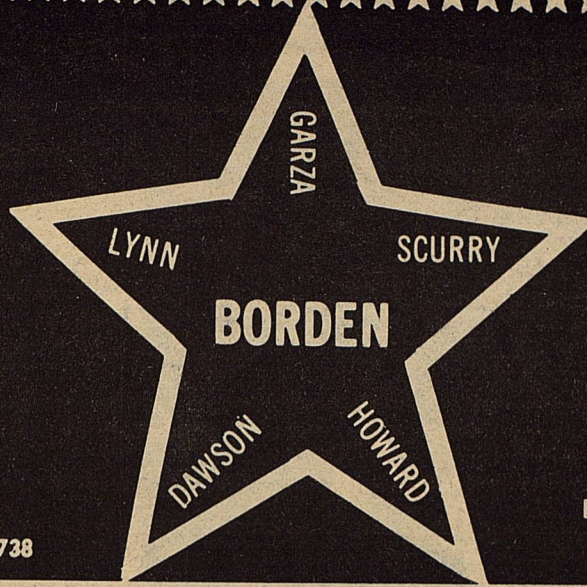


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Salute to America as Third Century Dawns

Singular tributes to the land . . . the people . . . the government reflect patriotic spirit of 1976

by Joseph G. O'Keefe

As the nation's Bicentennial year draws to a close, a retrospective glance at one of the season's most significant patriotic programs might help to preserve and illuminate the themes and ideas of the performance which contributed to a bright promise of a more unified America.

Throughout the country, the outpouring of patriotic fervor on the 200th birthday of the United States reflected solemn dedication. Dissident voices had described patriotism as dormant--or if not dormant, anachronistic, pointless and corny.

A convincing rebuttal emerged during the Bicentennial tributes. Citizens responded to appropriate leadership and motivation, areas in which the American Historic and Cultural Society believes it played a meaningful role.

Hundreds of mayors and dozens of governors complied with the suggestion of the society's Honor America committee to issue proclamations inviting their constituents to join in saluting the nation's ideals and aspirations.

Buoyed by this moral support the committee staged an extraordinary program entitled "Let Freedom Ring Again" in the Kennedy Center, Washington, D.C. which examined the foundations of our patriotic beliefs and found them rooted in a bed-

rock of faith and respect and unshaken confidence in the American future.

President and Mrs. Ford, and other national figures, coupled with the talents of other pre-eminent entertainers and singers, contributed to shaping an unforgettable July 3 evening of theater which conveyed a purposeful message, often costumed in terms of comedy.

The President sounded the keynote for much of the content of "Let Freedom Ring Again" with his comment, "Laughter and liberty go well together."

And he enlarged on this thought adding "The United States is probably the only country on

earth that put the pursuit of happiness right after life and liberty among the God-given rights of every human being".

"Here we are on the eve of our 200th the greatest Fourth of July any of us will ever live to see," he continued. "We are happy people because we are free people, and while we have our faults and our failures, tonight is not the time to parade them. Rather, let's look to the third century as the century in which freedom finds fulfillment in even greater creativity and individuality."

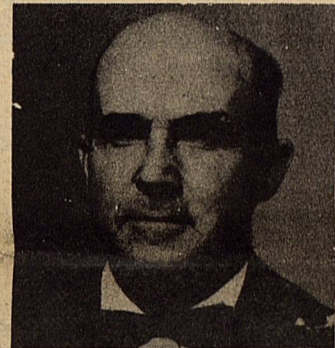
And its pursuit of happiness, the audience of some 2,500 heard Bob Hope warn of the many hazards of playing golf with Mr. Ford and the Rev. Billy Graham, "because when a storm comes up, the rain doesn't fall on anyone but you."

Digging a quick rib into the economy, Bob said, "I ordered a \$10 steak and the air conditioning blew it off the plate. Three of my stocks went from the financial pages into the help wanted columns."

After an introduction by Art Linkletter, formal welcome to the program to honor America was extended by J. Willard Marriott, chairman of the society since it was founded seven years ago.

In an earlier Bicentennial message, Mr. Marriott had commented, "This is certainly a momentous occasion which beckons every citizen to turn his efforts toward appropriately saluting the Founding Fathers and other major figures whose character and wisdom and physical exertions contributed toward establishing the viability of the Republic."

On this night he expressed his thanks for the performance of the great Mormon Tabernacle Choir, and his words probably echoed the sentiments of every-



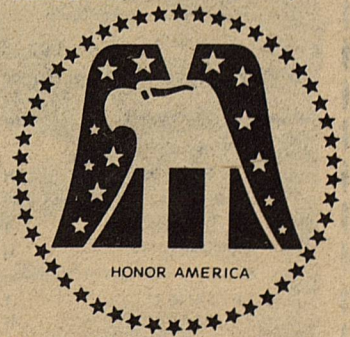
W.R. DUNLAP

W. R. Dunlap, 75, of Crosbyton, a former Borden County school teacher, was found dead in a lake bed in east Borden County December 15, near the former Murphy School where he had been bird hunting.

Mr. Dunlap apparently suffered a heart attack. Justice of the Peace M. M. Monk of Gail was called to the scene as a coroner.

Mr. Dunlap at one time lived in the Lake Thomas area and also resided in Snyder. He taught at several schools including Fluvanna. He was the father of Roy Dunlap, a former Snyder City Manager who now resides in Killeen.

