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SPEAKER THANKS AMERICANS

Bro. Kelvin Jones, pastor of Mount Carmel Baptist Church in St. Kitts (St. Christopher), West Indies spoke at the Gail Baptist Church Sunday.

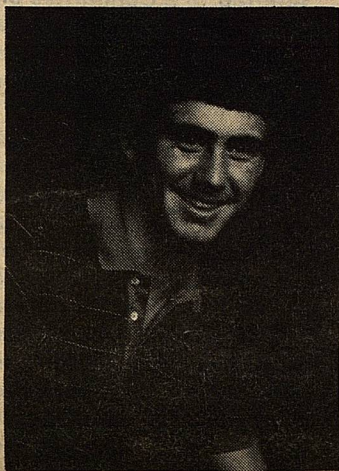
Bro. Jones told about St. Kitts, an island of approximately 35,000 people. The island is 68 square miles in size. 75 percent of the people who live there are under the age of 25. There is much poverty as the people work in the sugarcane fields about half of each year and are mostly unemployed the other half.

The people of St. Kitts speak English and are descendants of slaves brought over to work the land. England had ruled the island for about 300 years but it was given its freedom at the first of this year as was Grenada, which is only 300 miles from St. Kitts.

The Church in St. Kitts has a basement where they have about 100 children in a day care through High School program. College courses are offered at night. Religion and education are important there because

PLAYOFF GAME TO BE HERE

Borden County will be the site of the Bi-District Football game between the Dawson Dragons and the Trent Bulldog on November 18 at 7:30 p.m. This is the Bi-District playoff game between District 1 and District 2.



BEN EDWARDS

NOMINATED FOR DEGREE

Ben Edwards of O'Donnell has been nominated to receive the American Farmer Degree, highest degree presented by the National Future Farmers of America (FFA) organization. He was nominated for the degree by the Texas FFA Association. The nomination was approved at a recent meeting of the National FFA Board of Directors in Alexandria, Va. virtually assuring the awarding of the degree.

Edwards is one of 742 FFA members nominated for the American Farmer Degree. He will receive the degree in a special ceremony Nov. 11 at the National convention in Kansas City.

Ben is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B.W. Edwards of O'Donnell and is currently a student at Angelo State University in San Angelo.

He earned the American Farmer Degree based on his occupational experience program, farming and livestock management and exhibiting.

O'Donnell High School vocational agriculture instructor and FFA advisor is James McCright.

LOCAL VOTERS OPPOSE FIVE AMENDMENTS

Borden County held a tighter rein on proposed amendments than other voters throughout the state as they favored only 6 of the proposed state constitutional amendments on the general election ballot.

In a relatively normal turnout in an off year 108 voters in Borden County reflected the statewide returns by defeating No. 8 and No. 10. No. 8 concerned the tax exemption for veterans and fraternal organizations while No. 10 had to do with cities expending public funds for sewer relocation or replacement on private property. However, Borden County voters went on to defeat amendments 2, 3, and 9 which, at this writing, passed statewide. These amendments concerned:

-No. 2: change in limitation on value of an urban homestead

-No. 3: providing producer financing for a program of agriculture research and

promotion

-No. 9: allowing assignment of judges of statutory probate courts to other courts.

The most highly publicized of the 11 proposals, and another of particular interest to rural counties, both were supported here by over 70 percent of the voters. Number 6, allowing the state to withhold delinquent court-ordered child support payments from a person's wages, was favored here by a margin of 75 to 32 and enjoyed the support of 79 percent of the voters in incomplete statewide results. Number 1, allowing counties with less than 30,000 population to reduce the number of justices of the peace, was favored here by a margin of 79 to 27.

Other amendments which were favored here and appear to have approved throughout the state were:

-No. 4: providing succession of office in case

of disaster.

-No. 5: authorizing local school districts to use the state permanent school fund to guarantee bonds.

-No. 7: authorizing issuance of \$800 million in bonds to finance a veterans' housing program.

-No. 11: change the state board of pardons and paroles from a constitutional agency to a statutory agency.

Amendment election results	results	
	For	Against
1. JP precincts	79	27
2. Urban Homestead	42	65
3. Agriculture Marketing	47	57
4. Succession of Office	57	46
5. School Bonds	53	50
6. Child Support	75	32
7. Veterans' Finance	63	43
8. Tax Exemption	25	80
9. Judges	44	54
10. Sewer Finance	42	63
11. Parole Board	58	46

HANCE CRITICAL OF PROGRAM

cotton farmers.

"Farmers believe that higher prices for their crops are on the way," Hance added, "and the Agriculture Department's announced cotton program will encourage farmers to plant row to row and fence to fence. If they do that, we will be faced with a surplus carryover and lower prices, and any benefits of the Payment-In-Kind (PIK) program will be lost."

Hance said the USDA needs to provide an incentive for American farmers to participate in a

set-aside program.

"If the farmers do not participate in large numbers," Hance added, "it is quite possible that a deficiency payment of 26 cents a pound will be made to all farmers in the program. The impact on the federal budget would be staggering."

Hance pointed out that a plan calling for a 15 percent mandatory setaside with an additional, but optional, 15 percent "Plant for PIK" paid diversion has drawn the

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Borden County School News

RAISING STANDARDS MAJOR ISSUE IN UIL COUNCIL MEETING

Raising academic standards and restricting loss of school time were major issues addressed by the University Interscholastic League's Legislative Council, which held its 43rd annual meeting in Austin, October 16-17. James McLeroy, Superintendent of Borden County Schools was present at the Council Meeting.

