

Attention Home Owners Apply For Homestead

To qualify for tax relief for Residential Humestead, homeowners must contact the Borden Co. tax office in person or by mail before June 30, 1980. Homeowners may come by the office and sign an application or the assessor will send one, upon request.

If you qualify for a residence homestead, you will be entitled to a \$5,000 exemption off the market value of the homestead for school tax purposes. In other words. If your homestead has a market value of \$20,000, the exemption will reduce the market value to \$15,000. This is the figure against which the assessor will apply the assessment ratio, producing the assessed value. The assessed value is the figure on which the tax rate is applied to generate the tax bill. If the market value of your home is \$4,000, the exemption will reduce the market value to \$0. In this situation, your exemption will be \$4,000, The amount of an

exemption which you receive cannot exceed the market value of your homestead.

The school homestead exemption is available to the general public as long as valid applications are filed with the school district before the end of the rendition period. You will be reminded of this cutoff date by your school tax assessor. He will place several notices in the newspapar about the application deadline.

If you qualify for a residence homestead, you may also be entitled to a \$3,000 exemption from the assessed value of your home from county taxes. However, this exemption can be granted only from the portion of the county tax rate levied farm-to-market roads or flood control. Therefore, if your county does not tax for this purpose, you will not be entitled to this exemption. You should apply to your county tax office for this

Margaret Sharp, putting finishing touches on her queen size quilt

Hard Times and Patience

Hand pieced quilts were once a necessity in this country. Necessary for warmth as well as for salvaging every usuable fabric scrap available. These days heirloom quilts are prized possessions and quilting itself is a recognized and highly respected art form.

Margaret Sharp is a skilled artisan and craftsman in this lovely folk art area. She also sews and crochets and did some wood carving in her younger days. Her talents reflect the talents of her ancestors and her rich American heritage.

John Kelly, Margaret's grandfather, was a skilled wood carver. Margaret says she inherited her talent from him and told about his work. The only tools he had to work with were a ruler, pocket knife, hammer, piece ofglass and a saw. He would take the heart and limbs of dead cedar trees and make mens, ladies and

childrens legs and feet with the shoe form on the feet for dolls. Some would have work shoes, some dress shoes, high heeled slippers. He carved all types of lace-up shoes and slippers, complete with the eyelets, hooks, and laces. He also made salad forks and spoons, nut bowls, bread trays or bowls, butter knives and rolling pins. I have a rolling pin he made for me which is approximately 45 years old. I cherish it deeply.

Although her mother died when Margaret was only two years and eight months old, Margaret gives credit for her talents with a needle to her. Mother did a general variety of hand work, crochet, knitting, weaving, tatting, hairpen work, piecing quilt tops and quilting. You name it and she could do it or try it. My father told me she knitted his winter caps and socks.

Margaret says, I

married young and inexperienced and as Buddy told everyone, I couldn't boil water without scorching it!" But with Mrs. Sharp's (Buddy's mother) help she began to make her own clothes. Mrs. Sharp had the patience of Job. She and Margaret began to piece quilt blocks and quilt them together. This was the beginning of Margaret's development of her talent. She says:

We would order a 10 or 15 pound bundle of quilt scraps from Sears or Montgomery Wards. Using our homemade quilt patterns we cut and pieced large quilt blocks, about 13 inches square, strip them together and quilt them. We saved every little scrap we might could use at all in something. When our scraps were strings we would cut square blocks (4 or 5 inches wide)out of old catalogues for string quilts.

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PRC Issues Study On Small Town Post Offices

Official business and community spirit converge at many of America's 18,000 rural post offices, and closing one of them can have far-reaching impact on its surrounding community. The entire issue is thoroughly expored in ATTHE CROSSROADS, a pioneering independent study just released by the Postal Rate Commission (PRC) in Washington, D.C. The Commission, among other duties, hears appeals on post office closings or consolidations proposed by the Postal Service.

