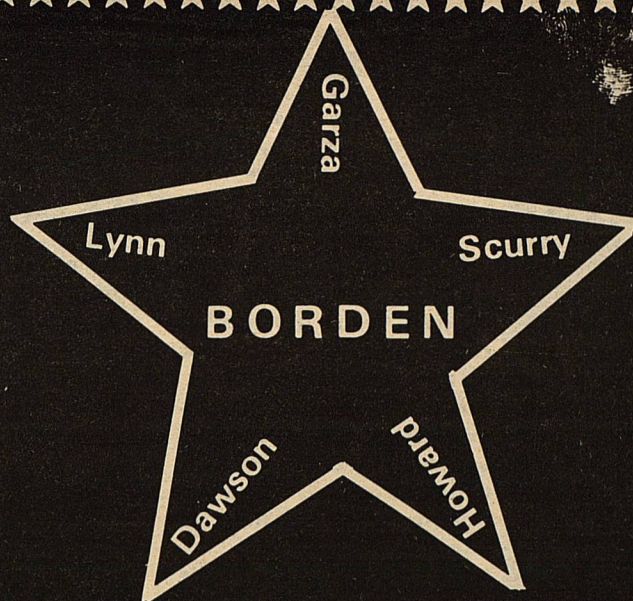


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## GUITAR STRUMMING COWBOY WINS GOLDEN SPUR

Surrounded by friends and cheered by peers, John B. Armstrong, executive vice-president of the King Ranch, Inc., received the National Golden Spur Award at the Prairie Party in Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Friday Sept. 16. More than 1,000 persons attended the seated dinner which kicks off the annual Ranch Day sponsored by the Ranching Heritage Center.

Following the invocation given by the Right Revered Sam B. Hulse, Bob Nash, well known master of ceremonies, opened the program by introducing the representatives of the Golden Spur Award sponsoring organizations; American Nat'l CowBelles, American Quarter Horse Assoc., Nat'l Cattlemen's Assoc., Nat'l Wool Growers Assoc., Ranching Heritage Assoc., Texas and Southwest Cattle Raiser's Assoc., and THE Texas Sheep and Goat Raiser's Assoc.

Mr. Nash also introduced three former recipients of the prestigious award who were present. These were; Fred Dressler of Gardenville Nevada, Watt Mathews of Albany and J. Ernest Browning of Willcox, Arizona.

This honor has also gone to the late Albert K. Mitchell of New Mexico and the late Jay L. Taylor of Amarillo.

Prior to the conferring of the Award, a slide presentation was shown depicting the life of John B. Armstrong narrated by Frates Seeligson, President of TSCRA.

The National Golden Spur Award, a gilded OK working spur encased in a Steuben glass sculpture, was jointly

presented to Mr. Armstrong by Dr. Lauro Cavazos, President of Texas Tech, and "Bo" Brown, Chairman, Board of Overseers, RHCA.

Dr. Cavazos, who grew up on the King ranch, lauded his long time friend Mr. Armstrong for his strong impact on "the great transition of the ranching industry today."

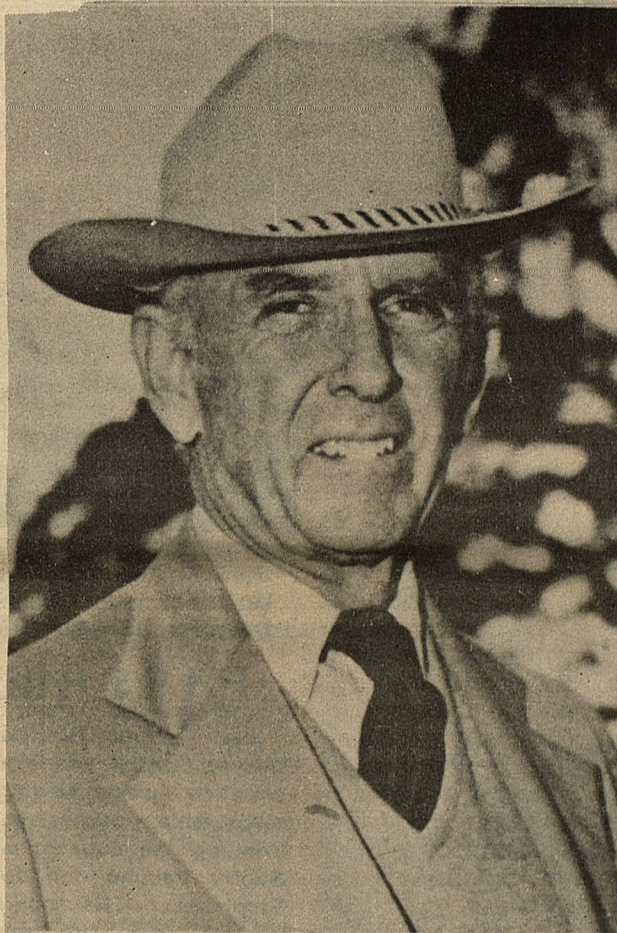
"Bo Brown described the Kingsville rancher as "an outstanding Texan and American who, throughout his life, has unselfishly helped promote the interests of the livestock industry."

In accepting the beautiful award, Mr. Armstrong said it was particularly meaningful to him because it is the consensus of the most important livestock organizations in the country. "I feel tremendously proud and humble for being selected by those organizations", he said.

He went on to introduce his "wife and partner" Henrietta. Mrs. Armstrong is the former Henrietta Larkin, a great granddaughter of Capt. Richard King, founder of the King Ranch. They introduced their three children present; Charles M. Stewart L., and Henrietta Julia Jitkoff.

