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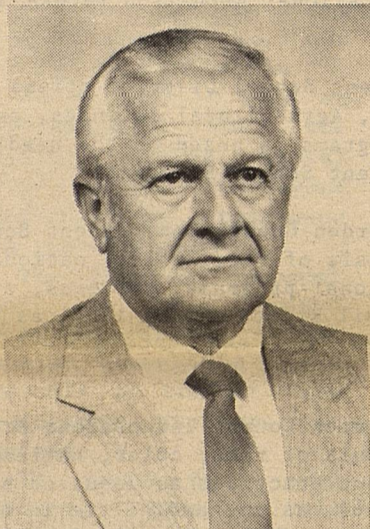
Borden County school stresses academics, college preparation

LAMESA PRESS REPORTER

An emphasis on college preparation, coupled with a selection of vocational programs, distinguishes the academic approach favored by the Borden County school district. "Our greatest strength is our educational program, which is for college-bound students," explains Borden County Superintendent James McLeroy. "We offer a basic education with foreign language, advanced math, and advanced science. In addition, our English department has proven to be an excellent department for our students who are going to college."

The effectiveness of this emphasis on high level academics is proven by the large percentage Borden County High School graduates who later attend college, plus the performance of Borden County students on their achievement exams. "We rank in the top 10 percent in the state on the Texas Educational Assessment of Minimum Skills (TEAMS)," stated McLeroy. "We had 100 percent mastery of basic skills on the TEAMS, and we are above the national norms on the SRA exam."

McLeroy, now in his



JAMES MCLEROY

24th year as superintendent of the rural school district, directs the efforts of a faculty which includes 24 teachers, five teacher aides, and two administrators. A major change in administrative duties will see high school Principal Mickey McMeans assume responsibility for all 13 grades, due to the retirement of Ben Jarrett, who served as elementary principal for the past 17 years. Jarrett spent 29 years with the Borden County school district, and will be joined in retirement by his wife, Netta, who taught business education.

Taking Mrs. Jarrett's place as the business education teacher is Sheri Poole, the sole

addition to the Borden County faculty this year. This will be the first teaching assignment for Poole, a 1979 graduate of Tarleton State University.

Teachers in the Borden County school district receive ample compensation, starting with a salary set at \$2,500 above the state base pay. This is enhanced by having 10 percent of the salary placed in a tax-sheltered annuity. The school district also provides hospitalization insurance for faculty members, plus housing and utilities.

Some 24 teachers are currently included in the Career Ladder program, with 12 on level III, eight on Level II, and four on Level I.

Enrollment at the school totaled 200 on the last day of the 1988-89 term, and McLeroy speculated the number could climb as high as 225 this year.

Students literally come from far and wide to attend class at the Borden County campus in Gail -- the school district covers 921 square miles. The school buses travel 1,500 per day as they pick up and deliver students along 10 bus routes.

With 96 percent of the tax base consisting

of oil and gas properties, the problems in the oil patch continue to have a negative effect on the school district's tax roll. This year's valuation has been calculated at \$302 million, down from \$345 million in 1988. However, the district was still

able to keep its tax rate at a comparatively low level last year, 43 cents per \$100 valuation. The tax rate and budget for 1989-90 will be set next week. McLeroy predicted the 1989-90 budget will approximate

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White, Smith win roping honors

Steve White and Monte Smith were the big winners in this year's Lamesa Rodeo Association roping events, as they received trophy saddles donated by The Fertilizer Place during last Saturday night's final rodeo performance. White was the header of the winning team in the association event, while Smith garnered top honors as his heeler.

Taking second through fifth places in that contest were teams consisting of Donnell Echols and

Gary Don Sharp, Chuck Senter and Blaine Todd, Monte Smith and Rusty Yadon, and Kevin Pepper and Ricky Hightower.

Also receiving a trophy saddle Saturday was Bedford Jones, who won the association calf roping contest. Taking second through fifth place in that event were Todd Howard, Wendell Culp, Ronnie Smith, & Will Phinizy.

