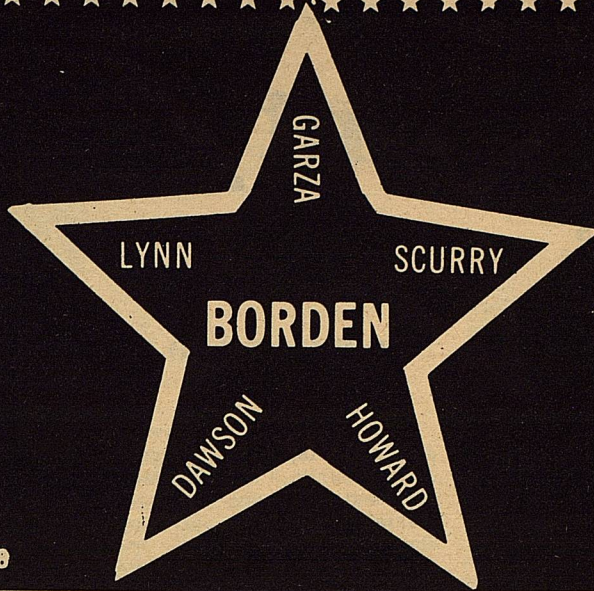


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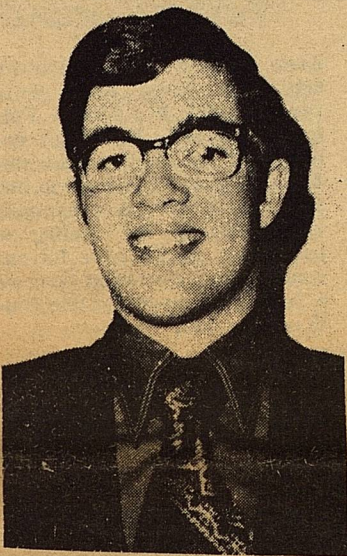
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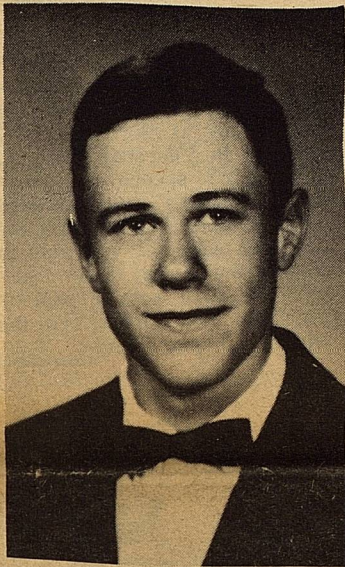


MARTY CLAYTON

Two native Borden Co. students took top honors at Texas A.&M. University this spring.

Marty Clayton, agricultural education major, was named the outstanding junior in the college of Agriculture. Marty was honored by Alpha Zeta, the honor society of agriculture. This award recognizes academic performance, leadership and activities.

Marty, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Mardes Clayton, graduated from Lamesa High School, having transferred from Borden County High School in 1969. He is from a long time ranching family of Borden County.



ELDON McCLURG

Eldon McClurg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer McClurg of Borden, was named Outstanding Sr. for 1973. A member of the student council, plant judging team, Phi Kappa Phi honorary society, Eldon was also named Outstanding Range Science student of 1973.

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Achieving Summa Cum Laude, Eldon graduated in the top 5% of his class with a grade point average of 3.80.

The McClurg's ranch in the south central part of the county.

summer.

We desperately need, at this time, an accomplished typist to see us through our training period. If this is you or you know of anyone qualified, please contact The Borden Star, Box 153, Gail Call Us?

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Revised Constitution Hearings

A roving 37 member Texas Constitutional Revision Commission (CRCC) is holding 18 public hearings throughout the state.

The Commission, led by vice-chairman Mrs. Malcolm Milburn of Austin has heard some interesting and controversial revision proposals in three area hearings including Lubbock Midland, and San Antonio LUBBOCK

With speakers limited to 7 minutes and most taking only 15, a Lubbock County Commissioner and two area judges took more than two hours of hearing time talking mostly on provisions for Counties.

Most of the discussion on county government centered on the question of home rule -- giving counties the same authority to regulate such things as land use that cities now enjoy.

The most ambitious county reform program laid before the Commission was proposed by Borden County Judge Genn Toombs. In his ten page presentation Toombs advocated the appointment (rather than election) by the commissioners court of the county clerk, sheriff, treasurer, and surveyor; the elimination of the office of county auditor, the work to be done by the treasurer; consolidation of all tax assessing and collecting into one office; state wide property assessment at 100 per cent of valuation; and election of commissioners and justices of the peace at large.

"Anyone can be elected now, regardless of his qualifications" Toombs said of the now elective offices he would make appointive. MIDLAND

The CRC came away from Midland impressed with several high school pupils speaking at the hearing.

Steve McLaughlin of Midland Lee urged commissioners not to scrap the constitution in total. He said that while some sections of the present constitution are "adequated, other parts were put there for a reason -- don't throw the wheat out with the chaff."

There was not one dissenter among the 30 witnesses testifying who said that agricultural land should be taxed ONLY on its productive value, NOT on its market value.

Steve Debnam, a Lamesa farmer, said a provision is needed to protect agriculture against union strikes, adding, "Strikes in agriculture during harvest season which can cause a loss of a years work or bankruptcy ... must be guarded against."

SAN ANGELO Advance Government students of Angelo State revealed their version of a revised Texas Constitution. The recommendations included: four-year terms for the Governor, annual legislative sessions, increased salaries for legislators, abolishment of some elective executive offices, making them appointive and thereby adding power to the governor's office.

As in previous hearings, topics focused on land-use laws, judicial reform, taxation and other volatile issues.

Fred Porter, rancher from Kimble County, spoke at length in behalf of private ownership of property and the rights of such ownership.

"I appeal to this commission to protect our rights of private property ownership .. by placing strong limitations on usage of the power of eminent domain by the state.

Mayor C.S. Conrad of San Angelo said general details of the government should be left to the legislature. The mayor touched on 15 proposals, including his No. 1 request .. to strengthen and expand local home rule government for all general purpose governments, including counties.

18 Year-Old Rights

After weeks of deliberation Texas senators endured a 11/2 hour filibuster, then passed a adulthood to those who reach the age of 18. The tally was 18 to 11.

The controversial issue has been on the verge of a final vote nearly a half dozen times in recent weeks, but its sponsors, Sen. Bob Gammage, D-Houston, always found a final roll call eluding him, often when his own supporters voted to adjourn rather than bring the matter to a climax.