Mr. Dunlap was living at 514 West Main in Crosbyton and was buried in Ralls, with the funeral rites held in Crosbyton.



"Be Americans. Let there be no sectionalism, no North, South, East or West: You are all dependent one on another and should be one in union. In one word, be a nation: be Americans, and be true to yourselves."

George Washington



Christmas Is.....

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Borden County School News



PIANO AND VOICE STUDENTS GIVE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM. Shown left to right back row Stephanie Stephens, Holli Calhoun, Gena McLeRoy, Cindy Grose, Tonya Newsom, Kelly Richardson, Shellie Peterson and Mrs. Sally Wilson. Second row-Samantha Porter, Cathy York, Cisco Arrendondo, Renee Telchik, Dana Gray, Jerry Green, Bric Turner, Will Phinizy. Mindy Williams, Shana Bradshaw, Becky Messingill, Front Row: Jay Hataway, Tricia Jackson, Bob McLeRoy, Martha Anderson, Rhesa Wolf, Lisa McLeRoy, Karen Williams, Sue Hancock, Cindy Stewart, and Vickie Jones.

Christmas Recital

Piano and voice students of Mrs. Chesley Wilson presented a Christmas recital Thursday, December 16. Performing from the 1st through 8th grades were Cisco Arrendondo, Jerry Green, Cathy York, Mindy Williams, Will Phinizy, Rene Telchik, Dana

Gray, Becky Messengill, Bric Turner, Holli Calhoun (vocal) Tonya Newson, Samantha Porter, Shana Bradshaw, Cindy Grose, Kelley Richardson, Shellie Peterson, Stephanie Stephens, and Gene McLeRoy. High School students performing were Vickie Jones, Tricia

Jackson, Jay Hataway, Rhesa Wolf, Lisa McLeRoy, Karen Williams (vocal), Martha Anderson, Bob McLeRoy (vocal), Cindi Stewart and Sue Hancock. Playing a duet on the piano entitled "El Diablo Conjuel" were Rhesa Wolf and Lisa McLeRoy. Mrs. Wilson accompanied the vocalists on the piano.

Merry Christmas !

1976 - 1977 BORDEN HIGH BASKETBALL SCHEDULE				
Date	OPPONENT	Place	TEAMS	Time
Dec. 30	O'DONNELL	T	A Girls, A & B Boys	1:00
Jan. 4	WELLMAN*	T	A & B Girls, A Boys	5:00
Jan. 7	DAWSON*	H	A & B-Girls, A Boys	5:00
Jan. 11	UNION*	T	A Girls, A Boys	6:30
Jan. 18	SANDS*	T	A Girls, A & B Boys	5:00
Jan. 20	LOOP*	H	A Girls, A Boys	6:30
Jan. 25	KLONDIKE*	T	A Girls, A & B Boys	5:00
Jan. 28	WELLMAN*	H	A Girls, A & B Boys	5:00
Feb. 1	DAWSON*	T	A Girls, A & B Boys	5:00
Feb. 4	UNION*	H	A Girls, A Boys	6:30
Feb. 11	SANDS*	H	A & B Boys	6:30

* District 9 B Games ** District Game for Girls Only

1976 - 1977 BORDEN JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL SCHEDULE				
Date	OPPONENT	Place	TEAMS	Time
Jan. 3	O'DONNELL	H	A & B Girls, A & B Boys	4:00
Jan. 6 & 8	DISTRICT TOURNAMENT	at LOOP*	A Girls, A Boys	
Jan. 10	UNION*	T	A Girls, A Boys	6:00
Jan. 17	KLONDIKE*	H	A Girls, A & B Boys	5:30
Jan. 20-22	GRADY TOURNAMENT		A Girls, A Boys	
Jan. 24	SANDS*	T	A Girls, A Boys	6:00
Jan. 31	GRADY*	H	A & B Girls, A Boys	5:30
Feb. 3 & 5	KLONDIKE PEE WEE TOURNAMENT		B Girls, B Boys	
Feb. 7	WELLMAN*	H	A Girls, A Boys	6:00

* District Games
Date of Klondike Pee Wee Tournament is tentative

Boys Win District Game

Borden County won its first district game Friday night over Loop 60-38. Borden County had scoring from all 10 players. Leading the way was Larry Simer 12, Craig Peterson 12, Blane Dyess 10, Tim Smith 7, Gene Cooley 6, Matt Farmer 4, Jackie Lockhart 4, Joe Zant 2, Jay Hataway 2, Eurdist Rinehart 1. Scoring by Quarters:
Loop 8 8 8 14 38
Borden 22 11 15 12 60
Borden Countys season record stands 6-6 and their district mark is 1-0.

Pee Wee's Win

The Borden Pee Wee's defeated Dawson Monday night in overtime, 15-14. Jeff Martin made the pressure free throw that won the game. Scoring for Borden Pee Wee's were: Darrell Green 8, Jeff Martin 4, Ricky Summers 2, and Kevin Telchik 1. The Pee Wee's are 2-0 for the year.

Gail FFA News

December 6, 1976, Mr. Bob Bagley, agriculture teacher, F.F.A officers, and Tricia Jackson, Chapter Sweetheart, attended the District Banquet at Levelland. Tricia participated in the Mesa District Sweetheart Contest and the leadership teams received recognition for placing 4th and 5th in the Mesa District Leadership contest. Dusty Thrash, State Vice-President, was the speaker at the banquet and gave an interesting talk.

