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DONORS DRAINED BY GIVING

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer
Big Spring Herald

Thirty-five pints of blood were drained from the arms of willing donors during a health fair in Borden County.

That is five more than the goal of 30 but one less than last year's total of 36, said Nelva Jones, president of the county Emergency Medical Service.

"This is pretty good for a county that has approximately 800 people in it," she said.

The 2nd annual Borden County Health Fair and Blood Drive was sponsored by the EMS, the Extension Program Council and the Extension Home



KIM MOORHEAD, with L&H Drug of Lubbock, checks the cholesterol level of a participant.

Economics Council. It was held at Borden County High School. Included was a feast of cookies, fudge and beverages.

Jones said there were 41 people who came to give blood, although six were not allowed to donate.

"In my case and a couple more, they were anemic," she explained. "Some other people were on medication."

Besides blood donors, another 56 people had their cholesterol level checked and 40 had their glucose levels diagnosed, Jones said.

A new addition to this year's fair was children's fingerprinting she said. Twenty-four children had their prints taken.

Buddy Wallace, an emergency medical technician with EMS, said the fingerprinting is "for I.D. purposes as far as children being abducted."

"They're even fingerprinting the babies," he said. "We plan on making this an annual event."

Also being conducted at the fair were health risk appraisals. a person fills out a four-page form asking questions ranging from food consumption, health, occupation and even how fast the applicant drives or how many fights they have been involved in or have witnessed in

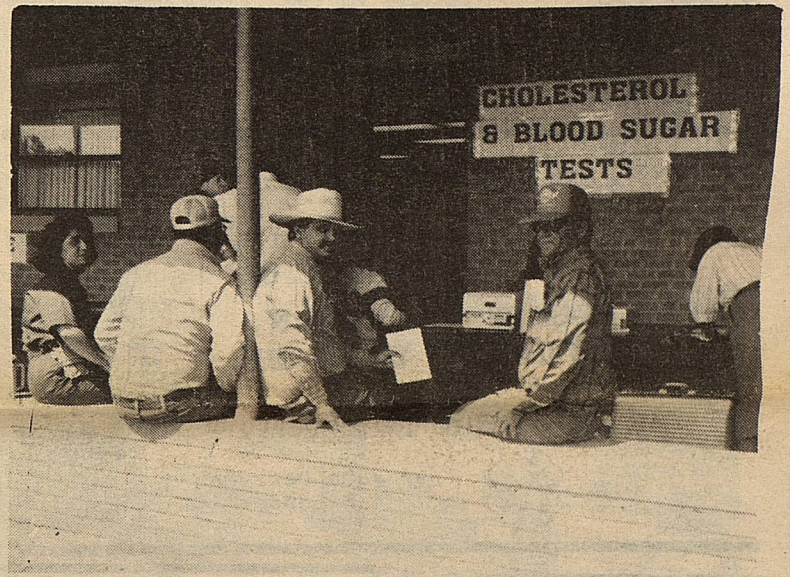
the past year.

Debbie Pollard, county extension agent, said the forms will be run through a computer and the results will be mailed to the applicants at a later date.

"They run this through a computer and tell you what sort of health risk you fall under in your daily routine," she said. "It probably takes 15 minutes to run it through the computer."

Pollard said 20 people had filled out

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The Jones' boys seem really enthusiastic about being stick with needles.



The Borden County Cheerleaders will be on the sidelines cheering the Coyotes as they tangle with Ira Friday night. The yell leaders are, Left to right, sophomore Shara Dee Woodward; junior Charlotte Ball; sophomore Kristin Monger; Coyote Mascot--senior Kristi Adcock; senior Rachel Romero; freshman Leslie Fryar and senior Julie Harris. (Photo by SNYDER DAILY NEWS)



MRS. COPELAND TAKING THE NEW KINDERGARTEN CLASS ON A TOUR OF MR. MCLEROY'S OFFICE.

BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

There will be a short Booster Club meeting in the bleachers Friday night before the football game between the Borden County Coyotes and the Ira Bulldogs.

Everyone is invited to come and help us organize the Homecoming Stew Supper. All help would be appreciated.

