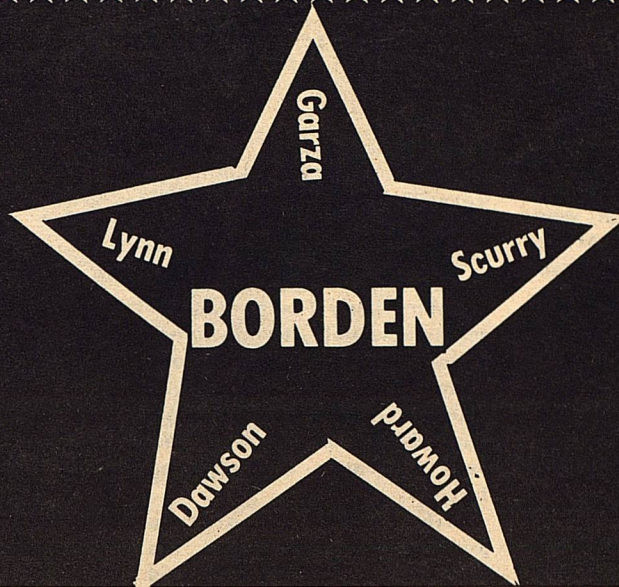


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## Commencement Exercises To Be May 29

Commencement for the 1986 graduating class will be held May 29, 1986 at 8:00 P.M. in the Borden County High School Auditorium.

Mike Blakely will be the guest speaker and diplomas will be presented by Mr. James McLeroy, Superintendent.

Students will participate in the exercises as follows: Jeff Covington, Invocation; Salutatorian's Address, Doyce

Taylor; Class History, Teri Billington; Class Prophecy, Cindy Balague; Class Will, Charla Buchanan; Valedictorian's Address, Dana Gray; Benediction, Cathy York. Other members of the class are Chris Cooley, Janet Delgado, Jerry Green, Shon Parker.

Serving as ushers will be Kelli Williams, Mickey Burkett, Kristi Stone and Gerry Smith.

## Baccalaureate Services Set For May 25

Baccalaureate Services will be held for eleven graduating seniors on Sunday, May 25, 1986 at 11:00 A.M. Students being honored are Cindy Balague, Teri Billington, Charla Buchanan, Christopher Cooley, Jeff Covington, Janet Delgado, Dana Gray, Jerry Green, Shon Parker, Doyce Taylor and Cathy York.

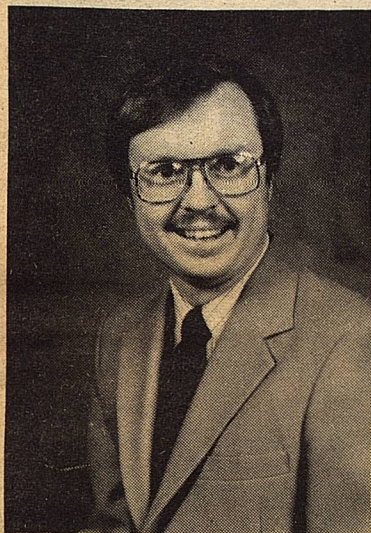
Rev. Pat Ray, First Baptist Church of Gail will give the Baccalaureate Sermon. Rev. Ray has served in Gail for the past 4 years. He was raised in Big Spring, Texas and concluded is Southwestern Seminary in Ft. Worth. He has a wife, Gwen and three daughters,

Rachael, Jessica and Melissa.

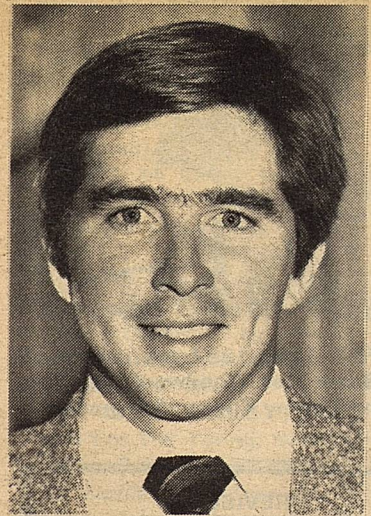
Special Music will be provided by Rev. and Mrs. Greg Jensen from the Vincent Baptist Church.

Also participating in the service will be Mrs. Sallie Wilson, Mr. John Wheeler, Minister of the Gail Church of Christ, Mr. Mickey McMeans, Supt. James McLeroy.

Class sponsors are Mr. Buddy Wallace and Mrs. Sue Jane dMayer. Valedictorian of the class is Dana Gray and Salutatorian is Doyce Taylor. Chosen by the class to usher are Lynn Sternadel, John Stevens, Rene Telchik and Michael Murphy



Rev. Pat Ray to Give Baccalaureate Sermon.



MIKE BLAKELY Commencement Speaker

## Blakely-Commencement Speaker

Mike Blakely will be the speaker at the Commencement Exercises on May 29, 1986 at 8:00 P.M. in the Borden County High School Auditorium.

Mike loves to write and talk about Texas and Texans, past and present.

He lives on a Hill Country ranch west of Austin with the scorpions, rattlesnakes and prickly pear cactus...But...he says it's still safer than Austin when the legislature is in session.

Mike says people hate to travel with him because he stops to read all the historical markers....That's just one of his ways of gathering new ideas for his lively newspaper column called LONE STAR LEGACY. The column has over a million readers, statewide, and deals with the humorous and little-known tales of Texas' past.

You may have seen Mike's feature articles in such magazines as Texas Highways, Texas Sportsman, True West

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Jim Ridenour-Valedictorian



Chad Williams-Salutatorian

Jim Ridenour, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ridenour has been presented as Valedictorian of the 8th Grade Class and Chad Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gaylon Williams has been presented as Salutatorian.

## Williams Wins State Basketball Championship

For the second weekend in a row, Kelli Williams, a junior at Borden County High School and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Williams, traveled the long road to Austin and brought back another state championship. After last weekend's state title in typing, this weekend she fought off three regional champions, and a persistent rain, to capture the 1986 State Tennis Championship.

For Kelli, this was the third trip to the state tournament and as the saying goes, "Third times charm." After a state runner-up title in doubles as a freshman and a state semi-finalist in singles as a sophomore, this year nothing slowed her down in Austin as she won three convincing matches, all in straight sets. Two of the matches were delayed by rain which forced the title match to be played on Sunday. It was the first state championship of any kind in U.I.L. history to be held on Sunday.

Friday morning, Kelli met the Region II champion from Irion Co., Leann Rutherford. Kelli

opened up a 5-0 lead in the first set before dropping one game. She then closed out the set at 6-1. In the second set, Kelli lost the first game but then won the next six games while dropping only four points. In the last three games, Rutherford could not get a single point as Kelli closed out the match with a 6-1, 6-1 score.

The semi-finals were scheduled for that afternoon but rain forced all matches to be postponed until the next morning. There Kelli met the Region IV champion, Kathy Hernandez from D'Hanis. Again she jumped out to a quick 5-1 lead before closing out the first set 6-2. Kelli lost a close first game in the second but then caught fire as she did at the end of her quarter-final match. Kelli won the next six games while dropping only seven points for the 6-2, 6-1 semi-final victory. Due to rain all Saturday afternoon, the finals were rescheduled for Sunday afternoon.

In the final, she met her neighbor to the northwest, Stacie Bessire from O'Donnell.



