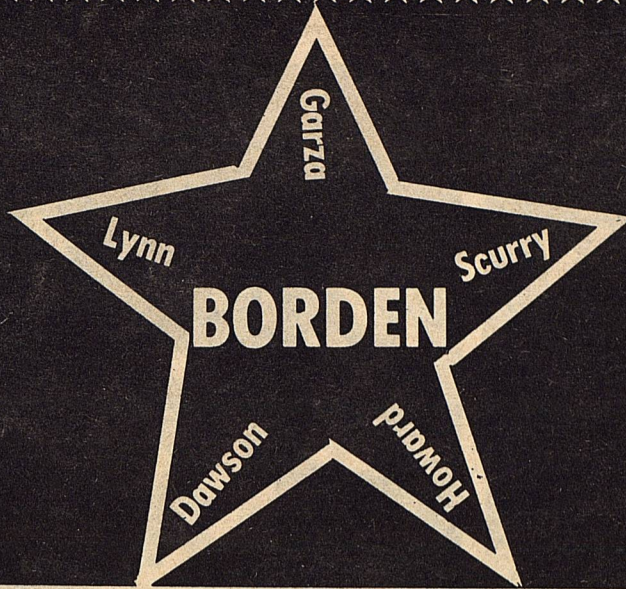


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SESQUICENTENNIAL OBSERVANCE BEGINS

THE BLIZZARD OF 1918

During the next few months we will be publishing brief sketches featuring Borden County's older residents as a preliminary to the observance of Texas Sesquicentennial and the celebration of the Old Settler's Reunion to be held on June 29, at the Borden County School in Gail. Most of the material used will be taken, with permission, from the files of the Borden County Historical Survey Committee, which began its work of collecting historical data in September 1965.

"The Borden Citizen", the official publication of the Committee, has been published in newsletter form since its inception and is a veritable treasure house of birth and death records, historical information and lively anecdotes gathered by the families of our early settlers. It is the work of many willing hands investing hours of unselfish labor. The Newsletters, fascinating in content, have been the recipient of numerous State awards.

How old do you have to be before you are considered an

"Old settler"? Unless you are like Mrs. Frank (Edna) Miller, who celebrated her 80th birthday with a flair on Jan. 3, (read next weeks Borden Star for details), and is steeped in the lore of West Texas, you need only be a descendant of one of Borden County's pioneer families who settled here around the turn of the century or earlier. Because Mrs. Miller says with a laugh, "Nobody's older than I am!", we will start with some of her recollections.

When she married, at 19, into Frank Miller's family, she recalls, "I was the youngest member of the family and now I am the oldest!" She has seen many, many changes throughout her life and had many experiences that would be unique to this generation. Let us listen to her story of "The Blizzard of 1918".

"on January 10, 1918, the worst blizzard in living memory howled across the plains of Texas and New Mexico. Perhaps there are those still living who remember the terrible "blue northers" of the 1880's and

90's, but for most of us that January 10th was the blizzard of the century.

Not only was this the worst blizzard within memory but the losses and suffering were greatly intensified by one of the most severe droughts ever to plague West Texas. In 1917, almost no rain fell. Scurry County recorded 8.15 inches. Dawson County recorded only 3.22 inches. Many seed, planted that year, did not sprout until rains came the following spring. Sand, driven by fierce winds, was piled along fence rows, sometimes covering the fences entirely, filling country lanes from fence to fence. Many believe that the first Russian thistle came into this country on these winds, for they had not been known here previously. Others think the seed was shipped in with feed for the

MEETING TO BE HELD TO PLAN OLD SETTLERS REUNION

There will be a meeting Thursday, January 16, 1986, at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Court Room of the Court House, Gail, Texas to discuss and make further plans for the Borden County Old Settlers Reunion. We hope that anyone who has any questions or ideas or who would like to help in any way, as well as those who have already volunteered, will be able to attend.

If you cannot attend, but would like to visit with one of us for any reason, feel free to call or come by either of our offices at any time.

-s-Sincerely,
Van York and Betty Beaver

hungry cattle. These sandstorms were unlike the dust storms of the 30's which sometimes blew in dirt from as far away as Kansas and Colorado. This was our own denuded land, bare of vegetation, wind driven, piling up in mounds on our door knobs, blowing through the cracks of our box and strip houses until at times we went to bed and covered our heads to shut it out, first shaking the sand from the sheets. It blew in from "the plains" in great black clouds, bringing mid-day darkness which sent the chickens to roost and the children home from school. The yellow light from coal oil lamps sought to dispell the gloom and food was placed in the oven where the least grit drifted in.

The morning of Jan. 10, 1918 dawned clear and calm with no forewarning of the impending disaster. There were no radios to give "cold wave warnings" or to tell of the terrible wind which was driving wind, snow and livestock before it across the plains.

The Jim Dorwards, who lived at the Godwin (now Clayton) ranch, started for Big Spring, dropping daughter Ophelia off at school. Most of the other children in and around Gail walked to school as usual, some from several miles away. But soon the ominous blue streak appeared low on the horizon in the north and an electric foreboding permeated the atmosphere. The Dorwards recognized the weather signs and turned back toward home. The wind struck with fury and soon blinding snow and sand filled the air. People became uneasy about children and livestock. Mrs. Pearce sent Roy, her eldest son not in school, to bring the younger children

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"BUCK" LEMONS TO SEEK OFFICE

Hurston "Buck" Lemons has announced his candidacy for Commissioner, Precinct 4 of Borden County, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary.

"I need the job and would like the opportunity to serve the people of Borden County, not only Precinct 4, but the whole county," said Lemons.

