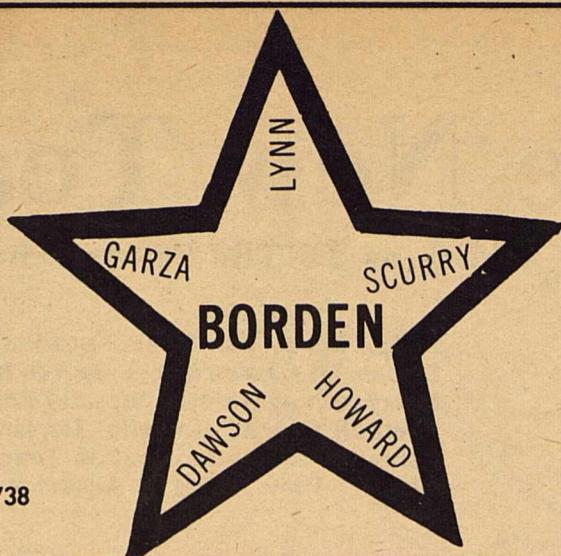


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Serving the Counties of Borden, Dawson, Garza, Howard, Lynn & Scurry



The Tri-County News is being signed over in the office of the Superintendent in the Borden County Schools. Barbara Anderson and Doris Rudd are looking on while Joan Briggs is notarizing Frankie Barton's signature as she signs the Tri-County News to Borden's New Newspaper, The Borden Star. Barbara Anderson will be Editor-In-Chief of the paper. Other share holders will assist in its operation.

Tax Suit Tightens County Budget

The county's budget problem grows more difficult by the year. It is a matter of common knowledge that governmental agencies throughout the country from the State down to the smallest School District get caught each year more tightly in the inflationary cost-rise squeeze.

The county is having to face up to revenues-vs.-expense problems.

Your county commissioners have taken moves to cut several items from the new county budget, items that many people would like to see retained. There comes a time for detailed study of every parcel of property for valuation purposes. Either that or face up to a higher tax rate.

The citizens of Borden County must have confidence in the prudence of its elected officials, but the citizens of Borden county must understand that the more services, the higher the costs. agriculture and livestock agencies, such as County Agents salary and expenses, county trappers salaries and repairs to county agriculture equipment, payment of valuation engineers on oil property, fire protection,

etc., .01 percent for permanent improvements to county property such as buildings and grounds, .13 percent for all officers salaries - this is for all elected officials and their clerks excluding commissioners, county auditor, district officers, county agent and trappers salaries.

There really is no happy medium.

Budget requirements set up in the county's budget of \$316,895.72 are designated as such; 58 percent goes to Road & Bridge funds, Precinct operations and Farm-to-market Roads, .02 percent goes to the Jury fund for Jury and Court cost, .26 percent goes to operations of the Courthouse, A.S.C.S. Bldgs., water, district officers and County auditors salaries, commissioners salaries and travel, county welfare, food stamp program,

Now with the Tax suit behind us we are again faced with another budget cut since we had to settle with only one million increase in Oil Values instead of the 5½ million that we had prepared our budget on. We have had to cut another

\$50,000.00 from our original budget. This was cut from the permanent Improvement funds and the County Commissioners Precinct Funds. Even though we did get a settlement out of the Oil Companies we feel like we won since the Judge could have ruled that we re-evaluate this year and assess the oil companies on 100 percent fair market value and the land on the same as testimony given in the court hearing which was Grass at \$45.00 per acre and Farming land \$175.00 to \$193.00 average, per acre. We didn't think we should tie the land to this much taxable value at this time. We feel that we can come up with a more acceptable figure than this and be more in line than we are at present. The Court is asking all Tax payers to cooperate with the Tax Assessor in preparing their renditions for the coming tax year of 1972. The Tax Assessor will be asking you about your property and improvements for taxable appraisal that will be fair and equitable to all owners of land in Borden County.

By Glenn Toombs

Borden Residents Buy Paper

A group of twenty Borden Co. residents bought the Tri-County News from Mrs. Frankie Barton of O'Donnell. After negotiating for nearly a month, the final papers were signed Monday August 30, 1971. Mrs. Barton will remain as reporter from her area.

The newly formed corporation has named the paper The Borden Star and hopes to continue serving the counties of Lynn, Dawson and Borden as well as Garza, Scurry and Howard counties.

Named as Co-Editors for the paper are Sybil Gilmore and Mrs. Rich Anderson. Co-Secretary and treasurer are Fran Bennett and Doris Rudd. Writers are; Mrs. John Ragan,

Mrs. Sybil Gilmore and Mrs. Wilma Currie. Reporters are; Mrs. Franky Barton, Mrs. John Stevens, Shorty Farmer, Dan Turner, Mrs. Glenn Toombs, Mrs. Martin Parks, Mrs. Ben Weathers, Mrs. Sybil Gilmore, Mrs. Lois Cox, and Mrs. Sonny Tucker.

Stockholders are as follows: Mrs. Doris Rudd, Mrs. W. O. Cox, Mrs. Sonny Tucker, Mrs. Sybil Gilmore, Mrs. Edna Miller, Mrs. Clarence Porter, Mrs. Larry Smith, Mr. James McLeroy, Mr. Glenn Toombs, Mr. T. L. Griffin, Mr. Shorty Farmer, Mr. Dan Turner, Mr. Martin Parks, Ruth Weathers, Lorene Jones, Frances Bennett, Eddie Simer, Mrs. Rich Anderson and Mrs. Nathan Zant.

Re-evaluation Set In Borden County

Borden County Officials Friday agreed to re-evaluate all taxable property as a result of a tax suit brought by six major oil companies according to County Judge Glenn Toombs.