KELLI WILLIAMS WINS STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

# WILLIAMS STRIKES GOLD AGAIN

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It would be their fourth meeting of the year as they had met in the finals of zone, the finals of district, and the finals of regional. Again it was strong finishes that made the difference. Kelli never trailed in the first set as she opened up a 2-0 lead before Stacie held serve in the third game. Kelli then held and broke serve for what seemed a comfortable 4-1 lead. But Bessire stormed back and eventually tied up the first set five all. There Kelli gave up only two points in the next two games, the last one at love, for the first set 7-5. Stacie opened up the second set with a one game lead that Kelli tied up in the second. Bessire then won the third game to hold a 2-1 lead. The lead was short lived though as Kelli proceeded to put her game in high gear. She won the next game without dropping a point and only gave up one point

in each of the next four games to capture her first state tennis title with a 7-5, 6-2 score.

This was Borden's second state title as Gena Faught won the singles title in 1980. In 1983, Tammy Miller and Kelli Williams were state runner-up in doubles falling to Nazareth. This year, Nazareth's doubles team again captured the girl's doubles title as did their boys doubles team. The boy's singles title was won by Swint Friday of Nueces Canyon. He set a state record that may be matched someday but not broke. It was his fourth state championship as he won the state title in each of his four years in high school. This was Kelli's third state honor this year as she not only won state titles in typing and tennis, but was also named to this year's all state basketball team. Quite a year! Congratulations Kelli!!!!

# BLAKELY

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and Frontier Times. He also writes a monthly column for Texas Fish and Game Magazine on the historical lore of Texas hunters and fishermen...

"Many early Texans had the remarkable ability to find humor in the most adverse conditions imaginable," states Blakely. "So not only can it make people laugh, but Texas history can be a very motivating and inspiring force."

Mike Blakely holds a journalism degree from the University of Texas and frequently contributes to such magazines as Texas Highways, Texas Sportsman and True West-Frontier Times. He also writes a monthly column for Texas Fish and Game Magazine on the historical lore of Texas hunters and fishermen.



HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS for 1986-1987 are (back) Kelli Williams, Felicia Romero, Ralynn Key. Seated-Elvira Balague, Kate Phinzy, and Rachel Romero

## Are U.S. Savings Bonds The Answer To Funding Your Child's Education

The Gramm-Rudman-Hollins balanced-budget law has already reduced Federal funding of college education grants and loans beginning in March this year and, according to plan, the greatest reductions are yet to come. During these belt-tightening times Americans must find other acceptable ways to pay for their children's higher education.

The U. S. Treasury's Savings Bonds Division offers a "Tax-Free Interest" funding option which many citizens believe to be the safest and most thrifty way to save for college costs. A small monthly investment of \$25.00 in Savings Bonds at a child's birth - with an average yield of 10 percent - will be worth \$14,358.32 at age 18...just in time for college. The total accrued interest on these Bonds will be free from Federal income tax when the fund is

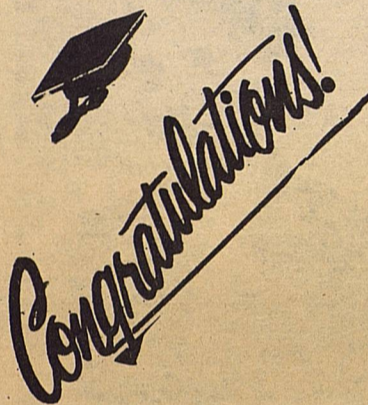
used for college education, provided the following simple rules are followed: Purchase the Bonds in the child's name at any age with a parent listed as beneficiary. At the end of the first year of Bond purchases, file a Federal Tax return in the child's name, listing accrued interest as income. No further tax returns need be filed unless the child has an income in any one year, including Bond interest, in excess of \$1,040.00

U. S. Savings Bonds can be purchased at most commercial banks or where you work.

Best wishes  
**GRADS**



JUNIOR HIGH CHEERLEADERS FOR 1986-1987 are (standing) d'Arceyanne Lemons (8th grade), Share Dee Woodward, Kelly Jo Ogden and Leslie Fryar (7th grade and Tammy Kinney (6th grade).



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### MAY 1986

REVISED

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
			7:00 p.m. FCA Meeting Conference Room		State U.S.L. Literary Meet Austin	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
MOTHER'S DAY		7:00 p.m. Band Concert Auditorium				ARMED FORCES DAY
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
					7:30 p.m. Awards Banquet Cafeteria	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
11:00 a.m. Baccalaureate	MEMORIAL DAY			High School Graduation	End of Semester Jr. High School Graduation	Teacher In-Service Sr. Trip Begins

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District met in a regular session on May 19, 1986 at 8:00 p.m.

Members present were Jack McPhaul, Bill Phinzy, Jon Monger, Tom Ed Vestal, Steve Hess, Joel Dennis, and Kent Holmes.

Administrators present were James McLeroy, Superintendent and Mickey McMeans, High School Principal.

The meeting was called to order by Jack McPhaul.

After routine business of minutes and bills, a film co-op contract with the Education Service Center in Lubbock was approved for the 1986-1987 school year.

The T.E.A.M.S. test results were presented by the superintendent. It was noted that the test results had shown that the average score in Borden County Schools was above the state norms.

A school calendar was presented for approval. The Board approved the school calendar for the 1986-1987 school year as follows:

August	25-27	Teacher Inservice
	28-29	Teacher Workdays
September	1	First day of school
October	10	End of 1st six weeks
November	21	End of 2nd six weeks
	26-28	Thanksgiving Holidays
December	22-26	Christmas Holidays
January	1-2	New Years Holidays
	15	End of 1st semester
	16	Teacher Workday
	30	Holiday
February	20	Holiday
	27	End of 4th six weeks
March	6	Holiday
	13	Teacher Inservice
April	10	End of 5th six weeks
	17	Holiday
	20	Holiday
May	28	End of 2nd semester
	29	Teacher Workday

The superintendent presented a recommendation from the Selection Committee for Placement on the Career Ladder. The names of Carol Lewis and Rita Kilmer were presented and approved by the Board.

A minor correction was made to the Discipline Management Plan for the Borden County Independent School District. The Texas Education Agency had approved the plan except for the paragraph on home-based suspension, expulsion, and a blanket statement as to what constitutes a serious offense. The change was approved.

A financial report was given by the Superintendent. It was reported that the district was in good financial condition.

The attendance was given at 156 in elementary and 58 in high school for a total of 214 students.

It was reported in the personnel report that one employee, Danny Mulligan, had resigned effective May 16 and no replacement had been hired. It was further reported that an assessment of needs based on student numbers and also a more in-depth study of the budget was needed before support personnel would be placed.

Jon Monger presented a report to the board on proposed changes recommended by committees associated with the T.A.S.B. The report was based on a recent meeting Jon had attended in Austin.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



JUNIOR HIGH TWIRLERS FOR 1986-1987 are Shayne Hess, Tammy Voss and Angela Evans.



JUNIOR HIGH DRUMMERS FOR 1986-1987 are Kristen Monger and Krsiten Kilmer.



Janet Delgado-  
Outstanding Band Member

## BAND CONCERT

The Borden County High School Bands were in Concert at Borden County School on Tuesday, May 13, 1986. The director is Mr. Richard Bouton.

A special award was presented to Janet Delgado, senior. She was presented the coveted John Philip Sousa Award.

The sixth grade band played Yellowjacket March by John Menza, Carnival by Frank Erickson, and Streets of Laredo by James D. Ployhar.

The concert band played March For The Young, Sammy Nestico; Cabaret, Fred Ebb and John Kander; Fantasy On A Fanfare, John Edmondson; El Chico Muchacho, Jerry Nowak; Seascape, Sammy Nestico; Kentucky-1800, Clare Grundman; How The West Was Won, Jerrold Immel; Amazing Grace, Traditional.