Written by Richard J. Margolis, a noted journalist-author who specializes in rural affairs, the study may be utilized by the U.S. POSTAL Service in its decisions on post office closings or consolidations, according to A. Lee Fritschler, PRC Chairman.

AT THE CROSSROADS draws upon a wide spectrum of resources, from personal interviews with postal employees and customers to pertinent sociological and demographic data.

Con't on P. 7

Borden County School News



Ben Murphy, Jo Barnes and Jeff Johnson watch as Mr. Fallon Woodland falls across Danny Holmes on stage during the assembly on Monday.

School Board Meeting

Teachers—Aides Rehired

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District met in regular session at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, March 24, 1980. Following a review of the minutes of the last board meeting of February 18, the Board considered bills payable and moved to pay all bills.

The Board ratified the selections of the Textbook Committee as presented by the Superintendent.

Superintendent McLeroy recommended all teachers and teacher aides be rehired for the 1980-1981 school year. The recommendation was accepted by the Board to rehire the following teachers and teacher aides for the 1980-1981 school year:

Bob Bagley Billie Briggs Dave Briggs Frances Burkett Brenda Conner **Beverly Copeland** Joe Copeland **Dorothy Gray** Kay Hopper **Netta Jarrett** Lynn Maxwell Sue Jane Mayes Ann McLeroy Shirley McMeans Jim Parker Fred Ridenour Randy Roemisch Doris Steadman Larry Steele **Dennis Teeters** Peggy Westbrook Dolores Wolf **Eunice Yadon**

Joan Briggs Verna Ogden Melba Rinehart Sue Smith Sallie Wilson Barbara York

A year-to-date financial report was given by the Superintendent.

Attendance was reported

to be 158 elementary and 77 in high school for a total of 235 students.

The Budget Hearing was set for July 28, 1980 at 8:00 p.m. and the Board of M Equalization meeting for July 29, 1980 at 10:00 a.m.

The Board approved the purchase of a heavy duty mower for the school grounds.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

MAKE UP SCHOOL DAY

- MANAGEMENT

There will be classes at Borden County Schools on Saturday, March 29 to make up for a day lost because of ice this past School will winter. began at 8:20 a.m. and dismiss at 2:00. nomemoc

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Assembly **Program**

With the assistance of Ben Murphy, 12th grader; Jo Barnes, 2nd grader; Jeff Johnson, 4th grader and Danny Holmes, 11th the assembly program featuring Fallon Woodland of Kansas City, Missouri was a terrific success. Mr. Woodland used the four students to assist in skits during the program on Monday March 24th. In the one-man comedy, Mr. Woodland used his unique wit and humor in portraying characters from the literature of Kipling, Shakespeare and the American West.

Mr. Woodland has won the Best Actor of the year for One-Man Acts and 17 different Awards in one year with the National Forensics League. He has appeared in plays such as "Catch 22", "The Rope" and "Our Town", and has been featured as a regular on several television talk shows.

Short On School; Heavy On Thinking

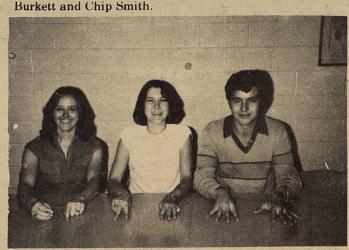
WEST ORANGE, N.J. (AP)-Thomas Alva Edison 1847-1931 had three months of formal schooling, yet he invented the electric light and the phonograph. He had 1,100 inventions patented.

Edison is also credited with the saying, "There is no expedient to which a man will not go to avoid the labor of thinking."

Anwar Sadat, Egypt's president, first visited Israel in 1977.



U. I. L. SCIENCE: Janna Love, Ben Murphy, Glynda



U. I. L. CALCULATOR COMPETITORS: Janna Love, Glynda Burkett, and Danny Holmes.



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Dreams Die Hard

WELCOME SPRING WITH DESSERT

The fresh fruit season and the promise of spring are

reasons enough to prepare this luscious dessert. Strawberry Chantilly Tarts have all the convenience of preparation

that you'll need—vanilla flavor pudding and pie filling and strawberry flavor gelatin—right from the cupboard.