The action was a settlement with the companies which were seeking to enjoin Borden County from approving its 1971 Tax Rolls and collecting taxes beginning Oct. 1.1

In approving the settlement the oil companies agreed to a \$1 million increase in assessed value of oil properties for 1971 taxation Toombs said.

The county had sought a \$5.5 million increase in assessed oil properties values.

Judge Toombs said the county was bound by a court order, signed by Judge R. W. Caton of Big Spring to re-evaluate all taxable property in Borden County, including farm and ranch land, for the 1972 tax rolls.

"We have instructed our Tax Assessor-Collector Sheriff Norman Sneed to hire some additional help and start setting up a system whereby we can take each and every piece of property and look at it individually" Toombs said.

The Plaintiffs were Texaco Inc., AMOCO Production Co., Continental Oil Co., Mobil Oil Co., American Petrofina Co. of Texas, and Union Oil of California.

Editorial

It is this editor's opinion that Frankie Barton is super-human. It is unbelievable that she and her staff of three working on the Tri-County News were able to do as much as there is to do in publishing a paper. Our hats are off to her.

Because of the time it has taken us to reorganize and realizing our subscribers have missed nearly a month of receiving the news, we would like to extend to all of you who subscribed before August 15, 1971 an extra month of your subscriptions.

Staff are working on

a volunteer basis for the time being. McLeroy has very

graciously given us a room in the Borden Co. School to use as an office. We have tried to have reporters available in each telephone area so that you may call in your news without being long distance. We need your calls.

Frankie performed an excellent service to our community in giving birth to an area newspaper. It is our fervent desire to continue to do as well and with your help there is no doubt that we will succeed.

Welcome New Teachers

New Additions To The Sands School



Carleen Hammock, a 1967 graduate of Big Springs High School, holds a B. S. and Secondary Education from Hardin Simmons '71. Now teaching English 7th through 10th and 8th Grade Reading. Resides at 1317 Wood in Big Spring.

Mr. Boddy G. Davis, graduate of Sunset in Dallas, 1957, holds a B. S. degree from San Angelo. Now teaching Health, Physical Education and Boys Football Coach. His wife, Darlene, a graduate of Permian in Odessa, 1960 is Teachers Aid for 1st Grade. They reside in Ackerley.



Dwayne Blackwell, graduate of Irving High School of '62. Holds a B. S. in Secondary Education from North Texas State. Has 24 hours graduate work towards his M. A. in History. He was substitute teacher in Irving and now teaches History 7th through 12th. He is married and resides in Ackerley.

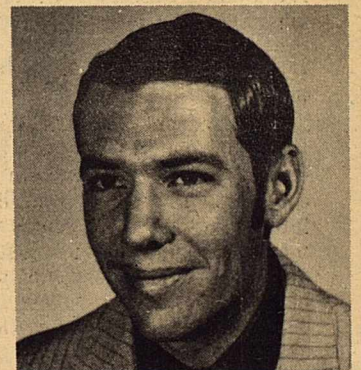
Four New Teachers For Borden County

Borden County Schools are proud to have four new teachers added to their staff this year.



Mrs. Borden Gray is a Borden County resident and was a substitute teacher last year. She and her husband have two children; Glenn, a second grader at Borden Elementary and a pre-schooler Dana. Mrs. Gray is a Texas Tech graduate and teaches fourth grade. She enjoys crewel embroidery, and sewing in her free time.

Mr. Harold Scott comes to Borden County from Westbrook where he taught for one year. Mr. Scott is boys basketball coach, assistant football coach, and assistant track coach. He and his wife, Cinda, are graduates of Abilene Christian College and they have one daughter, Crystal. Participating and attending rodeos is Mr. Parkers favorite past time.



Mrs. Ross Westbrook is teaching English in Borden Elementary. She and her husband have two children attending Borden County Schools. Dana is in the 7th grade and Syd is in the 5th grade. Mrs. Westbrook is a recent graduate of Abilene Christian College, taking her last five semesters straight through with no breaks. She enjoys sewing and singing for relaxation.

Mr. Jim Parker, recently discharged from the service is the new Borden Coyote Band Director. He and his wife, Janiece, live in Lamesa where Janiece is a high school English teacher. Mr. Parker taught school and had a successful band at Mart, Texas before entering the service. He is a graduate of Sul Ross State University and his wife graduated from Tarleton State College. For Mr. Parker enjoys the game of tennis.





..Miss Sharon McDaugal graduated from Crosbyton High School in 1966. She received her B. S. degree from Texas Tech in 1970. After having taught in the Hail Center school system in 1970-71, Miss McDaugal comes to the O'Donnell Jr. High to teach Mathematics and Corrective Language Arts. She resides at the Burt Fritz Apartments in O'Donnell.



.. Ronald Layton was graduated from Plains High School in 1966. He received his AA degree from South Plains Jr. College in 1968 and was awarded a B. S. degree from Sul Ross College in 1970. Mr. Layton taught in the San Antonio I.S.D last year and will be teaching Physics, Physical Science and 8th grade science in O'Donnell. Mr. and Mrs. Layton and their one child reside in their mobile home in O'Donnell.



.. Mrs. Ruth Pugh, having taught in O'Donnell for 4½ years ending in 1969, returns to teach the 2nd grade. Mrs. Pugh received her BS degree from West Texas State in Canyon. Mr. and Mrs. Pugh reside in O'Donnell where Mr. Pugh has the Pugh Fina Station.



.. Miss Sue Lewis, after graduating from Rule High School in 1967, received her B. S. degree in elementary education from McMurray College. Having done her practice teaching in Austin Elementary in Abilene, Miss Lewis will be teaching second grade in O'Donnell elementary. Miss Lewis resides in the J. A. Hogg apartments.

