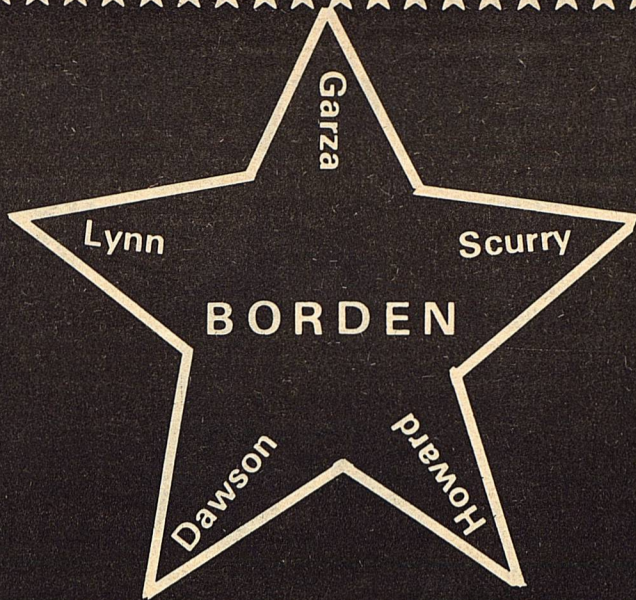


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ICA ROUNDUP TO BEGIN MAY 14

Austin - Hundreds of ranchers across the state will soon begin a unique round-up of calves and other livestock for a sale to benefit the Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas.

This year's sixth annual event is scheduled for May 14 in Victoria. It will be hosted by the Victoria county ICA chapter.

ICA President Roy Wheeler, who began the benefit sale six years ago, invites all livestock producers and agri-business owners to participate. Funds raised through the sale enable ICA to continue its work for legislation beneficial to the agriculture industry. Efforts to preserve the rural community, fight harmful immigration bills, and to encourage today's youth in agriculture through a new \$6,000 scholarship program were made possible by funds from the 1982 calf sale, Wheeler reports.

'We thank all of those who have helped with donations in the past and urge them to encourage their neighbor to donate with them this year.'

said Wheeler.

Finley Blackwell and Burrell E. Jones, owners of the Victoria Livestock Commission, Inc. have donated the use of their facilities for the fundraiser to begin at 10 a.m. Saturday.

The sale will be preceded by a cattle drive party Friday, May 13 from 7 to 12 p.m. at the VFW Hall in Victoria. Food, drinks and dancing, compliments of Citizens National Bank, First Victoria National Bank, InterFirst Bank Victoria, United Bank-Victoria and Victoria Bank and Trust will be offered to all calf donors and friends of ICA attending.

Auctioneer for the sale will be Clyde Holdcroft of Pleasanton. Serving as Transportation Director, Verlin Callahan of Bastrop will assist members in transporting their donations to Victoria. To make arrangements to have calves delivered to the sale, donors may contact Callahan at (512)385-3452 or Tyler McCumber at the association office at (512)836-1321.

AMUSEMENT CARNIVAL TO BE IN LAMESA

During the week of April 25-30 the Jest Amusement Carnival will be on the Fair grounds in Lamesa offering rides games. The carnival is sponsored by Dawson County 4-H Clubs. All profits from this activity will be used to carry on the 4-H program in Dawson County.

Under the leadership of the 4-H Adult Leaders' Association expenses are paid for 4-H members to

attend camps, State 4-H Congress, State 4-H Roundup, and other special events.

On Saturday, April 30 4-H members and parents will man the concession stand in the County Fair Barn to sell homemade ice cream and grilled hamburgers. The concession stand will be open from 4:00 until 10:00 p.m.



GOV. MARK WHITE SIGNS Land Trades legislation as Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro looks on.

This Land Is Your Land

Garry Mauro
Texas Land Commissioner

The state of Texas is one of the largest owners of oil and gas in the state which generates nearly \$1 billion each year for the public school children of Texas. Thanks to the wisdom of our forefathers who reserved 22.5 million acres of land for education, the General Land Office has been able to develop the natural resources of this public trust for the benefit of all Texans.

Twice each year, the General Land Office makes available blocks of state land for lease for the exploration and production of oil and gas. To obtain a lease on state lands, a company or individual must pay the state a fee. This fee, or "bonus," ranges from amounts as low as \$25 an acre to as high as several thousand dollars an acre. The size of the bonus

reflects the company's expectation of finding oil and gas beneath the state land.

At the April 5 lease sale conducted by the General Land Office, we raised \$2.89 million in bonuses on 16,565 acres of state lands. If oil or gas is produced from any of these leases, the state will earn extra money through royalties paid by the companies or individuals.

All bonuses and royalties are placed into the Permanent School Fund. During March, the General Land Office deposited \$34.7 million from our public lands to the Permanent School Fund. That fund now totals over \$3.7 billion for the school children of Texas.

A second event occurred on April 5 which will generate another \$30 million in revenue for the people of Texas over the next two years. Following passage by the Legislature, Governor Mark White signed a bill which will enable the General Land

Office to better manage our public lands. The Land Trades Bill allows the land commissioner to trade small, unproductive tracts of state land for larger, more manageable units with a greater potential for income.

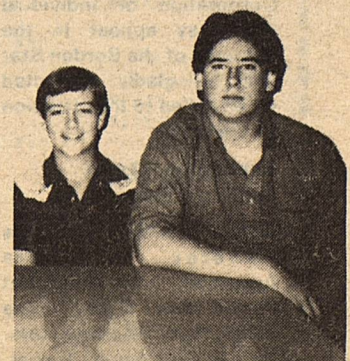
The General Land Office currently has over 200,000 acres of uplands which are located in isolated areas or have been identified as unproductive. These small tracts are not generating any revenue for the state and are actually costing the taxpayers money because of the administrative costs.

The Land Trades Bill extends to the General Land Office the authority to trade these small, unproductive areas into larger units. They will be more economical to manage and also make them more attractive for commercial leasing. The law mandates that we acquire new properties of at least an equal value for the land we trade.

Borden Qualifies for Disaster Loans

According to the office of Senator John Tower, Borden County has qualified for FmFHA Emergency Disaster Loans as of Monday, April

For more information, contact FmFHA in Lamesa, Texas.



