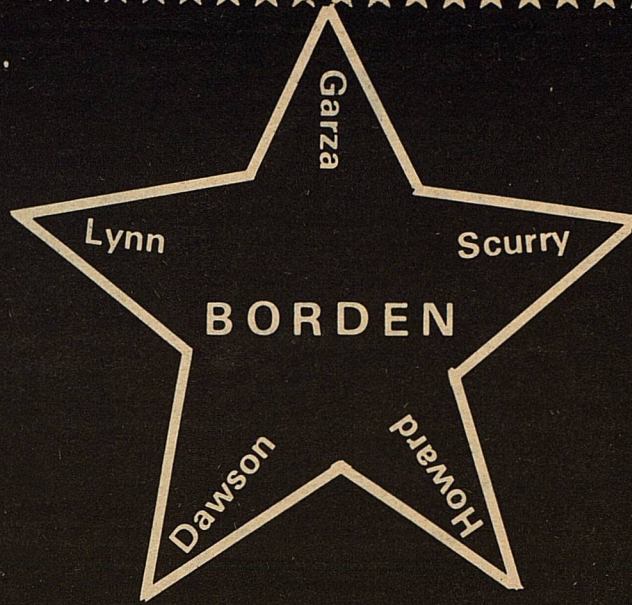


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OPAL FOREHAND
... crocheted tablecloth takes first place

ACCIDENT CAN'T KEEP FIGHTER DOWN

A delicate, white lace tablecloth, with a first-place blue ribbon pinned to it, displayed in the Modern Living Mall during the West Texas Fair, was testimony to the determination and spirit of a brave 73-year-old lady.

Opal Forehand, a resident of Happy Haven Nursing Home, crocheted the intricately designed tablecloth and is now working on her fifth one. Last year, a large doily she made earned a second place ribbon at the fair.

In November 1974, Mrs. Forehand lay in a coma at Hendrick Medical Center. In addition to a severe head injury, she had a badly damaged right arm and suffered serious back and internal injuries.

She sustained the near-fatal injuries in an automobile accident that took the life of her 82-year-old mother, Bettie Jennings. Mrs. Forehand

spent 60 days in the hospital and underwent three major surgeries. It was doubtful from the start that she could survive.

"She was really a fighter, though," said Viola Sutton, who has seen the "miracle" of Opal Forehand from the start. Now a nurse at Happy Haven, she was an intensive care nurse at Hendrick at the time of the accident.

"Her arm was so badly damaged, it seemed she would surely lose it; it was almost severed--the worst compound fracture I ever saw," she said. "There was no doubt in anyone's mind that if the surgeons could save it, she never would be able to use that arm."

A week after she had major surgery on her arm, exploratory surgery revealed a tear in her right kidney, and two weeks later, the kidney had to be removed.

"She was brought back to

the intensive care unit three or four times following that surgery, each time in extremely critical condition," Mrs. Sutton said. "But, like I said, she was a fighter. And now she is winning prizes for needlework at the fair."

She couldn't use her arm and hand when she went into the nursing home Jan. 21, 1975. It has taken determination and practice for her to regain expertise with crochet hook and knitting needles.

It takes about eight months for her to complete one of the tablecloths, each of which requires 6,000 yards of Size 20 thread. She has also made 25 or 30 doilies since she's been at the nursing home.

She began crocheting 50 or 60 years ago, she said, but she didn't start knitting until World War II. "I knitted 72 articles for the Red Cross during the war. I made some gloves, too, and they require the use of four needles." Her late husband, who learned to knit "cufflets" for the soldiers during World War I, taught her to knit.

A resident of Scurry and Borden Counties before the accident, she used to sell crocheted and knitted articles on commission through a shop. She has also made two bedspreads: "Only two--one for my daughter and one for myself," she said. "They just take too long."

When she first went to the nursing home, she was a bed patient. "She wanted so much to get up, we helped her into a chair beside her bed."

Mrs. Sutton said. "Then she wanted to try a wheelchair. Now she can walk with the use of a walker and wheels herself around in her chair anywhere she wants to; and she usually has her crochet work on her

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GRAMM LAUDS UNEMPLOYMENT DROP

The recent sharp decline in unemployment carries a message, "and the message of this good economic news is that our program is working for the working people," said U.S. Rep. Phil Gramm.

"The drop in unemployment was dramatic," he added. "Down to 8.8 percent nationwide and down to 6.9 percent in Texas. Both figures represent a decline of about 20 percent below the peak of the recession and they provide new verification that our hard-won victories in cutting the growth of federal spending and putting more money back into the pockets of the people who earned it were worth the fight."

The congressman also pointed out that "the economic recovery program has now created 2.8 million

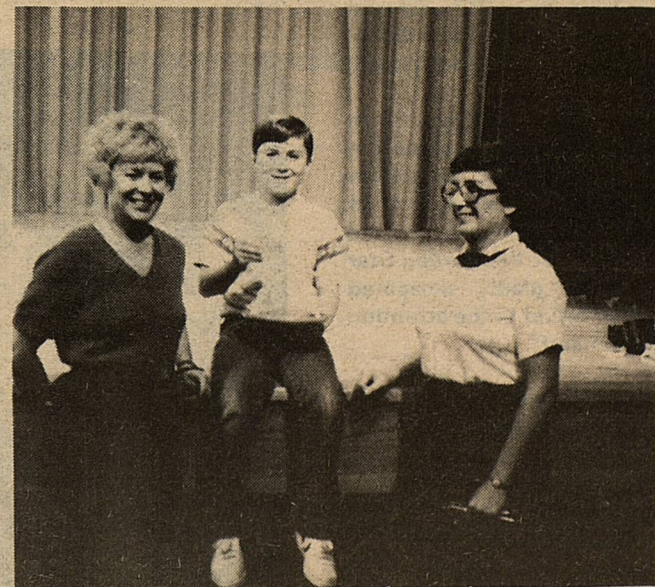
jobs in the private sector, and those jobs are going to all segments of our society.

"Unemployment among all age groups, all races and both men and women has declined sharply."

At the same time, Gramm said, the inflation rate for this year is holding steady at below 4 percent, "and merchants are looking forward to their best Christmas in years."