This time, Gammage stood firm, and so did his notes, to send the measure to the house where it appears likely to get favorable treatment, and perhaps on to Gov. Dolph Briscoe, whose attitude is unknown.

Sponsors of the measure had little to add to what they said before, basically that 18-year-olds are mature enough to participate fully in adult affairs,

particularly in view of their new constitutional right to vote.

Opponents, led by freshman Sen. Don Adams, D-Jasper, branded the bill as little more than an open invitation to teenage legal consumption of alcoholic beverages, freedom of young people to seek such medical care as abortions without parental consent and the opening round in a whole new echelon of consumers for fast-buck promoters who have no scruples about enticing immature youngsters into long term credit contracts.

Adams was joined by Sens John Traeger, D-Seguin, and Tom Creighton, D-Minerals wells, in opposing the measure.

Traiger cited statistics that a statute in Michigan resulted in a 63 percent increase of alcohol-related traffic accidents by 18-year-old drivers during the first five months after the law went into effect in January, 1972.

He claimed the traffic crash rate went up 56 percent for 19-year-olds and 45 percent for 20-year-olds, while the rate of alcohol-related crashes by 16-year-olds was stable.

CRASH

Webb A.F.B. Tx, May 1--Second Lieutenant David W. Scott a newly-assigned instructor pilot, and his instructor, Captain Thomas D. Jones, have been positively identified as the victims of an aircraft accident which occurred southwest of SAN Angelo, April 30, at approximately 11:20 a.m.

The two were on a familiarization flight in a Northrop T-38, and were approaching Goodfellow Air Force Base when the fatal crash occurred.

Captain Jones, 26, a native of Malad, Idaho, is survived by his wife Helen and two children of Big Spring.

Lieutenant Scott 23, originally from Minnesota, is survived by his wife Susan.

THE investigation team headed by a senior officer, will remain on the scene until the preliminary investigation is complete.

Webb's last fatal aircraft accident occurred December 16, 1969, when one instructor and one student were killed in the crash of a F-37 jet trainer in Scurry County.

IT IS a thousand times better to have common sense without education than to have education without common sense.

Editorial

The Borden Star has just recently invested in our own typesetting equipment, perhaps you noticed the new type-- as well as errors! This we hope will be corrected in time. But time it will take. We are just as green at this as we were when we first started 20 months ago.

Our practice until now has been to have our type setting and printing done in Snyder. Because of finances and in lieu of the gas shortage this became impractical.

After receiving questionnaires mailed out in the community, the Board of Directors determined that the County did enjoy and wanted to see it continue.

Doing our own typesetting was the only way out. It is far less expensive, but also far more time consuming. It is reasonable to assume, however, that we will be able to pay part-time salaries by the end of the

Borden County School News

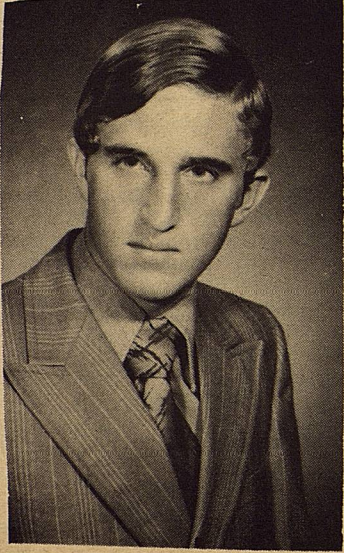
Honor Students

Mickey McMeans, Principal of Borden High School, has announced that Baccalaureate services for the 1973 graduating school auditorium on Sunday May 20 at 8:00P.M. with commencement exercises to be held the following Thursday, May 24 at 8.00P.M.

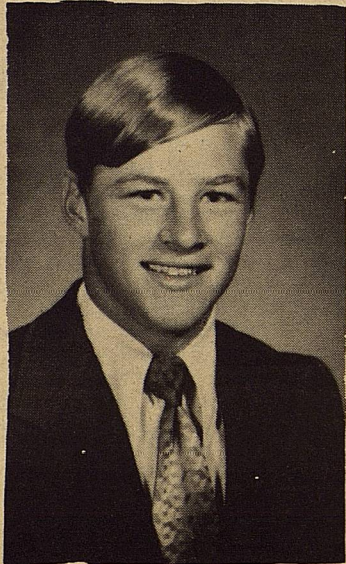
Honor graduates will be recognized during the service. Valedictorian is Steve McMeans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mickey McMeans, of Gail. Steve main-

tained a grade average of 95.10 during his four years in Borden County High School. Steve plans to attend Texas Tech University.

Salutatorian is Randy son of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Hensley of Rt. 1, O'Donnell. Randy compiled a grade average of 91.08 during his four years in Borden High School Randy plans to attend Texas Tech University also.



STEVE McMEANS,
VALEDICTORIAN



RANDY HENSLEY,
SALUTARIAN

Eighth Grade Graduation

Eight grade graduation exercises will be held May 25, at 8 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. Dana Westbrook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Westbrook, is valedictorian with a grade average of 96.11. Sue Hancock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Hancock, is salutatorian with a grade average of 94.46.

Kristy Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Smith ranked third in her class, and Gay

Griffin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T.L. Griffin, averaged fourth. Tricia Jackson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Jackson and Bob McLeroy, son of Mr. and Mrs. James McLeroy ranked fifth and sixth respectively.

Ushers for the commencement exercises will be Rita Beaza, Lesa Hensley, Johnny Jackson, and Patrick Toombs. Mrs. Peggy Westbrook is class sponsor.

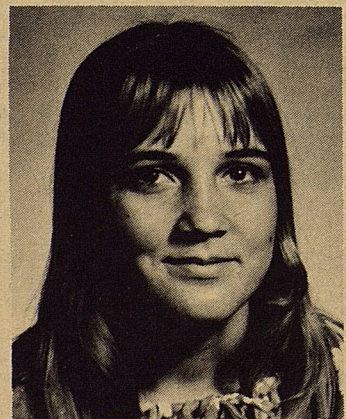


DANA WESTBROOK

4-H Club

The Borden County 4-H Club met Friday May 4, at 12:35 in the auditorium. Tommy Haegelin and club members discussed summer 4-H camps, and local rodeos. Officers are to be elected at the next meeting.

