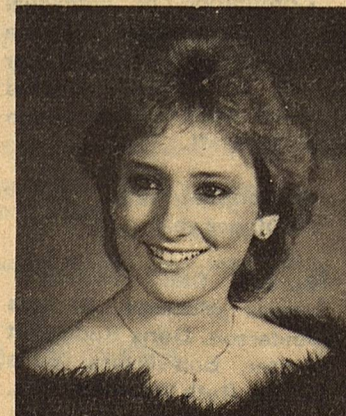
Allcorn said the Creightons operate a 1,000 acre ranch in Southern Lamar County and maintain a 300-head cattle operation as well as raising horses. Allcorn said the ranch is a true family affair with each member sharing in all duties and responsibilities.

Bo Creighton is president of the Delmar Independent School District. He is also Director of the Texas Paint

Horse Association and is a member of the Lamar County Beef and Forage Committee.

Mrs. Creighton (Whiz) is chairman of the Queen Contest held in conjunction with the Junior Livestock Show and has also been actively involved with the Lamar County 4-H for 10 years.

The Creighton's son, con't to 4



Tammy Miller State Qualifier

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Borden County School News

REGIONAL COMPETITION

Friday, April 13, did not prove to be unlucky at all for senior Tammy Miller as she won first place in the regional shorthand competition in Levelland. The victory, under the sponsorship of Mrs. Netta Jarrett, will send Tammy to the state meet to be held in Austin, April 27.

Several other students represented the school well but came up short in their bids to go to state. Sophomore Dana Gray, the district's top speller for two years in a row, turned in a good paper with only five mistakes. However, a sophomore student from Sudan turned in a perfect paper, and two others missed only three and four.

Jeanette Massingill, junior, read well enough to make the finals of the prose competition but did not place in the top three to qualify for state.

Juniors Becky Massingill and Samantha Porter did advance to the quarterfinal round before falling to the eventual third place team in debate competition. Sophomores Bric Turner and Doyce Taylor lost in the second round to the team



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from Sudan who went on to win first place.

Other Borden students who competed in Friday's events were as follows:
Ready Writing: Kelli McPhaul and Dana Gray

Typing: Shana Bradshaw

Informative Speaking:
Roxie Wolf and Simona Benavidez

Persuasive speaking: Rene Telchik

Qualified for State Competition

Tammy Miller was one of twelve students from Borden to participate in the Regional U.I.L. Meet, on Friday 13, 1984

She placed first in Shorthand with a score of 96.67. The material was dictated at ninety words per minute. She transcribed the material in twenty-three minutes.

Tammy will be competing at state on April 28, where she will be taking the shorthand material at 100 words per minute. Congratulations on a job well done. Good luck at state!!!!!!!!!!!!

Preschoolers Invited to Hunt Easter Eggs

Preschoolers are invited to hunt Easter Eggs with the Kindergarten Class on Thursday, April 19th at 1:30 p.m.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District met in regular session on April 16, 1984 at 8:00 p.m.

Members present were Doyle Newton, Ralph Miller, Bill Phinizy, Jack McPhaul, Bob Dyess, Kenny Hensley, and Jon Monger.

Administrators present were James McLeroy, Superintendent; Mickey McMeans, High School Principal; and Ben Jarrett, Elementary Principal.

The meeting was called to order by Ralph Miller, President.

The minutes of the March 19, 1984 meeting were read and approved by the Board. April bills were reviewed and approved for payment.

The Board canvassed the School Board Election returns and declared Jack McPhaul and Jon Monger elected to the Board. Superintendent McLeroy administered the oath of office.

President Miller called for a reorganization of the School Board. The Board was organized by unanimous decision as follows:

- President - Ralph Miller
- Vice-President - Jack McPhaul
- Secretary - Doyle Newton

The Superintendent recommended and the Board concurred to rehire the following personnel as long as they were satisfactory to the Administration:

- | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Verna Adcock | Johnny Kite |
| Gene Cooley | Danny Mulligan |
| Betty Currey | Ricky Mulligan |
| Montie Floyd | Betty Munoz |
| Jimmy Garrett | Francisco Munoz |
| Shirley Garrett | Ross Sharp |
| Sue Green | Opal Smith |
| Connie Hart | Glenn Swann |
| Irene Hart | Patsy Underwood |
| Sid Hart | Raymond Underwood |

A year-to-date financial report was given by the Superintendent. It was reported that the district is operating within the budget and is in good condition.

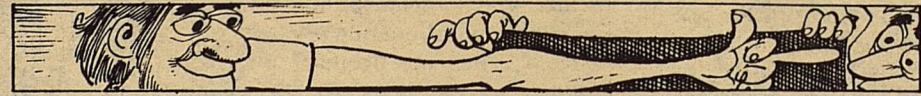
It was also reported by the Superintendent that attendance is 58 in high school and 151 in elementary for a total enrollment of 209.

