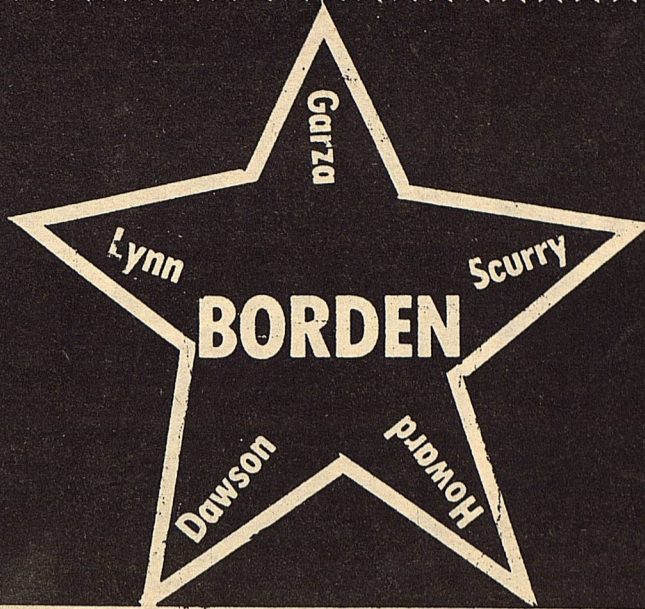


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Susie and Paul Luchsinger
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 APRIL 24th**

Paul and Susie grew up in different environments, he was a city kid from New Mexico, and she from a ranch in Oklahoma. Paul dreamed of becoming a professional athlete and during high school he was active in wrestling and football, but he was considered too small to play pro ball. Paul was disappointed, but this didn't stop him. At age 23 he obtained his PRCA card. His goal was to become

1978 Rookie of the Year in steer wrestling.

Susie grew up in a rodeo family. Her dad, Clark McEntire, was a world champion steer roper and they traveled as a family. "My momma would sing as we traveled, and that's where Pake, Reba and I learned to sing.

Susie didn't follow in her dad's footsteps, but shared her mother's love for music. Susie, with her brother Pake and sister Reba, formed a band while they were still in high school. By 1975 Reba had signed a contract with Mercury Records and the trio broke up.

After high school, she attended Oklahoma State University and graduated with a degree in personnel management.

Upon finishing college she toured with Reba, appearing at fairs, rodeos, clubs and the Grand Ole Opry. Life was good, and soon there would be an offer for a recording contract.

While at the 1980 NFR, a young cowboy came across her path. No one knows for sure if it was Susie's big smile or sparkle in her eyes that turned Paul's head and soon won his heart.

Paul and Susie were married in November of 1980. E.P. was born in 1983 and the summer of 1986, E.P. became big brother to Lucchese Joy. Through these five years, this rodeo

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NEW BUSINESS IN GAIL



JEAN TAYLOR and MARY CATHY pictured in their new place of business in Gail.

(Staff Photo)

Jean Taylor and her mother-in-law, Mary Cathy have opened a new business in downtown Gail. It is called the "Trading Post".

Ophelia Blackard was enthusiastic when Jean contacted her about putting a business in the vacant station. Buster, Jean's husband, was very agreeable about the plan as it looked like he was going to have to build a large new storage house to hold all the goodines they had accumulated through the years.

The "Trading Post" has been open about two weeks and there is a wide variety of items neatly displayed on freshly painted shelves. Jean also has articles to sell on consignment. Clothes, furniture, jewelry and pretties

are just some of the things for sale.

Check with Jean and Mary soon about buying and/or selling something neat at the "Trading Post".



**"THE
 TRADING
 POST"**



LITTLE FRIEND'S TEAM: Heather Armstrong, Shara Dee Woodward and Kristin Monger

FHA NEWS

This year in FHA, three students, Kristin Monger, Shara Dee Woodward and Heather Armstrong, chose to participate in Students Taking Action For Recognition, (STAR) events. At the Regional meeting in Odessa on March 10-11, their project, "One To Grow On", placed third. "One To Grow On", was designed to help the parents and children of our community become aware of the many abductions of children that happen each year. A skit, written by the team, was performed to teach the children what to do when approached by a stranger. The

group also received permission to video tape the children for protection purposes. On the video tape, the children stated their name, guardian, where they live, their age, birthday, hair color and eye color, and if any, their distinguishing marks. For a county-wide Health Fair, they are planning to have a booth for fingerprinting.

Placing third at Regional, qualifies the Little Friend's team to go to the State Meeting April 21-22, in Houston. /s/ Kristin Monger



People believe to cure a cold, kiss a mule on the nose.

Ways to improve relationships

Following are some ideas and techniques parents can try to improve their relationship with their teenagers:

1. Make time for your teen. Find an activity you enjoy doing together and pursue it. If your invitations are declined keep asking.
2. Listen, really listen. Because parents have so much to do and so little time, we often try to listen while cleaning, washing dishes or fixing the car. Put your chores aside so your teen knows you're really paying attention.
3. Take the long view. Don't treat minor



"ALL MY SONS" cast and crew: (L. to R.) Julie Harris, Angela Evans, Susan Bray, Cody Stone, Kate Porter and Sandy Buchanan. Back row (L. to R.) John Wilson, Lance Telchik, Jeff Lewis, David Buchanan and Jason Sharp.