After his acceptance Mr. Armstrong received a standing ovation as he pulled out his guitar and sang "Tumblin Tumbleweed" and "Strawberry Roan". This certainly endeared him to the large gathering of friends, fellow ranchers and agriculturists in attendance.

John Armstrong raises commercial and registered



JOHN B. ARMSTRONG

Santa Gertrudis and ranches and farms in Jim Hogg, Kleberg and Kenedy counties of Texas. He is managing partner of the John B. Armstrong Ranch, Kingsville.

He was a Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association director from 1969-1974 and an officer from 1974-80, serving as president from 1978-80. Armstrong is director of the National Finance Credit Corporation and Texas Livestock Marketing Association. A native of San Antonio, Armstrong completed his formal education at the Texas Military Institute and the University of Texas.

He was recognized as 1979 Man of the Year in Service to Texas Agriculture by "Progressive Farmer"

magazine.

Armstrong has been president of the Autauga County, Alabama Cattlemen's Assoc., a member of the executive committee of the Alabama Cattlemen's Assoc. as a director-at-large and chairman of the Alabama beef promotion committee.

He has been president of Santa Gertrudis Breeders International, regional vice president of the National Cattlemen's Assoc., chairman of the Beef Industry Council of the National Live Stock & Meat Board and honorary director of the Meat Board.

Armstrong was chairman of the Kleberg County Republican Party in 1963 and Republican candidate for Texas Commissioner of

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## Ranching Conference Slated at Tech

Past, present and future range resources will be considered at the 20th annual ranch management conference Sept. 30 at Texas Tech University.

The one-day conference will feature National Cattlemen's Association President W. J. "Dub" Waldrip and Texas Tech Thornton Professor Arthur G. Matches.

Waldrip, Spade Ranch general manager, will discuss recent legislation and current developments in the cattle industry. Matches, an international expert on forage systems and professor of plant and soil science at Texas Tech, will speak on past, present and future integrated forage and livestock systems.

Other speakers and their topics will include: Elmer Kelton, history of rancher use of range resources; Al Brothers, management for quality white-tailed deer production; Dr. Dan L. Flores, Indian use of range resources; Dr. Bill E. Dahl, seeding and establishing West Texas rangelands; and Drs. Fred C. Bryant and Fred S. Guthery, grazing and wildlife management.

Conference coordinators Drs. Ronald E. Sosebee and Carlton M. Britton said this annual meeting is for ranchers, researchers and agriculture specialists working for state and federal agencies.

The conference, beginning with registration at 8 a.m. at the Ranching Heritage Center of The Museum of Texas Tech University, is open to the public. Registration is \$4

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# Borden County School News

## BORDEN COUNTY SLAYS LUEDERS-AVOCA 32-14

The Coyotes completely dominated the Lueders-Avaco Raiders in the first district game for both squads. Lueders-Avaco was unbeaten until the Coyotes appeared on their schedule, thus Borden County Coyotes put a black mark on Lueders standings, by beating them 32-14. "We really dominated the game.

We had 18 first downs to their 8 and 343 total yards to 149 for the Raiders," stated Coach Frisbie.

Chris Cooley and Sammy Williams had over 150 yards each rushing and both had over 20 carries each during the game.

Charles LaRue and Kirby Williams had good games on defense as did Robin Hood and Doug Adams.

"We played good, sound defense against the run and the pass (with four interceptions) and on offense we just lined up and ran at them--our conditioning and speed made the difference", said Coach Frisbie.

The Coyotes travel to Highland to play last years state champions, Friday, Sept. 23 at 8:00 p.m.



BEAUTY CONTEST WINNERS-Seated-John Stephens and (Sherry Vaughn

Shout to the sky

Dear Borden  
Hail to Thee!



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Back to the Coyote Den after the pep rally.



Duke Frisbie  
COYOTE HEAD COACH



CONTESTANTS IN BEAUTY CONTEST-Freshmen-Back Row L to R-Lyb Sternadel, Gerry Smith, Julie Ridenour, Tommy Soto, Kristy Stone, Rene Telchik, Rocky Harbor, Linda Sternadel, Mickey Burkett. Front-Matthew Massingill, B. G. Kropp, Dana Douglass, Brice Key, Vicki Hicks, Michael Murphy and Kelli Williams.

## FRESHMAN BEAUTY CONTEST

The Annual Freshman Beauty Contest made last week's pep rally a memorable occasion. Winning the pageant was Sherry Vaughn and John Stephens. Of course, Sherry was the most handsome man and John was the most beautiful girl as the girls gathered up Dad's duds and the boys

struggled into Mom's or sister's clothing for the sporting contest. Other contestants were Lyn Sternadel, Gerry Smith, Julie Ridenour, Tommy Soto, Kristy Stone, Rene Telchik and Rocky Harbor, Lindy Sternadel, Mickey Burkett, Matthew Massingill, B.G. Kropp, Dana Douglass, Brice Key,

