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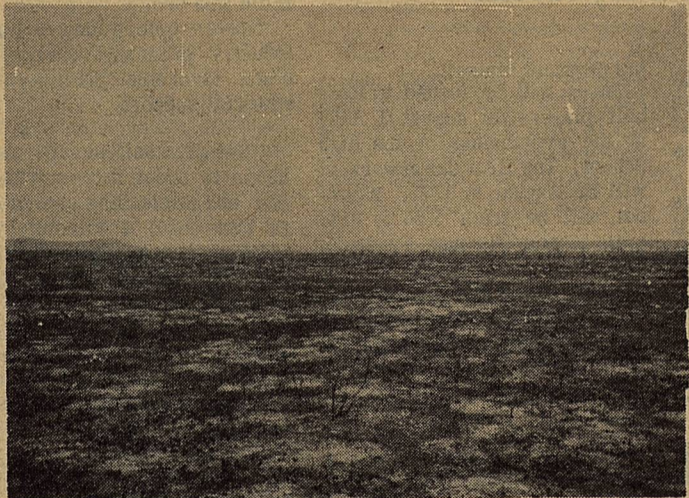
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Local Girls In AJRA Finals



Pictured above is the lush foot-high grass that could be seen on the Clayton ranch before the fire on Thursday.

Below is the barren, blackened land left in the aftermath of the fire.



Fires Rage Across Borden County

This past week we had several grass fires over Borden County. Fires started last Saturday night at Eddie Simers, then spread on to Elmer McClurgs and Bob Beals. Firemen and local ranchers worked putting the fires out Saturday night, alas, to have them break out again Sunday. Then Wednesday they had one on the Tom Good ranch and Aubrey Lankfords in the Vealmoor district.

Thursday lightning struck on the Mardes Clayton ranch, taking a strip across two pastures. Luckily, the wind was calm, and fire trucks from the school, and local friends and neighbors got it under control.

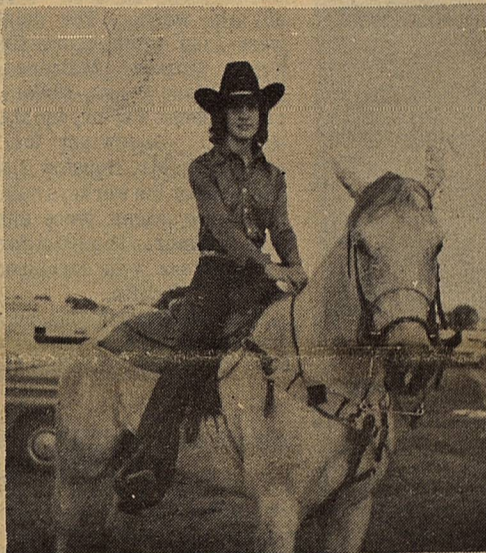
Our county is awfully dry at this time, and due to abundant

grass and foliage it is very susceptible to fires. So we urge all to be very careful in burning trash, and be on the lookout when lightning and storms come up.

We have such wonderful people here in Borden County, and when we have fires, everyone turns out to lend a helping hand.

Bob and Sue Beal send a big thank you to one and all that turned out over the weekend to fight the fire on their ranch.

Mardes Clayton and Billy Wills also say thank you to all the help that turned out Thursday and to the very able-bodied help on the C.B.'s that help spread the word "FIRE" when one breaks out.



Talley Griffin seems to be on a winning streak. She has "been in the money" in almost every rodeo she has entered.

Talley Griffin In Top Ten Of Two Events

Talley Griffin of Borden County has had a very successful AJRA year. She credits this success to her new barrel horse, "Gus," and her roping horse, "Flap." Talley has been a member of AJRA for three years, but this is the first year she has really hauled and made the AJRA circuit. As of the last standing sheet published, Talley is in 3rd place of the 13-15 Barrel Race and 10th place of Girls Optional Roping. Coming into the Finals of the top ten for two events sets a very nice record for any contestant and especially for their first year of hauling.

Her winning streak started very early in the season at Sweetwater, Texas, winning the Breakaway Roping with a 5.2 time and placed 4th in Barrels. She went on to win Barrels in Iraan, Texas, and DelRio, Texas. She sports a beautiful buckle won in Del Rio. She placed in several AJRA sanctioned rodeos and also won 1st in Breakaway Roping at our Borden Junior Rodeo and 2nd in Flags, La-

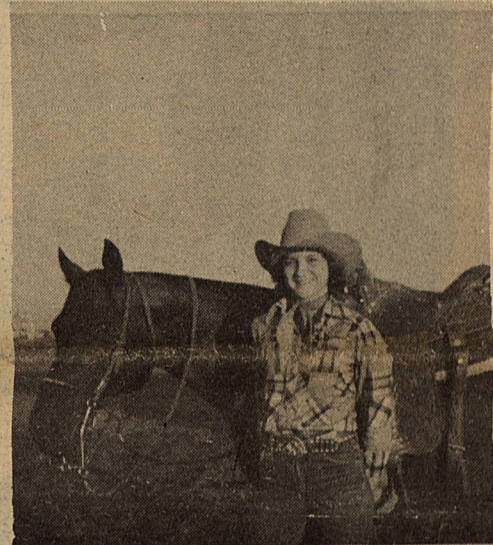
mesa Junior Rodeo brought her another 1st in Barrel Race. Talley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Griffin and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lopour of Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey Darden of Lorraine.

We are really proud of you, Talley, and wish you the very best of luck at the Finals!