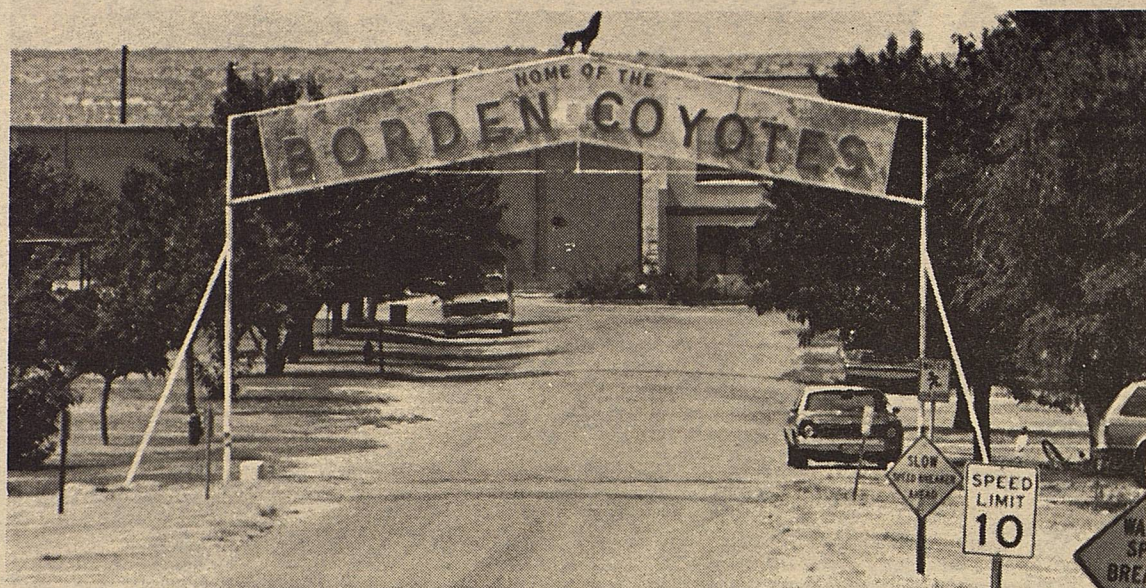
In the race for the calf roping trophy buckle, Monte Smith took first place while Frank Janes came in second.

C. W. HOWELL, FRIEND OF BORDEN COUNTY TO RETIRE

C. W. Howell, sales representative and friend of Borden County residents and their youth, will retire August 15 after 21 years of service.

His friends would like to wish him many years of good health and happiness in his retirement.

Bill Phinizy,
Moorman Area Representative
(915) 399-4554



HOME OF THE COYOTES--Faculty with the Borden County school district are provided housing adjacent to the campus in Gail. (PRESS REPORTER PHOTO)

BORDEN COUNTY SCHOOL

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last years' spending level, close to \$1.8 million. Of that amount, \$886,937 is allotted for teacher salaries.

McLeroy maintained that his school district's size does not prevent it from meeting all state criteria or from giving college-bound students a solid foundation for higher education. With this in mind, he explained. His staff's efforts in 1989-90 will revolve around making improve-

ments in their existing programs.

Serving on the Borden County school board are Jack McPhaul-president; Bill Phinizy-vice president; Jon Monger-secretary; and members Joel Dennis, Tom Ed Vestal, Kenny Hensley, and Scot Clayton. Scott Clayton.

Borden County Calendar

- Aug. 21-22, 28-30: Teacher inservice.
- Aug. 25, 31: Teacher workdays.
- Sept. 1: Classes begin.
- Oct. 13: End of first six weeks.
- Nov. 21: End of second six weeks.
- Nov. 23-24: Thanksgiving holiday.
- Dec. 20-Jan. 1: Christmas holiday.
- Jan. 19: End of third six weeks.
- Jan. 22: Teacher workday.
- Jan. 26: Ski holiday.
- March 1: End of fourth six weeks.
- March 2: Stock show holiday.
- March 19-20: Bad weather days.
- March 21-23: Spring break.
- April 13: Good Friday holiday.
- April 20: End of fifth six weeks.
- June 1: End of sixth six weeks.
- June 2: Teacher inservice.

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BORDEN COUNTY GRADUATE RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP

Shanna D'Lyn Lloyd of Fluvanna has been awarded a one year \$1,000 Fasken Foundation scholarship by the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation awarded three grants to students who have participated in the UIL academic state meet contests and who have compiled an outstanding record of academic and extra-curricular achievement.

