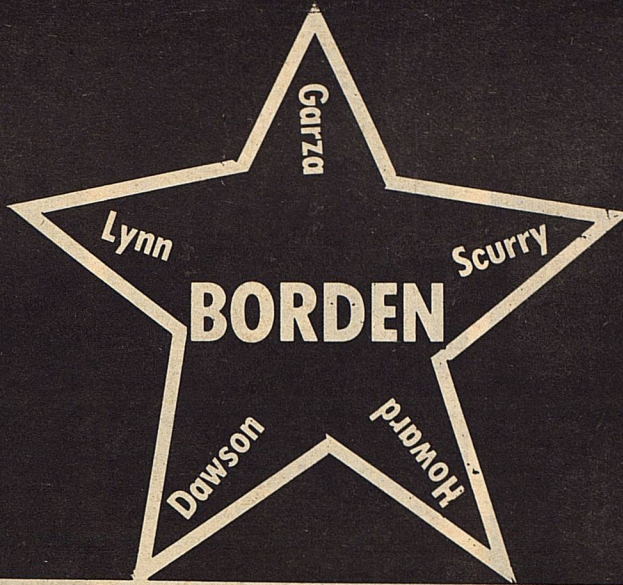


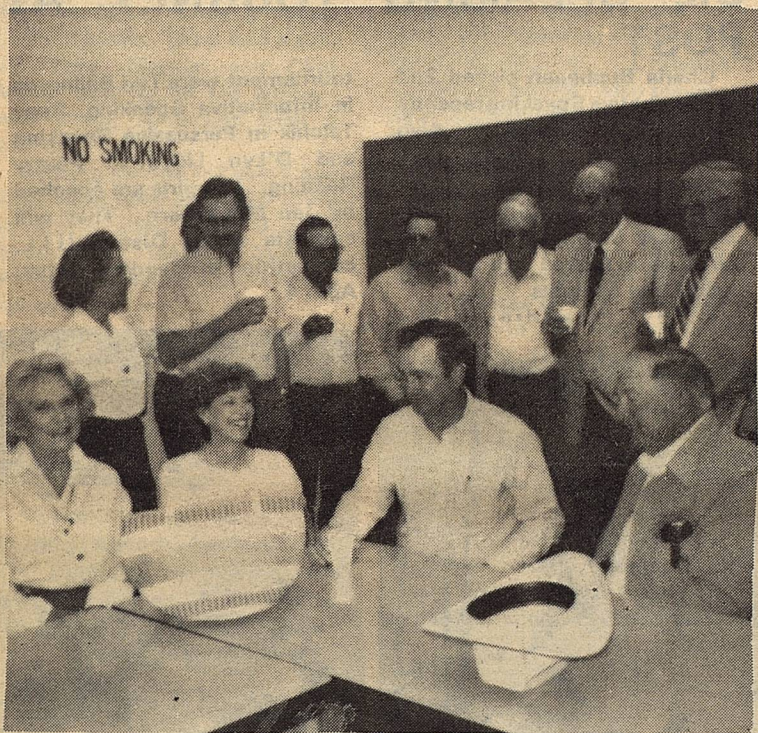
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Citizens gather for campaign discussion.

CANON NAMED CHAIRMAN

Gail--A steering committee composed of Borden County citizens met in the conference room at BHS last week. The purpose of the meeting was to organize a Citizens for Anderson Campaign.

John R. (Rich) Anderson is challenging incumbent Larry Don Shaw as State Representative of the 69th District.

Long active in Republican Party affairs, he will seek that nomination in the May 1978 Republican Primary.

Presiding at the meeting was Jack McPhaul, Borden County Republican Chairman.

Following introductory remarks, McPhaul named Joe Canon as Borden County Campaign Chairman for Anderson and turned the meeting over to him.

"Rich can be elected in November and with that Borden County can be sure that it will

have a voice in Austin to be reckoned with for a change. All of us here know he will vote his district with intelligence and responsibility," Canon said. Canon went on to discuss campaign plans both physical and financial. "This is a big district (13 counties-spanning all the way to the El Paso county line) and it is our responsibility to help Rich one hundred percent," Canon continued.

Although Anderson has an opponent in the Republican primary, we are expecting the largest turn out for the GOP in the history of Borden County," said McPhaul. "I'm confident that Democrats who switch over will vote for Rich," he added.

Following the campaign discussion Anderson was asked his views on a number of topics. He said, "Despite the efforts of

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Austin--Teacher delegates attending the 1986 TSTA convention in Houston last week contributed \$23,623.81 to the Texas Educators Political Action Committee (TEPAC), the largest amount ever collected at a single TSTA meeting.

TEPAC is the political arm of the Texas State Teachers Association which contributes to endorsed political candidates.

The latest contributions will bring the TEPAC totals to over \$300,000 by the general election.

Over \$32,000 in donations were raised from teachers who attended TECAT training workshops on two Saturdays in January and February. The TECAT workshops were sponsored by TSTA for its members.

TSTA President Charles Beard said the increased political funding by teachers is the result of frustration over paperwork burdens, TECAT testing, the current career ladder, lack of input in local district policies, overwork and underpay.

"Our members are just now beginning to draw a correlation between what happens in the



CHARLES STENHOLM

Teachers Voice Political Unrest with Contributions

state capital and what happens in their classrooms," Beard said. "A sleeping giant is awakening."

"Teachers have come a long way in political awareness and political activity in just a few short years," he said. "TEPAC" was formed in 1974 and that year we raised only \$575."

In addition to its major fund-raising activities, TEPAC has implemented a continuing contributor system which would have 1,000 members contributing \$120 annually to TEPAC. The system needs just 133 more contributors to reach its goal of 1,000.