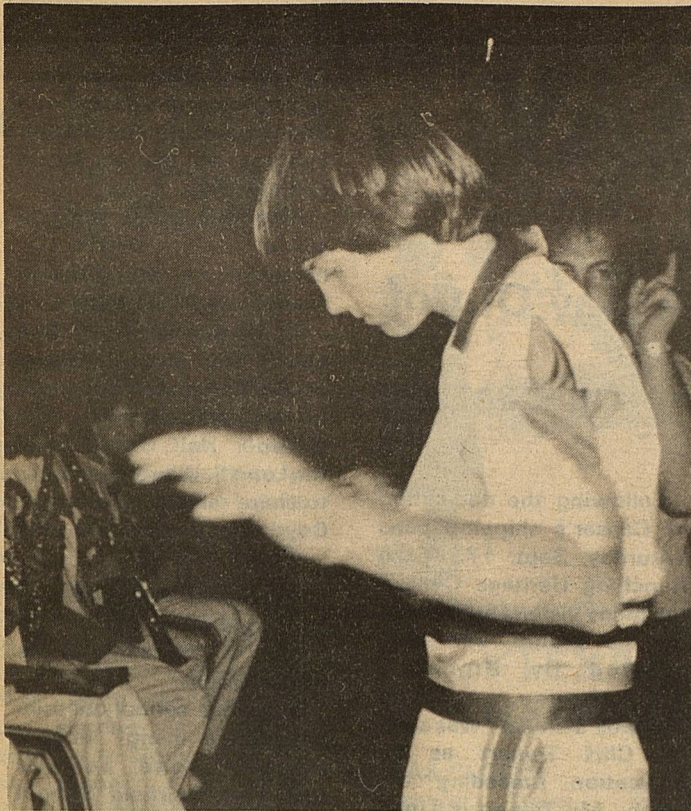
Vicki Hicks, Michael Murphy and Kelli Williams.

Kirby Williams gave the team talk. He was not joking when he said the Coyotes were ready to play for they won the game 32-14.

Coach May gave the pep talk, which was humorous and enjoyed by everyone attending the rally.

### SEPTEMBER 1983

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| 4  | 5<br>HOLIDAY<br>LABOR DAY  | 6       | 7                         | 8  | 9<br>8:00 p.m.<br>H.S. Football<br>Dawson - There     | 10                |
| 11   | 12<br>4-H Meeting<br>9:18 - 9:48   | 13      | 14                        | 15   | 16<br>8:00 p.m.<br>H.S. Football<br>Wellman - There   | 17                |
| 18   | 19   | 20      | 21                        | 22<br>6:00 p.m.<br>J. H. Football<br>Ira - Here      | 23<br>8:00 p.m.<br>H.S. Football<br>Lueders-Avoca - H | 24                |
| 25   | 26   | 27      | 28<br>FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN | 29<br>6:00 p.m.<br>J. H. Football<br>Hermleigh-There | 30<br>8:00 p.m.<br>H.S. Football<br>Ira - Here        | END 1st SIX WEEKS |



DRUM MAJOR for the 1983-84 school year is Cam Stone.



Little Brendon Day, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Day of Gail, is enjoying the Coyote Mascot at the Football game last Friday night. The Coyote this year is Kelli McPhaul.

## BOOSTER CLUB TO PLAN HOMECOMING

The next Booster Club meeting will be on Tuesday, September 27, 1983 in the Borden County School Conference Room at 7:30 p.m.

Plans will be made for the Homecoming Booster Club Supper which will be October 28, 1983.

## ALMA MATER

Borden High School, Hail to thee,  
 Long wave red, white and blue.  
 We pledge to you our loyalty,  
 Our spirits brave and true  
 We gather wisdom from your halls,  
 And learn to honor truth  
 We find that friendship is for all,  
 Whatever creed of youth.  
 Then, we pledge our love to Borden;  
 We'll ever faithful be  
 While colors fly, shout to the sky,  
 Dear Borden Hail to thee!



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## School Lunch Menu

September 26-30, 1983

|           | Lunch   | Breakfast                              |
|-----------|---|--|
| Monday    | Corn Dogs<br>Pork and Beans<br>Vegetable Salad<br>Peach Slices<br>Milk<br>Salad Bar                         | Buttered Toast<br>Fruit Juice<br>Milk  |
| Tuesday   | Chicken Strips<br>Mashed Potatoes<br>English Peas<br>Hot Rolls<br>Pudding<br>Milk<br>Salad Bar              | Biscuit & Sausage<br>Fruit<br>Milk     |
| Wednesday | Barbecued Polish Sausage<br>Green Beans<br>Buttered Potatoes<br>Jello<br>Hot Rolls<br>Milk<br>Salad Bar     | Biscuit & Jelly<br>Fruit Juice<br>Milk |
| Thursday  | Hamburger Steak & Gravy<br>Scalloped Potatoes<br>Vegetable Salad<br>Fruit<br>Hot Rolls<br>Milk<br>Salad Bar | Cinnamon Toast<br>Fruit<br>Milk        |
| Friday    | Hamburgers<br>French Fries<br>Lettuce & Tomatoes<br>Cookie<br>Milk<br>Salad Bar                             | Cereal<br>Fruit<br>Milk                |

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 from those of us who also reached this great age and survived to continue on.

# Ranchers Railroad Men Recall Heritage

Dedication of the world-famous Caesar's cattle shipping pens from the King Ranch, a steam locomotive and cattle cars highlighted a day of activities at the Ranching Heritage "Ranch Day 83" This annual occasion attracted nearly 3,000 visitors from throughout the state and nation.

The dedication took place at 10:30 a.m. in the center's newly completed railroad section adjacent to the 1918 Ropes Santa Fe Depot, opened last year.

Jim Clement, president of King Ranch Inc., outlined the history of the Caesar's Pens, once the largest cattle shipping pens in the world, given the famous Caesar Kleberg name. A historical marker stands at the original spot of the Caesar's near Kingsville, dating them to the early 1900s.

Clement said the most active years of operation for the pens were the 1920s through the 1970s. They were torn down a few years ago when they were no longer needed because cattle are no longer shipped long distances.