The Gail Future Farmers of America met December 16, 1976 Bob McLeRoy, chapter president, opened the meeting with 35 members present. Mr. Bagley discussed the fruit sales on which every member took part. After the meeting adjourned, the FFA girls served refreshments to the FFA boys. All of the members want to express their thanks to the FFA girls and to their teacher, Mrs. Kountz.

/s/ Johnny Jackson, reporter

Beta Club

Eight Beta Club members traveled to Post last Wednesday to visit the rest home there. Ben Thompson, Tricia Jackson, Dana Westbrook, Sue Hancock, Kristy Smith, Lisa McLeRoy,

Rhesa Wolf, Brent Rhoton, Mrs. Ed Huddleston, and Brian Huddleston visited with the patients, sang Christmas carols and gave the patients gifts of fruit and candy.

/s/ Secretary, Dana Westbrook

School Board Meeting

After routine business of minutes and bills, the Board was presented the final plans for the building program by Larry Donham, with Riherd, Huckabee, and Donham, school architects. The plans were approved by the Board after minor changes were made. January 20, 1977 was the date set for the opening of bids

for the building program. Bids will be let on that date or shortly thereafter.

Superintendent McLeRoy gave the financial report and attendance report. Attendance was given as 219 as of that date. T.L. Griffin presided. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Basketball News

High School Girls

The High School girls won over and lost one in District 9 B play last week. On Tuesday the girls were defeated by Sands 52-30. Karen Williams scored 12 points, Kristy Smith 10, and Sue Hancock 8 points, Martha Anderson pulled down 5 rebounds.

Friday night the Coyotes defeated Loop 55-28. Kristy scored

ed 22 points, Sue and Karen 12 each, Pennye Thompson 6 and Lesa Hensley 3 points. Martha had 9 rebounds and 8 recoveries. Tricia Jackson had 4 rebounds and 5 recoveries.

The B team girls lost to Sands 34-31. Pennye Thompson scored 20 points, Vickie Jones 7, and Janna Love 4 points. Glynda Burkett had 5 rebounds.

Jr. High Girls Win

The Junior High girls defeated Dawson Monday 45-13. Talley Griffin scored 21 points, Jana Edwards 10, Tammy Telchik 5, Shelly White 4, Joie Brummett 3, and Gena McLeRoy 2 points.

Jr. High

Boys Fall

The Junior High Boys were beat by Dawson Monday night 22-21. Despite a 17-12 third quarter lead, the Dawson Dragons fought back the fourth quarter to defeat the Coyotes. Scoring for Borden Jr. High were: Bart McMeans 10, Jym Rinehart 5, Junior Benavidez 4, Mike Peterson 4. The Jr. High team is 2-5.

Falls To Sands

The visiting Sands Mustangs outscored Borden 38-12 in the first half Tuesday night and went on to win the game 66-52. In the second half Borden County came back strong scoring 40 points to Sands 28. Scoring for Borden was Larry Simer 22, Craig Peterson 10, Tim Smith 8, Matt Farmer 4, Blane Dyess 4, Joe Zant 2, and Eurdist Rinehart 2.

Scoring by quarters:
Sands 20 18 14 14 66
Borden 8 4 22 18 52

—Time Change

The game between Borden High School and O'Donnell on December 30 will be played at 1:00 p.m. instead of 5:00 p.m.

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Advertising's Impact On Children

College Station-- Children who are "moderate" television viewers are exposed to approximately 200 hours of commercials in a year, says Claudia Mitzel, a consumer information specialist.

During this time 22,000 ads are aired for toys, floor polishes, cereals, soft drinks, beer, detergents, vitamins and drugs. One advertiser estimates that \$400 million per year is spent on television commercials directed at children. And it's an investment that pays off, Miss Mitzel said.

She is with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service The Texas A&M University System. "Research shows that mothers who were surveyed spent about 1.66 dollars weekly extra

at the grocery because of requests from their children for special products or brands. This adds up to \$1.5 billion per year on grocery store retail sales. "Parents and teachers are becoming increasingly concerned over the effect of advertising on children. Consumer activists argue that advertising takes unfair advantage of a child's lack of sophistication, produces misinformation about nutritional needs and increases tension between parent and child," the specialist noted.

Preschool children are not capable of establishing priorities, determining the relative importance of certain items, evaluating the quality of a product or nutritional needs--yet children continue to be the focus of millions

of advertising dollars, she continued.

"There has been some action to reform the advertising directed at children," the specialist said.

"Two consumer activists groups, Action for Children's Television (ACT) and Council on Children, Media and Merchandising (CCMM) are pressuring the Federal Communication Commission and the Federal Trade Commission to enforce guidelines on advertising directed at children. The National Association of Broadcasters has developed a code governing advertising to children. But the problem continues.

"What can parents do? First become familiar with commercials by watching television for

Lions Club Party

The Gail Lions Club had their first Christmas Party last Saturday night. The guests and members enjoyed a covered dish supper brought by the club wives.

