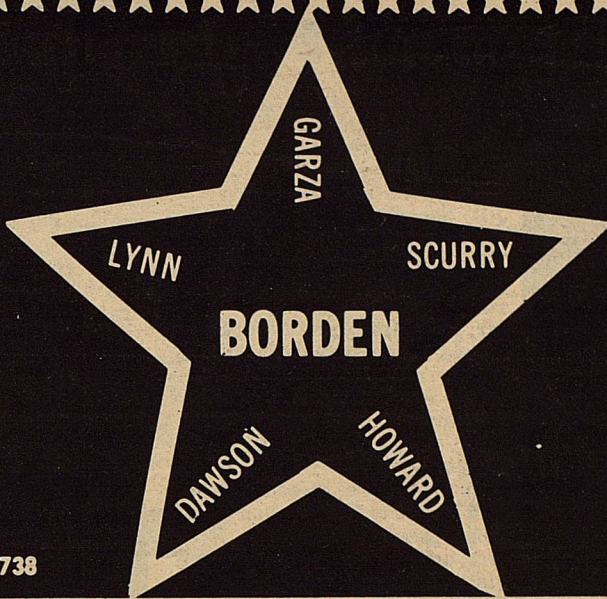


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# Let Freedom Ring



Bells across the nation will ring out at 2:00 P.M. Sunday, July 4, 1976 as decreed by President Ford celebrating America's 200th Birthday.

## Did You Know?

When flags are grouped, the U.S. Flag shall be in the center and highest. It is in front when crossed with another flag. If flown on the same pole as another flag, the U.S. flag is flown on top.

In a parade, the place of honor for the flag is at the right front. In a line of flags, the U.S. flag is centered in front. The union (stars) shall be to the north on an east-west street and to the east on a north-south street when displaying the flag over the middle of the street. As a distress signal, the flag is flown upside down.

Never drape a flag or use it in advertising by overprinting on it. Since our country is bigger than any individual, the flag is never dipped to an individual.

In times of national mourning, the flag is flown at half-mast. It should be raised to the top of the pole, then lowered halfway. Before lowering for the day, it should be raised to the top.

A custom is to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset. If lighted to produce a patriotic effect, it may be displayed at night. The flag flies day and night in a few places authorized by Congress or Presidential proclamation.

When weather permits, the flag should be flown on all days—especially national and state holidays. These include New Year's Day, Inauguration Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's birthday, Armed Forces Day, Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Constitution Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and the birthday of the state flag.

Flag cont.

The flag should never touch anything beneath it such as ground, water or a floor.

If a flag gets dirty, clean it, if torn, repair it. When beyond repair, destroy it in a dignified way preferably by burning.

Salute the flag when it is raised or lowered, when giving the Pledge of Allegiance or during the playing of the national anthem. In civilian clothes stand at attention, holding your right hand over your heart.

Old Glory was the first official flag of the United States of America. Created by a resolution of the Continental Congress passed June 14, 1777, it is celebrated each by Flag Day. Old Glory had seven red and six white stripes. The union had a circle of 13 stars on a blue field.

The 15 star and stripe flag was the Star-Spangled Banner of our national anthem. New stars and stripes were added to the flag for each state admitted to the union. Realizing the flag would become an awkward size under this plan, Congress passed the flag law of 1818 setting the number of stripes at 13, and a star on the blue field for each state.

The patch illustrated here will be presented to each resident of an entire block who observes the correct flag etiquette, flying the banner the 21 days through Independence Day, declared by Congress as a time to honor America.



## The Lone Star State-1936

In our Texas there has been much woe and strife, Resulting in the loss of many a man's life.

But who wouldn't fight for a thing so great.

This place we call our "Lone Star State".

If its friendship you desire you can never find more For the latch string hangs out every man's door.

If its beauty your think other places have in store You can travel the world over and never find more.

The natural resources are too numerous to tell, Next to the soil comes the artesian well; And Texas Plains cattle are greater than number. And the forest produces a vast amount of lumber.

Let's some of the noted history relate

That's happened in our "Lone Star State".

The brave men who died when the Alamo fell.

Should be praised by Texan's more than tongue can tell.