O'Donnell Teachers For '71

.. Mrs. La Quita James graduated from O'Donnell High School in 1956. She attended Draughan's Business College in Lubbock. Mrs. James is a teachers aid and is replacing Mrs. Nonnett Davis who retired last year for health reasons.

.. Mrs. Laverne Emerson returns to O'Donnell to teach the 1st grade. Mrs. Emerson studied at Mary Hardin Baylor and received her B. S. degree from Texas Tech in 1942.

O'Donnell School News

O'DONNELL—The O'Donnell Independent School District announced a free and reduced price lunch policy for public school children unable to pay the full price.

Local school officials have adopted a family size and income scale to assist them in determining eligibility. Families falling within these scales or those suffering from unusual circumstances or hardships are urged to apply for free or reduced price lunches for their children. They may do so by filling in the application forms sent home in a letter to the parents. Additional copies are available in the principal's office of each school. Applications may be submitted at any time during the school year. The form itself is simple to complete and requests information needed to determine economic need based on the income and number of persons in the family and any unusual circumstances or hardships which affect the family's ability to pay for school lunches. The information provided on the application will be confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility.

Under the provision of the policy the elementary school

principal will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling of the local official, he may make a request either orally or in writing for a hearing to appeal the decision. Superintendent Hal Tunnell, whose address is at the local school district administration building or Box 625, O'Donnell, Texas, has been designated as the Hearing Official. Hearing procedures are outlined in the policy.

THE POLICY ALSO PROVIDES THAT THERE WILL BE NO IDENTIFICATION OF OR DISCRIMINATION AGAINST ANY STUDENT UNABLE TO PAY THE FULL COST OF A LUNCH.

A complete copy of the policy is on file in each school and in the central administrative office of the O'Donnell Independent School District where it may be reviewed by any interested patron.

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Borden County Coyotes: Top row: Coach Scott, Coach Huddelston, Jimmy Hayes, Randy Hensley, Mike Herring, Roy Don Hendley, Steven Lockhart, Garland Williams, Audrey Brummett, Steve Kiner, Coach Dyess. Middle Row: Steven Whitaker, Leslie Hagans, Bill Benivides, Monte Smith, Mike Toombs, Joe Dan Hancock, Doug Isaacs. Bottom Row: Manager John Anderson, Jim McLeroy, Roby Rios, Ken Don Jones, Ross Sharp, Charles Billick, Randy Crittendon.

Football Time

School has resumed and the fall season is close at hand. Of course, that means football and it is that time again. Varsity football boys had their yearly physicals August 12 and coaches greeted them for their first workout August 16. The first weeks workouts were strictly in shorts but the following Monday the boys donned their pads and full attire and went back to work. There are presently twenty nine on the roster; seven seniors, six juniors, ten sophomores, and six freshmen. Eight boys graduated from the successful team last year. Let's all get out and fully support this fine group of athletes to another good year!

Borden County Varsity Roster:

Seniors:

Bill Benavidez
Charles Billeck
Beno Hendricks
Ken Don Jones
Mike McHenry
Ross Sharp
Mike Toombs

Juniors:

Randy Crittenden

Randy Hensley

Mike Herring
Steven Lockhart
Roby Rios
Jimmy Hayse

Sophomores:

Audrey Brummett
Jimmy Gray
Joe Hancock
Roy Don Hendley
Doug Isaacs
Steve Kinnard
Henry Oliverez
D. M. Parks
Gary Simer
Steve Whitaker

Freshmen:

Leslie Hagins
Billy Jackson
Jimmy McLeroy
Junior Oliverez
Monte Smith
Garland Williams

Coaches:

Bob Dyess
Ed Huddleston
Harold Scott

Captains:

Ken Don Jones
Randy Crittenden

Manager:

John Anderson

Coyotes In All Star Game

Joe Pat Harding, Geary Williams, Virgil Whitaker, and Jimmy Don Hodge represented the Borden County Coyotes this summer in the Texas Six and Eight man Coaches All Star Game. The boys spent a week in Levelland, Texas where the West-East football game was played July 31. They, along with other selected players from the Western half of the State, made up the West Squad. Bob Dyess and Ed Huddleston were coaches for this fine team. Apparently everyone had a good time throughout the week and many new friendships were

made. Borden County was well represented on the field and in the stands. A good crowd of area supporters traveled to support the West Squad. The game was

played in its entirety through a rainstorm with the West victorious, 30-0. Congratulations to these fine boys and their coaches.

Borden County Jr. High Football

Junior High Football Roster:

Scott Hendley
Bill Jennings
Creighton Taylor
Nester Baeza
Gene Cooley
Johnny Cortez
Robert Haslam
Jackie Lockhart
Bob McLeroy
Eddie Parks
Tommy Patterson
Joe Rios
Larry Simer
Richard Smith
Ben Thompson
Darin Tucker
Joe Zant
Tony Benevedez
Matt Farmer
Johnny Jackson
Richard Long
Eurdist Rhinehart
Benny Taylor
Patrick Toombs
Marlon Vaughn
Ramon Vodal
Ty Zant

The junior high games will be scheduled at a later date.