This year the TILF awarded 199 new awards and will renew approximately 144 awards for a total of 343 scholarships for 1989-90 with a value of over

\$450,000. Recipients may attend any approved college or university in Texas.

A Borden County High School graduate, D'Lyn participated in the 1989 UIL state meet feature writing contest participated in UIL ready writing, informative speaking, poetry interpretation, accounting and one-act play contests. She also participated in UIL basketball events, national BETA Club, 4-H, student council, and band.

She plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in agriculture journalism.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF NONDISCRIMINATION IN VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

1. Borden County Independent School District offers vocational programs in Agricultural Mechanics, Agricultural Sciences, and Home Economics. Admission to these programs is based on the need of the students in Borden County Independent School District.
2. It is the policy of Borden County Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap in its vocational programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.
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4. Borden County Independent School District will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.
5. For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, James McLeroy, at P. O. Box 95, Gail, Texas 79738, (915) 856-4313.

ATTENDS BASKETBALL CAMP

Recently, four 8th graders from Borden County attended the 6th annual Lometa Basketball Camp held in the south central town of Lometa. The camp draws students from the Lometa, Lampasas, Hamilton, Goldthwaite, and Burnet area. Attending the camp were Freshmen Leslie Fryar, John Paul 'Harris', and Shawn Lewis. Attending the Jr. High camp was

Brandon Adcock.

Leslie won the high school girl's free throw award making 25 of 30 free throws. John Paul won the high school boy's MVP defensive award and Brandon won the Jr. High MVP defensive award. All students received certificates for their six days of hard effort. Congratulations and admiration to all four students

for their hard work and dedication during their summer vacation.



Enchanted Rock, a bald granite mountain covering 640 acres and stretching 1,824 feet high, is known as Texas' noisiest mountain. Located in northeastern Gillespie County, Indians credited the mountain with having a spirit and offered sacrifices. Weird, creaking, groaning noises emanate from this mountain, especially at night. Geologists logically explain the sound is caused by contractions of the stone during cool evenings after the daytime heat.

Experience has Coyotes howling

BY DWIGHT HEINS

Lamesa Press Reporter

The beginning of a new year brings with it new hopes and new opportunities and that's the outlook for Coach Joe Bond and the Borden County Coyotes.

Last season was a tough one for the Coyotes. Injuries took their toll on Bond's troops and the end result was a 2-8 finish.

But with a strong dose of experience on both sides of the football and with a little luck, don't be too surprised to see the Coyotes field a much stronger ball club this fall.

"We anticipate having a much better season than we did out here a year ago," remarked Bond. "I'm getting pretty anxious to see what we can get done out here this season. Keeping healthy will be one of our main priorities after the kind of luck we had out here a year ago. I think we'll be able to win our share as long as we can keep our kids on the football field."

Injuries took their toll last year on at least three of the players that Bond is counting on for this

fall. James Smith is back for his senior year after breaking his arm a year ago. Running back Patrick Heridge is back after breaking his collar bone.

Speedster Jimmy Rios, who was sidelined with ankle problems throughout the '88 season, is back and Bond has high hopes for the junior running back.

"Jimmy is a young man with lots of potential," commented Bond. "He's got the most speed that we will have on our ball club and some pretty quick moves to go along with it. I talked with him the other day and he seems pretty eager to get things started again."

Brian Bond is back at quarterback for the Coyotes. Cole Vestal and Paul Sturdivant both provide experience in the end slots.

The Coyotes' stopper unit is also loaded with experience. Senior middle linebacker Lance Telchik is one of five returning starters on defense.

"I would feel even better about this season if we had a little bit more speed," said Bond. "We'll have

to depend on our muscle a lot to get things done. I think we'll have fairly decent size on this year's ball club."

Bond's excited about the Coyotes' chances heading into his fourth year at the helm. And why not? The Coyotes have lots of experience on both sides of the football and some talent to go along with that experience. With a little luck the '89 Coyotes could provide Borden County football fans plenty to howl about this fall.

"I think the potential's there to have a pretty good ball club," Bond remarked. "I think we will have more depth than we've had out here in quite some time and we are coming off a pretty good spring too. Our kids worked pretty hard and if this spring's any indication I think the kids out here are pretty excited about this season."