## New Arrival

Mr. and Mrs. Marcus (Nancy Castleberry) Strickland are the proud parents of a baby girl born Monday, May 12 in Lubbock. Jordan Elizabeth weighed 6 lbs. 3 oz. Nancy is a former Special Education Coordinator in the Borden County I.S.D.



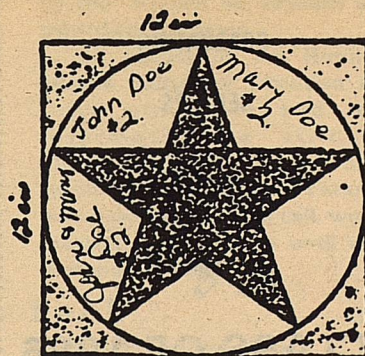
CINDY BALAGUE-Lone Wolf District Sweetheart at the Areall Convention in San Angelo.

## Valentine Graduates From WTC

Snyder--Tammy Jo Miller Valentine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller of Fluvanna, was among the 123 students graduated from Western Texas College in commencement exercises on May 9.

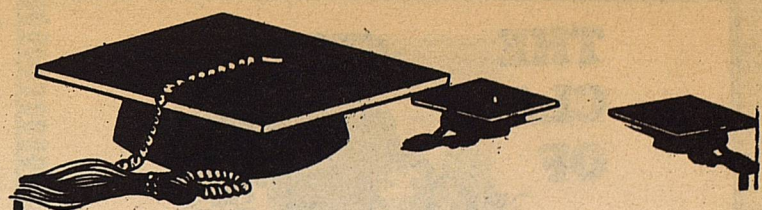
Mrs. Valentine had completed requirements for her degree earlier. She was graduated with highest honors with a perfect 4.0 grade point average and received the Associate in Arts degree.

Western Texas College will begin day and evening summer classes on May 28 following registration on May 27.



## Texas

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### Engagement Announced

Mr. & Mrs. Chesley Wilson of Big Spring announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Stacy Suzanne to Hugh Putman from Dallas. Hugh is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh T. Putman of Dallas. The couple will wed August 9 at 4:00 p.m. in St. Mary's Episcopal Church of Big Spring.

## LETTER

May 15, 1986

Dear Editor:

When I make a report concerning our community and county to my supervisors, it is with great pride that among other things, I am able to tell them about the well equipped ambulance and the well trained EMT's in the county. It is my hope that the residents of Borden County realize how fortunate we are to have this ambulance and more over, that we appreciate the time, to say nothing of the expense, that our EMT's have devoted to becoming well trained in order to use this equipment and the excellent way in which they respond to our needs, day and night.

I have not had to call on them for my own personal use or my family's, but it is a great comfort to know this service is available and I feel we should all express our gratitude to these people verbally and with monetary support.

-s-

Nicolai J. Lackey  
Postmaster

### THANK YOU

Thanks to those of you who elected me to the School Board. I was most appreciative of the friendly reception I received as I visited with many of you in your homes.

Your courtesousness, support and encouragement will always be remembered. Looking forward to working for each of you.

Tom Ed Vestal

### CONGRATULATIONS

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### CLASS OF 1986

*Thank*

To our many Friends:  
The flowers, food, cards, calls, and visits were a great consolation to us during our trying time. We especially appreciate the services of the Borden County E.M.T.

-s-

Mrs. Borden Gray, Sr.  
Mr. and Mrs. Borden Gray, Jr.  
Glen and Dana  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anderson,  
Chuck and Chris.

## ASCS NEWS BY JERRY STONE

### ASCS REMINDS FARMERS OF ACR REQUIREMENTS

The 1986 commodity programs require farmers to remove a certain percentage of cropland from production and devote the acreage to conservation uses. By diverting crop acreages, the programs are expected to help control excess wheat, feed grain and cotton supplies and maintain a better balance between supply and demand.

We have rules and regulations for determining the eligibility of cropland taken out of production to meet the acreage deduction requirements. When designating land for the acreage conservation reserve, (ACR) farmers should remember that these acres must meet certain eligibility requirements.

The land must have been devoted to row crops or small grains in two of the past three years. Farmers need to be sure that their ACR land meets this cropping requirement within the specified time frame. Land designated as ACR under a previous year's program is considered to have been planted in the year designated.

After program participants meet their acreage reduction requirements they are required to establish and maintain approved vegetative cover or conservation practices on their ACR to protect it from wind and water erosion. Approved vegetative covers include annual, biennial, or perennial grasses and legumes volunteer stands other than weeds, small grains and crop residue from the use of no till or minimum till practices.

Under the 1986 farm program contract, approved cover must be established on ACR land as soon as possible after the normal planting period for spring crops. Program participants who do not meet the ACR requirements will be out of compliance and could lose program benefits.

### FARMERS INELIGIBLE FOR PAYMENTS ON NON-PROGRAM CROPS

Producers who plant non-program crops on their permitted acreage are not eligible to earn deficiency payments on these crops. The Food Security Improvements Act of 1986 prohibits commodity program payments to any non-program crops planted on the permitted acreage.

The only exception to the Act applies to producers who planted a non-program crop on the permitted acreage after December 23, 1985 and before February 26, 1986, or a producer who entered into a contract to plant a non-program crop on this acreage during that time. To be eligible to earn a deficiency payment under this exception, a producer must obtain the approval of the County ASC Committee.

Producers who plant at least 50 percent of their permitted acres to a program crop, and devote the remaining permitted acreage to conservation uses, will be eligible to receive deficiency payments on 92 percent of the permitted acreage. This is known as the 50/92 program.

Non-program crops are all crops except wheat, feed grains, upland cotton, ELS cotton, rice, peanuts and soybeans. Conservation uses are any uses on cropland except program and non-program crops, ELS cotton, soybeans, acreage conservation reserve, land devoted to the Water Bank Program and the Conservation Reserve Program, and prevented planted acreage.

Producers who comply with the 1986 farm programs will be eligible for deficiency payments on the acres planted within the permitted acreage, price support loans, and land diversion payments for wheat and feed grain crops.

### PRODUCERS EARNING COMMODITY CERTIFICATES

WASHINGTON, MAY 15--Producers earning commodity certificates under the 1986 farm programs will no longer be required to redeem their outstanding loan collateral but will be able to receive commodity certificates in the same manner as producers who do not have CCC loans.

Until now, program provisions had required producers with outstanding Commodity Credit Corporation loans to redeem the collateral securing loans prior to receiving a commodity certificate.

The added option would increase producer flexibility in using the certificates. Producers may make their marketing decisions at any time during the transfer period which ends on September 30.

The administrative complexities on administering the current farm program will be greatly reduced. ASCS county offices have had a sharp increase in workload and this will relieve some of the pressure. Also, certificates will now be issued in a much shorter time. This change in the program will benefit everyone--those for whom it was designed and those who administer it.

### USDA REQUESTS COMMENTS ON 1987 COMMON PROGRAM PROVISIONS

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is seeking comments on common program provisions of the 1987 wheat, feed grains, and upland cotton programs.

Many program provisions are common to all of the above commodity programs and whatever decisions is made on one commodity will likely apply to other program crops. USDA will consider the comments received before making final decisions on these program provisions.

