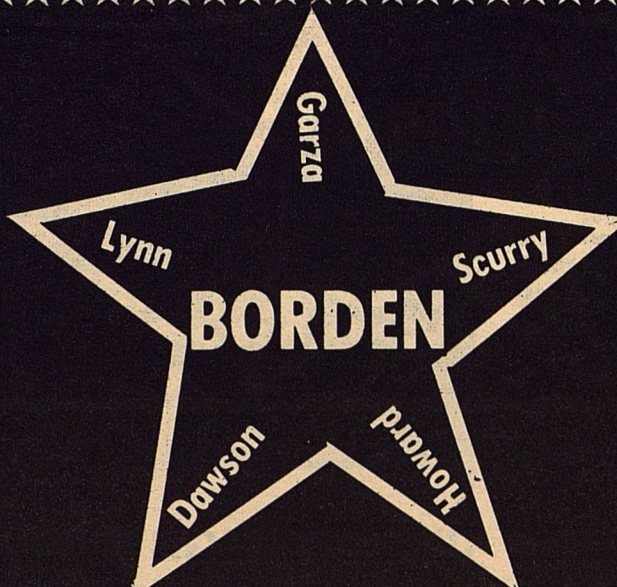


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TAMMY VOSS

VOSS SHOWS CHAMPION AT STATE FAIR

With a smile as big and beautiful as her trophy, 12-year-old Tammy Voss posed for pictures with her Champion Hampshire-Fine Wool Bred lamb at the CROSSBRED competition. Mr. and Mrs. Terry Voss were equally excited for their Borden Junior High School sixth grader from Gail, Texas. The Borden 4-H Club member says the most "fun" about her three years of raising and showing livestock, "is traveling to different places, with her Mother and Dad and WINNING."

Tammy's lamb was bred by Richard Miller of Ropesville. It was sold to Tom Thumb Supermarkets for \$900.00.

An impressive \$22,137 was cause for excitement as 152 lambs were auctioned off by young 4-H and FFA exhibitors Saturday, Oct. 19. Auctioneer Colonel Walter Britten of Bryan,

Texas kept the bidding vigorous as Tom Thumb Supermarkets of Dallas, Texas bought all four Champion Lambs for a total of \$3,600 committment from Tom Thumb for the champions.

Volunteers with the State Fair of Texas work for months prior to the Junior Sale to garner support from the community that insures these young people generous prices well above the going market rate for their livestock.

Besides showing lambs, Tammy is an avid piano player, horseback rider and sews some of her own clothing. She is very active in 4-H.

Tammy Also had a 4th place Finewool and a 10th place Hampshire. Jill Voss placed a Suffolk lamb 7th place and Justin Cox had a 6th place Dorsett and a 14th place Columbian. This was the very first show for Justin.

HOUSE PASSES FIVE-YEAR FARM BILL

To date there has been only one absentee vote cast in Borden County. This is an indication of a very light voter turnout in Borden County and this falls right in line with the rest of Texas. Statewide voter turnout for off-year Texas General Elections has traditionally been less than spectacular.

Many elections are decided by a small minority of eligible voters. This may be the case November 5 when 14 Constitutional Amendments are voted on by Texans statewide.

Borden County has always shown a healthy voter turnout in local and presidential elections. These are mighty important for the election of the county sheriff, County Commissioner, etc. But of no less importance to each registered voter are the amendments.

Most of the time, amendments boggle my mind, but I've never yet been asked to leave the polls because of taking too much time to study and evaluate them and then vote to the best of my ability.

Amendments, if passed, become laws. Laws can have a far reaching affect in our taxes, property valuation, education, health, labor, on and on, not excluding our freedom if you care to carry it that far.

Addressing all Amendments is important for every Texan. However, amendments 1 and 2 are especially important to West Texans. One additional voter per princinct in West Texas could easily determine the election statewide. Let that one vote be yours.

Washington, D. C. --After three weeks of lengthy bi-partisan debate, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a five-year farm bill by a roll call vote of 282-141.

The House version of the 1985 Farm Bill provides that for five crop years, beginning in 1986, market prices of major crops will be made more competitive by authority to link loan rates more closely to market conditions. The major crops include wheat, cotton, corn and rice.

A system of target prices would be retained. These target prices would not be cut from current levels for the 1986 and 1987 crop years. The bill also would allow 5 percent target price reductions for 1988, 1989 and 1990 crops, but these cuts could not take effect unless farmers' costs first declined by the same amount.

"Obviously, the bill does not please everybody," said Congressman Charles Stenholm (D-Texas). "No farm bill ever does that, and there are still some important steps ahead

before we get a final Congressional product. But this bill goes a long way in helping efficient farmers survive today's hard times while staying within the bounds of fiscal responsibility."

The Stamford Congressman said, "The House Ag Committee produced a bill which lays down a program preserving the basic income protection which farmers need in these dangerous times while taking steps toward making the market prices of American products more competitive in world markets."

This farm legislation also includes a market-oriented dairy program which moves toward reducing surplus and government costs by providing a farmer-funded diversion program which would scale back milk production or, alternatively, take entire herds out of production. Furthermore, the peanut, wool and sugar programs would continue without major changes. The bill

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GRAMM WINS IN BUDGET FIGHT

Washington--U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm won a stunning 75-24 victory in the U.S. Senate on his bill to balance the federal budget in 1991.

"We took the No. 1 issue in America and made it the No. 1 issue in Congress," the senator said after the vote.

