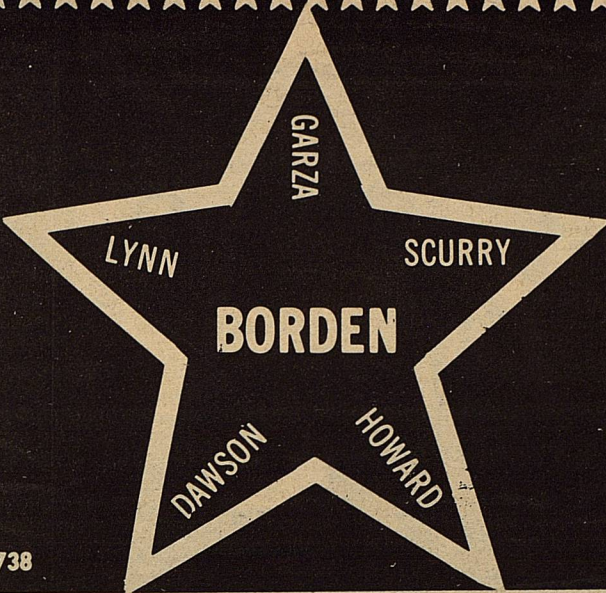


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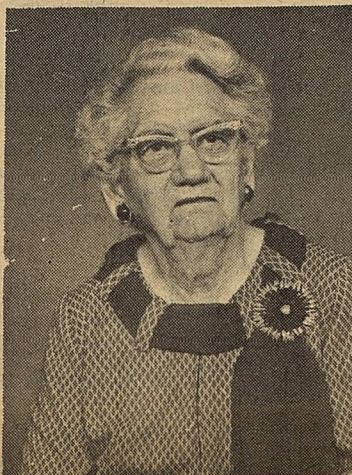


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MRS. MARY RUBY COVEY

Mrs. Covey Dies

Mrs. Ruby Mary Covey passed away at 1:15 a.m. April 13 in Doctors Hospital of Dallas. She was a former resident of Borden County and the mother of Mrs. Fran Bennett of Gail.

Mrs. Covey was born Ruby Mary Hoad, December 4th 1890 in Decater, Texas. Her father, Walter Hoad was employed as a bookkeeper in Decator shortly after arriving from Tumbridge Wells, England.

Mrs. Covey received her education at the College of Stamford--later being moved to Abilene and now known as McMurray.

Dave and Ruby Mary Covey were married in 1912 in Walnut Springs, moving to Borden County in 1920. On the death of Mr. Covey in 1937, Mrs. Covey was appointed to fill his unexpired term--the first of two "lady" sheriffs the county has had. She appointed Sid Reeder as her deputy.

In 1939, Sid was elected Sheriff and Mrs. Covey was elected as County Treasurer--a post she held until 1944. Moving back to Gail in 1971, she made her home with her daughter Fran Bennett for a time.

Survivors include: Francis Bennett, Gail; D.R. Covey, Deagoville, Tex.; Claudia Chambers, Bedford, Tex.; Doris Selman, Corpus Christi. Also surviving are nine grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Interment was in the Snyder Cemetery April 14, 1975.

4-H Center Opens

Brownwood--The Texas 4-H Center at Lake Brownwood opened its doors for the first time April 2 when some 200 volunteer 4-H adult leaders gathered for a statewide 4-H Adult Leader Forum.

Mrs. Jerry Dougherty attended the first activity at the new center.

The \$1.4 million educational training facility for the state's 4-H program was constructed under the leadership of T. Louis Austin, Jr., chairman of the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation, who is also vice chairman and chief executive officer for Texas Utilities, Dallas.

"This modern facility can accommodate more than 250 people," points out H.T. Davison, 4-H and youth specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Executive director of the 4-H Foundation. "It features a 300-seat assembly hall and 15 additional conference rooms that can accommodate from 12 to 100 people each. The Center is served by an ultra-modern kitchen and has excellent space for outdoor recreation, a swimming pool, and other accommodations attractive to both youth and adults."

Marshall Crouch, Extension 4-H and youth specialist, has been temporarily assigned to Brownwood to direct the operations of the 4-H Center and to assist with programming activities, notes Davison.

The 4-H Center was designed and planned as a leadership training facility for 4-H members and adult leaders who serve the youth of this state," says Davison. "4-H members will use the Center primarily in the summer months while adult leaders will receive in-service training during the school year to enhance their work with 4-H members. When the Center is not being used by 4-H or other Extension oriented activities, it will be available to any group with a program of an educational nature."

The facility will accommodate banquets and special one-day meetings as well as other activities. Those interested in using the 4-H Center may contact Davison at Texas A&M University or call the Texas 4-H Center at Brownwood.

New Beef Grades

College Station--After April 14 consumers will begin to see "a new face" on beef cuts in their favorite supermarket.

That's when new grade standards by the U.S. Department of Agriculture go into effect. Of course, the grades will only appear on meat graded by USDA graders, which is a voluntary service that meat packers must request.

The new grades are designed to keep meat quality at a high level and may help lower consumer costs.

"The major change in the grade standards is that all beef carcasses that are officially graded will be identified for both quality and yield," point out Woodrow Bailey and Dr. Frank Orts, meat specialists for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "These two value grade standards is that all beef

Service. "These two value grades will give a better determination as to the true worth of the carcass."

Another change, according to the specialists, will be that the conformation or shape of the

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HYPERIAN CLUB OF BIG SPRING VISITS MUSEUM

Museum Hosts Visitors

The 1953 Hyperian Club of Big Spring visited the Borden County Museum Wednesday, April 9, on a tour of several local museums.

Those taking the tour were: Ann Neal, Zane Neal, Janet Middleton, Janell Davis, Toni Choate, Tootsie Grantham, Kathi Miller, Mary Ganson, Billye McLaughlin, Marge Hollinsworth, Mary Ann Taylor, Laverne Gary and Gloria Griffin.

After visiting the Borden Co. Museum, the group advanced to Snyder where they had lunch at

the Western Texas College cafeteria. Then a stop was made at the Scurry County Museum. The tour ended with a visit to the Diamond M Museum in Snyder.

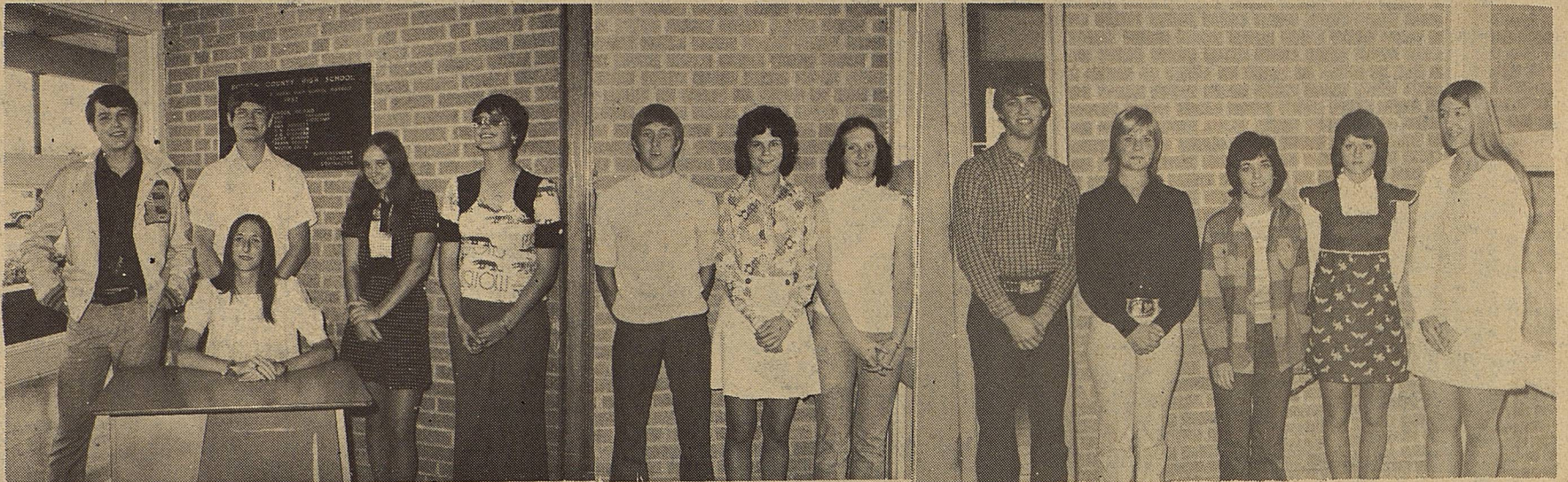
The annual program of the 1953 Hyperian Club is "Our Heritage", and the monthly program consisted of visits to several museums in surrounding towns.