Doyce Taylor and Bric Turner-Alternates for State Competition

Borden County School News

GAIL FHA TO ATTEND STATE MEETING

Representatives of the Gail Future Homemakers of America chapter will be attending the 1983 state meeting of the Texas Association of FHA-HERO, along with the 6,000 members and advisors from Texas. "FHA-HERO: move To Improve" is the theme of the 1983 meeting, which will be held in the Dallas Convention Center in Dallas, April 21-22, 1983.

Attending from Gail will be Samantha Porter, Jennifer Wilson, and Keynote speakers and presentations by Future Homemakers will highlight the two-day conference. Dr. Earl Reum, motivational speaker from Colorado; Mr. Bill Sanders, an inspiring and challenging person, and Ms. Dian Thomas, nationally known person who uses a little creativity and ingenuity to overcome challenges, will speak to the

entire delegation. Interest sessions on family crisis, leadership skills, nutrition, and employability will be held.

The business of the Texas Association will be conducted at the House of Delegates session Thursday evening. Installation of the 1983-84 state officers will climax the Friday evening session. These officers elected through chapter participation throughout the state will be placed in office. A newly elected president will receive the gavel from Kim Luna, Nacogdoches, Texas, outgoing president.

The Future Homemakers of America is an organization sponsored by Vocational Home Economics Education, Texas Education Agency, with Mrs. Jean D. Barton, Director, and Miss Sharon Reddell, State Advisor.



Samantha Porter

Chosen FHA Member of the Month

Borden County Competes at Regional in UIL

Bric Turner and Doyce Taylor, Borden County's freshmen debate team, surprised many people at last week's U.I.L. regional competition. The pair brought home alternate honors, placing fourth among a field of twenty-four teams.

Becky Massingill and Samantha Porter also competed in debate and made it to the second round.

Dana Gray and Kevin Telchik represented Borden High School in spelling and editorial writing.

Congratulations to all these students for a job well done.

"The silliest of all people are those who do foolish things to show off." Vauvenargues

BOYS DISTRICT TRACK MEET

In the District 6-A West Zone Track Meet dominated by Greenwood, the Borden County boys team gave a good account of their talents.

In the shot put, Tommy Soto placed second with a toss of 40 foot 11 1/2" and Mathew Massingill placed 4th with a 38-11 1/4 heave. Ray Martinez placed 7th. The same three boys were in the discus throw with Massingill placing 4th with 99 feet and Soto 5th with 98 1/2 feet.

Rockie Harber cleared 5 feet in the high jump but failed at 5 feet 1 inch and placed 2nd.

"We were in third place after the field events with 26 points, but just weren't strong enough in the running events" stated

Coach Frisbie.

The 400 meter relay team consisting of Michael Murphy, Mickey Burkett, Brice Key and Harber placed 5th. Brice Key also placed 6th in the 100 meter dash with a time of 14.27 seconds.

Rockie Harber had the fastest qualifying time in the 400 meter with a 61.57 seconds but placed second in the finals with a time of 62.26 seconds.

The 1600 meter relay team placed 5th with a time of 4:29.7 members of the team are Will Phinizy, Harber, Key and Murphy. Other members of the team are Tracey McDuffie, Alex Lemons, and Randell Hollis.

The boys team placed 5th with a team total of 53 points.

GAIL FHA PLANS GRANDPARENTS TEA

The F.H.A. members held their monthly meeting Wednesday April 13 after lunch.

The girls did very well with their spice sales. F.H.A. members extend their appreciation to those participating in the fund raising projects.

The Secret Grandparents tea was also discussed. The tea will be held May 17 in

the cafeteria and there will be an Open House in the Home Ec. Room. The secret granddaughters will reveal their identity to their secret grandparents.

FFA CLOTHING DRIVE

The Gail Chapter of the Future Farmers of America are Sponsoring a clothes drive for the Big Springs State Hospital. If anyone has any old clothes or shoes etc., please bring them by the Ag. Building, or contact a FFA member and they will come by and pick them up. This clothes drive will start April 18-April 29.

Loop Invitational Track Meet

Sammy Williams vaulted 10ft. 6 inches to win the pole vault at Loop Invitational Track Meet last Saturday. He also placed 4th in the high jump clearing 5 ft. 6 inches.

Sammy made three attempts to clear 11 ft. in the vaulting and twice cleared the bar with his body only to knock it off with his feet.

Chris Cooley qualified in the 100 meter dash and placed 5th in the finals with a time of 12.58 seconds.

JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS TRACK

Borden Junior High girls scored 49 points at the West Zone District Track meet Thursday to finish fifth overall. Ralynn Key, a seventh grader, was the top point-raiser for Borden as she finished third in the triple jump, 100 meter dash and 200 meter dash and ran on the fourth place 1600 meter relay team. Ralynn also finished fifth in the high jump. In the triple jump, Ralynn jumped 25' 1 1/2". Her time in the 100 meters was 14.14 and she ran a 29.9 in the 200 meters. Kate Phinizy, a sixth grader, had Borden's highest finish as she placed second in the 800 meters with a time of 2:44.1. Kate also finished third in the 400 meters with

a 74.4. Kate ran these two races with only five minutes rest between them. She received praise from several coaches for her outstanding competitiveness! She also ran on the 1600 meter relay team that finished fourth with a 5:05.57.

The 400 and 800 meter relay teams of Julie Ridenour, Kim Turner, Sherry Vaughn, and Kristi Stone finished 6th and 5th respectively. Kristi and Kim also ran on the 1600 meter relay team and Kristi placed sixth in the shot put.

Elvira Balaque, Felicia Romero, and Shelly Lewis competed in the 1200 meters where Elvira placed 5th. Shelly also ran in the 800.



