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MRS. W.C. HUBBARD PRESENTS DAR AWARD TO DANA WESTBROOK

Wins Coveted Award

National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award was presented to Dana Westbrook by Mrs. W. C. Hubbard, Regent of the Col. Theunis Dey Chapter DAR, Midland. Mrs. John P. Butler, organizing Regent of the Col. Theunis Dey Chapter, presented Dana with a silver bowl from the chapter.

The Col Theunis Dey Chapter has presented the Good Citizen Award to a senior girl from Borden High School for several years. The recipients' name is always submitted to the state committee who chooses a state winner.

Governor Supports Referendum

AUSTIN -- Texas Governor Dolph Briscoe today easily slipped into his role as a leading cattleman as he announced his support of a National Beef Referendum.

"This self-help program for cattlemen is the most bold and far reaching program in my memory, and possibly in the history of the cattle industry. I plan to register and vote 'Yes' in the upcoming Beef Referendum. Furthermore, I urge all cattlemen in Texas to inform themselves on the merits of

this program, then register in June and vote 'Yes' in July."

Briscoe pointed out in a special capitol news conference that the national program would raise an estimated \$30-\$40 million annually for research, education and promotion of beef. The funds would come from cattle producers themselves and would be voluntary. He said that cattle producers should go to their local ASCS office to register between June 6 and June 16 and then go back between July 5 and July 15 to vote.

More than 120 of his fellow cattle producers from around the State were on hand today to hear the official endorsement. The producers represent the Texas Beef Development Taskforce, a state-wide group working for passage of the Referendum.

The Texas Governor is recognized as a leader in the cattle industry and has served in various leadership positions in the cattle business.

"As a cattleman," Governor Briscoe pointed out, "I have long had an interest in beef research, consumer education and promotion. Six years ago I was chairman of the National Live Stock and Meat Board, an organization that had a great program but always was under financed."

Cash Awards For Performers

All signals say "Go" for the Borden County Junior Rodeo slated for June 16, 17, and 18, to be held in the county rodeo arena, Gail, Texas.

Each performance will start at 8 p.m. For the first year, cash will be awarded. Entries should be mailed to Rodeo Sec., P. O. Box 23, Gail, Texas 79738. Telephone entries can not be accepted, but you may call (915) 856-4201 from 9:00 to 5:00 or (915) 856-4714 after 5:00 P.M. for entry blanks. Entries post-marked after June 13 will not be accepted. A notarized release should accompany entries.

Events include the following: (1) 8 and under age group-boys and girls barrel race. (2) 12

and under - Barrels (boys and girls), Poles (boys and girls), Flags (girls), Goat Tying (girls), Ribbon Roping (boys), and Breakaway (boys). (3) 13-15 years - Flags (girls) Goat Tying (girls), Poles (girls), Barrels (girls), Breakaway (girls), Tie Down (boys), Ribbon Roping (boys), Team Roping (boys) PT, Bull Riding (boys). 16-19 years - Barrels (girls), Poles (girls), Glags (girls), Goat Tying (girls), Breakaway (girls), Tie DOWN (goys), Ribbon Roping (boys), Team Roping (boys), PT, Bull Riding (boys). In the bull riding event only the first 40 entries will be accepted in each age group.)

Stock producer for this year's rodeo is Valley Rodeo Company. The Borden County Junior Rodeo is sponsored annually by the Borden County Livestock Association.

Summer Editor

Mrs. Joe Brozo has accepted the position of Editor and Business Manager for The Borden Star for the summer months. She will continue as Business Manager next fall.

Vonnie, whose husband is the construction superintendent of the school building program resides in a mobile home on the school grounds. Her phone number is 856-4971. Please call in your summer news. The mailing address is Box 137, Gail, Texas.

Trail Ride Held For Big Spring Youth

The Borden County Museum hosted a unique group of visitors Monday.

Eighteen young mounted horsemen arrived in Gail at approximately 12:30 P.M. after a trail ride of 41 miles.

The Howard County Youth Horsemen, under the leadership of Jerold Walker and Buford Hull, mounted their horses just north of Big Spring Sunday at 1:30 P.M. Headed north through pasture land, the trail blazers reached the community of Luther where they were it was necessary to continue their ride following the hi-way. Here the only mis-hap of the day occurred when Mrs. Daughtery's horse slipped and fell on the pavement.

The group arrived at the Bill Phinizy ranch in Borden County at approximately 6:30. This was a distance of 24 miles.

Hot, but still hale and hardy, the youngsters "pitched camp", and ate a delicious campfire supper. At times a little fearful of the lightning popping around, the weather cooperated and they spent an uneventful night under the stars.

After a hardy sunrise breakfast, the youth once again saddled up, but not before young Sherry Graham suffered a broken toe when her horse stepped

on her foot. Undaunted and riding barefooted, Sherry was ready to go when the group broke camp at 8:30 and headed for Gail.

Ready and waiting at the museum, were Pauline Clark, Bonnie Sneed and Sibyl Gilmore. The ladies had punch and cookies prepared for the thirsty group.

After watering their horses and touring the museum, the trail blazers had a cool and refreshing picnic lunch under the mosquito tree on the Court House lawn.

The youngest horseman on this 24 hour adventure was Chad Ringener. "Riding all the way he put some of us Grand Pa's to shame," said Mr. Hull.

Howard County Youth Horseman was organized April 1963, with Mr. C. H. Harrison serving as first President - A common bond at this time was love

and appreciation of horses. The purpose of H.C.Y.H. is to promote showmanship, horsemanship, sportsmanship and citizenship. Much effort is made to stress youth leadership. Two of the young men, Mark Sanders and Mike Hull both served as Junior officers that grew up into

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TRAIL BLAZERS

Pictured from left to right are: Terry Graham, Tammy Daughtery, Melonie Walker, Sherry Graham, Ben Daughtery, Mrs. Nona Daughtery, Mark Walker, Teresa Smith, Shawn Daughtery, Twanette Ringener, Buford Hull, Murry Petty, Melanie Lenard, Windy Walker, Gerald Walker, Ronnie Ringener and David Smith.