The Battle of San Jancinto in 1836.

Is a date in our hearts firmly fixed.

It made more truth at any rate That this is our "Lone Star State".

One hundred years have passed since then,

There has been much progress made by men.

To the outside world we've an invitation sent.

To help us celebrate the good event!

That they too may be able to relate

The wonderful blessing of our "Lone Star State".

This poem was written by my late sister, Mozelle Johnson, in 1936. It was sent to the Dallas Fair, for "The Centennial Celebration of Texas 1836-1936"

Pauline Clark

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## The Way It Was

April 12, 1776

North Carolina authorizes its delegates in Congress to join with others in a declaration of independence from England.

May 10, 1776

Philadelphia - Congress recommends to the people of the Colonies that they form such new governments as their representatives should deem desirable.

May 15, 1776

Virginia becomes the first colony to instruct its delegates to actually initiate independence.

June 7, 1776

Richard Henry Lee, delegate to the 2nd Continental Congress from Virginia, moves a resolution "that these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent states."

John Adams became the second to the motion which was opposed by the conservatives whose only plea is that of unpreparedness by the public. The radicals concede delay only on the condition that a committee be authorized to prepare a declaration reflecting the intent of the resolution. Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman and Robert R. Livingston comprise the committee.

July 2, 1776

Philadelphia - A resolution of independence has been adopted. Ten states voted unanimously while Delaware and Pennsylvania cast divided ballots. New York refrained from voting.

July 4, 1776

Congress adopts Jefferson's "Declaration" with minor changes. Jefferson's inclusions of censures of the British people and a denunciation of slavery were omitted. Insertions appealing to Providence were made along with verbal improvements.

July 9, 1776

New York votes to adhere to the Declaration of Independence.

July 15, 1776

Philadelphia - New York's acceptance of the Declaration is announce to Congress.

July 19, 1776

Philadelphia - The Declaration of Independence is declared unanimous and is ordered to be engrossed and signed under the title, "In Congress, July 4, 1776." Fifty-six signatures led by that of John Hancock are attached to the Declaration. Jefferson's ideals and spirit are revealed in the document.

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## A Word To The Wise

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## Please

Everyone please say a silent prayer for Justin Trey Cox, son of Rex and Teresa Cox of Gail. Justin was born early Saturday morning and was rushed to the Fort Worth Children's hospital Saturday due to complications. Grandparents are Don Cox of Gail, and Mr. and Mrs. Horace Rankin of Big Spring.





The O'Donnell United Methodist Church just completed Vacation Church School with approximately 50 children in attendance from 2 years through 6th h from 2 years through 6th grade. This picture is of the Nursery Class-2 and 3 year olds. Teachers are Susan Garrett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shag Garrett and Jeanne (Lane) Birdwell. Children left to right are Shayne Hess, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hess, Shannon Ash, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floy Ash; J.J. Wiseman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Huseman, and Rachel Curry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Zane Curry.

## Fireworks Cause Bicentennial Blues

Many people are going to give the Bicentennial a sizzling salute. They don't know it yet but they will contribute a burned hand or eye to the Bicentennial by being careless with fireworks.

Fireworks of some type are an American tradition enjoyed by thousands who either watch or use them. New laws and increased public concern may make fireworks safer although the new laws do not go into effect until early December.

The Texas Medical Association points out people can get the Bicentennial blues with almost any type of fireworks. Caution and using only small fireworks increases safety but there is still some risk involved.

Even relatively harmless sparklers reach about 1,800 degrees Fahrenheit when burning. A recently extinguished sparkler is still hot enough to cause injuries and fires. Case studies show sparklers have ignited clothing, curtains or wood, causing serious burns, death or loss of property. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) statistics show sparklers are responsible for about 6 percent of all fireworks injuries.

During the 1975 fireworks season (June 23-July 20) an estimated 2,600 fireworks-related injuries were treated in hospital emergency rooms nationwide, according to a Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPS) spokesman in Washington, D.C. He said they did not have figures for injuries treated in other facilities. A 1970 U.S. Public Health Service study estimates fireworks injure 10,000 to 15,000 people yearly.