Once the football season has been completed, Bond will also head up the Coyotes' boys basketball program.

While on the subject of basketball, no one can overlook the success that Coach Bill May's Coyotes have had in the past. May has guided the Lady Coyotes to back-to-back District 16-A titles and to the playoffs three out of the past four seasons.

BANANA FACTS & FANCIES

Appearance to the contrary, the banana plant is not a tree. It has neither trunk nor boughs. Botanically speaking, it's an herb.

Unlike many foods that lose nutrients over time, the banana actually increases the amount of Vitamin B6 it produces as it ripens. That's important, since most Americans, women in particular, don't get enough B6 in their daily diets. Bananas also contain phosphorous, potassium and vitamins A and C.

Bananas first grew in southern Asia. They've been cultivated in India for at least 4,000 years. Arab traders brought the fruit from India to Africa. Portugese sailors took it from Africa to the Canary Islands and from there, Spanish missionaries carried it to the Americas.



Training Camp

Summer training camp is the hardest time of the year for many professional football players, whether they are rookies or veterans.

Rookies should report to camp in top-notch shape. For them, it is not a time to get in shape. It is a time to learn a new system and to prove themselves. They must really be on the ball if they are going to make the team.

Some veterans, on the other hand, report to camp out of shape thinking that they'll use the time for conditioning. But if they've taken it too easy in the off-season, they'll often wind up with nagging injuries that will last all season long. With football becoming more of a year-round sport, fewer are using training camp as the time to get in shape than when I was playing. Everybody in the game today is so big, so quick and so strong, players know that they better report for camp ready to play.

It's sad when talented players show up for camp so out of shape that they simply aren't effective. There is a good chance they could get hurt, especially with rookies hitting as hard as they can to prove they are good enough to make the team. In the bigger picture, it is often 90 to 95 degrees during these summer practices. The weather alone can really take a toll on your body.

My experience with training camp as a rookie was a little different from most rookies. Dick Butkus and I had come into camp a week late because we had been in the college all-star game. I was in shape, but had much less time to learn the system. Fortunately for me, the play-calling system was similar to the one I had used in college. I only had real trouble with audibles, when they would call one play and then change it on me when we got out of the huddle. Butkus, though, had to learn a whole new defensive system.

Although practice was hard and it was always very hot, I didn't mind training camp. Not everyone shared my feelings. One player who stands out in my mind as a guy who really hated camp was the Bears' Hall of Fame defensive end Doug Atkins. Atkins came to camp practically when he wanted to! He wouldn't participate in practice. He would come out and walk around practice, maybe jog for a while, and then stand and watch everyone else break their backs. George Halas let him go at his own speed and by the first game of the season, he was ready to play an entire game.

This year, camps have an NFL-imposed limit of 80 men, smaller than ever. But it is still 80 men fighting for their jobs. Camp is still the time to prove that you can cut it in the NFL. Camp is the time to show you came to play. **ll**

Gale Sayers is considered one of the greatest running backs of all time. The former Chicago Bear is a member of the National Football League's Hall of Fame.

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Borden County High School 1989 Football Schedule

Aug 24	Klondike (scrimmage)	There	6:00
Sept. 1	Highland (scrimmage)	Here	6:00
Sept. 8	New Home	There	7:30
Sept. 15	Wellman	Here	7:30
Sept. 22	Jayton	Here	7:30
Sept. 29	Wilson	There	7:30
Oct. 6	Ira	Here	7:30
Oct. 13	Loop	There	7:30
Oct. 20	Klondike	Here	7:30
Oct. 27	Dawson*	Here	7:30
Nov. 3	Grady	There	7:30
Nov. 10	Sands	Here	7:30

*Homecoming

Borden County Junior High School 1989 Football Schedule

Oct. 5	Sands	There	6:00
Oct. 12	Loop	Here	6:00
Oct. 19	Klondike	There	6:00
Oct 26	Dawson	There	6:00
Nov. 2	Grady	Here	6:00

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Diana Currey, 5'8" tall, has blue eyes and long brown hair. A West Texas girl, Diana grew up listening to country music. When she was eight years old, she began taking classical piano and guitar lessons. She studied clarinet, starting in the fifth grade, and was involved in band all through college, winning many musical awards. She continued her private music study for seventeen years.