Buck was born May 5, 1941 and is a lifetime resident of Borden County. He graduated from Fluvanna High School in 1959 and studied Commercial Art at W.T.S.U. He has farmed in the Fluvanna area for 22 years. Lemons has worked for the Fluvanna Gin as bookkeeper, cotton buyer for the Mahoney Cotton Company, as well as Monesen Cotton Company. He was assistant manager of the Dunn Gin and also tested milk for Texas A & M.

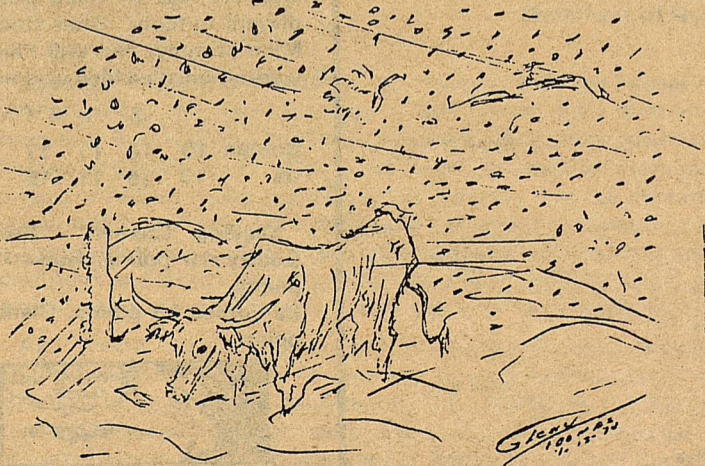
Lemons belongs to the Young Farmers Association, Farm Bureau, served as Democratic Chairman for Precinct 4, election judge and director for the fuel co-op.

VAN YORK ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY

Van York has announced his intention to file for re-election to the office of Borden County Judge, subject to the Democratic Primary to be held in May.

York says, "I am honored to have been able to serve the citizens of Borden County during the past term. I appreciate the confidence shown in me and would like your continued support.

-s-Van York



THE BLIZZARD OF 1918

LADY COYOTES BEAT DAWSON



LADY COYOTES WIN BORDEN TOURNAMENT

For the third consecutive year and the fifth time in seven years, the Borden County Lady Coyotes have captured the championship trophy in the Borden Tournament. It was a tournament which saw six tournament records broke, four by Borden County.

Teri Billington set two records in the first game which Borden defeated Westbrook by a score of 75-22. Borden jumped out to a 31-4 first quarter lead behind Teri's 20 points. Teri finished with 34 points on the night to set the record for the most points in a single game and also the record for the most individual field goals in a single game with 16.

Elvira Balague was the only other player in double figures with 10. Kelli Williams had 8, Charla Buchanan and Kate Phinizy hit 6, Linda Sternadel made 4, Cindy Balague had 3, and Tammy Johnson and Lynn Sternadel each made 2. Teri led in field goal percentage hitting 16 of 22 for 73 percent. Kelli led in free throw percentage with 67 percent. Teri also led in rebounds with 14 and in steals with 8. Lynn was second in rebounds with 13 and Charla had 9. Kate led in assists with 3.

In the semi-finals Saturday morning, Borden jumped out to a 16-12 first quarter lead over Forsan and increased it by 14 points over the next two quarters to hold a 41-23 lead going into the last quarter. The large margin would be all they would need as they marched into the finals with a 51-38 triumph. Three players scored in double figures with Kelli Williams leading with 15 followed by Teri Billington with 14 and Kate Phinizy with 12. Also scoring were Charla Buchanan with 6 and Cindy Balague and Lynn Sternadel with 2 each. Teri again turned in a great performance despite staying in foul trouble most of the game.

BOYS PLACE 2ND IN TOURNEY

The Borden County Boys defeated the Forsan Buffaloes in second round action of the Borden Tourney. The score was Borden 44 and Forsan 42.

David Holmes and Doyce Taylor combined to lead the Coyotes to the big win. David had 17 points and 10 rebounds. Doyce added 10 points, including the game winner, which came at 8 seconds to go in the game.

The victory placed the boys in the championship game for only the 2nd time in it's history.

She was 100 percent for the game in the shooting department hitting 4 of 4 from the floor and 6 of 6 from the line. Cindy also hit 100 percent from the field hitting her only attempt.

Kelli was the only other player hitting over 50 percent from the field having a 54 percent stat. Charla, Tammy, and Kate led in steals with 3 each. Kate led in the other two departments having 11 rebounds and 5 assists.

The final was close throughout as Lopop held a 13-10 first quarter lead only to have Borden outscore the Longhorns 20-9 the second quarter to earn a 30-22 halftime lead. Loop's last effort fell short in the second half rally as they connected on only the front end of a 1 and 1 free throw attempt with 1 second remaining in the game. It gave Borden a 48-47 championship, their fifth, increasing their record of most Tournament

Championships by one. Teri set an additional record as she led in scoring with 20 points to set a tournament record for the most points by an individual in a tournament with 68. Kelli was second in scoring with 13 points followed by Kate with 7, Charla with 4, and Cindy and Tammy with 2 each. Teri led in field goal percentage with 53 percent and Cindy, Charla, and Tammy all hit 50 percent. Teri also led in free throw percentage with 100 percent hitting 2 of 2. Kelli was second with 75 percent hitting 3 of 4. Charla led in rebounds with 6 and dteri led in steals with 6 followed by Kate with 5. Kate also had 3 assists.

jThis raises the Lady Coyotes record to 11-2 for the year. It was their second tournament championship, having won the Sands Tournament earlier in the year.

The first patent for artificial teeth was issued to Charles Graham of New York City in 1822.