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Combine pudding mix, gelatin and water in saucepan. Cook and stir over medium heat until mixture comes to

a full boil and is thickened and clear. Remove from heat

and chill until slightly thickened. Fold in whipped top-

ping, blending well. Chill. Spoon into tart shells. Garnish

12 commercial pastry shells in aluminum foil cups

1 package (3 oz.) Jell-O strawberry

strawberry before serving.

2-1/2 cups water

flavor gelatin

-David Smith
Old dreams die hard
It is said. And we know
This is true. For in our time
There lives a man who
proved it so.

He came to power young and fine,
But after years of ruling,
Grew old and mean.
Dreamed
The man of an empire great,
Like unto those of the ancient days
Of Persia. This man tried

Of Persia. This man tried Through corruption and graft,

To be forever remembered. Indeed He will be; his government

fell,
The people revolted.
Terrified, he fled

To various places worldwide, Stopping at last in the That gave him power.
Things did not go well.
His former subjects
captured an embassy
unlawfully,
Trying to blackmail the
man's.

man's, Return. But the man Would not be surrendered:

He was rich and sick. In the balance hand fifty lives

No offer has he made, His dwindling life to trade For fifty others. He is proud and

Arrogant, still dreaming of an

Empire, with him in control.

The world crumbles around Him: But he relaxes on a sunny island. Old dreams die very hard To a former shah.

Hard Times

Con't from P. 1

To do this, we took each paper square, fit a string diagonal to cover from corner to corner, place shorter strings on each side and sew it on by hand. When the square was completely covered, we turned it face down and trimmed the edges off even with the paper. When these blocks are sewn together a certain way it can be quite beautiful for a string quilt.

Those days, times were hard and we really had to cut corners financially to get along so I took the tiny pieces of scrap fabric and made me a "Stamp Quilt" top. It is pieced in a pattern called "around the world". I started in the center with one square, went around it with another color, and so on, making every row a different color. I made this quilt in 1940. The blocks are slightly larger than a postage stamp. I didn't count the stitches, which were finger made, but was game enough to count the blocks, 12,375. To make the story even better, Buddy and Mr. Sharp smoked Country Gentlemen, Bull Durham and Dukes Mixture". It came in a little cloth bag with draw strings with two or three folders of cigarette papers stuck under the advertizing band label. I took those little sacks, raveled the seams and hems out, washed, ironed and sewed them together for a quilt lining. I dyed this brown wiht rit dye. That is the lining to the Postage Stamp Quilt. I guess you'ld call that 'Hard Times and Patience.' We did all our stitching by hand only, sewing the sacks together. This way we could stretch our thread farther."

When I started quilting we used cotton remnants from the gin for the filler. Then we either pulled it and patted it into shape or used cotton cords and cord cotton batts. The batts covered a space about 3 x 8 inches. When placing these on your lining you slightly lapped the edges. When the lining is completely covered you take the quilt top and place it gently, not to misplace the cotton, onto the top, pin each corner pulling it firmly to stretch it taunt. Then pin a few places on each side and end to stretch it all out even and as tight as you can. Now you're ready to quilt your desired design, using thread the color of the lining, remove it from the frame and hem it."

Margaret hasn't carved since her younger days when she had more time. Her quilting is her main hobby although she still crochets and has recently The Borden Star, Wed., March 26, 1980...3



March 31-April 4, 1980

Breakfast

Lunch

Monday

Sloppy Joes Vegetable Salad Fruit Milk

Milk Salad Bar Oatmeal
Toast
Fruit Juice
Milk

Tuesday

Macaroni and Cheese Carrot Sticks Spinach Cornmeal Twist Jello & Fruit Milk

Salad Bar

Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich Fruit Juice Milk

Wednesday

Taco and Cheese Lettuce and Tomatoes Pinto Beans Pudding Milk Pancakes Fruit Juice Milk

Thursday

Goulash
Tossed Salad
Peas
Hot Rolls
Cookies
Milk
Salad Bar

Gingerbread Fruit Juice Milk

Friday

Hamburgers Lettuce-Tomatoes-Pickles French Fries Tea Cakes Milk Cereal Fruit Juice Milk

Salad Bar

sold some pillow case

edging.