The club found the Borden County, Scurry County, and Diamond M Museums to be very interesting and educational.

Borden ISD Conducts Follow-Up Inservice



Borden ISD's project to individualize instruction began in August of this school year. March 25 was a follow-up inservice day. Visiting consultants worked with teachers in classrooms, individually, and in small groups. Student grade reporting, initiating an individualized program in social studies and science, and an evaluation of the overall program were major concerns of the Borden faculty. The team of consultants and Borden administrators are, left to right, Dr. Gerald D. Skoog, Dr. Shamus Mehaffie, and Dr. Billy E. Askins, all associate professors of education, Texas Tech University; Superintendent James McLeroy, Elementary Principal Ben Jarrett; Dr. Robert H. Anderson, dean of the College of Education, Texas Tech University; High School Principal Mickey McMeans, and Don Morrow, coordinator of the project.



QUALIFY FOR REGIONAL U.I.L. LITERARY MEET: L to R. Jim McLeroy, Kem Lockhart, Gail Grose, Mary Ledbetter, Catherine Jackson (sitting), Monte Smith, Donelle Jones, Lisa Ludecke, Clifton Smith, Tricia Jackson, Gay Griffin, Deidre Tucker and Rita Cornett.

High School Wins Literary Meet

Borden County School's U.I.L. students competed in the high school District U.I.L. Literary Meet in Klondike on Tuesday, April 8. They won the meet overwhelmingly with a high point of 150. Winning 2nd place was Sands with 87 points and 3rd place went to Wellman with 71 points. Klondike was 4th with 54 points and Dawson was 5th with 27 points. Loop was 6th with 25 points and Union was 7th with 15 points.

The winners and how they placed are as follows:

JOURNALISM

1st- Gay Griffin of Borden County; 2nd Lynn Hopper of Sands; 3rd Kim Hamm of Wellman; 4th Deidre Tucker of Borden County and 5th Lisa Martin of Sands

PROSE READING

1st. Kaye Hunt of Sands; 2nd Lexie Lehrmann of Sands; 3rd Tricia Jackson of Borden Co.; 4th Teri Airhart of Klondike; 5th Cheryl McDonald of Loop; 6th Steven Brown of Wellman;

INFORMATIVE SPEAKING

1st. Connie Hughes of Sands; 2nd. Clifton Smith of Borden Co; 3rd. Rita Cornett of Borden County; 4th. Kendall Jenkins of Wellman; 5th. Brenda Bevers of Wellman; and 6th. Patsy McDonald of Sands

SHORTHAND

1st. Lisa Ludecke of Borden County; 2nd Donelle Jones of Borden County; 3rd. Linda Freeman of Klondike; 4th. Sharon Kimbrell of Klondike; 5th Londa Feaster of Sands and 6th. Essie Cantu of Sands.

SLIDE RULE

1st. Mike Sims of Wellman; 2nd Tommy Dixon of Union; 3rd. Monte Smith of Borden County; 4th. Tommy Stunkard of Wellman; 5th. Clifton Smith of Borden County; and 6th. Teri Airhart of Klondike.

POETRY INTERPRETATION
1st. Kem Lockhart of Borden County; 2nd Linda Morris of Dawson; 3rd. Gail Grose of Borden County; 4th. Laura Mitchell of Klondike; 5th Linda Williams of Sands and 6th. Susan Slaughter of Wellman

DEBATE

1st Borden County, Catherine Jackson and Jim McLeroy; 2nd. Dawson, Kirk Hayes and Kelly Carr and 4th. Wellman-Tommy Stunkard and Steve Cole.

READY WRITING

1st Catherine Jackson of Borden County; 2nd Cheryl McDonald of Loop and 3rd. Kelly Zant of Sands.

SCIENCE

1st Cydne Mullins of Klondike 2nd Jim McLeroy of Borden; 3rd Catherine Jackson of Borden; 4th. Brent Wade of Klondike; 5th. Natalie Berryhill of Wellman and 6th Ken McMeans of Borden

TYPEWRITING

1st Donelle Jones of Borden; 2nd Sandra Freeman of Klondike; 3rd. Gary Sisson of Dawson; 4th Carmen Cooper of

Klondike; 5th Philena Farmer of Borden and 6th. Linda Jeffcoat of Dawson.

NEWSWRITING

1st Debbie Adair of Wellman; 2nd Lynn Hopper of Sands; 3rd. Sheryl Vogler of Klondike; 4th Deidre Tucker of Borden; 5th Lexie Lehrmann of Sands and 6th. Gay Griffin of Borden County.

HEADLINE WRITING

1st. Deidre Tucker of Borden; 2nd Pam Sikes of Sands; 3rd. Kem Lockhart of Borden; 4th. Deborah Click of Wellman; 5th Sheryl Vogler of Klondike; 6th. Neal Grigg of Sands.

EDITORIAL WRITING

1st Deidre Tucker of Borden 2nd Lynn Hopper of Sands; 3rd. Sheryl Vogler of Klondike; 4th. Dorinda Jones of Wellman; 5th Gay Griffin of Borden; and 6th Susan Martin of Sands.

PERSUASIVE SPEAKING

1st. Patty Peugh of Sands, 2nd Pam Slaughter of Wellman; 3rd. Kelly Adams of Dawson; 4th. Mary Ledbetter of Borden; 5th Elaine Martin of Sands; 6th. Lesa Hensley of Borden.

NUMBER SENSE

1st. Tommy Stunkard of Wellman; 2nd. Essie Cantu of Sands; 3rd. Leigh Luker of Union; 4th Lissa Slatton of Klondike; 5th. Gary Sisson of Dawson and 6th Ben Phipps of Dawson.

is Mary Ledbetter from Gail.

POETRY INTERPRETATION
Kem Lockhart and Gail Grose from Gail; Linda Morris from Welch and Alternate will be Laura Mitchell of Lamesa.

PROSE READING

Kay Hunt and Lewis Lehrmann from Ackerly; Tricia Jackson from Gail. Alternate is Teri Airhart from Lamesa.

News:

Debbie Adnia from Wellman and Lynn Hopper from Ackerly. Alternate is Sheryl Vogler of Lamesa.

Feature:

Gay Griffin of Gail and Lynn Hopper of Ackerly. Alternate is Kim Hawn of Wellman

Editorial:

Deidre Tucker of Gail and Lynn Hopper of Ackerly. Alternate is Sheryl Vogler of Lamesa.

Headline:

Deidre Tucker of Gail and Pam Sikes of Ackerly. Alternate is Kem Lockhart of Gail

READY WRITING

Catherine Jackson of Gail and Cheryl McDonald of Loop. Alternate is Kelly Zant of Ackerly.

TYPEWRITING

Donelle Jones of Gail, Sandra Freeman of Lamesa; Gary Sisson of Welch and Carmen Cooper of Lamesa is Alternate.