"The continuing contributors will guarantee a minimum political funding base of \$240,000 for each legislative election year," Beard added.

"We envision that in a few short years TSTA teachers will be right up there with the biggest political PACS in Texas, including the doctors, trial lawyers, auto dealers and highway contractors."

The Texas Educators Political Action Committee made the following recommendations in statewide races in the May 3rd

Primary to the TSTA Executive Committee: For Supreme Court Justice-Place I Oscar Mauzy; Place II Robert M. Campbell; Place III Jim Wallace; Place IV, Raul Gonzalesz. FOR GOVERNOR-No Endorsement; ATTORNEY GENERAL-Jim Mattox; TREASURER-Ann Richards; LAND COMMISSIONER-Garry Mauro; COMPTROLLER-Bob Bullock; AG. COMMISSIONER-Jim Hightower; LT. GOVERNOR-No Action; RAILROAD COMMISSIONER-No Action

Farm Credit Leaders Concerned

Denver, Colo.--Loan restructuring and lower interest rates for farmers were the primary concern of Texas Farm Credit System directors attending a national meeting in Denver, Colorado, this week.

Edward Breihan of Lubbock, chairman of the Farm Credit Banks of Texas Board of

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Stenholm Cautiously Optimistic

U. S. Rep. Charles Stenholm of Stamford, who announced earlier in the year of his intention to seek a fifth term as Congressman, says he is cautiously optimistic about the country's economic future.

"If we can influence 218 votes in the House of Representatives for more legislation to get our fiscal house in order and muster the political courage to continue on this course, this nation will be vibrant and productive," Stenholm said.

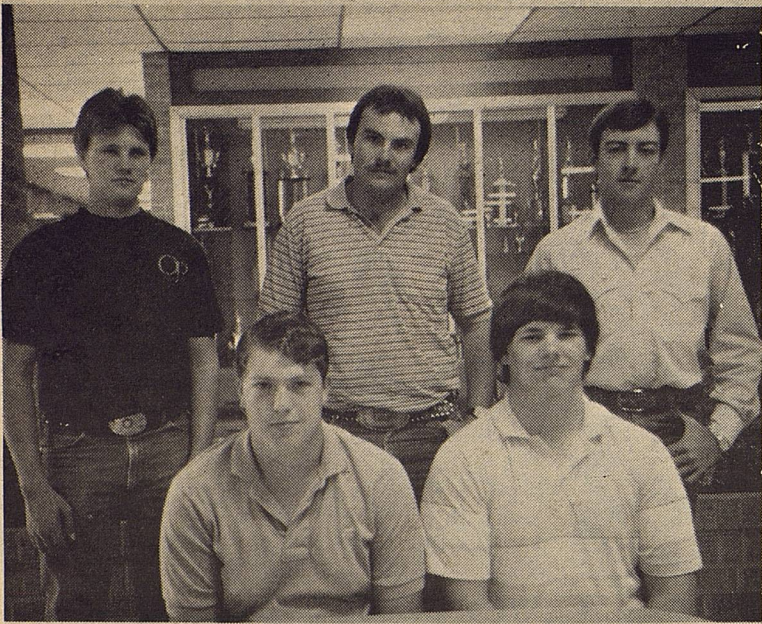
"I am thankful I can face each decision that arises with confidence that you are behind me," he said. "I really believe

that these past years of experience in Congress make it possible for me to serve the 17th Congressional District and our country in a better way than ever before."

Stenholm promised to remain in close contact with the citizens of the district and urged participation in the political process.

The Democratic Congressman from the 17th District, represents a 35-county area in North Central and West Texas.

Stenholm recently received his fifth Golden Bulldog award from a US Treasury watchdog group for fiscal conservatism.



FFA TEAM EXCELLS- Kerry Fryar, Jeff Covington and Doyce Taylor. Seated-Randell Hollis and Gerry Smith.

FFA TEAM TO COMPETE AT TARLETON

The Livestock and Dairy Judging teams of the Gail F.F.A. have been very active in several contests over the past two weeks.

The Livestock team consisting of Doyce Taylor, Randell Hollis, Gerry Smith, Jeff Covington, and Kerry Fryar attended the WTC Contest in Snyder on March 18. The team placed 2nd overall in the sheep judging portion of the contest, while Gerry and Jeff received individual awards. Gerry was 7th high individual overall while Jeff was 10th high individual overall.

On Saturday March 22, the Livestock Team competed at the

Sweetwater Contest. Members attending were Will Phinzy, Randell Hollis, Kerry Fryar, Gerry Smith, Jeff Covington, and Robert Buchanan. The team did not receive a top ten placement award but they did rank in the top 3rd of the 40 teams entered.

On Saturday March 29, the Dairy Cattle Team competed at Stansel's Dairy Contest at Fluvanna. Members participating were Randell Hollis, Will Phinzy, Jeff Covington, Harold Barnes, Gerry Smith, and Kerry Fryar. This was the first Dairy competition for several of the members and Mr. Wallace was pleased with their performance.

The Livestock and Dairy Teams will attend the Tarleton University Contest in Stephenville on April 4, which will allow the teams to compete once more before attending the area judging contest at Texas Tech University on April 12.