The council voted to place on a referendum ballot proposals that would raise academic credit requirements and restrict classroom absences by those participating in golf and tennis. In addition, the council voted to allow speech students to miss no more than 10 days per year in order to participate in speech-debate tournaments.

The referendum ballot will be mailed from the UIL office to school administrators in February. Results will be announced March 3. A simple majority is needed for proposals to pass, and items approved will take effect during the 1984-85 school year, unless otherwise specified.

"The meeting had the



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largest attendance, the greatest participation and the most comprehensive press coverage of any in League history," said Dr. Bailey Marshall, UIL director. "I was pleased to see the increased interest. Those who may have questioned or doubted the League's rulemaking processes surely were impressed by the openness and the free exchange of ideas."

Among the proposals slated for referendum ballot examination are:

An item that would require students to be passing four rather than three courses, excluding physical education, in order to compete in a League contest.

-Revising the UIL spring meet calendar, with the combining of boys' and girls' district, regional and State Meet athletic events. District meets would be held either April 1-6 or April 15-20. Regional meets would be held April 29-May 4. The State Meet would be held in Austin, May 9-11.

-Revising the Five-Year Rule so that a child being retained in the seventh grade for competitive purposes would lose the final year of high school eligibility.

-Adding gymnastics and wrestling as UIL sports for Conference AAAAA only.

-Placing the amateur restrictions on all students beginning in the ninth grade, regardless of the student's age.

-Eliminating mandatory penalties in basketball and volleyball for players or teams violating game and tournament participation restrictions. The council recommended passage of this proposal, which would give the district executive committees greater flexibility in assessing penalties.

-Revising the college course enrollment regulations so that courses taught by a high school teacher during the regular school day and conforming to Texas Education Agency guidelines are not considered college courses, even though college credit is given.

-Changing soccer seasons to begin on either the first Monday following certification of the district football champion (with the season to end the last week of February) or beginning on

January 1 (with the season ending with the state championship tournament, held the last week of April).

-Allowing athletes to sign a letter of intent and a college scholarship agreement that contains the conditions of the scholarship, provided the athlete receives no part of any valuable consideration guaranteed by that scholarship until after all UIL eligibility is completed. If passed, the item would take effect in 1984-85.

-Revising future basketball starting dates, allowing basketball practice to begin on the seventh Monday following the first Thursday in September.

-Giving administrators the choice of keeping the present outside soccer restrictions as is, applying restrictions only to players who have participated in varsity contests, or abolishing outside participation restrictions. At present, soccer players who participate in club soccer prior to the start of the UIL soccer season are ineligible to represent the varsity soccer team.

The council also voted to move the first day to play basketball games from November 22 to November 21, to allow baseball players to wear metal cleats this spring, and to restrict music organizations to one non-League meet held on school time. The music restriction takes effect next year.

The council also voted to meet March 7, 1984 in order to take action on the following items:

-Recodification of the League's Constitution and Contest Rules.

-The findings of the Junior High Athletics Study Committee.

-Procedures for implementation of a penalty on coaches or contest sponsors who knowingly violate UIL rules. The final item will be considered only if the concept of contest sponsor punishment is approved on the referendum ballot.

In final action, the council referred to a Committee on Excessive Expenditures a proposal that would penalize schools for spending on "luxuries" above basic athletic equipment and supplies. This panel, to be named soon, as well as a Committee on Loss of School Time--Missing School--Number of School Contests will meet this spring and issue a report to the Athletic Committee of the Legislative Council, May 30-31. The Council also

voted that if a district executive committee imposes either a post-district disqualification or a district disqualification, that action may be appealed to the State Executive Committee.

The council defeated a proposal that would have increased from \$40 to \$50 the limitation a school may spend per student as an award for participation in interschool competition.

"The council members did an outstanding job in considering the 50-plus items presented in public hearings Sunday as well as the multitude of proposals they had previously heard," Marshall said. "They listened to, read and considered what each individual had presented. Though many of those addressing the council took conflicting sides, I believe all those attending truly are concerned with the total education of the student first and foremost."



The Beta Club-Back-Dana Gray, Tammy Miller, Doyce Taylor, Samantha Porter. Front-Kelli McPhaul, Kelly Williams and Roxie Wolf.

NOVEMBER 1983						
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13	14	15 4:00 p.m. H.S. Basketball Girls Scrimmage Snyder - There	16	17 7:30 p.m. Beauty Contest Auditorium	18 7th-8th Grades Heritage Center Lubbock	19
20	21	22 5:00 p.m. H.S. Basketball Girls & Boys Roby - There	23	24	25	26
27	28 6:00 p.m. J.H. Basketball Girls & Boys Grady - Here	29 6:30 p.m. H.S. Basketball Girls & Boys Loop - There	30	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS		

HISTORY STUDENTS TO TOUR MUSEUM

The seventh and eighth grade history students of Mr. Fred Ridenour are going to the Ranch Museum in Lubbock, Friday, November 18. Classes will leave Borden County at 8:30 a.m. and return to the school before the buses run.

Students will observe houses from all over the country. Some of them, all donated to the museum, are well over 100 years old.

Accompanying the group of students will be Mr. Ridenour.

-s-Dour Adams and Rene Ortiz



The Coyote Football Team finished 3rd in District-Back Row L to R-Charles LaRue, Sammy Williams, Glen Bacon, Robin Hood, Kirby Williams, Dennis Buchanan, Rene Ortiz. 2nd Row-Doyce Taylor, Jerry Green, Chris Cooley, Brice Turner, Doug Adams. Front-Tommy Soto, Matthew Massingill, Mickey Burkett, Brice Key, Gerry Smith, John Stevens and Rockie Harbor.