Tech President Dr. Lauro Cavazos, spoke of the new addition to the center and of the era and the ranch the pens represent.

He recalled the image of his father perched on the fence of the Caesar's Pens, counting cattle, and he spoke of his own boyhood campouts at a nearby creek.

Overall, that was a time of great innocence and opportunities that were incredible," Cavazos said. "People worked hard, There was tremendous loyalty, understanding, patriotism--values somehow distorted in today's world."

He said he and others who grew up on that ranch were taught responsibility and truthfulness as operating procedure, not only by their parents but by all the ranch.

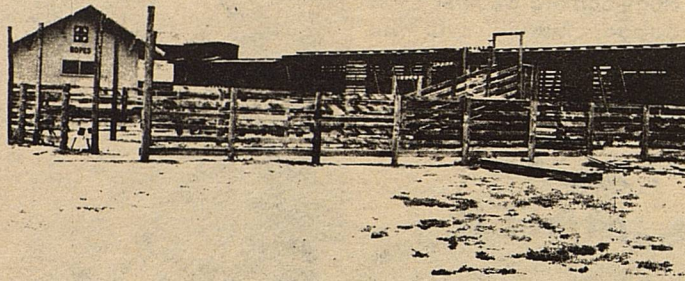
"I don't know how or why I was so lucky to have been born at that time, under those circumstances and to that set of parents," Cavazos said. "But life on the King Ranch gives a perfect example of the impact of environment on people and how they comfort themselves in later life."

The president's father, Lauro Cavazos, was

# RANCH DAY

September 17, 1983

## A Day Out of The Past



"Caesar's Pens"-the famed King ranch shipping pens recently dedicated at the Ranching Heritage Center.

associated for 43 years with King Ranch as foreman of the Santa Gertrudis Division.

Donation of the pens was arranged by Tio Kleberg, vice-president, secretary and treasurer of the King Ranch, and Leonard Stiles, foreman of the Santa Gertrudis Division.

Bob K. Perry, assistant general manager of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Co., spoke on the role of the railroad in ranching.

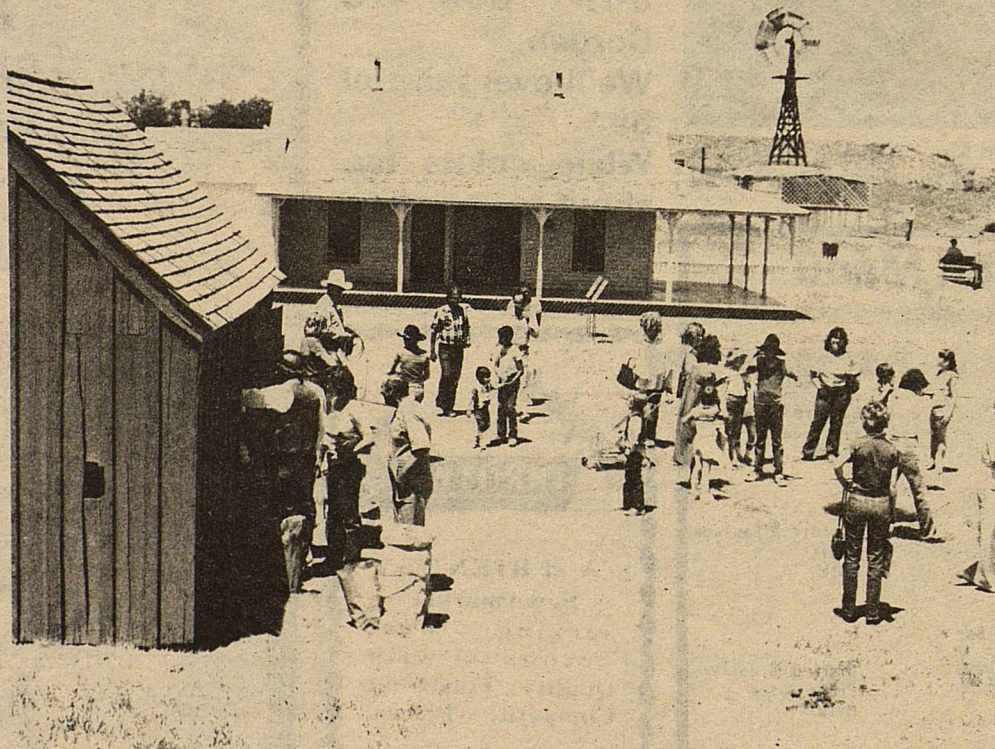
"It is only appropriate that the Santa Fe Railway should be represented here today since for many years we were heavily involved in livestock shipment," Perry

said.

He said cattle shipment was truly big business on the Santa Fe during the 1920s and 30s, at times even dictating the actual location of a segment of rail line to accommodate that business.

"Because our geographic location is typically considered 'cattle country,' it was only natural that we should ship much of the livestock handled," Perry said.

Dr. Clyde Jones, director of The Museum, Texas Tech, accepted the new exhibit items for The Museum, and Rick Sudduth and the Triple C Express provided railroad music for the dedication.



Crowd of young and old enjoys activities of yesteryear

## ARMSTRONG

Agriculture in 1964.

He is chairman of the Texas Animal Health Commission, a member of the board of directors of the NCA, a director of the Texas Horse Racing Assoc. and

vice chairman of the Texas 200 Commission.

A dance followed the dinner. Music was provided by Rick Sudduth and the Triple C Express.