A majority of both Republican and Democratic senators backed the Gramm proposal, which requires Congress and the President to cut the federal

deficit by equal amounts each year until it reaches zero in 1991.

"The Gramm-Latta budgets of 1981 delivered on two-thirds of what they promised: We cut inflation from the highest level in recent history to the lowest level in decades and we created 8 million new jobs," Gramm noted.

"And now we stand on the verge of making good on the final promise, balancing the federal budget and assuring a life of opportunity for our children and grandchildren, not a life of national indebtedness."

The legislation, which Gramm authored and offered as an amendment to a bill increasing

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VOTE NOVEMBER 5

COYOTE BAND PARTICIPATES IN UIL CONTEST

Nine area marching bands from University Interscholastic League District 16 were chosen Saturday to vie for honors at Jones Stadium Nov. 2 in Lubbock after competing in twirling and marching contests Saturday.

Forty-nine middle school and high school marching bands competed in district competition Saturday for Division I scores and UIL trophies at Jones Stadium. Division I twirlers received medals.

Bands chosen to compete regionally Nov. 2 include Ropes High School, Sudan High School, Abernathy High School, Plains High School, Brownfield High School and Denver City High School. Bands chosen as alternates were Muleshoe High School, Nazareth High School and Seagraves High School.

Each of the bands chosen to compete in regional competition received Division I ratings.

Other bands receiving Division I ratings included Brownfield Middle School, Plainview High School, Coronado High School and Monterey High School.

Bands who received Division II ratings were Lamesa Middle School, Whiteface High School, Loop High School, Anton High School, New Deal High School, Tahoka High School, Shallowater High School, Hale Center High School, Olton High School, Seminole High School, Friona High School, Frenship High School, Littlefield High School, Lubbock-Cooper High

School, Dimmitt High School, Slaton High School, Lamesa High School, Levelland High School and Lubbock High School.

Division III ratings were given to Borden County High School, O'Donnell High School, Kress High School, Sundown High School, Smyer High School, Petersburg High School, Lockney High School, Crosbyton High School, Ralls High School, Lorenzo High School, Roosevelt High School, Floydada High School, Post High School and Estacado High School.

Lazbuddie High School received a Division IV rating.

Judges for the competition were Harris Brinson, San Angelo; Larry Kingsley, Clye; Ray Lashaway, McCamey; Norvil Howell, Clovis, N.M.; Ray Meza, San Antonio; and Jim Van Zandt, Fort Worth.

Twirlers Kristi Stone and Rene Telchik each received a rating of excellent in solo competition.

HAYRIDE

To the Spook House crew, Monti and I would like to express our most sincere thanks to everyone that helped. Without your time and donations we would not have been able to pull it together. Thanks again Melba and Ed Rinehart, Cole Herring, Donna and Blaine Dyess, Nan and Toby Sharp, Cindy and Jerry Hodge, Gene Cooley, Richard Smith, Tami May, Rita Kilmer, Nanett Belew and Sue Mize. We appreciate everything you did.

-s-Janet and Montie Floyd



JUNIOR HIGH COYOTES PLACE 2nd IN ZONE

The Coyotes ended their season last Thursday by defeating the Hornets of Highland 28-13. James Lewis opened the scoring with a 42 yard run on the first play from scrimmage and Patrick Herridge plunged for the extra point. Following a quick safety the young Coyotes jumped to a 9-0 lead in the first quarter. Highland scored to make it 9-6 at halftime.

The Coyotes scored twice in the third quarter with runs by James Lewis and Jimmy Rios. Patrick Herridge scored the final points for the Coyotes on a 45 yard trap play and the 2 yard run for the extra point.

The Junior High team closed the year at 4-2 and second place in the zone.

The squad will start basketball practice Monday.

BORDEN COUNTY JUNIOR HIGH 1985-86 Basketball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	GIRLS	BOYS	TIME
Nov. 25	KLONDIKE	H	A-B	A	5:00
Dec. 2	WILSON	T	A	A-B	5:00
Dec. 9	SOUTHLAND	T	A-B	A	5:00
Dec. 16	NEW HOME	H	A	A-B	5:00
Jan. 6	O'DONNELL	H	A	A-B	5:00
Jan. 13	KLONDIKE	T	A	A-B	5:00
Jan. 20	WILSON	H	A-B	A	5:00
Jan. 27	SOUTHLAND	H	A-B	A	5:00
Feb. 3	NEW HOME	T	A	A-B	5:00
Nov. 23	Sands Mustang Tournament - A Girls, A Boys				

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10	11	12 4:30 p.m. District FFA Leadership Contest Snyder	13	14 5:00 p.m. H.S. Basketball Girls Scrimmage Coahoma - There	15	16
17	18 7:00 p.m. Beauty Contest	19 5:00 p.m. H.S. Basketball Girls & Boys Ira - Here	20	21	22 H.S. Football - Open Date	23 Six Weeks
24	25 5:00 p.m. J.H. Basketball Girls & Boys Klondike - Here	26 5:00 p.m. H.S. Basketball Girls & Boys Sands - Here	27	28	29 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS	30

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HIGHLAND BEATS COYOTES 56-34

The Borden County Coyotes met Highland last Friday night October 25 in Hornet territory. The Coyotes led in the second quarter and were playing extremely well on offense. Everything looked good for the Coyotes until a Coyote punt was blocked by Highland. Then everything seemed to go awry for the team. There was a fumble by the Coyotes on their end of the field, a bad snap on the Coyotes spread formation, and an interception while the Coyotes were moving the ball. These four mistakes called the game in for the Fighting Coyotes and try as they may they could not get back into the game.