USDA wants comments on the following:

- Whether the same program enrollment period should apply to all program crops or whether individual program enrollment periods should be established with varying sign-up dates based on geographical location.
- Whether the production of approved nonprogram crops should be allowed on underplanted program crop permitted acreage. This provision is known as 50/92. Also, whether having and grazing should be permitted on conservation use acreage designated under the 50/92 provision.
- Whether to permit the production of alternative crops on reduced acreage known as ACR--for Acreage Conservation Reserve.
- Whether to require offsetting and cross compliance. USDA proposes that limited cross compliance requirements be in effect for the 1987 commodity programs.
- Whether advance payments should be offered.
- Whether an advance recourse commodity loan program should be implemented.
- Whether a multiyear set-aside program should be implemented.
- Whether producers should be permitted to increase a crop acreage base by up to 10 percent of the farm acreage base if a corresponding decrease in another crop acreage base is made. It is proposed that this adjustment option not be authorized for the 1987 crops.
- Whether the actual yield per harvested acre for the 1987 crops should be considered in establishing farm program payment yields for subsequent years.

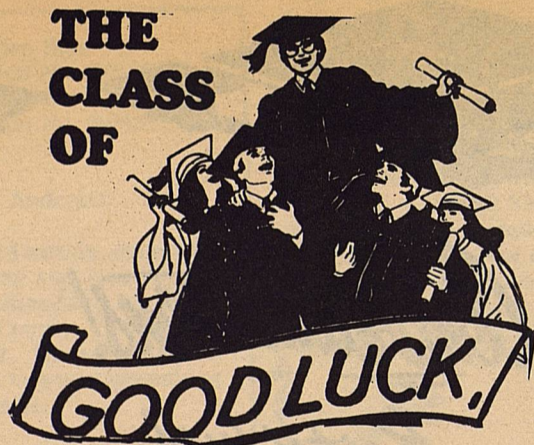
Comments are also requested on how to credit prevented planting and failed acreage in establishing the base acreage in future years.

Comments must be received by May 27. They may be sent to: Director, Commodity Analysis Division, USDA/ASCS, Room 3741-S, P.O. Box 2415, Washington, D.C. 20013.

A regulatory impact statement on the 1987 common program options is available and may be obtained by writing the same address.

An acre of land was initially the area a yoke of oxen could plow in a day and therefore differed in size from one locality to another.

### THE CLASS OF



Cindy Balague

PARENT'S CLUB  
Gail, Texas

# Farm Crisis Hotline helps farmers with economic woes

Austin--It is one of the busiest phone lines in Austin, and certainly one of the most badly needed in the state. And every caller wants the same thing: to simply retain his or her way of life.

The Texas Farm Crisis Hotline (1-800-AGRI-AID) recently organized by the Texas Department of Agriculture receives an average of 22 phone calls per day from farmers, ranchers and farm wives who are struggling with a myriad of economic problems and their wrenching emotional effects. The phone line is funded in part by a grant from Willie Nelson's Farm Aid Concert, along with additional financial commitments from Texas Rural Legal Aid, Milbern Travel of Austin, Texas churches and private individuals

Nancille Gallimore, coordinator for the Hotline says most callers want to discuss their economic problems. "They want to talk about the high cost of producing crops, the low market prices they receive and the high interest rates they've got to pay on the land and equipment they bought in the '70s," Gallimore says. "Lots of callers," she adds "are having problems with the federal Farmers Home Administration delaying loan processing, and many are having trouble finding enough attorneys familiar with farm borrowing and bankruptcy law."



Nancille Gallimore is the coordinator for the Texas Farm Crisis Hotline that has received 471 calls in its first month of operation. By calling 1-800-AGRI-AID, farmers, ranchers and others may discuss the problems brought on by the economic crisis in agriculture and receive referral information to help them solve those problems.

Now, however, over 1,000 Texas attorneys have volunteered through a joint program with TDA to provide a free initial consultation with farmers about their legal problems. These lawyers receive without charge a book published by the Texas Rural Legal Aid that explains FmHA procedures. They also receive a TDA newsletter, "Agriculture and the Law."

The profile on the average caller, says Gallimore, puts that

farmer - rancher at 40 years of age farming 1,112.32 acres with a gross sales of \$123,845 and a net income of \$38,780. "We've had some severe cases where a few of the callers have needed their utilities reconnected. We've also had 37 who have accepted MHMR referral and three that were apparently suicidal. Also, we've received 10 out-of-state calls from Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Nevada and Mississippi."

Gallimore says all farmers calling the hotline may receive at no charge the comprehensive "Borrower's Guide to FmHA" and all the brochures prepared by the Hotline on virtually all identified problems.

"All callers to the Hotline receive individual attention to their problems, and all information is strictly confidential," Gallimore emphasizes. "If we don't know the answer when they call, we'll research the problem until we find the answer."

## Lack of Communication About Money Causes Family Problems

One of the major causes of family problems is failure to communicate about family finances. "Couples who didn't bother to discuss family finances when times were good find themselves at odds when the situation changes," says family economics specialist Nancy Granovsky. For example, a person may tolerate a free-spending spouse until one of them becomes unemployed. Then it's easy to blame the spouse for spending instead of saving and emotions can build until the problem affects their basic relationship, she says.

## Borden County Cancer Society News

The Borden County Cancer Crusade is over. Thanks for doing such a good job and for donating, buying tickets on the beef and helping with the Barn Dance.

The funds will be used for programs to inform residents about cancer detection and prevention. Services provided by the funds during the crusade include transportation, gift items, rehabilitation, and equipment for loan. Anyone interested in knowing more about the materials available or the equipment for loans can contact one of your local Borden County Cancer Society Officers.

### MEMORIALS

Memorials can be given at any time by sending your requests to Dorothy Browne, Box 23, Gail, Texas 79738.

Recent Memorials are:

In Memory of Carl Voss by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller

In Memory of Riley Ogden: by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller

In Memory of Robert A. Gaines by Bob and Sue Beal

In Memory of Maxine Thompson by Ruth Weathers

In Memory of James Austin by Dorothy Browne  
Mr. and Mrs. Joel Dennis  
Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sneed  
Mr. and Mrs. John Dennis

In Memory of Joe Gilmore by Dorothy Browne  
Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sneed

In Memory of Elmo Dunn by Ruth Weathers.

In Memory of Borden Gray, Sr. Van, Barbara, Van Jr., and Cathy York



The wallflower is a fragrant plant that originated in southern Europe. It got its name because its weak stems often grow on walls for support.

# Congratulations TO THE GRADUATES!



Jerry Green

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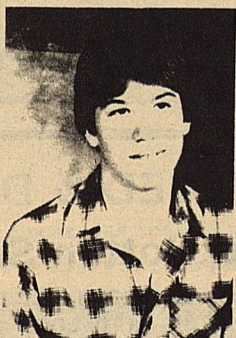
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## COUNTY AG-AGENT REPORT

### MESQUITE SPRAYING TIME AT HAND

The time is approaching for doing battle with mesquite, specifically with foliar application of herbicides.

Mesquite growth varies because of moisture conditions, so ranchers need to assess their individual situations to determine when to apply foliar herbicides.

Data obtained from Texas Agricultural Experiment Station research show that higher plant kills occur when monthly rainfall exceeds the average six months prior to spraying. With less rainfall, the degree of control is reduced. Generally, if mesquite plants have developed a large quantity of leaves and plants are not moisture stressed at time of application, reasonable control may be expected.

Also, mesquite leaves should be fully extended and should have turned from light green to dark green before herbicide is applied. Usually, this occurs about 40 days after bud break. When leaves have matured, plants begin to store carbohydrate reserves, and control is good at this time.

Research by Texas Tech University shows that food reserves are used during the period of pod elongation. Applying herbicide during this period usually results in poor control. Once pods have elongated, storage of food reserves continues, and excellent control is obtained

during this period.

About 90 days after bud break, control with foliar applied herbicides decreases because of wax build-up on leaves and a general decrease in plant growth activity.