Football Schedule

Borden County

September 10	Wellman	here
September 17	Threeway	there
September 24	Witharrell	there
October 1	OPEN	
October 8	Cotton Center	here
• October 15	Sterling City	here
• October 22	Klondike	here
• October 19	Loop	there
• November 5	Dawson	there
• November 12	Garden City	there

- District games at 7:30; others at 8:00
- Homecoming

O'Donnell

Sept. 10—Meadow	There	8:00 P.M.
Sept 17—Whiteface	Here	8:00 P.M.
Sept 24—Lorenzo	Here	8:00 P.M.
Oct. 1 Tesico (Home Coming)	Here	8:00 p.m.
Oct. 8-Sands	There	8:00 P.M.
Oct. 15 Cooper	There	7:30 P.M.
Conference		
Oct. 22 Plains	Here	7:30 P.M.
Oct. 29 Seagraves	There	7:30 P.M.
Conference		
Nov. 5 Lubbock Christian	Here	7:30 P.M.
Nov. 12 Wink	Here	7:30 P.M.
Conference		
B. Team and Junior High		
Sept. Lorenzo	Here	5:30 P.M.
Sept. 16 Cooper Jr. High & B	Here	5:30 P.M.
23 Seagraves Jr. H & B	There	5:00 P.M.
Oct. 2 Anton Jr. H & B	Here	5:00 P.M.
Oct. 19 Lamesa B Team	There	6:00 P.M.
Oct. 21 Wilson Jr. H	There	5:00 P.M.
Oct. 28 Cooper Jr. H & B	Here	5:00P.M.
Nov. 2 Shallowater Jr. H	There	5:;; P.M.
Nov. 6 Anton B Team	There	10:00 A.M.

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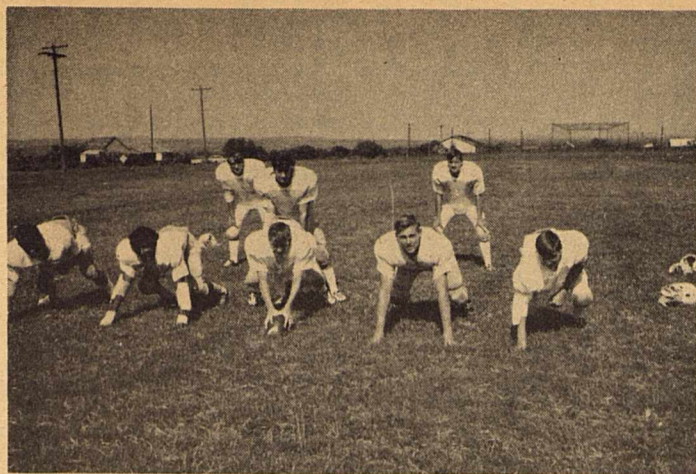
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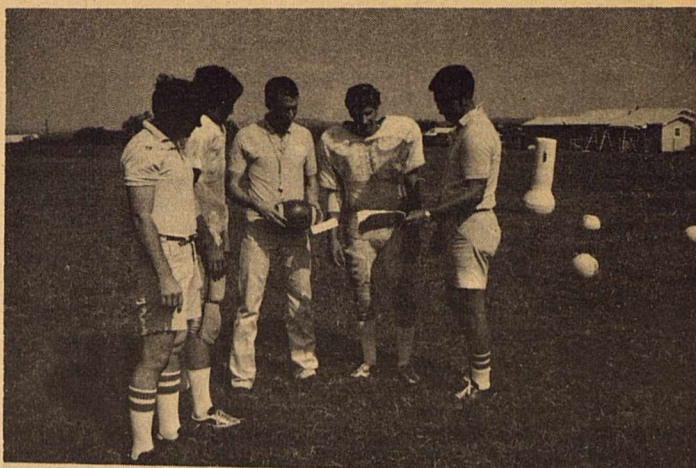
Left to right: Ken Don Jones, Roby Rios, Joe Dan Hancock, Audrey Brummett, Roy Don Hendley. Backfield: Charles Billick, Randy Crittendon, Randy Hensley.

Coyotes Scrimmage Smyer

Borden County traveled to Smyer August 27 for a football scrimmage. The Coyotes scored once and Smyer not at all with the starting teams. The "B" squads scored once each. Charles Billeck made the score for the first team on a 40 yard run. Bill Benevidez scored for the "B" squad on a pass from Monte Smith.

According to the coaches, the Coyotes looked good on defense but made some costly errors that will have to be worked on. The offense looked better the second half with improved blocking over the first half of action.

Borden County will scrimmage Smyer at Gail September 3 at 7:00. The Coyotes will open regular season against Wellman in Gail September 10 at 8:00 p.m.



Coaches & Captains, left to right: Coach Hud-delston, Ken Don Jones, Coach Scott, Randy Crittendon, Coach Dyess.

Unexpected Visit

— Mrs. Bob Ragan was greatly surprised and overjoyed this week-end when she was paid an unexpected visit from one of her favorite great-nephews and his family from Milam County in Central Texas. He is Pete Graham, employed by Alco Aluminum. He and his wife and three children were on their way to Colorado on a much deserved vacation.

Mrs. Ragan took them on the grand tour, showing off the wonderful cotton crops, lush from all the rains that have fallen in the last few weeks, telling them to kindly ignore all the big careless weeds that tried to reign supreme!

They had a wonderful visit, talking about old family ties and reliving moments from the past that still lived in both their memories. And for a time, they brought back loved ones, long since gone from them.

As night fell, the young couple chose to take their camper and camp out in the big tree orchard on the Ragan's old home place. And when they pulled out the following day, Mrs. Ragan watched them go and there was a touch of sadness in her heart. She dabbed at a silent tear and breathed a quick prayer for them and turning back into the house, she knew her wee-end had been made a much happier one by this unexpected visit from afar!

Crops Looking Good

As a whole, the crops in Lynn and Borden Countys are very good. Everything is looking up for most of the farmers after much needed rains. If sunshine prevails, there is an excellent chance the insects will not take over to cause added worries.

Another important factor will be the freeze, whether early or late will play a major roll. All in all, this should be a very productive year.

YOUNG FARMERS MET MONDAY

The O'Donnell Young Farmers held their regular meeting Monday, August 30 at 8:00 p.m. in the Ag. building. The program was by a resident of LCC feed lot of Lubbock, Bill Hancock of New Home.

"HORSE SALE"

Tate Brother's Auction, Lamesa, Texas
September 11th, 5:00 p.m.
Tommy Buckner, Auctioneer

This will include several different breeds of registered horses, as well as open sale for grade horses.