Beef Referendum Defeated

Borden County beef producers gave overwhelming support to the National Beef Referendum, with a 64 for and 10 against vote, but nationwide it wasn't enough, as the issue failed to get the necessary 2/3 margin to be effective. 74 of the 84 Borden County cattlemen regis-

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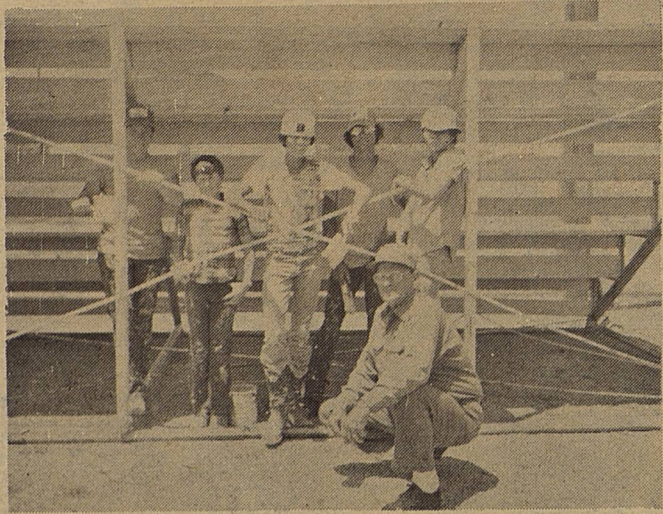


Shelly White visits Borden County and picks up points at the Scurry County Rodeo.

Shelly White In Top Ten Of AJRA Finals

Shelly White of Stephenville, Texas, was home visiting this past week and competed in the Scurry County Rodeo. Shelly recently moved from Borden County, but we still claim her as one of ours. She has also had a good AJRA year and will be competing in the Finals of top ten for two events. She was in 7th place of the 13-15 Barrell Race standings and 8th place of Optional Race (Pole Bending) as of the last standings published. There are still three more shows of competition and the standings will change, but we are wishing only "upward" trend for our Borden County contestants.

Only 25 More Days 'Till School Starts



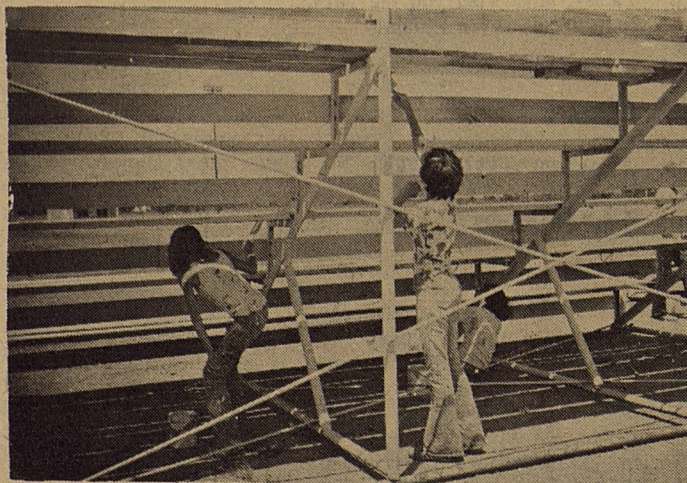
Preparing to paint the bleachers are: Maurice Herridge, Jibber Herridge, Benny Taylor, Blane Dyess, Marlon Vaughn, and Mr. Houston Bishop



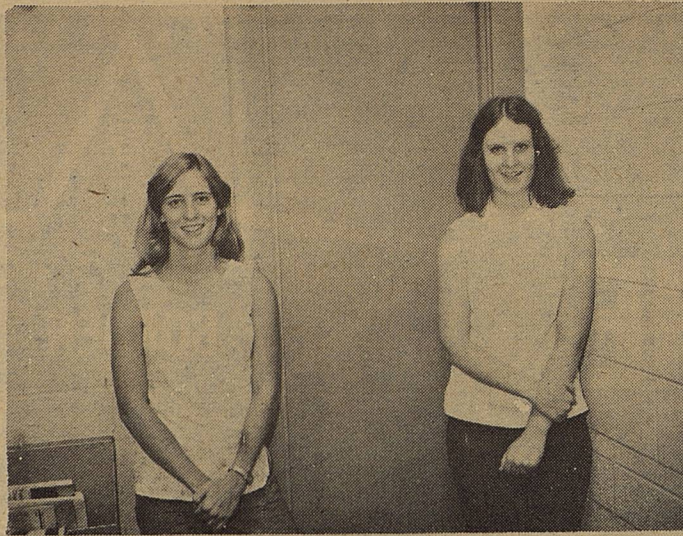
Two of the lawn mowing crew are Clay Grose and Tony Benavidez.



Brad Smith, Ted Johnson, Tim Taylor, and Mr. Babe Underwood have been busy repairing the roof.



Lisa Smith, Cindy Grose and Terrie Moreno are shown here painting the bleachers.



Kristy Smith and Lisa Ludecke have been painting and doing clerical work around the school.

School Beautification Still Underway

Summer employees at the Borden County School have recently completed painting the bleachers at the football field. Coyote fans can really be proud of this work. The painters were Lisa Smith, Cindy Grose, Terri Moreno, Maruice Herridge, Blane Dyess, Jibber Herridge, Benny Taylor, and Marlon Vaughn. Supervisor for this group was Mr. Houston Bishop. Several of the workers painted the rodeo arena fence earlier this summer. The paint for the rodeo arena was furnished by Mr. T. L. Griffin.

Brad Smith, Ted Johnson, Tim Taylor, and Ray Don Underwood have been busy hauling trash,

working in the shop, hauling scrap iron, repairing roofs, and doing various other jobs at the school. Keeping the grass mowed around the school campus has kept Tony Benavidez and Clay Grose busy.

Lisa Ludecke and Kristy Smith have been busy with clerical jobs in the school office. They have also done an excellent job painting the inside trim in the high school building and writing school articles for the newspaper.

The work contributed by all these students has been a tremendous help in getting ready for school to start.

Football Physicals

Physicals for Borden High School football players have been scheduled for Tuesday, August 2, 1977 at 1:00 p.m. at the school.

Prospective football players are reminded the physicals will be free at this time. If the player misses the physical date or wishes to go to his own doctor, he will have to pay for

the physical himself.

Shoes will be issued to football players on August 3, 1977 at the gymnasium of the high school. The first day of workout will be August 8, 1977. Workout will be from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday of that week.

The first scrimmage for the Coyotes will be August 18, 1977 on home field with Sterling City.

Bridal Shower

A shower honoring Miss Dianne Woodul, bride-elect of Matt Farmer, was held Sunday afternoon, July 24, in the Gail School Cafeteria.

Refreshments of punch, assorted cookies, mints and nuts were served. The table was laid with a green cloth and a unique centerpiece made up of kitchen utensils, potholders and flowers. The centerpiece was presented to the honoree along with the kitchen-utensil corsages worn by special guests and hostesses.