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/s/ Jane Perryman
4-H Leader

FHA NEWS

The Future Homemakers of America met on Tuesday, September 26th to discuss a Booster revealing party.

Julie Harris, President led the members in the opening ceremony. The minutes were read by Elizabeth Garcia and approved. Angela Evans, Vice president of Star Events, made all members aware of many activities they can participate in. Julie Harris reminded the members that the sausage orders must be turned in by October 3. Shara Woodward gave the Reporter's report.

Amy Lewis, Vice-president of Projects, led a discussion about a revealing party for our boosters. A motion was made by Shara Woodward to have a banana split party after school following the last football game. The motion was seconded by Kristi Adcock.

The meeting was then adjourned.

/s/ Shara Woodward

Texas Supreme Court Rules On Finance Plan

In a unanimous decision Monday, the Texas Supreme Court ruled that the state's system for financing public schools is unconstitutional and must be changed.

The court left it up to the Legislature to decide what changes should be made, but set a May 1, 1990, deadline for state lawmakers to come up with a new plan.

"However, let there be no misunderstanding," Justice Oscar Mauzy wrote in the court's opinion. "A remedy is long overdue. The Legislature must take immediate action."

Senator John Montford D-Lubbock, said, "It's certainly a bombshell.. particularly the unanimous opinion. They certainly made it clear they expect us to do something by May 1."

James McLeroy, Superintendent of Borden County Independent School District, said,

"I think the decision was as good as we could have hoped for. The court decision directs the state legislature to make the common denominator higher. The court decision never suggested that funds spent for educating students or standards be lowered in any school district. I'm optimistic about the decision."

Come out and support the Borden County Coyotes, as they take on the Ira Bulldogs this Friday night at 7:30 in Gail.



STUDENT LUNCHES October 9 - 13, 1989

Monday	Tacos with Cheese Taco Sauce Ranch Style Beans Vegetable Salad Fruit Milk	Salad Bar
Tuesday	Poorboy Steak and Gravy Mashed Potatoes English Peas Jello Hot Rolls Milk	Salad Bar
Wednesday	Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Vegetable Salad Fruit Cake Hot Rolls Milk	Salad Bar
Thursday	Hobo Stew Lettuce Wedge with French Dressing Fruit Peanuts Hot Rolls Milk	Salad Bar
Friday	Hamburgers French Fries Lettuce, Pickles and tomatoes Buns Chocolate Cake Milk	Salad Bar



Children's Choir

The Children's Choir will begin on Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30 at the First Baptist Church in Gail.

This will be for ages 4-12 years. Refreshments will be served.

COME AND JOIN THE FUN!!



ENJOYING BIRTHDAY CAKE! The fifth and sixth grade students help Mr. Harris celebrate his 29th birthday this week.

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COYOTE FOOTBALL



COYOTES DEFEAT WILSON 48-6

The Borden County Coyotes traveled to Wilson and ruined their homecoming game. The Coyotes jumped off to a quick start as Jimmy Rios returned the opening kickoff for a touchdown. Jimmy's 79 yard return duplicated last weeks opening play. Brian Bond passed to Cody Cooley for the extra point try to make the score 7-0. The Coyote's defense played very good all night, and they forced the Mustangs to punt on their first possession. Two plays later Brian Bond passed 46 yards to Cole Vestal for a touchdown. The extra point try was no good. The Mustangs took the ball after the Coyote's kickoff and moved it into the endzone to bring the score to 13-6. Cole Vestal caught another touchdown pass in the second quarter to make the first half score 20-6. The Coyotes were plagued with penalties in the first half. Three touchdowns were wiped out on penalties. In the second half the Coyotes only allowed one first down, 26 yards rushing, and 26 yards passing. The 26 rushing yards came on 19 rushes. The 26 yards receiving came on 4 receptions in 11 attempts. The Coyote defense forced the Mustang quarterback to throw away several passes. Brian Bond

picked off one of their passes and returned it 59 yards for a touchdown.