CO-CHAMPION OF ZONE OAP CONTEST

The Borden High One Act Play, "All My Sons", competed at Klondike for the zone championship on March 28. Borden and O'Donnell were named co-champions and district qualifiers. Individual honors went to Cody Stone (Best Actor), Susan Bray (All Star Cast), David Buchanan (All-Star Cast), Kate Porter (Honorable Mention), Lance Telchik (Honorable Mention).

At the district contest in Plains on March 31, the cast and crew represented Borden County well.

Borden County competed against O'Donnell, Loop and Plains for district championship.

Susan Bray and Cody Stone were chosen for the All-Star Cast, and Kate and David Buchanan were Honorable Mention. The judge paid special compliments to the special effects crew of Jason Sharp, Angela Evans and Sandy Buchanan as well as the comic characters played by Julie Harris and Jeff Lewis.

The cast, crew, and director would like to thank all those who helped with costumes, food, and moral support.

never imply that the feelings don't matter or will change. Because teens live in the present, it doesn't matter that they'll soon feel differently.

7. Don't judge. State facts instead of opinions when you praise or criticize. Stating facts like "Your poem made me smile" or "This report card is all C's and D's" leaves it up to your teen to draw the appropriate conclusions. Teens are sensitive about being judged positively as well as negatively.

8. Be generous with praise. Praise your child's efforts, not just accomplishments.

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TWO JR HIGH TRACKSTERS ESTABLISH NEW RECORDS

The Borden County Jr. High track teams competed in the Mustang Relays at Sands. Two new records were written into the books by John Paul Harris and Armando Carrizales. In the pole vault, John Paul did not miss a single time as he set the new record at 9'6", besting the old mark by 2". Because of back problems, he decided to stop vaulting. The record jump was also his personal best, but the way he was jumping that might not last long.

Armando Carrizales also set a new record in the 1600 meter run. His time of 5.30.23 was almost 20 seconds better than the old record. This was also Armando's personal best and each week he is knocking off some time in this event.

Well, John Paul and Armando were not finished when those two events were over. Two members of the 400 meter relay team were not running, but these two made their mark again. John Paul won both the 100 and 200 meter dashes. In the 100 meter dash, he ran it in 2.59 seconds. In the 200 meters, his time was 25.44 seconds.

Armando also bettered his 800 meter time as he raced to another victory. His time was 2 minutes and 25.12 seconds. Joe Acosta placed fourth in the pole vault with a jump of 8'3". New team member, J.J. Kincheloe placed 6th in the 110 meter high hurdles and 5th in the 300 meter intermediate hurdles. Clay Miller placed 5th in the 400 meter dash. He also ran the 110 high hurdles. Joe Acosta also ran the 400 meter dash and competed in the high jump. Cody Cox ran in both the 400 and 800 meter run.

Jennifer Trussell placed 5th in the 400 meter dash. She also ran in the 200 meter dash.