Special guests included the bride's mother, Mrs. Arvis Woodul and the groom's mother, Mrs. E. L. Farmer; also grandmother of the bride, Mrs. D. D. Woodul and grandmother of the groom, Mrs. Fannie Farmer.

Hostesses were Mrs. H. W.

Hancock, Jr., Mrs. Kenneth Williams, Mrs. Pat Hensley, Mrs. James Telchik, Mrs. Jack McPhaul, Mrs. Glenn Toombs, Mrs. John Ragan, Mrs. Herman Ledbetter, Mrs. Edward Rinehart, Mrs. Dan Turner, Mrs. Dorothy Browne, Mrs. W. A. Telchik and Mrs. Larry Smith.

Thank You

We wish to thank all the people who came out over the weekend and helped fight the grass fire. Without help from the many friends, neighbors, school and county, we would be in real trouble when fires breakout this far from town. So many thanks to all.

/s/ Bob and Sue Beal

Beef Referendum

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tered turned out to vote.

A preliminary count from ASCS offices indicates that over 100,000 producers, or about 55% of those voting, supported the program.

The BDT, a broad-based group comprised of leaders from nearly every producer organization in the U.S., has worked over three years for the industry self-help program.

A full text of Barron's statement follows:

"This is a dark day for the American cattle industry. The Beef Referendum has failed to receive the necessary two-thirds majority. We have passed up an opportunity for a research and information program aimed at helping all cattlemen. This opportunity may never come again.

"Ironically, while it was a self-help program aimed at keeping the government out of our business and producers in control, some opponents falsely labeled it as a government program and scared many cattlemen into voting against it.

"It would be inaccurate to say that cattlemen don't want this program. A majority of all cattlemen voting did want it. And an overwhelming majority of the cattle industry leaders, who had studied our current plight and understood the objectives of this program, vigorously supported it.

"Never before has the cattle industry had more problems than we have now.

"Never before has the industry united behind a program as it did this one.

"Never before has a cattle industry program received so much favorable publicity and editorial support.

"Yet a few self-serving people chose to shoot it down with unfair and misleading statements. In this case, a minority won.

"For all cattlemen, who think that the cattle business should and could be better, I would like to thank the more than 10,000 volunteers who unselfishly devoted their time, energy and finances toward helping their fellow cattlemen.

"Their efforts were not in vain. For we have a new unity of our industry and we have learned much that can help us in the future. We have pinpointed many problems. We have uncovered new leadership. We have learned how to make our voice heard in Washington.

"As we look to the future, we hope that leaders in our industry who are dedicated to a better future for all cattlemen, will not be too discouraged.

"Also, we hope that other organizations which opposed this self-help program but claim to support research and promotion for commodities, will join with us now in searching for workable solutions to cattlemen's problems.

"We must continue our search for a way to stabilize our industry, to increase profits for all cattlemen and to build a better future--together."

What's Hap-Nin

Around Town

Heard in Gail last week that Mrs. Vance (Coralyn) Davis is coming home from the hospital. She had been in Houston for more than two weeks where she underwent back surgery. I know that Vance and the children, Wanda and Ted Johnson, are very glad to have her home. Get well soon!

Sid Westbrook has had quite a different summer than he expected. He had plans to rope in several rodeos, but went out one day and found his horse injured in the pasture. They really do not know what happened, but Sid lost his favorite roping horse.

Doris Rudd is more afraid of a cricket than a rattlesnake. Well, maybe not, but she tells the story of finding a rattlesnake at her house. She is holding the gun and getting her aim straight when something hits her on the leg. She jumps, hits her hand on something, and just knows it is another snake. She is scared, but finds it was only a cricket. She recovers enough to shoot and kill the snake.

The Nehring family has not lived in Borden County for long, but many people are getting to know them. They are seen in Gail and at the rodeo arena often. Doug ropes, and the children, a boy and a girl, are often seen working the chutes. Donna flagged the recent steer roping. They live on the OB Ranch and work for Aubry Stokes. Hope they enjoy being in Borden County as much as we enjoy having them here.

It was good to see Don Cox had recovered enough from his recent accident to be working in the announcer's stand at the recent steer roping. Know that he is glad to be out of the hospital and off of those crutches. Heard that he says he can do most kinds of work now, but gets it done slowly. He has not tried riding another horse yet, maybe he does not want to take the chance of having one fall on him again.

It is nice to see Par Hensley up and around after his recent stay in the hospital.

Saw many Borden County people at the Scurry County Rodeo last week. Some were competing, some helping, and many were there just to watch. Wonder what will be heard this week???

Lisa Dennis returned home Thursday night from a two week trip to Frankfurt, Germany. While there, Lisa and a friend took the train to Lucerne, Switzerland, for a few days. She reports she had a great time, but it turned cold, and seems as though she took all the wrong clothes! Arriving back in Dallas, Joel Dennis, Lisa's brother, picked her up and brought her to Gail. Joel will stay for a week or so visiting his parents, the Bert Dennis's.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Dennis were in Kerrville, Texas, for the annual Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Convention this past week.

Seen around the Snyder rodeo Friday night were several Borden County residents:

Shorty and Barbara Farmer Don Cox and daughter, Donna, from Wichita Falls (Donna has been here visiting Don for several days)

Brent and Ben Murphy Dorothy Browne and daughter, Joyce

Ernest and Vickie Kiker Terry and Connie Voss and daughters

Billy and Dotty Wills Corky and Snooks Ogden and Kelly

Roy Lee and Mary Beaver Joe Thell Belew

Roger Williams, Keil and Kelly Seems as though Tammy Voss and cousin, Kelly Ogden, wanted in the goat sacking, but something went wrong and the goats outran the girls!! Just stay in there girls--your time will come!!

Mrs. Vance Davis returned home Wednesday from Houston, where she had back surgery. Reports are that she is doing well. Glad you are home, Cora Lynn!

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Jackson for a few days is Mrs. Jackson's sister and family, Ruby Lee and Maynard Gooley and daughter, Lorinda Beal. The Gooley's are from Oakdale, California, visiting with Ma Gooley. "I find," he says, "we had as much rain in one night as California has in a year." (almost) O. D. reported 2 1/4 inches of rain Thursday afternoon and early Friday morning. Also here for the weekend for a visit is Don Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Jackson. Don lives in Abilene.