Donors for the Steuben Presentation Peice are; Dow

Chemical, U.S. A., Furr's Cafeterias, Inc., Goulds Pumps, Inc., Texas Division, and Texas Instruments Incorporated.

"We confess to small faults only to convey the impression that we have no big ones." La Rochefoucauld

the German Hedwig Hill double log cabin. Stinson Behlen of Slaton provided selections from Slavic and Scandinavian immigrant cultures on his accordion and dulcimer.

Also throughout the site were quilting, horseshoeing, whittling and cooking demonstrations.

Authentic cowboys Ben Loe of Spur and Hiley Boyd of Shallowater made their homes Saturday in the Matador Half Dugout and the Long S. Whireface Camp to share tales with visitors. Boyd once lived in the

Phil Nickel, a retired Santa Fe conductor, told the history of railroading at the Ropes Depot.

Muleshoe school children provided a living "School Days" scene in the one-room Bairfield School House and members of the Scurry County Heritage Society depicted early ranch life in the Harrell House. Children from All Saints Episcopal day school performed square-dancing at the famed 6666 barn.

At the Barton House, visitors were treated to hospitality and open house by members of the Barton family and museum volunteers. The Sweet Adelines group "Crystal Image" provided barber shop quartet selections on the balcony of the elegant turn-of-the-century ranch home.

Inside the David M. DeVitt and Mallet Ranch Building, participants viewed an authentic "Country Store" exhibit donated to the center by Furr's Inc. and heard harp music.

Crosby County Pioneer Memorial Museum staff presented the "Cowboy Store" at Las Escarbas Ranch Headquarters.

Mr. Fred Dressler, who has not mixed a Ranch Day since he received the Golden Spur Award in 1980, said, "It is beautiful to return to this setting which I hope preserves in the minds of our young people what ranch life was all about."



Sour dough brings sweet smiles when it comes to donuts.

# ARTISTS SHOW

Preceding the Golden Spur Award presentation at the Prairie Party held September 16 in the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, Ranching Heritage, general manager Alvin Davis presented trophies in the annual National Western Artists show: Best-in-Show to Story of the Little People (sculpture) by Dave McGary of Alton, N.M.; water color to Makin' the Outside Circle by Gary Morton of Lincoln, N.M.; oil to Early Camp by Lee Herring of Dallas; drawing to Cowboy Beans by Robert "Shoofly" Shufelt of Wickenburg, Ariz; and mixed media to Miranda Dawn (Study No. 2) by Mimi Jungbluth of Ruidoso, N.M.

The NWA's first honorary membership was accepted for Western Horseman magazine by its editor, Chan Bergen.



Part of the large crowds that attended the National Western Artists Show.

## "TEXAS" At Canyon Begins Retirement for the Summer

### TEXAS CLOSED

Canyon, Texas, ..The Pioneer Amphitheatre is quiet now. The skunks and raccoons have reclaimed their territory and nestled into their winter homes. "Texas" closed its eighteenth season August 20 after entertaining 87,881 visitors in 1983. But the show never really stops completely.

The most critical needs involve cleaning, storing, and repairing a seemingly endless list of costumes, props, and souvenirs.

The costume crew spent all night doing some seventy loads of laundry for the eighty cast members. Dry cleaning was sorted, delivered, processed, picked up, and then sealed for the

winter against curious rodents.

The hospitality crew stacked and stored all 1743 chairs so that they would not be damaged by the elements. Left-over souvenirs were counted and packed away.

The sound and light crew retrieved and counted their lights and speakers from the cliff and prepared to make repairs before next season.

1983 was a good year for "Texas". Somehow in the midst of a local drought, the show was rained out three times. Even so, in about 1000 performances, the show has only been lost 27 times in 18 years.

The office staff, shile counting, adding, and

figuring percentages, is at the same time, preparing for the 1984 season. Publicity will be sent in October to travel agents and tour groups and audition materials are being designed to send to hopeful cast members.

So...it's quiet for now. But next June "Texas" will once more burst onto the stage with its color, thrills, and fun. Make plans now for a 1984 visit to "Texas" any night except Sunday from June 13 through August 25, 1984. Call or write "Texas", Box 268, Canyon, Texas 79015 806-655-2181

## Conferences

and luncheon tickets are \$6.

Kelton is editor of "Livestock Weekly" in San Angelo. He is the author of several novels about the Old West and ranching, including four books which earned him Golden Spur awards from Western Writers of America.

Wildlife biologist Brothers has more than two decades of trophy buck management emphasizing balance between buck and doe populations to increase trophy buck numbers.

Dr. Flores, historian, and Drs. Bryant, Guthery and Dasl, range and wildlife management experts, are all faculty members at Texas Tech.

Joe B. Norris, retired state range conservationist, and James Taylor, manager of Furr's Ranches, will moderate sessions.

## Second Notice on EMT Interest

Our EMT organization has had several persons inquiring about when and if there was going to be another beginning EMT course offered here in Gail. Discussion was held at our meeting concerning the interest that has been shown about the class. We tentatively have an instructor from Big Spring who will be available to teach the course and as soon as we find out approximately how many people are interested, the time, date, and cost of the course can be finalized.

If you are interested in this very worth while course, please call or drop a card to: Lisa Ludecke, Box 153, Gail, Texas 79738 or phone (915)856-4386-office or (915) 856-4463-Home.

Please let us hear from you by October 11, our next meeting date.

All of those interested will be notified of the course specifics as soon after October 11th as possible.

If you have any questions contact any of the EMT's: Gerald Boyd, Ross Sharp, Buster Taylor, Jim Burkett, Frances Burkett, Carol Lewis, Dorothy Browne, Nelva Jones, or Lisa Ludecke.