Borden Junior High Graduates



TALLEY GRIFFIN



VALERIE AVERS



DEBRA KOUNTZ



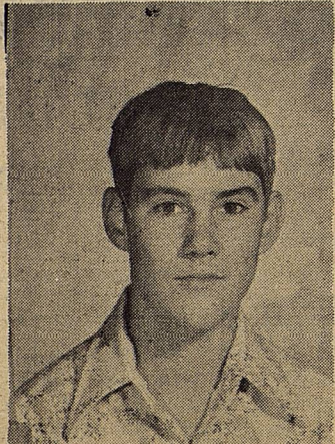
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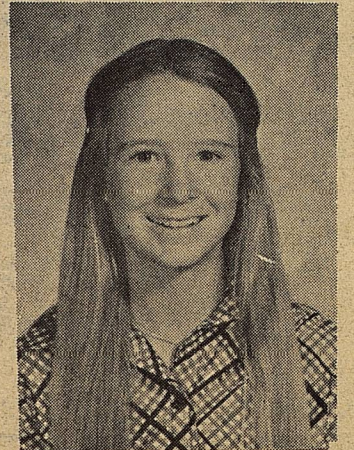
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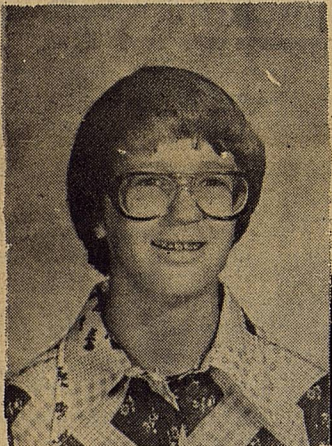
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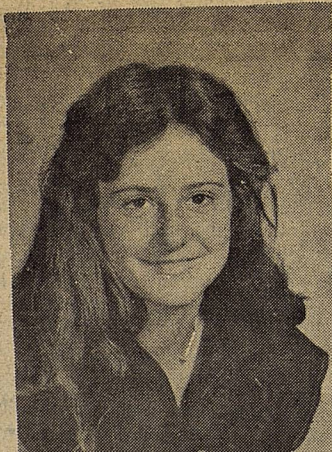
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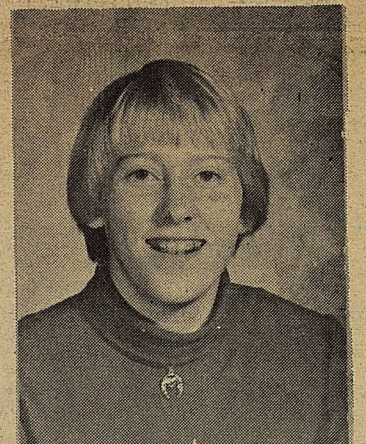
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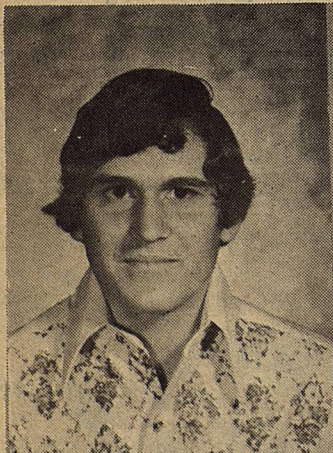
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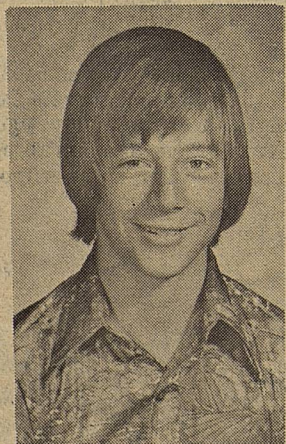
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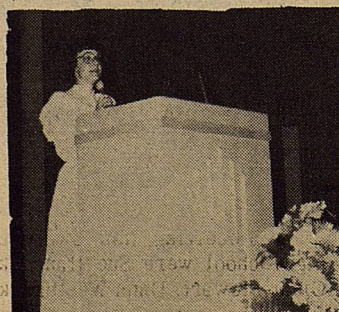
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Mr. Richard Campbell-Special Music-High School



Mrs. Benny Golden-Special Music



Debra Kountz-Jr. High Salutatorian



Tammy Telchik-Jr. High Valedictorian

Awards Program

Borden County School's Annual Awards Program was held Friday, May 27 to honor those students having outstanding achievements during the year.

Mr. James McLeroy welcomed everyone to the program and introduced Mr. Ben Jarrett, Elem. & Jr. Principal, who recognized the following students in elementary and junior high. Students achieving perfect attendance were Kate Porter, Mickey Burkett, Sherry Vaughn, Julie Ridenour, Kelly Williams, Mary Washington, Jerry Landrum, Samantha Porter, Kirby Williams, Phillip Benavidez, Lorri Doyle, Misty Merritt, Kim Wills, Doug Love, Kevin Telchik, Keith Williams, Junior Benavidez, Maria Benavidez, Gena McLeroy, Jym Rinehart, Lisa Smith, Ricky Summers, Ty Wills, Bart McMeans and Shelly White.

Mr. Mickey McMeans, High School Principal, recognized the following high school students achieving a perfect attendance during the past school year. They were Lisa McLeroy, Penny Thompson, Sid Westbrook, Travis Rinehart, Eurdist Rinehart, Benny Taylor, Marlon Vaughn, Bob McLeroy, and Dana Westbrook.

Mr. Jarrett recognized the following students who had the highest grade average in their class in Junior high - 8th grade - Tammy Telchik, 96.59; 7th grade - Gena McLeroy, 98.80; Lyndy Doyle, 98.79, and 5th grade - Tammy Miller, 97.29. In high school, Mr. McMeans recognized the following for highest grade averages: 12th grade - Cindi Stewart, 96.80; 11th grade - Denise Currey; 92.61; 10th grade - Lisa McLeroy, 96.28; and grade 9 - Glynda Burkett, 97.14.