The Superintendent reported that Borden High School won the District U.I.L. Champs for the thirteenth consecutive year. Tammy Miller will advance to State in shorthand. The Board commended the staff and students for their achievements.

The Board appointed Superintendent McLeroy to serve on the Joint Committee of Region XVII Education Service Center in Lubbock.

In final business, the Board approved the Requisition for New Textbooks for the 1984-1985 school year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Ancient peoples used the cubit as a unit of length. It equaled the distance from a man's elbow to the tip of his middle finger.

APRIL 1984						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 4-H Meeting 11:14 Concert and Sightreading 4:45 p.m.	3 Boys District Tennis Girls District Golf	4 Boys District Tennis	5 Girls District Track at Sands	6 Alt. Girls District Track	7 Jr. Hi. & H.S. Boys Track Loop
8	9	10	11 Jr. Hi. District Ready Writing Grady	12 State FFA Meeting San Antonio	13 End 5th Six Weeks	14 Area FFA Judging Texas Tech
15	16 Boys District Golf	17 Boys District Track at Sands	18	19 Alt. Boys District Track	20 EASTER HOLIDAY	21
22 EASTER	23 EASTER HOLIDAY	24	25 Jr. Hi. District Literary Meet Grady	26 Jr. Hi. District Tennis Jr-Sr Banquet	27 State Literary and OAP	28 Jr. Hi. District Track Boys & Girls Klondike State FFA Judging
29	30					

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RODEO QUEEN CROWNED — Becky Miller was crowned Queen of the Western Texas College-Odesa College Rodeo during ceremonies at the start of Thursday night's performance. She was crowned by WTC Rodeo Club President Shane Smith. (SDN Staff Photo)

New Priorities Needed In Texas' Schools

By Governor Mark White

AUSTIN—Kay Harding, a public school teacher in Clayton County, Ga., taught the nation a hard lesson about the future of education.

At the same ceremony where she accepted her state's highest "Teacher of the Year" award, Kay Harding submitted her resignation after 13 years of teaching high school mathematics.

Low pay was only part of the problem. She worried that this nation could spend billions of dollars on defense without committing enough time, attention and money to achieve educational excellence. "It's perilous," she said, "to trust this nation's defense to young people who don't possess basic skills in reading, writing and arithmetic."

Her warning was no exaggeration. According to a recent report released by the U.S. Navy, more than a quarter of all naval recruits cannot read at the ninth grade level.

Kay Harding's ultimate decision to stay in the classroom speaks to the dedication of many of our teachers who, as a group, too often are made the scapegoat for failures of an educational system with misplaced priorities.

Texas teachers do not clock out when the last school bell rings. They take home papers to grade and lesson plans to organize. In their summers "off," our teachers are asked to return to college to update their skills and complete another degree or additional certification.

For too long, a talented female-dominated teaching profession subsidized our educational system through low salaries. As more higher-paying career opportunities opened to women, the classroom came into competition with the board room—and school districts found themselves in a lopsided tug of war with industry for the brightest college graduates.

It is time to pay teachers what they are worth and replace Texas'

antiquated pay step plan with a "career ladder" system that will raise significantly entry-level teacher salaries, while paying more money to retain our most experienced, highly trained teachers.

Higher standards and improved training programs for prospective teachers should be part of any plan for educational excellence, but I am encouraged to see growing public support for more far-ranging improvements in our public schools.

I support expansion of early childhood learning programs and summer instructional opportunities, both for students who are falling behind and the gifted who would benefit from accelerated courses. State lawmakers should consider expanding adult literacy programs, intensifying English language training, and creating scholarships and student loans for outstanding prospective teachers.

As suggested by the Select Committee on Public Education, serious attention must be paid to reducing the ratio of teachers to students—particularly in the early grades—to provide more individualized instruction.

Recently, I served on a discussion panel with a nationally known educator, who suggested Americans treat their students the way they treat their cars—the only difference being that poorly educated people are not recalled like poorly built cars.

Unfortunately, in our society, we do have human recalls. Eighty-five percent of Texas prison inmates are high school dropouts. These recalls are too costly, too tragic, and potentially unnecessary.

Only a comprehensive effort to revise the goals, reform the standards, return to a foundation of basic skills, and restore accountability in the system will succeed in making Texas' public education the best in the nation.

—Governor's Column #28, 04/05/84

"He who knows nothing is nearer the truth than he whose mind is filled with falsehoods and errors."
—Thomas Jefferson

Education Level of Texas Adults Improves

There may be some question whether Texans are smarter today, but there's no doubt today's Texan logs more hours in the classroom than 10 years ago.

In 1970, less than half the adults in Texas had graduated from high school.

Ten years later, over 60 percent had completed high school, and almost 17 percent had earned college degrees.