Summer riding practices will be held weekly at the Borden County rodeo arena. Tommy Haegelin will put a notice in the paper when the dates for the riding practices are set, or he will leave a notice at school



SUE HANCOCK

Piano

Auditions

Wednesday, May 9, in Snyder nine piano students from Gail will participate in the National Piano playing auditions. They are: Scot Long, Monica Dyess, Debra Kountz, Karen Williams, Glynda Burkett, Rhessa Wolf, Lisa Mc Leroy, Richard Long, and Catherine Jackson. These boys and girls take piano lessons from Mrs. Sidney J. Long.

State

Convention

In San Antonio on May 3-5 Janice Davis, Bobbie Briggs, Jo Ann Martin, Catherine Jackson, and their sponsor, Mrs. Shirley Kontz, attended the State FFA Convention! The theme this year was "Up, Up, and Away with FFA." The group departed from Gail on Thursday and arrived home on Saturday.

The House of Delegates meeting was held on Thursday evening. Janice represented the Gail Chapter as our delegate. The second session was conducted the following morning. Frederick McClure, State FFA President, gave a stirring talk during the flag ceremony. Everyone enjoyed and profited from Marilyn Van Derbur's speech which was entitled "Reach Beyond Your Grasp." During the sessions, the assembly had the privilege of being entertained by the state chorus which was directed by Herbert Teah of Tarleton State University. The chorus sang songs as "Up, Up, and Away", "Sing a Rainbow", and "The Impossible Dream." They did remarkable considering they only practiced together six times.

In the third general session on Friday, Paula Julian, State FFA President, spoke on "Crossroads to the Future." That evening the FFA'ers were entertained by his brother's children and the San Antonio College Dancers.

The last session which was held on Saturday was really special as the chorus thrilled us for the last time. Everett S. (Bunny) Martin, who holds the championship-of-the-world title in Toronto, Canada, for his Yo-Yo abilities spoke concerning "The Choice is Yours." The final event was the installation of 1973-74 State Officers. The FFA members who attended the convention would like to express their appreciation for the privilege of going to San Antonio

FFA

AREA II FFA Convention

Ten members of the Gail FFA Chapter will be represented at the Area II FFA Convention in Midland, May 11 and 12. Attending as Lone Star Farmer Degree Candidates are the following FFA boys: Audry Brummett, Max Jones, Rex Cox, Randy Ogden, Joe Hancock, Doug Isaacs, and D.M. Parks. Voting Delegates from the Gail Chapter and Randy Hagins and Billy Jackson. Max Jones, recently elected President of the Mesa District FFA, will assist in registering those in attendance. D.M. Parks will also be applying for the FFA Foundation Award in Soil and Water Conservation and for the Southwest Cattle Raisers Award. Randy Hensley will be attending the convention as a candidate for one of several FFA scholarships. The boys will be accompanied by their advisor, Mr. Sid Long.

Gail FFA

News

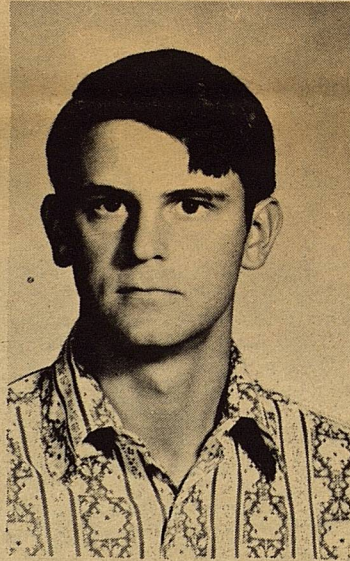


JOE HANCOCK

FREDERICK McCLURE

Frederick McClure, State FFA President from San Augustine, Texas, spoke to the student body at Borden County Schools on Thursday, May 3. Frederick's speech was entitled, "Problems", and was centered around the role that the youth of America will play in shaping the destiny of our country. Visiting with Frederick were two FFA members of the Snyder Chapter Sidney Wall.

Area II FFA Vice-President, and Doug Sims, Lone Wolfe District FFA President. Following the talk, Frederick entertained the high school students by playing the piano and singing. Frederick's inspiring talk enhanced the feeling of patriotism we all have for our country and bestowed upon us a feeling of pride for the youth of America.



PRESIDENT, MAX JONES

Max Jones, son of Mr. and Mr. Don Jones and a member of the Gail FFA Chapter, was elected President of the Mesa District FFA at the Mesa District FFA Meeting in Union, on Wednesday, May 2. Max will serve during the 1973-74 school year. He will attend a Leadership School in July at Ft. Davis to prepare himself for his year of service. Max will also attend the Area II and State FFA Conventions representing the mesa District. Another of his activities will include presiding over the Mesa District Banquet that is held in December each year. Max was elected on the first ballot from a field of eight candidates. The Mesa District is represented by

eighteen schools including the following: Borden County, Brownfield, Dawson, Denver City, Klondike, Lamesa, Loop, Meadow, New Home, Plains, Post, O'Donnell, Tahoka, Seagraves, Seminole, Union, Wellman, and Wilson.

School News Public Speaking Contest

Clifton Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Smith and a member of the Gail FFA Public Speaking Contest held at Union, on Wednesday, May 2. Clifton placed second in the competition. His speech was entitled, "New Hope For The Sheep And Goat Industry".

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Powder Puff Game

The Powder Puff Football Game was a great success. In the Junior High game, the North was victorious over the South. The Junior High Cheerleaders were an assist to the players on the field. The High school ballgame was next with the South team defeating the North team with a score of 14 to 22. The halftime activities highlighted the evening with Miss Ravashing Ruby (Frank Farmer), Miss Creightonina (Creighton Taylor), Miss Gardandious (Garland Williams), and Miss Tobyous (Toby Sharp) candidates for the Twerp Queen. The Twerp Queen for this 1972-73 year is Miss Ravashing Ruby.

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Parents Club Meets



Seventh Grade Girls entertain Parents Club. First row, left to right; RITA BAEZA, CAROL BURKETT, KEVVA TUCKER, RENEE SHARP. Second row, left to rith LESA HENSLEY, DENISE CURREY, MARTHA ANDERSON, SYLVIA ESPINOZA, TWILA TELCHIK, AND DIANNA HUD- DLESTON.

The Borden Elementary Parents Club met for its regular meeting Thursday, May 3. The program was presented by Mrs. Wolf's seventh grade girls. They presented a scene from the play "The Diary of Anne Frank", which has become a contemporary classic. It is based on the personal diary kept by a young girl about thirteen years old during the two years that she and seven others hid from Nazi pr citation in an attic over a warehouse in Amsterdam, Holland, during World War II.

