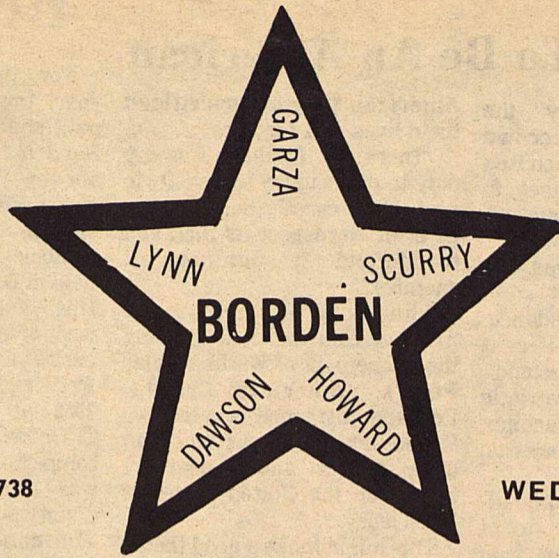


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Oops! We Goofed!

By: Doris Rudd -
Secretary to The Borden Star.

Coincidents do happen (so do errors).

A few weeks ago we received a note from Mrs. T. G. Hudson in Clovis, New Mexico. She enclosed the following anecdote, from the Clovis News-Journal, with this advice, "Don't make this mistake in your paper."

Quote:

"A man with a sewing machine to sell placed a classified ad in his home town newspaper. The ad came out Tuesday as follows:

"FOR SALE — R. D. Smith has one sewing machine for sale. Phone 958. Call after 7 p.m. and ask for Mrs. Kelly who lives with him cheap."

"Wednesday's issue carried the following notice: 'We regret having erred in R. D. Smith's ad yesterday. It should have read: 'FOR SALE — R. D. Smith has one sewing machine for sale cheap. Phone 958 and ask for Mrs. Kelly who lives with him after 7 p.m.'"

"On Thursday this notice appeared: 'R. D. Smith has informed us that he has received several anonymous telephone calls because of an error we made in his classified ad yesterday. His ad stands corrected:

"FOR SALE — R. D. Smith has one sewing machine for sale cheap. Phone 958 after 7 p.m. and ask for Mrs. Kelly who loves with him."

Finally on Friday, R. D. Smith, in desperation, notified one and all: 'Notice: I, R. D.

Smith have no sewing machine for sale. I smashed it. Don't call 958. The phone has been taken out. I have not been carrying on with Mrs. Kelly. Until yesterday, she was my housekeeper."

The coincident happened the past week when Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Clark visited the Missouri Beef Packers Plant in Friona, Texas, where T. G. Hudson is yard foreman. The talented Mrs. Clark wrote a very interesting article on the plant, for The Borden star. The paper was "hot off the wire" when the phone began to ring - and I soon got the impression that we had "goofed." When the conversation on the other end of the line went something like, "If they raise beavers that average 1000 pounds on foot, how much do their beeves weigh?" and "Why do they send beavers livers to Japan?" and "Sounds like a Tall Texas Tale to me" - "Is that supposed to be a joke or the truth?" Neither one friend, but simply a mistake - or misprint - for which we apologize to Mrs. Clark, T.G., and the Missouri Beef Packers Plant. But one good thing, we also made an error in T. G.'s initials, so maybe nobody will know that it was T.G. and he won't have to say I have no beavers that weigh 1000 pounds or smash anything, or carry on with anybody, or have his phone taken out.

Sorry about that -

Top Rookie '71

Kent Youngblood, well known in this area and a former collegiate rodeo star, has been named the Rodeo Cowboys Association rookie of the year for 1971.

Youngblood placed in 19 rodeos during his school vacation. Totalling \$7,658 in calf roping and steer wrestling last summer his largest single win was \$785 in calf roping at Livingston, Montana.

The rookie award goes to the top money-winner who exhibits the greatest potential as a rodeo cowboy and proves an asset to the sport during his first year as an association member.

Kent is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arvin Youngblood of Dawson County. He was active in the American Jr. Rodeo Association while in High School as well as the Intercollegiate Rodeo Team before joining the RCA.

Kent is married to the former Sharon Harrison, a graduate of Borden High School and a consecutive rodeo winner in her own right. She was graduated from Tarleton State College last year with a degree in Elementary Education. Kent is classified as a senior at Tarleton and is majoring in agricultural business.

The 1972 rodeo season is officially underway, with eight rodeos scheduled before the new year. Final championship standings for 1971 will be decided at the National Finals Rodeo Dec. 4-12, in Oklahoma City, Okla.



DECEMBER WEDDING — Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hodnett of Vincent announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jerri Beth, to Virgil Alvin Whitaker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Whitaker, Rt. 2, Big Spring. The wedding is set for Dec. 28. at the Vincent Baptist Church.

Ralph Nader Attacks Reclamation Bureau

A report called "Damning the West" was issued last week by the Center for Study of Responsive Law, an organization headed by consumer advocate Ralph Nader. It charges the Bureau of Reclamation financed irrigation projects that not only cost billions of dollars to build and operate, but also have driven thousands of farmers out of jobs and increased the amount of money that the USDA must spend to curtail surplus crop production and support agricultural prices.

The report asserted that more than 42 percent of Bureau irrigated land was used to produce cereal feed-grains and field crops involved in price

support or crop storage programs.

The report estimated that cotton, wheat feed grains and sugar produced on land that was irrigated as a reclamation project and is also involved in support programs cost U.S. taxpayers between \$129 million and \$258 million annually.

The Nader Report states that the Bureau has outlasted its chief purpose. It is no longer necessary, they say, for more and bigger dams and irrigation canals to reclaim the arid lands of the West. As newly irrigated western lands produce crops, they post a continuing economic threat to farm areas of the south, the report says.

Anderson, Roye Wedding Set

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Anderson of O'Donnell, request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Joylene to Joe Bryan Roye. The couple will exchange vows in the First United Methodist Church of O'Donnell, on Friday, November 19, 1971 at 7:30 P.M. All relatives and friends are invited to the wedding and to the reception in the Fellowship Hall following the ceremony. No formal invitations will be sent.

Frost Poison

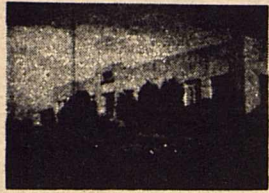
Hybrid sorghum-sudan pastures can be deadly to cattle during the fall growing season. Prussic acid poisoning, which is really hydrogen cyanide, develops in the plants when the plant's own enzymes break down plant material. It generally occurs at two times. It is most prevalent after a frost that has damaged plants and it also occurs when plants perk up and begin fast growth after a very dry period.

Hay that is not properly cured can also present prussic acid poisoning problems for a short while.

Hydrogen cyanide is very volatile and therefore stays in the plants for only a short time. But while it is present, animals must be kept off the pasture for a few days.

In severe cases, cows exhibiting symptoms when the veterinarian is called may be dead before he can arrive.

Court House Happenings



Borden County

Tax Values

The county will be collecting more tax dollars this coming tax year than last due to an increase in valuations on some oil properties and intangibles such as pipelines, utilities, etc.

The county picked up \$1,400,000 in value over last years tax roll with \$1,000,000 of this coming from the court settlement with the oil companies.

As it now stands our overall taxable value is estimated \$20,236,883 whereas last year it was \$18,850,000. This gives us an estimated overall increase of \$1,386,883 times our county tax rate of \$1.25 per \$100 value giving us additional \$17,336.03 in tax dollars over last year.

It might also be of interest to some that the county's expenditures are balancing with their 1970 tax collections and should finish the year with money in excess and not a deficit as some would lead you to believe.

American Royal

Texas was well represented at the American Royal stock show in Kansas City, Mo.

Janis and Lee Ago of Sterling City walked off with the grand champion fleece in the wool show.

Texas A & M University won the Intercollegiate Wool Judging with team member Larry Bausch as high man. Second was Colorado State, third Kansas State, fourth North Dakota State and Abilene Christian placed 5th. Melvin Young of Texas A&M was third high individual.