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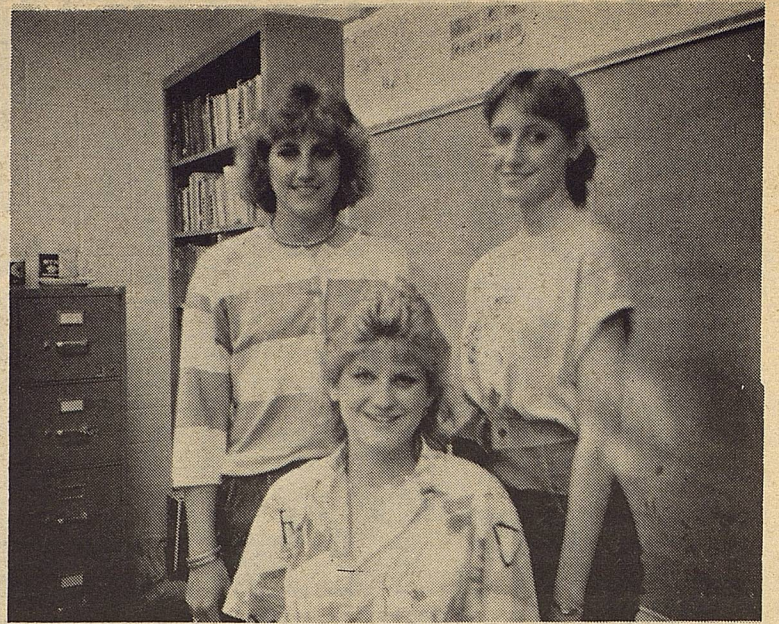


-Rene Telchik, Lynn Sternadel and Dana Gray-Seated.

COMPETE AT COOPER

Dana Gray won 2nd place in Persuasive Speaking at the Cooper Tournament. All of Borden High School's Persuasive speakers advanced to the semifinals including Lynn Sternadel and Rene Telchik.

Also attending the speech tournament were Charla Buchanan and Monty Floyd in Informative Speaking; Felicia Romero and Elana Himes in Prose Interpretation; Linda Sternadel in Poetry Interpretation.



Finalists-SMindy Williams, Shelly Lewis and seated-Charla Buchanan

UIL SPEAKING TOURNEY AT POST

Charla Buchanan placed 2nd in Informative Speaking recently at the Post Tournament. Also advancing to the finals were Mindy Williams in Prose Interpretation and Shelly Lewis in Poetry Interpretation. Both girls were ranked 5th in their respective contests.

Also attending the

tournament were Teri Billington in Informative Speaking, Rene Telchik in Persuasive Speaking and D'Lyn Lloyd in Poetry Reading. The girls are coached by Jan McCathern. They will compete at the District U.I.L. competition in Meadow Friday, April 4.



ONE ACT PLAY WINS ZONE Seated-Mickey-Best Actor, Cathy York-All-Star Cast, Charla Buchanan, All-Star Cast, Alex Lemons-Honorable Mention. Back-Robert Buchanan, Lynn Sternadel, Teri Billington, Mindy Williams, Shelly Lewis, Felicia Romero, Kristi Stone, Money Floyd and Coach-Mrs. McCathern.



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13	14 4:00 p.m. District Tennis Brownfield	15 1:25 p.m. Band Contest Frenship	16	17	18 South Zone Tennis Lamesa End 5th Six Weeks	19 K.C. Relays Boys & Girls Klondike
20	21 Texas Sesquicentennial Day (no school)	22 4:00 p.m. Elem. & Jr. HI. Ready Writing O'Donnell	23	24 Reg. One Act Play Regional	25 H.S. Literary Meet	26 9:00 a.m. District Jr.Hi. Track Meet Boys & Girls Wellman
27	28 7:00 p.m. FFA-FHA Banquet	29	30 Regional Tennis Levelland			



PEEWEE BASKETBALL

The Annual basketball tournament was well attended.

The first game was won by the White team 4-2. Playing were Melissa Mize, Andy Portales, David Shaefer, Creg Anderson, Jill Voss, Marcus and Clint Miller. Scoring for the winners was Creg Anderson with 4 points.

Scoring for the red team was Kurt Hess with 2 points. Also playing were M. Brown, Gwendolyn Hodge, Melcher Parra, A.J. Romero and Thelma Vealma.

The White team also won the second game. Scoring for them were James Evans, 2 points; Keith Monger, 6 points; Leslie Fryar, 2 points. Also playing were Richard Buchanan and Taffey Greenwood.

Scoring for the Reds were Brandon Adcock, 4 points; Irma, 2 points. Also playing were Misti Gammons, Seth Vestal, Melody Harrison and James

Cooley.

The white teams were really having good luck, as they won all four games. They won the 3rd game 0-6. Scoring were Lislie Fryar, 4 points; Christina Portales, 2 points. Also playing Jolyn Carter, Melody Marzuez, Taffey Greenwood, and Jill Voss and Misty Gammons.

Playing for the Red team were Melody Harrison, Irma, Mandi Herring, Laura Hensley, Claudell Munoz and Gwendolyn Hodge.

The Whites overpowered the Reds 8-6 in the last game. Scoring for the Whites were Shaun Lewis, 4 points; Clint Anderson, 2; Kirk Jones, 2 points. Jesus Parra and Greg Anderson finished out the Red team.

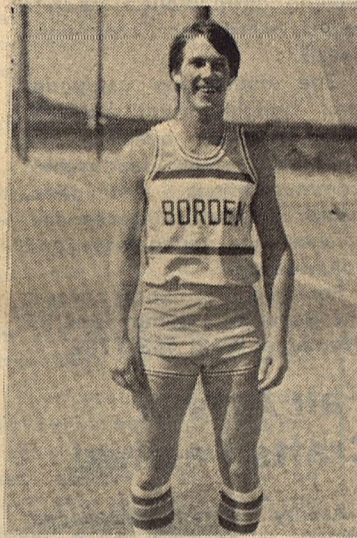
Klint Kemper made 2 points for the Reds. Armonda Carrizales scored 4 points. Helping the Reds were Guy Zant, Clay Miller and Bucky Williams.