QUIPS

Around the turn of the century, people were amazed whenever someone drove 20 miles an hour. They still are.

While visiting in Paris Texas this past week, I picked up the Paris News and immediately turned to the Editors column where I read this interesting piece of news. Mr. William Arthur Ward the editor wrote, "I had been making a few tracks over in Delta County and they were still short on water. So short in some places, as a matter of fact, that the churches were reacting. The Baptist have started sprinkling instead of baptizing their converts and the Methodists are using a damp cloth."

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O'Donnell Man Drowns Near Amistead Reservoir

O'DONNELL—Services for W. C. (Puny) Rains, 47, were held Friday at 3 p.m. in the First Baptist Church at O'Donnell with the Rev. Oral Bowman, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in the O'Donnell Cemetery and was directed by White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

Rains had moved to Del Rio about three months ago and he drowned late Tuesday near the Amistead Reservoir.

He graduated from O'Donnell High School in 1940 and served during World War II in the U. S. Army.

He is survived by two brothers, Bobby of Lubbock and Carl of Tokio and two sisters, Mrs. Bill Clayton and Mrs. Paul Sherrill, both of O'Donnell.

Pallbearers were S. M. Burrus, J. L. Proctor, Oscar Veach, Dalton Sumrow, Gene Taylor, A. J. Crutcher, Joe Beckham and Charlie Beckham.

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News & Tidbit From All Points Of The Star

O'Donnell

The O'Donnell Methodist Church started their Autumn Revival Sunday, August 29th. The Reverend Odum is the local pastor. Visiting speaker is Evangelist Bruce Parks, who is also the song leader. Services are at 7:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Everyone is welcomed.

Mrs. Huffhines of O'Donnell entertained the Cannasta Club last Friday with a party in her home.

Marie and John Ragan of Borden County celebrated the birthday of her father, Mr. E. L. Lewis of Seagraves with a family dinner last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wayne Eaker of the T. Bar Community North of O'Donnell, became the proud parents of a baby boy whom they adopted August 9th. His name is David Wayne.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Telchik hosted the Wellborn family reunion August 21st and 22nd in the Plains Community Center. Fifteen families attended, coming from Muleshoe, Plainview, Lubbock, Olton, Madisonville, Slaton, Abilene, Dimmitt, Weatherford, Midland, Bovina, Hart, Hereford and Denver, Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ludecke and Lisa returned Bobbie to Abilene Saturday. Bobbie will enroll in ACC for the Fall Semester.

John Stephens III celebrated his 3rd birthday with a family party August 29th.

New Arrivals

O'DONNELL—Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Billy Russ on the arrival of a 7 lb. 4 oz. daughter, Brandi Dawn born Aug. 10. Grandparents are Mrs. Jessie Russ, O'Donnell and Mr. and Mrs. Les Burkhart of Midland.

O'DONNELL—Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Tredway are proud parents of a son born Aug. 16, in Lubbock. He weighed 8 lb. 2 oz. and has been named Jeffrey Ryon. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brewer and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Tredway.

Jackson

In Hospital

Bobby Joe Jackson 15, injured in a truck accident Aug. 6, remains a patient in St Mary's Hospital, Lubbock.

Bobby was injured in Hereford. He was behind a truck and another truck ran into him, knocking him into the other truck. He received a broken pelvis, fractured knee, broken ribs, and internal injuries. He was in the Hereford hospital for a week and came home for two days and was taken to St. Mary's. He is in room 207D.

Bobby is an eighth grade student in O'Donnell and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Jackson.

He is reported to be improving.

Officers of the Plains Community Center Association for the 1971 - 1972 year are:

Pres. Mrs. Oscar Telchik
V. Pres. Mrs. Bill Staggs
Sec. Tres. Mrs. E. L. Farmer
Directors are:
Mrs. Steve Stephens
Mrs. John Stephens
Mr. Pat Hensley
Mr. C. C. Nunnally
Mr. Dan Turner

Mrs. Ruth Calcote of Abilene visited Bill and Mae Stephens last week.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Burrus were Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Burrus of Plains and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Love and Family of Midway.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stephens and Steve Stephens spent the week-end in Ruidos.

Exchanging visits recently were Mr. and Mrs. Jarrell Edwards and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Maxie Boren and family of Austin.

Mrs. Leonard Isaacs was in Lubbock Wednesday for a check-up.

Wanda Jones of Borden County underwent surgery at St. Mary's Hospital at Lubbock August 27th.

Young Farmers Field Day

Young Farmers Area II Field Day was held Tuesday, Aug. 10, at O'Donnell on Narrow Row cotton.

Fifty-five persons attended including Dick Britten, president of the Young Farmers of Texas, Harold Sanders, vice-president and Don Gattes, secretary.

Many items of farm equipment were shown and Bill Griffin gave a talk on cotton demonstration in Lynn County. Several farms were visited.

Harold Sanders of O'Donnell, Vice-President of Young Farmers of Texas won a free trip to Ft. Collins, Colo. He and his wife visited several feed lots. Many farmers from all over the United States attended.

Christiana Rites

Services for Mrs. Christinia Pugh, 90, who died Thursday morning at her home in O'Donnell were held at 3 p.m. Friday in Branon Funeral Home Chapel in Lamesa.

Officiating was the Rev. James Smith, pastor of the Northridge United Methodist Church of Lamesa. Burial was in the O'Donnell Cemetery.

Mrs. Pugh had been a resident of O'Donnell 59 years.

Survivors include four sons, L. B. Pugh and J. J. Pugh, both of O'Donnell, L. D. Pugh of Devine and Lowell Pugh of Amarillo; a daughter, Mrs. Ray T. Loudermilk of Fort Worth; six grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Vealmoor

Mr. and Mrs. Carl McKee went to Plainview Aug. 28th for the wedding of their grandson, Allan Wayne Higgins and the former Belynda Ann Smith. The wedding took place in the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Higgins.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Anderson were in Dallas during the past week for a family reunion.