She quilts for the public as well as for her own use. When she first started quilting, at age 17, quilting was done for one dollar a spool. It might take a week to do a quilt, without too many interruptions besides the regular housework. As time went by she charged \$2.00 a spool. Of course, as everything else went up quilting did too. Now she charges \$40.00 and up for a quilt, depending on the

amount of quilting sone on

it. She does every size from crib quilts to larger sizes. Margaret will piece a top for you or quilt one that you already have.



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What's Hap-nin

The J.W. Gray's of Lake Thomas attended the "Holiday On Ice" March 16, 1980. Their grandson, Shannon Bunch, 4 years old was a special guest and participated solo in the Sesame Street portion of the show. The performers sang to him and skated for him, while he was out on the ice stage with them. The same day their other grandson, John Eichor was winning two first place trophies in his bicycle racing. John is 7 years old now, and he can sure pedal fast. He has 43 trophies, last count.

We are sorry to hear that Robert Garner is in the hospital.

Christeen Ledbetter left Borden County recently on a solo flight to Oklahoma to visit her grandmother. We wish you a safe flight home, Christeen.



Salt was used before recorded history to preserve and season food.

Fluvanna Homecoming Donations Taken

Seven men have been selected to college donations for the Fluvanna Homecoming, says Hurston Lemons, treasurer of the homecoming delegation. Those seven are: Don Wills, V.A. Wills, Leo Beaver, Roy Reeder, Cecil Boren, Buford Browning and Harley Carmichael.

The homecoming has been set for June 14.

Scurry County Auction Set

Scurry County Commissioners have announced an auction to be held April 15 in the Towle Park Barn.

Surplus items from all departments of the county government will be offered to the highest bidder. Items will range from precinct machinery to office equipment which has been replaced over a period of months.

Correction

Lynsey Ann Cunningham was born March 4, not March 14.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bannie Hancock of Borden County not Mr and Mrs. H. W. Hancock (they are great-grandparents.)

Gere's Jottings

By Bruce Pearson

The best I can remember, I voted against Jimmy Carter because I believed that for a born-again Southern Baptist to give an interview to Playboy magazine there had to be a basic inconsistency in his character. This was not a particularly good reason to vote against a presidential candidate, but it was better than some. In the process of choosing the man to fill the most important and perhaps the most difficult job in the world, we are bombarded with all kinds of reasons that a man cannot possibly be qualified for this high office. If a candidate has indicated even the slightest sympathy for Palestinian Arab refugees or their rights to a homeland, then all American Jews should rise up and smite him down. If a candidate has the nerve to insinuate that labor bosses have become excessively powerful, and have often acted contrary to the best interests of the union then that members, candidate is the enemy of the American working man. Anyone who believes that socialized medicine won't work hates the poor, anyone who believes that government welfare programs are out of control is the scourge of the

unemployed, and so on.

against anyone who believes in international cooperation or alliances with foreigners as a one-worlder who would sacrifice the sacred sovereignty of the nation. Liberals believe that no one should have to defend his country unless it's convenient and he really wants to, and then only if men and women do it together, hand-in-hand; and any candidate who doesn't share this view is obviously unworthy.

The danger of all this is that we end up with government by group, candidates chosen by the most powerful, influential, self-serving, richest. or largest faction or organized interest. We also are likely to end up with a president who is the biggest liar, the biggest promiser and the biggest spender of taxpayer funds. What we don't get is the man who is the leader, the statesman, the frank and honest and great man who disagrees with us about our pet issue, who tells us the bad news along with the beautiful. How do we get the man who will have the courage to act for the general good of the country, regardlessof pressures from powerful groups of voters or financiers? Where do we find, and how do we elect the man who can call on us for personal sacrifice to the common good, who can inspire us to do what is best for the country, even when it hurts? Somehow, we have to learn to choose our president unselfishly with more regard for his wisdom and leadership than for what he can do to please us.