School Board Agenda

Borden County Independent School District
Regular School Board Meeting
November 21, 1983 - 8:00 p.m.
Board Room - Borden County Schools
Gail, Texas

- I. Minutes
Read and approve minutes of previous Board Meeting.
- II. Visitors
Hear from visitors who have announced.
- III. Bills
Pay November bills.
- IV. School Calendar
Review school calendar.
- V. Student Handbook
Consider student handbook for approval.
- VI. Superintendent's Report
 1. Financial report
 2. Attendance report
 3. Personnel report
- VII. Special Education Report
- VIII. Other New Business
- IX. Adjourn

School Lunch Menu

November 21-25, 1983

	<u>Lunch</u>	<u>Breakfast</u>
Monday	Burritos Green Beans Whole Potatoes Fruit Salad Milk Salad Bar	Waffles Fruit Juice Milk
Tuesday	Corn Dogs Cheese Wedge Vegetable Salad Pork & Beans Jello Milk Salad Bar	Toast & Jelly Fruit Milk
Wednesday	Thanksgiving Holiday - No School	
Thursday	Thanksgiving Holiday - No School	
Friday	Thanksgiving Holiday - No School	



Beauty Contest

Thursday
Nov 17
7:30 p.m.

had 8. All players are credited with a strong defensive game as Borden came up with 22 steals and forced numerous other turnovers. Shawna Vaughn led the scoring attack with 8 points followed by Roxie Wolf with 7. Teri Billington had 5 points and Kelly Williams, Becky Massingill, Simona Benavidez, Shana Bradshaw, and Kelli Williams had 4 each. As a team, Borden shot 37 percent from the field and hit 8 of 10 free throws for 80 percent. Next game for the Lady Coyotes is Tuesday, November 15, in Snyder, scrimmaging against the J.V. and Varsity.

The Freshman team and J.V. team were considerably outnumbered but still got in plenty of playing time and experience. The Freshman team made up of Kristi Stone, Sherry Vaughn, Julie Ridenour, Dana Douglass, Linda Sternadel, and Lesly Hicks, who played on the 9th grade team so there would be enough, came out on the floor against 26 freshman from Post. Then the J.V. made up of Jeanette Massingill, Samantha Porter, Nancy Martinez, Cathy York, Mary Washington, Cindy Balague, and Mary Ortiz played about the same number, as Post moved up their better freshman to play with their upper classmen. The J.V. game remained close with Borden jumping out ahead at first, but then numbers finally wore them down as Post gained a close win.

First regular scheduled game of the year will be at Roby, Tuesday, November 22, with a J.V. girls, Varsity girls, and Varsity Boys games. Games will begin at 5:00.

Coyotes Beat Paint Creek-Finish 3rd in District

The Borden County Coyotes ended their season on a winning note last Friday night beating the Paint Creek Pirates 62-30. The Coyotes started out slow only scoring eight points in the opening quarter, but came back with twenty-four in the second.

Chris Cooley ran two kick-offs back --one for 65 yards and another for 75 yards. Sammy Williams scored five touchdowns and kicked six extra points. Doug Adams and Robin Hood combined to tackle the Pirates' quarter back in the end zone for a two point

Beat Paint Creek-Finish 3rd in District

safety. The Coyotes ended the district play in third place with a record of six wins and two losses. The two topping Borden County were district champion, Highland and runner-up, Trent.

Borden Ladies Scrimmage Post

Last Thursday, the Borden County Lady Coyotes traveled to Post for a basketball scrimmage and came away with a surprise upset of the Class AAA antelopes. A balanced scoring attack kept the Lady Lopes off guard all night with all players scoring at least 4 points but the most

BORDEN LIVESTOCK SHOW PLANNED

The Borden County 4-H members met in the school auditorium Monday, November 7, 1983, to discuss the Livestock Show, dates and times.

Alan Day, County Extension Agent, informed the members of the times in which different classes of animals will be shown at the Borden Livestock Show. They are as follows:

Jan. 26, 7 PM-Barrow Show

Jan. 27, 9 AM-Lamb Show

Jan. 28, 9 AM-Steer Show

A free barbeque is scheduled in the school lunchroom at noon on January 20, followed by the premium sale at 1:00 p.m.

A showmanship clinic for barrows and lambs will be held at 9:30 AM., December 3, in the show barn at Borden High School. No further business was conducted.

-s-Glen Bacon and Dennis Buchanan



The High School Cheerleaders have done a great job supporting the team this year. Tammy Miller, Shana Bradshaw, Cindy Balague, Kim Wills, Kelli Williams, and Roxie Wolf. a big thanks from the team.

CISNEROS ENDORSES KRUEGER SENATE BID

San Antonio Mayor Cisneros, citing Bob Krueger's "unmatched international experience", Wednesday endorsed Krueger in his bid for the U.S. Senate.

Cisneros, labeling his Krueger endorsement as "enthusiastic and without equivocation," cited his 10-year working relationship with Krueger and praised Krueger's "unlimited accessibility" during that time.

A Harvard-educated professor who three years ago became the first Hispanic mayor of a major American city, Cisneros has received recent national attention because of his work on the President's Non-Partisan Commission on Central America.

His endorsement over two other Democrats prior to the Democratic primary is seen by political analysts as a major political asset for Krueger.

"This endorsement from Henry Cisneros, a man of national stature and leadership, is exceptionally heartening," Krueger said. "Because Henry Cisneros standard of leadership cuts across all political boundaries and his diversity of appeal is reflective of the diversity of the people of Texas."