Mrs. Dorothy Eubank of Cross Plains visited over the week-end in the home of Mrs. Skeet Porter.

Glenodene Williams went to Austin during the past week to help her daughter move. Debra and husband Joe Lusk will attend University of Texas this semester.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Zant were in Dallas recently. Their daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Dannenbaum of Hurst, Texas underwent open heart surgery in Dallas.

Mrs. Clyde Winans, O'Donnell visited with her sister, Mrs. Maurine Hanks, over the week-end.

A bridal shower was given for Mrs. Guy Zant in Vealmoor after they returned from their wedding trip. The newlyweds are living in Vealmoor.

Mr. J. F. Winans is convalescing in Cowper Hospital in Big Spring following a light stroke at home Saturday morning.

Gail

Mrs. Bessie Maynard is in Cogdell Memorial Hospital in Snyder where she underwent surgery. She is reported to be improving.

Dorothy and Janice Brown spent Sunday in Midland with Joyce and Jerry Kincheloe.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Holmes recently returned from taking their daughter Kathryn to A & M College where she received a

grant to do graduate work in Political Science. Kathryn received her Bachelor of Arts degree from West Texas State College in May of 1971. She will be residing at 2101 Redmond, Apartment 226A, College Station, Texas.

Virgie Harris of Abilene and Clara Johnson of Snyder were visiting a brother of Clara's, Mr. and Mrs. Delmo Pearce, of El Paso. While there they toured Juarez Mexico.

Charles Dickey visited this past week in the home of his Aunt and Uncle Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Clark.

Mrs. Rose Hendricks of Ballinger passed away Aug. 21st.

Among her survivors was a nephew Jym Hendricks of Gail.

A Borden County rancher and member of a pioneer Scurry County family. Mr. Jesse Koonsman, died Sunday in the Cogdell Memorial Hospital at Snyder.

Services were held Tuesday Aug. 21 at the First Baptist Church in Snyder with Rev. W. F. Ferguson of Lubbock officiating.

Survivors include his wife and daughter Mrs. J. N. Eicke.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Prescott and Gary Wilkins of Junction were visitors in the Joe Gilmore home this past week.

Visiting in the home of Fran Bennett and Mrs. Covey were Mrs. Sue Short, Debby & Terry of Ft. Worth and Wayne Bryan & Shawna Bennett of Lamesa.

Murphy

Mrs. Ellouise Armstrong of Odessa spent the past two weeks in the J. E. Sorrells and Ben Weathers' homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Williams of Snyder, visited Monday in the J. E. Sorrells home with Mrs. Armstrong returning home with them.

Mrs. J. M. Sterling and family

of Vincent visited Friday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sorrells.

Mr. and Mrs. George Murry have recently been in Lubbock seeing an ear specialist.

June Skelton, three year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Skelton has been in the Cogdell Hospital the past ten days, as the result of a rattlesnake bite on her left hand.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Blank of San Antonio have been recent visitors of Mrs. Ella Richter.

Mrs. Mattie Gregory has sold her trailer-home at Lake Thomas and moved to Quannah.

Mrs. Meta Ulrich of Lubbock spent two days visiting with Mrs. Ed Murphy.

Elsie Bodaman of Commerce has been a recent visitor with Borden and Scurry County relatives, the Richters, Sorrells and Murphy.

Max and Betty Ohlendorph of near Lockhart have been recent visitors of the Jim Sorrells.

Mrs. Ben Weathers was in Big Spring Wednesday having some dental work done.

Lake J. B. Thomas is the fullest it has been since Jan. 1st of 1969, rating 25.5 ft. below the spill-way. Much repair work and improvements are being on the ex-Boyd Lodge by the new owners the Ellis brothers and Paul Gordon.

A Summer Revival has just been concluded at the Knapp Baptist Church with Bro. Frank Radcliff of Amarillo as evangelist and Bro. Gary North of SW Seminary as song leader.

Mr. and Mrs. Olen Horn were visiting in Colorado City, Monday.

Sympathy is extended to the John Eaker family in the recent drowning of a nephew R. Eaker near Laredo.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Franklin, Melinda, Kenny and Jimmy Crow of near Snyder visited

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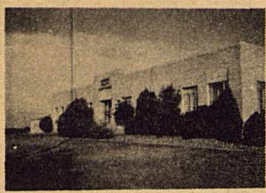
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**Court House
Happenings**



**Borden
County**

August 11

Mr. K. E. Rogers, Tax Valuation Engineer, Lone Wolf Electric Co-Operative, Colorado City, met with the Equalization Board, not to issue a formal protest but to ask for equalization as to assessment on all utility lines.

The following agents and tax representatives of various oil companies came before the Equalization Board, to-wit:

Mr. Nick Dragisic, Agent for Joseph I. O'Neill, Jr.

Mr. T. H. Hesterlee, Tax Representative, The Superior Oil Company.

K. Shriver, Tax Agent, Midwest Oil Company.

Frank Cooksey, Merredith and Campbell, Dallas.

V. H. Harris, Tax Representative, Texaco Inc.

Dan Hubbard, Tax Representative, Gulf Oil Company.

Bob McKenzie, Continental Oil Company.

B. R. Liscomb, Amoco Oil Company.

Dale Mount, Mobil Oil Company.

Glenn Gibson, Amarado-Hess.

With Nick Dragisic as spokesman for the group, Mr. Dragisic stated their wish was to go on record as protesting what they considered to be the Borden County Equalization Board's difference in the ratio between the local values and oil values.

