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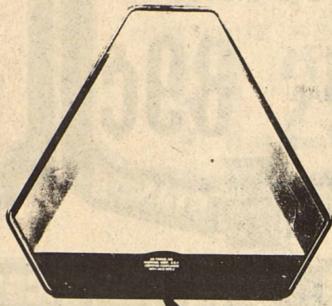
New SMV Emblem Announced

Slow Moving Vehicle emblems have been an important factor in highway safety for the past 10 years. The SMV emblem is an orange and red triangle which you see on the back of slow moving farm or construction machinery on roads and highways.

These emblems are required by law on vehicles moving at less than 25 miles per hour on roads and highways in all states in the United States and most Canadian Provinces. In the first 2 years after Nebraska adopted a law requiring use of the emblem on farm equipment, deaths resulting from rear-end collisions decreased 40%. Michigan experienced a 47% reduction in rear-end collisions following adoption of an SMV emblem law.

Now, due to the American Society of Agricultural Engineers, (ASAE) which sets performance requirements for the emblems, an improved new emblem is available. It is a better emblem than any ever made before.

The ASAE Standard (S276.3) says that "The manufacturer shall place his name and address on the emblem, and may state that the emblem meets the requirements of this standard." Buyers should be aware of this certification and insist on certified Slow Moving Vehicle



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CERTIFIED SMV EMBLEM shown here carries manufacturer's statement that it meets the new standard, S276.3, of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers.

Emblems.

The National Safety Council strongly recommends the use of emblems which meet the new ASAE standard. These emblems are visible day or night. They are a vivid reminder to drivers to "slow down". When you see one it means there is a piece of equipment traveling at less than 25 m.p.h. ahead of you.

To be sure of getting the longest-lasting, safest emblem ever, buyers are urged to

insist on "Certified" emblems. Absence of an emblem on a slow moving vehicle, use of worn out emblem or a non-certified emblem could create a liability question.

Kiss A Baby Campaign Begins In Sept.

"Little more than a decade ago the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation was working to keep C/F youngsters alive long enough to start school. Now we are trying to help some of these same patients, who have grown to young adulthood, enter college or find jobs."

These encouraging words came from Mrs. Leland Thane, as she accepted the chairmanship of the 1976 "Kiss A Baby Campaign". "Longevity has increased every year because of earlier diagnosis and progress on research and cure", said our chairman. "It is efforts such as these that we support by volunteering for and contributing to the Kiss A Baby Campaign." This year's campaign begins with a Door-to-Door march in September. When a C/F marcher knocks on your door, give as generously as you are able," she said. Remember that even today, with the improvements research and care have brought, there is no cure for this inherited, genetic disease. It is still destroying lungs, digestion and lives."

Among the programs of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation are support for over 100 Cystic

Rule News

RULE JUBILEE

The City of Rule will hold their annual Rule Jubilee on Saturday, August 14, at 4 p.m. in the Rule City Park. Various civic clubs will operate booths and have various items on display and to sell. Other clubs will be selling homemade ice cream and other items.

Merchants have donated items to be sold chances on. Singing, games and other activities will be held. Ya'll Come!

1976-77 SCHOOL CALENDAR
August 16-20 In-Service
August 23 First Day of School
September 6 Labor Day
October 25 TSTA
November 12 End 1st Quarter
Nov. 15 Teacher Workday
Nov. 25-26 Thanksgiving Hol.
Dec. 23-Jan. 2 Christmas Hol.
Feb. 18 End 2nd Quarter
Feb. 21 Teacher Workday
February 22 In-Service
March 14-18 Spring Break
April 8 Easter Holiday
May 27 End 3rd Quarter
May 28 Teacher Workday

RECREATION CLUB

Sunday, August 15, there will be a family dinner at the Rule Recreation Club. Hosts will be Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Landes and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Dunnam.

AARP

Monday night, August 16, the Rule AARP will have its monthly dinner meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Rule Recreation Club. Hostesses will be Mrs. Bill Gann, Mrs. Clyde Grice, and Mrs. Herschel Hines.

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Fibrosis Centers across the nation. "These Centers provide diagnosis, treatment and referral to children who have these lung-damaging diseases as well as those who suffer from gastrointestinal disorders related to cystic fibrosis," the campaign chairman said. "In Texas there are clinics at San Antonio, Houston and Dallas."