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menu

January 13-17, 1986

Monday	Corn Dogs Pork and Beans Cole Slaw Fruit Milk	Salad Bar
Tuesday	Lasagna Pinto Beans Fruit Salad Hot Bread Milk	Salad Bar
Wednesday	Hamburger Steak English Peas Mashed Potatoes Fruit Cobbler Hot Rolls Milk	Salad Bar
Thursday	Hamburgers French Fries Lettuce & Pickles Brownies Milk	Salad Bar
Friday	Teacher Workday	

IRA DEFEATS BORDEN CO.

The Borden County Coyotes were defeated by the Ira Bulldogs on Tuesday night. The score was Ira 54 and Borden 42.

The "fighting" Coyotes played a good game and deserved a better fate. Free-throw shooting and foul-problems contributed to the loss. Borden could manage only two of eleven free-throws. Ira on the other hand, won the game at the line. They scored 18 points from the line, shooting 18

was the loss of three Borden players to fouls. Chris Cooley, Mike Murphy, and Will Phinizy were all whistled for 5 personals.

	1	2	3	4	Final
Borden	10	10	11	11	42
Ira	13	15	11	15	54

Leading scorers: Borden Cooley 19 points, Burkett 12 points. Ira-Forbes 15 points, Clark 11 points.



When active, the Paricutin volcano in central Mexico could spew four million pounds of rock and lava into the air in one minute.

LOOP BEATS BORDEN BOYS VARSITY

The Borden County boys were defeated by the Loop Longhorns in the Championship game of the Borden County Tournament. The score was Loop 58 and Borden 42.

The Coyotes were able to control the tempo of the game,

against a very quick Loop team. However, the Longhorn's stronger all around game finally wore the Coyotes down.

Borden was lead by Mickey Burkett and David Holmes, who each scored 12 points. Chris Cooley added 11 points and

Doyce Taylor had seven assists to continue his leadership of this very important basketball stat.

The Coyotes' finished second in the tournament for only the second time.

The boys record is now 3 and 9 with district play to begin on January 7th.

HAVE A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

JANUARY 1986

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5	6 5:00 p.m. J.H. Basketball Girls & Boys O'Donnell - Here	7 5:00 p.m. H.S. Basketball Girls & Boys *Klondike - Here	8	9	10 6:30 p.m. H.S. Basketball Girls & Boys *Wilson - There	11
12	13 5:00 p.m. J.H. Basketball Girls & Boys Klondike - There	14 5:00 p.m. J.H. Basketball Girls & Boys *Southland - There	15	16 Semester Ends	17 Teacher Workday	18
19	20 6:00 p.m. J.H. Basketball Girls & Boys Wilson - Here	21 5:00 p.m. H.S. Basketball Girls & Boys *O'Donnell - Here	22	23 Bad Weather Borden County Stock Show	24 Day	25
26	27 5:00 p.m. J.H. Basketball Girls & Boys Southland - Here	28 5:00 p.m. H.S. Basketball Girls & Boys *Wilson - Here	29	30	31 5:00 p.m. H.S. Basketball Girls & Boys *Southland - Here	

HEART ATTACK

If you feel an uncomfortable pressure, fullness, squeezing or pain in the center of your chest (that may spread to your shoulders, neck or arms) and your discomfort lasts for two minutes or longer, you could be having a heart attack. Sweating, dizziness, fainting, nausea, a feeling of severe indigestion, or shortness of breath also may occur, although not all symptoms necessarily occur. Sharp, stabbing twinges, on the other hand, usually aren't signals of a heart attack.

When a person has these symptoms, it's natural for him or her to deny what's happening. No one wants to think that he might be having a heart attack. But before you shrug off the symptoms, it's important to know that an estimated 350,000 heart attack victims died before reaching the hospital last year, many of them because they refused to take their symptoms seriously.

What should you do if you think you might be having a heart attack? If you're uncomfortable for two minutes or more, call your local emergency medical service (EMS) immediately. If the EMS isn't available, get to a hospital offering emergency cardiac care as soon as possible.

students with the creativity, critical thinking, and problem solving skills America will need in the year 2000 and beyond.

Sutch, coordinator of fine arts for the AISD, says that Texas schools are doing nothing more than "repackaging" existing courses and requiring students to take more subjects.

"Unfortunately, many in this movement are missing the real issue," Sutch says. "They are looking at a return to the basics and an increase in credits required for graduation." He says a different kind of restructuring is necessary to prepare students for the future.

"Schools cannot be restructured for the information age merely by repackaging the old basics and requiring more of the same course," Sutch explains. "Any real restructuring must be much more fundamental. It must address what young people need to learn and how schools need to instill the ability to learn."

In a recent newspaper article, Corrigan, dean of the College of Education at Texas A&M, wrote that the reform movement places too much emphasis on improving scores on standardized tests, and that such an emphasis might force low-achieving students to drop out of schools.

"One of the most frightening aspects of the current emphasis on testing is that the push for high test scores may become a device for weeding students out of the school system," Corrigan wrote. "The worst thing that could happen is that in five years the average SAT score or state-mandated score increases and we learn the reason for the increase is that the 20 percent of students who needed help the most were pushed out of school."

Corrigan also warns that Texas' use of test scores to identify slow or fast learners often is the "kiss of death" for many students.

"Studies show that once a child is tested and then placed in a group called 'slow learners,' there is almost never movement up," Corrigan wrote. "It is sideways, down to another group, or out of school entirely. Tests are used as an excuse to justify why the child did not learn rather than a way to diagnose the child's learning needs and design appropriate curriculum and teaching strategies."

In other stories, ATPE News explores Reading is Fundamental, a project which seeks to combat the problem of illiteracy by making reading fun activity for young people. The magazine also reports on how no-pass, no-play has affected Texas high school football teams, and provides educators with tips on conducting successful student science fairs.