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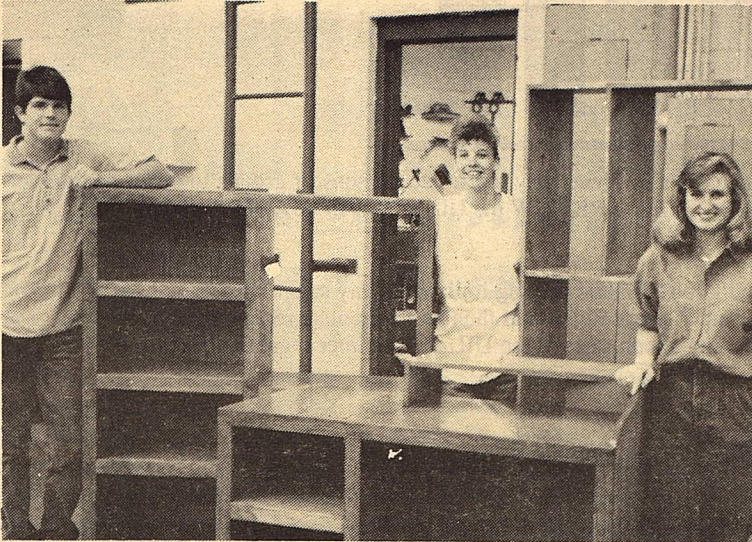
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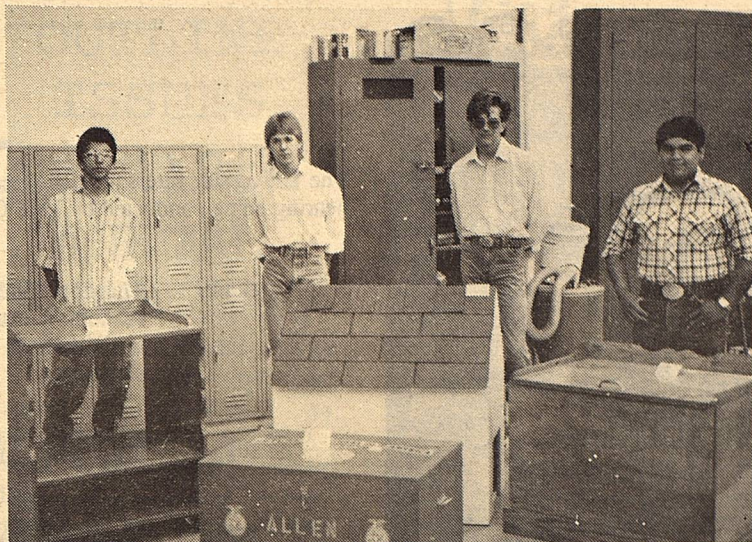
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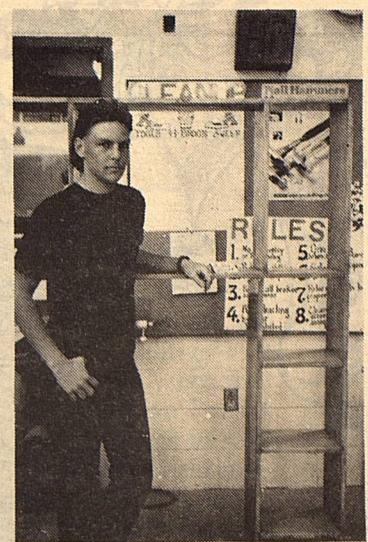
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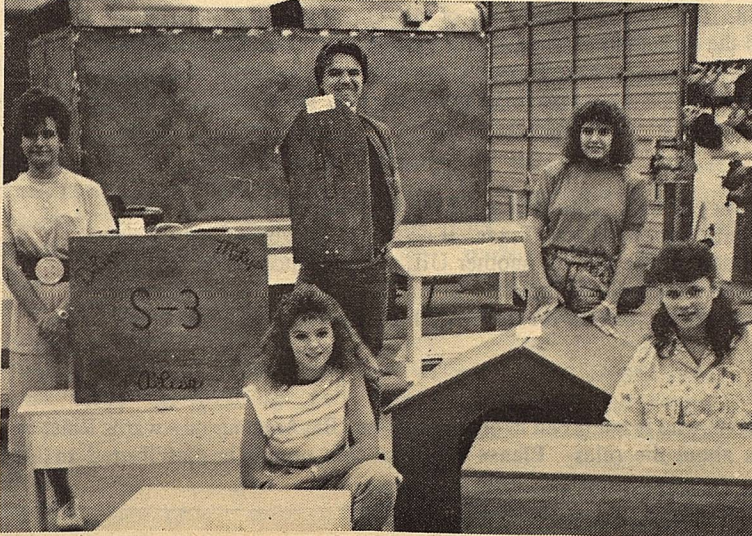
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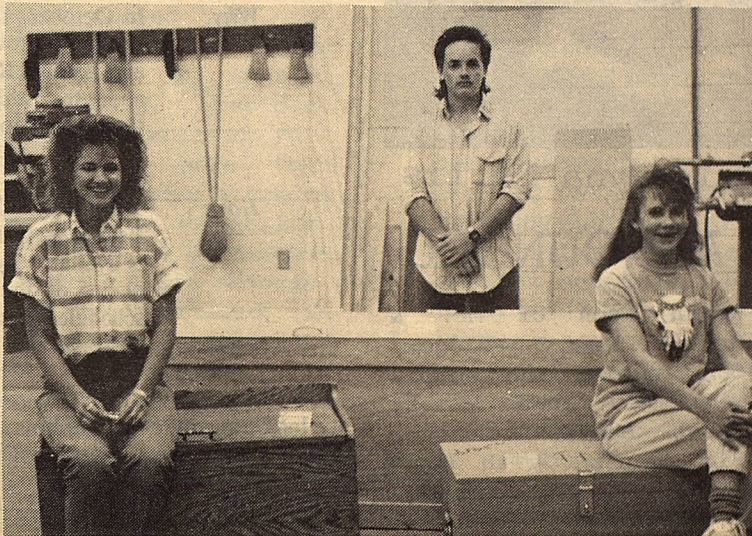
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Amanda Anderson, Blanket box; Jason Mize, Wood Box; and Shayne Hess, Blanket Box.

FFA NEWS

The Gail FFA Ag. Science Department hosted a freshman Woodwork project workshop for 3 days during the past week.

Some 15 first year wood work projects were on display for public view.

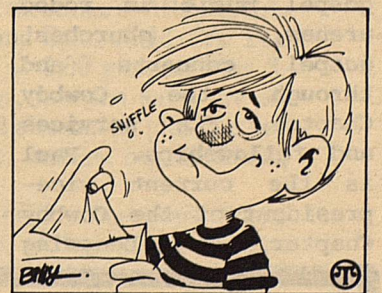
Mr. Wallace stated that he was very pleased at the turn out during the 3 day display.

Pictured here are the students with their projects.

The Freshman Class would also like to extend a big "Thank You" to Mr. Royce Nance who assisted with the projects.

FACTS & FANCIES

Do you catch cold from being cold? Doctors say "no" and "yes". While you can only actually catch the cold virus from another person who already has it, becoming chilled—or overheated, exhausted and under stress—can make you more susceptible to the germs with which you come into contact.