The Foundation also funds research to find a cure and control for cystic fibrosis, the most serious of these lung-damaging diseases, and to develop better treatments for children suffering from all lung disorders.

"The treatments that prolong the lives of children with cystic fibrosis also alleviate, and often cure, children with other lung-damaging diseases," she added.

Cystic Fibrosis, the number one genetic killer of children affects one out of every 1,500 babies born each year and occurs when a child inherits two genes for the disease, one from each parent.

"The parents don't have cystic fibrosis, but they are among the 10 million carriers of the gene in the United States," she said and added "That one goal of Foundation-supported research is a test to detect these carriers."

"We don't need more reasons than these to actively support the Kiss A Baby Campaign."

TOWER DRIVE-IN
RULE, TEXAS
Thursday August 12
\$3.00 Carload!
"Viento Salvaj!"
Fri. & Sat. August 13-14
George Segal
Goldie Hawn
"The Duchess and the Dirtwater Fox"
Rated PG
Sun. & Mon. Aug. 15-16
Charles Bronson
James Coburn
"Hard Times"
Rated PG

Screwworm Regulation To Effect Texas

All livestock shipped out of Texas must now meet federal inspection and certification requirements, the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced Tuesday, Aug. 3.

These intensified regulations are the result of action by USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) designating the entire state of Texas as an area of recurring screwworm infestations. Prior to this announcement, only the 39 southern counties of the state were so designated.

APHIS officials said the change will mean that all livestock, including cattle, sheep, swine, goats, horses, mules and burros shipped from Texas must be inspected by state or federal animal health officials or accredited veterinarians and be certified free of screwworms before shipment. Animals found to be infested with the parasite will be treated, and the entire shipment of livestock will be sprayed or dipped with a USDA-approved insecticide.

In addition, all animals shipped from Texas into southeastern states are required to be dipped or sprayed even if found to be screwworm-free. These special requirements have been initiated in order to prevent the spread of screwworms into the Southeast, an area which has been free of the parasite for over 15 years.

Previously, cattle shipped in interstate channels from Texas counties not designated as areas of recurring screwworm infestations were not required to be inspected and treated for the parasite before shipment. Many of these cattle had wounds or disease conditions which could harbor screw-

worms. When moved without restriction, these cattle could be the means by which screwworms were spread to uninfested states.

Texas has been placed under stricter federal regulation as the result of an increase in the number of laboratory confirmed screwworm cases in the state in recent months. These cases threaten to facilitate the spread of this parasite of all warmblooded animals.

So far this year, over one-half of the 254 counties in Texas have reported screwworm cases. Even a greater number of cases are expected during the traditionally heaviest months, August through November. The already serious number of screwworm cases reported this year has been due to heavy rainfall in the state, producing ideal environmental conditions for the increase in screwworms.

Owners of livestock should constantly check their animals for screwworm infestations and submit specimen larvae (worms) in the prepaid, self-addressed mailing kits available from County Extension Agents offices, suggests Dr. Robert Miller, of USDA's Mission, Texas, screwworm laboratory.

Screwworms are the larvae, or worms, of the screwworm fly. Female flies lay their eggs on the edge of an open wound on any warmblooded animal. The eggs hatch, and the tiny larvae burrow into the wound to feed on the living flesh. Odors produced by the larvae attract other female screwworm flies, which reinfest the wound with their eggs. Untreated infestations often result in the death of the animal.

The USDA's Screwworm Eradication Program, operated by APHIS, is designed to eradicate the wild screwworm fly population by releasing millions of sexually sterile screwworm flies every week to mate with the fertile wild flies. Matings between fertile and sterile flies produce eggs that do not hatch, thus breaking the screwworm life-cycle.

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HERE'S TO YOUR HEALTH

from Kenneth Jones

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Raffle**

RULE COUPLE TO MARRY AT PARK

Races

Prizes

SECOND ANNUAL

Rule Jubilee

SAT., AUG. 14

4:00

RULE CITY PARK

Bar-B-Que Supper 6:30

Catered By Underwood's

Medicine Show

Cake Walk

Water Dunk

Everyone Invited

J R B

SUPERMARKETS

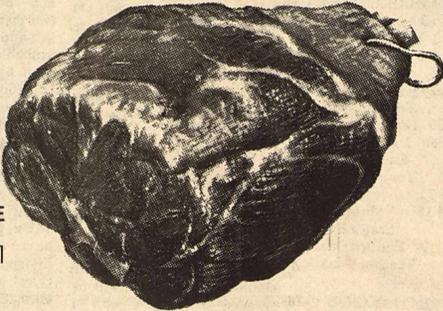
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RIGHT RESERVED TO LIMIT