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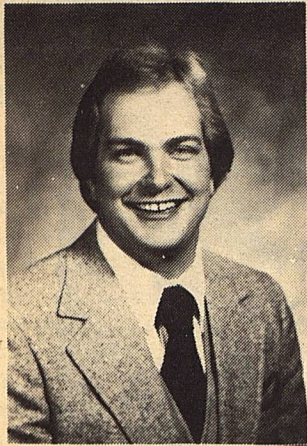
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10 EASTER	11 4-H Meeting 11:14-11:44	12	13 Boys District Tennis Grady	14 Regional U.I.L. Jr. High District Track Boys & Girls Grady	15 End Six Weeks	16 H.S. Boys Track Loop
17	18 Boys District Golf Roscoe Boys District Tennis Grady	19	20 H.S. Boys District Track Klondike	21 Alt. Boys District Track Klondike	22 Jr.-Sr. Banquet	23 Area FFA Judging Tech
24	25 Jr. High District Tennis Boys & Girls Klondike	26 Jr. Hi. District Literary Meet Grady	27	28 State U.I.L. Literary	29	30



TOM MCGUIRE

Named To Advisory Board

The United States Achievement Academy announced today that Mr. Thomas McGuire, a sponsor at Borden Co. High School, has been named to the Academy's National Advisory Board.

The USAA National Advisory Board is composed of select teachers throughout the nation who support the Academy's endeavors to recognize achievement. The National Advisory Board will advise the Academy, evaluate scholarships and honors programs, and support the activities of the USAA.

Mr. Thomas McGuire joins more than 700 teachers nationwide in serving on the USAA National Advisory Board. This year, more than 40,000 teachers have nominated over 400,000 students for the Academy honors and scholarship programs. The select group of teachers on the National Advisory Board will serve these programs in an advisory capacity.

USAA is an organization whose stated purpose is to recognize the achievements of America's outstanding young people. The USAA is currently accepting nominations and recognizing outstanding achievement in the following areas: agriculture, art, band, basketball, business education, cheerleading, English, football, foreign language, history and government, home economics, journalism, leadership merit, leadership

service, mathematics, physical education, science, speech and drama, spring sports, student council, and student government.

Any student or parent interested in the USAA honor and scholarship program should contact their teacher. To be eligible, students must excel in one of the aforementioned areas of achievement, fulfill the USAA standards for selection and be nominated by a teacher.

Interested teachers, students or parents should write for more information to:

United States Achievement Academy
2570 Palumbo Dr.
Lexington, KY 40509

ROPING CLUB HAS EMERGENCY

There will be an emergency meeting of the Gail Roping Club on Thursday, April 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the 4-H Exhibit Building. The purpose of the meeting is discuss the continuation of the club. Also, a discussion will be held on the possibility of the Lamesa Roping Club having their 4th of July Roping at Gail.

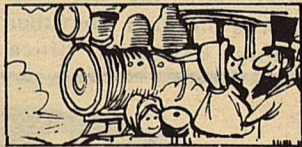
Every member is urged to attend this meeting.

-S-
John Anderson

HONORED WITH HOUSE WARMING

Fifty-five guests attended a housewarming honoring Sue and Rube Smith of the Plains Community last Saturday morning, April 16.

Punch and cookies were served by hostesses Frances Burkett, Katherine Stephens, Kay Doyle, Juanda Hancock, Pam Hess, Beverly Copeland, Gae Ludecke, Verna Ogden, Pat Telchik, Christine Ledbetter and Barbara Farmer.



The first railroad station in the U.S. was the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad depot in Baltimore, Maryland.

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA JUDGING CONTEST

Lubbock--The 55th annual regional Future Farmers of America Judging Contest, which qualifies participants for state and national competition, will be held April 23 at Texas Tech University.

High School FFA teams from Areas I and II who finish in the top 10 percent will advance to the state competition April 30 at College Station. Students will qualify for state competition in six of the 11 contests--livestock, dairy cattle, milk quality and dairy foods, poultry, meats judging and agricultural mechanics.

Students winning state competitions will take part in the National FFA Judging Contest Oct. 1 in Kansas City, Mo.

Five competitions held annually on a regional basis include cotton, wool, land, crops, and range and pasture plants. Dr. Marvin J. Cepica, Texas Tech Agricultural Education professor, said these five categories represent areas of economic importance to West Texas and the South Plains. Cepica and Dr. William F. Bennett, associate dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences, are coordinating the FFA judging contest.

Reservations for the \$4.50 Saturday noon luncheon before results are announced and contest entry fees must be made by Friday, April 15. Entry fees for each three-person team are \$8 per contest.

For entry forms, or for more information, contact Dr. Cepica, P.O. Box 4169, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas 79409, or call (806) 742-2816.

Check-in registration for the judging contest will begin at 5:30 p.m., Friday, April 22, at the Farmers Co-op Compress, 3800 Southeast Drive.

A complimentary hamburger dinner will be served at the co-op at 6 p.m. for contestants and vocational agriculture teachers. Representatives of the College of Agricultural Science's 17

student clubs and faculty members will be present at the dinner to answer questions and meet contestants.

Schools unable to attend the Friday night dinner can register teams at the contest sites on Saturday. Approximately 1,600 high school students will participate in team competitions.

Saturday's events will kick off with Area II meats judging at 7 a.m. Area I meats judging will be held at 8:45 a.m. Those contests will be located in the Texas Tech Meats Laboratory.

Competitions beginning at 7:30 a.m. which will be held at the Texas Tech University-Agricultural Field Laboratory-Lubbock County include dairy cattle, livestock and wool.

Events planned for 8:30 a.m. and their locations are: agricultural mechanics, Room 107, Agricultural Engineering; crops, Room 203, Goddard Range and Wildlife; land, Agricultural Engineering Auditorium;

milk quality and dairy foods, south side of Food Technology Building; poultry, front of Animal Science Building; and range and pasture plants, Room 108, Plant and Soil Science.

The cotton classing event will be held at 610 23rd St., Lubbock at 9 a.m.

Texas Tech faculty and contests they will supervise are: Dr. Lewis Eggenberger, agricultural mechanics; Dr. Norman W. Hopper, cotton classing; Hopper and Dr. Kent R. Keim, crops; and Dr. J. Mark Hellman, dairy cattle.

Also, John R. Hunter, range and pasture plants; Dr. B.L. Allen, land; Dr. B. Frank Craddock, wool and livestock; Dr. Gordon W. Davis, meats; Dr. R. Max Miller, Milk quality and dairy foods; and Dr. James R. Clark, poultry.