The cast was composed of Mr. Frank, Anne's father, played by Renee Sharp; MRS. Frank, Anne's mother, played by Kevva Tucker; Mr. Dussel, a dentist in hiding with Frank's, played by Denise Currey; Anne Frank, a girl of thirteen, played by Martha Anderson; Mrs. Van Daan, a friend in hiding also, played by Rita Baeza; Mr. Van Daan, her husband, played by Carol Burkett; Margot Frank, Anne's eighteen year old sister, played by Twila Telchik; and Peter Van Daan, the sixteen year old son of the Van Daans, played by Lesa Hensley. The introduction was given by Sylvia Espinoza and special effects were contributed by Dianna Huddleston.

After the program new projects for the next year were discussed. The club will buy another "Giant Stride" for the playground. This was the last scheduled meeting for this year.

Jr. High Try-Outs

Jr. High Cheerleader, Twirler, and Drummer try-outs will be held Thursday, May 10, the first period in the gym. Four cheerleaders will be elected two from eighth grade, one seventh and one from sixth. Two twirlers and two drummers will be elected also.

Trying out for cheerleaders are Glynda Burkett, Stella Espinoza, Carla Jones and Karen Williams for sixth grade. Lisa McLeroy and Penny Thompson for seventh grade. Kevva Tucker, Lesa Hensley, Martha Anderson and Sylvia Espinoza for eighth grade.

Twila Telchik, Rita Baeza and Denise Currey are candidates for twirler, and Renee Sharp and Rhesa Wolf are trying out for drummers.

SCHOOL MENU

May 14 - 18 1973
Monday
Ground Beef with Tomato Sauce
Buttered Rice
Cabbage & Pineapple Salad
Carrot Sticks
Hot Rolls - Butter
Cookies
Milk

Tuesday
Roast Beef with Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
English Peas
French Bread - Butter
Jello
Milk

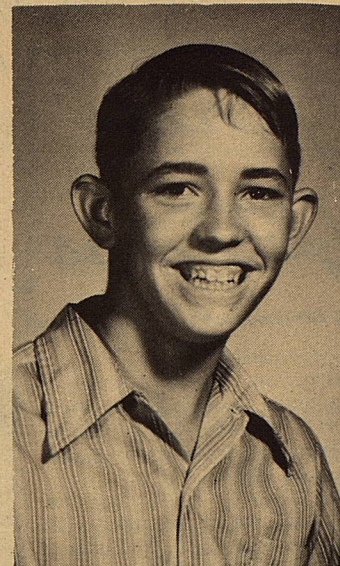
Wednesday
Macaroni with Cheese
Chopped Wieners
Fruit Dalad
Hot Bread - Butter
Peanut Butter Cake
Milk Salad

Thursday
Western Burgers
Tossed Salad
Buttered Corn
Rolled Wheat Cake
Milk

Friday
Chile with Pinto Beans Chili
Cabbage Slaw
Cornbread - Butter
Fruit Cobbler
Milk

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Five members of the Gail FFA Chapter attended the Mes-District FFA Meeting that was held in Union, Wednesday, May 2. Those members attending were Phillip Boyd, voting delegate; Juan Baeza, voting delegate; Joe Hancock, Area Officer Candidate; Max Jones, District President Candidate; and Clifton Smith, Public Speaker. In the District Presidential election, Max Jones was selected President of the Mesa District FFA for this coming year. Clifton Smith placed second in the FFA Speaking contest, and Joe Hancock was runner-up to the Area II Officer candidate. All members did an excellent job in handling their respective responsibilities. Clifton Smith and the entire Chapter wish to express their thanks to Mrs. Ed Huddleston for her assistance with Clifton's speech.



CLIFTON SMITH
Eliminations

The Howard County Method Demonstration eliminations were held May 3, in the Big Spring rodeo barn. Tricia Jackson won the money management. She attended the District run-offs for roundu, in Lubbock, May 5.

Pre-Schoolers

Miss Steadman and the first grade were hosts to seven pre-schoolers in a full day of classes Friday, May 4th. Those present were: Cristy Creighton, Linda Espinoza, William Hogan Lonny Loftis, Becky Massingill, Shanna Vaughn, and Kirby Williams. They were also checked for "Amblyopia, better known as 'lazy eye blindness', by a concerned group of parents club members, who give unselfishly of their time each year. One out of every twenty children

have this condition, and if it is detected early enough it can be corrected.

Mrs. Steve Stephens, Mrs. Wilson Walker, Mrs. Jim Mac Burkett and Mrs. Kenneth Williams tested eighteen pre-schoolers for this and other eye disorders. These concerned mothers were trained to detect this disease by Pauline Outland. This training was sponsored by the O'Donnell Homemakers Club.



MISS STEADMAN'S First grade entertains the pre-schoolers.



LIN LONG anticipates the "Lazy Eye Test" Helping are; Mrs. Kenneth Williams, Mrs. Steve Stephens, and Mrs. Wilson Walker.

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Jere's Jottings

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Never one to be left out, I have joined the ecologists' band wagon. Yessir, I am on the stump about pollution too - paper pollution, that is.

The number of forms to be filled out, the duplicate mailings, the junk mail, and unnecessary communications if overwhelming. It costs industry over \$18 billion a year just to fill out all the forms required by the feds - that is about 130.5 million man hours. And that doesn't include the time and money spent on Internal Revenue forms!

More and more time must be spent on Internal Revenue forms.

More and more time must be spent by the business man on government paperwork - this is time doing busy work which has nothing to do with the man's particular business - which results in poorer work efficiency due to the time robbed from the business at hand. Men operating small business have been forced to hire additional help just to cope with the paperwork.

Then you add in all the duplicates a business man receives and the waste piles higher. I'm no business man, but I'm ankle deep in duplicate mailings and overlapping notices. Would you believe that I have always received five mailings from magazines, organizations, etc. Now that Ms is the "proper" title, I receive six. Besides the paper pollution, think of the wasted postage all on little ole me who won't be contributing to the committee for preserving the coyote anyway.

And if you are on anybody's committee or board, you know the best spot to place your wastebasket is under the mail chute. As a matter of fact, I can think of no better money raising gimmick for political parties than selling waste baskets. During the heat of campaigns, it takes a part of everyday just to sort the action messages from the disregarded messages and the why haven't you notices from the don't do it bulletins.

Even the ecologists are caught in their own trap. The Siera Clubs and all those clamoring herds are responsible themselves for a great percentage of the paper pollution. Not many days go by that I do not receive six notices that I must help preserve the tit mouse or some such creature. Maybe a cure would be for each to return each unnecessary communication with our own plea on the back: Preserve All People from Eternal Regulations----- that spells PAPER.