The following elementary and junior high students achieved the honor roll each six weeks, receiving no grade below 85 the entire year: Heather McPhaul, Becky Miller, Misty Merritt, Bart McMeans, Gayla Newton, Shelly White, Glen Gray, Holli Calhoun, Paige White, and Keith Martin. High School Students achieving the honor roll the entire year were Rhesa Wolf, Brent Rhoton, Denise Currey, and Vickie Jones.

Mr. Jarrett presented the following U.I.L. awards to students in Elementary and Junior High School: Oral Reading 5-6--Sandra Kountz (3rd). Oral Reading 7-8--Tammy Telchik (1st) Danny Holmes (2nd), Gena McLeroy (5th), Danny Holmes (2nd).

Mr. Jarrett presented the following U.I.L. awards to students in Elementary and Junior High School: Oral Reading 5-6--Sandra Kountz (3rd). Oral Reading 7-8--Tammy Telchik (1st), Danny Holmes (2nd), Gena McLeroy (5th). Spelling and Plain Writing, grades 5-6--Stephanie Stephens (3rd), Roxie Wolf (6th). 7-8 Spelling and Plain Writing--Gena McLeroy (1st). Ready Writing--Debra Kountz (4th). Number Sense--Danny Holmes (5th). Story Telling--Bric Turner (4th). Picture Memory--Team of Tammy Miller, Kim Wills, and Roxie Wolf (1st).

Receiving U.I.L. One-Act Play certificates presented by Mr. Ben Jarrett and Coach Tommy Varner were Lisa McLeroy, Denise Currey, Twila Telchik, Tricia Jackson, Eurdist Rinehart, Dana Westbrook, Matt Farmer, Bob McLeroy, Rhesa Wolf, Lesa Hensley, Tim Smith, Penny Thompson, Travis Rinehart, Lesa Barnes, and Karen Williams. Lisa McLeroy and Denise Currey were chosen to the All-Star Cast for their roles in Lilly Daw and The Three Ladies and Twila Telchik received Honorable Mention.

Mrs. Ben Jarrett presented U.I.L. Typing Awards to the following high school students: Martha Anderson and Lesa Barnes. Martha won 1st place and Lesa won 2nd in the district meet.

Mrs. Sharon Huddleston presented the following U.I.L. Awards. State participation awards were presented to Sue Hancock and Dana Westbrook in Debate. Regional Qualifiers were Sue Hancock--Debate, Newswriting, Editorial Writing, Feature Writing, and Headline Writing; Dana Westbrook--Debate; Kristy Smith--Informative Speaking and Headline Writing; Ben Murphy--Feature Writing; Tricia Jackson--Editorial Writing; Lesa Hensley, Kevva Tucker, and Mark Walker--Persuasion't on pg. 4



GRADUATING CLASS OF 1977-- Back Row-left to right Tommy Patterson, Jackie Lockhart, Gene Cooley, Bob McLeroy, David Pool, Eddie Parks, Larry Simer, Ben Thompson, Joe Don Zant, Richard Smith, Kathy Underwood, Kristy Smith. Front row-Elizabeth Ledbetter, Gail Grose, Cindi Stewart, Dana Westbrook, Tricia Jackson, and Sue Hancock.

High School Graduation

The Class of 1977 received high school diplomas during Commencement Exercises Thursday, May 26. The eighteen graduates paraded into the auditorium as Mrs. Sallie Wilson played the processional.

Bob McLeroy, senior class president, gave the invocation. The Salutatorian Address was given by Dana Westbrook. She encouraged classmates to "Believe in yourself, and there is no goal you cannot achieve." Dana maintained a grade average of 95.76. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Westbrook of Gail Route, Big Spring. The audience and senior class then enjoyed the Class History, Prophecy and Will given by Gail Grose, Kristy Smith and Sue Hancock respectively.

Cindi Stewart gave a brief history of the graduation traditions in her Valedictorian address. Cindi is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Behrkuhl of Big Spring and wife of Bill Stewart

of Vealmoor. Cindi achieved a grade average of 96.21 to achieve the top achievement of Valedictorian.

Special music for the evening was performed by Mr. Richard Campbell of Lubbock. He sang "Reach Out", "Slow Down, Someone is Waiting", and "Is It Any Wonder."

Mr. James McLeroy introduced the speaker, Mr. Bill McAllister. Mr. McAllister, featured as the youngest radio station manager in the United States in 1958, told the graduates "The world is made up of leaders and followers--- You make the choice."

Mr. Mickey McMeans then presented the class for diplomas. Presentation of awards was by Mr. J.R. Anderson, School Board President. Offering congratulations in the receiving line were Mr. Joe Copeland and Mrs. Ben Jarrett, senior sponsors; Mr. Mickey McMeans, High School Principal; Mr. Ben Jarrett,

Elementary and Junior High Principal and Mr. James McLeroy, Superintendent of Schools. Recipients of diplomas were Bob McLeroy, Tommy Patterson, Tricia Jackson, Kristy Smith, Sue Hancock, Gail Grose, Ben Thompson, David Pool, Joe Zant, Elizabeth Ledbetter, Richard Smith, Eddie Parks, Gene Cooley, Kathy Underwood, Larry Simer, Jackie Lockhart, Cindi Stewart and Dana Westbrook.

Mr. James McLeroy presented the Valedictorian Award to Cindi Stewart and the Salutatorian Award to Dana Westbrook. Cindi also received a scholarship from the Texas Council of Church Related Colleges. Her tuition will be paid to any college of her choice. Dana also received a scholarship from the Texas Council of Church Related Colleges.

The Benediction was given by Ben Thompson. With a mixture of happiness and sadness, the seniors left the auditorium as Mrs. Wilson played the Recessional.

Junior High Graduation

As Lesa Hensley played the processional, the Junior High graduating class entered the Borden County School auditorium for commencement exercises, Friday May 27. Each girl carried a red rose.

Joie Brummett gave the invocation and Danny Holmes the Welcome. Special music was performed by Mrs. Bennie Golden. She sang "This Is Your Song."