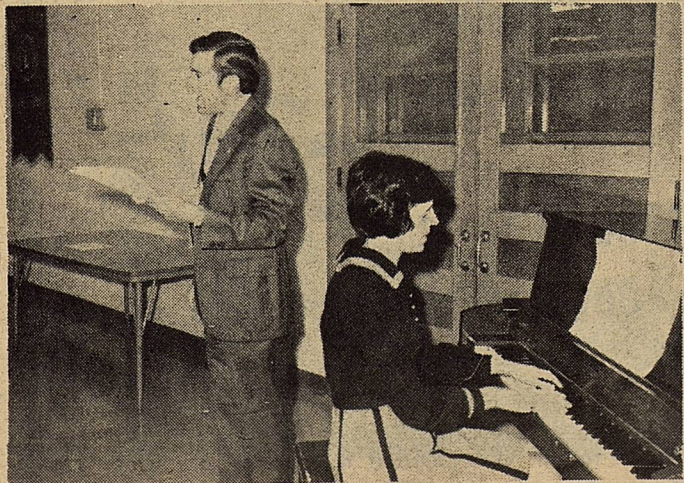
The master-of-ceremonies for the evening was Mr. Jack McPhaul, Lions Club President. After the invocation, presented

by Mr. Jarrell Edwards, singing, which included Christmas carols were led by Mr. Pat Porter. Mrs. Shirley Kountz accompanied on the piano.

Speaker for the evening was Senator Kent Hance who gave a very interesting and humorous talk on the problems facing each of us at present. Borden County

citizens always enjoy having Mr. Hance with them.

Gifts were exchanged and everyone enjoyed fellowship and the true spirit of Christmas. The Lions Club presented a special gift to Mrs. Joan Briggs for the assistance she has given in past months.



Song leader, Pat Porter and pianist, Shirley Kountz



KENT HANCE

four or five hours one Saturday morning. Carefully listen to what is being said and what may be implied. Evaluate what your child is learning from the advertisements--are these the values you are teaching?

"Next, write to the manufacturer of any product whose advertising you do not approve. Many companies are sensitive to criticism, and just a few letters may encourage them to change their approach. Look for the manufacturer's address on the product packaging or labeling or ask a retailer to help you find it," she suggested.

Finally, if you do have a complaint about deceptive advertising, file it with the Federal Trade Commission, Washington, D.C. 20580. Or if it is a local advertiser, write to the Attorney General's Office, Consumer Protection Division, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711, the specialist said.

Bonnie Currey- Bicentennial Grad.

College Station---Bonnie K. Currey of Gail is a centennial graduate of Texas A&M University.

Ms. Currey, daughter of Doyle Currey, received her undergraduate degree in psychology at Texas A&M.

Texas A&M had a total of 1,418 fall graduates, a mid-term record for the state's first public institution of higher learning, now entering its second century.

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MELISSA LUDECKE

Who's Who Among Students

Miss Melissa Ludecke has been nominated into Who's Who Among Students In American Junior Colleges. Melissa is a student at Howard College, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ludecke. While attending Howard College she has maintained a 4.0 grade point average, majoring in Medical Secretarial Technology. She has also served as recording secretary for the Advisory Committee of Data Processing and Computer Programming and for the Advisory Committee of Medical Secretaries and Secretarial Science Departments. Melissa is a 1975 graduate of Borden High School.



Shown during Christmas party are (in background) Carol and Kent Hance, Bob Dyess, Clara Dyess, and Ann McLeroy.



Mr. Dave Briggs looks on as Mrs. Briggs accepts gift from the Lions Club.

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Caution Urged

On Switching

Lubbock-- Corn producers who are thinking about taking advantage of possible high cotton prices next season by switching from corn to cotton may have to reconsider if they used a herbicide this season called atrazine.

An agronomy specialist and a weed control scientist both warn that atrazine-treated soils may harbor enough residue next spring to damage young plants such as cotton, soybeans or sunflowers.

Dr. James Supak, area specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, and Dr. John Abernathy, research scientist with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, both at Lubbock, say that only corn or sorghum can be planted on atrazine-treated land the following season, according to the atrazine label.

"If more than one pound per acre of atrazine was used on this year's corn crop, the possibilities of making a crop of cotton, soybeans, or sunflowers on the same land next year are very slim," they caution.

Conditions favoring breakdown of that herbicide in the soil, they add, involve wet, warm weather. The wetter and warmer this winter is, the more chance there is for chemical breakdown.

"A farmer may wish to take soil residue samples to ease his mind one way or the other," Supak and Abernathy suggest. "If so, the samples should be obtained in the spring to allow as much herbicide to breakdown as possible. A sample taken in the fall may not give a true picture, because the herbicide residue level in the soil will decrease during the following six-month period.

Abernathy and Supak say a farmer can test the soil himself simply by taking atrazine-treated soil and soil which has not had a herbicide applied this year, and place the samples in cups inside the house by a window. Cotton seed or whatever seed is being considered for planting next season can be planted in the cups, and observed for three or four weeks.

Crop seedlings will usually emerge healthy looking, but begin to turn yellow and die after two to three weeks if too much atrazine is present in the soil.

"Some producers may be concerned about propazine, a herbicide commonly used in sorghum," Abernathy says. "Atrazine and propazine, both members of the triazine family of herbicides, persist for about the same length of time in the soil; however, cotton can tolerate only about one-fourth to one-half as much atrazine as propazine.