Kelli Williams



Teri Billington



Chris Cooley

As we all know, a nocturnal animal is one that is active at night. But what is a day-active animal called? Diurnal, says International Wildlife magazine.

Kelli Williams Named To All Regional & All State Basketball

The Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC) and the Texas Girls Coaches Association (TGCA) recently released their selections for the All-Regional and All-State basketball teams. Kelli Williams, a junior at Borden County High School was named to the TGCA

All-State team and to the TABC All-Regional team (Region I). Fifteen players are selected in each team and are voted upon by various coaches around the state. Below is a list of players, school, and classification and the team to which they made.

TGCA ALL-STATE

Harmona Heiman	Nazareth
Connie Cole	Snook
Lynette Steele	Godley
Amelia Bozarth	Eula
Jackie Fishbeck	Moulton
Kelli Williams	Borden County
Kelly Schilling	Nazareth
Stacie Bessire	O'Donnell
Cindy Blake	Snook
Sheri Wisenbaker	Cayuga
Tiffany Jones	Iraan
Marlo Lewis	Meadow
Tassie Long	Goldthwaite
Dee Ann Jolly	Wheeler
Christy McVay	High Island

TABC ALL-REGIONAL

Sr. Ramona Heiman	Nazareth	Sr.
Sr. Kelly Schilling	Nazareth	Sr.
Sr. Gail Birkenfield	Nazareth	Sr.
Sr. Cenee Gunter	Claude	Sr.
Jr. Joann Wooley	Sundan	Jr.
Jr. Kelli Williams	Borden	Jr.
Sr. Stacie Bessire	O'Donnell	So
Jr. Melissa Fields	Groom	Sr.
Jr. Dee Ann Jolly	Wheeler	Sr.
Sr. Jacinda Stockett	Happy	So
Sr. Jody White	Gruver	Sr.
So Michelle Wyatt	Spur	Sr.
Sr. Donna Mangrum	Motley Co. Jr.	
So Tiffany Jones	Iraan	
So Marlo Hartman	Wheeler	

ALL DISTRICT HONORS

Kelli Williams, Teri Billington and Chris Cooley of Borden County were selected to the All-District Roll in Basketball. Teri and Chris are seniors as BHS whi, While Kelli is a junior. Chris is the son of Pam and Gene Cooley of the Lake Thomas area. Teri also lives in the lake area with her parents, MR AD MKathy and Larry Billington. Kelli's parents are Mary Lynn and Kenneth Williams of the Plains Community. Others achieving All-District honors are: Tammy Rogers, O'Donnell, Sr.; Stacy Bessire, O'Donnell, Jr.; Holly Pugh, O'Donnell, Jr.; Christy Stone, Wilson, Sr.; Lora Schneider, Wilson, Soph.; Tammi Webb, Wilson, Soph.; Teri Billington, Borden, Sr.; Kelli Williams, Borden, Jr.; Tami Snell, Klondike, Sr.; Michelle McGehee, Southland, Soph.; Boys-Heath McGehee, Southland, Jr.; Benny Arguello, Southland, Jr.; Dee Farguhar, Southland, Sr.; Justin Bednarz, Wilson, Jr.; Greg Spears,

Wilson, Jr.; Kenneth Burns, O'Donnell, Sr.; Cody Crouch, O'Donnell, Soph.; Chris Cooley, Borden, Sr.; Brian Kirkland, Klondike, Sr.; Arthur Silva, New Home, Jr.

People didn't always look forward to the return of Halley's comet. Ranger Rick magazine says that in 1066, English knights blamed the comet for the death of a king and their battlefield loss. New England puritans, in 1682, believed diseases and floods would arrive with the comet. And, in 1910, people hid in barrels of water for protection from Halley's "harmful rays."



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Wednesday	Western Burger Lettuce Wedge Tater Tots Je Mi	Salad Bar
Thursday	Tacos w/... Cheese Ranch Style Beans Lettuce Fruit Milk	Salad Bar
Friday	Hamburgers French Fries Lettuce & Pickles Cookies Milk	Salad Bar

BORDEN JUDGING TEAM TAKES SECOND PLACE



KENNY HART

Hart Is Leading Jockey

Kenneth Hart of Cypress, California, who has been the top rider of money earners in five of the last six years, took the leading jockey award for 1985.

During the season, he had 909 starts for 155 wins, 130 seconds and 136 thirds. His mounts earned a single-season record of \$2,512,662. It was the fifth year in a row that Hart has passed the \$2 million mark.

In 1985, Hart rode nine individuals that won 13 stakes races. They were Brazen Britches, Call Caleb, Dash in Style, Easy Austin, Easy Conversation, Lantys Policy, Raise a Secret, Sixarun and Striding Miss.

His Grade I stakes wins came in the Budweiser Derby, the El Primero del Ano Derby, the Dash for Cash Maturity, the Dash For Cash Futurity, and the Los Alamitos Futurity.

Children's Choir To Begin Sunday

The First Baptist Church of Gail will be starting a children's choir this Sunday, April 6, 1986, at 5:00 p.m. All children ages four through kindergarten are invited to attend.

Directors for the group will be Mary Brown and Karen Bouton. If you would like further information, please feel free to contact Mrs. Brown at 856-4421 or Mrs. Bouton at 856-4437.

Snyder--A Borden County High School sheep judging team took second place in the third annual Western Texas College high school land and livestock judging contests held Tuesday (March 18).

The Borden County team had a total of 380 points, while Snyder High School took first place with 395 points. Bronte was third with 377 points.