The Hornets won 56 to 34.

Chris Cooley had a part in all five touchdowns. He had two runs of 61 and 16 yards for scores. He passed to Brice Key for 14 and 31 yards for scores and caught a pass from Doyce Taylor for 23 yards and a score.

Mickey Burkett had 13 first hits second this week as Cooley had 19. John Stephens had 9 tackles, Rockey Harber 8, Brice Key and Will Phinzy had five each.

The Coyotes play Hermleigh in a Junior Varsity contest Friday at Gail. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

THANK YOU

There will be a Halloween Hayride for youngsters on Halloween night, Oct. 31. The group will meet in front of the school at 7:00 and return at 9:00.

This is especially for pre-school through Elem. and Jr. High age children.

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FFA, FHA FRUIT SALES

The Borden Star, Wed. Oct. 30, 1985..3

The Gail FFA and FHA are beginning their annual fruit sales on October 30. The proceeds received from these sales will go to the FFA-FHA Banquet and other activities.

The prices for this years fruit are as follows:

1. Large box of oranges (40 lbs) \$18.00
2. Small box of oranges (20lbs) \$10.00

PARENTS CLUB MEETING

Borden County Parents Club will meet Tues. morning, Nov. 5 at 8:30 a.m. in the Conference Room.

The results of the carnival will be given then on how much each booth made.

Please try to attend!!!!
-s-Pam Cooley

FEES FOR DISPOSAL OF HAZARD WASTES

Fees for generation and disposal of hazardous wastes were adopted by the Texas Water Commission on Wednesday, October 9.

The 1985 Legislature required the Commission to establish the fees to support the administrative costs of the State's hazardous waste management efforts.

Generators of hazardous wastes will be assessed fees ranging from \$50 to \$5,000 per year, based on the total quantities of hazardous wastes generated at a specific site. The fees are retroactive to September 1.

Operators of facilities which have been authorized for the treatment, storage or disposal of hazardous wastes will also be assessed annual facility fees. The minimum fee for a facility is \$250 and may not exceed \$20,000 for all hazardous waste units at one location.

The generation and facility fees will be assessed annually and deposited in a fund for administrative support of the State hazardous Waste Management Program. The fee will raise from \$3.5 million to \$3.75 million in the fiscal year.

Operators of disposal facilities also have the responsibility for quarterly payment of \$4 per dry-weight ton of hazardous waste disposed of in land disposal facilities. Certain high-volume, low-hazard wastes are assessed at \$1 per ton.

Disposal fees will be placed in a fund to be used by the Commission for the emergency removal of hazardous wastes and remedial action at abandoned disposal sites.

The 1985 legislation was sponsored by Rep. Stan Schlueter, D-Killeen, and Sen. Ray Farabee, D-Wichita Falls.

3. Large box of grapefruit (40 lbs)-\$14.00
4. Small box of grapefruit (20 lbs.)-19.00
5. Washington Apples (1 size only)-\$9.00
6. Mixed orange and grapefruit (40 lbs only) 116.00

Mixed boxes will be a full 40 lbs.

Both organizations appreciate the support received from the community which made the sausage sales a success.

-s-
Gerry Smith-Reporter

menu

November 4-8, 1985

Monday	Frito Pie with Cheese Pork & Beans Lettuce with Dressing Fruit Milk	Salad Bar
Tuesday	Lasagna Green Beans Potatoes Pudding Hot Bread Milk	Salad Bar
Wednesday	Hamburger Steak Mashed Potatoes English Peas Jello Hot Rolls Milk	Salad Bar
Thursday	Chalupas Shredded Lettuce Pinto Beans Fruit Cobbler Milk	Salad Bar
Friday	Hamburgers French Fries Lettuce & Tomatoes Cookies Milk	Salad Bar

BORDEN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL 1985-86 Basketball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	GIRLS	BOYS	TIME
Nov. 19	Ira	.....	H A-B	A	5:00
Nov. 22	Loop	.....	H A	A-B	5:00
Nov. 26	Sands	.....	H A-B	A	5:00
Dec. 3	Loop	.....	T A	A-B	5:00
Dec. 10	Sands	.....	T A	A-B	5:00
Dec. 13	Forsan	.....	T A	A	6:30
Dec. 17	Ira	.....	T A	A-B	5:00
Jan. 3	Dawson	.....	H A	A-B	5:00
Jan. 7	Klondike	.....	H A-B	A	5:00
Jan. 10	Wilson	.....	T A	A-B	5:00
Jan. 14	Southland	....	T A	A-B	5:00
Jan. 17	New Home	...	H A	A-B	5:00
Jan. 21	O'Donnell	....	H A-B	A	5:00
Jan. 24	Klondike	.....	T A	A-B	5:00
Jan. 28	Wilson	.....	H A-B	A	5:00
Jan. 31	Southland	....	H A-B	A	5:00
Feb. 4	New Home	....	T A	A-B	5:00
Feb. 7	O'Donnell	....	T A	A-B	5:00

Dec. 5-7 - Mustang Tournament - A Girls, A Boys

Dec. 14 - Loop Tournament - JV Boys

Dec. 19-21 - Borden Tournament - A Girls, A Boys

District Games

Coaches: Bill May, Jr. (Girls) - Mike Brown (Boys)