Soil temperature also is an important factor in mesquite control. Research by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and Texas Tech University has shown that soil temperature at 12-18 inches of depth at time of spraying should be 75 degrees F. or higher for the best control of mesquite. Data from Texas Tech shows poor mesquite control if herbicide is applied when soil temperature at 12-18 inches is below 75 degrees F.

If frequent rains occur during the spray season, plants may put out new leaves. These leaves should be allowed to mature before spraying. Also, mesquite with foliage damaged by insects, disease, hail or a late frost should not be sprayed until new foliage has developed and matured.

Three herbicides are registered and effective for control of mesquite by foliar application: Grazon ET (triclopyr), Banvel (dicamba) and Grazon PC (picloram).

Grazon ET and Banvel may be used alone. However, a higher degree of control may be obtained by using a one-to-one mixture of triclopyr and picloram or a one-to-one mixture of dicamba and picloram. Although 2, 4, 5-T registrations

rancher with a supply of 2, 4, 5-T on hand can legally use it. Use 2,4,5,-T alone or in a one-to-one mixture with picloram or dicamba. 2, 4, 5-T cannot be legally sold nor can it legally change hands.

For cost-effective mesquite control with foliar herbicides, use proper timing combined with the proper method and follow up with range management.

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### PREVENT HAYMAKING LOSSES

A four-to-five-week cutting cycle will produce plenty of good-quality hay.

Once the hay crop is cut, delayed drying results in reduced feed value and hay volume because of plant respiration, leaf shattering and leaching.

Although the plant is cut, respiration continues until the plant's moisture content drops below 35 percent. This respiration decreases feed value.

Respiration losses are slight with optimum drying conditions, but can amount to 16 percent of the crop when drying conditions are poor. Mechanical crushing of stems speeds up drying and helps reduce losses.

Leaf shattering is most serious with legumes but also occurs in grasses. In legumes losses can total 20 percent of dry matter and up to 11 percent protein. Raking hay into windrows while moisture is at or above 40 percent will reduce shattering losses.

Rain causes leaching losses--losses of water soluble nutrients. Rewetting of cut hay also favors micro-organism development which can cause additional losses.

While rainfall is a hazard for cut hay, continued exposure to bright sunlight also is a problem because it reduces carotene levels and results in bleaching.

To reduce environmental related losses, bale hay as soon as it's cured. Continued exposure can result in loss of feed value.

Baling losses occur in every haying operation. Some hay is left on the ground regardless of the condition of the hay or baler. Operators should strive to keep these losses to a minimum. Losses are the least when operating the baler at optimum speed with a full window.

Losses in feed value and production of hay can be minimized by cutting during the vegetative stage of growth, drying rapidly without rewetting, and baling as rapidly as curing is accomplished. The shorter the time from cutting until storage, the less the loss of feed value and volume.



This beautiful bronze entitled "Dear Son" by Ben Miller will be given to some lucky person during the Borden County Old Settlers Reunion June 29. Tickets are one sale from any 4-H member at \$1.00 per ticket or six for \$5.00.

Contact any 4-H member about a chance to win the bronze pictured above donated by Ben and Paula Miller, the purse donated by Rube and Sue Smith, or the belt donated by Alana and Richard Smith.

The quilt has most of the names on it and will soon be sent to Margaret Sharp to be quilted. Seen any Borden County Reunion Committee Member for a chance to win the quilt. Be sure to make your plans to attend THE BORDEN COUNTY OLD SETTLERS REUNION. We hope to see old settlers, new settlers and just plain visitors. A good time is planned for all who come.

### Hospital Notes



### Hospital Notes

Bob Beal is recovering from surgery in M. D. Anderson Hospital in Houston, he is expected to be released next week.

Kaci Poole, four year old daughter of Dennis and Sheri Poole is in Malone-Hogan Hospital in Big Spring. She underwent surgery after suffering a broken arm caused from a fall from her horse Sunday afternoon. It is reported she is recuperating well and expects to be released in a few days.

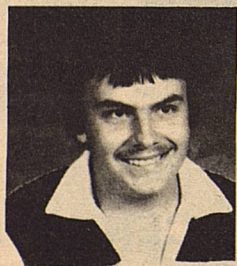
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## SCS NOTES

By Terry Hefner  
Soil Conservationist

Do you own native rangeland that you lease to others?

If so, it might be to your advantage to help your lessee plan and carry out grassland improvement measures.

Rangeland needs a periodic rest from grazing pressure to let the better plants gain vigor and reproduce...but resting rangeland in a planned sequence might require more cross fences or more livestock watering facilities.

Brushy plants may also invade your grassland unless protective measures are used.

Rangeland also needs to be stocked and managed in a way that will allow improvement of the more desirable plants.

Most grassland improvement measures cost money and you can't expect your lessee to pay for them unless you help or work out a long term conservation lease arrangement.

For information about grassland improvement, contact personnel at the Soil Conservation Service, at 573-1268 or come by the office at 3423 Ave. T. Snyder

## Brownfield To Host Junior Rodeo

Brownfield -A two-day junior rodeo for youths up to the age of 19 will be held June 6-7 at the Brownfield Rodeo Arena. It is sanctioned by the High Plains Rodeo Association and is being sponsored by the Terry County Extension 4-H and Youth Committee.

Competition will begin at 8 p.m. each day and will have four age divisions, said Brad Peirce, Terry County Extension agent. Age brackets will be 8 and under, 9 through 12, 13 through 15, and 16 through 19.

Buckles will be awarded all-around winners in each age division.

The deadline for entries is May 27. Entry forms may be obtained from the Terry County Extension Office, 201 East Hill Street, Brownfield, telephone 806-637-4060. After 5 p.m., forms may be requested by telephoning the HPJRA secretary, Janice Moore at Clovis, N.M., telephone 505-985-2653.

Pierce said the events for each age division will be:

8 and Under, Girls and Boys--barrel racing, flag racing and goat tying.

9-12, Boys--steer riding, calf touching, breakaway roping and steer stopping; Girls--barrel racing, pole bending, goat typing and breakaway roping.

13-15 and 16-19, Boys--bareback bronc riding, bull riding, tiedown calf roping, ribbon roping, partner roping and team roping; Girls--barrels, poles, goat typing, ribbon roping, partner roping, breakaway roping and team roping.



Gail in 1930's.



Gail street in 1940's.



Gail in 1930's.



1930's Gail Court House, Jail and Wilson Station.



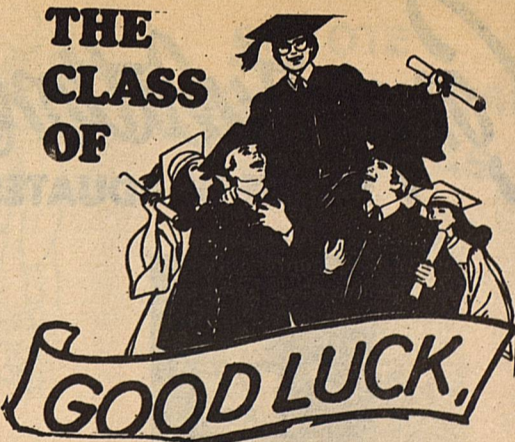
First Gail School.




Rodeo arena in the west part of Gail in the 1930's.

The Borden Star would like to Thank Lorene Jones for the use of the photo's in this week's paper. Any other photos of the 30's or 40's would be appreciated.

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# Extension Home Economics Report

By: Kandy K. McWhorter

## SELECTING BEEF FOR MICROWAVE COOKERY

Many people do not use their microwave ovens to cook beef because they think it will be tough or overcooked.

One key to tender microwaved beef is to select the right cut too cook.