UNBEATABLE VALUE
PARADE PURE VEGETABLE
SHORTENING
LIMIT 1
3# CAN **89¢**
PLUS DOUBLE VALUE BONUS STAMPS

LOW, LOW PRICE!
JRB
SUGAR
LIMIT 1
5# BAG **89¢**
PLUS DOUBLE VALUE BONUS STAMPS

LOW, LOW PRICE!
JRB MEDIUM
EGGS
GRADE A
DOZEN **59¢**
PLUS DOUBLE VALUE BONUS STAMPS

SMOKED PICNICS
LB. **69¢** [WHOLE ONLY]



PORK STEAK BOSTON BUTTS LB **99¢**
BACON HORMEL CHOICE SLICED SLAB LB **\$1.39**
TURKEYS 10 TO 14# TENDER WHITES OR GOLD MEDALLION LB **59¢**

PORK CHOPS FAMILY PACK LB \$1.29	DINNER FRANKS ARMOUR 2 LB PKG EACH \$2.69
PORK CHOPS CENTER CUT LB \$1.59	FRANKS ARMOUR 12 OZ PKG BEEF OR REG. EACH 89¢
PORK LOIN CUT	GLOVER SUMMER SAUSAGE LB 99¢
PORK BACK BONE LB \$1.39	GLOVER 12 OZ PKG GERMAN SAUSAGE EACH \$1.09
SPARE RIBS 3 LB AND DOWN LB \$1.49	HOT LINKS ARMOUR CAMPFIRE LB 99¢
SMOKED PICNICS (HALF OR WHOLE SLICED) LB 75¢	OSCAR MAYER CROWN BRAND BOLOGNA JUMBO MARKET SLICED LB 99¢
DECKER 3 LB BOX BACON ENDS & PIECES EACH \$1.69	7-FARMS 2 LB BOX CHEESE SPREAD EACH \$1.49

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LOW, LOW PRICE!
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PLUS DOUBLE VALUE BONUS STAMPS

UNBEATABLE VALUE
PARADE
CORN
GOLDEN CREAM
303 CAN
5 / \$1
PLUS DOUBLE VALUE BONUS STAMPS

Mustard PARADE 16 OZ JAR **3 - \$1**

Butter Beans SEASIDE 300 CAN **3 - \$1**

Tomatoes PARADE 303 CAN **3 - \$1**

Tomato Sauce PARADE 300 CAN **3 - \$1**

POTATOES PARADE WHOLE 303 CAN **5**

Beets PARADE SLICED, CUT OR DICED 303 CAN **4 - \$1**

Carrots PARADE SLICED 303 CAN **4 - \$1**

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DEODORANT PARADE 7 OZ PERSONAL REG. \$1.19

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Ice Cream
JRB ASST 1/2 GAL **19¢**
PLUS ONE SUPER DISCOUNT BOOKLET

Potatoes
10 LB RUSSETT **19¢**
PLUS ONE SUPER DISCOUNT BOOKLET

FRANKS
ARMOUR STAR 12 OZ PKG **9¢**
PLUS ONE SUPER DISCOUNT BOOKLET

LOW, LOW PRICE!
PARADE
CATSUP
14 OZ BOTTLE
3 / \$1.
PLUS DOUBLE VALUE BONUS STAMPS

UNBEATABLE VALUE
VAN CAMP
Home Pepp
300 CAN **5**
PLUS DOUBLE VALUE BONUS STAMPS

UNBEATABLE VALUE
 PARADE
BISCUITS
 SWEETMILK OR BUTTERMILK
 10 CT CAN
12/\$1.
 PLUS **DOUBLE VALUE BONUS STAMP**

LOW, LOW PRICE!
 G. E. 60-75-100 WATT
Light Bulbs
 SOFT WHITE 4 PACK
\$1.29
 PLUS **DOUBLE VALUE BONUS STAMP**

LOW, LOW PRICE!
 LIPTON INSTANT
TEA
 3 OZ JAR **99¢**
 PLUS **DOUBLE VALUE BONUS STAMP**

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SUPERMARKETS
 DOUBLE STAMPS
 WEDNESDAY & SATURDAY
 WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO LIMIT