The Salutatory Address was given by Debra Kountz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Van Kountz of Gail. Debra maintained a grade average of 96.0. The audience enjoyed the reading of the Class History, Class Will and Class Prophecy by Talley Griffin, Jana Edwards and Heather McPhaul respectively. Tammy Telchik then gave the Valedictory Address. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Telchik of O'Donnell. Tammy Telchik's talk was a salute to parents for "All the million things they have done for us."

Mr. Ben Jarrett presented the class for diplomas. Present-

tation of diplomas was by Mr. T.L. Griffin and Mr. James McLeroy. Recipients were Valerie Avery, Raymond Chara, Talley Griffin, Cole Herring, Debra Kountz, Heather McPhaul, Ronda Newsom, Ricky Smith, Charla Vaughn, Keil Williams, Van L. York, Joie Brummett, Jana Edwards, Cindy Grose, Danny Holmes, Bart McMeans, Becky Miller, Gayla Newton, Tammy Telchik, Suz-

anne Walker and Shelly White.

Becky Miller gave the benediction. The class then left the auditorium as Lesa played the recessional.

Stage guests for the exercises were Mrs. Peggy Westbrook, 8th grade sponsor; Mr. Ben Jarrett, Elementary and Junior High Principal; Mr. Mickey McMeans, High School Principal.

23 Students Receive Beta Achievement Awards

Mr. James McLeroy, Superintendent of Schools presented Beta Achievement Awards to students last Friday. They maintained a grade average of 90 each 6 weeks. They were from Junior High-Joie Brummett, Jana Edwards, Talley Griffin, Danny Holmes, Debra Kountz, Tammy Telchik, Gena

McLeroy, Lyndy Doyle, Doug Love, Stephanie Stephens, Kevin Telchik, Keith Williams, Lorri Doyle, Kelly Williams, Kim Wills, Roxie Wolf, Tammy Miller. Receiving this award in high school were Sue Hancock, Cindi Stewart, Dana Westbrook, Lisa McLeroy, Glynda Burkett, and Carla Jones.



BETA ACHIEVEMENT FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR-Back row- 1 to r Carla Jones, Glynda Burkett, Cindi Stewart, Jana Edwards, Lisa McLeroy, Danny Holmes. Second row- Joie Brummett, Dana Westbrook, Sue Hancock, Gena McLeroy, Debra Kountz. Third row- Kevin Telchik, Keith Williams, Kim Wills, Doug Love, Stephanie Stephens, Tammy Telchik. Front-Lyndy Doyle, Lorri Doyle, Kelly Williams, Roxie Wolf, Tammy Miller and Talley Griffin.

Awards

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sive Speaking; Carla Jones--Poetry; Denise Currey--Prose; Carol Burkett--Spelling; and Glynda Burkett--Spelling. Also receiving an award for new Beta Club members were Gail Grose, Kevva Tucker, Denise Currey, Twila Telchik, Lesa Hensley, Rhesa Wolf and Vickie Jones.

Elizabeth Ledbetter, Encounter Chairman, presented the F.H.A. Encounter Awards at this time. The recipients of the Bobbie Briggs Encounter Award were Dana Westbrook, Kristy Smith, Sue Hancock, Carol Burkett, Twila Telchik, Martha Anderson and Denise Currey. Dana Westbrook won the "Search For Leadership in Family Living" Contest given to all seniors in the United States by Betty Crocker General Mills Incorporated. Dana ranked in the top 99% in the United States on her test. Lesa Hensley, Impact Chairman presented a silver F.H.A. necklace to Carla Jones for her outstanding efforts on the Impact Project, selling the most Bicentennial Books. Encounter Awards-Area II were presented to Vickie Jones, Glynda Burkett, Carla Jones and Karen Williams. Area II Encounter Awards were presented to Twila Telchik and Denise Currey. The Co-Ed Correspondent Award was presented to Denise Currey by Sue Hancock. Denise served as a correspondent to the Home Economics magazine "Coed" for her school this past year. She received a certificate from the magazine for her successful efforts.

The F.F.A. Awards were presented by Mr. Bob Bagley as follows: Green Hand Award--Clay Grose, Ben Murphy, Craig Peterson, Travis Rinehart, Brad Smith, Trovce Wolf, Blane Dyess, and Mark Walker; Chapter Farmer--Tim Smith; Proficiency Awards - (Crop) Joe Don Zant and (Beef Cattle) Eddie Parks. Receiving the Sheep and Goat Raiser Award was Patrick Toombs. Lone Star Farmer Awards went to Matt Farmer, Johnny Jackson, Patrick Toombs and Ty Zant. Bob McLeroy received the Retiring President Award.

The D.A.R. Citizenship Award for a girl was presented to Dana Westbrook by Mrs. John P. Butler of Midland. Mr. Dave Briggs presented the Citizenship Award for a boy to Bob McLeroy.

Mr. Don Milton from Howard College was present to honor outstanding seniors. A \$200 scholarship was presented to Cindi Stewart, Dana Westbrook, Sue Hancock, Kristy Smith and Gail Grose to be used their freshman year.

Senior rings were presented by Mr. McMeans to Martha Anderson, Lisa Barnes, Tony Benavidez, Carol Burkett, Denise Currey, Matt Farmer, Lesa Hensley, Johnny Jackson, Ted Johnson, John Redding, Eurdist Rinehart, Randy Smith, Tim Smith, Benny Taylor, Twila Telchik, Patrick Toombs, Kevva Tucker, Marlon Vaughn, and Ty Zant.



HIGHEST GRADE AVERAGES--back row- Glynda Burkett, Cindi Stewart, Denise Currey, and Lisa McLeroy. Front row- Tammy Telchik, Lyndy Doyle, Gena McLeroy and Tammy Miller.