"If the amount of these two herbicides left in the soil is borderline," he adds, "consideration might be given to resistant varieties."

Abernathy says that in research conducted at the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Lubbock over the past three years, some 19 herbicides were tested in 48 cotton varieties. Certain of these varieties were much more resistant to triazine soil residues than others, he reports.

"Various cotton varieties ranged from no injury to 95 percent injury caused by the triazine herbicides," he adds. Cotton varieties which were most tolerant of the triazine herbicides were Paymaster 303, GSA 71, and Auburn M.

Most sensitive cotton varieties were Lankart 611, Lockett 4789, and Paymaster 111A.

Future Feeder

Grades

Lubbock--Future grades of feeder cattle are likely to be evaluated by three characteristics, muscling, frame size and thriftiness, a federal livestock expert said in Lubbock recently.

"Muscling will refer to the thickness and plumpness of the muscles in relation to the skeletal size and, indirectly, to the ratio of muscle to bone," said Ned Tyler, chief of the Standardization Branch, Livestock Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Explaining the proposed revisions to the U.S. standards for grades of feeder cattle, Tyler said frame size will refer to the animal's height and body

length in relation to its age.

Tyler was speaking at the Second Annual Beef Business Conference at Texas Tech University.

The final draft of the proposed revisions, he said, will be prepared after Feb. 15, 1977, giving the cattle industry an opportunity to offer comments before the new standards become final.

Thriftiness, Tyler explained, will depend on the apparent health of the animal and on its ability to grow and fatten normally.

The grades of thrifty animals will include three separate groupings for frame size. The groups will be large frame, medium frame and small frame. Thriftiness will also depend on three separate groupings of muscling, numbered one, two and three.

"So, in effect, there will be nine grades of thrifty animals because of a combination of every frame size with every degree of muscling," the USDA expert said.

Other subjects discussed during the session of the one-day conference were: artificial insemination and genetic potential for production and profit.

Dr. Leif H. Thompson, animal scientist at Texas Tech, discussed the cost and efficiency of artificial insemination in a breeding program.

Rob Brown, cattle producer from Throckmorton, explained how he uses artificial insemination techniques on his ranch.

Details of Tyler's presentation and the other speakers will be published by Texas Tech's College of Agricultural Sciences.

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points out Dr. William Welch. "This allows the plants set out in the fall and winter to better withstand summer drought than those set out in the spring."

The main concern when setting out trees and shrubs in the winter is to keep them watered to avoid damage during freezing weather. This is especially true for evergreens which have a tendency to dry out or contract leaf burn, warns Welch.

The horticulturist also suggests that newly planted trees and shrubs be staked firmly to prevent damage from high winds.

"New plants should not be fertilized until after the first growing season. A good mulch of hay, dried grass clippings or leaves will help protect the root system from extreme temperature changes and will help retain moisture, explains the horticulturist."

Nurseries are beginning to get in good supplies of trees and shrubs, so Welch advises homeowners to start considering additions to the landscape in the weeks ahead.

Hiway Funding

Governor Briscoe has announced a four-part program for alleviating the funding crisis, based partly on suggestions from House Speaker Bill Clayton and other legislative leaders and backed up by an exhaustive private study authorized by the

Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation. The plan is based on several widely accepted principles; (1) that highway construction and maintenance costs should be borne by those who use them; (2) that the healthy condition of state finances should be brought to bear on the problem rather than impose new or increased taxes; (3) that new revenues should be dedicated to the Highway Fund in order to provide the continuity essential to long-range planning.

The key to this solution is proposed legislation which would: (1) Dedicate three-fourths of the state sales tax on motor vehicles to the Highway Fund. (2) Dedicate the State's portion of the sales tax on auto parts and accessories to the Highway Fund. (3) Place a \$20 million per year ceiling on Highway Fund monies appropriated to the Texas Department of Public Safety, with the DPS to turn to general revenue sources for its principal funding.

In addition, the plan envisions the emergency use of \$100 million per year in federal revenue sharing for the next two years to finance urgent safety and betterment programs.

Motor vehicle fatalities totaled 46,000 during 1975 along with 1,800,000 disabling injuries. Total cost, including wage losses, medical expenses, insurance administrative costs and property damage costs, were approximately \$21.2 billion.

Time To Plant Trees

College Station---Although most people shun the outdoors when cold weather arrives, that's the best time to add winter hardy trees and shrubs to the home landscape, says a Texas Agricultural Extension Service landscape horticulturist.

"Texas weather allows trees and shrubs to set out good root systems in the colder months."