SHORTHAND:

Lisa Ludecke and Donelle Jones of Gail; Linda Freeman of Lamesa; Sharon Kimbrell will be Alternate.

NUMBER SENSE:

Tommy Stunkard of Wellman; Essie Santu of Ackerly; Leigh Luker of Brownfield. Lissa

Slatton of Lamesa will serve as alternate.

SLIDE RULE:

Mike Sims of Wellman; Tommy Dixon of Brownfield; Monte Smith of Gail. Alternate is Tommy Stunkard of Wellman.

SCIENCE:

Cydne Hullins of Lamesa, Jim McLeroy of Gail, Catherine Jackson of Gail, and Brent Wade of Lamesa will serve as Alternate.

Gail FFA

Eleven members of the Gail FFA Chapter competed in the Howard College sponsored Livestock and Grass Judging Contests held in Big Spring, Saturday, April 12.

The Livestock Judging Team No. 1 was composed of Bob McLeroy, Jim McLeroy, Patrick Toombs, and Richard Long.

The Livestock Judging team No. 2 was composed of John Anderson, Monte Smith, and Matt Farmer.

The Grass Judging Team was composed of Tim Smith, Ramon Vidal, Johnny Jackson, and Benny Taylor.

The No. 1 Livestock Judging Team placed 10th in the contest with 74 teams and approximately 280 FFA and 4-H members competing. Richard Long was 6th overall high individual, and was 9th in judging cattle and 10th in swine judging. Monte Smith was 5th, in judging swine. John Anderson was 8th in cattle judging, and Matt Farmer was 8th in judging sheep.

Annual Sales

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Qualify For Regional

The following contestants have been certified for Regional Meet. If a certified contestant cannot participate in the Regional meet, the designated alternate will take the contestants place.

DEBATE:

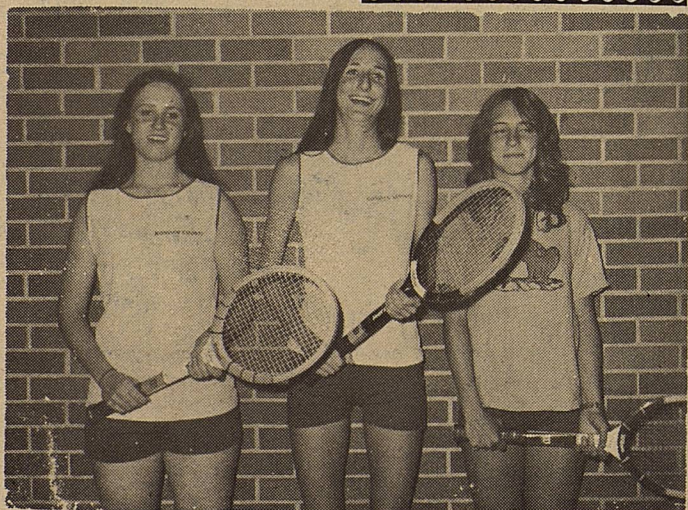
Jim McLeroy & Catherine Jackson-Gail; Mike Lowe and Larry Layman from Loop; Kirk Hayes and Kelly Carr from Welch. The alternates are Tommy Stunkard and Steve Cole, both from Wellman.

INFORMATIVE SPEAKING

Connie Hughes from Ackerly and Clifton Smith and Rita Cornett from Gail. Alternate is Kendall Jenkins from Wellman.

PERSUASIVE SPEAKING.

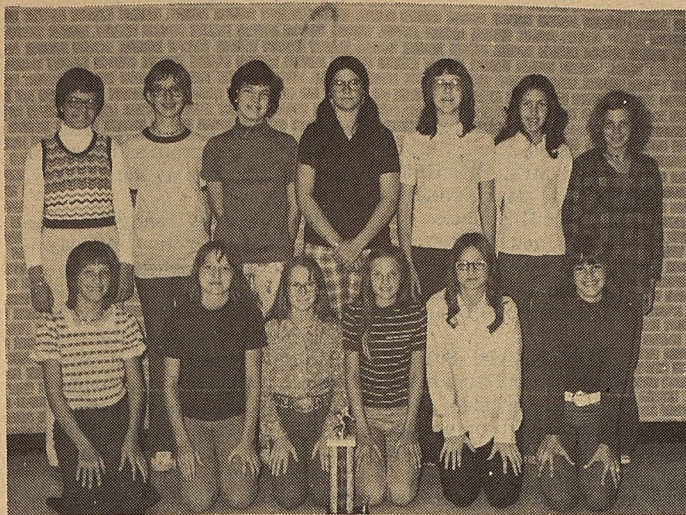
Patty Paugh from Ackerly; Pam Slaughter from Wellman; Kelly Adams from Welch. Alternate



Catherine Jackson (center) and Kristy Smith (right) qualified for the Regional Tennis meet. Catherine withdrew from the meet to attend the Literary meet and will be replaced by Martha Anderson (left).



Qualify for Regional Track Meet-L to R: Dana Westbrook, Gail Grose, Deidre Tucker, Lesa Hensley, Donelle Jones, Kristy Smith and Sue Hancock.



Junior High Girls win Track Meet—Members of Team are: 1 to 8 Karen Williams, Jana Edwards, Talley Griffin, Carla Jones, Glynda Burkett, Rhesa Wolf, and Kay Bond, Front—Monica Dyess, Pennye Thompson, Gayla Newton, Debra Kountz, Terry Smith and Lisa McLeroy.



Break Track Records— L. Glynda Burkett—330 yd Dash, Pennye Thompson, 220 yd. Dash, Terry Smith, Hurdles and Lisa McLeroy, Triple Jump and High Jump.

Junior High Wins Meet

TEAM TOTALS: 1st Borden 163 2nd Loop 109; 3rd. Klondike 49; 4th Wellman 46; 5th Dawson 43; and 6th Sands 19.

INDIVIDUALS TOTALS: 1st Lisa McLeroy - Borden 40; 2nd. Pennye Thompson-Borden 32; 3rd. Vel Kelly-Loop 24 and Terri Lowe-Loop (tie) 24; 5th. Gloria Garcia-Loop 23; 6th. Gayla Newton-Borden 22.

TRIPLE JUMP: 1st Lisa McLeroy-Borden 29' 1 1/4"; 2nd. Terri Lowe-Loop 27' 6 3/4"; 3. Pennye Thompson-Borden 26' 11 1/4"; 4th Vel Kelly-Loop 26' 19 1/4"; 5th Leslie Guitar-Sands 26'9"; 6th. Joie Brummett-Borden 25'8 1/2"

LONG JUMP: 1st. Jana Edwards Borden 13' 3/4"; 2nd Pennye Thompson-Borden 13' 1/4"; 3rd. Gayla Newton-Borden 12'10 1/4"

330 YARD DASH: 1st. Glynda Burkett-Borden 48.9 2nd Cherrie Harris-Loop 49.0 3rd. Williams-Dawson 49.1; 4th. Debra Kountz-Borden 49.9; 5th **HIGH JUMP**— 1st Lisa McLeroy Borden 4'7"; 2nd. Karen Williams-Borden 4'2"; 3rd. Pollock Klondike 4'; 4th. Glynda Burkett-Borden 3'10"; 5th. Amy Foshee-Loop 3'8"



High School Record Breakers Kristy Smith, High Jump and Lesa Hensley, 60 yard dash.