A Texas A&M team also won the Meat Judging Contest, followed by Kansas State, South Dakota State, and Oklahoma State. The winning team included Jimmy Pusck, Tom Wall; Don Kuker, Lampasses; Donald Powers and Ronald Powers of Abilene. Pusck was high individual with Powers tying for second.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Rogers and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gardenhire, O'Donnell, left Sunday for Ozona where they will be deer hunting for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Chandler Dodson, Valley Mills, Texas were in Gail Tuesday. While in Gail they visited relatives, Mrs. Alma Cathey, Orvil Cathey and Doris Rudd.

I'm Proud To Be An American

They waved "Old Glory", the cannon boomed, the crowd cheered and the Texas Tech Red Raiders put it all together in Jones Stadium Saturday afternoon.

The half-time show was one never to be forgotten by those in attendance. Dean Killion's magnificent "Goin Band from Raiderland" presented its annual Patriotic Pageant with a heart warming salute to America which has won national award.

It was a great Saturday afternoon. There in the splendor of Jones Stadium 25 American Flags blowing in the breeze and the Red Raider Band playing "America," "God Bless America," "This is My Country," "Columbia, The Gem of the Ocean" and finally the "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

As the band played the Tech Flag Bearers formed a V in the center of the field and a voice rang loud over the public address system and the 32, 169 fans stood as the voice intoned "I believe in the United States of America as a Government of the people, by the people, for the people, whose powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign states; a perfect union, one and inseperable, established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which

American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

"Therefore, I believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies."

What a great tribute to Americanism the band playing the intonement of William Tyler Page's "American Creed." Perhaps just once a year we should take time out from all other things and repeat "I believe in the United States of America. . ."

This might make a good theme for the Borden County Coyote Band who have performed magnificently during half-time shows of our Friday night football games.

From my office window here at the courthouse, I can see the Borden School and I see the victory flag flying under the great flag of Texas and the wonderful flag of the United States.

For the second year in a row the Bob Dyess coyotes have put it all together for District honors. Isn't it great to be a Borden County Booster, behind such a fine football team, but yet, it's even a greater thrill to be an American so that we might be able to enjoy these sporting events.

Good luck Coyotes on to another Regional Championship.

Glenn Toombs

Dan Turner, Shorty Farmer, Bannie Hancock, Bob Ludeke, Nolan Jones, Ken Don Jones, Joe Dan Hancock and Rick Cunningham all went on a Deer Hunt this last weekend, south Trent, in Taylor County. They didn't get a deer but Joe Dan killed some ducks.

Dee and Willie Burrus of the Plains Community, were among a group who went deer hunting near Sweetwater last week.

Mr. Jake Holmes has been ill with the Flu this past week.

Borden Wins Again

For the fourth consecutive year, the BORDEN CITIZEN, published quarterly by the Borden County Historical Survey Committee, received recognition at the annual convention of the Texas State Historical Survey Committee held in Del Rio on October 29-30. This year we were given the second place award for the entire state. In 1970 at Fredericksburg and again in 1969 at Waco the BORDEN CITIZEN won 1st place in state competition. In 1968 2nd place was awarded to the Borden County publication at the Annual Convention in Waco.

We extend our congratulations to the Freestone County Committee who won 1st in the Newsletter competition this year. They have a large and very active committee and are really getting things done. Our neighbor Crosby County was 3rd place winner in the newsletter competition and also received 1st place award for their scrap

book and winning that scrapbook award really means work! Other neighbors who won awards were Mrs. Walter Boren of Post, Best Committee Chairman; Jean Everett and June McGlaun of Snyder, best committee member and best subcommittee chairman. Scurry, Garza, Midland, Mitchell, Coke and Crosby Counties were all Distinguished Service Award winners.

This year's Annual Meeting featured Archeological and ecological lectures, films and tours and also lectures on Historical and Genealogical research.

Highlights of the entertainment were a tour of Pictograph Shelter locations near Lake Amistad and a "Noche Mexicana" featuring exotic Mexican food and entertainment in Ciudad Acuna.

Edna Miller, Borden County Chairman, represented you at the convention.

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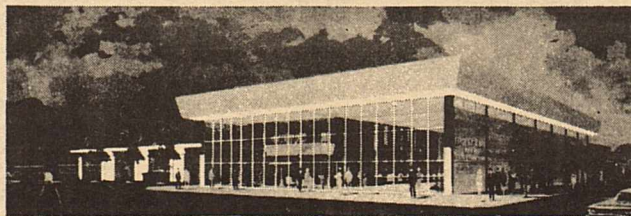
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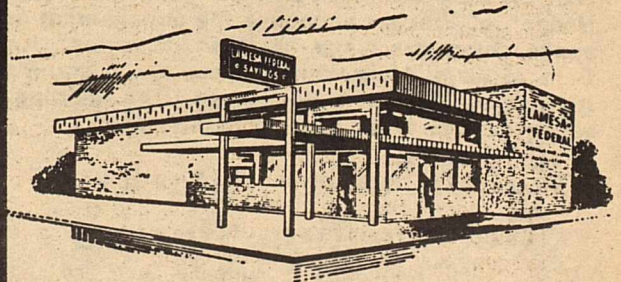
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Mrs. Edna Miller above is in costume for a program on Mexican Christmas Customs, presented to the Snyder Garden Club.

My Mother In-Law

By Marie Ragan As told by Shorty Farmer

She's a wonderful lady, my mother-in-law, a very real and learned person, a regular walking encyclopedia. She reads everything she gets her hands on and knows just about everybody in four counties. She's forever busy, doing one thing and another, all worthwhile and interesting activities that keep her young and flowing.

She is Mrs. Edna Miller of whom I speak, born in Borden County and living there for most of her years. Her father was W. A. Clark, who was sheriff of that county as was his father (W.K.) before him. She and the late Frank Miller were married in 1924 and lived the biggest part of their lives within the boundaries of Borden County, only leaving for short periods at a time. They had the site for their home picked out long before they even thought of owning the piece of land. In 1942 they finally realized this long-ago dream and built their home there, where it stands yet.

Much of her time is spent now in historical and genealogical research and travel. Last year she spent a month in Venezuela, along with her two sisters, Willie Russell and Zadie Mae and Charlie Miller. Charlie and Zadie Mae have a daughter there. Last year the three sisters made a trip to California and this year they visited in Missouri, Washington and Oregon. She has just returned from a historical and genealogical trip in South Texas.

Even with all the other many activities, Mrs. Miller started on the long project of tracing her family tree. She has gone all over the United States gathering information and working on family records. Going to Washington, D.C. she traced the Clark family through records as they moved their way across country through Virginia, South Carolina, Miss., Alabama and La., and on into Texas.

She found that there were seven Methodist Ministers in one generation. They were all brothers and brothers-in-law. Two of these, Dr. O.P. Clark of

Abilene and Uncle Mike Clark have preached in the church in Gail. Another one of them organized and built churches all over Eastern N.M. His name was C. C. (Lum) Clark.

Mrs. Miller has served as Chairman of the Borden County Historical Survey Committee since its organization and the newsletter they publish has won first or second place every year at the State Convention. She works with the museum; is on the Museum Committee and works with the Cancer Society. Also she belongs to the Genealogical Society at Lubbock. She is a member of Dorward Methodist Church at Gail and has taught Adult Sunday School Class there for 20 years.

Aside from all the other things which she does, Mrs. Miller has been an active member of the Garden Club at Snyder for fifteen or twenty years and she always had a prize winning arrangement in the club. She has, at times, judged flower shows at O'Donnell at the fair. She loves doing flower arrangements and gathers drift wood from all over the country to make many beautiful and different arrangements. Anytime she sees a cactus that catches her fancy while traveling down the road, she stops and digs it up.

Her home is filled with many beautiful pot plants and flowers, her specialty being African Violets. At one time, I believe she had enough plants in her house to feed a cow for a whole year.

Although Mrs. Miller has been active in many clubs and different activities throughout her years, the main thing in her life was raising five children and helping on the ranch, with roundups and cooking for the cowboys. In her younger days, she always rode and helped work the cattle. And she kept the ranch house going which was not an easy task, with so much happening from day to day. There were always so many people coming in and out that it was almost like Grand Central Station.