Hospital notes

Christine Cunningham is recovering from lung surgery in St. Mary's Hospital, Lubbock. She is expected to be out of I.C.U. the latter part of this week. We wish her well.

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Saying that Krueger brings to public office a "set of welcome old-fashioned values built on personal integrity and professional depth," Cisneros credited Krueger's years in Congress as years in which he "took political risks out of a sense of duty and responsibility."

"There are not words strong enough to express my admiration and support."

"You cannot know how a public official is going to vote on every issue, but you can evaluate a candidate's integrity and intellect, and that is why I am 100 percent behind Bob Krueger," he said.

A recent Gallup Poll shows Krueger as the clear front-runner in the U.S. Senate race with a three-to-one lead over Democratic opponent Lloyd Doggett and a six-to-one lead over Kent Hance. The poll also showed him ahead of likely GOP opponent Phil Gramm by a 50-38 percent margin.

Krueger was a member of the U.S. Congress for two terms, after which he was the Ambassador at Large and Coordinator of U.S.-Mexico Policy.

Prior to being elected to Congress, Krueger was a dean at Duke University. He is a native of New Braunfels, where he lives with his wife, Kathleen Tobin Krueger.

HANCE

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support of the Texas Association of Cotton Producer Organizations (TACPO). The producer steering committee of the National Cotton Council also supports a plan requiring a 15 percent set-aside with an additional paid diversion program. However, the producer steering committee did not set a specific set-aside percentage for the paid diversion. The committee supports an option that would limit carryover to approximately 4 million bales.

"The 'Plant for PIK' program supported by TACPO gives farmers the option to set aside an additional 15 percent of their base acres," Hance said. "Farmers would not produce cotton on this additional acreage, but would be eligible for the loan price on the established yield of the idled farmland they diverted. Additionally, farmers would retain ownership of the cotton and could sell it at their discretion."

WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME INAUGURATED

Austin--The Governor's Commission for Women will inaugurate a Women's Hall of Fame as part of "Women in Texas Today Week" planned for September 1984.

Gay Erwin, executive director of the 29-member commission, said these activities will increase the public's awareness of Texas women's achievements in education, public service, business and other fields and provide young girls with positive role models.

The Governor's Commission for Women, holding a conference here agreed to sponsor a statewide essay contest for girls in grades 9-12 on "A living Texas Woman I Admire" in conjunction with "Women in Texas Today Week."

Other projects the commission will undertake in 1984 include:

- Printing and circulating a business-size card listing toll-free, hot-line telephone numbers offering a variety of services available to women needing assistance. Rose Meile, assistant director of the Nebraska Commission on the Status of Women, briefed the Texas commission on the success of this project in Nebraska.
- Publishing a directory of women's groups in Texas and improving an informational exchange network between these groups.
- Maintaining a current talent file for the Governor to consider when making appointments to state boards, commissions and advisory councils. For a copy of a talent file form, interested women can write the Governor's Commission

for Women, P.O. Box 12428, Austin 78711.

--Publishing and editing a "History of Women's Commissions in Texas" prepared by graduate students at the University of Texas School of Social Work.


Hermine Tobolowsky, a member of the Governor's Commission for Women, briefed other commissioners on Equal Rights Amendment statute compliance in Texas.

Tobolowsky lobbied for successful passage of the Texas ERA by the Legislature in 1971 and its adoption at the polls in 1972 as former legislative chairman of the Texas Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs.

Tobolowsky told the commission that the Texas ERA is the only amendment of its kind in the nation that is "self-operative" and renders all state laws contrary to the ERA automatically unconstitutional. Although the Legislature has repealed laws contradicting the ERA, she said there are unenforceable laws still on the books--including statutes limiting work hours for women only in certain professions and permitting public schools to segregate on the basis of sex.


A piece of covered steel wool makes an excellent pin cushion--it even helps keep the pins and needles sharp.

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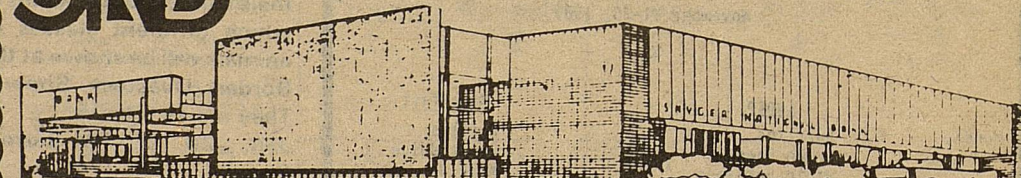
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PENNINGTON GETS SUPERIOR SERVICE AWARD

College Station--Dr. H. Dale Pennington of Lubbock, Extension soil chemist, received the prestigious Texas Superior Service Award Thursday, Nov. 10 in ceremonies at Texas A&M University.

The award was presented during the Headquarters Staff Conference of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. Director Zerle L. Carpenter made the presentation.

Pennington was cited for "outstanding dedication and tireless efforts in providing analytical services and developing educational programs in soil fertility to meet the needs of agricultural producers in West Texas."

In his six years as Extension soil chemist in West Texas, Pennington has provided information, resources and leadership for the soil testing laboratory at Lubbock that is recognized and respected by producers, agribusiness and co-workers throughout the area.

He has developed a computerized system for generating soil test recommendation reports for clientele serviced by the laboratory. This innovation has reduced the turnaround time for each soil sample and has contributed to the efficiency of the entire laboratory.

Recently, his efforts with design and construction have brought on stream a completely automated system for the analysis of nitrates, PH, conductivity and chlorides in soil, water

and plants for the laboratory. This equipment is to be linked to the computer already in service and will result in even faster and more economical service. The labor savings to the lab will amount to about \$4,000 annually.