Jimmy Rios started off the second half scoring on a 7 yard run. The extra point try was no good. The Coyote's next score came on a 15 yard pass from Brian Bond to Marc Latimer. Brian kicked the extra point. Brian's touchdown was on the Mustang's next possession. The extra point try was no good. John Paul Harris capped off the Coyotes scoring on a 20 yard run. Patrick Herridge kicked the extra point.

Jimmy Rios was the was the Coyote's leading rusher with 91 yards on 15 carries. Patrick Herridge rushed for 61 yards on 5 carries. John Paul Harris rushed for 55 yards on 7 carries. Cole Vestal caught 2 passes for 60 yards. Marc Latimer had one catch for 15 yards.

The Coyote's defensive line combined for 31 tackles for the game. Cole Vestal led them with 12 tackles and a batted down pass. Cody Cooley had 11 tackles and James Lewis had 8. The defense also caused at least 4 fumbles and recovered one. The defensive backs also played well. They only allowed 35 yards in the air. The linebackers did an excellent job covering the option backs which allowed the line to have such a good game. Marc Latimer had 10 tackles. Jimmy Rios also had 10 tackles and a fumble recovery. Brian Bond had 5 tackles and an interception Patrick Herridge had 3 tackles, and Jeff Lewis had 2. Brian Bond & Shannon Smithie combined for 8 kickoffs



ELVIRA BALAGUE COMPLETES STUDIES AT TRAVEL ACADEMY

Elvira Balague is completing studies in the aviation and travel industry at International Aviation and Travel Academy (IATA) located in Arlington, Texas. Elvira is the daughter of Juve and Jesusa Balague, of the Plains Community.

Elvira is a graduate of Borden County High School where she was a member of the Beta Club, band, a cheer-

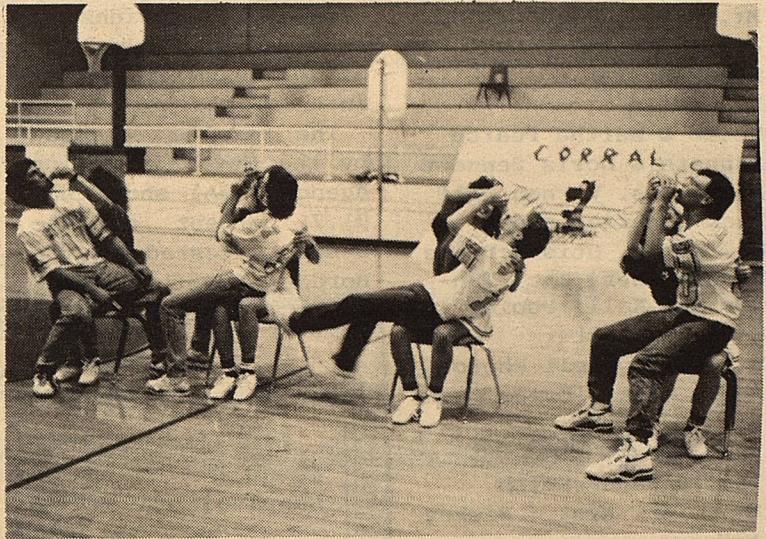
leader, and Honorable Mention on the All-District basketball team prior to choosing the travel industry as a career. While at IATA she is involved in a comprehensive nine-week program leading to an entry level position in the travel industry.

Elvira will be seeking a career as a flight attendant following graduation. International Aviation and Travel Academy trains over 2000 students each year for careers in the travel and transportation industry including both customer service and sales positions as well as FFA certified Airframe and Powerplant mechanics.