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MARY NEELY DAY IN HONOR OF PIONEER WOMAN

Mary Neely was born in 1880 in Comanche County to Frank and Lucretia Holmsley. On December 28, 1985, she will celebrate her 105th birthday. Her father was a frontier doctor, and she was his assistant during her girlhood. She used this early medical training for the next several decades, ministering to the needs of family and neighbors in isolated West Texas communities where there was no other medical help.

At age 22, she married Joe Holmes Neely. Their honeymoon was a three-month trip in a covered wagon to New Mexico, where several months later their first child, Joe, Jr., was born. They moved back to Texas to manage a ranch where Mrs. Neely faced rattlesnakes, panthers, and outlaws. She had to rope wild cows to get milk for the family to drink.

In 1905, the Neelys moved to Dell City, Texas, where they managed another ranch for ten years. Their second son Tom was born here. In a final move, the family bought several sections of land west of McNary, Texas, near the Rio Grande, and about 75 miles down the river from El Paso. They made the move in wagons and a Model T Ford, according to Mrs. Neely, "driving cattle eight or ten miles a day, keeping them out of bogs and arroyos, dodging flashfloods."

At that time, the border was a haven for members of Pancho Villa's band and cattle rustlers, and the Neely's newly acquired house was full of bullet holes. Their ranch was a success, providing them with the

necessities, plus cattle, hogs, cotton, and mohair to sell.

Wherever she lived, Mrs. Neely used her medical training.

Mrs. Neely has combined rare qualities in her unusual life that has spanned more than a century: fearlessness in the face of frontier dangers, selflessness in caring for family and neighbors, and lifetime pursuit of knowledge. She has developed words of wisdom in raising her family and doing so much good in her corner of the state of Texas: "I learned long ago to be happy. I could never understand how people can waste their lives in hatred and misery when there is so much love in the world that is theirs if they will look for it and give some in return."

Governor White proclaimed December 28 as Mary Neely Day in Texas in honor of an outstanding pioneer woman, Mary L. Neely of Hudspeth County. The proclamation notes, "Few of us will have the opportunity to live a life such as Mary's...But we all can learn from her, if only through her basic philosophy -- 'You've got to do the best you can with what you've got.'" He said, "Mary Neely's life epitomizes the greatness that is our heritage."



To win a bet for \$40, Thomas Garson of Chicago ate 22 hamburgers and two quarts of ice cream in 25 minutes back in 1938.

LADIES, DID YOU EVER TRY THIS ONE

Charlie Nobles of Snyder, whose wife Emily is a niece of Mrs. Hannabass tells this story of Dr. Hannabass who first registered to practice medicine in Gail in 1903.

Dr. Hannabass came to Borden County a young and rather inexperienced doctor. Not long afterward, a young lad came one night to say that his services were needed. Dr. Hannabass hitched his horse to the buggy and took along his medical book, but the night was too dark to read as he went along.

When they reached the home, neighbor women were attending the expectant mother, so Dr. Hannabass made the excuse of drinking a cup of coffee to give himself an opportunity to "Read" from the trusty book. He had learned very little before one of the women came in to inquire if he did not think that it was time to give the patient "the quill". The puzzled doctor made an excuse and continued his coffee sipping and persual of the medical book. As the second cup of coffee was poured, the woman came again to remark that she did not think they could wait much longer "to give her the quill". Dr. Hannabass

assured her that there was no hurry and continued his reading. Before the coffee was half finished, the attendant came again insisting that they could wait no longer. Dr. Hannabass, thinking quickly, said, "You know how to give it, don't you? Why don't you do it?", and watched in amazement as the woman prepared a turkey feather, dusted liberally with snuff, and inserted it into the patient's nose. A violent sneeze resulted and the new baby was delivered.

At any rate, Dr. J. H. Hannabass and his beloved wife, Miss Kate, came west to Borden County from Cooper, Texas for Miss Kate's health. They were traveling in a surrey, probably rented from the livery stable in Snyder. They settled in Gail and Dr. Hannabass delivered the babies and doctored the ailing including his asthmatic wife, until his own health failed. They moved to Snyder in the late 1920's. Dr. Hannabass died there in January, 1929.

It is ironic that this frail woman outlived her husband who brought her west "to die", by twelve years and also outlived her only child, their daughter, Miriam.



Chip Smith was home for the Christmas holidays for 10 days. He is training at the Medical Hospital in Cherrypoint, N.C.

SMU TO HOST ALAMO EXHIBIT

A five-month exhibit exploring the Alamo in fact and fiction is on display in Southern Methodist University's DeGolyer Library, November 16, 1985 through March 14, 1986. The exhibit is part of the Texas Sesquicentennial celebration and SMU's 75th anniversary.

Entitled "Alamo Images: Changing Perceptions of a Texas Experience," the exhibit traces the historic fort's mythical and symbolic roles in society, yesterday and today.

The show focuses on individual components of the Alamo story - the fortress, commanders, troops, military maneuvers, the frequently overlooked Tejano (Texans of Mexican descent) and women who witnessed and survived the fort's 1836 fall.

Included in the exhibit are 14 cases of original memorabilia and 22 framed panels. The display includes historic manuscript, drawings, maps, etchings and lithographs, as well as contemporary movie stills and posters, record jackets, games, toys, illustrated books, magazines, postcards, pamphlets and broadsides.



Charly Deann Chapman was born to Carol and Ted Chapman of Route 1, Slaton on Jan. 1, 1986 at 7:45 A.M. She weighed 6 lbs, 11 oz and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Jim and Frances Burkett and Ted Sr. and Letha Chapman of Cotton Center.