DISCUS: 1st Dana Ancinec-Loop 77'; 2nd Tanya Airhart-Klondike 61'3"; 3rd. Tammie Webb-Sands 59'7"; 4th. Carla Jones Borden 59'1"; 5th Shannon Tankersley - Wellman 45'3"; 6th Tillie Flores-Dawson 58'

440 YARD RELAY: 1st Loop 56.0 (Floria Garcia, Vel Kelly Tera Lowe, Amy Foshee) 2nd Borden 57.4 (Gayla Newton, Lisa McLeroy, Joie Brummett, Pennye Thompson) 3rd. Wellman 58.7; 4th. Klondike 59.4; 5th Dawson 60.1; 6th. Sands 60.6

220 YARD DASH: 1st Pennye Thompson -Borden 29.6; 2nd Lisa McLeroy-Borden 29.6; 3rd Terri Lowe - Loop 29.9; 4th. Leslie Guitar-Sands 30.7 5th Kennemer-Sands 30.8; 6th. Dana Ancinec-Loop 30.8

60 YARD DASH: 1st. Vel Kelly-Loop 8.1; 2nd Gloria Garcia-Loop 8.15; 3rd. Gayla Newton Borden 8.2; 4th. Shannon Tankersley-Wellman 8.25; 5th. Paige Echols-Klondike 8.4; 6th Tillie Flores-Dawson 8.6

80 YARD HURDLES: 1st. Terry Smith-Borden 13.5; 2nd Brenda Webb-Dawson 14.3; 3rd. Nikki Reine - Wellman 14.35; 4th. Paige Echols-Klondike 14.8; 5th Debra Kountz-Borden 15.2; 6th Elonna Airhart-Klondike 15.3; **880 YARD RELAY:** 1st Loop 2:03.7; 2nd Borden (Joie Brummett, Glynda Burkett, Debra Kountz, Pennye Thompson) 2:07.0 3rd. Dawson 2:08.9; 4th Wellman 2:12.6; 5th Klondike 2:15.8

100 YARD DASH: 1st Gloria Garcia-Loop 13.2; 2nd Lisa McLeroy-Borden 13.6; 3rd. Gayla Newton-Borden 13.8; 4th Karen Newsom-Wellman 13.9; 5th Debbie Nail-Loop 14.1; 6th Kerri McKenzie - Wellman 14.2.

High School

Wins

Second

Borden County School was the setting for the District 8B Girls Track and Field Meet on April 9. The results are as follows:

TEAM TOTALS
1st. Dawson 190; 2nd Borden 93; 3rd. Klondike 76; 4th Sands 50; 5th Wellman 47; 6th Loop, 38.

INDIVIDUAL TOTALS
1st Judy Bearden-Dawson 38; 2nd Lesa Hensley-Borden 36; 3rd. Sylvia Cardona-Dawson 25 4th. Virgie Cardona-Dawson 23 5th Vonne Hayes-Dawson 22; tie for sixth between Terri Lopez-Dawson and Danita Adair Wellman with 22

TRIPLE JUMP: 1st. Lesa Hensley-Borden 31' 9"; 2nd Judy Bearden-Dawson 30'10"; 3rd. Karen Holley-Dawson 28'9"; 4th Tina Bingham-Loop 28'8 1/2"; 5th. Terri Lopez- Dawson 28'7 1/2"; 6th. Lynn Hand-Loop 28'6".

LONG JUMP: 1st Judy Bearden Dawson 15' 6 1/2"; 2nd. Lesa Hensley-Borden 15'6"; 3rd. Sylvia Cardona-Dawson 15' 1/2"; 4th. Derinda Singleton-Klondike 14' 9 1/2"; 5th Vonne Hayes-Dawson 14' 9 1/2"; 6th. Grena Ellyson-Loop 14'7"

440 YARD DASH: 1st. Vonne Hayes-Dawson 61.5; 2nd Peggy Gardona-Dawson 63.0; 3rd. Dana Westbrook-Borden 66.6; 4th. Susan Slaughter-Wellman 66.65; 5th Susan Martin-Sands 68.8; 6th Deidre Tucker-Borden 69.1

HIGH JUMP—Kristy Smith-Borden 4'10 5/8"; 2nd Ann Turner-Dawson 4'8"; 3rd. Pepper Echols-Klondike 4'6"; 4th Susan Martin-Sands 4'4" no sixth-no other jumpers cleared starting height.

440 YARD RELAY: 1st. Dawson 52.6; 2nd Wellman 54.3; 3rd. Klondike 55.0; 4th Borden 55.8 5th Loop 56.1

220 YARD DASH: 6th Gay Griffin-Borden 30.4 60 YARD DASH: 1. Lesa Hensley-Borden 7.8; 2nd Tina Server-Dawson 7.9; 3rd. Sylvia Cardona -Dawson 8.0; 4th. N. Ray-Klondike 8.05; 5th. Derinda Singleton - Klondike 8.1; 6th. Tammy McKinzie-Wellman 8.3

880 YARD RELAY: 1st Dawson 1:49.7; 2. Klondike 1:58.2; 3. Loop 1:59.1; 4. Borden 2:01.0; 5. Sands 2:04.0 **880 YARD DASH:** 1. Erlinda Calvio-Sands 6th. Kevva Tucker-Borden 3:06.3

80 YARD HURDLES: 1st Judy Bearden-Dawson 11.7; 2nd. J. Fancher-Klondike 13.3; 3rd. C. Mullins-Klondike 13.5; 4th. Kathy Underwood-Borden 14.6; 5th Mary Ledbetter-Borden 15.0 6th. K. Keune-Klondike 15.2

100 YARD DASH: 1st Danita Adair-Wellman 12.6; 2nd Tina



Young acrobats perform before the Borden County students and faculty.

Borden High School

BETA ACHIEVEMENT LIST

The following students made the Beta Achievement List the fifth six weeks of school, no academic grade was below 90:

Student	Grade
CATHERINE JACKSON	12
KEM LOCKHART	12
JIM McLEROY	12
MONTE SMITH	12
PHILENA FARMER	11
DEBBIE HERRING	11
DONELLE JONES	11
DEIDRE TUCKER	11
SUE HANCOCK	10
TRICIA JACKSON	10
DANA WESTBROOK	10
GAIL GROSE	10
PAT TOOMBS	9
KEVVA TUCKER	9

HONOR ROLL

The following students made the Honor Roll by achieving no academic grade below 85 with a 90 average in all academic subjects, for the fifth six weeks.

JOHN ANDERSON	12
RITA CORNETT	12
MELISSA LUDECKE	12
CLIFTON SMITH	12
MARY LEDBETTER	11
DENISE CURREY	9

ATTENDANCE

5th Six Weeks	1974- 1975
ENROLLED	1-12 is 68
AVERAGE DAILY ATTEND	64.92
PERCENT ATTENDANCE	95.47

ELEMENTARY AND JUNIOR HIGH

HIGH HONORS

The following students made the High Honors list by having no academic grades below 90 the fifth six weeks.

Student	Grade
LISA MCLEROY	8
BRENT RHOTON	8
GLYNDA BURKETT	7
CARLA JONES	7
BEN MURPHY	7
KAREN WILLIAMS	7
TALLEY GRIFFIN	6
DEBRA KOUNTZ	6
BECKY MILLER	6
HEATHER MCPHAUL	6
TAMMY TELCHIK	6
SCOT LONG	5
GENA MCLEROY	5

HONOR ROLL

The following students made the Honor Roll by achieving no academic grade below 85 with a 90 average in all academic subject for the fifth six weeks.