Pennington also maintains an active field demonstration program in cooperation with county agents in the 100 counties he serves in Extension districts 1, 2, and part of 3, 6 and 7.

He also provided the leadership for the development of a Rio Grande Valley Soil Fertility Handbook for the Texas Plant Food Institute, while assigned to serve in South Texas with Extension.

Pennington was the first Extension specialist to use infrared photography as a tool for recognizing nutrient deficient areas in crops. His use of this remote sensing technique led to an educational program that increased the use of foliar iron applications to grain sorghum in two of his districts resulting in significant yield increases.

In his 19 years with the Extension Service, Pennington has served in many capacities, including assistant county Extension agent, assistant in soil chemistry and as area agronomist.

Pennington received his Bachelor's degree in agricultural education in 1962, his Master's in soil chemistry in 1971 and his Doctorate in soil chemistry in 1976--all from Texas A&M University.

STRIKE NOTICE!

We, the undersigned Cowboys of Canadian River, do by these presents agree to bind ourselves into the following obligations, viz:

First: That we will not work for less than \$50. per mo. and shall farther more agree no one shall work for less than \$50. per mo. after 31st of Mch.

Second: Good cooks shall also receive \$50. per mo.

Third: Any one running an outfit shall not work for less than \$75. pe mo. Anyone violating the above obligations shall suffer the consequences. Those not having funds to pay board after March 31 will be provided for for 30 days at Tascosa.

With this declaration, cowboys in the Texas Panhandle walked off the job in 1883. They wanted an improvement in the standard wage of \$30.00 per month. The original notice was signed by twenty-four cowboys, but the movement quickly grew to two hundred.

The strike didn't have a chance as long as there were drifters and no-accounts who would gladly accept the going scale. The last clause of the notice was intended to take care of that situation.

The striking cowhands meant business. But with nothing to do all day but dance, drink and gamble, they soon depleted the strike fund. Most of them went back to their old jobs, at \$30.00 per month.

After all, how much could a man expect for an 18-hour-a-day, 7-day-a-week job?

From: *The Big Texan, Amarillo, TX*

MRS WHITE NAMED OBITUARY CHAIRMAN

The March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation has announced that Linda Gale White, wife of Texas Governor Mark White, will serve as the 1984 Texas Chairman for the Mothers' March campaign that will be held throughout the state in January.

"The Mothers' March on Birth Defects is a totally volunteer door-to-door campaign," said Mrs. White. "It is conducted every January in an effort to educate the public about the prevention of birth defects and to solicit funds to support research, medical service, and educational programs."

VALUE OF THE DOLLAR HURTS FARM EXPORTS

The dollar's record value in relation to other currencies is creating a serious barrier to export sales of U.S. farm commodities, a National Cotton Council producer leader recently told the House Agriculture Committee in Washington, D.C.

John S. (Duke) Barr, III, Oak Ridge, La., said the dollar's value has forced Japan, one of U.S. cotton's biggest customers, to pay the equivalent of 9 to 12 cents more a pound for the cotton it imports.

This increased cost actually lowers the price the American farmer receives for his cotton because it has become less competitive in the marketplace, Barr pointed out.

"The strong dollar hits us with a double-whammy,"

As chairman for the 1984 Texas Mothers' March, Mrs. White recently visited the intensive care nursery at Brackenridge Hospital, in Austin, Texas. There she saw a few of the quarter of a million babies who are born each year in this country with birth defects.

"Because birth defects are far more widespread than many people first think," said Mrs. White, "the Mothers' March offers all of us an opportunity to do something positive for the children of today and tomorrow. I hope that this year many Texas' residents will take an active interest in this important campaign."

he added. "Our competitors benefit by receiving more for their cotton, and man-made fibers produced in the consuming country have an extra price advantage, too."

As a possible remedy to the situation, Barr suggested the lending of foreign currencies rather than dollars. He said this would not only allow buyers of American products to lock in on a price, but also would assure them of a fixed exchange rate to the extent of their borrowing.

Irvin Clayton, 72, a longtime Kermit resident, and member of the Kermit school faculty, died Thursday, Nov. 3 in a Mineral Wells hospital.

Graveside services were held Saturday, Nov. 5 at 3 p.m. in Restland Cemetery at Olney.

A native of Vernon, he was born July 20, 1911, and had lived in Kermit for 36 years.

Irvin attended the little one-room Fairview School South of Gail, later attended Borden County High School where he graduated.

A teacher since 1934, Clayton became a teacher at Kermit Junior High in 1947, and served as principal from 1951 until his retirement June 1, 1976.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Kermit where he served as church treasurer, Sunday School teacher, chair member and steward. He was a member of Kermit Downtown Lions Club, Masonic Lodge No. 1258, and American Association of Retired Teachers in Kermit.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth of Kermit; one son, Jimmy Clayton of Austin; and one sister, Mrs. J. N. Whetstone of Aztec, N. M.

A brother, Paul Morris Clayton preceded him in death.

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Your County Agent Says by Alan Day

PRAIRIE DOG CONTROL MEETING PLANNED

Many of you have expressed a concern over the growing number of prairie dogs in fields and pastures around Borden County.

Therefore, I have scheduled a meeting on how to control prairie dogs Tuesday, November 29th at the 4-H Exhibit Building starting at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Mike Yeary, field man for the Texas Rodent and Predatory Animal Control Service out of Amarillo, will be on hand to explain how to use grain poisoned with zinc phosphide and phostoxin pellets in prairie dog control.

Mr. Yeary will bring the pellets with them and will take orders for poisoned grain at the meeting. He will then bring the grain back to my office at a date shortly following the meeting.