The oldest known song written in English is a ballad called Judas. A manuscript of this survives from the 13th century.

## NEW ARRIVAL

Coach and Mrs. Doug Jones of Springlake Earth (The former Jo Ann Martin) are proud to announce the arrival of a baby girl. The little lass arrived at 3:35 p.m. Wednesday, September 7th and tipped the scales at five pounds and 11 ounces. She has been named Lea Nicole. Nicole is the couple's first child.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Martin of Borden County, Keith Jones of Earth and Ann Jones of Ruidoso.

Great-Grandparent is Mrs. Ollie B. Jones of Hale Center.

## LOCAL NEWS

Weekend guests of Billy and Helen Price were Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Wood, parents of Helen Price; Mr. and Mrs. Don Hart of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Harley Wood of Smyer; and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lee of Crestwood, Kentucky.

Kay (Mrs. William) Johnson is still in the hospital in Lubbock. Hope she is able to come home soon.

Area Extension Agents and their families were in Gail Saturday night at the 4-H Exhibit building. Our local Agents, Kandy McWhorter and Alan Day, with the help of Janene Day, fed 26 people. I heard they were just finishing eating when the lights went out in Gail and were out for about an hour.

Freida Poston is in Malone Hogan Hospital in Big Spring and will have to be there about another two weeks.

Pam Jordan, neice of Kay Kropp, is visiting in the home of Kay and Joe. Pam is a Patrolman in Big Spring.

Ralph Miller is in Room 373, Methodist Hospital in Lubbock, Texas. He mounted his horse last Saturday and the horse fell back-wards on him.

The rains, what little bit we have gotten, have been nice. Maybe they are a promise of more later.



Sonna Warvell

"Miss Lubbock" performed at the Golden Spur Prairie Party. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs Jim Warvell of Weatherford.

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Photo by Gerry Burton)  
Young Clell Knights sits upon "the trophy saddle he hopes his dad wins at the O.S. Saddle Bronc Riding October 1-2. Clell is the son of Jenny and Jess Knight.

## OS RANCH SADDLE BRONC

The 1983 OS Ranch Match Saddle Bronc Riding, Art Exhibit and Sale will be held in Post with activities starting Friday evening, Sept. 30 with a special preview party for art patrons at the Post Community Center.

Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 1 and 2, 30 of the world's best PRCA bronc riders will compete for top prize money, with action taking place at the Post Stampede Rodeo Arena just north of the city on Hwy. 84.

The art show will be open also on Saturday and Sunday at the community center, featuring the best of 35 western artists.

Other arena activities on Saturday and Sunday include Girl's Barrel Racing, Calf Scramble, Calf Dressing and a few

surprises.

In addition to the rodeo arena activities, visitors to this year's big event will be treated to a Knife and Gun and arts and crafts show in the Junior Livestock Barn, with an expected 100 exhibitors displaying a wide variety of items.

In the area between the arena and the livestock barn will be other events, including a washer pitch, the popular Boys Ranch Bar-B-Q and the famous Kawadi Indian Dancers.

Topping off Saturday night, the OS Ranch weekend in Post will feature a country-western dance at Burlington Industries' huge air conditioned facility, which has 50,000 square feet of open space.

Hoyle Nix and his band are scheduled to perform for the dance.

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## Cause of Crib Death Still Mystery

The mother of an apparently healthy infant lays her child in his crib. An hour later the mother discovers that the sleeping child has died, a victim of sudden infant death syndrome, or SIDS.

A scene similar to this one occurs about 8,000 times each year in this country, says the Texas Medical Association. That means one of every 500 live births.

The death is unexpected and the cause unknown. SIDS itself was unknown until the 1960s, when the phenomenon was given its name. It was the mid-1970s before SIDS, also known as "crib death," was used as a cause of death on death certificates.

Now it is the most common cause of death in infants 2 weeks to a year old, accounting for a third of these deaths. Several groups have responded with funding for research, information distribution, and parental counseling.

From what is known, SIDS is not believed to be hereditary. It is not contagious, although a viral infection may be present. SIDS occurs most frequently in the third or fourth month of life. The incidence is higher in infants born prematurely or living in poverty. SIDS occurs more frequently in boys than in girls and in winter more than in summer. Most infants with SIDS die in their sleep, with no signs of trouble and no crying out.

Autopsies show that SIDS has nothing to do with suffocation caused by, say, a blanket. There may be minor inflammation of the upper respiratory tract, but

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this is not the cause of death. Sleep apnea, a temporary inability to breathe, may be a contributing factor.

Theories aside, a true SIDS victim dies of unknown and unexplained causes. This can have a destructive effect on a family. With nowhere to place the blame, parents may accuse themselves, each other, or other family members. The loss of a child to a disease or an accident can be understood, but not the loss of a baby to an unknown.

For this reason, support groups help families of SIDS victims to adjust to the death and to understand that no one is to blame. Two of these groups are the International Council of Infant Survival and the National Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Foundation. Both groups can provide information on the nearest local chapter.



The word *bride*, experts say, is derived from an ancient Teutonic word meaning "to cook."

## Now is The Time To Register or Change Voting Precinct

Register now is the word from Dorothy Browne, County and District Clerk of Borden County, Texas.

She says "If you have moved to Borden County and have not registered to vote, now is a good time to do so."

Eleven Amendments to the Texas Constitution will be placed before the people of Texas on November 8, 1983 for their approval or disapproval. These amendments will affect all of the people in our great state and deserve the attention of the voters.