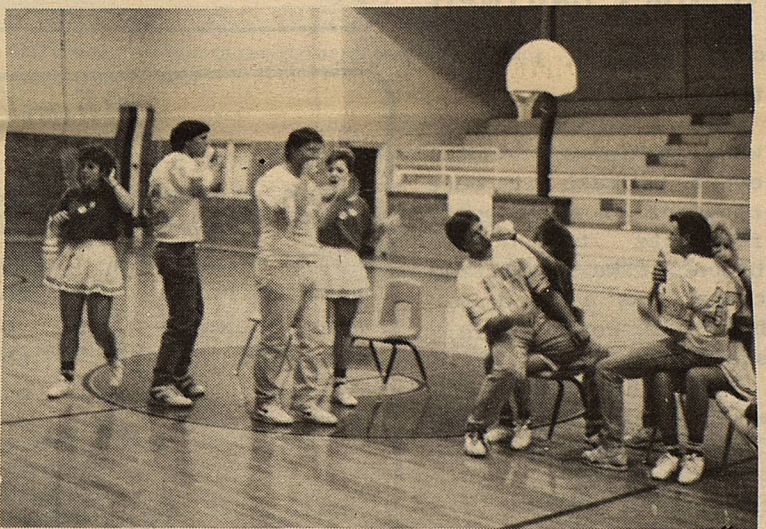
and all 8 were kicked into the endzone for no returns. Everyone got to play in the final quarter. Cody Stone who plays on speciality teams also played at running back. Clint Wills played quarterback with Clint Anderson, Jeremy Mize and Shannon Smithie rotating at ends. J.J. Kincheloe played at center.

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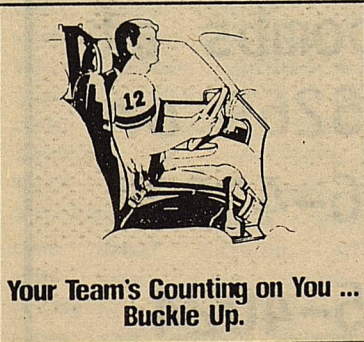
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THE BABY BOTTLE CONTEST! The senior boys have a race to the finish!



AND THE WINNER WAS...CODY COOLEY,



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October 1989						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 Jr. High Football-Sands There - 6:00	6 H.S. Football-Ira Here-7:30	7
8	9 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING 6:00	10 Band Marching Festival	11 Parents Club Teacher's Luncheon	12 Jr. High Football-Loop Here - 6:00	13 H.S. Football-Loop There-7:30 End 1st Six Weeks	14
15	16 School Board Meeting-6:00	17 Texas Tech Band Contest (Marching)	18	19 Jr. High Football-Klondike There - 6:00	20 H.S. Football-Klondike Here-7:30	21
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DONORS DRAINED

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the applications.

Jones said the fair was made an annual event to make it more convient for county residents to donate blood. "We realized there was a need for blood in West Texas," she said.

"We thought we'd make it more convenient for people in the country to give. And," she added, "there was a football game so they were coming anyway."

By Dave Green
Lamesa Press-Reporter

Results of the 1988-89 Texas Educational Assessment of Minimum Skills (TEAMS) exams indicate the proportion of Borden County students who passed all sections of the test is the highest of 20 school districts in this area.

The results released by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) show that 91.7 percent of the students tested at the Borden County school

mastered all sections of the TEAMS, as did 88.3 percent of the students taking the exam at the Klondike school near Patricia. Dawson ISD at Welch had 83.3 percent of their students who took the test pass all sections.

With the exception of O'Donnell, all of the neighboring school districts enjoyed an increase in the percentage of students who passed all sections of the exam.

1989 TEAMS RESULTS

School district	Percentage of students passing all sections	Change from 1988
Borden Co.	91.7	Up 4.6
Klondike	88.2	Up 6.6
Dawson	83.3	Up 4.2
Denver City	82.4	Up 4.1
Roosevelt	77.9	Up 0.4
Sands	77.8	Up 6.7
Midland	75.5	Up 2.9
Snyder	75.4	Down 0.6
Post	75.1	Up 1.7
Seminole	74.5	Down 0.4
Big Spring	74.1	Up 0.3
Andrews	72.6	Up 2.9
Slaton	71.4	Down 0.4
Lubbock Cooper	70.0	Up 6.3
Brownfield	69.0	Up 5.7
Lubbock	68.7	Up 3.0
O'Donnell	68.3	Down 7.0
Tahoka	61.4	Down 8.2
Stanton	60.6	Down 8.7
Lamesa	56.4	Up 1.7

*Excluding Special Education students

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I'd like to Thank everyone for their phone calls and visits during my short hospital stay.

