



Completion of the 1995 Farm Bill will probably not occur until the Fall according to Congressman Larry Combest of Lubbock. Combest, a member of the House Agriculture Committee, met with a group of farmers and agriculture industry leaders July 5 for a Farm Bill briefing that included his assessment of the legislation's progress.

Plains Cotton Growers (PCG) officials attending the meeting noted that the Congressman's assessment of the Farm debate was very informative.

"Because the Farm Bill is still in the early stages of development," explains PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnson, "everything is on the table and a wide array of options are still being considered."

He adds that because of budget constraints reducing Farm Program spending will be a major goal of those writing the new legislation.

According to Johnson cotton has one of the best programs ever conceived in the marketing-loan program, which was first introduced in 1985. He notes that one of the major goals for the cotton industry will be to maintain as much of the current structure as possible in the 1995 Farm Bill.

Johnson concludes that once the legislation moves out of subcommittee and to the House Agriculture Committee, in August, the picture will

be much clearer as to what will and will not be included in the legislation.

In addition to the discussion of the 1995 Farm Bill Johnson says several other important topics were brought up including the importance of maintaining federal support for Beltwide Boll Weevil Eradication Programs in 1995.

PCG Boll Weevil Steering Committee Chairman Wayne Huffaker noted that the success of these programs across the Cotton Belt prove their effectiveness and that substantial funding reductions could prove disastrous.

Huffaker closed out his comments by asking Congressman Combest to do what he could to encourage full Boll Weevil Eradication funding in 1995.

Producers on the High Plains looking for advice on how to manage a late 1995 cotton crop can refer to the new publication "Managing Late Cotton: An Integrated, Season Long Task" from Plains Cotton Growers and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

For more information or to receive a copy of these guidelines contact PCG at 806-792-4904 or the Texas Agricultural Extension Service office in your County.

Social Security Tips

by Mary Jane Shanes
Social Security Manager, Plainview

FARMERS, WORKERS, MUST REPORT EARNINGS FOR BENEFITS

Reporting agricultural earnings for Social Security purposes is still sometimes misunderstood. Social Security continues to find a significant number of wage reports for farm workers to be in error or in some cases, not filed at all.

The problem is especially important for the LOCALITY area because of the large number of farms in the area and the number of people who have earnings from farm work.

The amount of monthly Social Security benefits that a worker and/or the worker's family can receive in case of retirement, death, or disability is based on the earnings that are reported to the worker's Social Security number. If your earnings are not reported correctly during the years when you are working, you and your family could lose money every month when it comes time to collect Social Security benefits.

Here is how farm reporting works: If you work as an employee on a farm and earn more than \$150 a year, your employer should be taking money out of your wages each time you get paid and sending it to the federal government to cover your payment to Social Security. At the beginning of each calendar year, he or she should give you a W-2 form, a statement that shows the total amount of money sent in during the past year for Social Security.

What should you do if you own a farm and have employees? In general, you must: 1) keep records of the wages and make the required payroll deductions; 2) report those wages to the

Internal Revenue Service (IRS) on IRS Form 943 and pay Social Security taxes; and 3) provide a pay statement for each of your employees as well as a W-2 form after the close of each year. If you don't report the wages and pay the taxes due, you may be subject to a penalty from IRS.

You should also note that you are required to report a worker's earnings if you pay the employee less than \$150 in cash wages, but your total expenses for agricultural labor are \$2,500 or more in a year (unless you employ seasonal hand-harvest laborers who commute to work daily from their homes and are paid on a piece-rate basis, and who did less than 13 weeks of farm work in the previous year).

As a farm owner, you must report your own earnings to Social Security. Farmers are covered under Social Security just as other self-employed people are. This is true whether you are an owner, operator, partner, renter, or share farmer. You are required to report your earnings if your net income from farming is \$400 per year or more. You report these earnings on your federal tax return, IRS 1040 using schedule F and schedule SE. If you live in Puerto Rico, you must file form 1040PR. You can contact the IRS if you have questions about filing any of these forms.

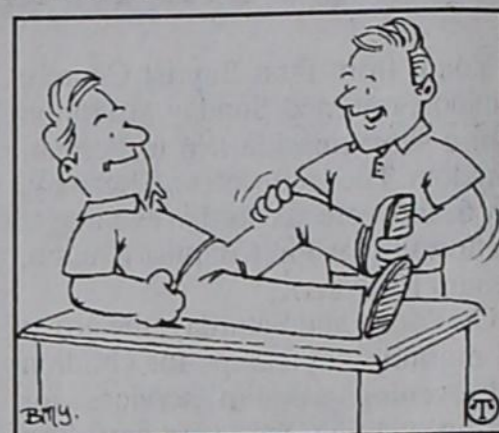
If you need more information about agricultural work and Social Security, call the toll-free number (1-800-772-1213) and ask for the pamphlets, A Guide to Social Security for Farmers, Growers, and Crew Leaders (Publication No. 05-10025) or If You Are a Farm Worker (Publication No. 05-10074). These pamphlets are available in English or Spanish.