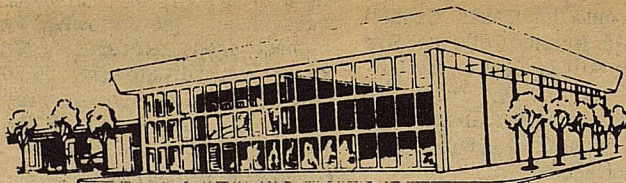
Cindi Stewart-Valedictorian



Dana Westbrook-Salutatorian

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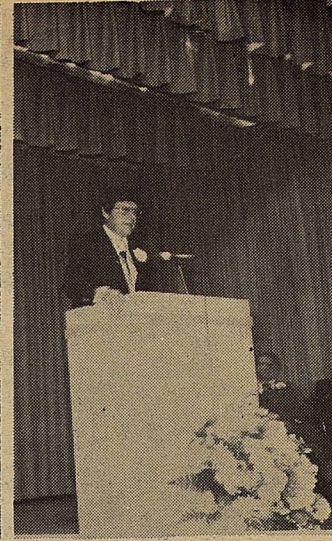
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BERT DENNIS RECEIVED A SPECIAL AWARD during the Awards Program at Borden County Schools last week.



Commencement Speaker--BILL McALISTER

Executive Meeting Held

The Future Homemakers of America held their first Executive meeting Wednesday May 24, 1977. The Executive Committee consists of the F.H.A. officers and our advisor.

The new F.H.A. officers were elected Friday the 19th. They are as follows:

President--Lesla Hensley

First Vice Pres.--Twila Telchik

Second Vice Pres. -- Denise Currey

Third Vice Pres.--Carol Burkett

Historian--Lisa McLeroy

Recreational leader -- Vickie Jones

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OPINION

Any cattleman still wondering whether to vote "yes" in the beef referendum July 5-15 need only watch the news which consumers get almost daily about beef. Within the span of recent weeks:

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) suddenly announced its proposed ban against the use of antibiotics in livestock feeds. Consumers hearing or reading the report got this clear message: Feeding antibiotics to animals encourages the development of resistant disease organisms, which can then sidestep the same drugs being used to protect humans. No proof that this is happening, but the FDA is acting because it might.

The scientist who first implicated diethylstilbestrol (DES) as the cause of cancer in the daughters of women who had taken the drug admitted that the threat has been blown up far beyond the actual risk. But the damage is done. Given the current mood of the country, any chemical even suspected of causing cancer is automatically convicted and condemned, no matter how great its benefits to the nation.

Senator George McGovern's (D., S.D.) Select Committee on Nutrition and Human Needs, in an apparent attempt to prolong its own life, reported that Americans are eating too much sugar, too much fat and too much red meat. "The practice of keeping steers in feedlots and stuffing them full of corn has got to stop," McGovern said in a later speech.

Who is going to respond to this continuing barrage of charges? Who will defend beef against its growing army of detractors?

You used to be able to count on the USDA to be your exponent and defender in Washington. It was none other than the USDA's Bureau of Human Nutrition which enthroned milk as "nature's most perfect food" and named meats and other proteins as "the fundamental building blocks of nature."

Today, all of the USDA's food and nutrition programs are the responsibility of Assistant Secretary Carol Foreman, former Executive Director of the Consumer Federation of America. We have yet to see whether Carol Foreman will come to the defense of beef on these or any counts. At a recent meeting in Washington, Ms. Foreman reassured farm editors that she could see no conflict of interest between farmers and consumers.

But what about the most fundamental conflict of all -- price? The next time housewives demonstrate against high beef prices, as they will, whose side will Ms. Foreman take? And don't count on any help from the farmer in the White House, either. Every recent Administration has sided with consumers when the chips were down. And don't think for a minute that meat packers, the supermarket chains or any other part of the food industry will pick up the cudgels for beef. For the present at least, corporate America has enough wounds of its own to lick. Besides, food processors and retailers have no real stake in beef. They'll advertise and promote

soy protein, synthetic milk and eggs, junk food--whatever makes them the most money.

This is the reason why you should vote "yes" in the upcoming referendum. Even if you market only a half dozen calves or a few cull cows a year, you have an investment to protect.

You can count on it that the challenges--and opportunities for beef producers will continue. Right now, beef and every other animal product is suffering from the barrage against cholesterol and saturated fats. FARM JOURNAL has reported repeatedly that the evidence against animal fats is strictly circumstantial. Many heart patients on low fat diets continue to have high blood cholesterol levels, but when we or you try to get the city press to tell this story, we are suspect. When other industries have this problem, they buy advertising space to get their story told.

FARM JOURNAL has long been convinced that commodity research and information efforts do pay. Just look at what Cotton, Inc. has done for cotton; what the American Dairy Association has done for milk.

Exec. Meeting

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Secretary-Treasurer -- Lesa Barnes

Pianist--Rhesa Wolf

We discussed the oncoming year and what we could do to make it more valuable to the organization and to the community.

Each officer explained their office duties.

We all look forward to an exciting year. We would like to thank this community for the help you have given us through out the years. We all appreciate the teachers' cooperation for letting us hold our meetings during school. We also appreciate our parents for helping us when we need it.

REPORTER -- Martha Anderson

Trail Ride

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adulthood and served the club as Senior President. Having a membership of 35 families and like to be referred to as "home groups".

Adults accompanying the trail

ride were: Mrs. Lynelle Ringener, Mrs. Ronald Ringener, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Smith and Sandy, Mr. and Mrs. Royce Walker and Cole and Mrs. Lana Brewer.

hand "duster puppets" from old socks. Draw faces on several with marking pens. When dusting is done, the puppet can be laundered easily in detergent or soap suds, says Lynn Bourland, family resource management specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

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BY BRUCE PEARSON

"Woe be unto you also ye lawyers! for ye lade men with burdens grievous to be borne and ye yourselves touch not the burdens with one of your fingers." Luke 11: 46.

Odds are that a person who is reasonably successful in business, manages to accumulate a little wealth, or is engaged in the practice of medicine sooner or later is in for an expensive trip to the courthouse. An employee, a customer, a patient, or a clumsy guest is going to sue. As much as anything else, the reason this is likely to happen is the contingency fee system, whereby a lawyer collects as his fee a portion of the damages awarded his client. The jury that generously settles a large amount of a defendant's money on a plaintiff as compensation for pain, disfigurement, or loss of income, is not informed of what great chunk of this is going to his lawyer, who may have suffered no more than a slight hoarseness from shouting at witnesses.