A 9 a.m. Saturday meeting is planned for vocation agriculture teachers in the University Center Ballroom. At 2 p.m. contest results will be announced in the Ballroom.

QUEEN CONTEST PLANNED

As part of the 50th anniversary performance of the Big Spring Rodeo and Cowboy Reunion a Miss Rodeo Texas and Miss Rodeo Texas Teen will be crowned. These two young ladies will reign over the rodeo June 22-25, then compete on state and national levels.

Contestants will be judged on appearance, personality and horsemanship. Young ladies age 18-24 will be eligible to enter the Miss Rodeo Texas competition.

Miss Rodeo Texas Teen candidates will be between 13 and 17. Contestants may come from any area of Texas that does not have a local Miss Rodeo Texas or Miss Todeo Teen pageant.

Prizes include scholarships, clothes plus entry fee and sponsorship in state level competition. Details on the Big Spring contests may be obtained from Johnnie Lou Avery, Box 2271, Big Spring 79720. Call 915-263-1451.

SCHOOL MENU

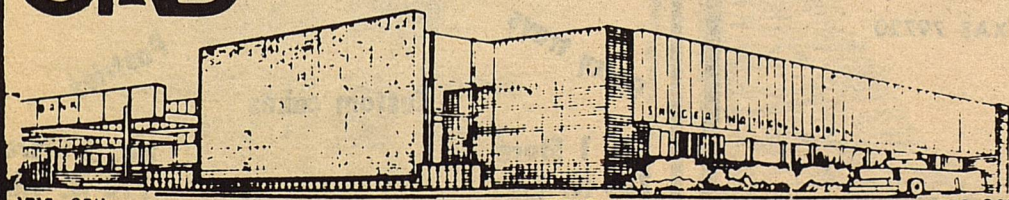
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	Lunch	Breakfast
Monday	Meat & Potato Casserole Green Beans Macaroni Salad Jello Hot Rolls Milk	Toast & Jelly Applesauce Milk
Tuesday	Vegetable Beef Soup Pimento Cheese Carrot Sticks Mixed Fruit Milk	Biscuits & Gravy Fruit Juice Milk
Wednesday	Pizza Squares Tossed Salad Fruit Milk	Cinnamon Toast Fruit Milk
Thursday	Fish Sticks Pinto Beans Cabbage Slaw Pudding Bread Milk	Coffee Cake Fruit Milk
Friday	Hamburgers French Fries Lettuce & Pickles Cookie Milk	Cereal Fruit Juice Milk

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LOCAL NEWS

Several people attended the Grand Opening, under new management, of K-Bob's in Snyder last Tuesday evening. They reported having a good time and good food.

Cory Cox visited with Betty and Warren Beaver last weekend. Heard he lost his pet goat while there.

Talley Griffin was at the right place at the right time recently. She won \$500.00 from a radio station in Lubbock by answering the telephone.

Lisa Ludecke attended the County Treasurer's Seminar at Texas A & M last week. Sarah Sharp drove down with her and visited with her Mother, Sarah Gilleland,

Adolph and Effie Lee Telchik left Monday for a few days stay in Cisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McWhorter spent the weekend with their daughter, Kandy McWhorter.

Members of the Methodist Church met at the 4-H Exhibit Building last Wednesday night for supper and visiting. Those attending were Shirley, Doyle and Cody Newton, Aunt Johnnie, Roscoe Massingill, Billy and Helen

Ludecke Attends Educational Seminar

Melissa Ludecke, Borden County Treasurer, along with 171 other Texas County Treasurers, participated in the 11th Annual County Treasurers' Seminar at Texas A & M University, April 12-14. The theme of the conference was "Education That Counts."

The seminar is an annual educational program of the V. G. Young Institute of County Government, a part of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. It is

Price, Pat and Jo Hensley, Nickie and Jeff Lackey, Aubrey Rogers, the pastor and his wife.

Vada and Cecil Foster returned from Greece last Sunday. Irene and Vernon Creighton and Ada and Jack Holt will stay there for about two more weeks.

Janna Love had her hand badly damaged while running a machine where she is employed. She has had surgery twice to correct the damage.

Rube and Sue Smith were honored with a house warming last Saturday morning. Friends, neighbors and relatives gathered and a nice visit was had while they received a tour of the new home.

Perry Smith, a student at Texas Tech, visited in Gail last weekend with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Fikes and Dusty of Imperial visited with the Frank Herridge Family last weekend. While here they went boating and while Lisa attended the meeting. They spent one night visiting Lisa's sister and family, Randy, Bobbye, Jennifer and Courtney George in Fentress, Texas. picnicing at Lake J. B. Thomas.

sponsored in cooperation with the County Treasurers' Association of Texas.

The Treasurer's Seminar is just one of many county officials' programs offered by the V. G. Young Institute as a service to Texas' elected county officials. The institute is staffed by two full-time specialists knowledgeable in county government. Helping county officials become more effective public servants is the task of the program.

The seminar this year was

purely educational.

Courses included county finance, organizational management, money and banking, an introduction to the computerization of county operations, and principles of governmental accounting.

Melissa will be receiving a certificate for successfully completing the two and one-half day course. This was the first time Borden County had been represented at an educational seminar.

At the final session of the seminar, a copy of the new Texas County Treasurers' Procedure Manual published by the V. G. Young Institute was presented to those treasurers in attendance. The manual includes chapters on county government in Texas, the office of county treasurer, basic responsibilities, several resource directories, and other general information. The manual also refers to a large number of state laws and opinions of the Texas Attorney General and is designed for updating as laws and procedures change.

Williams to Sponsor Statewide Program

College Station --- For the fifth consecutive year, Clayton W. Williams Jr. of Midland, a prominent rancher and oil producer, will sponsor the statewide 4-H beef awards program.

The 4-H beef awards program recognizes 4-H members who have excelled with beef projects, said H. T. Davison, 4-H specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Executive director of the Texas 4-H Foundation.

Through Williams' support, the four top 4-H beef producers in each county, based on their project records, are recognized with a special award. Each of the 14 Extension districts may submit for state competition their first place winner, representative of the counties in that district. The state winner receives an expense-paid trip to the National 4-H Congress held in Chicago each fall.