Announcement



SHEILA ZANT

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Don Zant of Vealmoor announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Sheila, to Richard Clark Womack, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Womack of Coahoma. The wedding will be on June 1 in the Vealmoor Church of Christ with Al Jolly of Lubbock officiating.

Museum News

The Borden County Museum will be represented with a display during the official opening ceremonies of the South Campus of the UTPB, the Permian Historical Society will present the first of its distinguished memberships and awards to the Permian Academy of History, Fellows of the Permian Historical Society and Permian Academy of History, Fellows of the Permian Historical Society and Permian Pioneers. The recipients of these awards will be honored guests for this occasion. Their portraits will be unveiled and will be placed in the Hall of Honor which will become a permanent gallery to be housed with the Society's archival collection in the UTPB library building.

At 11:30 a.m. there will be exhibits from the Society's archives and also displays from museums in the permian Basin.

Seminar

Mrs. Edna Miller Borden County Historical Society Chairman represented Borden County at Texas Tech, Friday May 4, at the second annual series of Museum Seminars. These one day seminars are funded by the National Museum Act and by the Texas Historical Foundation. They deal with many worthwhile ideas such as "Forming Collections and Keeping Records", "Living History" "Organizing and Designing Exhibits", "Key to Community Support".

Pastor Resigns

Reverend Myron Crawford pastor of The Gail Baptist Church, has announced his resignation effective the last of May. Brother and Mrs. Crawford will be moving to Quanah, Texas where he will be going into business with his brother.

He has been High School Principal at Ira, Texas for the past eight years.

HE has been a great asset to the Gail Church as well as the whole community. We express our regret in his leaving.

Roamin's Round Town

Gay Sealy & Mrs. Billie Sealy of Snyder were shopping in Sweetwater Saturday. Stockman's Notes Dipping Needed

Mr. and Mrs. A.R. (Sport) Barrett of Phoenix Arizona, have been visiting with his sister Ruth Weathers of Borden County.

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Burleson or Odessa visited with Mr. & Mrs. Roy Anderson Sunday. Mrs. Lela Porter visited with her daughter and family the Wilson Walkers and attended the music recital in Gail Sunday.

Nathan Zant and his Granddaughter, Sheila Zant attended a cousin reunion in Graham Saturday.

Wayne Crow returned his Mother and sister Blanche and Sue Crow to their home in Bonham and spent Sat. in their home. Mmes. Sam Armstrong and Ruth Weathers visited Wed. with Mr. and Mrs. Harl Pinkard and Mrs. Al Densmore of Sweetwater. Bobbie Warren of Huntsville has been a recent visitor of his Mother Mrs. Pearl Warren near Fluvanna.

Mmes. Thelma Bishop and Velma Huddleston have recently visited with Mrs. Lela Weathers at Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Del Murry spent the week-end with their daughter and son-inlaw Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Salmon of near Topeka, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rogers are the proud parents of a baby girl Dawn April, born May 2nd, weighing in at 7 1/2 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Clark attended the production Funny Girl at Dyess Air Force Base last week in Abilene. Their nephew, Charles Dickie was director of Music for the production.

Harley Smith celebrated his 76th birthday May 2nd, on a fishing trip.

Mrs. Melba Ohlendorph of Lockhart recently spent a couple of nights with her mother Mrs. Ella Koenter.

Mrs. Edna Miller visited last week in Clovis, New Mexico, with Max Westons, Mrs Ludie Clark and also the Ken Van Deventers.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Rogers visited in Plainview over the weekend with the new granddaughter, Dawn April, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rogers.

Joe Sealy of Andrews visited over the week-end with his Mother Mrs. Gay Sealy.

Visitors in the Isaac Ledbetter home on Sunday were, Mr. & Mrs. George Ledbetter and Beverly of Lorenzo, Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Stubblefield and Doris and Larry of Lubbock, Mr. & Mrs. Herman Ledbetter and Mary and Liz of O'Donnell, Norma Ledbetter of O'Donnell, Mr. & Mrs. John Cubro of Lubbock, Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Clark of Colorado City, Mr. & Mrs. Hilmer Holmes of Borden County. They all gathered to celebrate Isaac's 65th birthday.

Mrs. Edna Miller, Mr. & Mrs. Doyle Newton, Cody, Vickie and Gayla all visited Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Miller in Uvalde last week, then accompanied by the Millers, made a tour to Del Rio and Acuna, Mexico where Edna selected light fixtures for her new home.

Hospitalized

BIG SPRING
Patt Dyess is recovering nicely following surgery at Medical Center Memorial Hospital in Big Spring. Patt entered the hospital last week and expected to be released the latter part of this week.

LUBBOCK
Opal Stephens underwent vascular surgery May 2 at Methodist Memorial Hospital. She is reported to be making a speedy recovery and hopes to be released this week.

Tahoka Rodeo

The Tahoka Junior Rodeo Association held its first junior rodeo May 4th and 5th. Several Borden County students entered the various events. Butch Gass won a belt buckle for first place in the bull riding. Other Borden contestants entered, but not placing were: Randy Ogden, Max Jones, Mike Herring, Steven Lockhart, Rex Cox, Claudia Swann, and Martha Anderson.

Kathy Griffing, Tahoka won the barrel racing, with Tanya Boydston, Snyder, second and Freida Wilson, Lamesa third. Bo Robinson, Snyder was second in tie down roping and tied for first and second in the ribbon roping.

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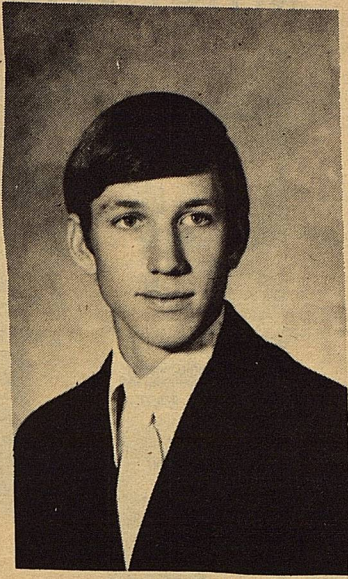
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Honor Fluvanna Seniors

Richard Gill, left, has been named valedictorian of the Fluvanna High School senior class. Salutatorian is Joe Bilano. Gill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gill, has a four-year average of 91.59. Bilano, son of Mr. and Mrs. Castillo Bilano, has a four-year average of 87.96.