The defense of the contingency fee is that it is the only way that a poor man can afford to sue. Lawyers, who do not often work for nothing, are willing to gamble on winning big, especially when all they stand to lose is their time and expenses. So what about the defendant, who may or may not be rich? What kind of contingency fee can he offer his lawyer? If the defense is successful, all that the defendant has won is proof that he has not wronged the plaintiff, as charged. He has lost the money paid his lawyer, his time, his reputation, and

a whole lot of sleep and swear.

These days many lawyers are specializing in filing civil lawsuits, an apparently lucrative business, and small wonder. A firm can file four lawsuits, lose three, win one big one, and come out way ahead of the game. The potential losses are not nearly proportionate to the gain. What would make things a whole lot closer to equal is a contingency fee for defendants, to be paid to the defendant by the plaintiff's law firm if the defendant wins. For example, using an arbitrary figure of ten percent, if a man were to be sued for \$100,000 and the jury were to decide that he had been sued unjustly, he would receive \$10,000 for his trouble. Under these conditions there would probably be fewer lawsuits filed, and the amounts demanded would be somewhat less than a million dollars or so. Lawyers for the defense might find their kind of specialty much more interesting. Lawyers who derive their principal income from filing lawsuits would have to take out insurance against ruinous losses, and who would argue the justice in that?

As an alternative to this kind of reverse contingency fee, what about letting the jury decide the amount of a lawyer's fee? If a jury is smart enough to put a value on anxiety or pain, surely he is capable of making a fair assessment of the value of an attorney's services. A lawyer who is ready to put his client's fate in the hands of a jury should not be less willing to put his own in these same good hands.

As things stand today, the only real defense the average employer, driver, home-owner, or doctor has is to be covered by insurance. The multitude of lawsuits and the magnanimity of juries has driven the cost of personal liability, product liability, industrial, and malpractice insurance through the roof. Costs are passed on to the good old public, the consumer, and the patient, as always. The principal beneficiaries of insurance settlements and lawsuits are professional specialists in this particular kind of law. In their case the verse from Luke states things pretty well. The scales of justice are out of balance, and it may be time for the legislative branch of government to take the judicial branch to trial.

Quilt Exhibit

Snyder--More than 65 quilts and coverlets will be included in a special exhibit scheduled June 5-26 in the Scurry County Museum at Western Texas College.

The museum is open each weekday and from 1-5 p.m. on Sundays, and the public is invited to see the quilt exhibit and other museum exhibits without admission charge.

This is the first time the museum has scheduled an exhibit devoted entirely to quilts, and more than a month has been spent in gathering the items to be displayed. Viewers will see some old, well-known patterns along with some original designs. One of the original de-

signs was made from a geometry book diagram which fascinated a young girl so much that her grandmother worked it into a quilt for her.

There will be some quilting demonstrations and a Victorian Crazy Quilt will be sold to the highest bidder with proceeds to go to the museum.

Persons wishing further information about the museum or who would like to schedule special tours are invited to contact the museum office at (915) 573-6107 or by writing Scurry Co. Museum, Western Texas College, Snyder, Texas 79549.

6th In Seniority

A native Texan, John Goodwin Tower was born in Houston on September 29, 1925, the son and grandson of Methodist ministers. He grew up in a number of East Texas communities and was graduated from Beaumont High School.

Tower enlisted in the Navy at age 17 shortly after the outbreak of World War II and saw combat duty on a gunboat in Asian waters. Proud of his Navy background, Tower, a Chief Petty Officer, is the only enlisted reservist in Congress.

Tower attended Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas, receiving a bachelor's degree in political science. He earned a master's degree in political science from Southern Methodist University in Dallas. He also did postgraduate work at the University of London.

A former professor of government at Midwestern University in Wichita Falls, Tower won a special election in 1961 for the Senate seat of Lyndon B. Johnson. Tower was re-elected by 200,000 votes in 1966 and re-elected in 1972 by more than 300,000 votes.

As chairman of the Senate Republican Policy Committee, Tower is a key member of the GOP leadership in the Senate. He now ranks 6th in seniority among Republicans. Tower is senior Republican on the Senate Armed Services Committee and second ranking on the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee. Tower also is a member of the newly-formed Senate Ethics Committee and the Joint Committee on Defense Production. In addition, Tower serves on the National Transportation Policy Study Commission. Tower

Tower is a trustee for Southwestern University and Southern Methodist University. He is past Worthy Grand Master of Kappa Sigma Fraternity. He is a 32nd-degree Mason and Shriner and is a member of the American Association of University Professors, the American Legion, the Texas Historical Society, the Texas Philosophical Society and the Methodist Church.

Tower has three daughters, Penny, Marian and Jeanne, who live in Dallas. He resides in Wichita Falls.

Service Academy Application

WASHINGTON, D. C. -- Congressman Omar Burleson reminds young persons who are interested in competing for nominations to the service academies, for the class entering July 1978, he uses a competitive method of selection so that all young persons who meet the necessary requirements may be considered.

The service academies are the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland; the Military Academy at West Point, New York; the Air Force Academy near Colorado Springs, Colorado; and the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York. These institutions offer a fine education and a great opportunity for service to their country by young persons who wish to follow a military career.

In order for Congressman Burleson to consider applicants, a candidate must meet these requirements: (1) Must be a U. S. Citizen; (2) Must be over 17 and a legal resident of the 17th Congressional District; (3) Must be under 22 years of age on July 1, 1978; (4) Must never have been married; (5) Must be physically fit, including excellent eyesight; (6) Must have a good high school record.

Burleson stresses that political influence is not a factor in his nominations to the Academies. The important thing is not who you know but what you are.

Interested young persons who meet the above requirements should write Congressman Omar Burleson, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515, NO LATER THAN JULY 16. Examinations will then be scheduled as a rating device to set up slates for nomination. The competition is keen but Congressman Burleson wants to assure that all young persons who are interested in a military career may have an opportunity to compete for nomination.

McMurry Music Camp Announced

Both band instrumental and singing skills will be taught public school students attending this summer's McMurry College Music Camp which Dr. David S. Blackburn has announced for June 20 through July 1.