Looking at Texas cities, El Lago—a couple of miles down the road from NASA in Harris County—had the highest percentage of adult high school graduates in 1980. Ninety-seven percent of the town's 3,000 residents had diplomas. Las Milpas-Hidalgo Park—near Pharr in Hidalgo County—had the lowest percentage with 11.7 percent.

Arlington led the ten largest Texas cities in both census years. Over

two-thirds of the city's adults were high school graduates in 1970. In 1980, 83.3 percent had diplomas.

San Antonio had the smallest proportion of adult high school graduates among the big ten in 1970—42.7 percent. It had the smallest proportion in 1980 also, although it had improved to 58.6 percent.

Austin had the largest proportion of adults with four or more years of college—20.7 percent in 1970 and 30.6 percent in 1980. In 1980, the percentage of adults with four or more years of college in Amarillo, Corpus Christi, El Paso and San Antonio was less than the statewide figure of 16.9 percent. San Antonio had the smallest proportion with 8.7 percent in 1970 and 13.6 percent in 1980.

School Lunch Menu

April 23-27, 1984

	Lunch	Breakfast
Monday	No School - Easter Holiday	
Tuesday	Barbecued Polish Sausage Blackeyed Peas Fruit Hot Rolls Milk Salad Bar	Toast & Jelly Fruit Milk
Wednesday	Hamburger Steak & Gravy Mashed Potatoes English Peas Jello Hot Rolls Milk Salad Bar	Biscuit & Sausage Fruit Juice Milk
Thursday	Chicken Patties & Gravy Vegetable Salad Fruit Hot Rolls Milk Salad Bar	Cinnamon Rolls Fruit Milk
Friday	Hamburgers French Fries Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles Cookies Milk Salad Bar	Cereal Fruit Milk



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Quint, is currently a sophomore at Paris Junior College and is planning to attend Tarleton State University in Stephenville. Quint has been active in area 4-H and Future Farmers of America organizations.

Christy, the Creighton's daughter, is a junior at Delmar High School. She exhibited the grand champion barrow at the Junior Livestock Show in 1977. Christy is president of the Delmar 4-H club and is a member of the county 4-H council.

In accepting the award, Bo Creighton said. "I'd like to thank everyone who is associated with this award. Of course I would like to thank my family because the dreams that I've had, the plans that I've made, would not have been possible without them. Thanks to them and thanks to all of you."

Dr. W. C. Newberry of Martindale was the featured speaker for the evening. Dr. Newberry entertained the estimated crowd of between 400 and 500 people with anecdotes on people and life in general. Dr. Newberry closed his presentation by praising the freedom in America for anyone to be able to speak about the government and he praised the benefits of the free enterprise system.

THANK YOU

Thank You from Dorothy Browne and Juanda Hancock for help given in concession stand at Barn Dance and also to those who brought food.



Rhesa Wolf and Carl Lang

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Wolf, Vincent, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Rhesa Lynn, to Carl Robert Lang of Oklahoma City. Carl is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Dabney, McKinney, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Lang of Baytown. The couple will wed June 2 at Vincent Baptist Church, Vincent, Texas.

Juvenile Crime Rates Not Rising

Young people between the ages of 18 and 23 are responsible for most of today's crime.

However, juveniles (those between the ages of 10 and 17) commit the LEAST amount of crime, according to Ron Jackson, Executive Director of the Texas Youth Commission, the state's juvenile corrections agency.

"The public generally perceives that juveniles are the prime villains in crime," he explained. "Such is not the case....according to the U.S. Department of Justice and the Texas Department

of Public Safety."

The facts are that juveniles commit very few of the crimes of violence and that rehabilitation works fairly well in the juvenile justice system, Jackson said.

"Juveniles commit a lot of crime, but it's mostly against property, and even that has sharply declined in the last few years," he added. "Juvenile arrests for murder in this country have never been high and never have varied more than one percentage point since 1960. In that year, they committed nine percent of all murders, and it was nine percent last year."

Today's share of juvenile arrests for all crimes for violence, including robbery, rape and aggravated assault is close to 16 percent--about the same as it was 20 years ago.

"Juveniles have always preferred crimes of stealing, burglary, and motor vehicle theft--where they are still active," said Jackson. "However, they have even started to slacken their efforts there. National arrest figures show juveniles responsible for only 18 percent of all crime."

The number of juvenile arrests rose in the mid-1970's when the current crime crisis began, but showed a 15 percent decline between 1978 and 1982. Juvenile arrests now

Students Raise Money for Statue of Liberty

1984, the children of France made a gift to the people of the United States: the Statue of Liberty. Standing 152 feet high, her uplifted arm has held a torch symbolizing freedom to people all over the world. Millions of immigrants have proudly saluted her as they sailed into New York's harbor.

One hundred years later, however, the Grand Old Lady is in need of major

repairs. A multi-million dollar fund has been created to pay for those repairs.