In individual honors, Gerry Smith of Borden County and Brett Morton of Snyder tied for sixth and seventh places in livestock judging with 438 points. First place went to Cathy Crowder from Ira with 456

points.

Twenty-three area high schools participated in the judging contests. Thirty-seven teams entered the livestock judging and 17 teams entered the land judging. The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District cooperated with WTC in holding the land judging. Bob Doty, WTC agriculture instructor, expressed appreciation to all the schools who attended the contests.

WTC will host its annual NIRA rodeo in the Scurry County coliseum April 17-20 and invites rodeo fans to be making plans to attend.

Woman's Hall of Fame

The Governor's Office has announced that nominations are now being accepted for the Third Annual Texas Women's Hall of Fame to be held in September in Austin. Governor Mark White will inaugurate the winners during the celebration of "Women in Texas Today Week."

Individuals or groups interested in nominating candidates should request a form from the Governor's Commission for Women, P.O. Box 12428, Austin, 78711. The deadline for accepting

nominations is May 12, 1986.

Candidates will be evaluated based on their achievements and lasting contributions to the state which exceed local community levels.

The nomination categories are: agriculture and ranching, arts, athletics, business and finance, civic leadership, communications, education, health care, legal, public service, science and technology, and volunteerism.

For more information, contact the Governor's Commission for Women at (512) 463-1782.

Fall Arts & Crafts Festival

Asbury United Methodist Church in Midland, Texas is sponsoring its 7th Annual Fall Art and Craft Festival on Saturday, November 15, 1986 in the Midland County Exhibit Building. They are looking for art and craft exhibitors with all kinds of handmade crafts to display and sell. For more information, contact Nellie Hughes, Booth Chairperson, 2309 W. Storey, Midland, Texas 79701 or write Asbury Fall Festival, incare of Asbury United Methodist Church, Box 1375, Midland, Texas 79702, or call after 5:30 P.M. weekdays or weekends (915) 684-4588.

DISPLAY YOUR HOMEMADE QUILT

The Borden County Old Settlers Reunion Committee is searching for quilts, both old and new, made by Borden County ladies. We plan to display them at the Reunion, June 29, 1986. If you have a quilt you would like to have displayed, contact Mary John Phinizy, Gail, Texas 79738, 915-399-4554 or Cookie Dyess, Route 1, O'Donnell 79351, 856-439-6624.

Extension Home Economics Report

By: Kandy K. McWhorter



Kristi Stone, d'Arceyanne Lemons, D'Lyn Lloyd, Angela Evans. Front-Mandy Herring and James Evans.

County 4-H Fashion Show Results

Six Borden County 4-H'ers participated in the 4-H Fashion

Show on March 25, 1986 in the District Courtroom in Gail.

The results of the fashion show are as follows:

- Kristi Stone, senior non-tailored daywear, blue award
- D'Lyn Lloyd, senior evening wear, blue award.
- d'Arceyanne Lemons, junior 2 non-tailored daywear, blue award.
- Angela Evans, junior 2 tailored daywear, blue award.
- Jim Evans, junior 1 tailored daywear or evening wear, blue award.
- Mandi Herring, junior 1 non-tailored daywear, blue award.

These 4-H'ers earned the right to participate in the South Plains District 4-H Fashion Show at Texas Tech University in Lubbock on Saturday, April 5, 1986. The public show and awards ceremony will be held at 2:30 p.m. in the University Center Theatre. The public is invited to attend the public fashion show.

Congratulations and good luck.

County-Wide 4-H Meeting

The Gail, Fluvanna and Plains 4-H Clubs will have a joint 4-H meeting for April on Monday, April 7, 1986 at 7:00 p.m. in the 4-H Exhibit Building.

Dr. Martha E. Couch, Extension 4-H Specialist, will present the program on method demonstrations and illustrated talks. This should be a very interesting and informative program.

The program will be very beneficial to those 4-H'ers who are planning to present demonstrations or talks at South Plains District 4-H Roundup on May 3, 1986.

All 4-H'ers, parents, leaders

and friends are encouraged to attend. Make plans now to attend on April 7.

Child's Pet Lost

Lost North of Lake Thomas, a Queensland Blue Heeler with Bob Tail.

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POLITICAL CALENDAR

GOVERNOR
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U.S. CONGRESS-17th District
Charles Stenholm-D

STATE LEGISLATURE (69th Dist.)
Rich Anderson (R)

COUNTY JUDGE
Van York (D)

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Larry Smith (D) /
Dan Shortes (D)

Precinct 2
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COUNTY AG-AGENT REPORT

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Tomi Subjects For April

Situation reports on swine, vegetables, cotton, peanuts and cattle-on-feed as well as discussions on interest rate impacts, export provisions, farm program participation and the whole herd dairy buyout program will be featured on the TOMI program for April.

"TOMI" is the Telephone Outlook and Market Information program of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service,

The Texas A&M University System.

Information provided by TOMI is designed to help keep agricultural producers updated on commodity markets and other vital information useful in planning and managing their operations.

More detailed information on April topics is available by dialing 409-845-8664 (TOMI), according to this schedule:

April 1-3	Hog and Pig Update-Earnie Davis
April 4-7	Interest Rate Impacts-Danny Klinefelter
April 8-10	Texas Vegetable Update-Gorden Powell
April 11-14	Changes in Export Provisions-Mickey Paggi
April 15-17	Cotton Situation-Carl Anderson
April 18-21	Farm Program Participation-Ed Smith
April 22-24	Peanut Situation-Johnny Feagan
April 25-28	Cattle on Feed Report-Ed Uvacek
April 29-May 1	Whole Herd Dairy Buyout-Bud Schwart

Messages for TOMI were prepared by Extension Service economists, who provide the latest information available to aid producers in making

decisions, says Poole.