God Bless you all
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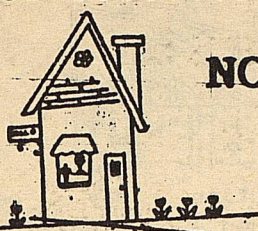
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NOTES FROM HOME

By Debra Pollard

Home Demonstration/CEA

COOL FALL WEATHER MEANS TIME TO START A WALKING PROGRAM

A chill is in the air, and it's time for Americans to get outside and enjoy the fall weather. Soon the colors of autumn will decorate the streets as the trees begin to shed their leaves. There couldn't be a better time to start a walking program.

Walking has become an increasingly popular way to exercise - and for good reason. It can help you improve the efficiency of your heart and lungs, relieve stress, promote weight loss and enhance muscle tone. Here are some tips for starting a good walking program:

DEFINE YOUR GOALS: Getting started is the hardest part of any exercise program. Start with a firm commitment. Then set realistic goals and stick with them.

BUY GOOD SHOES: Good shoes are essential to walking. Major shoe companies now offer shoes specially designed for walking. A good shoe will have substantial arch support, a wide "toe box", a firm heel, a well-cushioned heel and midsole and a durable outersole with good traction.

DRESS RIGHT: Let the weather dictate your attire. On a warm day, wear light-weight, loose-fitting clothing made of fabrics that breathe. When it's cool and windy, a windbreaker can protect you against excessive loss of body heat. In cold weather, wear layers of clothing. This provides added insulation, and you can shed layers if you get too warm. Protect your head, ears and hands. Socks

should be thick and absorbent to keep your feet dry and prevent blisters. If you walk at night along a road, walk facing traffic and wear light-colors trimmed with reflective fabric or tape.

STRETCH BEFORE AND AFTER: A safe, effective workout consists of five basic steps: warm-up, flexibility exercises, main activity, cool-down and post-exercise flexibility stretches. Stretch for at least five minutes prior to your workout. After each workout, cool down by walking slowly. Then complete your workout with five more minutes of stretching.

START SLOWLY: Begin by walking 15 to 20 minutes at a comfortable pace. Gradually increase your time and pace. You should be able to carry on a normal conversation while walking. Remember that the frequency of walking is more important than the pace.

OTHER TIPS: Drink plenty of water, exercise at the same time each day so that it becomes a habit and check with your doctor regularly to ensure maximum benefit from your walking program.

If you experience such symptoms as chest discomfort, extreme shortness of breath or weakness, you should discontinue walking and consult your doctor.



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- are spread throughout the year
- help youth develop their own special talents
- build self-esteem, self-confidence and communication skills.

Celebrating a program that increased the projects it offers to meet the expanding interests of today's youth.

4-H has always had the philosophy that youth learn best when actively involved - "learning by doing."

4-H project help ranges from one-on-one interaction with a caring adult, to written materials, workshops, trainings, clinics and camps.

The key element to learning and the completion of project work is still the parent - who guides, encourages and supports their child's involvement.

In general, over 40 4-H projects are offered in these categories: Mechanical Science, Animal Science, Home Economics, Natural Sciences, Plant Science, Personal Growth and Development and Communication Arts.

Celebrating a program that emphasizes recordkeeping skills.

4-H project records teach: planning, goal-setting, responsibility, language skills, documenting efforts and determining accomplishments.

Celebrating a program that provides an opportunity for interaction between a child and a caring adult.

4-H parents and other interested adults are the organizers, supporters, guides and teachers that are the driving force that makes the 4-H program operate. Volunteer training and resources are provided by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Celebrating a program that emphasizes family involvement.

4-H is a family organization. Families come in all shapes and sizes - they may have one child or many, and one parent/guardian or two. Whatever its makeup, 4-H encourages family members to work together, which in turn helps to strengthen family bonds!

Celebrating new directions and dreams for the future that will combine the best of the past.

4-H is continually evolving, making changes that will keep it in step with today's youth and their families.

How to join the celebration!

Call the Borden County Extension office at (915)856-4336 for information and help in joining.

Find a nearby club to join or start your own. Enrollment materials will be provided by club volunteers.