RICHARD GILL



JOE BILANO

Jr. -Sr. Banquet

The Fluvanna Jr. & Sr. Banquet was held Friday, May 4, in the Fluvanna Community Center. The prom followed and was held in the school cafeteria. The theme of the banquet was the Old West, carried out through the menu and decor. Steve Stansell, Jr. class president was Master of Ceremonies. Neely Landrum welcomed the seniors and other guests. Steve Beaver responded for the seniors. Margaret Mena read the class prophecy depicting the activities of 1983. Larry White read the class will, assisted by Vicki Jones and Richard Gill in presenting gifts to junior class members.

Cindy Hataway sang several country and western songs, accompanied by Guy Turner on the guitar.

Bill Baker, school superintendent at Grady and formerly superintendent at Fluvanna, addressed the group on the idea of "Being Yourself".

James Chapman, Fluvanna superintendent, led the benediction reading "A Cowboy's Prayer."

Sr. Trip Changed

The Sr. class of Fluvanna High School left at 6 a.m. Monday, May 6, for a trip to "Hideaway-in-the-Pines" between Lake Bastrop and Bastrop State Park in Texas.

Accompanying the 6 seniors are Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Smith and Mrs. C. A. Daugherty. They will return Sunday, May 13. Senior class members are Steve Beaver, Joe Bilano, Steve Daugherty, Richard Gill, Vicki Jones and Larry White.

Grady Seniors

Grady Independent School District students who will be seniors during the 1973-74 school year may attend the high school of their choice.

The Grady district, which recently announced plans to add a high school, will pay tuition for seniors attending Stanton High and Flower Grove High schools only. Only those attending Stanton High will have transportation furnished. Arrangements for transportation and tuition for students attending other schools will be made by the parents.

Pupils desiring to transfer in to the Grady district must do so by June 1, except in emergency cases. Transfers require the signature of the Superintendent of receiving district only. Pupils planning to transfer into the Grady district should get in touch with Bill Baker

superintendent at phone no. 459-2445 or 459-2444. Those planning to transfer from the Grady district should contact superintendent of the district they plan to attend prior to June 1.

Top Students At O'Donnell

Honor graduates to be recognized during the Baccalaureate services at O'Donnell High include class valedictorian Pamela Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Allen of Rt 2 O'Donnell, who has a grade average of 92.36.

Also being honored will be Connie Kizer, Salutatorian. Connie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Kizer, Rt. 5, Tahoka. She has a grade average of 90.12.

Robby Vestal, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Vestal, Rt. 2, O'Donnell, will be recognized as the highest ranking boy in the class with a grade average of 89.28.

Consolidated

Last week the residents of Klondike and Flower Grove approved the consolidation issue in that school district.

Klondike residents cast 80 votes for the consolidation and one opposed. Flower Grove School District residents cast 103 ballots for the consolidation move while 31 voted against it.

Details for the consolidation for the two schools this next school year will be finalized by the two school boards after the returns have been canvassed by the respective commissioners courts in Martin and Dawson Counties.

The tentative plans are for all children in the newly formed district in the sixth grade and under to utilize the Flower-Grove facilities. Those students in the seventh grade and above will use the Klondike school.

Young Farmers Woodland Scene Bar-B-Q

by Wilma Currey

As I walked down nature's pathway

In a shaded woodland scene I came upon a picture

One of beauty, how serene!

Among nature's colors of turning autumn leaves

stood a stately Pheasant, surveying his domain.

Just a little kingdom which was his too reign.

What a thing of beauty is a shaded woodland scene

When you see a gorgeous Pheasant with his hues of blues and greens.

Nestled beneath an old fallen tree--was his little family.

There were only three!

They sat in soft contentment as the fading twilight stole.

As their feathers gently fluttered

I saw dappled hues of browns and gold.

Oh for words too paint the picture, just so you could see and

too know the feeling that crept softly over me.

My troubled mind grew easy as I turned back toward the sea.

For there was to be a voyage that was planned for me.

As the sunlight bathes my pathway dark shadows leave my soul.

The brilliant colors all unfold and I know the road is open

now too

to where the streets are paved with gold.

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Butz Revises Form

Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz has outlined a revised form of the Agricultural Act of 1970 which he says would favor a more flexible program geared to reliance on the marketplace. As an added bonus, his program would cut government cost in half when compared with existing law.

Butz outlined the meaning of all this as lead-off witness before the House Agriculture Committee which opened hearings on new farm legislation to replace the 1970 act which expires this year. Here, specifically, is what Butz means by flexible markets.:

1. Flexible markets mean a 3-year phase-out of income subsidy payments, with a direct linkage of production adjustment payments to land set-aside.

2. Ashift from present crop-by-crop acreage allotments to an overall cropland basis for determining set-aside at the end of the 3-year phase-out period.

3. Application of the payment limitation of \$55,000 for each farmer to income supplement payments only. No limit at all would be placed on individual set-aside payments.

4. Removal of the 75% of parity minimum price support level on dairy products, to give producers greater ability to respond to changing conditions.

5. Discretionary authority for the Secretary to set payments for wool and mohair.

6. A re-examination of the peanut, rice, extra-long staple cotton and possibly the tobacco programs, again with a view towards greater flexibility.

7. A move by the government out of the commodity business, with farmers and private trade keeping any surplus of stocks in their hands, "as long as there are surpluses hanging over our heads, they will depress farm prices--it is inevitable that if we pile up farm products in government hands, we pile up problems for farmers," Butz asserts.

8. Repeal of existing, permanent farm legislation which under present circumstances, would become effective again in the absence of a new farm law.

Butz stressed that loan rate provisions would be retained under the legislation he proposed, as would set-aside authority. But he side-stepped calls for details on the administration program, saying these could be worked out in subsequent testimony at subcommittee hearings. The secretary also called for extension of the Food for Peace Program.

Butz portrayed the administration bill as "higher net farm income from larger production times stronger market prices." He added that, "The alternative--more money from the U. S. Treasury--is a bad choice. It is also unrealistic in today's society."

Placing heavy emphasis on potential export markets as well as domestic consumption, Butz suggested "artificial" price incentives--like minimum cotton payments and the wheat certificate program--would "stimulate foreign production and increase use of substitutes here at home."

Butz cautioned that farm program deliberations should be pursued "with one eye on the impact that our action can have on upcoming, critical international trade negotiations." "He promised no repeat of the situation in which, he said: "Agriculture was sold down the river in the Kennedy round of negotiations."

Butz cited the need for quick action by Congress, in light of crop decisions which must be made both by farmers and the government.

Committee Chairman W. R.

Poage, D-Tex., was critical of the plan to phase-out direct income support payments. "Take away these payments, and I think you've eliminated the cotton business in the United States," Poage declared.