Attending coaches school in Dallas this week are Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Varner and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Killian of Gail. It was noted that the temperature in Dallas Sunday was 109 degrees. Bet they're hot!!!

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith were honored Sunday at a picnic at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Cornett, Lake Thomas.

Jack and Miggie are moving to Sterling City the 1st of August where Miggie will be employed at the Hospital. They will be missed around Gail, but lots of good wishes go with them.

Ira News

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Wilson of Snyder have returned from a visit at Breckenridge.

Staff-Sgt. and Mrs. Darrel Davis of Big Spring are the parents of a 7 lb. 9 1/4 oz. girl born July 7, 1977. Sarah Christine is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melton Davis of Lake Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. Dorman A. Neel of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Olen Horn visited Sunday with relatives at Abilene.

Mrs. Martha Thompson of Temple is visiting with her daughter, Ola Mae Glasscock, at Snyder while Mrs. Glasscock is convalescing from gallstone surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Erda Lewis visited Sunday in the Paul Gordon home.

Mrs. Prissy Thompson visited Sunday afternoon in the Billy Bob Hardy home at Colorado City.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Jessen are in the process of moving this week to Stanton.

After reading a letter from the camp director, stating that her son needed discipline, a doting mother wrote back with this suggestion:

Dear Director: Please don't slap my Irving, he is very sensitive. Slap the boy next to him, that will scare Irving.



High above the plains of Texas, in the cool of the Sacramento mountains of New Mexico, a delegation of 4-H'ers and leaders from Borden County are attending the 4-H Electric Camp this week which is located 28 miles southeast of Cloudford, New Mexico. Those attending the camp, sponsored by Southwestern Public Service Company are, left to right: Van York and Rhesa Wolf. The Southwestern instructor is Dale Ramsey from Lubbock.

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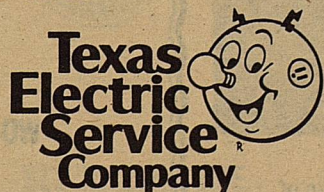
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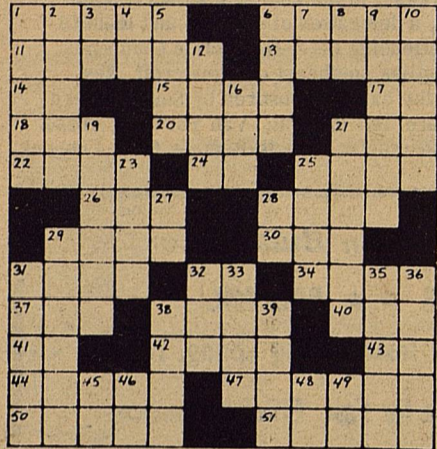
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Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1. Showy flower
 - 6. Pals
 - 11. In fact
 - 13. Eagle's nest
 - 14. Plural ending
 - 15. God of war
 - 17. Compass point
 - 18. Vat
 - 20. Chance
 - 21. Take legal action
 - 22. Lamb
 - 24. Past script (abbr.)
 - 25. Raced
 - 26. Narrow inlet
 - 28. Dismounted
 - 29. Curve
 - 30. Adult male

- DOWN**
- 1. Reverence to God
 - 2. Follow immediately
 - 3. Hypothetical force
 - 4. Compass point
 - 5. Period of time
 - 6. Small barrel
 - 7. That man
 - 8. Lot's birthplace
 - 9. Slow dance
 - 10. Stitched
 - 12. Fall in drops
 - 16. Worm
 - 19. Cask
 - 21. Small piano
 - 23. Pleasant
 - 25. Close loudly
 - 27. Exclamation
 - 28. Part of to be
 - 29. Charm
 - 31. Song bird
 - 32. Unopened flower
 - 33. Brain passage
 - 35. Renowned
 - 36. Portals
 - 38. High plateau
 - 39. Seth's son
 - 45. Within
 - 46. Printing measure
 - 48. Point of compass
 - 49. Musical note



(Solution on page 8)

"Immunization Isn't Just Kid Stuff"

A gift that lasts a lifetime--and perhaps may save the life of the receiver--will be offered all Texans during August. The gift is immunizations against the serious, even life-threatening diseases which continue to plague mankind. Remember polio, diphtheria, measles, rubella (German measles), tetanus (lockjaw), whooping cough (pertussis), mumps? They're still with us and are always looking for a susceptible person--someone who hasn't

been immunized against them. August will be observed as Immunization Action Month in Texas as part of a nationwide campaign this year to immunize all those in need of protection. The Texas Department of Health is spearheading the Immunization Action Month, aided by Mrs. Dolph Briscoe's First Lady's Volunteer Program. While all immunizations will be stressed during the campaign, the theme of this year's program will be, "Immunization Isn't Just Kid Stuff". Texans other than just children do need immunizations, and emphasis will be given to these other groups. Special attention will be given to: --Older persons who should be protected against disease, particularly tetanus; --Youngsters and young adults who received measles immuni-


zations before reaching their first birthdays; and --Prospective mothers who need protection against rubella to safeguard possible birth defects of their future children. During the past few months, more red measles cases have been occurring across Texas than have been experienced in several years. Much of this is in young adults-teenagers. Health scientists feel that children who were immunized against measles before their first birthdays have only limited protection unless they receive a booster vaccination. When exposed to the disease, they have come down with an infection, although symptoms of the disease may be less severe. Adults need booster vaccinations against diphtheria and tetanus every 10 years throughout their lives, since these diseases can be as devastating to an adult as a child. Rubella is another disease which can be dangerous to some adults, specifically pregnant women. Although the mother recovers, the fetus can be severely affected. A blood test is available to determine whether a woman of child-bearing age is susceptible to rubella and should be vaccinated before pregnancy occurs. Special efforts will be made during Immunization Action Month, as well as September and October, to test young females. During August, special efforts will be made in child care institutions across Texas to bring immunization levels up among children attending these centers. Department of Public Welfare personnel will be instrumental in getting information to child care centers and in notifying welfare recipients of the need for immunization. All of the immunizations against these dangerous diseases are available, free of charge, from public health clinics operated by local health departments and Texas Public Health Regions. Immunizations also may be obtained from most private physicians for their standard fees. The Department of Health wants all children, teenagers and adults to be properly and completely immunized. During August, the Department asks you to remember that "Immunization Isn't Just Kid Stuff".