Many of those who do catch cold can find relief with a tried-and-true over-the-counter medication, such as Coricidin 'D'. A product of Schering Corporation, its original formula was introduced to the medical profession as a prescription product.

Who catches cold? Some people are more likely than others, no one knows exactly why. Children are particularly susceptible. Colds are a major cause of absenteeism in schools.

Improving Relationships

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And don't comment on aging independence and the person. "You're a great artist" is hard to live up to. "I loved that drawing" is a fact and comes from your heart.

9. Set reasonable limits. Teens need them. Your rules should be consistently applied and rooted in your deepest beliefs and values.

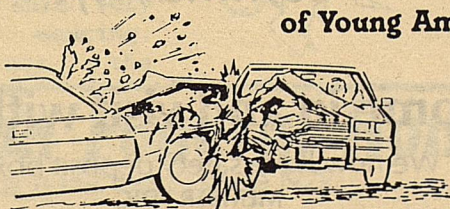
10. Teach your teen to make sensible decisions and choices by encouraging independence and letting your teenager make mistakes. Don't step in unless you have to.

11. If you're a parent worried about your kid and need help, call the Covenant House NINE LINE, 1-800-999-9999. We'll do our best to help you.

If you know a parent who might benefit from these tips, please pass this along.

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<u>Wednesday</u>	Tacos Shredded Lettuce Ranch Style Beans Fruit Milk	Salad Bar
<u>Thursday</u>	Oven Cooked Chicken Mashed Potatoes English Peas Jello Hot Rolls Milk	Salad Bar
<u>Friday</u>	Hamburgers with the trimmings French Fries Desert Milk	Salad Bar

PARENTS CLUB MEETING

CALLING ALL PARENTS

PARENTS CLUB MEETING....THURSDAY....APRIL 6....
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William Pfluger and Tayna Hollis ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. & Mrs. Eston Worth, son of Mr. & Mrs. William C. Pfluger, San Angelo. The couple will wed June 10 at of their daughter, Tanya Denise Hollis, San Angelo, to William David Nowell, Waco, officiating.

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family has traveled thousands of miles across the United States telling of God's mercy and His love through Paul's testimony and Susie's gospel music.

They now share their testimonies and sing gospel music in rodeo arenas, churches, gospel concerts and through the Cowboy Chapter, FCA services and fellowships. Paul is the current vice-president of the Cowboy Chapter, becoming

president in July of 1988, during the Chapter's annual meeting in Cheyenne, Wyo. Paul and Susie now tie their ministry and rodeo together.

Paul and Susie Luch-singer call their ministry PSALMS MINISTRIES and you can reach them by calling them at (405)346-7726, or write them at Rt. 3, Atoka, OK 74525. Susie's three tapes are only available at the rodeos where they minister or by writing to them.

UIL

The University Interscholastic League cordially invites any interested persons or groups to address a public hearing being conducted by THE COMMITTEE to REVIEW the UIL AMATEUR AND AWARDS RULES.

What: This committee will hold a public hearing to listen to any suggestions about the Athletic Amateur and Awards Rules, and then will formulate recommendations to the various standing committees of the UIL this summer regarding proposed changes.

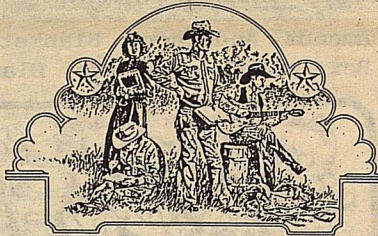
Where: The Capitol Marriot, 701 East 11th Street, Austin, Texas

When: Wednesday, April 19, 1989, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Public testimony will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Why: In October, 1988, the Legislative Council of the University Interscholastic League approved the formation of The Committee to Review the UIL Amateur and Awards Rules in response to requests by member schools. Any concerns about the Athletic Amateur Rule or the Awards Rule may be addressed at this time, and proposals may be made for rule changes.

How: Telephone Bill Farney or Lisa Schlingen at (512) 471-5883, or write to the UIL, Box 8028, University Station, Austin, Texas. If neither of the above individuals is available by phone, please ask for another UIL administrator. You will be placed on the agenda and will be advised of the approximate time you are scheduled to speak. *If you cannot attend, written proposals or comments are welcome.*

We look forward to hearing from anyone who is interested in changes in the UIL Amateur or Awards Rule, or who has complaints or suggestions about the rules. Please see that this memo is distributed to all interested parties.



NATIONAL COWBOY SYMPOSIUM

The National Cowboy Symposium and Celebration: The Culture of the American Cowboy will be held in the cont. to pg. 8



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CATTLEMEN OUTLINE ISSUES AT 112th ANNUAL GATHERING

Texas cattlemen took a stand on myriad issues including an appointed Texas Agricultural Commission, water rights, land use, animal welfare and marketing and laid out their positions in a series of policy resolutions passed at the 112th annual TSCRA convention in Austin, says TSCRA President James L. Powell of Fort McKavett. More than 2,200 cattlemen attended the four-day convention.