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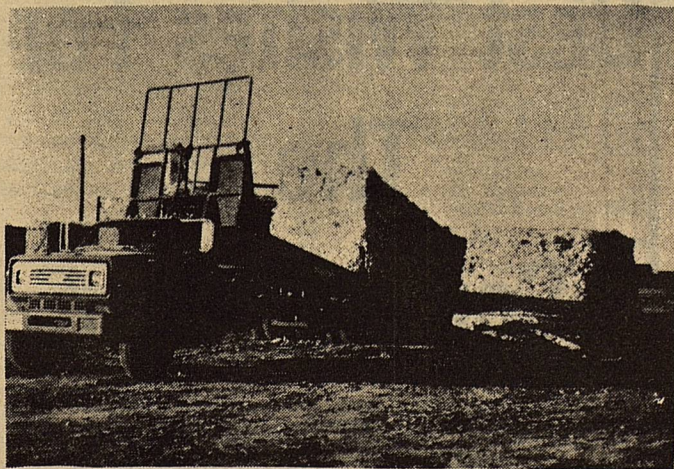
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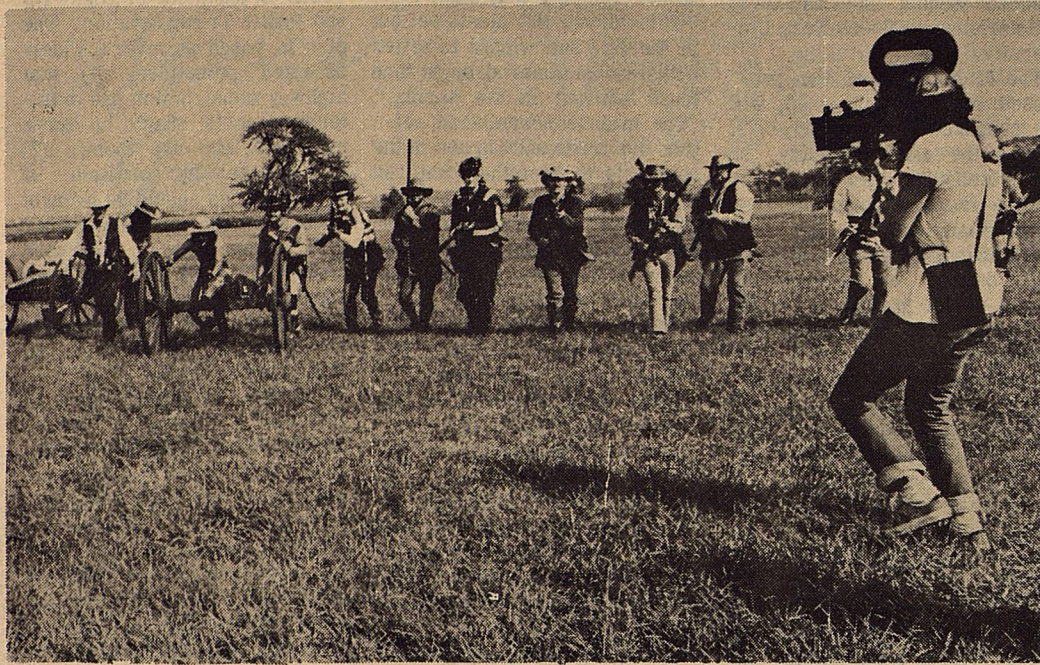


Woolam Gin

O'Donnell, Texas

LET US HELP YOU

MOVE YOUR COTTON TO THE GIN



The Texas Army charges the camera in a recreation of the Battle of San Jacinto for the "TEXAS" series of historical films. The two cannon are faithful reproductions of the famed Twin Sisters which helped to win that historians consider to be one of the most significant battles in Western history. Armco Steel Corporation, Houston Works, is underwriting the costs of loaning the films free to schools, civic groups, and other community organizations in Texas.

"TEXAS"

Houston--"Texas" the highly acclaimed four-part documentary of Texas history produced for television three years ago, has now been seen by more than 100,000 students through film loans underwritten by Armco Steel Corporation, one of the sponsors of the original broadcasts.

"Since its first appearance on TV, there has been a constant demand for use of the film," said George Hansen, Armco's top man in Houston. "Collectively, the four films in the series have been viewed by nearly half a million Texans--not including the original TV viewing audiences."

In addition to student use, the TEXAS series has been borrowed by such diverse groups as newspaper staffs, camera clubs, fire stations, churches, military units, the VFW and civic clubs.

Hansen said the number of film copies available for loan has been increased to keep up with the demand.

The four successive segments relive Texas history from the dawn of prehistoric civilizations through the discovery of oil at Spindletop in the early part of this century. The series was filmed on location around the state to take advantage of scenery and historical sites. Early events are brought to life through special camera techniques with old paintings and drawings. Some events, such as the Battle of San Jacinto, were recreated in vivid detail with live actors.

Produced, written and narrated by Houston TV newsman Ron Stone, the series reflects warmth and understanding in its attempts to separate fact from legend. In describing the Texas victory at the Battle of San Jacinto, for example, Stone says, "Texas figures say that of the Mexican army, 630 were killed, 208 wounded, and 730 taken prisoner. That is, incidentally, 268 more men than the Mexicans had, but it does not seem

to matter any more."

Our legendary heroes are seen as men who achieved greatness by rising to a challenge in sp-

ite of their imperfections.

"Their spirit is worthy of emulation," says Frank E. Tritico, Texas historian and director of

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instruction for the Katy school system.

The films, each of which is 50 minutes long to fit an hour program format, are available at no charge to schools and other interested groups by writing Association Films, 8615 Directors Row, Dallas, Tx. 75247.

the first cane was harvested in December 1973. But already, they are optimistic the crop will be a financially rewarding one.

Others in the Valley began raising the crop, and for several years, it was a major crop. Then the U.S. government removed the duty on imported sugar. The domestic market was flooded with foreign grown sugar, and its price collapsed. Valley farmers abandoned sugarcane for more profitable crops.