In order to vote on November 8th, 1983 you must be registered 30 days before that date. If you have moved from one precinct to another in Borden County, you must change your voting Precinct by giving your new address to the Tax Assessor thirty days before any election.

The place to register or change your voting precinct is the Tax Assessor-Collectors office in the Courthouse. Register now and be sure to go to the polls on November 8, 1983.

## Dear Borden Hail to Thee!

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by Alan Day

**Reminder for Meeting**

The Borden County Program Building Committee Annual Meeting will be held Monday, September 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the 4-H Exhibit Building. Members of all committees involved are urged to attend the fish fry prior to the business meeting. This will be a covered dish supper and committee members should

bring a salad or vegetable and a dessert. The entire family is invited.

We will have a guest speaker, Mr. Delbert Downing, and the meeting will conclude about 8:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Alan Day or Kandy McWhorter at 856-4336.

**Windbreak Trees**

Many of you have expressed an interest at putting in windbreak trees around your house. The Texas Forest Service provides trees at a very low price for this purpose.

I have just received the 1984 order forms. These are available for 1984 planting- Austrian Pine,

Ponderosa Pine, Arizona Cypress, Red Cedar and Afghanistan Pine. These will cost \$30.00 for 30 trees.

The application forms are available in Borden County Extension Office. Orders are filled on a first come, first-served basis.

**Needs to be Advised of Livestock Projects**

All 4-H'ers are reminded to let me know what type of livestock project they will have in 1984. This is important so that animals can be purchased prior to deadlines set by the Borden County Livestock Show and

all the major Texas Livestock Shows.

Call Alan M. Day at 856-4336 (Office or 856-4489 (home) if you are going to have a livestock project and need me to buy it for you.

**4-H ACHIEVEMENT BANQUET SCHEDULED**

The 1983 Borden County 4-H Achievement Banquet will be held Tuesday night, October 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria. All 4-H members, including new members, and their entire families are invited to attend.

Dr. Lauro F. Cavazos, President of Texas Tech University, will be the keynote speaker. Awards will be presented to 4-H members who have completed a project during 1983, 4-H Gold Star

recipients, new members and to 4-H leaders.

This banquet will be, as in the past, a covered dish supper. Each family is asked to bring a meat dish, a vegetable or salad and a dessert for the supper.

4-H members and their families are urged to attend this banquet and hear a fine speaker such as Dr. Cavazos talk on leadership and achievement. All county residents are invited and the 4-H Club will be honored with your presence.

**Track Down Drought-Tolerant Plants**

Lubbock--Scientific detective work which has just led to the release of seven new drought-tolerant germplasm lines of cotton likes spotlighted at the 74th annual field day of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station (TAES) here Tuesday, Sept. 13.

Research efforts to develop plants with above-average tolerance to drought stress have been ongoing for many years at the Lubbock center, just north of Lubbock International Airport on FM 1294. They have consisted of cooperative efforts in a multidisciplinary Plant Stress and Water Conservation Research Program involving TAES, the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Research Service, and Texas Tech University.

The work was featured at one of the four major stops for visitors to the Sept. 13 field day at the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center. Dr. Charles Wendt, professor of soil physics, and Dr. Jerry Quisenberry, cotton geneticist and TAES director of the USDA-ARS group, explained the work.

The stop was alongside the rainout shelters which the scientists use to provide controlled water and stress conditions for the tests. The seven new germplasm lines were on display.

"In these shelters, we're looking at the basic mechanisms of drought-tolerant cotton," Quisenberry said. He explained that a cotton plant normally has four xylem

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The crocodile continually grows new sets of teeth to replace old teeth.

**Courthouse News**



Borden County Commissioners' Court met on September 12, 1983 for their regular session, with all members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The current accounts were reviewed and approved for payment.

The law library fee was increased to \$10.00. This fee is added to the cost of filing civil cases in Borden County. The money realized from this fee is used to maintain and update the law books that are in the courthouse.

The Budget Hearing was called to order at 10:00 A.M. The budget for 1984 was approved. There being no one in attendance and having received no written comment on the proposed 1984 budget, the commissioners approved budget as prepared.

The tax rate for 1984 was set at \$ .16 per \$100 valuation. This is the same rate as in 1983.

The commissioners set


the discount rate for prepayment of taxes. The discount rate is 3 percent for payment in October, 2 percent for payment in November and 1 percent for payment in December.

There was general discussion concerning an agreement with the City of Snyder for fire protection for the Eastern half of Borden County. It was decided to contact the City Manager on the amount charged for each call. The amount being discussed is \$500 per call. The calls will be limited to structure fires, oil field fires and major grass fires. All persons interested in this problem are encouraged to attend the next Commissioners' Court meeting on September 26 at 11:00 a.m. for their comment on this situation.

It was decided to ask for bids on a water tank trailer to be used in Precinct No. 3. These bids will be opened October 10 at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business, the court adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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# ASCS News

by Jerry Stone

## SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR HAYING

Borden County has been approved for emergency harvesting of hay on all conservation use acreage. Producers must have an interest in the designated CUA and the feed roughage harvested must be fed only to livestock owned by the appointee as of August 1, 1983.

Before bailing, a request must be made at the ASCS office certifying the number of cattle owned as of August 1, 1983 that will receive benefits from forage harvested from CUA.

These areas will be spot checked in order to determine that the hay is not being sold and is being fed to eligible livestock.