Well, that's my mother in-law alright. She is certainly a wonderful lady and we need more of her kind around.

' Pretense

By: Wilma Currey

Why are our true feelings hidden behind a mask? It seems as if our emotions are something to set aside in the present hustle and bustle of our busy lives.

Are we afraid to show our true selves to the world? The "real us" always seems to be hidden behind a mask of cool politeness or a facade of pretense.

We all have the ability to laugh and to cry, to share heartwarming incidents of joy, with a friend who cares, is a truly rewarding experience. To know someone wishes you well in a new undertaking gives a sense of pleasure that can bring out the hidden qualities within a person. Trust makes us strive to do our utmost to be worthy of a person's good opinion. Grief, shared, is not felt any less.

When a good friend or neighbor is standing by in bleak moments, it lessens the feeling of being utterly alone. To obtain this from others we must give. Give of ourselves. Give kindness, give cheer. Show affection and realize good manners and bright smiles are never out of style. Awake to each sunrise with this purpose each day. When clouds move in to dim our intent, remember, a little more effort is often well spent!

LVN School Approved

The Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners in Austin, has approved a Licensed Vocational Nursing program for Western Texas College in Snyder.

Enrollment of the first class begins Provisional accreditation automatically and extends until licensing examination results of the first graduates are evaluated by the board.

For an applicant to be admitted to the LVN program, four requirements are to be met: a high school transcript or GED score must be on record in the registrar's office, an application for enrollment to WTC must be on record, application for enrollment in the LVN program must be on record and applicants must have taken aptitude tests for the nursing program.

When completion of those steps are made, an applicant may ask for an interview with the head of the program. Interviews are scheduled for Nov. 17 and 18.

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Smith and Kristy and Perry visited with Mrs. Elma Smith Sunday and also with Mrs. Loma Cunningham in the Colonial Nursing Home in Taloka.

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Borden High Receives D.A.R. Invitation

The National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, has invited the Borden Co. school to participate in the D A R Good Citizens Contest. This contest is held annually in accredited senior high schools by selecting the most outstanding girl in the Senior class to be the D A R Good Citizen of her school.

The Good Citizen Award is open only to girls in the Senior class who finish school the second semester. The girl must possess to an outstanding degree the following qualities: Dependability, Service, Leadership, and Patriotism. The general method of selection is to have the senior class choose three girls and from the three the faculty chooses one who becomes the schools D A R Good Citizen representative. She will then be eligible to compete in the State Contest.

The Aim of the D A R Good Citizen committee is to stress the qualities of Good Citizenship among our Senior High Schools. The idea of an annual award was recommended by the National Board in 1934.

From 1935 to 1941 the State Winners received a trip to Washington, D.C. In 1942 they were taken to Chicago where Congress was held due to the war. During the war the trips were discontinued. In 1948 the Na'l Board of the D A R decided to award \$100.00 Government bond to each state winner instead of sponsoring a trip. The Award was changed again in 1935 from a series G bond to a Savings Bond, Series E. The Award stands the same for 1971-72.



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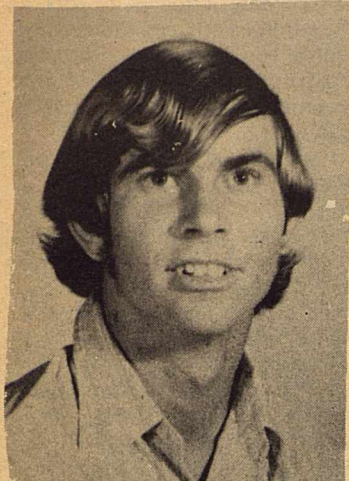


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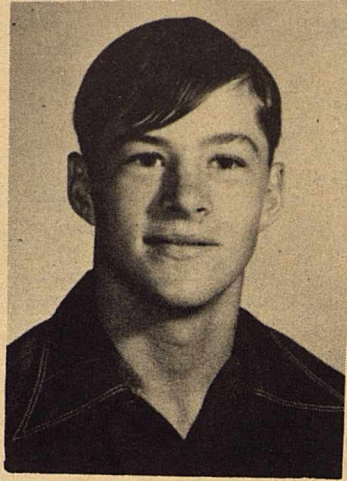
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Borden County School News



ROSS SHARP

LINEMAN OF THE WEEK



RANDY HENSLEY

BACK OF THE WEEK

Football Awards

Back Randy Hensley and Back Ross Sharp were presented the weekly football awards at the pep rally on November 12. Randy, a junior, was named Back of the Week; Lineman of the Week was Ross,

a senior at Borden High. Awards were for performance in the Dawson game. The Coyotes won by a score of 32 to 21. Congratulations are in order for Randy Hensley and Ross Sharp.

Class Meetings

SENIORS

The senior class of Borden High School held a class meeting Wednesday afternoon, November 10, 1971.

King and queen candidates were nominated and elected for the Harvest Festival. Mike McHenry and Martye Graham were elected to represent the seniors. A discussion was held and members agreed to raffle off an electric digital clock radio. Chances for the clock radio are 25c or five for \$1.00. A committee was designated to gather decorating materials for the bingo booth. The class requests everyone's support by buying chances and playing bingo at the Harvest Carnival.

JUNIORS

The Borden High Junior class met on Wednesday afternoon, November 10 with Randy Hensley presiding.

Mike Herring and Sherry Jackson were elected to represent the class as King and Queen in the annual Harvest Festival. The cake walk was discussed and organized.

The junior class expresses thanks to everyone purchasing Homecoming mums. A profit of \$130.00 was reported on this project.

SOPHOMORES

The Borden High Sophomore class met on Wednesday, November 10 to plan for the Harvest Festival. Audrey Brummett and Sheila Zant were elected as King and Queen candidates. The class discussed and decided on a food booth. They will be serving home-made ice cream, pies, chicken, sandwiches, cokes and coffee throughout the evening. Everyone is invited to dine with the sophomores at the Harvest Festival.

Girls Basketball

Borden County varsity and junior high girls basketball teams traveled to Ira Tuesday night, November 9. Ira varsity put Borden varsity down with a score of 55-37; but the Borden Junior High team whipped Ira Junior High 21-13.

Band To Compete

The Borden Coyote Marching Band will enter the Class B University Interscholastic League Marching Contest on Saturday, November 20. The contest will take place at the Barrett Stadium in Odessa. Everyone is invited to go and support our students in competition. Good luck Coyote Band!

Drug Workshop Attended

Borden County Schools were represented at the regions first 1971-72 Drug Abuse and Crime Prevention Workshop on November 11. The all day meeting was held at the Lubbockview Christian Church in Lubbock.

Teams were selected at the beginning of the 1970-71 school term. These members attended training sessions for a total of eleven days during the year. Each school team includes an administrator, a teacher, and a student. Borden County's team consists of Mr. Mickey McMeans, Mr. Ed Huddleston, and Steve McMeans.

The state board has approved a state plan designed to fight crime. Both drug education and crime prevention were authorized by the 61st Legislature.

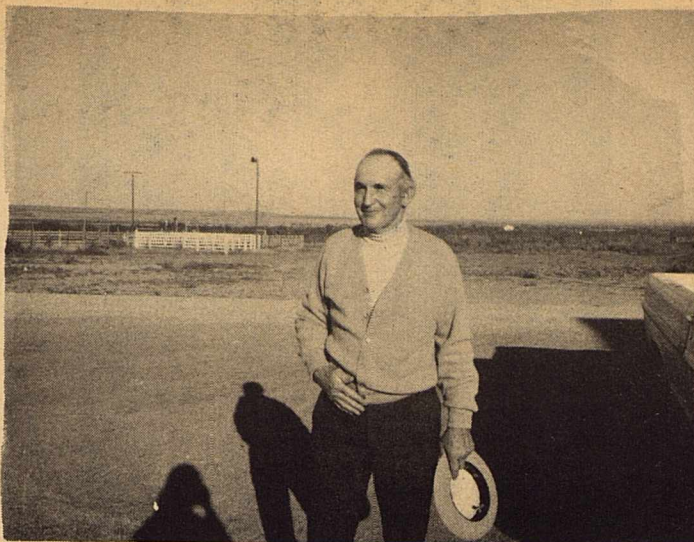
Other regional workshops are tentatively scheduled at the same place for January 26-27 and March 8. The fourth crime workshop is tentatively scheduled in Lamesa for the Borden County team, and teams from Terry, Gaines, Dawson, and Lynn counties.