"Valley farmers feel that the potential for the crop is excellent," White said. "And having one of the largest sugar refineries in the nation, near Houston, so close is an advantage."

Sugar

AUSTIN--Sugar is a sweet subject any way you look at it, but it's especially sweet to sugarcane farmers in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

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Salute To America

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one in the theater.

In a spiritual vein, Dr. Graham noted there was not an atheist nor an agnostic among the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence.

"Because they signed that compact, some of these men were captured and hanged," he said; "some were stripped of their possessions, some were jailed."

And in a prayer, Dr. Graham added:

"Again we thank Thee for the vision, courage and faith not only of those Americans in 1776, but for those in succeeding generations that sought to eliminate injustice.

We thank Thee for those who were willing to die for these freedoms we enjoy tonight on the many battlefields and seas of the world.

"...Give us the supernatural wisdom and courage to face the future and make the dreams hopes and ideals of those 56 men in Philadelphia 200 years ago find fulfillment for all Americans...."

As the central character of a narrative entitled "The Land of America," Telly Savalas philosophized over the coming of the first settlers to North America. "Well, I guess right about then" he commented, is when the land first felt the promise of what it might some day be. Those brawny, restless pioneers like Daniel Boone changed the American wilderness into an American frontier that stretched from the Mississippi River across the Great plains clear to the Rocky Mountains.

"The land of America," he noted. "Always the hope and the promise. And yet in 1890 some census taker counted heads as best he could and declared there was no more free land.. no more frontier. That was in 1890, mind you, nearly a hundred years ago.

"And yet, today, there is still plenty of wilderness left. Beautiful, untouched wilderness. "Young hearts, young leaves, flowers, animals, the winds and the streams all rejoicing together." That's how John Muir described it. Sometimes, though when we feel the beat of too many axes or the flow stilled in too many rivers, we worry and we wonder."

In conclusion, Savalas said: "God must have meant this land to be the last one found because I think it's His most beautiful work, or there wouldn't be so many words written about it, or the poems and songs. America is our home. The place we remember when we are far away....so let's take care of each other....always and always."

O. J. Simpson, the swift and elusive football star said "Liberty, that's the spirit of America..so then, to everybody a chance--to everybody regardless of their birth, an opportunity--to everybody the right to live, to work, to be themselves and to become whatever their vision and their liberty can combine to make them. This is the spirit of America."

In his introduction to the "We, the People" segment, Art Link-



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letter pointed out that the Declaration of Independence is only twelve words along when the word "people" appears.

This provided a vehicle for George Kennedy, the Blue Knight celebrity, to delineate the extraordinary events of July 4, 1776, in these words:

".....on that quiet summer day Americans along that shining seaboard made a change; they changed from being they, colonials, scorned subjects of a crown, to we, the people, reliant on ourselves and liege to none."

And expounding on this idea, Kennedy continued: "God knows we are not faultless. God knows we fell so far from that more perfect union we, the people,

sought, it took the blood of brothers to restore us.

"American perfection, or as close to it as anyone can ever come, is in the seeking of our imperfections and the tending to them.

"Our names are fixed to that, and they are good names. Good names tested in the grand retorts of time and circumstance."

"And the night shall be filled with music," Longfellow wrote, and his fantasy was converted to reality on July 3, 1976.

With the Bicentennial milestone passed, the directors of the program to Honor America turned their thoughts toward new horizons. Recalling that the

infant United States experienced rough sailing in the 13-year interval between the Declaration of Independence and the ratification of the Constitution, the leadership decided to focus continuing effort on the historical and educational significance of those years by disseminating information on American art, music, history and culture for the ensuing thirteen years.

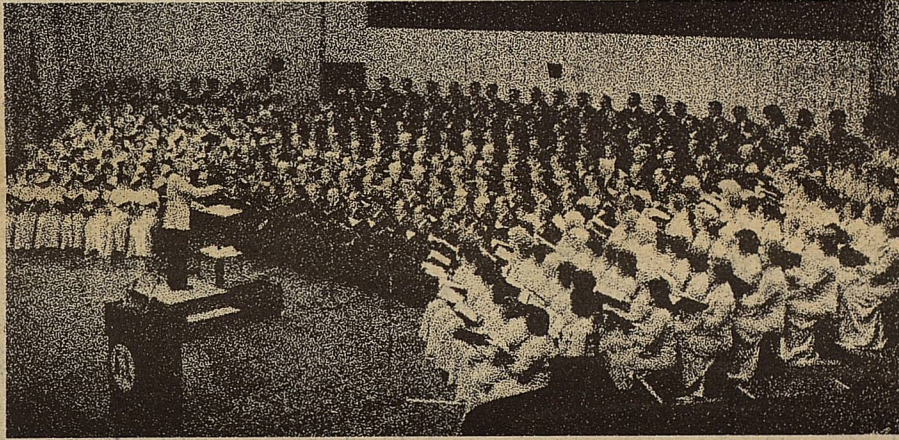


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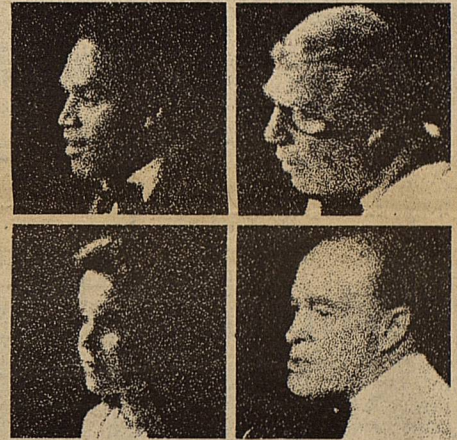
Willie G. Mason of Midland was appointed chairman of the Alcoholism Advisory Committee of the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission at the December 6 meeting of the Committee.