The time of year to begin



The longest national anthem is that of Greece, which contains 158 verses.

the control process is in early winter when forage and available feed is at a low point.

If you are experiencing problems with prairie dogs, plan on attending this educational meeting. For further information, call me at 856-4336 (office) or 856-4489 (home).

INVITATION TO BID

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BID NOTICE

Borden County Commissioners' Court will accept bids for one new or used equipment trailer for use in Precinct No. 3. Bids will be opened December 12, 1983 at 10:00 a.m. More information may be obtained by calling Vernon Wolf, County Commissioner, Precinct No. 3, 915-965-3393. By Direction of the Commissioners' Court

Van L. York
County Judge, Borden County

Public Notice

Southwestern Bell, in accordance with rules and orders of the Public Utility Commission of Texas, hereby gives notice of its intent to re-file evidence and appropriate tariff(s) in support of a request to establish rates for the use of certain complex inside telephone wiring in the amount of \$54.5 million annually. This request was previously a part of the considerations in Docket 5141 and now has been re-docketed as Docket 5420.

Customers who do not own the Complex Inside Wire associated with their Customer Premises Systems (such as PBX and Key Systems), and who utilize Southwestern Bell's wiring after January 1, 1984, could be affected by this request. On January 1, 1984, all of the Customer Premises Systems presently provided by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company will be transferred to a subsidiary of AT&T and that subsidiary of AT&T will be almost exclusively responsible for the charges pursuant to the proposed tariff on January 1, 1984. After January 1, 1984, customers who purchase their Complex Customer Premises Equipment and do not purchase, but continue to use, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's inside wire will be subject to the charges proposed in the tariff.

The proposed effective date for these new rates is January 1, 1984.

Persons interested in intervening in this matter should file a written motion expeditiously with the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78757, as the Hearing on the Merits in Docket 5420 is set for November 21, 1983.



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NON FARM ISSUES HURTING AGRICULTURE

College Station--U.S. Agriculture is no longer an island onto itself. In fact, it is dominated by non-farm issues that have sent farm incomes into a tailspin since 1979.

"Farmers are experiencing severe financial distress largely because farm groups and their policymakers have exerted little influence over the many complex non-farm issues affecting and controlling agriculture," says Dr. Carl Anderson, economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

Monetary and fiscal policies and international trade actions of governments impact heavily on the economic health of agriculture, Anderson points out. These outside influences embrace interest rates, trade subsidies of other countries, the internationally strong dollar which discourages exports and encourages imports, tariffs, trade restrictions, inflation, economic conditions at home and overseas, foreign credit conditions and required shipments on U.S. vessels.

"National farm income has fallen sharply in recent years due to these influences, plummeting from \$32.3 billion in 1979 to \$22.1 billion in 1982," the economist notes. "Not only have export markets declined sharply during these years, but this country's recession and high unemployment have caused sagging domestic markets."

While domestic markets have improved some in recent months with the economy on the upswing, overseas markets hold the key to farmers' hopes.

expedite trade and develop markets with these countries.

What does the future hold as far as agricultural policy is concerned?

This year's PIK (payment-in-kind) program was a short-term effort to deal with the chronic surplus production problem that has been plaguing American agriculture. This program has been expensive and difficult to administer and could have been avoided by an effective supply-management program in 1981 and 1982, believes Anderson.

"This leaves us at a crossroads of market-oriented farm programs versus effective supply-management that encompasses mandatory production controls and possible marketing quotas," points out the economist.

"There's no doubt the present farm program will be changed because of its cost," Anderson adds.

"Whatever program takes its place must respond to non-agricultural issues of international policies and monetary and fiscal policies affecting interest rates, money supply and the growing budget deficit. If not, the farm sector will continue to go downhill."

contends Anderson. Currently, about two out of every five crop acres are devoted to production for foreign customers. In Texas, more than half the cotton, wheat and rice crops are exported.

"If farmers expect reasonable earnings from a high level of crop production, they must overcome some major hurdles in international trade," Anderson says.

"Yet little action is under way to deal with the things that are curtailing our exports--the strong dollar, foreign trade subsidies, trade barriers, unfair tariffs, shipping restrictions, unfavorable trade agreements and poor foreign credit conditions."

The economist believes that considerable effort should be devoted to an in-depth analysis of trade policies. This should include distributing Commodity Credit Corporation-owned commodities to foreign customers, expanding credit to foreign buyers, and encouraging trade agreements with other industrialized countries. Trade with third world countries also offers opportunities, and expanded PL 480 shipments (food for peace) might

A TECHNICAL EDUCATION

The good news for the non-college-bound student is the advancement opportunities available in consumer electronics.

What courses will best contribute to success in this growing field?

Specifically, one should sign up for math, basic electricity and basic electronics, as well as courses in the language and use of calculators and computers. Technical courses are also valuable in that they develop both manual dexterity and machine tool know-how, point out the electronics experts at the Electronic Industries Association.

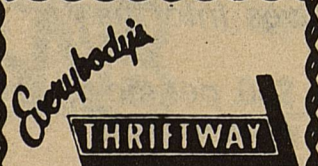
Also, drafting courses will develop an appreciation of spatial relationships, physical characteristics and log-

ical procedures. It's also advisable that after class one participate in a school science or radio club.



There are numerous career opportunities in the field of consumer electronics.

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HOLIDAY TREATS

Since the holiday season is just around the corner, it is time to start thinking about some of the candies, breads and cakes that can be given as gifts. Below are some recipes that I thought you would enjoy. They are some of my favorites.