Student	Grade
MONICA DYESS	6
JANA EDWARDS	6
DANNY HOLMES	6
BART MCMEANS	6
GAYLA NEWTON	6
GLEN GRAY	5
Average daily attendance:	129.52
Percentage of attendance:	95.54
Enrollment increase:	4
Enrollment decrease:	1
Enrollment at the close of the fifth six-weeks period:	142

School Menu

Week of April 21-25

MONDAY	Enchiladas with chili Mexican Salad Cheese Wedge Strawberry Pie Milk
TUESDAY	Meat Balls with Tomato Sauce French Fries Tossed Salad Hot Rolls/Butter Pineapple Slices Milk
WEDNESDAY	Chopped Ham Ranch Style Beans Baked Potatoes Fruit Salad Corn Bread/Butter Milk
THURSDAY	Dinner Steaks Scalloped Potatoes English Pea Salad Hot Rolls/Butter Cherry Pie Milk
FRIDAY	Corn Dogs Pork and Beans Green Salad Fruit Cocktail Cake/Icing Milk

Server-Dawson 212.8; 3rd. Lesa Hensley-Borden 12.85; 4th. Pepper Echols-Klondike 13.0; 5th Tracey Airhart-Klondike 13.4; 6th. N. Ray-Klondike 13.45 **ONE MILE RELAY:** 1. Dawson 4:17.4; 2nd Borden 4:42.0 3rd. Loop 4:53.3; 4th Klondike 5:10.0

Assembly Program

On Monday, April 14, Borden students and faculty were treated to some amazing acrobatic feats performed by the Walters family.

This family, from Belgium, did everything from balance on champagne bottles to teeter boards. The two lovely daughters are following in their parents footsteps and they are proof acrobatics will be around for awhile as the youngest is only ten years of age.

Four of our younger students were given a chance at the teeter board-- Van York, Chip Smith, Scot Long, and Joe Espinoza had the opportunity to show off their balancing skills and from the looks of it, we may have some acrobats in our school.

All in all the assembly was fun and entertaining. Hopefully, we will see the Walters again.

Jer's Gottings

Just as our allies around the world are beginning to wonder just whose side the U.S. is on, we here at home might well ponder the same question.. How trustworthy is a government who fails to keep its treaty promises. What kind of government is it that dictates to floundering friends who should head their governments? You'd think those questions should be directed at the Communist type countries--but no, it's US I'm talking about.

Our moral obligation to Cambodia and South Vietnam is a sticky one. It seems to be the thinking of the majority that we have no obligation. That we have left 50,000 of our best of this generation dead in a senseless war. That we have abandoned 100,000 MIA's in the oppressive jungles (rather they be in the jungles than rotting in a Communist cage.) That even tho' the Paris peace agreement spells out that we supply aid (monetary), medical supplies and armament replacements, why pour good money, and maybe more lives, after bad. And why supply an army which has no will to resist. And why worry about a people who have been ruled by outside forces always--a people who don't know how or want to rule themselves. If it happens to be the Communists who will now rule them so what? They really won't know the difference. That why should we support a government ELECTED by their people but which is not doing exactly as we would have them do?

Well, I happen to be in the minority that believes we DO have a moral obligation. True, to all those arguments above. But did we not leave our dead there with the hopes of stopping the advance of Communism? And was it not treason on our part AT THE TIME that we failed to achieve our goal. Having backed down once we had the Commies on the run in 1972, we smoked the peace pipe with the aggressor, leaving the Thieu government no choice but to agree. At that time, poor naive heads of friendly governments expected US to uphold any treaty we might sign. They know the Communists would't, but they thought our promises

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would at best deter the aggressor.

Sure, there are those who do not agree with Thieu and Lon Nol, but has anyone noticed a mass exodus to the North? But the point is, when has the U.S. demanded the step down of a Ho Chi Min, a Breznev, an Arab imperialist, an Allende, a Portuguese leftist? By the same token, there are those who do not cotton to our form of government - do they demand--- oh heck, I won't even attempt that argument--it won't hold water!

And how much will to resist would you have, having watched the enemy build a super highway the length of your country, place armaments at strategic check points. All this going on in the face of a Peace Treaty. Then when the U.S. cuts back their aid, whamm, the enemy pounces. What can you do with your back to the sea and facing an overwhelming force-- a force made mightier by U.S. foreign aid, I might add.

I feel a greater obligation to Indo China than I do to Red China and U.S.S.R., with whom we took up with even before we abandoned our former friends. What obligation did we have to those two who were behind the death of our 50,000 young men and women? What obligation did we have to those two who were behind the death of over 50,000 young men and women? What obligation did we have to send grain to them, while our friends starved?

One thing is certain. We have lain down with dogs too often. Our treaties are now no more dependable than those of the Communists.

bits AND Pieces

Mr. and Mrs. Wright Huddleston have returned home after a two weeks stay with a new grand-son at the John Shaw home at Lake Jackson.

Mrs. Leila Weathers has been visiting with Snyder and Borden County relatives.

Mrs. Orland Cary of Fairbanks, Alaska has been visiting with friends and relatives at Snyder, with a kinsman get-together Tuesday night in the home of Modell Glasscock.

Mr. and Mrs. High Birdwell are visiting with their daughter at Houston, the Wayland Glasses.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Daughtery of Florida have been visiting with relatives at Brownwood

Snyder and Post. A kinsman reunion with approximately thirty in attendance was held Tuesday in the Cecil Huddleston home near Knapp.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright Huddleston visited Tuesday with Bama Clark Murphy of Andrews.

Harley Bingham, Railroad Commissioner out of Lubbock, was a Thursday dinner guest of Ruth Weathers.

Mr. and Mrs. Erdie Lewis of Big Spring visited over the week-end in the Paul Gordon home at Lake Thomas.

Ruth Weathers was a week-end visitor at Trenton with relatives and friends and attended a Home-Coming for the city on Sat. and a kinsman reunion on Sunday.

Wayne Crow has been a recent visitor of his mother, Mrs. Sue Crow at Bonham and his sister Blanche Crow.

Mr. and Mrs. Dell Murry and Jeff have been visiting with the lady's mother Mrs. Ruts tcut last line the lady's mother Mrs. Ruth Alford at Causey, New Mexico.

The C.N. Words of Odessa were week-end visitors at Lake Thomas.

Mrs. Cecil Huddleston and Ruth Weathers were visiting with Lamesa friends Tuesday, the John Hymers, Sharon Todd and Novelle Grishom.

J.P. Ellis visited with his daughter and family at Lake Jackson over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Murry spent Friday with their daughter and family the R.B. Rambo's at Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Murphy and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Rod Anderson of Snyder and Mr. Brumlow were Friday night dinner guests of Jeff Ellis at the Sportman's Club, Colorado City.

Mrs. Jan Hill and son were guests Sunday with her parents the Cone Merritt's.

Mrs. Lennie Doyle of Morton has been a recent visitor of her son and family the Buzz Woolley's.

Mrs. Skeet Porter, and Pat Porter of Vealmoor, Clara Walker of the Plains Community and S.W. Patton of Fort Worth spent a week traveling through Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee. They enjoyed seeing the tall pines, green grass, and water, but were glad to get back to West Texas.

Plains News

Week-end visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Burrus were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Riddle of Fort Worth, Marj Riddle, Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith, Debbie and Joyce of Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Love, Jana and Doug, Midway, and Stelvin Burrus of O'Donnell.

Word was received Sunday afternoon of Homer Davis being killed in a car accident near Breckenridge. No other details are known at press time.

Thursday, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ludecke attended the funeral of her uncle Jim Turner, in Mount Vernon, Texas.

Recently, Mr. and Mrs. Jarrell Edwards and Jana attended the Texas Relays in Austin. This is the sixth year for Jarrell to participate in the Relays as an official. An award for five years of officiating in the relays was presented to him.

On the way to Austin, the Edwards stopped at Lake LBJ and visited with the Edgar Telchiks.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. E.S. Kingston Sunday was the Kent Holmes family.

Mr. and Mrs. Arvel "Red" Favor of Snyder spent Sunday in the Steve Hess home.

Steve and Pam Hess attended the Class AAA & AA Regional Volleyball Tournament in Lubbock. Snyder downed Graham in their first game, but then lost to Monahans, who took the Class AAA title. Congratulations go to Kathy Williams and Tracy Moore of Snyder who were picked to the all regional team.