KEN McMEANS AND ELESHA BRANDON

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Dr. and Mrs. James O. Brandon of Lubbock announce the engagement of their daughter, Elesha, to Ken McMeans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mickey McMeans of Gail.

The couple plan to be married June 4th in First Baptist Church, Lubbock,

Texas. Miss Brandon was graduated from Texas Tech University and is employed as a music specialist by Ralls Elementary School. McMeans was graduated from Texas Tech and is employed by Bar-B Realty and is a Baptist minister.



The spoked wheel, historians estimate, was invented around 2000 B.C.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to give notice of intention to introduce a bill in the 68th Legislature, Regular Session, relating to the creation, powers, and duties of a Juvenile Board for Scurry and Borden Counties.

Senator Ray Farabee
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Representative Steve Carriker
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Courthouse NEWS

The Borden County Commissioners' Court met on April 11, 1983 at 9:00 A.M. for their regular session, with all members present.

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

A request from the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation in Borden County was received. It was decided to contribute \$500 to the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District and \$200 to the Howard County Soil and Water District and the Dawson County Soil and Water District because all three districts do work in Borden County.

The contract with the Escondido Ranch Corporation for approximately 5 acres of land to be used for a county dump ground was approved.

County Agent Alan Day met with the court to discuss progress on the county trap and skeet range.

Progress on the Borden County Bicentennial Park was also discussed.

It was agreed that Borden County would pay to the Borden County Ap-raisal District budget the statutory percentage as set out in the State Property Tax Code for 1984.

There being no other business the court adjourned at 12:00 p.m.



The Texas Society to Prevent Blindness is introducing its new Home Eye Test for Adults during April, Prevent Blindness Month. The self-help kit includes the Landolt Rings Test for distance vision pictured here plus tests for close and central vision. It is available from Prevent Blindness, P. O. Box 20-20, Houston 77252 and costs one dollar to cover postage and

HOME EYE TEST AVAILABLE

A do-it yourself Home Eye Test for Adults that will enable people to determine if they are seeing as well as they should is being introduced this month by the Texas Society to Prevent Blindness as part of its April, Prevent Blindness Month activities.

"The purpose of the test is to alert an estimated 20 million Americans over the age of 25 that they have lost some vision and that they need to have their eyes professionally checked to prevent further loss of sight," says John L. Mann, M.D., an ophthalmologist who is the Society's State Medical Chairman.

"Three basic eye tests are incorporated into the new kit," Dr. Mann explained. "The first test checks distance vision using a wall chart that is hung at eye level and viewed from ten feet. It depicts what appears to be variations on the letter 'C' but which actually are broken circles facing in different directions."

This test, known as the

Landolt Rings, does not require language or reading skills, he added, and has been used internationally since 1909.

"The second test checks the near vision that is used for reading and close work," Dr. Mann continued. "It consists of sentences set in telephone directory size type that are to be read while being held 14 inches from the eyes."

The third part of the kit is a chart called the Amsler Grid. The horizontal and vertical lines on the grid provide a test for macular degeneration, a disease which affects central vision and the ability to see fine details in sharp focus. Although some forms may strike young people, macular degeneration is commonly a problem associated with the aging process.

"If a person fails any of the three tests, the Society suggests a retesting on another day. If failure

results on the second try, a professional eye examination is recommended," Dr. Mann Said.

"The majority who fail may only require glasses or a change in their current prescription. But, on the other hand, since the test can also warn of more serious eye problems such as glaucoma, cataract, or macular degeneration, its results should not be ignored," he stressed.

The Home Eye Test for Adults was developed by Prevent Blindness with the help of some of the country's leading ophthalmologists. On their recommendation the kit includes, in addition to the tests described, a list of signs of possible problems that can also indicate the need for a professional eye examination. Dr. Mann described some of these signs as having double vision or seeing halos around lights or seeing showers of black spots or flashes of light.

Those who wish to test their eyesight with the new self-help kit should send one dollar (\$1.00) to cover postage and handling to Prevent Blindness, P.O. Box 20-20, Houston 77252.

The Texas Society to Prevent Blindness is an affiliate of the National Society to Prevent Blindness which is marking its 75th Anniversary this year as the nation's oldest voluntary health agency engaged in sight conservation. The Texas Society will be marking this milestone throughout 1983, and especially during April, Prevent Blindness Month, with special vision and glaucoma screenings and educational programs throughout the state.

FILE CORRECTED RETURNS

Left something out of your tax return after you have filed your return, such as a deduction or an income figure? The Internal Revenue Service says you can change your original tax return simply by filing corrected returns on Form 1040X.

The original return can be amended any time during the 3 years following the date

(including extensions) of the original, or 2 years from the time the tax was paid, whichever is later, according to the ["#

Taxpayers can receive copies of Form 1040X and additional information by calling the ["# Tax Forms-Information number in the local telephone directory under U.S. Government.

HELP! HELP! HELP!


The Borden County Junior Livestock Show Association has planned two work days. These days are April 30, 1983 and May 1, 1983. The two above dates will be used to work on the county arena, which is in bad need of repair and improvement.

Some of us have forgotten that the money the Rodeo makes enables us to have a Stock Show. Money to buy

ribbons trophies, pay the judges, and other Stock Show expense comes from the Rodeo.

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Consumers Important to Economy

President Reagan has declared the week of April 24th as National Consumers Week. In his declaration, President Reagan states that we must "fully recognize the crucial role consumers play in our economy."

Most of us know what government, agriculture, industry, and labor contribute to the economy. But we don't often recognize how we as individual consumers contribute to the economic health of the nation.

So the theme of this year's National Consumers Week is "Consumers Supply Demand." As consumers, we are important to the economy because we create a demand for products--from homes to housewares; a demand for services--from medical care to auto repair; and a demand for information--from cost comparisons to safety information.

Consider how many stores, businesses and services in our country would close if it was not for the demand of the consumers who live here.

But it is not enough to simply recognize that consumers are important. We need to work at being more effective consumers to make our economy function at its best.

In the kick-off ceremony for National Consumers Week, Louis V. Gerstner, Chairman-Elect of the Joint Council on Economic Education, said there is a "strong need to improve the economic literacy of the American consumer as the country's economic environment becomes more complex and difficult."