She and her sister sang for various school functions for several years. Diana attended West Texas State University and won a music scholarship. She was a member of the concert and marching band at the university. At this time, she started her own band called "Secrets". The group traveled all over the Texas Panhandle and recorded some commercials for radio as well.

Diana later transferred to Texas Tech University, where she received a Bachelor of Science Degree with a concentration in music. She then decided to move to Nashville, Tennessee, where she has resided since 1975. Diana taught elementary school and private music lessons for several years. She also produced and taught a nine-piece children's country music group called, "A Little Pizzazz," in Hendersonville, Tn., at Jody's School of Performing Arts. The students were children of many country music artists, including: Duane Allen, Barbara Mandrell, Eddy Raven, Charlie Walker, Bobby G. Rice and more!

Diana has sung on demos for back-up and as a single vocalist. She has performed at various night clubs around the Nashville area with the "Nashville Rhythm Section," fronting such stars as Larry Gatlin, Tammy Wynette, Jerry Lee Lewis, Rick Nelson, Hank Williams, Jr., Chubby Checker, Merle Haggard, Johnny Paycheck, George Jones, Don Williams, Eddie Rabbit, and many more.

Diana was also featured in Ronnie Prophet's Carousel and the Western Room in "Printers Alley," singing country, pop and Big Band. She also performed weekly on the W.S.M. Radio Program with the Stan Hitchcock Show, taking place at the "Nashville Palace." She sang at the Aladdin Hotel in

Las Vegas, Nevada, with Roy Clayborne Show.

Diana Currey has also appeared on the "Hee Haw Honey" show and a T.V. movie starring Sonny Bono, called, "Murder in Music City." Diana also starred in a T.V. pilot filmed in New Mexico, singing and acting.

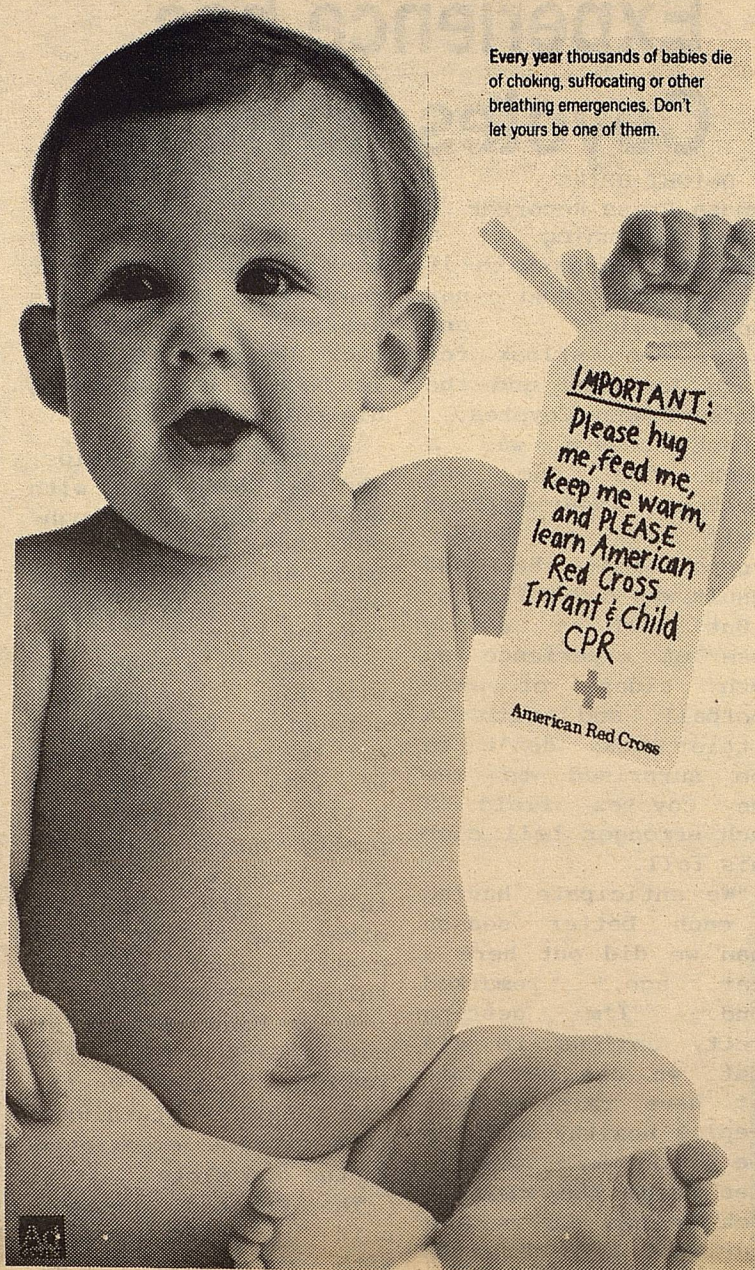
Diana also owned her own business, with partner, Bobbe Seymour, a studio steel guitarist, called "Steel Guitar World," a famous music store, involving sales and shipping of music instruments, ect..