THANK YOU

We would like to take this means to say thank you for all the thoughtfulness shown to us during dad's illness and death.

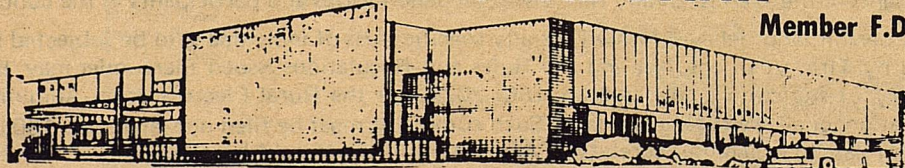
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Thank you for thinking of us.
-s- Terry, Connie, Tammy, and Jill Voss

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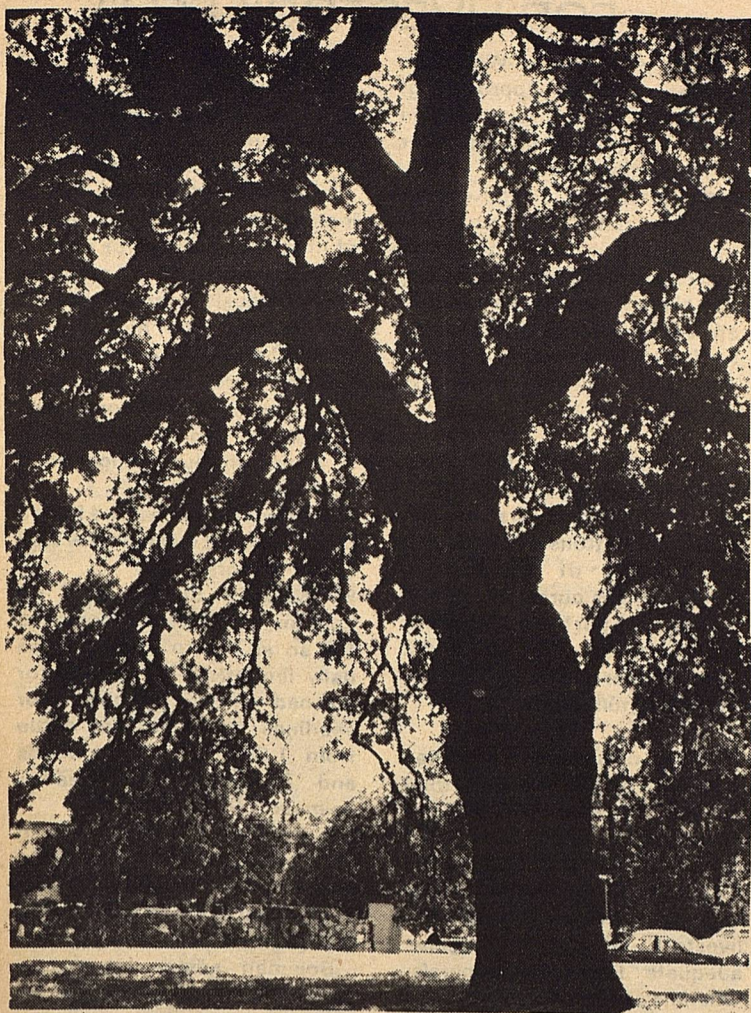
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TEXAS ARBOR DAY FESTIVITIES

Austin's celebration of Texas' 150th birthday will kick off with the 1986 Texas Sesquicentennial Arbor Day Observance, 10 a.m., Friday, January 17 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on Town Lake.

Guests may view the planting of the historical Heritage Oak tree at the San Jacinto Battleground by live hook-up with KTRK from Houston. A videotape presentation will be shown of a re-creation of the surrender of Santa Anna, also at the San Jacinto Battleground.

Mayor Frank Cooksey will unveil a special Sesquicentennial gift to the citizens of Austin. Austinites will be given the opportunity to contribute to this unique project.

The Trees of Texas History drawing contest gives children the chance to contribute to the

celebration. Children in the third through sixth grades will make original drawings either of one of the historic trees in Austin and its association with Texas history or of a tree with an historical trees in Austin and its association with Texas history or of a tree with an historical person.

The children's drawings will be judged by a panel consisting of Mrs. Mark White, Mayor Cooksey, Jorge Carrasco and Director of the Austin Parks and Recreation Department Charles Jordan. The entries will be judged on the basis of originality and creativity.

The Austin Natural Science Association and Guild donated the prizes for the contest. The winning third and fourth graders will receive a gift certificate to the Austin Nature Store and the

book Famous Trees in Texas. The best fifth and sixth grade entries will win a one week scholarship to the Austin Nature Camp.

The Austin Sesquicentennial Commission is also coordinating a Trail of Trees at Zilker Park and the Texas Forest Service will give pecan trees to the Arbor Day guests.

Several specialists will conduct a series of workshops about Texas trees and plants Saturday, January 18 at the Zilker Garden Center. All are welcome to attend both Sesquicentennial events. For more information, contact the Austin Sesquicentennial Commission at (512) 472-1986.

THE GREAT TEXAS CROSSING

Commemorative outings to the state's beautiful parks and natural areas are being planned by various groups throughout the state. Called "The Great Texas Crossing," the outings range from boat trips to bicycle tours to hiking expeditions. Coordinator Kathryn Nichols writes that all Crossing trips will include "beautiful scenery, a synopsis of natural and human history of the area, and possibly a commemorative T-shirt."

Perhaps the longest crossing will be the Trans Texas Trail, an 1100-mile route across Texas from New Mexico to Louisiana. The trail is especially designed for bicyclists and includes the widest variety of scenery possible - desert, forest, swamp, mountains -- along national, state and county roads.