CPSC says more than half of all those injured are under age 15. Males outnumber females three to one in injuries. NFPA figures show about 30 percent of those injured are age 21 and over.

Federal and state laws have helped a little to protect people from fireworks dangers. In 1909 there were 215 deaths and more than 5,000 were hospitalized due to fireworks. Today's Health magazine reports, NFPA began pushing for laws restricting fireworks in 1910 and statistics have continued to drop dramatically as laws became stricter.

Federal regulations will cut firecracker size by almost two-thirds beginning December 6. Common firecrackers now legally can be up to about 1 1/2 inches long (130 milligrams of powder). The new regulations will permit only what often are called "lady fingers," a maximum size of about 7/8 inch (50 milligrams of powder). Fuses also are strictly regulated. Cherry bombs, M-80s and similar large firecrackers, often ostensibly manufactured to scare crows out of cornfields, have been illegal or restricted in most places for several years.

However, these deadly firecrackers sometimes can be obtained illegally. A New Jersey youth died in 1975 using an M-80, CPSC said. The dangers from large firecrackers are obvious but the wide variety of smaller fireworks are responsible for most problems.

## Happy Birthday America

## BITS AND PIECES

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Franklin, Kenny and Melinda Crow are fishing at Lake Brownwood. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kaliski of near Austin are visiting in the J.E. Sorrells home and with other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Abernathy have returned from visiting with relatives near Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gordon returned Wednesday from Waco, having visited with their daughter Paula Wash and family. Mr. and Mrs. Jess Murphy attended to business at Lubbock, Thursday.

Ruth Weathers entertained the New Comer's Bridge Club in her home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Olen Horn were visiting with Abilene relatives Wednesday.

Stephanie Stephens has visited Karen and Terri Boyette, Sand Springs, for the past week.

Visiting Sally, John, and Sarah Geter this past weekend were Paul, Gail, and Tye Petska from Norman, Oklahoma. Gail, who is the former World Champion G.R.A. barrel racer and currently in the lead for this year, won the barrel racing last weekend at the Big Spring R.C.A. rodeo.

Also visiting with the Geter's were Jodie Birdwell from Palo Pinto, Texas and Debbie Means from Valentine, Texas. These girls were former classmates of Sally's at Radford in El Paso.

Spending last week with the Rich Anderson's was Kaddo Kothman from London, Texas. Kaddo is a friend and classmate of John Anderson's at Texas A&M.

Mary Anderson was also home for the weekend. Mary's going to school at TCU in Fort Worth and working for the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Grower's Association.

Jere Hubbard is staying with her sister Barbara while recuperating from surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Howard and Mrs. Cornett of Lamesa visited Sun. p.m. in the Jess Murphy home.

Mrs. and Mrs. Erda Lewis of Big Spring visited in the Paul Gordon and Art Lewis homes over the week-end.

Ruth Weathers visited Thursday with Mrs. Julia Warren at Colorado City.

Mrs. Jack Reed of Seattle, Wash. is visiting with her dad Earl Cary and her sister Mrs. Margie Glasscock and family.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Smith and Mrs. and Mrs. Doug Bell have been recent visitors of Waco relatives.

Wayne Crow returned Sat. from visiting with his mother and sister at Bonham.

## O'Donnell Rodeo

O'Donnell Rodeo will be held July 8, 9, & 10 at 8:30 p.m. For Parade information call 806-428-3288. Parade begins 4:30 Thursday the 8th. Cash awards to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place floats. Rodeo office number will be 806-428-3846. Entries open Tuesday July 6th, 9 a.m. Entries close Wednesday the 7th at 6 p.m. General admission is 2.00 and children under 12 - \$1.00.

## Grandpaw Says

-Hi-

The real failure is a person who goes through life earning nothing but money.

A gem cannot be polished without friction, nor man perfected without trials.

A poor man can be happy. But a happy man can never be truly poor.

It is difficult to predict the future of an economy in which it takes more brains to figure out the tax on our income than it does to earn it.

Service is love in work clothes.

Happiness is found in pursuing something, not in catching it.

.....just in case it ever comes up in a conversation..  
.....A camel has three eyelids over each eye.