The telephone information system operates seven days a week on a 24-hour basis, the agent adds.

Examine Food & Drug Products

Dr. Robert Bernstein, Commissioner of Health, recently urged all consumers to examine carefully food and drug products before buying or using them. His consumer alert followed the February discoveries of poison-contaminated Tylenol capsules and jars of baby food containing broken glass.

"In cases such as these," Dr. Bernstein said, "the buyer bears the most responsibility for his or her own safety, and that of his family. The health department conducts inspections and random surveys for unsafe food and drugs. We test any questionable product we find, but the buyer is always more likely to find that product first.

"Therefore, increased consumer awareness is urgently needed to prevent injuries, illnesses, or fatalities resulting from products which have been subjected to deliberate tampering or accidental contamination in handling," he said.

Dr. Bernstein advised consumers to:

1. Check the outside of the container. If it is sticky, don't buy it. This may indicate a breakage of at least one container in the shipping case.
2. Examine the label for stains. If any are found, call it to the attention of the store manager.
3. Listen carefully for any grating sound when opening a glass jar. If there are small particles of glass present, they may be drawn into the food when the vacuum seal is broken.
4. Always carefully examine food in the container and when transferring it to another container.
5. Check all seals carefully. Drugs sold over the counter are required to have tamper-resistant packaging.
6. After opening a drug container, make certain that none of the tablets or capsules are discolored or in any other manner vary in appearance from the rest of the contents.
7. If anything about a package looks suspicious - **BE SUSPICIOUS.**

Dr. Bernstein said state agencies, the Federal Food and Drug Administration, and private industry are diligently searching for safer packaging and better ways to detect tampering. "We must caution, however, that even the best safeguards cannot entirely eliminate all risks. And, we must keep in mind that regulatory agencies and industry cannot guarantee protection when an individual is intent on committing such terrible acts as have occurred with the recent Tylenol tamperings," he said.

Gramm Pushes Help For Oil & Gas Producers

Washington--U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm has introduced legislation designed to raise a shield against the threat posed by the oil price crisis in Texas.

"The crisis, caused by the collapse of oil prices, is decimating independent producers, suppliers and oil field service companies and now threatens the economy of our entire state," Gramm noted.

"I believe we need bold action to use the strength of regulatory agencies and to change federal policy toward the industry before the crisis becomes a national disaster," he said.

The senator's broad-based package of legislation contains provisions to protect the industry against adverse changes in the Tax Code, to allow debt restructuring for hard-pressed producers and their lenders and to deregulate the oil and gas industry across the board.

More specifically, it would:
--Retain current tax rules on intangible drilling costs,

percentage depletion and other Tax Code provisions threatened by the House-passed tax reform bill.

--Amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. Act to allow easier acquisition of banks which have been closed or which are failing beneath the weight of faltering energy production. It would also alter banking law to help prevent such failures.

--Repeal the Windfall Profits Tax, incremental pricing requirements of the Natural Gas Policy Act, and sections of the Fuel Use Act to provide new incentives to the oil and gas industry.

Supporters of the Gramm legislation include individual independent producers and bankers across Texas, the Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners (TIPRO), the Independent Petroleum Association of America (IPAA), the American Bankers Association (ABA) and the American Petroleum Institute (API).

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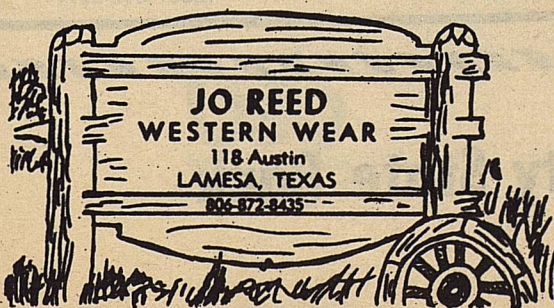
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the conservative members of the House and Senate, the 69th Legislature continued the trend set in recent sessions of increasing State spending, creating more social-welfare programs and generally interfering in the private lives and business of Texans.

An example is H.B. 72. This bill was passed under the guise of an education reform bill but in actuality was not only a blatant grab for State control over our local school systems but a tax increase for every school district in the State.

This bill, has replaced an elected state school board with an appointed board by Gov. White. At the same time it usurps the powers of the elected school boards and those administrations hired by these same boards.

I think some improvements in H.B. 72 are called for. I would work closely with teachers, administrators and school boards to see that these needed changes could be brought about. This would help negate the need for such a huge tax increase. Also, it would keep control of the school system where control needs to be - at home.

With falling tax revenues because of the depression in agriculture and the oil industry, to say nothing of other industries, government spending must come under very close scrutiny.

I suggest the first item on the agenda would be to start working on the government machinery. Every bureau should be examined for excess "baggage" and spending.

By the same token let us take a look at where revenues might be raised. We should encourage new business by giving tax incentives such as no franchise tax for the first 3 years, for example. I would certainly support Tort reform.

I will take my voice and experience to Austin to give strong representation for this rural, western area. For 8 years now we have been without a strong, mature, experienced State Representative. I believe I can offer this kind of leadership along with a conservative political philosophy.

I appreciate the work you will be doing for me during this campaign and I will certainly take your voice to Austin

General comments around the

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room demonstrated the committees feeling toward this campaign and Rich Anderson.

E.L. Farmer said, "We know Rich well after 30 years and I know however he votes will be in our interest and that his vote cannot be bought."

"This isn't Rich's race, it is our's - the citizens of Borden County," James McLeroy concluded.