Colors: Red, White and Columbia Blue Mascot: Coyote

LEGAL NOTICE

BORDEN COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATEMENT FOR PUBLICATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1985

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Debt Service Fund	Total
Revenue				
Local property taxes	\$ 1,856,415	\$	\$ 174,013	\$ 2,030,428
Athletic and cafeteria	17,087			17,087
Other local revenue	174,804		4,221	179,025
County revenue	96,700			96,700
Per capita and foundation	82,796			82,796
Other state funds	1,863			1,863
Federal funds	13,975	10,940		24,915
Sale of equipment	8,955			8,955
Total revenue	\$ 2,252,595	\$ 10,940	\$ 178,234	\$ 2,441,769
Expenditures				
Instruction	\$ 726,616	\$ 10,665	\$	\$ 737,281
Instructional computing	49,507	1,043		50,550
Instructional administration		861		861
Resources and media	8,549			8,549
School administration	96,967			96,967
Health services	28,007			28,007
Transportation	252,904			252,904
Co-curricular activities	50,458			50,458
Food services	60,757			60,757
General administration	170,860	246		171,106
Debt service			157,120	157,120
Plant maintenance and operation	502,541			502,541
Community services	13,126			13,126
Total expenditures	\$ 1,960,292	\$ 12,815	\$ 157,120	\$ 2,130,227
Net Revenue	\$ 292,303	\$ (1,875)	\$ 21,114	\$ 311,542
Fund Balances, September 1, 1984	1,230,678	2,556	37,936	1,271,170
Fund Balances, August 31, 1985	\$ 1,522,981	\$ 681	\$ 59,050	\$ 1,582,712

OLD SETTLERS REUNION

Borden County School
Sunday June 29, 1986
Exact hours are still to be worked out
Will include Church Service, lunch, park dedication, Museum will be open all day, something of interest for all ages.
Van York and Betty Beaver-Co-Chair Persons

Thank You

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to all our friends and neighbors for their help and prayers for us during the recent illness and death of our Mother, Juanita Neely. We wish to express special thanks and love to the Bill Buchanan family, Bob Buchanan family, Ed Sternadel family, Mrs. Mary Ruth Gray and Perry Fulfer. Your kindness will not soon be forgotten.
-s-Kathy Billington and family Elizabeth Blair and family

Revival: First Baptist Church, Gail

The definition of revival is something to think about. As in the first definition some are spiritually dead and need to be restored to life. There are others who are in need of restoration, as the second definition indicates. Maybe you have a marriage in trouble or some other family problem. God can restore that situation to vigor and health. Are you in an impossible situation? Come to First Baptist Church, Gail, November 3-6 and see how God can help. Dr. John Step-, revivalist, will be holding services then on Sunday Morning at 11:00 and each night at 7:30. A nursery will be provided.

Vote

COMMISSIONERS COURT

The Borden County Commissioners' Court convened in Regular Session on October 14th. All members were present.

Minutes of the meeting of Sept. 23 were read and approved.

On September 23rd, 1985, Juanda Hancock was appointed Alternate Judge for Election Precinct No. 1. Juanda Hancock has refused this appointment. Commissioner Currey made a motion to appoint Carolyn Stephens as Alternate Judge of Election Precinct No. 1. The motion was seconded and

carried unanimously.

As advertised, bids for the purchase of two tractors were opened at 10:00 A.M.; Bids were received from Key Bros. of Snyder, Waylon Taylor of O'Donnell, Bowlin Tractor and Implement of Big Spring, Broughton Ford Tractors of Big Spring. The low bids from Taylor Tractor and Equipment Co., of Tahoka and Bray Implement Co. of Lamesa were accepted.

Current accounts were examined and paid. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Post Art Guild To Have Fall Festival

The Post Art Guild invites participants for our annual Arts and Crafts Sale to be held in the Algerita Art Center on East Main Street in Post, Texas. Booth space is available for the sale of Crafts, stitchery, paintings in all media, home baked foods, gift items. The festival is Nov. 13 through Nov. 23. You may reserve a space for one weekend or for both. The center will be open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and an 8' X 8' space will be available.

Exhibitors will provide his own tables and display material. The booth fee is \$40.00 for the 10 days or \$25.00 for one weekend. A \$10.00 deposit will reserve your booth. Booth sitters will be available upon request. For more information call: 495-49000 or 495-3779. A miscellaneous booth will be available for exhibitors with 10 items or less for a fee of 20 percent of the sales.

FARM BILL

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contains a conservation section which includes new programs to protect fragile soils and wetlands for future generations and moves a substantial amount of erodible land into less intensive use.

The bill, known as H.R. 2100, reauthorizes and in some cases revises federal farm credit and rural development programs. It also extends the Food Stamp Program for five years; the Temporary Food Assistance Program (commodities) is re-authorized for two years.

"I realize the Administration has urged and promoted drastic changes and cuts in some programs. And while I agree with the President's general principle of making farm programs more responsive to market signals and less to government policies, I disagree with their extreme approach to this goal. Until we improve the macro-economic conditions within our borders, improvement in farm country

will be extremely difficult and even impossible to obtain," he said.



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Sweetwater-Kessler's Farm and Ranch 12:30-1:30 p.m. 915-235-5474
Roby-Farmers Union Coop Gin 2:30-3:30 p.m. 915-776-2237

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MONEY TALK BETWEEN GENERATIONS

More middle-aged people are finding themselves "sandwiched" by financial obligations to both their elderly parents and their college-age children.