Hope to see you all soon  
GP



BASKETBALL CAMPERS-- Attending the second annual Girls' Basketball Camp at Western Texas College in Snyder, June 20-25, were these girls from Borden County: Gena McLeroy, Monica Dyess, Suzanne Walker, and Becky Miller. The campers stayed in the college dormitory and enjoyed a variety of recreational activities along with basketball instruction.



Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Clark celebrated their 40th anniversary on June 4th the party was given by Mrs. E. A. Grant of Abilene. Mrs. Clark received a ruby necklace from her husband, and in return Mr. Clark received a ruby tie-tack from his wife.

## ★ Weather ★

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

Weather conditions for the week of May 10-16 1976

	MAX.	MIN.	RAINFALL
MONDAY	21	63	0
TUESDAY	22	70	0
WEDNESDAY	23	100	42/100
THURSDAY	24	88	67
FRIDAY	25	93	61
SATURDAY	26	94	67
SUNDAY	27	93	61

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## Loans Are Obtainable

College Station--Agricultural producers in need of financing have a fairly good chance of getting a loan.

"There is plenty of money for agricultural loans, and a majority of lenders are actively seeking new farm and ranch loans. Furthermore, interest rates are down," says Dr. Wayne Hayenga, who conducted an agricultural credit survey recently in Texas.

Hayenga, an economist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, points out that more than 60 per cent of the 161 agricultural lenders responding to the survey said they are serving the same number of customers and have the same number of loan applicants as they did a year ago. Twenty per cent said they had more customers.

"Most of the people borrowing money are paying it back at about the same rate as last year," Hayenga says. "Twenty-three per cent of the lenders even reported a higher rate of loan repayment."

However, more bankers are requiring good financial records from borrowers before they loan money. Lenders reported that more than 60 per cent of all borrowers furnished cash flow budgets, operating budgets and past income statements when applying for a loan. Last year, only 50 per cent of the borrowers supplied these records.

Most of the banks in Texas have the same collateral requirements as they did a year ago, according to the survey.

"One advantage for people who borrowed money during the past year was the lower interest rates," says the Texas A&M University System specialist. "Interest rates for feeder cattle loans, real estate loans, and farm and ranch operating loans were all down slightly from 1975."

According to the survey, most lenders said they thought interest rates would stay the same but had more chance of going up than down.

About 60 per cent of the lenders surveyed said they thought agricultural spending would increase in the future, and a majority said they believed ranchers' incomes would go up but farmers' incomes would stay the same, Hayenga notes.

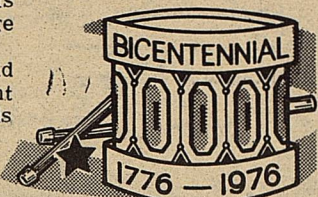
Some 40 per cent of the lenders felt the demand for short-term loans would increase in the future, and 27 per cent believed the demand for long-term loans would also increase.

Hayenga says lenders reported that almost 30 percent of their borrowers contracted part of their crops, with 58 per cent contracting on a quantity basis and 42 per cent on an acreage basis.

Over half of the lenders said they thought the optimum amount to contract was one-half, adds the economist.

## Thank You

We wish to express our thanks to our many friends for the acts of love and kindness shown during the illness and death of our loved one. For the prayers, visits, flowers, cards and food. May God Bless each of you. The family of W. M. Isaacs



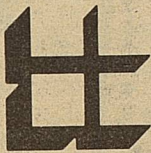
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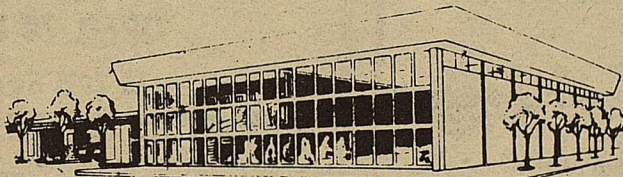
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Mrs. R. T. Ogden

Mrs. R.T. Ogden, of the Midway community and mother of V.W. (Corky) Ogden, had surgery Friday, June 25, in the Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. She is reported to be doing fine and was taken out of intensive care on Tuesday, June 29, 1976.