For more information about the Trans Texas Trail, contact Lawrence Walker, 1507 1/2 Nueces, Austin, Texas 78701. For more information about the Great Texas Crossing, contact Kathryn Nichols, 2704 Charpparral Road, Manchaca, Texas 78652.

TO BE MORE, DO MORE
Do more than exist; live.
Do more than touch; feel.
Do more than look; observe.
Do more than hear; listen.
Do more than think; ponder.
Do more than talk; say something.

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COMMISSIONER GARY MAURO ANNOUNCES

Austin--Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro announced for re-election at the La Mansion Hotel at a fundraising reception.

"The Texas taxpayers get what they pay for at the Texas General Land Office," Mauro said in his announcement speech. "Our public lands are managed aggressively and the Texas Veterans Land Board is run like a business."

Mauro noted that during his stewardship, the Texas Veterans Land Board has had the three best years in its history. During Mauro's tenure the Veterans Land Board has made 16,000 land loans and 26,000 home loans, creating thousands of jobs for Texans but at no cost to the Texas taxpayer.

"The people of Texas can now honestly say we have the best Veterans program in the U.S.A.," Mauro said before a crowd of supporters from across the state. "The people of Texas were promised aggressive management of their state lands in 1982. They were also promised innovative management with an eye toward the future."

Under Mauro's leadership, the Texas General Land Office has also succeeded in being a partial solution to the state's fiscal crisis through aggressive management of the state's public lands. During the last

three years, Mauro said, while oil and gas prices have decreased about 7 percent, revenues at the General Land Office from oil and gas production have actually increased.

"At the General Land Office we're not interested in handouts, we're interested in hard work; we're not interested in passing the buck, we're interested in making a buck for the taxpayers of Texas; we're not interested in mediocrity, we're interested in measurable performance," Mauro said.

REMEDY FOR "CONSUMPTION"

Before the days of penicillin and other miracle drugs, a common remedy, especially for consumption (Tuberculosis) and "sickly women" was to travel for your health, to a higher, dryer climate. How traveling in a covered wagon, over roads little more than cow trails, and cooking for a family over a camp fire, could improve the health of a frail, overworked woman is difficult to understand.

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WATER QUALITY AFFECTS LIVESTOCK HEALTH

Just as good quality water is essential for human health, the same holds true for livestock.

If livestock do not drink an adequate amount of safe water daily, food intake will be reduced, production will be lowered, and producers will experience an economic loss.

Water is absolutely essential for livestock. It constitutes 60 to 70 percent of their bodies and must be in their diet for life, growth, reproduction and well-being. So animals should have access all the water they will drink. Stress may occur in an animal deprived of the chance to drink sufficient water, and actual dehydration can occur.

When only substandard quality water is available to livestock, health problems may develop as a result of poor acceptance and lower intake or drinking mineral or organic contaminants. Producers sometimes hastily incriminate water as a cause of poor

performance and nonspecific disease conditions in livestock, but by and large, water quality problems are minimal. Livestock generally consume many different kinds and qualities of water with few adverse effects. Overall, no major livestock health problems associated with water quality have been reported although there are reports of individual, isolated circumstances of water contamination.

To evaluate water quality in relation to livestock health problems, Poole suggests obtaining a thorough history, making accurate observations, and submitting suspected water and properly prepared tissue specimens without delay to a qualified laboratory. Assistance can be obtained from local veterinarians, the county Extension office and the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory in College Station or Amarillo.

FULLER RANCH RECEIVES RANGE MANAGEMENT AWARD

BY RICKY LENEX-Upper Soil And Water District

William Fuller and Dick Hart, representing the Fuller Ranch, were recipients of the Excellence in Grazing Management Award presented by the Texas Section Society for Range Management at its 35th Annual meeting held recently in Fort Worth.

The objective of this recognition is to give credit to those who have demonstrated excellent skill and knowledge in practicing sound grazing management of their rangeland. The Society for Range Management is an international organization dedicated to fostering advancement in the science and art of grazing land management. The nomination was submitted by the Snyder SCS field office.

The Fuller Ranch, located

north of Snyder on the Clairemont and Post Highways, has been owned and operated by the Fuller family for 82 years. Present owners are William and Andrew Fuller. Dick and Elizabeth Hart have called the Fuller Ranch home for 23 years. Dick began as manager for the ranch in 1963.

The respect local ranchers give the Fuller Ranch for "taking care of their country" is well known. It is appropriate for someone who practices such grazing management of the highest caliber to receive state-wide recognition from the Society for Range Management. William Fuller and Dick Hart are recognized not just for being good ranchers, but good range managers, good conservationists, and good stewards of the land.

NEW TWIST IN OLD STORY FOR FARMERS

Amarillo--The latest wrinkles in an old concern of area farmers and ranchers will be examined here Jan. 9 during the annual High Plains Irrigation Conference.

Farmers, ranchers, scientists and educators will share their experience and research on an issue which has been of vital importance to area producers for several decades: effective and efficient use of water.

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The conference is focused upon needs expressed by producers, said Leon New, Extension agricultural engineer and irrigation specialist. He is conference coordinator.

"One of the high points of this conference every year is the panel discussion by a group of producers," New said. "They tell what they've been doing in irrigation, what has worked and what hasn't, and problems and needs they've found."

This year's panelists will be Wes Spurlock of Stratford, Lyndon Wagner of Bushland, and Dale Coleman and Harold Grall of Dumas.

Paul Gross, Panhandle District Extension director, will report on field tests that help producers make sound irrigation decisions. Dr. Steve Amosson, Extension economist and management specialist, will present economic evaluations of furrow and center pivot systems.