TSCRA, a 14,000-member livestock trade association headquartered in Fort Worth, represents cattle producers in Texas, Oklahoma and surrounding states on state/federal legislative and regulatory issues, theft prevention and other matters.

The association reaffirmed an earlier stand that the best interests of Texas Agriculture and the people of this state would be better served by the Texas Department of Agriculture being changed to a commission made up of farmers, ranchers and consumers appointed by the Governor.

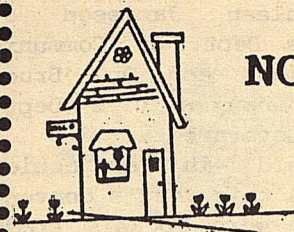
TSCRA opposed pending legislation that would authorize the Texas Water Commission to regulate water withdrawn from the Edwards Underground Aquifer. The cattlemen claim that the legislation has statewide ramifications because it opens the door to state regulation of all underground water and infringement of the rights of landowners to the water under their land. Further, it would sacrifice rural interests in favor of the city of San Antonio and other urban interests who have not planned

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NOTES FROM HOME

By Debra Pollard

Home Demonstration/CEA



Quality Day Care Is Economic Issue For Parents

One of the most important issues facing parents who work outside the home is child care. Parents are concerned that their child-care dollars be well spent. In addition to concern for cost, parents want quality and convenience in child-care services they choose.

For many parents, purchasing child-care services presents an economic dilemma. Child-care costs constitute a big ticket item in many households. The average share of income spent on child care is about 10%, according to studies by the Urban Institute.

But the range of income parents devote to child-care cost varies. Wealthier parents may spend about 5% of their household income for child-care services while poorer parents may spend in the range of 20 to 26% of income on child care.

Since child-care represent such a significant part of the household budget, parents need to recognize how finances are allocated. If they discover that their spending patterns do not reflect their basic values, perhaps a re-ordering of priorities is called for.

For example, some families may say child care is important, but they may, at the same time, undervalue child-care services and be unwilling to pay the price for quality services. In addition, their spending patterns may reveal large expenditures for items that they do not really need. There is inconsistency between what they say is important and their spending behavior.

The decision to invest in quality day-care services, whether provided through family day home-care providers or center-based day-care staff, is an important one.

4-H'ers Meet To Prepare For District Roundup

Borden County 4-H'ers will meet Thursday, April 6 at 4:00 p.m. in the District Courtroom to begin working on the District Roundup Contest. Contests include Share The Fun Talent Contest, Method Demonstrations, Illustrated Talks and Judging Contests.

If any 4-H'ers, interested in competing in any of these contest can't attend this very important meeting, please contact the

Borden County Extension Office. Debra Pollard needs to know who will be able to compete at District.

Everyone will have to work hard and fast as the District Roundup is scheduled for April 29th in Lubbock.



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LUBBOCK, Friday, March 31, 1989

The Food and Agriculture Act of 1985 doesn't expire until the end of the 1990 crop year. But formal efforts to devise an acceptable replacement are just around the corner, notes Donald Johnson, Executive Vice President of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., Lubbock.

Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy of Vermont has announced hearings in mid-April to get the Administration's views, and field hearings around the farm belt will be close behind. House Agriculture Committee Chairman Kika de la Garza of Texas expects to initiate action later this Spring. Both are said to favor the development of a four or five-year program, with mark-up to begin late this year or early 1990.

Agriculture Secretary Clayton Yeutter, however, has indicated a preference for freezing current farm programs, one year at a time, until the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) negotiations are completed. In those negotiations the U. S. has proposed that GATT members phase out all "trade distorting subsidies." And Yeutter, the U. S. trade representative until his appointment as agriculture secretary, apparently feels adoption of that proposal in any form might necessitate that U. S. farm law be written to accommodate its terms.

Cooper Evans, Special Agricultural Advisor to President Bush and featured speaker at PCG's annual meeting April 6, is said to be in agreement with Yeutter's position.

Also from the Administration, the President's budget proposal calls for a \$1.9 billion cut in agricultural spending. Funding priorities, according to a statement ascribed to the Office of Management and Budget's David Gibbons, will go to pesticide safety and other environmental concerns, at the expense of credit, productivity research and efforts to achieve competitive prices in world markets.

On the same subject, Victor Kimm of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) last week told a Commodity Roundtable meeting in Washington to expect a shift from the pro-chemical era of the past to a much more protective attitude by the general public, the Administration and the EPA.

The National Cotton Council (NCC) will be formulating its farm program positions at the Spring board meeting in Washington May 23 and 24 in conjunction with that organization's Producer Steering Committee (PSC).

Meanwhile in the first week of May, the PSC has scheduled policy development meetings in Atlanta, GA, Memphis, TN, Dallas, TX and Bakersfield, CA. The Dallas meeting is to begin at 1:00 p.m. on May 3. Invited to regional meetings, Johnson says, are all NCC producer delegates and alternates, plus the key officers and staff of regional interest organizations, including PCG.

In addition to Johnson, PCG officers are Board Chairman Myrl D. Mitchell of Lenora, President Steve Verett of Ralls, Vice President Larry Nelson of Edmonson and Secretary-Treasurer Wayne Huffaker of Tahoka.