Mrs. Jackie Turner has returned from Sanger, Texas, after visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Zane Curry and Rachel.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Vaughn, Randy, Glenda, Ricky, and Gina of Snyder, spent Sunday with the Charles Vaughn family.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cooley and

Family, who have been living in Muleshoe have moved back and are living in Dawson County.

Bo Stephens and Ott Hess celebrated their first birthday in the Steve Stephens home on April 8th and 4:30 oclock P.M. Birthday cake, individual pecan pies, and cake were served to guests, Mickey Burkett, Sandra Kountz, Shayne Hess, Stephanie and John Stephens, and the honorees, who are canine brothers.

Mrs. Thurman Wells and Mrs. Louise Shook of O'Donnell were Sunday visitors in the home of Mrs. Fleta Allen, Wells.

Toombs

Celebrate

Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Toombs of Borden County were honored at a reception March 23 in observance of their 25th wedding anniversary. Hosting the event, which was held in their home near Fluvanna, were their children, Charlotte of Lubbock, Michael, a student at Tech, and Patrick, a student at Borden County High School.

The former Margie Southard, daughter of Mrs. W.F. Conner of Lamesa and the Late Byron Southard, and Toombs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Toombs of Snyder, were married March 19, 1950 in the First Baptist Church of Lamesa. They have lived in Lamesa, Lubbock and Amarillo where Toombs was employed with the Santa Fe Rail-Way Co. The couple moved to their present home in 1959.

Mrs. Bobby Porter and Mrs. Ronnie Rossen, both of Lubbock and nieces of the couple served guests. Out of town guests were from Lamesa, Lubbock, San Angelo, Amarillo, Snyder, Big Spring, O'Donnell, Justiceburg and Artesia, New Mexico.

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"The lab serves mainly as a test center for animal specimens to identify disease problems so that specific treatment can be administered," points out Dr. William L. Sippel, executive director of the lab. "We also help in the commerce of animals by performing various tests required for interstate or international shipment of livestock."

The lab is a central collection point for all diseased animal specimens from throughout the state so that disease outbreaks can be detected when they occur. Recent examples of disease outbreak identifications include anthrax in Central Texas and lobelia poisoning in South Texas.

"Through our study of disease specimens and overall animal health conditions, we issue warnings of seasonal diseases through veterinarians and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service," notes Sippel.

"We want all ranchers to feel that our facilities are a part of their ranching operation and to call on us and submit specimens for testing at any time. Of course, specimens must be prepared and specially shipped, so most samples are submitted by local veterinarians," explains the lab director.

The lab itself has a staff of 10 professional people who meet daily to review all specimens received for that day. "This type of thorough review allows us to arrive at a diagnosis in the shortest time possible," notes Sippel, "and this is critical if we are to help livestock owners."

Lab departments include pathology, toxicology and microbiology, with microbiology subdivided into virology, bacteriology and serology. Each of the departments simultaneously performs various tests, examining certain components of the animal specimen. Again, this procedure leads to a rapid diagnosis, contends Sippel.

Autopsies are also performed on animals that have died within 6 to 12 hours during warm weather and within 24 hours in the winter.

"Heard health is continuing to become more critical as ranchers are facing lower market prices and higher production costs," says Sippel. "Therefore, we hope that ranchers will take advantage of the services we have to offer. We can provide information that is extremely useful in planning herd health programs, and this can be a major step in avoiding emergency situations."

The lab operates on a free basis which provides for about one-third of its operating costs. Other costs are paid through state funds.

"Through a healthy livestock industry, ranchers are able to make greater profits and thus pay more taxes. This compensates the state for operating the lab," contends Sippel.

FIRST SCOUTS

The first Boy Scout troop was organized in England by Sir Robert Baden-Powell, an English army general, on Jan. 24, 1908.

Horsemanship Clinic

The South Plains Horsemanship Clinic will be held in the Livestock Pavilion on the Panhandle South Plains Fair Grounds in Lubbock April 28 and 29. The clinic is sponsored by the South Plains Development Program of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service/Registration will begin at 5:00 P.M., April 28 and the clinic is for old and young alike. The purpose and objectives of the clinic along with the welcome will be given by Billy C. Gunter at 5:00 P.M., April 28. Programs will include: Fundamentals of Horsemanship; Bitting Horses; Training horses to Perform basic maneuvers; grooming; showmanship at halter; Western Pleasure.

Well known horsemen, B.F. Yeates of TAES; Dr. Gary D. Poiter of TAES; along with Extension agents Billy C. Gunter, Gordon D. Harris, and Ken Cook will help with the program.

Tornado Alert: What To Do

When spring blows into Texas, so does the threat of the tornado, one of nature's most violent storms. With the peak tornado period upon us, the Texas Safety Association advises a review of the

life-saving precautions that should be taken when a tornado is sighted.

Seek inside shelter, preferably in a storm cellar. Other safe bets are caves, basements or underground structures such as parking facilities. The interior hallways of modern, steel-reinforced office buildings also often offer

adequate protection. But wherever you are, stay away from windows.

In homes with no basement take cover under heavy furniture in the central part of the house. Covering yourself with a rug will provide added protection against flying glass and debris.

If there is time before the storm hits, open doors and windows on the side of the house away from the storm. This will help to equalize pressure inside and outside the house.

In schools go to an interior hallway on the lower floor. Avoid auditoriums, gymnasiums or other structures with wide, free-span rooms.

At a shopping center, stay clear of large windows and parked automobiles. Take shelter in a lower floor store, beneath a counter if possible.

A car is generally an unsafe place to be during a tornado. However in some cases, it is possible to escape by driving at right angles to the tornado's path. In flat, open country staying in the car can be better than no protection at all.

If you are caught in open country afoot, take cover in a depression such as a ditch, ravine or excavation and lie absolutely flat. Avoid culverts that may suddenly fill with deep rushing water.

Too Sentimental

According to an article in Review of the News, directors of Britain's commercial television studios announced Wednesday they have banned from home screens the 1930s movies of Shirley Temple. The country's younger generation will not, for instance see "The Good Ship Lollipop" or "Animal Crackers." A spokesman for the TV interests explained, "We just felt they were too mawkish and sentimental to interest today's children."

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Returning to outdoor activities usually means a greater frequency of minor accidents, cuts and scratches, and insect bites. Most often, these aren't serious and will heal quickly if properly cleaned and protected.

The Texas Medical Association reminds, however, that sometimes these little scratches can be serious. They might become the channel through which you could get tetanus (lockjaw).

Tetanus-producing spores lie dormant in the soil in your yard, the dirt in your garage, and the dust inside your home. These spores can infect you through the tiniest wound--a pin scratch, a bee sting, or a small cut.

When infected, these tetanus spores can remain in your body for long periods of time without producing any signs of disease. Or, they may produce

poison effects in five to fourteen days, even though the wound has healed.

First signs of tetanus are irritability and restlessness. Muscles rapidly become rigid, eventually causing a clenched-jaw look that gives tetanus its nickname--lockjaw.

When symptoms appear, the outlook is grim, even with the best treatment. To avoid the deadly consequences, make certain you are immunized with tetanus toxoid. When you are immunized, your body manufactures antibodies that will fight tetanus toxin. A booster is needed every ten years and whenever you are injured.

If you aren't protected, in an emergency there is no time for immunization. If you have no built-in immunity, your physician may inject tetanus antitoxin. An emergency shot, however, is not always effective.

Your only long-range guarantee against tetanus is immunization with tetanus toxoid. Although treatment is seldom effective, prevention is easy. Have you had your booster shot?

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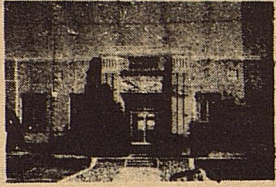
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**Court House
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**Borden
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Borden County Commissioners' met in Special Session on March 24, 1975. In the absence of Judge Jim Burkett Commissioner Vernon Wolf presided over the meeting.