We must elect, someday, a president whose conscience and judgement are not influenced by the results of polls. Otherwise, we'll end up, again, with a president who reminds us over and over again how much he loves us and how he will take care of everything if we will just love him back, especially on election day.





Card Of Thanks

We, the family of Tommy Don Lockhart wish to express our sincere gratitude for all the thoughtfulness shown us during the loss of our loved one. A very special thank you to the Peace Corps Family, staff and employees of Malone & Hogan Clinic, and Nalley Pickle Funeral Home.

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Alcohol and the high school —a student's view

What Archie and Jughead do after class

Today, more than ever before, teenagers are drinking alcoholic beverages. According to a national survey, an estimated seventy percent of all young people over fifteen years old drink some type of alcoholic beverage at least occasionally. While this figure may seem shocking to some, it is indicative of the general trend through out the country. By the time most students reach high school they have been introduced to the use of alchol.

Just why alcohol is so popular among young people is not hard to understand. Children learn from and are influenced by the behavior of their parents. Since more adults are drinking, more children are exposed to drinking within the home. Society generally accepts the use of alcohol. Many young people find this acceptance hypocritical since the law and their parents forbid them to use it.

It is not only within the home that young people are exposed to alcohol. The advertising industry glamorizes the use of alcohol. Most current magazines contain many glamorous alcohol ads. These ads appeal just: as much, if not more, to teenagers as to adults. The image of a tall, elegant model in an evening gown surrounded by handsome admirers while she sips her Bacardi and 7-Up has tremendous appeal to a teenage girl whether she is of legal drinking age or not. Similarly, sixteen and thiry-five year old males are attracted to ads which feature a beautiful woman sitting in a man's lap, staring lovingly at him and his scotch and water.

Simple experimentation also leads to a teenager's use of alcohol. Curiosity about what effect alcohol will produce, what it feels like to be "drunk," and what taste different types of

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alcohol have also induce young people to drink. There is also a rebellious nature among most teenagers - a desire to do what had been forbidden. What better way is there to express this rebellious desire that to directly disobey a parent's injunction not to drink?

Regardless of laws preventing its sale, alcohol is not difficult for teenagers to come by. In order to be able to purchase alcohol, one must first obtain a false I.D. card. The most effective type of fake I.D. is an older friend's driver's license. A Texas driver's license expires on the holder's eighteenth birthday, at which time it must be renewed. It has almost become a tradition for eighteen year old seniors to pass along their expired driver's license to an underclassman bearing any resemblance to the photograph on the license. Waitresses, waiters, and convenience store clerks check only the birth date on the license, usually overlooking the expiration

Teenagers find the act of

purchasing almost as exciting as drinking itself. One feels a certain danger when entering a bar or store to purchase alcohol while still under age. When successful, one enjoys a mischievous

self-satisfaction. Anyone who is repeatedly able to buy alcohol and enter bars without presenting an I.D. is admired and envied by his peers. Another method of obtaining alcohol, though not nearly as daring, is to have an older friend of legal age purchase it

Teenagers also have access to alcohol at parties. "Beer busts" are very popular among high school students. Beer busts are commonly given at private residences, usually while parents are away. The concept is simple: the person having the bust purchases several kegs of beer, sets them up in his house or backyard, spreads the word about his party around area high schools, and charges a set price for admittance on an all you can drink" basis. The main problem presented by the beer bust is that most people

feel they must drink excessively in order to "get their money's worth." By the end of the evening most of the guests are intoxicated and driving home becomes a very dangerous task. Beer busts, however, are not the only type of party at which alcohol is present. Even at parties at which alcohol is expressly forbidden a bottle can be "snuck in" or an ice chest full of beer kept in a car.