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SPECIALS

- BIC PENS** BLUE, BLACK, GREEN, RED..... REG. 25c **9¢**
CRAYONS #24..... **37¢**
ELMERS GLUE REGULAR OR BACK TO SCHOOL 1 1/2 OZ REG. 39c **17c**
NOTEBOOK BINDER SEE THRU..... REG. \$2.48 **\$1.59**
LUNCH KITS ALADIN SCHOOL..... REG. \$4.29 **\$3.29**

Pet Food PARADE DOG OR CAT 300 CAN 9/\$1.00	SALT PLAIN OR IODIZED PARADE 26 OZ 2/29¢
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Mixed Vegetables PARADE 303 CAN 5/FOR \$1.00	Fruit Drink PARADE ORANGE 46 OZ CAN 3/\$1.
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PRODUCE VALUES

Potatoes 10# Bag **89¢**
Plums Lb **39¢**
Tomatoes Lb **39¢**
White Grapes Lb **69¢**
Red Onions Lb **29¢**
Carrots 1 Lb Bag **19¢**

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LOW, LOW PRICE!
GREEN BEANS
 PARADE CUT 303 CAN
6/\$1.
 PLUS **DOUBLE VALUE BONUS STAMP**

UNBEATABLE VALUE
 PARADE
PEACHES
 SLICED OR HALVES
 303 CAN
4/\$1.
 PLUS **DOUBLE VALUE BONUS STAMP**

- 3 RING **Wax Beans** 303 CAN **4 - \$1.00**
 PARADE **Greens-Turnips** 303 CAN **4 - \$1.00**
 PARADE **Sauerkraut** 303 CAN **5/\$1.**
CUPS DIXIE EASY DAY DESIGN 9 OZ 80 CT PK. **\$1.39**
PLATES DIXIE EASY DAY DESIGN 9" 50 CT PKG **\$1.19**
SPINACH ARGO 303 CAN **7/1.**

DAIRY & FROZEN FOODS

Lite Spread CHIFFON 1# QTRS **39¢**
MARGARINE CHIFFON 2/8 OZ TUBS..... **59c**
MARGARINE MAZOLA CORN OIL 1# QTRS..... **59c**
COTTAGE CHEESE GANDYS QUALITY CHECKED 12 OZ CTN **49c**
ICE CREAM GANDYS ALL FLAVORS ROUND CARTON **99¢**
PIES MRS. SMITH'S APPLE OR DUTCH APPLE BIG 26 OZ **89c**
ORANGE JUICE BRIGHT & EARLY IMITATION 6 OZ CAN **5/\$1.00**
MELLORINE JRB 1/2 GAL **49¢**
PIZZAS CHEF BOY AR DEE ALL VARIETIES LARGE..... **89c**

UNBEATABLE VALUE
 GOLD
ny-ers
/\$1
 PLUS **DOUBLE VALUE BONUS STAMP**

LOW, LOW PRICE!
FACIAL TISSUE
 KLEENEX 280 CT BOX **59¢**
 PLUS **DOUBLE VALUE BONUS STAMP**

LOW, LOW PRICE!
 TERI
TOWELS
 JUMBO ROLL **49¢**
 PLUS **DOUBLE VALUE BONUS STAMP**

LOW, LOW PRICE!
 SMUCKER GRAPE
JELLY
 3# JAR **\$1.39**
 PLUS **DOUBLE VALUE BONUS STAMP**

UNBEATABLE VALUE
 PARADE SMOOTH OR CRUNCHY
Peanut Butter
 18 OZ JAR **79¢**
 PLUS **DOUBLE VALUE BONUS STAMP**

Rice Springs News

The ladies from the First Baptist Church in Rule came Monday for singing, devotional and fellowship. Mrs. Thelma Cole led the singing, Tomi May gave the devotional. Several special songs were sung. Mrs. Nell Williams dismissed with prayer. Mrs. Frances Campbell played the piano.

Mrs. Zelia Edwards from Abilene visited her friend Mrs. August Miller.

Mrs. Mary Liles spent a few days with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Mayfield from Fort Stockton in her home in Weinert.

Visiting with Jim Cross were Mr. and Mrs. Sam West from Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Artie Jordan and Allen Meier from Sager-ton visited Pat Sellers.

Tom Watson and his gospel singers came Tuesday night and as usual their wonderful songs were enjoyed by all that were present.

Jo Simpson gave the devotional Wednesday morning taking her scripture from the 120 Psalm. She talked of prayer and what prayer could do for us.