Commissioner Walker made the statement that 1970 was the first time the oil companies had requested the Court or Equalization Board to re-value land for tax purposes and was given an option by the oil companies to either re-value land or return the tax value on Three Million dollar valuation to the Oil Companies.

The Three Million was returned to oil companies in 1970.

Due to a representative of Texaco, Inc. having previously informed the Court as Equalization Board that he was representative and spokesman for all oil companies, it was agreed by all parties that there

was a lack of communication between the court and the oil companies.

The Court was asked by a representative of the oil companies if they felt like they were being forced to re-valuate land or if in the Court's opinion it should be done.

The Court requested one year to study and consider the fair value on land for tax purposes.

The Court asked that the oil companies caucus and discuss their demands, some not being aware of the Court Order passed (Volume 7, Page 295), in view of Texaco Inc. representative contending he was spokesman for all companies.

Recess until after caucus.

Now comes Mr. James McLeroy, Superintendent of Borden County School and Mr. John R. Anderson, President of Borden County School Board and made the statements that the Borden County School Board understood that Mr. G. Miller, Texaco Inc., represented all oil companies, when he appeared before the School Board and the agreement was made for the School Board to be allowed one year to consider the re-evaluation and return a portion of the taxation value to oil companies. School Board negotiated in good faith and made the agreement and ready to live with it.

Mr. V. H. Harris was selected as spokesman for the oil companies, represented at this meeting. Mr. Harris requested for oil companies the same agreement with County as made with School, since the value of oil property was not equalized with local property. His point Judge Toombs interrupted and asked that it be understood that the difference in the values between the oil property and land is an opinion only of Mr. Harris and not a Court proven fact, and the one year is being requested to determine if the values are equal.

After lengthy discussion, Mr. Harris stated that the County could either give oil companies what they asked for, to-wit: The County return the increase in oil value to the oil companies and the County be given one year to re-value land or oil companies would file the case with District Court. All oil companies present agreed.

August 13

Motion made by Commissioner Don A. Jones that no discount be allowed on County Taxes for 1971, motion seconded by Commissioner M. Eddie Simer.

Voting For: Commissioners Walker, McKee, Jones and Simer

Voting Against: None
Commissioner Walker was contacted by telephone in Paris, Texas, to discuss the motion for

no discount allowance for the 1971 taxes. Commissioner Walker gave his approval of the motion and asked that he go on record as voting for said motion.

Motion made by Commissioner McKee and seconded by Commissioner Simer that the County raise the water minimum on all water consumers including parsonages from \$4.00 to \$6.00 per month on first 3000 gallons used, to raise water rate on Borden County Independent School District from 60c to 75c per thousand and all Church Buildings be on \$4.00 minimum, effective September 1, 1971.

Voting For: Commissioners Simer, Jones and McKee

Voting Against: None
Commissioner Walker Absent

Motion made by Commissioner Simer, and seconded by Commissioner Jones to raise the rent on the office occupied by A.S.C.S. and owned by the County from \$1,000 to \$1,800.00 per annum, effective July 1, 1972.

Voting For: Commissioners Simer, Jones and McKee

Voting Against: None
Commissioner Walker Absent

August, 16

Motion made by Commissioner Don A. Jones that all parties who own property in and around the City Tank be notified to permanently remove all private property in and around said tank by September 1, 1971, in order for County to begin clean up project. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hubert Walker and approved unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Hubert Walker and seconded by Commissioner Don A. Jones that Maintainance Operator be placed on an hour basis at \$2.50 per hour; that he work nine hours per day, five days per week full time. That

duties will be assigned to him by Commissioners' Court and time and duties approved by County Judge, effective September 1, 1971. He will have the same vacation and holiday time as paid the road hands (Vol. 7, Page 115), \$75.00 per month travel allowance and 12c per mile for out of County business travel. Motion approved unanimously.

The Texas Motor Vehicle Laws (Sec. 2), damage to County roads caused by trucks hauling heavy equipment, and farm equipment turned in the right-of-ways were discussed. Farmers Trucking Company was represented by several drivers to discuss the requirements and permits through Borden County. It was agreed that notices (or warnings) stating the law on the abuse of County roads be mailed to land owners, farmers, oil companies and trucking firms. Said notices to be executed and mailed by the County Judge.

**County
Water Rates**

GAIL—The recent price increases on water rates and minimums set by the Commissioners Court as so stated in a recent notice will be frozen as per the President's order to freeze all prices and wages.

"REBEKAHS HAD FUN NIGHT"

Members of Tahoka Lodge No. 209 entertained their families and friends Tuesday night August 31st at 8 p.m. in Rebekah Hall. Table games were played, cake and ice cream served. There was no admission charge. Everyone brought his favorite game, for an evening of good clean fun with friends.

Tid Bits

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Thurs. in the Don Franklin home.

Mrs. Barbra Elliott visited Ora Mae Graham & her daughter during the summer. Barbara is now teaching in Bay City, Texas.

Fluvanna

Mrs. Clyde Miller returned home Saturday following a months stay in Colorado Springs for medical treatment. Barbara Miller of Fluvanna was her companion during her stay there.

Jana and Wes Weston visited at the Rafter Cross Ranch last week. Their grandmother, Mrs. Frank Miller returned with them to Clovis, New Mexico and assisted in preparations for moving to Adel, Oregon where Mack Weston is to be assistant manager for the 1,000,000 acre ranch of the Northwestern Cattle and Projects Co. Before returning home, Mrs. Miller visited with Mrs. George Clark of Clovis, Mrs. Adella Shaw of Plainview and The Bill Dunlaps of Ralls, all of whom are former Borden County citizens.