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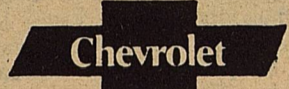
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Quint Creighton of Paris, and his friend, Hoyt Kennemer of Lake Creek, with their Sunday afternoon catch - a 19 lb. catfish, and a 30 lb. catfish.

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Hay Potential Still Good

COLLEGE STATION --- Although hay making has been limited in some sections of Texas due to dry conditions, there is still plenty of time to get the barn filled before the north wind starts blowing.

"Good to average hay crops have been harvested in parts of the state, but recent dry weather has limited production in many regions," points out Al Novosad, forage and pasture specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "Since most barns were empty this spring after the hard winter we had, producers need to harvest an abundance of hay."

Early cuttings have been short in eastern sections due to dry weather, and now parts of North Central, Central and South Central Texas are dry. So, hay production has generally been spotted to this point, notes Novosad.

However, all is not lost!

Novosad points out that a good hay crop can still be made over the state if late summer and early fall rains come on schedule. And, according to the National Weather Service, the outlook is promising for such moisture, especially for the southern and eastern halves of the state.

"Since there is still plenty of time for forages to grow after the rains come, producers should go ahead and fertilize their hay meadows now," suggests Novosad. "Then, grasses can make rapid growth once the moisture comes."

The forage specialist reminds producers to give particular attention to the stage of grass growth when harvesting hay crops. Early grass growth with an abundance of tender leaves and a lack of hard stems makes for top quality, high protein hay.

"The real key to good quality hay is to fertilize properly and then to harvest at the right stage of growth," says Novosad.

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GRADE		29/32 (29) & Shorter	15/16 (30)	31/32 (31)	1" (32)	1-1/32 (33)	1-1/16 (34)	1-3/32 (35)	1-1/8 (36)	1-5/16 (37) - & Longer
WHITE										
SM & better	(21)	39.50	40.40	41.50	42.90	45.20	46.75	47.00	47.40	48.30
M+	(30)	39.35	40.25	41.30	42.70	44.95	46.50	46.80	47.20	48.00
M	(31)	39.25	40.10	41.15	42.55	44.80	46.30	46.60	47.00	47.80
SLM+	(40)	38.55	39.55	40.40	41.60	43.80	45.35	45.60	45.85	46.65
SLM	(41)	38.25	39.15	40.00	41.05	43.10	44.60	44.90	45.25	45.95
LM+	(50)	37.35	38.20	39.05	40.05	41.55	42.85	43.05	43.40	43.70
LM	(51)	36.90	37.75	38.60	39.50	40.85	42.00	42.25	42.45	42.75
SGO+	(60)	34.80	35.55	36.30	37.05	38.10	38.70	38.80	38.90	38.90
SGO	(61)	34.35	34.95	35.75	36.45	37.35	37.85	37.90	38.00	38.00
GO+	(70)	32.80	33.40	34.00	34.60	35.40	35.80	35.85	35.90	35.90
GO	(71)	32.35	33.00	33.55	34.15	34.85	35.15	35.20	35.30	35.30
LIGHT SPOTTED										
SM & better	(22)	39.00	39.85	40.80	41.95	44.10	45.45	45.75	46.00	46.75
M	(32)	38.40	39.15	40.10	41.20	43.10	44.50	44.75	45.10	45.90
SLM	(42)	37.40	38.05	38.90	39.80	41.00	42.05	42.20	42.55	42.80
LM	(52)	35.40	36.15	36.85	37.45	38.05	38.45	38.50	38.60	38.60
SPOTTED										
SM & better	(23)	36.75	37.45	38.20	38.95	40.20	40.80	40.90	41.10	41.20
M	(33)	36.00	36.65	37.35	38.15	39.10	39.65	39.70	39.80	39.85
SLM	(43)	34.65	35.30	35.90	36.40	37.10	37.50	37.50	37.60	37.60
LM	(53)	33.30	33.90	34.40	34.85	35.40	35.60	35.65	35.70	35.70
TINGLED*										
SM	(24)	33.75	34.20	34.50	34.80	35.20	35.30	35.35	35.95	35.95
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M	(36)	36.60	37.35	38.35	39.35	40.70	42.10	42.25	42.60	42.85
SLM	(46)	34.10	34.90	35.65	36.35	37.40	38.10	38.25	38.40	38.40
GRAY										
SM & better	(27)	36.50	37.25	38.05	38.85	39.95	40.90	41.05	41.35	41.70
M	(37)	33.95	34.80	35.55	36.25	37.20	37.75	37.90	38.00	38.00
SLM	(47)	31.95	32.75	33.45	33.85	34.50	34.95	35.00	35.15	35.15

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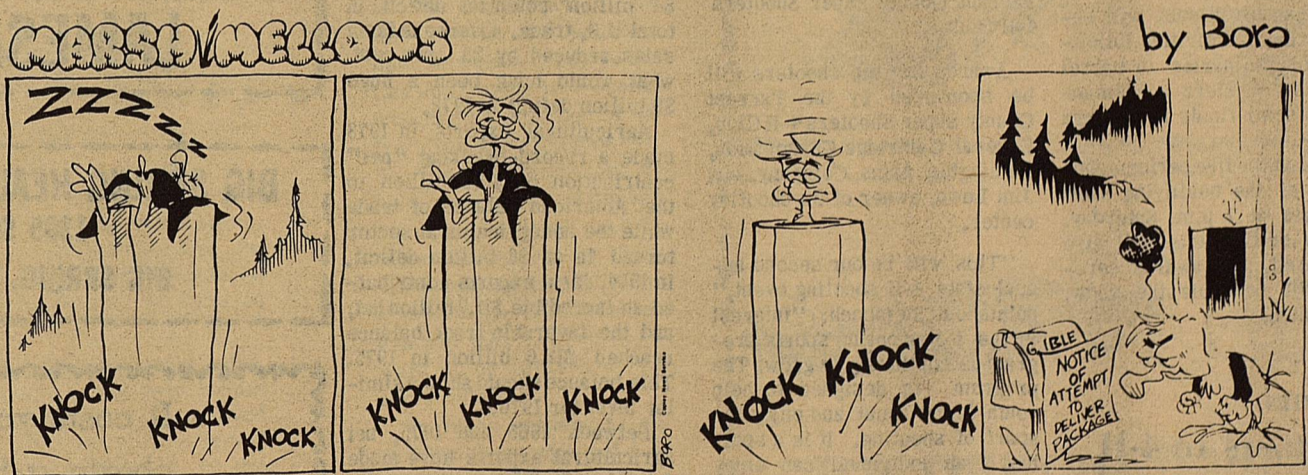
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Legislature Enacts Laws