Meetings - Each club determines where it will meet, how often and what it will do at each meeting, as well as other activities.

Activities - The clubs plan a wide-range of activities that are recreational, educational and include community service.

We hope you'll join the 4-H celebration!

DONOR, RECIPIENT DOING WELL AFTER KIDNEY TRANSPLANT SURGERY

A 46-year-old O'Donnell resident and former Borden County resident who received a new kidney and his nephew who donated that kidney were both reported doing well following the transplantation surgery Thursday at St. Louis University Medical Center in St. Louis, Mo.

Kidney recipient Jimmy Garrett, a native of Lamesa and a long-time tractor repairman in both Lamesa and O'Donnell, was up and walking short distances late Thursday after receiving the kidney earlier in the day during a five-hour operation reported local relative Edythe Currey.

Also already up and about and doing well was Lance Hunt, Garrett's 21-year-old nephew from Lamesa who donated the kidney.

Although the surgery

was an initial success, Currey noted they are keeping their fingers crossed that Garrett's body will not reject the new organ.

Garrett has long suffered from an inherited polycystic disease of the kidney. His final kidney reportedly shut down in late August and was removed in surgery at St. Louis on Sept. 14.

Currey reported that if all continues to go well Hunt will be able to return in a week to 10 days & that Garrett could be back home by the end of October.

To help with the financial burdens of the illness & surgery, a special fund for Jimmy Garrett has been opened.

Anyone wishing to help this family may send donations to:

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Texas A&M researchers trail tourists traveling to Texas hot spots

COLLEGE STATION — Researchers are tracking tourists in Texas — who comes, who goes, how much they spend — as Texas A&M University's part of a state effort to promote Texas as a hot spot to travel.

In fact, one of every 11 foreign travelers to America includes Texas as a stop. Texas captures 6.3 percent of the U.S. tourism market and tourism expenditures in the state are annually about \$17 billion.

The university's Recreation and Parks Department, home of the Texas Tourism and Recreation Information Program (TTRIP), and other parts of The Texas A&M University System are working with six state agencies in a concerted effort to bring America and the world to Texas.

Plans are to increase Texas' share of the U.S. tourism market to 8.5 percent

GARZA THEATRE PRESENTS "THE RAINMAKER"

On Wednesday through Sunday October 11-15, the Garza Theatre will present its 27th production, one of America's most popular romantic comedies, "The Rainmaker," with West Texas' favorite showman Will McCrary appearing as 'Starbuck'.

The play, by N. Richard Nash, opened in New York October 28, 1954 and featured Geraldine Page and Darren McGavin. Movie fans will recall Hollywood's 1958 production starring Burt Lancaster and Katherine Hepburn.

The action takes place on a ranch in a western state on a summer day in a time of drought.

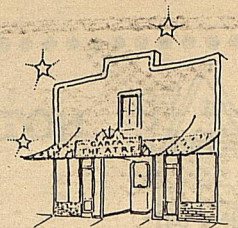
Starring with McCrary in Post will be popular Lubbock radio personality Jane Prince-Jones morning co-host on KLLL. Also appearing will be Garza Theatre regulars Troy Timms and Patrick Connor of Lubbock and James Bell and Lino DeLeon of Post. Making his first appearance on the Garza stage will be David Weaver, most recently seen in Lub-

bock's production of "The Odd Couple".

West Texas theatre lovers will want to make reservations early. Last month's overwhelming demand for tickets led to a complete sell-out to all four performances of "A Shot In The Dark". Curtain times at the Garza will be 7:45 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings and at 2 p.m. for Sunday's matinee.

Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 12 years old or younger. Group rates are available.

Reservations for the



production may be obtained by calling the Garza Theatre box office at 495-4005. The box office, located at 223 E. Main, Post TX 79356, is conveniently open Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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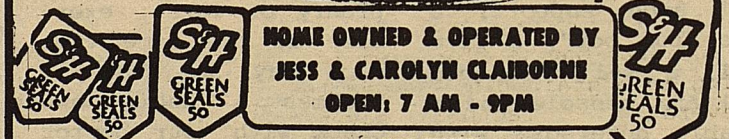
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by the year 2000, to raise the state's share of U.S. foreign visitors from 9.3 percent to 11 percent by December 1991, to increase tourism-related jobs in the state by 15 percent and to increase travel expenditures from the 1986 level of \$17.3 billion to \$20 billion by December 1991.