Poage called for renewal of the 1970 act as one which "has worked," but he said the committee would give full and serious consideration to the proposals to modify the act.

Compromise

A \$9.5 billion general appropriations bill was sent the compromise table today by Texas senators, while House members were tied up in historic debate over relaxing marijuana penalties.

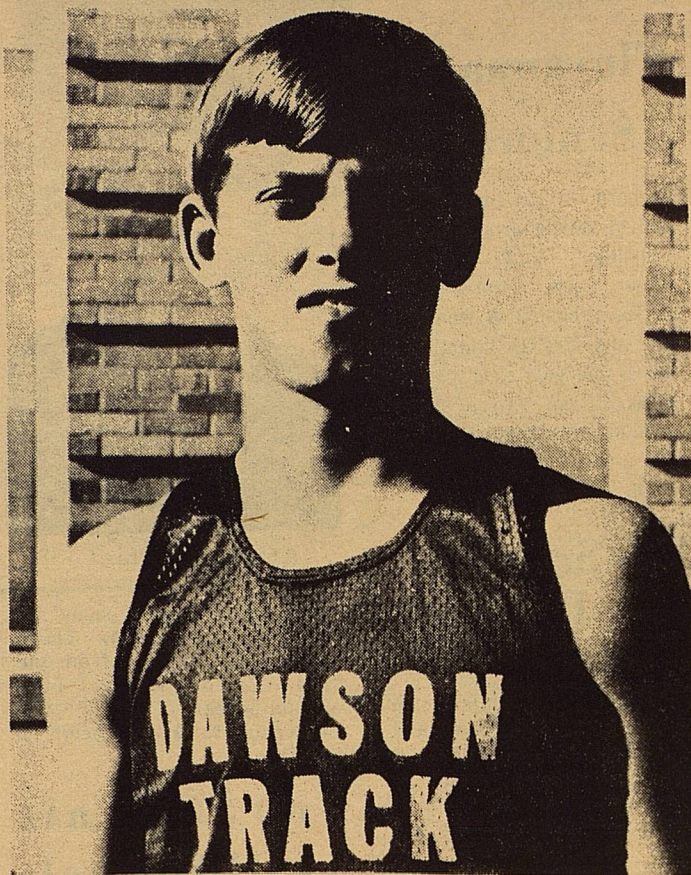
Only one "vote" was raised in protest, so the Senate sent the 1974-75 state spending bill to the House where it is scheduled to be refused and a 10-man negotiations team named to press out differences between the two houses.

"This bill is going to pass and I'm going to vote for it but I don't think we should be operating under the delusion we are not increasing state spending," said Sen. Bob Gammage, D-Houston. "We're increasing it about \$1.4 billion. And what's more we're spending about four years of revenue sharing funds in two years to keep from passing new taxes."

Jobs For Youth

The American Junior Hereford Association has organized the Junior Job Experience Program to offer contacts between young AJHA members and promoters of that breed. The program will be a meeting place of youths who are looking for jobs, and breeders who are searching for interested and enthusiastic workers, either short or long-term.

Miler Wins Second



Dawson High's KALITH BROWN

Kalith Brown of Dawson High, placed second in the state track meet held in Austin on May 4, winning by 1/10 of a second.

This is the second year for the miler, a sophomore speedster to attend the Class B State Track Meet. Last year he ran in sixth place.

Brown has been defeated only once in his event during the current season. The loss was at the State Qualifiers meet in Lubbock April 14 when he was edged by runners from Class

AAA Monahans. He ran the winning mile at the Golden Tornado Relays, Borden County Invitational Track Meet, the Roughneck Relays, the District 7B meet and in the Region 1B Meet.

In the district meet, Brown set a new District 7B record with a clocking of 4:43.5 in the mile run. His best time was run at the State Qualifiers meet where he logged a 4:35.8 in the

Kalith is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Otha Brown of Welch.

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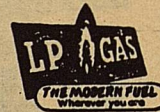
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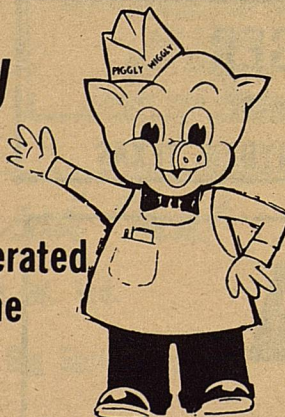
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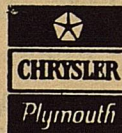


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WASHINGTON, C. -- Since 1968 budget cuts for the Navy have reduced our fleet by 45 percent. By the middle of next year the number of active ships on our Navy will have dropped to 523, less than one-half a few short years ago.

As has been said here a number of times, there is a sort of a built in waste and extravagance in war and in preparation for it. Every nickel not really needed should be stripped from the defense budget but it is terribly dangerous not to have enough.

If the United States does not reverse its course in maintaining our Naval forces we are heading straight into a no. 2 status behind the Soviet Union.

The current budget is so tight that many fleet commanders simply do not have the money for repairs and maintenance of our ships. We are at the point of being unable to provide adequate training for new sailors. With necessary funds and with a little time, the Navy can go far to remedy its immediate weakness but the longer range impact of austerity in Navy budget is a matter more grave.

In addition to having fewer ships lagging far behind in modernizing our fleet to meet present day conditions. Our best intelligence tells us that the Russian Navy is more modern than ours and they boast of a numerical superiority in submarines.

The new budget for the Navy is not small at all. As a matter of fact, it is recommended that the Navy be appropriated \$2 billion more than the Air Force and \$4 billion more than the Army. This would appear that Naval strength is being greatly increased, and it is with this sort of money, if it comes through the Congress. The same, of course, is true with the other services which must be upgraded and strengthened from having been dissipated in the Southeast Asian war. The need for a more modern bomber to take the place of our aged B-52 planes has been discussed here before.

The Navy budget does reflect the Military's view that air power and sea power are to play a prominent role in our strategic defense for the future. If this

concept is correct, the American people should be concerned that we not pare funds for the military to accommodate a somewhat popular belief that we can have our cake and eat it too.

There are great pressures to put certain domestic programs ahead of being able to defend ourselves against all possibilities. This definitely has an appeal and we only wish it were true that we would not have to concern ourselves with being militarily strong. But it happens to be the sort of world in which we live.

Seeing our sea power decline to a no. 2 position goes far beyond any question of national pride. What is important is that the Russian Navy is nearing the No. 1 position and there is nothing in history or the stated aims of Soviet policy to suggest that they will use their Navy for anything other than international mischief to further the goals of communist imperialism around the world. They have told us repeatedly and we should believe them.