Did You Know?

You Need Rehab

(NAPS)—Life is not easy. Just living—working, playing, sitting, and walking—leaves everyone with aches and pains and injuries. This is why most Americans require at least one rehabilitation service at some time in their lives: life hurts and medical rehabilitation can make the pain go away.

Back pain and injuries, neck injuries, carpal tunnel syndrome, mild-to-moderate arthritis, mild head injuries, and much, much more can be treated with medical rehab. Many people think that rehabilitation programs can only help the severely injured, or the young, but rehab also helps people with relatively minor complaints—with old football injuries, or new ones, and even with typing, sitting, or lifting injuries.



Medical rehab can relieve pain, help you restore or improve function and strength, and teach you how to avoid further pain and injuries.

Life is short; medical rehab is a key to quality time. For more information about medical rehabilitation services, call 1-800-GET-REHAB.

True Greatness



The greatness of any individual must be measured in the terms of his or her impact upon the society in which they have lived. Has the world been better for him or her having been in it? If there has been no change, then not much is said. There are many lives lived and very few of them make any impression upon society either good or bad. The world is barely conscious of their having lived.

Not so with our Lord Jesus Christ! Jesus of Nazareth still remains the world's most outstanding individual. He has affected more lives and influenced more people than any other of history. Even though He only wrote one recorded line, and those words were soon obliterated in the sand, yet the world's libraries are filled with volumes written of Him.

Jesus made history while living, and influenced all history that was to be written after. He changed the course of nations, caused the overthrow of empires, revised the moral code of civilized man, and changed the calendar of the world! That is true greatness.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

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Dickens Lions Club Fourth Annual Brisket Cook-Off

July 15, 1995
Dickens Lions Club Arena
\$100 Entry Fee

- 1st Prize - \$500 and Handmade Clock
- 2nd Prize - \$300
- 3rd Prize - \$100
- Showmanship - Clock

Rules: Wood Furnished, Briskets furnished and handed out at 7:00 a.m. Judging begins at 7:00 p.m. Whole briskets must be turned in. Any type seasoning and/or spices may be used. Hook-ups free to contestants - while they last. Two free dance tickets per entry.

Attention: For additional information and/or entry form, call Jerry Hagins (806) 294-5239 or Eddie Campbell (806) 689-2317.

DANCE

9:00 p.m. 'til 1:00 a.m.
Music by Stepping South
\$5.00 admission per person

MOTLEY COUNTY TREASURERS REPORT
QUARTERLY REPORT
Report of Joe E. CAMPBELL, County Treasurer of Motley County, Texas
Receipts and Expenditures from APRIL 1, 1995 to JUNE 30, 1995