"People should know that tourism is extremely important to the state as a means of diversifying the economy and creating more jobs for Texans," said Dr. Turgut Var, TTRIP.

■ Anyone driving pickups or other open-bed trucks faster than 35 mph in Texas must transport children inside the vehicles or risk fines of \$25 to \$200. Also, teenagers must prove they are enrolled in school when obtaining a Texas driver's license at age 16 and when renewing it at age 17. Both new laws, effective Sept. 1, were enacted this year by the Texas Legislature.



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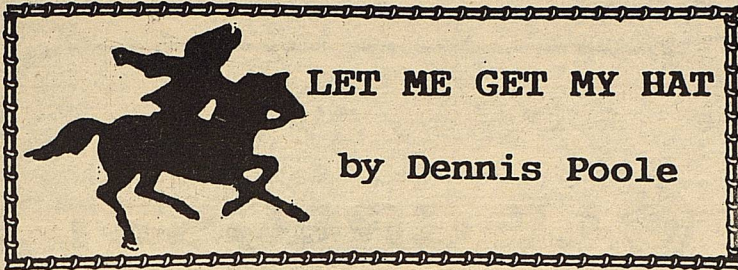
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LET ME GET MY HAT

by Dennis Poole

**FARM CHILDREN
FACE SPECIAL HAZARDS**

Farm parents need to be aware of the special safety and health hazards their children face, according to the Chicago-based National Safety Council. These hazards include powerful machinery, tools and chemicals, animals, and vehicles traveling at high speeds along rural roads.

A large share of the serious injuries to both adults and children on farms involve mechanical trauma in connection with the use of machinery and tools, according to Jack Burke, program manager for agricultural safety at the Council. Such injuries often result in amputation, permanent crippling and even death. But accidents that involve fire, water, falls, firearms, poisonous substances, ATV's, electricity and entrapment claim their share of victims as well.

The newspapers confirm these tragedies, said Burke, citing such recent incidents as an Illinois toddler drowning in a stock watering tank, a Michigan girl being run over by a tractor, and an Indiana boy suffocating in a grain bin.

Several factors combine to produce an environment in which these unintentional injuries and deaths occur with such fre-

quency. The main factor is the close proximity of farm workplace hazards to the farm home environment. Unlike other children, farm children face virtually the same occupational dangers their parents face, explains Burke. they need only take a few steps from their homes to find heavy machinery, toxic chemicals and potentially dangerous storage areas.

Plus, many farm children do the work of adults, facing the same hazards-but often without the same knowledge, experience and physical strength. Unfortunately, many adults do not perceive the risks involved when children do farm work.

A recent survey of more than 400 Successful Farming Magazine readers with children under 16 found that nearly 70% considered the risk for a child riding a tractor "very low." An even higher percentage allowed their children to ride. Two-thirds allowed 10 to 12 year old boys to drive tractors, while more than a quarter allowed boys seven to nine to drive.

"It worries me that so many of the parents surveyed believe it isn't particularly risky to let children

ride on and even drive tractors at a young age," Burke said. "Kids may have been raised around the farm work, but that doesn't ensure competence when they're asked to do it. Even if they appear physically able to drive a tractor or operate machinery, they may be mentally overwhelmed by situations where quick judgment and instant correct action are needed to avoid serious injury."

The first step in counteracting farm injuries and deaths to children is for parents to assume a deep sense of responsibility for their children. Then, they must make the farm workplace as safe as possible.

"Of course, farm parents love their children," adds Burke. "But they must also realize that their children's safety doesn't happen by itself. Parents wouldn't willingly put their children at risk if they knew that risk existed. And the risk does exist."

To help farm parents prevent injuries and deaths to their children, the Council offers these safety tips:

- * Do not allow unsupervised children around tools, machinery, large animals or other potential dangers.