Saving for a child's college education has become a part of financial planning for many middle-income families, but these plans can be side-tracked by the impact of a parent's unexpected medical expenses or need for financial assistance.

Some good, honest money talk between adults and their aging parents can help the entire family plan for the future.

Adult children should ask their parents the following questions:

-Do you have assets or debts I do not know about?

-Do you have enough income and have you considered ways you could get more, if necessary?

-Is your health insurance, life and homeowners insurance adequate? Do you have health insurance coverage for medical expenses not covered by Medicare?

-Do you know the eligibility requirements for receiving government aid?

-Do you know how to manage your money? This may be an especially important question if a widowed parent was accustomed to letting his or her spouse handle the finances.

One of the best things aging parents can do is to share financial information with their adult children, for everyone's peace of mind.

Elders should tell their children who, if anyone, has been appointed to take care of their affairs if they become incapacitated.

It is also recommended that parents let their children know how they feel about life-prolonging measures, any preferences about their funerals and the location of their wills and financial papers.

While this may be a difficult subject for many families to deal with, honest talk about finances and the future may be necessary so families can meet the needs of both their older and younger members.

Vote
Nov. 5



BRENT MURPHY IS GOOD SAMARITAN

On October 12, during the 4-H Achievement Banquet, several Borden County residents were awarded Friend of 4-H Awards.

Brent Murphy was one of the adults receiving the "Outstanding Adult Leaders" Award. Brent was recognized for working with 4-H animal projects before, during and after the Borden County Junior Livestock Show. He has been highly effective as a leader in the 4-H Trap and Skeet shooting program--from loading shells to instructing 4-H shooters. He is willing to assist any or all 4-H'ers in whatever way possible.

The Star recently received a letter from a good friend of Mr. Murphy (whom we all know and love as Brent) wishing to add a Post Script to his story.

"May I add," she she said, "He is the Good Samaritan of his home community, ever helping--young or old--rich or poor, whether it is pulling someone out of bog-hole, repairing the kitchen sink, just visiting, a friendly hand wave, always with a great big smile."

-s-
Ruth Weathers

Letter to Editor

Dear Editor:

Now that the first public school grading period is over and Texans are assessing the value of the new "pass-play" rule, I would like to take this opportunity to stress the gains we are making in the classroom.

Approximately 85 percent of varsity athletes statewide passed all their courses, while the overall pass rate was considerably lower. What this means is that our athletes are winning on and off the playing field. Why is their percentage pass rate higher than the average? Because the coaches, whose own performance is evaluated each week when their teams compete, worked with their players in tutorials and

helped them make the grade. My office advocated this kind of teamwork in a "play book" mailed each Texas coach, and I think we have found a winning formula that produces results.

As parents, teachers, coaches and students, we can improve the pass rate during the second grading period if we extend the same attention and "scholastic coaching" given our varsity athletes to every child experiencing difficulty in the classroom.

Discovering this key to academic achievement is no less significant to Texans than the discovery of the Spindletop oil gusher. Educated minds are the "oil and gas" of Texas' future, and we must work harder--and encourage our young people to work harder--to better prepare for the challenging jobs of the future. The real issue is going to be "no learn-no earn."

This is no time to retreat from education reform. It took courage to raise the standards, and it's going to take courage to stick to them. I think the vast majority of Texans want this state to have the best schools, and I remain committed to seeing Texas achieve that goal.

Sincerely,
Mark White
Governor of Texas.

GRAMM

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the national debt ceiling, was debated for almost two weeks on the floor of the Senate, longer than any other bill in this session of Congress.

The bill caps the federal deficit at a lower level each year through 1991, when the deficit will reach zero.

If Congress and the President are unable to make the necessary adjustments in federal spending to reach the goal each year, an automatic reduction--across the board--will come into effect.

"Congress will no longer be able to dodge its responsibility by condemning our children to pay the debts it is accumulating," Gramm said.

"The time has come to pay the bills and to call in the credit cards," the senator said.

The Gramm proposal now goes to the House.

WATER IS NOT ONLY ISSUE

While a comprehensive water plan is generating most of the interest among voters and the media in advance of the Nov. 5 general election, other proposals of significant importance like those affecting the state's veterans, farmers and ranchers deserve some explanation so all voters can make a knowledgeable decision.

In 1983 the Texas Veterans Housing Assistance Program was created to provide low interest loans of up to \$20,000 to Texas veterans for use in purchasing homes. Since that time, 23,000 Texas veterans have taken advantage of the program. By the end of the year all available funds will be expended.

Proposition 8 proposes that \$500 million in general obligation bonds be issued by the state and the proceeds used to continue the Veterans Housing Assistance Program.

Proponents say the program costs the state nothing since the loans are eventually repaid and that veterans deserve the assistance in appreciation of their military service. Also, the program reduces competition for sources of home financing among potential homeowners.

Meanwhile, opponents argue that benefits provided by the state and federal government, including a Federal Veterans Administration home loan program, adequately compensate veterans and that because the number of Texans in the military will probably decline in the next few years, such an expensive program is not needed.

The Texas Veterans Land Board administers the Veterans Housing Assistance Program

and if proposition 10 is approved by the state's voters it will also run the proposed Farm and Ranch Finance Program.