ASCS NEWS BY Jerry Stone

1989 FARM PROGRAM SIGN-UP PERIOD

The 1989 signup has been underway since December 19, 1988, and will continue through April 14, 1989. Acreage reduction requirements are: 10% for wheat, corn, and sorghum; and 25% for cotton.

REMEMBER-If ANY of you received payments for ASCS you must file form CCC-502 so that an "Actively Engaged in Farming" and Person Determination can be made by the County Committee. This must be done prior to ANY payments being made and before the contract to participate can be approved. In other words you need to file the required forms by April 14, 1989.

HAYING AND GRAZING OF ACR

Producers have now been granted the approval to hay, as well as graze, their ACR or CU for payment, including the 8% for the 1989 crop year, **ONLY, THIS AUTHORIZATION DOES NOT ALLOW YOU TO HAY/GRAZE DURING THE CONSECUTIVE 5-MONTH PERIOD, which is April 1 through August 31 for Borden County.**

PRICE SUPPORT LOANS

The final date to put cotton and grain sorghum in the price support loan is May 31, 1989.

CERTIFICATES

Remember to watch the expiration dates on your commodity certificates. Don't let your certified expire. If you have one that has expired bring it by the County Office.

WHEAT AND OTHER SMALL GRAINS

The final certification date for small grains is May 1, 1989. If you have small grains intended for harvest, grazing, or just cover you will need to certify those acres prior to May 1, 1989. Small grains not certified by May 1st are automatically classified as small grains for harvest and ineligible for ACR or CU. Having small grains considered for harvest could throw you out of compliance due to the limited cross compliance regulations.

FAILED WHEAT AND OTHER SMALL GRAINS

In order for small grains to be considered for harvest they must have been treated accordingly. If you are grazing the small grains, you need to pull off presently to give them a change to make. If you determine the small grains are not going to be suitable for harvest prior to turning back in on the wheat, you need to come in and certify the wheat and file a form ASCS-574.

SODBUSTER/SWAMPBUSTER DEADLINE

December 31, 1989, is the deadline for developing a plan with the Soil Conservation Service. The 1985 Farm Bill determines anyone farming Highly Erodible Land (HEL) or Wetlands without a conservation plan from the SCS, **INELIGIBLE** for USDA assistance. Basically, this means, if you are

planting or cultivating ANY CROP and expect USDA benefits for that crop or any other purpose, you must get a conservation plan prior to the planting or cultivation. This includes FmHA loans and most types of ASCS assistance or programs and applies to ALL agricultural land you own or operate.

CATTLEMEN OUTLINE ISSUES

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for their own water needs.

On another matter of private property rights, the association opposed a study by the National Park service to create a national park in the Davis Mountains of West Texas because "residents and property owners potentially affected by the study were neither consulted nor informed prior to the U.S. Congressional appropriation mandating the study." The resolution further opposed the imposition of any governmental controls or restrictions that would interfere with the rights of individual property owners to manage and control their land, whether in West Texas or elsewhere.

The association also passed a resolution supporting the development of a national research and implementation plan for value-

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based marketing systems and urged the Cattlemen's Beef Board to support the planning process with checkoff dollars.

U.S. Senator Phil Gramm of Texas and Governor William P. Clements highlighted a slate of nationally-known speakers including Robert D. Josserand, president of the National Cattlemen's Assoc.; Dr. William H. Cunningham, president of the University of Texas at Austin; Dr. George Kozmetsky, director of UT's IC2 Institute; Dr.

Kathleen Jamieson of UT's Dept. of Communications and Dr. Bruce Buchanan of UT's Dept. of Government.

Held in conjunction with this year's convention were TSCRA's trade show and silent auction. Also meeting with TSCRA were Texas CattleWomen, Inc., Livestock Marketing Association of Texas and Texas Purebred Cattle Alliance.

Powell announced TSCRA's 113th annual convention will be held in Fort Worth March 25-28, 1990, at the Tarrant County Convention Center.



The ring-tailed lemur, a primate found only on the island of Madagascar, meows like a cat.

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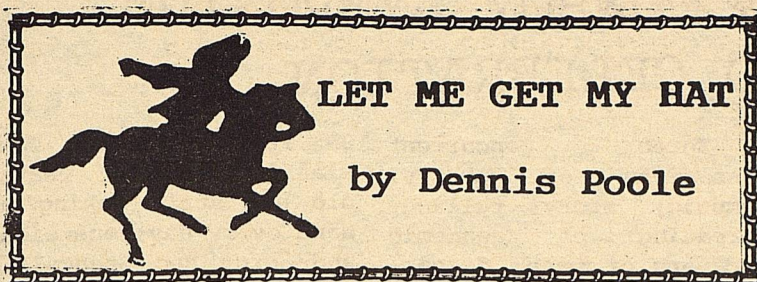
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LET ME GET MY HAT

by Dennis Poole

WOMEN LANDOWNERS PROGRAMS
SCHEDULED

Four special seminars for women who own farm and ranch land have been planned by Texas Agricultural Extension Service. These seminars will be held at:

El Paso
May 2-4, 1989

Abilene
May 9-11, 1989

College Station
May 16-18, 1989

Dallas
May 23-25, 1989

This will be the sixth year this seminar has been offered. It was first offered in 1984 with one program at San Antonio. The overwhelming response from Texas women landowners challenged Extension to schedule three programs in 1985 and four programs in 1986, 1987, 1988 and 1989.