Mrs. Maury Shiver's fifth grade class at Post has undertaken a project of raising funds to help repair the Statue of Liberty. With a goal of raising over \$100, collection cans have been placed around town in locations such as the First National Bank, Jackson's Cafeteria, Allsup's stores, and other places.

Post Spring Art Show

The Art Guild of Post, Texas is sponsoring a Spring Art Show. It will be held in the Community Center on Main Street. All Artists wishing to exhibit original art or photography are invited. There is a possibility that some paintings or photographs will be selected by a Greeting Card Rep. for reproduction. As an added incentive, there is in excess of \$2,000 in Awards.

Toni Arnett, prominent Lubbock Artist will judge paintings, sculptor and drawings. Jim Watkins, Photo Editor of the Lubbock Avalanche Journal will judge photography.

Entries will be received May 1 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and May 2 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. The exhibit will be open to the public on May 3, 4 and 5th. For more information call 495-3207, 495-2472 or 996-5414.

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Nuclear Waste Fight Not Over Yet

Because of recent articles in area newspapers concerning a landowner with land in Borden and Garza counties, willing to sell to the authority for a Nuclear Waste Dump, it is being contemplated by officials of Borden County to form a group responsible for fighting the dump here. The main purpose will be to raise money to hire consultant engineers, lawyers, and environmentalists to legally fight a Nuclear Waste Dump being placed in Borden County.

Public feelings would be appreciated on this matter. Contact your commissioner or judge. Mail letters to Nix Nuke Dump, Gail Courthouse, Gail Texas, 79738.

Recently County Judge Van York visited a Low-Level Radioactive Waste Dump in Barnwell South Carolina.

"The trip did not change my mind. I'm still opposed to a nuclear waste dump site in Borden County," York said.

He said, "They certainly take a lot of precautions in receiving and handling the

radioactive waste materials for something that they say is supposed to be safe.

"I believe that the people of South Carolina are experts, they've been around nuclear activity since the '50s, but they still don't know what will happen 50 years down the road," he said. "Also their situation is different in Barnwell than in Borden County."

Dell City (Hudspeth County) had an environmentalist from Washington to help them in opposing the proposed site near there. The Hudspeth site has been dropped according to the newspapers.

LEGAL NOTICE

Borden County Commissioners' Court will accept bids on a house to be used by the County Extension Agent on April 23, 1984 at 10:00 a.m. The house will be built to meet FmHA specifications. For detail plans contact the office of the County Judge.

We reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION

The Democratic Party of Texas will hold the first primary election on May 5, 1984. Absentee Voting began April 16, 1984 and will continue through May 1, 1984. Absentee voting in person shall be conducted at the Borden County Courthouse, Gail, Texas, in the County Clerk's office from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P. M. each day the courthouse is open. Applications for absentee ballots by mail should be mailed to Dorothy Browne, County Clerk, Gail, Texas, 79738.

Notice that employers are required by statute to permit employees time off from work with pay to vote.

Voters may vote in the primary election of only one political party, not in the primary election of both parties.

The polling places designated below will be open from 7:00 A. M. to 7:00 P. M. on the day of the election.

Please note changes in precinct box numbers and 1, (1), polling place.

ELECTION PRECINCTS	POLLING PLACES	ELECTION OFFICERS
Box 1 Plains	Plains Community Center, Community of Plains	Melba Vaughn Presiding Judge Kay Doyle Alt. Presiding Judge
Box 2A South Gail	Borden County Courthouse, Gail, Texas	Margaret Sharp Presiding Judge Francis Bennett Alt. Presiding Judge
Box 2 B Vealmoor-Ackerly	C. R. Porter residence Vealmoor, Texas	Lela Porter Presiding Judge Mrs. Pat Porter Alt. Presiding Judge
Box 3A Murphy	Election Building	Ruth Weathers Presiding Judge Melton Davis Alt. Presiding Judge
3B Fairview	Election Building	Lindel Koonce Presiding Judge Bobby Bradford Alt. Presiding Judge
4A North Gail	4-H Exhibit Building Gail, Texas	Lorene Jones Presiding Judge Donna Hendricks Alt. Presiding Judge
4B Snellings	H.B. Lemon Jr. Residence Fluvanna Community	H.B. Lemon Jr. Presiding Judge Mrs. Trina Lemon Alt. Presiding Judge

Political Calendar

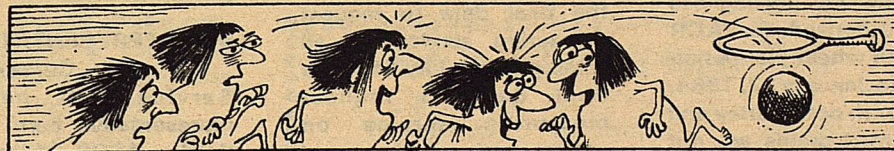
The following individuals have authorized the Borden Star to list them as candidates for election to the respective offices shown as follows in the May 5, 1984, Borden County Democratic Primary Election. (Paid political advertising by candidates listed below.)