Borden County's grazing date for CUA was September 1, 1983. There are no restrictions on who may graze the CUA

**LIST OF AVAILABLE HAY**  
Due to the widespread drought conditions, Texas ASCS offices has compiled a list of producers with hay for sale. The list includes telephone numbers, type and amount of hay for available for sale. This has nothing to do with the emergency haying on CUA. It is just a service provided by Texas ASCS.

**COTTON BID PROGRAM**  
CCC accepted bids as follows under the recent cotton bid program:  
1980 Crop-7 percent Down  
1981 Crop-14 percent Down  
1982 Crop-20 percent Down

If you bid any cotton under this program, you will be notified of acceptance or rejection.

According to our news release, CCC has acquired approximately 60 percent of the cotton needed for PIK; therefore, producers needing cotton from CCC will be required to harvest for PIK on 40 percent of their PIK needs.

## FARM SAFETY WEEK

In keeping with the Farm Safety Theme--"Safeguard the Future"...Farmers, Ranchers and other persons engaged in Agriculture are asked to support safety efforts to protect the young from injury and illness.  
National Farm Safety

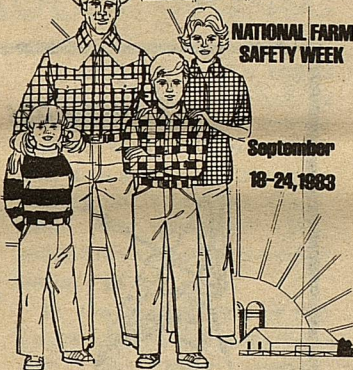
Week will be observed September 18th through the 24th. It focuses on the protection and safety training of rural children.

Although great progress has been made in improving safety on farms, safety leaders say much work remains to be done. It is important that Community Leaders and Public Officials continue to contribute their time and effort to promote accident prevention programs, but real progress in safety must start with the individual.

The National Safety Council and the U.S. Department of Agriculture urge all persons who live and work on the nation's farms and ranches to make safety a daily part of activities on the job, at home or on the Highway.

## Safeguard the Future

PROTECT EDUCATE



## COTTON COMMENTS DUE OCTOBER 4

Cotton producers and other persons interested in commenting on or making recommendations for the 1984 upland cotton program still have time to do so before the October 4 deadline for receiving such statements.

The Secretary of Agriculture will consider any written comments received in the Washington office by that date concerning the 1984 target price and the appropriate level of advance deficiency payments, if any, the base loan rate for upland cotton, and the loan rate for seed cotton. By law, the upland cotton loan rate cannot be less than 55 cents per pound. The loan rate is determined by using a statutory formula which includes domestic and world price data.

"Farmers should also express their views

regarding whether there should be an acreage reduction program, paid land diversion program, and-or a payment-in-kind program. Those in favor of these provisions should specify the amount and extent of such requirements, and also state whether offsetting compliance should be required if an acreage reduction program is established." Suggestions may be made also for the national program acreage and voluntary reduction percentage in case no acreage reduction program is announced.

Final decisions for the 1984 upland cotton program will be based on the public's recommendations and the most current data on U.S. and world crop conditions.

Cotton comments should be addressed to the Director, Analysis Division, USDA-ASCS, Room 3741-S, P.O. Box 2415, Washington, D. C. 20013.

## Notice of Application for Fluid Injection Well Permit

Chevron U.S.A., Inc., Post Office, Box 1660, Midland, Texas 79702 has applied to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Penn formation in the Griffin Seven, Well Number Six, located six miles Northwest from Vincent, Texas in the Hobo Penn. field in Borden County. Fluid will be injected in the strata in the sub-surface depths from 7150' to 7450'.

## LEGAL AUTHORITY:

Chapter 27 of The Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of The Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the statewide rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within 15 days of publication, to the Underground Injection Control Section, Oil and Gas Division Railroad Commission of Texas, Drawer 12967, Capital Station, Austin, Texas 78711. (Telephone 512-445-1373

## DROUGHT-TOLERANT PLANTS

bundles, or vascular systems, which draw water from the soil. But some exotic varieties have as many as six.

From an initial germplasm source known as Texas 25, which has five vascular bundles, the scientists went on to develop and release the seven new drought tolerant varieties.

Other work being conducted in the rainout shelters, Wendt noted, includes screening of exotic

cotton types by USDA, early season drought tolerance in grain sorghum, screening of turf samples for drought tolerance, late season drought tolerance in grain sorghum, and the influence of growth regulators on water use in cotton.

The field day was a cooperative presentation of TAES, Extension, the High Plains Research Foundation, USDA-ARS and the Texas Forest Service.

## CONTRACTORS' NOTICE

Sealed proposals for constructing .407 miles of Construct Culvert and Bridges & Approaches

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in Nolan & Borden Counties, will be received at the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, Austin, until 9:00 A.M., October 13, 1983, and then publicly opened and read

The State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78Stat. 252) and the Regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (15 C.F.R., Part 8), issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that the contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder without discrimination on the grounds of race, color or nation origin, and further that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color or national origin in consideration for an award. Plans and specifications including minimum wage rates as provided by Law are available for inspection at the office of Billy E. Vernon, Resident Engineer, Big Spring, Texas, and at the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction Division, D.C. Greer State Highway Building, 11th and Brazos Streets, Austin, Texas 78701. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

A filing with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) has been made by Texas Electric Service Company, for fixed fuel factors pursuant to the formula set forth in PUC Sub. Rule 052.02.03.033. This rule provides that no automatic fuel adjustment clauses will be allowed in the tariffs of investor owned utilities. Fuel costs are subject to reconciliation as provided by the Rule. Protests or requests to intervene should be sent to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, Docket No. 5294, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757.

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