Any consumer who has tried to figure out the advantages of different types of bank accounts, read the energy usage labels on major appliances, or understand a warranty, can appreciate Mr. Gerstner's

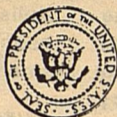
comments. Although consumers now have greater choices in making purchase decisions, the increased amount of consumer information that goes with those choices can be confusing.

According to Virginia Knaur, Director of the U.S. Office of Consumer Affairs, the answer to this problem is consumer education which will "help us to function as competent, creative

consumers."

For nearly 70 years, the Texas Agricultural Extension Services has provided consumer information and education. But you don't need to wait for a National Consumers Week to take advantage of this service.

For more information on consumer programs and materials, contact your county Extension Office.



National Consumers' Week, 1983

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

A major function of our competitive free enterprise economy is to satisfy consumer demand. The effective demand of consumers is what keeps producers in the business of supplying goods and services and is vital to keeping the wheels of industry turning. Therefore, it is most important that we fully recognize the crucial role consumers play in our economy.

Everyone is a consumer, but too often this role is the most neglected in terms of preparation and training. In our complex market economy major decisions have to be made about living within our means; protecting our futures through insurance, pension plans, and investments; choosing goods and services from our global marketplace; and voting on issues directly affecting our public and private consumption. Because consumer and economic education can contribute immeasurably to our competence as consumers and citizens, it should be started in the schools at the earliest possible time.

Consumers should have access to a wide assortment of competitively priced goods and services produced here and abroad; accurate information on product content and care, on contractual agreements, on the cost of credit--essentially whatever facts are needed to make an informed choice. But of greatest importance to consumers and private enterprise is protection against the marketing of goods that are hazardous to health or life, a fair hearing of complaints with appropriate remedies where justified, and dutiful consideration of consumer concerns at all levels of government.

It is clear that the greatest fairness for consumers can be achieved through the active cooperation of business, government, and consumers themselves working to insure equity, increased competition, and safety in our free market economy.

Because an effective and efficient system of commerce depends on an informed and educated public, I urge schools, public and private agencies, and all appropriate public-spirited groups to advance consumer competence by helping provide the necessary consumer and economic information for all our citizens to make well thought-out choices in the marketplace. While the responsibility for consumer education rests primarily with the individual, the communications media and other interested organizations and institutions play an instrumental part in furthering the understanding of American consumers. I urge consumers to avail themselves of this valuable information and to wisely select the goods and services they seek.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week beginning April 24, 1983 as National Consumers' Week.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 20th. day of Jan., in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and seventh.

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by Alan Day

Pecan and Fruit Management Workshop

The Borden County Program Building Committee will host the annual five-county Pecan and Fruit Management Workshop Thursday, April 28th at the Plains Community Center. The workshop will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will conclude around 1:00 p.m.

Dr. George McEachern, fruit and nut specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, will be here as the main speaker. Dr. McEachern will

emphasize pecan orchard management, pruning, budding, irrigation, grape management and management of other fruit trees in our area.

This will be an excellent opportunity for you to come visit and ask questions concerning your fruit and pecan trees. Other counties that are invited are Dawson, Lynn Garza and Scurry. If you have any questions concerning this program, please give me a call (856-4336.)

Rabies Vaccination Clinic Scheduled

The Borden County Program Building Executive Committee will sponsor a Rabies Vaccination Clinic Saturday, April 30th from 9 a.m.-12 noon at the 4-H Exhibit Building in Gail. Dr. Charles Church, veterinarian from Snyder, will be here for the 4th year in a row to administer rabies shots to dogs and cats. Dogs must be at least 3 months old to be vaccinated.

Costs of vaccination is as

Follows:

Rabies Vaccination-\$6.00
Parvo Vaccination-\$6.00
Distemper (DHL)-\$7.50

Plan to bring your dog or cat in to be vaccinated. Reports around the county point to a high level of rabies in skunks this year. Many dead skunks are being found in pastures most likely caused by rabies.

If you have any questions about the clinic, please call the County Extension Office (856-4336).

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FARM FORECLOSURE MORATORIUM COULD HELP FARMERS

Austin... "The federal government has got to be stopped from chopping off the hands that feed us," Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower told a Capitol news conference Tuesday as he, State Sen. Bill Sarpalius (D-Hereford) and State Rep. Tip Hall (D-Ponder) called upon the Texas Legislature to pass a concurrent House-Senate resolution asking Congress to approve a moratorium on government foreclosures of hardpressed farmers.

The resolution, introduced by Hall in the House with several dozen members signing on as co-sponsors, asks Congress and the President to enact into law a bill that has been introduced by U.S. Rep. Ed Jones (D-Tennessee) to defer farm foreclosures by the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) and to make emergency money available for FmHA loans. The resolution also asks Congress to amend the bill to include an automatic two-year redemption period on farmland and equipment that are foreclosed by FmHA. The redemption period would allow foreclosed farmers to keep and use the land and equipment for an additional two years in the hope that the farm economy would turn around and allow them to earn enough to buy them back.

"This isn't some do-nothing resolution to get the Administration's attention," Hightower said. "The Jones legislation is a pragmatic action we can take this year to save thousands of farmers. And we must pass it right now. More than 16,000 Texans have a combined total of more than 24,000 loans from FmHA. Sixty-nine percent of those loans are delinquent. That's more than 11,000 of our good farm families who are on the brink of broke and who are likely to be shoved over it by their own government if we don't stand up and say 'No'." Last year--the worst year in history for farmers in terms of real farm income--only 603 Texas farmers came out in good enough financial shape to pay their FmHA operating loans in full. We had 800 FmHA borrowers who had to liquidate their assets and close the farm gates for good.

"It's important to realize that most farmers who might be considered poor managers were already out of business by 1982," Hightower noted, "so those

who went under last year and those who are facing the same prospect this year are good, efficient, productive farmers. They're making good crops and being paid poor prices for them, putting them in trouble through no fault of their own. We're talking about the farm operators who produce the majority of our food--these are the hands you and I count on to feed us, and it is suicidal government policy to chop them off.