Diana is also a licensed Realtor and really enjoys the challenge of dealing in commercial and residential property, but her first and real love, is music and hopes to make it her lifetime career.

Her latest video, "Longneck Lone Star, (And Two-Step Dancing)" is the title to her first record release. Diana produced the record and hopes to finish her album soon, including some compositions of her own. The video will be aired on Nashville Network's, Video Country, which is a wonderful place to begin! Keep watching and listening!

Diana is the daughter of Frank and Wilma Currey of the Plains Community and a 1967 graduate of Borden County High School.

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That group is the Sunshine Foundation, a national charity organized to fulfill the wishes of terminally and chronically ill children. Since a trip to see Disney World or Sea

World are the two most popular wishes of the children helped by the Foundation, it's building a 21-acre Dream Village in Florida to house these youngsters and their families.

You can participate in this endeavor by helping the foundation raise the half-million dollars it needs to complete the project. There are three ways and three benefits:

- In exchange for a \$100 donation, the Foundation will engrave your name or message on one of the bricks of the Dream Village walkway.
- With a \$25 donation, Sunshine will inscribe your name in the Dream Book, on display at the village.
- Donations of any amount will help you know you've helped bring some sunshine into little lives that need it.



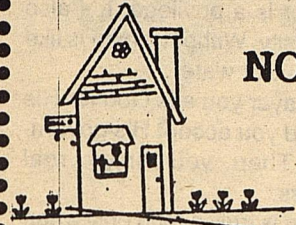
You can help make dreams come true for ill children.

To help build the Sunshine Foundation Dream Village, or to refer a child, you can call (800) 767-1976 or write to: The Sunshine Foundation, 4010 Levick Street, Philadelphia, PA 19135.

NOTES FROM HOME

By Debra Pollard

Home Demonstration/CEA



Accessories:

Fun and Inexpensive Fashion

Accessories are the most exciting and least expensive way to up-date your fall and winter wardrobe and add flare to your fashions.

An accessory can complete your look adding just the right touch for any outfit from casual to dressy. And there is so much to choose from.

"Accessories are fun."

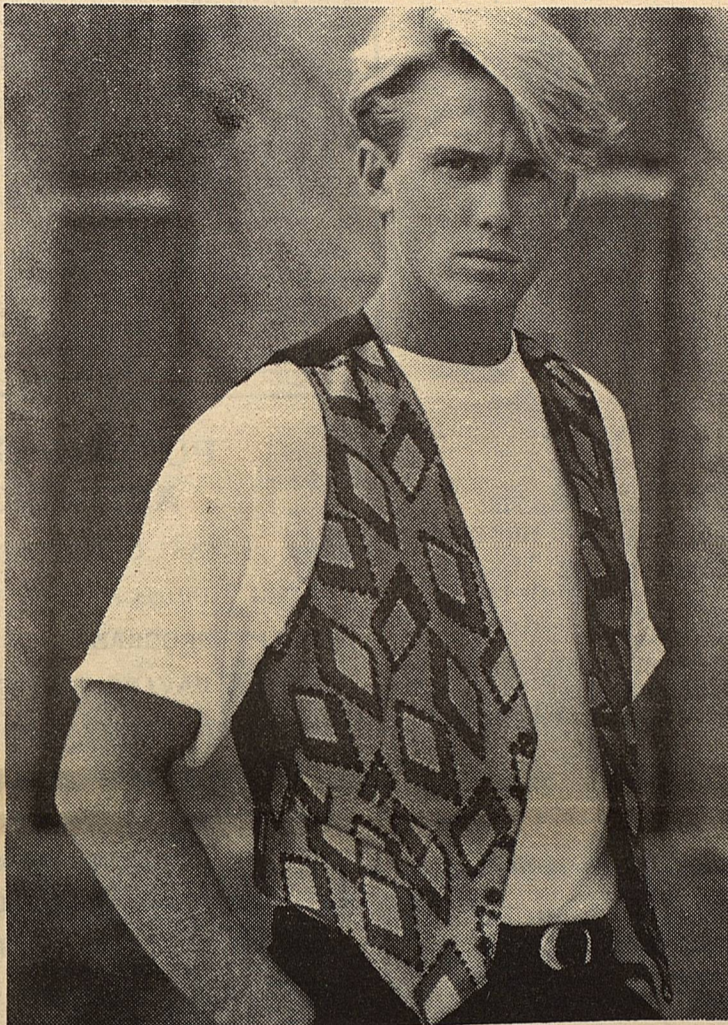
During the recent fall market at the Dallas Apparel Mart, this season's big seller is vests.