Blackburn points out that students may also study such things as handbells, twirling, drum majoring, guitar, piano, organ, jazz and music theory in the annual camp on McMurry's Abilene campus.

Michael R. Barry, McMurry director of bands, will be instrumental coordinator for the camp. Blackburn is camp coordinator.

"We have assembled an exceptionally strong faculty, both in my area of instruments and in voice and all instruments."

Registration is now open, according to Dr. Blackburn. Students registering may go to

Ryan Fine Arts Building or Bynum Band Hall on McMurry campus, or write Dr. Blackburn for a registration blank in care of McMurry.

"We also have a lot of entertainment planned for evenings during our camp -- concerts, swim parties, picnics and other events," said Barry. "We're going to have a good time, and I know for sure we'll learn a lot about music."

Jones Makes Dean's List

Snyder--Charles A. Jones of Fluvanna was among the students named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Western Texas College.

The Dean's List is composed of students who carry at least 12 hours of college credit work exclusive of physical education and who make a grade point average of 3.5 or more on a 4.0 scale.

A graduate of Fluvanna High School, Jones is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Jones.

Railroad Crossing Accidents

Austin, May 23--A new effort to convince motorists that when "it's a tie at a railroad grade crossing, nobody wins," has been launched by the Railroad Transportation Section of the Texas Safety Association.

The new, statewide program aimed at preventing grade crossing accidents is called "Operation Lifesaver," and is designed to do just that: save lives. Motorists in Texas have a high exposure to potential railroad-motor vehicle accidents, with 13,800 grade crossings--second only in number to Illinois.

According to railroad spokesmen, following a year's usage in Nebraska, grade crossing accidents dropped 26%. Kansas accidents dropped 19%, injuries 16% and fatalities 33% following that state's campaign. Illinois initiated the program last September and one month later the state recorded the first month in 34 years without a grade crossing fatality.

A talk-slide-film presentation is the primary element of the program, which lasts about 30 minutes and is acceptable for any group. Stressed in the presentation are engineering of crossings for as hazard-free an operation as possible, enforcement of existing laws governing crossings, and education of the driving public on proper and safe procedures at grade crossings.

The program has the support of Governor Dolph Briscoe, who indicated, "We all share a deep concern about the death and injury that is occurring at railroad grade crossings in our state." His support and concern are shared by Col. Wilson E. Speir, Director of the Department of Public Safety, who hopes the program "will motivate the motoring public to voluntarily comply with the signs and signals controlling grade crossings."

Anyone wishing to arrange an operation Lifesaver program can write to the project chairman: Jim Johnson, Union Station Building, Houston, Texas 77021.

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Weather Modification

Lubbock--Volcanoes and battles produced enough heat to induce rain according to a common belief at one time...but it is quite unlikely that the heat from today's legal battles over weather modification will have the same effect.

Weather modification has progressed from rain-dancing American Indians to present day meteorologists. An examination of this history, current status of weather modification experiments, and legal and social issues involved are perhaps some of today's important questions for lawmakers, scientists and farmers.

An attempt at answering these questions has been made in two recent books published by the International Center of Arid and Semi-Arid Land Studies (ICASALS) at Texas Tech University.

"Making Rain in America: A History" by Jeff Townsend and "Weather Modification Research Studies" by Dr. Donald R. Haragan review the interdependence of society and science and the development of social and scientific opinion on weather modification studies, with citing of current examples.

The moderately priced books are available by writing to ICASALS, Texas Tech University, Box 4620, Lubbock, Texas 79409.

Jeff Townsend of Tech's History Department tells the story of a scientific minority's struggle to win a degree of legitimacy for its ideas and activities and of the scientific, political and social readjustments and accommodations made necessary by its partial integration into the numerous complexes of American culture. The book also outlines the history of rain-making from the mid-nineteenth century to the mid-twentieth.

Haragan, chairman of Tech's geosciences department, has edited the second book, which contains articles by authorities in atmospheric sciences and law.

The geoscientist notes that exaggerations of successes and failures have affected weather modification, "and the scientific credibility has been further affected by the division of opinion among meteorologists."

There are three diverse views in the scientific community. One is that weather modification produces economic benefits in a variety of situations and should become fully operational immediately; secondly, although some interesting effects have been produced, precipitation increases or reductions in hail have not been demonstrated and that atmospheric experiments should continue, but programs are not ready to become operational; and the third opinion is that effects may be far-reaching and involve considerable risk and that experiments should be restricted to the laboratory or to the computer.

T. B. Smith of Meteorology Research, Inc., Altadena, California, has discussed the opportunities in West Texas in his article. The meteorologist concludes that warm cloud seeding and silver-iodide treatments have limited opportunities in West Texas and, "although weather modification has a role to

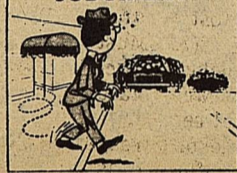
play in these semi-arid regions, but that role should be viewed with some restraint."

A summary of an operational hail suppression program conducted during 1970-73 over an area of approximately 2,000 square miles in the Texas South Plains is presented by Thomas J. Henderson, president of Atmospheric, Inc., Fresno, California.

The Texas Weather Modification Act and the Texas Water Development Board's involvement in evaluating weather modification projects is outlined by John Carr Jr., director of the Weather Modification and Technology Division, Texas Water Development Board, Austin.

Dr. Edwin Kessler, director of the National Severe Storms Laboratory, Norman, Okla., examines prospects for modifying severe local storms as they are related to primitive numerical models of shower processes, to implications of observed data, and to seeding materials and systems for timely delivery into sensitive atmospheric regions.

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The Speaker Reports



by **Bill Clayton**

AUSTIN--The House of Representatives has approved a new approach in determining teacher salaries. This new approach is a system which will have the effect of rewarding career teachers by giving the greatest percentage pay increases to teachers with the longest service.

House Bill 1597 includes a schedule which sets base salary at a certain level, taking into consideration all factors of length of service. All other pay levels are then calculated according to this base figure.

For the 1977-78 school year, under the House bill, the base will be \$9,400 annually and for 1978-79 it will be \$9,776. Beginning teach-

ers will be guaranteed to job responsibilities, but actual job descriptions--which have been restrictive in the past--are not included.