"To quote Larry Windham, President of the Beaumont Production Credit Association, "These guys are really up against the wall. If we don't get some assistance, it's over." And he's not talking about just a few of his borrowers--he says if commodity prices continue where they are for the remainder of this year, half his borrowers will be out of business. Half!

"Many of those farmers have some collateral left to put up against new loans to help them grow a crop this year, but there's no money available.

"One farm couple we talked to yesterday has been farming the same land for 25 years. They suffered the drought in 1980 and they've had severe hail damage the last two years. In addition, FmHA wouldn't loan them enough to spray for insects, so their crop suffered even more. From an established average yield of 400 lbs. of cotton per acre in 1979, their established yield has dropped to just 230 lbs. per acre, and the price on cotton fell from 80 cents per lb. to 50 cents per lb. in that period--again, through no fault of their own.

"They asked FmHA to ride with them another year, and they got back what amounts to a 'Dear Chump' letter," Hightower said. "Imagine what this lifelong farmer felt as he read this: 'After careful consideration, Farmers Home Administration was unable to approve your application request for service.'

"This couple owns some of their land, but their home sits on rented land. They're about to lose it. Their FmHA contact told them they don't need the house, that they can get a trailer to live in.

"These are not statistics. These are real people who have invested their adult lifetimes in the land only to face the loss of everything due to circumstances beyond their control.

"They deserve our help, not only because they are good farmers, but also

because we're going to need them next year, and the next year and every year that we want to eat--or to buy a cotton shirt or a pair of bluejeans.

"The Jones bill will delay farm foreclosures and make more money available to keep people farming until they can climb out of the hole the government dug for them. The bill should be passed, and the resolution by Rep. Hall and Sen. Sarpalius will let Congress and the President know that the Texas Legislature, representing all the 14 million people of Texas, wants it passed before we lose any more good farmers."

COWMEN OPPOSED BRUCellosIS BILL

The Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas has gone on record opposing S.B. 366 by Sen. Bob Glasgow and H.B. 701 by Rep. Bruce Gibson because the bills give the Texas Animal Health Commission too much power.

"These bills, if passed, would give the TAHC authority and power to submit any set of rules and regulations appearing to eradicate brucellosis," says Cliff Boucher, executive director of the association. "We would prefer allowing part of the power of writing regulations to remain in the legislature with elected officials. Instead, these bills allow only the governor's political appointees to govern the health programs of the cattle industry of Texas."

The bills were introduced because of pending court litigation ruling the TAHC was adopting regulations when it did not have authority to do so, explains Boucher. With the authority delegated by these bills, the commission will have even greater power over cattle movement and sale in this state, he says.

"With rumors of the threat of a brucellosis quarantine by USDA, many in the cattle industry feel blackmailed into accepting this kind of power vested into the TAHC," Boucher says. "However, it was U.S. President Ronald Reagan who directed USDA to phase out the brucellosis program. We stand behind his recommendation."

With the power created by these bills the TAHC intends

to enforce a stricter set of rules, he says. These stricter rules divide the state into two areas, east and west. East Texas cattle producers will operate under more stringent requirements for cattle movement than West Texas producers. Extensive testing and vaccination will be required before cattle may be sold into the western section of the state.

"These rules and regulations will serve as a trade barrier within our state," Boucher warns,

"Because of the restrictions and added compliance costs required of cattlemen in East Texas. S.B. 366 and H.B. 701 will place cattle producers in East Texas at a great disadvantage, inhibit cattle trade and continue to require dependence on an unreliable test as the measure of herd health."

Boucher told ICA members to show their opposition to these bills by contacting members of the State Legislature to encourage the bills' defeat.

Hance To Speak To Cotton Producers

An estimated 500 High Plains cotton producers and allied businessmen are expected in Lubbock April 22 for the 26th annual membership meeting of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. in the Banquet Room of the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, with adjournment scheduled at 4:15 p.m.

The 1983 meeting is billed as "A Look at the Research, Promotion and Politics that Shape Cotton's Destiny." Featured are four distinguished speakers, "each chosen for his ability to shed light on one or more aspects of the general theme," according to PCG President Tommy Fondren of Lorenzo.

Fondren will serve as general chairman and will open the meeting with the President's annual report.

First of the four main speakers will be State Senator John Montford of Lubbock. Montford is a member of the Committee on Natural Resources, and Vice Chairman of the Subcommittee on Water. "Montford is showing strong leadership qualities during his first year in the Texas Legislature," Fondren notes, "and we can expect him to exert considerable influence over future State legislation concerning not only water but other matters of importance to cotton as well."

The second speaker will bring to the podium knowledge gained from occupying important positions in one or another phase of the cotton industry over a period of almost 50 years. He is Ed Breihan, immediate past president of the National Cotton Council. Breihan, who served as vice president and treasurer of the Texas Bank for Cooperatives from 1936-1952 and executive

"Wherever there is a human being there is a chance for kindness." Seneca

"He who is in a hurry misses his opportunities." Albanian Proverb

vice president of Southwestern Irrigated Cotton Growers from 1952 to 1975, is now general manager of Plains Cooperative Oil Mill, Lubbock.

Breihan will be followed on the program by Nineteenth District U.S. Congressman Kent Hance. Hance, a member of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, has exhibited an intense interest in the well-being of the High Plains Cotton Industry since beginning his public career as a member of the Texas State Senate in 1974. A native of Dimmitt, Hance rapidly gained status in Washington after his election to the House in 1978, is often cited as one of Texas' "most effective" congressmen and is one of the most sought-after speakers in the Texas delegation.

The all important areas of research and market development for cotton will be discussed by the fourth speaker, J. Nicholas Hahn, President and Chief Executive Officer of Cotton Incorporated, the cotton research and marketing company funded by annual producer investments of approximately \$2 per bale. Hahn last spoke to the PCG membership as CIs Vice President for Sales and Marketing in 1980. He became President and Chief Executive Officer on November 1 of last year upon the retirement of J. Dukes Wooters, Jr. from that position.

The membership meeting will conclude with the annual report of Executive Vice President Donald Johnson, after which the organization's 50-man Board will be convened for the election of 1983-84 officers.