Replacing Cope Routh, who recently became Area III Coordinator for the Texas Commission on Alcoholism, Mason has served as an active member of the committee for the past two years. He is employed as a counselor at Clover House, a halfway house for men located in Odessa.

As chairman of the committee, Mason will be instrumental in directing the committee in the development of the 1977 Regional Plan for the Prevention, Treatment, and Control of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. Mason says the chief responsibility of the Advisory Committee is to provide input in this planning process by determining needs and priorities for alcoholism services within each community. He mentioned this community involvement will assist in the development of practical solutions to certain problems of alcohol abuse and alcoholism.



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Austin- State Comptroller Bob Bullock said Tuesday an analysis by his office shows that Texas ranks last among the 50 states in per capita state aid to cities and counties.

Bullock said that Texas' 254 counties received \$3.30 per capita from the state during the 1976 fiscal year, while the cities received \$3.27 per person.

"Take this money away," Bullock said, "And then watch local property taxes."

Only \$31 million of the \$72 million allotted to cities and counties by the state in fiscal 1976 came from state revenues according to Bullock. The remaining \$41 million came from the federal government.

The counties received a total of \$40 million in fiscal 1976, while the cities received \$32 million.

The analysis is contained in the December financial statement published by Vernon McGee's Planning and Research Division.

The statement also reports that energy related taxes continued to play a vital role in the state's economy during fiscal 1976.

Taxes on the production of oil and gas, consumption of motor fuel and utility receipts brought in more than \$1.2 billion, accounting for one-third of the total revenue raised by the state, according to the report.

Fishing News

The run on striped bass continued at Lake E.V. Spence during the past week. Every fisherman reporting had at least one striper on his string, and some several. There were a dozen that weighed in at five or more pounds, up to a top of 10 1/4 pounds.

These were some of the reports from Y.J.'s Marina:

Charles Huckabe, Odessa, two stripers to 6 lbs.; Larry Lindley and John Nicholas, Odessa, two stripers to 5 lbs. and five white bass; Margie Sullivan, Baird, two stripers 6 1/2 and 9 1/2 lbs.; Paul Varner, Midland, 9-lb. striper; Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Aycock, Midland, and R.B. Fields, Midland, eight striped bass including a pair at 6 1/4 lbs. and one at 10 1/4 lbs.; Gregg Henry Big Spring, two stripers 4 and 6 1/2 lbs.; Ike Bailey, Jal, N. M., 10 1/4 lb. striper; and Cecil Cherry, Odessa, 7-lb. striped bass.

If Santa Claus had driven his sleigh in the same way some people drive their cars, what do you think would have happened to the Christmas tradition?

Optimistic Outlook

The current depression in agricultural commodity prices should experience a reversal in 1977 if recent predictions of higher prices are correct. The third-quarter agricultural forecast by Chase Econometric Associates, Inc., a national economic forecasting service, suggests that the current depressed market for livestock and a number of crops will not continue through next year.

Beef prices have remained steady at relatively low levels over the past six months, a situation which is expected to change due largely to a record slaughter of non-fed cattle. Prices for "Choice" beef are expected to peak out at \$46-48/cwt. during the third quarter of 1977, a substantial hike from the \$37/cwt. recorded last July.

Increased prices for beef will affect other livestock prices as well, with hog prices reaching the \$38/cwt. level in the fall of 1977. This represents a modest gain from the \$33/cwt. price received earlier this year.

Forecasts for other segments

of the livestock industry are mixed. Milk prices are expected to remain strong through next year. The outlook for poultry prices is bleak, due to expanding supplies and high feed costs.

The crop segment is viewed with guarded optimism, although some recovery from the low prices recorded this fall is expected. Increased wheat and corn exports as well as higher livestock prices will fuel these price hikes. Wheat and corn prices are anticipated to reach mid-1977 peaks of \$3.20-\$3.30 and \$2.60-\$2.65 per bushel, respectively.

Soybean prices will rise from current low levels, with average prices of \$6.18/bushel recorded for the 1975-76 crop year. These prices will drop slightly in 1977 with fourth-quarter bushel prices averaging \$5.75-\$5.85. Cotton prices are expected to continue near 60¢ pound during 1977, although decreasing demand and an anticipated recession should lower these prices to 50¢/pound in 1978.

Grandpaw Says

-Hi- Christmas is the day into which we try to crowd all "the long arrears of kindness and humanity of the whole year.

Almost all marriages are happy---it's the living together afterwards that causes all the trouble.

You've reached middle age when all you exercise is caution.

A wise man says a little that means a lot--a fool says a lot that means little.

The lazier a man is---the more he's going to do tomorrow.

---just in case it ever comes up in a conversation----. An open question--Why do we say "unravel" when ravel means the same thing? Maybe its like the farmer, (a recent graduate) that hooked the plow backwards and unplowed 40 acres.

Opportunities always seem to look bigger going than they do coming.

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