Proposition 10 calls for \$500 million in general obligation bonds to fund a Farm and Ranch Finance Program that would offer long term, low interest loans of up to \$95,000 to family farmers and ranchers for the purchase of at least 50 acres of land.

In the face of rising land prices, supporters says this plan is needed to ensure that farming and ranching will continue as vital parts of the state's economy and to help young farmers and ranchers get started. Those backing the program also believe it will help avoid monopolies in agriculture by giving financial assistance to individuals in farming and ranching.

Opponents say the program may be an unwise use of state money because small farmers and ranchers will be replaced by larger operations capable of producing agricultural products in a more cost-efficient manner. Those against the plan also fear the bond program would strain the credit of the state and that farming and ranching should not be singled out for assistance.

Information about voting in the Nov. 5 general election can be obtained by calling your county clerk or elections administrator. Voting information and the explanatory texts of the proposed 14 state constitutional amendments are also available by calling the secretary of state's elections division at 1-800-252-VOTE or 1-800-252-8683 (Voice-TDD).

SENATE RESTORES WEEVIL ERADICATION FUNDS

The Senate has restored funding for the North and South Carolina boll weevil eradication program to 1985 levels in passing the 1986 agricultural appropriations bill.

Unlike the House bill, the Senate measure includes language requiring the Agriculture Secretary to request an appropriation if and when cotton producers in addition

states approve expanding the eradication program. Funding also was restored to '85 levels for boll weevil programs in the Texas High Plains, California, and Arizona as well as the pink bollworm program.

The bill's cotton research section is quite similar to the favorable House-passed version.

A conference on appropriations bills is expected soon.

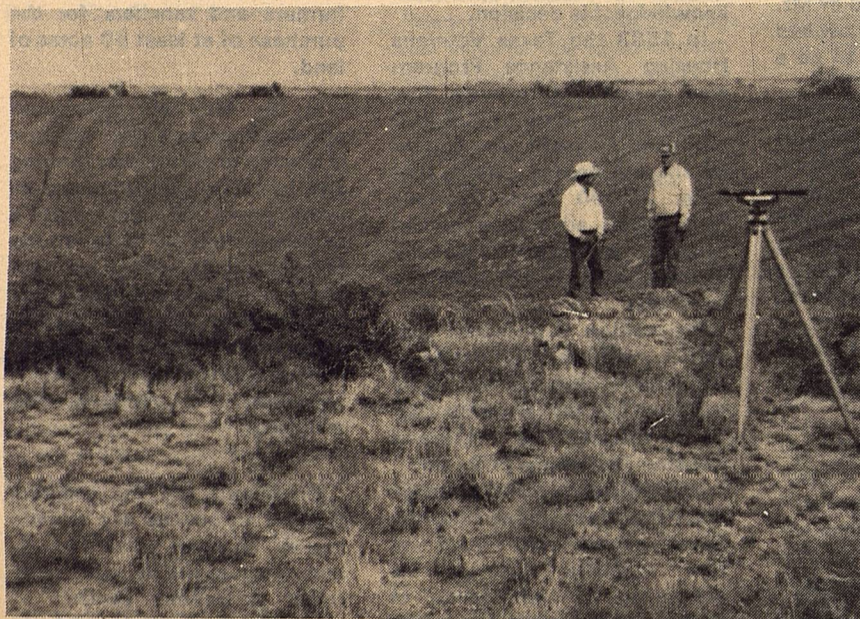
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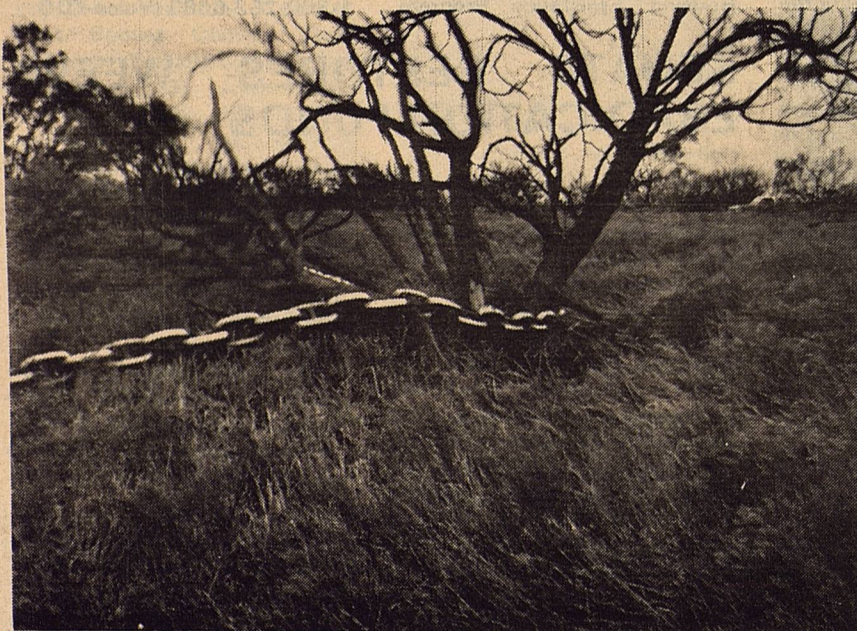
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**Upper Colorado Soil and Water
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District Conservationist Sam Buchanan and Ed Guinn, dozer operator for Muleshoe Ranch complete check-out procedure on pond Ed Guinn built on the Bill Phinizy Ranch. A pond constructed for better distribution of livestock grazing allows ranchers to utilize rangeland pastures for maximum sustained production. Livestock have a tendency to concentrate around water sources causing overuse of plants in the vicinity and underuse in the remainder of the pasture. Strategically located water sources help distribute animals to equally graze all range sites in a pasture. Ponds also offer recreational and esthetic values to the landowner and operator while increasing the value of the property. Ponds were constructed by the following persons: Bill Phinizy, Jack Wolf, Wicker Ranch, and J.N. Eicke.