The minutes of the March 10 meeting were read and approved by the Court.

Grader blade bids were opened. The only bid submitted was by Plains Machinery and the bid was accepted by the Court.

Title on Asphalt Booster was assigned back to Kerr Construction Company for correction in the Serial No. on the Title.

The Court accepted the Pledge Contract from the First National Bank in Big Spring and it was ordered that the First National Bank, Big Spring be Depository Bank for Borden County.

A resolution was passed supporting House Bill 1412 and Senate Bill 867, increasing the fees for the handling of motor vehicle registration. This would not increase the vehicle registration cost but would increase the share the Assessor-Collector would receive for handling the registration.

Current accounts were approved by the Court.

The Court voted to employ a surveyor to establish the corners of Section 36, Blk. 31, T-5-N. T&P, and the location of Kincaid Avenue.

The meeting was then adjourned.

BEEF GRADE

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carcass will no longer be a factor in determining the quality grade since it is not related to eating quality of meat. However, conformation is indirectly used in yield grade determination.

With the new standards, beef carcasses up to 30 months of age will have the same minimum marbling (fat flecks among the lean meat) requirements in Prime, Choice and Standard grades as now required for the youngest carcasses classified as "beef."

"This will mean more lean carcasses in these three grades since animals will probably be put through a shorter finishing period in feedlots. In turn, feeding costs should be reduced" believe Bailey and Orts.

Furthermore, a "new" Good grade has been established that allows for slightly more marbling in the younger animals up to 18 months of age. "Thus beef in the Good grade will be more uniform in quality."

Young beef animals up to 15 months of age with traces of marbling will no longer be graded Good but will go to the Standard grade.

"All in all, the new grading system would be advantageous to consumers," contend the specialists.

**Ballroom
Sale**

The Golden Spread Charolais Association held their annual Spring sale in the plush surroundings of the South Park Inn, Saturday April 12, at Lubbock, Texas.

A new venture was launched in the West Texas area when an offering of 48 head of Charolais sold for over two hundred thousand dollars. The sale offering came from the select herds of breeders from Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Missouri.

A pre sale party was held for members and interested guests who were entertained by Chuck Hall and his western swing band, who is featured on Channel 11 news daily.

Diana Currey of Lubbock, formerly of Borden County, was guest singer.

An interesting program was presented at a luncheon for local ranchers by Mr. Roy Burk of AICA. Guest speaker, Mr. Gale Turner, manager of Feed Lot, Dalhart, Texas spoke on the future of the Commercial Cattleman.

Frank and Wilma Currey of this area consigned a cow and calf in this sale.

Attending the events from the Plains Community were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Farmer, Mr. and Mrs. John Ragan and Mrs. Donna Barnes and children of Dawson County. Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Furlow attended from O'Donnell and Mr. and Mrs. Van York attended from Gail.

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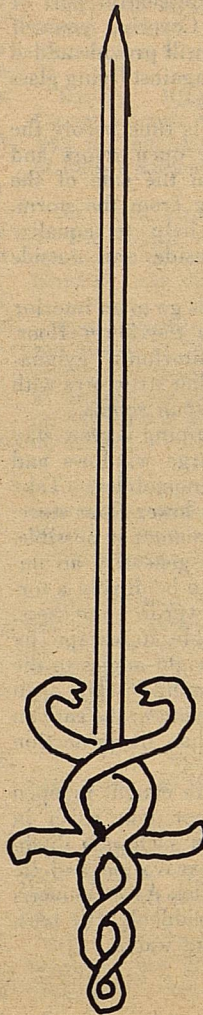
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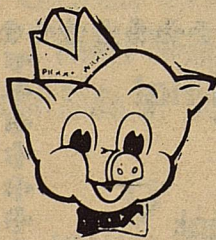
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Cattlemen Hear Reports

Several interesting reports were presented to cattlemen recently attending the Animal Health Committee meeting held during the TSCRA Convention. They are as follows:

SCREWORM REPORT

Prospects are for a mild year of screwworm activity, reports Dr. M. E. Meadows, director of the Screwworm Eradication Program, primarily due to the dry weather of northern Mexico and the Rio Grande area. Only 15 cases have been confirmed so far and reports from Mexico are encouraging.

"So far we see nothing to be alarmed about," he added, "although a change to warm, wet weather could alter our situation. The winter wasn't as cold as we had hoped for any prolonged period."

"This will be our last challenging year, since we expect the new screwworm plant in Mexico to be operative by early 1976. This will surely take the pressure off the U.S. so that we have very few cases by then. If the Mexican release adequate flies in northern Mexico and we keep producing and releasing our 200 million a week, then the screwworm should quickly become a minor pest."

It may take years, Dr. Meadows warns, for Mexico to completely eradicate the screwworm even though the present plans are carried out.

"The U.S. program is in the best shape ever, financially," he adds, "thanks to the efforts of the TSCRA in seeing that we were properly funded. The appropriations are now in the budget, so we don't anticipate having to go back and ask for transfer of money from other funds or ask for supplemental funds."

SCABIES REPORT

With 14 verified scabies outbreaks since the beginning of the fiscal year September 1, the Texas Animal Health Commission regards it as an unusual year to some extent, Dr. J.B. Young, supervising veterinarian for TAHC's scabies eradication force, said.

Young said the bulk of the outbreaks have been in feedlots with the balance taking place with cattle that have been put together on pasture. To date, he said, there have been no scabies cases in cow-calf operations.

In November, the USDA added coumaphos (known commercially as Co-Ral) to the list of permitted dips for treating scabies. Couger said this would help the cattle industry. "It gives a choice of another treating agent and it helps in the feedlot because it can also be used to treat flies and grubs at the same time as the scabies treatments."

The state of Texas does not own any dipping facilities, Dr. Young pointed out. At one time it did have a portable vat but problems arose as to pulling and maintaining it. The vat consequently was donated to Texas A&M University Extension Service for use in their experiments. Young added that it was available for private use from the experiment station.

BRUCellosis REPORT

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has recently proposed changes in its regulations to alter and clarify certain conditions for paying indemnity to owners of cattle destroyed because of brucellosis.

In related action, the Texas Animal Health Commission is backing a bill in the Texas Legislature to provide funds to pay indemnity to a rancher for exposed cattle when there is some indication that a complete herd will be sold for slaughter.

The USDA proposals, printed in the Federal Register March 12, would:

--Allow indemnity payments of \$50 for nonregistered (grade) bulls affected with brucellosis. This is because of the trend in this country toward the production of high quality hybrid bulls.

--Limit to 15 days the extension period for identifying infected cattle. Current provisions allow an initial 15 days plus an unlimited extension period when authorized. This rule change would allow producers a maximum of 30 days to complete this task.

--Fifteen day limits would also apply to the extension period for destroying infected and exposed cattle, and for cleaning and disinfecting contaminated premises. Currently, 15 days are allowed for these tasks plus an unlimited extension period when authorized.

--Allow for selection of an in-

dependent professional appraiser when the APHIS veterinarian deems it necessary.

Proposed amendments would also clarify conditions under which indemnity payments would be made when an entire herd is destroyed after exposure to the disease.

Written comments were accepted until March 12, and the USDA will make a decision on them soon.

The bill before the 64th Legislature to provide monies to pay indemnity on both reactors and exposed cattle and which is favored by the TAHC would be a great boon to the Texas cattle industry, Dr. J.B. Young, TAHC staff veterinarian, said.

"It would be a great help to the brucellosis program and it might also help the depressed cow market by helping get rid of some of the surplus cows," Young said. "Some ranchers may not elect to collect this indemnity if the market gets better, but if the market stays the way it is now, this indemnity would help him in a complete sellout and he could then stock his place with clean cattle."