ASCS News

by Jerry Stone

CONSERVATION USE ACREAGE

Farmers who signed up for the 1983 acreage reduction, land diversion and payment-in-kind programs for wheat, feed grain, and upland cotton are reminded of their obligations to apply conservation to diverted acres.

"The rules for determining what land will be eligible for designation as conservation use acreage--the land taken out of production under the program--have been discussed with program participants."

The basic requirement for 1983 is that the land must have been cropped in two of the past three years. This is intended to assure that the land is productive and would have been in production this year if the farmer were not participating in the program."

Basically the same conserving use rules apply to payment-in-kind conservation use acreage as to conservation acres for the paid diversion and unpaid acreage reduction acres. The only difference is under summer fallow rules, PIK acreage will have to be acreage that would have been planted in 1983. The total of these acreages (PIK and paid diversion and unpaid acreage reduction) is referred to as conservation use acreage. These acres must be devoted to approved conservation uses sufficient to protect them from wind and water erosion. Insects, weeds, and rodents must also be controlled.

Conservation use acreage may not be harvested. Grazing is not authorized during the six principal growing months (March 1 to August 31, 1983). An exception to the prohibition on haying and grazing is

authorized for PIK program participants who planted winter wheat before January 11th.

Program participants are encouraged to install permanent vegetative conservation cover or practices on their conservation use acres. The Agricultural Conservation Program shares with farmers the cost of installing permanent cover. If farmers maintain the cover or conservation practices, the land will be eligible for designation as conservation use acreage in 1984 and 1985.

LOAN RATES FOR 1983 CROP CORN, SORGHUM, WHEAT ARE ANNOUNCED

National average loan rates are \$2.65 a bushel for corn, \$3.65 a bushel for wheat, and \$4.50 per hundredweight for sorghum.

"The primary purpose of the commodity loan program is to offer farmers a tool for marketing their grain. Historically, during harvest time our market prices are generally less than what they are during other times of the year, and the loan program provides farmers with an opportunity to take advantage of any possible increase in market prices at a later time.

To qualify for price support loans, farmers need only to comply with acreage reduction program provisions.

FARMERS CERTIFY WHEAT BARLEY CROPS

The Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service is currently accepting acreage reports for the 1983 farm programs. Farmers have until May 10th to report the sizes and intended uses of their wheat, oats, barley, rye

and other fall-seeded small grains.

"Some farmers certified these crops when they signed up for the 1983 acreage reduction and payment-in-kind program.

Acreage reports are used to determine compliance with farm programs. They also serve as a basis for the 1984 program base acres for farms. Program participants are required to report their actual planted acreage on a field-by-field basis to be eligible for program benefits. "It is also important for non-program participants to report their acres because the 1984 base acres will be based on the certified 1983 acreage.

To verify that acreage reports are accurate ASCS randomly checks farms and also provides aerial photographs for farmers to identify their fields.

Farmers who have not certified their fall-seeded crops are urged to do so as soon as possible. The county ASCS office is open weekdays from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

1983 PIK PROGRAM RESULTS

It was generally conceded that USDA's Payment-in-Kind (PIK) program would receive solid backing by farmers. But nobody expected the kind of sighup of combined acreage reduction and PIK announced this week.

In all, farmers will idle 39.4 million acres of corn and sorghum; 2.3 million acres of barley and oats (barley and oats are under the acreage reduction program only); 1.7 million acres of rice; 32.1 million acres of wheat; 6.8 million acres of cotton.

Of the cotton acreage to be idled, 572,338 acres are under the acreage reduction program; 5.3 million acres are under the 10-30 pct. PIK program; and 951,669 acres are under the whole farm PIK.

While all states except Hawaii participated in the programs, 15 states accounted for 65.8 million acres--or 80 pct. --of acreage to be idled.

Texas, only states where farmers participated on all PIK programs, led the nation with 9.3 million acres to be idled. That total included 1.5 million acres of corn and sorghum, 3.1 million acres of wheat, 3.5 million acres of cotton, 285,299 acres of rice, and 34,000 acres barley and oats.

Tower Seeks Agreement

Washington -- U.S. Senator John Tower announced today he has joined in sponsoring a resolution urging the President to begin negotiations with the Soviet Union on a new long-term agreement.

"This action is a crucial step toward re-establishing the United States as a reliable supplier of agriculture commodities to the Soviet Union, as well as easing the downward pressure of farm prices caused by our large surpluses," Tower said in a statement prepared for delivery on the U.S. Senate floor.

Noting that the Soviet Union is expected to import more than 40 million tons of grain, or nearly one-fourth of all the grain fed to the Soviet people and livestock, Senator Tower said, "The Soviet Union represents a market for our agricultural commodities that has great potential, and it is crucial that we take advantage of the superior efficiency of the U.S. farmer to regain part of our past market share." The Soviet Union has in the past bought as much as 15.5 million metric tons of U.S. corn and wheat per year and has depended on the U.S. for up to 70 percent of its total needs of these

commodities. Last year, the Soviets purchased only the minimum level of corn and wheat from the U.S. under a one-year extension of the previous grain agreement. Recently, the Soviets signed long-term grain agreements with five other nations that have filled the void created by the declining U.S. share of the market, tower noted.

Senator Tower also pointed out that a long-term grain agreement with the Soviet Union would help restore the health of U.S. agricultural exports.

"Increasing and expanding export markets for U.S. farm goods should be our first priority in restoring economic health to our farmers and rural communities. The efficiency of the U.S. farmer has allowed us to enjoy a comparative advantage in many agricultural commodities, establishing the U.S. as the worlds leading exporter of agricultural goods. Taking advantage of this efficiency by retaining established markets, developing new ones and recovering past market shares is crucial to long-term stability in American agriculture," Tower said.

"The Presidents decision in April 1981 to lift the previous Soviet grain embargo, combined with his recent signing of contract sanctity legislation last year, demonstrates a wisely cautious, yet firm, move to recover our market position in the Soviet Union. I feel a new long-term agreement is a natural step in continuing to re-establish this valuable agricultural market," Tower continued.

"Our failure to compete with the full force of our highly efficient agricultural industry and a renegotiated long-term grain agreement, would only hurt American farmers and encourage the Soviet Union to continue to seek other suppliers.

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