FOR SHERIFF
Slick Sneed

FOR COMMISSIONER
PRECINCT No. 1
Herman Ledbetter
Frank Currey

COMMISSIONER
PRECINCT No. 3
Vernon Wolf

DISTRICT JUDGE
Gene Delaney



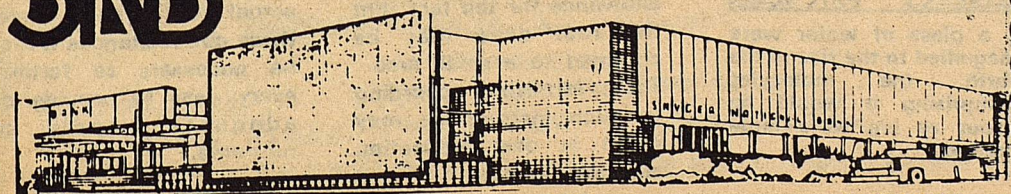
The Aztec and Mayan Indians played a game somewhat like basketball. The players tried to bounce a hard rubber ball through a ring with their head, arms or legs. Scoring was so difficult that the game ended when either team scored.



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News

by Jerry Stone

1984-WHEAT PROGRAM SIGN-UP REOPENED

Recent legislation has reopened the 1984 sign-up for wheat only. The sign-up period will run for 3 weeks, from April 16th thru May 4th. At this time wheat producers may do one of the following:

1. Remain signed up in the program as you originally signed up
2. Withdraw from the wheat acreage reduction program, the PIK program or both.
3. May change the level of PIK participation
4. May sign into the wheat acreage reduction program and-or PIK program if not previously signed up.

The major changes in the new wheat program are as follows:

1. The previously required 30 percent unpaid wheat acreage reduction has been replaced by a paid diversion on 10 percent of the farm's wheat base and a 20 percent unpaid acreage reduction requirement. The diversion rate will be \$2.70 per bushel x 10 percent of the base x the farm yield. An advance of 50 percent of this diversion payment may be requested. This request must be made in writing.
2. The target price was lowered from \$4.45 to \$4.38 per bu. This means the maximum possible deficiency payment on wheat could be \$1.08 per bu.
3. The PIK payments rate has been increased from 75 percent to 85 percent of the farm's program payment yield.
4. Haying and grazing has been authorized for ACR land with wheat planted on it prior to January 12, 1984. (ACR with oats, barley and other small grains are not included.) Wheat may be hayed or grazed. Haying must be completed by May 4, 1984. There is no deadline for grazing, however wheat cannot be allowed to reach maturity. It may not be overgrazed to the extent that it is not protected from wind and water erosion.

WHEAT CERTIFICATION

The final date for reporting small grain acreage is May 4, 1984. This gives us only 3 weeks to get everyone certified and-or signed up into the wheat program. This is going to be a very busy time as we have had very few to certify due to possible program changes. Please do not wait until the last day to

come in. Try to have your crop acres and ACR acres figured as close as possible to save time at the counter during certification.

Everyone needs to certify their small grain acres whether you are participating in the program or not. We need to account for all cropland on the farm before the year is over. If you have a small grain base and have none planted, you need to be sure and certify that you have 0 acres planted to protect your base.

FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE

The sales closing date for Federal Crop Insurance thru FCIC has been extended to April 30th. Crop insurance has been made more affordable due to a 15 to 30 percent premium rate reduction. This premium rate change only affects skiprow cotton producers. Please submit your requests by April 15th, so that we can complete your request by the April 30th deadline. Contact your insurance agent today for the possible rate reduction

INTEREST RATE

Interest rate for the month of April is 10.375 percent.

MEASUREMENT SERVICE AVAILABLE

The tolerance for error on the certification of 1984 crops and ACR acres is the larger of 1 acre or 5 percent of the reported acreage, not to exceed 50 acres. May 4 is the final date to request measuring service on all small grains. July 15 is the final date to request measuring service on cotton, grain sorghum and corn. Below is a list of rates for the county:

1. Early Measurement, Remeasurements, Appraisals, Reappraisals, and Late Filed Acreage Reports \$30.00-Per farm plus \$15.00-for each plot over one.
2. Aerial Observation \$20.00-Per farm, plus \$.05- per acre for each acre in addition to the first 25 acres.

FINAL 1983 Cotton acreage and production report for borden county
Acres planted-17,821.5
ACRES
HARVESTED-16,826.5
NET POUNDS-4,082,486
PRODUCTION BALES PRODUCED-8,100

High Yield Farm in County-765 lbs.
Oow Yield Farm in County-49 lbs.
County Average: 243 Lbs. Per Acre

PRODUCTION IN ACR REQUIREMENTS

A person whose total payments, including PIK, may be limited because of the \$50,000 payment limitation is entitled to a reduction in ACR requirements. The final date to file a signed written request for the reduction on ASCS-477-2 has been extended to May 1st. The ASCS-477-2 may be revised by May 1st at the producer's option to:

1. Add a farm if there is a succession of interest.
2. Reflect an increase in payments because of the computation of a proven yield for a farm.
3. Reflect a decrease in planted acreage.