Apricot Bread

2 cups sifted flour
1 cup sugar
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup chopped dried apricots
1/4 cup chopped nuts
1 1/4 cups milk
1 egg, well beaten
2 tablespoons melted shortening

Sift the flour with the sugar, baking powder and salt and stir in the apricots and nuts. Blend the milk with egg and shortening in a bowl. Add flour mixture and stir just until flour is moistened. Pour into a greased 9 X 5-inch loaf pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour and 15 minutes or until cake tester inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in the pan for 10 minutes. Remove from pan and finish cooling on rack. Wrap bread in waxed paper, plastic wrap or aluminum foil and store overnight for easier slicing.

Peppermint Bark

1 pound white chocolate, melted
1 cup peppermints, crushed
Red food coloring
Combine melted chocolate and crushed peppermint candies; add 1 or 2 drops food coloring or until desired color is reached. Mix well and spread on a greased cookie sheet making a thin covering. Place in freezer for 15 to 20 minutes; break apart.

Lemon-Pecan Fruitcake

1 pound brown sugar
1 pound margarine, softened
6 egg yolks
2 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 bottle (2 ounces) lemon

extract
4 cups chopped pecans
1/2 pound candied pineapple
Chopped
1/2 pound candied cherries, chopped
2 cups flour
6 egg whites, stiffly beaten
In large mixer bowl, cream together sugar and margarine until smooth; add egg yolks one at a time and beat well. Combine 2 cups flour and baking powder; add to sugar mixture. Add lemon extract. Coat pecans, pineapple and cherries with 2 cups flour; add to cake mixture. Fold in beaten egg whites; cover and let stand 2 or 3 hours. Pour mixture into a greased tube pan and bake at 250 degrees for 2 1/2 hours or until cake tests done. Turn out on rack to cool.

4-H CRAFT DAY

Craft Day for all 4-H members will be held on Saturday, November 19, 1983 at the 4-H Exhibit Building in Gail from 1:00-5:00 p.m.

The crafts to be offered will be "Thumbprint stationery," "skillet magnets," "Santa Claus napkin holders," "Christmas gift bags," and possibly "candlewick tree ornaments."

There will be no charge to the 4-H'ers for this activity.

Craft day is an excellent way to get ideas for things to make for the 4-H Christmas Bazaar that is scheduled for December 13, 1983.

Come join in the fun of creating during 4-H Craft Day.

4-h food show

The Borden County 4-H Food Show will be Saturday, November 19, 1983 at 10:30 a.m. in the Borden School cafeteria.

Those 4-H'ers who have been participating in the various foods groups over the county will be participating in the food show.

After the judging is completed, there will be a tasting for all in attendance.

Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of age, sex, socio-economic level, race, color, national origin, or handicap.



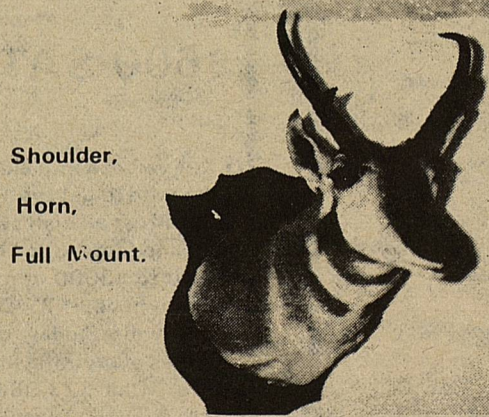
Four U.S. State capitals are named after presidents: Jackson, Mississippi; Lincoln, Nebraska; Jefferson City, Missouri; Madison, Wisconsin.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Kathleen Brown from the West Texas Opportunities Commission in Lamesa will be at the Courthouse in Gail Friday 18.

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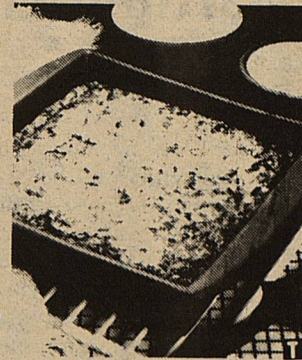
Things get lighter in summer—lighter days, lighter clothes and lighter appetites. It's the time when millions of Americans cut back on calories, fat and salt in a conscious effort to look good and feel better.

Now there's good news for cooks who want to follow the trend toward eating light. The kitchens of Fleischmann's have introduced Fleischmann's® Light™ Corn Oil Spread with 25 percent fewer calories, salt and fat than regular margarine—without sacrificing delicious taste.

Here's a summer casserole that calls for light ingredients and packs plenty of flavor to please finicky appetites as well as waistline watchers. The whole family will discover that eating lighter really does taste better.

SPINACH-CHEESE BAKE Makes 6 servings

1/3 cup chopped onion
1/4 cup Fleischmann's® Light Corn Oil Spread
1 (10-ounce) package frozen chopped spinach, thawed and well drained
1/2 teaspoon basil leaves



1 cup low-fat cottage cheese
1 (8 1/2-ounce) container Egg Beaters, Cholesterol-free 99% Real Egg Product
1/4 cup Parmesan cheese

In medium skillet, over medium heat, saute onion in Fleischmann's Light Corn Oil Spread until tender, about 3 minutes. Stir in spinach and basil; remove from heat.

In medium bowl, blend cottage cheese, Egg Beaters, 2 tablespoons Parmesan cheese and spinach mixture. Pour into greased 8x8x2-inch pan; sprinkle remaining 2 tablespoons Parmesan cheese over top. Bake at 350°F. for 45 minutes. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.

ST. KITT

most of the older people do not read or write and it is only the education, religious training, and the love of democracy younger people are getting that will keep these islands from going Communist.