"These are all clear signals of a robust economy, and the message they carry is equally clear--the President's economic recovery program is working and we need to stay with that program."

Congressman Gramm was co-author of the Gramm-Latta budget bills and the Bipartisan Recovery Budget, which formed the core of President Reagan's economic recovery program.



CHAMPION READER
SHAYNE KEMPER WINNER OF THE READ-A-THON with Mrs. Virginia Brackett and Sue Smith. Shane read 72 books
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Borden County School News

MS READATHON SUCCESSFUL

Simona Benavidez and Doug Adams

Thirty-seven students from Borden County Elementary School participated in the 1983 MS Read-a-thon, reading a total of 759 books and collecting \$1554.19.

The champion reader was Shane Kemper. Shane read seventy-two books and was presented with a belt buckle. Shane stated, "It was a good challenge for me as a kid and it felt good to know I was helping others as well as myself." Other

winner and participants are as follows:

Grade 2-Meguel Hernandez, Mendy Hensley, Jim Evans, Branden Adcock, Cassey Overton, Keith Monger and Gary Ray Engleson.

Grade 3-Armonda Carrizales, Shawn Lewis, Jacquelyn McPhaul, Klint Kemper, Clint Anderson, Clay Miller, and Cindy Cundiff.

Grade 4-Angela Evans, Tammy Voss, Kelly Ogden, Cathy Munoz, Valerio Hernandez, Kristen Monger,

Pat Underwood, Amanda Anderson, Wacey Parks, Bruce Harris, Jason Mize, Beverly Davis, Allen Pearson, Shara Woodward, A'Lise Lloyd and Shayne Hess.

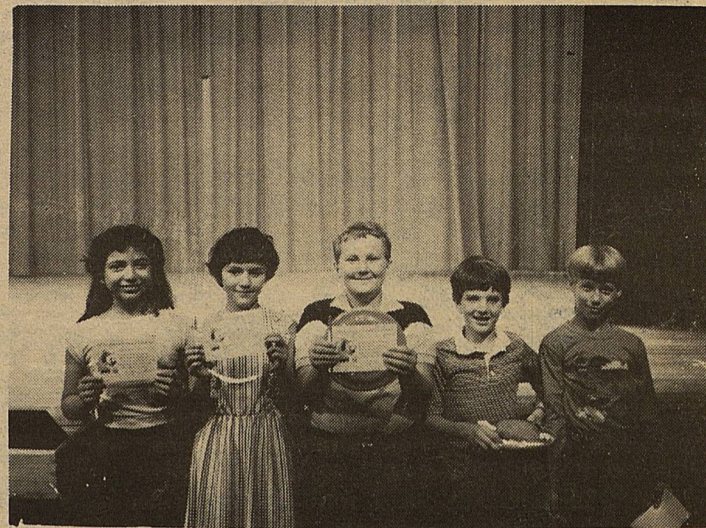
Grade 5-Eric Lusk and Charla Lewis

Grade 6-Rachel Romero, Lance Telchik, and Jim Ridenour.

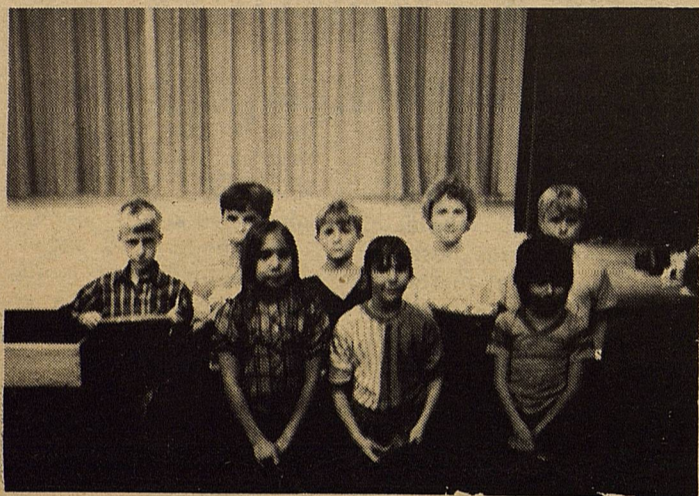
Mr. Fred Ridenour, Junior High Teacher stated, "It was a worthwhile cause and it encouraged kids to read more."

Prizes given were pens, frisbies, T-shirts, athletic bag, sport watches, calculator, and metal belt buckle.

Mrs. Sue Smith, coordinator for the event would like to thank everyone who helped make the 1983 MS Read-a-thon a success.



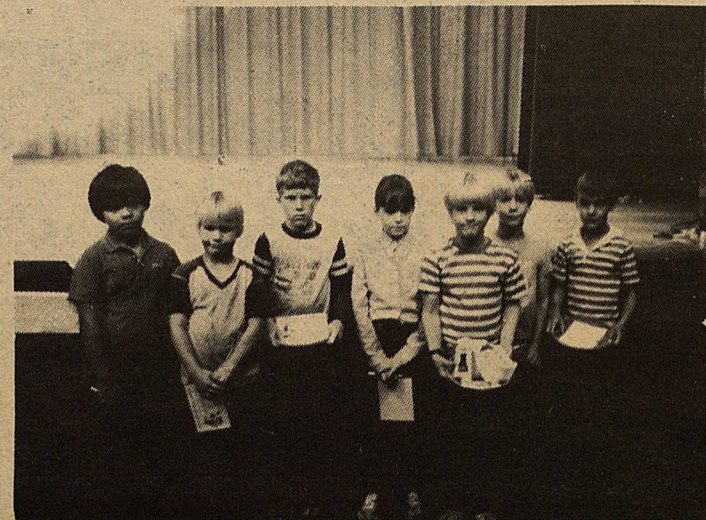
5TH AND 6TH GRADE Read-A-Thon winners-Rachel Romero, Charla Lewis, Lance Telchik, Eric Lusk, Jim Ridenour.



3rd Grade Winners-Back-Shawn Lewis, Clay Miller, Klint Kemper, Jacquelyn McPhaul, Clint Anderson. Front-Cindy Cundiff, Tammy Kinney and Armonda Carrizales.