55 MPH SPEED LIMIT—The Governor vetoed a Bill that would have prohibited speeding violations between 55 and 70 m.p.h. from counting against a driver's record for purposes of license suspensions or insurance rates. The Governor's reasoning in vetoing the bill centered around the lifesaving aspect of the lower speed limit and the possible loss of Federal highway funds.

MOTORCYCLE HELMET LAW—The current law is altered to remove the requirement that drivers and passengers of motorcycles wear protective helmets with the exception of those under 18 years old.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION—HB1536 increases the fee for a duplicate motor vehicle license receipt from .25¢ to \$1.00. HB1537 increases the fee charged for a Certificate of Title from .75¢ to \$3.00.



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4-H Horsemen Compete

HOUSTON --- Ben Murphy from Borden County will be competing with the top 4-H horsemen in Texas in the State 4-H Horse Show at the Astro Arena in Houston, which began July 26-30.

There will be some 600 entries in the total show, with 280 of these being top qualifiers in each of the 14 districts of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the parent organization of 4-H, points out B. F. Yeates, Extension horse specialist.

The open invitational portion of the show will be held July 27-28, with registration for these entries beginning at 10 a.m. July 26. Registration for those entries that qualified in district competition will begin at 10 a.m. on July 28.

The first day of open classes will begin at 7 a.m. and will include preliminaries in break-away roping and judged roping along with competition in precision riding and cutting. The following morning will feature preliminaries in hunter hack, hunter horsemanship, working hunter and open jumping. Drill team competition will also be featured along with preliminaries in showmanship for those qualifying in district competition.

Finals in all the open invitational classes will be held Thursday, July 28, beginning at 7:30 p.m., notes Yeates.

The regular show for qualifying 4-H'ers will get into full swing Friday with semi-finals in showmanship beginning at 7 a.m. This will be followed by judging of geldings and mares at halter and preliminaries in Western pleasure, reining and pole bending.

Showmanship finals will begin Saturday's activities followed by preliminaries in barrel racing and Western horsemanship and semi-finals in Western pleasure.

Finals in the five performance classes of the qualifying show will begin at 7 p.m. Saturday. The top drill teams will also be featured. An awards ceremony will conclude the show, adds Yeates.

Parents - Partners In 4-H

Parents, would you like to form a partnership with your youngster? Thousands are doing this every day in the 4-H program, says Earnest Kiker, county agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Through 4-H, parents get involved with their youngsters by helping them with one or more of over 40 projects. By getting involved with projects, parents help their youngsters learn the basic skills and information and help them to fulfill an obligation. The "partners" then build on these successes in areas of project work, leader-

ship, community service and many other character-building experiences.

By spending time with your son or daughter, you can overcome the problems commonly referred to today as "communications gap" or "generation gap." The 4-H project serves as a beginning to start the "partnership"--it grows through mutual understanding and trust between parent and child.

Parents and 4-H'ers learn to share the joys of winning and the disappointment of losing and to jointly work out solutions to problems as they arise.

State Trap And Skeet Shoot

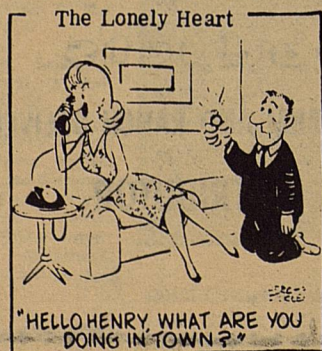
FORT WORTH --- Some 100 4-H members from throughout Texas will be sharpening their shooting eye at the upcoming State 4-H Trap and Skeet Shoot. The event is scheduled for August 5-6 at the Winchester Public Shooting Center here on North Jacksboro Highway.

"4-H youth between the ages of 9 and 19 may participate in the shoot," points out Don Steinbach, fisheries specialist with Texas Agricultural Extension Service and superintendent of the shoot. "There will be a junior and a senior division, and 4-H'ers may enter either trap or skeet shooting or both. Juniors will shoot 50 'birds' and seniors, 75."

Registration for the trap and skeet shoot will begin Friday afternoon, August 5, and will continue until 9 a.m. the next morning when the shoot begins. Youth will be able to get in some practice shooting Friday afternoon, and a barbecue will be hosted that evening by the Tarrant County Super Shooters 4-H Club.

Awards for top shooters will be sponsored by the Tarrant County Super Shooters 4-H Club, Federal Cartridge Corporation, Remington Arms Company, and Jim Lowe, owner of the shooting center.

"This will be our second annual state 4-H shooting event," points out Steinbach. "Interest in the 4-H shooting sports program is continuing to grow. The program is designed to help youth learn about and enjoy the sport of shooting. It is a sport that an individual can enjoy throughout his lifetime."



Balance Of Trade

COLLEGE STATION --- The wheat a local farmer is raising could very well pay for your foreign car, imported wine or new camera.

This is because America exports more food and fiber products than it imports. This "favorable balance of trade" pays for many foreign products, a leading one today being the huge amounts of imported oil, points out Dr. William E. Black, marketing economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"The 'balance of trade' is the dollar difference between how much we buy from overseas and how much we sell to the overseas markets," says Black. To buy the foreign goods we want, we have to sell overseas to get the money to buy. It's much the same as in your own personal finances--you have to have an income before you can buy.

"If you buy more than you make, you go in debt. The more debt you have, the more shaky your financial situation is. After awhile, your credit isn't as good," notes Black.

The same applies to this country, the economist explains. If we buy more on the foreign market than we sell, we have a negative balance of trade. If that gets too big, our dollar gets shaky in the international market. After awhile, foreign markets lose faith in the value of the dollar and it won't buy as much overseas.