Other areas being covered will be --benefits of high engine efficiency in irrigation systems; potentials for chemigation, the application of chemicals through the irrigation system; options available under the state's new water plan; worthiness of soil moisture sensors.

There will be exhibits of chemigation injection equipment, surge valves, low energy precision application irrigation components, drop irrigation equipment and soil moisture sensing equipment.



A pencil equipped with an eraser, the first of its kind, was patented by Hyman L. Lipman of Philadelphia in 1858.

COTTONSEED IS A BARGAIN FOR LIVESTOCK FEED

College Station---With the winter season approaching, cattlemen looking for a bargain in livestock feed should consider whole cottonseed.

Cottonseed is a high energy feedstuff and is readily available at a low price due to a large cotton crop this year, points out Dr. Larry Boleman, beef cattle specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

According to Boleman, cottonseed is a good buy when 100 pounds costs less than 35 pounds of cottonseed meal plus 65 pounds of sorghum. Cottonseed is currently selling for about \$3 per hundredweight, representing almost a \$2 savings over a like amount of meal-sorghum mix.

Whole cottonseed is packed with energy (90 percent total digestible nutrients) and may be used to make up as much as 20 percent of the total daily ration of beef and dairy animals, says the specialist. However, livestock should also receive adequate levels of minerals, vitamins and roughage since the high energy content of cottonseed can cause scours.

Other factors that cattlemen should consider in feeding cottonseed are these:

1. Since cottonseed is fed whole, it does not require grinding, rolling, pelleting or any other preparation.

2. Cottonseed can be fed alone or combined with other ingredients to produce a variety of mixed feed, cubes or pellets.

3. Cottonseed can combust spontaneously if stored too wet and stacked too high, so it should be bought at a moisture level of 14 percent or lower and stored in a flat bulk container.

Cottonseed can be stored a year or more without fumigation if kept dry.

4. Cottonseed is best fed from a trough since it will not flow well in self feeders.

5. Because of the high oil content, cottonseed should be fed so as not to exceed these daily limitations--4 pounds for weaned calves, 5 pounds for yearlings, 6 pounds for cattle from 1,000 to 1,300 pounds and 7 pounds for heavier animals.

6. Cattle unaccustomed to eating cottonseed may have to be trained a bit, and sprinkling cottonseed with molasses or grain will entice them.

Boleman advises cattlemen interested in cottonseed for feeding cattle this winter to contact a cotton farmer or gin as soon as possible while supplies are still plentiful and the price is right.

BURNS

This can be fatal.

Young children should be permitted to wear only fire retardant sleepwear which meets the standards of the Consumer Products Safety Commission. All sleepwear up to size 14 purchased in retail stores is fire retardant, but homemade sleepwear may be made from flammable fabrics. Older children and adolescents may develop a fascination for fire. It is the responsibility of a parent to see that children who are known fire setters receive counseling.

Adults should not light fires with gasoline, white gas, or kerosene. Carburetors should not be started by priming and firing. Flash back can cause a serious injury. Smoking in bed is a particularly dangerous practice. Many other things can be done to prevent fires in your home.

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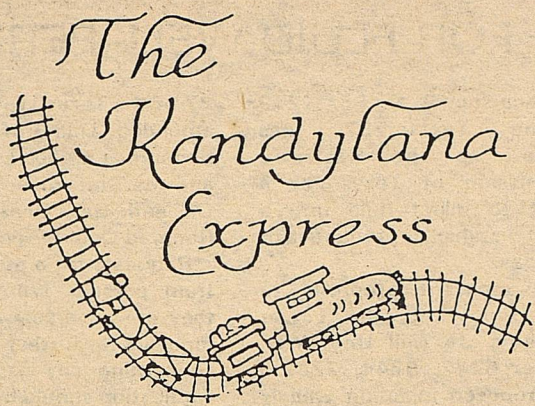
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DIET FADS AND FRAUDS

Dieting is big business -- a 15 billion dollar per year business to be exact. With an estimated 30,000 methods of weight control available, you would think that we would all be trim. But that is not the case.

The average American goes on a diet ten times a year! Unfortunately, the national average for success is a dismal 5 percent. More than 95 percent of people who lose weight regain it within the next year.

So what is wrong? Part of the problem is that many dieters are taken in by diet fads and frauds. Here are just a couple of examples from the Food and Drug Administration.

Spot reducing creams and oils supposedly reduce fat deposits on specific parts of the body, such as the thighs. But medical scientists have established that fat will not leave certain areas of the body while staying on others. Fat leaves from areas of greater concentration first, then from leaner body regions.

The manufacturers of spot reducing creams also typically recommend some exercises for the body part you want to reduce. With this "spot-toning," individual muscle cells will swell and this gives the appearance of firm skin. But it does not mean that any fat has been lost.

Then there are the schemes to "melt" fat away with body wraps and latex exercise suits. These garments and wraps reduce body dimensions by removing fluids. Medical experts agree that they can cause a loss of inches and even pounds due to profuse perspiration. But the reduction is only temporary and the fluid will be replaced as soon as you drink or eat.

You lose fat only when you consume fewer calories than you need to meet your body's energy requirements. The easiest -- and cheapest -- way to reduce is to watch your calories and get more exercise.

MAURO SAYS TEXAS VETS LOANS TO CONTINUE

Garry Mauro, who serves as Chairman of the Veterans Land Board, said the interest rate on home loans made with the new bond issue will be announced after the Veterans Land Board staff "has had time to calculate the effects of the winning bid." The current interest rate charged to Texas Veterans is 9.97 percent.