Junior High Coyote Basketball

Twenty-one boys reported for the first day of basketball practice for Junior High. Team members are Harrold Barnes, Monte Floyd, David Holmes, Ray Martinez, Will Phinizy, Richie Anderson, Randell Hollis, Alex Lemons, Cody Cooley, Jimmy Gaddis, Patrick "Fuzz" Herridge, Jon Herring, Jim Ridenour, Jimmy Rios, James Smith, Armondo Soto, Cody Stone, Lance Telchik, Chad Williams, Chad Vaughn, and a new comer, Wally Breazeale. The teams first game is November 28th at the Borden County gym with Grady. Game time is 6:00.



2nd Grade Read-A-Thon Winners-Meguel Hernandez, Junior Engleson, Cassey Overton, Mendy Hensley, Keith Monger, Brandon Adcock and Jim Evans.



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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.



Several Read-A-Thon Participants wait in the school auditorium to find out who won all of the prizes.



4th Grade Read-A-Thon Winners-back row-Kristen Monger, Allen Pearson, Angela Evans, Cathy Munoz, Beverly Davis, Alise Lloyd, Bruce Harris, Jason Mize. Front-Valerio Hernandez, Amanda Anderson, Tammy Voss, Patsy Underwood, Wacey Parks, Shara Woodward, Shayne Hess and Kelly Ogden.

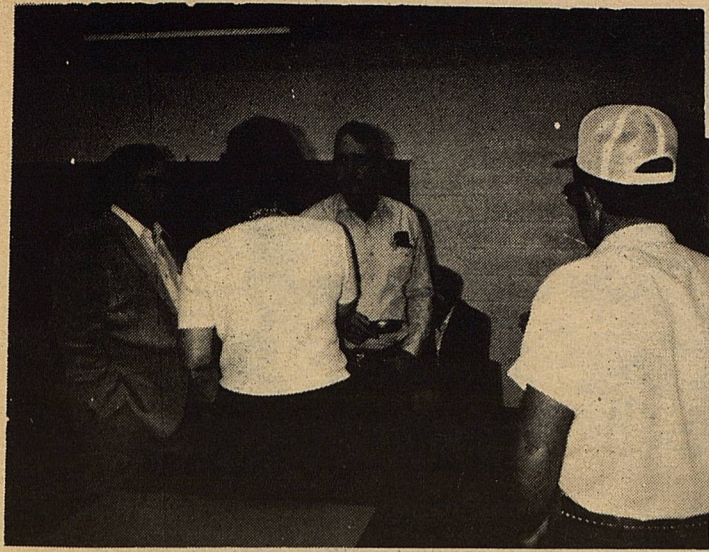
A&M leads South in private donations

COLLEGE STATION— Texas A&M University is the only institution in the South or Southwest ranked among the leaders in voluntary financial support, according to figures provided by the Council for Financial Aid to Education.

The national survey listed Texas A&M fifth among all public institutions in private

gifts for 1981-82, with \$40.7 million in voluntary giving. The only public universities reporting higher contributions were (in order) UCLA, the University of Minnesota, the University of Michigan and the University of Illinois.

Texas A&M ranked 16th overall among all colleges and universities nationwide.



Mrs. Pat Porter, co-ordinator of the Drug Abuse Program, visits with Van York, Buster Taylor and Gerald Boyd.

Twenty-Four Attend Town Meeting

Twenty-four interested individuals attended the showing of *The Chemical People* in the school conference room last Wednesday. The second film will be shown at 7:30 p.m. this Wednesday, November 9. Hosted by Nancy Reagan, this effort has the participation of over 30 national organizations and nearly 300 local PBS stations all across the Country.

A town meeting was held following the filming last week. According to school students, law enforcement officials, and school administrators there is definitely an alcohol problem in the county at this time. The panel consisting of Tammy Miller and Samantha Porter, high school students; Buster Taylor, Constable; Van York, County Judge; Mickey McMeans, high school principal; Ben Jarrett, Elementary Principal and James McLeroy, Superintendent of

schools voiced a concern about the problem and urged parents to be aware of the growing abuse of alcohol in their young people.

During the panel discussion the members were asked "Do you feel that we have a drug problem at this time." All panel members advised that there was definitely an alcohol problem, but none knew of a hard drug problem. We cannot turn our backs on a problem such as alcohol, because it is a drug problem.

Also if we can control an alcohol problem we can also face a drug problem as the two would go hand in hand.

Young people sometimes meet in groups in different locations to visit and drink what is made available to them. The alcohol is usually brought in by former students. This happens usually after ballgames and sometimes before ballgames. The trouble is, the school administration has no authority at all,

unless the alcohol is brought onto the school campus, which is usually not the case. As Samantha Porter put it, "You would be surprised where they can hide it." The law enforcement officers hesitate to take steps because when a student or anyone is arrested in Borden County, they must be taken to jail in Snyder. Snyder has very strict laws concerning

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Commissioner of Education to Speak in Littlefield

Timon L. Bynum, Commissioner of Education for the State of Texas, will speak in Littlefield November 17 at the Lamb County Ag and Community Center at a 7:30 p.m. meeting sponsored by District 14 of the Texas PTA and the South Plains Area PTA Council.

Mrs. Warren B. Tynes, Waco, State Board of Education member and president of Texas PTA, will also speak at the meeting.

Mr. Bynum will present information on the direction in education brought about by recent legislation and is expected to speak to proposals of the Governor's Select Committee on Public Education.

Mrs. Tynes will also speak on the activities of the State Board of Education and cooperative efforts of the Texas PTA and other educational organizations.

A reception honoring Mr. Bynum and Mrs. Tynes will be held at 7 p.m.

ARBOR DAY KITS AVAILABLE

To help Texas teachers and organizations conduct Arbor Day programs, the

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Texas Forest Service is offering free program kits.

Each kit includes a loblolly pine seed packet with planting instructions, program aids for a local Arbor Day observance, suggested classroom activities for teachers, and a copy of Governor White's proclamation.

Quantities are limited. Only one kit per teacher, group or organization will be distributed.

Arbor Day, to be observed this year on January 20,

1984 in Texas, has been an annual celebration in Texas since 1889. The event is to promote a greater appreciation of the beauty and value of trees and forests. The 1984 official state observance will be held in Grand Prairie.