Such a scheme would cost Texas taxpayers between \$5.5 million to \$6 million if approximately 50 per cent of those with infected or exposed herds participated, Young estimated. But it would reduce the cost to the state from having to test exposed herds every 30 days. "This is costly to the state,"

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Young added, "because Texas does it free and it is costly to the herd owner because he has to quarantine his herd. Also the labor cost involved would be lowered because the herd owner would no longer have to gather cattle and push them through the chute every 30 days." However, participation in the proposed indemnity program would be voluntary.

The Texas Animal Health Commission also favors paying \$50 indemnity for grade cattle and \$100 for registered cattle rather than the present \$40-\$80 scale of payment by the USDA.

The Brucellosis Eradication Program is moving along well, Young continued. As of March 1, the program recorded 3,125 brucellosis infected herds under test. These cattle are owned by 2,520 individual ranchers.

However, the number of Texas counties Certified Brucellosis Free has jumped from seven in September to 18 as of March 14. These counties are Brewster, Jeff Davis, Pecos, Terrel, Val Verde, Ward, Crane, Ector, Winkler, Loving, Irion, Hartley, Lipscomb, Kerr, Newton, Llano, Sterling and Comal.

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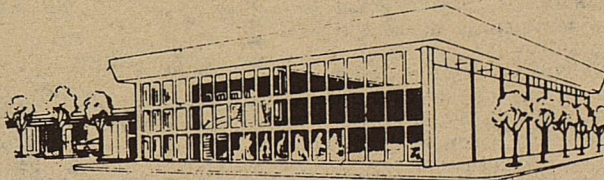
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MEMBER F.D.I.C.

Wash. D.C.--During a recent police action in Washington a police dog bit a policeman during a raid. Dogs make mistakes too during confusion and excitement.

So, the subject here is watch out for the watchdog.

Legislation to create a consumer protection agency--a super-bureau which is supposed to save all of us from film-flams and shoddy but expensive merchandise, is again before Congress. Last year this legislation passed the House of Representatives but fell before a filibuster in the Senate.

With the congress more tilted towards the liberal side as a result of the last election and with a recent change in the Senate rules to make filibustering more difficult, the chances are increased that this bureaucratic monstrosity may be unloaded on the people of this Country, under the guise of protecting the consumer.

As proposed in this legislation a new agency would be authorized to dip its oar into any governmental operation that "may substantially affect the interest of consumers"--which means just about everything. The bureaucrats of such an agency would be as much, if not more powerful, than those which now watch over us with power granted them by the Congress. The probability is high that such an agency would soon dwarf most other governmental departments in controls, size and costs.

This kind of thing would add another "watchdog" to a penful already a part of the Federal Government.

There are already in the law provisions on "truth in lending", "Truth in Packaging and Labeling" and a number of other regulations governing advertising and the like to give protection to the public. The long-time established regulatory agencies such as the Interstate Commerce Commission, the Federal Power Commission, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Federal Trade Commission and others, have their special functions and although some of these are not for the purpose of helping or protecting a particular individual, all have powers over some aspects of national life which affects us all.

The proponents of these newer units of the Federal Government and those proposed such as the Consumer Protection Agency, seem to assume that people just don't know much and must have someone to look out for them on everything. Self discipline through such organizations as the Better Business Bureau to which many businesses belong, is one way for commercial enterprises to help themselves and serve their customers and keep the Government out of it.

A watchdog can serve a useful and necessary function. There must be laws and regulations to keep the unscrupulous and the lawless from depredations on others. There are such laws and means to enforce them. To unleash another dog with the power this proposal authorizes is to say "sic' em" and those who are supposed to be benefited and protected are likely to be bitten.



**THE
REAGAN
COLUMN**

Most Americans are conservationists and environmentalists to some extent. Few want to see our scenic wonders spoiled, our waters polluted, our natural resources wasted.

Yet, from time to time, some environmentalists go overboard in efforts to protect a view, preserve a recreational area or save the natural habitat of the native American mosquito.

Take, for instance, the case of the Trident base at Bangor, Wash.

Trident is the follow-on to the Polaris and Poseidon missile systems.

Basically, it consists of a multiwarhead, 4,000-mile (eventually 6,000-mile) missile launched from a nuclear submarine cruising beneath the surface of the ocean.

The Navy Department declares that a Trident base must be located in the Pacific because it "gives the Soviets another whole ocean to worry about."

It goes on to say that strategically there is no alternative in the Pacific to the Bangor location.

For most Americans that would be enough. Few would object to construction of a desperately needed national defense base anywhere, especially when every effort is made (as 't is in the case of Trident) to minimize its impact on the surrounding environment. And especially, also, when such a base will provide much-needed jobs in a state where joblessness is high.

Yet, an organization called Concerned About Trident (CAT) has been formed specifically for the purpose of halting construction of the Trident base on the grounds that the Navy has failed to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act.

To this end CAT has brought suit in federal court. Its avowed aim is to preserve the pristine beauty of the Bangor area at all costs, including the defense of the United States.

Well, fortunately, it looks as if CAT is not going to be successful. A major reason is the involvement in the suit on the side of the Navy of a small, relatively new public interest law firm, the Pacific Legal Foundation (PLF).

PLF has made some devastating points against CAT. Among them are these:

1. That CAT is merely a corporate shell founded solely for the purpose of stopping in the courts the construction of the base.

2. That the actual people behind the suit have yet to be disclosed.

3. That undisclosed persons or organizations are funding the suit "by laundering funds to plaintiffs' attorneys through various tax exempt charitable organizations in possible violation of Internal Revenue Service guidelines."

4. That there are serious legal questions regarding CAT's

right to sue.

Although the suit is still in the courts, federal Judge George L. Hart has already denied a motion for a preliminary injunction to stop construction, largely on points made by PLF.

PLF lawyers are now confident of final victory for the navy. This alone, will be good enough reason to cheer for Americans who worry, with much justification, that America is falling behind the Soviet Union in defense capabilities.

Another good reason is the discovery that at least one public interest law firm is working on behalf of the public instead of, as so often is the case with such firms, working for left-wing special interest groups at the expense of the public.

I will come back to the subject of the Pacific Legal Foundation in other columns. It is chalking up quite a record.

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Honored
In Registry**

AUSTIN--Agriculture Commissioner John C. White has announced publication of the first edition of the Texas Family Land Heritage Registry, a history of pioneer families and their land.

White said the registry is an outgrowth of the Texas Department of Agriculture's first Family Land Heritage Program which honored 563 applicants last fall. Honorees were from families who had worked the same farm or ranch for 100 years or more.

The registry contains the names of all honorees and a brief history of their land. A photo album compiled from old family pictures and a history of early land grants are included also.

Honorees will receive one copy of the book. It will also be sent to public libraries, county historical societies, county judges and high school libraries in counties where honorees live.

White said plans for the 1975 program are underway. Persons whose families have worked the same land since 1875 or earlier will be eligible. Those honored last year may not participate again.

Grandpaw Says

--Hi--

Wrinkles should merely show where the smiles have been.

An expert is someone who is called in at the last minute to share the blame.

A good excuse is one you can use over and over.

No one is ever too old to learn, but many people keep putting it off.

No matter what happens there's always somebody who knew it would.

In youth we want to change the world; in old age we want to change the youth.

The measure of a man is a what he would do if he knew he would never be found out.

Your character is built by what you stand for--your reputation by what you fall for.

No dream comes true until you wake up and go to work.

Once you understand the problem, you find that it's worse than you suspected.

Regardless of what the Supreme Court says, there will be prayers in our schools as long as there are exams.

See you soon.

This 'N That

Peanuts are one of the six basic U. S. farm crops valued at more than \$400 million, said Agriculture Commissioner John C. White.

Agriculture generates 16 percent of the total U. S. gross national product, said Agriculture Commissioner John C. White.

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