"When the value of our imports is greater than the value of what we export, the deficit saps the strength of the U.S. dollar in foreign markets. As the deficit grows, the value of the dollar weakens and it takes more dollars to buy foreign products. That creates problems for the American consumer," asserts Black.

In 1971, American farm exports cancelled one-half of a \$4 billion potential deficit in total U.S. trade. Overseas farm sales reduced by 23 per cent what would have been a huge \$9 billion deficit in 1972.

Agricultural exports in 1973 made a record-breaking "net" contribution of \$9.3 billion to the American balance of trade while the nonagricultural sector turned in an \$8 billion deficit. In 1974, farm exports contributed an incredible \$11.7 billion net, and the favorable trade balance reached \$12.6 billion in 1975. This balance should show a similar level for 1976.

Between 1965 and 1975, net agricultural exports have made a total contribution of \$49 billion to America's balance of trade. This more than offset the \$28 billion deficit chalked up by the nonagricultural sector.

"The export market plays an important role in Texas agriculture," adds Black. "Currently, the production from one out of every four acres is imported. Leading imports include rice, sorghum, wheat and cotton."

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Big Government

WASHINGTON—Too much intrusion into the lives of individual Americans, spiraling costs to taxpayers and a suffocating bureaucracy are typical of the chorus of complaints one hears when Uncle Sam's name is mentioned these days.

Unfortunately, the criticism is deserved.

Hardly a day goes by when Texans or the American public in general don't have good reason to shake their heads in disgust at government's ineptitude or some perversion of its public trust.

Opinion polls paint a dimmer picture of the public attitude toward the Federal establishment. The latest surveys indicate that only 23% of those Americans polled expressed confidence in the Federal government. While this percentage has edged upward in recent years, there is no mistaking the fact that government's job performance, as viewed by a majority of Americans, leaves much to be desired.

There are plenty of reasons why. Part of the explanation may be that leadership and institutions have come up lacking when serious answers to some of our most pressing national questions are needed.

This includes, for example, a solution to the Social Security dilemma: how do we make up the alarming depletion in the system's trust fund as an ever-larger number of Americans retire earlier?

What about a Federal budget that continues to swell, defying sound fiscal management while new and ever more expensive programs are proposed and implemented by a spendthrift Congress?

And as we witnessed this winter, energy shortages are real with a present danger which no one in Washington dreamed imaginable only a few years ago. Insufficient energy supplies threaten to disrupt our economy and way of life, yet the Administration's response to the problem is a stopgap measure centered around conservation and continued federal regulation of the energy market.

There are other reasons for government's tarnished image. Waste and inefficiency have become synonymous with government at every level, and thus far promises to reorganize or reduce the Federal bureaucracy have proved little more than the same campaign rhetoric heard every four years.

But it is here where some fundamental changes in the way government conducts its business may have some immediate impact. Congress may begin to make a dent in a burdensome regulatory process if, as expected, the House and Senate act favorably on legislation which finally will hold regulatory agencies and wasteful programs to account.

Appropriately named "sunset" legislation, these proposals if enacted into law will force the regulatory agencies to justify their continued existence at the end of set budget cycles. Those agencies and programs which could not pass muster would be terminated.

The sunset legislation answers a crying need for government to weed out expensive agencies, commissions, bureaus, and programs serving a marginal purpose but which have been reauthorized year after year because no mechanism existed in the budgeting process to force an assessment of cost effectiveness.

Such legislation is long overdue. It means that intrusive agencies like the Occupational Safety and Health Administration with rules and regulations that proved contrary to congressional intent and which have served to frustrate farmers and the small businessman for too long, must present a persuasive case for their continued existence.

Sunset legislation is only a beginning, and it's not the be all and end all to government reform. But if it can help restore a measure of public trust in government, those of us who endorse its principles will have accomplished a major goal.

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Q: I've been wanting to ask this for a long time. While in college, I lived in an apartment. When I left, my \$25 deposit was withheld, presumably for cleaning and a cracked window. Both reasons were totally untrue. Is there anything I can do about it?

A: If you owed no rent and if you gave proper notice, your landlord was legally required to refund your deposit. Though he's not entitled to deduct for normal wear and tear, a landlord can deduct charges representing actual damages and cleaning costs, if the lease allows. But, the landlord must furnish you with a written description and itemized list of all deductions. If the landlord acted in bad faith and the statute of limitations hasn't run out, he could be required to pay \$100 plus three times the amount wrongfully withheld.

Q: I know a couple that has never paid income tax, and they seem to get away with it. The wife has always wanted to pay the taxes, but her husband wouldn't do it. Is she as guilty as he is? If he died, would she be responsible? And one more thing, is it my duty as a citizen to turn them in?

A: When a joint return is filed, each spouse is liable for the full amount of the tax, interest and penalties due. However, fraud penalties don't apply to a spouse who had no intention of defrauding the government. So, the wife might not be held responsible. Although you have no legal duty to report them, you can. Anyone supplying helpful information to the IRS about tax evaders may receive a reward of up to 10% of the taxes collected.

Q: What happens to my children if my wife and I do not have a will and we die at the same time?

A: The court will appoint a guardian to take care of each child that is under 18 years of age and to administer all of their property. The Texas law sets out a list of specific relatives from which the court will appoint a guardian, depending upon which relatives are alive and able to serve. If there are no relatives, the court will use its discretion in choosing a guardian.

From Gail To Las Vegas

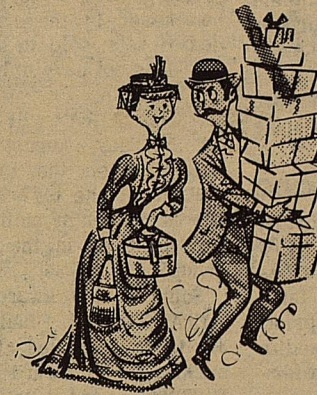


Robert Beal, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Beal and a graduate of Borden High School in 1964, has returned home to put on his show straight from Las Vegas.