"In Texas over 75 percent of all land is owned by women. These women acquired this land in three major ways," indicated Wayne Hayenga, the Extension Economist and Attorney who will conduct the seminars. Much of the land owned and controlled by women was received by inheritance, either from their parents or a husband. However, there are numerous women who purchased land themselves or with a spouse as an investment. Other women are sole owners because they were previously married to a farmer and received the land in a divorce proceeding.

The seminars will start off with the indepth look at the mineral estate. Negotiating an oil and gas lease is new to many landowners, and one can

never tell when an oil company will come by and make an offer. One of the important things to learn is the minerals are not leased, but truly are sold. In addition to discussing how to negotiate with an oil company, several tax savings hints will be suggested because, as Hayenga indicated, everybody always negotiates with two parties. One, the oil company who is leasing the minerals and second, the Internal Revenue Service that charges taxes on the money received.

In the afternoon of the first day the seminar will look at surface leasing of farm and ranch land. Methods to use to negotiate leases with tenants, what items to include in leases, and how to evaluate a tenant's productivity are major topics. Introduced here will be Texas Extension Service's standard budgets so women get a feeling or "par" in farm production for both yield and expenses.

The second day will introduce basic income tax planning and give ideas to women landowners on how to structure their farm and ranch operation to save income taxes. Frequently, operating the farm and ranch business as a corporation or partnership can direct the income where the woman owner wants it to go, and, thus, can save income, gift and estate taxes.

Buying, selling and trading land will also be discussed the second morning. The new rules for tax-free exchanges will be discussed, as well as the rules on the recent rule changes on interest rates required from

family transactions.

Estate planning, both to save estate taxes and to make estate administration easier for loved ones are always of great concern to all. Farm and ranch owners particularly have an unusual problem in estate planning: they have a valuable asset with very little cash income. This by itself makes estate planning very difficult and if the farm is to go to one interested family member who wants to farm, this topic is even more complicated, and will be covered in the last one and one half days.

For registration information contact your Texas County Extension Agent or Wayne Hayenga, Agricultural Economics Department, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843-2124, Phone: (409) 845-2226.

Changes in Farm Credit

Benefit Borrowers

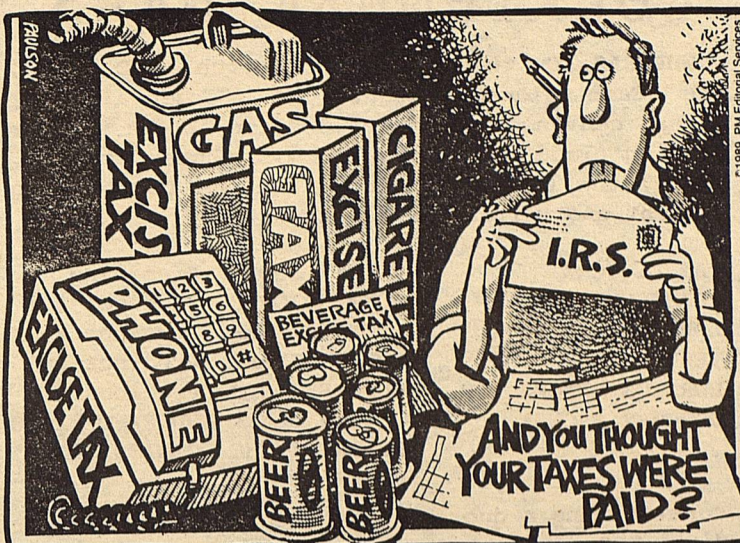
Farmers and ranchers can look forward to a more stable and competitive credit environment when they seek financing this year, according to officials of the Farm Credit System.

That's good news for rural America, which has suffered through tough times during much of the 1980s. Unstable interest rates, declining farmland values and depressed commodity prices created a financial crisis for many in the agriculture industry. This same turmoil hit the banking industry as well. According to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, nearly 180 commercial ag banks were closed from 1985-1987 and another 28 failed in 1988. It also was a difficult period for the nation's largest agriculture lender—the Farm Credit System.

"In many ways, this is not the same Farm Credit System that people knew as recently as one year ago," said Eberly. "The last couple of years have caused us to rethink the way we've done business in the past and make some pretty significant changes."

Key among these changes are a new pricing philosophy and re-dedication to customer service and new loan products like fixed- and adjustable-rate loans.

Although farm income has been strong the past few years, not all have shared equally in the recovery of the farm economy. Since 1986, the System has restructured more than \$2.1 billion in loans as the least costly alternative to foreclosure. This amounts to one-fifth of all high-risk loans at year-end 1987. During the same period, foreclosures in process declined 39 percent.