Books Donated

The Borden High School Library has received two large boxes of new books from Modesta's Inc. of Big Spring. This donation from Mrs. Modesta Stokes covers a wide variety of categories. We wish to express our appreciation to Modesta's Inc. for this generous donation and constant remembrance of Borden County Schools.

FRESHMAN

The freshman class of Borden High School met for a class meeting on Wednesday, November 10. Marion Benavidez and Junior Olivarez were elected as King and Queen candidates for the Harvest Festival. The class of 1975 decided on a water balloon throw for their booth. Freshmen students will be the "targets". Water balloons will sell for 10c each or three for 25c. The class urges all to come and enjoy the fun of throwing at a favorite freshmen!



Special recognition is paid to Mr. Bert Dennis. He has filmed each of Borden County's football games for the past fifteen years. This is a valuable asset to the Coyote football team and his never failing presence and filming is greatly appreciated.

Coyotes Finish District Play

BORDEN COUNTY 66
GARDEN CITY 28
COYOTES WIN FLIP!

The Borden County Coyotes finished district play Friday night, November 12 by winning over Garden City. The Coyotes ended the 1971 season in a tie for district with the Sterling City Eagles. Borden County and Sterling City met in Lamesa after their games and flipped to determine which team would represent the district in Bi-district action. Borden County came out on top and will play Smyer for Bi-district.

The game with Garden City was a high scoring one and the scoring started fast as the Coyotes scored on the first play from scrimmage. Randy Hensley hit Randy Crittenden for a 60 yard pass and a touchdown. Charles Billeck scored on a 3 yard run after the defense had covered a Garden City fumble. Next Randy Hensley picked off a stray pass and ran 40 yards for another score. The Coyotes led 24-0 with only two

minutes gone in the first quarter. Charles Billeck added one more touchdown on a 55 yard run. Extra points in the first quarter were scored on passes from Randy Crittenden to Ken Don Jones for 2 points, to Roy Don Hendley for 4 points, and on a run by Crittenden.

The second quarter scoring was on touchdowns of 31 and 14 yards by Charles Billeck. Randy Crittenden hit Ken Don Jones for one set of extra points. The half time score was 48-6.

The third quarter scoring was slowed down but Quarterback Crittenden did hit Junior Olivarez on a 55 yard touchdown pass.

The fourth quarter scoring was done by Randy Crittenden on a 1 yard run and on a 10 yard sprint up the middle. The final score for the evening was 66-28. The Borden County Coyotes ended their regular season with 8 wins and 1 tie. Bi-district is next on the agenda - Thursday night, November 18, in Slaton. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m. All the Way, Big Blue!!

Booster Club Meets

The Borden Booster Club met Thursday night, November 11 in the Borden County cafeteria. Plans were made for the roping booth at the Harvest Festival. It was reported prizes have been donated and are to be given away the night of the Festival. At 8:00 p.m., activities will cease briefly while the Booster Club holds a progressive auction of an autographed football. This is the same football previously signed by each member of the Borden County Coyote football team. All proceeds will be used in purchasing a closed circuit television system for Borden County Schools. BACK THE BOOSTERS! Next weeks meeting was set for Tuesday night, November 16 at 7:00 p.m. If you are not yet a member, why not make this your first meeting and participate in this fine organization.



MISS PAULA SMITH

Gail FFA Sweetheart

Miss Paula Smith, FFA Sweetheart for 1971-72, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith, Route 1, O'Donnell, and is a senior at Borden High School.

The Gail FFA Chapter, at a regular meeting on November 8, selected delegates to the Mesa District FFA Banquet and selected their Chapter Sweetheart for this school year. The banquet will be held in Lamesa on Monday night, November 29. Delegates are Steven Lockhart and Monte Smith. Miss Paula Smith was elected Chapter Sweetheart and will represent the Chapter in the Mesa District Sweetheart Contest at the Banquet. Miss Smith will be escorted by Randy Crittenden, Chapter Vice-President. Also attending the banquet will be Joe Hancock, Chapter President and District Reporter; D. M. Parks, Secretary; Max Jones, Treasurer; Randy Ogden, Reporter; and Roy Don Hendley, Sentinel. Accompanying the members will be Mr. Sid Long and Mr. Joe Raines.

Borden County Harvest Festival

King And Queen Candidates



CODY NEWTON
1st grade King



SHELLIE PETERSON
1st grade Queen

BOOTH: Grab Bag

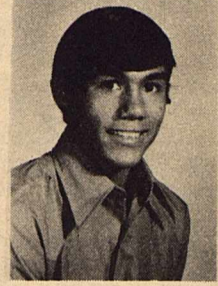


RICHARD LONG
6th grade King



MARTHA ANDERSON
6th grade Queen

BOOTH: Football Throw



JUNIOR OLIVAREZ
Freshman King

RAFFLE: Camera

BOOTH: Water Balloon Throw



TY WILLIS
2nd grade King



GENA McLERoy
2nd grade Queen

BOOTH: Grab Bag



BOB McLERoy
7th grade King



DANA WESTBROOK
7th grade Queen

BOOTH: Sock-It-To-Me

RAFFLE: Hand Drill



MARION BENAVIDEZ
Freshman Queen



BART McMEANS
3rd grade King



TALLY GRIFFIN
3rd grade Queen

BOOTH: Grab Bag



BILL JENNINGS
8th grade King



CINDY BEAVERS
8th grade Queen

BOOTH: Bucking Barrell



AUDREY BRUMMETT
Sophomore King

BOOTH: Food



TIM TAYLOR
4th grade King



DANA TALLY
4th grade Queen

BOOTH: Fishing Pond



MIKE HERRING
Junior King



SHERRY JACKSON
Junior Queen

BOOTH: Cake Walk



SHEILA ZANT
Sophomore Queen

Flash!

The Borden County Coyotes and the Smyer Bobcats will clash in Bi-District competition on Thursday night, November 18 in Slaton. Kickoff time is 7:30 p.m.

WIN BI-DISTRICT COYOTES!!!

The Harvest Festival, originally scheduled for Thursday night, November 18 has been postponed. A new date will be announced soon.



TRAVIS RINEHART
5th grade King



PENNEY THOMPSON
5th grade Queen

BOOTH: Dart Throw



MIKE McHENRY
Senior King



MARTYE GRAHAM
Senior Queen

BOOTH: Bingo

RAFFLE: Digital Clock Radio

Dere's Dottings

A friend handed me a set of guidelines for the young folks the other day. They are entitled "Ten Commandments For Youth" and I'd like to share them with you. I prefer to call them guidelines though, because there is only one set of Ten Commandments and they are not discriminators of age.

1. Don't let your parents down. They have brought you up. Maybe kids today don't realize how their actions let their parents down. Everyone seems terribly self centered and not at all aware of the feelings of others be they parent or acquaintance. You know your ego suffers after stumbling around in the shadows and being treated like second class citizens. It takes an awful lot for a parent to be let down — they'll be proud of and defend Jr. through just about any scrape. Sure would be easier for some, though, had Jr. thought about his actions and the effect on his parents.

2. Be humble enough to obey. You may be giving orders someday. I would say "Obey and LISTEN. Parents or teachers or anyone in authority come in all shapes and sizes; they're not all dumb and they are not all brilliant. But there is one thing they all have that young people don't and that is experience. Each of you can recall the time when you were smarter than the average smart (as my little'un used to say) but looking back over the years of experience shows how foolish your ways once were. Nothing but years will convince the young that there are wiser ways of dealing with a situation. We just pray they don't get burned too badly and will stop, look and listen.