Jack Jones from Lueders, Davis and Eddie Jones from Stamford visited Willard Jones.

Mrs. Otto Lehmann, Mrs. B. Kupatt from Sager-ton and Clarence Lehmann from Old Glory, Mrs. Glen Quade of Sager-ton, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bredthauer from Rule and Mr. and Mrs. Delbert LeFevre visited Alvena Holie.

Mrs. John Bednarz from Denver City, Jim Isbell, Jr., Bobby Segro from Dallas, Jason Barry from Abilene, Joe Isbell from Midland and Bud and Norma Lankford from Odessa visited Mrs. Ola Isbell.

Visiting Mrs. Fanny McQuinn were Bertha McQuinn of Rule and Marguete Corley from Dallas.

Visiting Mrs. Earl Roberts were a granddaughter Mrs. Gary Miller and her great granddaughter Dana Miller from McCamey.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Zumm-wald, David and Mark from Dallas and Mrs. Dora West from Rule visited with Mrs. Daisy West.

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Wain-scott from Tulla visited their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hines.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Bradford and Brenda from

Peacock and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cox from Clairemont visited Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bradford.

Jana and Phyllis Letz, Celinda Vahlenkamp, Carmel-la Letz, Allen and Hazel Letz from Old Glory and Cleo Bush from Rule visited Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Klump.

Hazel Lewis, Ruth Eaton, Lois Martin, Cleo Bush and Clark Hines visited Mrs. Alma Cole.

Mrs. Virginia Fey was in Abilene Wednesday to see her eye doctor.

Mr. Victor Hobb taught the Third Chapter of Ephesians at Bible Study Wednesday with good attendance.

Hazel Almond, Clara Hines, Lucy Williams and Mary Place from Rule, Mr. and Mrs. Truit Rose and Mrs. Belian Rose from Stamford visited Mrs. Charity Bradley and Mrs. Ethel Rose.

Ella Graham and Martha Stewart visited Mrs. Annie Moeller.

Mr. and Mrs. Dub Turnbow from Waineville, Mo. have been visiting Maybelle Turn-bow.

Aline Cross from Seymour and Annie Mayer, from Harrold visited Mrs. Annie Vojkufka.

Joyce Williams, Kathy and Danny Houchard from Curroll-ton, Helen and Wesley Almond from Arlington, Myrle Wood from Munday, Hazel Almond and Irene Yarbrough from Rule visited Mrs. Bertha Yarbrough.

Visiting Mrs. Mary Chand-ler were Rev. and Mrs. Parish Barton from Weinert.

Bernard Phelps from Mule-shoe visited his mother, Mrs. Berdie Phelps.

Miss Else Wolf and Minnie Lamb from Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lehrmann from Old Glory and Mr. and Mrs. Gus Rueffer from Weinert visited Mr. Oscar Vander-worth.

Mrs. Jack Sanders and Mrs. Freeby from Weinert visited Mrs. Carrie Gates and Mrs. Pearl King.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Miller from Brownfield visited Mrs. Annie Sorenson.

Milton Reeves from Knox City, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Brother from Rule visited Joe Teague.

The cantalopes brought by Bill Dunning from Rule were really enjoyed by all the residents of the Rice Springs Care Home.

CONSERVATION VIEWPOINTS USDA Soil Conservation Service

Assisting
**California Creek and Wichita-Brazos
Soil and Water Conservation Districts**

NEW DISTRICT COOPERATORS

Joe Harold Cloud of Rule, 217 acres-California Creek Soil and Water Conservation District; J. C. Lewis of Rule, 145 acres-Wichita-Brazos SWCD; and Jack Dunning of Weinert, 721 acres-Wichita Brazos SWCD have developed new conservation plans on lands owned or operated by them.

We hear a lot about planning these days, and most people do a lot of planning. However, many become "turned off" whenever someone mentions planning. They contend that there has been too many plans and not enough action.

As a conservationist, actively engaged in assisting farmers and ranchers develop plans, I have found that if I do the planning, most farmers and ranchers will never follow that plan. If, however, I lead the individual to make sound decisions concerning land use and treatment, the plan is that of the landuser. He uses it and doesn't lay it aside.

The success of any plan lies in the individual's own decisions, based on his recognition of the needs of his farm or ranch.