Program chairpersons and teachers should address requests for Arbor Day kits to the Texas Forest Service, College Station, Texas 77843. Distribution, on a first-come, first-serve basis, will begin in mid-November.

BORDEN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL 1983-84 Basketball Schedule

DATE/DAY	OPPONENT	PLACE	GIRLS	BOYS	TIME
Nov. 22 (Tue)	Roby	T A-B	A	A	5:00
Nov. 29 (Tue)	Loop	T A	A	A	6:30
Dec. 6 (Tue)	Ropes	T A	A-B	A	5:00
Dec. 13 (Tue)	Hermleigh	H A	A-B	A	5:00
Jan. 3 (Tue)	Hermleigh	T A	A-B	A	5:00
Jan. 6 (Fri)	Dawson	H A	A-B	A	5:00
Jan. 10 (Tue)	Klondike	T A-B	A	A	5:00
Jan. 13 (Fri)	Greenwood	H A	A-B	A	5:00
Jan. 17 (Tue)	Sands	T A-B	A	A	5:00
Jan. 19 (Thu)	Grady	H A	A-B	A	5:00
Jan. 24 (Tue)	Loop	H A	A	A	6:30
Jan. 27 (Fri)	Klondike	H A	A-B	A	5:00
Jan. 31 (Tue)	Greenwood	T A-B	A	A	5:00
Feb. 3 (Fri)	Sands	H A	A-B	A	5:00
Feb. 7 (Tue)	Grady	T A-B	A	A	5:00

Dec. 1, 2, 3 — New Home Tournament — A Girls, A Boys
 Dec. 8, 9, 10 — Highland Tournament — A Girls, A Boys
 Dec. 15, 16, 17 — Borden Co. Tourn. — A Girls, A Boys

* District Games

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BORDEN COUNTY JUNIOR HIGH 1983-84 Basketball Schedule

DATE/DAY	OPPONENT	PLACE	GIRLS	BOYS	TIME
Nov. 28 (Mon)	GRADY	H A	A	A	6:00
Dec. 5 (Mon)	GREENWOOD	T A	A	A	6:00
Dec. 12 (Mon)	KLONDIKE	H A	A	A	6:00
Dec. 19 (Mon)	— OPEN —				
Jan. 2 (Mon)	— OPEN —				
Jan. 9 (Mon)	SANDS	T A	A	A	6:00
Jan. 16 (Mon)	GRADY	T A	A	A	6:00
Jan. 23 (Mon)	GREENWOOD	H A	A	A	6:00
Jan. 30 (Mon)	KLONDIKE	T A	A	A	6:00
Feb. 6 (Mon)	— OPEN —				
Feb. 9 (Thu)	SANDS	H A	A	A	6:00
Jan. 12, 13, 14	— Grady Tournament —		A Girls, A Boys		

* District Games

B Games May Be Added When Possible

School Lunch Menu

November 14-18, 1983

	Lunch	Breakfast
Monday	Fish Sticks Spinach Cole Slaw Fruit Cornbread Milk Salad Bar	Coffee Cake Applesauce Milk
Tuesday	Chalupas Shredded Lettuce Pinto Beans Fruit Cobbler Milk Salad Bar	Buttered Toast Fruit Juice Milk
Wednesday	Vegetable Beef Stew Pimento Cheese Fruit Salad Cornbread Milk Salad Bar	Biscuits & Sausage Fruit Milk
Thursday	Turkey and Dressing Green Beans Vegetable Salad Candied Sweet Potatoes Cranberry Sauce Milk Salad Bar	Toast & Jelly Fruit Juice Milk
Friday	Hamburgers French Fries Lettuce & Tomatoes Cookies Milk Salad Bar	Cereal Fruit Milk

NOVEMBER 1983

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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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	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		

LOCAL NEWS

Darryl Steadman, brother of Janene Day, recently organized and oversaw a "Wild, Wild West" wild game dinner sponsored by the San Antonio Museum Association. More than 100 charcoal-broiled dove and 400 fried and barbequed dove, along with other dishes such as whole roasted audad, mushi venison crepes, fried cattish, build-your-own potatoe skins, oysters, and a multitude of desserts were prepared for this year's fund-raising dinner.

Mr. Preston Sharp enjoyed his 94th birthday Sunday October 30, 1983 with family and friends.

Those present were Buddy and Margaret of the home, Ross, Sarah and Jason of Gail, Renee and Joshua Hobson of Lamesa, and a long time friend, Margaret's Mother, Mrs.

MEETING

the drunken drives or etc. Confinement in the Scurry County Jail would cause the student to have a record for the rest of his (her) life. So you can see the problem. The child needs help at home to overcome this temptation.

We all know the problem. Millions of teen-agers are already abusers and many more are threatened by

Visiting in the Buddy Sharp home Tuesday were Gilbert and Myrble Spurlock of Lamesa and Helen Deaton (daughter) of Post.

Buddy, Gilbert and Helen had an enjoyable evening fishing while Margaret and Myrble bab

Toby, Nan and Preston E. Sharp returned safely from their fishing trip to Port Aransas. They caught lots of fish, but Nan wonders if it is worth it. She had to pay a visit to the Dr.'s office with a bronchial infection.

Buddy and Margaret Sharp spent an enjoyable week recently visiting elderly uncles, aunts and friends in Florence, Killeen, Temple and Georgetown.

Annetta Hallmark of Florence, Texas who is visiting a few weeks here. Mrs. Hallmark celebrated her 85th birthday September 17, 1983.

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drugs and alcohol. But when will we be willing to admit that those teens are in our communities, our schools, and our homes--not someone else's?

CARRIBBEAN PASTOR TO BE IN GAIL

Bro. Kelvin Jones, pastor of Mount Carmel Baptist Church in St. Kitts (St. Christopher), West Indies will speak Sunday the 13th at First Baptist Church, Gail. St. Kitts is the youngest country in the world, having only this year received independence from Great Britian. The small island is only about 300 miles from Grenada.

As a teenager, Bro. Jones was a member of a black street gang on the island. Late in his teens he became a Christian under the influence of Bro. William Conner, the first Baptist on St. Kitts. Since that time, roughly twenty years ago,

Mrs. Forehand

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lap.