The popularity of vests has continued from summer into fall in wonderful fabrics such as lush tapestries silks and satin.

Also predicted boleros as the next hot item to follow on the coattails of the vests.

This season's jewelry is influenced by the look of ancient coins, oriental accents, bigger-is-better earrings and also politics as our First Lady Barbara Bush has brought pearls back into vogue. And, of course, it doesn't have to be the real thing as Mrs Bush readily admits her pearls are simulated.

The ever-present and popular southwest style is still going strong and always will here in Texas. And it seems as though the rest of the world



still wants to imitate our wonderful Southwest style.

Symbols of the Lone Star State continue to appear on everything from earrings, pins, watches and more, and our state flag is a favorite scarf.

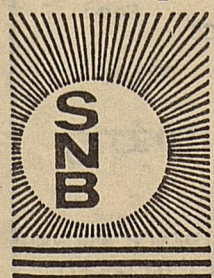
And yes the scarf trend continues from last fall. A scarf can be tied or held together with an endless

array of scarf clips to accent any style.

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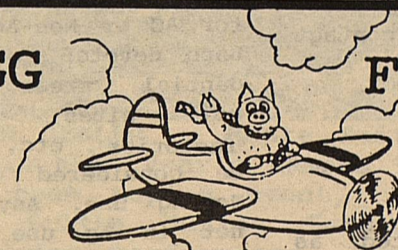
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ASCS NEWS BY Jerry Stone

DISASTER AFFECTED CROPS

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LIVESTOCK FEED PROGRAM

If you have suffered at least a 40% loss in your feed production and you are feeding above normal, you may be eligible for cost share assistance. Information needed at the time you make application include: Number of livestock broken down by age and type: Amount of feed on hand, both raised and purchased: Pasture information such as type and acres. Remember, the feeding period used to determine your gross allowance begins the day you make application. If you need more information contact this office.

ACR COVER CROP REQUIREMENTS

Land designated as ACR or CU for payment must have a cover crop unless blank rows are utilized. This acreage cannot be hayed or grazed unless a written request has been filed. Weeds must be controlled on this acreage, in addition to protection from wind and water erosion. Producers who elected to plant a fall seeded crop on their ACR are reminded to do so by October 15th of this year. These acreages will be spot checked. Failure to properly maintain your ACR

acreage can result in loss of all program benefits.

CERTIFY SPRING SEEDED CROPS AND CRP ACREAGE

Producers are reminded that September 15, 1989, is the final date to report summer seeded crops (planted after July 15) and CRP acreage. All CRP farms that have not certified for the 1989 crop year must do so by this deadline.

WEED CONTROL ON CRP

Weeds on CRP acreage must be controlled to allow the grass cover to fully develop, and prevent them from blowing to neighboring farms. If the weeds are not controlled, reduced payments or cancellation of the CRP contract could result.

NON-AGRICULTURAL LAND USES

Beginning November of this year, County Committees will be required to make thorough checks of all recorded cropland to determine whether the land is being used for AG or Non-Ag use. Land devoted to residential areas, oil well sites, roads, factories, etc. would be considered to be Non-Ag use. Any land not in Ag use will be deducted from cropland, and affected producers will be notified of any changes

CONSERVATION PLANS FOR 1990

Don't forget about CONSERVATION COMPLIANCE starting January 1, 1990. If you farm highly erodible land, you must be following a conservation plan in order to remain eligible for government program benefits. Contact the Soil Conservation Service if your plan has not been developed.