3. Choose companions with care. You become what they are.

4. Choose only a date who would make a good mate. This one makes me a little nervous. I hear more and more that "trial marriages" are the thing. The defense of this is that the young have seen or been affected by so many divorces that they want to make sure of compatibility, love, all the things that make up a marriage, before really putting a lock on the relationship. Well. In the first place, if it proves to be a "mistrial," someone is still going to be hurt and the guilt will be even worse for having lived with a person whom you didn't ultimately marry and in the second place, how long does the trial last? Sociologists, psychiatrists, ministers and your neighbor all have a different time in marriage that is the "dangerous time." "My dear, if you can survive the seventh year, you will be set for life." "Oh Lord, that 23rd year was awful - both our glands were changin' and . . . So would you condone a trial

marriage for 25 years? And THEN wear the white satin down the aisle?

5. Guard your thoughts. What you think, you are.

6. Be master of your habits, or they will master you. My generation should be the best example of habits mastering a person. All Jr. has to do is fog thru the cigarette smoke in his own home - if not his own, then surely his friends' homes. What started out as a dare or the sophisticated thing to do has now turned out to be the most expensive, medically dangerous habit ever begun. We are coughing proof that habits are easily made and hardly ever broken - just like taxes.

7. Don't be a show-off when you drive. Drive with safety and arrive.

8. Don't let the crowd pressure you. Stand for something, or you'll fall for anything. Wow. That's hard - who wants to be called a prude or a party pooper - do they use such terms anymore? I guess it is rat fink, Narc, freak sneak these days. And who wants to take the risk of walking home on a dark road when the party gets out of hand? It's hard all right but worth it in the long run. No one - not one single kid - sitting in a car full of kids with only one - just one - is smoking marijuana - is judged innocent. Guilt by association it is called.

9. Go to church faithfully. Make the week's first steps the church steps.

10. To Christ be always true. He gave his all for you.

Following these guidelines could sure make the road to adulthood much smoother. Me thinks the road to old age would be less hazardous too if all parents would be assured that their young people were traveling that smoother road.

School News Cont.

Jr. Livestock Assoc.

The Borden County Junior Livestock Association held their first meeting of the 1971-72 school year on Wednesday night, November 10 in the Borden Vocational Agriculture Building. Eighteen members were present. The following officers and directors were elected for the coming year:
 President: Ralph Miller
 Vice-President: E. L. Farmer
 Secretary: Larry Smith
 Treasurer: Ray Herring
 Directors: Pat Hensley, C. B. Brummett, Nolan Jones, V. W. Ogden, and Brent Murphy.

FFA Results

The Gail FFA Greenhand Chapter Conducting Team composed of Monte Smith, Teddy Cooley, Jim McLeroy, John Anderson, Kem Lockhart, Clifton Smith, and Billy Jackson placed 5th in the Area II FFA Leadership Contest in Junior Chapter Conducting. The contests were held for District winners in Junior Chapter Conducting, Senior Chapter Conducting, Junior Farm Skill, Senior Farm Skill, FFA Quiz, and FFA Radio.

Holidays

School will be dismissed on Thursday and Friday, November 25 and 26 in observance of Thanksgiving. School will resume as usual Monday morning, November 29. We at Borden County Schools hope you and yours have a most pleasant Thanksgiving.

Speech Teacher Named

Charles Austin Holland has been appointed as instructor in speech and drama at Western Texas College. It was announced by Dr. Ben Brock, dean of the college.

Holland is now currently employed in Sherman as the Sherman Community Players first full time professional director. His credits include an appearance in an award winning industrial movie in which he played the part of a thief. He has appeared in a TV commercial produced in Dallas. He is a graduate of North Texas State University and is a native of Denison.

BORDEN COUNTY SCHOOL MENU

(week of Nov. 22.)
MONDAY

Salmon patties
 English peas
 Mashed potatoes
 Hot rolls - butter
 Butter-rum cake - milk

TUESDAY

Beef stew-mixed vegetables
 Stuffed celery-pimento cheese
 Cornbread - butter
 Brownies - milk

WEDNESDAY

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Hardin Resigns

Secretary of Agriculture, Clifford Hardin, resigned and will be replaced by Earl Butz.

Some headlines would have us believe that Mr. Hardin, whom the Farm Bureau endorsed, was fired. This is not so. He resigned of his own accord to accept a job in industry. President Nixon had nothing but praise for the way Hardin had worked with Congress to get the basic new farm law. Hardin will be missed, according to Nixon, and this view is shared by the American Nat'l Cattleman's Assoc. Dr. Hardin will direct research and development for food business in the Ralston - Purina Company of St. Louis. He will serve as Vice Chairman of the company.

Carl Butz, replacing Hardin, is no stranger to the ANCA Taking part in ANCA convention programs, the Cattlemen have maintained close relations with him over the years.

An ag economist, Butz was previously Dean of Agriculture at Purdue University. Butz was assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Marketing and Foreign Agriculture in the Eisenhower administration. The new Secretary knows his way around the USDA, the country, and the farm and cattle business.



Brush experiments on the Post-Montgomery Double U Ranch near Post were shown in a field day. Dr. Joe Schuster of Texas Tech, Manta Moore, ranch manager, and Tom Copeland, assistant manager are looking over an area just covered by a brush shredder.

Mesquite Into Feed?

That's what they say! Microbes, as in Sourdough, may turn Mesquite and feedlot waste into feed.

Texas Tech's research team under the direction of Dr. Joe Schuster, seems to be on the verge of a breakthrough in developing a practical microbial process for breaking mesquite wood down into edible protein for livestock use. The same process could be used for cotton gin trash, waste paper, scrap wood or other cellulose materials.

During a brush control field day on the historic old Post-Montgomery ranch, Dr. Thayer, Professor of Biology, described how seven different microbial organisms had been isolated from the gut of wood-eating termites and developed in the laboratory. He said that Tech should be applying for a patent in about three weeks and would begin construction of a lab unit capable of turning out enough material to test the protein end product on cattle. So far lab tests have been on rats. Being extremely high in nutritional value, can yield up to 20 per cent of edible protein.

Dr. Schuster described the microbial process as being similar to the one involved in developing sourdough bread. The extremely high reproduction rate of the bacteria culture requires only a "starter" to be carried over from one batch of material to the next. Mesquite timber can be broken

down into usable protein material in 72 hours or less.

"We're within a year of actually starting a pilot plant large enough for full scale tests," Schuster said.

According to Dr. Thayer, it has been known that mesquite and other woods contained nutritive material, but the problem has been in converting it to a form that livestock could use.

Tests have proved that there is no substantial difference in the amount of protein yield between green mesquite with limbs and leaves and winter mesquite in dormancy.

The Post-Montgomery ranch which lies southwest of Post, was founded by C. W. Post more than 60 years ago. The founding was part of an ambitious colonization project promoted by Mr. Post, the cereal king from Battle Creek, Mich. He later sold off large areas in farming tracts and launched the town of Post, Texas.

First Monday Sale

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Walker of O'Donnell, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gilmore of Gail and Mr. and Mrs. Price West of Paris, Texas spent Saturday, Oct. 30, in Canton, Texas, watching the people from all parts of the state set up their tables in preparation of 1st Monday sale. I understand they have this sale each 1st Monday in the Month and it always starts on the Saturday before. There are acres of tables piled high with everything from junk to valuables, from rare to exotic and from plain to beautiful. No matter what kind of collector you happen to be, you can probably find something there to add to it. It would take two days to see everything and the 3rd day to hunt what you decided to buy. All you hound men would have a ball as there was acre after acre of dogs and I'll bet there is more lies told about "good" dogs than any other place, but they manage to sell or buy dogs and that is why they are there.

All in all there is a lot of "mad money" spent each 1st Monday in Canton, Texas. So if you have anything to sell or want to buy anything it will be worth the trip down there.

VISITORS

Mr. Pete Kraeger of Chicago, Ill. and Mr. George A. Blount Jr. of New Orleans, La. were in Gail Saturday, collecting data for a theme they are writing on Borden County. We are very proud of these young men for picking Borden County as their subject and invite them back any time.



Visitors At Circle 7

The John Ragan's of the Plains Community, were visitors at the Circle 7 Ranch at Bronco last week. They were given the grand tour by Tommy Burrus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Burrus. Tommy works on the Ranch, which is owned by his father-in-law, Bobby Fields. He says its a wonderful life and the kind of work he loves most.

While there, the Ragan's met a lovely lady from Denmark, who was a house guest of the Fields'. They failed to write her name down and since have forgotten what it was. She has been touring the United States by bus and is interested in cattle and the many ranches throughout the West.