The Soil Conservation Service has recognized this fact for many years, and most of the dedicated conservationists will lead the landuser to make his own decisions, based on sound technical data supplied him by the conservationists.

Your conservation plan should be your decisions, only recorded by the SCS conservationist.

CONGRESS RESTORES FUNDS FOR CSCP AND ACP

The first federal budget for the 1977 fiscal year excluded funding for the Great Plains Conservation Program (GPCP) and the Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP).

Final congressional action has restored these funds. ACP will receive \$190,000,000 for their cost-shared programs for next year while GPCP will receive \$21,379,000 for operations and new contracts.

The Appropriations Sub-committees, led by Rep. Jamie Whitten (Miss.) and

Sen. Gale McGee (WYO) stressed the need to press forward with new work in these programs.

"It is considered good financial practice," said the House Appropriations Sub-committee, "for a successful industrial concern to invest a portion of its income in the maintenance and preservation of its basic production plant. It is equally important that our nation continue to invest a portion of its wealth in the protection of our food production capacity and its preservation for future generations."

"The committee calls upon SCS in addition to meeting rural needs to make every effort to provide assistance to urban areas, upon request, since many of these programs are needed nationwide."

J. C. Yeary, JR.
District Conservationist

SSB Warns Farmers

The Texas State Securities Board today warned farmers and others in the agriculture business to be on the lookout for a possible swindle in newly-formed farmers' cooperative associations. The Board asks that this warning be publicized in the hope Texas farmers may be spared the loss of sizeable amounts of money.

Beginning this Spring a pattern has emerged, and now farmers in about 20 states in the central United States are discovering that they have been duped. While details of the swindle vary somewhat from state to state, the main characteristics generally are the same. They are as follows:

- A new farmers' cooperative is formed, and one or more prominent local citizens are listed as officers or members. These local citizens usually are not aware a swindle is taking place, but their names are used to draw in other victims.

- The farmer is told that if he joins, he'll be able to buy equipment, seed, supplies, etc., at reduced prices. In order to join, he must invest in a 20 year savings certificate or promissory note of the co-op, for which he pays about \$350 per year. When the certificate matures in 20 years, he supposedly will get back all the money he's paid in plus a certain rate of interest compounded annually. He's led to believe that his price saving on any big ticket item (such as a tractor or combine; will more than offset the \$350 annual payment. He's also promised the use of grain elevators and other cooperative facilities.

- The promoters and their employees take at least the full first year payment (\$350) as their "commission" for selling the savings certificate to the farmer.

- Since the cooperative had no money or assets to begin with, it still has nothing,

although \$350 has been paid in by hundreds of farmers. Even if a few farmers elect to pay the full purchase price of the savings certificate in a single payment, the assets of the co-op will still be negligible. The managers of the co-op simply don't have enough money to do anything for the farmers, even if they had intended to do anything in the first place.

Just in case there is any money remaining after the first huge bite for commissions, the promoters usually will have signed, as representatives of the cooperative, a management or consultant contract for some other company to manage the business of the cooperative. The manager-consultant is usually a "sweetheart company, i.e., it is run by cohorts of the promoters, and its fee is quite large.

The promoters and the "manager" go through the motions (for awhile) of launching the new enterprise. They show a decided preference for buying things on credit, as opposed to paying cash. When they eventually, but inevitably, leave the scene, they try to avoid the appearance of having "skipped out" with the money. The hoped-for appearance is that things just didn't work out—they tried but just couldn't quite put it all together. This makes it more difficult to prosecute them.

Farmers are urged to be very careful about turning over money to strangers purporting to organize a new cooperative. There are, of course, many honest and legitimate cooperative associations serving their members well, and other legitimate ones will be formed in the future. But questionable cooperatives have been set up recently in states adjacent to Texas, and the Texas Securities Commissioner is concerned that attempts to do the same here are quite likely.

Any farmer approached to invest money in a cooperative with the characteristics described above is asked to contact the State Securities Board office in Austin at P. O. Box 13167, Capitol Station, Austin 78711; telephone (512) 475-4561.

Farmers Union Spokesman To Testify

A spokesman for Texas Farmers Union has been invited to testify before a Congressional subcommittee on the impact of increased natural gas prices in Texas. The hearing will focus on food and fiber production and the financial impact of increased production costs to individual producers.

Texas Farmers Union's Legislative Director Robert Mullins will present the

organization's statement to the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce at the Committee's hearing Monday, August 9, at 10:00 a.m. in Washington, D. C.