ELS COTTON

Extra long staple cotton will be defined as ELS cotton only when planted in ELS counties and ginned on "roller type" gins. Any cotton that is not planted in an ELS designated county or is not ginned on a "roller type" gin will be defined as upland cotton. This means if you plant ELS cotton, then the acreage of ELS cotton will be counted against your "upland cotton permitted" under the Acreage Reduction Program. Borden County is not designated as an ELS cotton producing area.

SCS REPRESENTATIVE

The Soil Conservation Service will have a representative here in the Borden ASCS Office three days a week, Monday thru Wednesday 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 p.m. effective Monday April 9, 1984. Ricky Linex, Range Conservationist, of the Scurry County SCS Office will be here. If you have any conservation problems, Ricky will be glad to assist you.



If a glass of water were magnified to the size of the earth, the molecules comprising it would be about as big as a large orange.

NO DEFICIENCY PAYMENTS FOR CORN, SORGHUM

No deficiency payments are due Corn and Sorghum producers who took part in the 1983 Feed Grain Program, because national average market prices for the two grains were above their established target price levels. The deficiency payment rate is the established target price minus the higher of either the national weighted average market price for the first five months of Corn and Sorghum marketing year (October thru February) or the loan rate. The 1983 crop marketing year for Corn and Sorghum ends September 30, 1984.

PRICE SUPPORT LOAN

The final date to request a loan on 1983 crops of Corn,

Cotton Sorghum is May 31st.

ACREAGE CONSERVATION RESERVE

Eligible land designated as ACR must be cropland that was devoted to a small grain or row crop in 2 of the last 3 years. Land designated as ACR in a previous year (and the land was eligible) is considered as having a crop on it. Fields of ACR must be at least 1 chain wide and contain at least 5.0 acres. The only exception where a field may be less than 1 chain wide and 5.0 acres is land between terraces, and blank rows in a skip-row pattern that contain a minimum of 4 normal width rows in a uniform pattern across a field are eligible. Skips may not be less than 32" row width, or less than the width of the crop row.

Your County Agent Says

by Alan Day

Tips on Fertilizing Shade Trees

Shade trees seldom need extra fertilization when a good lawn maintenance program is followed. But when shade trees do need fertilizer, proper application is important.

Over-fertilization of trees can force excessive top growth, making them vulnerable to storm damage.

Trees rarely need fertilization more than once every three years except in extremely sandy soils and under special conditions.

The hard December freeze injured some trees, and those should receive additional nitrogen fertilizer to speed up the healing of damaged tissue. Also, trees occasionally may need extra nutrients when their roots are confined by street and curb installations and other structures.

Fertilizer recommendations are generally based on trunk diameter and make no allowance for the fact that the root zone may be confined to a small area. Thus, fertilizing according to such instructions may result in over-fertilization and tree damage.

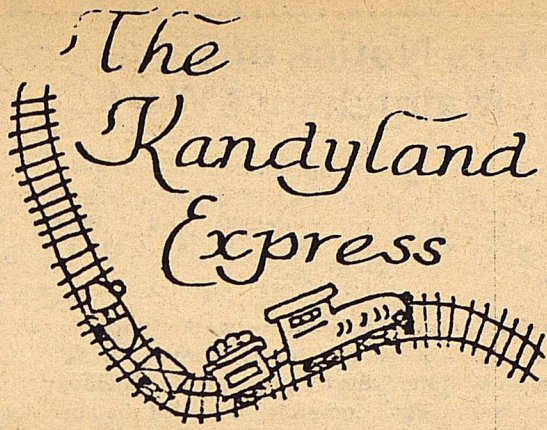
The safest method of computing the amount of fertilizer to apply at any one time is to base it on the number of square feet included in the branch spread of the tree. Two pounds of actual nitrogen per 1,000 square feet of branch area per application is the proper level of fertilization.

When fertilizing, make several applications---one in the fall at the usual first killing frost, another just before new growth starts in the spring, and a third applied as ammonium nitrate or ammonium sulfate in midsummer.

Spread fertilizer evenly beneath the branch spread of the tree and water thoroughly. Without moisture, roots cannot use the nutrients.

If the tree's root zone is confined by buildings, curbs, walks or other obstructions, base the fertilizer application on the actual root zone. Under these circumstances it may be necessary to fertilize every year to provide an adequate supply of nutrients.

Don't count on being safe from the sun even under water. Ultraviolet rays can penetrate even three feet below the water's surface.