Mrs. Emma Meyers of Seminole, sister of Mrs. Clyde Miller, died Saturday at the age of 88. She was buried in Snyder. Other survivors include her sisters, Mrs. Minnie Whitley and Mrs. O. D. McGlaun of Snyder, Mrs. Logan Williamson of Clovis, New Mexico and a brother, Ira Riley of Pecos, Texas.

Mrs. Bessie Maynard, mother of Don Cox of Gail, is recuperating from surgery in the Cogdell Memorial Hospital in Snyder.

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Borden County School News

Regular Board Meeting

Board members present: T. L. Griffin, Kenneth Williams, Jim Burkett, Ab Hendley, Martin Parks, Doyle Newton and John Anderson.

Minutes

President Anderson called for the reading of the minutes. A motion was made by Ab Hendley and seconded by Martin Parks.

Motion carried.

Budget Hearing

President Anderson called for a review of the proposed budget. The budget was presented by superintendent McLeroy. After a careful review, a motion was made by Jim Burkett and seconded by T. L. Griffin that the proposed budget be adopted for the 1971-1972 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

BILLS

A copy of the bills were sent to each member at the time the agenda was sent out. After explanations of some of the bills, a motion was made by Kenneth Williams and seconded by Jim Burkett to pay bills.

Motion carried.

Bids on vehicles

Bids were received and opened on the following vehicles: One 1971 LTD Ford, one 1953 Chevrolet pickup, one Dodge Cargo truck, and one International panel truck.

The bids were read by president Anderson as follows:

1971 LTD Ford

Ab Hendley; \$3,000.05

Ernest Tuener; 2,905.00

Kenneth Cunningham; 2,771.50

1953 Chevrolet Pickup

K. T. Reddell; 62.31

Benny Edwards; 52.50

Dodge Cargo Truck

Benny Edwards; 54.51

A motion was made by Jim Burkett and seconded by Martin Parks to accept the highest bids on vehicles.

Motion carried.

President Anderson entertained a motion to direct the superintendent to dispose of the panel truck. It was moved by Martin Parks and seconded by T. L. Griffin that the above mentioned vehicle be disposed of.

Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report

1. Revised Budget for 1970-1971 School Year

President Anderson directed the superintendent to lead the board in a discussion of the revised budget for the 1970-1971 school year.

discussion: Each item was reviewed and discussed, and a comparison was made of the

amended budget and the original official budget. It was recommended that two buses be purchased each year. It was felt that this would keep our bus fleet up-to-date and cut our bus maintenance cost. The purchase of an activity bus was tabled indefinitely. Superintendent McLeroy concluded the review and opened the meeting for questions. President Anderson commended Mr. McLeroy for the leadership in the handling the financial matters of Borden County Independent School District. A motion was made by Doyle Newton and seconded by Kenneth Williams to adopt the revised budget.

Motion carried.

Late Transfers

Superintendent McLeroy informed the board that late transfers had been approved by the school district for Steve Kinnard and Brent Rhoton.

Curriculum for 1971-1972 School Year

A report was given on the curriculum in Borden Schools as it has been planned for the 1971-1972 school year. Also, the superintendent reported on the pre-school teacher workshops. It was reported that the class schedule and calendar was prepared and school would begin on Monday, August 23, as scheduled.

Bus Routes

Superintendent McLeroy reported that two new buses had arrived and were pending assignment. The board directed superintendent McLeroy to assign the buses as needed and route the buses at his discretion.

Adjourn

There being no further business, President Anderson concluded the meeting.

F. H. A. Officers

Meet

The Borden Future Homemakers of America officers met August 20, 1971 for an executive meeting. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss and plan the Chapter's activities and goals for the on coming school year. For each month a project was planned that will be beneficial to the club members as to people in the community. Attending the meeting were: President: Cindy Brown, Vice-President: Annette Couch; Secretary: Julia Benavidez, Parliamentarian: Maggie Killough, Historian: Bobbie Briggs, Pianist: Vickie Newton; Reporter: Sherry Jackson; Advisor: Mrs. Kountz.

School Year Begins

The 1971-72 school year officially opened for Borden County Schools August 23. As with every new school year, the most excited were the brand new first graders. Mr. Ben Jarrett, Elementary Principal, introduced these fine little ones at a general assembly in the Borden Auditorium. As each student was announced and went forward, a blue ribbon stating FIRST DAY, was awarded by Superintendent McLeroy. First graders were easily recognized throughout the day with their blue ribbons. Borden County welcomes the addition of these fourteen important new students.

Also introduced during the general assembly were Borden County's new teachers: Mrs. Borden Gray, Mrs. Ross Westbrook, Mr. Harold Scott, and Mrs. Jim Parker.

New students throughout the school were announced and asked to stand. Welcome to Borden County, all of you!

As of August 27, 1971 there are 75 students enrolled in Borden High School. This is a decrease of 3 students in the upper 4 grades when compared to last years enrollment on this date. Individual class enrollments show 18 seniors, 12 juniors, 28 sophomores and 17 freshman.

Gail Officer FFA Election

At a meeting of the Freshmen Vo. Ag. students, August 26, 1971, the following Greenhand Officers were elected for the 1971-72 school year:

President, Kern Lockhart.
Vice-President, Monte Smith.
Secretary, Jimmy McLeroy.
Treasurer, Teddy Cooley.
Reporter, Billy Jackson.
Sentinel, Clifton Smith.

Immunization Program Being Established

The Borden County Schools are in the process of establishing a program to immunize all students in the system against polio, smallpox, diphtheria, tetanus, measles, and Rubella. It is hopeful at this time that all inoculation can be administered through our health program. Parents will be notified as to what the program will consist of and permission slips will be sent home by each student. Parents must give authorization to the school before any measure on the part of the school will be taken.

If your child has had any type of immunization that has not

been entered on the school health records, we urge that you contact Mrs. R. C. Lott, the school nurse, and give her this information at your earliest convenience.

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