- * Place warning decals in all dangerous areas, and explain to children that the labels mean they should stay away.

- * When you drive, fasten children into

approved child safety seats. Nearly two-thirds of the nation's traffic deaths occur on rural highways and roads.

- * Install smoke detectors in your home, and test them once a month. Keep fire extinguishers in your home. Develop and practice a home fire escape plan with your family.

- * Never leave a small child unsupervised in or near water, including bathtubs, cisterns, washtubs, ponds and swimming pools. Farm children have also drowned in stock watering tanks, rainfilled excavations and even milk cans.

- * To prevent poisoning, keep such toxic chemicals as cleansers, medicines, paints, petroleum products, pesticides and animal care products locked up and out of children's reach. Keep children away from work operations involving chemical use and out of places that have been treated with pesticides. Dispose of empty chemical containers promptly.

- * Take young workers' limitations into account when assigning jobs. Provide thorough instruction and supervision until you are confident they can do the job safely and well.

- * Provide young workers with personal protective equipment like safety goggles and respirators if the job conditions call for it.

- * Learn first aid and

CPR, especially if you live a distance away from emergency medical assistance. Post emergency numbers near every telephone, and teach children how to call for emergency assistance.

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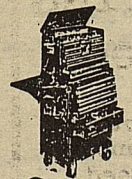
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RIDING OUT A HURICANE
IN 1875"

Nowdays when tropcial storms strike the Gulf Coast, residents have the choice of either fleeing inland or staying home to ride out the tempests. The option of escaping the storms is comparatively new. Only in recent years have weather forcasters been able to warn people that hurricanes were coming so that they could get out of harm's way.

Throughout the nineteenth century, hurricanes caught Gulf Coast residents without the warnings we now take for granted. This is precisely what happened to Aransas Pass harbor pilot John T. Mercer and his family in Sept. 1875.

Fortunately for us, Mercer kept a detailed daily journal. Five of its volumes, covering the years from 1866 to 1881, are preserved on microfilm at the Corpus Christi Public Library. They tell us much about life on the Texas Gulf Coast over a century ago, and they include a running narrative of events at Aransas Pass during one particular storm.

Mercer began his journal entry for Thurs., Sept. 16, 1875, early in the morning. At 1 o'clock A.M., he worte, "All hands got up. The wind blowing fearful from the north north-west." As the day progressed, the weather didn't improve.

In the darkness of the early morning

hours, Mercer's sons went down to the bay and retrieved their rowboats. Later they tied them to a blacksmiths shop building to keep them from being dashed to pieces by the wind. Already storm-buffed vessels in the harbor were dragging anchor, some of them washing ashore.

"The Bessie lays on her side," Mercer wrote, describing one of the wind-battered vessels he saw. "She appears to be fast to her anchor (and) she is catching fits. The Farwell is out of sight.

At home earnest preparations were under way for the worst should the storm bring it. "Ned and Tom filled everything that would hold water, for fear the tide would get in the wells," Mercer penned.

Neither men nor animals could escape the fury of the winds. "Several chickens had the life blown out of them, roosting in the trees," Mercer wrote.

It was hopeless for Mercer to try to cook the dead birds. He complained on the pages of the diary, "We tried to make a fire in the house, but the rain came down the chimney and put it out." Cooking was out of the question.

Despite the high winds and torrential rains, members of the harbor pilot's household continually attempted to secure their own and others'

vessels in the harbor. One ship named the Doaga broke loose from its moorings, and several of the men went out in dingies to try to save it. "They taken the ballast out of her and moored her with part of it," Mercer scribbled, adding, "They had quite a job of it."

By 6 o'clock on the evening of the storm, Mercer was able to note in his journal that the wind was finally abating and the tide was falling. "I made out to make a fire in the house," he wrote. At least there would be a hot supper.

After the meal, the diarist recorded, "All hands feel tired and wet," and everybody was headed for bed by 7 p.m.

Concluding his diary entry for the day of the storm, Mercer observed, "This day beats anything for high water since the flood. All well, nobody hurt, thanks God."



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