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"The First Day For a New Teacher"

Keeping school in Texas during the 1850's was no simple task, especially for teachers newly arrived in the state. Fortunately one such lady, whose identity now is unknown, left us an account of her first day in the Texas school which subsequently was published in the Aug. 1853 Putman's Monthly Magazine.

The anonymous teacher described her schoolhouse as a rough log cabin set in a grove of oaks, a pleasant location "were it not infested with legions of gnats, whose bite for venom would do credit to larger insects." The building had a doorway and a single window without sash or glass. Lack of light or ventilation presented no problems, the gaps between the logs admitting fresh air in larger quantities than desired.

Entering the classroom for the first time, the schoolmistress rang her handbell to summon her child scholars. "They came with a whoop and halloo, twenty-five in number," she noted. They ranged in age up to 20 years.

The pupils thronged around the teacher, for new people in the community were considered oddities. Some of the boldest of the girls fingered her dress, wanting to know the price she had paid for the calico. "Others plucked the artificial flowers from my bonnet," the teacher wrote, "and arranged them into bouquets for themselves."

The teacher found the names of her charges to be more than surprising. "I was struck with the love of the high

sounding and romantic manifested by the parents," she wrote, noting such names among her pupils as Cleopatra Aletha and Phedora Constantia.

No sooner had the class day begun than a swarm of a dozen or so wasps swooped down from a rafter. Teacher and children precipitously fled the cabin. "The wasps not finding anyone to molest, soon flew away, and we returned to our place," she later wrote.

Back in the classroom the new schoolmarm began observing that the children were paying more attention to a rafter above her head than to her lesson. Looking up, she spied "and enormously long snake, coiling and uncoiling himself with the utmost sang-froid." Terrified by the reptile, "flight was our only alternative," she wrote. "Setting the example, I was followed by my twenty-five pupils, leaving his snakeship and the nest of young wasps undisputed monarchs of the building."

By now it was noon-time, so teacher and children took a lunch break while a man dislodged the serpent using a buring piece of cotton attached to the end of a long pole.

In their lunch pails, the pupils found the ever-common Texas cornbread and bacon, quenching their thirsts with drinks from a nearby spring. After their meal, one group of children began playing by imitating the behaviors that they had seen among their elders at a recent camp meeting. "Their shouts, groans and amens made the primeval

forest echo," according to the teacher.

Returning to the log schoolhouse after the break, one of the little girls, Cleopatra Aletha, asked the teacher, "Please put me in potash," "I have none," replied the teacher, asking, "Why...do you want to be flayed alive in potash?"

With big dark eyes opened wide, the girl looked up confused at the schoolmistress; then she pointed in her spelling book at a column of words that began with the word, potash. "The mystery solved I forthwith overjoyed her little heart by advancing her to the desired column," the teacher said.

The day drew to its close and the children headed home, all full of stories for their families about their new teacher. After the classroom fell silent, the young woman turned her own tread toward home, pondering the mountain of ignorance that she had been hired to dispel.

"Amused with the oddity of my situation," she wrote, "I strayed musingly homeward, so absorbed that I narrowly missed being stung by a taratula in the path."

Thus ended the first day for the new teacher



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CHAMPION HEELER -- Monte Smith, champion heeler in this year's Lamesa Rodeo Association team roping event, receives his trophy saddle during Saturday night's final rodeo performance. Presenting the saddle is Sharon Cox of The Fertilizer Place, which provided this year's awards.



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A summary of the proposed Borden County Budget is as follows:

Jury Fund - \$1,500.00

General Fund - \$496,960.00

Road & Bridge Fund - \$475,157.00

Permanent Improvement Fund - \$20,000.00

The proposed budget includes no pay increase for county employees and elected officials.

Any interested person is invited to attend and present oral or written comments. The proposed budget may be examined at the office of the County Clerk or the County Judge.

The proposed tax rate for 1990 is .24 per \$100.

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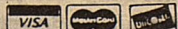
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