Follow the guidelines listed before for buying the meat:

-Choose beef with even marbling or fat cover for more even cooking.

-Choose roasts that are even in shape and thickness.

-Avoid cuts with bone on just one side of the meat.

-Buy lean ground beef rather than regular ground beef. Lean ground chuck will shrink less and accumulate less fat on the surface than regular ground beef.

-For stews, buy a boneless chuck roast and cut it into one-inch cubes for more even cooking and more tender pieces of meat. Most "stew Meat" is more lean than chuck and will be tough.

In addition, follow the oven manufacturer's suggestions for cooking various cuts or shapes of meat. For example, it may be necessary to rotate meatballs during cooking or to rearrange the pieces for more even cooking.

A ring shape for meatloaves and other meat mixtures will also cook more quickly and evenly than loaves.

## 4-H'ers Heading For Texas 4-H Roundup

Four 4-H'ers from Borden County will be taking part in the 1986 Texas 4-H Roundup, June 9-11, at Texas A&M University.

The county's 4-H members will be among some 1600 from across Texas taking part in a host of activities, says Kandy K. McWhorter, county 4-H program coordinator with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

Kristi Stone will participate in the Texas 4-H Food Show on June 9 and 10, in the fruits and vegetables category. Rene' Telchik and Kristi Stone will compete in the clothing educational activity contest on June 11, while D'Lyn Lloyd and Kate Porter are participating in the poultry demonstration on that day. These 4-H'ers will be accompanied to College Station by Carolyn Stone, Sue Loloyd and Kandy K. McWhorter.

Activities the first day will include registration and the State 4-H Food Show. The food show will continue on the second day along with career workshops and the State 4-H Project Show. Thirty-nine contests will be conducted the third day, with an awards

assembly winding up the three-day event.

The opening assembly for Roundup will begin at 7:00 p.m. June 10 with the recognition of more than 100 outstanding 4-H members who will receive scholarships totaling almost \$700,000 through the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation. Two alumni 4-H members and four long-time supporters of the 4-H program also will be recognized with special awards from the 4-H Foundation, says McWhorter.

A special luncheon on June 11 will recognize 28 outstanding 4-H adult volunteer leaders from across the state who will receive special plaques from the Texas 4-H Foundation.

4-H'ers competing in the State Food Show and Roundup contests must qualify by winning in county and district competition, points our McWhorter. The State Project show is open to all 4-H youth who are interested in preparing exhibits about particular project areas in which they have excelled.

## County Rodeo Programs

Last year our Borden County Junior Rodeo had something new.

Rodeo Programs, with advertising, were produced for the first time. Rodeo programs in all the years since our rodeo began, about 1962 had contained only the events and the contestants' names.

In producing the rodeo program only Borden County Individuals, families, ranches and businesses were contacted and as it was completed in a very few days, not everyone was asked to buy an ad.

Ads for the 1986 BORDEN COUNTY JUNIOR RODEO PROGRAMS for the nights of June 20th and 21st are available from \$5.00 for 1-16th page to a whole page at \$40.00. We will design your ad or help you to do it. If you are interested you may contact Kandy McWhorter, Betty Beaver, Joyce Herridge and Frank Herridge who are members of the committee. You may also contact me at the County Clerk's Office or write me at Box 23, Gail, Texas 79738.

-s-Dorothy Browne

## EMT NEWS

The Basic EMT Course will begin Wednesday, June 4th, 1986, at 6:30 P.M. in the Conference Room of the Borden County School.

Anyone interested in enrolling in this course should be in attendance. The course consists of 100 classroom hours, 24 hospital hours, 3 ambulance runs, 1 birth and state written and skills exams. The only cost to those interested is the cost of the book. (approximately \$15).

The classes will be held every Tuesday and Wednesday night for the next twelve weeks following June 4th. The instructor will be Judy Staggs. If you have any questions, please contact one of the present Borden County EMT's.

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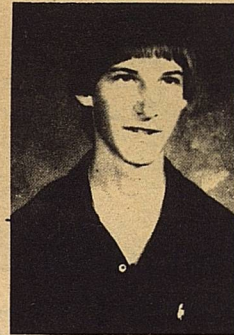
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# Texas looks beyond the sesquicentennial

By Jim Browder

In the year 2000 one in every 12 United States citizens will live in Texas. These 22 million Texans will be driving fewer tractors, but they'll be building and using a lot more robots.

Texans will be less dependent on an oil-based economy, but population growth means they'll be carrying a bigger stock in Congress. They'll still be traversing the state's vastness in their nice autos and pickup trucks, but they also may be commuting between Dallas and Houston on bullet trains in the 21st century.

"Texas, by 1988 or 1989, will be the second most populous state in the country," said Dr. Victor L. Arnold, director of the Bureau of Business Research at the University of Texas in Austin. "Texas will pass New York and be second only to California in population."

A Buck Rogers approach to the future might produce dreams of a helicopter in every garage to eliminate traffic snarls, a robot in each home to handle mundane chores and ownership (or at least a long-term lease) of the sun so Texans can sell solar energy to the rest of the world.

On the opposite hand, some people anticipate the state acaving in when all the oil is pumped out, a population implosion when all the "Yankees" go home, west Texas drying up and blowing away, and the United States trying to trade the state back to Mexico for a peck of tamales and two high draft choices. Or as Lee Treviono said when he won his first U.S. Open: "I just may buy the Alamo and give it back to the Mexicans."

In reality, as Texans in this sesquicentennial year of 1986 glance back on an illustrious 150 years, they also can look forward to a solid future based on a high-technology revolution, population growth, and a natural expansion of services and manufacturing as

well as some exciting new fields such as robotics.

While there still will be enough cowboys riding the range, roughnecks in the oil fields and millionaires to maintain Texas' image as a frontier outpost with go-for-broke gusto, there will be some dramatic shifts in the state's economy.

Many Texans view the state as largely self-sufficient. However, in reality, Texas always has depended on outside markets and always has been an exporter of raw materials such as cattle, cotton and oil.

Texas' "natural resources" - cattle, cotton, oil and flamboyant millionaires - have been placed on the "endangered species" list by some doomsayers who are quick to point out that the oil business is dead, Americans are eating less beef, you can't grow cotton with out water and look at all the millionaires who have filed for bankruptcy.

Well, let's take a look at some of these categories. **PETROLEUM**

A recent business journal story began: "Texas is running out of oil..."

Oil has been vital in the past. Oil and gas companies paid about \$4.6 billion in Texas state and local taxes in 1983, the latest figures available. That is more than double the estimated \$2.1 billion paid in state and local taxes in second-ranked Alaska.

Yet the oil business is in a slump that has taken away some glitter from oil-rich Houston, fourth largest city in the nation.

The single biggest jolt to the Texas economy is the current world surplus of oil which keeps prices down. For every \$1 drop in the international price of a barrel of oil, state revenue declines by \$100 million.

If Saudi Arabia increased production dramatically and dropped oil prices by \$09 a barrel, it would translate into state revenues falling off by

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## N.C.A. President Declares Court Decision Is A Victory For Cattlemen

Denver, Colo., May 1, 1986--A U.S. district court decision to force the U.S. Department of Agriculture to implement the orderly marketing provisions of the whole-herd dairy buy-out program is a victory for cattlemen, according to National Cattlemen's Association president Don Butler.

Butler said Judge Halbert Woodward's decision sends a message to USDA, Congress and the dairy industry that the cattle industry will no longer tolerate dairy subsidy programs that have an adverse impact on the beef industry. The suit was filed by NCA, affiliated associations and individual cattlemen in U.S. district court in Lubbock, Texas.