There are times when Mrs. Forehand is too busy to do handwork. She watches the Dallas Cowboy games on television. The accident left her with extensive hearing loss, but she hears television with the use of earphones.

"We know not to disturb her when the Cowboys are on," Mrs. Sutton said. "She'll miss a meal if they play past supper time. She'd 'rather watch the Cowboys than eat,' she says. She's also a Texas Rangers fan and has been to one of their games."

Born January 31, 1910, in Comanche County, Mrs. Forehand lived in East Texas until her family moved to Runnels County in 1924. She married Bogue Forehand December 30, 1927, and they farmed in Runnels County and later stock farmed in Scurry and Borden Counties until his death.

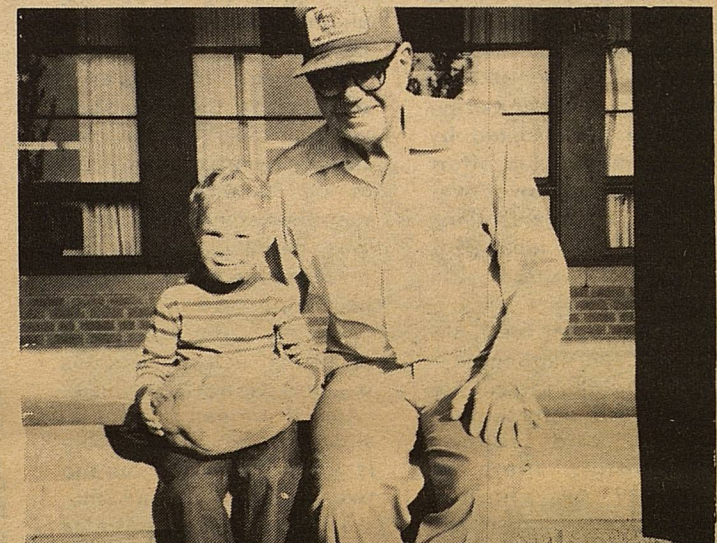
Her daughter and son-in-law are Jo and Herchell McIntire, 1383 Mimosa. She has a grandson, Larry Don McIntire of Dallas, and is eagerly looking forward to the birth of her first great-grandchild in March.



GUS AND MARY V.

The children of Gus and Mary V. Sherrill are honoring their parents on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a reception in the fellowship hall of the O'Donnell United Methodist Church. All friends and relatives are invited to come help them celebrate this joyous occassion. Your friendship through the years will be your gift to them. We request no other.

The Sherrils have three children and nine grandchildren



Buddy Sharp and his grandson, Preston are shown with a 10 1/4 pound sweetpotato that Buddy grew in his garden. Three year old Preston helped his grandfather grow this potato with many more. They also have a 5 1/2 pound potato and one vine grew 19 1/2 pounds of sweetpotatoes.

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WILL ROGERS RAN AWAY TO TEXAS

He was 19 years old in 1898, and he had been to a variety of schools in Oklahoma and Missouri, but he rarely stayed longer than three months. Of the last school, a military academy, Will Rogers said he and the commandant "had reached complete disagreement as to how the school should be run," and Rogers, "being an accommodating boy, got out." A classmate had told him about Little Robe Ranch near Higgins in the Texas Panhandle, and that's where he headed when he left school. He became "jest a cowboy on the open range," and he worked hard.

Ranching wasn't new to William Penn Adair Rogers. He had grown up on his father's ranch in Indian Territory (present

Oklahoma). The youngest of several children, he became his mother's pet and did exactly as he pleased without any arguing, which prompted his father, Clem, to say, "There's a lot of mule in Willie." He learned to ride before he could walk, and a black man, whose job was to watch the boy when he was outside, taught Will Rogers how to handle a rope. At first, roping was a way to keep the boy out of mischief, and then it became such a fascination to Will that he cared for little else, his studies least of all.

In Texas, Will became best friends with Frank Ewing, son of the owner of Little Robe Ranch. Even after Rogers drifted on to other ranches and then joined a wild west show, he continued to come back to

see his dear friend. When Will Rogers, the boy who seemed so unsuccessful, finally found his niche on the stage, he earned fame around the world for his "down home" philosophy and his general good-natured humor. Will Rogers laughed at himself while he poked fun at others.

The Texas Historical Commission has placed an Official Texas Historical Marker honoring Will Rogers in City Park on US Highway 60, Higgins, Lipscomb County. The National Register of Historic Places in Texas, archeological investigations, and museum services are other programs administered by the Texas Historical Commission.

BEWARE OF PEDDLERS

Lubbock-The Better Business Bureau of the South Plains has received calls from all over the South Plains area regarding a company called TRADE-TECH out of San Diego, CA going door to door selling magazine subscriptions. As far as this office knows, none of the representatives of this company have permits to peddle in Lubbock.

According to the BBB-San Diego, this company is too new in their area to issue a report, however; they also have them listed as Star Gazers out of Las Vegas, Nevada. A check with the BBB-Las Vegas reveals that Star Gazers is owned by Lonnie Devine and the company has the same address and principals as a company

called Magnet and a company called Star Press International a-k-a National Press and Associates. Bureau files on National Press and Associates shows that the company is out of Florida and that the Orange County Circuit Court issued a default final judgment against Lonnie Devine and David L. Combs, owners, charging them with non-delivery of books and magazines, failure to give refunds, and misrepresentation. They have also been ordered to relieve themselves of any interest in Star Press International and National Press and Associates must reimburse injured consumers, and forfeit all property. The final hearing was April 15, 1983 and any consumers who had

complaints after that date should forward them to the Federal Trade Commission's Atlanta regional office.

Representative of TRADE-TECH are presently in the Lubbock area selling their magazine subscriptions and based on Bureau files, BBB-South Plains advises caution in dealing with this company. Company representatives are requesting checks to be made out to "Cash" so if you were to have a complaint, you would not have proof that you gave the check to the company. The representatives do not have a license to peddle in Lubbock and from the calls this office has received, they have not obtained licenses anywhere else on the South Plains either.