Cotton-Cool and Comfy for Summer

from the fluffy, white cotton boll teams with the fashion industry to produce fashion which is in demand world-wide. Fabrics made of this versatile fiber appeal to consumers for fashion as well as comfort. Cotton's popularity has increased; consumers are buying more cotton and cotton-blend products.

Characteristics--Cotton can be styled into an array of fabrics, from cool lightweight knits to warm corduroys and velveteens. By changing fabric weights, finishes and garment styles, cotton or cotton-blend ensembles are suitable for many occasions and activities. Most cotton fibers are styled into clothing and household items such as sheets, towels or upholstery fabric.

Whatever the temperature outside, cotton and cotton-blend fabrics that contain at least 50 percent cotton are comfortable to wear. A natural fiber, cotton absorbs moisture from the skin, then allows it to evaporate. Cotton keeps the body comfortable through a range of temperatures.

Cotton is static-free, can be soft or crisp to the touch and sheds balls or pills on the fabric's surface. Cotton fabric can be dyed in a wide

range of colors and is available in many colorfast prints and patterns.

Flame-resistant cottons are used in uniforms for fire fighters, in nonpressurized space suits for astronauts and uniforms for other workers with specialized needs. Sleepwear, particularly for children, is available in flame-resistant cottons.

Cotton is blended with other fibers to combine the best qualities of each fiber. Cotton can be blended with other natural fibers such as linen, wool and silk or with fibers such as polyester and rayon. Fabric blends containing at least 50 percent cotton perform more like all-cotton fabrics.

Care--Today's cottons are easy to care for. Read labels for specific performance features. Because of recent permanent press advances, cotton fabric can shed wrinkles and does not require ironing. Shrinkage has also been controlled. To maintain these qualities, carefully follow care instructions on laundry products and on clothing or household items. Permanent press washer and dryer cycles relax wrinkles. Do not overload the washer or the dryer. Remove clothes promptly from the washer to prevent dye transfer to other items. Also remove items from the

dryer so they do not form wrinkles. A brief tumbling in a warm dryer may remove or reduce wrinkles.

Cotton fibers are durable and strong and can be washed at high water temperatures, chlorine bleached and dried at high temperatures if safe for the fabric and garment style, dyes and other finishes. Bleach removes certain stains and whitens whites. High water temperatures can be used for washing heavily soiled items or pesticide removal. High dryer temperatures may be needed for thick or bulky items. Clean all clothing or household items before storing them because insects are attracted to soiled clothes and will particularly attack food stains, leaving holes. Cottons will mildew if stored damp.

Production--Cotton in its wild or natural state was found growing in Texas as early as 1530. Currently, Texas ranks number one among the sixteen cotton producing states; producing 20 to 30 percent of the U.S. cotton crop. Cotton is the leading cash crop in Texas with gross receipts to Texas producers totaling approximately \$1.5 billion. Adverse weather, sharp changes in supply and demand and world economic and trade situations continue to affect the price of cotton. Continued improvement in varieties and production technology has contributed to improved yields in recent years.

Because Texas has a variety of soil and climate conditions, cotton planting begins as early as February in the Rio Grande Valley and is not completed until June in the Rolling Plains region. Harvesting, beginning in late June in the Rio Grande Valley, advances northward as the season progresses, and harvest is not often completed until late winter on the High Plains.

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Absentee Voting

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express their preference for the potential candidate of their choice they must attend their precinct convention on Saturday, May 5, 1984.

Democratic Precinct conventions will be held across the state beginning at 7: p.m. on Saturday, May 5 in Texas' nearly 7,000 precincts. The location of the precinct convention is usually at the polling place where Democrats voted earlier in the day. However Slagle urged all Democrats to check with their Precinct Chair or Election Judge when they vote on May 5 to confirm the exact location of their precinct convention. "Precinct conventions will convene promptly at 7:15 p.m. on May 5," Slagle said.

He added that the precinct convention would be called to order by the Democratic Precinct Chair. If the Chair is absent, however, any qualified Democratic voter may convene the convention.

In order to attend the precinct convention a voter must have noted in the Democratic Primary, May 5 - either in person or absentee. At the time of voting the individual's blue voter registration card is marked "voted democratic primary". This stamped voter registration card or other evidence of having noted is the "ticket" for admission to the democratic Party precinct convention.

Slagle stated that the convention method of expressing presidential preference and election delegates to the National Convention has been the traditional method of choosing the Party's

delegates in Texas. Only in 1976 and 1980, had the Party deviated from tradition using in 1976 a direct election of delegates and in 1980 a non-binding preference election combined with the precinct convention system. Precinct conventions are frequently called caucuses in other states.

"Texas will be crucial in choosing the Democratic presidential nominee in 1984," Slagle said.

"I hope to see the best turnout ever at the precinct conventions to ensure that the delegates we elect to the National Convention are truly representative of the choices of the Democrats of Texas," he added.