Butler said cattlemen filed suit in court after it was clear that USDA had refused to implement the orderly marketing provisions of the whole-herd buy-out.

"The judge's opinion clearly indicates that USDA ignored the intent of the law. USDA failed to develop the required orderly marketing regulations. The decision clearly shows that USDA bungled the dairy buy-out program and caused extreme economic harm to the cattle industry," Butler said.

In a memorandum opinion, Woodward said that USDA's implementation of the whole-herd dairy buy-out was in violation of the law. He said USDA was in violation because it didn't provide for orderly marketing of the dairy cattle and the government didn't take proper steps to minimize the adverse effects of the program on the beef industry.

Woodward noted, "In the contrary, the announcements concerning the implementation of the Act have been to maximize the adverse impact rather than to minimize it, as shown by the drastic drop in the cattle market after announcements indicated that there would be a 'bunching' of

dairy cattle for slaughter in the first period."

Woodward ordered USDA to implement by June 1 cattle marketing procedures that will minimize the impact of the dairy herd buy-out program on the beef industry. The judge's order:

1. Limits the dairy program cattle slaughter to no more than 7 percent of the national dairy herd each year and provides for a proportionate percentage limitation for the 5 - month period from April to September 1, 1986.

2. Mandates orderly marketing procedures.

3. Directs USDA to take further steps to minimize the adverse effect of the marketing of the program dairy cattle on the beef industry. 'sThe judge's order did not halt the buy-out program, but it directed USDA to have new marketing regulations in place no later than June 1.)

Butler said the cattle industry opposed the dairy bail-out program when it was proposed in Congress and repeatedly warned Congress, USDA and the dairy industry of the consequences the program would have on the beef industry.

"These parties must share the blame for this ill-advised bail-out of dairy farmers and the economic pain it has inflicted on cattlemen," said Butler.

"The program was ill-conceived by the dairy industry and passed by Congress. It was pushed and supported by the dairy industry,

which is more concerned with feeding at the government subsidy trough and lining its pockets with millions of taxpayers' dollars than reducing milk surpluses. The program was administered and implemented by USDA, a branch of government that showed no concern for abiding by the law."

### QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

#### Air Conditioners

Q: How can I prevent water dripping from the air conditioner into the room?

A: According to home economists from Whirlpool Corporation, improper installation can cause dripping into the room. If the unit is tilted incorrectly, water will drain inside instead of outside. Follow the manufacturer's instructions when installing the air conditioner unit. Dripping usually occurs during times of extreme humidity. To minimize drippage, keep doors closed, turn thermostat to a warmer setting, use a medium rather than low fan setting and make certain the drain hole in the back of the unit is not plugged.



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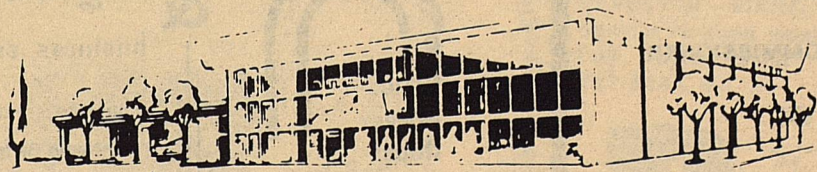
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\$360 million. That's what scares the pants off Texans., yet the oil business has a history of booms and busts.

"To put it all in the proper perspective," said oilman Michel Halbouty, "much of the economy of Texas will be dependent on petroleum well into the 21st century. There is a lot more oil and gas to be found in Texas. The prospects are not as gloomy as some people say.

"In the year 2000, petroleum still will be a strong industry--more essential than it is today because the demand for oil and gas will increase," said Halbouty, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of the Michel T. Halbouty Energy Co. in Houston.

"The economies of Texas and Houston are down because activities in the petroleum industry also are down. This is caused by a surplus of oil and gas. We are drilling fewer wells today than we have in many, many years. The entire aura of the industry depends upon exploration. When exploration goes down, the industry goes down.

"Once oil prices begin to stabilize and rise, there will be more wells drilled. We may even see a mini boom created. As long as petroleum can be discovered, it will be used because it is the most available and cheapest commodity, and we are finding many new ways to discover oil and gas.

"Technology is increasing every day. In the last five years, there have been more new

concepts developed in geology, petroleum engineering and geophysics than we have generated in 50 years previous. In the next five years, our technology is going to increase doublefold.

"The oil business may look gloomy to some people but not to me. Over the years, my predictions have been a lot more right than those who are the doomsayers. We may run out of oil, but it will be well into the 21st century--maybe 2050 or 2075, who knows. But we are still finding new ways to discover oil, so we may even go into the 22nd century.

"I can say without reservation whatsoever that Texas and the United States have a tremendous petroleum potential for the future."

Gib Lewis, speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, agrees that oil is still extremely important in Texas now and in the future.

"We realize we can't continue to be heavily dependent on oil indefinitely, but I think the oil business will continue to be a contributing asset to the state of Texas," said Lewis.

"When the oil slump hit, a fellow told me: 'e're getting the shoe clerks out of the oil business.' I think that has happened. The slump has hit the botton, and now oil is going to make a small comeback.

"It would be easy to say, 'Boy-hidy, the oil is gone.' But when we say that in government, we are raising a flag to say we can't continue to be heavily dependent on oil and gas revenues. I think you will see as we grow less and less dependent on oil and gas that

void is going to be taken by industrial growth.

"I think you are going to see Texas in the forefront as having opportunity, jobs and growth in the future."

### MANUFACTURING

Texas never has been known as a manufacturing state. Yet, look at these statistics from state comptroller Bob Bullock

"Robotics is an explosive new business area that has grown from \$12 million in 1976 to \$350 million in sales in 1984 and a projection of sales in excess of \$3 billion in 199900.

"I am absolutely convinced that if we are going to diversify our economy we're going to have to get our strength in manufacturing. With robotics, what you are trying to do is keep your businesses in business. There is no other alternative for manufacturers than to incorporate advanced manufacturing techniques if they are going to stay in business.

"There is a great quote from Jim Baker, the senior vice president of General Electric, who warned American industry to 'either automate, emigrate or evaporate.' And I think he's right.

"In tTexas, we have to make sure we create a good environment for manufacturing if we are going to hold what we have and if we are going to attract new manufacturing. That's what this whole robotics program is about.

"It's a winner. It is one of the most progressive things I've seen happen in this state since I've been here. It is going to pay tremendous returns."

Primary objectives of the robotics center are to ebe an industry service center providing assistnaance to local manufacturers and to be a

source of a large number of well-trained engineers able to help these companies compete in this new manufacturing period.

"Our whole robotics program is one piece of a grand plan which Dr. George Kozmetsky put forward for the state of Texas a couple of years ago," said Rouse. "He said we needed to seed certain areas of the state with superior research capabilities in selected technologies, and in so doing, we will create economic development opportunities for those regions."

Fort Worth was chosen because of its large defense industry base, plus the strong market potential in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

San Antonio was chosen for a new biotechnology research center to be located on the 1,500 acre Texas Research Institute in west San Antonio Excellent medical research capabilities in San Antonio led in the selection of that city.

Mayor Hentry Cisneros is personally heading the effort to raise \$50 million for the biotechnology center.

"Both new centers will be lightning rods for economic development," said Kozmetsky, director of The Institute of Constructive Capitalism at the University of Texas-Austin.

Dr. Victor Arnold, who directs business research aimed at forecasting trends, also puts the finger on manufacturing. "At the present time," he said, "manufacturing accounts for about 16 percent of the value of our goods and services produced in Texas.

"By the end of the century, we are forecasting this will be about 24 percent, possibly even 25 percent.