CONGRESS APPROVES STENHOLM MEASURE

Washington--The House of Representatives approved a measure by Congressman Charles W. Stenholm (D-Stamford) to protect American farmers from the threat of grain embargoes.

Stenholm offered the measure as an amendment to the Export Administration Act (EAA), a bill governing U.S. foreign sales. The Stenholm amendment, passed by voice vote, ensured that the EAA does not affect the 270-day contract sanctity for farm exports which Congress passed last year.

"There was real danger that the EAA would compromise contract sanctity," Stenholm said. "This would have made our foreign customers lose confidence in our reliability as a supplier, and thus cost us export sales. In turn, that would have meant lower prices for American farmers."

Under present contract sanctity law, existing agricultural export contracts are protected in the event of another embargo like the one imposed on farmers in 1980. Contracts in force at the time an embargo is imposed can be fulfilled as long as they call for delivery

within 270 days.

"Contract sanctity was one of the major goals of the agriculture industry for several years," Stenholm said. "It means more exports, and therefore higher returns for American farmers. We finally got contract sanctity last year, and my amendment makes sure we keep it."

Without the Stenholm amendment, there could have been a conflict between the EAA and contract sanctity. A future grain embargo would have left farmers without protection even for existing export contracts.

Fourteen major national farm organizations sent letters to all members of the House urging support of the Stenholm amendment. The amendment was also promoted through the Congressional Agricultural Forum, a bipartisan group of farm-state members of Congress which Stenholm leads.

"The agricultural community was really united on this one," Stenholm said. "This shows that working together, agriculture can be successful in passing legislation. But it only works when we all stand united."

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(AUSTIN)—Federal Judge Lucius Buntin of Midland has set Dec. 1 as the date for an El Paso hearing on a motion for a preliminary injunction ordering U.S. Agriculture Secretary John Block to "activate and implement any one or all of seven specific disaster relief programs" to provide inexpensive livestock feed to drought-stricken West Texas ranchers.

The motion was filed as part of a lawsuit by Texas Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower and Attorney General Jim Mattox on Nov. 1 in an effort to force Block to exercise his discretionary authority to provide the disaster aid. By refusing to implement available disaster provisions in federal law, the Hightower/Mattox suit claims, Block has "arbitrarily and capriciously abused the discretion" given him by Congress to ease the impact on agriculture of natural disasters such as floods and drought.

Hightower has been battling for three months to convince Block to release to the ranchers nearly 20 million bushels of badly-deteriorated corn stored in the PLB Grain Storage Corp. facility in Plainview. The corn, much of it stored in the facility since the 1979-80 Russian grain embargo, costs taxpayers \$532,000 per month to store, Hightower said.

USDA officials have denied the corn is going out of condition, but an inspection

commissioned by Hightower's office and USDA documents released by Sen. Lloyd Bentsen's office indicate the corn is in much worse condition than USDA claims. The corn samples taken from the facility by Texas Agriculture Department inspectors were graded by a USDA-certified lab and indicated that well over half the corn has deteriorated past the allowable level for human consumption and much of it is "musty, moldy and weevilly."

USDA officials dismiss the TDA inspection as "unofficial" but thus far have refused to conduct an updated official inspection of their own to settle the dispute. Meanwhile, a U.S. House subcommittee is looking into the matter and Bentsen has asked the Senate Agriculture Committee to conduct its own inspection of the PLB facility.

Bentsen earlier succeeded in amending the dairy/tobacco price support bill to include a measure ordering Block to sell the corn to the drought-ravaged ranchers at a greatly reduced price, but at the time the Hightower/Mattox suit was filed, the bill still had to clear the House and its future was uncertain.

Hightower said the suit was filed mainly as a back-up measure and if the bill containing the Bentsen amendment wins congressional approval and is signed by the President, the suit would probably be dropped.



Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower, with Attorney General Jim Mattox at his side, tells a Capitol news

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News

by Jerry Stone

1984 UPLAND COTTON PROGRAM

- A. Target Price is 81 cents per pound
- B. National average loan rate is 55 cents.
- C. There will be no advance deficiency payments.
- D. Eligibility for program benefits is limited to participants in the 1984 upland cotton program.
- E. Maximum permitted upland cotton acreage for ARP is limited to no more than 75 percent of the farms base.
- F. A PIK PROGRAM FOR COTTON IS NOT AUTHORIZED@
- G. PAID DIVERSION IS NOT AUTHORIZED.
- H. Total acreage crop reduction required is equal to 33.33 percent of the total reported crop acreage. The reported acreage may not exceed the permitted acreage.
- I. 1984 acreage bases will be the average of your 1982 and 1983 planted and considered planted.
- J. There will be no cross or offsetting compliance.

DELAYED PIK ENTITLEMENTS FROM CCC INVENTORY

Due to recent legislation requiring CCC to reopen the upland cotton purchase program and the change in the 40 percent "harvest for pik" and satisfy 40 percent of PIK needs

Due to recent legislation requiring CCC to reopen the upland cotton purchase program and the change in the 40 percent "harvest for pik" requirements, PIK entitlements from CCC inventory has been delayed. We will notify you as soon as the cotton is received in the county office.

Producers due to receive PIK cotton from CCC must "HARVEST FOR PIK" and satisfy 40 percent of PIK needs by obtaining a loan on 1983 production. Check with us for further details.

WOOL AND MOHAIR

Producers are reminded to file wool and unshorn lamb sales documents as soon as the sale is complete. The following information is needed to complete your application: 1. Number of Head. 2. Date Shorn. 3. Unshorn lambs purchased.

CCC LOAN INTEREST RATE LOWERED TO 9-7/8 PERCENT FOR NOVEMBER

Washington, Nov. 2--Commodity and farm storage loans disbursed in November by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Commodity Credit Corporation will carry a 9 7/8 percent interest rate, according to CCC Executive Vice President Everett Rank.

The new rate, down from 10 percent, reflects the interest rate charged CCC by the U.S. Treasury in November, Rank said.

ECONOMIC EMERGENCY LOANS TO BE AVAILABLE FROM FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION

The economic emergency loan program which was in effect from 1978 to 1981 is being reopened by the Farmers Home Administration, probably before the end of this year.