The people of St. Kitts and the other islands nearby are being told daily that no one cares about them and their welfare except the Communists. They are told that "England has had control over you for 300 years and what have they done for you? We will give you grants and money and take good care of you."

Bro. Jones says that the people on all these islands look toward the United States as the BIG BROTHER. The United States has been helping them with their problems and they appreciate it. They

will ALWAYS be thankful that the United States invaded Grenada. The governments of the islands had asked England to do something about Grenada but England would do nothing. The coalition of island governments asked the United States and they came and helped them. Some men from St. Kitts went with the United States forces to Grenada. He also stated that the islands of the West Indies are the gateway to the United States and he hoped the Communists would not be able to take control of them.

He thanked the people of the church for the donations that have been going from the Gail Baptist Church each month and said they would be used to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ and Democracy.

-s- Dorothy Browne

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What Factors Are Involved In Startling Growth of Rural Areas

By Robert L. Haney
TAES Science Writer

More folks are moving to the country than to the city, according to our latest census figures. This reverses a population flow that began decades ago with the growing industrialization of our country and increased mechanization of our agriculture.

In the 1960's, metropolitan counties increased in population numbers by 17 percent and rural counties by 4.4 percent. But in the 1970's, metropolitan counties grew by only 9.1 percent and rural counties by 15.4 percent.

And the 1980 Census of Population indicates that there is a continuation of this trend toward increased rural settlement, according to Dr. H.L. Goodwin, Jr., agricultural economist whose research speciality is rural development for the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Texas A&M University.

No certain region of the United States has a monopoly on this nonmetropolitan settlement boom, according to Goodwin. Retirement areas in the "Sunbelt," the Upper Midwest, energy development areas, and the Ozark Mountains are all participants in this rural rebirth.

Much of this growth is occurring in places adjacent to metropolitan areas, where the prospect of commuting to work and living in an area outside the city is appealing, says Goodwin, who made a cooperative study of this trend with Dr. Gerald A. Doeksen, agricultural economist at Oklahoma State University.

The primary reason for their study was to identify

factors which influence settlement patterns in rural areas. Such information is vital if decision makers are to make informed judgements in the many areas affected by this influx of people.

In the past, traditional views of migration suggest that low income and unemployment cause outmigration. Studies showed that these employment-related factors were still the major determinants in rural settlement patterns in the 1950's and 1960's and that other community-related characteristics were secondary.

However, several recent studies have shown, Goodwin says, that non-economic factors such as environment, amenities and other secondary considerations are now of major importance in determining settlement patterns.

One study showed that economic considerations accounted for only 47 percent of interstate migrations, proof that greater emphasis is being placed on quality of life consideration now than in the past.

Reasons for migrating within a region from urban to rural areas are not necessarily the same as those for interstate migration. People choosing to change residences but maintain current employment may value non-economic factors such as neighborhood, environment, services and commuting conditions, even more heavily than do interstate migrants.

The migration turnaround appears to be particularly linked to community specific problems such as education, health care, social welfare, crime and public safety, and

municipal service.

With population growth in rural areas has come the accompanying need for continued improvement in the quality and quantity of community services. The nature of residential development in rural areas greatly affects the characteristics of services provided in these areas.

Settlement patterns which occur as a result of migration in rural areas to a large extent determine the demand placed upon costly services.

Outmigration may result in a community having increased per-customer costs for maintaining services designed to serve a larger population, while immigration may require costly new service expansions or improvements. These difficulties are particularly evident in areas of rapid changes in population distribution.

What then did Goodwin's study identify as community characteristics important to these new residents and how did they rank them in priority?

"Quality of Services" was one area quite important to these newcomers and they ranked in this order of importance: 1) health care services, 2) police and fire protection, 3) daily commuting time, 4) paved roads, 5) schools, 6) water system and 7) septic system. In this category, Goodwin says if these services are perceived to be of high quality and important, then settlement into an area is encouraged.

"Age of home/water service" was another grouping, ranked second in importance to "quality of services." Length of residence was a negative quality, heavily outvalued by such factors as 1) year resi-

dence was built, 2) service importance, 3) customer status. This means, according to Goodwin that newer homes are more likely to be occupied by newcomers and that availability of water service encourages immigration.

Factors, in the third category of importance to newcomers, Goodwin calls "rural atmosphere," were: 1) Desired rural living, 2) rural atmosphere, and 3) environment. A positive perception of the quality and importance of rural atmosphere is tied directly to encouraging settlement into the area.

Factors to do with "job and relatives" were in the fourth category of importance to migrants to rural areas and were ranked: 1) move closer to relatives, 2) attend elderly/ill relatives, 3) seeking employment, and 4) job change. Positive responses mean that people changing or seeking employment or having strong family ties in an area are more likely to settle there.

A major factor accounting for migration and settlement into rural areas has been shown to be quality of services. Policymaking bodies must decide, Goodwin says, whether to continue programs which have encouraged the development of rural services comparable to services available in urban areas.

For example, availability of low-interest loans for development of rural water and sewer systems has certainly encouraged people to migrate to rural areas. Major improvements in roads, health care services, and police and fire protection have also taken place as a result of governmentally financed and supported programs.

Many rural residents can

now enjoy the aesthetic benefits of rural living without sacrificing the quality of services provided in urban settings.

"It would seem that one avenue for encouraging or discouraging the 'rural sprawl' resulting from the aforementioned factors would be the continuance or severance of programs which subsidize improvement or rural services," Goodwin concluded.

YOUR HELP NEEDED

Would you like to help people and receive training in preparing basic individual Federal income tax returns, too?

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