"The service sector - which combines finance, insurance, real estate, lwolesale land retail trade, and professional groups such as doctors and lawyers and the construction industry - at the present time accounts for about 55 percent of the value of all goods.

So, contrary to myth, we already are an information society. By the end of the century, manufacturing combined with the service sector will account for 90 percent. We are going to be a much different state in terms of the composition of our ecohjnomy than we are now.

"That's a major transformation. Fifteen years agom the two pillars of strength in the Texas economy were energy and agriculture. That already has changed. Last year, energy and agriculture accounted for about 17 percent of the value of all goods and services produced.

"By the end of the century, we are forecasting that those two sectors combined will account for about 5 percent.

"I'm not lsuggesting these are dying industries. I am just suggesting there will be other sectors growing much more rapidly."

### AGRICULTURE

Texas No. 1 ~~cash crop is~~ cotton. Mainland China now is into cotton big time, converting its raw cotton into textiles and importing them all over the world. With a strong U.S. dollar,

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Chris Cooley

The Borden Star Newspaper  
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Texas cotton farmers find it difficult to compete.

Texas ranks No. 1 in beef production in the United States. However, people are eating less beef and more chicken, today.

Texas farmers geared up to increase production during the agricultural years of the Seventies. The expansion was done on credit. Interest rates skyrocketed, the dollar shrank and export markets faded. Farmers were left with big debts. As a result, farmers have been caught with too many acres in crops to much production for the current markets.

All this has placed farmers and ranchers in a serious bind. Many will continue the trend of moving away from agriculture into business and industry. Still, Texas ranks fourth in exports of agricultural goods behind Illinois, Iowa and California.

"Over the next 10 to 20 years, we'll see the face of agriculture change in many ways," said Dr. Carl Anderson, extension economist in marketing for Texas Agriculture Extension Service at Texas A&M University.

"The result will be what I call 'superfarms.' These will be super big, commercially operated farms that are business sophisticated.

"The superfarms will have specialists in production, financing and marketing. They will tend to produce for market, more like a traditional business.

"There still will be many little farms, but they will be what I call

spare-time farms. The income from these farms will be incidental. In fact, many will lose money, but people will keep them primarily as a means of getting away from city life.

"Few people realize it, but in the United States today, about 5 percent of the farms produce 50 percent of the agriculture. This 5 percent is just about adequate for all our domestic needs.

"And in the future, biotechnology is going to genetically improve the productivity of our livestock and poultry. We'll probably see breakthroughs in the dairy industry that easily will increase production per cow by 20 percent to 30 percent.

"Actually, we are solving problems and creating problems at the same time. We will become more efficient, but when you increase production, you have to find more markets."

The result is fewer farmers producing more goods.

"Water is a factor, too," said



Wheat is a big crop in the Texas Panhandle.

Anderson. "The cost of production has skyrocketed for irrigated crops, due to high energy costs. As a result, we will see more dry land farming.

"In the 20-year future, I probably see less irrigation in Texas but a better utilization of dry land, rain grown crops. We have a lot of know-how in conserving moisture. There will be improved pastures, improved varieties of grasses, and a little better care of the grass for greater forage production and greater livestock production.

Texas will remain real strong in livestock and agriculture. We still have plenty of wide open spaces in Texas."

Agriculture probably will make its comeback before the beef industry recovers.

"The biggest thing affecting the beef industry right now is a declining demand that started in 1980," said Dr. Ernest Davis, extension economist in livestock marketing at Texas A&M.

"People have been shifting from beef to chicken, primarily because of price. And by the nature of the beast, you can't produce a pound of beef as cheaply as you can a pound of chicken.

"Last year the per capita consumption of beef in the United States was 78.6 lbs. I think by the year 2000 we might see that consumption down to about 65 lbs. per person."

That translates into a need of about 14 million fewer cattle by the year 2000.

"Consumption of poultry in 1984 was 67.1 lbs per person," said Davis. "By 2000, it could be as much as 90 lbs."

This signals some drastic changes in the cattle industry in the state. Davis believes it will create a shift of herds away from arid climates to the better rainfall areas of east Texas for better grazing.

"The beef industry probably will become more vertically

integrated, primarily through contractual arrangements," said Davis. "Packers will have contractual arrangements with feed lots for specific grades, yields and carcass weights.

"Feed lots will have contracts with cattle producers for specific genetic lines. Most all cattle will be produced under the contractual specification to supply specific consumer demands. Cattle not produced under these agreements will be used when shortages exist or will be used primarily as hamburger and other cuts which bring lower prices.

"Cattlemen are going to have

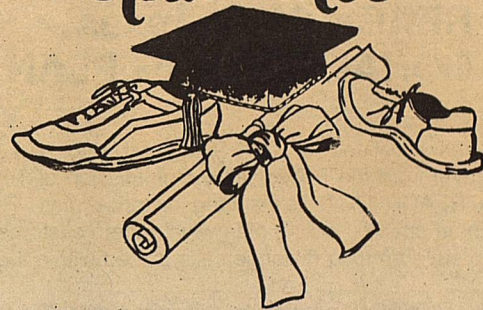
to become more consumer oriented if they are going to stay in business. The producer of tomorrow will spend as much time with his marketing as he does with his production in order to survive.

"A lot of the land we have cattle on now will be used for sheep and goats or wildlife. What Texas ranchers need most is a strain of white-tailed deer with larger horns. Many ranchers already have dropped their cattle business and specifically gone into leasing land to hunters at pretty nice prices."



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## Texas Stripper Revenue Will Lose \$767.7 Million

Oklahoma City--As West Texas crude oil falls to the \$10 per barrel price, Texas producers can expect 51,465 stripper wells to be shut down that will result in a revenue loss of \$767.7 million in the first year, according to an economic study recently completed by the Resource and Analysis Management (RAM) Group, Ltd.

The loss of these wells will decrease production by 210,343 barrels per day in Texas or 9.1 percent of the state's total oil production.

Texas accounts for 33 percent of U. S. stripper well production.

A stripper well is defined as one producing less than 10 barrels per day.

The RAM Group is an independent management, analysis and regulatory consulting firm specializing in the oil and gas industry.

The RAM Group study shows that on a national scale, a \$10 per barrel crude oil price will

result in 184,547 stripper well abandonments. The subsequent impact will be a loss of 638,046 barrels per day, \$2.3 billion in the first year and 2.6 billion barrels of crude oil reserves.

The RAM Group's national study highlighted Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas because those three states account for 56 percent of the nation's stripper oil production.

As the crude oil price dips to \$10, the RAM Group predicts that approximately 41 percent of the nation's stripper wells will be abandoned.

Stripper wells accounted for about 70 percent of the total number of U. S. oil wells in 1984 and about 15 percent of total production, the study concluded.

At the end of 1984, there were 452,543 stripper wells in the United States producing 463,459, 000 barrels of oil, or about 2.8 barrels per well per day.

### AT&T PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING REACH OUT<sup>SM</sup> Texas OPTIONAL CALLING PLAN

AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc. (AT&T) is seeking approval from the Public Utility Commission of Texas to continue the REACH OUT Texas long distance plan. REACH OUT Texas is an optional calling plan which offers customers the opportunity to save on long distance calls placed within the state of Texas.

The Public Utility Commission has required that AT&T show why the REACH OUT Texas plan should not expire by August 1, 1986. To meet this requirement, on March 7, 1986, AT&T filed an application with the Public Utility Commission, and asked that the August 1, 1986 termination date be removed. This request and the related proceeding have been designated as Docket No. 6761 by the Public Utility Commission, with hearings scheduled to begin June 18, 1986.

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