These economic emergency (EE) loans are meant for farmers who are in financial trouble through no fault of their own. They differ from the natural disaster program for farmers in designated counties who have suffered severe production losses.

Economic emergency loans will be available to farmers who are in financial difficulty beyond their control, have tried unsuccessfully to get a loan from other sources and who can repay the loan over a period of time. Funds from these EE loans may be used to finance 1984 crop production, to pay overdue farm and family operating debts or for other related uses. An economic emergency loan to any one borrower cannot exceed \$400,000.

For direct loans--where FmHA lends money directly to the farmer...the interest rates will fluctuate with the cost of money borrowed by the government. Currently the EE interest rates are 11 1/4 percent for operating purposes and 11 3/4 for farm ownership loans, but the rates may change by late December when the program is expected to reopen.

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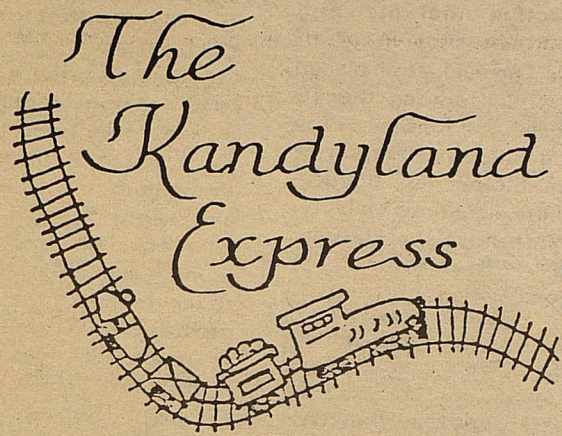


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TURKEY NUTRITIOUS BEST BUY

It's time to talk turkey.

Consumers shopping for the traditional holiday bird will be pleased to find that it's just as economical as last year.

Retail prices will be about the same, or only slightly higher than last year.

A larger than usual red meat supply is helping to keep prices stable in spite of increased feed costs for producers and a reduction in the excessive storage stocks of turkey from last year.

Shoppers will find plenty of turkey in the stores, but prices will vary significantly between different types of turkey products--plain whole turkey, self-basted store brands and self-basted national brands.

Economy and tradition aren't the only reasons that the average American consumes about 11 pounds of turkey per year. Turkey is one of the best high-nutrition, low-calorie foods around.

Roasted dark turkey meat contains 30 percent protein, 8.3 percent fat and 203 calories for a 100-gram serving, which is just under a quarter-pound. Roasted light meat contains 32.9 percent protein, 3.9 percent fat and only calories per serving.

When shopping for a turkey, look first for the white, circular USDA inspection mark located on the package. This mark assures that the processing was done under sanitary conditions.

The designation of a grade on turkeys is not mandatory, but a high percentage have a USDA grade mark.

Most turkeys sold at retail are Grade A turkeys. Some stores also have grade B turkeys and a few may

package grade C turkeys.

Don't hesitate to buy a grade B or C turkey when they are available. The price will be lower, and the factor that caused the lower grade, such as a skin tear, has nothing to do with the wholesomeness of the bird.

Since tenderness of the meat is determined by the age of the bird, and not the grade, size or sex, look for the words "young" or "fryer-roaster", to get a tender bird.

Plan on buying a turkey big enough to supply three-fourths pound per person, or one pound if you want leftovers.

Smaller families and singles can enjoy a holiday turkey without having to purchase more than they can eat by shopping for a turkey half or quarter. Most stores also carry frozen boneless roasts and rolls in a variety of serving sizes.

Since turkey leftovers can be frozen in any high-quality moisture and vapor-proof material for up to a year without losing quality, planned leftovers make good food management for large and small families.

Dieters should select fresh-dressed or frozen plain turkey. Pre-basted frozen turkeys have more calories and usually cost more. Those on salt-restricted diets should also avoid pre-basted or processed turkey, since salt is added to preserve the meat and enhance flavor.

COTTON COUNCIL TO MEET

Memphis--The National Cotton Council's 46th annual meeting will be held Feb. 5-7 at the Excelsior Hotel in Little Rock.

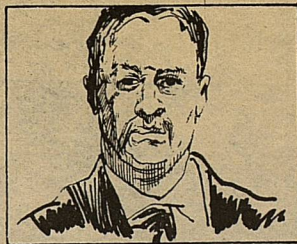
Council President Gerald Brewer, Fresno, California, will preside over the industrywide sessions which are expected to draw around 1,500 cotton leaders from some 17 states.

Committees will convene at the headquarters hotel Feb. 3-4 to review the past year's activities and draft policy resolutions to be submitted to the Co Council board and delegates. A prayer breakfast Feb. 5 will mark the official opening of the annual meeting, with general sessions planned for the following two days. Several nationally known speakers have been invited to address the convention.

William S. Carter, Clarkedale, Ark., producer, is chairman of the Arkansas host committee.

This year's meeting is the first to be held in Little Rock. In 1969, the Council held its convention in Hot Springs.

The Council is the central organization of the U.S. cotton industry is made up of producers, ginners, seed crushers, warehousemen, merchants, cooperative representatives, and textile manufacturers.



Theodore Roosevelt was the first U.S. President to visit a foreign country while in office. He traveled to Panama.

CAPITOL UPDATE

John Tower
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We observe Veterans Day this year at a time when we are still burying those who fell in Beirut and Grenada. We mourn their passing, but we are thankful for their dedication, just as we are grateful for the service rendered to us by those who have been members of our armed forces in the past.

This holiday began as Armistice Day, marking the occasion when the guns of World War I fell silent. That conflict was to be the "war to end all wars." The first Armistice Day was a time of great sadness for those who laid down their lives for peace and freedom throughout the world, but it also was a time of hope, a new beginning.

And so it is today. Tragically, we did not end all wars in 1918. Since that time, blood has been shed in many places around the world as we have tried to stop aggression and repression.

Sometimes we have done this as a unified nation, as in World War II when we and our allies united to fight the forces which sought to enslave the world. In Vietnam, however, our national policy was confused and lack of commitment to the task begun doomed our efforts to defeat. But whatever the nature of the conflict, American soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen have always answered the call and always fought with great dedication and valor.