An old method of controlling brush has returned to Borden County. It is called chaining and involves two dozers pulling a nanal anchor chain to uproot mesquite and cedar. Normal lengths of chain are 2-3 hundred feet with each link weighing 35-50 pounds. This method works best on single stem mesquites and trees the size shown and larger. The Conrad Ranch completed 400 Acres of chaining this year.



Terraces are constructed for multi-purpose use. Terraces hold water on the land helping control water erosion. Increased crop production is major benefit for farmers who install terraces. Persons constructing terraces this year include: Ricky Evans, C.C. Nunnally, Joe Belew, Burl Belew, Collier Estate, Bill Buchanan, Evelyn Koonce and Marge Toombs.



Approximately two dozen local farmers attended the Borden Co. Farm Tour held Sept. 16. County Agent Dennis Poole & group toured cotton demonstration sites discussing different seeding rates and varieties. The Upper Colorado SWCD sponsored the noon meal at the Plains Community Center. Photo taken on Kent Holmes Farm.



Prescribed burning of native rangeland prior to spring greenup produces a three-fold benefit for ranchers. Most brush species will be top-killed and some root-killed, total ground area make of prickly pear and cholla will be reduced, mature rank grasses such as tobasa will be more palatable when growth begins. Burning is more economical, at 2-5 dollars/acre than aerial spraying or mechanical treatment. Our burning season begins in mid-January and ends in March.

HIGHTOWER DISAPPOINTED IN NEW FARM BILL

Austin "This bill would support the family farmer about like a rope supports a hanged man," Texas Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower said after the U.S. House completed action on its version of the 1985 Farm Bill last week.

On a vote of 282-141, the House passed a bill that includes more farm price supports and a controversial dairy diversion program which President Reagan has threatened to veto, as well as 18 other provisions dealing with agricultural research, trade, farm credit and food stamps.

"Farmers came to the Congress with a sensible, zero-subsidy proposal that would restore prosperity to American agriculture - The Farm Policy Reform Act - but the lobbying clout of the big speculators, shippers, brokers and processors eventually overwhelmed the grassroots effort by America's dirt farmers," Hightower said. "We made a good fight in the House, and I applaud and thank those members who stood solidly with the farmers. In the end, however, a majority of members turned their backs on the family

farmer and finally approved a costly and ineffectual rewrite of the existing program. Already, it's been calculated that this House-passed Bill will drive net farm income down by another 15 percent.

The bill allows dairy supports to rise, but permits a farmer-financed 'diversion' that pays producers to lower milk output and reduces the surpluses the government buys.

For the other commodities the bill covers, it lowers the supports that put a floor under prices to make American goods more competitive overseas, but offsets farmers' losses by increasing their income subsidies.

"Simply put, this bill looks like something the cat drug up," Hightower said.

The bill keeps price supports at \$33 billion for the next three years. That figure is within the \$35 billion limit set during last August's budget resolution, but has been criticized as being too low because it is based on outdated crop out-put estimates.

"Members can avert their eyes from America's deepening farm

crisis, as the House majority did, but that will not make the crisis go away, nor will it make us go away. There is genuine grassroots support for the kind of forward-looking solutions offered by the Farm Policy Reform Act, and we will continue our fight in the U.S. Senate. As a local sage once put it, 'if at first you don't succeed, you're running about average,' so we are not deterred at all by this House's failure to respond. The legislative fight in Congress literally is a life and death struggle for the family farm community, and we will struggle until we prevail."

Also included in the bill are the "sodbuster" and "swampbuster" provisions that would bar farmers who plow highly erodible land or convert certain wetlands to cropland from receiving various federal farm benefits. Part of the "sodbuster" and "swampbuster" provisions measure is a 'conservation reserve' provision that would pay farmers for long-term idling of eroding soil.

ASCS NEWS BY JERRY STONE

GRAIN SORGHUM LOANS

Farmers who participated in the 1985 grain sorghum program will be eligible for a 9-month loan if the grain is stored in an approved facility. Borden County loan rate for No. 2 Milo is \$ 4.41 per cwt. This figures out about \$ 3.97 net if you go in the loan. For details contact this office.

Our regulations require that lien searches be made on all loans prior to disbursement of the loan. If you know that you have a lien on your crop, we recommend that you bring in a lien waiver with you when you request your loan, if you know a lien exists. This will avoid any unnecessary delays.

AGRICULTURE CONSERVATION PROGRAM

At this point in time, we are out of money for conservation work. We do plan on having a sign-up sometime in November or December so watch for the exact date and details in upcoming issues of this newspaper.

1985 CROP COTTON LOANS

Just a note to let you know that all gins in Borden County have signed an agreement with CCC to use specification bagging and ties and therefore cotton ginned at any location in

the county will be eligible for the government loan program.

OCTOBER INTEREST RATES FOR LOANS

Interest rates for loans made during the month of October will be at 8.000percent. Lien waivers must be obtained prior to loan disbursements if you have a lien on file for the crop.

