



Aggie Craft Festival

staff photo by Barry Papke

Approximately 45 craftsmen are displaying their wares this week at the Spring Craft Festival. The festival is being held by the MSC craft shop to give

exposure to local artists and craftsmen. The festival, located next to Rudder Fountain, is open from 9 to 5 and will continue through Thursday.

Stricter curriculum urged

United Press International
DENTON — A candidate for top Reagan Administration education post said American schools must beef-up teaching in math, science and foreign languages to remain competitive with the world.

Only a third of our high schools require more than a year of science and mathematics," said Wendy Borchardt, candidate for deputy undersecretary of Intergovernmental and Intergovernmental Affairs. "In Japan, high school students take six years of science, math and English and one year of calculus."

An effort to train physicists, mathematicians and engineers is vital to the nation's survival, she told students at Texas Women's University.

She said Monday she may turn down the Reagan post,

which would make her one of the top-ranking women in the administration, to accept a position in business.

The Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee voted Dec. 15 to delay the confirmation following opposition from several women's rights groups.

Asked about her confirmation, Borchardt said, "I'm not sure whether my papers will be sent up at this point in time. I have an offer in the private arena. I've told the administration I will give them a decision Friday."

Her opposition to the Women's Educational Equity Act, a program aimed at granting equal educational opportunities for women that Borchardt described as "not a good dispersment of funds," has been one

point of opposition waged by such groups as the National Organization of Women Legal Defense and Education Fund.

"The administration has recommended each year to zero fund it (the act). Each year, Congress has recommended to put the \$5 million back into the budget," she said.

Borchardt said she supported a plan to dismantle the Department of Education and criticized current student loan programs.

Large 'oil' well mainly water

United Press International
LINDEN — A massive strike announced last month in petroleum-rich east Texas turned out to be more water than oil, but speculators continue to scramble for leases, a Texas newspaper reported Tuesday.

"The well watered out," a spokesman for the Texas Railroad Commission told the Texarkana Gazette. "Although no official reports have been filed, it appears the well may have shut down."

The commission regulates the oil and gas industry in Texas.

Last month tests indicated the Cities Service No. 1 Pruitt well, deepest in Cass County, was producing 906 barrels of oil, a huge volume. But additional checks in recent weeks, placed the figure at about 276 barrels of oil per day and about 365 barrels of water, the newspaper reported.

The well, located in Linden, 40 miles southwest of Texarkana, attracted hordes of speculators who jammed record offices to seek unleased mineral rights and land. Although the numbers decreased with news of the reduced oil yield, they were still significant, officials said.

"We're full," said courthouse clerk Wilma Morand. "We're not running over, but every available space is taken (in the courtroom record office)."

She said about 25 lease hounds were combing records each day, down from the 35 to 40 who came shortly after the initial tests were announced.

Officials said leases were going for up to \$1,500 an acre. A Cities Service spokesman said he could not confirm that the well would be plugged back, which would reduce drilling depth at the well.

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