Mullins' testimony will highlight increased production costs incurred by Texas farmers relative to the increasing costs of natural gas and electricity used to power irrigation wells, as well as those increased costs associated with fertilizers, herbicides and other machinery operations.

The Farmers Union's state-

ment also delves into problems faced by rural domestic users of electricity and other economic and social problems brought on by the increasing fuel and power costs.

The Chairman of the Subcommittee, Representative John Moss, of California, invited the state-wide farm organization to testify as a result of several months of investigation by the Farmers Union into the problem in Texas.

Texas members of the Subcommittee include Representatives Bob Kruegar of New Braunfels and Jim Collins of Dallas.

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That's quite a big increase. We know because we're almost paying that price right now for new gas. But it should rise much more gradually in the next year or two than it has during the past year.

*Monthly reports on gas purchases filed with the Texas Railroad Commission are public record.

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GENERAL REVENUE SHARING

ACTUAL USE REPORT

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GENERAL REVENUE SHARING PROVIDES FEDERAL FUNDS DIRECTLY TO LOCAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS. YOUR GOVERNMENT MUST PUBLISH THIS REPORT ADVISING YOU HOW THESE FUNDS HAVE BEEN USED OR OBLIGATED DURING THE YEAR FROM JULY 1, 1975, THRU JUNE 30, 1976. THIS IS TO INFORM YOU OF YOUR GOVERNMENT'S PRIORITIES AND TO ENCOURAGE YOUR PARTICIPATION IN DECISIONS ON HOW FUTURE FUNDS SHOULD BE SPENT. NOTE: ANY COMPLAINTS OF DISCRIMINATION IN THE USE OF THESE FUNDS MAY BE SENT TO THE OFFICE OF REVENUE SHARING, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20228.

ACTUAL EXPENDITURES (Include Obligations)			THE GOVERNMENT OF HASKELL CITY
(A) CATEGORIES	(B) CAPITAL	(C) OPERATING / MAINTENANCE	
1 PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 1,023	\$	has received General Revenue Sharing payments totaling \$ 39,995 during the period from July 1, 1975 thru June 30, 1976 ✓ ACCOUNT NO. 44 2 104 001 HASKELL CITY MAYOR CITY HALL HASKELL TEXAS 79521
2 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	\$	\$ 4,577	
3 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	\$ 3,183	\$	
4 HEALTH	\$ 12,333	\$	
5 RECREATION	\$ 7,500	\$	
6 LIBRARIES	\$	\$	
7 SOCIAL SERVICES FOR AGED OR POOR	\$	\$	
8 FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	\$	\$ 45	
9 MULTIPURPOSE AND GENERAL GOVT	\$	\$	
10 EDUCATION	\$	\$	
11 SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	\$	\$	
12 HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	\$	\$	
13 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$	\$	
14 OTHER (Specify Warehouse)	\$ 20,000	\$	
15 TOTALS	\$ 44,039	\$ 4,622	
NONDISCRIMINATION REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET			(D) TRUST FUND REPORT (refer to instruction D)
(E) CERTIFICATION: I certify that I am the Chief Executive Officer and, with respect to the entitlement funds reported herein, I certify that they have not been used in violation of either the priority expenditure requirements (Section 103) or the matching funds prohibition (Section 104) of the Act.			1. Balance as of June 30, 1975 \$ 19,434
Signature of Chief Executive: <i>J. Belton Duncan</i> 7-27-76			2. Revenue Sharing Funds Received from July 1, 1975 thru June 30, 1976 \$ 39,995
Name and Title: J. Belton Duncan, Mayor			3. Interest Received or Credited (July 1, 1975 thru June 30, 1976) \$ 386
			4. Funds Released from Obligations (IF ANY) \$
			5. Sum of lines 1, 2, 3, 4 \$ 59,815
			6. Funds Returned to ORS (IF ANY) \$
			7. Total Funds Available \$ 59,815
			8. Total Amount Expended (Sum of line 15, column B and column C) \$ 48,661
			9. Balance as of June 30, 1976 \$ 11,154
			(F) THE NEWS MEDIA HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT A COMPLETE COPY OF THIS REPORT HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN A LOCAL NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION. I HAVE A COPY OF THIS REPORT AND RECORDS DOCUMENTING THE CONTENTS. THEY ARE OPEN FOR PUBLIC SCRUTINY AT City Hall 307 North First Haskell, Texas