Those who fought in Grenada, those who are charged with meeting our mission in Lebanon, and those who serve without fanfare every day throughout the world are continuing this tradition of service and courage. The real victories have been the occasions in which the presence and readiness of our forces have deterred aggression before it began, for our goal always is to keep peace, not to make war.

At Gettysburg, President Lincoln urged his listeners to dedicate themselves to the "unfinished work. . . thus far so nobly advanced." For the living to do this was the only real tribute possible for those who fell.

The work of protecting our precious freedoms, of preventing aggressive powers from swallowing up free nations, is still unfinished. It will continue as long as tyranny and aggression exist in the world.

So on this Veterans Day, let us remember the sacrifices made by valiant men in Grenada and Lebanon, the continuing service rendered by those men and women who each day perform their mission in those troubled lands and elsewhere around the globe, and the contributions of those who have served their nation through its armed services in the past.

But let us also use this occasion to rededicate ourselves to the task of establishing and maintaining peace on this earth, for only a nation united in resolve can meet effectively the enormous challenge of this task.

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BEHIND THE REAGAN ROAD TO PEKING LIES THE ECONOMIC MIRACLE OF TAIWAN

By Steve Mastly

Though Lebanon and Grenada dominate the headlines, it won't last forever. On November 8, President Reagan leaves for Japan and the Republic of Korea. Next Spring, he's scheduled to go to Peking.

Much will be at stake, not the least of which is the future of the 18-million Chinese living on Taiwan. The Republic of China (ROC) is one of America's largest trading partners. It also occupies a strategic defensive position in a part of the world that continues to be hostile to freedom and democracy.

While the Republic of China on Taiwan is not without fault, it has planted the seeds of democracy. There is freedom of speech and a free press. The political opposition operates openly and without fear. And the economy is a model for the rest of the region.

According to projections by the Taiwan government's Council for Economic Planning and Development, the gross national product will reach at least \$50.6 billion in 1983, a gain of 5.5 percent. The per capita income estimate is \$2,694. Foreign trade is expected to top \$43.77 billion, with exports at \$23.3 billion and imports at \$20.47 billion.

The annual growth of labor productivity has averaged about 5.8 percent over the last 30 years. Taiwan's new "Four-Year-Plan" for 1982 through 1985 anticipates a 5.3 percent annual increase in productivity and a 2.7-percent gain in employment.

Technological progress is the key to sustained economic growth. A comprehensive program for the promotion of science and technology has been updated with the help of Western scientists, educators and industrialists.

The government also has initiated or strengthened several programs of vocational training and upgraded the skills of industrial workers to meet the need for skilled manpower.

Like the United States and Great Britain, the Republic of China has tied its economic future to more private participation and a slowing of public sector investment. More resources will be devoted to the development of a private sector, more responsive to market forces and more open to competition from abroad.

There are many reasons

for optimism. A joint venture auto plant of the China Steel Corp. and Toyota Motor Co. of Japan will build 20,000 Corolla sedans in the first year of operation and 300,000 in the eighth year. The Taiwan Power Co. has decided to float an initial issue of \$50 million in corporate bonds in the United States as part of a program to attract more foreign capital to finance its

ongoing development projects. Morgan Guaranty Trust Co. and the Bank of America are among a large number of U.S. banks which have expressed an interest in marketing the issues.

Many leading international research institutions have given the Republic of China high marks for long-term surety in capital investment. In fact, Taiwan is viewed by many as one of the most

attractive markets and investment sites in all of Asia. The evaluation placed free China among the 10 lowest-risk countries in the world with consideration for such factors as political stability, economic viability, administrative efficiency, and degree of nationalization.

During the third annual ROC-USA Trade and Investment Forum held in Taipei in early May, the ROC announced that it would send its eighth largest "Buy American" trade mission to

the United States as part of free China's effort to narrow the trade gap.

Sustained growth of the ROC economy continues to present new opportunities for trade and investment throughout the free world and sends the 18-million people living on this thriving island a signal that the road to democracy is the path to prosperity. Regardless of what else he does on his upcoming Asia trips, President Reagan should reaffirm the United States' commitment to the free Chinese on Taiwan.

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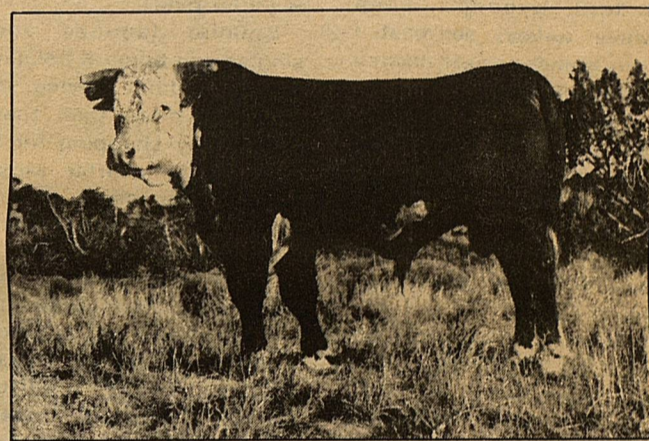
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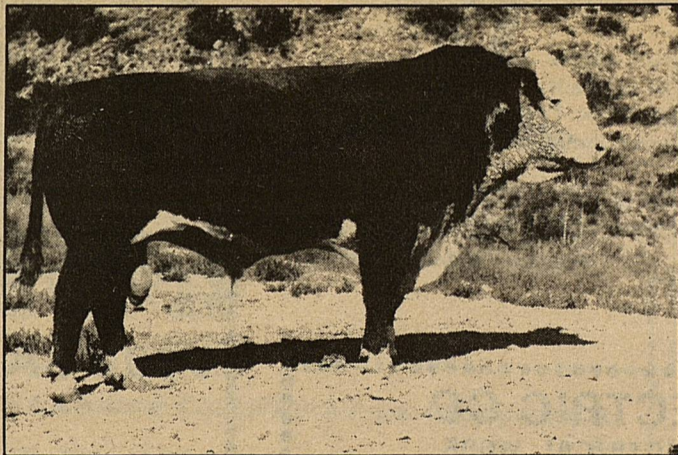
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