Driving while under the influence of alcohol is probably the most dangerous aspect of teenage drinking. A recent poll of the senior class at Country Day School revealed that 93 percent drink alcohol. While this figure may seem alarming, the fact that 76 percent admitted to driving

themselves or driving with

someone else who had been

just as shocking and potentially more dangerous. Each year 8,000 young people are killed in automobile accidents involving young people and alcohol, and 40,000 more are disfigured. This summer two sixteen year old Paschal girls returning from a beer bust at Eagle Mountain Lake were involved in an accident which seriously injured both girls and killed an infant in the other car. The harsh reality of taking away someone else's life, needless to say one's own, would seem to be enough of a deterrent to stop anyone from driving while under the influence. Sadly, we often adopt the attitude that "it will never happen to

The high school student is faced with the decision of whether or not he will drink.

More young people are choosing to drink alcohol than ever before. Students at Country Day are no exceptions as the poll of the senior class on this page indicates. Preaching

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Phone 573-2922 Snyder, Texas A Square Meal On a Round Bun









Alcohol

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against the use of alcohol and lectures about the destruction of brain cells have little if any effect upon the situation. The alcohol is available to students - the decision is theirs. The student who does chose to drink should realize the consequences and responsibilities which go along with that decision.

If a person chooses to drink, he should exercise a great deal of common sense with regard to his drinking. One should establish a limit of how much to drink. Passing out because of too much alcohol is no different than taking an overdose of any other drug. Alcohol does not have to be used in excess as many young people seem to believe. Many high-school age boys think it's manly to drink great quantities of alcohol.

The question of drinking and driving should be taken very seriously. Students should use discretion and foresight when dealing with drinking and driving. One should not place himself in a situation where he will have to drive after drinking. Just one drink is enough to affect driving ability to some extent. After serveral drinks a person will still feel

that he is capable of driving because his reason and judgment have been affected. At this stage people feel they are driving better than ever when, in reality, their perception has been distorted and their reaction time slowed. It is essential that students look out for each other. The person who gives a party where alcohol is consumed has a responsibility to his guests.

The host, or anyone at the party for that matter, should never let an intoxicated person drive away. The easy alternative is to allow the person to leave, to get rid of him as quickly as possible. Just imagine how painful it would be to read about that friend's traffic accident or death in the newspaper the next day. It may take some ingenuity determination to part an intoxicated guests from his car keys, but it must be done to protect both his safety and that of the public. Remember that a little extra caution on your part could save your life and the lives of others.

By John Brookman The Magazine Of The Texas Commission On Alcoholism

mothers and babies

A knitted shawl is a particularly convenient blanket for new babies because it wraps around them easily when they're up and stays tucked in over them when they're in bed.

According to child-care experts, almost all babies, particularly first babies, have fretful spells, most often in the afternoon or evening. Sometimes a car ride or music will help. The fretfulness usually goes away after a few months.

The active mother-to-be can find an incredible selection of up-to-the-minute fashions at Mothercare, Mother-To-Be and Maternity Modes stores or in the Mothercare catalogue, available from Mothercare, Box 3881, New York, N.Y. 10017.

Thank You

Thank you to all those who sent cards, flowers, and came by the hospital during my most recent stay. I was very happy to receive the kind letter from all the folks at the Borden Co. Jr. Livestock Show. Thanks also to everyone who has come by to visit since I've been home and to those who brought food.

Thanks again for your thoughtfulness.

-s- Bob Ludecke



C.D. 'Pat' Jones

Birthday Celebration

A party honoring C.D. Pat Jones on his eightieth birthday was held Sunday afternoon, March 23.

Approximately 75 guest called at the Fluvanna Community Center and were served cake and punch. Members of this family hosted the event.

Pat says that he can't remember too well, but he doesn't believe that the sand blew as hard the day that he was born, as it was blowing Sunday afternoon!

Your County Agent Says by Sam Field

Two events coming up in the near future may be of interest to several residents of Borden County.