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First Thanksgiving Texas, 1541

The afternoon storm was sudden and powerful, with hailstones the size of duck eggs. Their pottery was soon broken and only the walls of Tule Canyon kept their horses from scattering across the plains of West Texas. It was another trying time for Francisco de Coronado and his men in their ill-fated search for the seven cities of gold.

But neighboring Palo Duro Canyon to the north, near Amarillo in the Texas Panhandle, offered shelter from the harsh winds and the vast herds of buffalo. Here, too, was ample food and water, and the local Teyas Indians were willing to share these with the weary Spanish explorers.

It was here, along Palo Duro Creek, in the final days of May, 1541, that the first Thanksgiving in America took pace — 79 years before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock.

As in the New England event, the Texas observance marked for participants deliverance — from the storm and other trials of the expedition, access to an abundance of good food, and a friendly atmosphere, although the latter was at first threatened by a misunderstanding.

As Coronado and his men approached Palo Duro, they encountered Teyas Indians (different from the Tejas of East Texas).

The Teyas had earlier met another explorer, Cabeza de Vaca, near the Pecos River to the southwest. The Indians saw De Vaca as a great healer and presented him with skins, tents and other wares to be blessed. Legends of the marvelous white man remained with the Teyas.

Now, as Coronado and three priests wearing beads and crosses approached, the Teyas brought out hides for these "emissaries from heaven" to touch. Understanding only European ceremonies, Coronado accepted these as gifts and proceeded to distribute them among his men, who began squabbling over the best items.

The Teyas were understandably upset and they began weeping. As the misunderstanding was cleared, and the Indians' possessions returned, the Teyas' anguish subsided, and they proposed a feast. The explorers, who had eaten only buffalo meat for many days, enthusiastically accepted.

The Teyas' friendliness was not the only thing that impressed Coronado. The Indians were skilled hunters. They also raised numerous fruits and kept "fowls like those of New Spain," as the explorers referred to what is now Mexico. Their women were gracious and beautiful. One soldier, Pedro de Castaneda, wrote in his diary: "These people are very intelligent; the women are well-conducted and modest. They cover the whole body."

It was spring and Castaneda noted in his chronicle that the mulberries, plums, and grapes in the canyon were ripe. There was also an abundance of mesquite beans, like the frijoles many in the expedition had known in New Spain.

From all this, plus roast turkey and pecan bread, the feast was prepared. Adding import to the occasion, Padre Fray de Padilla proclaimed an official "Feast of Thanksgiving" mass.

The calm and peace of the Canyon was to Coronado another reason for thanksgiving. The romantic young general had left New Spain nearly 14 months before with 1,000 men, 1,500 horses and mules, plus sheep and cattle. Many of the men with him had joined in search of a frontier sense of freedom, as well as wealth and fame, which they were denied in absolutist Spain. The group also included Portuguese and Italians, a German bugler, and a Scot.

Coronado had set out enthusiastic over reports from numerous Indians and priests who were eager to please the Spanish conquistadores with tales of Cibola — seven cities of shimmering gold.

But travel had proved to be slower and Indians more hostile than expected. And Cibola turned out to be only some Zuni Indian villages in New Mexico.

Coronado next encountered an Indian known as El Turco who claimed it was Quivira that Coronado sought. It was supposed to be in what is now Kansas, and El Turco agreed to guide Coronado there. The trek had brought them to Tule Canyon with its raging storm, and to Palo Duro with its calm. Coronado was impressed, too, with Palo Duro's splendor — red and yellow sandstone, walls rising perpendicularly on all sides, pinnacles of stone that jutted from the canyon's floor. Coronado named one 90-foot spire Lighthouse, after a familiar sight in his native land.

Thus it was in this place in Texas at this time that the first Thanksgiving was observed. Feasting and worship marked it, as it does for most Americans today.

And while Coronado followed El Turco north all the way to what is now the Kansas-Nebraska state line, then back to a point apparently near Wichita. Quivira proved to be a phantom. And Coronado eventually was returned to New Spain on a stretcher after a fall from his horse.

But the general left a romantic story in the canyon, one that is told in September and October in Palo Duro Canyon State Park. The production, called "They Came from Spain," includes a scene of the first Thanksgiving observance in America.



Cranberries

The versatile cranberry has come a long way in American cookery since the Indians first taught New England colonists how to gather the fruit from ocean bogs and make it into sauces, jams and jellies.

At one time the tart, red berry appeared mainly with the holiday turkey. But now, tasty new recipes like Cranberry Chutney, Cranberry Pork Chops and Cheese Meringue Cran-Apple Pie make it welcome anytime.

Cranberry Chutney

- 4 cups (1 pound) fresh cranberries
- 2 green apples, peeled, cored and diced
- 2 oranges, thinly sliced and seeded
- 1 cup firmly packed dark brown sugar
- 1 cup cider vinegar
- ½ cup finely chopped preserved ginger

- ½ cup mixed candied fruit
- 6 whole cloves
- 6 whole allspice
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon mustard seed

Combine all ingredients in a large saucepan. Boil gently for 15 minutes or until thickened. Stir toward end of cooking. Keep stored in a sterilized jar in the refrigerator. Makes about 2 quarts.

Cranberry Pork Chops

- 2 pork chops, 1 inch thick
 - 1 tablespoon flour
 - 1 tablespoon cooking oil
 - ¼ cup red wine
 - ¼ cup water
 - ½ teaspoon lemon juice
 - Salt and pepper
 - 1 cup fresh cranberry halves
 - ½ cup honey
 - Grated rind of one small lemon
- Sprinkle pork chops with flour and brown on each side in hot oil. Pour wine, water and lemon

juice over all; season to taste with salt and pepper. Remove chops to a greased casserole. Stir the liquid in skillet to loosen all brown bits and pour over chops. Cover chops with mixture of the cranberry halves, honey and lemon rind. Cook in covered casserole 1 hour at 350 degrees. Serves 2.

Cheese Meringue Cran-Apple Pie

- 1 (3-ounce) package lemon gelatin
 - 1¾ cups boiling water
 - 1 (32-ounce) can apple pie filling
 - ½ cup halved fresh cranberries
 - ½ teaspoon cinnamon
 - ¼ teaspoon nutmeg
 - ½ teaspoon grated lemon peel
 - 9-inch graham cracker pie shell
- Meringue:
- 1 tablespoon sugar
 - ½ cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese
 - ½ cup heavy cream. Spread mixture over filling. Chill until firm. Garnish with fresh whole cranberries. Makes one 9-inch pie.



A BUMPER CROP

Sallie Blythe stands beside a heavily laden persimmon tree in her back yard. The three-year-old tree literally turned to bright, orange-colored fruit this year and the biggest problem so far has been protecting the fruit from birds, who are attracted to it.

For years Mrs. Blythe ran Sallies Cafe but now sells pies, and fried chicken from her home at 2442 Sunset, Snyder. Sallie is the sister-in-law of Jym and Madge Hendricks of Gail.



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Rites Held For Shooting Victim

Services for John David Rollins, 30, a Snyder oil field worker, were held last Sunday in Bell-Seale Funeral Home Chapel in Snyder.

Rev. Buck Hatfield, pastor of Faith Baptist Church officiated. He was assisted by Rev. Timothy Shane, pastor of Church of God.

Burial was in Snyder Cemetery directed by Bell-Seale Funeral Home.

Rollins was a native of Palo Pinto. He was shot to death around 11:15 p.m. last Thursday at an East Snyder home. Mrs. Betty Magness Cagle, 35, charged with murder with malice in the shooting, was released on \$5,000 bond Friday.

Survivors are his mother, Mrs. Christine Hoyle of Snyder; a daughter, Kathy, and two sons, James David and Kenneth, all of Snyder; a step-sister, Mrs. Evelyn Gee of Albuquerque, N.M.; six step-brothers, Lelton Hoyle and Kenneth Hoyle, both of Snyder, Glenn Hoyle and Robert Hoyle, both of Albuquerque, Edwin Hoyle of Las Cruces, N.M., and Don Hoyle of Texas City.