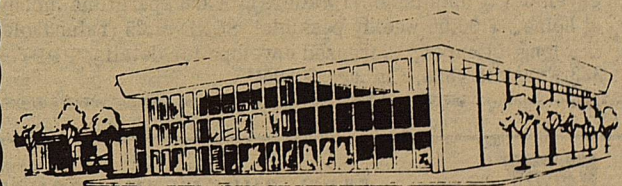
Kurt Sproul and Robert Beal are stopping in Big Spring for a fast week with their sizzling new revue from Las Vegas called "HOT STUFF." It is a mini-revue that features fast-paced choreography in their dance numbers, comedy, singing, magic acts, lightning-fast costume changes, and "one of the best-looking casts ever to be in show business." The majority of the cast were in an all time favorite show called Bottoms Up. Kurt Sproul and Robert Beal put their heads

together and decided to produce a show very similar but faster, fresher and newer. Sproul and Beal, currently being billed as the youngest producers in show business, have worked with such names as Ann-Margret, Sammy Davis, Jr., Phyllis Diller, Bob Hope, Olivia Newton-John, Mitzi Gaynor, John Davidson, Jerry Van Dyke, Rip Taylor, and a host of other luminaries. The sets and costumes that Sproul and Beal have conceived have been executed by the same companies in Las Vegas who work for all the production shows, such as Hallelujah Hollywood, Dolies Bergere, Lido de Paris, and Casino de Paris.

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Runners Pass Gail

Two California youngsters stopped to use the telephone in Gail Thursday afternoon, as they ran across Borden County.

The pair legging it across the U.S. from the Pacific to the Atlantic in relays. In the process each is running a marathon of 26 miles daily.

The two young men, Jeff Day, 19 and Cam Douglas, 17, are following U.S. 180 into Dallas. They have already covered about half of the distance to their Jacksonville, Florida destination.

The two athletes, one a high school graduate and the other a senior, began the running relay from Oceanside, Calif. a few weeks ago. The two are running 11 miles each in the mornings, four in the afternoons and another 11 miles in the evenings.

Both young men have run cross country track in high school. They undertook the adventure because of the challenge of doing something different. For Day the trip will be his second unusual journey across the United States. He said two years ago he and his brother traveled a more northerly route from coast to coast on bicycles in 28 days.

Day said it takes roughly an hour and a half to cover 11 miles in a run. He said that dogs are the biggest trouble. He admitted a number of people have driven up beside one of the two runners and asked if they needed help.

The two hope to complete their 2,600 mile adventure in about two months. So far they've both worn out three pairs of track shoes and are looking forward to a "care" package from home when they get to Dallas.

In describing a young bride, the society editor wrote: "Her dainty feet were encased in shoes that might be taken for fairy boots." It appeared in print, "Her dirty feet were encased in shoes that might be taken for ferry boats!"

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AJRA National Finals

The AJRA National Finals Rodeo will be held in the Scurry County Coliseum August 9-13 at 8:00 p.m. each night, sponsored by the Snyder Chamber of Commerce and the Scurry County Board of Development.

Stock producer is Burrell Markum of Valley Mills, Texas. Clown will be Rick Chapman of Fort Worth, Texas, and rodeo announcer is Jim Miller of Rapid City, South Dakota.

The AJRA Association continues to grow this year. There are now 714 members, 19 years and younger. The members have competed in some thirty AJRA sanctioned rodeos across Texas and New Mexico. They must place in an event before they can qualify for the Finals. Some have taken a good lead in certain events before arriving for the finals, and others are still competing so close that only a few cents could keep them from winning the championship. This situation keeps the finals quite thrilling and exciting until the very last night.

The AJRA National Finals is a week of competition the young members look forward to all year. They travel long and hard all year, competing and building their points to the possibility of winning for themselves a title "Junior World Champion."

The National Finals Queen will be chosen on Friday, August 12. She will receive a beautiful trophy buckle, made especially for her by Gary Gist of California. The Queen will be chosen by the most advanced tickets sold in her honor. She does not have to be a member of AJRA.

"Miss AJRA" will be crowned Saturday, August 13. She will represent the AJRA Association for the 1977-78 season. She is chosen by members only and must be in the 16-19 age group.

Some of the awards for the AJRA National Finals include 36 trophy saddles, 60 trophy buckles, 30 award jackets, \$2,000.00 added to short-go,

Barrell Racing bronze by Dubb Tubb, Bull Riding bronze by Dr. Robert Taylor, All-Around Champion bronze by Cowboy's Artist Association, PRCA Award, Joe York "Rookie of Year" Award for 12 and Under age group, Founder's Award, Sportsmanship Awards, and Roy Cooper Champion Roper Award.

There will be a rodeo dance on Saturday night only with music by "Curtis Potter and the Permian Playboys."

Advance tickets will be sold for Adults \$2.00 and Children \$1.00. Advance tickets can be purchased through the National Finals Queen candidates or through the Chamber Office. All box seats must be purchased through the Chamber Office only, priced \$3.50. Tickets at box office will be priced \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children.

Safety Is A Good Investment

COLLEGE STATION --- "Every year hundreds of thousands of farm and ranch residents suffer unnecessary injury and sometimes disability and death from accidents on the farm," said President Carter in a proclamation designating the week of July 25-31 as National Farm Safety Week.

Recognizing that accident injuries and property damage are an economic drain on farm and ranch income potentials, the theme for the week will be "Safety Is a Good Investment."

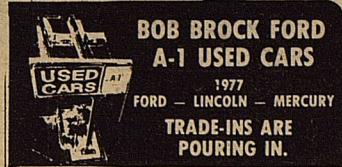
"The Texas Agricultural Extension Service fully agrees with the cost savings theme of Farm Safety Week," said Dr. Gary S. Nelson, an Extension safety engineer, "and we will be giving it our full support."

Nelson added that it is good to recognize that in addition to saving lives and preventing injuries, a small investment in accident prevention may prevent larger insurance and medical costs, equipment damage, and associated production loss expenses involving lack of labor and equipment or time delays resulting from accidents. "An accident loss is an accident loss," contended Nelson.

In his proclamation, President Carter urged producers to commit themselves to safe conduct in all activities. He further urged all who work with and serve agricultural producers to assist and support them in providing safe equipment and chemicals for use on the farm.

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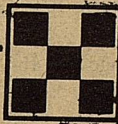
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