Precinct Convention attendees will caucus by candidate choice and uncommitted preference to elect their proportionate number of delegates to County and in some urban areas Senate District conventions to be held on May 19, 1984. At the County and Senate District conventions delegates will caucus to elect delegates to the State Convention to be held this year in Houston on June 15 and 16. Delegates at the State Convention will elect 185 Texas delegates and 67 alternates to the National Convention. Fourteen Texas Democratic congressmen and Senator Lloyd Bentsen have already been elected delegates by the House and Senate Democratic caucuses.

"Based on the delegate count for Mondale, Hart and Jackson at this point," Slagle said "our 200 delegates to the National Convention could be a key factor in choosing our Nominee."

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Contractors Notice of Texas Highway Maintenance Work

A pre-bidders conference concerning contract mowing on highway right-of-way will be held at the district headquarters building, State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, U.S. 83-84 by-pass, Abilene, Texas, at 10: A. M., April 30, 1984.

Sealed proposals for contract mowing on various tracts in Borden, Fisher, Howard, Mitchell, and Scurry counties, Texas, for 1984 will be received at the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation. Each completed proposal shall be placed in a separate sealed envelope so marked to indicate its contents, and submitted to Mr. Roger G. Welsch, District Engineer, State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, P. O. Box 150, Abilene, Texas 79604; or, it may be hand delivered to Room 225, District 8 Headquarters Building, U. S. 83-84 by-pass, Abilene, Texas. All sealed bids for these counties will be received no later than 10:00 a.m., May 8, 1984, and then publicly opened and read.

The specifications and proposals are available at the District Maintenance Office, Abilene, Texas.

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Public Notice

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, in accordance with rules and orders promulgated by the Public Utility Commission of Texas, hereby gives notice of a public hearing to begin at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 14, 1984, in the offices of the Public Utility Commission, 7800 Shoal Creek Blvd., Austin, Texas, concerning proposals made by the company to add three optional services and delete two services from the list of local exchange services available to its Texas customers.

Proposed additions to the local exchange tariffs include an optional Local Measured Service under which all residence customers and single-line business customers could pay monthly rates less than flat rate for one-party service, with an additional charge for each completed outgoing call to be determined by the time of day, distance and duration of each call; and a subsidized LIFELINE local service to be made available to qualified individuals, as determined by the Public Utility Commission. The monthly rate for LIFELINE service would include an allowance of 25 outgoing calls per month, plus a charge for each additional call.

Proposed for deletion from the local exchange tariffs are one-element measured service offerings for residence customers and single-line business customers, but current customers would not be affected.

The company does not anticipate that these additional services will result in an increase in revenue to Southwestern Bell Telephone.

Persons who wish to intervene or otherwise participate in these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible. A request to intervene, participate, or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission Consumer Affairs Division at (512) 458-0223 or (512) 458-0227, or (512) 458-0221 teletypewriter for the deaf.

Aviso al Publico

Por medio del presente aviso y en conformidad con las reglas y dictámenes de la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas, la compañía Southwestern Bell Telephone anuncia la audiencia pública que se llevará a cabo a partir de las 10 de la mañana del día lunes 14 de mayo de 1984 en las oficinas de la Comisión de Servicios Públicos, 7800 Shoal Creek Blvd., Austin, Texas, con respecto a la propuesta de la compañía, que consiste en agregar tres servicios opcionales y suprimir dos servicios de la lista de servicios telefónicos locales a disposición del usuario en Texas.

Las adiciones propuestas al arancel del servicio telefónico local incluyen un Servicio Medido Local opcional según el cual todos los clientes residenciales y los clientes comerciales con línea única pagarían tarifas mensuales menores que la tarifa fija para servicios de línea única, con un cargo adicional por cada llamada completa efectuada desde ese teléfono, establecido según la hora, la distancia y la duración de cada llamada; así como un servicio local subvencionado de LIFELINE que estaría disponible para determinadas personas, según lo establezca la Comisión de Servicios Públicos. La tarifa mensual para el servicio de LIFELINE incluiría 25 llamadas mensuales con un cargo adicional por cada llamada en exceso de 25.

Se propone suprimir del arancel del servicio telefónico local las opciones de servicio medido de un elemento para clientes residenciales y clientes comerciales con línea única, pero esto no afectaría a los clientes actuales.

La compañía no espera que estos servicios adicionales produzcan un aumento de ingresos para Southwestern Bell Telephone.

Toda persona que desee intervenir o participar en el proceso debe notificar a la Comisión lo antes posible. Las solicitudes de intervención, participación o información deben dirigirse a: Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Blvd., Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757. Para obtener mayor información debe llamar a Public Utility Commission Consumer Affairs Division, (512) 458-0223 o (512) 458-0227, o al (512) 458-0221 si requiere teletipo para sordos.



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