The first is a Fruit and Nut Tree Management meeting at the Herman Ledbetter farm located 31-2 miles north of the Plains Community Center on FM 1054. The meeting will be held Thursday April 3 at 8:00 a.m. in Herman's Barn.

Dr. George Ray McEachern, Extension Horticulterist from Texas A & M, will give a program on fruit and nut tree management and answer questions anyone may have about their trees. He will cover subjects such as planting, pruning, watering, fertilizing, and varieties of trees. program is for the individual who has one or one hundred and one trees. Everyone enjoys a good shade tree in the yard and many times a fruit or nut tree will suit this purpose plus give a product that can be canned, frozen, cooked or just good eating.

Second is a Cotton Production Meeting, Thursday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fluvanna Community Center. Speakers will include Dr. James Supak, Extension Agronomist, Dr. Jim Leser, Extension Entomologist, and Dr. Dale Pennington, Soil Chemist, all of the Lubbock Extension and Research Center. These specialist are well known to Borden County and will cover subjects such as varieties, weed control, fertilizing and insect control. The thrust of the program will be slightly different than the Plains meeting last month, but the specialists will fill any questions producers may have.

Both meetings look very promising and everyone should make an effort to attend so be sure to mark April 3 and April 10 on your calendars.

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Margolis queried postmasters and residents of 37 small communities in 19 different states on how they viewed the role of their local post offices.

Margolis found that rural post offices bolster small-town life in numerous ways, often outside the scope of normal postal services. A rural Kentucky postmaster reports that he hslps his customers with "a lot of their personal problems, ranging from filling out papers to helping them understand the contents of a letter." Postmasters throughout the country according to the study, cited many such "special studies" for their clients, especially the

The study concludes that closing a post office in a thriving rural community can cause significant, often irreparable, damage. It points out, however, that communities on the verge of disappearing are not adversley affected by post office closing.

elderly, poor, and illiterate.

AT THE CROSSROADS includes a set of 21 "vital signs" or "dying" and what

Political Candidates

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kind of impact closing or consolidation of its post office would have.

"I guess the post office is like drinking water," said Irma Dicker, town clerk in Milroy, Minnesota. "You don't appreciate it 'til you don't have it."

Questions on the list of vital signs include:

Does the village have a geographic center, and is the post office in it?

Do people live within walking distance of the center?

Do residents regularly gather at the post office, not only to pick up their mail but also to renew social ties and exchange local news?

Postal Rate Commission Chairman A. Lee Fritschler, appointed by President Carter in 1979, said his agency will examine the study to determine whether or not the community viability criteria it outlines can be applied by the Postal Service in its decision-making process.

Fritschler noted the study was commissioned to "investigate the implications and community effects resulting from the closng of post offices in small rural communities.' emphasized that while Congress has specifically instructed the Postal Service to consider the effect . . . (of such action) on the community served, the law does not provide detailed guidelines to aid the Service in the execution its of Congressionally-mandated responsibilities.

GRADUATION DANCE-The Sparkle City Squares had their graduation dance recently at the National Guard Armory. Sleepy Browning of Jayton was caller for the event. Pictured above, from left, bottom row are Larry and Wanda Smith, Beverly and Joe

Copeland, Nett and Ben Jarrett; standing, Kathy and Rickey Howell, Jean and Buster Taylor, Margaret and Jeff Stubblefield, Betty and Joe Doan, and Kay and David Hensley. (SDN Staff Photo)

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The Commission, in its first substantive decision on post office closings, we returned to the Postal as Service a group of nine of appeals, explaining in its avector of the communities of the proposed post office of closings.

Copies of AT THE CROSSROADS may be obtained free of charge by writing the Public Information Office, Postal Rate Commission, Washington, D.C. 20268.





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By JERRY STONE

NEW FARM LEGISLATION FOR 1980

Changes in the 1980 farm program includes higher target prices for wheat and feed grains. Producers who stay within their normal crop acreage (NCA) qualify for farm program benefits based upon the new announced target prices.