Rosson Backs Resolution On Assessing Land

AUSTIN—A resolution sponsored by State Rep. Renal B. Rosson, is to be introduced in the Legislature pertaining to the assessment of farm and ranch lands on the basis of their value when used for raising livestock or agricultural crops. The resolution proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing the Legislature to provide for the assessment of surface value of farm and ranch lands.

No timber or recreational

lands would be included under the amendment. Only lands which are used for the raising of livestock or the production of agricultural products would be affected Rosson said.

Rep. Rosson said that this resolution will affect the overall picture of the economy in the state because taxing of lands at their market value is forcing people to sell farm and ranch lands and move to the cities. The continuing result of such assessment will be higher prices on agricultural products.

Rosson feels the need for such a resolution is evident because present trends seem to be forcing the state toward making all lands assessed on their market value. This causes continued tax increases which would be impossible for many ranchers and farmers to meet.

Sport Oddity

The horse that won the Kentucky Derby of 1933, Brokers Tip, strangely enough, had never won a race previous to the Derby, and never won a race after that.

Ever wonder why the Kentucky Derby is called a "Derby"? Well, in 1780 in England, the Earl of Derby founded a famous horse race for 3-year-olds at Epsom and it was called "Derby Race at Epsom". Later, it became, simply, the Epsom Derby, and when folks in Louisville started their race in 1875 they borrowed the name called it the Kentucky Derby.

Another oddity about horse racing you may not know is that every thoroughbred race horse in the world must be able to trace its pedigree straight back to one of just 3 horses ... either Byerly Turk, Darley Arabian or Godolphin Arabian.

Write the Right Lawmaker

Elected officials in Washington DO listen to their constituents. When an unpopular law is passed, you can be sure that some group lobbied for it. Senators and Representatives encourage the public to write them about pending legislation. Most say that form letters are usually ignored, unless there are a great many of the same one. What they like best is a short concise letter that gives your opinion and the reasons for it.

Here is a list of lawmakers from Texas who are on the House Agriculture Committees; Eligio de la Garza, D., W.R. Poage, D., and Robert D. Price D.

Hospital Is Accredited

Medical Center Memorial Hospital, has received continued full accreditation by Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals.

Norman Knox, administrator, said this accreditation will be in effect for a period of two years, or until a subsequent survey is conducted.

The commission commended the hospital for maintaining standards required for accreditation and for continuing effort to improve the quality of patient care.

J. R. Anderson is chairman of the governing board of the hospital, and Henry Butler, MD, is president of the medical staff.

Floyd Hoffman, MD, and George Brotherton, FACHA, represented Joint Commission in conducting survey.

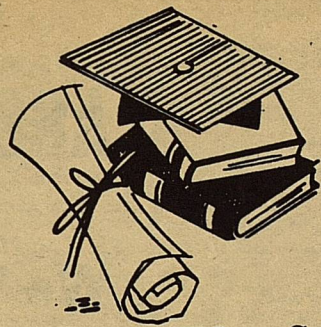
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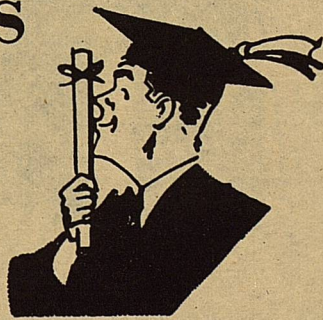


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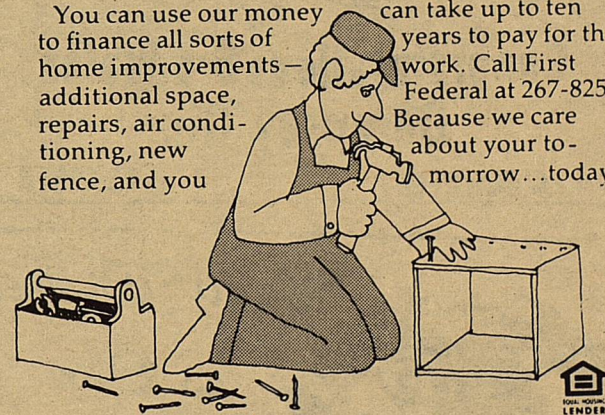
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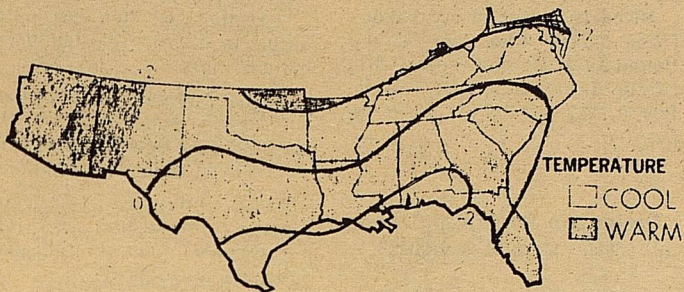
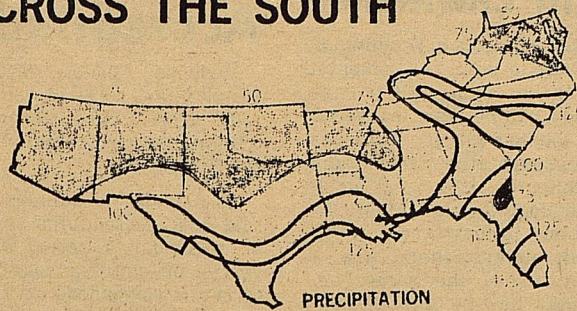
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May is usually the wettest month for Oklahoma and most of northern and central Texas. Yet much of this area, as well as Arizona and central New Mexico, will be relatively dry. However, a wet month is in store for southern and coastal Texas.

Weather

WEATHER AT THE COUNTY SEAT

By K. T. REDDELL

Weather conditions for the week of

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MONDAY	83	62	Rain
TUESDAY	79	55	0
WEDNESDAY	68	39	Sand Storm
THURSDAY	73	43	0
FRIDAY	78	48	0
SATURDAY	69	55	0
SUNDAY	76	56	.20 Shower, Sand

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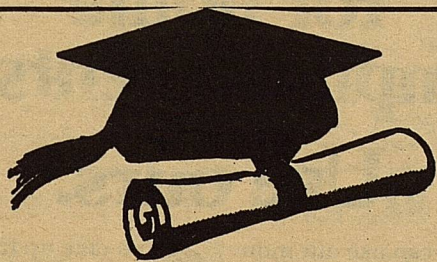
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