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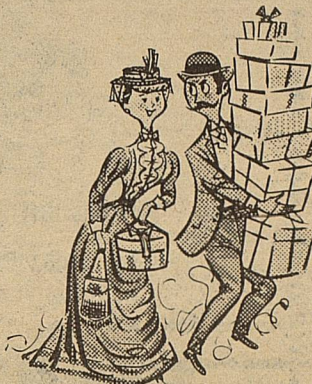
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## Past Fourth's Of July

What a wonderful feeling it has been in the past-to spend some 4th of July's with many of the people so dear to us; our Borden County neighbors. Whether it was a picnic, fish fry, ice cream supper, a cool dip in a tank, a party, two party or one of our famous "Borden County" dances; it was indeed good to be with our friends.

I recall in 1939--Mrs. Ted Johnson (Clara Pearce) and Mrs. Jim Johnson (Lillie Rogers) came to us; and wanted to know if Gail friends could have a picnic on the 4th of July at our tank, just south of our little two room house. Of course we were very happy they wanted to come out. Vivian put planks over saw-horses; and each family brought food. Do you remember that good fried chicken, steaks, salads, cobblers, cakes, ice cream etc. ? Some attending were the Obe Wilson family, Minnicks, Attie Jackson family, Hinshaw's, Race Hunphries, D. Dowards, Ruby Covey family, Nook and Hattie Lou Beal, the Martin Taylor's, the Charles Nunnally's and others.

Then on another Fourth of July, Frank and Annie Mae Birmingham had a "picnic supper" under their carport on O. B. Ranch. The barbecued steaks, potato salad, red beans, pickles, onions and homemade ice cream were enjoyed by the Borden Gray's, Frank Miller's, Clyde Miller's, Bill Long's, John Dennis, J. H. Beal's, T. G. Hudson's and us. Special guests were the Birmingham's daughter and family: Don, Mary Anne and Donnie Odom of Houston, Texas. We later danced at the T. D. Hudson's.

See 4th of July, our own good neighbor's, O. D. and Jessie B. Jackson and family, put a big trailer bed behind one of their tanks on the old W. M. Jackson place. We had fried fish, bacon, fried "taters" (cooked in washed pots). And all the trimmings--cake, for dessert. A large crowd attended.

There were other fourths of July's celebrations, the barbecued steaks, basket lunches and home made ice cream at Frank and Edna Miller ranch. This was a Sheriff Posse affair. The weiner roast at Borden and Gussie Gray's ranch. The ice cream party at Arthur and Pearl Clayton, that was in their backyard.

It was 1940 Ollie (Moore) Ellie, a cousin of Vivian's, from Colorado City, Texas spent the 4th with us. We decided we would go swimming. We stayed in the tank all day (just out long enough to eat bread and weiners). I couldn't swim; but not to be out done, was in the water, too. As Vivian would say "We all had one of those classic sunburns".

As I have tried to write a few memories of the past "Fourth of July's in Borden County... I can't help but be thankful for the many wonderful years we have shared with our friends. For "The Two Hundredth Birthday" of our Country. (1776-1976)..... May America have many more Happy Birthdays with "Freedom Ringing Throughout The World". GOD BLESS AMERICA.

Pauline Clark

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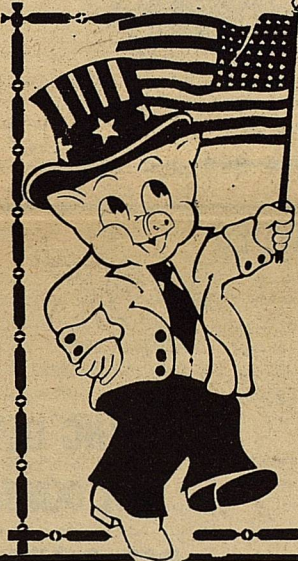
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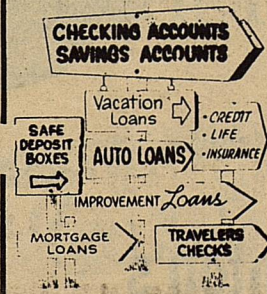
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