Mrs. Culver Hart Dies

Mrs. Culver Hart, 72, died in Artesia, N.M. November 7, after a brief illness. She was born in Gail and married Culver Hart at the age of 17. Her father was J. W. Chandler who ran the Blue Front Store at Gail for many years as well as a store later at O'Donnell. Her husband's father was Rev. Hart who was a Methodist Preacher at Gail.

Other than her husband, survivors are: three daughters; Mrs. Jack (Mavis) Armstrong of Ruidosa, N.M., Mrs. Bob (Sarah) Borland of Artesia; Mrs. Wesley (Nancy) Jones of California. Also two sisters; Mrs. Winnie Miller of Rapid City, S.D., and Mrs. Dove Patton of Carlsbad, N.M.

Dedication

By: Sibyl Gilmore

As I was prowling around in the office of our County Clerk, I noticed hanging on the wall a certificate of Recognition as follows:

In Recognition of Dedicated Public Service as a county official, presented to Doris T. Rudd, who, by fulfilling the responsibilities and meeting the high standards of public office, has served the people of this county in an outstanding manner and contributed to the functioning of the free government of this State and of the United States of America. Presented by Byron Weston Company.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Miller of Rapid City, South Dakota are visiting with the Clyde Millers and other relatives and friends. Other Sunday guests at the Clyde Miller ranch included William Leftwich and son of Tyler, Texas and Mrs. Charles Jones (Lynda Miller) and sons of Dallas. Mr. Leftwich has served with the state liquor control board for many years.

American Sheep Producers

Western Livestock Weekly

Probably no group of stockmen have taken lumps that sheepmen have endured in recent years. Importers, synthetics and the wildlife advocates have all zeroed in on the sheep industry. As a result, numbers are down, prices have been unattractive — and those in the business are wondering what will come next. Sheep producers are concerned and anxious to improve their public image as well as seeing that their industry is put back on a solid footing.

A group of determined sheepmen have picked up the challenge. They figure their industry is worth fighting for — and they've organized the Sheep Industry Development Program to prove their point.

They're modernizing their approach on an industry basis, tackling their problems all along the line from improved animals to more intelligent marketing. Their new program is a model system for every sheep producer — no matter what size his operation. Emphasis will be on profit. Added profit will be achieved through better breeding, feeding and management, producers will be aided by cash flow studies. In fact, those in charge of the program have worked out nine model operations designed for all size operators from 100 ewes to flocks of thousands.

The entire program is a project of the American Sheep Producers Council. Says John Morrison, American Sheep Producers Council spokesman

Visiting in the Bud Sharp home during this weekend were: Bob Potes from Zhalia, Texas, Sarah Brewer from O'Donnell Texas and Maggie Killough and Susie Proctor from Gail.

for SID: "The future of the sheep industry is in the hands of the producer. No one else is going to return the sheep industry to its proper place in American industry."

It appears the timing for such a program is good. Many feel that the industry is beginning to bottom out. While numbers are down and producers would like to see more lamb on the market (they've learned that scarcity will not assure prices at profitable rates) earlier weakness in lamb prices seems to be corrected somewhat. Shorn slaughter lambs are now selling generally in the \$28 bracket. Many producers have realized three crops of lambs in a period of two years, that are also being delivered to the market at heavier weights than in the past — up to 90 pounds.

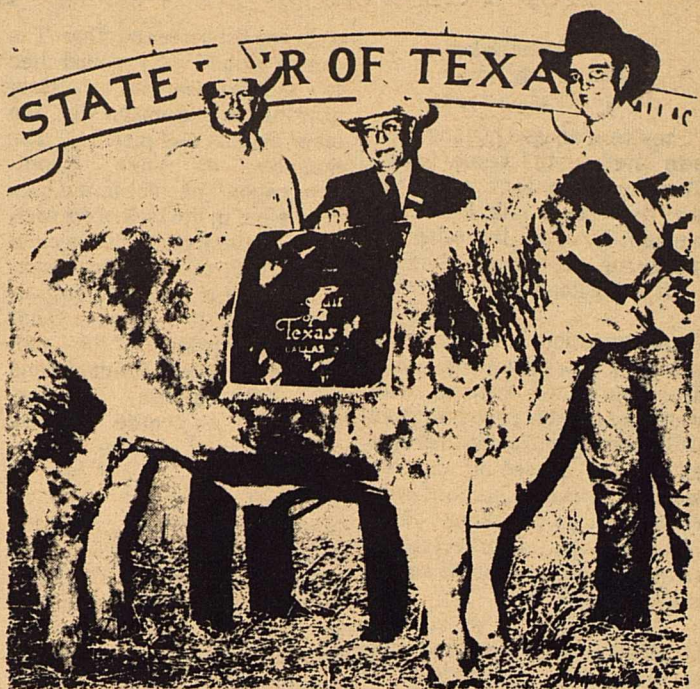
Our visits with sheep producers indicate that their thinking has swung over to more meat production to offset the present disastrous prices they receive for their wool. New breeds of sheep, like those originating in Finland, actually are capable of producing litters of lambs, as we saw on a recent trip through Canada.

The big question now facing sheep producers, is how are they going to carve out their place in the livestock industry. These producers are exploring whether to work through existing organizations such as the extension service and state researchers — or whether they must choose a cooperative effort embracing the total industry.

DICK CROW

No one can disgrace us but ourselves.

Joshua Gilbert Holland



TEXAS STATE FAIR CHAMPION

For the second consecutive year, a Charolais-sired crossbred steer was named grand champion steer at the State Fair in Dallas. The 1095-lb. champion, "Shotgun," was shown by 17-year-old Charles Cobb Jr., (right), a member of Wise County 4-H Club. Charles received \$1000 from American-International Charolais Assn. for the champion as part of the association's special awards program for exhibitors of grand and reserve grand champion steers and carcasses in designated shows. With young Cobb are, (left to right), Wise County Agent Bob Greenway, Dean W. L. Stangel.

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By Linda Huffaker
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"They're apart and leading their own lives in the same house. They speak to each other but they don't really talk. Each is to himself, ignoring the other. It makes me feel they are divided. . . It's frightening."

Communication can be considered a process and-or a tool. The degree of success with which we use this process or tool will determine to a considerable extent the degree of success which we achieve husband-wife relationships, parent-child relationships, brother-sister relationships, and home-school relationships.

Only as we understand accurately and are understood correctly can we achieve successful interpersonal relationships. Only as we communicate effectively can we understand one another.

Listening Is Part of Communication

Do you listen to your children? Much of a child's learning comes about because someone is listening? Adults sometimes think that if they are talking and a child is listening, learning is taking place - but the opposite may be true. A child's learning depends largely upon how he understands and feels about a situation. Parents can be helpful only when they are aware of these feelings - this can come only from listening carefully to a child.

An interested observer who overhears a conversation between a parent and a child might note with surprise how little

each one listens to the other. The conversation may sound like two monologues, one consisting of criticism and instruction, the other denials and pleading. The tragedy of such "communication" lies not in the lack of love but in the lack of respect, not in the lack of intelligence but in the lack of skill. Real communication is based on respect and skill. It requires that messages preserve the self-respect of both individuals and that statements of understanding come before statements of advice or instruction.

Many people will say, "What is so important about listening? I listen!" Sure they do. But how? How adept are you, for example, in creating a warm and friendly atmosphere in which people will come right out and really talk to you? Before any of us can get the most out of any listening situation, other must first feel that we really want to listen. They must feel that when they tell us something, it will be received by us in the proper spirit.

The first real evidence we have of communication occurring is when the other person understands what we have said - he sees it from our point of view. He has to understand the meanings, attitudes, and feelings behind our words. We might say that one-way communication has taken place.

However, we can not be effective in our dealings with others as long as we only have one-way communication. We need to go one step further and establish two-way communication. This occurs only when we understand the other

person's reaction to what is said. In other words, he has to have an understanding of the meanings and feelings as he reacts to our words. With this in mind, it is obvious that effective communications will never take place until we learn to listen. The need for listening appears so obvious that we generally take it for granted, and because we do, we rarely take the time to evaluate the important part it plays in helping an individual to become a success.

What Affects Listening?
There are several areas which affect our ability to listen accurately and with full understanding of what people are trying to say.