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COURTHOUSE NEWS

WHEREAS, On the 13th day of March, A.D. 1989, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session at the Regular meeting place thereof in the Courthouse at Gail, Texas, the following members of the Court being present and participating, to-wit:

VAN L. YORK	COUNTY JUDGE, Presiding
FRANK CURREY	COMMISSIONER, Precinct # 1
LARRY D. SMITH	COMMISSIONER, Precinct # 2
VERNON WOLF	COMMISSIONER, Precinct # 3
HURSTON LEMONS, JR.	COMMISSIONER, Precinct # 4
DOROTHY BROWNE	COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT

constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the meeting of February 27th, A.D. 1989 were read. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve said minutes as read. Commissioner Currey seconded the motion.

Voting For: Commissioners Currey, Smith, Wolf and Lemons

Voting Against: None

PROPOSED CONTRACT

The proposed contract with KMK Enterprises, Inc. for voter registration services was discussed. No action taken.

COMMISSIONER Wolf was absent after 10:15 a.m.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

Current accounts were examined. A motion was made by Commissioner Currey to pay said accounts. Commissioner Lemons seconded the motion.

Voting For: Commissioners Currey, Smith, Wolf and Lemons

Voting Against: None

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lemons and carried unanimously.

The foregoing minutes read and approved 27th day of March, A.D. 1989.

NATIONAL COWBOY SYMPOSIUM AND CELEBRATION

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University Center at Texas Tech University on June 2,3 and 4,1989. It will feature the poetry, songs, tales, art, trappings and sport of the American cowboy and promises to be the most comprehensive event that has ever been held on the cowboy.

This unique production's steering committee is co-chaired by the Ranching Heritage Association's General Manager, Alvin G. Davis, and by Dr. Ken Davis of the Tech English Department. It will gather working cowboy poets and balladeers as well as others creating and performing in the vein, such as distinguished rodeo cowboys, cowgirls, ranchers, academics, historians, publishers, writers, musicians, actors, western artists, cartoonists and craftsmen (saddle, bit, spur, hat and boot makers, etc.) from around the United States.

Many of the performers will mount horses on Sunday afternoon, June 4th, to compete against each other in a celebrity cutting and team roping. This event will be held at the Livestock Pavillion at the Panhandle South Plains Fairgrounds. It will also feature musicians and singers, the 4th Cavalry Memorial Unit and a sheep dog demonstration.

Three concurrent sessions of poetry, music, story telling, reading of academic papers of panel discussions will be going on in the Allen Auditorium, Hemmle Recital Hall and Senate Room on Friday and Saturday, June 2 and 3 and again on Sunday Afternoon June 4. The single cost for tickets to attend all three days of these sessions is \$5.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children. In addition the first 5,000 to purchase these tickets will receive a framable poster that features the original drawing that was done by Lubbock artist, Duward Campbell, for the event. Additional posters may be purchased for \$5.00 each.

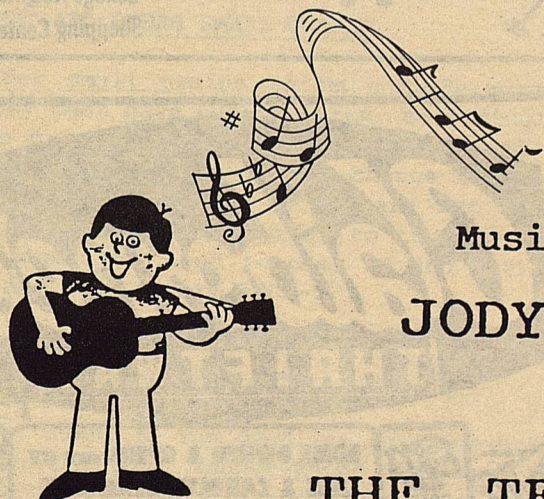
A professional type production will be held each evening of June 2 and 3 in the Allen Auditorium. These performances will feature the best poets, musicians, story tellers and others who are taking part in the total event. The admission charges for each of these performances will be \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. These same admission prices will be charged for the Sunday afternoon, June 4, arean event at the fairgrounds.

The Symposium and Celebration will feature well over a hundred performers and artists. Among them are famed

JA Ranch cowboy, Tom Blassingame, 90 years old and still making a hand every day; musician and actor Red Steagall; cowboy poet Baxter Black, who has performed several times on the Johnny Carson Show; cartoonist Ace Reid; former World Champion Rodeo Cowboys Toots Mansfield, Troy Fort, Jim Shoulders, Harry Tompkins and Larry Mahan; cowboy artists, Tom Ryan, Gary Morton and Keith Avery; western writers Elmer Kelton, John Erickson and Stella Hughes; Natinal Cutting Horse Association Director, Zack Wood; Western Horseman magazine publisher, Dick Spencer; spur makers Ed Sims and Joe Barela; Lonesome Dove stars Barry Corbin and Barry Tubb; and Byron Price, Director of the National Cowboy Hall of Fame.

Another feature of the event will be a barbeque at noon on Friday and/or Saturday at the Ranching Heritage Center. A special guided tour will follow the meal with the volunteer Ranch Hosts hosting the group. The public is invited to purchase tickets to eat and visit with the poets and other participants at this time.

For additional information or tickets contact the National Cowboy Symposium and Celebration, P.O. Box 4040, Lubbock, TX 79409 or telephone (806)742-2498.



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