Attending the meeting were: Mr. and Mrs. Bert Dennis, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dyess, sShorty Farmer, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Phinizy, Van York, Larry Smith, Jack McPhaul, Joe Canon, James McLeroy, Vernon Wolf. Unable to attend were Ralph Miller, Vernon Wolf, and John Anderson.

Best Heifers To Be Featured at Sale

College Station.. Plenty of fancy, top-of-the line heifers will be for sale at the second Capital of Texas Commercial Replacement Heifer Show and Sale in Austin, April 9-10.

"We have about 120 pens of heifers (three to a pen) consigned for the show and sale, and most of the animals are bred and ready to go to pasture," points out Wade Hibler, Travis County agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, who is assisting with the event.

"Cattlemen looking for top quality replacement heifers won't want to miss this opportunity," emphasizes Hibler. "We believe we will have some of the best heifers in Texas for sale."

The show and sale will be at the Texas Exhibition and Heritage Center which is east of Austin about three-and-a-half miles south of U.S. 290 on FM 3177 (Decker Lane).

Heifers in the show and sale will be of three classes: Brahman influence crosses, F 1 certified, and purebred and other crosses.

Judging will be on April 9 beginning at 2 p.m., and the sale will begin at noon the next day, Hibler points out. Charles Rollins of Fort Worth will be the auctioneer.

Further details about this show and sale of top quality heifers can be obtained from Hibler at 512-473-9600.

Victimes of Crime Advisory Council

The Victims of Crime Advisory Council has been formed the governor's office has announced. The Council is charged under executive order MW-37 with advising the Governor as to suggested procedures and guidelines for the distribution of \$2.5 million in federal funds under the Victims of Crime Act of 1984.

The Council will hold a hearing at 9:00 a.m., April 17, 1986 in the Senate Chamber of the Capitol Building. The public is invited to attend and make comments.

Persons interested in expressing their views regarding the distribution should provide a written text to the Council no later than 5:00 p.m., April 10, 1986. Comments and questions should be addressed to Suzanne McDaniel Willms, Texas Crime Victim Clearinghouse, P.O. Box 12428, Austin 78711, telephone 1-512-463-1886.

Since 1950, the Chinese capitol of Beijing has been sinking almost a foot every year. The cause? Mined underground water isn't being replaced to help maintain the city's elevation, reports International Wildlife magazine.

Local Cowboys and Cowgirls Place

In the Sweetwater Rodeo last week-end, several local youth placed as follows: Ralynn Key, 1st in the 13-15 barrels; Kelly Ogden, 1st in 12 and under barrels and breakaway roping; Jill Voss, 1st in 12 and under poles; Brice Key, 3rd in breakaway roping.

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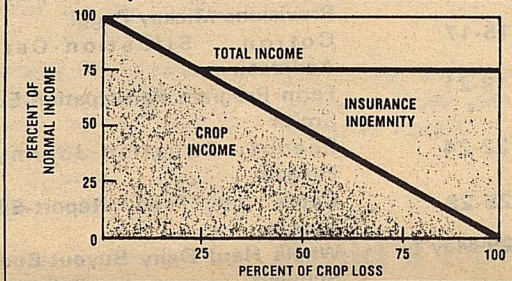


It's the nature of the business of farming that large sums of cash flow out of the business before any cash from the sale of crops can flow into the business. Unfortunately, it is also the nature of farming that cash outflow can be forecast with far greater certainty than cash inflow. Crop insurance can change this. By providing greater income certainty, it offers what amounts to "cash flow insurance."

Specifically, having adequate crop insurance coverage in force can eliminate up to three-fourths of the income uncertainty inherent in cash flow projections that are based on the expectation of a normal crop yield. This, in turn, makes insurance a valuable risk management tool for the farmer who borrows on the basis of cash flow projections as well as for lenders who lend on the basis of their borrowers' cash flow projections.

On a balance sheet, insurance can minimize or remove the risk and uncertainty involved in counting as an asset the money that is currently invested in growing crops. This can often make a major difference in repayment ability and thus in the amount of credit that can safely be extended.

The accompanying chart illustrates the difference that crop insurance can make in a year when a crop is damaged or destroyed. Without insurance, the larger the crop loss the larger the income loss (with a 100% crop loss equaling a 100% income loss). An insurance policy that guarantees 75% of a normal yield limits the maximum income loss to 25%.



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FARM CREDIT

Directors, said the Farm Credit System national leaders' number one topic for discussion was the plight of good farmers in the current depressed agricultural economy and how the Farm Credit System could help.

"Now that the Farm Credit Act of 1985 is behind us and our money markets have calmed down, we believe it is time to marshal our efforts toward helping those farmers with a chance of surviving," the board chairman said.

Discussion at the Denver meeting centered on the need for Farm Credit banks and associations to study ways to restructure debt for troubled farmers who borrow from the Farm Credit System. The directors talked about opportunities for more use of Farmers Home Administration,

"We hope that with the continued stress on farmers and the increased need to help farmers in every way we can,

Concerned About Valuation of Oil & Gas

Austin, TX--Richard C. Hudson chairman of Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association, today expressed his concern about the valuation of oil and gas properties by local jurisdictions in light of the dramatic drop in crude oil and natural gas prices.

"These dramatic declines in oil and gas prices are unprecedented in the last 50 years that the Texas oil and gas industry has been supporting our state and local governments through severance taxes and local property taxes," Hudson said. "This economic condition was recognized by the State Comptroller in May of 1985, almost a year ago, when he gave his estimate for revenues for the current biennium, and there have been many other factors that have heralded this dramatic event."