Local school districts are expected to develop their own descriptions to fit their needs and the area's job market. This measure will allow flexibility in hiring policies and will benefit large and small school districts alike.

I believe that this new salary scheme will benefit teachers tremendously. It provides an incentive to remain in the profession through salary advancement. The large increases in base salary each year of the biennium are significant improvements as well.

This index also simplifies the decision-making process for legislators because it allows the legislature to de-

termine the base amount, therefore other salary levels would adjust proportionately. I believe that this is a superior salary policy that will bring fairness to the public education compensation plan.

\$8,924 annually by the State in the upcoming school year, and substantial advancements will be provided after these beginners complete two teaching years.

The schedule also includes three additional steps so teachers are no longer kept under a salary ceiling after 11 years of teaching. Teachers who have been teaching 16 years and over will be automatically advanced through the three additional steps, according to their years of experience.

Another feature of this salary plan is the elimination of job descriptions. Class titles are included so

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WASHINGTON, D.C.--IN MANY INSTANCES, GOVERNMENT IS THE PROBLEM and not the solution to our problems. The Federal Government knows that much more oil and gas are to be found offshore but the Executive, Legislative and Judicial branches have thrown up a string of roadblocks to rapid development of offshore oil and gas.

AS FOR THE ENVIRONMENTALISTS, we remember that they delayed construction of the Alaskan pipeline for five years and caused the price of construction to be almost doubled. The pipeline could have been in operation in the latter part of 1973, the year of the Arab oil embargo.

THE ADMINISTRATION HAS NOW ACCEPTED NOTIONS advanced by the anti-nuclear lobbyists, foes of the automobile, opponents of deregulation of natural gas and the extremists who want to prevent the speedy development of new coal mines. Serious in the long term is the abandonment of the development of the nuclear breeder reactor which, according to some of the best scientific minds, could be the source of tremendous energy in just a few years. After the expenditure of hundreds of millions of dollars, the President has announced the indefinite deferral of the reprocessing and recycling of plutonium produced in the U.S. nuclear power programs. The announced purpose of this action is to reduce the risk of the spread of the process which could be turned into atomic weapons.

THE PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS CAPABILITY is and should be a legitimate concern of all Nations. The fact is that we are not the only Nation which has the capability of producing such weapons and, according to the scientists, the breeder reactor is not necessary to make bombs. A number of other alternatives already developed are being used in a number of Nations and there is no indication that they will follow the U.S. in limiting any process within their capability. Certainly, we should continue every effort between Nations to do the best possible to stop the spread of nuclear weapons. This, however, should have little to do with developing the breeder reactor, using spent uranium fuel for the generation of electric power. The scientists tell us that the recycling holds the greatest potential of any source of fuel known to man. As explained in layman's terms, the full development of the plutonium breeder reactor could furnish our energy requirements for the next 700 years. It seems to be the perpetual motion of energy--the process lives on itself--hence the term "breeder".

THIS IS FOR THE LONGER RANGE. The short range is to lift Government restrictions on coal mining, the development of oil from shale, offshore drilling and converting coal into synthetic gas to supplement natural gas supplies. Common sense should tell us that we simply

have to have more sources of energy regardless of how much conservation we practice. Conservation alone can lead to more unemployment and a lower standard of living. America has become a powerful Nation because it learned to use vast amounts of energy and to do nothing more than conserve could turn back the clock.

THERE WAS AN ENERGY CRISIS in 1910 when it was predicted by some "experts" that there would be no more petroleum by 1919. In 1919 they said we could be without oil in 20 years. The same thing happened in the 1930's and, again, in 1946.

THIS CRISIS IS NO DOUBT DIFFERENT but our ingenuity to overcome it is much better than it was in those years past--if the Federal Government will just let some things alone.

"Texas" Returns

Canyon, Texas, May 16, 1977
The Company chosen to present the twelfth season of the musical drama "Texas" will gather Sunday, May 22 at the Branding Iron Theatre on the campus of the West Texas State University to begin rehearsals. Signing contracts, greeting old friends and making new ones, taking pictures for the Souvenir Program and for area newspapers, hearing the directors and staff outline the plans for the new season and a showing of the film of the production, will be crowded into the first afternoon. From this day, the cast will rehearse eight hours a day, six and a half days a week until the opening bugle on the first night of the season, June 15, 1977.

About half of the cast will return. Pamela Hurst will come back as Elsie, Patti Claubaugh as Kate, Joe Anderson as Dave

Newberry, and Jerry Williams as Tuck. Two who carried leading roles in the past will return: Don Washburn as Calvin, and Lois Hull as Aunt Anna. Uncle Henry will be new to the cast. He will be played by Robert Boyd.

Mr. Boyd is a member of the speech faculty at West Texas State University. After early experience and training in theatre, he worked two years on his doctorate at the University of Colorado in business communications and now teaches in that field at WTSU. His acting background includes theatre courses at Baylor where he obtained his BA. Direction and drama teaching at Sonora, Texas and completion of his master's degree in the field at WTSU. Last summer he taught a course in European theatre and took a group of students to see and study plays in several European countries. A man of fine bearing, Mr. Boyd brings an intense interest in the part and a voice of rich quality to the production.


Joe Anderson will bring his great performance of "Dallas"

back to "Texas" when he appears again as Dave Newberry. He had many successes in college productions before he appeared in last season's cast. He capped these by his performance of Harold Hill in "The Music Man", and Ferdinand in "The Tempest" for which he won awards.

Jerry Williams will be playing Tuck for the tenth time this season. He has won many followers with his interpretation of the part of the ragged prospector who reveals a determined and valiant man through his patches. After years of teaching of speech therapy, Mr. Williams opened "Et Cetera", a novelty shop in Canyon which he has just sold. He will now be in the gift section at Sako-witz in Amarillo.

The twelfth season of "Texas", this year 1977, plays from June 15 through August 20, nightly except Sundays. There will be one Sunday performance, July 3. For Tickets and information, write "Texas", Box 268, Canyon, Texas 79015 or call 806-655-2182.

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