1. The most important ingredient to listening to someone is that a relationship has been established with that person. Establish a mutual feeling of trust and see the person for what he really is.
2. Need to be at ease before listening effectively.
3. The idea of trying to impress other people interferes with our listening. If a relationship has not developed between the two people, they are still trying to impress each other and ask themselves - "What will he think of me if I say this?" rather than - "What did he say."
4. The concern of the individual's feelings about himself and the group at the time he is trying to listen. Example: Tom may be distracted by the girl sitting next to him in class or he may be reviewing in his mind the conversation he had with his parents the night before about his school work. He may at that moment feel the pressure his

parents put on him to do well and may not be able to listen.

We have been taught to stay away from people's feelings and thus do not "listen" for them in conversations. Listening should deal more with - what is this person really saying or what else is being said in this conversation? The real message should be listened for and heard. An ability to detect what is really being said takes time, practice and honesty.

Ways to Improve Family Communication

We all want better communication, both at home and in our community, but we may not have given ourselves enough time to cultivate the art. It is up to us whether we are the sender, the message itself or the receiver to try to improve the situation.

1. Respect the personality of each person as an individual. Remember that the feelings of a child are just as intense as those of an adult, and also that an adult has some very strong feelings that need to be recognized.
2. Answer the simple and direct questions that children ask. During the early years you need to face questions honestly and seriously.
3. Listen to hear what the other person is saying - both in words and unspoken words. Avoid being preoccupied or absent-minded.
4. Try to prevent outburst of anger and thoughtless remarks and follow with a sincere apology if they do occur.
5. When disagreements come - and they do sooner or later - talk it out before the molehill of bickering becomes a mountain

of stony silence or an erupting volcano.

6. Each husband and wife, each mother or father and each brother and sister, need to discipline themselves in the early stages of anger to avoid any ridicule or nagging.

7. Thoughtfulness, appreciation, courtesy and gratitude - all these are like showers on parched land. These make the environment conducive to conversation.

8. Try to see things from the other person's viewpoint.

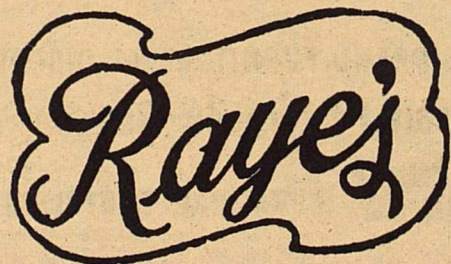
Example: A wife is wise who insists upon changing plans for some activity in the evening when she sees her husband is tired. She goes the second mile and gives evidence of enthusiasm about spending the evening at home. A husband is also wise when he can sense that his wife has had a rough day and what he can do something about it. He should put aside his own desires and take her out to dinner or for an evening together.

9. Say a considerate word or do some simple thing out of an impulse of affection - and with it will come the feelings, "we belong together." Don't put off until tomorrow the thoughtful words you can say today.

10. Be courteous to members of your family as you are to casual acquaintances. Give praise for a sincere effort from the other person, and show appreciation for a favor, no matter how small.

There is no "instant" program for good family communications. But it is something which is available to those families which work at it. Don't try to accomplish everything at once, and don't give up because of a few failures.

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You will have the best success when every member of the family feels that good communication in his personal responsibility.

Checklist On Communication For Teenagers

This inventory is an exercise to help you and your parents better understand how you communicate with each other. There are no right or wrong answers. Each answer is your indication of the way you feel at the moment. The YES column is to be used when the question can be answered as happening most of the time or usually. The NO when the question can be answered as seldom or never. Read each question carefully and answer each one:

1. Do your parents wait until you are through talking before "having their say"? YES NO
2. Does your family do things as a group? YES NO
3. Does your family talk things over with each other? YES NO
4. Do your parents seem to respect your opinion? YES NO
5. Do your parents tend to lecture and preach too much to you? YES NO
6. Do you discuss personal problems with either of your parents? YES NO
7. Do your parents tend to talk to you as if you were much younger than you actually are? YES NO
8. Do they show an interest in your interests and activities? YES NO
9. Do your parents trust you? YES NO
10. Do you find it hard to say what you feel at home? YES NO
11. Do your parents have confidence in your abilities? YES NO
12. Do you hesitate to disagree with either of them? YES NO

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Sunday School Has Luncheon

The Darcas Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church of O'Donnell, had their annual Thanksgiving Luncheon Wednesday the 10th. They had turkey and all the trimmings. Fourteen members were present. Also Rev. Bowman and his wife and one visitor, Rev. Bowman's brother.

After lunch Mrs. Middleton called upon each member present to give the things that they were thankful for, which brought back many pleasant memories of the past.

13. Do you fail to ask your parents for things because you feel they'll deny your requests? YES NO
14. Do they really try to see your side of things? YES NO
15. Do your parents consider your opinion in making decisions which concern you? YES NO
16. Do they try to make you feel better when you're down in the dumps? YES NO
17. Do your parents explain their reason for not letting you do something? YES NO
18. Do you ask them their reasons for decisions they make concerning you? YES NO
19. Do you help your parents to understand you by telling them how you think and feel YES NO

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Borden Star Wed., Nov. 17, 1971 11 Bridal Showers

A Bridal Shower honoring Miss Bobbie Ludecke, bride-elect of Randy George will be held on Saturday afternoon Nov. 20, 1971 at 2:30 P.M. in the Plains Community Center.

Hostesses are: Mrs. John Stephens, Mrs. Steve Hess, Mrs. Steve Stephens, Mrs. Bannie Hancock, Mrs. Ricky Cunningham, Mrs. Dee Burrus, Mrs. C. C. Nunnally, Mrs. Garland Doyle, Mrs. Jim M. Burkett, Mrs. Rich Anderson and Mrs. Oscar Telchek.

A Bridal Shower honoring Miss Joylene Anderson, was given at the Community Center at O'Donnell Sunday the 14th. Miss Anderson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Anderson and Bride Elect of Joe Bryan Roye, who is the son of Cecil Roye and the late Allie Jo Roye of O'Donnell.

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Week End Guest

Sally Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rich Anderson, was home from college over the weekend. Accompanying Sally was her guest Miss Mary O'Neal, also a student at OSU. Everyone was surprised Friday night at the ball game when Mary and Mrs. Van Kountz of Gail greeted one another as long last friends. Indeed they were. Mrs. Kountz had been one of Mary's teachers in High School at Panhandle, Tex. To top it off, when Mary was looking through Stock Show pictures at the Anderson's she said, "Why, there are Mother & Daddy"! Mr. and Mrs. O'Neal happened to be in a picture of the El Paso stock show last year. Small world, isn't it?

Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner

The Floyd Thompson family got together for a family dinner at the ranch of Mr. & Mrs. Benny Edwards in Borden County, Sunday.

Those present at the dinner were Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Thompson, Tommy, James Guy, and Joan of O'Donnell; The Billy Mastens, Dallas, Texas; The Danny Furlows, Durango, Colorado and The Benny Edwards, O'Donnell.

Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Masten and Mrs. Furlow are daughters of the Thompsons.



Open House

Open house for Mr. and Mrs. Dock Howell will be held all day December 7, 1971 at the Community Center in O'Donnell to celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

The all day affair will be hosted by the Howells eight children, Henry Wade, O'Donnell, Mrs. M. R. Owens, Ballinger, Mrs. A. L. Smith, Vealmoor, Mrs. Bob Krutcher, Hobbs, New Mexico, Mrs. Tommy Flood, Don, Alvis and Martin Howell, Odessa, who cordially invite all of Mr. and Mrs. Howell's friends to attend.

Young Farmers Meet

O'Donnell Young Farmers met Tuesday night in the O'Donnell Community Building. The program was on Water Incorporated.

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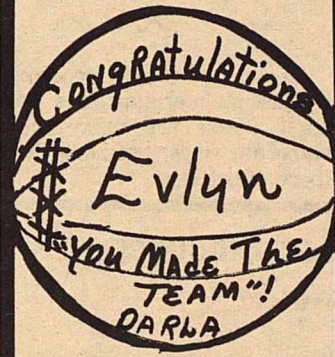
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