Never before in history has the oil and gas industry experienced such an economic downturn. Drilling operations and the workover of older wells have

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that our regulator will rule favorably on our request this time," Brieihan stated.

Also attending the Denver meeting were Texas District Board Members Ray Robertson of Dimmitt, vice chairman, Patrick Boyt of Devers, Billy Chesnut of Dalhart, B.L. Smith Jr. of Paducah, Wilmer Smith of New Home and Robert Van iwinkle of Sulphur Springs.

The Texas Farm Credit System is comprised of the Federal Land Bank of Texas and its 44 Federal Land Bank Associations, the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Texas, 28 Production Credit Associations and the Texas Bnank for Cooperatives. Collectively, they have \$4 billion in loans outstanding to 40,000 of the state's farmers, ranchers, aquatic harvesters and 147 agricultural and rural utility cooperatives.

The Texas Farm Credit District is among the strongest in the nation with \$800 million in capital and surplus.

been curtailed or in many instances abandoned. Oil and gas exploration projects are being postponed or totally scrapped as companies restructure their organizations to survive.

"The property tax law provides that valuations be on a fair market value," said Hudson. He urged that "local taxing jurisdictions make their valuations based on market conditions that have existed for well over a year and currently exist in the values of oil and gas."

Hudson stressed that "in areas where major oil and gas properties are located, government officials must seriously consider drastic reductions in budgetary funding requirements for 1986 and subsequent years." He said, "All taxing entities which are touched by the current economic downturn should trim operating budgets and defer capital spending in all cases where possible."

Stenholm Launches Art Competition

Congressman Charles Stenholm launched today an art competition for high school students, grades 9 through 12, in the 17th District. The winning entry will be displayed this coming summer, along with artworks from across the country, in a corridor of the U.S. Capitol - an area dedicated to the artistic skills of our young people.

According to Congressman Stenholm, the contest is part of An Artistic Discovery, the fifth annual event implemented by members of the U.S. House of

Representatives to recognize the creative talents of young Americans.

In this area, on Saturday, May 10th, entries will be judged in the foyer of the Big Spring High School, 4th & Benton street, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Counties to be included are Borden, Coke, Concho, Howard, Glasscock, Martin, and Sterling. Similar regional shows will be conducted over the vast 17th district in Abilene, Gainesville, Graham, Post, Snyder, Stephenville, and Weatherford.

Artwork must be no larger than 30" x 30" (unframed), and

two-dimensional. Landscapes shall portray Texas scenes. Eligible categories are paintings, drawings, collages, and prints.

Nothing is more important to the soul of America than its artistic heritage," said Congressman Stenholm. "This competition allows us to encourage our rich cultural traditions."

Additional information may be obtained from any of Congressman Stenholm's offices or from Tom Adams in Big Spring, 915-267-7461 or 267-7376.

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Farm & Ranch Business Management For Women

WANTED--Women landowners who are interested in learning about writing leases and saving taxes. The Texas Agricultural Extension Service will hold 3 day workshops in DalrOdessa, April 14-16 and Austin May 6-8.

"Many Texas women find themselves thrust into land-owning situations for which they have very little training or background," says Wayne A. Hayenga, Economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "Frequently a woman is "incharge" of property upon the death of her husband or after inheriting land." The entire 3-day workshop will be an opportunity for women to explore income generating and tax saving opportunities for their farms and ranches.

The first day of the seminar will be concerned with the outlook for agricultural land investments and how they compare to other investments. Also, since most women who inherit land don't want to operate it themselves, a special session on farm and ranch leases

will be held. Items to include in a lease, both of an economic and legal nature will be addressed. Many folks are concerned about the "fairness" of a lease. A method to develop a "fair" and "stress-free" lease will be explored, as well as suggested guidelines and standards for women landowners to use to evaluate tenants.

The second day will include such topics as: how to run your business-should it be a corporation or partnership? An individual's income tax and estate planning considerations have the majority effect on the answer to the question. Many farms can have income taxed at 15-18 percent if the owners want tthe farm to expand.

Estate planning is a special need for single people who own farm-ranch land, since one person can give away or pass on an estate of \$500,000 in 1986 without gift or estate taxes. This amount goes to \$600,000 in 12987 so most women won't have a serious tax problem unless they own a farm or ranch or other investments. Estate tax rates on the amount over the

exempt amounts are from 34 percent to 60 percent. This indicates why many women that want to look at the spedcial tools to change farm valuation in an estate.

The last day will include a discussion of planning ideas to save on estate taxes and make estate administration easier.

Planning to sell part of the property on an installment is a consideration form many. It can be good, or bad, depending on the individual situation. Oil and gas interests can be managed for large income tax savings, and this is usually done in conjunction with estate planning.

The seminar leader will be Wayne A. Hayenga, of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. He is an economist and attorney with extensieve experiences in tax planning as an advisor to farmers, ranchers and agribusiness firms.

The registration fee of \$80.00 per person includes all seminar materials and lunches for all three days. The workshops will be held in Odessa at Holiday Inn, 6201 E. Hwy. 80 and in Austin

at the Marriott, 6121 IH-35. For information or to register contact your Texas County Extensioin Agent or Wayne A.

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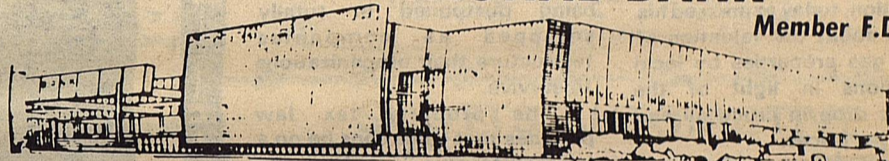
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