For those of you who are anticipating a loan from our office, you might stop by and pick up a CCC-679, Lien Waiver, which must be signed by the lending institution before the loan is disbursed.

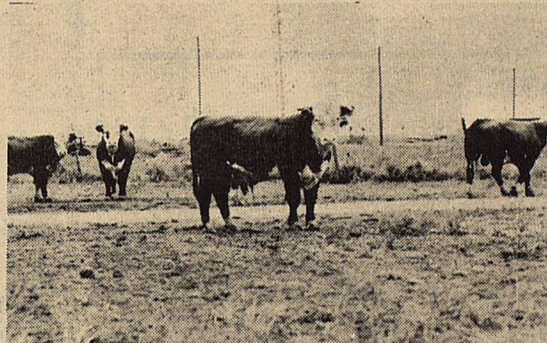
WOOL AND MOHAIR

Wool and mohair producers are reminded to turn in their 1985 sales as soon as the sales are completed. Information needed includes: the number of head, the year and month shorn, unshorn lamb purchases, and freight.

SPOUSES' I.D. NUMBERS

We have had excellent results on our request for spouses' social security numbers. For the few who have not responded, let me remind you that we need all spouses' I.D. numbers and failure to submit them to your ASCS offices may delay any future program payments.

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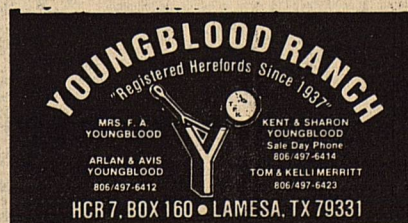
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SENATOR JOHN SHARP ANNOUNCES BID FOR RAILROAD COMMISSIONER

Austin -- Sen. John Sharp, D-Victoria, announced Tuesday that he will seek the Democratic nomination for the Texas Railroad Commission.

Sharp, who is completing a four-year term in the State Senate, will file for the place now held by Buddy Temple. Commissioner Temple has said he will not run for reelection in 1986.

"The sound regulation of oil and gas and the assurance of adequate transportation for all areas of Texas are matters of critical concern at this point in our history," Sharp said.

"I have the legislative and business experience to be an effective Railroad Commissioner and spokesman for the state on these important concerns. Also, I am confident that I can attract the broad base of support necessary to win the Democratic primary and the November general election.

"While I have no industry ties related to the commission's regulatory authority, I have a good working knowledge of the agency's work and of state government in general," Sharp said.

Sharp won election to the State Senate in 1982 after serving three terms in the House of Representatives. He serves on the Senate Finance Committee, Intergovernmental Affairs Committee and Health and Human Resources Committee. During this year's legislative session, Sharp sponsored the Sunset legislation that reorganized the state's water agencies.

As a member of the Texas House, Sharp was chosen one of the "Outstanding Freshmen" by Texas Monthly magazine in 1979. In the House, he was chairman of the Ways and Means Committee for Budget and Oversight. A former examiner for the Legislative Budget Board, Sharp designed the first draft of the Zero Base Budgeting System now in use by state government.

A native of Placedo, Sharp received a Bachelor's Degree in political science from Texas A&M University, where he was a

member of the Corps of Cadets, president of his sophomore class and student body president during his senior year. While at A&M, Sharp represented wives of American POW's and MIAs at the Paris Peace Talks in 1971.

After graduation from A&M, Sharp was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army and served in the Army Reserve. He received a Master's Degree in public administration from Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos by attending night school while working for the Legislative Budget Board.

He is married to the former Charlotte Han of Victoria, and they have a son, John Spencer Sharp, 6. The Sharps live in Victoria where he is active in business and real estate.

GONZALEZ ANNOUNCES

Raul A. Gonzalez, Justice of the Texas Supreme Court, announced his candidacy on Thursday, October 10, for election to continue on the Texas Supreme Court. The announcement ceremony was held in the historic Old Supreme Court Room of the Capitol Building, Austin.

Justice Gonzalez is the first Mexican-American to serve on the Texas Supreme Court. He was appointed to that position by Governor Mark White in

October, 1984. His position was previously held by Justice Charles Barrow prior to Barrow becoming Dean of Baylor Law School. Gonzalez is the only candidate to have announced for this seat of the Supreme Court.

Campaign Co-Chairman for Justice Gonzalez election are San Antonio Mayor Henry Cisneros and Texas Democratic Party Vice-Chairman Perry Bradley. Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice John Hill attended Justice Gonzalez' campaign announcement ceremony.

Prior to joining the Supreme Court, Gonzalez was Associate Justice of the 13th Court of Appeals (Corpus Christi). Previously, he was Judge of the 103rd District Court in Brownsville. He has also been a lawyer in private practice and is a former Assistant United States Attorney.

A native of Weslaco, Justice Gonzalez' parents were migrant workers. "Until we were old enough to go to school, we worked on the circuit of Washington, California, and Arkansas, picking whatever was ripe for harvest--cabbage, lettuce, cotton. After we reached school age, our parents made us stay at home to obtain an education."

Justice Gonzalez has a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas and a doctor of jurisprudence degree from the University of Houston. Additionally, he has successfully completed the course work for

an LLM degree in Judicial Process at the University of Virginia. He is also a graduate of the National Judicial College,

Nevada. He is married to the former Dora Champion of Progreso, Texas. They have four children: Celeste, Jaime, Marco, and Sonia.

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