"Today's sale will allow us to continue making home and land

loans to Texas Veterans without interruption through what we believe are the finest Veterans programs in the U.S.A.," Mauro said. "I want to urge all Texas Veterans that are in the market for a home to take advantage of this outstanding program and its low interest rates by calling our toll free number 1-800-252-VETS for assistance."

home. They set out on foot along their usual path, but after crawling through the first fence, became separated. When they were able to get back together, they joined hands in order to stay together and find their way home. That evening, all the beds were carried downstairs and placed around the glowing heater and all slept warmly.

Every community had its stories of frostbite, losses, near tragedy and even death and Borden County was not spared. Dick and Lottie Cranfill Winfrey were living at the Coates place. Dick, like most men in the county, was out in the storm trying to see about the cattle. Mrs. Winfrey had gone outside for more firewood when three year old Margaret got too close to the open fireplace and her clothing caught fire. She was hopelessly burned. Telephones were still in operation around Gail and the neighbors soon learned of the incident. One, not taking time to catch and harness a horse, set out afoot from his home north of the Coates place. When he returned home, he found some of his chickens blown as much as a mile away. The doctor was unable to reach the home and the child died that night. She is buried in the Gail Cemetery.

Throughout the plains area losses were mounting. Wherever possible, they rode and cut fences to allow the cattle to drift before the storm. Where fences were not cut, cattle piled up in fence corners, freezing to death, snow covering their carcasses until those left alive, if any, walked out over their bodies. Most of the men in the area who owned stock had sent to the plains what cattle they had managed to carry through the drought. There some crops had been raised and stalk fields could be found for grazing. In Borden County, even the grass roots were blown out of the ground until people believed that there would never be grazing here again. The shortage of hay and grain to keep their horses and mules alive was the only

energy crisis which concerned people then.

Mr. Pearce had sent all his cattle to a field near Ralls. After the blizzard the entire herd, over a hundred head, lay in a frozen heap in one fence corner. John R. Williams had cattle on stalk fields near Texico. They were near enough to the railroad that he managed to get them loaded on cattle cars and sent back to Post where he finished wintering them in a feed lot. The Yorks also had cattle near Texico. At the camp there Joe was awakened by the bawling of cattle drifting before the storm. He loaded sacks of cake in front of his saddle and set out to feed. In the afternoon, he stopped at a camp and a doctor staying there recognized the frost bite on his face and treated him with cold water. In the hour and a half he was there, the temperature dropped from 2 degrees above zero to 12 degrees below. In a pasture ten miles west of Post, George Duckworth was wintering 160 head of two year old steers. Everyone of them froze to death. Homer Miller had cattle on pasture near Hereford. Some were saved by the protection of a big barn, but many froze. Mr. Hester, who was staying with the cattle there, attempted to drive a pet steer up the fence north toward the barn but finally had to leave him. The steer froze and stood there for five weeks before he thawed out and fell over.

These scenes were repeated over and over all over the plains. Not only were thousands of cattle left dead in snow drifts or standing stiff against a wire fence, but many of those who survived had frozen feet, teats and tongues. As spring approached, hooves began to drop off leaving them walking on stumps. Many had to be destroyed. Cripples and one-legged chickens were a common sight.

At the Miller ranch there was anxiety and suspense. Not only was there concern for the cattle at home and at Hereford, but near Snyder there were some 2,000 sheep belonging to son-in-law Ed Burdine. The sheep had been turned out before the blizzard struck and it was impossible to turn them back against the wind and snow. Charlie Miller and a hired hand, Bud Perry, were with one bunch and a Mexican sheepherder was with another. They took turns going ahead of the flocks, trying to find shelter. When finally the sheep were penned, they hurried to town to thaw out.

Bud's ears and throat were frozen and stayed black for days. The following week, The Snyder Signal, a weekly newspaper, reported that a Mexican sheepherder had been found frozen to death several miles north of Snyder.

The January 1918 edition of this same newspaper carried many references to the existing

conditions. They told of government requisitions for railroad cars to take 150,000 head of cattle from the drought-stricken area, and of giving shipping priority to cotton seed for cattle feed. They referred to the serious world wide food situation and spoke wistfully of the snow that drifted into gullies and along fence rows, hoping that the moisture would bring some grass. They concluded that "No country but West Texas could hold up under the stress that has borne down on us here for the past year."

REPLACEMENT HEIFER SHOW & SALE SET FOR APRIL

College Station--Cattlemen across Texas will have an opportunity to show, sell and buy top replacement heifers at a special show and sale next April at the Texas Exhibition and Heritage Center in Austin.

The second Capital of Texas Commercial Replacement Heifer Show and Sale will be April 9-10.

"The event is aimed at providing high quality, useful, productive females for today's aggressive commercial livestock breeders," says Jim Selman, Travis County agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and director in charge of the event. "Our first show and sale last March was a tremendous success, and we feel this event has a lot of potential."

According to Frank Newsom, vice president, Austin-Travis County Livestock Show, "The show and sale is designed to help Texas cattlemen who are rebuilding their herds and is in support of the South Central Texas Beef Herd Improvement Program."

The show will be an open and junior show and will feature "fancy" pens of three heifers. All replacement heifers are eligible and must have been owned by consignors by Dec. 1, 1985. Entries must be submitted by March 15, 1986, with a fee of \$10 per head @ D@D.

Heifers in the show and sale will be divided into three classes, says Selman. These include F1 certified, Brahma influence crosses, and purebred and other crosses.

Heifers should be uniform as to kind, age, size and pregnancy status and should weigh a minimum of 600 pounds per head. All entries will be subject to approval by a screening committee, Selman adds.

Entry forms are available from Jim Selman, 1600-B Smith Road, Austin, Texas 78721, or call 512-473-9600.

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