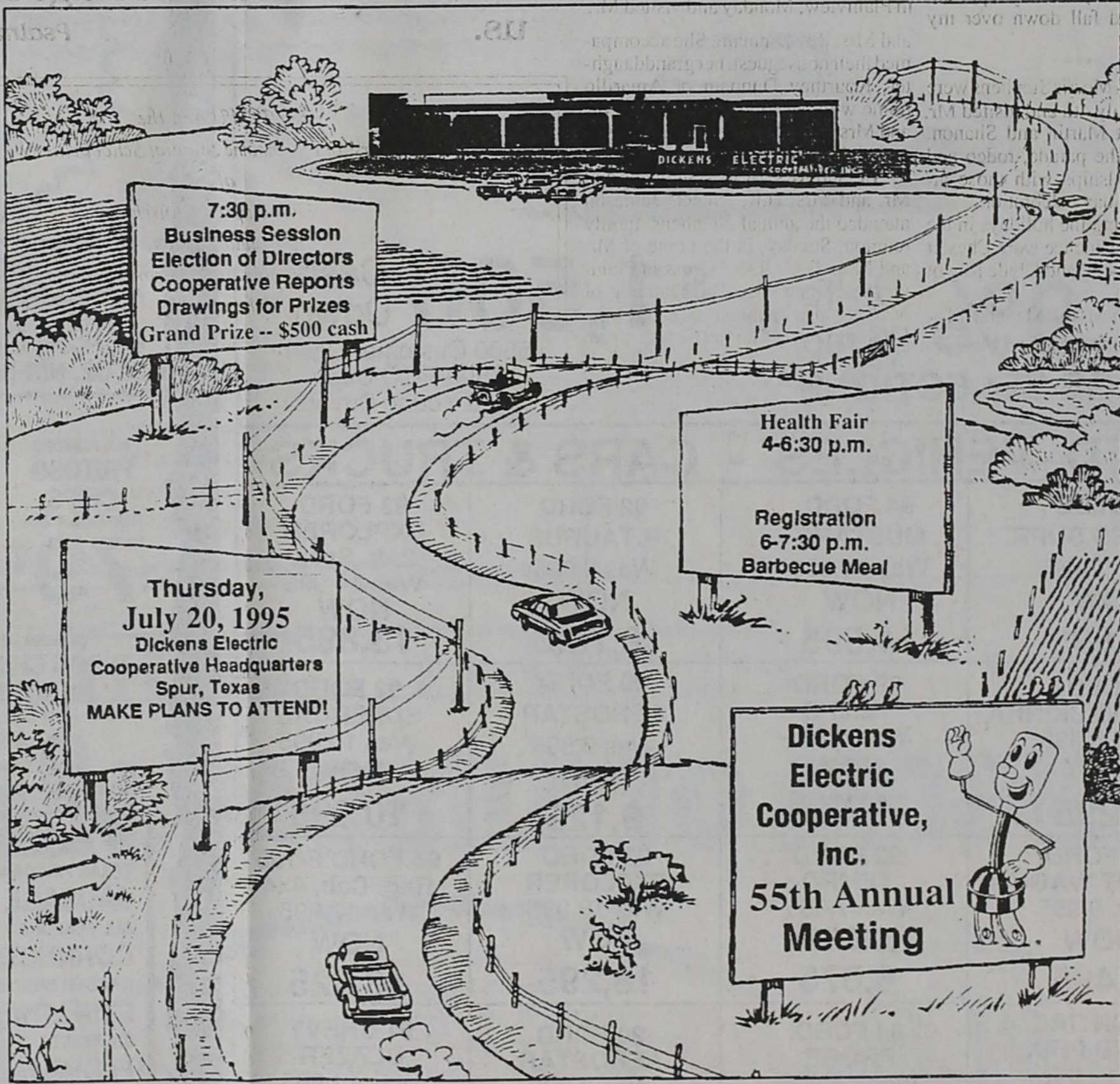
FUND	BALANCE APRIL 1, 1995	RECEIPTS	DISBURSE- MENTS	BALANCE JUNE 30, 1995
GENERAL ACCOUNT	\$ 24,728.89	\$ 87,195.23	\$ 87,787.52	\$ 4,136.70
ROAD & BRIDGE # 1	\$ 6,132.10	\$ 3,000.84	\$ 8,857.48	\$ 6,275.46
ROAD & BRIDGE # 2	\$ 6,071.00	\$ 10,379.57	\$ 11,000.98	\$ 5,450.61
ROAD & BRIDGE # 3	\$ 6,878.05	\$ 9,127.02	\$ 10,514.50	\$ 5,490.57
ROAD & BRIDGE # 4	\$ 5,359.22	\$ 8,129.06	\$ 10,284.85	\$ 3,203.43
TRASH	\$ 2,207.44	\$ 2,680.73	\$ 3,167.35	\$ 2,720.82
LATERAL ROAD	\$ 8,004.35	\$ -0-	\$ 815.58	\$ 8,088.77
HUB PROPERTY FINANCE	\$ 12,457.29	\$ 1,751.10	\$ -0-	\$ 14,208.39
JUDICIAL COURT COST & ARREST FEES	\$ 7,579.90	\$ 5,887.00	\$ 5,439.40	\$ 7,927.50
SOID PROGRAM	\$ 437.00	\$ 308.00	\$ -0-	\$ 835.00
HOT CHECK FUND	\$ 1,377.30	\$ -0-	\$ 224.84	\$ 1,152.46
INVESTMENT ACCOUNT	\$ 335,000.00	\$ -0-	\$ 49,000.00	\$ 286,000.00
TOTALS	\$ 417,195.84	\$ 114,329.55	\$ 186,031.28	\$ 345,494.11

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MOTLEY
Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Joe E. Campbell, County Treasurer of Motley County, Texas, who being sworn, and upon oath, says that the within and foregoing is true and correct.

Sworn to and Subscribed to this 6th day of JULY 1995

Joe E. Campbell
County Treasurer

Dickens Electric Cooperative, Inc., Members...



Be Sure To Attend Your Annual Meeting

Dickens Electric Cooperative will hold its 55th annual membership meeting at the Cooperative's headquarters building in Spur, Thursday, July 20, 1995.

The annual meeting will feature a Health Fair for members and guests. Make plans to come early to the annual meeting and participate in the Health Fair from 4-6:30 p.m. Registration will be held from 6-7:30 p.m.

A barbecue meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. during the entertainment. The business session will begin at 7:30 p.m. and entertainment will be provided for the children at an adjoining area.

Three directors are to be elected to three-year terms by the membership during the business session. Only active members as of June 30, 1995, will be eligible to vote. Reports on the operations of the Cooperative will also be given.

The directors and management encourage all Cooperative members to be a part of their annual meeting. An evening of fun, entertainment, and prize drawings is planned. This year's grand prize will be \$500 cash.