President Carter signed Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1980 which raises the 1980 wheat target price to \$3.63 a bushel and the 1980 corn target price to \$2.35 a bushel. The 1980 sorghum and barley target prices were set at \$2.50 and \$2.55 per bushel, respectively.

Producers who want to receive the higher target prices must stay within their normal crop acreage.

Those who exceed their NCA will receive benefits based upon the formula target in the Food and Agriculture Act of 1977. This formula establishes 1980 target prices for wheat at \$3.08, corn at \$2.05, sorghum at \$2.45 and barley at \$2.29.

The 1980 target price for upland cotton will be 58.4 cents per pound.

The new act extends the disaster payments program through the 1980 crop year for producers of wheat, feed grains, upland cotton and rice. Producers who plant within their NCA will be eligible for disaster payments on wheat and feed grains based on the higher target levels. However, combined disaster payments under all programs will be limited to \$100,000 per person.

FINAL GRAZING DATE

March 20, is the final normal grazing date for small grain. This date established by the committee is the final date the acreage can be grazed with the expectation of producing a normal crop.

If you plan to graze the small grain (wheat or barley) after the March 20 deadline and want the crop covered for disaster purposes, then the crop must be appraised prior to the grazing.

CERTIFICATION OF SMALL GRAIN

May 1 is the final date to report small grain acreage in order to be eligible for coverage under the 1980 Farm Program. Acreage intended for grazing or cover should also be certified at this time.

COTTON PRODUCTION If you have not already

done so, please turn in your 1979 cotton production (ASCS-503 card) as soon as possible.

LIVESTOCK FEED PROGRAM

For those producers participating in the Emergency Feed Program, please submit sales documents as soon as possible (in chronological order) and report changes in livestock numbers on a timely basis.

NON-DISCRIMINATION

Eligibility participation in all programs administered by ASCS is established under law without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or National origin.

Legal Notice

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF BORDEN LEGAL NOTICE

The Commissioners Court of Borden County will receive bids until 10:00 a.m., April 14, 1980 for the purchase of 3 Diesel Rubber Tire Front End Loaders for use in Precinct 1,3, & 4.

Specifications may be obtained at the office of the County Judge, Gail, Texas.

By Order Of The Commissioners Court

Jim M. Burkett County Judge Borden County



AJRA Finals Return To Snyder

Snyder will host the annual finals rodeo of the National Junior Rodeo Association for the fifth time in a row this summer.

Arrangements for the week-long event were confirmed Monday night at a meeting in Midland. The dates for the AJRA National Finals this year are Aug. 11-16.

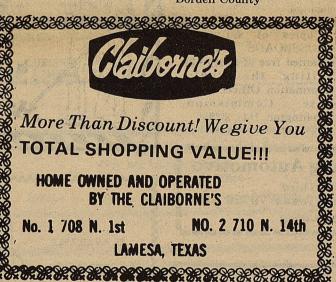
Bill Warner, manager of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce, and Ralph Miller, local AJRA committee chairman, met with Les McFadden, secretary-manager of AJRA, and three members of the AJRA site selection committee at

Midland to discuss plans for the rodeo at which national champions in various events will be determined.

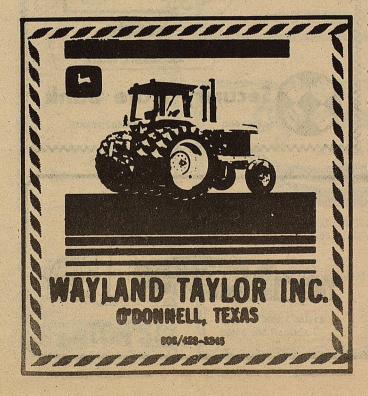
The AJRA group then voted unanimously to return the national finals to Snyder.

Selection of the site had been delayed to a later date than usual as some other cities had expressed interest in hosting the event.

All performances will be in the Scurry County Coliseum. Last year, some 329 contestants were in competition in the AJRA National Finals, and even more are expected this year.







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